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—Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts.

*This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All Nature sings and 'round me rings
The music of the spheres . . .*

★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

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

Facts of Interest

Employment in the United States has passed the 60,000,000 mark for the first time in history, with 60,055,000 civilians employed. This does not include the 1,398,000 in the armed forces.

About \$3,800,000 will be spent in the next three months by American business for plant construction and new equipment, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Total farm income during the first half of 1947 has been estimated at \$12,000,000,000, compared with \$9,600,000,000 in 1946.

Much of the increased income is reflected in higher prices. The Dun and Bradstreet wholesale food price index on July 8 was 31.3 per cent higher than the comparative 1946 index.

But Americans should be thankful they can obtain food. The International Cereals Conference, meeting in Paris, reported a world grain deficit of 18,000,000 tons.

Cotton prices climbed to 39.4 cents, the second highest figure since the Civil War.

United States corporations reported paying \$1,071,900,000 in dividends for the three months ending April 30, a 19 per cent increase over 1946.

The Radio Corporation of America has developed a new radio communication system that can send 1,000,000 words a minute. The new development, "ultra-fax," is expected to hasten the broadcasting of electronic newspapers.

And television production is expected to exceed 250,000 in 1947, with 1,500,000 in 1948.

In the World of Religion

Church World Service reports that American Protestant and Orthodox churches sent more than 9,000,000 pounds of relief and reconstruction supplies to Europe and Asia during the first four months of 1947. The material was valued at \$3,000,000.

Methodists reported contributions of \$152,532,709 for all causes in 1946, a record high. However, the percentage of total income given dropped.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance will send out 120 new missionaries during 1947.

Dr. Anders Nygren, Lund, Sweden, has been elected president of the Lutheran World Federation.

The next nation-wide convention of the National Sunday School Association will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 8-10. The Association is planning to start a mobile unit to work in rural communities.

The International Bible Society reports that 24 million Bibles are needed annually to catch up on the world shortage.

The Omaha Council of Churches reports a survey showing that 5.5 Roman Catholics join the evangelical churches

for every evangelical joining the Catholic church.

The Seventh-day Adventists have opened a public relations office on the West Coast.

The salaries of Presbyterian pastors in the United States average \$3,130.

With the exception of Lhasa, Tibet; Mecca, Arabia; and Kabul, Afghanistan, there are now Christian churches in every capitol city in the world.

Baptist Highlights

Kansas City Baptists have invited the next meeting of the Baptist World Alliance.

Northern Baptists have appointed a committee of seven men to confer on "common problems" with Southern Baptists. W. C. Coleman, Wichita, Kansas, is the chairman. Other members are B. C. Barrett, Joseph C. Hazen, C. O. Johnson, J. L. Kraft, H. D. Pickett, and E. B. Willingham. Members of the Southern Baptist Convention committee approved by the St. Louis convention are W. R. White, Austin, Texas, chairman, B. O. Herring, C. Roy Angell, George Rayland, I. E. Lee, R. C. Campbell, B. A. Pugh, and Ryland Knight.

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Source of Baptist Unity

By DUKE K. McCALL

The source of Baptist unity is belief in the competency of the soul of man in matters of religion. The unity of the Southern Baptist Convention is a modern miracle. With less authority in the organization than the United Nations possesses, Southern Baptists have welded together 26,401 churches into a compact force for Christ.

With diverse economic interests, running from the farmer to the financier, and without any appeal to class or race prejudice, 6,079,305 individuals have been united in a common spiritual enterprise.

Baptist unity is not found in a name, for we have claimed fellowship with groups of like faith who bore another name. This unity does not revolve solely around the administration of the ordinance of baptism by immersion. This unity is not geographical, for the Southern Baptist Convention extends from Maryland to California and from Illinois to Florida.

The unity of Southern Baptists is not based on a creed. We do have statements of faith, to which most of our people subscribe, but these are not authoritative nor can they ever be made tests of fellowship with us.

The source of Baptist unity is indicated in a statement by Dr. E. Y. Mullins: "The fundamental principle or our Baptist faith out of which all our beliefs grow is the competency of the soul of man in the matters of religion." We believe that every man with a Bible in his hand, who sincerely seeks the guidance of the Spirit of God will be led to saving truth.

What Value Religion?

A Devotion by the Editor

"What doth it profit a man?"

What is your religion worth to you? What good is it to you? What would you take for it? What price would you put on your religion and say, "I will sell out for this."

Evidently a great many people place a very low estimate on the value of their religion. They often sell out their religion for the questionable pleasures of the carnal nature, for the purely temporal values of life, or for their momentary satisfactions.

What place does your religion have in your life? Is it the center about which all other life values revolve, or is it an indefinite and uncertain circumference which scarcely touches life at all? Is your religion a necessity without which you could not live for a single day or is it merely an emergency device to be called into use only on occasions of extreme danger?

Is your religion an asset, producing the greatest values of life, or is it a liability costing you more than you consider it to be worth? Is your religion a source of joy and satisfaction or is it a source of nagging irritations? Does your religion give zest and buoyancy to life or does it make you weary and tired?

Perhaps you are weary with so many questions, if you have read this far. However, these are legitimate questions, and they are necessary if we would properly evaluate our religion.

To be worth anything to us in our daily living, our religion must enter into the laboratory of life experiences and there be subjected to the daily tests which all life must meet.

On the one hand life is potential with opportunities, privileges, challenges, joys, and blessings; and on the other hand with uncertainties, disappointments, heartaches, and tragedies. As we face life with these two sets of realities and their consequences, what good is our religion to us?

The answer to the above questions will be determined by whether we give Jesus supreme place in our lives. If He is supreme, our Christian religion will mean everything to us.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36, 37).

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Across the Editor's Desk

Christian Citizenship

Christian denominations are becoming increasingly conscious of their citizenship responsibilities and they are making greater efforts to influence government and legislation. Practically all the major denominations have representatives in Washington so as to keep in close touch with and to be informed on the actions of government which may affect the churches and their interests.

This is a radical departure from the past when protestant denominations asked only to be let alone by the government and when they seldom undertook to make their voices heard in Washington. The Roman Catholic Church is the only denomination which has persistently sought to have a voice in the political affairs of the nation and to influence the government. The exertion of political power is a primary tenet of Roman Catholicism, whereas, protestantism and evangelical Christianity in America have maintained the principle of separation of church and state.

There are several reasons for this increased activity on the part of protestantism in governmental affairs. One of the chief reasons is the fact that the Roman Catholic Church is so active in and exerts so powerful an influence upon government.

Another reason for the increased activity of protestantism in national politics is the trend of our national government in recent years to break through the "wall" separating church and state and so encroach upon the territory exclusive to the church.

A vigorous protest was necessary to keep the government's social security program out of the churches. If the social security program had been made to apply to the churches it would have meant that the federal government would reach its hand into the church treasury.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the New Jersey School bus case, drew the most vigorous and widespread storm of protest from protestant denominations.

There are moral and social issues which are the definite concern of the churches. The churches and denominations cannot be indifferent toward these issues when they are involved in politics, from the municipality to the federal government.

The government itself has appealed to the churches, in times of crises and emergencies, for their cooperation and for their prayers. Perhaps these appeals have encouraged the churches and denominations to speak more frequently on governmental policies and to feel a concern in a greater variety of issues.

The pressure from church groups has become so persistent and powerful that some United States senators are concerned lest the principle of separation of church and

state be overthrown by the churches trying to run the government.

The churches should speak out on issues in which they are involved; they should express themselves on moral issues with which the government concerns itself; they should bring pressure to bear upon the legislative bodies in the interest of laws for the betterment of the nation. Christians, individually and collectively, should be virtually interested in all units of our governmental system.

There is a method closer at hand and more effective than going to state and national capitols with our protests and proposals. The place to begin is in the local community. Every Christian should assume his citizenship responsibilities at home. It is quite inconsistent for Christian people to complain about the city administration and the courts, when they themselves won't vote, when they make every excuse to get out of jury service and when they refuse in other ways to cooperate with officials of the community.

When we have done our full duty as Christian citizens, we may have a better chance of having our protests and proposals recognized in state and federal governments. However, there is a prior responsibility of Christian churches. This responsibility, if fully discharged, would alleviate the necessity for many of the protests and appeals now addressed to government.

The church is not an agency of political reformation, nor is it an agency of social reformation. It is the agency of salvation, commissioned by the Lord Jesus to go into all the world and "make disciples."

By leading men to Christ the churches do more than effect political and social reformation, they actually produce political and social transformation by producing new men and women in Christ Jesus.

Christ's Presence

We are a bit puzzled by the innovation of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and its celebrated pastor, Dr. Theodore Adams, in giving out "small plaques bearing full color reproductions of a painting of the head of Christ" as a reminder of the "presence of Christ in everyday life."

We have no objection to innovations per se, nor do we have any disposition to call in question the efforts of churches and pastors to make Christ real to the people. However, it does seem that the use of plaques of Christ as reminders of His presence is bordering on questionable, if not dangerous ground.

Roman Catholics claim that the plaques, pictures, images, and crosses which they use

so extensively are reminders and aids to Christian faith and practice.

The human race is bound by strong cords to sense perception, and men are reluctant to "walk by faith and not by sight." The physical senses are made the basis of the consciousness of security and what is known as the intangibles of life, though lauded as the noblest of virtues, are discredited as practical assets in the daily grind of life.

When Moses delayed to come down from the Mount, the people of Israel became restless, apprehensive, and doubtful; they demanded that Aaron make them gods. Without a visible presence, they lost their consciousness of the invisible presence.

The history of Israel is filled with their reversions to the worship of idols and images. Severe chastisement was necessary again and again to bring the people of Israel back to a realization of the presence and power of the invisible God.

It was the same feeling of dependence and sense perception which is inherent in the appeal of Philip, the disciple: "Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us." When the visible presence of Jesus was removed the disciples were thrown into deepest gloom.

The Roman Catholics have capitalized this inclination to seek spiritual realization through the medium of images, sacraments and the like.

The history of God's revelation to the race makes it abundantly clear that God is striving to lead men to a vivid realization of His presence without the aid of material media. When such media are used, the tendency is to worship the media instead of God.

The second commandment makes it clear that no representation of the divine likeness shall be used as an aid to worship. God is able to make Himself known to His people without such representations. When representations are used in one's approach to God, the consciousness of His presence is weakened instead of strengthened.

Jesus instructed His disciples: "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." The obvious demand is that the person praying shall remove every object between himself and God and so realize His immediate presence without the hindrance of objective media.

Jesus promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit "shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." There is no substitute for the Holy Spirit to remind us of the presence of Christ in everyday life.

When the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, the disciples realized the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus and became vividly conscious of His living presence. The achievement of Pentecost was, therefore, the confirmation of the promise of Jesus that the Holy Spirit would give to the disciples the consciousness of the living presence of Jesus. That promise was given in perpetuity so that in every generation those who will open their hearts to Jesus will be made conscious of His presence by the work of the Holy Spirit.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

First Church, Arkadelphia, observed the first anniversary of the pastorate of J. G. Cothran in June. During the year, 446 new members were added. The church budget has been increased with more than \$40,000 pledged. The Building Fund has been increased from \$48,153 to \$68,438.51. The total amount given for all purposes was \$42,875.72, not including any of the \$30,000 pledged to the Ouachita College Campaign. Plans are under way for the erection of a new building.

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Pastor B. V. Ferguson, First Church, Ft. Smith, preached in a revival at First Church, Murray, Ky., where Arkansan B. B. Sawyer is pastor. Gale Dunn, of Houston, Tex., formerly of Arkansas, directed the music. Dr. Ferguson reports: "This is the church that Boyce Taylor, the great Baptist, built. It is one of the greatest churches of America, made so by the personality, doctrinal views, and stamina of this great man. Pastor Sawyer has a strong grip on the people of the church, the town, and the entire community. The Lord blessed our labors, the visible results being 35 professions and additions to the church. One young man surrendered to preach."

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Bigelow Church goes forward under the leadership of Pastor Lawrence Ferriell, who has accepted the work for full-time. A committee has been elected to study plans for a new building and pastor's home. A revival began August 17.

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Mountain Home and Forest Hill Churches, near Glenwood, held a joint revival under a brush arbor with Leonard D. Dove, of Ouachita College, as evangelist. Music was under the direction of Gerald O. Travis, pastor of the two churches. Fifteen persons were baptized into the fellowship of the two churches. A Vacation Bible School was held at the same time.

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A six-year building program has been approved by the finance committee and the Board of Deacons of Second Church, Hot Springs. A \$53,000 budget, the largest in the history of the church, was also approved. It is estimated that the new building will cost \$250,000 and it is expected that it will be completed by Easter Sunday, 1953.

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President H. E. Williams, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, spoke at a meeting of one of the Sunday School classes of Brookland Church recently on the subject, "Better Methods to do the Work of the Master." There were 40 people present.

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James Henderson Thomas, graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Central Seminary, Kansas City, and former pastor of

Eudora Church, Memphis, Tenn.; First Church, Stroud, Okla.; First Church, Henrietta, Mo.; and Overland Park Church, Kansas City, Kans., is leaving the pastorate of First Church, Madison, S. Dak., and is interested in considering a pastorate in Arkansas or Missouri.

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First Church, Strong, will observe homecoming August 3. All former members and pastors are invited to attend the special services. Each person is asked to bring the equivalent of one day's wage to place in the tub offering to be taken at the close of the morning service. This offering will be used in paying the remaining cost of new pews which will be delivered soon. Following an old-fashioned basket lunch, Pastor R. C. Brinkley, Immanuel Church, El Dorado, will speak and the youth choir of that church will give special music. R. O. Ekruet is pastor of the Strong Church.

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Pastor A. B. Pierce, First Church, Pine Bluff, preached in revival services at Lyon Church, Miss., in which 45 people united with the church, 23 for baptism. Pastor Pierce writes: "This is a church that is not only reaching its possibilities near the church but is sending two buses out into unchurched rural areas and ministering to them in a great way. Pastor James F. McCrary is loved by his people and is leading them in a very commendable way."

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Dr. Alfred Carpenter, of the Home Mission Board, will be the preacher in revival services at First Church, Stamps, August 17-31. Frank Adams, Paragould, will be in charge of the music. Pastor Waif Hamilton says: "With Dr. Carpenter's experience as superintendent of Baptist chaplains during the war, his trip to the Orient last year, and the trip he is now making to Europe he will bring interesting and challenging messages."

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First Church, Smackover, has been the scene of a number of important events the past few months. Paul Brooks Leath, of New Orleans, was the visiting evangelist in a two weeks revival meeting in May in which there were 50 additions to the church, 25 for baptism. The week following the revival a new Hammond organ and a set of Deagan Chimes were installed. Pastor Ralph H. Reasor comments: "It has been very gratifying to note the increase in reverence at our worship services brought about by the organ music." On a recent Sunday there were 14 additions, one for baptism, at regular services. Four young ladies of the church dedicated their lives for special services at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly and gave their testimonies in the evening, July 13. The church is now stressing the Ouachita Campaign, striving to have this year's pledge of \$3,000 paid by July 27.

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Eleven conversions were counted at Grandview Church during revival services with Pastor H. D. Christian, First Church, Crane, Tex., doing the preaching. Pastor E. A. Bressler, First Church, Blue Eye, Mo., worked with the young people and played the piano. Russell K. Hunt is pastor.

They Tithe

Tithing is a part of church membership at First Church, Prescott. An extended tithing campaign was launched two years ago under the leadership of Pastor Fred A. White. Last year the church quadrupled the number of tithers and tripled the church income. As a result the church gave to outside causes last year as much as the budget was before the church began tithing. Pastor White says: "Our converts come into the church tithing."

He Believes Malachi 3:10

Seventeen years ago M. F. Keathly of Memphis, Tenn., was dead broke and about to lose his job. He was worried that the \$3.50 in his pocket would not feed his family of four until next pay day.

Then quite suddenly, as he ate his lunch at the factory where he worked, he thought of the delicious little individual pies his wife baked for his lunch each day — and he wondered if maybe he could sell some at a nickel each to his fellow workmen.

His fellows did like the pies, and so did the customers in neighborhood cafes and groceries which Keathly asked to sell the pies for him. Within a month, he, his wife, and a neighbor woman were making 600 pies a day.

Last year Mr. Keathly sold more than a million dollars worth of pies.

He attributes his success to his acceptance of God as a "silent partner" and the practice of tithing.

Tithing Meets the Test

There has been a 60 per cent increase in giving at First Church, Mexico, Mo., since Pastor George A. Hammon asked his people to start tithing.

When the pastor returned from the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at St. Louis, he urged his people to pledge the tithe immediately rather than waiting until October 5, starting date of the Southwide three-month prove me tithing appeal.

Now, two months later, the church treasurer reports that 20 per cent of the church membership has pledged the tithe, and that gifts for the two months show a 60 per cent increase over the same period of last year.

Three hundred fifty members of First Church, Arkadelphia, have signed tither's cards.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has printed Tither's Enrollment Day stickers for use in promoting the tithing crusade. These seals are being sold by the Baptist book stores at the rate of 500 for \$1.

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First Church, Stuttgart, witnessed 93 conversions, and 20 additions by letter or statement, during revival services with Angel Martinez, young Spanish evangelist, doing the preaching. There were many rededications. Pastor Ralph D. Dodd reports that he baptized 10 nights during the meeting.

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Pastor R. D. McEwen, Valley View Church of Trinity Association, student in Southern Baptist College, preached at Brookland Church, June 29.

PASTORAL CHANGES

William H. Travis from Oak Grove Church, Caddo River Association, and Shiloh Church, Red River Association, to Riverside Mission of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

John L. Dodge from the chaplaincy to First Church, Hot Springs.

Why the Kingdom Tarries

Arkansas Baptist Hour Message

By AUBREY C. HALSELL

First Church, West Memphis

"Thy kingdom come" (Matt. 6:10).

The prophets of Israel, as they moved amid the shadows of her dying life, looked beyond her days of doom to a Golden Age when the kingdom of God should be set on Mount Zion. They little understood the import of their marvelous words. They simply hung up the ideals of God's perfect kingdom like crowns in the galleries of time for those in future days who should reach to take them.

At last in the fullness of time a hand was reached out and Jesus set the crown of the kingdom on His own head. The promise of the prophets had been a kingdom of plenty, peace, liberty, and holiness. The wilderness was to rejoice and the desert blossom as the rose. They were to hunger no more. War and strife were to be banished and men were to live together as brothers.

Slavery of body and of soul was to be done away and the good tidings of liberty to captives and the opening of prisons to them that were bound was preached. The crack of lash and the clank of chains were to be heard no more. A new holiness was to rule in the earth, and the King of kings was to sit on His throne and judge the nations with justice and righteousness.

Jesus came. His first message was a call to the kingdom. "Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." His gospel was a gospel of a kingdom which was to fulfill the vision of the seer and the dream of men. He had come to usher in the Golden Age, and he gathered around him a little band of men who believed intensely in his kingship on the earth.

Their Lord lived, died, rose and ascended. Still they hoped for the coming of the kingdom. They passed one by one, and the last of them in exile writes with eager longing for his Lord's return. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

More than 19 centuries have passed. We still look for the coming of the kingdom. We are longing for a day when poverty shall be ended, and God's people shall no longer lack and suffer hunger. Amid mighty preparations for war and great antagonisms we are sighing for the day of peace. The promised holiness has not come and the world is full of great infidelities, great corruptions, great selfishness, great sins. The kingdom tarries! Why?

False View of the Nature of Man

There has come to my hand a little book on our "Modern Socialism." There are many attractive things in it. But I find here the fundamental error of all modernisms in its oft repeated statement: "It is not human nature to do wrong." It is assumed that men are naturally good, that the reason the kingdom tarries is because the system is wrong, that this drama of life is poorly played because the scenery is not right. Change the scenery of the stage and these stammering, stumbling actors will become as graceful as queens and as eloquent as archangels.

Against all this the Bible and the experience of man assert that the "heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked."

But really the kingdom tarries not because the system is wrong, but because a serpent has made his nest in human hearts. Man does not need a change of scenery; he needs a cure. He does not need a revolution; he needs a re-creation. Give to man a new heart, a new mind, a new will and a new motive for personal living, such as Jesus offers, and these troubled times will become the Golden Age.

The trouble is not in the setting of the stage. The trouble is in the actors. Jesus saw it when he cried, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

False View of the Purpose of Life

Our present social troubles are only the outward symptoms of a deep-seated disease—a false view of the very ends of living. "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever." No grander words were ever spoken of human destiny. But now the pagan ideal is over all. The inventor, the scientist, the novelist, the dramatist are sacrificing all to give the world a play spell.

Men are possessed with the idea that enjoyment is the end of life. The sterner calls of duty and of God are unheard. Wisdom lifts her voice in the streets, but she is unnoticed. The idea that we are on probation here to prepare ourselves for endless life with God seems to be forgotten. We are here for fun.

A sailor boy enlists in our Navy. A few nights after he slinks over the side of his ship a deserter. What is the matter? He had had a false idea of a sailor's life. He has thought that to be a sailor one had only to sit in the sunlight and sail, and sail, and sail; to land at last in tropical ports, and there beneath a tropic moon to court some dark-eyed maiden of the Orient, amid all the wasteful luxury of the east. And they have set him to scrubbing decks and washing dishes. A false ideal has ruined him.

Do not laugh at him. His sin is society's sin. A false ideal of life. That is why our divorce courts are crowded, our factories turning out their toll of ruined wage slaves, our labor unions losing the forces of the jungles, and commercialism wrapping its sordid cloak over all.

False View of the Way the Kingdom is to Come

The dominant idea of modern life is to submerge the individual in the society of which he is a part. The corporation and the union have swallowed his conscience. He comes to moral judgments in a crowd. Individuality is slowly vanishing. Society is everything. Consequently the call is for a social salvation. We are to save men in crowds, if at all. Modern society being collective must have a collective redemption. Therefore, usher in the kingdom by mass movements, by politics, and by social reforms.

But the Golden Age will not thus be ushered in. The only responsibility to which human society responds is the responsibility of individuals. The final goal of the kingdom is redeemed men. You can unite men for certain temporal purposes, but you cannot merge souls. Salvation in the end must be individualistic. There may be some sins so general that we call them social sins. But sin is a personal thing in the last analysis. Salvation must be personal. Society will never be better than the men that compose it. Love is the force that will bring the kingdom. So long as men try to build the kingdom out of un-saved men the kingdom is destined to tarry.

If we search for the force that shall bring it to pass we will find it in Jesus the personal Redeemer of personal souls. Christ came not to save society, but sinners, and through them society. He raised the individual above all. The "utmost," the "least," the "lost," the "last," were his peculiar concern. Until these are saved the kingdom tarries. When men shall have been redeemed then the arches of heaven will ring with the song, "The Kingdom of God is with men!"

Chester Swor Writes of Blessings Received from Recent Experience

Dear Friends:

As many of you already know, I suffered an automobile accident on June 22 while en route from South Carolina to Alabama to fill an assembly engagement. Because so many hundreds are writing to send their good wishes and assurance of prayer, I shall not be able to answer all the messages except through this medium. Please accept this note as my personal reply to your cherished message.

My injuries consist of a broken left (lame) leg, an injured left knee, and a cut on the forehead. I know that the effectual, fervent prayers of hundreds of dear friends are being answered, for my recovery is proceeding so well. The doctors think that it will be about three more weeks before the cast is put on; then I shall be in the cast for about six weeks. It is my earnest hope that I shall be able to resume my schedule by

late September. With all my heart I appreciate your praying that if it is God's will, I may be able to do that.

Had this been an "elective course," I naturally would not have "registered" for it; yet, already I have had many rich blessings from this experience. My confident faith in Romans 8:28 and the consciousness of the sustaining strength of much prayer in my behalf have helped me from the hour of the accident to know that this time beside the still waters provides an opportunity for new spiritual discovery and strength. Hence, I am looking forward happily to these weeks ahead, feeling quite sure that I shall be better equipped to do His will as a result of this interlude. Thank you for the assurance of your prayers!

Gratefully yours,
Chester E. Swor

St. Mary's Hospital
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Joining the Human Race: "No nation can survive today except in the spirit and practice of genuine internationalism," Dr. W. O. Carver, of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., widely known as an interpreter of world affairs, writes in the July issue of *The Tie*, monthly publication of the school.

"Every nation, to win at all, must take its place in one family of nations," Dr. Carver said. "Independence must be re-oriented in the realm of interdependence.

"The way into the hall of peace must lead through the house of God—the house of prayer for all nations. We need now to take membership in the human race; and we will do this only in the measure in which we take citizenship in the kingdom of God."

Free Parking: Fear of getting an over-time parking tag is no excuse for failure to attend church services in Laconia, N. H. Chief of Police George N. Hubbard has ruled that persons attending routine church services will be exempt from paying for parking privileges in the new parking meters being installed throughout the main section of the city where several of the city's churches are located.

Political Responsibility: "Every member of a church is, whether he wants to be or not, a part of political life," Rev. Cameron P. Hall, executive secretary, Department of the Church and Economic Life, Federal Council of Churches, said in addressing a conference in St. Louis. "The real question before the church is not whether it should enter politics. It is: what kind of politics are the churches going to be in?" he asked.

Advance With Christ: The Church of the Brethren issued a formal "call to action" through its public information office in Dayton, Ohio, launching a nation-wide movement known as "Advance with Christ." Special emphasis will be directed to three principal fields during the 1947-48 church year: extension and development of home missions, including encouragement of the practice of daily devotions, a vigorous peace education program, and action on the alcohol problem.

Living Witness: Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese Christian leader, speaking at a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Missionaries in Tokyo said: "The very presence of missionaries in a country where food is scarce and life is hard is a living witness to the international quality of the Christian faith."

The Cost of Hate: Charles A. Wells says: "When the war closed, hatred against Germany and Japan was rampant. The Potsdam agreement, based upon the Morgenthau plan to strip the people of our enemy countries, was the exciting news of the day. Now we recognize both the Morgenthau plan and the Potsdam agreement as the height of stupidity. We are discovering that we will even impoverish ourselves unless we restore defeated peo-

ples to useful constructive living. We are learning the hard way that hate is more costly to the hater than to the hated. Perhaps we will some day go a little further and discover at last that what Jesus taught was true—that love is the most profitable doctrine of all."

Recruiting Workers: A total of 10,532 persons, including 2,599 who have dedicated themselves to the ministry, have been recruited for full-time church work by the Crusade for Christ movement launched by the Methodist Church, it was announced by Bishop J. Ralph Magee, director of the Crusade, in a report on results of the first four months of the stewardship emphasis. Also 111,840 members pledged themselves to give the Biblical tithe. Almost 250,000 new members were enrolled in the nation's Methodist churches during the first three months of 1947.

Soul Sickness: Christians must understand the "sickness" of modern society "more thoroughly and more truly than all other would-be physicians," Dr. Henry Pitney Van Dusen,

president of Union Theological Seminary, New York, declared in addressing the International Missionary Council, meeting in Whitby, Ontario.

"As with the early Christians," he said, "we must out-think as well as out-live and out-love this confused, tragic, hell-bent contemporary world.

"Christian faith offers not only the sole cure for individual souls and for society — it gives the only truthful analysis. And, for most modern men, it will not do to proffer prescription without first having convincing diagnosis. This demands of us thought—hard, painful, persistent, profound effort of mind."

Going After Youth: To combat juvenile delinquency Morningside Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga., has begun work on a \$250,000 sanctuary and recreational park on an eight-acre strip of property. The property will embrace a vast recreational area, picnic grounds, barbecue pits, basketball courts, and a modern church auditorium. City park engineers have been called in to advise with officials of the church on the vast playground facilities, which will be thrown open to children of all denominations in this vicinity during the week. A fellowship hall will be constructed, with the building to include a gymnasium, kitchen, and dining hall.

Polish Lads to United States: The Church of the Brethren, which has spearheaded many relief projects including "Heifers for Relief," and "tractor units for China," is bringing Polish lads to America to work on farms and study agriculture.



Eleven college students, members of Southern Baptist churches, headed by Dr. W. Edwin Richardson, professor of Divinity at Cumberland University, Tenn., and Miss Louise West, of Kentucky, are shown here just before they took off aboard a Pan American Clipper for Hawaii where they are conducting revival meetings this summer.

Miss Judith Pierce, of Central College, Conway, is pictured in the middle row to the extreme right. Each student was selected and sponsored by the Baptist Student Union from his or her own state.

Home Missions In the Summer

By JOHN CAYLOR

Summertime is the occasion for new emphasis in home missions. The 722 regular missionaries and the 285 special summer student workers are reaping a great harvest in evangelism during summer months.

Many of the missionaries are presenting the cause of missions in the homeland in various summer camps and assemblies throughout the Southland. Hundreds of Vacation Bible schools are in session in mission centers. Evangelistic meetings are in progress. It is truly a time of soul-winning on the mission field.

Attending Baptist World Congress

Many of the state and domicile members of the Home Mission Board are in attendance upon the sessions of the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen. Three of the secretaries are in Europe. Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus is spending two months overseas visiting in Palestine and attending a conference of Christian Jews in Europe as well as the Baptist World Alliance meeting.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, as a guest of Secretary of War Patterson, is making a tour of occupied zones in Europe.

Dr. John Caylor, editorial secretary, is representing the Board at the meeting of the Alliance.

New Missionaries Appointed

In order to keep the standard of missionary service up to par, it is necessary that the Board make new appointments to fill the places made vacant for various reasons and to meet commitments in the promotion of home missions. During the past three months a number of new missionaries have been designated.

Rev. A. V. Alvarado becomes pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

The Home Mission Board cooperates with the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas in the employment of Rev. Pablo Flores as evangelist in the central region of the Mexican convention.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who has been on leave to do further study, is actively engaged during the summer months in Good Will Center work in New Orleans.

Rev. and Mrs. Jose M. Sanchez have been elected to promote Sunday school and Training Union work in Cuba.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Gomez have been chosen to serve at Anthony, N. Mex., and near-by mission stations.

Rev. and Mrs. Isidoro Garza have been re-appointed to serve the Mexican church at Stamford, Tex.

Rev. and Mrs. Isidro Garcia are to serve as missionaries in Williams County Association, Texas. Rev. Samuel Alonso has been elected as missionary at Edcouch, Tex.; and Rev. and Mrs. M. E. O'Neil at Bonaldo and Nacogdoches, Tex.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Leech have been named missionaries to the Indians in Phoenix, Ariz.

Miss Amelia Rappold, Miss Mary Hines, and Miss Marian Sanders have been designated as Good Will Center workers in New Orleans.

In the Negro work of the Home Mission Board, Rev. Harold Roland has been named

Questions and Answers about Mission Work

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Q. Is any work being done among the Mexicans?

A. In Hope Association a mission has been established through the associational missionary. A request has been received for financial aid. The Mission Committee will likely help in financing this work.

Q. What is being done at the Booneville Sanatorium?

A. Rev. Joe F. Luck serves as chaplain. He visits the patients; has regular preaching services for both patients and employees, and does a thousand or more things in religious council and leadership. His salary and expenses are provided by the Department of Missions.

Q. Where are the greatest needs in the state?

A. According to the percentage of population there are less Baptists in the mountains. For instance, in Liberty Association, which includes El Dorado and Camden, 30 per cent of the white population belongs to our Convention Baptist churches; while in mountainous sections, Baptists have only about five or six per cent of the population.

Q. What is meant by "forming a pastoral field?"

A. It means to secure the consent of two or more churches near each other to call the same pastor and locate him in their midst. He becomes a resident pastor and the territory of the churches becomes his "pastoral field."

Q. What are the advantages of such a plan?

A. It makes it possible for the churches to have a stronger pastor, one that can be with them and lead in a well rounded program. It makes it possible for the pastor to have all his work near-by where he can serve as a real shepherd of his flock.

Q. Does the Mission Department offer any financial aid to churches in getting a resident pastor?

A. Yes, in some instances, if the churches have great possibilities and, after doing their best, are unable to pay the salary for a full-time pastor, they may be helped until they reach enough of the possibilities to carry on alone.

Q. How many pioneer missionaries are now employed?

A. There are two: Rev. Hugh Cooper in Rocky Bayou Association and Rev. Otis E. Denney in Newton County Association.

Q. What is the nature of their work?

A. Their work is practically the same as the associational missionaries. Since the

superintendent of the mission center at Charleston, S. C.; and Rev. James R. Holloway in Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Hammock have been designated to work among the Mexicans at Brownfield, Tex.

Rev. and Mrs. Leo M. Roebuck have been named missionaries among the Indians on the Bernalillo field, N. Mex.

Rev. and Mrs. Ewell Payne have been appointed to Indian work and are to move from Camp Hill, Ala., to the Indian Center in Oklahoma City.

Department of

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C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

churches in their territories are weak in number and finances the entire salary of each is paid by the Mission Department with the help of the Home Mission Board.

Q. How much financial aid is received in the state from the Home Mission Board?

A. The Home Mission Board has allocated \$8,000 to the rural work provided that six men are employed with the entire salaries being paid through the Mission Department.

Q. Are six men now employed under this arrangement?

A. There are now two rural evangelists, two pioneer missionaries, and the superintendent. Another rural evangelist has been elected and if he accepts the total number will be employed.

Q. Who elects these men?

A. The Mission Committee, composed of six men, elected by the State Board.

Q. Is the Mission Department responsible for city mission work?

A. Yes. Both rural and city missions are included in the work of the department.

Q. How many city missionaries are now employed?

A. None have actually been employed by the department. Rev. Taylor Stanfill, city missionary in Little Rock, has his salary paid by the Home Mission Board and the churches of Pulaski County Association. Plans are now being formulated to reach other cities with a mission program.

Q. Is any work being done among Negroes?

A. Yes, several Negro workers receive a small supplement on their salaries from the mission fund, then too, \$1,000 was given to the Baptist Negro College in Little Rock.

Q. If the churches get financial help, will they be granted the privilege of calling the man they want as pastor.

A. Yes. No one can take that right away from any church. No one can force two churches to use the same man as pastor. The churches themselves must agree to call the same man for the good of each. The Lord may as easily lead two churches with 100 members each to call the same man as one church with 200 members.

Q. Are any strings attached to the financial aid in payment of a pastor's salary?

A. Yes, to some extent. The Mission Department does not give to the payment of a pastor's salary if he works at some other job other than the ministry. The supplementary aid is for the purpose of having his full time given to the churches he serves. Also, his character and reputation must be above reproach and he must be a real cooperating Baptist.

A Million for Ouachita



By VICTOR H. COFFMAN
Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith

Shortly before the graduation exercises at Ouachita it was my privilege to visit on the campus and in and around the college.

It was indeed delightful to see the progress that Ouachita has made and is yet making. The two new dormitories and the third building being remodeled, the improvements in and around the other buildings, and the material on the ground ready for the third dormitory, certainly predict a greater Ouachita.

Then the spirit of the students on the campus and the enlarged faculty, their scholarship and efficiency, the Christian spirit that is manifest and felt among the entire student body, also the exceedingly wise and capable leadership of the president and the other executives, certainly assures a greater and greater Ouachita.

If the money raised thus far can do what it has done, what would it mean if we as pastors, churches, and people would really finish the campaign? The Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign must and will succeed. The overcrowded condition and the demand for Christian education certainly calls for the best in our support and prayers for this great institution.

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Evangelist Otey Rhodes, Memphis, Tenn., reports on a recent revival with Highland City Church, Highland City, Fla., in which there were 21 additions, 16 for baptism. He writes: "Three old men, 72, 78, and 81, who had backslidden, got prayed up-to-date. They had been away from the Lord for 20 to 40 years."

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Three Arkansas girls have been awarded the Fannie Breedlove Davis Scholarships to Mary Hardin-Baylor College for the 1947-48 school year. These girls, chosen on the basis of their possessing qualities set forth when the scholarship fund was set up, are Miss Jimmie Faye Kennedy, daughter of Mrs. Flora Kennedy, Little Rock; Miss Patsy Taylor Coffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coffman, Fort Smith; and Miss Evelyn Joan Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Welker, Hope.

School of Nursing Is Baptists' 3rd College

By R. H. GREENE, Vice-President
Baptist State Hospital Board of Trustees

With the full cooperation of the Baptist churches over this state, the Baptist State Hospital School of Nursing has been able to matriculate 66 for its Nursing School since the first of the year; 34 students in February and 32 in June. With another class due in the September term, the student body of the School of Nursing will be near the 200 mark. Until more buildings are erected, this will be the maximum number of students that our school will be able to accommodate.

It costs the hospital approximately \$930 per year to educate a nurse in our school. On the basis of this cost, we are spending approximately \$186,000 each year for nursing education. Because of recent changes in the State Board of Nursing education, our students are receiving more classroom work and performing less service in the hospital. This has increased tremendously the cost for maintaining this School of Nursing, and if the hospital is to continue to maintain a school of

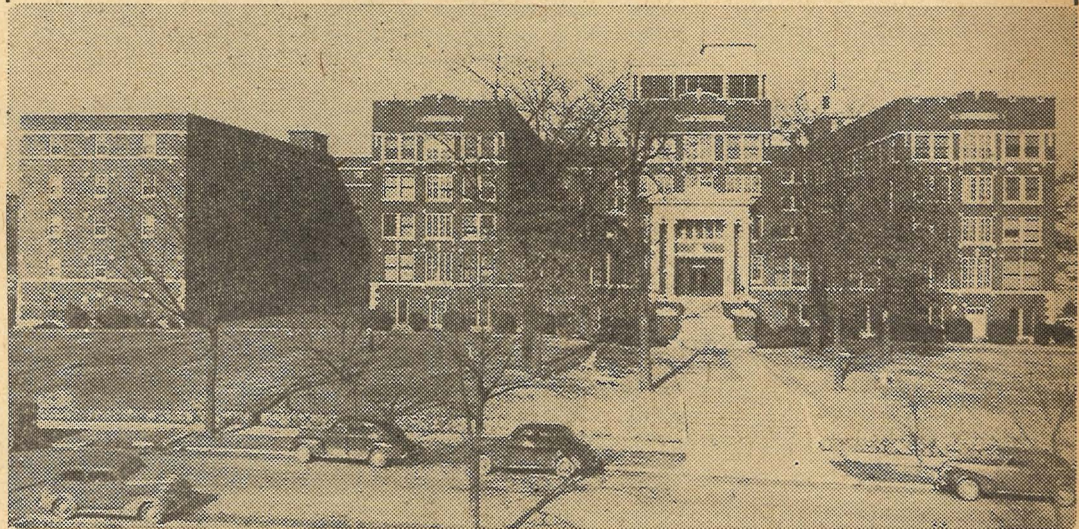
this size, in all probability it will have to have some outside help.

For the past few years our denomination has not contributed any funds to the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing through the Co-operative Program in the same manner that it has supported our other two colleges in the state. We believe that it is the desire of the Baptists of this state to maintain our Baptist School of Nursing on as high a plane as possible.

In addition to maintaining this School of Nursing, our hospital has also contributed between \$70,000 and \$75,000 in free services for the year ending June 30, 1947. This charity has increased in the past year, and the demands are becoming greater each day.

In addition to the charity which the hospital is giving to those deserving charity, it is also giving free hospitalization to our own ministers and their dependent families, and also to Baptist missionaries. For awhile the hospital was giving free hospitalization to all ministers of all denominations. However, in November of 1946, the Board of Trustees decided that they could no longer give free hospital services to all ministers of all faiths, and now ministers of other faiths are paying for their hospital services.

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After graduation, hundreds of positions in hospitals, public health, industrial nursing, private duty nursing, the armed services and other fields are open to the registered nurse.

The Baptist Hospital is starting a new class of nursing the second week in September, and any high school graduate 17-35 years old may get detailed information on this training by addressing the Director of Nurses, Baptist State hospital, Little Rock, Ark.

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Supplemental Material For Missionary Programs

The WMU Literature Department has some special helps for your monthly missionary programs. The Third Quarter's Packet contains a pageant and five leaflets, price 25 cents. Ask your young women to present "Latin America on Parade," for your WMS—price of pageant alone, 10 cents. Send order with remittance to WMU Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.

Sixth Inter-Racial Institute

By Mrs. T. P. JOHNSON, *Smackover*
The sixth annual Methods Institute for the Baptist Negro women of Arkansas was held at the Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, June 25-26. For the past six years these Methods Institutes have been sponsored by the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and promoted by the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas.

Many have been the benefits derived. Marked improvements have been made in the missionary work among the women. The session just closed was one of the best in the history of these meetings. The attendance reached 110, the attendance being limited to the officers and leaders among the women of the two conventions. The theme for the meeting was "Following Jesus."

During the meeting many needs were discussed and plans formu-

lated by which these needs might be met. Those who attended returned to their homes inspired to improve their communities by utilizing the information imparted by the efficient workers who composed the teaching personnel.

The Negro Baptists of Arkansas are thankful to God for this great blessing. We are grateful to those who make these meetings possible and we feel that special gratitude is due the ladies who worked so tirelessly during the meeting, namely, Mrs. J. E. Short, Mrs. C. H. Ray, Mrs. J. C. Fuller, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Mrs. H. M. Keck, Mrs. H. B. Tillman, and Miss Kathleen Frink.

Prayer League News

Mrs. Loyd Irwin, Harrison, writes: "Dear Mrs. Ray: Thanks for the Prayer League Cards. I presented the Prayer League to our WMS and 20 women enrolled and others requested cards to take to other members of their families. Many of the women present had heard you explain the purpose of the Prayer League at the district meeting in Harrison. I am requesting 36 more cards. I am grateful for this opportunity to be of service. Just such a Prayer League has been in my heart for a long time. I believe in the strength of united prayer."

What Mrs. Erwin has done should be done in every missionary society. We remind all community Mission Chairmen to order sufficient number of cards and to enroll the women of their churches to pray for a world-wide revival. These cards are available free from your State WMU office.

Associational Rally

Mrs. Chester Roten, of Leslie, was elected superintendent of Stone - Van Buren Association at the WMU rally held at Leslie. She succeeds Mrs. Gus Poole of Mountain View. Mrs. W. B. O'Neal of Batesville, president of North Central District, was the principal speaker. This was the first time the associational rally has been held separate from the Workers' Council, and the women seemed to think it was a better plan.

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Baptists Begin Clinical Training Program

Seven "theological interns" are taking a 10-week clinical pastoral training program at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C., in connection with a program initiated by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY., which stresses the value of religion in the prevention and cure of illness.

The daily schedule of the interns includes a two-hour seminar with professors and department heads of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at which various problems are discussed, another two hours taken up with visiting patients, assigned reading on psychology, and assisting with hospital administrative work and records.

Although the clinical training program was started some years ago in the North this is reported to be the first time it has been tried in the South.

Dr. Wayne E. Oates, director of the seminary's program, says, "We have realized the important relation of the pastoral work to psychiatry, and close relationship between the teaching of Christian-

ity and sociology, or social ethics.

"We want to train our men to keep abreast of new developments, to equip the minister with such insights and skills that he may not be 'ashamed of the Gospel' in the presence of people of other professions also dedicated to the service of mankind. Particularly it is aimed to help the minister in the process of understanding, of cooperative inquiry into human problems, and of combining of resources with sincere, devoted men and women of science.

Rev. Rickard K. Young, associate director of the Department of Religion at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and chaplain of the hospital, who is assisting with the program, said, "We recognize that 40 per cent of all illness primarily is emotional. We particularly are stressing psychiatry and psychology in this training so that the minister will know what problems he can help solve and further be able to know when mental treatment is needed, so that he can get the individual in the hands of a competent psychiatrist."

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Elect department officers and teachers.

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2. Send in Vacation Bible School reports. Send to Religious Education Department, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.
3. Take part in associational activities.
4. Elect department superintendents.
5. Enlarge the prospect list by checking the church roll.
6. Study plans for the Cradle Roll ministry.

For the Training Union:

1. In the monthly executive committee meeting complete plans to enlarge the Training Union, and conduct a study course in September using the methods books.
2. Continue the extension program in the association.
3. Promote personal soul winning.

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*Love ever gives,
 Forgives — outlives,
 And ever stands
 With open hands
 And while it lives, It gives
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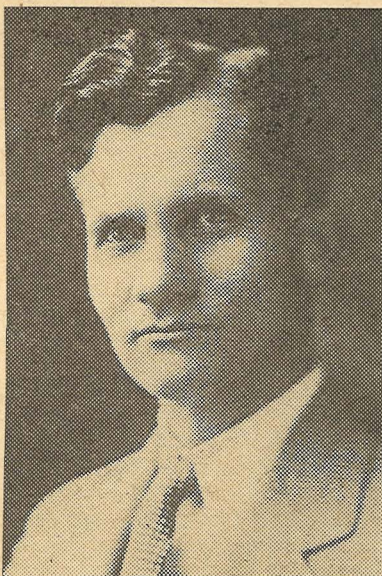
—JOHN OXENHAM.

Churches Make Plans to Attend State Sunday School Convention, Oct. 20-21

Already two or three churches have written in that they are planning to charter a bus and bring 40 or more to the State Sunday School Convention at First Church, Little Rock, October 20 - 21.

J. W. Barnette, secretary of the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, is to be one of the inspirational speakers and will lead conferences on administration.

There are to be conferences for every department of Sunday School work. This convention will be of vital interest to every worker in the Sunday School. Plan now to attend and enjoy the fellowship, inspiration, instruction and training. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free by the churches of Greater Little Rock.



Mr. Barnette

should be studied individually.

Teachers working with juniors, primaries, and beginners, will need this book for frequent reference as they prepare their Sunday School lessons from week to week. It may be purchased from the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock.

Summer Field Workers Report

Visible results of the first week of Summer Field Work, conducted by 32 young people in Concord Association, July 10 - 19, included 708 Daily Bible readers listed, 21 conversions, 33 re-dedications, and 24 new unions organized. There were 769 enrolled in the meetings conducted in the churches, with an average attendance of 575. There were 468 present at the associational rally at Greenwood on Sunday afternoon, July 13.

For the second week of Summer Field Work, the workers traveled Saturday morning, July 19, to Heber Springs, where they were sent in teams of two into every one of the 15 churches of Little Red River Association. A good associational rally was held on Sunday afternoon, July 20, at Heber Springs with 265 in attendance.

August Calendar of Activities

October 20 - 21 — State Sunday School Convention, First Church, Little Rock.

October or November — Definite

"Cradle Roll Ministry in the Home," "Organizing the Forces for Work," "Training the Workers for Service," "Directing the Workers in Action," "Promoting the Work through Special Occasions," and "After the Cradle Roll Department, What?"

This book is in section V of the Sunday School Training Course, and may be purchased from the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock. Certainly, every Cradle Roll Department worker should have a copy of this book, should read it, and receive an award for the completion of an examination.

Another New Book

For years some of the state Sunday School secretaries have urged that a book be prepared for use in the Sunday School Training Course that would show teachers of boys and girls how to teach doctrines to children. Miss Robbie Trent, elementary editor of the Sunday School Board, has prepared such a book under the title, "The Faith We Share." The book is listed in section IV of the Sunday School Training Course.

This book should have a wide study. It can be used in central training schools, assemblies, local church training schools, and

New Sunday School Book

The new Cradle Roll book is ready. The title is "The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School." The author is Elizabeth White VonHagen, who for 20 years has been actively connected with Cradle Roll work both in her own church and in the general promotion with the Baptist Sunday School Board, and the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist State Mission Board. She is in constant demand as a speaker, and is an active worker in the Parent-Teacher Association and the Red Cross.

Regarding the book, the first responsibility for the religious training of children rests upon the home. The church through its Sunday School can help parents to realize and accept this responsibility. Ways that parents can include God in the home are discussed in this book. The function of the church and the Cradle Roll in serving the child and the home is outlined. The organization of the Cradle Roll Department, and the duties of the various workers are adequately dealt with. Problems of records, the workers' meetings, and visitation are some of the subjects covered.

Chapter titles are: "The Child and the Home," "The Church and the Child," "The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School,"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

(From Official Reports Sent Religious Education Department)

Bartholomew—Hamburg, First	194	163
Bartholomew—Warren, First	150	122
Bartholomew—Monticello, Second	129	97
Benton County—Siloam Springs, First	146	112
Benton County—Bentonville, First	60	
Caddo River—Norman	55	51
Caroline—England, First	122	96
Caroline—Des Arc	139	93
Central—Harvey's Chapel	75	63
Central—Shorewood Hills	190	143
Concord—Fort Smith, Oak Grove	125	90
Concord—Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	161	116
Dardanelle—Russellville—Atkins	83	65
Harmony—Plainview, First	140	110
Liberty—El Dorado, Parkview	78	75
Liberty—Camden, First	199	144
Liberty—Joyce City	112	88
Little River—Nashville, First	122	99
Mississippi County—Blytheville, First	182	135
Mt. Zion—Jonesboro, Central	104	65
Mt. Zion—Jonesboro, Fisher St.	80	69
Pulaski County—Little Rock, Biddle	50	39
Pulaski County—N. Little Rock, Worrell Mem.	104	54
Red River—Concord	67	41
Washington—Madison—Fayetteville, Sulphur City	43	35

Brotherhood Work Makes Strides

The Brotherhood conference period at the general assembly at Siloam Springs was well attended by Baptist laymen and pastors. All of the conferences were interesting, inspiring, and challenging. The average attendance was 33 men. We believe that such a conference is well worthwhile, and that the Brotherhood period should be continued at the assembly.

Beech Street Church, Gurdon, has a fine group of men and the possibilities of a great Brotherhood. The men of the church recently had a fellowship banquet to talk over the possibilities of Brotherhood organization in their church. We believe that they will organize in the near future. Brother Kenneth R. Grant is pastor.

First Church, Lepanto, Leslie Riherd as pastor, is operating a number of missions. Recently the men of the church met to consider the organization of a church Brotherhood. We believe that the Brotherhood activities program, coupled with the present mission program, will produce results which will be astounding.

There is also a great group of men at First Church, Malvern, where T. K. Rucker is pastor. A recent Brotherhood planning meeting was well attended by men who are interested in getting more fully into the work of the Lord in their church. We believe that First Church, Malvern, can build one of the greatest Brotherhoods in the land.

Ravenden Springs Assembly

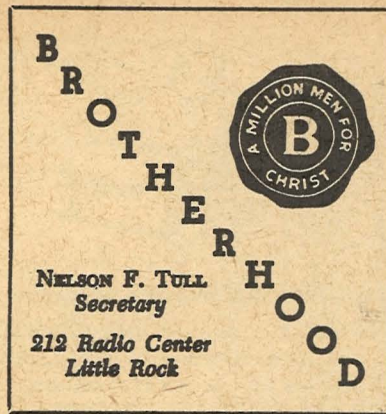
The Brotherhood secretary had the privilege of attending the Ravenden Springs assembly for two days, and found the Lord working mightily there.

About 460 people were enrolled at the assembly. The largest number from any one church was from Corning, with 47 in attendance. The spirit of the assembly was high and the fellowship was the very finest.

During the assembly there were six professions of faith and 32 other decisions.

Washington - Madison Association

J. S. Blystone, missionary of Washington - Madison Association, arranged an associational Brotherhood tour last week. Meetings were held with following churches: Springdale, First; Fayetteville, First; Hindsville, and Spring Valley. Eight churches were represented at a Sunday afternoon rally at First Church, Fayetteville. Led by a very capable missionary, there is much interest in Brotherhood work throughout the whole association. We believe that as a result of the tour, several new Brotherhoods will be organized.



Springdale, First, has had an active Brotherhood for some time. The activities of the Brotherhood are meaning much to the life of the church. The Springdale Brotherhood is at present sponsoring the operation of a mission, of which the church has four.

The men of First Church, Fayetteville, expressed a lively interest in Brotherhood organization. We believe that a Brotherhood in this church, one of the most strategically placed churches in the world, will help the church greatly to meet its sacred obligation to a city where there is a great state university.

We predict a great future for Brotherhood work in Washington-Madison Association.

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Radio

Pastor Aubrey C. Halsell, First Church, West Memphis, will be heard in the third of four radio messages next Sunday over 11 Arkansas stations carrying the program of the Arkansas Baptist Radio Commission. His subject will be "Christ Dwelling Within." Music is by the Ouachita College Choir.

The program may be heard every Sunday over:

KFFA—Helena, 7:45 a. m.
KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
KARK—Little Rock, 10:30 a. m.
KELD—El Dorado, 12:15 p. m.
KFPW—Fort Smith, 12:45 p. m.
KWFC—Hot Springs, 12:45 p. m.
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By Mrs. JOHN A. ABERNATHY
Isinan, Shantung, China

A few months ago a patient little Korean woman appeared at our door. She was a mother of seven children and her husband a prisoner of war who had been held for some months. Other Koreans were being repatriated, so Mr. Abernathy urged that she join them. With tears in her eyes she replied, "I can't return to my native land leaving my husband here in Chinese prison. Anyhow my mother-in-law would not welcome me if I did."

She requested that Mr. Abernathy use his influence to see if the courts would give him an early trial. Mr. Abernathy promised, and gave her money with which she ran a grain business for months and was able to support her family. She often came for English magazines and books to take to her husband.

One day Mrs. Chao appeared carrying her one-year-old baby. She had walked all the way, about five miles. I sent her word that Mr. Abernathy was out, and that I could do nothing for her. The reply was, "I do not want money, I just want to see and talk with you." She was admitted.

Too often little gifts were coming, an expression of her appreciation—a proof that her grain business was thriving. It was heart breaking each time as she came with these gifts. A few days later she came again and in her meek, gracious manner said, "My twelve-year-old daughter requested that I come and see if the American lady would permit her 'to do her moving about!'"

It finally dawned upon me that the child wanted to be my personal servant. I explained that I had never used a maid-servant, and that we had no boarding school, so there seemed no place for her; but I promised to try to find work. Soon there were three openings. She went into a lovely Christian Chinese home where she was treated as a member of the family.

Governor Wong was having supper with us one night, so I had a chance to tell him about this Christian woman, who refused to

return to Korea leaving her husband in jail. His face lighted up as he said, "She is a good woman. We will look into that case and release her husband immediately if possible." The investigation proved that he had executed 20 Chinese, and had been convicted already.

Another day she appeared carrying her husband's Bible, and with a letter which he had written on the eve of "leaving for Nanking." She was perplexed and uneasy. Soon the Chinese daily paper was delivered, and there on the front page was a picture of Mr. Chao taken just as he was leaving the jail and a full account of his execution. The unusual thing was the beautiful Christian testimony which he gave before being shot.

One month later a letter was brought by a Japanese cell mate of Mr. Chao, a colonel in the Japanese army, who had been condemned to death, reprieved upon the recommendation of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek because he had saved the life of a prominent government official of the Philippines, as well as other Americans. He had been released about the time that Mr. Chao had been executed. The letter read:

"Mr. Chao Yuan T'ai, a Korean, was led to Christ by you, and his survivors were placed under your affectionate charity. The Japanese participants have thanked you heartily for your kindness. His penitential life in prison was very immaculate; his behaviour awakened the religious sentiments of all around him in prison. Several persons have had faith in God by his influence. . . . Please send the war criminals three Bibles in English and two Bibles in Japanese.

A few days later Mr. Abernathy was able to get into the prison, armed with three English Bibles and 32 Gospel portions of John (the last Japanese religious literature in Tsinan), plus the letter requesting these things. He was given the privilege of preaching to these prisoners; some of whom were already condemned to death. Many accepted Christ through the immaculate life of Mr. Chao.

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Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Twenty-Eight Million Messages of Salvation

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, *President
Southern Baptist Convention*

While in Nashville the other day for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, I was talking with Dr. T. L. Holcomb and Dr. Clifton J. Allen, asking them about the details of printing and distributing the literature of the Sunday School Board.

"Walk downstairs with us," said Dr. Holcomb, "and see for yourself."

And there, in the mailing department, I saw something I shall never forget—long lines of packages of varying sizes, containing literature for Sunday Schools, Training Unions, and Christian homes from Maryland to California, and from Illinois to Florida. I asked Dr. Allen how many pieces of literature the Sunday School Board distributes annually, and he answered:

"Twenty-eight million."

I stood there and watched the capable, happy people, handling that moving line of packages, and I thought for a moment of the many, many people who had participated in the creation and production of that moving line of literature—messages of salvation to little children, young people and adults. I thought of the editors who planned it, of the writers, the printers, the wrappers, the postal clerks, the carriers.

And that set me thinking anew about this great agency of Southern Baptists—our Sunday School Board. I study constantly the literature of the other major denominations, and I say without hesitation that Southern Baptists have the best literature of any denomination in the world—best in content, best in technique.

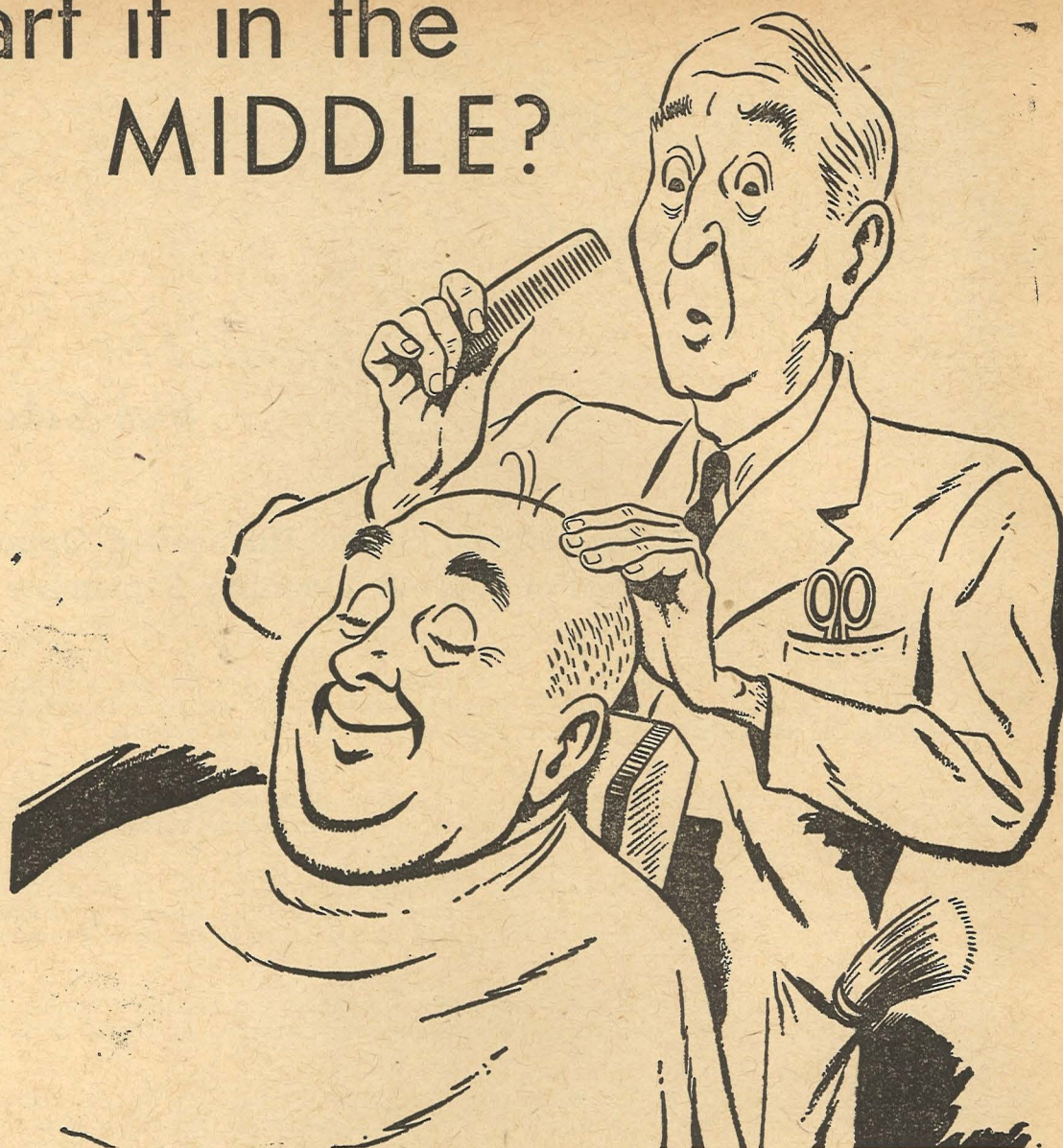
These twenty-eight million messages of salvation are the result of unceasing prayer, unceasing work, unceasing study, unceasing blessing. They ring true to the Word of God. They deal with the deep spiritual needs of living men. They help Southern Baptists to come to grips with critical issues of today's world.

I give thanks upon every remembrance of our Sunday School Board, and I rejoice to observe that our people are using these twenty-eight million messages of salvation in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God, at home and throughout the world.

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Some people here say I am a liberal; others say I am a conservative; still others that I am a fundamentalist. I do not yet know what I am over here, but back in Sweden I am simply a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.—Joel Sorenson.

Part it in the MIDDLE?



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Thanks, Boss!

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Correctly Trained Youth Grow To Be Wise and Happy Adults

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

The ideal life, as portrayed in the Book of Proverbs, is set forth in various and sundry precepts and warnings. The moral lessons reach, perhaps, the height of their grandeur in their treatment of the various aspects of family life.

Garland of Grace

The ancient writer assumes that good conduct "is an art that can be taught." There is one prerequisite, however: "The learner must be in sympathy with the subject; a right judgment concerning moral truth is obtainable only by those who hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Dummelow). That is why the writer makes the plea, "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, And forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, And chains about thy neck" (Prov. 1:8-9).

Here, and in the second passage of our lesson (6:20-23), the children of the home are enjoined to revere the instruction of their parents. Their words of wisdom and commandments are to be as "chaplets" or "garlands" of grace.

The Proverbs abound in parables, figures, and vivid pictures. So do the recorded teachings of our Lord. The teachings of parents are so to be regarded by their children. They are not to be forsaken. "Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck" (6:21).

The counsel of parents is to give guidance to their children: "When est, it shall talk with thee" (6:22).

The proofs of instruction are thou walkest, it shall lead thee; When thou sleepest, it shall watch over thee; And when thou awak- not to be looked upon, with disdain. There is to be no feeling of contempt and aversion on the part of children for the words of the parents as they offer counsel. Children are never to look with scorn upon or with haughty indifference toward the counsel of their elders. Such counsel, such reproof, is a part of the way of life.

This means that a tremendous

Sunday School Lesson For August 3

Prov. 1:8-9; 6:20-23; 17:1; 22:6; 23:22-26

responsibility rests upon fathers and mothers at all times. They should guard their words and their thoughts, taking care to give way to no utterance that might cause them subsequent regret. A child could hardly be expected to wear as a "garland of grace" the nagging reproofs of an inconsiderate parent. The responsibility rests upon the parent as well as upon the child. It is a mutual affair. Let that be clearly understood.

Quietness or Strife

"Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife" (17:1). What pleasure would there, or could there be in a festal meal if it is to be accompanied with a quarrel? "A little with quiet is the only diet," someone has well said.

God does not desire the sacrifices of strife. In other words, how can we manifest our devotion to deity when our hearts and minds are filled with carnal strife? This principle which calls for "quietness" rather than "strife" may well be carried over into every relation of family life.

The father and mother, as well as the son or daughter, must decide as to whether they prefer "quietness" or "strife." Often in life households are all but given over to ill-tempered remarks and manifestations of unkind regard one for another. There can be little love in such a home.

The principal of a large girl's school told me of visiting in the lovely home (that is a home that was beautiful in material appointments) of one of the students. He called the student to his office one day and spoke to her appreciatively of her home. The young girl replied, "Yes, it's beautiful, all right, but there is hell there!" The father and mother in that home did not get along together

at all. Instead of words of love and of kindness for each other, there were words of bitterness and of misunderstanding.

Importance of Early Training

"Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it" (22:6). Here we have expressed a doctrine to which tens of thousands of parents have clung as they have brought their children into the world and sought to prepare them for the issues of life. It is one of the greatest promises ever made to man. It boldly declares that it is possible so to mold the life of a little one that in his older years he will never depart from the pattern that is given. "As the twig is bent, so the tree's inclined."

This is not an easy assignment for a parent—this training up a child in the way he should go. It means in the first place that the life of a father and a mother must represent ideally in the realm of upright living that which they would have their child to become. Training is more than fatherly fiats or motherly messages concerning the duties and responsibilities of life.

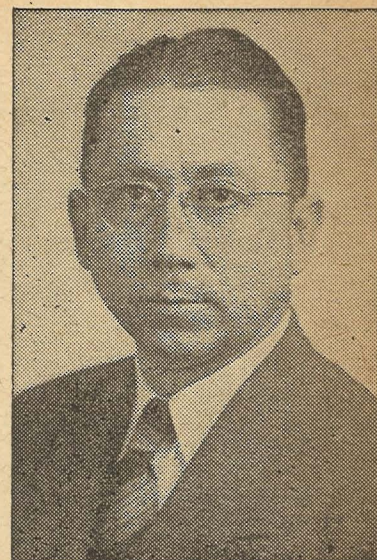
Before a father or mother can speak with commanding authority, they must first, in their own lives, manifest some of the idealism which they would see in their children.

Rejoicing and Gladness

Rejoicing and gladness will indeed be the portion of fathers and mothers when they behold their children, as they themselves come down to old age, walking in the paths of uprightness and loyalty to God.

"My son, give me thy heart; And let thine eyes delight in my ways." Fellowship with God and with His ways for human life constitutes the basis, and the only basis, of right relations between parents and children. Only as we look to deity can we find wisdom

To Lake Village



H. O. Malone began his duties as pastor of First Church, Lake Village, July 6. A graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, he has served Texas pastorates for 14 years and the Army chaplaincy for five and one half years.

that is adequate to the needs of the staggering times that confront us in the matter of home building.

With more and more of our American homes going on the rocks of failure and disintegration, we ought to turn unto God and beseech, as never before, His divine guidance in all that we do as fathers and mothers and as sons and daughters.

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It is always difficult to see facts in the shadows of prejudice and the fogs of suspicion.—Ralph W. Sockman.

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Stewardship Campaign Calendar

Southwide

- July 15—Letter from Duke K. McCall to every pastor, enclosing tract on three-month tithing and poster.
- July 15—Letter to all state and Southwide agencies benefitting by Cooperative Program urging full cooperation with the plans of this campaign as promoted by the respective conventions.
- August 1—Letter from J. E. Dillard to all pastors, enclosing booklet, "Building a Stewardship Church," and tithing card.
- August 1—Approximate date for release of transcriptions prepared by Radio Commission for use in church and local radio stations; also spot announcements prepared for those pastors who have radio programs.
- August 10—Release of Baptist Program featuring tithing appeal.
- August—September—Series of advertisements in state papers featuring Southwide agencies.
- September—December—Articles in Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, and Brotherhood periodicals.
- September 1—Release of Baptist Program featuring tithing appeal.
- October 1—Baptist Program to reach all pastors on this day with last-minute emphasis on Tither's Enlistment Day, Sunday, October 5.
- November 1—Release of Baptist Program with Every-Member Canvass emphasis.
- December 1—Release of Baptist Program with follow-up of Every-Member Canvass.

State

I. Goal

1. The goal of this campaign in Arkansas shall be 40,000 tithers.
2. We urge that all churches allocate at least 25 per cent of their total receipts for the Cooperative Program looking to a 50-50 division as the ideal.

II. Organization

1. A statewide committee.
2. General director of the campaign is to be the General Secretary.
3. Forty-two associational leaders, one in each association.
4. A church leader elected or appointed in every church.

III. Literature

1. Two songs on tithing.
2. A wide distribution of the two recent tracts published by J. E. Dillard.
3. A tract of our own creation published and widely distributed with the various causes that share in the Cooperative Program bearing the expenses of this tract.
4. Creation and offering of a Sunday School lesson on stewardship and tithing.
5. A poster distributed to the churches in addition to the one distributed by the Nashville office.
6. The distribution of pledge cards offered by the Executive Committee in Nashville.
7. Offering a general pledge card which calls for a pledge for church loyalty for three months.
8. Wide publicity given by the Arkansas Baptist.
9. Mats made available for weekly newspapers throughout the state.

IV. Calendar

1. Church leaders appointed in July.
2. August 28—A meeting of the moderators and missionaries in Little Rock.
3. September 1—A meeting of the Executive Board.
4. September 2—A state-wide Stewardship Rally in Little Rock.
5. September 8, 10, 12, 15, and 16—District rallies.
6. Ask associations to spend a half day session promoting the campaign in their annual meetings.
7. September 7—Announcements from the pulpits concerning the campaign.
8. Spot announcements over radios throughout the state.
9. September 14—Suggesting sermons on stewardship in all churches.
10. September 21—Suggesting a sermon on stewardship in every church and a distribution of tracts.
11. September 24—A prayer meeting in the interest of the stewardship campaign.
12. September 28—Sunday School lesson on stewardship and tithing taught in every Sunday School, with a sermon on tithing and a distribution of tracts and pledge cards.
13. September 29—October 3—A five night's study on stewardship and tithing in the churches.
14. October 5—Sermon on tithing in every church with the distribution of pledge cards and a gathering of the pledges.
15. Major emphasis in September Worker's Conferences.

Don't Get Ahead of Us, Brethren

We are giving herewith a suggested calendar on the promotion of the Tithing Campaign, from July 15 to December 1. We are setting ourselves to this task and opportunity. We are gathering and printing materials, and we are working on an organization for the promotion of the Campaign. We have cancelled our vacation and will promote the campaign.

Several of our leaders have written us for materials such as posters, cards, and tracts. Brethren, if you will let us make a suggestion, it would be this: Let us all try to keep step on this great Campaign. We appreciate the forwardness of some of our brethren in hastening into the movement, but we believe that you will greatly profit if you will wait a few weeks until we can get the literature and supplies ready. These helps will make it easier for you to do a more effective job in this Campaign.

Within the next 30 days we should have most every help prepared and ready for you. Let us try to follow this calendar as suggested and thereby avail ourselves of the opportunity of using the helps that both the Southwide and Statewide offices can offer. We ask your patience.

Order Your Tracts

You may order your tracts on stewardship and tithing from our office instead of ordering them from Nashville. The Nashville offices cannot send packages of tracts to 26,000 churches and that is the approximate number of churches that we have in the Southland. The Nashville offices have agreed to do their best in filling large orders for state boards. They do not think, however, that they can handle orders from us calling for as many as 25,000 to 50,000 tracts at a time.

You can see, brethren, that if a large number of churches send large orders to us, the supply of tracts is immediately exhausted. Please use discretion in making your orders. Make the orders as small as you can afford to do. Five thousand tracts of one kind is a normal supply for us. A few churches could exhaust this supply in one week. Others would have to wait.

Paper is scarce. Tracts are not numerous. They are expensive. It will be necessary for us to charge for tracts instead of giving them. Tracts are useful. We want to supply every need. We shall do our best, but we are giving you some clear information about what we are up against. Right now our supply of tracts is low. We hope to have a better supply later.

Order your tracts on missions and evangelism from the office of Dr. C. W. Caldwell, 214 Radio Center Building, Little Rock.