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The Non-Co-operating Baptist

By S. H. JONES, Editor

Baptist Courier

We recognize that there are always among us those individual Baptists and Baptist churches who do not choose to co-operate with the rest of us in our denominational programs and institutions. Some go so far as to repudiate these programs and institutions entirely and criticize them severely on every convenient occasion, while others, less vocal, simply withhold their co-operation. Their right and liberty to do so, we would not question. We do believe, however, that most of such non-co-operation grows out of misunderstanding and misinformation; and we base such belief on our own experience and observation. We offer, as a possible lead to better understanding, a few comments, not to criticize but to help, in all kindness and good humor.

Easier to Drift

1. Let it be clearly understood, in the outset, that neither our Baptist programs and institutions nor the people who work in them are perfect. They are imperfect, as all such agencies are. Even the churches and the most ardent Christian individuals must, to be honest, admit their own imperfections also. It is also true that denominational leaders, being human, do not please every body. Some may make serious errors, and some may be poor leaders. It may seem at times also as though some have a desire to force their opinions and programs upon people, though that is rare and probably never intended. It is also true that some such programs and institutions may get large and far removed from the people and thus lose their support because of lack of information and close contacts. People naturally distrust those they do not know. Then it is easier to drift alone than to co-operate with the "team." It takes less effort, less knowledge, less discipline and less money. All these and other things seem to offer sufficient reasons for some to withhold co-operation. Such non-co-operation is, at heart, a protest against some things and some people to which there is objection.

2. Admitting that we have no perfect programs nor perfect people to lead them, what are the alternatives to co-operation? If a Baptist, individual or church, decides to refrain from co-operating with others, what is he to do? Of course, he can just get off in a corner and pout. He can refuse to do the work of the Lord at all and give the faults of the program and its personnel as an excuse. He can continue a nominal, half-hearted co-operation while he heaps harsh and hurtful criticism upon the denomination and thus tends to weaken it. He can divert his support to non-Baptist causes which he may believe to be better than those of his own denomination. He may break with the denomination entirely and go along under another name. We have seen cases of all of these.

Should Face Facts

Obviously, it is childish, or worse, just to pout when one is displeased. To just quit, no matter what the excuse, is disloyalty to Christ as well as to the church. To continue a perfunctory co-operation while one's heart is not in it and to engage in destructive criticism meanwhile is close to treachery; and to use the Baptist name, prestige, and resources to support non-Baptist causes, is to say the least, risky.

After all, what assurance has any one that any non-Baptist enterprises are safer than our own? Usually, it seems some people trust them more because they know less about them

and because they offer a refuge for a dissatisfied Baptist. The last suggested move, to leave both Baptist program and name and take another name, is at least consistent.

But one does not need to do any of these. He can, and should, face all the denominational faults and failings with frankness and yet give his whole-hearted co-operation simply because he finds no worthy alternative. He can seek to correct the faults, in the spirit of Christ, within the framework of the program or institution itself. If he must criticize, he can do it in a constructive and responsible manner and at the proper time and place, while avoiding the fault of becoming a chronic and destructive critic. All the while he can pray for those who lead and help them in every possible way, even as he would like for others to do in a similar situation. In such a spirit of mutual seeking after God's will and mutual helpfulness in its accomplishment, true understanding, confidence, fellowship, and co-operation are developed. By such a constructive, Christian approach a great denomination has been built, even by imperfect people. By such an approach also we believe it will be maintained and strengthened for the winning of lost people and the on-going of God's kingdom until Jesus comes again.

In brief, we believe that co-operation is more reasonable, more scriptural, more Christian, and more effective in accomplishing the mission of Christ our Lord, than is non-co-operation.

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See What You Made Me Do

By W. BARRY GARRETT, Editor
Arizona Baptist Beacon

"See what you made me do!" Did you ever hear a child bark out such an accusation when he stumbled or spilled something. The tendency to blame the other person for our mistakes and failures is deeply rooted in human beings.

When Adam was caught in his sin in the Garden of Eden, he must have turned to Eve and growled, "See what you made me do!" Eve just as quickly turned to the serpent and spit at him, "See what you made me do!"

While Moses was in the mountain receiving instructions from the Lord, the children of Israel became restless and approached Aaron to make them some gods they could see. From the account in Exodus it appears that they did not have to insist too strongly for Aaron to comply.

But when Moses came down and wanted to know what it was all about, Aaron said, "You know the people, that they are set on mischief. They forced me to make them a golden calf." He even tried to explain away the making of the image by saying, "I threw the gold into the fire and out came this calf." He tried to evade his own responsibility.

History is full of examples of people who have tried to shift the responsibility for their shortcomings to the other person. People are not willing to face the guilt and consequences of their own sins.

But whether they are willing or not, God holds each of us accountable, and the Bible teaches, "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12.)

It takes a real man to say, "I have sinned," "I made a mistake," "I am responsible." But that is the kind of person the Lord can forgive and in whom people can have confidence.

The Living Redeemer

A Devotion by the Editor

"For I know that my redeemer liveth." Reichel was conducting the final rehearsal of his great choir for the production of the "Messiah." The chorus had sung through to the point where the soprano solo takes the refrain, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The soloist's technique was perfect—she had faultless breathing, flawless enunciation. After the final note—all eyes were fixed on Reichel to catch his look of approval. Instead he silenced the orchestra, walked up to the singer with sorrowful eyes, and said, "My daughter, you do not really know that your Redeemer liveth, do you?" "Why, yes," she answered flushingly, "I think I do." "Then sing it," cried Reichel. "Tell me so that I will know and all who hear you will know that you know the joy and power of it." Then he motioned the orchestra to play again. This time she sang the truth as she knew it and had experienced it in her own soul, and all who heard wept under the spell of it. The old master approached her with tear-dimmed eyes, and said, "You do know, for you have told me."

It was through struggle and suffering and disappointment that Job arrived at this great discovery: "I know that my Redeemer liveth." But for that discovery Job would have given up in despair, it was his only hope and the only anchor of his soul in the sea of conflict and strife and opposition which threatened to engulf him. Rob Job of this discovery and you would never have heard of him; his place in history, the assurance that his name will never die, grows out of this discovery, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Our generation has witnessed a continuous world upheaval. Forgetting the lessons of the past the human race is repeating the same old mistakes of the past and Christian people are being carried along by the force of world events into the cataclysms by what appear to be the irresistible currents which have plunged the world into the greatest conflicts of history. "The world is perplexed; so are we. The world is scared; so are we. The world is seeking some way out of the tangle; so are we."

If the Christian people of the world are thrown off their balance, there is little hope for the world. There is but one thing which will maintain the balance of Christian people, it is the same thing that steadied Job in the struggles which threatened to engulf him: "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: . . . Whom I shall see for myself . . ." Job 19:25-27.

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From The Editor's Desk

Mother's Love Is Immortal

Mother! 'Tis a name to charm savage heart and tame the wildest tendencies of human nature. There is no other name in human language, expressing a human relationship, which is so rich in meaning and recalls such appealing memories and stirs such noble emotions. It is a name that has become endeared to us by qualities which rise above the biological level and partake of the nature of the spiritual and sacred.



prayer of faith and dedication is whispered to the heavenly Father.

Such a scene is by no means over drawn, but is as true as a mother's love. This scene, if visualized and appreciated and understood, is enough to inspire every young man and young woman to his or her purest and noblest living. It will guide them in their choices, it will restrain them in temptation, it will spur them onward in their holiest purposes, it will lead them to Christ for salvation and

eternal life.

Never Gives Up

The mother's love and prayers are as persistent and as undying as immortality itself, in fact the love of a Christian mother is immortal and her prayers are timeless. When the disciples feared for their own lives and stood at a safe distance from Calvary, "there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother." Of course, she was there.

Franklin Dempsey tells of hearing Madame Schumann-Heink sing. He says, "The song that comes to the front in my memories of that evening is that of a mother's grief for her children, 'Rachel mourning for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are not.' The singer herself has been bereaved of her children; and she so sang that in the mastered agony of her tones one could see the mothers in ancient Bethlehem flinging their arms wildly to heaven, clutching their empty bosoms, as in frenzy they wail over the mutilated forms of their babies.

"Genius has voiced their inarticulate woe of millions, but only revelation has supplied comfort for it. For Jesus Christ, by whose cross His mother stood that day, has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Heart Treasures

When the shepherds told all the things that were made known unto them, it is said that Mary, the mother of Jesus, "kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Can't you see the picture, duplicated a million times. The mother sits by the manger, or the tiny crib, looking into the infant face with all the love and hope and tenderness of a mother's heart. And in her heart is stored every intimation of the child's growth and development, capabilities and tendencies, the comments, good wishes, and prophecies of friends and acquaintances.

All these intimations she ponders in her heart, projecting them into the future years, trying to visualize the life that shall be; formulating plans, moulding ideals, fixing goals and devising means, by which the infant life may come to maturity with every possible advantage needful to make the life rich and noble and worthwhile. A smile of satisfaction plays over her face, the light of anticipation sparkles in her eyes, the soft gentle hum of some old hymn of trust and deep devotion breaks the silence within the room, and a

How May Denominational Agencies and Institutions Promote The Cooperative Program

Obviously, we could not plan in detail a promotional program for our denominational agencies and institutions. All we propose to do is to suggest some broad principles that should guide them in their promotion of the program and in their co-operation with other promotional agencies.

Pledge of Co-operation

First of all, it would seem to be the part of wisdom and fair play, when these agencies and institutions are presenting their claims for an allocation to the Executive Board, to offer the Executive Board their facilities and full co-operation in promoting the Cooperative Program from which they are asking an allocation. It would undoubtedly encourage the Executive Board, whether it is a State Executive Board or the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion Executive Board, for an institution or agency to pledge to that board its full co-operation in promoting the Cooperative Program. If there has ever been such an offer by an agency or institution it has not come to our attention. It would seem that these Executive Boards have the right to expect the co-operation of these agencies and institutions in promoting the Cooperative Program. Surely there would be nothing unfair in a request from the Board for such co-operation. This co-operation in the promotion of the Cooperative Program should also be extended to every phase of the promotional program.

This co-operation in the promotional program should be taken up by the boards of trustees and by the administrative staffs of the agencies and institutions. These official

groups should certainly consider the methods and means by which they may be able to co-operate with the promotional agencies of the Southern Convention and the State Conventions and the local pastors and churches. They could provide speakers where and when practical, they could provide promotional literature for wide distribution over their particular territory.

Report to Contributors

Promoting Cooperative Program by the agencies and institutions would seem to include at least two distinct elements. First, a report to the people, who give through the Cooperative Program, what is being accomplished by a particular agency or institution, and second, the challenge of the opportunities which are provided by the agency or institution for a larger service in the kingdom of God.

Concerning a report to the people who give the Cooperative Program funds, it would seem that they would have a right to expect a more direct report from the agencies and institutions which are using these funds in kingdom service than they are able to get from their general reading of denominational literature. It would seem more like a personal message to a layman if an institution would tell him just what use is being made of his contribution to the Cooperative Program. And if he could get reports from all these agencies and institutions direct to himself his interest in the whole program of Southern Baptists would be tremendously stimulated. At present however, the layman, unless he is the exceptional layman who has made a special effort to find out in detail about the various phases of our denominational work, has only a sketchy knowledge of what is going on in the work of the denomination through its various agencies and institutions. He gets a little here and a little there but he seldom, if ever, tries to put it all together into a well ordered pattern. In fact, he may see very little pattern in it.

Many of our Baptist people who are enlisted as tithers are enlisted upon the sole basis of their obligation as a steward without knowing much about what their tithe is being used for outside the program of the local church. If more adequate and more comprehensive information could be brought down to the individual concerning the use of his tithe outside the program of the local church, it would be a powerful stimulus to the whole program of stewardship enlistment among our Baptist constituency throughout the South.

State Papers

Of course it is obviously impossible for our agencies and institutions to contact every individual in the Southern Baptist Convention. That is not expected. However the one agency that reaches more Southern Baptists than any other in our whole promotional set-up is the state paper. The state papers of the Southern Baptist Convention go into almost a million homes and reach a possible four million readers, or at least half of our Southern Baptist constituency. It is reasonable to believe that the state papers reach the most interested and the most loyal half of our Baptist people.

(Continued on page seven)

Kingdom Progress

C. Gordon Bayless Returns to Arkansas



C. Gordon Bayless, who was the pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, from 1930-34, has returned to Arkansas to serve as the pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock.

After leaving Arkansas, Mr. Bayless was the pastor of First Church, Pampa, Texas, during which time he also served on the Executive Board of the Texas Convention. Other pastorates were in Kansas City and Springfield, Missouri.

The past nine years were spent in the field of evangelism where he conducted more than 200 revival meetings.

Batesville and Clarksville Use Joe Shaver

Pastor Joe Shaver and First Church, Batesville, recently engaged in revival services with Pastor Shaver doing the preaching and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Terrell, Houston, Texas, in charge of the music.

Dr. R. G. Lee, Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, was with Pastor Shaver for one service and delivered his famous sermon, "Pay Day Someday" on April 16.

Mr. Shaver was with the First Church, Clarksville, recently in a revival meeting. There were 27 additions to the church for baptism.

Forrest City Church Observes Youth Week

First Church, Forrest City, T. K. Rucker, pastor, observed Youth Week, April 15-22. A total of 83 young people held offices during the week assuming places of leadership in the Sunday School, Training Union, the Woman's Missionary Society. They also had charge of the musical program and Gerald Pitts, a junior in high school, filled the pulpit on Sunday evening, April 15.

Youth Week came to a climax at the morning service, April 22, with the young people of the church seated in a group and Pastor T. K. Rucker brought the message on "The Secret of a Great Life." Special music was rendered by the Youth Choir with Morgan Collins as soloist who sang, "The Beatitudes."

Golden Gate Seminary Awards Arkansan With Th. D.

Edmond R. Walker, formerly of Viola, is one of two Golden Gate Baptist Seminary students who will receive the award of Doctor of Theology on April 30, in the seminary's third graduating class.

Brazil and China are represented in the 1951 class. The states represented in the graduating class include California, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Maine. A total of 22 awards will be granted to 21 students.

Walker received his A.B. degree from Ouachita College.

Dr. W. Ross Edwards Brings Baccalaureate, Star City

Dr. W. Ross Edwards, formerly of Arkansas, now pastor of the Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, has been invited to deliver the baccalaureate address for the Star City High School on May 20.

It was 20 years ago that Dr. Edwards graduated from the Star City High School.

Also upon the invitation of Dr. Jared I. Cartledge, pastor of the Seventh and James Street Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, Dr. Edwards will be the inspirational speaker for the Latham Springs Assembly, July 9-15. This is said to be one of the largest assemblies in the state of Texas.

First Church, Ward Organizes Brotherhood

First Church, Ward, Ernest Baker, pastor, organized a Brotherhood in the church Thursday evening, April 19, with 21 present. Those assisting in the organization were Association-Missionary H. S. Coleman; W. M. Pratt, First Church, Lonoke; Herbert Smith, Lonoke; and T. E. Privett, Lonoke.

The Ward Church closed a two weeks Vacation Bible School Friday, April 20, which was the first Bible School conducted in Caroline Association this year.

Anniversary Service

An anniversary service commemorating the completion of the new sanctuary was held by the First Church, Crossett, on Sunday evening, April 22.

The commemoration took the form of a graduation service and was under the direction of the chairman of the board of directors.

Honorary Master's degrees were awarded the members of the building committee and to the pastor, J. W. Buckner. Master Builder degree to C. F. Tatum, John Henry Allen, Carl Love, George Alcorn, and John Alcorn; Doctor of church architecture degree to Pastor Buckner.

Arkansans In Revivals East of The River

Luther Dorsey, First Church, England, was with the First Southern Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, during the Simultaneous Crusade east of the Mississippi.

Lawson Hatfield, First Church, DeQueen, was evangelist for First Church, Troy, Alabama.

Sidney Oxendine, First Church, Dardanelle, was with the Silvertown Church, Thomas-ton, Georgia.

Minister Ordained



James Walker

James Walker, a Ouachita College student, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday, April 15, by the Bethel Church, Central Association, of which he is pastor.

The council was composed of ministers and deacons from nearby churches. Ralph Bishop, Bauxite, served as moderator; and W. A. Jackson, Benton, served as clerk.

Dr. B. K. Selph, Benton, questioned the candidate; Boyd Eldridge, Bauxite, offered the ordination prayer; Delbert Garrett, Central Association Missionary, presented the Bible; Jack Bledsoe gave the charge; and Harvey Elledge, Baring Cross, North Little Rock, preached the ordination sermon.

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Arkansan Awarded Th.D. Degree

Mr. Charles Frank Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Pitts of Harrisburg, received the Doctor of Theology Degree from the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, May 3. While at Central Seminary he majored in Old Testament.

Mr. Pitts was licensed to preach by First Church, Harrisburg, in 1935, and is a graduate of both Ouachita College and Southern Baptist Seminary. He also served four years in the Army during World War II.

Recently he resigned as pastor of Immanuel Church, Rogers, to accept the College Avenue Church, Bryan, Texas. In the five months he has served as pastor of this church there have been 92 additions to the church.



Listen to the
BAPTIST HOUR

Date: May 13

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject:
"Future Unlimited"

Arkansas Stations:

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
KTHS, Hot Springs, 4:00 p. m.
KENA, Mena
KXLB, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.
KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

Man And Boy Movement Presents Great Challenge

When God gave F. Ivy Boggs, estate analyst of Dallas, Texas, the Man for Boy Movement, he gave to Southern Baptists the key that will unlock for Christ the lives of every unchurched lad in every church community in the Southern Baptist Convention territory—that is if the men will take it seriously and see that it is properly projected in and through their churches.

The Man and Boy Movement is but a simple plan to use men to reach unchurched boys for Sunday School attendance.

If the challenge and significance of the Man and Boy Movement could captivate the tens of thousands of men who are enrolled in our thousands of Brotherhoods, then literally hundreds of thousands of unchurched people—the boys, their sisters, mothers, and dads—could be reached with the message of Christ. Think what would happen in your own church community if the men of your church really went after the boys who were not attending Sunday School.

The Man and Boy Movement is big, big because it has as its major purpose the introducing of Jesus Christ to every unchurched lad in every community. If properly promoted it can revolutionize any community for Christ. If promoted on a large enough scale, it can shake to the very core the homelife of our nation for Christ.

Come on! Give the Man and Boy Movement a chance. Present it to the men of your Brotherhood. Suggest that they adopt it as a working objective—then encourage them to give it adequate promotion during the coming months. The men will be thrilled with the practical results that will be realized through their efforts.

Literature concerning the Man and Boy Movement is available through the offices of the Brotherhood Commission or your state Brotherhood secretary. It is free. Send for it today.

—Brotherhood Bulletin

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Eight Million Dollars

By LAWSON H. COOKE

We have always been convinced that the Cooperative Program will supply every normal denominational need, both operational and capital, if it is given the right-of-way, and all other appeals are subordinated to it.

We believe that the figures for the past four years will prove our point.

In 1947 the Convention established the present arrangement of dividing our Cooperative Program gifts into two columns, the first column was to supply the operating budgets of the Convention agencies, and the second column was to meet their capital needs. During the past four years \$8,396,359.30 has been distributed through the Cooperative Program for capital needs alone.

It is our opinion that our agencies could not have raised eight million dollars in four years by going afield, each agency campaigning for itself, without completely destroying the financial structure of the denomination. We could not have had the present orderly and equitable distribution of funds on a basis of the relative needs of the agency. Instead we would have had a series of competitive campaigns which most certainly would have resulted in a spirit of ill feeling among our agencies, and this would have been disastrous to the entire denominational program.

Then again it would have been necessary for the agencies to send representatives into our churches, and these pulpit appeals from Sunday to Sunday would have seriously impaired our regular preaching program.

—Brotherhood Bulletin

Worker Available



Raymond Jones

Raymond D. Jones, who will receive the Master's of Sacred Music and Master's of Religious Education degrees from Southwestern Theological Seminary at the May graduation, is entering the evangelistic field as a singer and pianist. He is 29 years old, has a wife and one son. Mr. Jones may be contacted at 4405 Stanley Street, Ft. Worth, Texas.



Walnut Street, Jonesboro Has Alabaman in Revival

Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, James H. Fitzgerald, pastor, had the services of A. T. Willis, Huntsville, Alabama, a former Arkansas pastor, and James M. Saunders, Memphis, Tennessee, in a recent revival meeting April 15-22.

The Sunday School had a record attendance on the last Sunday with 491 present. There were 44 additions to the church with 22 of these coming for baptism and 21 by letter and one by statement. There were two persons who surrendered for special service.

Pastor Fitzgerald says of the men, "we can heartily recommend these brethren to the churches as a wonderful evangelistic team."

Caroline Association Hymn-Sing

The Caroline Associational Hymn Sing met with the Mt. Carmel Church, April 29. There were 14 churches represented. Four pastors and Missionary H. S. Coleman were present, with a total attendance of 126. Henry Jayroe, Ward, the associational music director, planned and directed the program for the day.

Christian Amendment Violates Constitution

By J. M. DAWSON

Immediately the Jews, numbering many millions in the Nation, raised strenuous objections. Other groups called attention to the language of the First Amendment which specifies that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." The resolutions are the outgrowth of a lobbying effort put forth by the Christian Amendment Party. The good people composing this zealous party have contributed large sums of money for the creation of literature propagandizing their movement. They have worked diligently to enlist the interest of this office. We have never seen fit to endorse the movement, because we think it is contrary to the First Amendment. We cannot imagine that it is possible to Christianize this Nation by means of legal enactment and use of police force. We should deplore the effect upon national unity that serious consideration of such bills might produce. Repeated efforts have been made along this line in the past, only to fail, because a full examination of the proposal will reveal that it does not comport with the American principle of separation of church and state. It will be noted, therefore, that this Amendment seeks to undo what the founders of this Republic, considering well in the First Amendment, provided Congress must never do . . . "make any law respecting the establishment of religion." The proposed amendment, though a pious gesture, is a mistaken one in our judgment, for while all Christians are earnestly concerned to make the Nation Christian, we can only agree to do so through spiritual means.

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Minister Licensed

C. L. Howard was licensed to preach by the First Church, Crossett, on April 8. Mr. Howard is a World War II veteran. He plans to enter college in June.

J. W. Buckner is pastor of the Crossett church.

First Church, DeQueen Receives 36 Additions

First Church, DeQueen, Lawson Hatfield, pastor, had Minor E. Cole, Dumas, in a nine-day revival meeting in March. There were 36 additions to the church, 22 of these by baptism and 14 by letter.

Arkansans in Blue Mountain

Marianne Colvert, Little Rock, has been elected vice-president of the sophomore class at Blue Mountain College for the 1951-52 session.

Marian Mayes, Blytheville, has been elected president of the senior class.

"The Safer Your Car The Safer You Are"

By Arkansas Safety Council

"Today's inspection can be tomorrow's protection," said Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President of the Arkansas Safety Council in announcing the Arkansas Automobile Dealers' Association as sponsor for the Council's May Safety Education program, "Vehicle Maintenance."

The May program will be directed by George H. Benjamin, Secretary-Manager for the Association.

"The aim of the safety program is to remind, tell, urge every car owner, and driver to keep his car in good, safe operating condition, and to drive with care. Remember, the safer your car, the safer you are," reminded Benjamin.

★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

By Religious News Service

Ministers Get Ruling On Social Security

Ministers performing lay work in non-religious organizations are not subject to the Social Security Act, or to payroll deductions or benefits under it, if they are doing such work at the direction of the church body which they serve as clergymen.

If however, they perform lay work in a non-religious organization and such by the minister in the conduct of religious worship or the ministrations of sacerdotal functions are excepted from "employment" as defined in the Act.

Where the organization is religious in character, the minister is excluded from coverage whether he serves in his post at the specific direction of his church body or not.

This ruling was issued by Commissioner George J. Schoeneman of the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue. It was made necessary by the large number of borderline cases involving social security coverage of workers in religious organizations and non-profit institutions.

Ministers are generally excluded from the Social Security Act and cannot be covered by it, even if that is their desire.

Chinese Arrest Top Protestant Leader

Bishop W. Y. Chen, head of the West China Area of The Methodist Church and general secretary of the National Christian Council of China, has been arrested by the Communists and imprisoned at Shanghai, it was learned in Hong Kong. The arrest was made during the latter part of March.

Bishop Chen was denounced in Peking as an "imperialist agent," the report said, and was charged with playing a leading role in "Americanizing" Protestant churches in China.

The same charge was made against three U. S. Missionaries and three other Chinese Christian leaders. One of them was said to be Ku Jenen, a native YMCA worker arrested and imprisoned in Tientsin.

U. S. Protestants singled out for attack were Frank Price, Timothy Lee, and Edward Lockwood. Only Dr. Price, veteran Southern Presbyterian missionary, is believed to be still in China. Unconfirmed reports stated that he has been arrested in Shanghai.

Final Break With Missions Planned at Peking Conference

Christian circles in Shanghai attributed great importance to the national conference of church, YMCA, and YWCA leaders held in Peking under the auspices of the Chinese People's National Government.

The meeting, it was stated, will have far-reaching effects on the future development of Christianity in China.

According to reliable sources, the pastors and Christian lay workers who attended the conference discussed recent developments and future prospects in the government-sponsored Christian Reform Movement which aims at making Chinese Christian churches and other organizations self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating.

Baptists Complete Wigwam-Shaped Church

A wigwam-shaped house of worship has been completed by members of Hopewell Baptist church, eight miles west of Edmond, Oklahoma.

The unusual structure, which cost \$50,000, was begun in September 1947. All construction work was done by members of the church, who worked evenings after laboring in nearby oil fields and farms.

Plans for the teepee-shaped church were drawn up by the congregation's first pastor, D. B. Hoskins, in consultation with Bruce Goff, head of the University of Oklahoma architecture school at Norman.

Actual construction was begun, however, under the pastorate of D. R. Philley, and the work was completed under the present pastor, W. J. Hart. The congregation has 229 members.

Although the church has begun holding services in its new "wigwam," dedication ceremonies will be delayed two months until landscaping is done.

Air Force Officer Interfering With State Laws

According to a certified copy of the minutes of the Nome City Council of Nome, Alaska, at its meeting on February 26, 1951, recently received by Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, President of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, Captain McKay, Commanding Officer of the Marks Air Force Base near Nome, at this meeting asked the Council to rescind its regulations and permit Alaska Territorial Law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors to be infringed, so far as minors in the Air Force were concerned.

Captain McKay told the Council that these boys were being served whiskey at the Base, that Fairbanks and Anchorage had been persuaded to overlook the law, and "that the Alaska Command at Anchorage allows the privilege in Alaska as an overseas measure." According to the letter accompanying the certified copy of the minutes, Captain McKay, after the refusal of the Council to rescind their regulations stated that in future passes from the Base would not include a statement of the bearer's age.

Since this release was put in form, Lieutenant General W. E. Kepner in charge of the Alaska Command, has written Delegate Bartlett who represents Alaska in the House of Representatives, that Captain McKay had no authority to take the steps which eventuated in the action of the Council. Notwithstanding this fact, Captain McKay's action indicates a definite and dangerous drift.

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I know it is more agreeable to walk upon a carpet than to lie upon a dungeon floor. I know it is pleasant to have all the comforts and luxuries of civilization. But he who cares only for these things is worth no more than a butterfly contented and thoughtless upon a morning flower; and whoever thought of rearing a tombstone to a last-summer's butterfly?

—Henry Ward Beecher

A Smile or Two

"It takes two to make a marriage, all right."

"Yes, a single girl and her anxious mother."

A new arrival at a boarding house saw the one boarder had one fork too many by his plate at supper and seemed acutely embarrassed. "Why is he so disturbed?" "Oh," replied one familiar with the place, "that's the landlady's way of collecting past-due bills—that extra implement means, 'fork over.'"

Hubby: "What are we having for dessert tonight, dear?"

The Mrs.: "Sponge cake. I sponged the eggs from Mrs. Brown, the flour from Mrs. Smith, and the milk from Mrs. Jones."

First Student (at college): "What's that odor in the library?"

Older Student: "That's the dead silence they keep there."

As a contemporary sees it, it is a woman's world. When a man is born, people say: "How is the mother?" When he marries, they say: "What a lovely bride!" And when he dies, they say, "How much did he leave her?"

Sandwich: Two slices of bread between which there would be something if it weren't for food prices.

Competition between stenographers must be keen in Russia, since so many people there can take dictation.

Yes, money talks;
But dime for dime,
Its voice gets weaker
All the time.

The stingy farmer was scoring his hired man for carrying a lighted lantern to call on his best girl.

"The idea!" he exclaimed. "When I was courtin', I never carried no lantern; I went in the dark."

"Yes, said the hired hand sadly, "and look what you got."

A piece of paper, slipped under the windshield wiper of the brand-new convertible parked in the "No Parking" zone bore the words: "Attorney—am inside attending to business."

Below, very neatly written, appeared the additional note: "Policeman — am outside attending to business."

And on the door handle was a parking ticket.

Mother: "Did little Elmer have any trouble while we were out this evening?"

Baby sitter: "Nothing, except he swallowed a bug a few minutes ago, but I gave him some insect powder right away. So there's nothing to worry about."

"The horn on your car must be broken."

"No, it's just indifferent."

"Indifferent?"

"Yes, it just doesn't give a hoot."

Customer: "Why do you have an apple as your trade-mark? You're a tailor."

Tailor: "Well, if it hadn't been for an apple, where would the clothing business be?"

MacArthur's Ouster Gets Mixed Greeting By Churchmen

By Religious News Service

New York—President Truman's action in removing General of the Army Douglas MacArthur from his Far Eastern Commands was greeted with mixed feelings in church circles.

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York was among several denominational leaders who commended the President for his action.

"It is a basic American principle that foreign policy shall be determined by the civilian representatives of the people, not by the military servants of the people," Bishop Oxnam said.

"The President, in dismissing Gen. MacArthur, has courageously reaffirmed that principle. Gen. Eisenhower rather than Gen. MacArthur reveals the American way. Decisions of foreign policy cannot, without abrogating American law and practice, be made by military commanders in the field, no matter how brilliant the general may be.

"Historically, nations ruled by military dictators have been a constant threat to the peace. Americans govern themselves through civilian representatives of their own choice. General MacArthur is a soldier and knows that obedience is a first military principle.

"It appears that he has disobeyed his superiors. It appears that he has sought to make foreign policy decisions. The President could do no other than dismiss him under the circumstances. The President's decision should be judged in the light of American principles rather than in the partisan terms of the forthcoming 1952 election.

"The solidarity of the West as it confronts Communism, as well as continuing cooperation in the United Nations, are involved in this decision. The President deserves the approval and the support of loyal Americans."

The Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Washington, D. C., also lauded President Truman for removing General MacArthur and for his declaration that it was the United States' aim to limit the war to Korea.

Asserting that he was "speaking simply for myself and as a citizen," Bishop Dun said:

"I fully support the President in his painful decision to remove General MacArthur from his command in spite of the great service of the general for which we must all remain grateful.

"The principle of the subordination of military policy to civilian-control political policy is clearly at stake. I approve entirely of the President's declared policy to do everything possible to restrict the present conflict to Korea.

"I am opposed to any further commitment to the discredited regime of General Chiang Kai-shek."

The same position was taken by several other top Protestant leaders who said they preferred not to make statements because they were not authorized to do so by their constituencies.

Meanwhile, leaders of conservative Protestant groups were generally opposed to the dismissal of General MacArthur.

At its annual convention in Chicago, the National Association of Evangelicals expressed support for the general and his "Christian leadership."

The resolution contrasted General MacArthur's personal integrity with "the lack of integrity and widespread corruption and graft in high places." It called on Congress to "undertake an immediate investigation of all the circumstances attendant upon the recall of General MacArthur and take appropriate action."

A spokesman for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod criticized the President for his action and praised General MacArthur "for a competent performance of almost any difficult task entrusted to him."

"President Truman evidently felt that unity at home and unity abroad required a change of commanders in Japan and Korea," the spokesman said. "There is no question about his legal right to take the action he did in supplanting MacArthur. Resentment at this action, which undeniably exists in the country, may be based upon disagreement with the policies of the administration in the Far East.

"On the other hand, it may be based even more upon the feeling of respect the American people have acquired for the sense of responsibility displayed by MacArthur in contrast to the many evidences of lack of responsibility on the part of persons in the Truman official family.

"To many people dismissal of a responsible official who has performed his task competently and loyally seems a high price to pay for a doubtful unity with questionable allies."

In New York, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of The Christian Herald, made public a telegram he sent to General MacArthur at Tokyo. It said:

"This is your finest hour. You have the confidence, gratitude and love of the American people. Against all odds you have fought to win another war as quickly as possible, saving as many lives as possible. Now, come home and in the present crisis lead us in the fight to save our own freedom and to help save freedom for the world."

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, of New York, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, warned Americans against permitting the President's action to become "dangerously controversial."

"Nothing would be more catastrophic than to have the President's action become a political football to be exploited for political ends, for religious controversy, or to set American against American," he said.

"What is involved is the basic American principle of civilian rather than military control in establishing and pursuing American foreign and domestic policy."

"We have shed too much precious American blood, even now we are sacrificing too much of our treasured youth for the purpose of destroying dictatorship, for us to challenge this action of the President in reaffirming and reestablishing this fundamental American doctrine of the supremacy of the American civilian."

In an editorial prepared for the April 21 issue of America, national Jesuit weekly published here, a similar warning was voiced by the magazine's editors.

"From any angle you look at it," the editorial said, "the storm now swirling around General MacArthur is deplorable. What remains of our national unity is in danger of being destroyed by the supercharged lightning flashes of emotion generated by personal and political partisanship.

"We discern but one hopeful ray in the lightning-ridden clouds. If the controversy can be brought under control and carried on calmly on the basis of issues involved, it may become the last great debate on U. S. foreign policy."

The editorial expressed hope that the "MacArthur incident" will be productive of a new national unity.

It called upon those who join the general in

How Agencies-Institutions May Promote The Cooperative Program

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The state papers therefore provide the one medium for reaching the greatest number of Southern Baptists. Our agencies and institutions are not taking full advantage of the opportunities which the state papers provide them for reporting to the people, who give the money, on the use that is made of that money in denominational service.

We receive news releases from these agencies and institutions and all our state papers in the South carry these news releases, as many of them as they can, considering that the space available in the paper must be balanced with news from so many different sources, both state and south-wide. But these news releases are wholly inadequate to give the individual contributor to the Cooperative Program a comprehensive picture of the service made possible to our agencies and institutions by the Cooperative Program dollar. It is impossible for the state papers under the present method of reporting and promotion by our agencies and institutions to give a well balanced picture of their work to our readers.

This deficiency in the promotional program of the agencies and institutions could be easily and economically remedied if each agency and institution, state and south-wide, would set up a monthly schedule of display publicity through the state papers.

A monthly message from those who receive the funds to those who give the funds would mean a tremendous stimulus and a tremendous encouragement to the people back home. We believe that our agencies and institutions owe that much consideration to those who are providing the funds.

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urging the U. S. to abandon its present efforts to safeguard Europe and devote its resources chiefly to a full-scale war with Communist China "not to overlook" the following considerations:

(1) If we decide to push the issue in Asia, we shall have to go it alone. Our Atlantic allies, the Asian Arabian nations, and the Latin Americans will not support us.

(2) Attacking China in the belief that the USSR will not come to her aid is not a calculated risk—it is the wildest sort of gamble.

(3) Our big strategic bombers on which we now rely to deter Russia in the West will be relatively ineffective in China. Atomic bombing will have little military value and might invite Russian retaliation. Thus there is no hope of a short and cheap war.

(4) Our air force is still woefully unready for a major conflict.

(5) Even if Russia did not intervene in China, she would be powerfully tempted to take over an almost defenseless Europe, including Britain, acquiring thereby a tremendous war potential.

(6) If we tempt Russia into a war for which we are still unprepared we shall expose the people to destruction since our home defense system, both military and civil, is pitifully incomplete.

(7) As the President emphasized in his address to the nation, our present policy is designed to avoid World War III. Though it may fail, it furnishes a hope lacking in the MacArthur approach.

The Oak Ridge Story

By RICHARD N. OWEN

Tennessee Baptists have reason to be aware of Oak Ridge, a name now known more widely than Tennessee itself, a name that symbolizes a new era in man's struggle on earth. Tennessee Baptists have particular reason to be informed and awake not only because of Oak Ridge as a place of atomic power but also as a place of spiritual power. As Oak Ridge now moves into its new permanent phase with new houses supplanting the temporary structures, Baptists in that strategic center are moving forward toward consolidating their gains for the kingdom of God. It was the high privilege of the editor to be with them the last week in March.

Oak Ridge is a story of one of the most stupendous undertakings by man. It is a story of human beings with their plans, problems and needs as well as the story of a great scientific venture that equalled in magnitude the building of a Panama Canal each year for three years in a row. It was carried on in such secrecy that when at length the story broke in August, 1945, with the Hiroshima bomb, it stunned the world.

All the world is familiar with the name Oak Ridge because of the vast changes now taking place in our world through the controlled release of the tremendous forces stored within the atom's nucleus.

Some strange and wondrous facts emerged in the building of the unprecedented facilities as given by George O. Robinson Jr. in his book, "The Oak Ridge Story." For instance:

Blueprints By the Acre

"Twelve million square feet of blueprints, a number which would furnish a reader with his favorite newspaper for 650 years, if that newspaper averaged 28 pages on week-days and was three times that size on Sundays, were used by Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation alone in drafting plans and specifications for the electro-magnetic plant.

"Because copper was short and time was more valuable than gold, 14,000 tons of silver having a monetary value of over \$500,000,000 was borrowed from the United States Treasury and used for electrical conductors and bus-bars in the electro-magnetic plant.

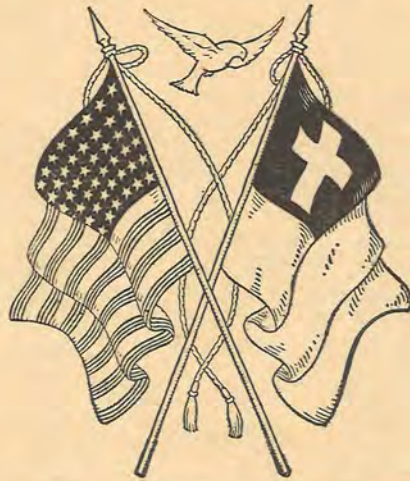
"Porous barriers for the concentration of uranium-235 by the gaseous diffusion method were developed which not only contained billions of holes smaller than two-millionths of an inch in diameter but had to be amenable to manufacture in large quantities, measured in acres.

"Cleanliness is so vital in the gaseous diffusion operations that a thumbprint represents contamination.

"The operating floor of the gaseous diffusion plant is so vast that technical personnel use bicycles to reach recording instruments stretching for a distance of nearly half a mile.

"The present-day main operating plants at Oak Ridge are the gaseous diffusion plant, the electro-magnetic plant and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, nuclear research center, but another plant which made a vital contribution to the war effort by supplying additional quantities of uranium-235 was the thermal diffusion plant.

"The 'pile' at Oak Ridge National Laboratory is the source of production and distribution of radioactive isotopes now widely



used for research in medicine, biology, agriculture and industry. Since August 2, 1946, thousands of shipments have gone to various research groups over the country—and abroad. The distribution of these radioisotopes (radioactive isotopes are variations of common elements with the same chemical properties as the stable element but having a different atomic weight and exhibiting the property of radioactivity) is one of the most important peacetime applications in the development of atomic energy.

"Other peacetime work being carried on at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in nuclear research includes studies in tracer chemistry; biological research; a health physics program which not only controls but continues to study improvements on the control of radiation hazards, and research on uranium chain-reactors looking toward eventual use of atomic energy for commercial power purposes. Increased emphasis has been placed on basic research and chemical process development work at the laboratory.

Camptown Becomes a City

"In 1948, the Atomic Energy Commission set its sights on three major steps to make Oak Ridge a self-governing, self-supporting municipality occupying a normal place among other cities and towns of Tennessee.

"They were (1) the elimination of barriers guarding Oak Ridge and the opening of the community proper to the general public with a simultaneous elaboration of security measures for the atomic energy production and research facilities; (2) private ownership of real property within Oak Ridge, either on the basis of sale or long-term lease of land, thereby stimulating development of needed facilities by private enterprise and stimulating home ownership; and (3) incorporation of the city under Tennessee charter."

Hundreds of new homes and apartments are now being constructed replacing emergency shelter built during wartime. A magnificent four and half million dollar high school is nearing completion making Oak Ridge unsurpassed in school facilities.

Under a Master Plan the city is making an orderly transition from its camptown atmosphere to one of the most attractive cities to be found anywhere in the nation ringed about as it is with mountain loveliness.

Three Baptist Churches

The story of Baptists in Oak Ridge is one of vision and vitality. Beginning with a Sunday School in 1943, a group of Baptist students led by BSU Secretary Rogers M. Smith conducted the first church service spearheading the organization of First Baptist Church in January, 1944, with 42 members. W. Stuart Rule is the first and only pastor the church has had. The first year the church was allocated \$3,000 from State Missions to assist it in getting started. Not only was this amount returned by the church at the close of the first year but \$3,000 in addition was given by it to missions.

Under the able, faithful leadership of Pastor Rule the Baptists moved forward with vision to foresee strategic steps for the enlargement and promotion of the work in all parts of the city he led First Church in organization of mission Sunday Schools in various school buildings about the area. These in time have become churches: Calvary with 140 members; Glenwood, T. M. Megar, pastor, with 436 members. In addition a Sunday school and preaching mission are conducted at Woodland school as a branch of First Church under assistant Pastor Paul Godsey, a Carson-Newman ministerial student.

Since organization, First Church has used facilities of the Oak Ridge high school. All denominations have made use of the school buildings but now that the city enters upon a permanent phase new church structures are going up with denominations in many instances aiding local congregations. Catholics opened their new building and parochial school a few weeks ago. Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Church of Christ, Lutherans, and Methodists have built or are building to meet their needs.

By far the largest percentage of Oak Ridge population is Baptist—probably 30 per cent. The city has in excess of 30,000 population. Probably no church has ever been confronted with a more challenging and demanding need than First Church, Oak Ridge, as it provides facilities for its expanding work. Plans for the new building have been drawn in keeping with the Atomic City's "tomorrow aspect." The impressive structure will be erected on a commanding four-and-a-half acre site in the midst of Oak Ridge's new permanent area. It is hoped that work can begin in the near future on the first two sections of this ambitious church project which will be without equal anywhere for architectural design and for functional adaptation to the program of a great church.

Tennessee Baptists can take pride in the fine missionary record of this great church and its pastor and in the growth of Baptists in Oak Ridge.

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On Foreign Fields

The Foreign Mission Board supports 334 missionaries in 13 Latin American republics, serving 62 different centers. Of this 130 missionaries are in the direct field work, preaching and organizing churches; 83 are engaged in secondary and seminary education; 40 in publication, denominational and special work; 13 in medical and social service; and 68 studying Spanish and Portuguese.

Nehustan — The Little Brass Thing

By W. ROSS EDWARDS, Pastor
Swope Park Church, Kansas City, Mo.

In 2 Kings 18:4 we are told that Hezekiah the good king of Israel "removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehustan."

It had been some 700 years since Moses made the brazen serpent. He did so at the command of the Lord, in order that the people might look upon it in faith and be healed of their serpent bites. "And it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived" (Numbers 21:9).

The serpent of brass was a priceless relic that Moses and his followers had kept to remind them of God's love and mercy in a critical hour. There is nothing wrong with keeping any such thing. But gradually, as the people drifted away from God, they trusted more and more in the outward forms of religion, until at last we see them paying homage to the "little brass thing." They must have spoken of it tenderly, and with adoration burned incense thereto.

In his message on the new birth, Jesus told Nicodemus that "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:14,15). The purpose of looking to the cross was in order that men might see the love of God in Christ. Drifting from the God of the cross, we find men trusting in their crosses, and doing as much homage thereto as those that burned incense to the little brass thing.

God is plain in His denunciation of such spiritual folly. In Exodus 20:4,5 we read, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image" . . . "thou shalt not bow down thyself to them." One of the greatest dangers that we face in Christianity today is that of permitting things of the Lord to come between us and the Lord.

There are other Bible examples of men trusting in religious form. In I Samuel 4:2 we read of how Israel lost a battle to the Philistines, and then decided to take the Ark of the Covenant to battle with them, believing surely that God would defend them. So the two sons of Eli, vile as they were, carried the Ark to battle. We read that in the first battle they had lost some 4,000 men, but in the

second, with their trust in the Ark, God permitted them to lose 30,000 men, including the sons of Eli. The Ark was also lost to the enemy.

In Acts 8:18 we read of one by the name of Simon Magus who thought that spiritual power could be purchased with money. But Simon Peter replied, "Thy money perish with thee" . . . "thy heart is not right in the sight of God." In Acts 19:13 we find another experience that proves that God is not pleased with such religious superstition. The name of Jesus Christ is no secret word that men may use in their own way.

Is this message pertinent to our time? Most certainly! Jesus established His church to help carry out His program in the world, and men have put a fence around it and left the impression that no one is able to be saved apart from it. No doubt, that was due largely to the influences of paganism in the rapid spread of Christianity.

The ordinances are symbols of the heart of Christianity. But men have used them as pagans would use some mystical secret. So we read the words of a leading Roman Catholic thus: "He gave us the means of obtaining life eternal, when He gave us baptism. By this sacrament our sins are taken away." My soul! We read in God's Word that it is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth from all sin.

We could go on and on, pointing out how men have abused the forms of religion, and have forsaken God for the things of God. Mary provided our Lord with a human body, and men turn from the Son of God to adore Mary, and burn incense at her shrine. How absurd!

The cross of Christ should remind us of God's love for us, and nothing more. It is no object of worship. No string of beads, medal of St. Benedict, or any other form of religion should receive adoration, trust, and praise. There is no merit save in God Himself. What men call means of grace often keep them from grace.

God invites us to Himself, saying, "Come unto me and be ye saved" . . . "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." May we have our trust fully in Him! Let us use the cross as a reminder of Christ's death for us, and our own personal crosses to die on—to die to sin and to the things that would hinder our spiritual progress.

Tobey Calls For Moral And Spiritual Re-birth

A plea for a genuine moral and spiritual re-birth in America to combat widespread corruption and evil uncovered by the Senate Crime Investigating Committee is made by Sen. Charles W. Tobey in the May issue of *The American Magazine*, on newstands May 4.

In reporting on the shocking relationship the committee on which he served found between the underworld and persons in positions of public trust, the venerable New Hampshire Republican declares that "we must return to the teachings of God."

"Then", he says, "we can take action to redeem America from the thralldom of sin and vice that reign so triumphantly across this country today."

As outspoken as he was in questioning the many unsavory characters who appeared before the entire committee, Senator Tobey bluntly tells in his signed article what citizens generally must do to wipe out the evils of society.

Remedial federal legislation will help only a little, says the Senator who adds that "we must get to the root of the trouble to be really effective."

"In any community, where law-enforcing officials have the courage, the support of the citizenry and the will to put an end to these outrages, it can be done," he writes.

"These gamblers and others who spawn corruption and vice would be helpless if their coffers were not fed by the money of many people.

"There's no man living, no matter how much he has sinned, that can't be redeemed if he turns about and confesses his sins and accepts the teachings of the Master of men."

A moral and spiritual awakening is the only thing that can save this nation, says Senator Tobey who adds:

"The American People have their political differences but they have the same passions in their hearts for decency and justice to create a safe world for our children to grow up in and to live. A sense of righteous indignation is being developed and when the people become aroused, God help those who would try to make of this nation a land wherein dwells righteousness.

To quote Whittier, 'But solution there is none save in the rule of Christ alone.' I personally believe that. And therein lies the hope of the world."

Awake! But Get Up!

By LEON MACON

America has been asleep morally and spiritually. Signs everywhere appear that eyes are being opened to the dangers of present day godlessness and immorality. Attention is being called to these dangers by those who have been silent about them:

President Harry Truman publicly stated that we need a burning faith. Columnists of leading papers are urging that we must increase our spiritual values. U. S. senators are making passionate pleas for us to return to religious principles. U. S. representatives are doing the same. Representative Brooks Hays (D. Ark.) is giving a series of lectures in the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., on "A Christian and Public Morals." The editor of the Birmingham News, Birmingham, Alabama, has written two editorials recently on the need of spiritual values, referring to the recent Baptist Crusade as an example of what America needs. Scientists are urging on religious leaders the need of more

spiritual values to control physical powers they have liberated.

No doubt but the time is riper than in many years, to promote evangelism and Christian ethics. But, to be awakened is not enough. One can lie in bed with his eyes open and be burned to death in a house on fire. We must get those awake to get up and do something. To stand ready to jump is not enough, we must jump! To stand ready to strike with an ax avails nothing unless we strike. To talk about our need of spiritual values without doing something will bring only fear, relaxation will be found only in deeds. Awakening and only waking others is not enough, all must wake up, get up, and put the fire out! Those in high places must realize that talking, or writing, about these things is not enough. Hearing and doing is our must!

—Alabama Baptist

Books Received

Cowards or Conquerors, by Herschel H. Hobbs, The Judson Press, Price \$2.

Europe—Whither Bound?, by Nan F. Weeks, The Broadman Press, Price 85 cents.

Worthy is the Lamb, by Ray Summers, The Broadman Press, Price \$2.75.

Spurgeon's Expository Encyclopedia, Baker Book House, Price \$3.75.

A Survey of Syntax in the Hebrew Old Testament, by J. Wash Watts, The Broadman Press, Price \$3.75.

Roads to Radiant Living, by Charles L. Allen, Fleming H. Revell Company, Price \$2.

A Better Hope, by Charles Ray Goff, Fleming H. Revell Company, Price \$2.

The Bright Side of Death, by Austin Crouch, The Broadman Press, Price 35 cents.

Church Officers at work, by Glenn H. Asquith, The Judson Press, Price 75 cents.

Sons of Adam, by Samuel M. Zwemer, Baker Book House, Price \$2.

The Prophet Micah, by Copass and Carlson, Baker Book House, Price \$2.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Celebrates

National Hospital Day

Sunday, May 13, 1951



1700 West Thirteenth Street, Little Rock

OPEN HOUSE

Personnel of the Hospital, Members of the Women's Auxiliary, and student nurses will act as hosts at the annual Open House held at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Sunday, May 13, celebrating National Hospital Day.

PARTY FOR THE CHILDREN

There will be a party on the lawn for the small children, refreshments will be served to all guests and moving pictures will be taken of all the children to be shown in later years each Mother's Day.

FILM FOR THE ADULTS

A film on hospitals entitled "House of Mercy" will be shown in the chapel as well as films of other Hospital Days at Arkansas Baptist Hospital which will be of interest to parents and children who participated during those years.

*Become better acquainted with your hospital on National Hospital Day.
The events of this day will be held from 2 to 4 P. M.*

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Figures to Inspire

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1322	820	33
Including Missions	1471	892	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1291	473	2
Including Missions	1523	627	6
Little Rock, First	1153	501	52
No. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	988	385	4
Including Missions	1106		
El Dorado, First	927	213	3
Including Mission	995	251	
Hot Springs, Second	868	195	3
Little Rock, Second	847	158	1
Fayetteville, First	692	296	15
Pine Bluff, South Side	675	222	1
Including Mission	717	268	
Pine Bluff, First	636	164	1
Benton, First	627	158	
Including Mission	705	208	
Little Rock, Gaines Street	616	332	10
Magnolia, Central	610	207	5
Including Mission	668		6
Camden, First	583	187	7
Including Missions	931	412	
El Dorado, Immanuel	581	263	
Including Mission	641	325	2
Texarkana, Beech Street	557	277	7
McGehee, First	520	148	2
Including Missions	662	225	
Crossett, First	515	249	2
Little Rock Tabernacle	507	136	10
El Dorado, Second	506	266	7
Fordyce, First	506	204	
Forrest City, First	458	152	
Including Mission	552	210	
Paragould, First	457	206	16
Including Missions	716	427	
Siloam Springs, First	456	271	1
Cullendale, First	445	234	2
Hope, First	442	94	1
Monticello, First	436	145	
Hot Springs, Park Place	430	134	2
Jonesboro, Walnut Street	417	137	8
Hot Springs, Central	413	146	
Springdale, First	408	231	4
Including Mission	517		
Fort Smith, Calvary	387	193	11
Little Rock, So. Highland	373	130	3
Conway, First	371	104	
Stuttgart, First	364	156	1
Including Mission	408	180	
El Dorado, West Side	360	120	3
Searcy, First	354	112	1
Texarkana, Calvary	346	135	10

Norphlet, First	344	268	2
Hot Springs, First	344	113	17
Hamburg, First	343	131	2
Fort Smith, Temple	339	290	52
Rogers, First	338	135	
Pine Bluff, Second	309	115	
Fort Smith, South Side	296	99	2
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	291	93	1
North Little Rock, First	278	83	3
Little Rock, Hebron	277	127	8
Bentonville, First	261	66	1
North Crossett, First	254	259	46
No. Little Rock,			
Forty-seventh Street	252	132	14
Levy	251	122	
Wilson, First	247	128	
Including Missions	326		
Mena, First	243	93	
Gurdon, Beech Street	216	127	3
Hot Springs, Piney	215	151	1
Jacksonville, First	211	112	38
Little Rock, Reynolds			
Memorial	194	71	5
Douglasville, First	184	83	
Rt. Little Rock, Ironton	184	158	2
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	180	147	4
Augusta, First	159	85	
Including Mission	200		
Rose City, Calvary	156	78	4
North Little Rock,			
Friendship	147	99	1
Nettleton	142	100	5
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	137	116	
Strong, First	131	57	1
Altheimer, First	109	48	
Hot Springs,			
Harvey's Chapel	104	70	2
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	100	31	2
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	99	49	1
Magnolia, Immanuel	94	60	
Little Rock, West Side	86	67	1
Fort Smith, North Side	85	66	
Little Rock, Bethel	71		1
Rt. Little Rock,			
Crystal Valley	62	41	
Walker, Liberty	60	44	
North Little Rock,			
Graves Memorial	60	42	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	58	36	
Little Rock, Nall's			
Memorial	53	62	
Little Rock, West			
Markham Street, Mission			
(Mission Woodlawn)	42	32	
Little Rock, Pilgrim's Rest	32	26	
Including Mission	42		

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Mr. Royce Bryant, Superintendent of the Sunday School in Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, tells what Ridgecrest has meant to his church:

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Central Association Music Festival

On Thursday night, April 19, First Church, Benton was host to the Quarterly Music Festival of Central Association. Ten churches were represented in the attendance, with six pastors.

An unusual Song Sermon entitled "Wonderful Jesus" was presented under the direction of Ray McClung, association director. Suitable scriptures for each topic were read by Delbert Garrett. Primaries, Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults all had a part in the development of the theme singing as choirs, ensembles, quartets and solos. Congregational singing played a major role.

Featured in the service were numbers by a Combined Adult Choir, quartets furnished by Malvern (First), Benton (First), Antioch, a sextet of Intermediates from Hot Springs (Central) and solos by Mrs. Jack Daniel, Miss Peggy Kuntz, and Mrs. Ray McClung. Miss Sarabelle Leach and Miss Lillian Rutherford served as organist and pianist.

The next Quarterly Music Festival will take place July 19, at Central Church, Hot Springs. West Zone Hymn-Sing on May 6, at 2:30, with Memorial Baptist Church; and East Zone on June 3, at 2:30, with Gilead Church.

Forrest City Observes Youth Week

A good word has come from First Church, Forrest City, concerning Youth Week. There were 27 Intermediates and 56 Young People who held offices during Youth Week. Mrs. Delmar Campbell, the Training Union Director writes, "Youth Week is wonderful training for young people. It is well for adults to realize that there are young people with talents dedicated to the Lord." During Youth Week all of the places of leadership in the church were assumed by the young people. Without any hesitation the leaders of the church plan to make Youth Week an annual event. T. K. Rucker is the pastor.

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Nothing cooks your goose quicker than a boiling temper.



Remember!
 On your vacation your Sundays belong to God.

Big Creek Association Hymn-Sing

On Sunday afternoon, April 29, the Mammoth Spring Church was host to the regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Big Creek Association. There was a total attendance of 110, representing fifteen churches and including eight pastors, four choir directors, five pianists and one missionary.

The Southern Baptist College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ben H. Lincoln presented several choir numbers, duets and quartets. Mrs. Lincoln also directed the congregational singing.

The next sing for this association will be held at the Spring River Church on Sunday afternoon, July 29.

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There undoubtedly is a certain satisfaction to be had from a lawn entirely carpeted with grass. But the pleasantest gardens are those that show a little bare path worn between them and the neighbors.

Coming Events

- July 3-11: Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, Siloam Springs
- July 7: Hymn-playing Tournament, State Assembly
- 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.

Hymn Sing

The regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Liberty Association was held at the Norphlet Church with 336 in attendance, representing eleven churches, seven directors, and nine accompanists. The scripture was carried by Pastor Glen Crotts of Norphlet.

Junior Memory Drill

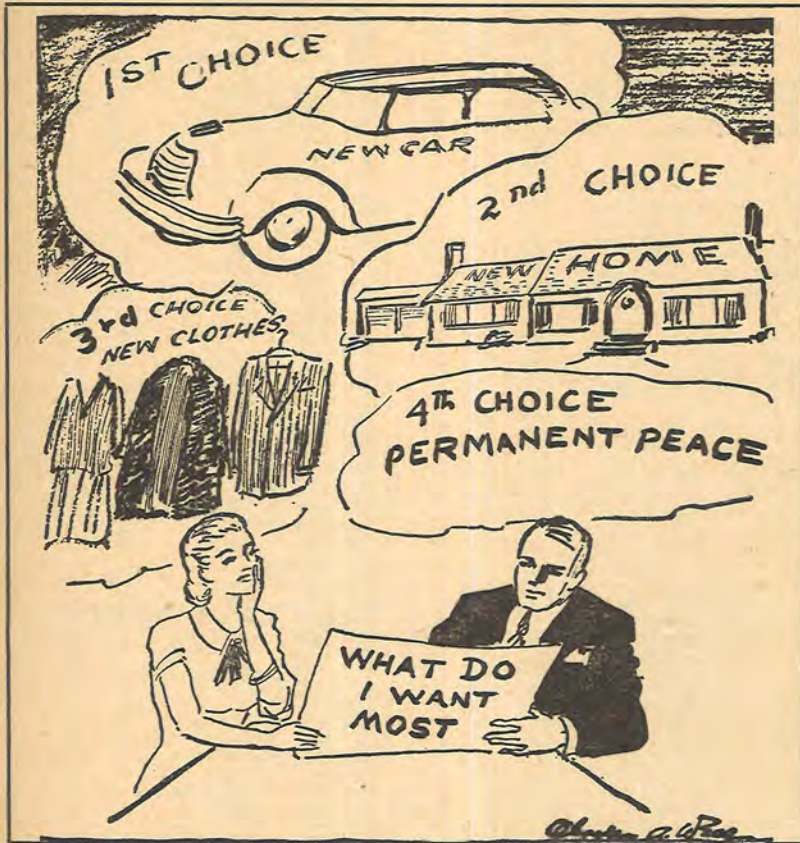
The State Junior Memory Drill which will be held at the State Training Union Convention next March will cover the Junior memory verses from April 31, 1951 to March 31, 1952. These memory verses are found in the Junior quarterly each week and should be learned week by week. All Junior leaders should promote the Junior Memory Drill every week. Next March we should have 100 Juniors in the State Memory Drill.

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Our Measurement of Values



By CHARLES A. WELLS

A survey reveals that when people were asked what they wanted most, their choices were in the above order. The desire for peace was fourth! No wonder we do not have peace, for by and large we strive most for what we most desire. In our scramble for the material things we neglect the eternal values, not realizing the importance of spiritual values until our sons are torn from our homes and sent out to correct some great evil the long hard way, an evil which could have been curbed when it was a "little sin." The problem of peace is not basically a diplomatic, economic or military problem. The building of peace is a spiritual task. When we care more for the spiritual and moral values of life, we will find peace coming within our reach.

I am very happy here in Lebanon with all its possibilities for Kingdom work, and if I do not get back to America in the next ten years, it is all right with me.
—Mable Summers

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Let's Prepare

Gratefully we recognize the evangelistic fervor being manifest by Southern Baptists. World conditions bring us into a new consciousness of the urgency of the task and led us to covet for every Christian, dedication to the privilege of witnessing for the Master.

The study of a book on soul-winning will help develop effective witnesses. There are many good ones, but one of the newer, very helpful ones, is *Every Christian's Job* by Dr. C. E. Matthews. It is listed in the Correlated Church Study Course. Schedule this study immediately and order books from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock. The price is 60 cents.

Plans have been mailed to each W. M. U. organization for the observance of a Week of Prayer and Personal Witnessing preceding any revival in the church. These were prepared by Mrs. Ralph Douglas, State Community Missions Chairman, and lead participants in prayerful preparation for, and then in, active visitation-evangelism. They are to supplement any church-wide preparations for a revival, or they may be used where there are no plans for organized evangelistic efforts.

Adequate preparation for a revival will mean a large harvest of souls. Plan with pastors, always.

Enlarged Offering for Home Missions

Daily remittances are being received for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions which has reached an all time high of \$22,021.12 (May 1). This is cause for real rejoicing, and we urge that organizations glean well and then to send the offering through the proper channels to Miss Nancy Cooper, W.M.U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. There is no greater need than that America be made Christian. Have a part in that great enterprise by gifts to Home Missions, undergirded by prayers for Home Missions.

District Meetings Postponed

Annual District W.M.U. meetings normally held in June have been postponed by action of the State W.M.U. Executive Board. They will be held October 23—November 2. This change in time was occasioned by several reasons. First, the conflict with dates of the Southern Baptist Convention. Second, the opportunity afforded by the later date of promotion of

plans near the beginning of the organizational year, October 1. Third, the meetings will not come so near the Annual Meeting, giving new presidents opportunity to plan for the meeting and to know the constituency of the District.

The following were elected at the Annual Meeting to serve as District Presidents: **Central**, Mrs. J. C. Long, Hot Springs; **West Central**, Mrs. Faber L. Tyler, Ozark; **Southeast**, Mrs. H. C. Terry, El Dorado; **Southwest**, Mrs. Max N. McEachern, Magnolia; **North Central**, Mrs. W. B. O'Neal, Batesville; **Northeast**, Mrs. James E. Bowen, Paragould; **Northwest**, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Springdale; **East Central**, Mrs. R. E. Low, Brinkley.

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The fact that Julius has gone does not change my calling to be a missionary . . . The hurt that I feel is beyond anything that I had imagined, but the presence of the Lord at the same time has been greater than ever . . . Life has not ended for me. It has only begun, because I have to live for Julius, too, now. (Mr. Hickerson was killed in an airline crash on March 21.) — Mrs. Vivian Dunn Hickerson, missionary to Colombia.

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Y.W.A., August 10-12, \$5.50
B.W.C., August 3-5
Ridgecrest
Y.W.A., July 5-11
Y.M.M.C., August 16-22
W.M.U. and B.W.C., August 9-15

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Your Life and Your Church

By Pastor JAMES L. SULLIVAN

It is possible for church members to be so preoccupied with rejoicing when a newborn soul has been won to Christ, that they will forget many other obligations which are owed the new convert.

Not for one moment should the experience of salvation of one soul be minimized. There is no incident in the realm of human experience which is more glorious. The soul is the most priceless human possession. The salvation of that soul is therefore the occasion of greatest possible earthly rejoicing.

Church Obligation

It must be remembered that while the conversion of a person is the end of Christian experience, it is the front end! The church owes to the new convert an entire lifetime of guidance and training. Guidance in prolonged Christian experience begins the very day that one places his faith in Jesus Christ, but must not end until life has ended.

Only tragedy results when a church forgets that a saved soul plus a saved life is worth much more than a saved soul alone. The responsibility of the church is to work for both. Southern Baptists are perhaps failing more tragically in using lives in Christian ser-

vice than they are in guiding souls in a saving faith in Christ.

A new day now seems to be dawning in the matter of conserving our evangelistic gains. Southern Baptist are charting a definite program for steering the new converts into those church-related activities and organizations which will help promote spiritual growth and maturity. It is our only method of producing happy and fruitful Christians. It is our best means of supplying the acute demand for consecrated and trained leadership, a need which every church feels dreadfully.

True Christian Experience

The program of Baptists to enlist and train every member for specific service in the church life is fundamental. It operates on the theory that a person is saved instantaneously by his faith in Christ and is then ready to enter into an entire lifetime of spiritual development for years of happy Christian service through his church.

Of course the beginning point must be one's own personal experience of a saving faith in Christ. It is impossible to teach men very much about Jesus unless

they first are led to a saving relationship with Him. Only then is one ready for church membership. To the unsaved person the ordinances of the church are worthless, even meaningless. The first step, therefore, in conservation of the results of evangelism is to make sure that the new members have been truly evangelized before they have been baptized.

Church Membership

After conversion, the next natural step is church membership. It is desired and sought, almost without exception, by the person who has been genuinely saved.

There is much which the church can do for the individual member. It affords instruction in worship, and joys in fellowship. It provides one with Bible instructions, and supervision in training. It stimulates missionary activity as it undertakes to give missionary information. The church channels one's activities and services in such fashion as to provide teamwork with the other Christians of the membership.

Services for The Church

There are also many things which the individual member can do for the church. In fact, church work is weakened unless the members themselves realize their own parts, and give themselves diligently to the total program of

the church. The prayers, life, influence, and service of one Christian who is thoroughly dedicated and completely consecrated can be used of God to shake and shape the life of an entire congregation, and lead that body to God.

The time for an all-out endeavor in training and using the new converts that come into the churches is now. A matter so urgent cannot wait. The devil is serious in his determined task to paralyze the influence and neutralize the effectiveness of every new Christian. Our churches must more than match Satan's efforts with an increased program of training and leadership that will produce the desired and necessary results in building stronger and stalwart Christians.

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Your Baptist hospital is a non-profit making institution and can only answer these calls for help according to the degree of your mercy. The average cost of one patient for one day is \$12.17. You can be a GOOD SAMARITAN in 1951. Give to this Mother's Day Fund, as much of one day's care for one patient as possible. You will be honoring your Mother with a GOOD TURN that will relieve the pain and suffering of your neighbor. What greater satisfaction could you have? What deed could you do that would be a greater force for GOOD?

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Rural Church Conference

Ouachita College, June 4-8, 1951

MONDAY EVENING

7:00	Song Service	
7:15	Welcome	S. W. Eubanks
7:30	Magnifying the Rural Church	A. L. Leake
8:00	Film	
8:25	Special Music	
8:30	Message: The Church Worshiping the Lord	J. O. Williams

TUESDAY MORNING

7:00	Breakfast	
8:00	The Preacher's Personality	J. O. Williams
8:40	My Experience in Country Churches	W. B. O'Neal
9:10	A Financial Program Needed	J. T. Gillespie
9:40	Testimony: My Church's Growth in Finances	Quincy D. Mathis
9:50	Recess	
10:15	Bible Study	David Moore
11:00	Trends of Rural Life	Delbert Garrett
11:30	Sermon	P. E. Turner

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00	If I Were Pastor of a Country Church	John L. Dodge
2:30	Church Ordinances: How to Administer Ordinance of Baptism	Dale McCoy
	Demonstration of Serving Lord's Supper	B. A. Miley
3:30	Adjourn	

TUESDAY EVENING

7:00	Song Service	
7:15	Testimony: My Church and the Young People	Russell Duffer
7:45	The Church Teaching the Word	J. O. Williams
8:05	Music	
8:15	Sermon	R. C. Brinkley

WEDNESDAY MORNING

7:00	Breakfast	
8:00	The Preacher's Position	J. O. Williams
8:45	The Church Budget	J. E. Gillespie
9:15	Open Discussion on Church Budgets	
10:15	Bible Study	David Moore
11:00	Will Rural Pastors and Churches Match the Hour?	Lucien Coleman
11:30	Sermon	R. A. Hill

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00	The Preacher's Preparation for Preaching	J. O. Williams
2:30	Open Forum on Revivals: When? How Often? Who Selects the Evangelist? How Entertain Him? How to Raise the Honorarium? What to Expect of Him? Etc.	O. M. Stallings
3:30	Adjourn	

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:00	Song Service	
7:15	Testimony: My Church and Evangelism	Curtis Downs
7:35	The Church Training Its Members	J. O. Williams
8:10	Music	
8:20	Sermon	M. E. Wiles

THURSDAY MORNING

7:00	Breakfast	
8:00	The Preacher's Preparation of Sermons	J. O. Williams
8:45	Adequate Salary for Full Time, Half Time, Fourth Time	J. T. Gillespie
9:15	Discussion on Above Subject	
9:45	Recess	
10:15	Bible Study	David Moore
11:00	Church Buildings	C. W. Caldwell
11:40	Sermon	J. Harold Smith

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2:00	The Preacher's Preaching	J. O. Williams
2:30	Some Sermon Outlines	
3:30	Adjourn	

THURSDAY EVENING

7:00	Song Service	
7:15	If I Were a Student Pastor	J. I. Cossey
7:45	The Church Reaching the Lost	J. O. Williams
8:15	Music	
8:30	Sermon	J. Harold Smith

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

Organize That Brotherhood Now

Any time of the year is a good time to organize the men of a church to work to build a greater church, but the Springtime brings its wonderful challenge to a lively renewal of all that God's people are endeavoring to do in and through their churches.

The spring and summer months offer unlimited opportunities for the development of a more comprehensive program of work within our churches, and also unlimited opportunities for the extension of our church program into every area of the church field.

All of a church's opportunities for service are intensified at this time of the year when people can go outdoors. There are unlimited opportunities for cottage prayer-meetings, for Mission revivals, for revivals in weak churches and in school-houses, for out-door revivals; for personal visitation both for soul-winning and for building up the organizations of our churches; for outings of men and boys, fish-fries, encampments, etc.

The purpose of the church Brotherhood is to build a better church program by putting the consecrated men of the church to work at the God-given tasks of the church.

Organize that Brotherhood now!

Brotherhood News-Letter

A Brotherhood news-letter is being mailed out of the Brotherhood office in Little Rock to all pastors, Brotherhood presidents, and to many other Baptist men throughout the state. The laymen on our mailing list are, in the main, those who registered at one of the Regional Brotherhood rallies held throughout the state in December and in January.

If you would like to be put on the mailing list, send your name and address to the Brotherhood Department, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

The News-Letter will be in the mails by the time you read this announcement.

Several times during recent weeks the Brotherhood Department has offered to send free, upon request, a copy of the tract, "Essential Steps in Personal Soul Winning." Many people have accepted the offer and have written in for this tract which sets forth a METHOD in personal soul-winning. Requests have come from many states, even from California.

The offer still holds. And now we make this additional offer: If any Arkansas Baptist pastor, Brotherhood President, or somebody else, will organize a class to study this tract for at least three hours together, this Department will

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4. A greater emphasis upon individual and group effort in evangelism

5. Increased circulation of our denominational papers and publications

6. A wider and deeper study of the missionary, educational, and benevolent work of Southern Baptists in the state, and homeland, and the world

7. An aggressive effort by men to reach, win, and develop boys through Christian companionship and guidance

8. Tithes and offerings brought regularly into the church; and increased offerings in emergencies

9. Progressive advance in church budgets both for local needs and denominational causes in order that the gospel may be proclaimed to the uttermost part of the earth

10. An increasing proportion of church receipt distributed through the Cooperative Program for denominational causes

11. Liberal support and patronage of denominational institutions

12. A continuing effort through the Brotherhood to promote Christian fellowship and to enlist, organize, and utilize all the men of all churches in active Christian Service.

The above is an outline of the policy of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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The Northern Kingdom

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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Israel, under the leadership of David and Solomon, became famous. When the queen of Sheba travelled across the world (of that day) to investigate rumors of Israel's greatness, she was so amazed she could only say: "The half was not told me." The glory of God's chosen nation evidently was indescribable. Think of the wonderful opportunities which were theirs to serve, to honor and glorify the God who had so magnified them from such an humble beginning!

But that wonderful "United Kingdom" was not to stand. The depravity of human nature intervened, and just prior to Solomon's death, because of his evil marriages and idolatry, God sought out a young man named Jeroboam and promised to make him ruler of ten of the twelve tribes in Israel. He would be king of the northern kingdom or ten tribes known as Israel; Rehoboam, son of Solomon, would retain the southern kingdom known as Judah. For David's sake, someday the kingdom would be restored again to unity.

Jeroboam Betrayed God

Solomon died and Jeroboam became Israel's king as the prophet of God had told him. But somehow human nature cannot accept and appreciate the blessings of God; greed and lust so often prevail among men, and soon we find Jeroboam, instead of trusting God, instead of being true to Jehovah who had exalted him from nothing, we find him doubting God and fearing that he would lose his new found honor of being the king of Israel. So, Jeroboam immediately set out to forget God, and began to make his plans for Israel as if God did not even exist. Isn't that the same trouble God is having with the world today? Isn't it a fact that men, dictators and presidents, political leaders and religious biggots, are assuming that the universe belongs to them as individuals, and they are trying to plan God out of it!

Jeroboam Betrayed His People

God selected Jeroboam to care for the political needs of Israel, but he was not satisfied to serve in his own realm, he soon began to dabble in the religious views of the nation. The temple Solomon built was located in the city of God's choice: Jerusalem. That city was also the capital of Judah, and had been the capital city of the entire nation. Jerusalem was the political center of Rehoboam, king of Judah. Jeroboam began

Sunday School Lesson for
May 13, 1951
I Kings 12:20-30; 16:23-30

to reason that it would never do for his subjects to go to Jerusalem, not even to worship God. It would open too many opportunities for his people to seek council of Rehoboam, or to become allies of Judah, and without any reason, he became obsessed with the idea that to allow his people to traverse back and forth to Jerusalem would cost him his life and his kingdom. And how often today, our faith is just that weak.

So, in order to keep the Israelites out of Judah, Jeroboam made two golden calves for Israel to worship; he placed one in either end of the country, conveniently located to all the people, telling them it was too great a handicap for them to go all the way to Jerusalem to worship; they could worship in Dan and Beth-el, and from that day Dan became a synonym for evil. Jeroboam consecrated the lowest people he could find as priests and set up a vile religious order all his own, saying, "Behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of Egypt." What a price to pay for any job, but what was worse Jeroboam did not need to blaspheme God in order to hold his job, for the Lord was the One who gave it to him in the first place.

Traitor's Works Never Die

Jeroboam reigned 22 years in Israel and died, but his wicked deeds continued to bear evil fruit. Over and over the scriptures refer to him as the one "Who caused Israel to sin."

Five kings and 22 years later Omri followed as king in Israel and his epitaph reads thus: "But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worse than all that were before him." But go with us another generation and we find his son in power and read: "Ahab son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him." Thus each succeeding generation for 241 years grew worse, until it became necessary to cast them out; God allowed the Assyrians to conquer the nation. It is an immutable law of nature that we destroy sin — or sin will naturally destroy us. Someone has recently said, "It is so fixed that we are not punished so much FOR our sins as we are BY our sins." Sin is indued with its own retributive powers.

If one's evil deeds died when the individual was buried, evil might not be so bad, but such is not the case. Just as surely as the good deeds of a righteous person live on, just so our evil deeds

follow after us. And whether it be an individual or a nation, a small time criminal or a national leader, sinful deeds planted in one generation produces fruit for many generations to come, and in the instance of Israel, corruption and decay tolerated by Solomon, and cultivated by Jeroboam, finally ended in the complete destruction and captivity of God's chosen people. And if God refused to wink at the sins of His chosen people, how can He be expected to condone the sins of others! The principles of right and wrong are the same, one generation following another. From the days of Cain till 1951 A.D. the laws of nature, the laws of right and wrong have not changed, and God being the same yesterday, today, and forever, will not, yea He cannot reckon a thing to be sin in one generation and tolerate it in another.

Individuals' Responsibilities To God and Others

Jeroboam sold Israel out to idolatry by telling his people that one god was as good as another. That they could not afford to be inconvenienced just in order to worship. Many analogies might be drawn from his conduct, but sufficeth to say, that people with


true convictions cannot serve another nor accept a substitute. The Israelites were juvenile in permitting Jeroboam to lead them astray. While it is a sad fact that nations seldom rise above their leadership, individuals can be true to God and should be, for they shall account to Him as individuals for their lives. What we need then is obvious: more red blooded individuals, who are born-again sons of God, who know what they believe and why they believe it, who are willing to "stand in the gap and make up the hedge" for the King of righteousness.

Israel in her period of decay was much like succeeding nations and our own particularly. Their leadership lost the art of mercy and justice. The rich were out to get richer at any price. The standard of success in Israel, as in America today, was whether or not one had "beds of ivory and bowls of wine;" luxury, ease, and vain pleasures were the only things considered worth striving for. They forgot that "righteousness exalted a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." They were to learn, however, that they who forgot God become slaves of the heathen. Has it ever failed?



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If you are going to San Francisco to the Southern Baptist Convention the cost will be approximately as follows: Rail fare, round trip, \$125; pullman fare (additional) round trip, lower berth, \$40. This is approximately \$165. You should add to that about \$6 per day for hotel bill while you are in San Francisco, which would amount to about \$30, then your meals while there would perhaps cost you \$5 per day, which would be \$25. That would be \$220. You would add your incidentals to the cost which would bring the cost to approximately \$250. Your meals on the train would cost you about \$40. So your total expenses would be near \$300 for the round trip, from Little Rock. There is no special train going from Arkansas.

Ray Branscum and Little Rock

South Highland Church, Little Rock, is prospering in every sense of the word. The church is united and is solid in its support for its pastor and leader. Their attendance is growing, and they are happy in the new building that God has helped them to finish. This people love Pastor Branscum, and after being with him for about a week in an intensive revival effort our hearts rejoiced to see the fine fellowship and support that the members gave to the pastor and his program. Brother Branscum is a great preacher; is well poised; and, he is a good soul winner. He pushes the work of his Lord out into the homes of the great territory which his church serves. We bless the Lord for such men who are busy in their daily ministry, and who are fraught with spiritual power in the pulpit.

News From Southern Baptist Convention

By PORTER ROUTH

Maryland Baptist churches report 1,145 for baptism during the two weeks of the Simultaneous Crusade. They reported only 1,457 for baptism in all of 1950.

In South Carolina, 512 churches have reported 6,080 baptisms.

Kentucky Baptists estimated a total of 10,000 additions, 8,500 for baptism, during the Crusade.

Georgia Baptists estimate about 15,000 professions of faith during the Crusade.

Mississippi Baptists will probably report more than 6,000 professions, and a fourth of the churches in Virginia reported more than 2,000 conversions. On the basis of present returns, Tennessee and Alabama should both report more than 10,000 professions with North Carolina going over the 15,000 mark. Tentative reports indicate Florida will exceed 7,500 professions, with Illinois going close to 3,000. The District of Columbia has reported nearly 900 professions.

These more complete reports confirm the earlier estimate of 100,000 made on a selected sample. An additional 65,000 additions by letter and statement has been estimated.

Pastor Hook and the Paris Area

Don Hook is the pastor of First Church in Paris, but his pastoral program and pastoral work extend far beyond the city limits. There is a vast territory in that section where there are no other Baptist churches and there are no other centers in the territory sufficiently large to establish churches. The First Church in Paris must minister to the scattered population in that territory. Pastor Hook is equal to the occasion. He never gets through and he never ceases to push his program and ministry. Into home after home he goes from early morn until late afternoon. He knows the people both in the country and in town. They all respect him and are generous in their response to his program and appeals. The First Baptist Church in Paris, itself, is a big field, but Brother Hook is, after all, bigger than his field. His preaching is definite and well directed, and there are few men perhaps that work as hard and incessantly in their personal contacts as does Brother Hook. We have just been with him in a revival and he was a constant challenge and inspiration. The church at Paris is a great church, and they love and follow their pastor and leader. His intensive efforts in soul winning inspire them. We had a good revival. A really blessed revival. Seldom do we find a church where so many people attend the services and where the church is so closely united on a definite program and activity. It would be difficult for them to be otherwise with a pastor like Hook. His deacons are unusually loyal to the Lord and the church. Miss Wanda Moore is the consecrated church Secretary.

Church Secretary Available

There is a fine young woman at Conway who is available for the work of a church secretary in some good church. I refer to Miss Martha Lou Turner. Some of you already know her father, P. E. Turner, who has been one of our most successful pastors for some time.

Miss Turner is graduating at Hendrix College with an A.B. degree, majoring in physical education and the equivalent of a major in Religion and Philosophy. She is a pianist and has had experience in typing and stenographic work. She has done some religious work in camps and is ready to take up this work with some good Baptist church. If you need such a good woman, you can get in touch with her by writing her at 2070 College Avenue, Conway, Arkansas. We commend her to you.

M. F. Swilley, Atlanta; M. Ray McKay, Arkansas; John L. Slaughter, Alabama; R. Q. Leavell, Louisiana; E. D. Head, Texas; and Norflet Gardner, North Carolina will represent the Foreign Mission Board in a preaching mission in Japan in September. Boyd Hunt, Texas; C. J. Allen, Baptist Sunday School Board, will join Fon Scofield and Frank Means of the Foreign Mission Board in a world mission tour following the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Federal Communications Commission has announced that it would reserve 209 television channels for non-commercial educa-

Ten Tremendous Temples Tumble Down

In 1923 a very important meeting was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Attending this meeting were ten of the world's most successful financiers. Those present were:

The president of the largest independent steel company

The president of the National City Bank

The president of the largest utility company

The president of the largest gas company

The greatest wheat speculator

The president of the New York Stock Exchange

A member of the President's Cabinet

The greatest 'bear' in Wall Street

The head of the world's greatest monopoly
The president of the bank of International Settlements

Certainly we must admit that here was gathered a group of the world's most successful men—at least men who had found the secret of 'making money.'

They lived in a land of Bibles in which were those words of Christ:

"Every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon the house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

They heeded not the warning of Jesus, they built on the sand. The Evangel of First Baptist Church, Nashville, relates their ruin.

Over twenty-five years later, let's see where those men are.

The president of the largest independent steel company—Charles Schwab—died a bankrupt and lived on borrowed money for five years before his death.

The president of the greatest utility company—Samuel Insull—died a fugitive from justice and penniless in a foreign land.

The president of the largest gas company—Howard Hopson—is now insane.

The greatest wheat speculator—Arthur Cutton—died abroad insolvent.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange—Richard Whitney—was recently released from Sing Sing Penitentiary.

The member of the President's Cabinet—Albert Fall—was pardoned from prison so he could die at home.

The greatest 'bear' in Wall Street—Jesse Livermore—died a suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements—Leon Fraser—died a suicide.

tional stations. The channels will be available to church-affiliated colleges as well as state schools.

Men of the 602nd Tactical Support Wing of the U. S. Air Force have given \$471 to help rebuild a Methodist church in Seoul, Korea, which they had to destroy on a bombing mission.

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