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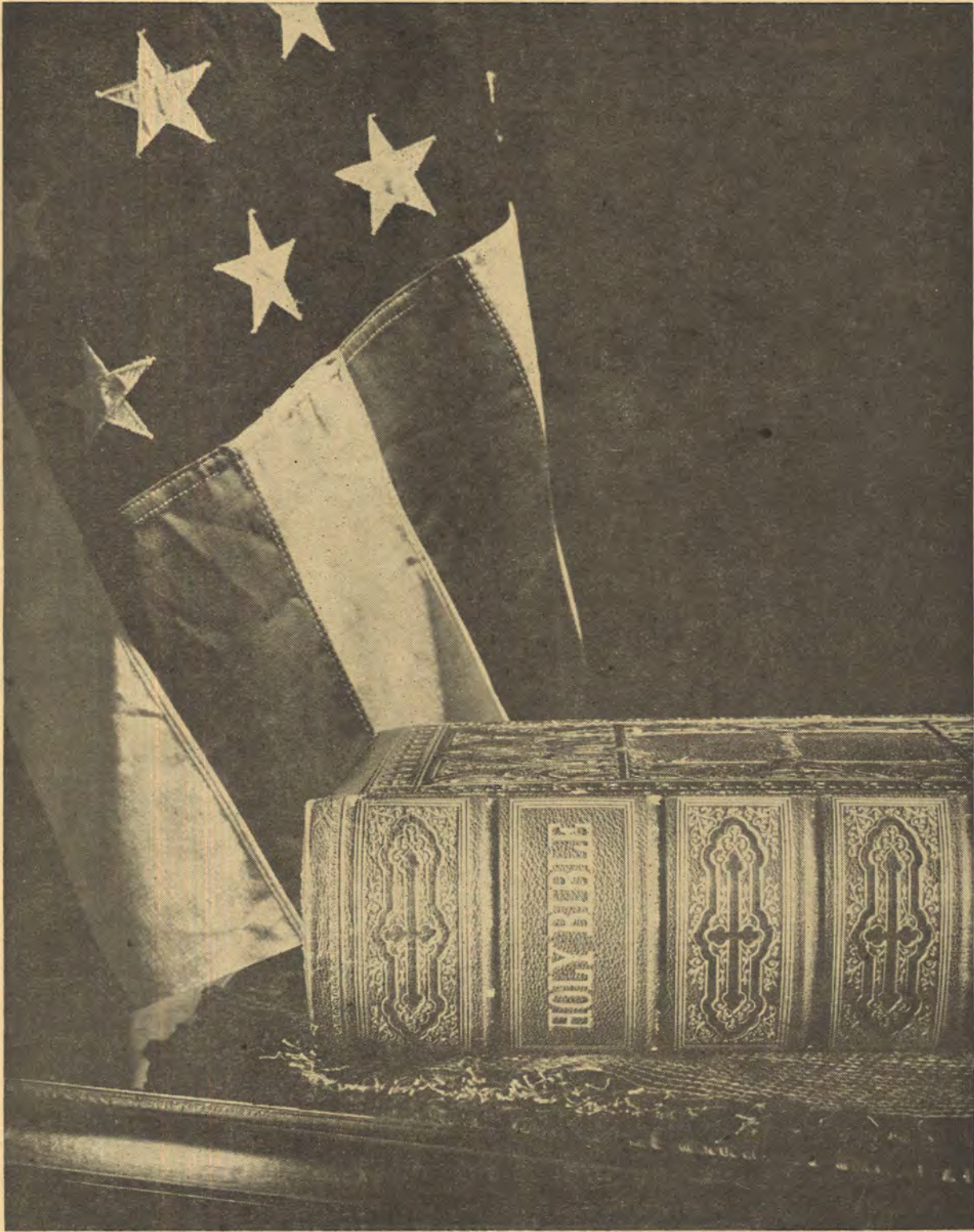
# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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—H. Armstrong Roberts

**“Except the Lord build the house (nation), they labor in vain  
that build it.” Psalm 127:1**

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# Southern Baptists and Social Security

By WALTER R. ALEXANDER, Executive Secretary  
Relief and Annuity Board

## Fifth and Final Article

Southern Baptists believe in the principle of social security. They have advocated it for many years. Their several retirement plans are evidence of their belief in this principle. These plans reveal their desire to secure the application of this principle in behalf of all the workers in all the estates of the denomination, all of whom have been excluded from automatic coverage under the Federal Social Security Act.

To that end, the denomination is promoting, through its own agency the Relief and Annuity Board, a dozen plans, some of which antedate the Federal Social Security Act. Within the coverage of these plans is a place for every individual within our complex, growing, denominational life who bears a salaried relationship to the denomination. Multiplied thousands of individuals hold membership now in these plans, including pastors of local Baptist churches, presidents of Baptist Colleges, matrons in Baptist children's homes, nurses in our hospitals, stenographers and secretaries in employ of boards and agencies, church secretaries, educational directors, et cetera. No distinction has ever been made as to sex, age, race, or type of service rendered. Many are Indians. Many are Negroes. Not all are Baptists. But all of them, without exception, are salaried workers within our denominational life.

Many workers in the lower income brackets have never been covered by our retirement plans—but this is not because the denominational Board made no provision for such. They remain uncovered only when employers fail to make such coverage possible, or where the individual himself shows no interest. Many lay church employees apparently do not know (or the church officials do not know) that we offer coverage to them, and have done so for the past fifteen years in the Age Security Plan for lay church employees. This fact alone (namely, that Southern Baptists had provided for their lay workers) was a weighty factor, a year ago, in bringing the Senate Finance Committee to amend HR Bill 6,000 so as to make participation by employees of non-profit organizations voluntary rather than mandatory. They all stated they did not wish to interfere with plans already in operation by the several denominations, and of long standing.

Why should Southern Baptists look elsewhere, if the service the denominational Board can render them is comparable to that they can secure elsewhere?

The average Southern Baptist supports world missions through his own Home and Foreign Mission Boards. The average Southern Baptist church secures its Bible lesson helps, et cetera, through its own publishing house, the Sunday School Board. Therefore, it is but natural to expect the churches, boards, institutions, and agencies of Southern Baptists to give first consideration to the plans for social security offered through their own agency. The denominational Board is ready to furnish ample evidence of the fact that the benefits it offers through the several plans it operates are greater than can be secured by our workers elsewhere. These plans offer more, and without the red tape of governmental supervision or other attendant complications that may yet arise, constituting a threat to the separation of Church and State. All the retirement plans of the Relief and Annuity Board have the denominational

stamp of approval upon them. They all look to the end the founding fathers had in view in 1918: That of security against life's contingencies for all the servants of the denomination. Thus, through these plans, is provided old age income for the worker who lives beyond earning capacity, income for the individual who becomes totally and permanently disabled, and income for the widow of that man who dies in active service.

For the individual who wishes to save with regularity something in addition to his retirement plan dues, there is the Special Deferred Annuity Certificate. Through participation in that plan, he can substantially increase his old age income, if he will. All the services we render assure safety of principle, and a liberal interest return as well.

It is no longer a day of small beginnings with the Relief and Annuity Board. The Board has assets today in excess of twenty and a half million dollars; and, behind every certificate it issues, stands everything that Southern Baptists represent as a great Christian body. The Board is grateful before God for the record it has been privileged to make through the years. Its investment department has earned for Southern Baptists, on the funds invested for them, more than seven millions of dollars. Its relief and annuity departments have disbursed in benefits over fourteen millions of dollars. No such statistic can reveal, however, even a fractional part of the blessing these benefits have brought, and still bring, every day, to the thousands of individuals who toiled through their yesterdays on modest incomes, to make possible today all that Southern Baptists now rejoice in and enjoy. The Board has become a stabilizing influence undergirding the entire denominational life.

This is the fifth and final article in this series. If you have read them, we thank you for the courtesy you have extended us. If we can serve you in any capacity, that fact justifies our existence as a denominational agency. Remember, it is among you as one that serveth.

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## Alaska Frontier Pastor Enters SBC Seminary

After six years of helping pioneer the Baptist faith on the rugged Alaskan frontier, Odell Lene has entered Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Six years ago Lene, a Baylor graduate who was ordained in 1941, went to Alaska only a few months after the active Baptist work in the territory had begun.

During all of that time he received no salary as a pastor. To support his family he was a carpenter, contractor, and fireman at various times while serving as pastor of Calvary Church in Anchorage.

"It does a preacher good," he said, "to get out and see a few callouses . . . He learns something about life that way. We need to come out of our cloisters."

"The difficulty," he explained, "is that most people consider themselves as temporarily living in Alaska. They checked their religion when they caught the boat. They're busy, too, building their own homes and making a living. Like any frontier, Alaska is reckless, the people are daring. They are good people, though."

Upon graduation from the seminary he intends to return to Alaska.

# Forgiveness of Sins

A Devotion by the Editor

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Divine forgiveness is the basis of our hope of salvation; it lifts the cloud of descending darkness that threatens to envelope us; arrests in mid-air the stroke of condemnation about to strike its fatal blow; it clears the path to righteous living for sinful and morally depraved human beings; it opens the avenues of approach to God whose image we bear; it makes available to us the unbounded riches of God's grace through Christ our Lord.

What marvelous hopes are generated in our hearts by the realization that God for Christ's sake has forgiven our sins! What freedom from "that fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation" which haunts the sinner! What peace and assurance we experience when there breaks upon us the realization that the chains of sin are broken and we are granted the freedom and the joys of the children of God!

But there is a warning to be issued, a caution to be observed, a danger to be avoided: We may not take the forgiveness of God for granted without careful and meticulous regard for the ground upon which we are offered forgiveness, the atonement of Jesus Christ; and the conditions which we must meet in order to procure that forgiveness, repentance from sins and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and the resultant consciousness of forgiveness, freedom from the sense of guilt, without which we lose the joys of the forgiveness we claim.

To assume that we have the forgiveness of God without due regard for these matters will leave us with a false sense of security that may be no more than an opiate which deadens our spiritual sensibilities and thereby leaves us in a state of peril of which we are unaware.

To seek forgiveness on any ground other than the atonement of Jesus Christ is sheer presumption; to seek forgiveness without conviction is a contradiction of life; to seek forgiveness without repentance would be an act of theft; to seek forgiveness without faith is to be a cheat; and to claim forgiveness without the consciousness of a moral and spiritual transformation is a falsehood without any foundation in the fact of experience.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." I John 1:8-10.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Vatican Espionage In The United States

If you want to read a real eye opener, turn to William Rufus Scott's article on page seven in this issue.

Taking into account the teachings of the New Testament and the obvious Christian principles which should guide Christian bodies in their conduct, and their relationships with other groups, both Christian groups and political groups, it is shocking in the extreme to find an institution claiming to be Christian which openly and without any sense of shame admits and takes pride in its world wide espionage system.

#### Political Purposes

There is but one reason for this espionage system of the Vatican. It is conducted for political purposes and not for Christian purposes. The Vatican wants a hand in world politics and diplomacy as well as in the politics and governmental affairs of every nation in the world. If the Vatican were content to be a religious institution and confine itself to religious promotion and propaganda there could be no quarrel with it. But when the Vatican appropriates to itself the prerogatives of a political state and seeks to inject itself into the politics of other nations and

further seeks to control the educational systems and other political and governmental functions of other nations, it should be outlawed as a political entity instead of being recognized by the sending of ambassadors or governmental representatives to it.

The dispatch to which Mr. Scott refers sets forth the fact that the Roman Catholic clergy and hierarchy throughout the world including 3,000 archbishops and bishops and 300,000 priests are the core of the espionage system of the Vatican. That means that the archbishops, bishops, and priests of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, and who are citizens of the United States, are the agents of the Vatican and are conducting the espionage system of the Vatican within their own nation for a foreign power. It ill becomes a citizen of the United States to become the agent of a foreign power and betray his own country by secretly spying on it for a foreign power.

#### Openly Admitted

It is startling beyond measure that the President of the United States should be so insensible to the great principles upon which

this nation was founded and which are recognized as its main elements of strength as to send a personal representative to the Vatican or consider establishing official diplomatic relations with the Vatican. To do so is a violation of the principles which motivated the early settlers of this land and founders of our federal government. Those principles were based upon the complete separation of church and state. The abuses of personal and political liberties resulting from church-state relations in the old world prompted the early settlers of this land to seek religious and political freedom in the new world. When the nation was founded it was intended to make it forever impossible for the same abuses, which the early settlers had sought to escape, to become dominant in American life.

Now it is openly admitted by the Vatican, which is the primary cause of all the trouble in church-state relations in the old world, that it conducts a highly secretive espionage system in the United States and both President Roosevelt and President Truman have endorsed that espionage system by appointing personal representatives to the Vatican.

It is to be hoped that the people of the United States who value their religious heritage will flood the White House and the State Department with protests against any further representative, either from the President of the United States or from the State Department as an official diplomat, to the Vatican.

### When Is A Baptist Church Not A Baptist Church?

When a Baptist church departs from the historic Baptist principles, principles which are obvious in the New Testament teachings, it ceases to be a Baptist church. Baptists have traditionally accepted the New Testament as their only rule of faith and practice. When a Baptist church departs from the plain teachings of the New Testament concerning the organization, the polity, the ordinances, and the membership of the church, it has no right to claim to be a Baptist church.

Any departure from New Testament teachings concerning the church usually begins with the ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper. A departure from New Testament teachings concerning the ordinances usually results in open membership.

#### Common Honesty

Churches which receive persons into their membership on the basis of sprinkling for baptism or without any baptism at all are not Baptist churches. Such churches and pastors who have departed from the New Testament teaching concerning the ordinances and the church should have the common honesty to confess that they are not Baptists and therefore should seek fellowship with other Christian groups who are in harmony with their beliefs and practices. It is an act of dishonesty to inject these foreign non-Baptistic and non-scriptural practices into the Baptist fellowship.

We discussed the ordinances in a series of three editorials in the March 9, 16, and 23 issues of the *Arkansas Baptist* in 1950. We shall not repeat that discussion here except

to quote a few brief excerpts.

"If our premise is true—that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the depositories of the irreducible gospel message—then it follows that to tamper with these ordinances is to tamper with the gospel of atonement."

#### Baptism Precedes Lord's Supper

"Bear in mind that baptism pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and when administered to a believer, baptism becomes his public renunciation of sin and the declaration of his faith in Jesus; and being buried with Christ by baptism, the believer pictures his own death to sin and his resurrection to a new life in Christ Jesus.

"The Lord's Supper pictures the shed blood and broken body of Jesus for the remission of our sins. Believers are to observe this ordinance repeatedly to commemorate the atoning death of Jesus and to keep alive in their consciousness the truth of His sacrificial death. This ordinance is to be observed in remembrance of Him and until His return. Therefore, it is the promise of His return, as well as the memorial of His death.

"It is a matter of authenticated history that the departure from the simple gospel truth of the all-sufficient atonement of Jesus began with changing either or both the meaning and the form of the ordinances.

"Since baptism is the initial act of obedience and constitutes the believer's public renunciation of sin and his faith in Jesus, and since it is not to be repeated, it would logically precede the Lord's Supper. The scripture record bears out this conclusion.

### Beer Ads Stymied

#### By Truthful Ads

A Baptist pastor in Owensboro, Kentucky, had an inspiration. It was so simple that after hearing about it we wonder why more Baptist pastors and other people who are waging the fight against liquor did not think of the idea.

Pastor H. B. Kuhnle of the Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, conceived the idea of fighting beer advertisements which were appearing in *The Owensboro Inquirer* by paid advertising telling the truth about beer.

A certain beer company had scheduled a series of advertisements glamorizing the drinking of beer with a special appeal to young people. When these ads began to appear, Pastor Kuhnle ran a full page ad countering every appeal in the beer ad, displaying pictures of drunken down-and-outs and publishing personal testimonies from those who had been ruined by the beer habit. Pastor Kuhnle invited people of the city who were opposed to beer to join him in this campaign of advertising the truth. The response was immediate and generous. It is reported that after three or four of Pastor Kuhnle's ads appeared in the paper the beer company cancelled its schedule of beer advertisements.

The Christian people of Little Rock and other Arkansas cities might take their cue from this success story in Owensboro, Kentucky, and run such ads in Arkansas newspapers as Pastor Kuhnle ran in the Owensboro paper.

# Kingdom Progress

## Education Building Under Construction First Church, Brinkley



Work was begun on an education building early in January by First Church, Brinkley, and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the middle of the year.

The new building will provide for three nurseries and the beginners department on the ground floor. The second floor will provide for the primary department with an extra room for adults. The junior department will occupy the third floor which also provides an extra class room for adults.

The building is to be of brick, tile, and concrete construction, and will be fire proof. Each floor will have thermostat controlled central gas heat by hot air. The ducts and water supply are arranged so that air conditioning can be installed at a later date. In addition to the new structure, certain rearrangements of the space in the present education building will be made.

Three years ago the Brinkley Church had

\$4,000 in its building fund. On assuming the pastorate January 1, 1948, Pastor H. L. Lipford began to promote the building program and a building committee and a finance committee were appointed.

The building committee and Pastor Lipford have consulted frequently with Dr. W. Harrell and the Architectural Department of the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennessee, and have planned the building according to suggestions from this department. The architects, Wittenberg, Deloney, and Davidson, Little Rock, have worked in cooperation with Mr. Harrell.

The building fund has now grown to \$24,000 and the contract for construction of the building has been let to P. H. Miller of Brinkley. The building is estimated to cost \$50,000 and the Brinkley Church plans to finance \$25,000 of this over a period of ten years with the privilege of paying the loan off at an earlier date.

### Church College Gives Up State-Supported School

A presbyterian college at Clarksville has surrendered its school of pharmacy because an annual appropriation of \$50,000 received from the state has been ruled unconstitutional by the Arkansas Supreme Court.

The court held that the College of the Ozarks is a church-supported school and hence could not receive state aid.

Shortly after the ruling a bill was introduced in the state Senate to establish a school of pharmacy at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Dr. Fred Walker, president of the college, had asked the university to take over the pharmacy school.

The college was commended by members of the legislature "for starting the school

### Pastoral Changes

John E. Reed has resigned the pastorate of Bethel Church, Fayetteville, to accept a call to the pastorate of the Bushland Church, Bushland, Texas.

Russell Hunt has resigned as pastor of New Hope Church, Sparkman, to accept the pastoral duties at the First Church, Altheimer. The Altheimer Church has recently purchased a six-room parsonage and completely furnished it. Pastor Hunt is a student in Ouachita College.

of pharmacy on a shoe string when no other college, including the university, would touch it with a ten-foot pole."



Roy Fish

Roy Fish was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the First Church, Fayetteville upon the request of the Baptist Church at Winslow, Arkansas, of which he is pastor. The ordination service took place on December 3, 1950.

Dr. Walter L. Johnson, First Church, Fayetteville, preached the ordination sermon.

Mr. Fish is president of the Baptist Student Union Council on the campus of the University of Arkansas. He is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences, counselor in Gregson Hall, a member of the Track team, and a member of the Student Christian Council. Mr. Fish was selected as the preacher of the youth revival team which conducted a revival meeting recently at Eudora, under the sponsorship of Dale Cowling, Student Union Secretary.

Mr. Fish is a native of Abilene, Texas, and plans to enter the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, next fall.

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### In Appreciation

The First Church of Pocahontas officially expresses its appreciation of Pastor Harry Hunt who recently resigned the Pocahontas Church to accept the pastorate of the Levy Church, North Little Rock.

In the expression of appreciation, account is taken of the construction of a new church building, as well as pulpit and pastoral ministry.

The Pocahontas Church commends Pastor Hunt to the congregation of the Levy Church.

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And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left (Isaiah 30:21).



Date: March 11

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject:  
"A Good Word for Jesus"

### Arkansas Stations:

**KTHS, Hot Springs, 2:30 p. m.**  
**KENA, Mena**  
**KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.**  
**KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.**  
**KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.**

## Orphanage Executives In Annual Meeting



Pictured are, (left to right) W. A. Herring and H. C. Seefeldt, Arkansas and T. M. Johns, Florida.

Superintendents of Baptist orphanages, in their annual meeting at Lakeland, Florida, January 25-26, elected Sam M. Smith of South Carolina as president for the coming year. He succeeds H. Truman Maxey of Oklahoma. Wade B. East, Field Secretary of the Oklahoma Home, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Hosts for this year's assembly were Superintendent and Mrs. T. M. Johns of the Florida Baptist Children's Home. The program centered around the qualifications and training of orphanage employees.

Named regional vice-president of the organization, officially known as the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children, were: W. C. Reed of North Carolina, eastern; E. E. Cox of Alabama, southeastern; Harold Seefeldt of Arkansas, southwestern; and Ford Deusner of Kentucky, central.

The group voted to hold its 1952 meeting on February 6-8, at Spring Meadows Home, Middleton, Kentucky, where Sam Ed Bradley is superintendent. At that meeting, the program will be built upon the needs of children as they relate to the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual life.

## Simultaneous Revival Tuscon, Arizona

The Baptist churches of Tuscon, Arizona, recently engaged in simultaneous revival services. Dr. R. G. Lee, Bellvue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was with the First Church of Tuscon; Dr. Selwyn S. Smith, pastor. There were 101 additions to the church with 43 of these uniting on profession of faith and baptism.

Dr. C. B. Autrey, superintendent of evangelism of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, was director of the campaign and was with the Immanuel Church of Tuscon; Eugene Sloan, pastor.

Other visiting ministers included Dr. Willis Ray, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, who was with the Calvary Church; Glenn Ford, pastor. Harold E. Dye, Bakersville, California, was with the Columbia Street Church; N. T. James, pastor.

Arizona has set a goal of 3,001 baptisms for the associational year.

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Most of us know how to say nothing—few of us know when.

—Quote.

## Strong Church Going Strong

The First Church, Strong, celebrated the fourth anniversary of the pastorate of R. O. Ekrut on March 4. During the four years of Pastor Ekrut's ministry with the Strong Church, 104 persons have been baptized into the fellowship of the church and 86 others have united with the church by letter. Special recognition was given during the morning service of March 4 to these 190 persons and to the officers of the church and its organizations.

Dinner was served at the church and former members and former pastors were invited guests of the church.

During the four years of Pastor Ekrut's ministry at Strong, the church has given a total of \$54,332.61, \$8,648.58 of this amount has gone to outside causes. The Sunday School has grown from 10 to 17 classes in eight departments. Four years ago there was no Training Union in the church, now there is a completely departmentized Training Union with seven departments.

The church building, which was started before Pastor Ekrut came to the Strong Church, has been completed and paid for and about one year ago a youth building was dedicated which provides for two Sunday School departments and social activities.

Pastor Ekrut has been active in evangelistic work outside his own church and community, having held nine revivals in other churches with a total of 122 additions to these churches, 86 of whom came for baptism.

## Generous Church Happy Pastor

Prompted by an editorial which appeared in the *Arkansas Baptist* suggesting that churches express in some tangible form their appreciation for their pastors, Pastor Douglas M. White, First Church, Bassett, Virginia, sends to the *Arkansas Baptist* a report of the generosity of the Bassett Church.

Included among the useful and valuable gifts from the church and from the members individually, at Christmas 1949, were a four poster mahogany bedroom suite, a tailor made suit for the pastor, and other gifts for each member of the pastor's family. At Christmas 1950, the church added to the household furniture a mahogany secretary for the living room, another tailor made suit, with hat and shoes to match were provided the pastor, with other gifts, including cash, for the entire family.

Pastor White says, "The thing that makes me feel so humble, and at the same time so deeply grateful, is the fact that these gifts represent real love. I feel compelled to announce a new rededication of my life to God and to the service of the grandest congregation on earth, pledging myself to give every ounce of energy and every God given ability to the task to which he has called me in this place."

(Note—It is gratifying to receive such reports as this. We hope that other churches will take their cue from such reports and emulate the example of these grateful and loyal churches which remember their pastors.—Editor.)

## Worker Available

Mr. Dorris Ellis, former music director of the First Church, Fordyce, and now studying music and education in the Southwestern Seminary, will be available as music director for revival meetings during the summer months, July 15-September 3. He may be reached at 1821 Boyce Street, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

## Ground Breaking Service



Left to right: J. C. Lane; Doyle White, committee chairman; Howard Phillips; Gerald Costner; Guy D. Magee, pastor; L. G. Gammill; Lee David, building contractor.

First Church, Manila, Guy D. Magee, pastor, is now engaged in the construction of an education building. Ground breaking services were held Sunday afternoon, February 18. The service was led by the pastor and was participated in by representatives of the various groups within the church organizations who are interested in the promotion of this building program.

The construction will be of brick veneer, two stories 45x50 feet, and will provide 35 additional class rooms. The new building will house the beginners department, two nurseries, a junior assembly room with six classrooms, a primary department with eight classrooms, and an assembly room, four adult classrooms. The anticipated cost is \$15,000.

## Minister Ordained

Upon request of the Friendship Church, Arkansas Valley Association, First Church, Marianna, called a council to examine and ordain A. M. Neal to the gospel ministry Sunday afternoon, February 18. The presbytery was composed of Burton A. Miley, First Church, Marianna; E. G. Waddell, Beck Memorial; G. F. Smothers, Monroe; H. L. Lipford, Brinkley; J. J. Franklin, Associational Missionary; B. F. McDonald, Brickeys, and John Holston, Lexa.

The candidate was presented to the presbytery by J. G. Willis; the charge to the church was delivered by John Holston; and the charge to the candidate by G. F. Smothers. Burton A. Miley preached the ordination sermon.

After the laying on of hands the Bible was presented to Mr. Neal by W. F. Curtis, chairman of the board of deacons of First Church, Marianna. After the presentation of the certificate of ordination by E. G. Waddell, Mrs. Neal was called to the front to join her husband in the team work of pastor and wife. Two deacons from the Friendship Church stood with the newly ordained pastor during the fellowship hour.

Mr. Neal is a veteran of World War II, and hopes to continue in school later in the year to further prepare himself for the gospel ministry.

## Arkansan in Texas

Pastor W. F. Couch, who will be remembered in Arkansas as the former pastor of First Church, Marianna, has recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Amelia Church, Beaumont, Texas.

# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

By Religious News Service

## British Editor Hits World Council Statement

A statement on the international situation issued recently by the executive committee of the World Council of Churches was sharply criticized in London by Shaun Herron, editor of *The British Weekly*, independent religious journal.

The World Council statement, drafted at a meeting in Bievres, near Paris, at the end of January, warned the agency's 158 member Churches in 43 countries against excessive concern over rearmament and called upon Christians everywhere to join in promoting social justice.

In a signed front-page editorial, Mr. Herron declared that the World's Council's "bare outline" of the international situation is "proof indeed that either the executive has nothing to say, or is prevented by its divisions from saying it."

"The latter is probably the case, though it is rash to rule out the former," he said.

Mr. Herron asserted that the World Council "is, in fact, against its will, split asunder."

Speculating upon difficulties within the executive committee, he said that "between Pastor Martin Niemoeller and the Americans there can have been little common ground." He was referring to the presence of the German pastor and leading United States churchmen at the Bievres meeting.

Drawing a parallel between the World Council and the British Council of Churches, Mr. Herron declared that when the British group was trying to stimulate the interest of local churches in international affairs, consultations were split repeatedly by the pacifist versus non-pacifist issue, pacifist clergy being charged with "Communist zeal and a serpentine flair for disruptive propaganda."

"The price of compromise is sometimes lost leadership," he said, going on to ask: "Of what use is the unity of Christendom if it is a unity of impotence?"

Answering another of his own questions—what might the executive committee be expected to say?—Mr. Herron declared "it would have been profitable to have a Christian call to the churches to face the urgency, importance and cost of European unity."

## Negro Christian Educator Honored By Little Rock

A Negro Christian educator who helped to lay the foundation for understanding between races in Arkansas will be honored by the Little Rock Housing Authority in the naming of a 400-family housing unit for Negro families to be erected there.

Dr. Joseph A. Booker, who died in 1926, was chosen by the housing authority after a search for the Negro citizen who made the greatest contribution to the community and to his race. The housing unit, which will be erected on Granite Mountain, near Little Rock, will be named Joseph A. Booker Homes.

For more than 40 years Dr. Booker was president of Arkansas Baptist College. He was editor of a Negro Baptist paper for many years, secretary of the home mission board of the National Baptist Convention, chairman of the Little Rock Negro Vice Commission, and a member of the state interracial commission.

## Religious Groups Exempted From Wage Freeze

Religious, educational, and charitable institutions which are tax-exempt under federal law will be exempted from the present nation-wide "wage freeze," the Wage Stabilization Board has ruled.

The exemption means that religious groups can raise the salaries of their ministers, parish workers and other employees, without consulting the Wage Stabilization Board for approval.

In addition to affecting churches the exemption applies to hospitals, schools, colleges and other religious-affiliated organizations.

Wage Board chairman, Cyrus S. Ching, in making the announcement said that members of the board had unanimously approved regulation No. 7 embodying the exemption. The action received the blessing of Economic Stabilization officials.

Mr. Ching said that the exemption does not extend to employees of a business enterprise owned and operated by a religious, charitable or educational organization, nor to any institution which does not qualify for tax exemption under Sections 101 (5) and (6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## Church Group Dries Up Military Camp Area

Sale of hard liquors and wines around a huge Louisiana military camp was banned as the result of local option elections sponsored by a church group.

The elections, held at "gold coast" areas adjacent to Camp Polk, were sponsored by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, which represents Protestant churches of the state. Dr. Earl W. Hotalen, director, said the Foundation believes the vote was the first in the nation to dry up areas around Army camps.

Dr. Hotalen said that the Vernon (county) parish units of the Foundation will seek to hold local option elections soon in other sections of the parish "which have liquor and gambling establishments catering to the soldier trade."

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## Portland Southern Baptists Acquire Downtown Location

The First Southern Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, is now housed in a downtown building erected in 1882. They recently purchased it from the Evangelical Baptists who had acquired it in 1948 from the original owners, a group of Presbyterians. H. C. Price is pastor.

In addition to services in their new location the Southern Baptist congregation conducts three missions, one at the former church in west Portland, another at Parkrose, and the third in east Portland. All three centers conduct full-time services.

Headquarters for all Southern Baptists in Oregon and Washington is located in the east side mission, but will move as soon as space can be provided in the downtown church.

A Baptist Book Store is expected to be opened in the downtown church sometime this spring.

# A Smile or Two

"Did you give your wife the money you won?"

"Sure thing! I told her to buy some decent clothes—but she said, 'I've worn decent clothes all my life; now I'm going to dress like other women.'"

A small boy was watching a telephone repair man on a pole connect a test set and try the connection with the test board. After listening a few minutes the youngster rushed into the house screaming, "Mama, come out here quick! There's a man on a telephone pole talking to Heaven."

"What makes you think he's talking to Heaven?"

"Because he hollered, 'Hello! Hello! Hello! Good Lord! What's the matter up there? Can't anyone hear?'"

—Quote

A tall cowboy, ten gallon hat and all, was sauntering around a large department store. The salesgirl asked him if she could be of assistance. "No, ma'am," he replied. "I reckon not. I ain't never seen so many things I could do without."

—Quote

A small girl asked her mother to explain the word vice to her. Mother was a little taken back but explained that vice was being naughty. "Why did you want to know, dear?" she asked.

"Well, I was just elected vice-president of my class at school."

—Quote

"Why did Ikey invite only married people to his wedding?"

"Well, in that way he figured that all the presents would be clear profit."

Son: "Dad, may I ask you a question?"

Dad: "I suppose so, let's have it."

Son: "Where is the wind when it doesn't blow?"

Visitor: "You don't mean to tell me that you have lived in this out-of-the-way place for over 30 years?"

Inhabitant: "I 'ave."

Visitor: "But, really, I cannot see what you can find to keep you busy."

Inhabitant: "Neither can I—that's why I like it."

"My book had a sad ending."

"Your book?"

"Yes, my checkbook."

Guide: "This is Mr. Wealthy's estate. He is one of our landed rich."

Sweet Young Thing: "Who landed him?"

Junior was invited to supper at Billy's house, but refused. When Ma asked why, Junior sneered and said:

"He just wants me to help him eat up his cereal so he can have the box tops!"

The neighbors' children were playing treasure hunt in my backyard.

"Goodness, what are you digging for—gold?" I asked.

"No, ma'am," one of the boys shrugged with contempt. "That is old-fashioned. We're digging for uranium."

Absent-minded Judge, to dentist: "Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth?"

# Cardinal Mindszenty Was Guilty As Charged

By WILLIAM RUFUS SCOTT

We are shaping into a Mindszenty Case within the United States.

The myth of martyrdom built around Cardinal Mindszenty and other prelates and priests tried on charges of espionage and treason must be shattered for the sake of historical accuracy and for sound judgment upon Vatican espionage in the United States.

## Vatican Espionage

Why Cardinal Mindszenty and others accused denied the charges is unfathomable in view of the Vatican's open admission of espionage inside and outside of the iron curtain, and the Vatican's announced resistance to the governments arresting the clergy. The confession by Cardinal Mindszenty need not have been forced, if it was.

The threat to excommunicate any Catholic supporting Communism is on record, and as late as last October 11 the correspondent of one of the leading United States news services sent a dispatch widely used here which proves the charge of espionage on the Vatican's own statement.

The Vatican-inspired dispatch set forth that about 2,000 reports a week are received from the clergy and hierarchy throughout the world, including the United States. It stated that 3,000 archbishops and bishops and 300,000 priests are the core of the espionage system which sends its reports to Rome, some by "devious and unpublicized means." If other agents of Vatican espionage are employed it was not stated.

## Argument for Ambassador

It further was stated that papal representatives in 66 countries, including Washington, participate in the espionage. The Vatican claims 43 nations have their own envoys, ministers, and ambassadors to the Vatican, including the United States until the recent resignation of Myron Taylor as envoy of the President. The Vatican was exposing the extent of its espionage as an argument not only for reappointment of the envoy from the President, but as a plea for a full-fledged ambassador from Washington, an issue now pending in the White House.

While the data in most of these 2,000 reports was said to concern non-military, non-diplomatic and other top secrets of the nations, the espionage "inevitably must touch on political affairs, economics, and public order." The Pope was declared to see more of these reports than any other individual in the Vatican.

The only justification ever advanced by the White House, first by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who named the envoy, and by President Harry S. Truman, who inherited the situation, was that the Vatican espionage gave the United States access to vital top military, diplomatic, and economic secrets in Europe and other continents.

## U. S. Spied Upon

Naive Americans did not stop to realize that our own top military, diplomatic, and economic secrets also were being spied out by the Vatican and used as it saw fit in its world-wide temporal activities. The Vatican may have known of the atomic bomb before any member of Congress did, and the date of the Normandy invasion; and certainly before the American people dreamed of such a development. Right now the Vatican espionage here has American secrets hardly any one except the President knows.

The question is: shall Vatican espionage be privileged while we move so drastically to curb or eliminate Communist and all other outside and inside spying? The House Committee on Un-American Activities, and its counterpart committee in the Senate, should investigate openly the intentions, scope, and achievements of Vatican espionage here so that the leaking of our top military, diplomatic, economic, and other secrets shall be plugged. Espionage does not become holy because a clergyman conducts it. Any church conducting espionage is making a monstrous excursion into secularism.

## Next Step

If Cardinal Mindszenty had said simply: "I stand unalterably upon the policies of my church; if that be treason, make the most of it," he not only could have been a martyr in the eyes of his church but in a universal sense. As it is, Protestants, Jews, and all other religionists in the world, and the non-religious, can rate him only as a man willing to be punished to maintain a system of espionage and a hostility to the existing government in Hungary decreed by his superiors.

The United States in its Constitution and First Amendment thereto sought to end for all time the secularistic activities of churches. The Roman Catholic Church is not an American church; it is an Italian church with American branches. Strictly as a religion, we not only tolerate it, but welcome it. The American Catholic laity have too conclusively shown their patriotism and merit as citizens for other religionists and non-religionists to have other than affection for them. But we will resist a creeping religious totalitarianism in the temporal realm and its drive against our public schools and for an envoy to the Vatican, among other secularistic moves, as resolutely as we resist Communism when the people substantially understand the menace.

If the envoy is continued, or an ambassador named, the next move of the Vatican would be for a concordat, or treaty, with the United States which would give American Catholics dual citizenship here and in the so-called Vatican State, and give the Vatican spelled-out controls over American Catholics otherwise contradictory to our institutions.

## More Politician Than Priest

President Roosevelt named the envoy on the eve of his race to break the third term tradition in 1940. That he was influenced by a desire for Catholic votes is proved by the payoff for the envoy, undertaken, as it is told in "Jim Farley's Story" by Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago, who tried to induce Postmaster General James A. Farley to back Roosevelt for a third term against Farley's unshakable stand for the ban on the third term in American tradition. Now we have another Richelieu-type Cardinal, more politician than priest. Cardinal Spellman has been publicly urging recognition for Dictator Franco of Spain as the payoff for the disgraceful bigotry the Vatican induced Franco to show against Protestants and other religionists in Spain. This bigotry of the Vatican is practiced in all countries where it can be imposed, and the aim is indisputably to eventually practice it in the United States.

As a religion, Roman Catholicism has shown a vitality that means it is wanted by hundreds of millions of persons throughout the world, and by about 24,000,000 here, or some 16 per cent of our population. No Catholic lay-

# Letter to the President

The President  
The White House  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

As a pastor who served over five years in the Nation's Capital and who has talked with you personally on several occasions, I am amazed and appalled at the published statement that the United States Army purchased almost \$10,000 worth of beer for men serving overseas in 1950.

I believe, Mr. President, that one of these days before long the patience of fine, godly Christian men and women all over the Nation will run out. I believe further that the patience of God will run out and it will be vain for us to call upon Him to bless us as a Nation while we pursue such tactics. It is difficult enough for people to send their sons and husbands to war without knowing that our own Government is making drunkards out of them.

It has been said that in countries such as Korea only polluted water is available to drink. The implication is that it is a choice between polluted water or beer. Every one of us with an ounce of common sense knows that there are scores of soft drinks available and that many of our boys prefer them to beer.

Beer is not, and never has been, essential to the morale of our Armed Forces. It is an alcoholic beverage and is definitely harmful. The case history of thousands of alcoholics testifies to the fact that the drinking of beer very frequently leads to the drinking of hard liquor.

Mr. President, there are millions of us who are loyal citizens and who will gladly sacrifice for the defense and welfare of our Nation but we greatly resent the fact that our tax money is being used to the detriment of our young men and women and to the dishonor of our Lord.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of our Nation it is within your power to put a stop to this abominable practice immediately.

Humbly and prayerfully, as a Christian and a citizen I am asking that you would give the most serious consideration to a matter which is an offense to so many of our fellow-citizens and an insult to the God in Whom we put our trust.

Sincerely yours,

K. Owen White

man need fear any attempt to curtail his religious worship, and no Catholic would suffer if the Vatican is compelled everywhere to be only a religion without secular activities such as espionage and resistance to any government.

## Tainted Oath

If President Truman can appoint an envoy or name an ambassador to the Vatican after the insulting reference emanating from the Vatican regarding some of our most respected citizens, the Rotarians and Masons, it will show that political expediency overrides his self-respect and taints the oath he took to uphold the Constitution and its separation of church and state. This would go also for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State if they should advise diplomatic relations with the Vatican. Any American Catholic would be improved by being a Rotarian or Mason just as other citizens are improved thereby.

Not a single American boy should be killed nor a dollar spent to save the temporal power of the Vatican. We will, of course, fight to save religion, or the Christian way of life.



# What Happens To Our Baptist Youth?

By DALE COWLING

A few weeks ago after speaking on Baptist Student Union Work, the State Student Secretary stood in the front of the church auditorium gripping the gnarled work-worn hand of a heart broken father. It was unusual to witness the emotional disturbance of this strong man. Tears stood in his eyes and the intensity of his soul suffering was written upon his face.

## Faith Destroyed

"Two years ago this fall," he said, "I sent my son away to college. He had always been a good boy. He was vitally interested in the work and the services of his church. He had become a Christian at an early age and all through high school he had remained loyal to the service of the Lord in his church. He went away to college a warm hearted Christian young man. His life was full of confidence in himself and in Christ. After spending two years at one of the schools of our state, my son, who went away a young man full of faith, has returned to me a young man full of doubt. He now even questions the existence of God. His mind is full of question marks concerning every great spiritual truth. He questions God and everything about God that he cannot see in a test tube."

It is sad to say that the experience of this father is not an isolated case. This same slaughter of the faith of our Baptist youth is happening hundreds of times every year. Scores of our fine Baptist youth are being stripped of their faith at the hands of Godless professors. These youth, with such a simple faith, are easy prey for professors in a day such as ours, when we have crowned science as king. It is not surprising that our young people go away to college with the feeling that science holds the answer to every question. A science professor often poses as an authority on religion, and is seldom questioned by the trusting freshman. If he is of a mind to do so, he can make the simple faith of these young people appear foolish indeed in their own eyes. Soon they decide that religion is an out-moded and un-needed crutch in the lives of strong individuals. Something more than their lives has been destroyed. The faith that makes life worth living has been slaughtered.

## Educated Fool

Intellectual growth without religious development is a supreme tragedy. It has led us to the point where our knowledge about life is unbelievable, but our power to live creatively is alarmingly anemic. When our colleges develop the intellectual capacity of individuals and stifles religious growth, the only product we can hope for is an educated fool. If we had to choose, it would be far better to love Christ and be ignorant than to be highly educated and not be a Christian.

What can Arkansas Baptists do about this slaughter of the faith of our youth? Surely we would not advocate that our Baptist girls and boys be kept home from college. We covet the best education possible for every Baptist boy and girl. We would not limit the educational advantages that belong to the youth of our day in any wise.

Therefore, we have but one logical alternative. Our only choice is to send a spiritual program to the campuses of our colleges and universities. Most college administrations welcome such a program. We as Baptists are

responsible to God and to our young people to provide opportunities for them to develop spiritually as they develop intellectually. We have the program that would accomplish our objective if we will only put it into operation.

The Baptist Student Union is a plan whereby we seek to tie the college student on to the local Baptist church in the college town. We need a Baptist Student Secretary on each of these college campuses to help these young people find the answer to the serious doubts and problems that they face in college.

Surely, if it is important that a church have a pastor for a spiritual leader, it is important that this group of future leaders have a spiritual leader during their college days. We must awaken to the fact that it is not less missionary to evangelize a college campus than some destitute section of a state or a city. May the Lord hasten the day when we as Arkansas Baptists will have an adequate spiritual program to minister to the religious life of our college students. We cannot afford to stand idly by and watch the spiritual slaughter of our finest young men and young women who are destined to be the leaders in our state and in their communities in a matter of a very few short years. Unless we help them now, we will be hindered by them tomorrow.

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## Professor Blasts Inadequate Mission Contributions

"Unless more funds are made available to the Foreign Mission Board, less than half of the mission volunteers on this campus will be appointed as they graduate within the next three years—and this does not even count those whose hearts Christ is winning for world evangelization in other Southern Baptist seminaries."

This was the frank analysis of Dr. J. W. MacGorman, assistant professor of New Testament, presented to the student body of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in a recent missions day address. Southwestern has 320 foreign mission volunteers out of its total enrolment of 1,455.

In support of his analysis Dr. MacGorman said, "The Southern Baptist Convention ANNUAL of 1950 lists our membership as 6,761,256. Seventeen hundred fifty missionaries in the field would mean one missionary for every 3,863 Southern Baptists, which is not an unreasonable expectation. This same Annual lists 27,285 churches as affiliated with our Convention. Seventeen hundred fifty missionaries in the field would mean one missionary for every twenty-one churches, which is not an unreasonable expectation. The Annual indicates that the total gifts of these churches to all causes last year was \$178,337,307.

"The proposed budget of ten million dollars to support 1,750 missionaries would represent only 5.6 per cent of our total gifts. It isn't unreasonable to expect that five or six cents out of every dollar given by Southern Baptists should be permitted to engage in the worldwide reach of the Great Commission. If the 6,761,265 members of Southern Baptist churches were to share equally the proposed ten million dollar budget to support a missionary force of 1,750, it would amount to only \$1.47 a year, and it isn't unreasonable to expect each of our members to give three cents a week to the cause of worldwide missions."

# Ambassador For God And The U.S.A.

By DR. DUKE McCALL

God answered our prayer before we knew we needed to pray. He had to use a United States ambassador to do it, but there is evidence that some members of the state department work within God's jurisdiction.

Ambassador Myron Cowen in Manila, Philippine Islands, had a representative meet our plane to invite us to dinner.

I have visited American ambassadors half way around the world. Without exception I have been proud of them. The two best in my book are Loy W. Henderson in India and Myron Cowen in the Philippines. Both have terrific jobs, but they know what they are doing. Cowen runs the largest embassy staff (2,000 people) of the U. S. government.

At the Cowen's table I turned the conversation over to my companion, Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, Texas. I gave my undivided attention to that wonderful American food on the table. It tasted so delightfully familiar after two months of strange flavors.

Criswell started to tell Ambassador Cowen of our preaching engagements in Japan. He took out his passport to illustrate some point. Suddenly his eyes popped out and his mouth dropped open! He forgot the ambassador and with trembling hand offered me his passport. "Can you find October 15 on that Military Permit?" he asked.

I studied his permit to enter Japan for a minute and exclaimed more fervently than piously, "Heaven help us, your permit expired last month!"

The ambassador smiled as he said, "I shall be glad to substitute for heaven, if you like. It will take me just two minutes to get that permit extended."

As far as I am concerned he was heaven's special agent. Vice-Consul Ross, who actually dispatched the cable to SCAP in Japan, had this version of our good fortune: "Heaven takes care of fools, idiots, and drunks. That gives you two chances out of three."

Here we have traveled half way around the world to keep a date in Japan. Somehow we had neglected to make sure that we could both enter the country on arrival.

Beat this as a story of Divine providence if you can. In the last city where the mistake could be corrected, at the dinner table of the one man who could correct it, we discovered that somebody in Washington had used the wrong stamp to date the Military Permit.

God said through his prophet Isaiah, "Before they call, I will answer." He certainly did for us.

Only once have I heard a prayer in which God was thanked for preserving a man from accidents which never come, illness that never began, trouble which never occurred. We do ask to be protected from such things.

Privately I am going to thank God for the disasters which have never happened to me.

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## Porter Routh Says—

The Boy Scouts report an enrolment of 2,795,222 boys and adult leaders on their 41st Anniversary.

Large breweries in the U. S. increased their advertising expenditure for television from 1 cent a barrel in 1949 to 12 cents a barrel in 1950.

# Spirit of Doctor Conger Lives On at Ouachita

Founders Day Address, February 20, Ouachita College

By DR. J. F. QUEEN

The Arkansas Baptist Historical Society confers upon me a two-fold honor: First, by inviting me to substitute on this program for one of the greatest preachers Arkansas has ever had, the late Dr. Otto Whittington; Second, because I am to tell you something of the man who is, perhaps, more responsible than any other person living or dead for the progress of Christian education in Arkansas among Baptists, Dr. John W. Conger, the first president of Ouachita College.

It may be interesting to you to know something of the early history leading Arkansas Baptists to establish a college on this spot of ground. A school for the blind under the direction of the Federal Government occupied the ground before the Civil War. The building stood where the boys dormitory now stands. Dr. W. A. Forbes, who at one time was the only Baptist preacher in Arkansas who held a college degree, succeeded in getting the State Legislature to place the ground for sale. Dr. Forbes and a Methodist layman were the only persons to bid on the property. When Dr. Forbes made a bid of \$750, no other bid was offered and the property was purchased from the state. Dr. Forbes, Dr. J. C. Wallis, Mr. Saunders, the father of Mrs. Thomas W. Croxton, and another man gave \$100 each toward the purchase of the property, leaving \$350 to be paid later. The next year Dr. Forbes asked the legislature to cancel the debt of \$350 which they did, leaving the property to the people of Arkadelphia, free of debt.

An attempt was made by the citizens of Arkadelphia, and then by Red River Association to operate a school on the property. Dr. Forbes was the head of the school for one year with 97 pupils enrolled. For some reason the school did not continue. In 1885 the State Convention, meeting at Hope, appointed a college board with power to act. When this board met in Little Rock to seek a place for a college, a Mr. Cross, a citizen of Arkadelphia, met with the board and suggested that they select this plot of ground of 13 acres on which Ouachita College now stands. Several acres have been added since.

Dr. J. W. Conger, who was head of the high school at Prescott, was selected as the first president. He was 29 years of age, and remained as president for 21 years.

Dr. Conger was born at Jackson, Tennessee, February 20, 1857. He was the seventh of a family of ten children. He graduated with the B. A. degree from Southwestern Baptist University, now Union University, at the age of 21. From this same University he received the M. A. degree at the age of 26, and the LL.D. when he was 39.

When I was a 14 year old boy I attended Union Baptist Association at Emmet. It was my first time to see Dr. Conger. As he spoke that day on Christian Education, he planted something in my heart that became the seed of my preparation for life's work. It was not my privilege to be a student of Ouachita while Dr. Conger was president but his life and personality lived on during the days I was here, and he still lives on at Ouachita and throughout Arkansas and many other states and continents.

I want to center our attention upon the life of Dr. Conger as he now lives on at Ouachita. To remain in the past in our thinking fosters stagnation, and disqualifies us

to meet the demands of the present day and the future.

Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dallas, Texas, in an address in Oklahoma City some years ago, said that we used to know the age of women by the length of their skirts, but now grandmother and granddaughter wear the same length; we used to judge their age by the way they fixed their hair, but now they have it fixed at the same beauty parlor; we used to tell their ages by their complexion but now they buy it from the same drug store. He said the only way you could tell anyone's age is to find where he lives in his mind. He said that if one is 25 years old and lives in the past he is old, but if he is 75 and lives in the present, looking forward to a glorious future, he is young. Perhaps he was right. It is well and profitable to look back, but not if we live back. Our salvation depends on looking back to Calvary but we fail as Christians if we do not live in the life of Him who saves us, and fail to look forward to the accomplishment of the impossible through Him who died but now lives. Fruit abounds when we live in the present and look with faith toward the future, crowned by the grace of God.

Statesmanship, dynamic leadership, and broadened personalities have grown out of the life and leadership of Dr. J. W. Conger. It could be said of him that he was:

"Able to suffer without complaining,  
To be misunderstood without explaining,  
Able to endure without breaking,  
To be forsaken without forsaking;  
Able to give without receiving,  
To be ignored without grieving;  
Able to ask without commanding,  
To love despite misunderstanding;  
Able to turn to the Lord for guarding,  
Able to wait for his own rewarding."

Some one has said, "Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it and make it worth \$6,000—that's genius. Rockefeller could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a million dollars—that's capital. Uncle Sam can take gold, stamp an eagle on it, and make it worth \$20—that's money. A mechanic can take material that is worth only \$5 and make it worth \$50—that's skill." But Dr. Conger could take a poor boy or girl from the farm and keep him from four to six years in Ouachita College, and make a Hamilton Moses out of him, or a Finley Gibson, a J. S. Rogers, an Arthur Vestal, a General Compere, an Otto Whittington, a Henry Bennett, a John L. Carter, an L. M. Sipes, a Neppie Warren Scarborough, an Estel McMillan Blake, and scores and scores of others—that's Art.

This same artistic work continued after Dr. Conger was gone. Drs. Hartzog, Bowers, Jamison, Dickens, Hill, Johnson, and Grant continued to mould, as artists, the lives of young men and young women for the highest callings of God. Many states of the Union are blessed with the leadership and ministry of these men and women, and many have encircled the globe in their noble pursuits in service and leadership. Now Dr. Eubanks is carrying on the same great work of his predecessors, and Ouachita College is far better equipped now for moulding the lives of students than at any time in the past.

The spirit that Dr. Conger planted in the

## They Shall Not March, Sail, or Fly Alone

Current need for an additional 129 Southern Baptist chaplains is urgent. All branches of the services need chaplains who have not reached their thirty-third birthday and who possess college and seminary degrees, or their equivalent in standard credits. Upon being commissioned in the Reserve Corps, the rank is First Lieutenant and pay for active duty is approximately \$4,400 per year.

Baptist pastors who are eligible should recognize the evangelistic opportunity offered in preaching the gospel to America's young manhood.

Churches should respond to the missionary responsibility of ministering spiritually to those going from their community to serve in the military.

The Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention seeks preachers who know God has called them to this special type of spiritual ministry.

Southern Baptists have 280 chaplains on duty in all branches of service, scattered around the world. We "Trust the Lord and Tell the People," believing that a sufficient number of Baptist ministers will respond in order that "They shall not March, Sail, or Fly Alone."

For military papers, contact nearest recruit station for branch of service you prefer.

For denominational endorsement papers, write the Chaplains Commission, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, Alfred Carpenter, Director.

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### Book Review

**The Holy Spirit** by Marion E. Ramay; Oklahoma Baptist University Press, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Among the most neglected studies of New Testament teachings is the study of the Holy Spirit. Dr. Marion E. Ramay, pastor of First Church, Edmond, Oklahoma, has met the deficiency in this study in the publishing of the book, "The Holy Spirit in the Life and Work of the Believer." Dr. Ramay's study is based entirely upon the teachings of the New Testament. His study includes the person of the Holy Spirit and His work.

Included in the study is the discussion of erroneous ideas concerning baptism of the Holy Spirit, divine healing, speaking in tongues, and sinless perfection.

Dr. Ramay traces the work of the Holy Spirit in His relation to the sinner, to the believer, and to the church. The final emphasis is on the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

hearts of men and women must live on as it has lived in the past and is now living in the present. This same spirit will determine the future history of Ouachita.

While sitting in the office of an insurance man one day I read a magazine article which told the story of a man who had lost all his possessions in 1930, but in 1944 his assets amounted to a million dollars. He was asked how he did it. He answered by saying that he did it with three little words—"and then some." He said that he always did his part toward helping others, and then some. If there were any misunderstandings between him and another he would meet him half way and then some. If any good enterprise was launched he would contribute his part and then some. These three little words were characteristic of Dr. Conger, and this same spirit must continue among Ouachita graduates if her future history is to be recorded at its maximum.

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### Last Call -

### For State Training Union Convention

1. The State Training Union Convention begins at First Church, El Dorado, Friday morning, March 16 at 10:30 and closes Saturday noon.

2. All who are to participate in the elimination Speakers' Tournament Friday afternoon are requested to meet at 1:50 p. m. in the Young Adult Men's Department, First Church, for instruction.

3. Go directly to First Church, El Dorado, to register when you arrive in El Dorado. There will be a registration fee of fifty cents for Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free.

4. A college choir rehearsal will be held at the High School Auditorium Friday afternoon at five o'clock.

5. When you register you will be given a twenty-four page program which shows you the meeting places for all the sectional meetings and for all programs for all age groups. A program will be absolutely necessary.

6. Breakfast for newly elected convention officers and state approved workers will be held Saturday morning at 7:30 at the cafeteria at the Lion Chemical Plant.

7. Clyde Freed, associate pastor of First Church, El Dorado, is convention co-ordinator. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

8. If a bus load is coming, one person in charge should write the State Training Union Director for registration cards so that those cards can be filled out and be ready to present to the registration desk when you arrive at the convention Friday morning.

9. The convention will be held at the First Baptist Church, First Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and the High School Auditorium. All of these buildings are within a few blocks of each other.

10. Plan to stay throughout the convention. Get every thing that the convention offers. Use your pencil and note book. Take your information back to your church and put it into practice.



Clyde Freed

### March 11 Pre-Convention Training Union Attendance Night

A letter has been sent to every Training Union Director in the State of Arkansas. The goal for March 11, which is next Sunday night, is the Training Union enrollment as reported to the association this past fall. All churches that reach their goal and notify the State Training Union Director, 212 Baptist Building, not later than Tuesday morning, March 13, will have their names printed in the twenty-four page Training Union Convention program booklet, which will be presented to each person who registers at the Training Union Convention.

### Woodruff County Association Hymn-Sing

Nearly one hundred people gathered at the Pleasant Grove Church on Sunday afternoon, February 11, for the Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Woodruff County Association. Doyle L. Lumpkin, pastor at Cotton Plant, directed the Sing and Miss Wanda Ramsayer of the Good Hope Church was the accompanist. Seven churches in the association were represented and special numbers were presented by First Church, Cotton Plant, and First Church, Augusta.

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### Month of March

Emphasis: New Sunday Schools and the teaching of Missions.

#### In the Associations

1. Promote Home and Foreign Missions Day in the churches.
2. Start branch Sunday Schools and plan for Negro and mission Vacation Bible schools
3. Hold clinic for Vacation Bible school workers
4. Continue emphasis on visitation
5. Hold Sunday School workers' meeting: Theme—"Our Missionary Program Beginning at Home" or "The Simultaneous Revivals."

#### In the Churches

1. Observe Home and Foreign Missions Day, March 25
2. Complete plans for Vacation Bible school
3. Participate in Simultaneous Revivals
4. Preview lessons for next quarter
5. Start a branch Sunday School

### North Zone Hymn-Sing

On Sunday afternoon, February 18, the Jacksonville Church was host to the North Zone Hymn-Sing. There were 151 people present including four pastors, four directors and six pianists. Miss Ruth Ryburn directed the singing.

Special choir numbers were presented by the Sylvan Hills, Jacksonville, and Friendship churches.

The next Sing for this group will be held at the Friendship Church on March 18.

### Northwest Zone Hymn-Sing

On February 11, the Amboy Church was host to the Northwest one Hymn-Sing with 68 people in attendance, representing four churches, Bob Hall directed the music and Miss Jackie Hall was the accompanist.

Special numbers were brought by the choirs from Amboy and Pike Avenue Churches.

The next Sing will be held on March 11.

### Southwest Zone Hymn-Sing

The regular zone Hymn-Sing for Southwest Zone of Pulaski County was held on February 11, at the Crystal Hill Church. M. O. Kelley directed the music and Miss Mary Johnson accompanied. There were 84 people present, representing five churches, and including three pastors, five directors and five pianists. The theme of the program was God's Love. A special number was presented by the Pine Grove Girls Trio, composed of Carolyn Kelley, Margaret Wade, and Ada Sue Foreman.

The next Zone Hymn-Sing will be held on March 11, at the Douglasville First Church.

### Second, Hot Springs Has Standard S. S.

Recently the Religious Education Department received thirty-one applications for standard recognition from the Sunday School of the Second Church, Hot Springs. These included Nursery I, Nursery II, Nursery III departments; Beginner I, department Primary I department and three classes; Primary II department and 4 classes; Primary III department and 4 classes; Junior II department and 5 classes; and one Adult class.

This, we believe is an unusual record and certainly one which should challenge each church. Several of the other departments and classes of Second Church lack only one or two points and expect to meet all the requirements in a very short time.

We take this opportunity to express appreciation for the splendid type of work done while using the Standard as a program of work, and feel certain that these fine departments and classes will not be satisfied with less than Standard work in the future. We shall look forward to receiving requests for the Standard recognition year after year. O. L. Bayless is pastor, and Floyd E. Hunter, is Sunday School superintendent.

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### Harmony Association Hymn-Sing

Southside Church, Pine Bluff was host to the first Quarterly Hymn-Sing of Harmony Association under the supervision of the newly-elected music director, Mrs. A. J. Jenkins of Immanuel, Pine Bluff. In spite of a steady down-pour of rain, 233 people attended representing 15 churches. Eleven pastors, twelve directors, and twelve accompanists were in the group. W. E. Ward, music and education director of the host church, directed the congregational singing and Mrs. Odis Jones, organist at Second Church played the accompaniment.

A conference of pastors, directors and accompanists preceded the Sing and was presided over by Mrs. Jenkins. The state music director presented some plans for Summer Music Schools, and spoke on the forthcoming Youth and Junior Choir Festivals.

The Ouachita Choir, under the direction of Fred Becker, gave a demonstration rehearsal, and a short concert, both of which were very inspiring.

The host pastor, L. L. Sparkman closed the meeting with prayer.

The next Sing for Harmony Association will take place, April 29 at First Church, Pine Bluff.

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ous churches, for the children's spring clothing needs. If you fail to receive your list, please drop us a note. This personal contact means so much to the children.

#### ALLOWANCES

If you are interested in providing weekly allowances for the children, 10 to 50 cents per week, please let us know. You may

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Our books were audited early in January, as is the custom of the Home each year, and satisfactory statement made by the

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The year 1950 was the greatest year in the American Bible Society's 116 years of work for the blind, according to S. Ruth Barrett, secretary of the Bible Society's work for the blind. Over 28,000 of the large embossed volumes and Talking Book Records were distributed in the United States, an increase of nearly 10,000 over the previous year.

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During 1950 the Bible Society printed, in this country, Scriptures in Spanish Braille for the blind in Latin America. The entire New Testament can now be secured in Spanish Braille.

As a part of its World Recovery program the American Bible Society has been helping the blind in foreign countries to secure the Bible in their native language, by providing paper and binding materials for the production of the Scriptures and aid in the cost of distributing the books to the needy blind.

Two large shipments of several tons of Braille paper were sent to Japan last year, as well as other foreign countries. Up to October 24, the Japan Bible Society had distributed over 7,000 Braille volumes in Japanese and had waiting orders for about 500 more.

### Delta Association Hymn Sing

On January 28, 1951, the Portland Church was host to the regular Quarterly Hymn Sing for Delta Association, with Mrs. Ralph Verser, who is the Associational Music Director, in charge.

The theme for the program was "New Year Through Song. Serve the Lord with Gladness." The song used in connection with the theme was "Saviour like a Shepherd Lead Us." Psalm 100 was

read by Pastor J. P. Burgess of Portland. A solo was brought by Mr. Fair Hays, Lake Village. The call for hymns was based on Scripture, and led by Mrs. S. L. Adams, Portland. The Youth Choirs of McGehee and Lake Village brought special numbers.

The benediction was given by Mr. Burgess.

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## Missions And Evangelism

Missionary H. S. Coleman has issued a challenge to the churches and pastors in Caroline Association to conduct 36 mission revivals. He has selected the places and suggested the church to sponsor each. The churches, no doubt, will respond to this wise leadership on the part of their missionary.

What has been done in the other associations about mission revivals?

W. Autry Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Thomas, Hartford, has been elected as missionary of Buckner Association. He succeeds Herman Highfill who has gone to Oklahoma as missionary.

Liberty Association, under the leadership of Carl A. Clark, plans an Associational Evangelistic Conference, March 19-23, with five nights dedicated to Personal Evangelism. Monday and Tuesday nights the conference sessions will be with Cullendale Church; Wednesday and Thursday nights with Second Church, El Dorado; and Friday night in the Smackover Church.

E. F. Boyles, who served Woodruff Association as missionary for the summer season in 1950, has recently been elected for full time. He began his work the middle of February.

Greene County Association plans a two-day Evangelistic Conference, May 18-19.

Evangelist R. A. Hill spent the week of February 18 in Bartholomew Association speaking and showing the mission film. He reports a fine response and a renewed interest in mission work.

C. W. Caldwell met with the pastors and church leaders in Boone county Tuesday night, February 27, to set up plans for the Associational Simultaneous Crusade to be held April 22-May 6.

The theme for February Workers' Conference in Buckner Association was "Evangelism." We would judge by the subjects and speakers listed that it was a great meeting.

D. C. Bandy, evangelist under the Mission Department, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Church, Pocahontas. He is an excellent evangelist and will be a beloved pastor.

The following paragraph is taken from the bulletin of First Church, Rogers, Rel Gray, pastor:

"Last year the deacons appointed a mission committee composed of the following men: J. A. Holyfield, chairman; Elmer Harris; Bill Tye; J. E. Ford; and Homer Paterson. The purpose of this committee is to seek out a possible building site for a mission north and east of the tracks in our city. There are many unreached and unsaved people in this area of Rogers. The committee is hoping to be in a position to make a recommendation to the church in the very near future.

Mt. Zion Association, Carl Bunch, missionary, is now sponsoring a radio program over station KBTM, Jonesboro. The services are broadcast at 11:30 on Saturday. Each broadcast is sponsored by one of the churches in the association.

Delta Association is the first to have a Simultaneous Revival in Arkansas this year. As these lines are written, they are beginning their second week. Many other associations will be launching their Simultaneous Revivals soon.

Pastors and churches are getting into the spirit of personal evangelism which is sweeping the state. Just think what it would mean to the Kingdom if every Christian will make a special effort to win one person in '51.

Pastors, make use of the posters, "Every Christian Win One in '51." Place one in every class room.

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The blame for the rising toll of criminal casualties among young people cannot be justly placed on youth alone. It is on the inadequate and neglectful "adult delinquent" that the greater share of blame must rest.

—John Edgar Hoover

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### Among The Auxiliaries

#### Junior Girls' Auxiliary At Augusta

Recently the State W.M.U. Office received a letter from the Girls' Auxiliary at Augusta. It contained good news and we believe it will be of help and encouragement to other girls in the state. "We are very proud of our G.A. We organized our group a little less than a year ago. We are doing standard work and are A-1. We have now twenty-seven members on roll and have an average attendance of twenty-five. Nine of our girls are Maidens, three are Ladies-in-Waiting. These three will be princesses next week. Every member is working on her Forward Steps. We meet every Monday afternoon at 3:30 and have a wonderful time together. We are looking forward to the Girls' Auxiliary Camp at Ferncliff and hope to be well represented there." Mrs. R. E. Gregory is counselor of this fine Girls' Auxiliary.

#### State Young Woman's Auxiliary Banquet

The Y.W.A. Banquet is held in connection with the Annual Meet-

ing of Woman's Missionary Union. The banquet will be the opening evening, April 3, 1951. The Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, will be the place of the banquet. The dining room is large so we would like to plan for at least three hundred young women and counselors on this occasion. Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, Southern W.M.U., will be the speaker at the banquet. Other guests and missionaries will be present. The banquet will be served at 5:45 P. M. The tickets are \$1.25 each. All reservations should be in the W.M.U. State Office, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, by March 28, please.

The information sheet and reservation blank for the banquet was mailed to counselors several days ago. If you failed to get this important material please write the State W.M.U. Office.

Many of the girls will prefer to wear their evening dresses. That will be lovely. The setting is "A Springtime" one . . . so formal dresses will add to the atmosphere. However, many girls will not wear evening dresses, you do as you desire. Just be sure your group begins now to plan to attend.

### Letter from a Missionary

Tokyo, Japan  
February 15, 1951

Dear Friends:

We have just returned from Nogoya, the city in which we are to open work in July. I wish I could take you there and let you share the joy of the challenge which lies before us.

I would like to take you over the city itself and let you see the rapid reconstruction of this city which was destroyed during the war. Everywhere roads are being built. The business district is being rebuilt along modern lines which give a new and clean appearance. Homes are under construction. The thing which impresses me most about the rebuilding of the city is the civic spirit and pride back of the building.

I would like for you to meet the people. They are our friends. They are gracious, helpful people. The manager of a busy store left his business and took us to meet a banker who knew something of real estate and could aid us in getting property. This busy man took time to serve us tea and to discuss our problems with us. A woman stopped her work in her garden to aid us. One man left

his sawmill, stopped his machinery and helped us. Other experiences could be related of the kindness of our people in Japan.

I would like for you to know the beautiful spot which we secured for the location of our mission work. It is on a hill, with the view of the city below and the beautiful mountains beyond. It is the site of a Japanese home which was destroyed by the war. The rock fence which surrounds the property, the terraced Japanese garden which covers the sloping backyard (and even the cement bomb shelter) are all still intact.

We wish you could look down on this large city — larger than Memphis, Atlanta, and Nashville combined. Look back toward the mountains and residential section. Look toward the crowded slum area beyond to the busy docks. Then perhaps, you would feel as we did, that standing there beside us, looking down with great compassion, was the Christ who wept over Jerusalem. Please join us in earnest prayer that we may have His spirit and power as we enter this great open door.

Sincerely,

Ida Nelle Holloway

## Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

### Family Night Plan For Churches

By H. E. SMALL, Alexandria, Louisiana

#### I. What is the Family Night Plan?

1. Brotherhood, W.M.U., Y.W.A., G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Sunbeams in separate organizations just before prayer-meeting Wednesday evening. All assemble together, have song and prayer, and then go to separate meetings.

2. At time agreed upon all come back to auditorium where general secretary reports attendance. Appropriate board may be used, as in Sunday School and Training Union.

3. Pastor takes charge of prayer service which should consist of song — devotional scriptures — presentation of objects of prayer — and a real prayer meeting closed with an appropriate song, and benediction.

#### II. What Are Advantages Of Family Plan?

1. Bring all the family to church together.

2. Cuts down on trips to church, and saves time, travel, energy, money.

3. Enables men to attend both Training Union and Brotherhood, and business and professional women to attend W.M.U.

4. Provides favorable time for men and women to help with auxiliary organizations.

5. Accommodates public school teachers and pupils, and requires only one period of their time during week days.

6. Gives families more evenings at home, less time on road, and provides for all essential organizations meeting weekly without any conflict.

7. Encourages everybody by greatly increased numbers in organizations and prayer meeting attendance.

8. Simplifies announcements about various organizations — encourages unity — and eliminates confusion.

9. Gives pastor opportunity to meet with his men each week without neglecting others.

10. Guarantees wholesome cooperation of all groups and organizations by eliminating real or imaginary competition and conflicts.

11. Builds home and home life by uniting rather than dividing interests and efforts of family members.

12. Gives everybody more free time during week to participate in

other worthwhile community and personal interests.

13. Discourages other community organizations from staging attractions on that night.

14. Places all our missionary organizations behind Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

#### III. How Inaugurate and Establish Family Plan?

1. Inform people of plan and its advantages — allow free and full discussions.

2. Let church act to authorize the plan as explained. Call for outside help when needed.

3. Set up program — place and time for each organization to meet — select leaders if necessary and begin program. Teach methods books for organizations if necessary.

4. After plan is inaugurated let all organizations seek to enlist all their prospects without delay.

5. Complete unit organizations where necessary, and go to work.

6. Make prayer service what name implies — not a sermon, lecture or teaching period — a prayer service, and everybody stay for it.

#### IV. Conclusion:

Economy is important in the Lord's work as elsewhere. This plan proves it. In operation, the Family Night Plan completes a trinity of organizational support. The Sunday School supports the morning worship service — the Training Union the evening worship service, and the missionary organizations the mid-week prayer service. While every sovereign church will set up its own plan, and meet when it sees fit, we do feel free to commend the above plan to any church looking for maximum results for the Master.

Some say we are over organized. We are not. There is a place and purpose for every organization we have, and every church should have each of them. When our organizations are fitted into their proper places, and all conflicts are eliminated there will be no overlapping, and all units will contribute to the strength of the entire church.

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To live in the presence of great truths and eternal laws—that is what keeps a man patient when the world ignores him, and calm and unspoiled when the world praises him.—Honore de Balzac.

When some people encounter difficulty, they take the attitude of meek surrender. Instead of getting to their feet like men, they lie bemoaning their fate. Some become cynical. They grow hard and bitter. This really is only another form of surrender and defeat.

The effective way to react when life gets hard is not to surrender weakly and grow cynical, but to come up with a smiling face, ready for a new battle. The whole world cannot defeat a fighter. Each man needs an undying faith in himself and in his God.

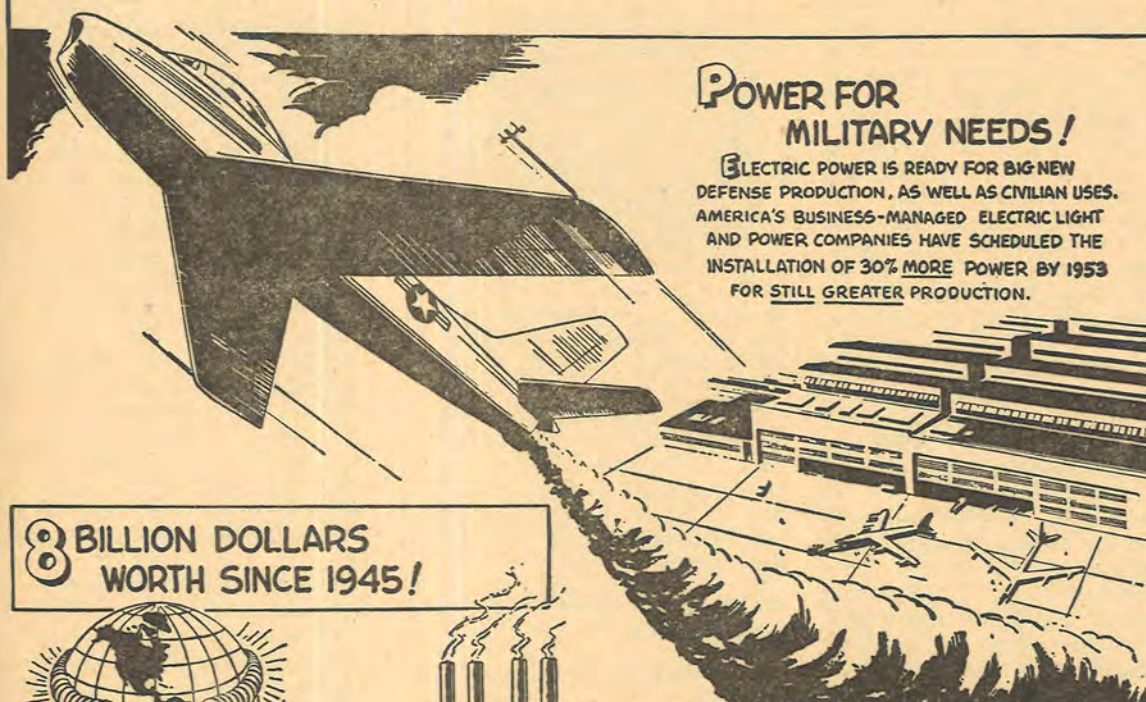
Men are having to examine the basis for their beliefs as never before. Words which we have mouthed so freely have been dissected to discover their real meaning. Concepts which have been inherited have become fresh, vital experiences.—Porter Routh.

### Figures to Inspire

Sunday, February 25

	S.S.	T.U.	Addi.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1298	359	8
Including Missions	1508	498	9
Fort Smith, First	1222	715	18
Including Missions	1467	785	
Little Rock, First	1001	384	2
El Dorado, First	918	222	5
Including Missions	983	263	
Hot Springs, Second	784	199	2
Little Rock, Second	759	159	
Pine Bluff, South Side	723	245	4
Including Mission	759	272	
Fayetteville, First	661	234	3
Pine Bluff, First	644	172	
Texarkana, Beech Street	631	220	
McGehee, First	622	195	
Including Missions	752	255	
El Dorado, Immanuel	613	276	
Including Mission	661	309	
Crossett, First	571	260	
Camden, First	553	185	2
Including Missions	836	400	
Benton, First	542	102	
Little Rock, Gaines Street	524	294	8
Fordyce, First	518	199	5
Magnolia, Central	508	230	
Including Mission	591		
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	502	132	
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	499		10
Hot Springs, Central	498	150	1
Paragould, First	497	220	1
Including Missions	781	400	
Hope, First	490	135	4
Little Rock, Tabernacle	489	174	4
Forrest City, First	484	153	8
Including Mission	550	206	9
Hot Springs, Park Place	467	183	19
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	453	173	1
Paris, First	418	170	
Including Mission	445		
Stuttgart, First	426	269	6
Springdale, First	398	229	
Including Mission	498		
Fort Smith, Calvary	397	153	
Siloam Springs, First	389	246	3
Rogers, First	386	130	8
Jonesboro, Walnut Street	384	116	2
West Memphis, First	382	161	4
Including Mission	405		
Smackover, First	371	145	
Cullendale, First	365	204	2
Little Rock, South Highland	363	116	4
El Dorado, West Side	349	112	7
Searcy, First	346	105	
Hot Springs, First	338	123	
Pine Bluff, Second	320	124	
North Little Rock, Park Hill	319	70	
Norphet, First	312	208	2
Texarkana, Calvary	310	107	5
Fort Smith, South Side	309	82	
Levy	292	112	7
North Little Rock, First	286	88	2
Mena, First	284	103	1
Fort Smith, Temple	269	159	
Little Rock, Hebron	254	123	
Gentry, First	253	156	
Bentonville, First	252	78	1
Hot Springs, Piney	245	188	
Wynne	242	45	1
No. Little Rock, Forty-Seventh Street	234	118	1
Little Rock, Calvary	231	65	7
Gurdon, Beech Street	216	113	1
Jacksonville, First	208	109	1
Including Mission	246		
Conway, Second	202	83	1
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial	202		3
Springdale, Caudle Avenue	186	167	
Rt. Little Rock, Ironton	154	165	1
Strong, First	135	58	
North Little Rock, Calvary (Rose City)	134	80	
Hot Springs, Grand Avenue	125	60	
Warren, Immanuel	121	119	
Dardanelle, First	120		1
Gillett	112	104	5
Fort Smith, North Side	111	51	
Grannis	101	75	
Little Rock, West Side	87	53	
Gurdon, South Fork	81	50	1
Little Rock, Bethel	75		
Monte Ne, First	68	69	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	64	45	
North Little Rock, People's	59	41	5
North Little Rock, Cedar Heights	52	51	1

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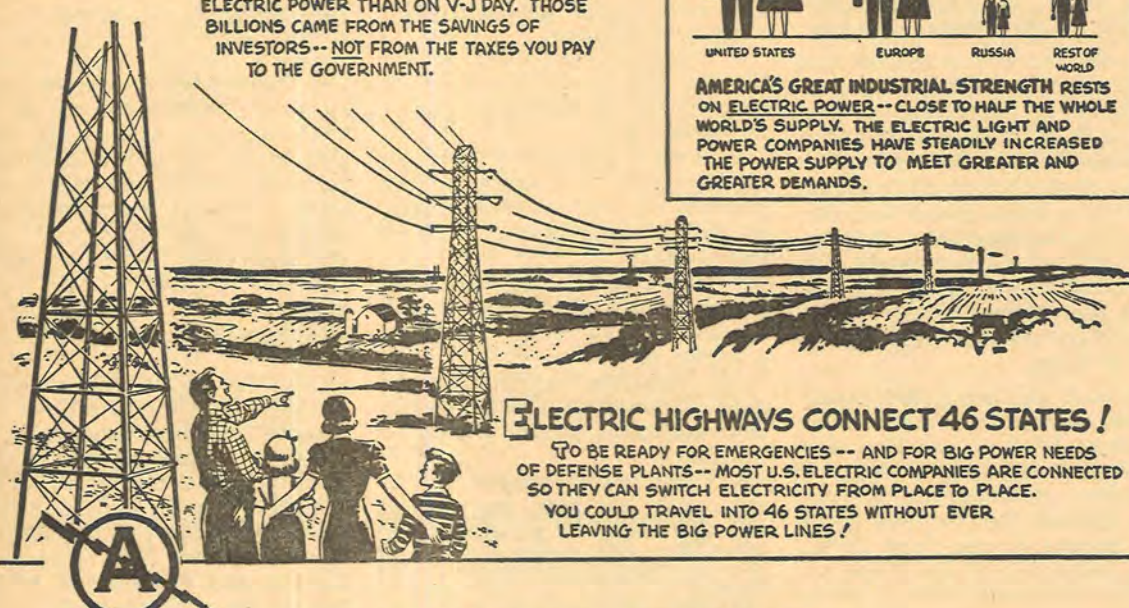
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# Jesus Asserts His Authority

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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As Jesus neared Jerusalem on His last visit to that vicinity, He stopped at a nearby village and borrowed a donkey upon which to make His royal entry into the capital city. His final presentation of Himself to Israel as their long awaited Messiah was marked with the same degree of humility that His entire life had been. Born in a manger; reared by people of modest means to say the least; looked down upon by the scribes and Pharisees because He came from a very ordinary family; having spent three years ministering to others while He himself had not where to lay His head, except as a guest in some body's home; He now borrowed something else: a beast of burden upon which to ride into the haughty city of Zion.

The common people heralded His coming as a king; as the Son of David; and as one from on High, crying "Hosanna; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." They spread their coats and cloaks in His path, while the children went before Him with palm branches.

But arrogant Jerusalem had not changed. The religious powers had defuted and ridiculed His work through the years, and now they would complete their plans to destroy the Holy One whom they hated so much.

## We Should Be Fruitful

Jesus and His apostles spent their first night at Bethany, near Jerusalem; as they were approaching the city next morning Jesus announced that He was hungry. They soon came upon a fig tree, but it was barren, it bore no fruit. The Lord then and there asserted His authority over nature: He cursed the tree and it died. Why encumbereth the ground with a tree that is barren, He questioned. Really, why should anything exist that is unfruitful? The home, the individual, the church that bears not fruit for the Master has no excuse for its existence. Such people and institutions only encumbereth the ground.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem that morning and went to the Temple that bore the name of the Most High God, He became highly indignant with conditions He found. The Temple had been turned into a trade center, a regular market place. People came from all nations to offer sacrifices in that one Temple in Jerusalem. Naturally, they could not bring their animal sacrifices with them; so the law of Moses made provision for the inconvenience, and stated that if one had an oxen to offer, he could

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Mark 11:11-19; 12:28-31

sell the animal at home and purchase another like it when he arrived in Jerusalem; likewise, whatever he had planned to sacrifice. Jerusalem, like every city, had its market places; but competition evidently became so keen, the merchants moved in closer to the Temple, until they had taken over the outer court. There they were with their cattle, sheep, doves, and other things to sell to the visitors for their religious sacrifices.

Then there was the problem of money. Their foreign money could not be used until it had been exchanged for local currency. So other groups had set up business in the form of currency exchange.

## Temple Turned Into Market Place

In verse 16, we get a vivid picture of conditions surrounding the animals. One visit to a stock show or a circus ground and we can visualize conditions the Lord found at the Temple. There must have been a great deal of hustle and bustle as the caretakers carried empty vessels, and others filled with water and feed, back and forth across the Temple grounds. Jesus put a stop to that.

In addition to all these things, wherever trading takes place, there is usually bargaining, bickering, and cheating. The Lord said they had turned His house, built for prayer and worship, into a den of thieves. He drove them from His house, upset their tables loaded with money, and cleaned up the Temple on two occasions during His personal ministry.

Why had the rulers in Israel permitted such a condition to develop? They who were so over-bearing in their demands that Jesus keep the commandments and the Sabbath day according to their traditions; they who were such sticklers for their religious traditions they forbade one to be healed on the Sabbath. The answer is that their whole political set up was decadent. We are told that even the high-priesthood had become a political position instead of the high and holy office God had ordained it to be.

## Hated Caesar—But Less Than Jesus

The scribes and pharisees despised Rome and the Roman government; as well as the publicans, who were Roman tax collectors; they were looked upon as traitors to Jewry and confederates of Rome; but the only charge they brought against Jesus was "sedition." They claimed Him to be a traitor, and dangerous to the Ro-

man emperor, in order to secure His death warrant. Their King came to His own, and they cried out, "We have no king but Caesar." They rejected the King of Glory and acclaimed Caesar as the one whom they desired to rule over them, and within forty years, or so, they were destroyed—by Rome, by Caesar's army!

## The Great Commandment

In one of their final efforts to entangle the Lord, (Mark 12:28-31) they inquired of Him which was the first commandment, meaning the greatest, the first in importance. He quoted Moses' speech to Israel in Deuteronomy, that we should love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And the second, we should love our neighbor as we do ourselves.

We should love God in our hearts, our emotions should be dedicated to Him rather than to worldly lusts. Some people are all emotion—and do nothing else for the Master. Jesus said we should love God with all our mind, give Him our mental devotion; serve Him with our mental capacities. And we should love Him with all our strength. Our physical powers should be such as to reveal our love of God to a lost and dying world. Therein the great majority of Christendom fails. What we do for God doesn't coincide with what we say; too many times the unsaved cannot hear what we say because of what we do; we do not show forth our love for God, "with all our strength." We fail Him physically.

If we love God as Jesus taught us, we would have little trouble in loving our neighbors. All that we do for God, physically, must be done for others, for those around us. Too many times the world, the unsaved sinners about us, puts

Christianity to shame with their benevolent programs. Too often the sinner is more generous than his Christian neighbor.

Jesus asserted His authority as God, in many ways, when He was on earth. We, His children, should be more submissive to His asserted authority and let Him rule and reign in our lives.

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## Ouachita Association Hymn-Sing

One hundred sixty people met in the Vandervoot Church, Sunday afternoon, February 11 for the Quarterly Hymn-sing of Ouachita Association. Robert Parr, the music director, presided and introduced Mrs. B. W. Nininger who directed the program, largely of congregational singing. The program director of the Mena radio station made a tape recording of the Sing which was broadcast on Sunday afternoon, February 18 at 3 o'clock.

Thirteen churches were represented in the splendid attendance with seven pastors and the missionary present.

The next Quarterly Hymn-sing for this group is scheduled for May 6, at Dallas Avenue Church, Mena.

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Greene County Association plans a two day Evangelistic Conference, May 18-19.



No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62

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# Financial Report, Executive Board Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Cash Receipts and Disbursements,  
January 1—December 31, 1950

Cash Receipts:			
1950 Cooperative Program—			
Undesignated Contributions		\$ 674,155.63	
Designated Contributions:			
Arkansas Baptist College	\$ 650.00		
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	4,047.78		
Arkansas Temperance League	1,871.52		
Central College	5,080.73		
Honor Fund (Old Debts)	8,164.29		
Ministerial Student Aid	10.00		
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage	21,581.98		
Ouachita College	1,600.34		
Ouachita College—Campaign	62,166.41		
State Missions	6,259.90		
State Missions (W. M. U. Offering)	14,677.01		
American Bible Society	93.68		
Baptist Hour	352.12		
Foreign Missions	16,121.88		
Foreign Relief	82.00		
Home Missions	1,022.72		
Old Ministers' Relief	84.49		
Southern Baptist Seminary	160.00		
World Alliance	323.06		
<b>Total Designated Contributions</b>		<b>144,349.91</b>	
<b>Total Cash Contributions</b>		<b>818,505.54</b>	
Miscellaneous Cash Receipts:			
Ministers' Retirement:			
Members' Contributions	22,442.41		
Churches' Contributions	29,793.28		
Refunds by Relief Annuity Board	92.70		
Widows' Supplemental Annuity Plan "A":			
Members' Contributions	5,929.32		
Refunds by Relief & Annuity Board:			
Convention Dues	\$86.10		
Members' Dues	10.00	96.10	
Special Contribution by Arkansas Baptist Hospital for Ministers' Retirement		80.04	
From Relief and Annuity Board for Ministers' Retirement Administrative and Promotional Expenses		1,617.16	
From Home Mission Board for State Mission Work		4,999.92	
Notes Receivable, from Plainview Church, Harmony Association		190.00	
Federal Tax Withheld from Salaries		3,004.50	
Office Building Rent:			
Arkansas Baptist	\$1,071.36		
W. M. U.	1,260.00		
Administrative	1,404.00		
Brotherhood	444.00		
Ouachita Campaign	10.00		
Pulaski County Association	170.00		
Foundation	180.00		
Religious Education	1,008.00		
State Missions	480.00		
Downstairs Rent	3,999.96	10,027.32	
Baptist Boards' Retirement Plan:			
Members' Dues Withheld from Salaries	2,548.61		
Contributions of Dues by Employer	2,548.61		
Widows' Supplemental Annuity Plan "B":			
Members' Dues Withheld from Salaries	735.87		
Contribution of Dues by Employer	735.87		
From First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Student Secretary's Salary		600.00	
From Baptist Sunday School Board for Religious Education Department—Regular		11,540.00	
Specials from Baptist Sunday School Board For Religious Education Department		2,625.00	
Religious Education Department Special Offering and Registration Receipts		6,597.88	
Arkansas Baptist History:			
Sale of Books	59.49		
Transfer from Emergency Fund	488.47	547.96	
Interest Received on Investments:			
State Missions Endowment Fund	198.75		
S. A. Apple Education Trust Fund	101.25		
Arkansas Baptist Honor Fund	15.46		
Office Building Fund	15.00	330.46	
1949 Cooperative Program—Transfer to Emergency Reserve Fund		536.19	
<b>Total Miscellaneous Cash Receipts</b>		<b>107,619.20</b>	
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>		<b>\$26,124.74</b>	
<b>Total Cash to be Accounted for</b>		<b>\$1,187,400.60</b>	
Cash Disbursements:			
Administration Expenses	26,031.32		
Less: Refunds	827.33	25,203.99	
Office Furnishings and Equip.	1,015.32		
Less: Refunds	260.00	755.32	25,959.31
Promotion and Convention Expenses	8,760.18		
Less Refunds and Transfers	4,108.51	4,651.67	
Arkansas Baptist History Expenses		105.05	
Camp Grounds—Remitted to Arkansas Baptist Assembly		4,651.67	

Brotherhood Expenses	10,016.25		
Less Refunds	1,025.25		8,991.00
Arkansas Baptist Honor Fund—Token Payment to Former Bondholders			45,961.50
Foundation Expenses	6,388.11		
Less Refunds	370.27		6,017.84
Religious Education Expenses	47,845.47		
Less Refunds	899.22		46,956.25
State Missions Expenses	82,098.94		
Less Refunds	143.55		81,955.39
Federal Tax Remitted to Collector of Internal Revenue			3,004.50
Office Building Expenses			
Note			
Principal	8,000.00		
Interest	1,000.00	9,000.00	
Taxes			777.64
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,100.95		
Less Refunds	152.61	2,948.34	12,725.98
Remitted to Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing			29,615.66
Remitted to Arkansas Baptist Hospital			4,047.78
Remitted to Bottoms Baptist Orphanage			46,970.68
Remitted to Central College			49,982.92
Remitted to Ouachita College			86,270.99
Ouachita College Campaign Expense:			
Building Committee Expense	209,750.94		
Less Refunds	1,945.99	207,804.95	
Miscellaneous Expense		733.14	208,538.09
Remitted to Arkansas Baptist			5,076.39
Remitted to Woman's Missionary Union			16,921.31
Remitted to Southern Baptist College			19,462.87
Remitted to Arkansas Baptist College			650.00
Remitted to Ministerial Students:			
Ouachita College Students		1,525.00	
Southern Baptist College		540.00	2,065.00
Remitted to Relief and Annuity Board:			
Minister's Retirement Fund:			
Convention's Contributions			14,961.60
Member's Contributions			22,535.11
Churches' Contributions			29,793.28
Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan "A":			
Convention's Contributions			5,929.32
Members' Contributions			5,929.32
Refund to Members			10.00
Remitted to J. S. Rogers—Retirement Account			900.00
Remitted to Otto Whittington—Retirement Account			300.00
Remitted to Relief & Annuity Board:			
Baptist Boards' Retirement Plan:			
Employee's Dues			2,548.61
Employer's Contributions			2,548.61
Baptist Boards Widows' Supplemental Annuity Plan "B":			
Employee's Dues			735.87
Employer's Contributions			735.87
Remitted to Executive Committee:			
Southern Baptist Convention:			
Southside Causes—Undesignated	269,662.26		
Foreign Missions—Designated	2,162.90		
Foreign Relief—Designated	82.00		
Home Missions—Designated	1,022.72		
Baptist Hour—Designated	352.12		
World Alliance—Designated	323.06		273,605.06
Remitted to Relief & Annuity Board For Old Ministers' Relief			84.49
Remitted to Foreign Mission Board			
Southern Baptist Convention—Special Designations			13,958.98
Remitted to Southern Baptist Seminary			160.00
Remitted to American Bible Society			93.68
Remitted to Arkansas Temperance League			1,871.52
Transferred from Emergency Fund to Promotion and Convention Fund			3,904.21
Transferred from Emergency Fund to Arkansas Baptist History			488.47
Transferred from 1949 Cooperative Program Balance to Emergency Fund			536.19
Transferred from Radio Program to 1950 Cooperative Program			2,012.53
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>			<b>\$1,094,224.57</b>

## The 1951 Cooperative Program

All of us will be happy to know that in January we received enough money to meet the budget allocations for the month. It was a victory that brought good cheer to all our departments and denominational agencies that share in the Cooperative Program. We are grateful to the churches that had part in this mission victory.

There is another side, however, that presents some degree of lament. More than 400 of our

churches failed to give anything to Cooperative Missions in January. Brethren this is more than a tragedy. We think it is almost a disgrace. There are some, however, that might have gotten in just a little too late to be put on the January books, and their intentions were good. A few churches had a surplus at the end of 1950 and some of them sent us extra checks in January. This made it possible for us to reach our goal.

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