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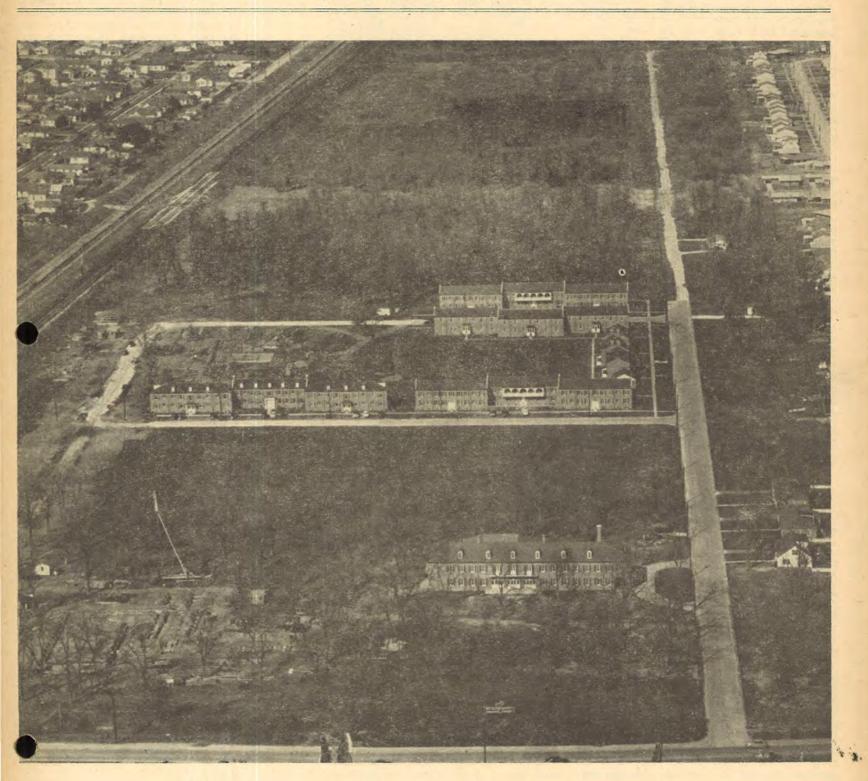
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What You Do, Do Quickly

By the Editor

The UMT bill is in the legislative mill in the Congress of the United States. It is now before the House, and the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Carl Vinson of Georgia, is doing everything within his power to get this bill passed in record time.

The Senate Armed Services Committee will soon present the bill to the Senate. This committee is headed by Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, who also favors UMT legislation.

The House version of the bill is different from that recommended by the commission appointed by the President to make recommendations to the Congress. The bill which is likely to be reported to the Senate is much nearer the commission's recommendations. We wonder if the House Committee watered down its bill on the assurance that the Senate wou'd hew closer to the line of the commission's recommendation with the prospect that the Senate version would finally be approved.

The House version of the bill prohibits intoxicants being sold on or near UMT camps. This was hailed as victory for the moral forces which testified during the hearings on the bill.

However, Chairman James W. Wadsworth of the National Security Training Commission, which was appointed to study the Universal Military Training program and make recommendations to the National Congress, strongly opposes the banning of alcoholic beverages from the proposed UMT camps.

It is reported that Mr. Wadsworth will be the director of any Universal Military Training program that may be inaugurated by the National Congress. It isn't difficult to visualize what the conditions could be around these training camps if Mr. Wadsworth has his way, and such government officials seem to be able to have their way in such matters.

It is interesting to note that the testi-

mony favoring Universal Military Training before both the House and Senate Committees came almost exclusively from the Pentagon and from the veterans' organizations—from those who are imbued with the military concept of government.



Opposition to Universal Military Training which appeared before the House and Senate Committees came from religious and educational leaders and other civilian sources.

It becomes obvious that UMT is an exclusively military concept, a program to be foisted upon the American people, the natural trend of which will be to permanently establish the military concept of government in the United States.

When such a concept becomes firmly established, the trend which is now becoming apparent will become difficult to change or revoke—the trend toward domination of the government by a military clique.

If you have not let your Congressmen and your Senators in Washington know how you feel about Universal Military Training, do it now. Time is running out and what is done must be done quickly. Once Universal Military Training is established, it will be difficult to change it.

Upon This Rock

By CARL V. WILLIS, Pastor First Church, Eureka Springs

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Matthew 16:18.

Much discussion has gone before on this passage of Scripture as to what Jesus meant by "this rock." To be sure, many more Scriptures will reveal richer and richer meanings the more we meditate upon them. So, this is not written as a final amen, but as the result of thought, not original, which has grown into a full concept.

There are varied explanations as to what this "rock" is. Many contend the rock is Peter-i.e.-Catholics and even some Baptists, Alexander McClaren not to the contrary. The two make quite a different ap-plication to. be sure. The Scripture being literally, ". . . thou are Peter (thou art a rock, masculine gender), and upon this rock (feminine gender)," has led many to separate the two as different. This has led to the interpretation that Jesus meant that His church was to be founded not upon Peter but upon Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ. But, since conversion is not what one does, but rather what is done with or to one, this explanation seems inadequate. FIRST BAPTIST

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Looking for a more adequate interpretation and forgetting the diversions by verses, Jesus seems to be explaining what he means when He says, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: For flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Thus it appears Jesus was talking about this experience of Peter with God when He says, "upon this rock." Jesus was saying that the foundation of His church is an experience with God, not with flesh and blood.

To paraphrase these words of Jesus, He seems to say, "Simon, you did not get that information that I am the Christ, the Son of the Living God, from man. You learned that in a transforming experience with God, and My church is to be made up of persons who have that kind of an experience with God and thus know Me personally as Savior and Lord." The foundation of the church is an experience with God through Christ which will result in a confession, but which is more than confession alone. It is the sad fact that too many have made a confession but missed the experience altogether vital.

Social Responsibility

A Devotion by the Editor

"... at the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man."

Knowing human sin as we do and the deep depravity of human life out of which sin grows, it should not be surprising to us that God would find it necessary in Noah's day to wash the world clean the vileness of sin in which the race in plunged itself. Nor is it surprising that God should try the experiment of placing upon men themselves some responsibility for the conduct of the members of the race.

So far as the record goes, in this period between Adam and Noah, human society was not in any sense organized. There was no human governing body. There were no civil restraints, checks and balances upon the individuals of the race. Each man did that which was right in his own eyes.

It is not surprising that God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

God took the best specimen he could find and with him started all over again. In this new beginning we discover the beginnings of the orders and organizations of human society for the purpose of directing and regulating the conduct of the members of society for the good of the whole and for the purpose of restraining the members of society from those acts which are hurtful to society.

The first hint of the organization of human society which would hold that society responsible for its conduct is found in the text above and in this statement, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by n shall his b'ood be shed." Here is the fir authorization of capital punishment.

As a further evidence of the new order and of the provision for an autonomous society, God made a covenant with the race that He would not again destroy the world by a flood.

In God's provision for the advancement of the race and the organization of human society, the individual is of strategic and supreme importance. One man and his family found favor in the sight of God.

God is ever looking for a man who will so yield himself to God that He can work out His wonders through him.

". . . at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made the man." Genesis 9:5-6.

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Justice, A Principle; Segregation, A Tangent

Much of the discussion concerning race relations has missed the fundamental inciple involved and has branched off on he tangent or other.

Justice is Basic

The basic principle in all human relationships is justice. When this principle is correctly identified and when it serves as the starting point for all angles of the race relationship question, all related phases of that question will inevitably fit into their proper places in the whole picture.

No right thinking person can conscientiously take issue with justice; to do so would be a self-indictment. Ulterior motives may prompt dishonest people to try to distort the principle of justice and so claim for themselves rights and privileges which they deny to others. These persons themselves constitute a greater problem in human society than the problem of race relations.

The principle of justice, if properly understood and accurately defined, would easily solve the problems of human society, including the problem of race relations. Until this principle is accepted as the basis of all efforts to solve the problems of human society, we shall continue to flounder and make little progress toward the end which we seek.

Far more is said in the press and doubtless in private conversations and from the rostrum concerning the segregation of the races than about justice to all. Segregation is but one tangent of this whole problem and far less significant than many other tangents in this problem of race relations. Solve the problem of justice and segregation will be discovered to be far less important than it is now purported to be by many persons who give themselves so vigorously to the discussion of the question.

Segregation involves background of training and experience, congeniality, native likes and dislikes, manner of expression, and so on.

Tangents Confuse

There is, in fact, a certain amount of segregation within each race brought about by the factors mentioned in the above paragraph. When the principle of justice is established it is discovered that these minor segregations mean very little.

Colonialism And Nationalism

The nationalistic aspirations of many nations, long quiescent, are now making themselves known and felt throughout the world. Notable among these are Iran, Egypt, Tunisia, and other middle eastern countries; Indo-China, Malaya, and other far eastern countries.

Tide of Nationalism

The governments of these countries have been under the dominance of European empires which have drained off the natural resources to their own benefit and to the impoverishment of the natives and their governments.

These peoples are now demanding their independence and demanding the benefits of their own natural resources. The colonial empires have resisted this rising tide of nationalism among the peoples of these middle eastern and far eastern countries. Their resistance in many instances has resulted in armed uprising and bloodshed, a sad spectacle upon the face of civilization today.

The colonial empires of Europe might as well try to resist the tide of the ocean as to resist this rising tide of nationalism among the peoples of the world. The only hope of these colonial empires is to work

th this rising tide of national aspirations instead of working against it. It is reasonable to expect, in fact, may we not say it is inevitable, that those who resist this rising tide of national aspirations will be engulfed by it; only those who work with it will survive.

The United States must not, it dare not side with the colonial empires of Europe in an effort to suppress this rising tide of national aspirations. The best service the United States can render in this situation is to try to lead these colonial empires to work with this tide instead of against it.

Russia in the Breach

These colonial nations of Europe have allowed Russia to steal the show and to outthink them in appraising the significance and the inevitability of the national aspirations of the middle eastern and far eastern nations. Everyone knows that Russia has no idea of trying to give these peoples their liberty and the advantages of their natural resources, yet Russia is taking advantage of this national spirit and is making the peoples of these nations believe that she is willing to work with them instead of against them. If the European nations and the United States had recognized this movement early enough, and then had worked with this rising tide of nationalism, if they had won the confidence of these people, they could now be leading these millions of people in Asia and the Middle East in a great and friendly revolution which would be to the advantage of the western democracies as well as to the eastern nations, and in such a case Russia wouldn't have a chance.

Time is running out for the West, whether it is possible now to recover enough lost ground in an effort to work with these people may be a moot question. Certainly every effort should be made at this late day to reverse the policies that have cost the West so much and try to regain the confidence and friendship of these Too many laws dealing with the tangents may well confuse the whole issue and obscure the principle of justice. Therefore, those persons who dwell exclusively on the tangents and seek the enactment of laws which deal only with the tangents are doing a disservice to the cause which apparently they are so actively supporting.

For instance, the same amount of work should be worth the same number of dollars, no matter by whom that work is performed. Also, the same laws should be administered with the same careful consideration for justice, no matter who the person may be who is involved in litigation. The same articles of merchandise should be priced the same to all persons regardless of race or creed. The same opportunities for advancement and self-development should be provided for all without regard for race or other distinguishing characteristics. This is justice.

However, the effort to fuse people of different backgrounds, training, emotional reactions, and racial characteristics into a homogeneous social unit misses the mark completely so far as justice is concerned. Such an effort within any one race is futile as is proven in practically every community of any size.

The problems involved in race relations and in the whole fabric of human society will not be solved, nor can they be solved, until we come back to the principle of justice.

Watch For Another Vatican Appointment

As this is being written, President Truman has not submitted another appointment as ambassador to the Vatican. However, we should not accept this silence as an indication that the President has abandoned his purpose to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican. Therefore, we must be alert and act with promptness and vigor when the President does make his announcement.

The Washington Religious Review reports: "It is strongly believed in some circles close to the President that he has talked Bernard Baruch, the nation's No. 1 friend of Presidents and politicians, into accepting the appointment. The gossip here is that Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister who recently visited the U.S. and, in the course of his trip, twice stopped at Bernard Baruch's home in New York City, helped to talk Mr. Baruch into accepting the idea. Although four years ago Mr. Baruch referred to the President, then running for election, as a 'rude . . . uncouth' man, the two since have made amends. Mr. Baruch, always a Democrat, is said to feel that Mr. Truman's re-election is essential and that he will do whatever is necessary to help."

When the appointment of Mr. Baruch or any other person is announced, don't fail to register your protest with the President and also remind our Senators of your opposition to such an appointment.

people who will accept the leadership of Russia unless the West can regain that leadership.

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Kingdom Progress

Minister Ordained



BOB NASH

Bob Nash was ordained to the full gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, February 24, by the Immanuel Church of El Dorado. The ordaining council was composed of fourteen ministers and forty deacons. The ordination was called for by the Caledonia Church near El Dorado, where Mr. Nash is pastor.

Missionary A. P. Elliff of Carey Association conducted the examination; Pastor Dale Taylor, First Church, Smackover, delivered the charge to the candidate; and Missionary Carl A. Clark, Liberty Association, delivered the charge to the church. Pastor Jay D. Tolleson, Immanuel Church, El Dorado, delivered the ordination sermon; Pastor Lonnie Lasater, West Side Church, El Dorado, offered the ordination prayer; and Mr. N. H. Crain, chairman of the deacons at Immanuel Church, presented the Bible.

Mr. Nash is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Nash of Sparkman. He is a 1949 graduate of Ouachita College.

Minister Ordained

Lewis Earl Lemmond was recently ordained to the ministry by Beech Street Church, Texarkana. The presbytery was composed of the following: Pastor James G. Harris, Beech Street Church, delivered the ordination sermon; Fred Deahl offered the ordination prayer; and M. T. McGregor presented the Bible. Other members of the council were: Lee Danee, Leon Davis, Ellis H. Bull, Raymond Caswell, Clyde Oliver, Raymond L. Rice, Wilbur Martin, L. S. Beall, and John D. Phillips.

· Pastoral Change

M. H. McManus resigned the pastorate at Caledonia, Liberty Association, and has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Hagler church in Centennial Association.

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We were not called into being to impress the world by might, but to evangelize the world with a message.

New Campus New Orleans Seminary

The front page carries a picture of the new campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theo'ogical Seminary. The property has 1,000 feet fronting on Highways 90 and 11 on the east side of New Orleans. The 75 acres extends back as far as the dirt road goes at the upper right corner. The Southern railroad is to the left, and a new housing project of 1,423 houses has just been completed at the right.

Three faculty homes, right foreground, are completed and occupied by Professors J. Wash Watts, Frank Stagg and W. Plunkett Martin. In time all this space to the right of the paved street, Seminary Place, is to be taken up by faculty residences, facing the campus.

The cluster of five apartment buildings, right center, was the first unit finished. Next to the front row, at left center, is Eastland Apartments, named in honor of the late Lowry B. Eastland, Baton Rouge, La., and Mrs. Eastland, who gave money for its construction.

These apartments house ninety families, with a long list waiting for a chance to take one. Units range from a one-room efficiency apartment to a large, two-bedroom apartment for families with two or more children. Certain apartments are set apart, reserved for any missionary family that will spend its furlough in study at the seminary.

Before the Eastland Apartments were finished work was started on the library building, right foreground. This was put into use for graduate students last fall and is ready for the entire school when needed. There is room for 400 students, being built to serve the estimated peak load at any time for a student body of 1,000.

Three buildings are under construction now. At the left, facing the street, a foundation has been poured for the new classroom building. This will house the temporary chapel. Close by, nearer the library, is the foundation for the administration building. This area is in a grove of very old pecan trees that lend both shade and beauty.

The foundation at the back, forming a corner of that quadrangle, is for a woman's building.

The pile-driver standing amid the pecan trees has been used to drive pilings for the several foundations. Long, creosoted pilings must be driven into the ground to anchor the cement foundation before even one brick may be laid.

These eight buildings, not counting the faculty residences, are part of the minimum twelve that must be finished before the hoped-for moving date, September 1953. All are built for cash, out of Cooperative Program funds, states Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, the seminary president, except for the Eastland Apartments as noted.

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"To be familiar with God's Word is the secret of successful life. It is likewise the secret of holy living.

-J. Wilbur Chapman.

Secretary, Youth Worker First Church, Fordyce



MARY JOE HORNE

First Church announces the selection of Miss Mary Joe Horne as Church Secretary and Youth Worker. Miss Horne is a graduate of Camden High School and attended Ouachita College. Formerly employed by the Citizens National Bank of Camden, she began her duties in Fordyce the first of March.

Miss Horne is a talented musician both as a vocalist and a pianist. She will be responsible for the organization of a graded choir program with the Juniors and You People. She will also work with the other leaders of Young People in developing the spiritual and recreational life for those age groups.

J. T. Elliff is the pastor.

Busy in Hawaiian Islands

Pastor-Evangelist A. E. Prince is busy in interim pastorates and evangelistic meetings in Hawaii. After completing a six months interim pastorate at Auckland with the Baptist Tabernacle Church, he returned to Honolulu for a series of revival services.

The Tabernacle Church, whose membership is English, called John Pritchard of Leigh-On-Sea, England.

Mr. Prince plans to visit every church in the Islands where the Foreign Mission Board is working.

School of Missions

A joint school of missions was conducted by the Conway-Perry Association and the Pulaski County Association, February 10-15. Visiting missionaries who were guest speakers included Mrs. Marvin Sorrels, missionary to the Papaco Indians in Arizona; J. D. McMurray, missionary to Uruguay; Clay Gibson, missionary to the Indians in Mississippi; Ernest Moseley, who spent the past summer in the Bahama Islands; Mission and Mrs. Sam Davis, of the Harmony Associaciation, representing state missions; Dr. E. A. Ingram of the Pulaski County Association.

Seven churches in the Conway-Perry Association participated in this school of missions with a total attendance of 2,771. The mission offering amounted to \$214.37.

Lehman F. Webb Goes To Harrison



Pastor Lehman F. Webb has gone from the pastorate of the West Helena Church to that of First Church, Harrison, having begun his ministry in the latter pastorate on March 2.

Pastor Webb succeeds E. E. Griever at Harrison. Mr. Griever, after a pastorate of twenty-two years at Harrison, resigned last July to accept that of First Church, Hamburg.

Mr. Webb assumed the pastorate of the West Helena Church in October, 1948. During his ministry there, 224 persons were received into the fellowship of the church,

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Mr. Clyde C. Coulter, superintendent of the Temperance League of Arkansas, spoke at the evening service at First Church, Monticello, on Sunday, February 24.

Sunday, March 2, marked the second anniversary of Pastor G. W. Hooten with First Church, Fouke. During this two year period, 32 members have been received into the church, a new church building has been erected and dedicated, church receipts have increased 35 per cent, and mission contributions have increased 47 per cent.

Pastor William C. Bird of First Church, Hampton, published letters from Senators J. W. Fulbright and John L. McClellan opposing the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, will be guest evangelist assisting Pastor James Harris and Beech Street Church, Texarkana, in revival services beginning Easter Sunday.

A community-wide religious census was ken in Rogers on Sunday afternoon, bruary 24, in which all the denominations of the community participated.

First Church, Fort Smith, is erecting a building for its Riverside Mission. The lot has been leveled and bricks are on the ground for the structure.

The Ministerial Alliance of Pine Bluff is sponsoring a radio program over KCLA



West Helena Mission, established by First Church, West Helena, under the leadership of Pastor Webb.

107 of these were received on profession of faith and baptism. During the same period, the church budget was increased from \$23,-000 in 1948 to \$30,880 in 1952, with an increase in Cooperative Program gifts from \$3,500 to \$9,600. The Sunday School enrollment increased from 606 to 734 with an average attendance in January, 1952, of 456.

Under the leadership of Pastor Webb, the West Helena Church established a mission in the residential section of West Helena and erected a building at a cost of \$12,000. The mission Sunday School has an enrollment of 108.

each Sunday evening, 10:15-10:45, beginning March 2. There will be a panel of ministers of different denominations who will answer questions called in by residents.

Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, and former pastor of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will be guest speaker at the Mission Department Banquet at the Immanuel Church, Thursday night, March 20.

Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, has extended a call to Dr. D. Douglas Scrivner of Kansas City, Missouri, to become its pastor, and Doctor Schrivner has accepted the call.

Dr. Morris Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas, will be guest evangelist assisting Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr. and the Immanuel Church in revival services April 13-27.

Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, will assist Pastor Boyd Baker and First Church, Wynne, in revival services March 9-16.

Central Church, Magnolia, Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor, held open house on Wednesday evening, February 27, celebrating the complete redecorating and refurnishing of the nursery department of the church. It was by means of the contribution of Dr. and Mrs. Joe F. Rushton that the nursery was redecorated and new furniture and equipment purchased.

March 2 marked the fifteenth anniversary of Pastor L. H. Davis with Calvary Church, Fort Smith. Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Mr. Webb is a native of Tuckerman, Arkansas, a graduate of the Tuckerman High School. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Ouachita, and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Webb came from Franklin, Kentucky, to the West Helena pastorate. Other pastorates in Arkansas include the First Church of Yellville, and the Plainview Church in Little Rock.

Mrs. Webb is the former Miss Virginia Bryant of Warren. The Webbs have one daughter, Virginia Lee, four years of age.

Atlanta, Georgia, was guest speaker for the day.

Calvary Church recently installed a new neon sign at U street and Midland, and a public address system to the nursery.

South Side Church, Little Rock, organized January 20, is growing fast. On February 17 there were twelve additions to the church; on February 24 there were sixteen additions.

The Brotherhood of First Church, Wilson, recently voted to sponsor a Boy Scout troop.

The Brotherhood of First Church, Fort Smith, conducted a layman's revival in Millcreek Church, Fort Smith, the week of February 11-16.

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Minister Ordained

Fred Ryser was recently ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Millcreek Church of Fort Smith. Pastor V. H. Coffman of the South Side Church, Fort Smith, served as moderator of the ordaining council. The examination of the candidate was conducted by Pastor Mark Browning of Arkoma, Oklahoma; and the ordination sermon was delivered by Pastor O. M. Stallings, First Church, Lavaca.

Mr. Ryser has been called as pastor of the Holsum Valley Church of Oklahoma.

- A Sabbath well spent
- Brings a week of content
- And health for the joys of tomorrow;
- But a Sabbath profained,
- Whatever be gained,
- Is a sure forerunner of sorrow.

-Sir Matthew Hale.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST



By Religious News Service

Crusading Kentucky Minister Defies Threats

Threats against his life will not deter William H. Estes, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Paducah, from continuing his exposure of gambling and vice conditions.

"I have no intention of keeping my mouth shut as long as these conditions exist here," Mr. Estes said.

He recently received a phone call warning him to cease his crusade against the racketeers. It was the second such call since February 9.

The minister said that members of his congregation told him a group of "shady characters" attended a Sunday service in which he denounced vice conditions.

Prayer For Stalin Ends Graham Washington Revival

A mass prayer for Joseph Stalin ended a five-week revival campaign conducted in Washington by Evangelist Billy Graham.

Dr. Graham ended the crusade, which had been extended for a week by popular demand, with the comment that "God answered our prayers for a great spiritual revival here in the capital of the nation."

His aides said that he had addressed 307,500 in the campaign. A total of 6,115 converts came forward in response to the evangelist's appeals for "decisions for Christ."

Rain and cold weather forced cancellation of plans to hold the last service on the Washington Monument grounds where Dr. Graham's followers had predicted he would draw a throng of 50,000. Instead, 14,000 listeners jammed the Washington National Guard Armory, largest indoor auditorium in the city.

Recalling that Christ admonished His disciples to pray for their enemies, Dr. Graham urged American Christians to "pray sincerely" for Stalin's conversion. He then led the throng in a special prayer for the Russian premier.

Dr. Graham said that he would return to Washington later in the year when he will speak from the foot of the Washington Monument.

Niemoeller Arrives For Lecture Tour

Pastor Martin Niemoeller, German Protestant leader, arrived in New York by plane with his wife from Frankfurt for a sixweek lecture tour of the United States.

He was met at Idlewild International Airport by a corps of photographers and news reporters who questioned him at length concerning. his recent trip to Moscow and the issue of German rearmament.

A delegation from the American section of the World Council of Churches was among the welcoming group at the airport. Dr. Niemoeller, president of the Evangelical Church in Hesson and Nassau, Germany, is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council. Many of his speaking engagements on the current tour are under the auspices of local councils of churches.

Church Spokesmen Oppose UMT at Senate Hearing

Spokesmen for the National Council of Churches and two of its major affiliated interdenominational bodies led a parade of church witnesses opposing Universal Military Training at Senate hearings in Washington.

Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk appeared on behalf of the National Council and filed with the Senate Armed Services Committee a statement opposing UMT recently adopted by his agency's national board.

Mrs. Theodore Wedel appeared on behalf of the General Department of United Church Women, and Donald W. Shriver Jr., national chairman of the United Christian Youth Movement, on behalf of that group, and a number of its constituent bodies.

The attack on UMT by church leaders left Chairman Richard Russell (D.- Ga.) of the committee "frankly puzzled," as he put it. A strong advocate of military training who has promised to see the measure through Congress before the end of March, Sen. Russell said that he eventually hopes UMT will replace the present draft, which he regards as "much worse for the boys."

Senator Russell engaged in a spirited argument with the spokesman for his own Baptist demonination, Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

When Dr. Dawson charged that the legislation for permanent military training is being rushed through Congress in an atmosphere of "hysteria," Senator Russell broke in to say that it is the opposition of churchmen that is "tinged with hysteria." Dr. Dawson told the committee that in

the opinion of Baptist leaders, UMT is unnecessary for the present defense of the nation and would fasten upon America a long-range militaristic system of control over youth.

Others who testified against UMT included Dr. William G. Mather, representing the American Baptist Convention; Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., the Methodist Church; J. Warren Kaufmann, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; and E. Raymond Wilson, executive secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Speaking for the Quakers, Mr. Wilson asked the Senate committee whether UMT will create the kind of citizens the United States needs for the future.

"In our judgment," he said, "the crying need of the United States is for a moral and religious upsurge in our national life so that we may worthily meet the vast responsibilities of world leadership that have been thrust upon us."

Presbyterian Lay Leader New Louisiana Governor

Judge Robert F. Kennon, a Presbyterian lay leader, defeated the Long machine's hand-picked candidate, Carlos G. Spaht, in the Louisiana run-off primary to win nomination as the Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Democratic nomination is equivalent to election in one-party Louisiana where the November inter-party contest is a mere formality.

A Smile or Two TRAP DOOR IN PULPIT

Dr. Leo Green told one about the layman who promised to build a badly needed new auditorium if he would be permitted to keep the construction plans a secret until the first day it was used. The big cro came early and was seated near the dool one row at a time. When they were seated, the pews rolled automatically down to the front. The process continued until all were seated. The preacher was so carried away by the occasion, he was just getting wound up good at 12 o'clock and wasn't about to guit. Sharply at 12:02, a trap door opened and the preacher dropped into the basement.

-Charity and Children.

Mother: "Where is your father, Junior?" Junior: "He is gone to the infernal revenue department, to pay his eternal dues to some uncle who doesn't seem to like my daddy."

Womankind is divided into two classes: The careless ones who lose their gloves, and the careful ones who lose only one glove.

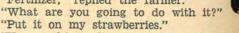
"Water attracts electricity."

"Have you made tests to prove it."

"Yes. Every time I'm in the bathtub, the telephone rings."

A farmer was driving past the insane asylum with a truck load of fertilizer. An inmate called out:

"What are you hauling there?" "Fertilizer," replied the farmer.



"You ought to live here. We get sugar and cream on ours."

Small Johnny, son of the Baptist minister, had become aware of the Christian (Congregation) Church when the churches of the town had held a union service.

On a night shortly thereafter, Johnny's father was having trouble getting him to bed. Said the father: "Johnny, you are not behaving very much like a Christian tonight."

Johnny: "I'm not a Christian." Father: "Well, it's high time you were thinking about being a Christian, a big boy like you in the second grade."

Johnny: "I don't want to be a Christian." Before the stunned parent could decide on the proper method of discipline, Johnny added: "I don't want to be a Christian; I'm planning to be a Baptist."

A New Englander and his wife had taken up a homestead in Oklahoma. The soil was kindly and their thrift was so soil was kindly and their thrit was so great that they prospered. At last age came heavily upon the wife and knowing that her time was not long, she called her husband to her. "John," she said, "I want you to send me back to Vermont after I've passed away."

"That would cost a lot, Mary," replie her husband. "I could buy that windmill for what that would cost."

"But I couldn't lie still in a grave this far away from the old folks," persisted the wife.

"Well, now, don't fret," compromised the man. "I'll tell you what I'll do. Suppose we try you here and if you don't lie still, then I'll ship you back to old Vermont."

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News From Baptist Press

Petitions to Senators Draw Favorable Replies

"I cannot conceive of the establishment of diplomatic relations with any church. ... I will oppose the nomination of anytes Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, in reply to the recent petition concerning the Vatican appointment issued to the members of Congress by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Typical of the stand taken by nearly half of the senators replying to the petition, Senator Lister Hill of Alabama reveals the basis for such a stand in saying: "I have felt that to send an ambassador to any church state would violate our fundamental American principle and belief in the complete separation of church and state."

Most of the replies to the petition came before General Mark Clark requested the withdrawal of his name for the nomination but the general attitude of the Senators was that no personalities were involved in the issue but rather the principle of violation of the spirit of the constitution's first amendment.

Others assuring Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, of their stand against the President's appointment wrote:

"I am not at all favorably inclined to the idea that the United States should send an ambassador to Vatican City."—Wayne Morse, Oregon.

"I assure you that I am against the pointment . . . and shall do what I can to defeat any such movement."—Clyde R. Hoey, North Carolina.

"I am opposed to any formal diplomatic relations to the Vatican State."—Walter F. George, Georgia.

"I hope that the proposal will not materialize. I have very great admiration for the President, but I differ with him in this instance."—Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma.

"I feel strongly that we should take no action which would in any way tend to whittle away or undermine that principle (Separation of church and state)."— Harley M. Kilgore, West Virginia.

"I do not believe that it was necessary for the President to appoint an Ambassador to the Vatican. . . I am inclined to look with disfavor upon it . . ."—Andrew F. Schoeppel, Kansas.

"I found that probably technically it would violate the first amendment. . . . but if it is not a technical violation, it certainly violates the spirit of that provision."—Kenneth McKellar, Tennessee.

"I disapprove of the President's action in appointing an ambassador to the Vatican."—John L. McClellan, Arkansas.

"It is my intention to vote against the confirmation of any such Ambassador."— Harry F. Byrd, Virginia.

"I have felt all the time that an amassador is purely a political representaive of the government, and therefore an ambassador should be appointed only to a state which is primarily a political state." —John C. Stennis, Mississippi.

"I am fundamentally opposed to the mixing of affairs of church and state. I have stated on previous occasions that I did not think we should have an Ambassador to any church, no matter what the denomination might be."—Estes Kefauver,

Tennessee.

(However, Senator Kefauver recently said that he would favor a personal representative of the President to the Vatican.-Editor.)

"I could not bring myself to vote for the confirmation of any such Ambassador however well qualified he may be for the assignment."—A. Wil'is Robertson, Virginia. Over twenty of the replies were noncommittal, many of them promising "close consideration" of the petition's plea.

Treadway Joins Workers In Editorial Department

New member of the editorial division of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville is Dr. Charles F. Treadway who comes from Columbus, Mississippi.

A graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Treadway is to be with the editorial staff in connection with Vacation Bible School work and will assume responsibility for editorial VBS materials when Dr. Homer Grice retires in the near future.

Dr. Treadway held pastorates at Cleveland and Columbia, Mississippi, in addition to student pastorates while in the seminary. He was a fellow to Dr. G. S. Dobbins in religious education while doing graduate work at Louisville.

Beginning his duties February 1, he will be closely associated with Dr. Grice in the Vacation Bible school work of the Sunday School Department.

Southern Baptists Rank Low In 1950 Per Capita Giving

Southern Baptists are ranked thirty-eighth among forty-seven leading denominations in per capita total gifts, according to a statistical report from the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches in New York. The denomination is listed thirty-second in per capita gifts for foreign missions and thirty-fifth for congregational expenses and fortieth in total benevolence.

Southern Baptists gave \$30.34 per capita to all denominational causes in 1950. Only 83 cents of it was for foreign missions. Total benevolent causes (including foreign missions) received \$5.15 and the remaining \$25.20 went for local congregational expenses.

The Methodist Church, largest denomination in the United States, recorded per capita total giving of \$27.39, less than Southern Baptists, but gave \$1.05 to missions.

American Baptists rank thirty-third in total giving (\$37.59) and Protestant Episcopals thirty-second (\$37.65). They are both above Southern Baptists in mission giving also, the Baptists with \$1.13 per capita and the Episcopals with \$1.23. On the other hand, both groups out-spend Southern Baptists in local congregation expenses.

At the top of the total giving list is the Free Methodist Church with a membership of 42,000. They gave \$163.76 per capita but only \$12.06 to foreign missions.

Highest in foreign mission per capita giving was the Seventh-day Adventist group whose more than 250,000 members gave \$30.05 per capita to missions—almost as much as a Southern Baptist gave for all causes.

Day of Prayer Called For March 26

By J. D. GREY, President Southern Baptist Convention

"Convinced that our people sincerely believe in the power of prayer; concerned over the moral and spiritual condition of our own nation and the world; considerate of numerous requests that a special day of prayer be designated; I, therefore, call upon Southern Baptists to set aside Wednesday, March 26, 1952, as a Day of Prayer to be spent in confession, repentance, and intercession.

"The appalling conditions and God's cure set out in II Chronicles 7:13-14 are most descriptive of this very hour. Political corruption, social immorality, civic unconsciousness, and spiritual indifference in America are causing doom to take our measure. The pallbearers that bore Ancient Greece and Rome to their graves knock today at America's door. Only praying Christians can turn the tide. Such were they who founded our nation, and such are they who can save it today.

"We must pray for our political leaders from our President to our local peace officers. Let us pray for the Party Convention soon to meet, that only honorable, decent, God-fearing men will be nomi-nated. Then pray that our citizens will elect the man with the most character, integrity, and ability. We must pray for a speedy, just and abiding peace throughout the world. Pray even for our enemies as the Bible enjoins us. Ask for God's forgiveness of our national and personal sins. Let us beg for a spiritual awakening in all our churches, making revitalized and consecrated Christians with a concern for the lost. Remember our pastors who labor among us and for our noble missionaries in fields near and far. Pray for revival in our time!

"Let every church observe this Day of Prayer in the manner it deems best. But let al of them observe it. Let their doors be open throughout the day for the people to come. Let there be around the clock prayer watches set. May there be great allchurch prayer services held, especially at the evening hour on Wednesday when we are accustomed to go to God's House for prayer.

"Let us pray, as always, in the name of and for the sake of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ." _____000_____

Italian Non-Catholics May Act Jointly

Italian Protestants and Jews may take joint action in seeking an understanding with the Italian government regarding the formulation of regulations determining the relationship between the State and non-Catholic denominations.

Preliminary contacts between the Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches and the Union of Italian Jewish Communities have been established with this aim in view.

The issue was recently brought up in the Italian Chamber of Deputies. Three deputies requested that the Ministry of the Interior take steps to establish an agree-State and non-Catholic denominations.

-Religious News Service.

The darkest hour in any man's life is when he sits down to plan how he can get money without earning it. -Ex.

Officers of Southern Press Association



Pictured above are the new officers of the Southern Baptist Press Association, elected at the February meeting in New Orleans. Reading from left to right: Richard Owen, vice president; Orbie Clemm, secretary-treasurer, (standing); B. H. Duncan, president.

Y.W.A. Girls, First Church, Hot Springs



A group of Y.W.A. members of First Church, Hot Springs. From left ot right: Elizabeth Pearrow, Denna Priest, Joan Gore, Mrs. Inez Dunn, counsellor, Helen Burke, Mary Priest, Billie Ann Griffith, and Barbara Weldon.

Youth Pastor, Third Church, St. Louis

Joseph Daniel Patterson, a senior in the Washington University School of Dentistry, served as youth pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, during the annual youth week, February 24 to March 2.

Mr. Patterson is a native of Searcy. His father and mother still reside in Searcy. He has a sister, Mrs. Vernon W. Stiles, who lives in Park Hill, North Little Rock.

The plan of observing youth week each year was inaugurated in the St. Louis Church in 1936 by the pastor, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson.

Assisted by one hundred young persons, who had been organized, and training for the week's work since last December, the youth pastor and his assistant, Miss Sarah Bailey of Festus, Missouri, took the places of the pastor, Doctor Johnson, and all adult officers of the church who resigned for the week to permit the youth group to take over.

Eighth Bible Conference At Golden Gate

"Seven Outstanding Events in the Life of our Lord" will be the theme of Golden Gate Seminary's eighth annual Bible Conference, February 25-28, 1952. Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will deliver seven major addresses on this theme.

Also on the conference program is Laurance L. Cross, mayor of Berkeley, who will speak Monday evening, February 25. Messages will be brought on other evenings by: Paul A. Meigs, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Berkeley; Guy Archer Weniger, pastor of Foothill Boulevard Baptist Church, Oakland; and Dr. Lewis J. Julianel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Francisco.

Dr. Storer's message each morning and evening will deal with Jesus' birth, baptism, temptation, transfiguration, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. -000-

Today I did easily and quickly a task that floored me yesterday. I'd forgotten why I couldn't do it. -Copied.

The Book of Romans has to do with sin, God's righteousness imputed to man in salvation, and the practical display of this transformed life in moral acts. Doctrine and morals are so related that morals are dependent upon doctrine for cause. It is a cause and effect chain.

All morals have residence in sense of obligation. Without this sense of obligation, morals will flee. The morals will ever be in proportion to the worthiness of the ideal or person from which the sense of obligation is drawn. Hence low estimates of personality and ideal produce a scale of lower morals.

In Romans Paul sets forth some of the doctrines of God through his mercy. These are justification through faith; regeneration by the Spirit, and sanctification through constant renewal. These doctrines are antecedent to release from guilt and penalty of sin, power of sin at present and finally the presence of sin in heaven's habitation. By these mercies of God, Paul calls for bodies, actually and symbolically all that we have, to be presented as living sacrifices to God for a transformation by yielding to the excellent, perfect will of God.

What is the ladder whereby we climb the moral road? Where is the fountain head of our morals? Are morals necessary to life and its continuance?

Five Sources

Without pretense to thoroughness or exhaustion of the subject five sources for morals are mentioned.

We get morals from conscience. Conscience has been described as the deputy of God placed in man. The deputy is not equally efficient in all men as deputies of an office are not standard. Conscience is a court within self. It is the judging of the lower in light of the best that is within. This best may not be good enough. Romans say that it is not. The best that is within gives part of our morals. There is honor even among thieves. One may be wrong in following conscience, but he is definitely wrong when he overrides his conscience. The depth of depravity is the

The Source of Morals

By BURTON A. MILEY

loss of conscience. When conscience is lost or made impotent, one is incapable of moral judgments. This is reprobation.

Morals are gained from the authoritativeness of an ideal. To be gained this ideal demands certain traits and discipline. Th slums produce one set of morals due to ideals of the slum dweller. Wholesome, happy people in favored environs are likely to have higher morals because of higher ideals. The fear expressed by many today for western civilization is that ideals have been lowered to the point of deepening immorality. This is a slow way of self destruction. To raise morals, ideals must be lifted.

Social pressure is the third rung in the ladder. Social pressure does not dictate morals so much as it affects ideals which in turn affects morals. Socially, we have become unified in desire, if not in fact. The mail order catalogue and daily advertising have made the public style conscious. Transportation and communication have immediately brought the world together. The social pressure rides these instruments high. The social dance, cocktail, highball, or beer party, to mention only a few of the most common, can bear so heavily in demand upon people social ideals are compromised in order that group approval might be had. Morals degenerate in direct proportion to compromised ideals. The church must assume an aggressive staunch in its battle for people. The most popular action in America today is not that of going to church.

Conventions from yesterday are obligatory on today's citizen and he is moved in morals by them. Conventions live in a state of perpetual change, but they definitely aid i molding morals.

But the top source of all morals is the worthiness of God to the individual. Obligation to the will of God will produce better morals than any other responsibility. The will of God permeates the whole life and existence. In this age of moral decadence, could there be a better message than that of "Be ye transformed by renewal . . . to the will of God?"

A Three-Fold Commission

By W. Ross Edwards

Jesus said, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded." Some people go and go but make no disciples. Others talk and talk about making disciples, but really never make any. Some go far enough to organize to make disciples, but seem to lack power to operate the machinery. The needed power is mentioned in Acts 1:8. Our great need is not less machinery but more power.

Some well-meaning people, who underestimate the importance of the church, make disciples (they report) but stop there. They do not carry through to baptism and church membership. They never return to "teach them to observe," because they stop short of the second step-baptism. It is unfortunate that good people either leave out the first, second or third part of the Great Commission. Some seek to observe the ways of God without having directed people to Christ as Savior and the church as a spiritual home. Still others baptize people before making them disciples. Some get the order mixed up. Too many that seek to make disciples and baptize them fail to appreciate the fact that the newly won and baptized need to be taught all things commanded by the Lord Jesus.

If the devil is unable to keep us from observing the order of carrying out the commission of Christ, he will try to emphasize one part of the world over against another. We note that Jesus asked those with the power of the Holy Spirit to witness. Where? Some are only interested in Jerusalem (home community). Others go out to Judea and Samaria (home missions) and others to the uttermost parts of the earth (foreign missions). Now, some pick out one or two of these fields and stop there. Let us not forget that it is all "one field," "one world," and that Christ has only "one fold." We must not neglect any part of the world for some other part. Therefore, we would do well to support the "Cooperative Mission Program," whereby some, support goes to all kinds of work in all places of the world in which we are able to serve.



ABKANSAS STATIONS

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Consult local paper for time

Plan Chapel For Members of Congress



Capitol Hill News Photo

From left to right: Chaplain of the House, Bernard Braskamp, Architect of the Capitol, David Lynn, and Congressman Brooks Hays, as they examine the plans for the chapel.

Concurrent Resolution

Submitted by Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol is hereby authorized and directed to make available and equip a room conveniently located for the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, adjacent to the rotunda, to be used as a chapel, with facilities for prayer and meditation. The Architect shall provide appropriate altars for the various religious faiths of America and shall maintain said chapel exclusively for members of the Congress.

It Happened to Our Neighbors

By H. H. McGINTY

People who are indifferent as to what Romanism would do in this country, should it become dominant, need go no further than the city of Montreal, Canada, for a shocking demonstration. There merchants are being arrested by the hundreds for refusing to keep their stores closed on the holy days of the Roman Catholic Church. The specific charge is that they ignored the city's by-law which demanded that stores close on December 8, the day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

It is reported that some merchants have pleaded guilty and paid their fines, but many are contesting the suits. While some of these are resisting as a matter of business, with others it is a question of principle. Why, they argue, should stores be forced to close on Roman holy days and not on Jewish or other religious feast days? And why, they ask, should non-Romanists be required to subscribe to Roman observances?

According to the **Canadian Baptist**, the ostensible purpose of this law is to clear the morning hours of secular occupation and thereby increase the attendance at mass. The inconsistency is exposed by the manner in which Catholics desecrate the remainder of the day, when the period for church services is past. It is further demonstrated by the fact that Catholics refuse to observe the special season of other religious bodies. It is said that they purposely secularize the Protestant Sunday so as to interfere with the attendance and work of these groups.

The cases which have been appealed are now before the courts of Quebec, where these laws are to be tested. In the meantime, those who love freedom in this country are in full sympathy with their friends in Quebec.

This is one phase of the sort of thing which we are facing and fighting here. The pity is that so many of our citizens are asleep. No one would deny any individual the right to be a Catholic if he conscientiously desires to be one. But everybody, including Catholics, should resist unto the death any foreign totalitarian power, such as the Roman Catholic Church, which seeks to control everything it touches. Wherever one looks, it is the same story—Romanism is tolerant only when it cannot dominate. When it is the major power it consistently persecutes minority groups.

-The Word and Way.



DR. DALE COWLING, Director

B. S. U. At Arkansas State Teachers' College

Every afternoon at 4:30, Monday through Friday, students meet for a half hour of inspirational singing and devotions on the Arkansas State Teachers College campus, Conway. An average of 25 students meet near the close of each day, enriching their spiritual lives.

There are about 400 Baptist students; 150 of these are members of local churches. There are 49 students giving Baptist preference and 36 that are not Christians. The Enlistment Committee seeks to enlist these students by visiting in the dormitories.

BSU Council meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon for a planning period for the work.

The Young Womans' Auxiliary is a very active part of the Baptist Student Union. Last year there was a membership of ten, with an average attendance of five. This year the membership has increased to 33 with an average attendance of 18. The standard of excellence is being met. The Young Women's Auxiliary sponsors Sunday School for the children of students that live on the campus who otherwise are not in any church service.

Sponsoring visitation in the local hospital is another phase of Baptist Student Union work being carried on. Plans are being made to establish other mission activities which will call for more student participation which will further the work of our Lord.

The Baptist Student Union is limited in its work at Arkansas State Teachers College because there is no student center or secretary. This is our goal to be attained. Our campus offers Arkansas Baptists one of their greatest mission opportunities. If we had tools with which to work. we feel that we could grow a great group of Baptist laymen and laywomen who would count mightily in days to come. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide some means whereby we may soon have a Director of Baptist Student Work on our campus.

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MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

Your Responsibility! Your Opportunity!

The more than half the population within Southern Baptist Convention area who are not Christian are YOUR RESPONSI-BILITY and YOUR OPPORTUN-ITY! March 3-7 are the dates set apart for the observance of the 1952 Week of Prayer and for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. A full observance of the season will be convincing experience of the obligation to share the gospel, of the great blessing which America can be and will be as the population is Christian. Learn! Give! PRAY! "That They May Know."

Millions of Anglos! Hundreds of thousands of foreign born, language speaking, racial groups, mountain folk, city dwellers will never know of a "living, loving, reigning Lord" if we withhold anything short of our best efforts, our sacrificial giving, our earnest praying. Missionary to the migrants, Sam T. Mayo, tells of "Dirty Face—Black Soul."

"A six-foot man knocked on the Gospel Chapel (chapel on wheels used by the Mayos) door. 'Preacher,' he said, 'give me a towel and a bar of soap for I am dirty.' I asked him if he did not have the money to buy a towel and a bar of soap. This was his reply, 'Would you buy a towel and bar of soap if you had eleven hungry children?' I thought for a moment and then I answered, 'I am sure I would not.' I gave him the soap and the towel. He went away for awhile and returned after we had begun our preaching service. When the invitation was given he came forward saying, 'Preacher, my face is clean now but my soul is black.' I told him about the blood of Jesus Christ that could cleanse his soul and make it as white as snow. He accepted the Savior. I thank God for soap and towels to give to the migrant people, but most of all for a Savior whose cleansing power can wash the souls of men that are black and make them clean and white."

Of the \$900,000 goal for Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, \$15,000 is for work with migrant peoples—those who "follow the crops." May we offer to them security that comes only from knowing Christ as Savior.



RESERVATIONS NEEDED! Y. W. A. Banquet—April 1 B. W. C. Banquet—April 2 First Baptist Church El Dorado Price \$1.25 ANNUAL MEETING ARKANSAS' WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION April 1-3

Missions Working For Moral Standards

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If you do not write, you will be helping the brewers' industry! Incidentally, they hope you will be silent. The publishing companies which do not accept such advertising need to know that some people do appreciate their stand for they are actually losing money when they refuse to advertise alcoholic beverages.

Do you want to help? You do count. You are "the public." Let them know **your** stand.

Write today. -Mrs. Ralph Douglas,

Chairman, State Community Missions.

New Office Secretary

Miss Frances Winstead of South Carolina has come to join the staff in the state W.M.U. Office and to serve as office secretary. A graduate of the W.M.U. Training School and Limestone College, with a background of both secular and denominational experience, with a love for missions and Woman's Missionary Union, and with a deep convigtion that God has called her to this post, she is welcomed into the official family at Baptist Headquarters.

One of the surest roads to unhappiness is to let someone else do your job for you.

Help Your Pastor Build A Library

By L. M. SIPES, Professor

Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas

I have been working with preachers for several years, and I sincerely believe that the Lord has given me an idea that should appeal to our churches, especially as it relates to young preachers, and to young pastors in particular.

So many of our pastors and preachers do not have adequate libraries to meet their most necessary needs. Hundreds, and I might say thousands, of them do not receive sufficient salaries to enable them to buy certain reference works which they sorely need in carrying on their ministry in the most efficient and effective manner. Every pastor should have a good, standard Encyclopedia and Dictionary, including Bible Dictionary; plus a useable interpretative and practical Commentary. Such reference works can be had at very reasonable prices, and would not only help pastors and preachers, but prove an unspeakable blessing to the churches, and to the general work of the ministry at large.

I suggest that hundreds of our churches adopt the plan of providing such helps as mentioned above and pursue it as a permament policy. Give the books outright to the pastor to take with nim when he moves,-and do the same thing for the next pastor who does not have such reference works and would find it a problem, if not impossible, to buy them. It would not prove a burden to any church. The memberships of our churches can make such provision and never feel it financially. It would boost everything. "Sow sparingly and reap sparingly. Sow bountifully and reap bountifully." I am anxious that this matter be not only regarded as factual, but made actual. We need more of the actual today. Facts are fundamental, but it takes acts to make them fruitful. This is not a mere visionary idea. It springs from the very roots of reality.

As an illustration take the new Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia of 36 volumes, selling at present for only \$70 per set. It is standard, full-coverage, and meets the preachers needs. The address is 507 W. 36 Street, New York, N. Y.



There are other splendid Encyclopedias of course, most of them more expensive, but the churches could and would make their own choice. I could suggest several Commentaries, at moderate prices, and several standard Bible Dictionaries. I am willing to assist any church or pastor desiring such help as I may be able to give in this most important project.

I cannot refrain from saying that I received a letter today from Dr. William Hershel Ford. pastor of the great First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, saying that he was sending 155 copies of his latest book of sermons on "The Great Christian Doctrines" -to be distributed to the preachers of Central Seminary. This makes some 300 or more volumes under different titles that Dr. Ford has sent to our young preachers, and they are appreciated most heartily by our students. Dr. Ford's people are back of him in this most profitable service to our future ministry.

I plead with our churches. north and south, to take this matter seriously. There is too much at stake in the day in which we live to do otherwise. Help your pastor to build a library . . . especially a reference library. Many of our preachers and pastors cannot go to any one of our seminaries, but they can be students at home, and, as in the past, be numbered among our very best pastors and preachers. Help to give them a chance to prove it. -000-

When we see a squirrel burying an acorn, we always wonder if it isn't just a device of nature to make trees.

The Voice. _000_

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RALPH W. DAVIS, Secretary

Sectional Meetings Feature

Training Union Convention

Important sectional meetings for each age group will be provided on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at the State Union Convention, Training which meets at First Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 14-15.

There will be separate conferences for Nursery leaders. Beginner leaders, and Primary leaders. The following programs have been prepared for the Nursery, Beginner, and Primary leaders and their associates:

Primary Leadership Section Mrs. Doris Monroe, Baptist Sunday School Board, Presiding

- Friday Afternoon
- 3:20 Who are you?
- Why? What? 3:30 Leaders: How? 4:00 Children: Characteristics
- and Needs
- 4:40 Your Problems
- 4:50 Adjourn for afternoon Saturday Morning
- 9.45 Your Problems Answered in The Primary Leader
- 10:10 Programs Planned to Meet the Needs
- 10:40 Materials Used
- 11:15 Adjourn to Main Auditorium

Beginner Leadership Section Mrs. Fred Love, Norphlet, Presiding

Friday Afternoon

- 3:20 Meeting the Needs of Beginner Children Through Trained Leadership Materials Equipment
- 4:50 Adjourn for Afternoon Saturday Morning

9:45 Meeting the Needs of Beginner Children Through Procedure Informal Activities Group Activities (Conver-Prayer, sation. Songs. Stories, Relaxation)



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11:15 Adjourn to Auditorium Nursery Leadership Section Mrs. Carl A. Clark, El Dorado, Presiding

Friday Afternoon

- 3:20 The Child We Lead The Leaders We Want to Become
- 4:50 Adjourn for Afternoon Saturday Morning

9:45 The Equipment We Want to Have The Methods We Want to

- Use 11:15 Adjourn to Main Audi-
- torium Provision will also be made for

the Nursery, Beginner and Primary children. On Friday afternoon and Saturday morning during the sectional meetings there will be a sectional meeting for Primary children, ages 6-7-8, led by Mrs. H. H. Cousins and Mrs. William Anderson. The Beginner children, ages 4-5 will be provided for at all sessions of the convention.

Attention,

Training Union Workers!

If you plan to bring a bus load of people or several cars to the State Training Union Convention in Little Rock, March 14-15, write to Rev. Ralph W. Davis, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock so that he can send you regis-tration cards to be filled out before you arrive at the convention.



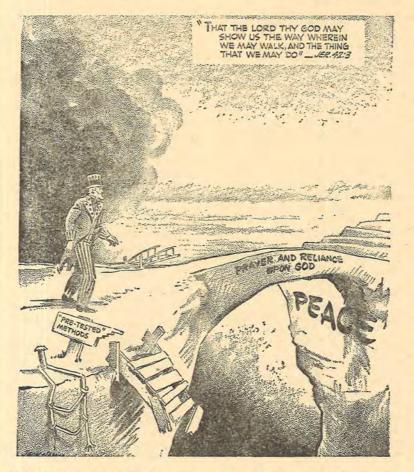


American businessmen may awake some morning to find themselves on the brink of a "spiritual awakening of major proportions," it is reported in the current (March 1) issue of The Saturday Evening Post

An article entitled "The Men Who Decided to Do Something" relates that this might come about through the quiet work of four organizations whose members believe that if everybody stopped being quarrelsome and dishonest and started to see where they should be changed we'd have themselves, peace. They say it's wholly possible for everybody, even communists, to do just that.

The new era, they add, could be brought about by adjustments of individual living and thinking. The laymen's Movement for Christian World mentions 2. "dedicated" men, The Christian Business Men's Committee uses the term "saved," International Christian Leadership speaks of being "committed," and Moral Re-Armament calls it "changing," according to author Jerome Ellison.

He finds that members see themselves as carrying the basic mission of their churches into wider spheres. One member keynoted the group spirit with the remark: "We laymen have decided that there must be more to religion than passing the plate



and discussing the church mortgage. Either its a vital experience, intimately and honestly shared, or it's nothing." Another

said, "Maybe we can get our ideas across in places the churches haven't reached."

The article reports they've al-

ready got them across to some extent in industry, in the labor movement, in government and in homes. In the four groups are policy-level executives of at least fifty firms of national repute, ranking officials of two international unions, two state governors, a third of the U.S. Senate and a fourth of the House.

Though the groups are predominantly Protestant, membership crosses all denominational barriers and includes adherents of all sections, Ellison writes. Together, they have stimulated a closer working relationship between laymen and responsible ecclesiastical leaders. And al groups regard Sunday church going as an essential incident in the devotional week.

The author credits the laymen's groups with settlements of difficult strikes in Miami and New York and reports the longstanding labor strife along the West Coast waterfronts is being tackled.

He also cites the fact that the effectiveness gets down to the individual with a story of a Long Island contractor who charged \$200 for alterations to a kitchen, then found \$150 would cover his cost and leave a nice profit. The housewise was astonished to receive a \$50 refund and has made such a talking point of the experience that the contractor's business has multiplied.

Missing In Action

By Alfred Carpenter, Director Chaplains Commission

Should a young man of your church serving in the miltary at the battle front be reported, "MISSING IN ACTION," then it is tragedy to you. Should your church lose con-

tact with one of its members is serving in the military who and he becomes, "MISSING IN THE SERVICES," then it is tragic for him.

Approximately 368,000 Southern Baptists, or Baptist connected men and women, are serving in the national military establishment. One of their surest anchors and strongest stimulants is constant contact with the home church.

No doubt you keenly feel the absence of these young people. Their loss to your church for a season is of vital concern to you. They need your ministry. To do so is often a problem. The disadvantage of distance, or current conditions, calls for not only concern but personal consecration to the task and a positive program by your church.

"Is there some way to pub-

licize to our churches that a larger number of them should keep in touch with their members serving their country in the military," writes one chaplain. Like appeals are received from our chaplains in almost very mail.

Suggestions:

Organize-One person should be made responsible for the entire program. This assures complete and regular coverage so that no man is neglected. Maintain correct mailing addresses accessible to addressors.

Orders received - Previous to departure, pasters should counsel inductee regarding rules for spiritual living, cautions and warnings pertaining to military life. Inform him how to co-operate with his chaplain and with the churches in the community. Give appropriate public recognition of his departure in worship service or group meetings. Convince the man that his church intends to constructively continue its ministry to him and impress him with the church's desire that he keep contact with his church.

Occasionally - Write personal letters from church leaders and friends. Regularly send chain letters from church groups at social or other gatherings. Best of all, families not related to addres-see, send chain letter containing paragraph from each member. Periodically form letter writing groups or clubs composed of carefully selected men and women of varied ages. No one person should serve longer than two months.

Ordering literature - Provide for your man in service as you did when he was at home. Send early his respective quarterlies, Sunday bulletins, probably his state Baptist paper, and home town paper. Carefully selected tracts and books of religious fiction are helpful.

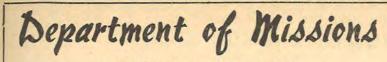
When you pray positively that your man will not be, "MISSING IN ACTION," pray also that your church promote a positive program of ministry to its members in service so that not one member will be, "MISSING IN THE SERVICES." All the World

India, Arabia, Africa, Iran, Germany, and Peru are no longer remote, exotic places. They are a part of every newspaper front page. Our increasing knowledge of these far away lands brings a rude reminder that these teeming millions are not Christian.

Why was I not born in some pagan land? Is not my privilege of life in Christian America also my responsibility? Are American souls more precious than Oriental souls? Can Jesus be pleased for me to rejoice in my own salvation oblivious to the crying need of millions whose souls he loves, too?







C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

Mission Notes

By MISS FAXINE JENKINS, Office Secretary

start.

We would like to take this op-portunity to say "welcome" to two new associational missionaries in Arkansas. D. E. Parsons, from Alabama, is the new missionary in Red River Association, and D. D. Cash, from Mississippi, is the new missionary in Mt. Zion Association. We are happy to have these new workers in our state and will be looking forward to fellowship with them.

E. F. Boyles, former missionary in Woodruff County Association, has accepted the pastorate at Melbourne.

Please keep in mind the dates for the sectional Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusades. The dates are listed below:

North East Arkansas - March 9-23.

South East Arkansas - April 6-13.

- North West Arkansas April 6-13.
- South West Arkansas April 13-27.

Has the date been set for the summer revival in your church? It would be a good idea to have

it before the political campaigns

For your information, we give below the names of the men serving on the Mission Committee this year: E.E. Griever, Chairman, Hamburg; Dale McCoy, Gurdon; E. C. Polk, Piggott; Tom Poole, Marmaduke; and O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs.

At the present time, the Mission Department is giving pastoral aid to thirty-five churches. This aid is for the purpose of helping small rural churches pay the pastor's salary. These churches, otherwise, would not be able, financially, to have a pastor.

We still have a supply of the tract, "Convention Baptists in Arkansas," and will be glad to send them to anyone writing in for them

Correction: In the February 21 issue of the Arkansas Baptist we stated that the population of Florida has increased 28 per cent during the last twenty years. The correct percentage is 88 per cent during the last twenty years.

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Van Buren, First	378			Fort Smith, North Side	69	51	2
El Dorado, West Side	370	148	2	Fort Smith, Rye Hill Hot Springs, Emmanuel	72	30	
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Baptist Home Board News

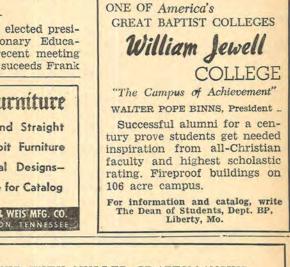
We gratefully dedicate this News Letter to the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION in appreciation for their many contributions to Home Missions, especially in their sponsoring the Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer and offering. If they did no more than pray what a help to our that would be, but they work STUDY Home Missions and then GIVE. Last year the Annie Armstrong Offering was over \$800.-000. This year the goal is \$900,-000.

L. W. Martin was elected president of the Missionary Education Council in a recent meeting in Birmingham. He suceeds Frank



Means of the Foreign Mission Board. The Council represents every Southern Baptist agency that publishes mission books and magazines.

The State Baptist papers have given much space to emphasize Home Missions during this period of special prayer and study. A number of editors of these papers have been most gracious in using materials from our monthly news letters.





303 W. Capitol - Little Rock, Ark.

Southern Baptist Convention Program

May 14-18, 1952 Miami, Florida

J. D. Grey, President F. C. Feezor, First Vice-President W. R. White, Second Vice-President Porter Routh, Executive Secretary, Executive Committee Loren Williams, Director of Music for Convention

GENERAL THEME: Magnifying the Church

"Christ loved the church and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25)

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30 Song and Praise

- 9:40 Scripture and Prayer-J. R. Ferguson, California 9:45 Secretaries' Report on Registration 9:50 Committee on Order of Business
- J. P. Tucker, Chairman, Florida
- 9:55 Welcome Address-Ralph Ferrell, Florida
- 10:05 Response

R. E. Milam, Oregon

10:20 Song

10:25 Address of President-

- J. D. Grey
- 10:55 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers and Visitors
- 11:05 Special Music
- 11:20 Convention Sermon-
 - Ramsey Pollard, Tennessee R. E. Naylor, South Carolina (Alternate)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- The Church: Its Eternal Background (Eph. 1:3-4) 2:00 Song and Praise
- 2:10 Scripture and Prayer-W. B. Wyatt, New Mexico
- 2:20 Appointment of Committee on Committees and Committee on Resolutions
- 2:30 Executive Committee Administration Report— Porter Routh, Executive Secretary
- 3:10 Executive Committee Report on Promotion-Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion
- 3:50 Miscellaneous Business
- 4:00 Special Music
- 4:10 Address-W. Douglas Hudgina, Mississippi

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

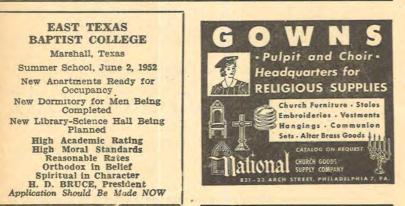
- The Church: Its Eternal Foundations (Matt. 16:17-18)
- 7:15 Song and Praise
- 7:25 Scripture and Prayer—W. W. Long, Georgia 7:35 Woman's Missionary Union
- 8:00 Special Music
- 8:10 Foreign Missions-M. T. Rankin, Executive Secretary
- 9:15 Address-Monroe F. Swilley, Georgia

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:30 Song and Praise
- 9:40 Scripture and Prayer-Maurice Hall, Missouri
- 9:50 Radio Commission-S. F. Lowe, Director
- 10:10 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:20 Special Music
- 10:30 Address-K. S. Latourette,
- President, American Baptist Convention 11:00 Sunday School Board—T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Church: Its Spiritual Endowment (Acts 1:8) 2:00 Song and Praise



ARKANSAS BAPTIST

- 2:20 Relief and Annuity Board-
- W. R. Alexander, Executive Secretary 2:40 Southern Baptist Hospital report-Frank Tripp, Administrator
- 3:00 Southern Baptist Foundation-C. H. Bolton, Secretary
- 3:15 Election of Officers
- 3:45 Special Music
- 3:55 Address-Carl Bates, Texas

THURSDAY NIGHT

The Church: Its Supreme Mission (Acts 1:8)

- 7:15 Song and Praise
- 7:25 Scripture and Prayer-J. Woodrow Fuller, Texas
- 7:35 Special Music
- 7:45 Baptist Brotherhood-G. W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary 8:10 Home Mission Board-
- J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary
- 9:20 Address-W. A. Criswell, Texas

FRIDAY MORNING

- The Church: Its Doctrinal Significance (I Tim. 2:1)
- 9:30 Song and Praise
- 9:40 Scripture and Prayer-A. L. Lowther, Oklahoma
- 9:50 Education Commission-
- R. O. Cornett, Executive Secretary
- 10:10 Committee on Resolutions
- 10:25 Committee on Time, Place, Preacher 10:35 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:45 Special Music
- 10:55 Seminaries
- 11:45 Address-H. L. Eddleman, Kentucky

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- The Church: Its Moral Testimony (I John 3:8)
- 2:00 Song and Praise
- 2:10 Scripture and Prayer-E. M. Arendall, Alabama
- 2:20 Committee on Baptist Papers-A. L. Goodrich, Chairman
- 2:35 Committee on Circulation Campaign-
- L. D. Newton, Chairman
- 2:50 Report of Committee on Committees 3:00 Report of Committee on Boards
- 3:20 Denominational Calendar-W. L. Howse, Chairman
- 3:35 Negro Ministerial Education—E. A. McDowell, Chairman 3:50 American Baptist Theological Seminary—
- L. S. Sedberry, Secretary
- 4:00 Special Music 4:10 Address-J. W. Middleton, Georgia
 - FRIDAY NIGHT

- 7:15 Song and Praise
- 7:25 American Bible Society-T. H. Holloway, Secretary
- 7:40 Special Music

10:00 Song

10:40 Special Music

7:55 Christian Home Hour-J. W. Burton, Tennessee

9:25 Scripture and Prayer-C. C. Kiser Jr., Florida

9:40 Committee on Relation with Other Religious Bodies-T. C. Gardner, Chairman

J. M. Dawson, Executive Secretary

H. A. Brimm, Executive Secretary 11:10 Historical Society—N. W. Cox, Executive Secretary

11:45 Memorial Service-Austin Crouch, Tennessee

7:30 Baptist Youth Rally-T. L. Holcomb, Chairman

Billy Graham, Guest Speaker

Subject-"Salute the Church"

John L. Hill, Director of Promotion

2:30 Mass Meeting-J. Howard Williams, Texas-Speaker

6:45 Baptist Training Union-J. E. Lambdin, Secretary 8:00 Evangelistic Service-Directed by C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism

SATURDAY NIGHT

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

SUNDAY NIGHT

10:05 Audio-Visual Education Committee-J. N. Palmer, Chairman

- Address: The Home and the Church, James L. Sullivan, Texas SATURDAY MORNING
- 9:15 Song and Praise

10:20 Committee on Public Affairs-

10:50 Social Service Commission-

11:30 Southwide Assemblies-

9:30 Miscellaneous Business

Paul, A Prisoner For Christ

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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PAUL'S POSITION BY BIRTH

Many times in our enlightened age, people are influenced for or against a person according to one's background, or by one's prestige, by one's educational advantages, by one's rich heritage or lack of opportunity by birth.

The apostle Paul said if any person had whereof to glory in attainments, he was natural superior to them all. He was a Jew, a member of God's chosen nation. He was born in Tarsus, an important city of Cilicia, in Asia Minor. He was also a free born citizen of the Roman Empire, an advantage that many in his day had to purchase at great cost. He was not only a descendant of Abraham, which could have meant he was a son of Ishmael or Esau, or even some other; but he was of the stock of Israel, a son of Jacob, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews.

He was reared according to the law of Moses, taught the precepts and traditions of the fathers from his childhood; was circumcized the eighth day of his life. He was reared a Pharisee, a member of the strictest religious denomination of his day; a proud, self-righteous law abiding, justice demanding tribe of people. He was so zealous in his religion, he would readily murder all opposition, and believe he was doing God a favor.

He was educated in Jerusalem, in the famous school of Gamaliel, who was possibly the greatest teacher in Jewish history. There Paul was prepared to become a member of the Sanhedrin court, the height of Jewish ambition and power. So we conclude that Paul was an ambitious and religious politician. He was already a successful young Jew, but on the threshold of becoming really great in national society.

But very unexpectedly one day Paul found Christ, or Christ found Paul, and at once all those human advantages became garbage in comparison—immediately the things he had counted as great gain become as waste "for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus MY LORD."

PAUL'S POSITION BY FAITH

When Paul found Christ, he discovered that he had no righteousness at all, that all his works were as filthy rags in both God's sight—and his own. He found that his righteousness, Sunday School Lesson for March 9, 1952 Philippians 3:4-17

which he considered to be quite legal, was most illegal. That his strict adherence to the law of Moses had blinded his eyes to the mercies of God. Religious zeal doesn't hesitate to persecute. The Pharisees and others through the ages have murdered many in their religious zeal. Paul found a mighty difference in the righteousness which is by law, and the righteousness which is by faith in Jesus Christ.

Paul now stood a new creature in Christ. He was now clothed in true righteousness, the righteousness of Christ. He was ready now to suffer with Christ. He was willing to do anything, to be anything, in all humility and earnest submission, in order to know Christ in the power of His resurrection.

PAUL'S SPIRITUAL GOAL

When Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians, he had been a Christian servant for many years. Yet he did not feel that he had reached full adulthood in Christ. He did not feel that he had "apprehended." He didn't know it all, nor had he reached such a stage of maturity that he could be satisfied. We wonder if another ever "grew in grace" as rapidly as did Paul, but he insists, "I count not myself to have apprehended." Great depths of spiritual truths are found in his various statements: "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. . . ." "Being found in him . . . not in my own righteousness . . . but in the righteousness which is of God by ." "That I may know faith. . him in the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering . . .", statements that seem to mark him as a mature Christian in our estimation, but in many ways he must have felt like a child, as he struggled with the problems of life.

The Apostle's motto was to "reach forth," to "look forward, never back." Can you not hear grim determination in his voice when he says, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Paul had some things to forget; his sins, failures, yea, even his crimes committed in the name of religion, things he had done which he could not un-do. The past is gone and cannot be

helped nor changed. Every Christian must do a lot of forgetting else our mistakes would overwhelm us, and all would go down in defeat. But the present is ours; we are responsible for the present. And if the grace of God permits us to live, we must press toward the high and noble prize of God in the future. Paul had goal toward which he was 2 Each Christian must striving. have a definite goal if he ever accomplishes anything for Christ. The only goal too many have is to go to heaven when they die. We certainly do not wish to miss that reward, but evidently that is the last earthly thing we wish to receive. People should have some goals to reach before they get to heaven, if they expect to have any rewards to enjoy after they enter the pearly gates .

Paul seems to be telling us that he never reached a state of perfection here, but he kept pressing on. If Paul, with all his labors and sacrifices and accomplishments, was not satisfied with his life-where does that us who live today? One leave should never become satisfied with his own life, but should keep struggling upward to "attain" the goal, not for salvation, but for a better life, a more useful life, a more productive service for our blessed Master.

PAUL, THE AGED PRISONER

When Paul wrote the letter to the Philippian Church, he was a prisoner in Rome. Yet not one word of bitterness invades his messages, it is sometimes called his love letter to the Philippians. He urged them to remember that his troubles were for the "furtherance of the gospel." That because of his bonds, others were more bold to preach the word. That Christ was honored by his imprisonment throughout Caesar's palace in Rome. That they should not be terrified by their adversaries, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Chist, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for his sake. . . ."

As Paul found. himself nearing the sundown of his life and career, he had learned some valuable lessons which would serve us well if we would heed: "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." In prison? In chains? In sufferings? Yes, "in whatsoever . ." He had learned too, he "could do all things state . that he through Christ which strengthens me." Have we learned that lesson? Paul learned to be anxious for nothing, but to be thankful for everything, and with thanksgiving to let his requests be made known to God. Have we learned how to cast anxiety upon the Lord and forget it?

Paul was a great man; he walked in close contact with his Lord. But we may have the same sweet spiritual experiences in our hearts and lives that Paul had, if we wish.

To perform one's function with fidelity and simplicity is to be both hero and saint.

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L. E. COLEMAN, SR.

At the December, 1951, meeting of the Executive Board, your General Secretary recommended to the Board that we support State-wide Simultaneous Stewardship Revivals in the churches in the fall of this year, 1952, and that the Administration and Finance Committee promote such revivals. At the January meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee a committee composed of E. E. Griever, Lloyd Sparkman, and David O. Moore was appointed to work with the General Secretary and his Assistant on setting up the machinery for the promotion of such undertaking.

Pursuant to the meeting and directions of the Administration and Finance Committee, the above mentioned committee met with the General Secretary and his Assistant on January 25, and after prayerful consideration of the task assigned them, voted—subject to the approval of the Administration and Finance Committee as a whole—to set the date for such Simultan-

Facts About Ouachita College

We have been studying carefully the situation of Ouachita College for the last few months in particular. We want to say two or three things about it.

1. Ouachita College has a new day. It has a bright future. We are putting build-ings and equipment on the campus that have been sorely needed for a number of years. The work is not yet finished, it is not even time for a slight lull in the progress of upkeep and enlargement. We had terribly neglected this, our major institu-tion, for a long, long time. We never had a real campaign for buildings and equipment for Ouachita College until the recent Enlargement Campaign headed by the late Dr. Otto Whitington. That campaign netted around \$700,000 in monetary gifts and equipment, but we had neglected the school so long that nothing but a super effort could save the day and put the great institution on a basis where it can more or less compete with other schools. We got several buildings in that campaign that we sorely needed, but we have not reached the goal yet. We must keep on providing for this institution.

2. Ouachita College under the leadership of President H. A. Haswell and his asso-

Announcing ...

STATE-WIDE SIMULTANEOUS STEWARDSHIP REVIVALS

Buckner and Coleman to Serve as Co-chairmen for Plans and Promotion

eous Stewardship Revivals for November 2-9, this being the date which seemed to the committee to be the most acceptable one for all concerned in view of various activities already placed upon our calendar of activities for this year.

J. W. Buckner, pastor, First Church, Crossett, and L. E. Coleman, assistant secretary, were elected co-chairmen for the promotion and detail work concerning the revivals. Mr. Coleman was charged specifically with the organization of the state as a whole with the idea that the revivals would be organized on the associational level.

It was further determined that the publicity and promotion of this campaign should be handled from the office of the General Secretary. The committee requested Brother Buckner and Brother Coleman to present their plans for the promotion of these meetings to the regular meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee on April 17.

We believe that every pastor and church will want to enter into this gigantic and challenging campaign which if properly presented in the individual church will bring an awakening to Arkansas Baptists of their

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responsibilities as stewards of the Lord and to their possibilities when they go all out in Christian Stewardship.

We will have further announcements to make from this page at later dates. We will be writing letters to all of our pastors and making as many personal contacts as possible. We urge all of our people to pray for those who will be directing the plans and promotion for this great and inspiring effort.

If our Administration and Finance Committee adopts the date of November 2-9 for these revivals, and we know of no reason why it will not, we would urge every pastor and church to begin preparation for these revivals now by blocking out that date for a stewardship revival and in those instances where by reason of prior arrangements the revival cannot be held at that time, that they will set a date as near to November 2-9 as is conveniently possible. Arkansas Baptists are on the march!

clates is enlisting new students rapidly for the next year. President Haswell is visiting, personally, many towns and schools and is signing up students for next year. It is unusual to get them signed up so early. He is scoring great gains along this line and we prophesy a satisfactory student body in the school year 1952-1953. Haswell is making a number-one president for Ouachita College.

3. The immediate need in the way of further buildings and equipment is a boy's dormitory. We should erect this building at an early date. In our thinking it is far more an immediate necessity than a new Administration building. We are beginning to start the work on a new administration building because we have funds for that purpose which cannot be used for anything else, and the administration building will serve to satisfy pressing needs for administration offices and rooms, but we must also have this new dormitory for boys. An old dormitory being used has been condemned and must be evacuated and torn away. We have any number of boys that will have no place to stay unless we pro-vide a new dormitory. The most important thing that Baptists can do is to preserve the gains that we have made. This really comes before expansion. Why expand on

one line while we are constantly losing on major sectors along some other line? It will be disastrous if we allow the boys who are now in Ouachita College and those who are getting ready to attend to turn into some other direction because we have not provided a place for them to live. In our judgment the most pressing need in our Arkansas Baptist denominational life today is a boy's dormitory at Ouachita College. We should provide this building as soon as possible regardless of whatever method may be required to get the money to build it. If we need to go afield in a special campaign, we should do it, but we must have the building or we will loose much that we have gained in the way of male students.

There are shadows only when the sun shines.

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