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—H. Armstrong Roberts.

*Time Is Running Out*

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# So You Plan To Call A Pastor

By V. E. DEFREECE

Around the annual associational meeting there is general confusion in the average small church. The big question is: "And whom shall we have to serve as our pastor next year?" "Shall we call our present pastor back?" "By all means," reply some. "Not on your life," reply others. "Well, since we cannot agree on our present pastor, whom shall we get?" After thirty to ninety days of this confusion, and after having called from one of four men, the church finally gets a pastor. It takes him the next six months to get the church back together, and by that time the whispering begins: "Whom shall we call as our pastor for next year?"

The primary cause of all this church confusion lies in what we term "The annual call." This plan simply means that the church calls a pastor for a period of one year or until the next annual associational meeting. But you ask, "What is wrong with a plan like this?" I would like to list some things that make the plan objectionable:

1. It is not endorsed by the New Testament, either by example or precept.
2. It causes more confusion in the small church than all other problems combined.
3. The annual call handicaps the pastor beyond words. He does not have the security of position that a successful pastorate requires.
4. It is one of the main contributing factors to short pastorates. Many times even the happy pastor moves on when the year is up rather than face the embarrassment of another call.—

5. The annual call gives the pastor's critics a broadside shot at him every year.

6. It offers the Devil his greatest opportunity to break up churches.

7. The annual call is unwise from the business point of view. It may be true that a new broom sweeps the cleanest, but brother, the old one will be more apt to know where the dirt is.

If a church does not use the "annual call" plan, then what plan may it use? There remains but one plan that can be successfully used, and for the lack of a better name we call it "the indefinite call." The idea is that the church finds the man that God has led them to call as pastor, and they call him for an indefinite period. He serves until either he or the church feels that their relationship should be terminated. What are some of the advantages this plan has over the annual call idea?

1. It follows more closely the pattern laid down in the New Testament.

2. It gives the church and pastor a chance to live out their "God led" relationship without the confusion of another call.

3. The indefinite call enables the church to secure better preachers. Most of our progressive preachers are coming to frown upon the annual call, and in increasing numbers they are hesitating to consider them. This trend will increase, not decrease.

4. It gives the pastor a chance to plan a long range program for the church.

5. This kind of a call will go a long way toward solving our short pastorate problem in small churches.

6. It gives the church a chance to correct a "pastor mistake" when they see it, instead of waiting until the year is up.

7. The indefinite call gives the pastor a chance to follow the leadership of the Lord into a new field when the call comes without embarrassment.

Some churches object to the indefinite call on the basis that the pastor often leaves in the middle of the year, and leaves the church without a pastor until the next associational meeting. Here are some points for the church to remember in this regard.

1. When our small churches practice the indefinite call, pastors will be available any time during the year, not just at the time of the associational meeting. They will interchange freely as the Lord leads them.

2. Another thing to remember is that when a pastor feels God leading him to another church his interest in his present pastorate leaves him never to return, and time spent on a field after his interest is gone is a waste of his time and of the church's money. Everyone concerned is better off for the change to be made when the pastor wants to go, not months later.

The greatest potential source of power in Southern Baptist life today is found in the small church. If this mighty "sleeping giant" can be aroused from his slumber and put on the march for God we will see ushered in a new day. One of the chains that holds him is the "annual call idea."

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## Amazing Figures

By R. C. CAMPBELL

If you will study the gifts to the Co-operative Program, as carried in the Arkansas Baptist, July 29, you will find some amazing figures. They are amazing not because they are large, but because they are so small. If I made no mistakes in counting there are only 21 churches in the state giving above \$1,000 in the entire second quarter to the Co-operative Program. There are only nine churches giving as much as \$2,000. There are only three that gave as much as \$3,000, and only one, First Church, Little Rock, that gave above \$6,000. Here are the nine giving \$2,000 and more: Marianna, First, \$2,174; Fort Smith, First, \$2,250; Conway, First, \$2,000; Hope, First, \$2,160; Pine Bluff, First, \$2,394; El Dorado, First, \$3,750; Little Rock, Second, \$2,936; Little Rock, Immanuel, \$3,024; Little Rock, First, \$6,249.

It took the nine best giving churches to the Co-operative Program a fourth of an entire year to give the small amount of \$26,939 to World Missions. All our church has to rejoice in, because it stands at the top, having given more than double the amount any other church gave, is the fact that we are increasing our co-operative gifts. We are going up. Each and everyone of us should pray, plan, and purpose to give more. The Co-operative Program is the heart, center, blood stream of the program for world conquest, for Baptists.

—Bulletin, First Church, Little Rock.

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Jesus declared His mission to be, "to seek and to save the lost." Jesus is the greatest explorer the world has ever known. He came to the world to explore human life and to salvage the infinite riches of human life.

## Man's High Destiny

A Devotion by the Editor

"But we see Jesus."

The sweep of this author's vision encompasses the whole span of time between two eternities. He first takes a hurried glance at the beginnings when man was made "little lower than the angels" and when God put all created things "under his feet." "And God blessed them, and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over every living creature that moveth on the earth."

We visualize man starting out on this new adventure, upon the authority of his Creator, with high hopes and undivided loyalties. His beginning is beautiful in its threefold relationship with God and man and nature.

Now the author's vision sweeps the panorama of the succeeding centuries and the note of disappointment creeps into the words. Something has gone wrong. The venture that started out under such propitious circumstances and with such promise of success has bogged down. We discover foreign and uncongenial power operating to disrupt the harmony between man and his Creator and to bring failure and defeat to the execution of man's commission.

But our vision is not allowed to rest indefinitely upon this scene of man's failure and defeat. Out from among the wreckage of human life and from the debris of human failure a figure arises bearing the marks of the struggles of the race and the scars of the mortal conflict with the enemy who has caused all the troubles of the world. "But we see Jesus," the writer declares. He towers above the wreck of time; He has suffered; you can tell from the scars He bears; He has "tasted death for every man," looking down from the cross. But He has won the victory, see the empty grave; He is "crowned with glory and honor" and "bringing many sons to glory."

The author's vision may be summed up in three statements: Man's high destiny defined in man; man's high destiny achieved in Jesus; man's high destiny again promised to man.

"Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet . . . But now we see not all things put under him.

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; and by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

"For it became him . . . in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Colossians 2:6-10).

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Time Is Running Out

No, we are not prophesying that the world is coming to an end. In fact, we know very little about the "end of the world"; and we know nothing about when the world will come to an end. We have never been disturbed about that subject, nor have we indulged in speculative prognostications.

The thing that gives me concern is that time is running out for me and for my generation. No matter how long the world stands, we of the present generation have only a few years at the most to serve our Lord IN THE WORLD and carry out His commission. Time lost from Christian service cannot be retrieved, and opportunities allowed to pass, without our taking full advantage of them, are gone forever.

There was an energetic urgency about the ministry of Jesus which would not allow Him to waste time or put off any service until a more convenient opportunity. Other things could wait, but not His "Father's business." "Wist ye not," He asked His mother, "that I must be about my Father's business?" Again He declared, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

How long can we wait to take up our Christian responsibilities? How long can we wait to take our places in programs of our churches and denominations? How long can we wait

to win the lost to Christ? How long can we wait to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to "every creature"?

The commissions of Jesus are addressed to us. If we obey those commissions, we must go now. Time is running out for us. We will not be able to obey the commissions of our Lord 25 or 50 years from now, because we will not be here. It is now or never with us.

Not only is time running out for us, but time is also running out for those to whom we are commissioned to preach the Gospel. They must be reached with the Gospel "while it is day," for "the night cometh" when they cannot be reached with the Gospel, for they will be dead and buried.

A lost world, dying in its sins, demands that we go now, in our day, into all the world. Tomorrow will be too late for some soul that might be reached today.

Therefore, the same urgency which characterized the ministry of Jesus should characterize the ministry of His followers today. The same "MUST" which impelled Him should impel us, our churches, and our denomination to be about our "Father's business."

The blood of untold millions, at home and abroad, is required at our hand. Time is running out. "Watchman, what of the night?"

## Infant Baptism

A St. Paul, Minnesota, Lutheran pastor set a record on infant baptism, according to a news release by Religious News Service: "Since he donned his first clerical garb following ordination at Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1914, the 60-year-old pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, St. Paul, has baptized 7,378 infants and 650 adults."

The ratio is one adult baptism to 11 plus infant baptism—sprinkling is substituted for baptism by the Lutheran church.

Editor L. L. Carpenter, in the July 14 issue of the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina, has an interesting editorial comment on "The Fallacy and Harm of Infant Baptism."

Dr. E. Y. Mullins once said that the first World War was attributable to the practice of infant baptism. Many smiled at his words; some met them with derision; a few took them seriously.

Barth has said, "Everyone in Europe is baptized: so what?" He means that infant baptism has obscured the necessity for conversion and regeneration.

Kierkegaard has written at some length on the abuses of infant baptism. He had a saying that "when all are Christian, none are Christian." He saw clearly that infant baptism leads to spiritual complacency and somnolence.

In many countries it has led to spiritual obtuseness. When *Life With Father* was shown in a theater in Rome, one who saw it could not understand the fuss made about "father's" baptism. He remarked, "We get that taken care of the first week we are alive."

## Relation of the Jew To Christ's Kingdom

We commend to our readers, especially to thoughtful Bible students, an article, on page seven of this issue, by Dr. Russell B. Jones, on the very live question of the status of the Jewish people in their relation to the promises of God and the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A careful study of this article should clarify the thinking of many people who have been confused over the question so ably discussed by Dr. Jones.

Religion is the first thing and the last thing, and until a man has found God and been found by God, he begins at no beginning and he works to no end.

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The rule that governs my life is this: anything that dims my vision of Christ or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.—J. Walter Chapman.

# Time To Protest

Two weeks ago we called attention to the outrage inflicted upon the buying public by food and drug stores by the sale of liquors! Perhaps you have asked, What can we do about it? You can do plenty about it.

A case in point was the movement to establish a race track at West Memphis. Protests from all over the state of Arkansas and from Memphis stopped the movement dead in its tracks. By the same method the people of Arkansas can stop the sale of liquors in food and drug stores.

Churches and Ministerial Alliances should protest to both the local and state management of these stores. Every customer who objects to the sale of liquor in these stores should protest to both the local and state management.

These stores are our public trading centers where we purchase the necessities of life. We not only have the right to protest the presence and sale of liquors in these stores, but it is our citizenship duty to do so for the protection of the children and youth of our communities.

You can do even more than that; you can take this matter up with your state senators and representatives. Our legislative bodies and executive officers should be made conscious of the determined will of the people of Arkansas to rid our communities of this brazen affront to every decency of civilized society.

Let the people of Arkansas assert their authority and claim their rights.

## The Community Chest

What community services should receive allocations from Community Chest funds? Should sectarian institutions which belong to and are controlled by religious denominations share in these funds? If so, why should the whole community be called upon to finance an institution which is used exclusively to promote the interests of one particular denomination?

It is unfair, it is unethical, for religious denominations to horn in on Community Chest funds for the support of their institutions. When such is the case, people of other denominations, who support their own institutions without the aid of public funds, are also called upon to support the institutions of other denominations through the Community Chest.

The Baptist Pastors' Conference of Houston, Texas, has taken steps to investigate the allocations of Community Chest funds in that city. This action was taken after Pressly Hand, local Baptist pastor, spoke of the danger of including religious institutions in the Community Chest.

Pastors' Conferences and Ministerial Alliances throughout the state of Arkansas should begin an investigation of this situation in their respective communities. They should see to it, if at all possible, that denominational institutions are not included in the Community Chest. If necessary, they should expose this parasitic practice for what it is and arouse public sentiment against such unethical sectarian chiseling.

# Kingdom Progress

Pastor R. O. Ekrut, First Church, Strong, reports a successful revival with Rolla Nixon and First Church, Fountain Hill. There were 40 additions to the church membership and 40 re-dedications. Among the 25 candidates for baptism were heads of families, and in several cases both husband and wife. Pastor Nixon was in charge of the music.

Home Coming was observed at First Church, Strong, August 1. There was a full day of religious services, climaxed by a baptismal service at which time the pastor baptized four persons.

The First Church, Mt. Ida, purchased a bus recently which will be used to bring people who have no transportation facilities, to Sunday School and church.

Pastor George F. Moody did his own preaching in revival services at the Rowell Church, July 18-25. There were seven additions to the church membership. Baptismal services were conducted July 25 at the Walter Reed pond.

The First Church, Fayetteville, has unanimously accepted the recommendation of its building committee that a committee be appointed with authority to employ an architect to draw working plans for the erection of an educational building. The recommended building is a three story structure 60 by 112 feet, providing space for approximately 800 in Sunday School.

Pastor John M. Basinger, First Church, Trumann, recently conducted a revival meeting at Mathiston, Mississippi. There were six additions to the church membership on profession of faith and baptism, eight by letter, and one by statement.

"One of the interesting features of the revival," says Pastor Basinger, "was the work of evangelistic singer, Robert Cooper Sr., with the children's chorus." Mr. Basinger commends Mr. Cooper to Arkansas churches which are in need of a singer for revival meetings. He may be reached at Aberdeen, Mississippi.

Another unusual feature of the meeting at Mathiston, as reported by Pastor Basinger, was that all business houses closed for the morning services, the average attendance exceeding 100 in a community with less than 400 population. Also, a loud speaker system was installed to accommodate the overflow crowds at the evening services.

D. M. Metts is pastor of the Mathiston Church.

Pastor B. M. Jackson, First Church, Miami, Oklahoma, was with Pastor W. L. Leach and the Marshall Church in recent revival services. There were six additions to the church membership.

Pastor Loyd Hunnicutt, Central Church, Magnolia, was the evangelist in revival services at Urbana Church, July 4-15. George L. Tousey, El Dorado, was in charge of the music. There were 13 additions to the church, and 25 re-dedications.

State Line Church, Cerro Gordo, reports a very successful Vacation Bible School held during the first week in July. There was an average daily attendance of 39. The offering, in the amount of \$5.20, was sent to two neighborhood boys who are at the children's home, Monticello.

Homecoming Day was observed on Sunday, August 1, at the Rison Church. Lunch was served on the church lawn.

That date also marked the beginning of a series of revival services with Pastor T. T. Newton doing the preaching, and J. D. McDaniel, Claude, Texas, leading the singing.

First Church, Trumann, recently had the services of Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, in a revival meeting. There were ten professions of faith, nine of whom presented themselves for baptism.

July 18-28 was the date of the revival at Pea Ridge Church, in which Dr. Walter Johnson, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, did the preaching. Pastor P. J. Beach was in charge of the music.

Glenn Walker, who was recently ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Pea Ridge Church, is re-organizing the Jacket, Missouri, Church which has been inactive for some time.

Pastor P. J. Beach, Pea Ridge Church, preached in revival services at the Shady Grove Community Church, July 4-17. The Pea Ridge Church is assisting the Shady Grove Church as a part of its community mission program.

"Sermons People Want To Hear" will be the theme of a series of sermons during the fall and winter by Pastor W. O. Vaught Jr., of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Cards were passed to the audience on Sunday, August 8, with the request that each person write the subject or subjects he would like for the pastor to discuss in the series and return the card the following Sunday.

From the suggestions offered by the members of the congregation Pastor Vaught will decide on the subjects to be presented in a Sunday evening series.

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## Pastoral Changes

James G. Harris, Birmingham, Alabama, has accepted the pastorate at Beech Street Church, Texarkana. September 5 will be his first Sunday with the church.

W. F. (Bill) Couch has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Marianna, to enter evangelistic work.

Lonnie Lassater, who has been engaged in evangelistic work in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, has been called as pastor of West Side Church, El Dorado.

Joe Cruse has resigned as pastor of the Lake Village Church. He and his family will move to Atlanta, Texas.

## UNIQUE BAPTISMAL SERVICE

By W. B. O'NEAL

Three churches in the Little Red River association, with their pastors, participated a unique baptismal service on Sunday, August 1. The baptismal service climaxed a revival meeting in each of the participating churches: Pleasant Ridge, Post Oak, and Olive.

The three churches met at Miller Briar near Shiloh for the union baptismal service. Pastors Mike Walters, Tommy Reeves, Willis Bunch did the baptizing and W. B. O'Neal brought the message. There were persons baptized.

The revival at Post Oak was conducted by Tommy Reeves and Mike Walters. There were nine additions by baptism. Delbert Gary, pastor at Floral, assisted in the meeting at Mt. Olive, in which there were five additions by baptism.

Associational Missionary J. E. Holmes recently conducted a revival at Woodrow in the midst of Holy Roller territory. The Little Star Church extended an arm to this community and nine persons were received into the church membership. Plans are being made to organize a church at Woodrow fifth Sunday in August.

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The First Church, Bauxite, Roger A. Buxton, pastor, rejoices in splendid progress during the summer months. Miss Arvine Bell, Southern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has served as educational assistant and was in charge of the Vacation Bible School in which there were 221 enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 175. The church has conducted a school of music with J. Rowe as director. There were 134 enrolled with an average attendance of 106.

From the report of Missionary Claude C. Miller, White River Association, May 1, through July 31, indications are that he has been busy day and night. He has assisted in a number of revivals, Vacation Bible Schools, served staff at Siloam assembly, and attended a conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Pastor C. A. Maule Jr., First Church, Hartsville, reports 20 professions of faith, 16 additions to the church membership, a number of re-dedications, and two surrendering to full time Christian service in recent revival services. Pastor Ralph D. Dodd, First Church, Stuttgart, was the visiting evangelist, William Morrison, a layman, was in charge of the music.

Pastor T. L. Harris, First Church, Camden, sends a fine report of the work being done at the church. He says: "We are operating full time missions, with approximately 100 enrolled in Sunday School in each. Since October 1, 1947, there have been 302 additions to the churches, 186 of whom were by baptism. We are completing one \$10,000 mission building, "Calvary," and will complete a \$10,000 building in Southwest Camden soon."

There were 19 professions of faith in a recent revival at the Jacksonport Church, Little River Association, in which Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles did the preaching. There were 100 enrolled in Vacation Bible School, in connection with the revival. The offering, in the amount of \$34.79, was given to State Mission.

This church is only three years old, it be-  
as a mission of the First Church, Newport

## Who Will Be Next?

The newest budget subscription to the Arkansas Baptist is from the Denton Church, Buckner Association. Thank you and congratulations upon this forward step. Who will be next?

The following churches have added to their subscription lists: First, Star City; South side, Pine Bluff; First, McGehee; First, Murfreesboro; First, Hope; First, Helena; Monte Ne; Oxford, Elliott, Camden, First, Lincoln; Tyronza, Hopewell, Harrison; First, Hampton; First, Blytheville; First, Clarksville; El Dorado; Calvary, Alma; First, Jonesboro; First, Lake Village; Harvey's Chapel, Hot Springs; First, Monticello; Antioch, Royal; Geyer Springs, Little Rock; First, Conway; First, Malvern; First Little Rock.

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John D. Freeman, rural field secretary of the Home Mission Board, led in revival services at the Ebenezer Church, North Greenville, South Carolina Association, August 1-8. There were 14 additions to the church membership by baptism and five by letter. On August 8 a new pastor's home and church-owned community playground were dedicated. Former Missionary J. F. Plainfield is acting pastor.

College Hill Church, Texarkana, reports a successful Vacation Bible School. There were 140 enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 111. Eight fine intermediates have been baptised, with others awaiting baptism, as a result of this school. C. G. Davis is pastor of the church.

Lake Hamilton Church, Hot Springs, recently completed a Training Union study course in which there were four classes. The average attendance was 40.

The church has accepted with regret the resignation of Earl Murphy, religious educational director. Mr. Murphy is leaving to continue his studies in North Carolina.

R. E. Milam was recently elected Executive Secretary of the new convention of Southern Baptist churches in the northwest. This convention is composed of churches in the states of Oregon and Washington.

On Friday evening, July 30, a reception was given for Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bates at the Student Center, University of Arkansas, sponsored by the B. S. U. A watermelon feast was enjoyed by the large group of students and members of the congregation attending.

The Joyce City Church recently closed a Sunday School revival which resulted in four additions to the church membership. Each year the revival is held in the interest of the Sunday School. Each member of the Sunday School is responsible for reaching one person who is not a member. Each night there was the regular opening exercise, as in Sunday School, after which all the classes assembled for a short devotional and prayer. Chas. W. Nash is pastor of the church.

Plumerville Church recently had the services of E. T. Smith, Memphis, Tennessee, in a revival meeting. Glenn Wood, a senior in Ouachita, conducted the song service and worked with the young people. There were 10 professions of faith, six by baptism, and 13 re-dedications. L. L. Jordan is pastor of the church.

## Coronation Service at Bentonville



Miss Vernell Niermeyer, received her scepter as Queen Regent, in an impressive ceremony, First Church, Bentonville. Miss Niermeyer is the only young woman in the state to attain this high rank in Girls' Auxiliary work this year. Miss Elizabeth Ann Matkins received the crown of Queen in the same coronation service. Also included in the ceremony are members of other auxiliaries — Sunbeams through Y. W. A., their counselors,

and Miss LeVerne Ashby, state young people's secretary.

Five maidens, who have attained first status in G. A. work, hold the five streamers representing the five star ideals of Girls' Auxiliary work, prayer, Bible study, community missions, stewardship, and mission study.

Counselors and leaders working with the young people are: Mrs. D. Shackelford, Mrs. F. W. Hall, and Mrs. O. A. Pace.

Galilee Church, El Dorado, recently closed its Vacation Bible School with an enrolment of 84. The offering, in the amount of \$14.22, was sent to the Co-operative Program. L. W. Williams is pastor of the church.

A. B. Pierce, Pine Bluff, was the visiting evangelist in a revival meeting at Fordyce Church. Pastor J. T. Elliff was in charge of the music. There were 20 additions to the church membership, 15 by baptism.

Pastor F. F. Weaver, Jacksonport Church, was assisted by Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles in a combined revival and Vacation Bible School recently. There were nine enrolled in the Vacation Bible School. Fifteen persons made professions of faith in the services, and there were 11 baptized. The offering, in the amount of \$27.64, was sent to State Missions.

Missionary S. D. Davis, Harmony Association, was with Anderson Chapel Church and Pastor J. F. Brown in revival services, July 4-14. There were 42 additions to the church membership, 29 of whom were by baptism. Plans are under way for the construction of a parsonage this fall.

## Oak Grove Church Advances

Commemorating the first anniversary of the pastorate of P. J. Crowder, the Oak Grove Church, Fort Smith, made a special offering of \$800 to the building fund. This offering was in addition to the regular offering which is designated to the building fund on the first Sunday in each month.

The Oak Grove Church is fully committed to a building program at a new location North Sixth Street, and plans will be drawn for the new building.

During the first year of Pastor Crowder's ministry with the Oak Grove Church, there have been 150 additions to the church membership. The church will co-operate in a simultaneous revival to be held in the Baptist churches of Fort Smith the first two weeks in October. The church requested Pastor Crowder to do his own preaching.

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## The Enduring Family Circle

By CHARLES WELLS

The disintegration of home life in America is one of our major threats. The surest cure for this evil is to put God into the family circle. If you need to be convinced, dare try it out. For a week or so, let the family pause at breakfast or dinner at night for brief scripture reading and a circle of prayer in which all take part, — and see what happens. The strident voices, so quick to quarrel, become softened; the little resentments melt away; a new spirit of co-operation begins to be felt, and the family as a social unit has a new sense of self-reliance and dignity. From such families America drew its past greatness. A new family America from such families comes the hope of the future.

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# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

*God always answers prayer, but man often fails to hear the answer.*

**Churches 'Adopt' French Town:** Thirty churches in rural Illinois have adopted the town of Mulhouse, France, as a result of efforts made by Bob Foster, a young pastor who directs Illinois Valley Youth for Christ, according to a report by Religious News Service.

Farm people in three Illinois counties have already shipped 23 tons of clothing and 750 cases of food to far-off Mulhouse.

Foster has left by plane for the Alsace-Lorraine town where he will conduct a ten-day evangelistic campaign. When he left he took with him \$750 worth of Bibles printed in French and German.

**Scriptures Printed In Japan:** The first Japanese-language New Testaments printed in Japan in about a decade have just come off the press. A printing of 20,000 copies has been received by the Japanese Bible Society and another printing of 30,000 copies is under way.

Publication has been begun of 20,000 Testaments with Japanese and English texts in parallel columns, and a second issue of 30,000 is planned. The American Bible Society furnished paper for these printings.

**Christian Work Hindered by Chinese Communists:** Chinese Communist advances in Manchuria and North China have wiped out, or hindered, the work of at least 11 major Protestant denominations.

According to Chester Miao of the National Christian Council, foreign missionary work has been ended in Red-controlled areas.

**Expansion of Christian Evangelism In Japanese Schools Approved:** At the annual summer session of the Fellowship of Christian Missionaries in Japan meeting in Tokyo the expansion of Christian evangelism in the schools was approved.

Individual schools are to undertake a study to discover if they are making the most of possibilities for religious education.

Since the American occupation, religion may be freely introduced into the curricula of private schools. This was impossible before the war.

**Significant Statement:** The American Automobile Association is responsible for the statement that a person "who has been drinking is 55 times more likely to have an accident involving personal injury than a sober driver."

**King's Business reports that in America last year 60,000 churches had no conversions, there were 10,000 villages without even one church, and 30,000 villages with no resident pastor. Also, there are 27,000,000 American children under 21 years of age receiving no religious instruction whatsoever.**

**Labor Union Lauded For Stand on Communism:** Speaking at the annual convention of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, Boston, praised the way in which the American Fed-

eration of Labor "has kept clean its leadership and record from every taint of disloyal, anti-religious Communism."

Citing the A. F. of L. for being conspicuous in its vigilance against Red infiltration, Archbishop Cushing said that the crippling effects of Communism on the labor movement and organized religion had been found out in this country.

**Religious Freedom To Be Pushed In Europe:** Two representatives of the International Council for Christian Leadership will go to Europe to confer with high government officials of several European countries and urge upon them the need for complete religious freedom and the recognition of all church groups.

In discussing the purpose of the mission, Baron von Blomberg, one of the representatives, declared that official recognition of all religious denominations by governments is not enough.

"There must also be encouragement and help," he said. "The only solution to Communism or any other anti-Christian forces is organized Christianity. The only way to dispel the great fear that has Europe in its grasp is through aggressive Christianity. Europe needs help not only materially but spiritually as well."

**Churches Get Railroad Bells:** Eighteen bells which formerly were on trains of the Southern Railroad are now calling people to worship from church steeples in Mississippi.

It all started when the Highland Methodist Church, Meridian, Mississippi, needed a bell. Pastor R. L. Langford approached Master Mechanic J. L. Christian for a bell from an unused steam locomotive.

Other churches learned of the gift and similar requests started to come in from all over the state. Just the other day Mr. Christian presented the eighteenth bell to the Macedonia Baptist Church at Suqualena, Mississippi.

**One Hundred Fifty Chaplains Serving In Germany:** Marking the one hundred seventy-third anniversary of the United States Army Chaplains Corps a report was issued by American occupation authorities in Berlin.

It pointed out that 150 chaplains from 15 denominations are currently serving in Germany, helping to revive German churches, and to restore the principles of religious freedom and public worship.

The report said that 135 chapels have been erected in the American Zone since the start of the occupation and that chaplains had organized numerous Sunday Schools and religious classes.

Reproducing the life of Jesus is life's finest, sweetest, biggest business. The Master will build the atmosphere of your life. He will make your life a garden of roses, like an island of spices. He will bring interesting experiences, great books, inspiring sermons, rich friendships and sweet meditations into your life.—Copied.

## A Smile Or Two

Found on a Freshman's registration  
Name of parents: "Mamma and Papa."

Counsel: "Then you think he struck with malice aforethought?"

Witness (indignantly): "You can't mix up like that. I've told you twice he hit with a brick. There wasn't no mallets nothin' of the kind about it."

Johnny couldn't pronounce the letter correctly. His teacher, trying to improve speech, asked him to repeat the following sentence.

"Robert gave Richard a rap in the ribs roasting the rabbit so rare."

After a moment's thought, the boy said: "Bobby gave Dick a poke in the side for cooking the bunny enough."

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## Try Sympathetic Helpfulness

By RUBEN E. ALLEY,  
Editor, Religious Herald.

During a press interview which was broadcast over a national radio network, one group of commentators asked Senator Richard B. Russell if he would be willing to accept as Governor of Georgia a Negro who had intellectual qualifications for that office. The question plainly confused Senator Russell who stated that the query was "philosophical" and that he considered it out of order in a press conference. The news commentators disagreed, for he thought that his question was a proper one which would have received an answer.

This incident revealed again the fallacy of the present approach to the interracial question as it is currently agitated by advocates of the National Civil Rights Program. There are no simple questions with categorical answers when deep rooted social customs are involved. It is for this reason that point action by legislation cannot be about social changes.

The problem of race relations is a tremendous burden for the South, and there are many attending evils. It is admitted for political reasons intolerant, selfish leaders have often appealed to prejudice in order to block progress, and by their shortsightedness they have contributed to the present circumstances. This is regrettable, but does not alter the fact that education is the method of progress in a democracy.

There are too many moral wrongs in the nation for any section or sections to assume a "holier than thou" attitude toward the South. The Federal Government should scrupulously guard against such judgment in the future. The Federal Government can help the South with the solution of the race problem, but Congress cannot solve the problem by passing corrective laws. Sympathetic helpfulness will go much farther toward effecting improvement than hasty criticism and vacuous denunciation.

Senator Russell might have answered the interrogator by saying that he would accept a Negro as Governor of Georgia if and only if the qualified citizens of that great free state cast a majority of their votes for such a candidate.

—Religious Herald

## The New Testament and . . .

# A Future Kingdom of Israel

By RUSSELL BRADLEY JONES

When the Old Testament closes, the status of a future Jewish kingdom is just what it was when Moses spoke to the people: "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God. . . .; and a curse; if you will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 11:26-28). One line of prophecies predicts the future glory of Israel; another line predicts their doom. Which it will be depends on how the people respond to the will of Jehovah.

Jehovah long before had indicated to Moses and Joshua what their reaction would be (Deuteronomy 31:16-17, and Joshua 23:15-16), but we must study the New Testament to discover the outcome. For, as we have said, it is impossible to understand the Old Testament except in the light of the fuller revelation of the New (II Corinthians 3:6-17).

In the New Testament, we find a much neglected, but very clear revelation of the future of Israel.

First, the New Testament shows that a remnant of Israel had returned to the land in the time of Christ. When we open the pages of Matthew's Gospel, there they are, in the land! Since only a remnant of those who were led out of Egypt actually entered the Promised Land, thus redeeming the promises of Jehovah through Moses, the return of a remnant to the land from the Babylonian captivity was sufficient to redeem the promises of God through the prophets in the Old Testament. And in the entire Bible there are no predictions of a return of the people to the land after the Old Testament canon is closed.

Second, the New Testament shows that Israel was offered a King, Messiah Jesus, but rejected him finally and officially. When Pilate asked the leaders of the Jews to make their decision about Jesus, who was called the Messiah, they asked for his crucifixion, saying, "His blood be on us, and on our children" (Matthew 27:22-25). "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). That rejection, approved by every generation of Jews since, sealed Israel's doom. Although many individuals of the race later turned in faith to Christ, the nation has never changed its attitude toward him. In consequence, Paul declared, "The wrath is come upon them to the uttermost" (I Thessalonians 2:16). In other words, the line of Old Testament prophecies picturing the doom of Israel, rather than the line portraying their blessing, is to receive fulfillment by choice of the leaders.

Third, the New Testament clearly indicates that Israel as a nation is fully and finally rejected by Jehovah. "Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it" (Romans 11:7). As the Lord Jesus predicted, so it happened: "Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matthew 21:43). The "nation" to whom the kingdom was given is revealed in the Lord's words to his disciples:



"Fear not, little flock; for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

Contrary to popular misconception, the Jews are not now the Chosen People of God. "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God" (Romans 2:28-29). "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye are Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to promise" (Galatians 3:28-29). See Matthews 23:33-36; Luke 21:20-24; I Thessalonians 2:14-16; Matthew 8:11-12; Romans 3:21-23; 4:11-16; Galatians 4:21-31.

Some try to read into Romans 11:25, "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" the promise of a return of the people to Palestine, but it just isn't in the passage. Paul is here talking about the spiritual salvation of individual Israelites, along with Gentiles. He is not dealing with the question of national glory at all. The "all Israel" of verse 26 is spiritual Israel, for it will be noted that "all Israel" does not exist until "the Gentiles be come in."

Fourth, in the New Testament we discover that the Messiah established a spiritual kingdom, made up of believing Jews and born-again Gentiles. Read carefully Romans 11:1-10; Ephesians 3:3-6; and 2:11-22.

Peter is our authority for saying that, in the establishment of this spiritual kingdom, Jesus ascended David's throne; "Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit his throne; he seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ . . ." (Acts 2:30-31). Moreover, this kingdom of the Savior is a complete fulfillment of the kingdom promised by the prophets: "Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities" (Acts 3:25-26).

Paul likewise identifies Christ's spiritual

kingdom as the fulfilment of the promise made to Abraham and the fathers: "Of thine man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus" (Acts 13:23). "We declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the Fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second Psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on the wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. . . . Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by him all that believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:32-39).

The nature of the kingdom of Christ which is the complete fulfilment of all promised to the Jews in the Old Testament, is ever and always Spiritual. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17). "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20-21). If we had the space, we think we could prove that this kingdom will never be material or temporal in nature!

Besides, there is ample Bible proof that there is no further place in God's plan for a specially called nation. There was such a place once. There had to be a special nation to provide a body and a place for the first appearing of the Christ. That need no longer exists. All nations are equally qualified to receive and make him known to others.

A Jewish nation in Palestine is no more necessary to the outworking of Christ's purposes than is the so-called kingdom of 144,000 that Jehovah's Witnesses insist on as part of Christ's program! The only hope of the Jews is the hope of salvation through Christ, the same hope that is offered to a man who will believe. And that hope is glorious enough for anybody!

In harmony with all that has been said the New Testament reveals that the Jewish nation, with its institutions, places, people and heritage, was typical—a shadow of the institutions, places, people, and heritage of the spiritual kingdom established by the Christ at his resurrection. "Before the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God recognized as his people a nation of men in the flesh, the natural descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and with them he made covenant concerning earthly things, and gave them the promise of earthly blessings. Also he recognized an earthly Zion and an earthly Jerusalem; and he appointed an earthly temple, an earthly priesthood and earthly sacrifice. But that system in its entirety was but a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience" (Hebrew 9:9). Moreover, its ordinances were imposed only "until the time of reformation" (verse 10). — Philip Mauro in "The Hope of Israel: What Is It?" Read John 4:23-24; I Corinthians 10:11; Hebrews 8:5; 9:8-10; 10:1, 4, 14; 12:18-25; Galatians 4:23-31; Hebrews 11:10-16. These scriptures e

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# A Notable History

By HAROLD B. TILLMAN  
Conway, Arkansas

"History of Arkansas Baptists"—Rogers. Perhaps the superlative recommendation of this book lies in the fact the author is Dr. J. S. Rogers. No man of this denomination has a greater knowledge of Arkansas Baptists. The greatest growth and development of Arkansas Baptists has occurred during the ministry of Dr. Rogers. Few men have made as much contribution to the growth of this denomination as has the distinguished author of this book. His training, knowledge, denominational relationship, and all-around ability have combined to produce a masterpiece.

The approach is most logical. The author provides the reader with a splendid background of Baptist history and beliefs. No one understands Baptist behavior unless he has a knowledge of the denomination's doctrinal position and historical sequence. The first section of the book, covering four chapters, deals with such matters of interest as the origin of Baptists, the New Testament basis of Baptist policy and doctrine, and something of the struggle of these people in the early days of America. The author does a splendid job of blending the background into the beginning of Arkansas Baptist history.

Having laid a proper foundation, Dr. Rogers proceeds to build the historical structure by erecting a perfect framework of sketches dealing with the history of the oldest Baptist churches in the state. Two hundred and twenty-eight such churches are given special attention. The dates of origin range from 1818 to 1883.

In keeping with the fact that personalities make history, the author has written thumbnail sketches of many noble men and women who have made their contribution and passed on. Then many others who are now leading in denominational life are recognized. Ministers and laymen alike are honored for their work. One of the outstanding features of the book is the great number of pictures. Literally hundreds of pictures are shown throughout.

The denominational units of organization are treated in their proper order. A comprehensive historical account of the various associations holds the reader's interest through seven chapters. The author begins with the earliest associations and moves through to the present day.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention came into being in 1848 at Tulp, Arkansas. Dr. Rogers has traced, with great care and much profit to the reader, the movements which resulted in the organization of the convention. The pre-convention era was characterized by efforts to organize into convention groups in various sections of the state. The record of these actions is most interesting. The meetings of the convention from its inception until this day are written into the records of Arkansas Baptists. There have been some schisms during the lifetime of the convention. The most notable being the "Landmark" division in 1902. A most interesting account is presented by the able author who was an eye witness of the whole affair.

An entire chapter is devoted to the work of the women. Many notable achievements are recorded in these pages.

Institutions of the convention occupy some 60 pages of the book. The histories of

Ouachita and Central colleges and the mountain schools are very properly recognized. The orphanage at Monticello and the Baptist State Hospital at Little Rock provide historical data which catches the immediate interest of all who are concerned with Baptist affairs.

The general acumen, keen appreciation of historical material and ever present sense of humor which characterize Dr. J. S. Rogers are in evidence throughout the book. It is one of the most readable histories produced by an Arkansas author.

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## No More Elijahs?

By BILL AND PEN LILE PITTARD

Our groceryman's son, Hugh Cleek, had a yard full of little boys to play with one day, and their youthful hilarity was utterly refreshing to Mrs. Cleek, who was keeping an eye on them from the house. Suddenly, however, she was startled by a scream and one of the children tore into the house to tell her that Charles had climbed the big tree and accidentally laid hold on an electric wire.

As Mrs. Cleek knew the wire to carry 16,000 volts, she almost despaired of being able to save the boy's life. Quickly she sent for a linesman to cut off the current, and then she returned to the child. So severe was the shock and burn of the current, that little Charles was not even able to cry out. Instead, only a muffled whine came from his throat.

It was a terrible thing to have to stand below and not dare so much as to lay a hand upon his foot in attempt to free him. Nothing was left but to pray, and no one knew better how to do that than this godly woman. Fervently she called upon the Power that created the universe and all the natural forces within it; the power that still maintains authority over His creation. Suddenly, without giving a sign, Charles dropped to the ground, calling vigorously, "I'm a'loose!" and as he got to his feet and turned around, the linesman was arriving on the scene. The current was still in the wire; nothing had been changed except that the child was safe.

A teen-age girl once remarked, when she had heard a similar story to this, "Well, doesn't something like that ever happen where I am?"

The answer is obvious. It is because she doesn't expect it. God works His miracles not as spectacles for skeptic hearts, but as rewards to the faith of his saints expressed in believing prayer. As one minister has aptly put it, "If God no longer feeds Elijahs by means of ravens, it is because there are no more Elijahs."

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Pastor Claude O'Neill, Waelder, Texas, reports a successful revival meeting in which Evangelist Dan Vestal, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas, did the preaching. There were 45 additions to the church membership, 27 of whom were by baptism.

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Every youth who is ambitious to grow to the full stature of noble manhood must make up his mind at the start that he has got to be bigger than the things that are trying to down him. If he doesn't he will go down with them.—Copied.

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To make the world better start with yourself.

## Miss Mary Christian Joins Sunday School Board Staff



Miss Mary Christian, field representative for the past seven years with the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union, has accepted a new position with the Sales and Advertising Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and began her new duties July 1.

With offices in Nashville, Miss Christian's new position will be associated with General W. Card in the promotion of approved books of all publishers. Miss Christian will manage mission books, but it will also be her responsibility to select suitable books from various sources for sale and promotion through thirty-five Baptist Book Stores associated with the Sunday School Board.

A native of Georgia, and graduate of Southern Normal School, Athens, Ga., W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, and Peabody College, Nashville, Miss Christian is well known among Southern Baptists. She served as W. M. U. Young People's secretary for Arkansas, Georgia, W. M. U. executive secretary for Georgia, and teacher of missionary education in the W. M. U. Training School before coming affiliated with the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union, with headquarters in Birmingham.

As field representative of W. M. U. since 1941, Miss Christian has traveled constantly in the interest of all phases of W. M. U. work. However, her special responsibility has been promoting and directing the work of busy women's circles of the missionary societies. Miss Christian has also authorized, edited, compiled, and revised much material for use by Southern Baptist women.

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## "Yes, I Tithe"

"Yes, I Tithe."

Says W. Maxey Jarman, chairman of General Shoe Corporation, Baptist deacon and vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"... and I have tithed since I was a young boy and expect to continue as long as I live. I realize more and more that I need to tithe to be sure that money does not get too strong a hold on me. It helps me to appreciate a better way the real eternal values, as compared with material values that last only a short while. And I thank God that He has given me the privilege and joy of going beyond the tithe and thereby receiving greater blessings.

"I believe in the movement —

*Every Baptist a Tither*

# Home Missions Recruits

By JOHN CAYLOR

Missionary and Mrs. Gustov E. Landen are the second couple to serve as missionaries to the migrants under the Home Mission Board. They have been appointed to work in California.

Born in Galesburg, Illinois, the son of a deeply religious Swedish couple, Brother Landen felt the call to preach at the age of five, and preached his first sermon when seventeen years old.

For ten years he served as mountain missionary in Kentucky and for fifteen years was pastor and missionary in the state of Washington. For the past three and half years he has been pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

His ability to speak Swedish has been helpful on various occasions. He did translation work for Dr. E. Y. Mullins, and publicity for the Baptist World Alliance proceeding the Stockholm meeting. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Mrs. Landen, a native Kentuckian, will be especially fitted to help him in his work, since for many years she has served as a public school teacher in the city of Louisville and in the rural section of Kentucky. She has specialized in work with children. She is also a musician, and served for several years as church organist.

## A Visit To Kansas

By S. F. DOWIS

It was my privilege on a recent visit to the Western States to return by way of Kansas and to visit with the brethren and churches of the newly-recognized Southern Baptist Convention of Kansas.

We enjoyed the fellowship with the brethren and were appreciative of their vigorous, evangelistic spirit and the aggressive program in their churches. The state secretary, N. J. Westmoreland, is a fine, capable leader for this group of Baptist brethren and churches. He is a tireless worker and endeavors to assist them in every problem and work of the individual churches as well as the associations and the state convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention of Kansas consists of four associations at present with their state Baptist headquarters located at Wichita, Kansas, which is in the South Central Association, and has ten churches. The Southeastern Association also has ten churches; and the other two — Wheatland and George Truett Memorial Association — have seven churches each.

There are also three other churches outside the bounds of those associations as yet — one in the extreme western part of the state and two in the extreme southeastern part. This makes a total of thirty-seven churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas. A number of these churches have been affiliated with associations and conventions in Southern Baptist work for many years, but have now withdrawn from their former affiliations to become a part of the Southern Baptist Kansas Convention.

The president of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists is Ray Walker.

The missionary couple will live in a trailer home and follow the migrant workers from place to place, providing for them religious instruction and worship service.

Several other new missionaries have recently been appointed, including Brother and Mrs. W. W. Boggan, who will work with the Chickasaw Indians in the vicinity of Davis, Oklahoma. They were appointed to fill the vacancy left by the transfer of Missionary Abel Brown.

Missionary and Mrs. Jose L. Chaves have been appointed to the Mexican field at Victoria, Texas, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Missionary Daniel Delgado.

To fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Brother Vernon Meeke, Ruben Canas has been appointed student missionary-pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church, Clovis, New Mexico. Brother Canas is a student at Eastern New Mexico College, Portales, New Mexico.

Miss Lucille Wright, daughter of Brother Abraham Wright, who for many years has been missionary to the foreign-speaking people in Illinois, has recently been appointed by the Home Mission Board as worker in the Friendship House in New Orleans. Miss Wright is just completing her work at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Texas. She has taught school for three years and for three summers done mission work.

The convention has a paper which is edited by Orbie R. Clem, who is also vice president of the state convention. These brethren have an ambitious mission program and are striving to make an equitable division of their mission funds between their own work and South-wide work.

The "fields are white unto harvest" for evangelism and new churches in Kansas. Kansas is a great farming state, with much highly developed rural area and yet with few rural Baptist churches. There is a large number of small villages and towns with no churches. The cities of eight thousand or more in Kansas seem to have a dearth of religious provision, since there is not an average of more than one Baptist church in these cities. In the three larger cities: Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City, Kansas has the usual condition as in all our South-wide cities — not enough churches for the increase in population and the growth of suburban communities of these cities.

The Kansas brethren are faithful and loyal and dedicated to the task of preaching the gospel and winning the lost to Christ.

It is well to note that the Northern Baptist Convention of Kansas has sixteen associations and a few more than three hundred churches. Here seems to be a dearth of churches and spiritual development in the western and especially in the northwestern part of the state.

It was good to see these brethren and to catch their spirit of enthusiasm as we visited them and their churches in Kansas.

The government of New Testament churches is congregational. The affairs of a church are managed by the members of the individual church. No outside organization has any right or power to dictate to it or in any way to control its activities.

—Austin Crouch.

## It Sometimes Looks As If We Are Saps

Baptists should be sick and tired of the affront being made by the beer interests of the intelligence and character of Baptist young people.

You go to the Texas league ball park to see a harmless game of baseball, you can get a cold pop but you can buy a case of ice beer.

You turn on the radio to hear a sports newscast, you can't find out how Muskogee came out in the latest ball game but you can hear all about beer.

You go down to the grocery store, you can buy meat or bread at a decent price because of grain and feed shortages but you can see gallons of grain in the beer bottles you stumble over to buy fruit juice for your children.

You go in to the cafe, the coffee is cold, the water is hot, the food is bum, but the fellow down the counter says his beer is just right.

You open up a magazine, you can't read a good story uninterrupted because the designers had to throw a beer or liquor ad across your path.

Sometimes it looks like the American people are a group of first-class saps for putting up with this nonsense.

When are we going to rise up against it?

—Baptist Messenger.

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A boy was a witness in a court and the lawyer on cross-examination asked, "Did anyone tell you what to say in court?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"I thought so. Well, who was it?"

"My father, sir."

"And what did he tell you to say?"

"He said you lawyers would try to get me all balled up with your funny stuff, but for me just to stick to the truth and I would be all right."

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I sought to hear the voice of God,

And climbed the topmost steeple.

But God declared: "Go down again,

And dwell among the people.

## Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, present "A Tax Collector Rejoins" by B. H. Duncan.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.

KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.

KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.

KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.

KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.

KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:45 p. m.

KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.

KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.

KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.

KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.

## Woman's Missionary Union

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Young People's Secretary

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Executive Secretary and Treasurer

## Ridgecrest Highlights

From near and far 686 women came to Ridgecrest for a great week to find spiritual power and friendly fellowship. Through study, prayer, conferences, and personal contacts with our south-wide leaders, missionaries, and outstanding special speakers we received strength for new Christian adventures as individuals and as organizations:

This was the third annual W. M. U. Conference and the sixth annual B. W. C. Conference to be held at Ridgecrest, N. C. The attendance was below that of last year because of the polio epidemic. Arkansas had a total of eleven women, four from Little Rock, three from Fort Smith, and one each from Gurdon, Pine Bluff, Conway, and Malvern. We were happy to have Miss Mildred Matthews of Cuba, and Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Abernathy of China included in our group.

Those present were challenged by the theme of the Conference "For God So Loved The World." Mrs. George R. Martin led the general W. M. S. Conference, having a background of some parliamentary procedure each morning. Day by day there were conferences held for B. W. C. members with Miss Ruth Provence of North Carolina in charge. She was assisted in these discussions by different state leaders.

Mrs. Martin was assisted by the new executive and young people's secretaries, Misses Alma Hunt and Margaret Bruce. Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Washington, D. C., led the vesper services each evening and also taught the Sunday School lesson. She was most helpful as she presented her message on the theme—"Discoveries on the Pathway with Jesus." Dr. W. O. Carver was the leader for the Bible Hour each day, using as a theme—"The Holy Spirit in the making of a Christian."

Classes on 12 different phases of missions, methods, and other W. M. U. work were conducted each morning by well prepared teachers. In the afternoons there were movies of our different mission fields, special meetings, and plenty of sight-seeing trips. Other special features were the conferences for young people's directors and counselors.

Dr. Robert E. Naylor of Columbia, S. C., brought two wonderful messages on Sunday. Other speakers were Miss Kwan Hsu, China, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president New Orleans Theological Seminary, Dr. Alfred Carpenter of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. J. A. Abernathy. It was a real blessing to have had personal contacts with our missionaries, who have served around the world, as they came to us in our classes and conferences.

### Foreign Mission Study Series

The new series of graded books on Foreign Missions for study this fall will not be available before the middle of September according to the latest information received. Do not expect orders to be filled by the Baptist Book Store before the latter part of September. An announcement will be made on this page when the books are available.

There will be Leaders' Helps on all these books which will be sent free upon request. For your information we give below a list of the books by grades and also a brief review furnished by the Foreign Mission Board:

### Foreign Mission Study Series For Fall 1948

Adults: **Light of the Whole World**, a symposium by the Board's secretaries featuring the achievements, the present needs, and the necessity for expansion on the several fields.  
**Torch Bearers in Honan** by Mrs. Eugene Saltee. Brief biographical sketches of four pioneer missionaries, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Herring, Misses Zemma and Viola Humphrey, and two native Chinese women.

Young People: **It Happened in China** by Buford L. Nichols. A random sketch of incidents before and after the war. It has no chapter divisions and is more in the nature of a diary, though not chronological in presentation. The author says that he wrote it especially for men.

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## Reading to Lift the Horizon

By JOHN L. HILL  
Book Editor,  
Baptist Sunday School Board

I suppose the desire for information is the primary stimulus to voluntary reading. All compulsory reading is designed to convey information, and many of us can recall the rather painful process of being compelled to read in order that we might know what we had no desire to know.

In looking back over school days, I am still of the opinion that thorough knowledge of youth would go a long way toward bridging the ditch between what one should know and what one wants to know.

It is only when the reader opens a book for the purpose of obtaining information that he begins to wake up intellectually. One of my college mates when not on definite assignments could always be found in the stacks of the library browsing for information.

A high school boy, living in my home, would read until after midnight every night—not school assignments, but in fields of personal interest. Two of my best loved and most distinguished college

the need and to invest their lives or their substance in winning China to Christ.

Intermediates: **Three Pairs of Hands** by Mrs. J. Hundley Wiley. A picture of youth in China and their problem of conflicting loyalties.

Juniors: **Whiligs in China** by Mrs. Anna S. Pruitt. Being revised and expanded.

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professors testified that they tained their college education spite of the college—by rea where interest directed, even ing a lecture period. Hunger knowledge demands satisfia through reading.

Mature readers appreciate what I am trying to say: the session of knowledge produc craving for more. Inspired, th fore, by his own urge, the re acquaints himself with refer books, the constant source of cific information. Knowing v reference books are avails where to find them, and hov use them is indispensable to seeker after knowledge in realm of human interest and deavor. Ours is an age of spec ization, compelling accuracy w is possible only to the man knows.

Aside from factual knowle there are other results from in: mational reading. I someti think that information is greatest form of inspiration. achieved, therefore I can achie he stood the test, therefore I stand it; he passed the cr therefore I can pass it; he k sweet in the face of annoying harrowing experiences, therefo can keep sweet. The reading autobiographical and biograph books gives the information t inspires; read more such book

There come times when life pretty drab; we live so close our problems, our burdens, failures that we all but choke our own defeat. We pick up a v ume that lifts our horizon. Tha to a book, life is now worth livi

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|                         | S.S. | T.U. | Add |
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| Little Rock, Immanuel   | 689  | 310  |     |
| Including Missions      | 929  | 447  |     |
| Fort Smith, First       | 635  | 363  |     |
| Paragould, First        | 562  | 234  |     |
| El Dorado, First        | 520  | 183  |     |
| North Little Rock,      |      |      |     |
| Baring Cross            | 447  | 256  |     |
| Including Missions      | 479  |      |     |
| Hot Springs, Second     | 420  | 151  |     |
| Fayetteville, First     | 412  | 166  |     |
| Including Mission       | 452  | 191  |     |
| Pine Bluff, First       | 402  | 125  |     |
| Magnolia, Central       | 395  | 124  |     |
| Including Missions      | 433  |      |     |
| El Dorado, Second       | 394  | 186  |     |
| McGehee, First          | 336  | 109  |     |
| Including Missions      | 363  |      |     |
| Hope, First             | 298  | 111  |     |
| Ft Smith, Immanuel      | 297  | 97   |     |
| Hot Springs, Park Place | 275  | 107  |     |
| N. Little Rock, First   | 274  | 82   |     |
| Including Mission       | 322  |      |     |
| Little Rock,            |      |      |     |
| Baptist Tabernacle      | 270  | 131  |     |
| Hamburg, First          | 263  | 95   |     |
| Camden, First           | 260  | 104  |     |
| Including Missions      | 331  | 169  |     |
| Harrison, First         | 258  | 114  |     |
| Including Missions      | 359  | 150  |     |
| Rogers, First           | 257  | 88   |     |
| Hot Springs, Central    | 252  | 112  |     |
| Including Missions      | 302  |      |     |
| Russellville, First     | 235  | 80   |     |
| Including Missions      | 262  | 118  |     |
| Ft. Smith, Calvary      | 229  | 81   |     |
| Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.   | 221  | 100  |     |
| Little Rock,            |      |      |     |
| South Highland          | 213  | 128  |     |
| Hot Springs, First      | 206  | 61   |     |
| Warren, First           | 204  | 65   |     |
| Ft. Smith, Southside    | 183  | 53   |     |
| El Dorado, West Side    | 173  | 92   |     |
| Fordyce, First          | 172  | 79   |     |
| Greenwood, First        | 159  | 72   |     |
| Monticello, First       | 159  | 30   |     |
| Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill  | 155  | 94   |     |
| Stamps, First           | 153  | 78   |     |
| Smackover, First        | 149  | 86   |     |
| Cullendale              | 145  | 129  |     |
| Pine Bluff, Second      | 144  | 78   |     |
| Walcott                 | 144  | 53   |     |
| El Dorado, Joyce City   | 131  | 100  |     |
| Monticello, Second      | 79   | 95   |     |
| Hot Springs,            |      |      |     |
| Lake Hamilton           | 75   | 53   |     |
| El Dorado, Parkview     | 68   | 47   |     |
| Texarkana,              |      |      |     |
| South Texarkana         | 65   | 75   |     |
| Texarkana, Trinity      | 59   | 71   |     |
| Douglassville, Second   | 30   | 38   |     |

## New B. S. U. Secretary

A. D. Bates has accepted the position of student secretary of the Baptist Student Union on the campus of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He began his work there July 15.

Mr. Bates is a native of Michigan, later moving to Iowa. He graduated from Union University of Jackson, Tennessee, in 1946, with a major in Bible and minor in speech and English. In June of this year he completed his work in the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth Texas, where he obtained the degree of Master of Religious Education, with a major in student work.

While in college at Union University at Jackson, Tennessee, he served as director of boys' activities in a local church. He was active in Student Union work and during a Focus Week held by the Student Union, he decided to prepare himself for student work as a life work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates and their infant son, Robert Frank, reside in the apartment of the Baptist



A. D. Bates

Student Center building. Mrs. Bates attended both Union University and Southwestern Seminary.

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Biblical evangelism, in the broad sense of winning to Christ, which includes service as well as salvation, embraces all of the organizations and activities of the church. Redemption is saving as well as seeking. A spirit of evangelism should characterize the morning worship hour as well as the evening hour. It should be the very heart of the Sunday School and Training Union programs. Teaching, worship, and training are not activities that can be divorced from evangelism. The truth of the matter is, teaching, worship, and training cannot be Christian unless they are evangelistic.

W. Boyd Hunt.

## Sunday School Progress In Mena

A glance at this report will reveal that during the past five years there has been, without a single exception, a steady upward climb in every phase of Sunday School work in the First Church, Mena, James A. Overton, pastor.

Please note that as enrolment increased, average attendance and offerings increased also. Church membership also increases with Sunday School enrolment.

|                                       | July 1943 | July 1944 | July 1945 | July 1946 | July 1947 | July 1948 | Gain              |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Enrolment                             | 270       | 318       | 424       | 507       | 581       | 566       | 296 or 113 %      |
| Average Attendance                    | 153       | 180       | 242       | 250       | 283       | 340       | 187 or 122 %      |
| Total Offerings through Sunday School | \$417.68  | \$598.00  | \$939.13  | \$765.70  | \$844.13  | \$1086.91 | \$669.23 or 160 % |
| Average Offerings For Sunday          | \$104.42  | \$119.20  | \$187.83  | \$191.43  | \$211.06  | \$271.73  | \$167.31 or 160 % |

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## Associational Missions

By C. W. CALDWELL

One of the vital units of the Baptist denomination is the association. It is the first step in the organizational life and missionary activity beyond the local church. It is the fountain-head of co-operation among churches. Too much emphasis cannot be given to the association and to the importance of a well-defined missionary and denominational program. The missionary activity from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the earth was to be simultaneous, not consecutive. So, while churches support local missions, state missions, and foreign missions, they should not neglect the associational field.

### A Program Needed

It is impossible to accomplish much in an association without a definite missionary program. There will be misunderstanding and criticism, and perhaps discord, unless all the churches know the type of mission work being promoted by the entire association.

### Who Formulates the Program

Is the entire program left to the associational missionary? If so, he will find that, instead of

having the co-operation of the pastors and churches, he will be criticized for what he does or does not do. Some will be satisfied, others dissatisfied. There will be discontent as to his missionary endeavors as well as the amount of time spent in certain sections of the association. It is a mistake to elect a missionary and say to him, "It is up to you, just do what you think best."

On the other hand, no individual, or church, should try to direct the missionary's activities, telling him where to go and what to do. Such a policy will mean a short length of service for the missionary and meager accomplishments.

If the associational mission program is successful, and if the missionary is to have the co-operation of all pastors and churches, then it is necessary for all to have a voice in determining the type of missionary endeavors to be carried on throughout the year. Churches will support a program which they have helped to formulate. Therefore, there should be an associational mission board with every church represented. This mission board, with the associational missionary, should give a detailed study of the missionary needs. If the board is unusually large, perhaps a Steering Mission

Committee should be appointed to work with the missionary in outlining the program. The committee recommends the program to the associational board. Then the board presents the plans to the annual meeting of the association. Every phase of the program should be discussed until all are thoroughly acquainted with the type of mission work proposed. If adopted by the association, then every church should co-operate fully with the missionary, and faithfully support the associational budget.

### What Should the Mission Program Include?

The needs in each association should determine the type of missionary endeavor. The outstanding needs in one association may differ from those in another. The associational mission board should recommend a program based upon the needs of their particular field. In determining what the mission program should include several questions may be asked and prayerfully considered.

Should the association have a missionary? The answer to this question should be determined by the needs and not the custom of other associations. If there are just a few churches in the association and they all have pastors, and there are no communities in need of mission work, there may be no justification for a missionary. A missionary's work is not that of supplying the pulpits and teaching courses in well organized churches. But if there are many weak churches which need pastors, need buildings, need encouragement and help with their program and budgets, and if there are destitute areas in the association, certainly a missionary should be employed.

(Continued Next Week.)

## The New Testament And a Future Kingdom Of Israel

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)

plain the exceedingly remarkable fact that there is not so much one single passage in the Testament that promises the turn of Israel to Palestine. There are any number of passages where the omission of such statement, had it still been God's plan, would have proved New Testament writers in and untrustworthy.

No, a future glorious kingdom of Israel, with a king on a throne in Jerusalem, is not taught in Scriptures!

But what about the new Israel? Doesn't that have reference to God's plans for the future? No more, I think, does the new republic of the Philippine Islands! The State of Israel may or may not succeed in establishing itself. It will mean nothing, unless the people repent their sins and turn to Christ for salvation. And they must turn to Christ in exactly the same way that you and I turned to him. They must do it individually, before the Holy Spirit and the church are taken out of the earth. There is no other way.

Remember: God's grace and justice are not dependent on man's may or may not happen to Jews. God's grace and justice made forever sure to any man through Jesus! It is a serious matter to put the Jew, instead of Jesus, in the center of our prophetic interpretations. When we do we say that God condones the sin; we suggest that the Messiah, after all, is not central and the only way to glory; we say that the New Testament is prophetic; we secularize the Messiah; and we scandalize the Messiah. Keep Christ in the center. "Christ is all!"

—Baptist Standard  
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Hypocrisy means that the outward character are worm-eaten and shot through with defects, but a veneer or varnish is put on covering to hide the rotten interior and present a respectable exterior to the public.

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# Liquor Traffic — Inside Enemy

By CLYDE C. COULTER,  
Superintendent, Anti-Saloon League of  
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The forces engaged in the manufacture and sale of beer, whisky, wine, and other alcoholic beverages, in Arkansas and the nation are becoming bolder and more arrogant in the promotion of their utterly evil traffic. Within the last two years they have brought together many of their large and small associations under one giant combine, called "Licensed Beverage Industries, Incorporated." Their Directorate extends throughout America; and in some of their journals they state that they are going to "stop the drys in their tracks" and take back the territory that has voted dry by local option. Let it be stated here and now, that we have accepted, and do accept, that challenge. It is our purpose to drive the liquor traffic back as fast as possible, and OUT as soon as possible; and we'll never compromise. We shall fight to DESTROY the INSIDE ENEMY!

Immediately after repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, the liquor interests began a campaign of promotion of their traffic — advertising, by newspaper, radio, bill board, motion picture, magazine, and by every other possible method; and just as advertising increases any other business, so does it increase the liquor business. Note the following figures, from U. S. Department of Commerce: In 1934, the first full year after repeal, the per capita expenditure in America for all liquors was \$15.80. Then, with more advertising, more people started drinking, and drinkers drank more and more.

The brewers and distillers and their promoters are spending ever-increasing millions of dollars, and employing the best talent they can find to put before the American people, of all ages, every possible allurements to drink. NOW, already, the "legal" liquor traffic in this country is an enemy more powerful, more vicious, more destructive to the physical, mental, social, economic, moral, and spiritual welfare of the nation than is any outside enemy, military or other, on the face of the earth. And it is growing worse.

Further figures from U. S. Department of Commerce: In 1943, the per capita spent for all liquors was about \$46.00—totaling \$6,000,000,000 — SIX BILLION DOLLARS! Then, with still more extensive advertising, more and more people joined the ranks of the drinkers. In 1944, America's liquor bill was \$7,100,000,000. And YET the INSIDE ENEMY was not satisfied. In their GREED FOR PRO-

FITS the promoters knew no bounds!

During the next three years they went to theretofore unheard-of-lengths in advertising their poisonous, man-polluting, soul-destroying product. They spent in each of those three years more than \$100,000,000 in their effort to entice ever-greater numbers of people to drink and drinkers to drink more. Note the results: In 1945, Americans spent \$7,850,000,000 for liquors—beer, whiskey, wine, etc. In 1946, the nation's liquor bill was \$9,500,000,000., (correct figure). In 1947, it reached the sum of \$9,640,000,000! NOW, for the disgraceful, staggering, MENACING TOTAL that the booze barons have taken from the pockets and bank accounts of American drinkers since "JOHN BARLEYCORN CAME BACK," in his "legal" form: Hold your breath: It is \$71,214,000,000! And some authorities estimate that ONE-FOURTH as much is sold by bootleggers as by "legal" dealers. Even ONE-TENTH as much would bring the total to \$78,335,400,000! Will you try to grasp those figures? They are almost beyond comprehension. And that is what these INSIDE ENEMIES —these arrogant day and night ROBBERS have taken, in money,

from "pseudo-sophisticates" in America since "legal booze came back! And as great as the economic damage is, surely the moral and spiritual damage is infinitely —INFINITELY—greater!

We are told plainly in the Holy Bible that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God; and "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them"; and "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." The MORAL and SPIRITUAL damage caused by the liquor traffic — the INSIDE ENEMY — can NEVER be CALCULATED!

"AMERICA'S TRAGEDY —The Female Bar Fly." The number of men now drinking is truly appalling. And dangerous as that is, the number of women now drinking is even more so. Even wet newspapers are beginning to recognize that fact and admit it. On January 5, 1948, the Chicago Herald-American — a very wet newspaper — had a full page on this subject, and the headline, across the entire page, reads: "AMERICA'S TRAGEDY—The Female Bar Fly." That page carried three pictures of women drinking at bars, and one picture of number of women

who had been arrested and brought into the jail of a large city and were wrapped in blankets and placed on bunks, to sleep off their drunken condition. Some paragraphs of the page read:

"Day after day, night after night, in every large city of the country, WOMEN are brought into police stations, staggering, incoherent, drunk, and the records tell the same sordid story: "Arrested in a bar — too drunk to walk — investigators report home and children neglected".

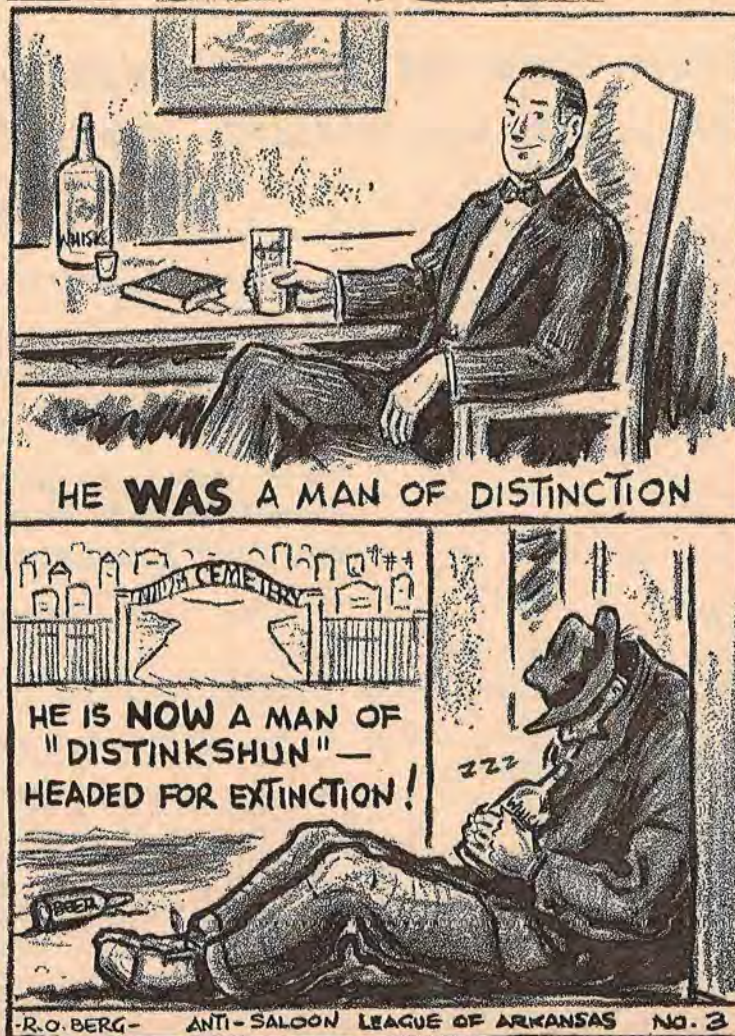
"The female bar fly, the unescorted woman who spends more and more of her time in public drinking places, is rapidly becoming one of the nation's major crime problems.

"Broken marriages and homes, causes of neglect and cruelty to children, leading to juvenile delinquency, have followed in logical consequences

"No enlightened community will compromise with a problem as serious as this. No community, in fact, can consider itself enlightened unless it outlaws and eradicates this threat to its pride, its integrity and its social health."

One night a few months ago this writer and a minister checked on some saloons, of course, they were called by other names, in St. Petersburg, Florida. In one saloon there were four men and six women drinking at the bar; in another, nine men and ten women drinking at the bar; in another there were so many, both women and men, at the bar, we did not try to count them. Appalling conditions such as these are on the increase throughout this nation, and Arkansas certainly is not escaping this INSIDE ENEMY — the beer, whiskey, wine barons and their traffic.

Homes, lives, and souls are being DESTROYED right in our midst, as in other communities. From every imaginable angle, the liquor traffic is a powerful INSIDE ENEMY, more traitorous than Benedict Arnold ever knew how to be. It is making millions of our citizens physically, mentally, socially, and morally unfit. See the accompanying cartoon. Everything that American Idealism stands for, the liquor traffic is against; everything the Christian churches stand for, the liquor traffic is against; every thing CHRIST HIMSELF is FOR and gave HIS LIFE for, the liquor traffic is AGAINST. Here is a ringing challenge to every Christian, and to all other fair-minded people! OUR GOAL — the COMPLETE EXTERMINATION of this INSIDE ENEMY — the liquor traffic.



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# Dorcas, A Woman of Good Works

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

This lesson is the second one, studied thus far, whose principal character is a woman. We are to consider the story of Dorcas, a woman who served her Lord by serving others. She is a noteworthy example for all of us in this day of hardships, prejudices, intolerance, selfishness, and greedy ambition. Here is a Christian disciple who lived her profession of the Lord Jesus by actually doing good unto all those in need and distress.

We Baptists hold to the New Testament teaching that "salvation is not of works, lest any man should boast." We are saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, never by our works or deeds. Yet, our Bible teaches the value of "good works" as related to the lives of Christian men and women.

The subject of good works is referred to 32 times in the New Testament, 18 times by the Apostle Paul. Ephesians 2:10 says we "are created in Christ Jesus for good works." Colossians 1:10 the prayer of Paul says his hope is that the Christians will be "fruitful in every good work." 2 Timothy 3:17—"that the man of God may be perfect, furnished completely unto every good work."

Truly we believe that good works are the proof of a living faith in the Lord and true love for Him (James 2:14-20).

## A Good Name

The scripture teaches us that a good name is better than precious gems. What gives a person a good name? Surely the highest quality known for a good name is sincere, everyday Christianity. Consider Dorcas.

Not much is told us in God's Word about Dorcas but what we do find is enough for us to clearly see her character and life. She lived at Joppa; she was a disciple of Christ. When was she saved? Who brought the message of life to her? These things we do not know. The church had been quickened by the coming of the Holy Spirit; by the preaching of Peter the first disciples had been won; the small band of Christians had been scattered by persecution; Saul had met the Lord at noon-day on the Damascus road; and now we find Peter at Lydda preaching and healing, where we learn the story of this noble woman, Dorcas. By the scattering of the believers the word of salvation came to the coast city of Joppa and Dorcas hear and believed.

This woman was probably slender, graceful, quick and sure in her movements, attractive in beauty of face and character, for her name in the Hebrew was Tabitha.

## Sunday School Lesson

For August 22, 1948

Acts 9:36-42

The Greek name is Dorcas. This name means gazelle. This animal of that land was "slender and of agreeable form, with graceful motions, fiery and beautiful eyes and was often used by the Hebrews as a type of female loveliness." (Homiletical Commentary).

We find another fact revealed about this lovely character; she made garments, coats, clothing for the widows and those in need in her home community. She lived among those people and, no doubt, was constantly weaving, sewing, helping provide necessities for the less fortunate ones about her.

Again, she is spoken of as being full of "alms deeds," or deeds of mercy and kindness. It seems that she loved her people as few people do. She had the compassionate heart of a true disciple of a compassionate Savior. She lived the joys and heartaches of those about her.

Dorcas became ill; she died. The people tenderly cared for her and called for the man of God.

## The Powerful Name

Dorcas was the woman of service and love just described because of the power of the name of Jesus in her life. He is the One who causes men to forget self and live for others; He is the One who has power to do all things.

When Dorcas was laid in an upper chamber, her friends and fellow Christians sent word to near-by Lydda asking Peter to come at once. Some believe that these Christians sent for Peter with enough faith to believe that he could bring life again to their loved one; others believe that they themselves did not possess such faith but wanted the Apostle Peter there to comfort their saddened hearts and put away the body of Dorcas.

When death and sorrow comes to the Christian home, the first

impulse is to call the pastor who is Christ's representative on earth.

Peter came and they showed him the lifeless form of Dorcas and the handiwork born of love and desire to help others. Peter put each of these sobbing, sorrowing friends out of the door so he might be alone with the body of this child of God. Peter did not know the will of his Lord about this life; he knew the desire of her friends that she might live. He wanted the will of God revealed to him. He turned away from death to prayer, to the One who has all power even over death and the grave.

We do not know what he said; soon he turned toward Dorcas and spoke two words, "Tabitha, arise." Immediately God restored her life; Peter took her hand and she arose, perfectly well with no gradual return to health and strength. It was done immediately by the power of the name which is above every name! He called the saints and widows and presented her alive! Can you not imagine the rejoicing and gladness in Joppa that day?

## The Name Glorified

The impact of the miracle God performed that day was felt outside the bounds of Joppa; such a thing as this had probably not been heard of before. The name of Jesus was glorified that day in all that city and "many believed in the Lord." The raising of one from the dead by the power of Jesus, by one of His disciples, was proof to many that He was One in whom they could trust for

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## Baptist Orphanage To Be Established

Twenty-four residential lots in the Mt. View area, suburb of Anchorage, have been deeded to the orphanage committee of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

This gift was made by Miss Mildred Thomas, a government employee at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

The plan of the orphanage committee is to sell part of this property, and perhaps all, and reinvest in one of the rural locations. It is felt that a large tract of land near Anchorage can be secured for both an orphanage and a future campus for Alaska's Baptist School. At present real estate values, the sale of these residential lots should net around \$10,000.

salvation. Many turned to God as a result of this miracle. Many times trials, sorrows, illness, even death is used mightily of God to bring honor and glory to His name. If we trust Him completely, He is able to bring a blessing to us out of every situation of life.

Dorcas proves the greatness of living our Christianity; she was a worker, she went in and out among those to whom she could witness. God can work mighty things for us; He answers prayers of faith such as Peter prayed. May each of us daily have "faith in God."

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# Centennial Session Of The State Convention

About two weeks ago, we gave you some information and suggestions about the centennial session of the State Convention. Here is a bit more information.

At 9:30 a. m. Tuesday, September 21, we meet at Tulip for the one day session of the Convention. Tulip is on Highway No. 9 about halfway between Malvern and Fordyce. From Malvern or from Fordyce the highway is good, smooth, and graveled. It is twenty or twenty-five miles from Fordyce or Malvern.

A big tent will be in position with plenty of space, and the seats will be more comfortable than the average tent seat.

There will be food for all at the noon hour but if you want to bring a home-baked cake or pie and a jar of pickles and things like that you may do so. If you do not like barbecued beef, better bring a sandwich for yourself.

The session will close at 4:30 in the afternoon. Get your highway map, locate the place, and start early on Tuesday morning and be there on time. The program will not be long and if you are not there on time, you will miss part of it. Here is the program:

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

### CENTENNIAL SESSION

September 21, 1948

Tulip, Arkansas

- 10:00 Call to Order by President E. C. Brown  
Song and Praise Service
- 10:15 Baptists in Arkansas 1815-1848 by E. P. J. Garrott
- 10:30 A Century of Organized Activity by J. S. Rogers
- 11:00 Introduction of visitors and Recognition of Baptist Groups by the President
- 11:25 Special music
- 11:30 Sermon by Otto Whittington  
Lunch Period
- 1:30 Song and Praise
- 1:45 Arkansas Baptist Women in the first Century of the Convention by Mrs. F. E. Goodbar
- 2:05 Panel Discussion of the Departmental Activities
- 3:30 Contribution of our Institutions by S. E. Tull
- 3:45 Closing Message

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Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world.—Emerson.

## Mississippi County Associational Meeting

Two weeks ago it was the writer's privilege to be in Mississippi County in the monthly Workers' Conference. We are not going to name the preachers and the churches in this article. We can not do that justice. This is a great, growing Baptist field. We doubt if we have ever in one associational meeting seen so many real, strong Baptist preachers and leaders. This meeting was not merely a group of women. There were plenty of good women there, also young people but we were impressed with the number of men present.

This is one of the richest counties of the state. There is enough wealth in the Baptist churches in Mississippi County to finance half of our Co-operative Program budget if the churches and leaders had a mind and a spirit to do it. We are not saying that all the rest of the state should merely do half the Co-operative Program budget. The rest of the state could also move up its giving. We are merely talking now about what the Baptist churches in Mississippi County are really strong enough to do.

What a program that day in this meeting! It was built on missions. We had associational missions, state missions, home missions, foreign missions. As fine and as strong speeches on all these phases of missions we think as we have ever heard. Then to clinch the whole thing the general secretary was asked to show how the Co-operative Program made all this possible. It was a great day indeed and we trust that it meant a great deal to the missionary spirit among the people in that section.

If we had time and space available, we should like to go into detail here and say a word about the preachers and the strong ministry that they are giving in Mississippi County. If you ever attend a Baptist meeting there, you will have one of the greatest inspirations of your life. A part of this forward progress is due to the assiduous and diligent work of Missionary Rushing.

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## Sparkman Enjoys New Building

The First Baptist Church, Sparkman, Arkansas, lost its good church building by fire a few months ago. Undaunted, this faithful congregation went to work to get a new building. They have done a fine job of erecting a comomdious church plant. There has been a delay in getting the pews. They expect to have them in right away. They have been using the building three months or more.

John Basinger, the former pastor, rejoiced to see the building entered and occupied before he left the church to take up his work in Trumann, Arkansas. Brother Basinger is one of our fine, patient, earnest pastors. In the Sparkman Church there is the very salt of the earth. Some of the finest men we know are the deacons in Sparkman.

## Appraises Baptist History

The following communication about "History of Arkansas Baptists" has been received from Dr. E. P. Alldredge of Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Alldredge was at one time pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, for a while he was state secretary here Arkansas. Here is what he says:

"In the meantime, I have received a copy of your wonderful book: "History of Arkansas Baptists." This book should have been called: "Three-In-One History of Arkansas Baptists." For in addition to the story "Baptist Beginnings in New Testament Times" and "Baptist Beginnings in America," it carries a three-fold history of Arkansas Baptists: First, the historical lead of Arkansas Baptists, Second, the historical organizations of Arkansas Baptists, Third, one hundred years of Arkansas Baptist progress. What a book—three books in one! Not a history but an encyclopedia of Arkansas Baptist lore! And, withal, it is truly Rogersque! I could shut my eyes to listen to a paragraph of this book and you who wrote it. Thanks, Friend, for your wonderful book, from the "Wonder State of Arkansas about the most wonderful people on earth, the Baptists!"

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## Central Association

We were in an interesting meeting at Gravel Hill Church in Central Association recently. It was the day for the women's work to be emphasized. There was a number of strong and good women in the meeting, together with a lot of young people, especially girls. Pastor Dodge of the First Church, Springs, led us in a very fruitful Bible study. The general secretary spoke briefly about the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign. Central Association is blessed with some strong preachers, as well as some fine, leading men, and the woman's organization is strong indeed.

At least two churches in Central Association have paid their entire quota in the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign. They are the First Church, Benton, and Central Church, Hot Springs, Park Place Church is planning to complete its quota in the near future.

Missionary Wiles is one of the bravest and hardest working preachers that we have in all our ranks. He keeps a good Work Conference going every month.

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## Pastor Gallop and Sidney

The Sidney Church in Rocky Bayou Association is enjoying marked progress under the leadership of its new pastor, Hal Gallop. They have recently enjoyed a good meeting in which there were nine baptisms.

Brother Gallop recently conducted a meeting at Finley Creek Church, and there were nine additions for baptism there. Pastor Gallop is a great preacher and a true leader.