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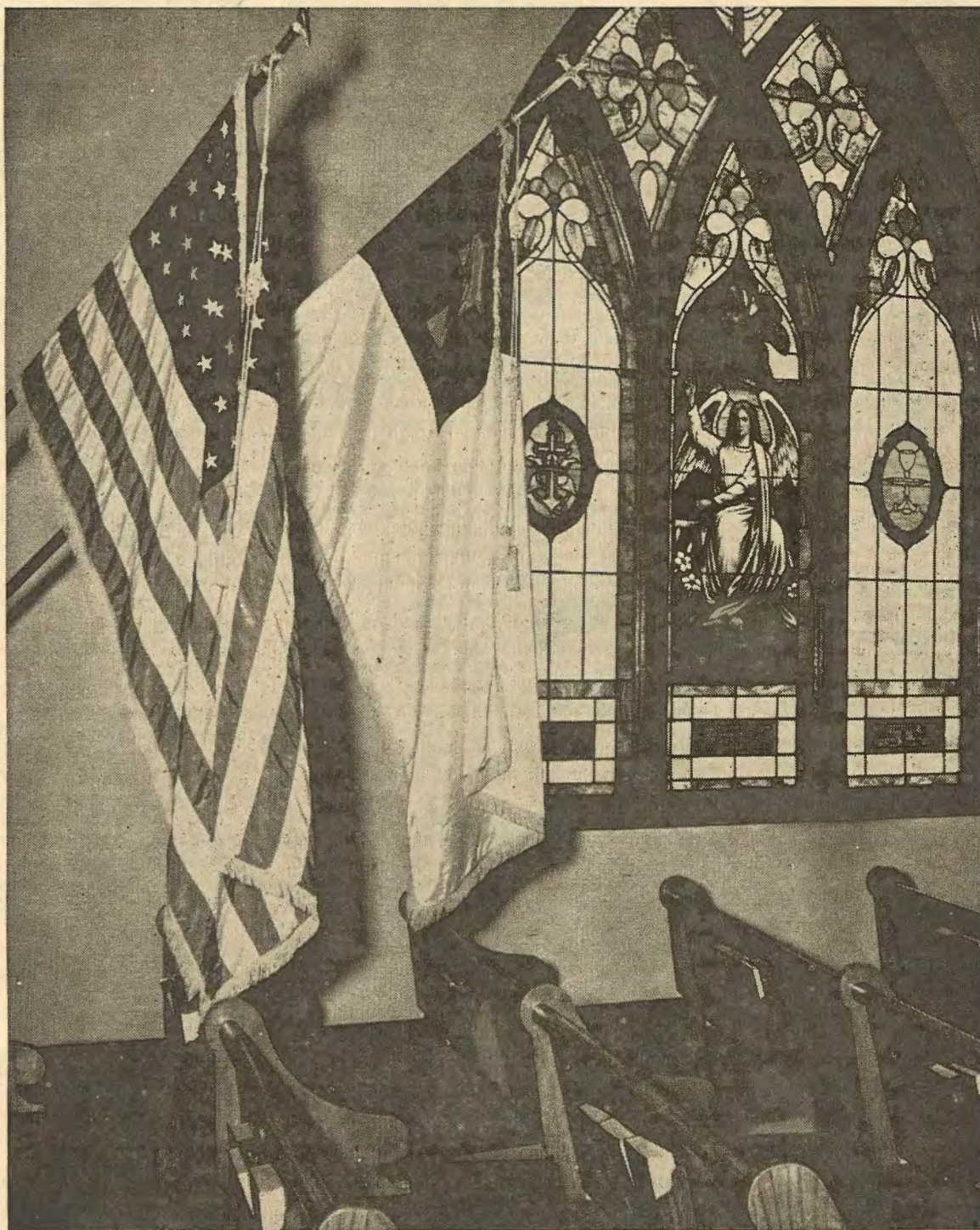
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*"Our Fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King*

—Hering

# CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

By the Editor



Jesus, praying for His disciples, said, "I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil." Jesus proposes that His disciples shall take their places in the life of the world.

Christians, therefore, are not to become anarchists in the kingdoms of the world because they become citizens of the kingdom of God. They are not to destroy the existing facilities for building human society, they are to make a distinctive Christian contribution to these facilities. They must also assume their proportionate responsibilities in the institutions which are for the benefit of human society.

## Silent Influence

"Ye are the salt of the earth," said Jesus. Salt works effectively, but silently, in its powers of preservation. The followers of Jesus are to serve the same function in human society that salt serves in the items of food which we relish. It is implied that without the preserving qualities of the disciples of Jesus, human society would perish in the moral decay which it would generate.

Salt also renders food palatable. It is a question whether human society could stand itself were it not for the palatable influences released by Christian people. Intolerable conditions exist in any parts of the world where Christ and His people are unknown.

## Christian Illumination

Again Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Unless the light of Christ shines upon the world through His followers, the world will be left in the darkness of sin.

Sometime ago there was an interesting cartoon by Mr. Pace in the Sunday School Times, accompanied by this placard: "WANTED: Wicks to burn up for Christ. Oil and light furnished free." In the picture was a lighted kerosene lamp and the Scriptural quotations: "I am the light of the world." "Ye are the light of the world."

## Attitude Toward Others

Jesus also deals with the attitude of His followers toward others, particularly toward those who are opposed to the Christian group. Love, tolerance, kindness, and kindred attitudes should govern the Christian's conduct toward those who are opposed to his purposes and ideals. Jesus makes it incumbent upon His disciples to pray for such persons.

The Christian citizen should do more good in the community than is expected of him. "What do ye more?" asked Jesus. There must be a margin of good deeds, and of kindness which is not found in the unregenerate world.

A merchant, who had been a very worldly, godless man, was converted. When asked what had been the means of his conversion, he replied, "The example of one of my clerks, whose religion was in his life rather than in his tongue. When I uttered an oath he never reproved me; but I could see that it deeply pained him. When I fell into a passion and behaved in a violent manner, though he spoke no word to that effect, I could see how pain-

ful the scene was to him. My respect for him led me to restrain myself in his presence, and gradually to break off both these habits. In fact, this man, though he never spoke a word to me on the subject of religion, exercised an influence for good over me, wielded by no other human being. To him, under God, I am indebted more than to any other for the hope in which I now rejoice of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ."

## Good Citizens

Governments were originated and established by God for the regulation of human society and for the purpose of making human society responsible for the conduct of individual members and groups within that society. Therefore, the strength of any government is measured by the number of its law-abiding citizens. Christian people should be the best citizens of any community or nation.

Drawing upon the figures used by Jesus, we would say that Christian people are to preserve the highest type of human institutions, and they are to originate and maintain the best forms of government. As the light of the world, Christian citizens are to lead in the establishment of the best forms of government and the most useful organizations of human society.

Christians are free, they have a freedom not known to the unregenerate world. But their freedom is not in the form of license—it takes the form of responsibilities.

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Broadcasting Christian music and the Christian message will be two feature emphases of the Radio Conference at Ridgecrest, August 19-25. "Special effort will be made to lead pastors and other church leaders into a practical knowledge and use of radio as a medium of spreading the Gospel," according to S. F. Lowe, Atlanta, Director of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, sponsors of the conference.

Added features of this week of radio conferences will be an address Saturday August 21 by J. N. (Bill) Bailey, Executive Secretary of the FM Association of America; and on Sunday August 22 addresses by George E. Sterling, member of the Federal Communications Commission, and J. Leonard Reinsch, radio adviser to the President.

A large number of pastors and other church leaders are expected to attend, and all persons interested in the broadcasting of the Christian message and music are invited.

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No perfect joy is permanent—but its memory is! These memories are what we bank, as we do our savings, to enrich us in future days, when the light in our heart grows a little dark. It is then that we live upon those banked joys.

One reason why it is such a good idea to bank these joys is that by so doing we come to realize how many more joys than sorrows there are in our lives. And when sorrows do arrive, as they do to us all, then we can go to our joys that have been banked and draw on them for both comfort and a clearer understanding of these sorrows.

# Christ Made Man

A Devotion by the Editor

"Follow me, and I will make you."

To be made by Jesus is the highest hope and the most alluring possibility presented to the sons of men.

This significant statement is found in Mark's Gospel: "He appointed twelve that they might be with Him." Just to be with Jesus would do more to transform their ideals and mold their characters than any amount of exhortation or teaching.

No person can constantly associate with Jesus and resist the influence of His person. Being with Him day by day, men will discover Him to be all that God is or can be to sinful men. When a person knows Him so, that person is being made by Him.

He makes us by our practicing His presence, by our becoming Christ-conscious. He must penetrate our thoughts, live in our consciousness, and be our constant companion.

There is no type or temperament that Christ cannot make anew, if surrendered to Him. This is a testimony to the universality of the character of Christ.

Wherever a heart responded to Jesus, that heart He made anew. Fishermen discovered that they were new men in His presence. Tax gatherers found new motives and impulses within their hearts when they came in touch with Jesus. The blind saw the light of day when their eyes were touched by His fingers. The lame, the halt, the maimed, discovered new strength and vigor when Jesus addressed to them the words of healing.

The poor discovered sources of new and infinite wealth when they responded to His appeal. The rich came to understand the cheapness of worldly wealth compared with the riches of God's grace in Him. The scholar found new and richer and infinitely more satisfying realms of truth and wisdom when his understanding was quickened by the presence of Jesus.

We thrill to this amazing, this tremendous possibility, to be made by Jesus. It should set our whole beings a tingle with excited interest and cause us to act with immediate promptness as we read these verses and realize that they are meant for us:

"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

"And they straightway left their nets, and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

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# Across the Editor's Desk

## PUBLIC MONEY FOR SECTARIAN SCHOOLS

### \$128,000 For Catholic School

Another indication of the danger which threatens the school system of America and of the drain upon the public treasury by private and sectarian schools is a grant of \$128,000 by New York State to Canisius College, Catholic, of Buffalo.

This grant was challenged by Henry A. Bull, a Buffalo attorney, who charged that the grant "violated the sections of the state and Federal constitutions prohibiting public aid to institutions with religious background." The grant was made for the purpose of renovating an abandoned hospital and converting it into classrooms for students.

The case has been appealed until it reached the Court of Appeals, New York State's highest tribunal. Mr. Bull has stated that he will appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court.

### 'If Viewed Properly'

A quotation from a news release, giving the details of the recent court action unholding the grant, will indicate the political implications involved: "Attorneys who defended the state's action argued the grant was not unconstitutional 'if viewed properly'. State officials feared a verdict in Bull's favor would cripple Governor Dewey's post-war educational program, since many schools of sectarian background have received cash grants."

The phrase "if viewed properly" is an index of the present dangerous trend in government circles to interpret state and Federal constitutions, not according to time-honored and proven principles of government, but according to political expediency and the personal interests of pressure groups which are able to deliver the largest number of votes. The "proper" view of a state grant of \$128,000 to a sectarian institution would be that such a grant is a flagrant violation of the American principle of separation of church and state.

### A Serious Question

The question arises, what is "Governor Dewey's post-war educational program?" This question takes on added significance, since Governor Dewey is one of the leading candidates for the presidential nomination on the Republican ticket. If the grants of public tax money to sectarian schools in the state of New York represent Governor Dewey's "post war educational program," then we are justified in assuming that Governor Dewey would promote the same type of educational program throughout the nation, if he were elected president of the United States.

So far as this particular issue is concerned, public funds for sectarian schools, there is little or no difference among the leading presidential candidates of our two major political parties. The best approach to this problem is

through the Congress. The voters must let their senators and representatives know how they feel about this issue. And, if those now in office will not stand for the principle of separation of church and state and protect the public treasury from raids by private and sectarian schools, then it becomes the obligation of the voters to elect others who will.

### "A World In Our Hearts"

Dr. M. Theron Rankin made this significant statement in an article published in the Arkansas Baptist last week: "We need to put a world in the middle of our hearts, our church programs, our schools, our institutions, and everything we do at home."

Until we do "put a world in the middle of our hearts," we will piddle along with a foreign mission program which is in no sense of the word commensurate with the resources of Southern Baptists.

The inevitable result of putting the world in our hearts will be the enlargement of everything within the circle of a world undertaking—enlarging our churches, schools, institutions, state work, South-wide work, reaching out around the world.

Is it an over-statement to say that the church which has the world in its heart will give as much to evangelize the world as it spends on itself? No matter how large its membership, nor what huge sums make up its budget, the church that spends practically all its resources on itself is a little church.

Jesus did not commission His disciples to go into all the world only after they had met every need at home, and after they had built great church houses for themselves. The great cathedrals of Europe are monumental museum reminders of an era when all the resources of the Christian people were spent on buildings at home.

In the early church at Jerusalem, the disciples, being content to remain at home, failed to initiate any movement to carry the Gospel abroad, and so had to be dispersed by persecution in order that they might do what they were commissioned to do.

Contrasting experiences are often inextricably mingled in our lives. Sorrow is often mingled with joy; they are part and parcel of the same thing. Victory and defeat are often inseparable, co-partners in the ultimate achievements of life. It is not unusual for higher and better hopes to rise out of defeats and disappointments. Prevailing prayer is frequently born of despair; strength and weakness are found to be inseparable twins.

## First Round Won

It is gratifying that Governor Laney has expressed his opposition to the establishment of a race track in eastern Arkansas. The Racing Commission has postponed hearing on the matter.

The Christian people have won the first round in this contest. It is to be hoped that they will not now relax their efforts, but that they will continue the fight until complete victory is achieved.

The race track, with all its accompanying evils, is one of the most degrading, demoralizing influences imaginable. People not only lose their money at the tracks, they lose their honor and honesty, they lose their virtue and morals, they throw all proprieties and decencies to the winds and abandon themselves to the influences that coarsen and cheapen life.

The one track which is now in operation in Arkansas brings only shame and disgrace to the state. It is an economic liability to the state, as well as a moral and spiritual liability. The right thinking people of Arkansas should not cease their efforts until the track at Hot Springs is outlawed.

## Honoring Christ By Radio

The Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. S. F. Lowe, director, has planned a most helpful and comprehensive radio conference at Ridgecrest for August 19-25.

The conference will cover the field of religious broadcasting. There will be open forums, with the exchange of ideas, and personal conference led by persons skilled in the technique of programing. Television and FM will come in for their share of discussion. "Broadcasting the Christian Message" and "Broadcasting Christian Music," are scheduled topics for daily conferences.

These conferences will be helpful to pastors, educational leaders, and members of radio committees. Churches which broadcast their services would do well to send their pastors to these conferences.

## Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, present "The Friends of Jesus" 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.
- KTFB—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:30 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.

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

Evangelist Lonnie Lasater was the preacher and Pastor T. N. Shaddox was in charge of the music in revival services at the First Church, Dumas, Arkansas, May 26 to June 6. There were 23 re-dedications and 11 additions to the church membership, bringing the total additions to 24 since the pastor came on the field three months ago.

Mrs. George Stuart of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, lead in a Training Union enlargement campaign at First Church, Dumas, Arkansas, June 13-17. There were six new unions organized, 100 enrolled and 78 average attendance at the study course.

Aubrey C. Halsell, who recently resigned as pastor of the First Church, West Memphis, has accepted a position with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Department. His mission work will include the organization of new Baptist Churches and promotional work.

During his pastorate at West Memphis, the church witnessed exceptional growth in every field. For the 26 months that he served the local church there were 720 additions to the church membership, 418 baptisms, \$124,443 in offerings, \$48,109 given to church missions, an average Sunday School attendance of 711, and an average Baptist Training Union attendance of 302. Three mission churches were organized under his leadership. Church property was increased to \$165,000 in value, with the addition of eight city lots to the two already owned, two church buildings, making a total of four, and two houses.

The Daily Vacation Bible School of the First Church, Malvern, closed with a commencement program Saturday evening, June 5. There were 208 enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 197.

Women of the Mena Mission, Mena, Arkansas, honored their pastor, Dean Newberry Jr., and his bride-to-be, Miss Jeanne Hampton, with a surprise pounding at the church, Friday evening, July 11. The couple received many lovely gifts.

The Vacation Bible School closed June 4 at the First Church, Siloam Springs. There was an enrolment of 127, with an average daily attendance of 97. An offering was taken each day, and this amounted to \$30.18. One-half of this will go to Miss Amanda Tinkle, an Arkansas girl, who is a missionary in Africa. The remaining one-half will be sent to the church's orphan girl at the Children's Home at Monticello.

Seven deacons were ordained recently at Capitol Hill Mission. Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, preached the sermon and offered the ordination prayer.

The men ordained were: E. A. Hill; N. E. Walker; C. L. Carter; F. D. Ball; Doyle Murphree; R. H. Morehead; and James Erlod. W. Rowe is pastor of the mission.

First Church, Judsonia, reports a great Vacation Bible School. There were 106 enrolled, with an average attendance of 83. L. M. Keeling is pastor of the church.

There were 256 enrolled in the Vacation Bible School of the Second Church, Hot Springs. \$48.34 was given by the school to missions. The school rated 865 points on the Standard of Excellence which requires a total of 1,000. This was one of the best schools ever held in the Second church.

Homecoming Day was held at the First Church, Gould, Arkansas, June 13, with L. H. Davis, former pastor, now of Fort Smith, bringing the 11 o'clock message. A basket lunch was served on the church grounds at noon.

Workers of the First Church, DeQueen, conducted a very successful Vacation Bible School, according to Pastor Boyd Baker. There was an enrolment of 116, with an average daily attendance of 105. Those who attended contributed a total of \$25.38 to send the church-supported orphan, James Chism, to a boys' camp at Petit Jean, near Morrilton, Arkansas.

Minor E. Cole was the visiting evangelist, and Brother Nelson was in charge of the music in recent revival services at the Judsonia Church. There were seven additions to the church membership, six being by baptism. L. M. Keeling is pastor of the church.

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Pastor Sidney Oxendine, First Church, Watson, Arkansas, reports a very successful Vacation Bible School. There were 75 enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 52. More than 30 received certificates at the commencement exercises. The mission offering, in the amount of \$8.40, was given to New Orleans Seminary. This was the first Vacation Bible School ever held in this church.

Brother Oxendine writes concerning the activities of the church: "The Lord is blessing our efforts in this community in a great way. Souls are being saved in almost every service. I have baptized 22 since May 1. We had eight who came by baptism June 13, and three, June 20. Pray for us."

Pastor Harvey Elledge was the visiting minister in a revival meeting at the Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, May 23 to June 6. Evangelist P. A. Stockton directed the music. There were 19 additions to the church membership on profession of faith and baptism, and one by letter. Raymond Strickland is pastor of the Pike Avenue church.

G. W. Johnson, Mountain Home, and Otis E. Denney, Jasper, assisted Claud Crigler, missionary, White River Association, in the organization of the East Cotter Church, May 16. The church was organized with 20 charter members.

## Full Time Program At Brumley Chapel

The Brumley Chapel Church, Faulkner County Association, has launched a full time program with James D. Reed as full time pastor. The church maintains a thriving Sunday School, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union.

During the first 5 months of 1948, twelve persons were received into the church membership by baptism and 7 by letter, bringing the present membership to 54. The church operates on a monthly budget of \$53.75.

Southside Church, Pine Bluff, reports a wonderful Vacation Bible School. There were 255 enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 200. Pastor L. A. Sparkman reports that souls were saved during this school which might never have been reached.

Pastor Robert W. Jones, and the First Church, Huntsville, Arkansas, are rejoicing over the fruits of a revival meeting, May 16-23. This was called a "Home Talent" meeting, inasmuch as the pastor did the preaching and Mrs. W. A. Ellis, choir director, was in charge of the music. There were 14 additions to the church membership by baptism, and two by letter.

Brother Jones has been pastor of the First Church for two years and during that time the attendance has increased from 13 to 100.

In the recent Vacation Bible School there was an average daily attendance of 70.

Dr. H. L. Mixton has been elected chairman of the building committee of the First Church, Conway. The church is planning to remodel its auditorium as the first phase of a \$70,000 building program.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, May 27, it was made public that the college had obtained a deed from the government for the former air field there.

There are 122 acres with 112 buildings, 27 of which are brick, on the sight. The value of the property is estimated at \$1,500,000, according to Dr. W. J. Blackwood, a member of the board. L. C. Tedford of Corning is chairman of the board.

Later in the evening, commencement exercises were held where 30 graduates received their diplomas. Judge J. M. McCall, Memphis, gave the commencement address on the subject, "What It Costs to Succeed."

Eighty-five men representing the various churches over the county which are members of the Centennial Association, attended a Brotherhood meeting of the association at the Almyra Church, May 31.

R. O. Barker, Little Rock, Sunday School secretary for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, was the principal speaker. He spoke on the subject "The Formula of Success."

A fine dinner was served the men by the women of Almyra Church.

## No Paper Next Week

In accordance with the custom of Arkansas Baptist through the years, there will be no issue the week of July 4. Our next issue will be that of July 15.

The Capitol Hill Mission of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will be organized into a church July 11, 2:30 p. m.

The Capitol Hill Mission was started seven years ago in a residence at Third and High Streets. Later, the location was changed to Fourth and Victory Streets, where stands a buff brick building, valued at \$30,000 and consisting of an auditorium and 14 Sunday School rooms. The mission became self-sustaining in August, 1946.

W. C. Rowe became pastor of the Capitol Hill Mission in July, 1946, and will continue as pastor of the new church. There have been 112 additions to the membership since January 1, 1948, when the new building was occupied.

The new church will be organized with approximately 250 charter members. Ten per cent of the church budget will be allocated to the Co-operative Program and the Arkansas Baptist will be sent to every family in the church membership.

A dedication program was held at Shiloh Church, Sunday, June 6. Pastor D. C. Applegate preached in the morning. At noon, dinner was served at the church. The afternoon was devoted to music, singing, a brief history of the church given by one member, and a consecration service.

The annual homecoming and singing was held at the Oak Grove Church, located 14 miles South of Pine Bluff, June 13.

Leo A. Causey, Little Rock, preached the morning sermon, following which a basket picnic lunch was spread on the church ground. In the afternoon an informal song service was held.

In a joint ordination service at the Valley Hill Church, Little Red River Association, May 30, the Mt. Olive Church joined with the Valley Hill Church in ordaining Mike Walters and O. D. Moody to the full work of the ministry.

W. B. O'Neal served as moderator of the ordaining council; G. W. Norman questioned the candidates; Tommy Reeves led in prayer; Willis Bunch delivered the charge; B. M. Hooten presented the Bible; and J. E. Holmes preached the ordination sermon. Deacons participating were: Dalton Nored, S. O. Varner, Bert Hulse, and Alva Moody.

Evangelist Eddie Wagner makes a significant observation concerning Southern Baptists who have moved to California. "Hundreds of people," he says, "who formerly lived in the South, and who were active in Baptist churches, seem to forget all about the things of the Lord and seldom, if ever, attend any church out there, and never move their letters. It was tragic to find home after home in which this situation prevailed, and they seemed to be satisfied to live apart from the church."

Mr. Wagner conducted four revival meetings in Los Angeles, while in California, which resulted in 191 conversions, and many re-dedications.

Evangelist Wagner is available for revival meetings in Arkansas during the month of August. He may be reached at 1705 Iris Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the First Church, Little Rock, has started a series of sermons on the theme, "Is Truth Unpopular?"

Some of his topics are: "Truth About the Modern Dance," "Truth About Immorality," "Truth About the Cancer of Our Social Life," "Truth About the Liquor Traffic," and "Truth About Juvenile and Adult Delinquency."

Recently Batesville News Review had an article by Paul Buchanan discussing the idea of that section of the country for the much-talked "New Ridgecrest of the Mid-West."

Buchanan said the great possibilities that the proposed \$5,000,000 retreat would hold for the city and state are almost unbounded. Of course, Mr. Buchanan was airing the possibilities that would come to the state in the way state might be forced to build some good highway thousands of tourists. He also said the of increased business and commerce brought ways in that section.

"The man who deserves commendation for exploiting this chance of a lifetime," Buchanan said, "is Byron King, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. We believe he fully realizes that opportunity is knocking at the state's door."

A special service of dedication for the babies of the Cradle Roll and Nursery Departments of the First Church, Texarkana, was held recently.

Carl E. Bates pointed out that the service should not be interpreted as any form of induction into church membership. The object of the service, he said, was to impress upon parents of the children the solemn responsibility of rearing their children in a religious atmosphere.

Some of the questions asked the parents were:

Do you consecrate yourselves as parents to bring up your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Do you promise to instruct him in the teachings of Jesus Christ and in the practice of prayer?

Do you promise to try to so shape the home life of your child, both by family devotions and by your words and example, that he will at the proper age most naturally come to an open confession of Christ?

His sermon subject was: "Babies Can Change the World, If . . ."

Dr. Rowland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke to the Lions Club recently at El Dorado, where he was holding a revival.

The Seminary president told the members of the club that their influence in the business and social life of the nation and the world would be beneficial if used in the right manner.

He said that the "L" in Lions stands for leadership, the "I" for integrity, the "O" for optimism, the "N" for naturalness, and the "S" for service.

"The world needs men of wide and Godly vision," Dr. Leavell said. "The collapse of character is the cause of much trouble."

"The happiest thing in life is service to others. Lionism is calling men to useful service to God and their fellow men," Dr. Leavell concluded.



First Church, Cullendale, recently laid the cornerstone of a three story educational building. This was an impressive service. J. T. Villiford, chairman of deacons, also chairman of the building committee, placed the cement in the receptacle. Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, preached the sermon for this occasion.

The building is 60 by 100 feet, of tile veneer, and will accommodate 600 in Sunday School. It is arranged for two sections of each department except the nursery, which is arranged for four divisions. On the first floor will be a recreation or banquet room, which can be opened up the full length of the building.

# CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*An addition to God's Kingdom must be a subtraction from the world.  
You cannot be counted in both places.*

**Virginia Town Authorizes Religious Education in Schools:** The school board at Danville, Virginia, has authorized religious education courses for next year in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

The decision was reached after legal council had been obtained to see if the plan was valid from a constitutional point of view.

The Danville plan differs from the one at Champaign, Illinois, ruled on by the U. S. Supreme Court in that "it is not sectarian" and "since the teachers are approved by the Virginia Council of Churches and their compensation is paid by the Danville Council of Churches.

In the Danville plan, neither the school board nor any of its employees in any way supervise the plan. No record of attendance is kept and the children must obtain written permission from a parent before attending the classes.

In Champaign, Illinois, the teachers were subject to the approval and supervision of the Superintendent of Schools and reports of the attendance of children at religious education classes were made to their secular teachers.

In a case sponsored and financed by the American Protestant Defense League, a sixteen year old Protestant girl, held in Roman Catholic institutions since earliest childhood, was released on Friday, May 28, and will now live with her Protestant sister in North Carolina.

The decision was rendered by Judge Edwin T. Dickerson in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, Maryland. The girl, Claudia Cauley, orphaned of both parents at two years of age, had been first placed in a Roman Catholic orphanage by her Roman Catholic aunt.

The habeas corpus proceedings leading to the girl's release were brought by her sister, Mrs. C. E. Kelly of Kinston, North Carolina, represented by Foster H. Fansen, Counsellor at Law, of Baltimore, Maryland. The trial was attended by the Rev. Thomas E. Little, Director-General of The American Protestant Defense League, 350 West 26th Street, New York, New York, the organization sponsoring the case.

Full details of this important case will be printed in The American Protest, the league's official publication. The American Protestant Defense League is anxious to help similar cases in any part of the United States or Canada, and invites correspondence from any person or organization knowing of such a case.

**Evangelistic Crusade launched:** A four-year United Evangelistic Crusade has been launched by the United Presbyterian church.

The campaign will begin with world-wide communion on the first Sunday of October, 1948. It will be a part of a greater program of evangelism in which more than 25 denominations of the United States and Canada will co-operate.

## Temperance Isn't the Right Word

By WALTER H. MCKENZIE

The longer I am in the fight against beverage alcohol the more I am made to feel that no person who is fighting for the destruction of the legalized liquor traffic should permit himself to become an advocate of temperance. I said in Chicago the other day that we now have four good temperance organizations. They are: "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union," the "National Temperance Movement," "The National Temperance League," and "The United States Brewer's Foundation."

I know that some of my friends will chafe under this suggestion, but the last named organization is getting over to the people the idea of temperance in the use of beverage alcohol. Some of the finest people I know refuse to take the modern definition of the word temperance and insist that it should be "total abstinence," but Webster's New International Dictionary says that temperance is "Habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetites and passions: moderation."

Many people are accepting the fallacy of the appeal to be moderate in drinking. Temperance is not the word for Drys! Beer is hailed as the temperance drink, the drink of moderation, but it is not used moderately for 101 million gallons of beer were drunk by Texans last year. To accept the fallacy that beer is a drink of moderation, then we have the contradictory statement that we are intemperate and not moderate in the use of this drink of moderation. There is just one position for a person to take who wants to destroy the evil of beverage alcohol: "total abstinence," personally; local option by a majority of the people in any given unit of society. Do not be a temperance advocate! Get on the firing line and fight to destroy the liquor traffic stem, branch, and root.

ON WITH THE BATTLE!

—The Christian Crusader.

**"Freedom and Democracy Sunday":** It has been announced by the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples Churches that hereafter they will observe the Sunday nearest July 4 as "Freedom and Democracy Sunday."

Commenting on the announcement, Dr. James A. Crain, the society's executive secretary said:

"Impressed with the need to strengthen the Christian aspects of democracy and human freedom, our curriculum and planning committees decided to initiate the observance of the day in our churches this year when Independence day falls on Sunday."

Juvenile delinquency is one of the big problems in America today. Not merely the coarse type, the vandalism, the drunkenness, the immorality, but also the more "refined offenses,"

and the parental disregard which has led to such an impact upon our youth. The lack of religious training, the absence of regard for parents and teachers and for authority in general, the indifference about the whereabouts of small children—their presence on the streets at night, in movies at 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock unattended—this enters into our consideration of juvenile delinquency.

—The Christian Parent.

**United Presbyterians Reject Change Marriage Laws:** Recently, at the ninety-first general assembly of the United Presbyterian church meeting in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, a move to change the marriage laws of the church was rejected.

The proposed marriage rule changes would have permitted remarriage after willful desertion or for causes which church or civil authorities could not control. At present, church law permits remarriage only when divorces are granted for adultery, "and then for the innocent party alone."

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## Straight Talk to Church Women

Roy LeCraw, director of the church's five-year Program of Progress, decided to take courage in his hands when he spoke to a group of Kentucky Presbyterian women not long ago. He minced no words about the situation. If Southern Presbyterian women and foreign mission enthusiasts, how far will the enthusiasm take them? Would it make them deny themselves a new coat, a re-decorated house, a vacation trip, in order to contribute a generous sum to the cause? He asked about it because, as he said, most women contribute to the family budgets, and if families are to contribute any great amounts to the \$4,000,000 missions objective, it will be done only if the women of the church can demonstrate their own willingness to sacrifice for it.

After all, Colonel LeCraw went on, what men do in Christian service depends largely upon the constant example of their wives. If men are not strongly and deeply worked into the affairs of the church, perhaps we can fix the trouble by looking at the quality of the wives' service to the church. Unless a woman's husband is also an all-out Christian worker, he insisted, that woman is only 1 per cent in the church. In the long run, if a woman is willing to sacrifice "things" which she wants for herself and her family, he told these women, there will be no compelling urgency about the Christian task on the part of anybody in their homes.

—The Presbyterian Outlook.

## NEED A WORKER

A list of prospective full time Christian workers has been prepared by the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Ave. N., Nashville 3, Tennessee, and is available for those pastors and directors of religious work who are seeking student secretaries, educational directors, young people's leaders, and church secretaries. The names of a few choice college and seminary graduates remain. If interested, write for this list.

# The Family and Law Enforcement



By HON. GUY WILLIAMS, Little Rock, Arkansas

*When Infinite Wisdom established the rule of the right and honesty, He saw to it that justice should be always in the highest expediency.*

—WENDELL PHILLIPS.

(The fourth message in the Home Week program, First Church, Stephens)

Not long ago I saw a cartoon of the world. Our "Mr. World" was pictured as a dangerously ill man. He suffered from internal disturbances, such as hatred, covetousness, immorality, and deceit, and he had external ills of virulent nature, such as war, famine, and calamities of all sorts. In spite of all his miseries, he still lived recklessly.

It is true that Mr. World has never enjoyed perfect health, not since he ate the fruit from the wrong tree in the Garden of Eden.

Now, if all this were not true, we would have no need to talk about law enforcement, for all our trouble began when man disobeyed the laws of the Creator of this universe.

There is one thing the Bible teaches from cover to cover, and that is obedience. All laws grow out of God's law, and He has power over all people and all nations, whether they believe in Him or not. Even those who scoff at God and all things religious, as Belshazzar did, are punished just the same. God lives, and His laws abide whatever may be our attitude toward them.

This is not a hard Gospel. It is a glorious Gospel. It is great to know that in this world of problems and turmoil, we have something that is steadfast and abiding and that we have an authority that we can rest on and turn to in perfect trust.

Even in nature laws are obeyed. All our material progress has been made possible by our discovery that the physical universe is a law abiding system. All scientific advance depends on obedience to law.

And, all high character depends on inward obedience to moral law. Our churches have an indispensable function to perform in the building of obedient character.

Not many of us would care to go back to "the good old times." Yet, in the best of those old homes from which some of us came, there was a kind of spiritual authority which we will lose to our peril.

Someone has said that there is just as much authority in the family today as there ever was, only the children exercise it. The kind of authority needed in the home must be spiritually grounded. It can be no more

imposition of arbitrary will.

Children are often surprised to learn that parents have to obey just the same as they do. It is hard for them to understand what self-discipline and the laws of society mean. We know that most of our juvenile delinquency is really rooted in adult delinquency.

In San Francisco parents are held to account for contributing to the delinquency of their sons and daughters, and are required to attend Guidance Center classes. Nine times out of ten the parents attend willingly the series of eight weekly classes. Absences are checked and must be made up before the parents graduate. The results have been gratifying, for children have been guided by parents who have been taught. Successful adjustments in home, school, and social life are made by children who have intelligent guidance.

Similar plans are operating in Dearborn, Michigan, and Topeka, Kansas, and numerous other cities are said to be considering such problems.

The Baltimore citizens have adopted a progressive program based on the neighborhood project. It has been noted that small towns have less trouble with their youth than do the larger ones. The reason being they have more room to fly their kites and play ball, and besides there is a neighborly, kindly spirit which begins with the adults and is soon learned by the younger generation. The community spirit is developed by community playgrounds, libraries, and wholesome activities. Idleness is always the Devil's workshop, and youth should be kept busy at something it enjoys.

Going from the home and community to law enforcement in the state, there is one question we want to ask. Are we simply to punish criminals for their crimes, or are we to try to cure them of their criminal activity? Shall we make the punishment fit the crime or reform the criminal?

In the early days of this country, there were no prisons or jails, but many physical punishments, such as frequent hangings, branding, whipping, ducking, and standing in



stocks. It was thought that the punishment should cure the culprit of his criminalistic tendencies.

Today we have fines, jails, prisons, and trial by jury. Man has learned that torture is foolish, that courts are necessary, and trial by jury is practical.

Now there comes along a new approach to the problem, and that is in the study of Psychiatry. Someone has said man learned how to split the atom before he discovered himself and the working of the mind that produced the atomic bomb.

Psychiatry has to do with how a man thinks, feels, and acts, even probing to the depths of the subconscious mind. Just recently we read where a program in Psychiatry has been planned for ministers at our state hospital. Mental ills, like physical ills, may be detected in their early stages now, and treated successfully before they reach destructive stages.

Religion gladly accepts the help of the psychological laboratory to understand what makes man abnormal and maladjusted. Religion and psychology meet on many points, but religion must paint the larger canvas of universal and eternal meaning. A study of the mind deals with the finite and the limited. Religion gives man an awareness of the infinite, and a sense of the total significance of life; nevertheless, in the field of psychiatry, religion has a superb ally.

I will close with this thought, "as a man thinketh, so is he." Thoughts are the most powerful things that touch our lives. They are more potent than sunshine, and more destructive than the atomic bomb.

The time will come when all of us—ministers, parents, and officials, will have a new insight into human motivation. Man's drives and impulses, his hates, loves, and fears, are being studied in the mental clinics, and it is interesting to see how the oldest religious beliefs parallel the new discoveries.

We have one goal in view, and that is the achievement of the good life.



## Now I Lay Me Down

By Bill and Pen Lile Pittard  
England, Arkansas

One terrible night during the North African campaign of World War II, an American soldier lay in his fox hole listening to the scream and crash of bombs and trying to brace himself for dawn, when he would go "over the top" with his buddies.

He was not a religious sort of fellow, this G. I. Joe. In fact, he could not remember being in Sunday School or church services since he was a very small child, and even then he had not taken any great interest. He stirred unsuccessfully about in the corners of his memory searching for something to give him relief from the terrible fear that was taking possession of him. It was not a fear of the battle, but a fear of what might come after, if his number happened to be up.

A cold sweat broke out on his arms and legs, and he tried in vain to remember even one verse of Scripture he had ever heard. No one was near to help him. Only God could hear his voice, but Joe was confident God could hear. What did one say to God?

Slowly the words of the only prayer he had ever known came back to him and he began to repeat them with a meaning they had never had in his childhood: Now I lay me down to sleep; I pray the Lord, my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take.

No one had ever told that boy the plan of salvation, but in that moment he committed his soul to God, determining that if he ever had another opportunity, he would find a minister to tell him what he should do. There was another opportunity, and he did visit a minister. In fact, when he reached America again, he found a church with which he affiliated, and he is now active in Christian work.

Let no man despise the smallest part of childhood training. We are building through today's children the tomorrow for which our boys have died.

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## Pastoral Changes

Irwin Moshier, pastor of the West Batesville Church, has tendered his resignation, effective September 1st. Brother Moshier plans to enter a Baptist evangelist school either in Tennessee or Texas this fall, to study evangelistic work.

L. W. Williams has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Dumas, and will accept the pastorate of the Galilee Church, near El Dorado.

William R. Woodell, pastor of the Wynce Church, announced his resignation from that position, effective on or before August 30. Brother Woodell recently made application for appointment as a Navy Chaplain and expects to receive his appointment in a short time.

Hal Gallup, Desha, Arkansas, has been called as pastor of the Sage, Finley Creek, and Sidney Churches.

Aubrey C. Halsell has resigned his pastorate of the First Church, West Memphis.

O. C. Harvey has resigned his pastorate at Second Church, Arkadelphia.

## The New Coal Contract

The existing agreement between the soft coal producers and the United Mine Workers will expire June 30. Negotiations have begun for working out a new contract. And, regardless of what differences may arise and what demands the union may make, the public should understand the position of the miners.

First of all, the 405,000 miners receive the highest wage of any comparable group. Their average earnings are \$75 a week—and this includes part time workers and absentees. Many miners, who wish to take full advantage of their opportunity, earn from \$400 to \$600 a month.

The miners, in addition, have many security benefits. The recent controversy over Mr. Lewis' demand for an old age pension fund of \$100 a month, to be paid entirely by a royalty on each ton of coal produced, may have dimmed the fact that the miners are entitled to Federal social security pensions, and also have compensation insurance. More than 65 per cent of them have prepaid medical care, hospital insurance, or both.

Lastly, everyone should know what a coal strike costs. The last one was of relatively brief duration—yet it cost the miners \$100,000,000 in loss of pay alone. The country lost more than 40,000,000 tons of coal it needed. Exports of coal for European rehabilitation had to be suspended. And no one can figure the loss to the owners and workers of such industries as steel, automobiles, railroads, and others, whose operations were sharply curtailed for lack of coal.

The country hopes that a new and fair contract may be written without another devastating shutdown—and without recriminations that have characterized disputes in the past.

### —Industrial News Review.

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Otey Rhodes has accepted the work of missionary in Woodruff County Association for three months, beginning June 11.

Wiggs Dove, a student at Ouachita College, has been elected to serve as missionary in the Red River Association.

H. M. Robertson was elected by the Rocky Bayou Association as missionary. He will be located at Melbourne, Arkansas.

J. M. Hitt has resigned his pastorate of the Pleasant Grove Church, Howell, Arkansas, to become the pastor of two half time churches in Tri-County Association—Palestine and Madison, near Forrest City, Arkansas.

Dan Thomas has resigned as educational director of the First Church, Arkadelphia, to accept the call of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Willisburg, Kentucky.

Troy E. Brooks has resigned as pastor of the Lowell Church to accept work as a field worker in northern Arizona, Utah, and Nevada.

W. E. Speed, First Church, Russellville, preached his first sermon as pastor of the church June 13.

The new parsonage was ready for occupancy by Brother Speed and his family when they arrived in Russellville. This is a very inviting five-room home of buff and brown concrete blocks.

## Honoring Christ By Radio

Atlanta, Georgia.—The Radio Conference at Ridgecrest, August 19-25, will offer pastors, educational and musical directors excellent opportunity to develop or increase their skills in a more effective use of radio, according to an announcement of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, S. F. Lowe, director.

Outstanding authorities who will lead the conferences on broadcasting the Christian message and broadcasting religious music include: John W. Bachman, chairman, Radio Department, Baylor University; J. A. Barry Jr., professor of Speech and Radio, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; B. B. McKinney, secretary, Department of Church Music, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention; Warren Angell, dean of the College of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University; John D. Hoffman, director, The Baptist Hour Choir; Haskell Boyter, teacher of Robertson, associate director, Radio Commission, Atlanta public school system; and Jack sion, and producer of the Baptist Hour.

J. N. Bailey, executive director of the FM Association of America, will lead a conference Saturday morning, August 21, while J. Leonard Reinsch, radio advisor to the president, and C. C. Morris, owner of radio station KADA, will be the feature-speakers in a meeting Sunday afternoon, August 22.

All Christian leaders are urged to take advantage of the practical helps the conferences will afford in using the radio—their sacred responsibility in carrying the Gospel to all people.

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First Church, Pine Bluff, reports on Vacation Bible School as follows: "Though we did not break any attendance records, in many ways, we had one of the best schools of all. There was an average attendance of 203 per day for the two weeks. The weather was not too hot, and the spirit of co-operation was the best ever. Thirteen made professions of faith in Christ as Savior. Several have presented themselves for membership. Our thanks to Brother Hill and his workers for their faithful work."

Wednesday evening, June 9, Charles Lowry was ordained by the First Church, Pine Bluff, to the full work of the ministry. Nine ordained ministers were present to form a presbytery to do the ordaining by the authority of the church. The questioning of the candidate was done by S. D. Davis, Harmony associational missionary.

Ray Branscum, South Highland Church, Little Rock, was the evangelist in a revival at the North Crossett Church, May 9-16. Pastor Harold White was in charge of the music. There were 27 additions to the church membership, 15 of whom were by baptism; and a number of re-dedications. The church has had 60 additions to the church membership in the past six months.

The monthly Workers Conference met at the Plant Church, June 18. The theme of the message was "Co-operation." J. D. Reeves is pastor of Plant Church.

First Church, Clinton, Arkansas, closed one of the most successful Vacation Bible Schools ever held. The enrolment was 160. There were five conversions during this school.

## Wanted

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## Japan Needs Christ!

In a recent letter from Dwight O. Anderson, Wilson, Arkansas, there was a mimeographed copy of a letter from Chaplain W. E. Sutterfield, stationed in Japan. The letter had been written by the Chaplain's wife to a W. M. U. group in Missouri.

Mrs. Sutterfield described in her letter the great need for Christian workers in Japan. "Japan needs Christ! Less than one per cent of her people are Christians. Now is the time—only if there were more missionaries! More Bibles! More Food! More Clothing!"

She told of some Methodist work being done there, and also mentioned the work of Dr. W. M. Garrott from Batesville.

Mrs. Sutterfield had many good comments about the United States Army of occupation in Japan, telling of one G. I. Joe who was superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday School, a Lt. Colonel who has an Intermediate class and his wife who has the Primary Department. The Young People's class is entirely made up of G. I.'s.

"This same group of faithful Army personnel attend Bible study on Wednesday evening and the Youth for Christ meetings on Saturday night. From this group have been several conversions and three calls to the Gospel ministry."

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Carroll Evans, First Church, Blytheville, surrendered to full time Christian service, June 13. He will become a minister of music and education. Carroll graduated last month from Blytheville High School. He plans to enter Ouachita College this fall.

Vacation Bible School commencement exercises were held in the First Church, Blytheville, June 11. Phases of the school activities were demonstrated by each department.

The enrolment of the school was 265, with an average attendance of 186. The offering, in the amount of \$56, was sent to the Bottom's Baptist Orphanage at Monticello, Arkansas, to defray expenses of several boys and girls at Siloam Springs Assembly.

Memorial Church, near Hot Springs, had the assistance of M. E. Wiles in revival services, May 16-23. There were nine additions to the church membership, and 20 re-dedications. During the meeting there were over \$600 raised for the building fund, for finishing the building. The meeting was held in the basement.

Missionary S. A. Wiles has been the pastor since the church was organized.

## "Backward American"—Bunk!

All the proponents of socialism, communism and the other what-have-you isms argue that their systems offer the "common man" greater security and material benefits. As Al Smith used to say, let's look at the record.

England has gone in for socialism in a big way. And what has happened? Once a great coal mining nation, she can now hardly produce enough for her own needs. Her electric power industry has gone downhill and rates are higher than under private ownership. Her whole socialized economy is as shaky as a tree in a storm.

Russia, of course, has gone whole hog in its version of a "people's government," to own or control all productive activity, and only a miserable minimum of consumer goods is produced. Her retail stores—all of which belong to the state—are stocked with only a few necessities and even these are strictly rationed. Prices, measured by average earning power, are far higher than in this country.

"Backward America," on the other hand, still clings to representative government and a capitalist economy. The "tragic" results of this are seen on every hand—the most efficient industries on earth, the highest standards of living in the world in spite of inflation, more leisure and opportunity for all, retail stores groaning with every kind of commodity, and a competitive system which has to please the people or go out of business—no "take it or leave it" system.

The socialists have a sad story. It just doesn't make sense. And yet they are working here to have government monopolies supplant private enterprise. Will we fall for it?

—Industrial News Review.

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## Racing Track Opposed

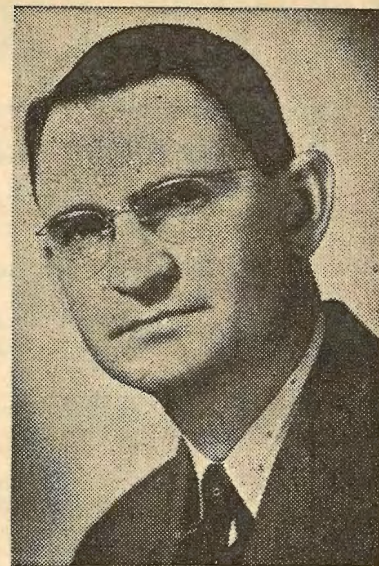
The Earle Baptist Church, Joe B. Sullivan, pastor, on Sunday, June 13, 1948, unanimously passed a resolution opposing the proposed horse racing track at West Memphis. Copies of the resolution were sent to the Governor of the state, the State Racing Commission, the Arkansas Baptist, the Arkansas Gazette, and the Commercial Appeal of Memphis, Tennessee.

The resolution states that "we go on record as being unalterably opposed to the establishment of a horse racing track in West Memphis, or in any section of eastern Arkansas, and that we protest to those in authority and pray their influence shall be used to thwart any such move upon the part of those who would bring shame and demoralization upon our people and our section of the state of Arkansas, by the establishment of a horse racing track in our midst."

The resolution was signed by Joe B. Sullivan, pastor of the Earle Baptist Church, and Billy Rogers, church clerk.

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J. Elmer Morgan began his sixth year as pastor of First Church, Cullendale, July 1. During his pastorate, there have been 467 additions to the church membership, 223 by baptism, and 244 by letter. The value of their property has been increased approximately 500 per cent, and gifts to missions have increased more than 400 per cent. The Sunday School enrolment has increased more than 100 per cent, the Training Union more than 200 percent, and the W. M. U. approximately 200 per cent.



Dr. G. Earl Guinn

Dr. G. Earl Guinn, for the past four years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La., has been chosen as Associate Professor of Preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, effective June 1. He will begin his teaching duties with the fall semester.

Dr. Guinn, who succeeds Dr. Jesse Northcutt in the Preaching professorship, holds the A.B. degree from Louisiana College, and the Th.D. degree from the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He did major work in the field of New Testament Interpretation and minored in Church History and Old Testament Interpretation. He studied at Southwestern during the 1938-39 session. His work since 1934 has been in the pastorate.

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## A Hasty Decision

By Ryland Knight

The Southern Baptist Convention has voted not to become a member of the World Council of Churches. But that does not mean that we are not vitally interested in its plans and its program. When an organization, which represents over ninety per cent of the Protestants of the world, meets to consider Christianity and world peace, Christianity and the liquor traffic, Christianity and world missions, Christianity and youth, its actions are of deep concern to every Christian everywhere.

It would be well for Southern Baptists to know of this meeting not alone through press reports but also as it is understood and interpreted at first hand by a Southern Baptist.

It was a hasty action of the Southern Baptist Convention in failing to approve of Dr. George W. Sadler sitting in on the World Council as an unofficial observer, during his visit to Europe this summer. Our Foreign Mission Board in particular needs to know the world program of this influential organization of our fellow Christians.

None of us liveth unto himself and, whether we will or no, every denomination is affected for good or ill by the action of every other denomination. A great spiritual revival in any denomination will help our own. A notable missionary advance anywhere is an inspiration to us all. A strong, constructive effort toward world peace by the World Council of Churches will be a source of hope in our bewildered world.

Let us listen with sympathetic interest to the deliberations of this meeting of Christian men and women from all the nations of the world.

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Busses for Siloam Springs will leave Immanuel Church at the corner of Tenth and Bishop, Little Rock, at seven a. m., July 15. Round trip fare is \$5.00, returning July 22.

One bag only will be permitted on the bus to each passenger. Other baggage may be sent by Jones Truck Line and should be sent three days prior to leaving.

Reservations should be made with E. A. Ingram, 217 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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**THE DATE:** July 15-22. The first meal will be served and the first service held Thursday night, July 15. The last meal served and the last service held will be Thursday night, July 22.

**WHEN TO ARRIVE:** Any time Thursday, July 15. All reservations will be held until Thursday, July 15, at 9:00 p. m. Reservations not taken by that time will be assigned to others desiring accommodations.

**NOTE:** There will be no services Wednesday, July 14, and no meals will be served on this day. It will greatly help all concerned if those coming for the assembly session will arrive on the grounds Thursday, July 15, and **NOT BEFORE.**

**WHAT TO TAKE:** This is an encampment. Cots, mattresses, and meals will be furnished according to rates already published. There will be buckets, dippers, and wash basins in dormitories and cabins. **TAKE** pillow, sheets, blankets, at least two, towels, and toilet articles. There is no hot water.

**Singers, Bring:** Copies of the music to be used in the choral festival. These include:  
 Youth Choir—  
 "While By Our Sleeping Flocks"—Jungst.  
 "Battle Hymn of the Republic"—Arranged by Ringwald.  
 Adult Choir—  
 "Open Our Eyes"—Macfarlane.  
 "O Savior of the World"—Goss.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Be prepared for dress-up and recreation. Sport shorts are **NOT** worn at any time. Women and girls taking slacks are requested to wear them only in the afternoon for recreation. Take at least one raincoat, overcoat, or wrap. At times it may be cool and it may rain.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From Little Rock take Highway number 65 to Conway, 64 to Alma, 71 to Springdale, 68 to Siloam Springs. Before entering Siloam Springs at the "Y", turn left on Highway 59, three miles to assembly grounds. Kansas City Southern trains and several bus lines stop at Siloam Springs.

**WHAT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD:** There are some simple rules and regulations that all should understand and accept.

**Leaving the grounds:** No one will leave the ground until after dinner without emergency permission, obtainable at the Business Office. Young people leaving the grounds during the afternoon should be properly chaperoned, and have the consent of their pastors or dormitory supervisors. No one will leave the grounds after supper without emergency permission, also obtainable at the Business Office.

**Lights Out:** Lights in all cottages and dormitories must be out at 11:00 p. m. Many come to the encampment for their vacation, and have a right to expect to rest during the night hours. These should be considered. Any unnecessary noise or disturbance after

11:00 p. m. will be investigated and those guilty will be asked to leave the grounds. This procedure has been voted for by the encampment.

**Swimming:** There will be no mixed swimming. Men and boys will swim at one time, girls and women at another. All are requested to wear robes to and from the pool, and to shower before swimming.

**Caution:** It is understood that those who register for the encampment agree to abide by these suggestions. Refusal to observe these suggestions, or willful mutilation or destruction of encampment property will result in immediate dismissal from the encampment grounds.

**THE THEME:** Remember Jesus Christ (II Timothy 2:8).

**THE SPEAKERS:** W. O. Vaught Jr., Little Rock, will speak at the morning devotional services.

Dr. W. L. Howse, Fort Worth, Texas, will speak at the noonday services.

Dr. Ellis Carnett, Fort Worth, Texas, will speak at the evening services.

Hines Sims, Nashville Tennessee, will be the song leader.

**RECREATION DIRECTOR:** Hatcher Hoyt, Little Rock.

## THE DAILY SCHEDULE

- 6:30 Rising Bell
- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Devotional Hour, Rev. W. O. Vaught Jr., speaker
- 8:50 Training Union and Church Music Study Courses, Ralph W. Davis and Mrs. B. W. Nininger, deans
- 9:40 Sunday School and Church Music Study Courses, Dr. Edgar Williamson, dean
- 10:30 Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Study Courses, Mrs. C. H. Ray and Nelson F. Tull, deans
- 11:15 Recess
- 11:30 General Assembly, Dr. W. L. Howse, speaker
- 12:45 Dinner
- 1:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 2:30 Recreation
- 6:00 Supper
- 6:45 Baptist Student Union Conference, T. D. McCulloch and Robert S. Denney
- 7:30 Evening Service, Dr. Ellis Carnett, speaker
- 9:00 Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 Campus Clear
- 11:00 Lights Out

THEME: "Remember Jesus Christ"

# Autograph Party

# Song Of The Month

## July

## "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

SAMUEL FRANCIS SMITH

HENRY CAREY

*My country, 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.*

*My native country,—thee,  
Land of the noble, free,—  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song:  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.*

*Our Fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protest us by Thy might  
Great God, our King.*

No more beautiful and fitting hymn could be adopted as the Song of the Month for July than this universally beloved poem of a great Baptist. Samuel Francis Smith, while a student at Andover, was turning through the pages of German songs which had been given him by Lowell Mason in order that he might translate them into English. As his eyes rested on the tune now known as "America" he was struck with its fine spirited rhythm and he at once began to write a patriotic poem to its meter. The result is the same today as when he wrote it, having never been altered or shortened. Although never adopted as such, it is actually considered and used by all the people as the national anthem. Dr. Smith, who became an honored pastor of several large Baptist churches during his very active ministry, was at one time professor of modern languages, being familiar with fifteen languages. At the age of eighty-six, he was preparing to take up the study of Russian.

This great Christian was deeply interested in missions. Second in fame only to "America" is the fine missionary hymn, "The Morning Light Is Breaking," which he wrote.

The tune to which "America" is sung is the same as that to which the English people sing their "God Save the King." It possesses dignity and moving impulse so suited to fervent patriotism. Each stanza calls to mind an important element of America's greatness for which all her native sons and daughters wish to offer their song of thanksgiving, mingled with earnest prayer for guidance by "our father's God."

—Ruth Nininger.

Ralph Denney, brother to State Missionary Ottis E. Deney, is visiting his parents in Fayetteville, Arkansas, this summer.

Ralph has had two years' training in the Department of Music, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is available for conducting the music in revival meetings this summer.

I overheard the new neighbors invite my son, 12, to go to the ball game with them, telling him to go ask his dad for permission.

"Nope," said sonny, "I'll have to ask mom. Dad says she wears the can'ts in our family."—Copied.



*The Rogers Family*

Reading left to right: Mrs. J. S. Rogers Jr., of Conway; Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Grigson, son-in-law and daughter, Long Beach, California; Mrs. J. S. Rogers Sr., Conway; Mrs. Frank Nunnally, daughter, Little Rock; J. S. Rogers Jr., son, Conway; Dr. J. S. Rogers Sr., Conway.

## Publication And Autograph Party

Approximately 250 people were present at the autograph party given in honor of Dr. J. S. Rogers, author of the History Of Arkansas Baptists, at the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, the afternoon of June 22.

The accompanying picture shows a stack of the books, which went on sale that day, with Dr. Rogers and his entire family, with the exception of Mr. Frank Nunnally, son-in-law, who could not be present, standing just back of the books.

With the mail orders on hand, and the copies sold on this occa-

sion, the sale of the book got off to a good start.

History of Arkansas Baptists is a monumental work and represents exhaustive research on the part of the author. It is not only interesting and informative reading, but the entire book is enlivened by a profusion of photography, so that the history of Arkansas Baptists is told not only in narrative, but also by the likenesses of the men and women who have made Arkansas Baptist history.

The book, including autographed copies, is on sale at the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock. Price, \$3.57, including tax.

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# New Type Mission Work

By C. W. CALDWELL

A new type of local mission work has been started by the First Church, Tuckerman, Ray Rhyne, pastor. The type of work projected by the Tuckerman church is explained by Brother Rhyne as follows: "We began our mission work more than a year ago when we got hold of a projection machine and went into the rural section all around our town and held meetings on the lawns of the rural people. We would first have singing, preaching, and then a motion picture of a Bible story or a message. We had large crowds wherever we went. The response was so great that a revival meeting sprang up in the Pond Switch community north of Tuckerman. Twelve people were added to the church as a result of this meeting. Picture above is the Pond Switch group. Another meeting sprang up in the Greenhaw Community south of Tuckerman where seven were added to the church at the close of the meeting.

"The services are held each Thursday evening and the people are always anxious to have the next meeting in their home. A revival was begun at the Pond Switch mission Monday, June 21. Indications are that a great harvest of souls will be ours to enjoy."

Reports are received from week to week in regard to churches sponsoring mission work in their communities. Has your church made a survey of the religious needs nearby and done anything toward establishing a mission? Don't hesitate too long, someone else is likely to enter the field you are thinking about.

During the past week your Superintendent of Missions has shown the movie films in the following churches: Elliott, Fordyce, Osceola, Harrisburg, Marmaduke, Monette, Central, Jonesboro, and Lake City. In every case, except one, two films were shown, one on rural missions and the other on local missions.

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Claude Stripling, pastor of Bradley church, has written to commend the article about the Mexican mission. He called attention, however, to the fact that Hope Association has helped to finance the work and has had a greater part in carrying on the mission on than people realize. We are glad to give credit to the Hope Association for their part in helping to begin and maintaining this marvelous mission work.

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A very interesting program on rural church and community life will be held in the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, July 5-9. Missionaries and rural pastors of Arkansas are urged to attend. Your Superintendent has been asked to preside over some of the sessions, conduct an open forum, and to speak on the subject, "Encouraging Rural Pastors and Churches." Elmer Cox, pastor of New Hope church near Omaha, Arkansas, will also be on the program.

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## Greetings From Nigeria

Receiving so many lovely Christmas cards brought to my mind that I had not written many of you since returning to Nigeria. It seems that the longer I live out here the more difficult it is to take time to write letters.

I know that you are happy to be in the new building. I am sure that it is nice. You will note that I am in Shaki again. I worked in Iwo nine months until another nurse arrived to take over the Iwo dispensary. I enjoyed working there, but Shaki is home to me on this side of the river, so I was glad to come home, though things have changed much in Shaki. Most of the time heretofore there have been only two of us in Shaki. Now there are two married couples with three children, and three single women—truly an American colony. One married couple will be leaving for furlough soon, however. It surely is nice to have more missionaries, especially the children. I never get lonely any more.

I returned to Shaki last September. We have a doctor here now, one of the married women, Dr. Margaret Richardson. This is the first time I have worked with a doctor in Africa. I feel like a great load has been lifted from my shoulders. Now, just when I get accustomed to working with her it is time for her to go on furlough, and I shall have to carry on without a doctor again. We plan to start building a new hospital and a new home. I shall have to see to the building in addition to doing my work and the doctor's in the dispensary. However, one of the married workers is a nurse and will work with me when she can. She has a five month old daughter, so I can't count on her to work full time at the dispensary. And, in addition to all this, I hope to help in building a dispensary in one of our out-stations about 40 miles from Shaki. Now, you see why I don't take time to write.

I do want to express my gratitude to the W. M. U. office for the "Arkansas Baptist." Since I have written to so few people this time, I scarcely receive any letters, but I can always count on the "Arkansas Baptist." Sometimes it is the only news from home that comes.

I never did write you my choice of magazine, so if I am still on

the list you may send me "Saturday Evening Post."

It was a joy unspeakable to return to Shaki and see all my native friends. When I left here in 1945, ill, I had no hope that I should ever be permitted to return. When I returned the natives said that they knew I would come back, because they prayed for me every day that God would allow me to return, and He did. How great is our God!

I shall never forget my many friends over the Southland who were so kind, thoughtful, and considerate. So many remembered me even in a material way. I just pray that I may never disappoint any of you.

—Amanda Tinkle, Shaki, Nigeria,  
West Africa.

## Greetings From Santiago, Chile

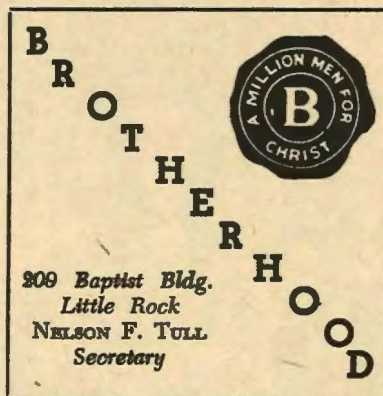
When our prayer calendar arrived the other day we were glad to see that the W. M. U. meeting date was listed, for we had been wanting to know when the Convention met, so that we could send greetings to it. Please give our regards to all there and we will pray that the Convention will be a success in every way.

Many things have happened in the last year since we were in Jonesboro. Coming to this new land and getting adjusted is about the biggest thing for us. We are getting acclimated more and more and now Hugo is able to be getting into the work some. He has preached four times in Spanish already. When the Seminary opens next week he will begin teaching English to the students there. Then once a week he is going to teach Bible to some university students using English.

There are untold opportunities for work here. Before the years is out we will be in full time work. It will be good to get into it and be able to carry our share of it. I want to take this opportunity to thank you again for your generous love gift at the Convention last year. Then, too, to say thanks for the magazine that comes each month as a gift from you. All three of us look forward to its coming.

—Ruth and Hugo Culpepper.

# Calling All Men



## Figures To Inspire

June 20, 1948

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1795	307	15
Including Missions	460	227	5
Ft. Smith, First	1008	358	4
El Dorado, First	773	180	2
Little Rock			
Baring Cross	604	209	6
Including Missions	649	224	
Hot Springs, Second	577	164	3
Fayetteville, First	563	131	5
Including Missions	603	155	
Paragould, First	537	224	1
Little Rock			
Tabernacle	506	101	1
Benton, First	499	95	4
Including Missions	521	140	
Pine Bluff, Southside	460		5
Camden, First	452	101	20
Including Missions	594		
Hope, First	412	103	
El Dorado, Second	410	140	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	405	117	1
Arkadelphia, First	402	142	2
McGehee, First	380	105	4
Including Missions	441		
Magnolia, Central	364	132	1
Including Missions	417		
Hot Springs, Central	359	111	2
Including Missions	419		
Hamburg, First	350	169	12
Hot Springs			
Park Place	350	78	5
Conway, First	349		4
Springdale, First	349	187	5
Including Missions	497		
Warren, First	348	71	3
Rogers, First	347	104	8
Paris, First	338	101	
Russellville, First	331	61	
Including Missions	395		
Ft. Smith			
Grand Avenue	322	80	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	320	81	1
Fordyce, First	317	104	
Hot Springs, First	317	82	
Siloam Springs, First	305	165	3
Little Rock			
South Highland	297	79	2
Harrison, First	291	117	2
Including Missions	394	148	
Monticello, First	288	119	35
Nashville, First	262	79	
Mena, First	258	72	28
Including Missions	359	111	
Dumas, First	246	117	
Including Mission	297		
El Dorado, West Side	246	75	
Cullendale, First	233	107	
Greenwood	224	77	
Smackover, First	222	91	
Pine Bluff, Second	217	65	5
Ft. Smith, Southside	209	50	28
Monticello, Second	208	132	15
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	194	78	1
Elaine, First	194	70	11
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	146	98	2
Hot Springs			
Lake Hamilton	138	131	6
Walcott	132	57	
South Texarkana	90	65	1
Douglasville, Second	78	30	2
DeWitt, Eastside	70	74	
Ft. Smith, Bethlehem	37	18	

Men, we need you at the Brotherhood Conference at the Siloam Springs Assembly, July 15-22.

We need you and other men from all over Arkansas; men representing every church, every association, every section of our state. Our Brotherhoods, our churches, and our denomination need men who are informed and inspired, to return to their homes from Siloam Springs ready and able to build better Brotherhoods, greater churches, and a greater denomination for Christ.

You will be a better man, able to carry a weightier cross for your Lord if you will attend the Brotherhood Conference at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs.

Remember the dates: July 15-22.

Write to Dr. Edgar Williamson, Baptist Building, Little Rock, for reservations for yourself and your family. Do it today!

Last call for Siloam!

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## Among the Missionaries

Four new missionaries were appointed at the June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Fuller, for China, and Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel Luper, for Brazil.

Recent departures for foreign mission fields are: For West Africa—Rev. and Mrs. Neville Claxton by boat May 20; Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Howell by boat May 20; Miss Hattie Gardner by plane May 25. For Brazil—Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher by boat May 21. For Hawaii—Rev. and Mrs. Carter Morgan by boat June 4.

Recent arrivals are: Rev. Tucker Callaway from Japan, now at 4503 Park Ave., Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Bertie Lee Kendrick from Hawaii, now at Spindale, N. C.; Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Abernathy from China, now at Fort Smith, Arkansas (care of First Baptist Church); Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Wil-

liams from China, now at Box 5148, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Frank P. Lide from China, now at Box 223, Wake Forest, N. C.; Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles from Argentina, now at 2600 Fernhill Ave., Richmond, Va.; Rev. J. A. Turnbull from Brazil, now at 2811 Marshall Ave., Newport News, Va.; Miss Violet Long from Palestine, now at Conway, S. C.; Margaret Marchman from Africa, now at Rabun Gap, Ga.; Virginia Hagood from Nigeria, here for medical aid, accompanied by Mary Evelyn Fredenburg who will return to Nigeria the latter part of June.

Dr. Everett Gill Jr., secretary for the Orient, and Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary of Education and Promotion, will spend three weeks in Mexico, leaving Richmond June 22.

# Micaiah, a Prophet of Israel

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

This lesson series bears the title, "Unheralded Bible Characters." And one can readily see that there will follow a group of character studies. Many people receive more practical Bible knowledge from such studies than any other type of discussion.

It will be true, perhaps, that we will learn of characters during this quarter who have been unnoticed heretofore. These are the "unheralded," or less prominent characters of Biblical history. The traits of characters possessed by the men and women of these lessons are those which make for true greatness in the kingdom of God. In this age of material values, greedy ambitions, glamorous living, and worldly Christians, we need to search God's word concerning the traits of character that will stand.

Our first character is Micaiah, whose outstanding traits were truthfulness and faithfulness to God. Do we not need to develop those in each of our lives as Christians, leaders, and followers of Jesus?

## An Unholy Alliance

The king of the Northern kingdom at the time of our lesson is a man who is very familiar to us, Ahab of the Elijah stories. We think of him in that connection, also as the husband of the wicked Jezebel, and the covetous admirer of Naboth's vineyard. 1 Kings 20-22 is the source of the above incidents and the one which we study, now.

Ahab and his father, Omri, were both great kings of Israel, politically, but they showed nothing but disregard and even contempt for God.

In the Southern kingdom, the dynasty of David reigned and the king contemporary with Ahab was Jehoshaphat. 2 Chronicles 17:4 gives a bright picture of his early reign: "he sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel."

He was an unright ruler and a godly king but he had several weak and unholy alliances. One of these was the marriage of his son and heir to the daughter of the wicked Jezebel. Another is this visit, as discussed in our lesson, when he goes to have fellowship with Ahab and is enticed into helping the wicked king in a war against Syria.

Jehoshaphat, already committed to help Ahab, feels dubious about the matter and asks that Ahab inquire of the Lord if this is what he should do.

Ahab calls 400 prophets, the true identity of whom is not revealed, and asks, "Shall I go against Ramoth - Gilead . . . ? These false prophets assured the

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For July 4, 1948

1 Kings 22:5-9, 13-18, 26-28

success of the venture, but Jehoshaphat knew they were insincere, false, godless, and did not trust their word. It was then that he demands word from "A prophet of the Lord."

### The Faithful Messenger

Ahab admits the presence of one in his kingdom who is a true prophet. He admits further, his intense hatred of this man because he always told the truth about him. "There is yet one man, Micaiah, the son of Imlah . . . but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil."

Nothing could have been a better testimony of the faithfulness of the messenger of God than this statement of Ahab. The king of Judah rebukes him for this word against Micaiah and insists that he send for him.

The one who brought Micaiah before the two kings tells him of the word of the 400 prophets and hints that he should join with the decision of the majority. Micaiah had an answer for that: "As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak." Any true messenger of God will speak that which the Lord puts upon his heart, regardless of the consequences.

Micaiah knew Ahab had no use for him and did not want his counsel, so the first messenger he gave the king was a reproof by his scornful repetition of the assurance given by the false prophets. Ahab caught it at once and adjured him to tell the truth about it all.

Then, Micaiah gave a vision which come to him of all Israel scattered without a shepherd, meaning the defeat and death of Ahab. At this, Ahab was outraged and ordered the prophet's arrest and imprisonment until he should return victorious. Micaiah said "if thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me."

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## Are We Faithful Messengers

The close of our story is easily followed. In spite of disguise and determination, the arrow of the Syrians found the vulnerable place in the clothing and protection of Ahab and his life ebbed away. The prediction of Elijah as to Ahab's death and the licking of his blood by dogs came to pass (1 Kings 21:21, 23.)

All Christians face age-old temptations to compromise, to not speak out for God and to blend their lives with the worldly crowd. Teachers and preachers can line up with the 400 false prophets or with Micaiah. It was not easy for Micaiah to take the stand which he took. It was difficult and called for the best in his character. But, he loved God and was willing to suffer for the truth.

Are we willing to do that?

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## Music Festival At Siloam Assembly

The choral festival, which will take place at the assembly Sunday afternoon, July 18, at 3:00, promises to be the greatest musical event ever undertaken at the Siloam Springs encampment. W. Hines Sims, associate in the Department of Church Music at the Sunday School Board, Nashville, who is coming to be the song leader for the week, will direct the festival.

Seven choirs, all developed as part of the expanded program of music education at the assembly, are expected to participate. These are the Cherub, Carol, Concord, Chapel, Church, Male, and Speech Choirs. The congregation, too, is

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to take an active part in the festival.

Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state director of church music, who will serve as dean of the music school, is anxious that every singer in Arkansas avail himself of the splendid courses in church music being offered at the 1948 assembly. The capable faculty, each member of which is a specialist in his own field, has been recruited from all over the South. There are classes in formal music training and there are also several classes for those wishing only to become better listeners to great church music. Music awards are to be given for completion of each course.

It is urged that the singers plan to arrive on the grounds in time for a SPECIAL REHEARSAL THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 15, AT 4:00, and that each singer BRING COPIES OF THE MUSIC TO BE USED IN THE FESTIVAL. These numbers are:

Youth Choir—"While By Our Sleeping Flocks"—Jungst; "Battle Hymn of the Republic"—Ringwald.

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# CENTRAL COLLEGE

By E. C. BROWN

Plans are progressing satisfactorily for the opening of Central College on September 6 at its new location, the Hospital Area of Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The officials of the college feel that all the pertinent information which has been requested by War Assets Administration has been given in a supplementary report to the main application for the Camp Robinson property. It is expected that final deed to the property will be forthcoming within the next few months. Meanwhile, the college is busily engaged in getting the buildings ready for occupancy.

Approximately 400 student applications have been received, and others are coming in with every mail. The college now has an office in the upstairs of the Martin Furniture Store building in North Little Rock. The telephone number is 9329. Miss Virginia Webster is in charge of the office. All mail should be addressed to Central College, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Marvin Bankston, dean of Central College, has announced the selection of the following faculty members: Dr. Woodrow Phelps, Christian Education, graduate of O. B. U. and Southwestern Theological Seminary; Miss Erma Gray, applied arts, received degrees from Arkansas State Teachers College and George Peabody College; Miss Virginia Webster, social science and assistant librarian—Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary; Walter Brewster, economics and business administration—bachelor's degree from Arkansas A. and M. College and master's degree from University of Pennsylvania; Horace Nelson, education—graduated from Arkansas A. and M. and Columbia University; J. P. Leveritt, health and education—Arkansas A. and M. and George Washington University. Other faculty members are being selected, and will be announced later. A meeting of the Central College Board is scheduled for the early part of July.

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## Legalized Drinking

Recently, we have heard much about young people being in the center of the crime wave, and of the increase in drinking among young people—most of which has developed since "repeal." We have also heard a great deal about the increase in drinking among women. Dr. Robert V. Seliger, a noted doctor, said in Reader's Digest, February 1947:

"In my waiting room every afternoon there is a group of tragic women. Housewives, professional women, business girls—they range in age from 18 to 70. Some wear mink coats; some are poor. But each has the same tragedy. All are ill and their illness has the same symptom: because of some underlying dis-

order they have come to drink too much.

### Alcoholism Increasing

"Alcoholism as a disease—I am not talking about moderate social drinking—is increasing among men, too. But the ratio of women alcoholics to men has risen alarmingly during the past 20 years. When I started practicing psychiatry not more than one out of ten alcoholics who came to me for treatment were women. Now, the women are four in ten.

"Nearly one fifth of the women who are in jail in America are there because of drunkenness. But, abnormal drinking is not confined to the lawless. What makes the spread of alcoholism so ominous is the fact that it is making its deepest inroads among our most intelligent and most sensitive women."

Last week the writer had occasion to be a witness in a case of burglary in the city court. While waiting in the court room, a woman of some thirty years of age was brought before the judge, and the charge against her was drunkenness. The court assessed a heavy fine accompanied by the following words, "This is your third offense in this court." The woman slowly walked away from the desk to pay her fine. As the session progressed we heard the judge call names, one after another, many, many of them, so many we lost count. The judge did say these words, "Mr. — — forfeits a ten dollar bond on a charge of drunkenness." We confess that, although we knew conditions were extremely bad with respect to drinking, yet we had no idea that it is so terrible.

### Increased Arrests for Drunkenness

And, there is much bootlegging. Many stills are being captured by officers today, and they are not having to hunt for them like they did in prohibition days.

The writer offers again to buy any man the best suit of clothes in the city if he will show that any year of the prohibition era produced as much drunkenness as a year of legalized liquor is doing.

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### Immanuel, El Dorado, Calls Pastor

The Immanuel Baptist Church in El Dorado called J. D. Tolleson, Opp, Alabama, and he has accepted. He will be on the field sometime in August.

Brother Tolleson conducted a revival for one week with the Immanuel Church in El Dorado, and there were between thirty and forty additions to the church. His good preaching, and his tireless personal labors were an inspiration to the leaders in Immanuel Church. The entire church is thankful for the work of the Pulpit Committee, and is happy over the promise of Brother Tolleson to come to them as pastor. It has a beautiful new building, a large attendance, and some of the best men in places of leadership that you will find anywhere. Congratulations to Brother Tolleson.

## BETTER WATCH OUT!

By LAWSON H. COOKE

During the first five months of this year the Co-operative Program South-wide receipts show an increase of \$368,012.32 over the same period last year. While this is encouraging, it is nothing like what the increase should have been.

During the same period South-wide designated gifts show an increase of \$674,911.45, or 83 per cent more than the increase in distributable funds.

The above figures evidence a somewhat unwholesome trend. We, as Southern Baptists, must realize that the Co-operative Program is the foundation of our denominational financing. If we knock that out, the entire denominational structure will fall apart.

Nothing in this piece is to be construed as a criticism of the rights and privileges of designating, which we fully respect. We are saying, however, that the only possible way to support the entire denominational work is through the Co-operative Program.

We do not believe that it is any more important to support a missionary on the foreign field than to support the seminary that produces the missionary. Conversely, it would seem to be the height of folly to support a seminary and then withhold our support from the missionary who was trained in the seminary. We cannot withhold our support from any one agency of the convention, and in the last analysis this is what designating amounts to, without impairing the effectiveness of all other agencies.

We must stick to the Co-operative Program if we would have a sound, sensible, and equitable distribution of denominational funds.

### Southern Baptist Executive Committee Report For May

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention reported that during the month of May Southern Baptists gave a total of \$984,090.71 for all causes. Of this amount \$514,998.54 was for the Co-operative Program, and \$469,092.17 was designated funds.

Arkansas Baptists gave a total of \$25,128.13, with \$10,064.27 of this for the Co-operative Program and \$14,063.86 designated.

Comparing the year through May with the same period of 1947: to date this year Southern Baptists have given \$4,807,750.63, last year to date they gave \$3,764,826.86.

Total disbursements for the month were \$984,700.71, this included the Copenhagen deficit.