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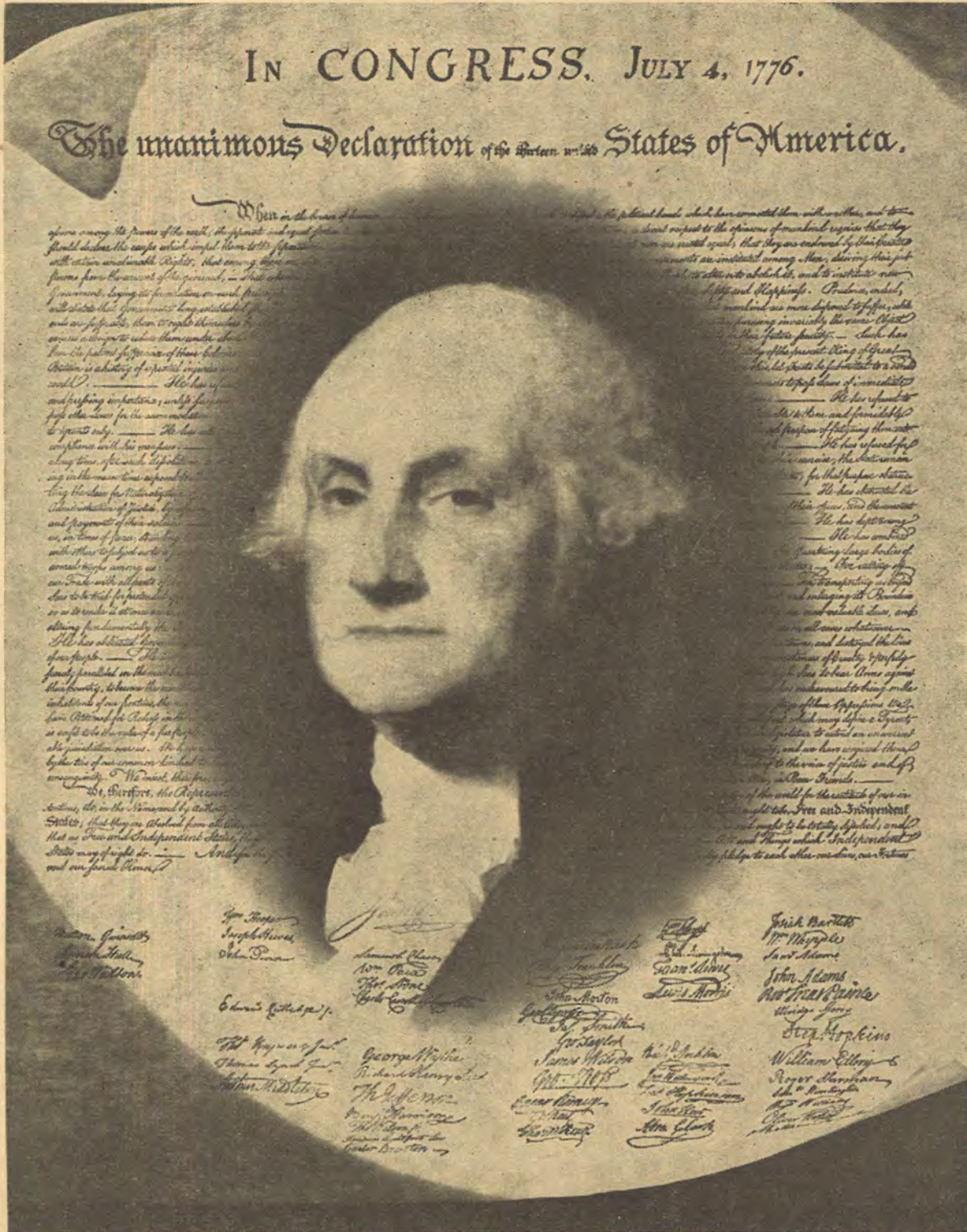
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—Harold M. Lambert.

George Washington, The Father of His Country

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The Preacher In Politics

By SELSUS E. TULL

The whiskey forces, the gamblers, and the political corruptionists are all against the idea of the preacher taking any part in political discussions. These characters have every reason to fear the influence of the preacher in checking their designs. Yet, it is a fact that evil doers have raised such a hue and cry against "The Preacher in Politics" that they have scared lots of preachers off the field and into silence on questions and tendencies which are working destruction in the ranks of society and in the affairs of government.

I believe that much of the evils in society and corruption in government which prevail today could never have come into practice if the God-called preachers of America had not practiced silence in the face of the monstrous evils which have been on parade all up and down the nation.

On the other hand, I doubt that any great moral reform can now take place in America until the preachers lead the crusade which is imperatively necessary if we are to be saved from complete moral degeneracy and political degradation. We are face to face with the fact today that partisan politics and the dominant forces of wickedness are controlling the people to the extent that no hope remains except through an up-rising generated among the rank and file of the people. Such an up-surge for righteousness will not take place without leadership, and that of the right sort. The hope for reform resides in the churches led by dauntless preachers.

The preachers are in constant touch with millions of citizens. They minister down in the ranks with the people. For that reason they hold to a source of influence and power which can turn the tide with irresistible force. The preacher's appeal is to the moral conscience of the best people in America—the citizens who compose their congregations.

Whatever duress, intimidation, fear of propriety, or false judgment which have existed about preachers dealing in politics must now be thrown to the winds and God's people must be called into ranks in the present battle for moral and spiritual survival.

What are some of the blatant evils which must be abolished in this nation, if America is to save herself as well as to lead the world back into the paths of righteousness and of peace?

Political Corruption

The monstrous and revolting corruption in American politics today has been accomplished by the use of tax-payers' money. For two decades now the treasury of the United States has been used to build up a bureaucracy with such enormous payrolls and far-reaching patronage that the politician can depend upon being elected to office by government employees and others bought up by subsidies. By this fact the people are paying the price of their own enslavement to a one-party system of perpetual waste for political purposes. It is perfectly logical that out of such a condition of political corruption we should be disgraced by public scandals, thievery, and exploitation in high places. Can we expect the people to live honestly under the sway of a dishonest government? The famous Harry Hopkins philosophy of "spend and elect, spend and elect, spend and elect" has been carried into effect

on his other principle that the people are too dumb to see the difference.

Militarism

There is so much war and threats of war that we are about to turn ourselves over to the military clamor. If this nation adopts universal compulsory military training for American youth, it will finally result in moral and spiritual disaster. The churches will not be able to cope with the capture of our immature boys by the spirit of war engendered in military camps.

Waste and Moral Decay

Under the pretext of "war preparedness" and various false "emergencies" we have become accustomed to the continuous appropriation of billions in money along with the continuous demand for more taxes which never can cover the piling up of an incalculable national debt. No system of calculation ever devised by the mind of man can keep account of these billions. A few scandals in high places are only a symptom of what any reasonable mind knows to be a gigantic system of waste and graft all down the line of bureaucratic manipulation.

Whiskey Hold on National And State Governments

America was never a more whiskey-soaked nation than she is today. The liquor interests have free access to exploit their goods through every medium of publicity—the magazines, the newspapers, the picture show, the radio, and television. All this is continuously channeled right into the homes of America.

Threat to the American Constitution

Any man who knows anything about history knows that Roman Catholicism is determined to break down the constitutional principle of the separation of church and state in this republic. They are now getting tax money by the millions for their schools and hospitals. For political purposes, President Truman is playing into the hands of the Vatican through his attempt to appoint an ambassador to the Pope of Rome. This is not the only instance in which politicians are attempting to evade or nullify the articles of the Constitution on which the very life of this nation reposes.

Class Hatreds and Race Prejudices

Never before was the United States more dominated by organized "blobs" and race antagonisms. Our politicians cater to those elements to achieve their election to office. By continuing these practices we are hastening toward the day of socialism and complete stateism.

I have here mentioned only six of the dominant threats to the very life of America. Each of these items can be easily elaborated beyond space here permitted.

I come now to the main point in this article. All these frightful issues have their direct influence and reaction upon the churches and upon the preachers of this nation. For that supreme concern, these conditions must force the preachers into the fight in simple defense of the cause they are called upon to protect and to advance.

History will show that every great moral reform has been led by God's preachers. It must remain that way since there are no

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Beginning Of Worship

A Devotion by the Editor

"And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering."

God initiated the beginnings of salvation. He took the first steps necessary to reclaim man from sin. He provided the power by which the mortal wound might ultimately be inflicted upon the tempters; He established an altar at which man might worship God.

The race has never lost its inherent consciousness of the need of worship. We find all tribes of the race practicing some form of worship.

The beginning of worship is introduced to us in the form of a human interest story. And so the factors which are involved in worship are not abstract or theoretical, they are living factors which are involved in the ordinary life of every son of Adam.

There is first the factor of offerings. Offerings have held a prominent place in worship from this first recorded instance until the present. Upon the basis of the provision which God has made for the redemption of man, offerings represent man's response to this provision.

And now as in the very beginning each worshiper must bring his own sacrifice to God's altar. But the worshiper no longer brings the blood of bulls and goats, but the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But we discover that the tempter who entered the garden also invades the sanctuary to interfere with the worship.

Wilful sinners, such as Cain, have their religions with which they try to salve their consciences. They bring their offerings, they make their contributions, they say the prayers, they go through the forms of religious practice.

This external religion says to God, "You can take it or leave it as you like, but that is all you are going to get." And from the days of Cain until now these external religionists become jealous of those who are spiritually religious. Their jealousy grows into envy, their envy into hate, and hatred is murder.

"And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

"And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

"But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." Genesis 4:3-5

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From The Editor's Desk

Who Pays The Campaign Expenses?

From the facts brought to light in the recent hearings of the State Highway Commission a person would seem justified in concluding that the taxpayers pay the campaign expenses of politicians seeking public office, that is, if they win. The revelations of these public hearings would indicate that Highway Commission purchases and contracts were so maneuvered as to elicit campaign fund contributions from the favored business interests of the state.

Of course, a man who could make \$25,000 on one deal with the state could afford to make a substantial contribution to the campaign funds of the incumbent officers. Another man who made more than \$100,000 profit or more than a \$200,000 profit off of a single deal with the Highway Commission could afford to make quite a substantial contribution to the campaign fund.

If other funds of other state agencies have been used in like manner, such use has not yet been revealed. However, one would seem justified in concluding that it is entirely probable that funds of other state institutions were so dispensed as to encourage and make possible substantial contributions to campaign funds.

Of course, we make no charges but we can't help but think and two and two still make four.

Frankly, we are disappointed in Governor McMath whom we supported once for prosecuting attorney and twice for governor. We would not say that Governor McMath has been too ambitious, but we would say that he has allowed his ambition to get the best of him. He has tried to advance too fast. It seems evident that shortly after being elected prosecuting attorney he fixed his ambition upon the governorship. He did a superb piece of

work in ousting the political machine of Garland County and Hot Springs. But he didn't stay with that job long enough to establish the new regime. He had his eye on the state capitol and failed in the prosecution of the Hot Springs political gang.



Being elected governor he left the GI boys in Garland County to hold the bag when he should have stayed with them at least two and better still four years more to have established the reform regime and to have prosecuted the persons whom he was instrumental in getting indictments against. Not only did he run out on his team mates there, but he took Earl Ricks out of his position as Mayor of Hot Springs which further weakened the original team.

It is reasonable to suppose that if Sid McMath had stayed on the job in Garland County and in Hot Springs until he had established the reform regime and established himself in the original confidence which the people expressed by voting him into office, if he had put his mind, his heart and soul on the job there until it was finished, if he had been content to climb a little slower, he might have had anything within the power of the voters of Arkansas to give.

His rise was meteoric, by jet propulsion. But his rise may have been too rapid to be sustained and there is a possibility that his political career will level off at a much lower altitude than it would have had he been content to stay by the job in Garland County until it was finished.

Another Welfare Case

Time magazine, issue of December 31, 1951, reports the welfare case of Esther Clark of Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was in 1942 that she applied at the welfare office in Tulsa and began receiving \$90 a month for the support of the three youngest Clark children.

There were six children in the family and John Clark, the husband, was a junk yard laborer whose earnings were entirely inadequate to support the family.

This emergency, however, was temporary and John Clark soon got a job paying \$75 a week. Whereupon he informed the state that he was earning enough to take care of the house and groceries, but this report did not stop the monthly checks which kept coming regularly.

It seems, however, that Esther Clark

didn't object to the welfare checks coming each month. She took up horse back riding, bought a saddle and boots and finally a horse for herself.

Further efforts of John Clark to stop the welfare checks were of no avail even though he "warned them that they were breaking up my home by giving my wife that check for \$90 every month."

But the welfare office told Clark: "It's hard to get on the relief rolls and just as hard to get off."

This affair resulted in the separation of John and Esther Clark and a divorce in 1947.

In the district court in Tulsa last December in a dispute over the custody of their children, state relief authorities admitted keeping up the payments for four

Why Change The Name?

Elsewhere we publish an article by Dr. W. O. Carver proposing to change the name of the Southern Baptist Convention; also, an article by Dr. Louie D. Newton in reply to Doctor Carver's proposal.

We wish, however, to add our own word of opposition to changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. As Doctor Newton asks, "What would be gained?"

The name, "Southern Baptist," has come to mean something which is recognized by all religious groups throughout the United States, and throughout the world for that matter. The name stands for something, something quite definite and worthwhile. And when the name, "Southern Baptist," is spoken anywhere in the land among religious circles, no one has to ask, "Who are these Southern Baptists?"

The name, "Southern Baptist," for more than a hundred years has been gathering into itself a significance, a meaning, a connotation which could not be transferred by fiat to any other name selected in its stead. The history of a great denomination of Christian people is wrapped up in that name; the distinctiveness of the denomination is inseparably linked with that name; the program of the denomination is also inseparably linked up with that name.

We might ask, not only what would be gained by changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention, but we might ask what would be lost by changing the name? We merely ask the question without attempting to analyze it or enumerate the things that we would lose, except to say that we would lose the connotations and the significance which are now inherent in the name, "Southern Baptist." And it would require a long period of time to build into another name the same significance and meaning which now obtain in our present name.

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The church is not a dormitory for sleepers, it is an institution for workers; it is not a rest camp, it is a front line trench.

years over Clark's objections.

Again it should be said that there can be no objection to meeting the needs of persons in emergencies and in desperate circumstances, those who come to old age without any means of support, but we can't help but wonder how much of the taxpayer's money is being used on just such cases as this and even worse as we reported sometime ago when harlots and their paramours were supported out of welfare funds.

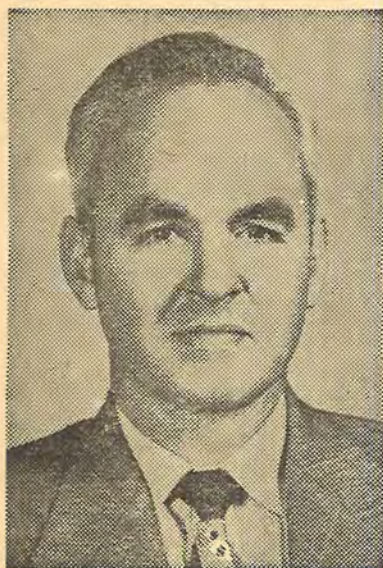
It is entirely beyond the power of the tax paying citizen to understand how public officials and dispensers of the taxpayer's money can have so little regard for the principles of common honesty and actual decency in the discharge of the responsibilities of public office.

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Southern Baptists contributed \$78,643 to the American Bible Society in 1950. The goal for 1951 was \$150,000.

Kingdom Progress

Speakers For Religious Emphasis Week At Ouachita



DR. HENRY A. PARKER

"The Magnetic Christ" has been selected as the theme for Religious Emphasis Week to be held February 18-22, on the campus of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

Speakers for the week include Dr. Henry Allen Parker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama, and Dr. Hugh R. Bumpas, pastor of Capitol Hill Church, Oklahoma City.

Dr. Parker is a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, and of Southern Theological Seminary. He was awarded his Th. D. by the seminary in 1942. One of seven children in his family, Dr. Parker represents the fourth straight generation of Parker preachers in Alabama. He has served the Dothan church for six and one-



DR. HUGH BUMPAS

half years.

Dr. Bumpas is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Theological Seminary. He has studied in the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Dallas, and in Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Bumpas is a member of the State Executive Board, and the Plans and Policies Committee of the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention.

Ouachita College students have been holding organized prayer meetings for Religious Emphasis Week. "Every indication is that God is going to richly bless our campus during this important week," said BSU president, Harold Osborne. The week is sponsored annually by the Baptist Student Union.

Youth Team Assists Second Church, Hot Springs

Second Church, Hot Springs, and Pastor O. L. Bayless, had the services of a youth team in a revival from January 27 to February 1.

Ellis Hollan Jr., Ouachita Student, did the preaching; Archie Fray, Ouachita, led the singing; Carol Cooper, Ouachita, was pianist; Bennye Sims and Gracie Brown of Ouachita were personal workers, and Rhine McMurray, State College, Jonesboro, was a personal worker and is also the team leader.

There were 37 additions to the church, 30 by profession of faith and baptism, seven by letter, and six surrendered for special service.

Pastor Bayless says, "The coming of this youth team was a great blessing to our people. Their humbleness, dependence on God, surrendered lives to the Spirit's leadership, and glorious testimonies gave us a new vision of what God can do."

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"A child of God can see more on his knees than a philosopher on his tiptoes."
—Selected.

Two Ministers Ordained By First Church, Lepanto

Max L. Taylor, pastor of Red Oak Church, and W. M. Foster, pastor of Spear Lake Church, were ordained to the ministry by First Church, Lepanto, February 3. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Foster are students at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

The council was composed of twenty ordained ministers and deacons from Lepanto, Keiser, Corners Chapel, and Red Oak. Edgar Griffin, Trinity Association Missionary, led the examination of the candidates; Joe Deaton, pastor of Corners Chapel, offered the ordination prayer; and F. O. Anders, Keiser, presented the Bibles which were gifts from First Church, Lepanto. W. F. Carlton, Marked Tree, preached the ordination sermon, using the subject, "The Man of God, With the Word of God, in the Present World Crisis." Leslie M. Riherd, Lepanto, served as moderator, and Guy Whitney, pastor at Valley View, was clerk.

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"Some one has said there are enough good ideas lying around to bring in the millenium. But the trouble is they are lying around."

McDowell-Brinkley to Southeastern

Dr. E. A. McDowell and Dr. O. T. Brinkley have announced their intention to accept election to the faculty of the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, effective next school year. They will continue to teach in the same fields in which they have served at Southern Seminary during recent years. Dr. McDowell has taught New Testament, and Dr. Brinkley Christian ethics and sociology.

President McCall and the faculty of Southern Seminary have expressed deep regret over the leaving of both men. The faculty action was as follows:

"That we indicate to both Dr. McDowell and Dr. Brinkley our sincere regret at learning of the fact that they were considering such an invitation, our prayerful hope that they might be led to remain here at the Seminary, but our willingness, though with great reluctance, to abide by whatever decision they may feel led of the Holy Spirit to make and that we would certainly hold them warmly in our hearts through the years to come."

President McCall stated, "It is a real loss to us to have these men leave Louisville. We rejoice, however, that the Southern Seminary faculty is made up of the type of men who would be called upon for such heavy responsibilities in the formation of a new Southern Baptist institution. Having furnished Dr. Stealey as the first president and now these two additional faculty members, we feel that Southern is again justifying her title of 'the mother seminary.'"

Dr. McCall also stated that replacements for these two faculty members have already been selected for nomination to the Southern Seminary trustees on March 12. At that time at least three other new faculty members will be elected by the trustees.

News From Green County Association

James H. Miller has accepted the pastorate of Beech Grove Church.

Lanny Doucett, pastor of Big Creek, has been released from the Veterans' Hospital in Memphis, where he spent several weeks.

Central Hill Church has completed their new building. John McCollum is the pastor.

Mounds Church has acquired a building site and the members are looking forward to a new building. Logan Atnip is pastor.

New Hope Church has named a building committee in anticipation of an educational building. H. O. Schultz is the pastor.

Members of New Liberty Church, Charles B. Jordan, pastor, have set aside several acres to be used as "God's Acre" for the expansion of their work. The church voted to send a contribution to the Cooperative Program each month.

East Side Church, Paragould, Russell Duffer, pastor, has completed a mission building, and are nearing the completion of a new annex at East Side.

First Church, Paragould, plans the building of a mission in the north section of the city, and a pastor's residence for Southside Mission in the near future. D. C. Applegate Jr., is the pastor.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Central Church, Hot Springs, celebrated the seventh anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Clyde Hart with that church on Sunday, February 10. A goal of 700 was set for the Sunday School on that date.

Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, raised a sufficient sum of money on Sunday, February 3, to liquidate the indebtedness on their building and had a surplus with which to begin a building fund for an educational plant.

Calvary Church, Fort Smith, recently remodeled and redecored a dwelling which will house a new department in the future: the Young Married People's department.

Dr. H. A. Haswell, president of Ouachita, was guest speaker to the Brotherhood of First Church, El Dorado, Monday evening, February 11.

Dr. Kyle M. Yates, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, will lead Second Church, Little Rock, in a revival campaign from February 24 to March 2. Two prayer sessions will be held each day, one at noon and one at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. K. O. White, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, recently spent a week speaking to the men in the Armed Services at Fort Benning, Georgia. While there Doctor White was inducted into the Armed Forces. He is now an honorary member of the 30th Infantry and 508th Airborne Combat Team.

Burton A. Miley, pastor of First Church, Marianna, will write the devotionals for *Open Windows* for the week of December 7-13. *Open Windows* is a quarterly publication of the Sunday School Board.

Missionary H. W. Johnston, Current River Association, secured twenty-two subscriptions to the *Arkansas Baptist* during January.

James G. Harris, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, preached Sunday night, February 10, in the new sanctuary of First Baptist

Church, Bunkie, Louisiana, where he served as pastor for five years upon finishing his seminary work.

Dr. Walter Johnson, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, will lead First Church, Searcy, in a revival campaign beginning February 24.

Miss Mary Jo Horn, Camden, will become the office secretary and youth worker of First Church, Fordyce, March 1. Miss Horn is a graduate of Ouachita where she was a music major. J. T. Elliff is the pastor.

South Highland Church, Little Rock, Ray Branscum, pastor, has purchased a Hammond organ to be installed by April 10.

Pastor G. W. Hooten, Fouke, says, "Our offerings have increased forty-seven per cent in the last two years; during the same period of time, we have baptized more people than had been baptized in six years previously. When people obey God, He will bless them."

Missionary H. W. Johnston says, "Several churches in Current River Association are making much needed improvements: New Hope is laying the brick on their new building; Leonard Church is planning a new parsonage soon; Brown's Chapel has remodeled the interior of their building; the education building of First Church, Piggott, is nearing completion; Witts Chapel is planning to redecorate the interior of their building; Shannon Church has purchased the country club building, have moved in, and are going strong."

Two young people, Lyndon Hebner and Joan Folkner, First Church, Brinkley, answered the call to special service on Sunday, February 3. H. L. Lipford is the pastor.

Evangelist Wilbur Herring, Little Rock, will be with First Church, Nettleton, in revival services, March 9-23. Paul Owens, Lake City, will direct the music. G. W. Boyd is the pastor.

Missionary Culpepper Available For Speaking Engagements

Missionary Hugo Culpepper is in Arkansas and will be available for speaking engagements from now till September. He may be addressed at 2524 Wolfe Street, Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Culpepper were formerly missionaries to China; during the war they spent some time in a Japanese concentration camp. After the war they were re-assigned to Chile, where they have spent one term. They are now on furlough.

First Church, Mulberry Goes Forward

Pastor Warner Kersch, First Church, Mulberry, reports marked progress there during the past five months. Last September, Pastor Kersch says the Sunday School attendance was about 30; it is now over the one hundred mark; and the Training Union has grown accordingly. There have been 35 additions to the church membership during these five months, and a new Hammond organ has been purchased and paid for.

News From the Orphanage

H. C. Seefeldt, superintendent of the Orphanage at Monticello, reports the Thanksgiving-Christmas offering has gone over the \$45,000 mark as compared with \$41,000 the previous year.

The birthday banks furnished the churches by the Orphanage brought in an additional \$2,500 in 1951. If you would like an Orphan bank to receive birthday offerings from your church, write Superintendent Seefeldt.

Memorials for 1951 amounted to \$1,064 which represents offerings sent to the Home instead of sending flowers in the home-going of a loved one or remembering the sick.

A Baptist layman has offered to give \$10,000 on a new building for the Orphanage.

The Home can use all coupons that have a cash or merchandise value.

A new bus is being anticipated by the children and staff members. Two associations are working together to bring this to pass.

Books Received

The Treasury of Quiet Talks
Author, S. D. Gordon Price \$2.50
Publisher: Fleming H. Revell Company

Called of God
Author, Gilbert L. Guffin Price \$1.75
Publisher: Fleming H. Revell Company

A Man of the Word
Author, Jim Morgan Price \$4.50
Publisher: Fleming H. Revell Company

The Untold Korean Story
Author, Bob Pierce Price \$1.25
Publisher: Zondervan Publishing House

A Historical Study of the Educational Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention
Author, Edith Clysdale Magruder Price \$3.00
Publisher: Bureau of Publications Teachers College, Columbia University

Four Prophets of our Destiny
Author, William Hubben Price \$2.75
Publisher: The MacMillan Company

The Puritan Heritage
Author, George M. Stephenson Price \$3.50
Publisher: The MacMillan Company

Spurgeon's Sermons
Author, Charles Spurgeon Price \$2.95
Publisher: Zondervan Publishing House

Christ and the Inheritance of the Saints
Author, Thomas Guthrie Price \$2.50
Publisher: Zondervan Publishing House

So You Want To Speak
Author, Mark W. Lee Price \$1.50
Publisher: Zondervan Publishing House

The Chance of a Lifetime
Author, Billy Graham Price \$3.35
Publisher: Zondervan Publishing House

How To Make Chalk Talk
Author, Stella O. Barnett Price \$1.50
Publisher: Fleming H. Revell Company

For Christ and the Church
Author, Idris W. Jones
Publisher: The Judson Press

Broadman Books of Merit

These Historic Scriptures
J. W. Storer \$1.75

These Historic Scriptures covers brief meditations upon the Bible texts used by our Presidents, from Lincoln to Truman, at their inauguration.

Short biographical sketches and pen and ink portraits with signatures of each President are added features.

Evangelism, Christ's Imperative Commission
Roland Q. Leavell \$3.00

A textbook on evangelism for seminaries, colleges, and churches. This book will also serve as a handbook on methods of evangelism for pastors and soul-winners, and a sound and practical guidebook in the development of a church evangelistic program. It suggests many of the methods which have characterized evangelism throughout Christian history.

How Southern Baptists Do Their Work
Austin Crouch Cloth, 75c; Paper, 50c

This new book in the Baptist Training Union Courses of Study outlines some of the principles, policies, and methods of Southern Baptists in conducting their work. It deals first with a discussion of the work of denominational bodies and then deals with the churches and their relation to denominational work.

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By Religious News Service

Senate Committee Speeds UMT Hearing

Hearings opened in Washington on Universal Military Training before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Only five days of hearings were to be permitted, Chairman Richard Russell (D.-Ga.) announced, and religious groups wishing to testify in opposition to the program would be confined to two days of testimony.

The speed with which the Senate committee acted and the fact that church groups were given less than 24 hours notice of the start of hearings led to a charge by the Friends (Quakers) Committee on National Legislation that an attempt was being made to "railroad" the legislation through Congress.

It is unusual for a Senate committee to start hearings on legislation that is pending before the House of Representatives until after the House has acted and presented its bill to the Senate. However, when an "urgent" tag is placed on legislation by the administration, both houses sometimes work on it simultaneously to speed enactment.

The bill now pending before the House would not permit UMT to go into effect until the expiration of the present Selective Service Act in 1955 or a cessation of draft calls under it.

Senator Russell, on the other hand, has said that he favors starting the six-month training at age 18 immediately, with boys subsequently to be called a second time at age 20 to serve 18 to 24 months on active duty.

Chaplaincy Chief Gets Plaque From War Prisoners

North Korean prisoners of war, grateful for Christian ministry of American army chaplains, have presented a plaque to Army Chief of Chaplains (Major General) Roy H. Parker.

Chaplain Parker, in opening his mail at the Pentagon found a beautifully engraved plaque made for him by North Korean prisoners of war in Compound No. 18 whom he had visited while on a tour of the Korean theater in December.

"The response of these prisoners to the Christian treatment they have received in accordance with the Geneva International Convention," Chaplain Parker said, "and the Christian message they have heard from our chaplains has been heartwarming, and proves that Christianity is an effective answer to Communism."

Puerto Ricans to Vote On Constitution March 3

The people will cast their ballots March 3 in a plebiscite on a new "home rule" constitution for Puerto Rico which includes a provision for separation of Church and State. Date for the plebiscite was set by the Insular Legislature at a meeting following approval of the proposed charter by a constitutional convention. If it wins in the referendum, the constitution will go to the United States Congress for final ratification.

Cowboy Star Boosts Sunday School Attendance

A sermon which has attracted more than usual attention in Houston, Texas, was not delivered in the pulpit. It was delivered in the rodeo arena at the Sam Houston Coliseum where the Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition is in progress.

The sermon was given by Cowboy Star Roy Rogers who aimed his comments at youngsters attending the rodeo.

"All you little cowboys and cowgirls out there, be sure to go to Sunday School," he said. "You might hear some of your little friends say it's 'sissy' to go to Sunday School."

"But don't you believe 'em. Going to Sunday School is the best way in the world to get started right in life."

After the show, Houston Chronicle Columnist Charlie Evans wrote, one youngster said to another: "You see, we better start going to Sunday School again. Roy Rogers said for us to."

Christian Action Council Stresses Political Activity

Church members were urged to take a more active part in politics by the Christian Action Council of South Carolina, a temperance and law enforcement group.

The council asked churches of the state to emphasize the importance of the ballot as an "inherent right" which too often is either ignored or abused.

"Christian people could make a fine contribution to our state," the council said, "by active participation in precinct meetings as well as by registering and by careful and intelligent voting."

Protestants in Spain Set at 25,000

Protestants in Spain number 25,000, or less than one-third of one per cent of the total population, according to data supplied by the Ministry of Information.

Chicago Religious Leaders Aroused Over Slaying

Religious leaders joined civic officials in urging a clean-up of gangland influence in politics following the slaying of Charles Gross, 31st Ward Chicago Republican committeeman.

The politician, known for his opposition to hoodlum elements, was shot down two blocks from his home by gunmen who escaped in an automobile.

A statement issued by Dr. Gerhard W. Grauer, president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, said:

"The people of Chicago stand aghast again as they read about the murder of a political candidate who was not in agreement with certain elements in the 31st Ward.

"Our civic and political leaders must face the situation. Both political parties must unite to stamp out this despicable way of doing away with candidates. Our public officials, too, have a responsibility to bring the murderer to justice, and no effort should be spared to that end."

A Smile or Two

Woman (getting on bus and handing driver \$10 bill): "I'm sorry I don't have a dime."
Driver: "That's alright. You're going to have 99 of them in a minute."

—Christian Herald.

Scotsman (to dentist): "What do you charge for taking a tooth out?"

Dentist: "Four dollars."

Scotsman: (After deep thought) "And what would you charge just to loosen it?"

A bishop had been speaking with some feeling about the use of cosmetics by girls.

"The more experience I have with lipstick," he declared warmly, "the more distasteful I find it."

A long-suffering diner noted that his coffee was served without a spoon. "This coffee," he remarked pointedly, "is going to be pretty hot to stir with my finger."

A short time later the waiter returned with another cup of coffee.

"Maybe this isn't so hot, sir," he beamed.

The young lady visitor to the zoo stared at the sign on the kangaroo cage in stunned silence. The sign read, simply:

NATIVE OF AUSTRALIA

She turned away from the cage and shrieked: "Great heavens! My sister married one of those things!"

—Christian Union Herald.

On the last day of school prizes were distributed. When Rusty came home, his mother, who was entertaining callers, asked, "Did you get a prize?"

"No," answered Rusty, "but I got horrible mention."

Bachelor Uncle: Baby six weeks old, you say? Talk yet?

Proud Father: No, no. Not yet.

Bachelor Uncle: Boy, eh?

Tourist: "What's the principal occupation of this town?"

Native: "Well, in winter they mostly set on the east side of the house and follows the sun around to the west, and in summer they set on the west side and follows the shade around to the east."

Lawyer, reading client's last will and testament to a circle of expectant relatives.

"And so, being of sound mind, I spent every cent I had before I died."

Patient: How can I ever repay you for your kindness to me?

Doctor: By cash, check, or postal order!

According to Quote: A Washington, D. C., drugstore has scooped a profit from featured special: "Truman-MacArthur Split, 45 cents."

Smith: "So you're not on speaking terms with Jones?"

Robinson: "No. He sent me a can of oil to use on my lawnmower when I started to cut the grass in the morning. I sent it back and told him to save it for his wife when she started singing at 11 p. m."

News From Baptist Press

Southern Baptists Still Growing Editors Hear in Annual Report

Southern Baptists are still growing! Statistics released this week to Southern Baptist editors in their annual meeting in New Orleans say that 375,525 people were baptized into membership of the 28,289 churches of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1951, bringing the total membership to 7,373,498. This gave a net increase of 293,609 or 4.1 per cent.

The information was compiled on the basis of reports received from the Convention's 992 district associations and released by J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The more than 28,000 churches represent an increase of 501 churches over the 27,788 reported in 1950 or a growth of 1.8 per cent. A decrease in both the number of half-time and quarter-time churches is responsible for the 8.5 per cent increase in churches on a full-time basis. The full-time churches now number 16,362 as compared with 15,074 last year. Of the remaining churches, nearly 400 are three-quarter-time and over 8,000 are half-time.

Churches with pastors at the close of 1951 numbered 25,255 and 23,658 churches reported baptisms during the year.

Total gifts for the year jumped 13 per cent over 1950's giving but mission gifts went up only 11.6 per cent. Southern Baptists gave \$222,838,109, or \$30.22 per capita, during 1951 with \$37,268,172, or \$5.05 per capita, going to missions. The per capita giving increased 8.5 per cent for total gifts and 7 per cent for mission gifts.

Texas Baptists were first in total gifts, with a total of \$44,013,408, and also led in numerical gains with a net membership increase of 56,931. North Carolina came in second in giving with \$22,458,710.

The value of Southern Baptist church property throughout the twenty-one states in the Convention rose 18 per cent during the year. Total value at the end of 1951 was \$761,510,838.

All organizations of the churches reported consistent growth with the Sunday schools adding 229,142 to bring the total enrollment for the year to 5,253,695, a 4.6 per cent growth over the 5,024,553 reported in 1950. Churches reporting Sunday schools this year numbered 27,340, a gain of 2.5 per cent over 1950.

Training Unions throughout the Convention enrolled a net gain of 113,765 to bring the total enrollment of the year for that organization to 1,554,660. A gain of 6.6 per cent during the year brings to 16,886 the number of churches now having active Training Unions. The membership gain for the year represented a 7.9 per cent growth.

The Woman's Missionary Union reports 1,087,427 members in 1951 as compared with 1,033,479 in 1950, an increase of 5.2 per cent. Six per cent more churches report W. M. U. work this year, bringing the total number of churches with active W.M.U.'s to 16,101.

Work with the men of Southern Baptist churches saw a 10.6 per cent boom in the membership of Brotherhoods. The Brotherhood organizations in 5,729 churches have an enrollment of 185,587 men, compared to the 167,744 in 5,076 organizations in 1950.

Vacation Bible schools last summer ministered to 1,770,418 children, many of whom

are in territories without a regular Sunday school or church.

The Statistics Department for the first time this year has divided church classifications into five classes with the addition of the city suburban class in which there are 281 churches this year.

An increase of 5.9 per cent in city churches brings that total to 4,918. More than half of the Southern Baptist churches, 14,531, are classified as open country churches, while another 4,905 are known as village churches. Town churches showed an increase of 3.6 per cent to bring their total number to 3,654.

January Receipts to S. B. C.

Arkansas Baptists gave nearly \$30,000 more to Southern Baptist agencies and causes through the Cooperative Program this January than for the same month last year. In addition to the \$39,035 given this year through the Cooperative Program, \$27,811 was given in designated gifts, according to figures from the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee in Nashville.

Cooperative Program or undesignated receipts for the first month of the new year were \$729,161, or \$132,049 more than was given in January 1951. The increase was 22.11 per cent. The largest state contribution for the month was \$96,452 from Virginia.

Designated gifts for January totaled \$789,015, most of the amount going to the Foreign Mission Board as receipts from the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Virginia Baptists also gave the largest designated offering, totaling \$167,534.

Total gifts for the month were \$1,518,176, an increase of 7.1 per cent, or more than \$100,000, over January last year.

Of the total, \$1,116,051 went to the Foreign Mission Board, \$346,351 through the Cooperative Program and the balance in designated gifts. The remaining receipts through the Cooperative Program were disbursed to Southern Baptist agencies and causes according to percentages adopted by the Convention.

New Tract Gives List For Doctrinal Reading

In line with 1952's denominational emphasis on New Testament doctrine, a new tract titled "Suggested Reading on Baptist Beliefs" is being published by the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. The tract lists for the convenience of pastors and others all tracts, Broadman Press publications and study course books bearing on doctrinal issues, according to Dr. Donald F. Ackland, tract editor.

The tract is available without charge from the Executive Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Severance is New Associate In Audio-Visual Department

Murray Severance recently arrived in Nashville to begin his work as associate secretary in the Department of Audio-Visual Aids of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mr. Severance, who comes to the Board from Gastonia, North Carolina, and Louisville, Kentucky, is a graduate of Wake Forest College, North Carolina. He holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville.

Preacher In Politics

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE TWO)

other commissioned proclaimers of public righteousness and moral purity. Such moral leadership cannot be expected from any other source. If the preachers keep silent there remains no other voice to speak in these realms.

The hour demands that every religious and denominational publication speak out and that every preacher worthy of the name become a moral crusader. This is election year. If a change is not effected now the hope of the future will pass into eclipse. History has made America the unquestioned and supreme power in all the world today. If this power is not directed by moral and spiritual motives and ideals, the hope of the nations will be lost in chaos and pandemonium.

There is no place in the present battle for weak and trembling souls. There is no place now for provincial or political party allegiance. The life of the nation is endangered. Our fight is for America and the churches of Christ. The rank and file must be aroused. Their allegiance to the truth and patriotic conviction is the challenge to deliverance and a return to public righteousness and spiritual supremacy. Let every God-honoring preacher in America get into the fight in this strategic hour. He cannot do less without defaulting upon the inheritance of those freedoms with which God endowed the United States of America at its beginning. God save the day!

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Deacon Claimed By Death

Upon the death of C. J. Buffington, the Lake Village Church, of which he was a member, adopted appropriate resolutions expressing appreciation for his long and faithful service to the church and community, stating that, "He was a faithful co-laborer in our church; one of our most valuable citizens, who stood for civic righteousness."

The resolutions also expressed sympathy to the members of the family who survive him.

Film Production Grows

The Audio-Visual Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville reports the production of five motion pictures and four filmstrips since beginning the responsibility of production for all Southern Baptist Convention agencies in 1950, according to Earl Waldrup, secretary of the service.

Ten other filmstrips are now in the process of development and work has been started on several other motion pictures, Mr. Waldrup says.

Southern Educator Dies

Dr. Harry Henderson Clark, well-known Southern educator and Baptist layman, died recently of a heart attack. He had been an invalid for nearly five years.

At one time Dr. Clark was president of Judson College, Marion, Alabama. He had served as lecturer and professor at the University of South Carolina, Durham; Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina; Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro; and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Dr. Clark was an active Baptist layman during his many years of service as an educator.

All Our Forces Behind Our Work

By CARL A. CLARK

A few months ago a pastor in another state called me by long distance telephone and said, "I am Brother So and So, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of So and So. Our Association is looking for an Associational Missionary and a friend gave us your name and I thought I would call you and see if you were interested in coming to be our missionary."

"Let me say first, that we are not interested in a promotional missionary; we want a pioneer missionary. Which kind are you?"

I sputtered and stammered a moment, and then said something like this: "Brother, suppose I were the chairman of the pulpit committee of a certain church and I called you and asked you if you were interested in becoming pastor of our church. Then suppose I said, 'Now Brother Pastor, we are not interested in getting a preacher who wants to promote everything in the church. We don't care whether he is interested in the Sunday School or not. We don't want him spending a lot of time with the Training School. We don't want him messing around with the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union. We don't even want him to waste his time fooling with the finances and stewardship program of the church. We want him just to go out and win souls; do nothing else but win souls! Brother would you be interested in that kind of proposition?'"

No sensible pastor would. He wants to promote the whole program. He knows that unless he pushes the whole church that not much progress will be made by any one phase of the work.

Associational Work Parallels The Church

Well, the same is true of the Associational program. It should not be a lopsided program any more than the local church should support a lopsided program.

When I was a boy I was the mule skinner of our farm. Especially when it came to oat harvesting time, I handled the team of six mules. Suppose I would hitch up the two lead mules, but leave the four back mules with their traces unhitched. The binder would never get started. Or suppose I should hitch up the back four and leave the two lead mules unhitched. They could pull it, but after awhile they would get winded, and all lathered up and would soon be slowing down so much that we would not be getting much work done.

I am afraid that in too many cases our associations have not enlisted all the forces at our command in support of all the work. We have pushed and pushed on some one or two phases of the work without adequate effort to develop all phases simultaneously, forgetting that all the work must grow together, else no-one part of it will grow much. We need to work for the development of a well rounded program in the church, and a well balanced program of work in the association, else we will be endangered by a lopsided emphasis which can easily get us off on some tangent that may be very attractive and quite popular, but will leave undone much of the needy work of the Master. Marshalling all our forces behind all our work, it seems to me, is the Lord's way of doing things.

Let's Change The Convention Name

By W. O. CARVER, President

Southern Baptist Historical Society

In March, 1946, I sent to a number of denomination leaders, north and south, a questionnaire asking their idea as to the advisability of inaugurating a discussion of changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention so as to restore and continue the historic name of the first body representing the denomination throughout the country.

Rather to my surprise I found the Southern leaders very sympathetic with the idea in general but concerned lest we should bring complications and misunderstandings for our Northern brethren. I had anticipated lack of approval by the Northern leaders. While they were all thoroughly courteous some of them were much agitated over the difficulties which might come among Northern Baptists, an effect which I had myself definitely feared.

When the answers were in I decided that it would be wise to drop the matter even though the logic of events seemed to point definitely toward the desirability of such a change in name.

Opportune Time

Developments during these five years have greatly changed the situation north and south. The Northern Convention has changed its name to the American Baptist Convention. This change was entirely logical, especially in view of the fact that practically all of its agencies and organizations carry the name "American." I feel sure that when the Northern Convention was constituted in 1907 it would have been designated "the American Convention" but for consideration for the Southern Convention.

The aggressive expansion of the Southern Convention throughout the west and to some extent in the central states came to a climax of assertion and planning at the 1951 meeting of the Convention in San Francisco. It was strongly affirmed that the Convention abrogates all territorial limitation. The Convention seemed to think that it was taking a radical step.

Free To Enlarge

It has been widely overlooked in both north and south that the Southern Convention from the beginning and the "Ameri-

can" societies from their beginning and consistently down to the present time have all left themselves free to occupy and function throughout the entire country. No change in the constitutions of any of these bodies would at any time have been necessary for them to reach as far as they might think wise.

It is no longer rational or even really sensible for the Southern Convention by its name to suggest sectional limitation. The name has in the thinking of many taken on a sectarian significance which ought by all means to be transcended and repudiated. The entire country is by their constitutions open to free activity by all Baptist organizations. Fraternal comity considerations have now been explicitly ignored.

Comprehensive Body

Organized Baptists of all sections might and I think should claim continuity with our original co-operative organization, the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions. Of course the objective would need to be restated. The resumption of that honorable historical title might at first cause some misunderstandings. Yet it would in a short while definitely serve to promote unity, extending cooperation and strengthening the righteous trend toward a comprehensive Baptist body for the entire country.

I submit these considerations for thought and discussion on the part of our people. I shall feel happy in what I regard as a real advance if the Baptist program in America shall eventuate in positive action, for integration in "The General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Propagating the Gospel."

As a first definite and progressive step I propose that the Southern Convention shall change its title to correspond with the present profession and practice and adopt the title of the first general body of American Baptists, 1914: "The General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for the Advancement of the Gospel," briefly, "The General Convention of Baptists."

All Agree . . .

Let's All Help

By J. C. HOCKETT, JR.

Certainly we all agree that we should start 5,000 new Sunday Schools in March. We all know that there are more than 30,000 unreached and neglected communities in our territory in which Baptists have no church or mission station. We all know that a branch Sunday School reaches new people and opens up new evangelistic opportunities.

Certainly every pastor and every superintendent wants to take the gospel to more people. A great many churches have already started branch Sunday Schools, many of which have become strong churches—and practically every church is now in position to share this experience and enjoy the blessings that come from it.

Let's all help. We can do this. We can locate a community in which there is no Sunday School. We can find and enlist at least

a few people who will attend for Bible study. Then we can lead our church to appoint a superintendent and teachers and secure a place to start a branch Sunday School.

Starting 5,000 new Sunday Schools in March is a big task, but a glorious one. Let's all help.

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THE APOSTLE OF THE AMAZON

Lewis M. Bratcher \$1.75
Here is excellent background material for the foreign mission study of Latin America missions, 1951-52.

Dr. Bratcher is secretary of the Home Mission Board, Brazilian Baptist Convention. He went to Brazil as a Southern Baptist missionary. From 1919 to 1930 he taught in Rio Baptist Theological Seminary; he also taught at the Woman's Training School for eighteen years.

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When a man distributes his blessings, he keeps them all.

Just What Would be Gained By Changing Convention Name?

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, *Pastor*
Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Ga.

I have read Dr. W. O. Carver's article, suggesting change of name of the Southern Baptist Convention to the General Convention of Baptists. I am not convinced by the argument of this cherished friend, which leads me to ask, Just what would be gained by his proposal? Nor does he offer any practical approach in reaching his goal. Would he have in mind the well established Baptist procedure of conference and agreement with the other Baptist bodies throughout the country?

Dr. Carver does say that, "Fraternal comity considerations have now been explicitly ignored," which could be his answer to any thought of future conference and agreement. I am fairly familiar with the comity conferences between Baptists North and South for the past 40 years, and, for the sake of the record, I would suggest that many of us in the South have sought to respect and observe all comity agreements. And let us keep in mind the fact that it was the Northern Baptist Convention that moved on to a new name suggesting not merely nationscope, but hemispheric territory.

We now have four major Baptist bodies in the United States, and several small Baptist bodies—three of the major bodies carrying national or hemispheric titles—the National Baptist Convention, Inc., the National Baptist Convention of America, and the American Baptist Convention. The two "National" conventions are composed of our Negro brethren, and the American is the former Northern Baptist Convention.

How He Reasons

Dr. Carver says that Southern Baptists would be justified in assuming the name of the first general Baptist organization in our country—the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions—for the following reasons, if I correctly follow him:

First, because the Northern Convention has already changed its name; second, because Southern Baptists have already expanded their work throughout the West and to some extent in the central states; third, because of the declarations regarding territorial limitations by the San Francisco Convention; fourth, because "the name has in the thinking of many taken on a sectarian significance which ought by all means to be transcended and repudiated;" fifth, because "the entire country is by their constitutions open to free activity by all Baptist organizations;" and, sixth, because "the resumption of that honorable historical title . . . would serve to promote unity, extending co-operation and strengthening the righteous trend toward a comprehensive Baptist body for the entire country."

Space restrains detailed debate, but I would say, as briefly as I can, first, that Dr. Carver's statement that the constitutions of the several bodies leave them free to operate in the entire country seems to grant sufficient authority for anything Southern Baptists are now doing in the West or elsewhere; second, that his statement that we should change the name of our Convention to rid ourselves of any stigma of "sectarian significance" needs clarification, to say the least, for, if he means that our position on matters of doctrine and policy are to be transcended and repudiated,

I am ready to go to bat anywhere, any time, on that subject; and, third, his plea that assuming the name of the original organization, familiarly known as the Triennial Convention, (1814-44), would serve to promote unit, leads me to ask, On what basis?



We Would Still Be Southern Baptists

Now, let's look at the facts. Take your Southern Baptist Handbook and add the membership of the Convention by states, as per the 1951 Annual, and draw a circle around the territory including Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Southern Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, which is the territory of the Convention from 1845, plus a few western states like Southern Illinois, Oklahoma and New Mexico that came in around the turn of the Century, or a little later, and you will have 7,023,289 members. Then add the membership of Arizona, California, Kansas and Oregon-Washington, and you have 56,600 members.

Change the name to whatever you like, and you will still have Southern Baptists. And in view of all that has transpired in the several comity conferences, and Dr. Carver's argument, what, I again fraternally ask, would be gained by calling the rose by any other name? Which leads me to think of one of Aesop's Fables.

Substance or Shadow?

It is the one about the Dog and the Shadow, and I hasten to say to my good friend Carver, and all who share his conclusions, that any suggestion of the analogy of Southern Baptists and "dogs" is, in the language of the script writers, purely coincidental.

"It happened that a dog had got a piece of meat and was carrying it home in his mouth to eat in peace. Now on his way home he had to cross a plank lying across a running brook. As he crossed, he looked down and saw his own shadow reflected in the water beneath. Thinking it another dog with another piece of meat, he made up his mind to have that also. So he made a snap at the shadow in the water, but as he opened his mouth the piece of meat fell out, dropped into the water and was never seen more."

Whereupon Aesop observed, "Beware lest you lose substance by grasping at the shadow." Selah.

Foundation Directors Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Baptist Foundation was held February 5 at the Sunday School Board Building, Nashville.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Mr. L. L. Gellerstedt, Executive Vice-President of the Citizens and Southern National Bank, Atlanta, Recording Secretary, Mr. Raymond L. Rogers, Vice-President First American National Bank, Nashville; Executive Secretary, Dr. C. H. Bolton.

The following new officers were elected: Vice-President, Mr. Jack Massey, President of the Massey Surgical Supply Co, Nashville; Treasurer, Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In closing the meeting the President stressed the opportunities of the Foundation when he said, "In these days when our philosophy of government and our religion are being challenged by a godless philosophy and by an organized underworld within our own country, I feel that it is most important that Christians live their profession and assert their beliefs. This is one of the greatest crises our country has ever experienced, and, in my humble judgment, the teachings of Jesus Christ offer the only solution. I believe that the Southern Baptist Foundation is an instrumentality through which our Christian people can leave some of their material wealth entrusted to them by God to perpetuate the word of our denomination throughout the world."

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The Braille Evangel

ANNUAL REPORT

By EDWIN WILSON

The Braille Evangel, Fort Worth, Texas, reports the receipt of \$15,211.28 by volunteer donations during 1951. Disbursements for the year were \$15,080.66. \$27.36 is the average amount of donations from 556 churches representing all the Southern Baptist territory.

The Braille Evangel is carrying four distinctive areas of service to blind people around the world, and is paving the way for a Church Library for the Blind.

1. The Braille Evangel Magazine, published monthly, is serving a braille audience of 6,000 with choice evangelistic, devotional and educational readings.

2. The Evangel Musician, published quarterly, is serving 1,000 blind people who are active in church music.

3. Las Buenas Neuvas en Braille, published quarterly, (The Good News in Braille), is reaching a virgin field of Latin American blind population.

4. Bible conference for the blind represent a personal effort of evangelism and Christian education, scheduled for each southern state.

The annual budget of \$15,000 is depending upon a gift of \$25 from each of 600 Southern Baptist churches this year.

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Baptists are the largest nonorthodox creed in the Soviet Republic with 400,000 members, 3,000,000 adherents and 3,000 churches, according to a report in the *Baptist Times*, London. The Moscow Baptist church now has 4,000 members and reported 150 baptisms last year and 200 other applications for membership.

Protestant Leaders Testify On U. M. T.



Spokesman for Protestant groups who testified before the House Armed Services Committee, in Washington, expressed strong opposition to proposed legislation on Universal Military Training. Among them were left to right: Dr. J. M. Dawson, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, representing the four major Baptist Conventions in the U. S.; E. Paul Weaver, Mexico, Indiana, Chairman of the Commission on National Legislation, Indiana Council of Churches; and Dr. Charles F. Boss Jr., Chicago, Executive Secretary of the Commission on World Peace, The Methodist Church.

—Religious News Service.

A friendly old colored man once said: "I never puts anybody in my despisery."

The Voice.

It simply could not be done but no one told him, so the chump just barged in and did it.

The Voice.

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Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

W. M. U. Conference in Birmingham

Each January the W. M. U. Executive Committee of the South, state W. M. U. presidents, executive secretaries and young people's secretaries meet in Birmingham to formulate plans for the organization's activities during the next year. Committees and groups charged with various phases of the work diligently plan and then present their suggestions for the Plan of Work.

This year was particularly memorable for the new W. M. U. Building dedicated on Monday evening, January 21. Greetings came from around the world, many commending the Union for first, through offerings, providing for many needs of "others" before providing themselves with a "home." Dr. M. T. Rankin and Dr. J. B. Lawrence, secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board, spoke. Dr. Porter Routh, representing the Executive Committee of the S.B.C., pronounced the benediction. The building was formally presented to the Union by Mrs. W. P. Reeves, president of Alabama's W.M.U., and was accepted by Mrs. George Martin, president of Southern W.M.U. Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, led the meditation period. Miss Kathleen Mallory, for thirty-six years executive secretary of W.M.U., led the dedicatory prayer.

How grateful we are that although "we prayed for a building, God gave us a mansion." It is not completely paid for and women are urged to continue their gifts. Arkansas women and young people have given a total of \$7,332.47.

Another high moment came when the announcement was made that the 1951 Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions had reached \$2,130,724 by January 20. That was more than \$600,000 more than reported at the same time last year, and more than the total gift of last year. Of that amount Arkansas W.M.U. had given \$67,425.30. Since that time our (Arkansas') total receipts for the offering have reached \$72,911.68 (We hope that our total gifts will reach an all time high of \$75,000 for this cause). This is cause for praise!

New plans formulated at the Birmingham conference will be presented at the Southern W. M. U. Convention in Miami.

GOING TO EL DORADO?

April 1-2 are the dates for the 1952 Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union which will be held at First Church, El Dorado. The Executive Board will meet in annual session at

11 o'clock April 1, and the convention will convene at 1:30. Many outstanding missionary speakers have been committed for those days and they will be speaking at every session.

In addition to the regular sessions, the Y.W.A. Banquet will be served at 5:30 o'clock at First Church, April 1, and the State B.W.C. Federation will meet in annual session at the church at 5:30 April 2. On Wednesday morning, April 2, the Baptist Book Store will be hostess for the Mission Study breakfast at the Garrett Hotel.

El Dorado women are making plans for entertaining the visitors. Rooms are being secured on the basis of \$1.50 per person for "bed and breakfast" (per night, of course). If hotel or tourist court accommodation is desired, make reservations direct. The following are recommended:

Garrett Hotel, 114 South Washington—Single, \$3.50-\$5.00; Double \$5.00-\$7.00.

Randolph Hotel, 200 S. Washington—Single \$3.50-\$5.00; Double, \$6.00.

Melrose Courts, 1518 No. West Ave.—Single \$3.00-\$4.00; Double \$6.00

Whitehall Courts, 820 S. Hillsboro—Single \$3.50-\$4.00; Double \$5.00-\$5.50.

Shankle's Tourist Courts, Junction City Hwy. — Double, \$4.00-\$5.00.

MIAMI HOTELS WELCOME YOU

It is time to make reservations for the Southern W.M.U. and Southern Baptist Conventions to be held in Miami. May 11-13 are the dates for the W.M.U. Annual Meeting and the Convention meets May 14-18. "The program will be excellent, the Christian fellowship stimulating, and Miami's welcome is assured." Let's go!

The Biscayne Terrace is the W.M.U. headquarters hotel. The Columbus and McAllister are being used as headquarters hotels for the Convention. "First come, first served." If you want reservations in one of these write immediately. There are many hotels in Miami and on the beach. A list of them is being run in this issue of Arkansas Baptist. Arkansas is entitled to sixty delegates to the Southern W. M. U. meeting. Send names of those chosen to represent your organization to state W.M.U. headquarters.

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Intellectual and moral teeth decay if not used. Gnaw a tough moral bone occasionally.

The Voice.

Church Music Department

MRS. B. W. NININGER, Director

Junior Choir Festival

This lovely lady is coming to direct the Junior Choir Festival on Saturday, March 29, at Ouachita College. She is one of the outstanding church musicians of the Southwest. Mrs. Psalmonds is an accomplished organist and a very successful director of Youth Choirs. Her musical education has been broad, having graduated from William Jewell College and Southwestern Seminary.

She has done private study in piano, voice, and conducting with several noted teachers in the North and East, and has conducted church music clinics in Oklahoma and elsewhere. She was the accompanist for the performance of the "Messiah" at Ridgecrest on two occasions. Mrs. Psalmonds is now engaged as minister of music at First Church, Duncan, Oklahoma, where her husband is education director.

The Fourth Annual Junior Choir Festival will take place at Ouachita College, Saturday, March 29, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning. Auditions for individual choirs will commence promptly at 9, and leaders are urged to have their groups prepared to sing at this time. Registration should be made by the director for his group to avoid confusion at the desk. One check made out to Church Music Department to cover fee of \$1 for each member of the group will entitle all the group to a Festival card for admission to the dining hall for lunch.



MRS. GORDON PSALMONDS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Every choir must hear all other choirs sing.
2. Every choir must take part in Festival activities.
3. Each group will sing one number for adjudication.
4. Robes may be worn but are not required.
5. Required selections for Festival, taken from Greenhill are: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"; "Angels O'er the Fields Were Flying"; "Break Forth, O Beautiful Heavenly Light"; "In Thee, O Lord, Have I trusted"; "Lo, A Voice to Heaven Sounding"; "Praise We Our God".

To Give, Not to Get

A young boy was standing by a minister's new automobile. He had been rubbing his hands over the gentle curves of the shiny new fenders and looking at his reflection in the silvery chromium trim. "Mister, that sho' is a pretty car," he said.

Then with a boy's uninhibited frankness he asked, "How much did it cost?"

"Son, I don't know for sure," replied the minister. "You see, I didn't buy this car. I'm just a poor preacher and I don't make enough money to buy a car like this. But I have a brother who does make money, and he bought this car and gave it to me for a wedding present."

The little boy was thoughtful for a minute and then he said, "Gee, Mister, I wish—" (You think he said, "I wish I had a brother like that." But he did not. That's the point of this story. What he did say was en-

tirely different.) "Gee, Mister, I wish I could be a brother like that."

That little boy had seen what we sometimes fail to see, that the true glory of life is to give and not to get. "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:25).

—Richmond County Journal,
Reprinted in the
Biblical Recorder.

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Baptist Student Union

DR. DALE COWLING, Director

B. S. U. At Arkansas A. & M. College

By JAMES MORRISON, BSU President

As you read of the wonderful Christian experiences on Baptist supported college campuses, do you ever feel a pang of regret that the students on the state campuses cannot receive similar spiritual growth? If so, you should be interested to learn that such opportunities do exist, as the Baptist Student Union on the campus of Arkansas A & M College at Monticello testifies.

In this particular college it seems there is just about every professional group represented except Baptist preachers. To replace these ministerial students, though, are some of the finest Christian young people living. These consecrated young people are the nucleus of a thriving BSU. The attendance runs from 60 to 75 each Wednesday evening at Worship Service. Ten to twenty are usually present for the Devotional Service each morning at 7:30.

Working as a unit, the officers of the executive council meet weekly to make the plans for uplifting devotional services which are given each Wednesday eve-

ning at the hour set aside by the school for religious activities. Supplementing the weekly meeting is a well-planned morning watch at which the students sing, pray, and study the scriptures together at the beginning of each day. All testify that there is nothing as uplifting as beginning a new day with God. At the close of each day, the campus prayermates meet to pray and study their Bible together again.

The entire BSU works hand-in-hand with Pastor Roscoe Griffin and the First Baptist Church of Monticello in making college students feel right at home in the church in their college town. The fellowship with Christ, which these students find daily, works in well with their preparation for their jobs in the future. With these Christian activities on every state campus, our denomination can be assured of a constant supply of Christian laymen in every walk of life. These students learn to love their pastor and church and leave college looking forward to the joy of working with a pastor and church in building the Kingdom of our Lord.

Just Off the Press!

A pictorial and information booklet to tell you all about life at . . .

Ouachita College



Group singing around piano in game room of Student Center.

If you are interested in Ouachita College, you'll enjoy reading "A Bird's Eye View of Ouachita College," new information booklet on life at OBC. If you haven't received your copy, write to Registrar, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark. Don't delay—write today!

Arkansans At Blue Mountain College



Pictured above are some of the Arkansas Girls enrolled at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi. Seated on the fountain is Patsy Bartholomew, Blytheville. Left to right: Jenny Murrell, Little Rock; Geraldine Holt, Manila; Nadyne Stevens, Pine Bluff; Bobbye Jean Jones, Barton; Marianne Colvert, Little Rock; Frieda Fincher, Manila; Molly Murrell, Little Rock; Jimmie Sue Tucker, Ft. Smith.

Baptist Hospital, Memphis To Celebrate Fortieth Anniversary

Baptist Memorial Hospital Memphis, will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of its founding in 1912 with a week-long program of outstanding events in July, according to an announcement by Frank S. Groner, administrator of the hospital. Beginning on July 13, the observance will reach its climax on July 20, the date upon which the institution first opened its doors to the people of Memphis and the Mid-South nearly a half-century ago.

Tentative plans call for a series of "open houses" during which doctors, nurses and the general public from throughout the Mid-South area will be invited to tour and inspect the South's largest private hospital where more than 500 people are cared for daily.

Members of the medical profession from throughout the Mid-South will be guests of the hospital for a special "open house" and a banquet in their honor. Many of these men served their internship at the hospital after graduation from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine.

Another special day will honor the alumni of the hospital's nursing school and reunions of the classes of 1922, 1932 and 1942 will be held during the week. This year's graduating class will be honored, also.

The entertainment of interested members of the graduating classes of all high schools in Memphis and surrounding territory is being planned. These young people, many of whom are planning to be doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians, medical secretaries, will be invited to visit

the hospital during the month of May to see for themselves how it operates.

Baptist Memorial Hospital came into being through the initial efforts of the late Reverend H. P. Hurt, then pastor of the three-year-old Bellevue Church. In 1906 he first made his appeal for wide-spread support to make possible a hospital to "serve all who are sick and in pain regardless of their creed or their faith." Quickly endorsed by prominent religious, medical and business leaders from the tri-state area, the idea rapidly gained support. In 1908 the Physicians and Surgeons College deeded the hospital a lot on Madison Avenue, contributed \$25,000 and agreed to furnish instructors for its nursing classes. In 1910 ground was broken and building construction began. On July 20, 1912, the hospital, with its 150 beds, threw open its doors to the public.

From this modest beginning 40 years ago, Baptist Memorial Hospital has added strength and experience to its motto of "serving the sick and suffering in His name." Its original capacity has been more than tripled and plans are now on the drawing board for another large addition which will add more than 50 per cent to its present capacity.

Alcohol, we say, produces euphoria, a sense of well-being. In truth, the emotional reactions to alcohol are varied and seem to be determined by the total nature of the drinker.

The Voice.

If we're not hopeless, the situation isn't either.

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

It Happened In Arkansas In 1952

We are thinking of a visit two of God's men recently made to a lost 50-year-old man, a man whose wife was a consecrated Christian. The man believed the Bible, he said; but he was "just not ready" to be saved.

He was told that he couldn't be ready; that he could only be willing. The two Christian men used God's word to face the man with his sinful condition and with the fact that he was lost from God and on his way to hell. The man admitted these things; but was still "not ready." The men presented Christ crucified, buried, risen from the dead. They faced the lost man with the absolute necessity of "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." The man believed it all, he said; but he still was "not ready."

Then the men prayed! And God took over!

After the prayer the man yielded to Christ. He came that night and presented himself to the church. He was baptized the next Sunday night.

And it happened in Arkansas, in 1952!

We are thinking, also, of a family of eight people. Papa and mama and the fourteen-year-old girl were unaffiliated Baptists from another state. Then there were three lost boys of Junior age, and two little children.

A Baptist neighbor invited this family to come to church. The man in the family said they "didn't know how long" they would be in that location. But one night the girl joined the church on promise of letter. Then two of God's men visited in the home the next day and talked with the parents. That night, both papa and mama came down the aisle, joining the church on promise of their letters. When this took place, the oldest boy sat down and buried his face in his hands. Two people went to him and asked him to trust Jesus. But he would not. One of these people whispered to the father. He immediately left the front seat and went after his boy, who yielded to Christ without hesitation when his father asked him to do so. Then another boy in the family was saved. The next night the last boy came!

And it happened in Arkansas, in 1952!

FROM THE FIELD

"The Brotherhood of our church sponsored a revival at Mondell,

December 10-26, Dan Champlin and our Brotherhood President, Grant Kelly, did the preaching. There were nine conversions, and three rededications. Three of the conversions were men of middle age, or older.

We are beginning our plans for the Associational Brotherhood Rally for March 31."

*Carl V. Willis,
First Church, Eureka Springs*

FIVE NEW BROTHERHOODS LAST WEEK!

Five new Brotherhoods in Arkansas registered with the Brotherhood Department last week. They are: First Church, Brookland, James E. Holmes, pastor; Sulphur Springs Church, Pine Bluff, Paul Bates, pastor; First Church, Turrell, John Baker, pastor; Graves Memorial Church, North Little Rock, James Thompson, pastor; Mt. Gilead Church, Norman Sam Sherman, pastor.

Mt. Gilead Church is one of the oldest churches west of the Mississippi River. The Brotherhood was organized by W. O. Miller, associational missionary following a program rendered by the Brotherhood of the Mt. Ida Church.

This makes a total number of 325 Brotherhoods of record.

There may be yet other Brotherhoods of which the Brotherhood Office has no record. If you have not yet registered your Brotherhood, please do so immediately. Write the Brotherhood Department, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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Dr. W. O. Lewis On the Way To Recovery

Baptist friends everywhere were disturbed by the news of the illness of Dr. W. O. Lewis. This honored Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance was taken ill under one of his many trips on the Continent of Europe in the interest of relief to our brethren. After nearly three months in a hospital in London, he was released on January 26, and though weak, is recovering his strength day by day, to the joy of his many friends.

He writes: "I wish to thank my many friends in America who sent me messages of sympathy during my illness. I wish to thank them not only for telegrams and letters, but for flowers and fruit. Thanks for sympathy and thanks for prayers."

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Man is the only animal which can be skinned four times a year.
The Voice.

Hotel Commitments For Southern Baptist Convention, May 14 - 18

Miami Hotels

The Miami Convention Bureau is deluged with reservation requests. The Convention Bureau cannot and will not handle requests. Only the forms, filled in properly, and directed to the Housing Bureau will be honored.

Hotel	Singles	Doubles	Twin Beds	Suites
Alcazar	10 @ \$4	40 @ \$5, \$6	75 @ \$6, \$7	5 @ \$12, \$14
Alhambra			60 @ \$6	
America	5 @ \$3	5 @ \$4	15 @ \$5	
Belfort	4 @ \$4	10 @ \$6	10 @ \$6	1 @ \$9
Berni		6 @ \$4	15 @ \$5	6 triples \$6-7
Biscayne Terrace	10 @ \$8		10 @ \$14	Suites av'ible
			15 @ \$12	From \$12-\$14
			15 @ \$10	
Columbus	10 @ \$4	10 @ \$7	40 @ \$8	5 @ \$20
	10 @ \$5		30 @ \$9	
	(Also 20 combinations (Double & Single, with connecting bath accommodating 3 persons at \$4 a day per person).			
Cortez	10 @ \$3		15 @ \$5	1 w/2 bedr'ms @ \$15
Dallas Park			30 @ \$6	9-3 per. @ \$12
			40 @ \$8	30-4 per. @ \$16
El Comodoro	5 @ \$4		25 @ \$7	
	5 @ \$5		25 @ \$6	
Everglades	10 @ \$4		50 @ \$6	10 suites @ \$14
	10 @ \$5		90 @ \$8	10 suites @ \$16
	10 @ \$6		30 @ \$9	
Gralynn	10 @ \$4		25 @ \$5	4-3 persons @ \$7.50
Leamington		10 @ \$6	15 @ \$6	
McAllister	25 @ \$5, \$6		325 @ \$7, \$8, \$9	16 @ \$21
Miami-Colonial	10 @ \$5		20 @ \$7	
	10 @ \$6		20 @ \$8	
			20 @ \$9	
			20 @ \$10	
Park	10 @ \$3.50	20 @ \$5.50		
		10 @ \$4.00	(No Bath)	
Park Edge		4 @ \$5.00	15 @ \$6	2 triples @ \$9
Park Plaza	10 @ \$4		10 @ \$6	
Patricia			40 @ \$8	
Pershing Plaza	5 @ \$2	15 @ \$3.50	30 @ \$3.50	
	4 @ \$3		20 @ \$5	
	5 @ \$4		20 @ \$6	
Ponce de Leon	10 @ \$5		60 @ \$8	
Robert Clay	5 @ \$4		25 @ \$5	3 @ \$10
	5 @ \$5		35 @ \$6	3 @ \$12
			20 @ \$7	
Royalton	10 @ \$3	30 @ \$5	30 @ \$5	
Strand	10 @ \$3	8 @ \$4.50	20 @ \$5	
Towers	5 @ \$4, \$5		35 @ \$6, \$7	10 @ \$12, \$14
Urney	25 @ \$3	20 @ \$5	60 @ \$6	
	25 without bath @ \$2			
Villa D'Este	4 @ \$3	3 @ \$4	50 @ \$4	3 @ \$8

Anchor		25	\$5	
Anglers	5	\$3	20	\$4-\$5 5 suites @ \$8
Arlington			35	\$5 25 suites @ \$7
Avalon	20	\$2.50	30	\$3 10 suites @ \$5
			\$2.50	\$3-\$5
Bancroft	10	\$4	90	\$5
Betsy Ross	10	\$3	40	\$4-\$5
Biscayne			50	\$5
Blackstone	35	\$3	100	\$4 3 suites @ \$7
Breakwater	20	\$2.50	20	\$4 10 suites @ \$6
Cardozo		\$2.50		\$3 to \$8 \$4 to \$9
Carlyle				
Cavalier	5	\$3	20	\$4
Charles	100 rooms single or double			\$5
Chesterfield	10	\$2.50	20	\$4
Cleveland			50	\$4
Clyde			50	\$4
Colony	4	\$2.50	25	\$3 6 \$4
Commodore	20-30	\$2.50	20-30	\$3.50
Corsair	15	\$3	35	\$3.50-\$4
Crescent	3	\$2	40	\$3
Drake	5	\$3	10	\$4
Edward	25	\$2-\$2.50	70	\$3-\$3.50
El Paso	8	\$2.50	20	\$4
Essen House		\$3		\$4 \$6
Floridian	34	\$4	170	\$5 3 suites @ \$9
Franklin	5	\$3.50	30	\$4.50
George Washington			50	\$3
Habana	20	\$2	40	\$3 8 (4 persons) \$5 suites \$6
Harrison			35	\$4 12 \$6
Henry		\$1.50	\$2	
Jefferson			25	\$6
Kent			55	\$4
Leonard			40	\$3
Leslie	4	\$4	6	\$6
			25	\$5
Lord Balfour	10	\$2.50	45	\$3
MacArthur	10	\$3	65	\$4 5 suites @ \$5
Majestic			25	\$3.50
Monterrey			55	\$3 suites @ \$5
Netherland	10	\$4	25	\$5
New Edison	10	\$4	20	\$5
New Yorker		\$5-\$6	40	\$6-7-9
Normandie	15	\$2	65	\$3.50
Norwyn	10	\$2.50	20	\$3.50
Ocean Blue			25	\$2
Ocean Haven			20	\$4 3 suites @ \$8
Palm Apt. Hotel	6	\$1.50	6	\$3 apartment for 2 or 3 \$5
Park Central	5	\$5	60	\$6
Penguin			25	\$5
Poinciana	10	\$4	40	\$5
Prince George		\$1.50		\$2 suites \$4
Princess Ann	10	\$2	30	\$3
Revere	10	\$4	30	\$5

Miami Beach Hotel Offerings

Hotel	Single		Double		Triple	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Ambassador	10	\$1.50	15	\$2		

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Please reserve the following accommodations for me for the Southern Baptist Convention:

HOTEL PREFERENCES

KIND OF ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED

1st Choice _____ Single room at \$_____ to \$_____

2nd Choice _____ Double room at \$_____ to \$_____

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Arrival date _____ Hour _____ A.M. _____ P.M.

Departure Date _____ Hour _____ A.M. _____ P.M.

THE NAME OF EACH HOTEL GUEST MUST BE LISTED. Include the names of all persons for whom you are requesting and who will occupy the room (s):

NAME OF OCCUPANT(S)

ADDRESS

INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING RESERVATIONS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

If the hotels of your choice are unable to accept your reservation the Housing Bureau will make as good a reservation as possible elsewhere.
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Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, *Secretary*

Coming Events

- March 30—Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School.
- April—Sunday School Training Courses (use books on teaching).
- June—Vacation Bible Schools.
- July 1-9—Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs.
- September 2—Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference.
- September 16—State-wide Special Associational Planning Rallies.
- October 13-14—State Sunday School Convention.

BIBLE STUDY WEEK

According to reports received here, "January Bible Study Week" was met with fine response in the churches of Arkansas; the text used being "New Testament Doctrine of the Church." Among the many large classes reported in this study was the one from First Church, Fort Smith, with

a total of 278 credits earned. Dr. J. Harold Smith is pastor, and Mr. J. K. Kelly, superintendent.

MARCH '52

Emphasis: New Sunday Schools and the Teaching of Missions In The Association

- Promote Home and Foreign Mission Day in the churches
- Start branch Sunday Schools and plan for Negro and mission Vacation Bible Schools.
- Hold clinic for Vacation Bible School workers.
- Continue emphasis on visitation.
- Hold Sunday School workers' meeting: **Theme: "A Training Program for the Association." In the Churches**
 - Observe Home and Foreign Missions Day, March 30.
 - Complete plans for Vacation Bible School.
 - Preview Lessons for next quarter.
 - Start a new Sunday School.

Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, *Secretary*

What Makes It Tick?

Mr. Training Union Director, Brother Pastor, what does your Training Union need to make it tick? Attend the general officers' sectional meeting at the State Training Union Convention, First Church, Little Rock, March 14-15, and hear this question answered. Dr. J. E. Lambdin, secretary-editor of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be present for messages and conferences during the convention on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Sectional meetings will be conducted for each age group. The program for the general sessions may be found in the January 17 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*. Please notice the good program planned for the administration section, for pastors, directors, and other general officers.

ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Friday Afternoon

- 3:20 Let us sing
- 3:30 Using Visual Aids in the Training Union
- 3:50 **What Does Your Training Union Need To Make It Tick?**
 "A New Main Spring?"
 "New Jewels"
 "New Hands"
 "Winding?"
 "Oil on Rusty Spots?"
- 4:50 Adjourn for afternoon
- #### Saturday Morning
- 9:35 Let Us Sing

- 9:45 A Church Library in Every Church
- 10:05 "Christ Speaks To The Leaders"
 "When and Where Should We Get Leaders?"
 "What Is the Directors Tool Kit?"
 "What Should An Associate Director Do?"
 "Is The Executive Committee Meeting Important?"
 "What Part Does the Pastor Have?"
- 11:05 Adjourn to the Main Auditorium for Closing Session

The program for the general sessions of the convention is found in a one-page spread of the *Arkansas Baptist* which has been sent to all Training Union Directors. If you need additional copies of this one-page poster to post in your church, write to your State Training Union Secretary.

Dr. Robert G. Lee and Mr. Howard Butt will be the main speakers at the State Training Union Convention. Which associations in Arkansas will have every church represented at the convention?

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"How far that little candle throws its beam! So shines a good deed in a naughty world." We need the little candles which throw far beams and we need people to light the candles, too."

The Voice.



Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, *Superintendent*

Two Weeks Sojourn In Florida

It has been the privilege of this writer to spend two weeks sojourning in Florida. The purpose of the visit to the "Sunshine State" was to speak in a number of mission rallies. We had occasion to speak in ten churches, an associational Brotherhood meeting, a Negro conference, a labor meeting, and a city mission conference.

One week was spent in Tampa. There we found Glen Crotts and family carrying on a great program in Spencer Memorial Church. It was my privilege to speak in his church on Wednesday evening to a great congregation. This church is making great strides under Brother Crotts' leadership. Two thriving missions are sponsored by this good church.

This visit to Florida affords me an opportunity to study the mission program of that state. I was in city, village and country churches and talked with pastors, missionaries, and laymen about their mission program.

One afternoon was spent with the City Mission Committee of Tampa. There was a great deal of discussion about the establishing of two new mission stations in the near future. There are already seventeen such stations in operation. I learned, in the discussion, that the State Mission Board buys property approved by the local Mission Committee and pays the entire salary of the city missionary. When the city Mission Committee decided definitely on a place to open a new mission and approves an individual church sponsoring it, they outline the type of program that the church must project as to type of building constructed and the number of services conducted. This idea was new to me, but I believe it has merits.

The committee stated, however, that the purpose of such requirements is that they did not want some church to agree to sponsor a mission in a splendid territory and then put up some shoddy building or not provide an adequate number of services. Therefore, when a church agrees to sponsor a mission station, they also agree as to the type of building and the number of services they will have.

I learned during my visit in the state that the churches are almost 100 per cent in giving to the Cooperative Program. One reason this is true is because they

have a plan of holding at least one mission rally in every church, with an offering taken for the Cooperative Program if the churches have not already made some contribution.

The Baptists of Florida have a great missionary challenge. Their cities are growing at a tremendous rate. In fact, the population of the state has increased 28 per cent during the last 20 years and industrial and business enterprises have increased 89 per cent in the last ten years. There is a great need for home mission work among the foreign speaking groups in the state. I visited a little Italian mission in a section of Tampa where there are more than 30,000 foreigners and foreign descent. Several denominations have fine school and church plants with capable workers. Our Home Mission Board has work there but is greatly in need of expansion.

Florida and Arkansas have been running "neck-and-neck" for a number of years in ratio of baptisms. We have approximately the same number of members, the same number of churches, and state budgets that are practically the same. When we stop to consider the fact that Arkansas population is decreasing, that our per capita is far less, we can take pride in the accomplishments in our own state. These two states are right at the top among our Southern Baptist states in baptisms. It is our hope that a great mission program for Arkansas can be outlined for the next five years. Some definite objectives are to be set up, places of new work are to be designated, and the means to accomplish these ends will be projected.

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From Merrie Olde England this tale, about an elderly Yorkshire couple who were visiting an exhibition of domestic appliances, one of the Festival of British displays in London, and paused to gaze thru the glass panel of a demonstration washing machine at a bunch of laundry that was being swirled and splashed. "Well," said the lady of the pair, "if that's television, they can have it."

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As long as there is somebody or something to love, life is worthwhile.

Peter, James, And John

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Sunday School Lesson for February 24, 1952

Mark 9:2; 10:35-40;
Acts 4:13, 18-20

INTRODUCTION

Character studies in the Bible are most interesting and very important. The Lord freely reveals to us the human frailties of His servants. There were no perfect men. It is disgusting to hear people make claims today of sinless perfection, people who actually claim to live above sin, when the Bible so clearly teaches that all have sinned and are sinners. Jesus was the only sinless person who ever lived.

Abraham was a friend of God, one who lived in closer communion with God than most any mentioned in the scriptures, but he sinned miserably on several occasions. That did not spoil his friendship with the Lord, however. God does not cast people off every time they make a mistake; He does not disown His children because they are imperfect. That is the prevailing thought of those who teach salvation by works. They teach that one is lost every time he makes a mistake, until he seeks forgiveness in person, before God.

We do not like to even think of David's sins they were so hideous; but he was used of God in a marvelous way; look at his son, also, King Solomon. Solomon, like David, gave us a portion of the inspired Bible, but Solomon was a sinner. The Old Testament prophets were men of high moral standards, but human weakness is revealed in each of their lives. The same truth prevails in New Testament study.

Does God then encourage or condone sin? Not at all. Each of His servants who sinned paid dearly for his sin. Each mistake we make carries with it the penalty. We should do our best to live right, but when we fail it is encouraging to know that others have preceded us along the way, and made the same mistakes many times.

THE INNER CIRCLE

During the personal ministry of Jesus, Peter, James and John formed a sort of inner circle in their associations with the Lord. They had privileges and opportunities the others did not have. Perhaps it happened that way because these three were more interested in the kingdom work than were the other nine. These were permitted to see His glory in a way the others did not; they were closer to Him in His sufferings than were the others.

In Mark 9 we have the story of the transfiguration of Jesus, when He took these three apostles

with Him into a mountain apart from all others. There Jesus was glorified; He was clothed in heavenly brightness; there He talked with Moses and Elijah of Old Testament fame, concerning His approaching death. Think what a privilege was theirs to sit on such a conference. But they were so entirely without enthusiasm, they sat and slept through it. Was that not a human weakness?

Another weakness Peter had was talking too much or too quickly. As soon as Moses and Elijah had disappeared, Peter, feeling he had to say "something," came forth with what he must have thought was a brilliant idea: "Master, it is good for us to be here, let us build three tabernacles, one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But a voice from heaven informed Peter, "This is my beloved Son: Hear Him." Jesus was trying to prepare His disciples for the trial of their faith in as much as He was soon going to die.

Following this occasion, in Mark 10, Jesus again told the apostles of His approaching suffering and death. James and John must have decided if they were going to have a special place in the new kingdom, that was the time to ask for it. So, while Jesus spoke of the seriousness of death, they asked Him if He would grant "whatsoever they desired" of Him. And the request was that one should sit on His right hand in the new kingdom, the other on the left. Jesus could only answer that such places of honor and importance were given to those who were worthy, those who could suffer and serve. Jesus said, "Ye know not what ye ask." There was a price tag attached to that position, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Could they drink of the bitter dregs of the suffering He was to experience in Gethsemane? Could they be baptized with the fires of death? Even a tragic death!

Seemingly without thinking, they answered, "We can." Jesus accepted their verdict. Yet to give them the places of honor they asked was not His responsibility. James was the first apostle to give his life a martyr for Christ. There are no facts concerning John's death. He was the last of the apostles to go, and the last we hear of him was on Patmos where he was a prisoner in exile; there he was privileged

to receive for us the book of Revelation.

BECAME GREAT MEN

As we leave the Gospels and follow the lives of these men after the ascension of Jesus, we find them to be more mature. In the book of Acts we meet men of new courage, men who were known for their boldness as the Pharisees and others sought to persecute the disciples as they did Jesus. The apostles were keenly aware of the fact that the Jews would not hesitate to put them to death, yet they preached the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, under threat of death. They told the Jews uncompromisingly that they "with wicked hands had slain the Lord of glory."

The priesthood had them brought before the Sanhedrin court many times, where they were commanded not to utter the name of Jesus, nor to preach in that name at all, anywhere. It was during those days that James was killed. It was during that period that Peter was miraculously delivered from jail one night while prayer was being made for him. The apostles were beaten many times during those trying days for the sake of the gospel. But hear the words of Peter and John as they answered their enemies: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

The same men who could sleep through the transfiguration scene were on the alert now. Their Master had gone, and had left a mighty task in their hands, that of witnessing for Him to the uttermost part of the earth. They were ignorant and unlearned, they were known for their lack of education, but the world knew "they had been with Jesus." And they could do many things the educated Jews in Jerusalem could not do.

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There are few voices in the world but many echoes.

Figures To Inspire

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1356	461	4
Including Missions	1474	524	
Fort Smith, First	1280	756	11
Including Missions	1518	803	
El Dorado, First	1002	312	6
Including Missions	1096	355	
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	840	282	2
Including Missions	889	309	
Little Rock, Second	757	170	3
Pine Bluff, South Side	724	246	21
Hot Springs, Second	701	204	3
El Dorado, Immanuel	635	295	2
Including Missions	683	350	4
Hot Springs, Central	625	254	3
Benton, First	612	95	
Including Missions	686	154	
Texarkana, Beech Street	586	228	
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	586	207	27
Forrest City, First	555	223	
Camden, First	548	125	3
Including Missions	858	312	
Crossett, First	546	230	4
Magnolia, Central	531	197	2
Including Missions	605	202	
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	525	173	2
Siloam Springs, First	505	341	
Paragould, First	501	242	3
Including Missions	680	357	
Fordyce, First	497	193	
El Dorado, Second	490	181	
Warren, First	490	101	2
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	480	225	7
Paris, First	465	171	
Including Missions	503		
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	448	221	
Hot Springs, Park Place	444	159	2
Cullendale, First	441	161	1
Van Buren, First	435	151	
Springdale, First	419	207	5
Including Missions	503		
Booneville, First	418	72	
Conway, First	400	107	
Little Rock, South Highland	383	152	
Hot Springs, First	380	101	1
Stuttgart, First	370	204	2
Including Missions	408	232	
Fort Smith, Calvary	370	150	1
Smackover, First	364	134	
Searcy, First	359	110	7
El Dorado, West Side	355	143	
Monticello, First	348	128	
Rogers, First	346	162	4
Including Mission	407	204	
Texarkana, Calvary	342	142	5
Mena, First	338	88	
Hamburg, First	321	148	
Bauxite, First	313	150	1
Fort Smith, South Side	303	106	1
Fort Smith, Immanuel	300	147	
Morrilton, First	297	69	4
North Little Rock, Park Hill	273	69	
Fort Smith, Temple	268	180	2
Wynne	266	68	
Pine Bluff, Second	256	102	
Bentonville, First	254	61	
Including Mission	268		
North Little Rock, First	238	91	
Levy	234	118	4
Fort Smith, Trinity	234	71	1
Lonoke, First	229	57	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	217	84	1
Hot Springs, Piney	213	150	2
Fort Smith, Spradling	208	89	3
Alma, First	209	85	
Springdale, Caudle Avenue	203	136	6
Marshall	203	76	

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EXECUTIVE BOARD'S DISBURSEMENTS DURING 1951

The Total Cash Contributions received in our office for the year amounted to \$883,770.00, but we had some money on hand for the Ouachita College Enlargement Fund that was not disbursed until the beginning of 1951.

Cash Disbursements

Administration Expenses	\$25,644.17		
Less Refunds	254.16	\$ 25,390.01	
Office Furnishings	767.55		
Less Refunds	25.00	742.55	\$ 26,132.56
American Bible Society			75.00
Arkansas Baptist			6,580.00
Arkansas Baptist Assembly			5,170.00
Arkansas Baptist College			629.35
Arkansas Baptist History			124.15
Arkansas Baptist Hospital			29,987.36
Arkansas Temperance League			185.00
Baptist Boards Retirement:			
Employees' Dues			2,531.60
Employers' Dues			2,531.60
Baptist Boards Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan:			
Employees' Dues			807.61
Employers' Dues			807.61
Brotherhood		10,760.37	
Less Refunds		1,478.18	9,282.19
Central College Liquidating Agency		52,158.57	
Less Refunds		61.28	52,097.20
Central College Federal Tax Remitted			24.90
Central College Social Security Dues Remitted			83.09
Federal Tax Remitted			4,047.40
Foundation		2,703.00	
Less Refunds		41.73	2,661.27
Ministerial Student Aid			1,795.00
Ministers Retirement:			
Convention Dues			15,106.65
Members Dues			22,659.99
Church Dues			30,342.00
Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan:			
Convention Dues			6,054.71
Members Dues			6,054.71
Refunds			3.75
J. S. Rogers Retirement			900.00
Otto Whittington Retirement			50.00
Honor Fund-Token Payment			45,961.50
Office Building:			
Note	8,000.00		
Interest	680.00	8,680.00	
Taxes		694.60	
Miscellaneous	3,455.12		
Less Refunds	27.89	3,427.23	12,801.83
Orphanage			49,690.49
Ouachita College			158,931.36
Ouachita College Campaign		24,175.27	
Less Refunds		1,185.11	22,990.16
Promotion and Convention		8,366.68	
Less Refunds		56.00	8,310.68
Religious Education		53,533.69	
Less Refunds		836.16	52,697.53
Southern Baptist College			24,464.67
State Missions		85,136.07	
Less Refunds		352.25	84,783.82
Woman's Missionary Union			18,800.00
Remitted to Executive Committee			
Southern Baptist Convention:			
Southwide Causes		276,981.13	
Baptist Hour		347.00	
Foreign Missions		3,411.23	
Home Missions		1,531.04	282,270.40
Remitted to Foreign Mission Board,			12,177.96
Southern Baptist Convention			
Remitted to Relief and Annuity Board,			124.32
for Old Ministers Relief			
Transferred from Emergency Reserve:			
Siloam Springs Assembly		1,200.00	
Central College—Taxes		3,201.27	
Religious Education		834.88	
Promotion and Convention		1,850.68	7,086.83
Total Cash Disbursements			\$1,007,960.00

Pastor Lumpkin and Huttig

We are overjoyed at the fine progress that First Church, Huttig, is making with its fine leadership. Doyle Lumpkin went to Huttig several months ago and the work has been growing ever since. The church was giving \$100 per month through the Cooperative Program, but after Brother Lumpkin got his program together they increased the offering to \$125 per month, and now they are raising it to \$150 per month. This is only a barometer of the spiritual life of the church. The church is growing in every phase of the work. In the nine months of Brother Lumpkin's service with the Huttig saints the contributions have practically doubled, and the spiritual life of the church has more than doubled.

Lumpkin was pastor at Cotton Plant before going to Huttig. He and his fine wife, Marie, have three small boys. Marie is a very fond mother and an ardent and efficient worker in the church. The Lumpkins are worth their weight in gold.

There is some of the salt of the earth in the fine membership in Huttig. N. W. Lee is one of the best Sunday School Superintendents we have. He is a great layman, too, in all phases of the work. Rudolph Gathright is the alert and efficient clerk of the church, and Miss Frankie McCartney is the treasurer. We have not space to mention all the names of the fine leaders in that church. The deacons have prayer meeting every Sunday morning before the pastor goes into the pulpit. It is a new day for Huttig!

Joe Sullivan and Earle

The Earle Church is making good progress through these months and years under the leadership of Pastor Sullivan. They have erected a building and are fast liquidating the financial obligations of it. The church has nearly 600 members, and there are additions by baptism all along. Brother Sullivan is a great preacher. He is a wise leader. His people follow him. The Earle Church is proposing to give \$5,000 to the Cooperative Program this year. There are some great laymen in this good church. Many fine leaders are enjoying the work, and are making a great spiritual contribution to the cause of Christ. Such leaders as the DuLanays, the Bernards, the Fullwoods, the Rogers, the Barhams, the Franks, and many other fine leaders and saints are a credit to any church.

Mrs. Raymond Lindsey

A few days ago one of the Lord's beloved hand maidens passed to her reward. Mrs. Raymond Lindsey was a choice soul. She was consecrated and was a splendid worker. She was a member of Second Church in Little Rock. Many of our people know Brother Raymond Lindsey, who is one of the finest and most consecrated and successful Christian men that we know. He is all-out for Christ. He is a great soul-winner; he is a Bible lover; and a hard worker and leader in his church. We deeply sympathize with him and pray for him in this trying hour.

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