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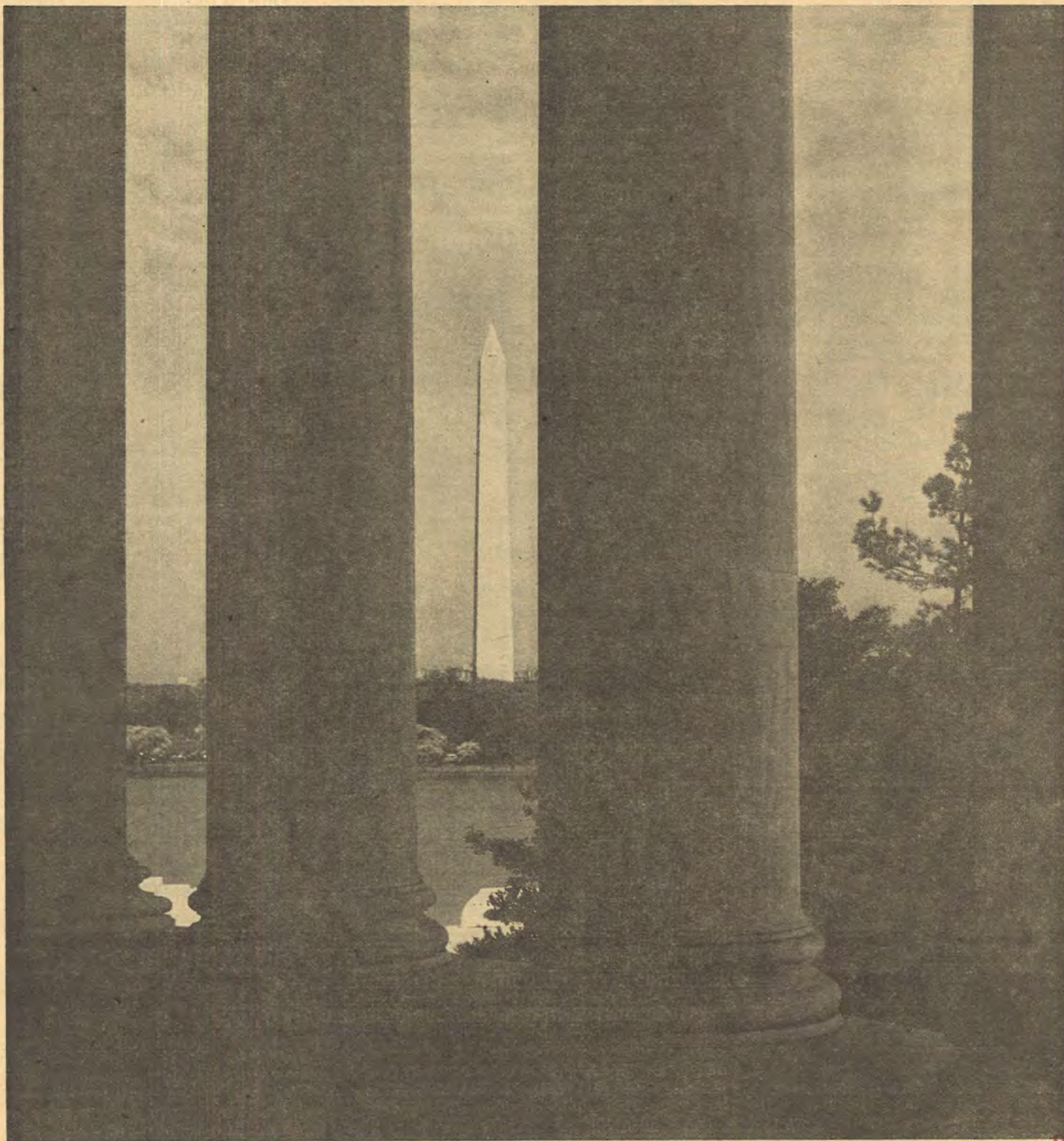
# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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—H. Armstrong Roberts

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# As the Editor Sees It

## Catholicism And The Public School System

If you would like to know the attitude of the Catholic hierarchy toward the public schools the world over, you should read the articles appearing currently in **The Nation**, the magazine which was banned from New York school libraries because of Catholic pressure. The Catholics objected to this magazine because it published articles by Paul Blanshard exposing the methods of Catholicism and its bid for power in political circles.

Mr. Blanshard is the author of the much publicized book, **American Freedom and Catholic Power**, a book that Catholics boycotted and sought to repress by intimidation and threats.

### Catholicism in Public Schools

Mr. Blanshard was **The Nation's** representative in Rome during the Holy Year. In the articles now appearing in **The Nation** he discusses the Vatican and the Roman hierarchy in general in their relation to the public schools of Italy, France, The Netherlands, and Belgium. Two of these articles have already appeared. In the January 20 issue he discusses the situation in Italy; in the January 27 issue he discusses the situation in The Netherlands.

In succeeding issues of **The Arkansas Baptist** we shall undertake to give a digest of these discussions so that our readers may know what the Roman Catholic Church is doing in these European countries relative to public education and Catholic education.

From these articles by Mr. Blanshard we may get a clear idea of what the Roman Catholic Church is planning and what it eventually expects to achieve with regard to education in the United States. In brief, the Vatican claims the sole right in the field of education and where public schools survive they should do so only by the sufferance

of the Roman Church. Even then Catholicism should be taught in the public schools, according to the Vatican. Moreover the Vatican contends that the state should support the parochial schools of the Catholic Church out of the public treasury. According to the Vatican the only function of the state in the field of education is to foot the bill out of tax money while the Roman Church should be left in complete charge of every other phase of education.

### Efforts in America

The efforts of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to secure federal funds for their parochial schools in the United States are fresh in the memory of us all. They are demanding bus transportation for parochial school pupils, free text books, free lunches, and other services of like nature. It is claimed that these services are to the pupils and not to the school. It has been our contention that these services are offered to all the pupils of the public schools, Catholic, Protestant, or those children from families of no religious preference. Since Catholics repudiate the public schools and insist on establishing and maintaining their own parochial schools, then they should furnish these services to the children of the parochial schools.

However these services which the Catholics are demanding in the United States are only the beginning, and step by step the Roman hierarchy will demand an ever increasing support of their parochial schools by the federal government.

It is hoped that our readers will follow this discussion from week to week as we give a digest each week of Mr. Blanshard's discussion of the school situation in each of these countries named.

Next week it is Italy.

## No Ambassador To The Vatican?

**Religious News Service** reports that President Truman has abandoned his plan to nominate an ambassador to the Vatican. However, in the same news release it is suggested that the President will appoint a personal representative to the Pope.

It seems that the response to the "trial balloon" sent up by the President at a press conference last October concerning the establishment of official diplomatic relations with the Vatican has led the President's advisors to believe that it would not be wise at this time to establish such a diplomatic mission in Rome.

However this does not rule out the probability of the appointment of a personal representative to the Vatican. Therefore the problem is still before us and we should make our protest known and felt in Washington.

The President may stubbornly resist all such protests, but we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent in this situation. The President should receive thousands of letters of protests from the Baptists of Arkansas and from the readers of the **Arkansas Baptist** against the appointment of any sort of representative from the President or the government of the United States to the Vatican in Rome. Don't hesitate to write your President and let him know that you oppose this breach in the wall of separation of church and state. Let him know that this is a violation of the fundamental principle of a free church in a free state. You have a right to be heard in Washington, so exercise that right now in the interest of the absolute freedom of religion, in which freedom no one church receives any favor over and above any other religious body.

### I Am Your Church

I am your church. Make me what you will. I shall reflect you as clearly as a mirror. If outwardly, my appearance is pleasing and inviting, it is because you have made me so. If within, my spiritual atmosphere is kindly, yet earnest; reverent, yet friendly; worshipful, yet sincere; sympathetic, yet strong; divine, yet humanly expressed, it is but the manifestations of the spirit of those who constitute my membership.

### Development

Keep your mind on the great and splendid things you would like to do, and then, as the days go gliding by, you will find yourself unconsciously seizing the opportunities that are required for the fulfillment of your desire. Picture in your mind the able, earnest, useful person you desire to be, and the thought that you hold is hourly transforming you into the very individual you wish to be.

—*Elbert Hubbard,*  
*Philosopher 1859-1915*

## The Christian Cross

### Mistaken Conceptions

*A Devotion by the Editor*

"Let him deny himself."

Jesus addressed Himself to people who were smarting under the galling yoke of Roman bondage. They were resentful toward the circumstances under which they must live, they were restless to be free, and impatient to get on with the business of building up and organizing an effective resistance to the foreign oppression to which they were subjected. They felt that these conditions definitely defeated the Messianic mission of Jesus and that before that mission could be carried out these conditions must be removed. In fact, they considered the first work of the Messiah to be the complete release of His people from their difficult and unfortunate situation.

This is not different from the attitude which is quite general today. Christian people chafe under the irritating circumstances of life, and complain against the bondage of conditions that cramp their movements, and consider that the very first function of Christ's redeeming work should be their release from all this, the removal of all the circumstances which irritate and annoy. And when it is discovered that such conditions are not being removed, the tendency is strong to surrender to a sort of defeatism and the luxury of self-pity and kindred complexes.

Jesus would reply that this is essentially a selfish attitude. It is an attitude which, instead of accepting the Christian cross, actually prevents one from bearing his cross. Jesus did not come to remove all the irritating and annoying circumstances of life. He came to give us a cross, in the bearing of which we shall rise above such things and refuse to yield to the debilitating self-pity which threatens.

Again, one should vigorously deny himself the right to become content with the comforts and obligations of life and thereby think that he has attained the supreme satisfactions of the Christian life. Such an attitude actually defeats the Christian cross.

There is yet another angle to this self-denial—it is the success angle. When personal success is allowed to become an absorbing obsession, it at once operates to defeat the Christian cross in one's life. It is easy for success to become the master of one's life, and actually to be the instrument of failure and defeat in Christian living.

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Two Great, Good Men Called Home

#### Dr. Otto Whittington

"He being dead, yet speaketh." That surely may be said of Dr. Otto Whittington. So long as the memory of men lasts, Dr. Whittington will be affectionately remembered by all who knew him and came under the influence of his personality and his ministry. His message will never die so long as men live. Even after the last person who heard him here on earth has left this earthly scene, his message will still resound with a clear and a positive tone and the spiritual influences which he set in motion will not cease until they beat upon the shores of eternity.

Dr. Whittington's ministry was Christ centered and he had but one message, the message of the gospel. He did not go into the pulpit with any substitute for the gospel. He offered no hope of salvation except in Christ Jesus. He loved sinners but not their sins. Jesus was his Master, his Savior, and his companion.

To his loved ones, we extend our sympathy, and commend them to the love of the Savior whom Dr. Whittington delighted to serve.

#### Dr. Charles W. Daniel

It is difficult to write of two devoted ministers of the gospel in parallel columns without saying the same things about each one. In fact, that is what we intend to do, because whatever we say about one of these minister friends may with equal appropriateness be said about the other because this is not an attempt to point out distinguishing characteristics of each, but a tribute of love and appreciation for two fellow ministers.

Dr. Charles W. Daniel was a gracious spirit, a good preacher, a preacher's preacher, as well as a wise and understanding pastor. He knew his Bible and knew how to make God's word live in the hearts and consciences of others. He too, had but one message, the message of the gospel, and his ministry was Christ-centered. The Lord's cause was the passion of his life. To that cause he gave all he had of abilities, talents, time, thought, energy, and life.

Once more, we extend to his loved ones our sincere sympathy and commend them to the love of the Savior whom Dr. Daniel delighted to serve.

### Inconsistency In High Places

We print below a letter addressed to Dr. G. Lee by Missionary T. H. Mabe of the St. Clair County Baptist Association of Alabama. The letter is self-explanatory and here it is:

#### Liquor Business At All Time High

"I am wondering if you would write every Baptist paper in our Southern Baptist Convention, and ask them to write a letter to their readers, and ask each reader to write their Congressman and Mr. Harry S. Truman, President, and ask him in this dark hour to close up our whiskey and beer distilleries and use these men in our war effort. He stated in his talk to the nation last week every man and woman was needed in this effort. Let us demand a clean up at home. How can we ask God to bless our nation when we are doing the very thing He commands us not to do? We must not be so foolish as to think God will bless and lead us to victory with all this sin in our lives. Millions are being spent for whiskey, when we need this in our war preparedness program. Why restrict car, refrigerator, and other necessary things and allow this whiskey business to flourish at an all time high? We are calling on the farmers for greater farm production. Yet using millions of bushels of wheat and corn in the manufacturing of whiskey to ruin our nation. It just doesn't make common sense.

It is a crime against the American people, against the American homes which are sending boys to the battle front, against the boys themselves, to allow the brewing industry and

all the liquor interests of the country to go unbridled while regimenting other essential industry. But according to the testimony of the liquor industry, the government of the United States is the greatest promoter of the liquor industry and drinking in the United States.

#### Liquor Drinking President

It can hardly be expected that the government, which according to the testimony of the liquor industry is its greatest salesman, will take any voluntary action to curb the liquor interest or to discourage liquor drinking.

Nor can we expect the President of the United States to take any effective action to curb the liquor traffic in this time of crisis, judging from a report of a little incident in the *Kansas City Star*, as reported by the *Kansas Southern Baptist Beams* of January 11. *The Beams* says that *The Star* published a picture of President Harry S. Truman showing him seated in a cafe, and underneath the picture the following words:

"Long known as chili fancier, President Truman yesterday paid a surprise visit to Dixon's Chili parlor, 1504-6 Olive Street, where he partook of a plate of chili and tamales. He also asked for a bottle of beer and received it, although the management had to send across the street to fill the order."

#### Voter Protest

The only possible way to get any effective action from Washington, either from the legislative or from the executive branch of our government, is by overwhelming pressure

### The Bible and Prayer

It would be interesting to know how many churches in Arkansas conducted a study course using the book by Dr. Lee, "The Bible and Prayer," as a guide to the study of prayer. It would also be interesting to know how many people attended these courses of study. Many glowing reports are heard concerning this study course.

It is to be hoped that this intensive study of the Bible teachings on prayer will call the Baptists of our state to their knees before God and give them a better understanding of the vital importance and the possibility of prayer. It is to be hoped that as the prayer life of our people is quickened by the study, the results will be revealed in the life of every individual, in the life of each church, and in the life of the denomination and its program in the state.

Prayer is the basis of our Christian living, our devotional life, of our church programs, and of our denominational program. Prayer will resolve our problems, unify our people, and vitalize our entire program.

If the Baptists of our state will pray, we need to have no anxiety about expanding the program of our denomination to carry out the commissions of our Lord. Any failure on our part to obey the commissions of Jesus and to carry out His program in the world is basically a failure to pray. Therefore let us pray and renew our relationship with the Lord and, as Paul said, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." When the mind of Christ fills our consciousness, our program of Christian service, evangelism, benevolences, and missions will go forward by leaps and bounds. Therefore let us pray.

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Prayer—genuine, honest prayer in which we seek what God wants us to do—not prayer in which we tell God what we want him to do—is the key to all power for evangelism. Over and over, we have seen meetings that were just that—meetings—changed into Pentecost through genuine prayer.

—Jack R. Noffsinger,  
The Baptist Student

from the people back home. Unless our people let the President and the Congress know how they feel about this matter of unbridled liquor interest, and express their opposition, no effective action will be taken by our government against this evil.

Protests from voters is the only counter movement to the liquor lobbyists in Washington to which the government will listen. It is unfortunate that we do not have public officials with character enough and with courage enough to take the initiative against these public enemies. But when our high officials do not have such character and courage, they are politicians enough to listen to the protests of voters, because they are looking toward the next election.

Fathers and mothers, Sunday School teachers, and church leaders, young people, one and all, let Washington know that you are opposed to this unbridled liquor industry.

# Kingdom Progress

## We Tried It - We Like It

By JOHN F. MORELAND

"A Choir Banquet? Try it!" by Loren Williams. Those were the words that met our eyes in the November issue of *The Church Musician* published by our own Sunday School Board. Right away the idea began to appeal to us and we began to make plans for it. These plans became a reality on the night of January 30, at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. Dr. W. Hines Sims was the guest speaker of the evening.

The purpose of the Church Banquet was to challenge those involved in the music program of our church—mission accomplished! This was the night that it snowed so much and from all appearances we were not to have a good representation, but the Lord gave us the victory and 60 attended.

The committees selected from the choir did a wonderful job of decorating, preparing the favors, and the fried chicken was delicious.

Before Dr. Sims spoke, a program was given which included a Negro spiritual rendered by the adult choir. Then Dr. Sims showed us the value of the church music program such as promoted by our Southern Baptist Department of Music.

All these things were made possible through the co-operation of such a splendid



Dr. W. Hines Sims

group of people which make up the choir of Baring Cross Church, and they have also proved their ability as an excellent choir.

### Roger Butler Commended

By DR. JOHN L. DODGE

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to commend to my brethren of Arkansas our mutual friend and brother preacher, Roger A. Butler, who is available for either supply work or evangelistic meetings or the pastorate. Roger Butler needs no introduction to Arkansas Baptists, since he has served well, faithfully, and successfully for a number of years as pastor of churches in our state. His last pastorate was with First Church, Bauxite.

Anyone interested in contacting Brother Butler may reach him at the following address; Rev. Roger A. Butler, 4458 James Street, Fort Worth, Texas; telephone number, WI-2590; or at 351 West Sullenberger, Malvern, Arkansas.

Mr. Butler has enrolled in the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, for some special work which he has desired for a number of years. Brethren, if you need a supply or some one to hold a revival meeting or if the church needs a pastor, let me commend to you and for your prayerful consideration this good and worthy man.

J. Ollie Edmunds, President of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, has been appointed a member of the Commission on International Cultural Relations of the Association of American Colleges.

### Worker Available

Dr. L. M. Snipes, professor of Pastoral Efficiency in the Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, and formerly of Arkansas, announces that since there will be no summer school in Central Seminary this year, he will be available during the summer months for revival meetings.

### Baylor Student Serves Deaf Mutes

Barter Bearden, a 22-year-old senior in Baylor University, uses his hands to preach every weekend to congregations of people who cannot hear.

He understands their plight, because he himself is deaf.

Working under auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Bearden makes regular rounds of ten Texas cities: Houston, Tyler, Texarkana, Fort Worth, Nacogdoches, Lubbock, Austin, Corsicana, Waco, and San Antonio. There's a congregation waiting for him at every stop.

He is an expert at lip-reading and has little trouble in his classes at Baylor. But as insurance just in case a professor turns his back, he usually asks a classmate to make notes in carbon.

Bearden's unique ministry began in October 1945, only a month after his own conversion at the Congress Avenue Church in Austin. He was a student then at Texas School for the Deaf.

As an evangelist, he has held revivals in Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, the District of Columbia, and Texas. Following his graduation from Baylor in June, he plans to enroll in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

### In Honor of J. W. Conger

A special chapel service has been arranged for February 20, in honor of Dr. J. W. Conger, founder and first president of Ouachita College. Dr. Conger served as president of Ouachita for 21 years.

This special service is sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist Historical Society. Alumni and friends who remember Dr. Conger are invited to attend this service.

### Radio Program West Memphis

Pastor Russell J. Clubb, West Memphis, announces the beginning of a series of broadcasts over radio station KWEM of West Memphis. The broadcasts began on Thursday, February 1, at 8 a. m. The program is scheduled to continue at the same hour Monday through Friday, each week. The audience in the West Memphis area will be interested to know of this program and will doubtless assist in publicizing it in the local communities.

Pastor Clubb and the West Memphis Church, together with other Christian people of eastern Arkansas, are opposing with vigor and determination the establishment of a race track in that eastern Arkansas city. The West Memphis church itself has gone on record as protesting the granting of a permit to build the track. Pastor Clubb has written letters asking for the co-operation and prayers of other pastors and fellow Christians in opposing the building of this track. He has also written a strong letter to Governor McMath.

It is an earnest hope and prayer of the Christian people of Arkansas in general, and of eastern Arkansas in particular, and in a very special sense those in West Memphis, that this moral blight shall not be foisted upon the good state of Arkansas.

### Small Church With Big Purpose

Launching a full time program in September, 1950, with Bill Lewis as pastor, the Liberty Church, White County Association, has proved that any church can support a full time aggressive program with greater ease than a limited part time program.

Since launching a full time program the attendance in church services has approximately doubled. In a period of five years the church completed the construction of three additional Sunday School rooms without incurring debt. Gifts to associational missions and the Cooperative Program have increased 75 per cent, the rotating system for the deacons has been installed, and the *Arkansas Baptist* has been placed in the church budget.

### Naylor on Columbia Church of the Air

Dr. Robert Ernest Naylor, pastor of First Church, Columbia, South Carolina, will speak on the Columbia Church of the Air broadcast on Sunday morning, March 25. A native of Hartshorne, Oklahoma, Dr. Naylor left First Church, Enid, Oklahoma, in 1947 to accept his present pastorate. Previously he had served churches in Nashville, Malvern and Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He also served as moderator of the Little River, Central, and Red River Baptist Associations in this state. He was a member of the Arkansas Executive Board for ten years, and served as president of that body in 1944.

### Six Deacons Ordained By Sherwood, North Little Rock

Sherwood Church, North Little Rock, ordained the following men to the deaconship on Friday night, January 26; Everette Hamby, Rex Middlebrook, C. E. Adams, Glenn Clark, C. W. Welch, and E. J. Keele.

Ministers participating in the service were C. E. Lawrence, Gaines Street Church, who gave the charge to the deacons; Wilbur Herring, Calvary Church, who gave the charge to the church; Wesley Hoover, Sherwood Church, read the Deacon's Covenant; Bill Lewis, Liberty Church, offered the ordination prayer; H. A. Elledge, Baring Cross Church, delivered the ordination sermon.

### Annual Southwide Conference Of Theological Students

The Sixth Annual Southwide Conference of Baptist Theological Students will be held March 14-15 on the campus of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. This Christian movement is composed of students from National Baptist and Southern Baptist schools in the South. At present twelve schools are participating in the Conference. Any Baptist theological or ministerial students enrolled in any college or seminary is eligible to become a member.

The program for the opening day will feature: an executive committee meeting; a discussion of "Negro Theological Education"; presentation of "How to Conduct a Successful Christian Work Project"; and a forum on "The Dynamic of Human Relations (Personal Relations)." These will be led by students with faculty advisors and outstanding research men acting as resource members. The highlights of the second day will be: a chapel service; a discussion of "National Baptist and Southern Baptist Co-operation"; a business session; and the annual banquet and main address at Highland Baptist Church. This address, "The Implications of Supreme Court Decisions on Baptist Co-operation," will be given by Dr. A. C. Miller, Director of the Texas Commission on Minorities. The public is welcomed to all sessions.

### White River Association

By MISSIONARY CLAUDE CRIGLER

In looking over our records for 1950, I find some worth while achievements. Flippin Church, five years old on Mother's Day, had 60 additions by baptism during 1950, or one baptism for each 2 1/4 members, and increased Cooperative Missions 1951 \$15 to \$45 per month. Pastor Byron King commutes back and forth to Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas.

Malida Church, organized in September 1949 with 8 members, had 8 baptisms, one for one.

Cotter Church, T. E. Funderburk, pastor, with 149 resident members, gave \$1003.20 to Cooperative Program, an increase of 800 per cent over 1948. They pledge to pay \$1,176 to Cooperative Missions in 1951.

Mountain Home Church, D. W. Stark pastor, have their new \$100,000 church plant almost finished.

Whiteville, Darrell Ball pastor, completed their Sunday School annex.

Antioch I, A. B. Emerson pastor, has organized a new Sunday School class for young people using a room which they have redecorated, formerly just a catch-all.

Bruno, S. W. Wilkerson pastor, has the basement dug for a new church plant, 40 by 60 feet with full basement. In 1942 they built a new one room building but now see the need for more room and Sunday School space.

### Evangelist Morris Busy

Evangelist W. J. Morris will begin a revival meeting at Daniel's Chapel Church, Dumas, beginning February 18, for ten days. Charles Holland is pastor.

He is also scheduled to begin a revival at St. Church, Oakdale, Tennessee, beginning March 25. David Burris is the pastor.

### Happenings in Washington

A weekly radio report by Congressman Brooks Hays may be heard every Sunday, 12:45 p. m., over the following radio stations in Arkansas:

**KXLR, North Little Rock; KXJR, Russellville; KCON, Conway.**

## OUACHITA COLLEGE NEWS

### Returned Medical Missionary Speaks for Ouachita Chapel

Miss Irene Branum, returned medical missionary who lived in China under Communism, stated in her appearance on the Ouachita College chapel program January 23, that Communism is more than a political force, that it is a religion. "The Communist must have a conversion, a change of heart and mind about his previous ideas of life and of politics. And he is put in jail if he doesn't change," she added in her speech to the students.

The missionary, who served as superintendent of nurses in a hospital in Kueilin, China, said that the Communists teach hate and are directly opposed to Christianity. Their main teachings were summarized in three points: 1. There is no God; 2. Man came from monkeys; 3. Labor created the world. People were forced to attend lectures on Communism, Miss Branum related, and many students changed from God-loving people to people of hate under the Red influence.

Miss Branum, an honor graduate of Ouachita College, sailed for China in 1947, after a year's study in the Yale language school. She spent another year in Peking studying the language, then went to Kueilin where she worked for the remainder of her time in China. When the Communists came to the city she was one of a small group of missionaries who stayed with their work. Miss Branum returned to America in November.

### Second Semester Enrolment Is 510

A total of 510 students have enrolled for work in Ouachita College for the second semester, it was announced by Miss Frances Crawford, college registrar, on January 24. Of this number only about 10 are special students. A number of special students will enroll later in the semester, it was indicated by the registrar.

In reference to the accomplishments of the first semester, Dr. S. W. Eubanks, college president, states, "On a whole we have had a fine semester's work. The administration and faculty members are well pleased with the spirit, attitude, and co-operation of the entire staff and student group."

During the first semester the North Central Survey Committee spent two days on the Ouachita Campus. Dr. Eubanks states that the committee indicated a number of places needing improvement, but they were very complimentary on the development of the college since the last survey. Dr. Eubanks believes that the report of the Board of Review in April will be favorable toward Ouachita.

One teacher, Professor McCarty of the math and chemistry department, has had to leave the Ouachita teaching staff because of military demands. Professor McCarty was in the naval reserve.

Several new subjects have been added to the curriculum of studies to be offered second semester. "The Infant in Home Economics," "Seminar in Related Social Problems," and "Library Science" are the new ones.

Accidents took the lives of 89,000 in 1950.

Dr. Ironside, former Moody church pastor, died in New Zealand.

... And despite increased taxes, Americans will still be "well heeled." Shoe manufacturers estimate 412,000,000 rubber heels will be produced in the U. S. in 1951.

### All Arkansas Pastors Invited to Supper

Pastor James G. Harris, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, announces that Texas Baptists' department of evangelism, is holding a regional evangelistic rally on February 22, beginning at 2 p. m., and continuing through the evening service. Presumably the rally will be held at First Church, Texarkana, Texas. Program personnel include Dr. C. Wade Freeman, head of the Texas department of evangelism; Dr. James N. Morgan, Fort Worth; Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary of Texas; and President W. R. White, Baylor University.

Pastor Harris is especially anxious that as many Arkansas Baptist preachers as possible will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this evangelistic rally in Texarkana. He also extends to every Baptist preacher of Arkansas who attends the evangelistic rally to be his guest at the Beech Street Church at 6 p. m. for supper.

Those who plan to attend the rally and expect to be the guest of Pastor Harris should notify him as early as possible so that he may know how many to prepare for and reserve plates for those who plan to accept his invitation.

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### Training Union Carnival

A unique conclusion featured the Training Union Study Course of the Gentry Church recently when Dr. R. G. Lee's book on Prayer was used as a guide for the study.

Each evening those present were given tickets. On the last night the five departments of the Training Union presided over five booths which served refreshments. One booth served sandwiches, another cake, another drinks, another candy, and the fifth popcorn balls.


Those having tickets for five nights attendance were served at each of the five booths, but those having less than five attendance tickets could be served at only the number of booths corresponding to the number of tickets they had received for attendance during the week.

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### Charles Wellborn To Wed in March

Charles Wellborn, Southern Baptist Radio Hour speaker, will marry Miss Mary Elizabeth Hood at Belonzi, Texas, on March 11.

The bride-elect attended Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi, and is now a student at Baylor University, Waco, where she is a member of Alpha Omega, social club, and secretary of the Junior Class. She has been featured among the campus beauties for two years.



## Listen to the BAPTIST HOUR

Date: February 18

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject:  
"The Valley of the Shadow"

### Arkansas Stations:

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

# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

By Religious News Service

## Protest Death Sentence On Catholic Youth

Roman Catholic, Protestant, and secular youth organizations have joined in a wave of protest against the death sentence imposed on Joseph Herman Flade by the Soviet-German supreme court in Dresden, Soviet Zone.

Flade, 18, a Catholic high-school student of Olbernhau, Saxony, was recently condemned by the court on charges of alleged "boycott agitation" and attempted murder. He had pasted anti-Communist posters denouncing the Soviet Zone elections and, when caught by two policemen, wounded one of them with a knife.

Meanwhile, the Fighting Group against Inhumanity and the European Resistance Movement against Bolshevism in Duesseldorf, youth organizations in the Federal Republic to oppose the planned "judicial murder" and to make this case a "flaming torch" in the fight against "Communist terror" in the Soviet Zone.

## Protestant Youths Back Anti-Communist Movement in Korea

Over 3,000 Korean Protestant youths are working in the anti-Communist movement in North Korea, according to church officials in Pusan.

The church authorities said it could be "stated with full confidence that most of the North Korean people were giving their full spiritual support to the underground movement."

It was disclosed by the Korean National Defense Ministry that 7,000 well-trained South Korean volunteer youth have been working in North Korea as intelligence agents for the United Nations forces in South Korea.

## Churches Not Affected By Controls

Churches and other religious, educational, and non-profit institutions are not being seriously affected thus far by construction controls imposed by the National Production Administration.

However, any religious body contemplating the erection of a building would be well advised, officials said, to clear it with Washington in order to be certain that they may proceed.

The construction control order, M-4, prohibits virtually all commercial construction, unless authorized by the NPA.

## Georgia Baptists Launch Telegram Temperance Fight

A "vigorous fight by telegram" was launched by a group of Georgia Baptist ministers and laymen to persuade the state legislature, now meeting in Atlanta, to pass several bills sponsored by the Georgia Temperance League.

Baptists assembled in Macon for a conference on evangelism heard Dr. James W. Merritt, executive secretary for Georgia Baptists, propose that at least 1,000 telegrams be sent to the state capitol during the three-day meeting.

## Protestants-United Oppose Any U. S. Vatican Appointment

Opposition to the appointment of a Presidential envoy to the Vatican was expressed in a resolution adopted in Washington, D. C. at the third annual national conference of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Taking official cognizance of a Washington report that President Truman had abandoned the idea of naming an ambassador who would require Senate confirmation, the POAU National Advisory Council unanimously approved a statement declaring that "a personal representative to the Vatican" would be just as strongly opposed.

The POAU resolution took note of the comment of a prominent Senator who expressed the opinion that "such an appointment would not arouse any great storm of protest."

"There must be a great storm of protest indeed," the resolution said. It termed the appointment of a personal envoy "illegitimate under the Constitution," and criticized the "bungling diplomacy which characterized the ten-year tenure of Myron Taylor in that post."

In a keynote address, Paul Blanshard author of the book, "American Freedom and Catholic Power," described the Vatican and the Kremlin as "two forms of imperialism that are both animated by their own type of self-interest."

"We should not recognize the Vatican by sending any ambassador," he said, "unless we are prepared to tell the Vatican to keep hands off American institutions in the same way we tell the Kremlin. If we do send an ambassador, we should also send one, in order to be consistent, to the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moscow Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church."

Mr. Blanshard imputed most of the friction between Protestants and Catholics, particularly over the separation of Church and State, to "the imperialistic ambitions of the Vatican." He said that on a recent visit to Rome he had found "deadly parallels" between the methods employed by "Vatican imperialists" and the Communist Party.

"Democracy is faced by a challenge both from the left and from the right," he said. "While the moral philosophies differ, both the totalitarianism of the Kremlin and the Vatican live in the same climate, the climate of opposition to the freedom of man. Both are undemocratic from top to bottom."

Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, of Raleigh, North Carolina, president of POAU, declared in an official address to the conference that Roman Catholic leaders had confused opposition to political aims of the Catholic Church with opposition to the free practice of its religion.

He said that Protestants approved the right of Catholics to practice their faith, but opposed "making the United States Catholic in legislation."

In the opinion of Protestants United, Dr. Poteat declared, that would mean establishment of censorship and other forms of totalitarian practice which would be in conflict with the basic tenets of American democracy.

# A Smile or Two

A boy considered dull in arithmetic was scolded by the teacher:

"Why, at your age, Abe Lincoln was a lawyer."

"Yes, sir," was the reply "and at your age he was President of the United States."

A stenographer is a girl who learns to spell and punctuate at your expense while she is waiting to be married.

A child learned that Jesus had been a Jew. He said, "I know God is a Baptist like grandfather, but I didn't know that Jesus was a Jew."

New Foreman: "Well, what are you doing sleeping on the job? Get up and get to work before you get fired!"

Worker: "Okay, okay, don't be in such a hurry; Rome wasn't built in a day."

Foreman: "I know, I know, but I wasn't foreman of that job."

The daughter of a family was admiring a set of mink skins, a gift from her father.

She said, "I can hardly realize that these beautiful furs came from such a small, sneaking beast."

Whereupon the father indignantly said, "I don't ask for thanks, my dear, but I must insist upon respect!"

Employee: "Could I have tomorrow off, sir, to help my wife with the housecleaning?"

Employer: "No, we are much too busy."

Employee: "Thank you, sir, I knew I could rely on you."

The small one was being a pest. He had dashed across the aisle of the railway coach, had gazed long and intently in the stout man's face, and now was engaged in the serious enterprise of counting the buttons on the gentleman's vest.

At last the unhappy victim turned despairing eyes upon the small one's beaming mother.

"Madam," he asked, "what do you call this dear child?"

"Kenneth," she brightened.

"Then pray, call him."

A school teacher in the hillbilly country was correcting a boy who said: "I ain't gwine thar."

"That's no way to talk, Leviticus. Listen: I am not going, thou art not going, he is not going, we are not going, they are not going. Now do you understand?"

"Yes, ma'am. They ain't nobody gwine."

An auto of ancient vintage puffed and wheezed up to the toll gate.

"Fifty cents," the attendant announced.

"Sold!" cried the driver.

Four-year-old Beatrice overheard her mother tell a neighbor that she had been baptized twice in the same river; once by the Methodist church and later by the Baptist.

When alone with her Father, she sidled to him and inquired: "Why was Mother baptized two times?" Father replied: "Oh that is why Mother is so sweet and good."

A few days later, when Father discovered Beatrice clipping pictures from his new magazine, he took the book from her, and gave her a good scolding. As he retreated into his den, he heard Beatrice philosophize: "I wish they would take you to the river and baptize you two times."

# Southern Baptists and Social Security

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

The second article of a series of five, dealing with this timely topic.

The first of the series appeared last week in all our denominational papers. In it, we set forth what the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention said in their December resolution. We emphasized what they said by calling to the reader's attention several things the Committee did not say.

As a background for this second article, let me quote Paul's well known word: "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." (1 Cor. 6:12).

What the Executive Committee said was that it was "lawful" for a Baptist or a group of Baptists to participate in Federal Social Security, in that such participation did not violate our time honored principle of the separation of church and state. What I mean to say in this article is that, although it may be lawful, it is certainly a moot question whether or not it is the expedient thing to do.

## Southern Baptists' Reaction in 1940

In 1940, the Walsh Amendment to the Social Security Act was pending in the United States Senate. Southern Baptists objected to it on the ground that it would automatically bring under Social Security lay employees of Baptist churches, and employees of Baptist boards and institutions. "This," said the Southern Convention, "would result in the nationalization of our churches and church institutions." The Convention further said: "Religious bodies, even under the most favorable circumstances, would be unwise if they should sacrifice this important principle (separation of church and state) for an economical advantage such as is proposed by the Social Security Act in the Old Age Benefit System" (1940 Southern Baptist Convention Annual, Page 390).

For the very reasons Drs. Sampey, Scarborough, and others opposed the Walsh Amendment in 1940, this writer voiced the opposition of Southern Baptists before the Senate Finance Committee, February, 1950. All of us are grateful for the fact that HR 6000, as amended and finally approved, continued to exclude the employees of non-profit religious institutions. It would offer unto such the privilege of participation, if the organization and two thirds or more of the employees were to express such a desire.

Thus, with all threat of governmental coercion of free institutions removed, the privilege of participation now granted has appeared most desirable to some, and innocuous to many. But I ask, "Is either conclusion thus reached justified by the facts in the case?"

## Southern Baptists' Reaction in 1950

Let us recall here that the Chicago Convention (May, 1950) approved the report of the special committee it had appointed to make an expression with regard to Social Security (1950 Southern Baptist Convention Annual, Pages 48-49).

Two paragraphs of that report need to be re-stated here:

"Thus, we fear the possible and probable results of the option offered in the Senate Finance Committee's report extended to any denomination that would seek the coverage of Federal Social Security for its employees.

Such inclusion, even though not mandatory, would mean: (1) that, in the future, the function of providing for the economic security of employees of churches, denominational organizations, and other institutions of religion would be taken away from these groups and be made the function of the State; (2) that the churches and their institutions would be taxed by the State for the support of its social security program; (3) that the door would be open for the punitive coercion of the churches by the state in the enforcement of its regulations; and (4) it involves the individual workers of the churches in a direct economic dependence upon the state that will tend to dull religious conviction and stifle independent, conscientious action.

"It is our conviction that the church's highest spiritual function becomes impossible when its organization and methods, to any degree whatsoever, are controlled by the state or when it becomes economically dependent upon any other group. The church must remain entirely free from entangling alliances if it is to continue to function as the voice of God in human society."

Some may say this statement is overdrawn. That may be; but at least it brings to mind definite possibilities, even probabilities, that we must not take lightly.

## Inherent Involvements

Participation in Federal Social Security on a voluntary basis is indeed a far cry from mandatory participation. On a voluntary basis, it may not constitute a threat to the principle of separation of church and state, but even so, many Southern Baptists feel that there are dangers inherent whenever a free church strikes hands with a paternalistic government.

It must also be borne in mind that, once a group has voted to participate in Social Security, thus exercising their option in the matter, such a choice is not extended subsequent employees of that particular institution, board, or church. The action of the present group determines the future for new employees. They have no option. For them, participation is mandatory. Whether it be contrary to the individual's own conscience in the matter, the individual has no alternative. Thus is established a future course, both for employer and employee. This becomes coercion, and brings to the fore many of the objections that were pertinent under a mandatory bill.

It must also be borne in mind that, once participation is entered upon, a relationship is inaugurated that cannot be terminated under ten years.

As stated, therefore, at the close of the first article, decisions with regard to this vital matter should be made only after a full study of the many issues that are involved. Whatever opinions we hold to the contrary, this statement cannot be gainsaid: That, if we elect not to participate in Social Security of the Federal Government, we at least keep Pandora's box tightly locked against the future.

What a grand world this would be if we could forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings.

—Baptist Bulletin Service

# New Testament Evangelism

## Prophecy

By DR. B. V. FERGUSON

There is a type of evangelist who believes that people are saved by prophecy. We believe in prophecy but as a blessing to Christian people and not as a means of saving grace. We believe that every thing in the Bible was written for a purpose. The purpose of prophecy was for the edifying of the saints.

Some are sounding the one note of prophecy and preaching to the people "Come get in on the ground floor." They do this to the exclusion of preaching how to be saved. Much of the radio preaching is given over to this theme. This manages to keep the people in a state of confusion.

We have in mind a man who has been in former years a great evangelist. He goes now for two or three addresses all of which major on giving. He has become a professional beggar. He gets nobody saved because he does not preach unto them the way of life.

Every preacher ought to preach the glorious doctrine of the second coming of our Lord. It is the glorious hope of the Christian. It is not a means of salvation.

What the nations are doing has nothing to do with the individual's salvation. However, we believe the battles that are now being fought, fit into God's eternal purpose and plan. We believe that the very time in which we live presents a superb opportunity to teach men that they are lost and how to be saved.

One who majors on prophecy as a means of salvation comes to make his appeal in the atmosphere of fear. We believe this type of evangelism to be spurious because it appeals to fear rather than love. "We love him because He first loved us." I John 4:19.

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## Special Crusade Broadcast On NBC April 8

There will be a special Conventionwide broadcast of The Baptist Hour on Sunday afternoon, April 8, climaxing two weeks of simultaneous revival services in some 19,000 Baptist Churches East of the Mississippi River. Dr. S. F. Lowe, Director of The Radio Commission, has announced plans for the special program which will be carried as a public service feature on the Southeastern, Southcentral, and Southwestern logs of NBC network, which covers the Eastern portion of our Convention territory, including Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has been chosen as speaker for this service, and Charles Wellborn will serve as master of ceremonies. The broadcast will be at 3 p. m., Eastern Standard Time (2 p. m. CT), and transcriptions of the program will be available to all stations in those areas of the Convention not covered by the live network.

"We believe that all of our churches participating in our Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade will have their members together for this broadcast," Dr. Lowe said, "and we hope that many others west of the Mississippi will join us." More than 200 stations are anticipated for this program, and it is believed that well over 20,000 church groups will listen. Dr. Lowe emphasized the fact that the regular Baptist Hour program will also be heard that Sunday at the usual time on all stations carrying the weekly broadcasts.



## Tributes to Dr. Otto Whittington

### Denominational Statesman

By DR. W. J. HINSLEY

Dr. Otto Whittington was a good man, a true friend, a wise counselor, a denominational statesman, a real pastor, a Bible evangelist, and a great preacher. No man in the past fifty years has made a greater impact on the life of Arkansas Baptists than has Brother Whittington.

He will be greatly missed by our people. Many of us can say he has been a blessing to our lives.

May God bless and comfort his loved ones.

### Example of Friendship

By V. H. COFFMAN

To me Dr. Otto Whittington was one of the greatest examples of friendship as it should be, and one of the outstanding pastors and evangelists of his day, having the very highest possible ability as an evangelist and pastor, and an ideal husband and father. Beyond question he meant more to Arkansas Baptists, according to New Testament standards and teachings, than any other one man of his day. His shoes cannot be filled.

### Gave All He Had

By JOHN H. BYERS

I share with all of our brotherhood the deep sense of loneliness in the home going of our dear Brother Otto Whittington. All of his ministerial life, from youth to the end, he used all he had for his Lord and His cause. Far beyond his strength he carried on in these late years. His life is a great blessing and honor to our Lord's cause.

### As I Knew Him

By W. J. MORRIS

Perhaps no one outside his immediate family knew the late Dr. Otto Whittington better than I did, having been associated with him as a gospel singer in revival meetings in nine states.

In all my experience as a gospel singer, which covered twenty-two states, I was associated with many preachers, but none of them excelled and few equaled Dr. Whittington as a true servant of God.

Since I have entered the ministry, and am now holding revivals, I realize that whatever is worthwhile in my preaching as an evangelist is largely due to the fact that I had the privilege of hearing his great messages. I never knew one who was more skilled in evangelism, or one who was a greater exponent of the gospel. The Spirit of God seemed to always attend his messages. He was my friend.

### His Greatest Sermon

By DR. J. R. GRANT

For more than forty years I have known Dr. Otto Whittington. He was God's man first, and man's man second. As a preacher and pastor he was among the South's great leaders. All his messages carried a challenge. His people wanted to follow him. Probably his greatest sermon was his daily life.

When I became president of Ouachita College, Dr. Whittington was a member of the Board of Trustees. It was in this close relationship that I learned to know him better and to love him more. In all our meetings he was a calm, clear, and courageous thinker. His every word and expression had a steady influence. On knotty problems we wanted to hear Dr. Whittington.

He often visited Ouachita to see his children and to help in any way he could. He knew our problems and always had words of counsel. The announcement that Dr. Whittington was to speak in chapel always brought applause from the student body. I have never known a more inspiring speaker nor a better story teller. His humor helped him emphasize points that challenged his listeners to higher ground.

Probably the greatest service Dr. Whittington rendered to Ouachita College was in directing the million dollar campaign. His building did not stop with the material. He was a builder of good will. He had a big part in building a better Ouachita spirit in Arkansas. His good work will go on.

For Dr. Whittington to die was gain. He came to the end of his journey with few regrets. His home going makes heaven more attractive. His beautiful life, like the golden rays of a sunset, will remain in our memories to comfort us and to cheer us on to have a bigger part in building a better world.

## Recruit Response Unusually Good

Response to the Army's religious program by youthful recruits recently called to the colors has been unusually good, according to a survey of installations in which the young soldiers are processed and/or stationed.

Additional chapel services have been scheduled, attendance has increased, and interest in chapel activities — such as choirs, Sunday Schools, and Bible Classes — in high, Major General Roy H. Parker, chief of Army Chaplains, has pointed out.

Typical of reports received from the field is the following from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Frank R. Jenkins, post chaplain at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

"In the Sixth Armored Division, especially at the chapel in the area where men are being processed, there have been such crowds that additional non-scheduled services have had to be held to accommodate those who wanted to attend. It must be remembered that many of these men attending have only been in the Army less than two weeks. Now that Basic Training is to begin . . . it will be necessary

to hold services in theatres . . . to care for the crowds."

The increase in chapel attendance is reported from various installations in reference to Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish services. The Army reported last September that it would re-open 179 chapels to insure a complete program of religious services and moral counseling at installations reactivated to serve the expanding Armed Forces.

Many chaplains, in their reports, stressed the high moral character of the men entering the Army.

"All the chaplains have been impressed with the high calibre of men coming into the Army", Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Leonard J. McAlteer, 43rd Infantry Division, stated. "The attitude generally is one of eagerness and morale among them is good. They seem to have an appreciation of why it was necessary to call them into service and are accepting it in good spirit . . ."

—The Washington Religious Review

## Turn-Over Chart For Soul Winners

By LAWSON HATFIELD

For a long time our churches have felt the need of having more of the members doing personal work—winning the lost to Christ. This is the need of every church. From several sources, I have tried to develop an idea which is a practical and effective method of developing soul winners by helping them get into the field, that is white unto harvest, with the Word.

### Turn-over Chart For Soul Winners

From the Tithers Enlistment Visitation program we find an effective tool for teaching—the turn-over chart. This chart is attractive in its form and print, has good, simple illustrations, is not too wordy for the average man, has effective scriptures, and states the basic principles of Stewardship in very fine form.

Of course you already see the idea, that of using the chart system to present the plan of salvation. A separate chart on salvation to be used in personal evangelism. This chart will be a giant tract, one the personal worker carries with him, sets up before a lost friend and with prayerful intent, reads it to him, or with him, and gives his own personal experience along with it step by step. The lost friend not only hears, but sees and reads for himself the plan of salvation—visual education at its best.

Visualize this personal visit with its possibilities, a prayer at the close of the presentation, an invitation to make a personal decision for Christ! For those who do make a decision the next few pages could contain instruction on baptism, church membership, and the new life in Christ. Many will not make a decision, but the Word will have been sown and a card indicating results of the visit could be made for follow-up visits. A tract with identical material, or other tracts could be left. There would need to be training classes for personal workers, made spiritual not mechanical. But wisdom provides the best tools for a better job and it seems this would help to develop many who have not given much if any real service for the Lord in this all important field—soul winning.

### Fits in Other Plans

This falls right in with our fine methods of taking a census, finding prospects, praying for them, and then going after them. Is not the going our greatest weakness? Many do not go for fear of failure, fear of embarrassment, or fear of forgetting what to say and how to say it. A turn-over chart would do much to eliminate these basic fears of our potential soul winners. They would have a tool to keep them on the subject. They would have confidence that the right things will be kept in the forefront and teams, visiting, praying witnessing, would put new life into our churches.

I have not used the idea at this writing, but am making a draft of a chart and plan to try to develop the system for my work. Think of the possibilities in a south-wide program of evangelism, simultaneous revivals, presentation of the gospel to small groups, Sunday School classes, as well as to individuals.

If you care to, let me know what you think of this plan, tell others about it, use it if you please. Is it possible to develop a good chart for all our churches and have available through our regular denominational channels?

## A Prayer For The Nation

By CONGRESSMAN BROOKS HAYS

*On Sunday, January 7, the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., devoted the morning service to Capitol Hill. Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor, preached on the subject: "The Dream that made America Great." Among the congressmen who took part in the service was the Honorable Brooks Hays, who offered the prayer which we print below. This prayer was printed in the Congressional Record—Editor.*

"Our Father, there are many things we would pray for this morning. Our deepest aspirations we cannot phrase, yet we know that Thou wilt hear even the petitions that struggle vainly in our hearts for expression.

Our thoughts are upon our nation, its safety in an hour of great peril and its future, that its institutions might continue to be dedicated to the noblest ends. We who are a part of its official family are grateful for the friendliness which is so often evidenced by Calvary Church. May it be typical of the nation; may the ties between the representative and the people be strengthened.

We thank Thee for the American heritage, for the system of Government which we believe represents the best hope of conformity to the principles of Christian faith. We do not defend it as a perfect expression of Thy will, but we believe that precious spiritual values are inherent in it, and these we would preserve. Our Father, we ask, too, that as we contemplate the grandeur of America we may think of our country in relation to the world and measure its greatness in terms of widest service. May we never feel our sense of superiority nor glory in achievement of the past, as long as there are unfinished tasks to challenge us.

For the meeting of dangers help us to achieve unity, not from diluting conviction nor in the tolerance and perpetuation of error, but rather in the harmony of Christian brotherhood which keeps our hearts and minds upon the highest goals.

We pray for the world's peace, that peace with justice may be the good fortune of our generation. Save us from a sense of futility; may the temporary conquests of evil not disturb us and may we continue to put our chief reliance in Thy leadership. In the laws that are to be made by the new Congress and the policies to be devised, may there be moral content and moral power. May we see in our

failures the inexactness of human effort and help us to understand that we have failed only to the extent that we have not followed Thy plan for human life and destiny.

We thank Thee for the resources of good will that surround us. We have drawn so much from them, may we determine to contribute to them. And may such suffering as comes upon us as an inevitable experience never create bitterness. Our Father, spare us from little-mindedness and from the sins of cynicism and self-centeredness. May we live worthily before the world, though new fears and dangers press upon us. If we cannot have peace for our world may we have peace within. Give us tranquility for the decisions that are vital for our times.

We thank Thee that in this service the anxieties of the world may yield to the strength and power of Thy presence, and as the busy world beckons us to perplexing new duties may we go with the assurance that Thou are our refuge, that underneath us are the everlasting arms. We pray, our Father, not only for Thy favors but for Thyself.

Finally, our Father, we pray for our fighting men abroad. Comfort and heal them, and may there be nothing in our action to create doubt as to our appreciation for their sacrifice. Forgive any lightheartedness or gayety that is based upon indifference to their plight or the needs of stricken people anywhere. We do not hesitate to ask that our men be restored to loved ones, unimpaired and buoyed by the consciousness of Thy care.

Help us to preserve in the world today those elements of love and compassion which made sublime the mission of Jesus. In His spirit we would pray even for our enemies; may reconciliation come with peace.

'In every change of fortune and down to the gates of death may we be loyal and loving to one another.'

In the name of Jesus. Amen."

## Friends

By DUKE K. MCCALL

Friends met us in Bangkok, Thailand (Siam) with Coca-Colas in their outstretched hands. I do not know which we were happiest to see—friends or the evidence of American culture.

Bangkok is trying to catch up with New York. P. T. Barnum, of the old Barnum and Bailey circus, has made them change the name of the country from Siam to Thailand. He invented the name Siamese twins. Now in order not to be thought of as a land of freaks the name Siam is taboo.

It is not an old land. Bangkok with canals running down every street is about like the New Orleans, Louisiana, of a century ago. Three centuries ago ocean vessels could sail over Bangkok to Ayudha, the capitol of the country, sixty miles north. The level of the land around Bangkok has gradually risen above the sea. That is symbolic of the culture of the people.

Prince Dhani arranged for me to tour the royal palace. The prince explained his hospitality and the welcome given to everything American including cokes by saying, "We like the United States because you helped us get our treaties revised so we could have justice and freedom." That makes Siam at least one place in the world where our policy has worked.

Siam has a selective system for Buddhist priests. Every male must spend at least thirty days as a priest. There is quite a ceremony when he is made a priest. His head is shaved and he rides in a parade dressed in his yellow priestly robes with a lotus leaf in his hand.

Entering the Buddhist priesthood is a short cut to a divorce. An equivalent situation in America would produce this conversation:

"I am entering the ministry." "Oh, I am so sorry; I thought you and your wife were happily married."

The Buddhist priest can take back his wife after he ceases to be a priest if he likes, or he can pick out another one.

The people of Siam are not really Buddhists. That is just the state religion to be used on state occasions. Buddhism is actually a pretty complicated philosophy with a relatively high moral system. It is too involved for the mass of people. Therefore you do not find it in India, the land of its birth, nor in the hearts of the Siamese.

The Siamese worship all sorts of spirits, mostly evil ones, which try to keep away. Every dwelling has a little spirit house filled with clay figures. Even the Baptist missionaries have them because they live in rented houses. The landlord would rather move his tenants than his spirits. The missionary children think they are doll houses. The spirits do not seem to mind being used as toys.

I expect the children are no more irreverent than some adults to whom the Christian faith is little more than an excuse for dressing up and visiting friends on Sunday.

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### Station Broadcasts Scripture to Russia

Scripture readings in the Russian language are being broadcast to the Soviet Union by Station WRUL of the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation, Boston.

Wyman Holmes, manager of the Foundation's Back Bay studios, said the Scriptural selections are chosen to bring out such ideas as humility, mercy, "God is love," prayer, and the Commandments.

The readings are included on the station's European beam each Sunday at 3 p. m., EST.

## A Great Revival In January

By DR. SELLSUS E. TULL

Some would think that the middle of January is an unfavorable time to conduct a revival in Arkansas, but the Bethel Church of Pine Bluff went right ahead with a revival which began on January 18 and ran through January 28. Dr. A. B. Pierce, Kosciuske, Mississippi, was the evangelist, and pastor Walter Hill, Stuttgart, was the song director. The meeting was conducted in the Pine Street School building where the church has worshiped since its organization on last October 15. The weather turned out to be perfect with sunshine each day and moonlight each night. Fine crowds attended from the first service. This eight day revival resulted in 29 additions to the church, 12 of these for baptism.

This church was organized just three months ago with a charter membership of 66. Since that date 83 others have come into the membership making a present membership of 149. Of the new members, 17 have come by baptism. The church now has 10 deacons. The Sunday School has an attendance as large as the church membership. The Train-

ing Union averages 85 in attendance, and the W. M. U. is organized with four circles which meet each week. The church is composed largely of tithers, and the financial receipts average more than \$300 per week. A building fund is growing. A beautiful site for the new church has already been bought at Thirty-eighth and Cherry Streets in the midst of the most rapidly growing residential section of Pine Bluff. The church hopes to start the first unit of their new building this spring. When it is remembered that all this growth and activity has taken place without a pastor, it can easily be pictured what the future is to bring forth under the leadership of a God-appointed pastor for whom the church is praying daily and hopes to find in the very near future.

The Bethel Church was organized with the one hope of becoming a great soul-winning New Testament church whose fellowship should be diligently safe-guarded from any divisive factionalisms or other elements which hinder the full leadership of the Holy Spirit.

## Will There Be Enough?

By O. L. BAYLESS, Arkansas Member  
Home Mission Board

This is the question that burns deep, not only in the heart of the administrative officers of our Home Mission Board, but in the soul of every board member and every Baptist who takes the commission given us by our Lord seriously — as we look upon the tremendous challenge before us and the work we must do in relation to the money we have for the job.

### Our Challenge

In a rapidly changing world we see Communism and Christianity in what seems to be a death struggle, America stands as the leader of democratic peoples. She is rich in natural resources, scientific development, educational and cultural achievements, as well as military strength and influence. All this glory is not sufficient; her spiritual growth and influence must match her physical and material and cultural achievements — this is our challenge.

The Home Mission Board of our Convention, by its work and achievements in days gone by, has proven to be one of the mightiest forces for helping the spiritual growth. Through the work of this agency of our Southern Baptist Convention, since its organization in 1845, we have had an average of one conversion for every \$34.97 expended. Very few or if any of our churches can match such a record. More than one third of our churches, 10,012 in number, have been organized through the Home Mission Board activities. Does this not prove that this agency of our Convention can be used of God and Baptists in developing our spiritual growth?

### Added Responsibilities Without Added Means

Prior to 1940 one of five people in our Convention territory was a Baptist. Since that date we have added territory where we find only one out of sixty seven people to be a Baptist, a 39 per cent increase in the number of people. Since that date our Home Mission percentage of the Cooperative Program dollar has almost every year been reduced. This year the receipts are "pegged." Your Home Mission Board will only receive, for the carrying on of our current work, \$640,000; this is all regardless of how many millions Southern Baptists give. Yes, during these years of cutting the Home Mission Board percentage of the Cooperative Program dollar Southern Baptists have added to our task 22,000,000 more people and a territory larger than the total Convention area east of the Mississippi River. "Will there be enough?" Unless we can truly have a Cooperative Program with all agen-

cies and institutions sharing to the last dollar of mission gifts we cannot enlarge our work to correspond with the task.

Think of it, 12,500,000 unchurched people added to our Convention territory since 1940 — the number of lost people added to our responsibility is equal to six states the size of Arkansas.

By a strengthening of the home base, results in America comparable to that brought about by the Home Mission Board since 1845 can be done by matching our responsibility with Cooperative Program participation; we can undergird all the work of our Convention with increased wealth, spiritual and material.

God calls Southern Baptists: to preach the gospel to all, to help make America Christian, to create and maintain a strong home base for world missions.

### Annie Armstrong Offering

Our budget for the Home Mission Board this year is \$1,450,000. With only \$640,000 coming from the Cooperative Program, we are depending on the Annie Armstrong offering to provide the additional funds to carry on our work. If the Home Mission Board is to go forward this year, we must, through sacrificial giving to reach 22,000,000 more people and win more souls to Christ, exceed the \$800,000 goal of the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

### Church Budgets

By BRUCE H. PRICE

According to an editorial in the current issue of *Church Management*, an independent magazine, a list of Protestant churches in the country with annual budgets of over \$50,000 is being compiled, and at present the number has reached almost completion, standing at the 1,400 mark.

Of these Protestant churches, 528 are in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. with 192 churches is second, and the Methodists are third with 153. The Protestant Episcopal Church has 112.

Among the Lutheran bodies the Missouri Synod leads with 130; the United Lutherans has 28; the American Lutheran Church 25; The Congregational Christian has 60; Disciples of Christ 53; Presbyterian Church in the United States 67; The United Presbyterians 13; The Evangelical and Reformed 17.

"While the Southern Baptists make such a splendid showing in this classification their Baptist neighbors in the North, the Ameri-

## The Annie Armstrong Offering

By J. B. LAWRENCE, Secretary-Treasurer  
Home Mission Board

"There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God"

We come to the March Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering with the anxious hope in our hearts that this offering will open up the floodgates and send the healing waters to the thirsty land in all our home mission fields.

Our needs have never been greater, our opportunities never more abundant. Home mission fields are wasting with an over-ripe harvest. The whole land groans with its burden of lost souls. Our missionaries are thronged by thirsty hearts seeking the water of life. They have never been more successful than now in leading lost men to Christ. We only need adequate support to evangelize the homeland and lead a sin-stricken host to Christ, who giveth the water of life freely to all who come to him.

A continuance of our work on its present basis, not to mention the possibility of enlargement, depends upon the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Our receipts from the Cooperative Program for this Convention year are fixed by the Southern Baptist Convention. We will receive \$640,000 out of the first four and one-half million raised. This is for current work. We will receive \$330,000 out of the next two and one-half million raised. This is for capital needs. After that we will not receive any more money from the Cooperative Program, no matter how much Southern Baptists give. The Annie Armstrong Offering is absolutely necessary to the continuance of our mission work as now projected.

I appeal to our women to hear the cry of the lost who need the healing waters of the river of life. It means so much to our work that I cannot refrain from urging with all my soul that every society, group, and individual give to this offering more than they have ever given before. We must supplement the receipts from the Cooperative Program for current work in order to keep our missionaries in the field. The Annie Armstrong Offering is our only hope.

And I would add as an incentive to give, the fact that the missionaries of the Home Mission Board reported last year, one conversion

can Baptist Convention show but 80."

Churches with large budgets are not found in the great cities of the North but in the southern cities, and many of them are small cities.

Live in the first person, criticizing yourself rather than finding fault with others.

for every \$34.97 given to the current work of the Home Mission Board, including the overhead operating expense of the Board. The \$605,000 allocated for current work in the goal of the Annie Armstrong Offering will give an opportunity to 17,300 people to accept Christ. When you think of giving in the terms of souls saved, then it becomes a living thing; it integrates itself into the kingdom of God and becomes a vital element in the progress of the kingdom.

And let me say that the amount allocated for the building of chapels, repairing of mission property, and the building of homes for the missionaries is also a vital part of the mission work of the Board. Missionaries must have equipment; they must have a place to live; there must be a place for worship. These things are essential to the progress of the kingdom, and the Annie Armstrong Offering is helping to provide these things.

Make strong and full the river of God's blessings by the tides of your giving to the Annie Armstrong Offering.

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### Just a Minute

I have just a little minute,  
Only sixty seconds in it,  
Forced upon me; can't refuse it,

Didn't seek it; didn't choose it,  
But it's up to me to use it,  
I must suffer if I lose it;  
Give account if I abuse it;

Just a tiny little minute,  
But eternity is in it.

—Missionary Tidings

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### 1951 Assembly To Be Best

Extensive preparations are being made to make the 1951 State Assembly the best in its history. Dr. Harry Rimmer, internationally known Bible preacher, teacher, and scientist, will speak twice daily—at the Noon and Night services. Dr. Hugh R. Bumpas, pastor of the Capitol Hill Church, Oklahoma City, an outstanding favorite among the speakers of the 1950 Assembly, will be the Morning Devotional service speaker. Troy V. Campbell, Music and Education Director, First Church, Houston, Texas, will have charge of the music. Mrs. Troy V. Campbell, Organist and Elementary Worker, First Church, Houston, will play one of the pianos. Lawson Hatfield, pastor of First Church, DeQueen, assisted by Dale Cowling, State Student Union Secretary, Little Rock, and R. Allan Brickey, Student Secretary, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, will have charge of an outstanding program of recreation.

Good faculties are being enlisted to teach study courses in Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Student Union, and Church Music Work.



DR. HARRY RIMMER

### Reservations

1. Reservations should be made now. Reservations accepted only for those who send name or names with a \$2 reservation fee for each name. If accepted, (receipt issued), no reservation fee will be returned.
2. Reservation fees will be credited to the account of those for whom reservation is made.
3. All reservations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis and will be held only until 9 p. m. Tuesday, July 3, unless otherwise arranged. All reservations unclaimed at this time will be re-assigned.
4. Send all requests for reservations, with reservation fees, to Dr. Edgar Williamson, Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

## Rates For The 1951 Assembly

### Full Time Rates



DR. HUGH R. BUMPAS

Registration .....	\$ 2.00
<i>Cot and Mattress in Dormitory and all Meals:</i>	
Individuals in Assembly-owned Dormitories .....	16.00
Individuals in Church-owned Dormitories .....	15.00
Individuals in Church-owned Dormitories providing own cots and mattresses .....	13.00
Children 5 to 10 years inclusive .....	13.00
<i>Cot and Mattress in Dormitory Room and all Meals:</i> (For Married Couples and Families Only)	
Individuals .....	17.00
Children 5 to 10 years inclusive .....	15.00
<i>Cot and Mattress in Cabin and all Meals:</i> (For Married Couples and Families Only)	
Individuals .....	17.00
Children 5 to 10 years inclusive .....	15.00
<i>Cot and Mattress in Cabin or Dormitory Room,</i> (without meals) .....	6.00

NOTE: All individuals staying in assembly or church-owned cabins and dormitories, and NOT eating meals in Assembly dining hall, will pay an Assembly maintenance fee of \$4 in addition to above rates.



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### Part Time Rates

Registration Per Day .....	.25	Miscellaneous Charges (without meals)	
Meals: Breakfast .....	\$0.60	Trailer .....	\$ 8.00
Dinner .....	.75	Tent space—campers .....	5.00
Supper .....	.60	Tent space—churches .....	10.00
Per Day .....	1.75	Electric plate or grill .....	5.00
Cots, per day .....	.35	Electric fan .....	3.00
Mattress, per day .....	.35	Radio .....	3.00
Dormitory space, including cot and mattress, per day .....	.75	Other electric appliances, irons, etc., each .....	2.00
Cabin space, per day .....	1.00		

# Television-Brewer Link Outrages Homes



By HUGH BRIMM

Television is now in operation in all but eight states, in all but two states having cities of 250,000 or more. Three-fifths of American families are in reach of television, which is rapidly expanding. It is estimated that seventy per cent of the families in the area covered are influenced in their buying by television advertising.

Forty-nine brewers sponsor sports on fifty-nine video stations! As of latest record, only eighty advertisers use 98 stations, with cigarets largely monopolizing time not used by the brewers.

A very young boy is presented with a case of beer as a prize—on television. The donor suggests he give it to his parents. "I'll drink it myself," says the boy and he gets a big laugh. The M. C. reads a letter from a lady who says that her little boy, four years of age, goes around the house, chanting the sponsor's jingle, "O Boy, what a beer!" Another big laugh. "We'll have to send the lady a case," he says.

Athletes testify, "We abstain" and brewers exploit their spectacular deeds to sell intoxicants. Baseball and beer. Football and beer. Prizefighting, wrestling, horse racing—the roller derby—and beer! Beautiful young girls—and beer. Television for the entire family, babies, adolescents, papa, mama, grandmother—and beer. Ad nauseam.

Why? Ask Congress. Ask the administration. Ask everybody, including the editor. Someday you'll get an answer, if you ask often enough.

In the meantime, the brewers size you up as a man or woman who will take it and take it and take it. You won't protest, you won't vote, you won't fight. That's what he thinks. What do you think?

## Ridgecrest Music Week

A great program of Leadership Training was planned for the Annual Ridgecrest Music Week, dates of which are August 23-30, 1951.

September was the month chosen for Southwide Church Music Emphasis. This event will be publicized in the Southwide Calendar of Activities and all states are urged to set aside a week for Church Music Emphasis when each church can participate in a study of one or more books in the

## Course of Church Music Training.

State Directors in attendance at this conference were: Eugene Quinn, Illinois; Ira Prosser, Oklahoma; J. E. Ferguson, Missouri; C. A. Holcomb, Florida; W. C. Morgan, Mississippi; J. D. Riddle, Texas; L. C. Alexander, Louisiana; and Mrs. B. W. Nininger, Arkansas.

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Blessed is the man who appreciates his own time too highly to waste the time of someone else.

—Roy L. Smith.

# Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

## Attend The Leadership Conference

The coming series of Leadership Conferences will cover every area of our state. These conferences are sponsored and promoted by the office of Dr. B. L. Bridges Executive Secretary.

Every pastor and every other person who has any place of leadership in his church will want to attend the conference which will be held in his particular region of the state.

Each one of the conferences will be a morning - afternoon - evening affair with the evening service emphasizing the place and responsibility of Christian men in their service to their Lord through their church and denomination.

The State Brotherhood office is endeavoring to get a large and representative group of men from every Baptist church (in the state) to these conferences. We believe that it will mean much to your church for your laymen and their wives and families to attend the conference in your area. Especially helpful to your men will be the service that is dedicated especially to them.

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 27, First Church, Hope.

Thursday, March 1, First Church, McGehee\*.

Thursday, March 1, First Church, Camden.

Friday, March 2, First Church, Little Rock.

Tuesday, March 6, First Church, Fort Smith.

Thursday, March 8, First Church, Batesville.

Friday, March 9, First Church, Jonesboro.

(\* ) The Men's meeting at McGehee will be the morning meeting, 10 o'clock.

All evening meetings will begin at 7:30.

Work to get your men to the conference in your area. Get them to bring along their wives, their boys, and girls.

The Leadership Conference should serve to promote and strengthen every phase of church and denominational life and work throughout our state.

## Great Revival At Caney Creek

Your Brotherhood Secretary was recently engaged, with Pastor T. S. Cowden and the good people of Caney Creek Church (in Caroline Association), in a Brotherhood revival. From the beginning we

believed that the Lord was going to bless; and He did!

The church took a family-group census, processed it; and all prospects were distributed to the Sunday School classes, and distributed again to the rank-and-file members of the church. Then we hit the field in a continuing campaign of visitation which lasted throughout the week. Many people were won to Christ in their own homes.

Crowds were good and interest was high!

The Lord gave the church thirty-three additions during the week, twenty-eight coming on profession of faith as candidates for baptism.

The revival was a refreshing experience to all who entered into it; as is always true when the blessings of God fall upon His obedient people.

## Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Church Brotherhoods!

The above number represents church Brotherhoods now in operation in churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Our present goal is 1,068 because that is the number of Baptist churches co-operating with our Convention; and our perennial slogan is "A Brotherhood in Every Church."

Every church needs a Brotherhood. And every church can have a Brotherhood. A Brotherhood in its simplest form is "Two men . . . going"; two men, going about to undergird their church in every area of its work. Three men, or four men, or more men, will mean a stronger Brotherhood. A dozen men, or two dozen men, or fifty men, or a hundred or more men, will mean the consecrated manpower of a church (any church) focused upon all the church is doing and endeavoring to do.

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# Barber Shop Harmony

By ANDREW M. HALL  
Lake Wales, Florida

A few days ago I sat in a barber's chair in Jacksonville, Florida. Next to me was a young man "getting the works" with manicurist and barber serving him.

A large man of past middle age sauntered in, greeting each one cheerily.

"Hello, Joe. Where have you been?" asked one of the barbers.

"I've been to New York," Joe informed him. "My father died." Then in practically the next breath he began to tell all the stories he had heard on his trip to attend his father's funeral. His voice rang loud for about ten minutes with one filthy joke after another. It was as though a loud speaker had been turned on to toss the filth of his conversation about us.

The whole thing made me think of Israel during the period of the Judges. "Israel had no king and each man did that which was right in his own eyes." Likes and dislikes were disregarded by a group

of spirited worldings. I wanted to take the young woman aside and say, "You don't really enjoy this, do you? Why don't you find yourself another job?" Her smooth complexion somehow did not seem to fit the rough conversation.

During the whole tirade I sat silent. I did not smile. Neither did I rebuke. Later I despised myself for not declaring defiance against such actions. I am not sure what Andrew would have done, or John, or Barnabas. I think I know what Peter and Paul would have done. I am not positive what action Jesus would have taken, but I believe he would have rebuked the group sternly, yet with love.

I left thankful that there are many Christian barbers who forbid such action in their places of business. Surely the world needs to remember the words of Paul, "Put away evil speaking." The only consolation I had from the experience was that the place lost a customer.

# Back Sided Weaving

By B. J. MURRIE, Editor  
The Illinois Baptist

A preacher slowly climbed a steep mountain road in Kentucky. After toiling for some time he came to a little mountain cabin to visit a little old lady past eighty. Aunt Mary was busy weaving on her hand loom. The preacher visited with her a while and remarked about what she was making on the old hand made loom. She told him it was a scarf.

Looking up into his face she said, "You don't think it is beautiful." The preacher replied, "That is a very nice scarf. It is warm and durable and of the finest material." He continued to compliment her on the quality of the scarf.

Aunt Mary again said, "But you don't think it is beautiful."

"It is a very fine scarf, Aunt Mary, and I know it will make someone happy who wears it. It is made out of the best yarn that you have corded and spun. Really it is a very nice scarf," replied the preacher.

A slight smile came over the

face of the aged woman and she said, with a hurt feeling in her voice, "You still don't think it's beautiful." Then she unbuckled the hand made harness of the loom and said, "This is a scarf that is woven from the wrong side." And to the preacher's amazement, she turned the scarf over and there was the most beautiful pattern woven into the scarf. The preacher had been seeing only the wrong side of the material.

Oftentimes we do not see the pattern of a person's life and what God has woven into the warp and woof of our lives until they are viewed from the other side. When the life scheme of events is examined in the light from the other side of death, we will be able to see many beautiful patterns. They were not visible on this side of the fabric which we call life. The hidden beauties woven by the Master Weaver often appear when the scarf of life is viewed on the proper side.

Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass;

he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:23-24).

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# Foreign Mission News

## Nigerian Students Made High Record

Natives of Nigeria set difficult pace for fellow students in Virginia Union University at Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dahunsi, who are attending the school under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, have received their grades for the first semester.

Mr. Dahunsi proudly reported to Dr. George W. Sadler, the Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, that his wife made three A's and four B's.

"Well, what did you make?" Dr. Sadler asked.

"Six A's," he replied modestly. The couple had never been out of Nigeria when they boarded a plane for the States last August. They will return to their native country when school days are over.

## Four January Appointees

The Board appointed four missionaries at its January meeting. They are Dr. and Mrs. John Gurtbert Abell, for Africa, and Mr. and Mrs. John Nathaniel Thomas, for Latin America.

Dr. Abell, a graduate of Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, has practiced medicine part-time since 1948, served as part-time employee in the medical department of the Veterans Administration since 1949, and at the same time has secured 39 hours of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, he a native of Liverpool, England, and she of Winnipeg, Canada, have served as missionaries to Colombia, South America, since 1935 and have been connected with the Southern Baptist Colombian Mission since 1946.

## Foreign Mission Appointee Former Arkansan

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Connally Hollingsworth, Fort Worth, recent appointees of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board for service in Latin America, have left the States for language study in San Jose, Costa Rica. Mrs. Hollingsworth is a native of Monticello, Arkansas. Both have been attending Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

## Thinking Right

Think smiles, and smiles shall be;  
Think doubt, and hope will flee.  
Think love, and love will grow;  
Think hate, and hate you'll know.  
Think good, and good is here!  
Think vice—its jaws appear!  
Think joy, and joy ne'er ends;  
Think gloom, and dusk descends.  
Think faith, and faith's at hand;  
Think ill—it stalks the land.  
Think peace, sublime and sweet  
And you that peace will meet.  
Think fear, with brooding mind,  
And failure's close behind.

# Figures to Inspire

Sunday, February 4

	S.S.	T.U.	Addi.
Fort Smith, First	1140	662	13
Including Missions	1312	727	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1078	347	2
Including Missions	1243	444	
Little Rock, First	886	358	1
El Dorado, First	709	211	6
Including Missions	766	255	
Little Rock, Second	682	148	
Texarkana, Beech Street	664	313	16
Hot Springs, Second	624	166	3
Fayetteville, First	593	219	1
Pine Bluff, South Side	576	207	2
Including Mission	583	239	
Pine Bluff, First	565	171	2
Camden, First	473	187	2
Including Missions	712	350	
Magnolia, Central	470	194	3
Including Missions	524		
El Dorado, Immanuel	465	227	8
Including Mission	512	260	
Paragould, First	449	202	7
Including Missions	636	344	
El Dorado, Second	449	213	2
Springdale, First	440	239	2
Including Mission	536		
Little Rock			
Pulaski Heights	427	151	
Crossett, First	425	279	3
Little Rock			
Baptist Tabernacle	408	170	
Fort Smith, Calvary	402	157	2
Jonesboro			
Walnut Street	399	130	7
Hot Springs, Central	398	147	2
Forrest City, First	395	174	1
Including Mission	446	219	
Hope, First	385	126	
Paris, First	385	143	1
Including Mission	405		
Conway, First	381	83	
Siloam Springs, First	375	274	5
Stuttgart, First	371	244	
Including Mission	434	267	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	353	181	2
Rogers, First	334	113	
Little Rock			
South Highland	322	122	2
Malvern, First	321	63	2
Fort Smith, South Side	320	101	1
Cullendale, First	318		
Hot Springs, First	310	109	
Hot Springs, Park Place	303	138	1
North Little Rock,			
Park Hill	299	75	3
Searcy, First	297	93	
Smackover, First	290	134	
North Little Rock, First	266	91	
Monticello, First	266	100	
Pine Bluff, Second	263	138	3
El Dorado, West Side	260	93	2
Hamburg, First	249	87	1
Bentonville, First	236	80	1
Texarkana, Calvary	234	95	4
Gentry, First	231	175	4
Wynne Church	222	60	
Mena, First	216	91	
Caudle Avenue	196	132	
Little Rock, Hebron	183	100	
Guron, Beech Street	171	90	
Hot Springs, Piney	159	107	1
Star City, First	145	43	
Warren, Immanuel	116	117	1
Strong, First	95	40	
Magnolia, Immanuel	81	68	
Monte Ne, First	77	70	7
Hot Springs,			
Grand Avenue	76	56	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	40	35	
Watson, Kelso	34	24	

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## Chinese Tracts Sent to Formosa

Chinese-language Gospel tracts will be sent to Formosa for distribution among Chinese Nationalist troops, it was announced at headquarters of the American Tract Society by Henry G. Perry, executive secretary.

He said the tracts would be shipped by the Society "in response to a letter from the office of the President of China, signed by Mme. Chiang Kai-shek."

"Mme. Chiang," he stated, "is keenly interested in the work of the Chinese Women's Prayer Group, an organization which sponsors the support of Christian workers in the army camps and hospitals, but which has no funds for the purchase of the needed Gospel literature."



## Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

### Tribute To First Superintendent Of Missions

Dr. Otto Whitington

This department, with the other Baptist causes in Arkansas, has sustained a great loss in the passing of our beloved Dr. Otto Whitington. He was the first to head this department. The foundation he laid and the interest he created in a great mission program have made the recent years so fruitful and far-reaching. We hope to continue a worthy program on the fine foundation he laid.

We can say with David, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" 2 Samuel 3:38.

The staff and workers in the Department of Missions are in deepest sympathy with Mrs. Whitington; the sons, daughters, grandchildren, and other loved ones.

#### Beginning Fifth Year

February 15 was the beginning of my fifth year as Superintendent of Missions. As I begin this fifth year, I do so with the prayer and hope that it will be our greatest year in missions and evangelism. I hereby pledge to the Lord and to our Baptist people a greater devotion to the task that has been committed to my hands. And I ask from each, your prayer and co-operation as we endeavor to do a better job this year.

#### Personal Evangelism Growing

The flames of personal evangelism are beginning to glow in every section of the state. Pastor Arlie McDaniel, First Church, Mena, preached about personal witnessing a few Sundays ago and 143 pledged to try to lead at least one soul to Christ this year. Every deacon present joined with the others in making such a pledge.

The bulletin of the Marianna Church carries the following paragraph:

"One of the most encouraging signs on the recent horizon is that of spontaneous prayer meetings springing up in sections of the church community. Two of these are daily prayer meetings. Consecrated women gather for a brief prayer meeting each morning. When Marianna advances, it will be on the knees of Christians. The leadership of the church is much encouraged by these prayer meetings. "One hundred Won In '51" will await the prayers of the saints. Others are keeping prayer hours if they cannot meet with the group. This is a wonderful spirit. A life all out for Christ will win for Christ.

#### Negro Leadership Conference

As you read these lines, the first Leadership Conference for our Negro pastors and church workers

will have closed in the Morris-Booker Memorial College at Dermott. A report of its value will be given later, but we do want our Baptist people to know that we are now beginning to offer some help to our Negro Baptists.

#### South Wide Mission Conference

Your Superintendent will attend the South Wide City Mission and Church Mission Conference at Atlanta, February 20-22. He is to speak Wednesday night on, "Mission Programs for Small Cities." Every phase of church mission work will be discussed.

The conference is for state secretaries, superintendents of missions, mission committees, pastors and others interested in urban and local missions. It is sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

#### Need Missionaries

The following associations are without missionaries: Little River, White County, Mississippi County, Woodruff County, Gainesville, and Carroll.

It is our hope that every association will soon have a missionary and great mission program.

#### South Zone Hymn Sing

Pleasant Hill Church was host to the South Zone Hymn Sing of Pulaski County Association on Sunday, January 28, with 207 people in attendance, representing eleven churches. C. E. Stewart directed the music, and Mrs. C. E. Roberts accompanied. M. O. Kelley was in charge of the business session.

Choir members were presented by the Pleasant Hill and Reynolds Memorial Churches; trios by Pine Grove and Ironton; duets by Geyer Springs and Plainview, and quartets by the East End and Biddle Churches.

The next Sing for this Zone will be at the Reynolds Memorial Church on February 25.

## Woman's Missionary Union

### Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference

March 2-4; Hardison Hall, Petit Jean Mountain  
Theme: Building a World of Peace

Registration for Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference will begin at two o'clock, March 2, at Hardison Hall, Petit Jean (Morrilton). The first event of importance will be supper at six! The opening program will feature a playlet entitled "Today's Call to Christian Youth" presented by Morrilton young people. After which Mrs. Frank Belvin, missionary to Indians of Oklahoma, will speak on the subject "Building In the Jesus Way." Miss Jamie Blackman, Ouachita College, will direct the fellowship period.

Saturday morning's program will feature methods in Girls' Auxiliary work, discussion groups, and missionary message by Miss Gladys Hopewell, China. Saturday afternoon following the Coronation practice, each group will participate in the stunt program. At six o'clock the banquet, "The Melody of Missions," will begin with the "March of the Misses." (Those desiring to wear formals for the evening may do so . . . many will prefer informal dress.) The speaker at the banquet will be Miss Chieko Satto, Ouachita College and Hawaii.

One of the lovely features of the conference will be the crowning of Girls' Auxiliary Queens. Following the Coronation, the film, "In the Circle of His Will," will be shown. Sunday morning's program will present again Mrs. Belvin and Miss Hopewell. The Sunday School lesson will be taught by Mrs. J. E. Short.

The conference will close with dinner Sunday. Every hour of the weekend is planned, and we trust that intermediate girls and counselors are planning to attend. Send reservations to Miss Doris DeVault, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

#### Arkansas' Sixty-Second Annual Meeting

The sixty-second Annual Meeting of Arkansas' Woman's Missionary Union will be held at Second Church, Little Rock, April 3-5. The program is being designed to present informational inspiration as missionaries, Southern W.M.U. Representatives, State Officers, and others bring their message on the theme "Prepare Ye the Way."

Among the out-of-state guests will be Miss Mary Christian, former Young People's Secretary in Arkansas and now Book Consultant for Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennessee; Miss Minnie Landrum, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union of

Brazil; Miss Martha Franks, missionary from China; Dr. Loyd Corder, Secretary of Direct Missions for the Home Mission Board.

On Tuesday evening, April 3, a state-wide Young Woman's Auxiliary banquet will be held, after which young people's work will be featured in the evening session of the Annual Meeting. The state Business Woman's Circles Federation will hold their annual banquet on the evening of April 4. Both of these will be at Second Church, Eighth and Scott Streets, Little Rock. Reservations should be made through State WMU Headquarters, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

#### Home Missions Mean World Missions

The Reverend and Mrs. Loring G. Markwood, Home missionaries in San Antonio, Texas, serving among the Chinese, are doing a very effective work. Dr. Redford quotes from a letter received in late December.

"On November 26 we observed a day of fasting and prayer which did our people much good. They really got under the burden for lost souls, and prayed as I've never heard them pray before. Consequently we have seen twice as many souls saved in the past two months as we had all last associational year. One man who has for some time had an indifferent attitude, came back to the Lord and has been faithful since.

"Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has passed the \$140 mark, for which we thank our Lord.

"We have moved the back partition to make more seating possible. We have also sanded and refinished the floor. We seated over two hundred people for our Christmas play."

That this Chinese mission church gave over \$140 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering is fine. Isn't this proof that home missions really are world missions?

March 5-9 are the important days set aside for the observance of the **WEEK OF PRAYER** for **HOME MISSIONS** and for the giving of the **Annie Armstrong Offering** for Home Missions. Plan well for this. A feeling of urgency possesses every area of our lives, and may we not neglect the opportunity and privilege and responsibility of doing our utmost to make America Christian. It is the base from which shall flow "the water of life" into many destitute sections of our weary world. Pray! Give! Witness!

# Jesus The Christ

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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**Sunday School Lesson for  
February 18, 1951  
Mark 7:24-9:1;  
Text: Mark 8:27-37**

"What think ye of Christ; whose Son is He?" Upon the answer to that question hinges the eternal destiny of every soul in the world.

When Jesus was in the world, some saw Him as an outstanding prophet. Some person suggested that John the Baptist was re-incarnate in Jesus; odd notion was it not? The point is, that they only saw in Him a great prophet. Great like the Baptist, but no greater; just a man.

Others philosophied that He must be Elijah of Old Testament fame, who rode into the pearly gates in a chariot of fire without tasting death. Well, the world treated the Lord in about the same manner they did Elijah. He seemed very well known after his departure, but Elijah's life on the earth was a hectic one, and must have been a lonely one. So, we find that others thought Jesus to be an extraordinary man — but just a man.

## No Compromise Concerning Jesus

They still live, believe it or not, who think Jesus was a great man, a good man, a man of mighty influence, but that He was merely a man. A man was heard to say in recent years in Chicago, "Jesus was a good man, but we have just as good men today." How absurd! If Jesus were only a good man, He was not good at all — and we speak reverently. He had to be all He claimed to be, or be a gross deceiver. If He was not what He claimed to be — equal with God — He was the greatest imposter the world could produce. He was either God, manifested to men in human flesh, or He was plainly the opposite. There is no middle ground; there can be no compromise as to whom the Son of Mary was.

To some the history of Christianity, the greatest democracy on earth, and wearing the name of the Son of God, is evidence that Jesus wielded a mighty influence around the earth. But to them He merely began a new religion, and His religion is classified in the same category as religions in general, and that is the end of the matter with them. But anybody can start a new religion. Buddha and Confucius did as much 400 years before Christ was born. Mohammed did it again 600 years after Christ was born. And, oddly enough, men and even women are still springing new deals, religiously, on the world.

But each of these have had their reward on earth. None of them died for their subjects. No claim is made at all that any of them

were resurrected from death; nor that they had power to conquer death; nor that they offer free pardon to a sin-sick soul. They could instruct people how to live well, but their philosophies do not reach into eternity.

## Confession Important

Jesus began in this lesson to prepare His disciples for His approaching death. He warned them He would die; but that He would not remain in the grave. He would arise after three days and nights. He proved His power over death when He came forth victorious from the grave, and spent forty days, or six weeks, working among His disciples.

After inquiring about other's opinions of Him, He demanded of His own followers: "But, whom say ye that I am?" And Peter answered "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And that is our profession of faith in the twentieth century. Our life, our future, is safe if Jesus was what He claimed to be, and we trust Him as our own Savior. His deity is our guarantee of eternal life.

The cross loomed large before the Son of man as He asked the question under study in this lesson. And as He began preparing the disciples for His disgraceful death, Peter refused to accept the catastrophe; death was the symbol of defeat. Death ends everything so far as earthly accomplishments are concerned. The apostle was not interested in a martyr, he wanted a living King. He could only vision suffering from the human point of view, and knew not the plans and purposes of God. What a lesson he was to learn ere he went to meet his Creator.

## Call for Consecration

Having told them of some of the things He would suffer, Jesus then called on His disciples for definite commitment; "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Heretofore, Jesus had done all the work. He, only, had made sacrifices. He was the only one we read about having spent the entire night in prayer on many occasions; or having arisen a long while before day, time after time, and seeking the place of prayer.

But now He issues a challenge—rather an ultimatum. To be His disciple would cost something. There are no easy jobs in His

kingdom. The Master's vineyard is no place for lazy people. There is no room for selfishness and greed and personal ambition in His work. And the person who cannot practice self denial for Christ's sake is out of place in the realm of Christianity.

The Cause of Christ needs people who can be loyal to Him regardless of circumstances. People who attend church and its organizations only when they are in the mood, people who are domineering and easily offended are a stumbling block in any church, and the church would be better off without them.

From the days that Jesus spoke the word in Mark 8:34 to this hour, He has sought servants with courage; people of good common sense and sane judgment; people who are willing to make a sacrifice here in order to lay up treasures in eternity. He is calling for subjects today who can deny themselves the pleasures of sin for a season in exchange for indescribable rewards in glory. He needs people who are willing and able to bear a cross for His glory and their own good.

## Knowledge of Christ Demands Action

"But whom say ye that I am?" And when they acclaimed Him to be the Son of God, it became their responsibility upon that profession of faith, to do something about it. With knowledge comes responsibility; knowing Jesus personally, and knowing who He is and what He is to the world, demands that we serve Him with all our strength, and honor Him in our lives.

What do you and I think of Jesus today? We too, like Peter of old, profess to believe in Him as the Christ of God, the Messiah, the anointed One. Do our lives substantiate our profession? Do we act like we believe in Him? May the Lord burn these questions into our consciences until we are able to see ourselves as He sees us. We can always see the faults of others; we can readily and easily see wherein our neighbors and acquaintances fail God; Lord help us to see our own faults, then do something about them. May we realize that our friends and neighbors can also see our faults and failures, and that ours are as unattractive as theirs. In the sermon on the mount, early in His ministry, Jesus discussed this very issue, and said, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

If we really believe Jesus is the Christ, let's set our eyes on Him and go forward with Him and for Him.

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A preacher in San Antonio, while ministering among the poor, stopped in front of a shack of a family with two sons. As he was preparing to leave, he saw the older boy admiring his car. The minister explained that his brother had given him the auto. Whereupon the little fellow looked up and said, "Gee, mister," (now all of you think you know what the boy said. You think he said, "I wish I had a brother like that," but it is what he really said that is important). The little boy looked and said, "Gee, mister, I wish I could be a brother like that."

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## Dr. Otto Whittington

It is not necessary to give any other caption to this article. Everybody that reads this paper knew Dr. Otto Whittington of Arkansas. This article is not an obituary, but is a tribute.

Brother Whittington was a native of western Arkansas. The writer has known him ever since he (the writer) was a barefoot boy. Dr. Whittington, then, was a young preacher. We were impressed with his sincerity and his ability to handle the scriptures as well as his manner and style of preaching the Word. Later we heard from the lips of J. H. Buyers and J. W. Hulsey of western Arkansas some fine stores regarding the early ministry of Dr. Whittington.

Dr. Whittington was a mighty preacher of the Word of God. He was a great believer and a great pray-er. It is impossible for a man to be a great pray-er or a great preacher without first being a great believer. He believed in God; he believed in Christ; he believed the Bible; he believed intensely; he prayed fervently and effectually. The earnestness of his praying was impressive to men and must have been so in the ears of God.

But in all of Dr. Whittington's life and ministry, preaching was his outstanding stock in trade. He gloried in preaching because he fully believed the Bible when it said that the preaching of the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes. He believed that a thorough, powerful, sincere, scriptural preaching of the Word constituted the appeal of Christ to lost people. He cared little for exhortation and sermonettes and religious essays and things of that sort. He was a preacher of the Word. He took seriously the Bible command, "Preach the Word." He was so sincere and honest about it that the Lord clothed him with great power as he undertook the task. He dealt with great themes of the Bible: The Sinfulness of Man; Man's Hopelessly Lost Condition Without Christ; The Absolute Necessity of Repentance Toward God and Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; The Absolute Necessity of the New Birth and in the Power of God to Keep That Which One Commits to Him. He believed in the divine origin of Baptist churches; that Jesus with His disciples set up the first church and that the true church and churches have been in existence ever since that day. Dr. Whittington read the interpretations of great Bible men and expositors, yet he was most at home with his English Bible in his hands, and on his heart, and upon his lips. He believed it all in his great heart and with him it was all final. There was no appeal from it. It was the highest authority and all together great and trustworthy.

Dr. Whittington's ability to handle the Bible netted for the Kingdom of God many, many believers and chief workers, and preachers not a few. He was thoroughly able to take care of his beliefs and positions and statements. He has a marked forensic ability with which he seemed to be endowed. With him it mattered not who of us differed from his position on a given matter, and he had the "know how" when it came to roasting us with sarcasm and

humor when it seemed so obvious to him that we were wrong on a given position, and he could change the conviction of one of us if we disagreed with him.

But back of this was a great soul. What a man! What a preacher!

This writer never wanted a public service closed without a word from Brother Whittington if he was present. The last group meeting over which this writer was supervisor was a meeting of the Associational Moderator and Clerks last month. Dr. Whittington came into one session of the meeting. We dared to make a remark somewhat as follows: "Dr. Whittington, according to the law of life, you will go to heaven before some of the rest of us go, and up there you will be talking to Jesus about the work and problems of Arkansas Baptists. Stand up and talk to us for a few minutes." He did so. One of the things he said was "There are few ills and troubles in our churches that preaching will not settle." He talked to us then about the importance of preaching the Word. It was all appropriate and was so received by all present.

There is so much that clamors for utterance that we could write on and on and never exhaust the source of inspiration as we reflect upon the life and ministry of this, God's great prophet. How profitable it was for the rest of us to be in his presence and to hear his great words that always magnified our Savior and emphasized His gospel. Already we feel a deep sense of loneliness and loss so soon upon his departure. How our hearts shall miss him in the days that are ahead. Of course, his family grieve over their loss and we sympathize with them and pray for them, but at the same time we want them to know that the number of God's men and women that feel a deep sense of this loss is legion.

### Preachers Asking for Relief

We are having applications from Baptist preachers desiring financial assistance from the Relief and Annuity Board. The Board will not make any further grants to preachers who had the opportunity to join the Retirement Plan, but who did not do so.

We understand that the Relief and Annuity Board felt that if a preacher has the opportunity to join the Retirement Plan and help to build up an annuity for himself, but refuses to do so he is in effect making his brethren carry his load. This is unfair to the rest of the preachers and the denomination and the Relief and Annuity Board does not feel that a man, who will not help to provide for his future, should be put on the relief rolls.

Brethren if you are not in the Retirement Plan you are making a big mistake. We cannot for the life of us understand why any one of our preachers would fail to get into the Retirement Plan unless he has plenty of income assured for the future. Don't you know, brethren, that you are going to be old one day? If this expectancy materializes don't you know that churches are seldom ever committed to using an elderly man? Men, don't

## "Lengthen and Strengthen"

### Plan to Attend Leadership Conference

Let us urge every pastor, layman, and other church leaders in the state to attend the **DENOMINATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE** in your section of the state. Dates and places of the conferences are: February 27, First Church, Hope; March 1, First Church Hope; March 1, First Churches, Camde and McGehee; March 2, First Church, Little Rock; March 6, First Church, Fort Smith; March 8, First Church, Batesville; March 9, First Church, Jonesboro.

Out of state speakers will include J. E. Dillard at Hope, McGehee and Camden; Dillard and Duke K. McCall, Little Rock; Dillard and R. G. LeTourneau, Fort Smith; Dillard and J. Howard Williams, Batesville and Jonesboro.

The theme for all of the conferences will be — "Lengthen and Strengthen." Subjects to be discussed on the programs include Evangelism, Doctrinal Preaching, Prayer, Stewardship, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Healing the sick, Helping the helpless, and Cooperative Program.

Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood Secretary, will speak to each conference on the subject—"Strengthen our Fellowship in Service." Good music has been arranged for each conference as have good, strong devotionals for each session of the conferences.

The conferences will begin promptly at 10 a. m. There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon, and night.

A special appeal has gone out to the pastors to enlist their men to attend every session, if possible, but particularly the evening session when Mr. Tull and one of the out of state speakers will be the principal speakers.

### The Cooperative Program And Benton

First Church, Benton, has allocated \$7,500 to the Cooperative Program during 1951. This great church has steadily climbed in its gifts for missions for a number of years, except one year when its leadership pulled for a reduction in the amount given for missions. Under the leadership of Dr. Selph this church is making marvelous progress. W. A. Jackson is the treasurer and is happy over the increase for missions.

The Ridge Crest Mission of First Church in Benton has \$1,500 budget and voted to give 25 per cent to missions. Most of this will be for the Cooperative Program.

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