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Back Step Lament

By BURTON A. MILEY, Pastor
First Church, Marianna

A more tragic sight has never come to the eye of man than that of a fellow companion sitting on the back door steps of life while he laments the fact that he missed life's purpose and played the fool. The text in First Samuel 26:21 indicates that Saul fumbled the ball in the midst of great opportunity. He realized that opportunity would not come to him again. To bewail opportunity on the back side after it has passed by is too common among men.

Every man should decide what he wants from life. Man should master life. When a man knows what he wants from life, and wrestles with life as much as Jacob wrestled with the stranger at the brook, life will impart his desires. But if a man knows not what he wants from life, life will go on from day to day in a meaningless circle and an emptiness and void, hard to contain, will fill the heart. This emptiness is of little comfort when one is about to step from the back porch of life to eternity.

Saul came to Israel in time of great promise. There is that moment in every individual and nation when dissatisfaction with past and the present calls for greater conquest and progress. A challenge given in that moment comes at the opportune time. The people of the tribes of Israel were dissatisfied with their lack of unity and political coalition and desired a king to lead them. They wanted to be on an equal with the nations round about. They were ready to go and Saul was the logical man to lead.

A Good Beginning

He was a man of promise. Stately in appearance, he stood head and shoulders above others. He was impressive in the leadership of his army. The Scripture says concerning him that he was as strong as a lion and as swift as an eagle. The swiftness of an eagle is marvelous to behold and the strength of a lion is not a measured element. But this man of great promise played the fool. He sat on the back step with a lament in his life because he made two great mistakes from which he never recovered.

His first mistake was presumption with its attending disobedience. In binding his people together he went against a small group of the Philistines and won a battle. This victory was threatened by a great national offensive from the armies of the Philistines. Saul was expecting Samuel to be at Gilgal to offer sacrifice before the beginning of the battle. When Samuel was not present, the impatience of Saul manifested itself in an unruly manner and Saul did the sacrificing. He presumed it would be right for him to mishandle the affairs of God. Samuel arrived but Saul's disobedience brought a curse instead of a blessing. The first great mistake was registered in the life of King Saul. Presumption is a frequent but not a minor sin.

Under divine prophesy he was told to spare none of the people or properties of King Agag's country. But when the conquest was over and victory was upon the side of Saul and his armies, he destroyed that which was of least value and saved that which was of greater import. This provoked the second curse upon his life. The rest of his life is a tragedy. This is shown in the action of a man of state so filled with

jealousy that he leaves the affairs of government to go searching for a son-in-law who has been in guerilla warfare in the mountains. Balance is lost, purpose of life is smothered and record of attainment is brought to nought.

The Price of Error

The back step lament reveals itself first in the statement that he sinned. This is a direct acknowledgment of missing the purpose and will of God. No man can be successful save in the light of God's will for his life. The second is the statement that he played the fool. Herein he has wronged self, for folly filled his heart instead of wisdom. Folly does not indicate engine trouble, but a steering problem. Folly can cause the energy and power of an engine to crash and wreck. It has made many a strong life to lament in the last days. In the third place, he erred in that he warped his position. He was the first king of Israel and was setting the pattern for all succeeding kings. But he warped the position so badly that other kings could not follow his pattern. He withheld heritage which should have been passed on.

Back step lament may be avoided. There are three steps useful to this end. However, these steps must be realized and exercised now. Eventually will be too late.

The first is discipline to the will of God. This is a prime motive. Ahead of personal happiness, popularity or security is discipline to God's will. God's will has never led a man to be a sinner or a fool.

The second is a strong desire for the resources of God's riches. It is man's nature to strive for something. Life can be spent after "fool's gold" or real gold. God's riches can be enjoyed eternally with God. Temporal riches are for the moment.

The third step which saves us from back step lament is the desire for a peaceful place to express service. God's work is a warfare. But paradoxical though it seems, peace is in the center of that warfare. Any individual who fails to intelligently and spiritually serve God is headed for the wall and lament of the back door step of life.

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What Does It Cost?

A very hurtful heresy exists in many parts of the country. The heresy is that it doesn't cost anything to be a Christian.

Why is this a heresy? Simply because it costs one **everything** he has and is to be a Christian.

To be sure, it does not cost the believer anything to **become** a Christian. The reason is that Christ has paid all of this cost for us.

But becoming a Christian is quite another thing from **being** a Christian. Once one has become a Christian through faith in Christ, he is obligated then to surrender everything to the lordship of Christ. Really to be a Christian in the finest sense costs one his personality, his mental ability, the strength of his body—remember the first great commandment as Jesus stated it—his talents, his money, his family and indeed everything he possesses. These all will be given over to Christ in love and consecration.

—Gilbert L. Guffin

The Creation

A Devotion by the Editor

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

No matter what road one may take in his effort to reach the beginning of things, he arrives at this single origin of all there is.

Which is easier to believe, that the universe happened or that it is the product of intelligent creation?

Some years ago there appeared in the American Magazine an article by a manufacturer, with the following paragraph:

"It takes a girl in our factory about two days to learn to put the seventeen parts of a meat-chopper together. It may be that these millions of worlds, all balanced so wonderfully in space—it may be that these just happened: it may be by a billion of years of tumbling about they've finally arranged themselves. I don't know. I am merely a plain manufacturer of cutlery. But this I do know: that you can shake the seventeen parts of a meat-chopper around in a wash-tub for the next seventeen billion years and you'll never make a meat-chopper."

Which is easier to believe, that the universe came into being by chance and is governed by blind law or that the universe came into being by divine purpose and that the governing laws were ordered by the supreme being. Did the laws which governed the universe merely evolve or can they be traced to an intelligent origin.

Surely it is easier to explain the universe on the theory of creation than on any other theory yet advanced. We have not explained the origin of the universe by any theory which denies or contradicts the theory of creation, we have only confused the issue and left ourselves to grope in darkness. Frequently method is confused with origin in the discussions of creation.

We do not know very much about the universe or this planet on which we live. In fact, we do not have to know very much in order to be happy and contented and to live useful and constructive lives. The source of our greatest comfort and satisfaction is to know that there is one who does know what we do not know. That realization is implicit in creation. Take away that belief and we are left with the most dismal and distressing outlook.

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good . . . Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." Genesis 1:31, 2:1.

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From The Editor's Desk

Tax Funds For Support of Catholic Schools Fixed Policy Of The Vatican

(We submitted the following editorial to the ARKANSAS GAZETTE about four months ago. They kept it all this time without publishing it. In submitting this discussion to the GAZETTE, we felt that the general public of Arkansas deserves to have the facts which are herein presented. This discussion barely touches the problem. Volumes might be written exposing the unrelenting efforts of the Catholic hierarchy to gain financial support from the governments of the world for its schools and churches.)

The following headline appeared in the August 20 issue of the *Arkansas Gazette*, "Fate of Plevin's Cabinet Hangs on State Funds to Catholic Schools." The article was by the Associated Press under date line: Paris, August 19. The dispatch discussed the "crisis over a very old problem, the payment of state money to support church schools."

We reported this problem in France in the April 19 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*.

In 1881 France started a movement to free the schools of the nation from the control of the Catholic hierarchy and to free the public treasury from levies for priestly salaries. It was not until 1905 that the national policy of separation of church and state in France became a reality. Ever since that action by France, the Vatican has been attempting to erase that decision. The struggle has reached a critical stage in France because the Catholic hierarchy is taking advantage of the present unstable condition of the nation to press its claims for support of Catholic schools from the public treasury.

Age-Old and Permanent Policy

It is only necessary to do a little historical research and to conduct a survey of the present situation in many nations of the world and in most of the states of the United States to establish the fact that the situation in Arkansas regarding the payment of public tax funds for the support of Catholic parochial schools is neither temporary nor local.

The demand of the Catholic hierarchy for public tax funds to support their parochial schools stems directly from the Vatican in Rome. It is an age old and permanent policy. It is world-wide wherever there are Catholics.

For instance, the struggle has been going on for a hundred years in Belgium, with the Catholic hierarchy seeking to gain financial parity for its schools in the national tax program. The Catholic hierarchy in Belgium has made such progress in its demands that the opposition no longer fights the principle of state support for church schools, but is now concentrating its effort in the battle against the size of the Catholic bill.

Priest-teachers who are paid from the public treasury teach the Catholic religion in the classrooms and students receive school credit for this instruction.

In The Netherlands the Catholics began their fight for equality of contributions to

Catholic elementary schools in 1878 and finally won their victory in 1920. Since that time the tax payers have been supporting both Catholic and Protestant schools on the same basis as the support given to the public schools. The Catholic educational building program has surpassed the building program of public schools by the government.

Since Holland is a Protestant country, it is easy to see what can take place in America unless the inroads of the Catholic hierarchy in the American education system are halted as of the present or actually turned back.

Complete Control in Italy

The struggle is not as intense in Italy for the simple reason that the Catholic hierarchy is in practically absolute control of the education system. Any opposition to that Catholic control is unable to make its protest effective. There are practically no neutral schools in Italy and it is compulsory that children in the public schools be indoctrinated in Catholicism. A definite period is set aside for a religious class taught by the priest who receives a salary from the government. Catholicism is taught in practically every class in the public schools. A liberal portion of the text books is devoted to Catholicism and many Catholic pictures appear in these books. In addition to this hold which the Vatican has on the public school system of Italy, the Catholic church is also building parochial schools for which they are advocating an "educational assistance plan."

In Australia the New South Wales Council of Churches has registered its protest against "the proposal of the state government to grant a charter to the Roman Catholic Church for the establishing of a university under control of that church." It is not made clear whether this Roman Catholic university will receive state tax money for its support or not. But that would seem to be the implication. At any rate the Protestants of New South Wales, Australia, see the danger of the encroachment of the Catholic hierarchy in the field of higher education with state approval and perhaps state financial support.

The same struggle is going on in Canada, with special intensity in the province of Quebec.

For more than 300 years the Roman Catholic Church has dominated education in Latin America.

Struggle Nationwide in U. S. A.

In the United States this struggle is nationwide with the Catholic hierarchy pressing its propaganda for public tax funds, both in the national congress and in the local school districts of many, if not practically all, the states of the union.

It was in early 1947 that the situation at North College Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, came to the attention of the nation. The conflict in the community was precipitated by the incorporation of a Catholic parochial school into the public school system. This created a situation described by the National Education Association as "probably the most serious school situation now current in the nation." The North College Hill parochial school, including its teaching staff of eight nuns, received its entire support from the public treasury. "Each month a substantial check is made out to Archbishop McNicholas, archbishop of Cincinnati, for the rental of the school at the rate of \$6,000 a year, and separate payments are made to the nuns." As a result of this situation the superintendent of the public schools was ousted and 29 of the 33 public school teachers resigned.

Another situation which gained nationwide attention was the "Dixon Case" in New Mexico. In Dixon the public school buildings were deserted and left to decay and fall apart while the Catholic schools were flourishing on tax money and all the school children, both Protestant and Catholic, had no choice but to attend the Catholic school. The teachers were all Catholic nuns in uniform, except one man who had been educated for the priesthood at Notre Dame. The entire bill was being paid out of public school funds. Court Action was instituted to correct the situation in Dixon and a decision was handed down barring Catholic nuns, brothers, and other religious personnel in uniform from teaching in the public schools of the state. Some phases of this case are still involved in the courts of New Mexico.

In Durand, Wisconsin, the Averill District School and the Sacred Heart Parochial School, a Roman Catholic school, were merged and Circuit Judge Kenneth S. White ruled that the merger was legally constituted. Whereupon the Averill school was ordered closed and its pupils transferred to the Lima Consolidated School, which is the school resulting from the merger, and which appears to be for all practical purposes a Roman Catholic parochial school.

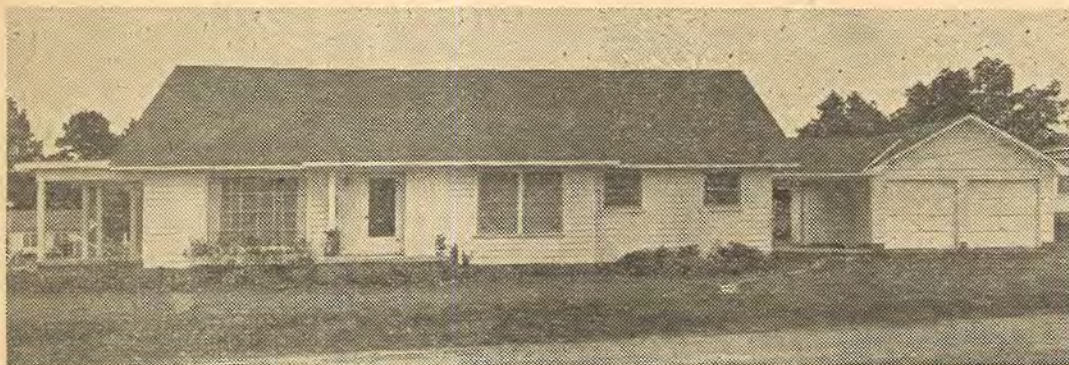
Opposition Brings Ex-Communication

A report from St. Cloud, Minnesota, states that three communities in Stearns County have voted to substitute Roman Catholic parochial schools for their present public school units. There has also been a controversy in Pierz, Minnesota, whether to build a Catholic high school or a public high school. A Catholic citizen who supported the public high school side of the controversy has been ex-communicated because he called for an election to determine whether the patrons favored the public high school or the Catholic high school and the vote was 339 against the parochial high school and 20 for it. A Mr. Henry Gau, himself

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Kingdom Progress

Pastor's Home At Smackover



The new \$18,000 parsonage of First Church, Smackover, was completed in 1951, providing two bedrooms, pastor's study, living room, dining room, kitchen, also double garage and connecting breezeway. The home is situated on a lot 100 by 150 feet, in Pershing Heights addition. Dale Taylor is the pastor.

The Book Ministry Of The Church

By JEROME O. WILLIAMS

We agree with the statement of Milton:

"A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life."

Believing this, we would like to see an adequate library in every church in our Convention, a good book in the hands of every Baptist, and the influence of good literature in the life of every church member.

Much is being done toward achieving this goal. The Sunday School Board fostered interest in church libraries through its Department of Sunday School Administration for twenty years. The Board has maintained for the last nine years, a Church Library Service. The purpose of this service is to assist our churches in organizing, establishing, and using a library. The Board has followed a policy through the years of giving to any church which organized a new library, five books on receiving notice that the library has five other books, or ten additional books if the church already has fifteen books. Miss Florida Waite is the capable secretary of the Library Service, and she has seen an average of one new library organized each day since she began the work November 1, 1943.

The secretary of the Church Library Service does not work alone in this field. She is ably assisted by all field workers in the Sunday School, Training Union, Student, Music, Editorial, Church Architecture, and Survey, Statistics and Information departments in the Sunday School Board. And this is not all. The workers in the various departments of the state boards of all of the Convention assist in this ministry. Also, pastors, educational directors, and other church officers have been most helpful in this important work. Twenty of the Baptist Book Stores also have an employee who gives special attention to filling orders for church libraries and promoting interest in organization, establishing, and using libraries in the churches.

Interest in the organization of church libraries is created in classes in church-, city-, and association-wide training schools and conferences, and in conventions and assemblies. The secretary of Church Library Serv-

ice spends three months at Ridgcrest each summer where she contacts representatives from the churches of all parts of the Convention territory, and conducts a school for church librarians and library workers. She has a large group of people who assist her in selecting and suggesting to the church librarians, books that should be in every church library. She and other workers are willing, ready, and anxious at all times to do all that they possibly can for the promotion of the ministry of good books.

One of the major objectives of the Church Library Service at this time is to assist in organizing libraries in rural churches. A survey of the needs in this field is being made and plans are under way for an earnest effort to reach large numbers of rural churches for establishing and using church libraries.

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Memphis Youth Visit Ouachita

By TOMMY TEDFORD

A New Year's Eve watch party in Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis, ended in a trip to Arkadelphia, and a decision by seven students to come to Ouachita College next year.

Dr. Tommy Halsell, pastor of the church, and his educational director, Stanley Williamson, were leading their young people in a watch party at Poplar Avenue Church. Soon after midnight the pastor and his co-worker, both Ouachita graduates, told the young people they would take them to Arkadelphia to look Ouachita over if they wanted to. Seven prospective college students responded.

The group, together with two other former O. B. C. students, left Memphis at 2 o'clock in the morning, January 1. They arrived in Arkadelphia about 7 a. m., arousing registrar, Miss Frances Crawford. Miss Crawford turned the group over to Dean H. A. Haswell, Ouachita's administrative dean, for a tour of the campus and an interview.

About 9 o'clock the tired but happy group headed back for Memphis—all of the students had decided to come to O. B. C. when they graduate this spring.

Elledge Goes to Oklahoma



Pastor H. A. Elledge, for the past eight years and four months the pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, has accepted the pastorate of the Northwest Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, and assumed his new duties on January 1.

When Pastor Elledge came to the Baring Cross Church, August 15, 1943, the Sunday School had an enrolment of 686 with an average attendance of 385. The present enrolment of the Sunday School is 1,442 with an average attendance of 828. Other organizations of the church have also increased proportionately.

During Pastor Elledge's ministry at Baring Cross, 1,973 were received into the membership of the church, 851 being received on profession of faith and baptism, and 1,122 by letter. During the same period, the church building has been expanded three different times to take care of the growth in membership and in the church program.

Under the leadership of Pastor Elledge, the annual church budget has grown from \$24,996 to \$75,000. Gifts to the Cooperative Program have increased from \$225 per month to \$1,400 per month.



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Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:
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KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
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KOSE, Osceola
KVRC, Arkadelphia, 2:15 p. m.
KGHI, Little Rock

Consult local paper for time

Assumes Pastorate In Little Rock



V. E. YARBROUGH

V. E. Yarbrough assumed his duties as pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Little Rock, Sunday, January 6.

For the past four years Mr. Yarbrough has been the pastor of First Church, Waldron.

During his ministry at Waldron, the resident membership of that church increased from 414 to 682. The Sunday School enrolment increased from 315 to 551, with an average attendance of 358; the Training Union enrolment increased from 105 to 200, with an average attendance of 148.

During the ministry of Pastor Yarbrough at Waldron, 411 persons were received into the fellowship of the church; 227 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism. The Waldron church increased its annual gifts to missions under the leadership of Pastor Yarbrough from \$2,067.64 to \$6,368.95. A new education building was erected and fully equipped at a cost of \$50,000 and without debt. A new Hammond organ was installed, also new pews, and a central heating and cooling system.

Mr. Yarbrough has also held pastorates in Texas; and in Arkansas at Hartford and Greenwood. He is a graduate of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Ouachita Y. W. A. Gifts To Lottie Moon Offering

The Y. W. A. at Ouachita College set a goal of \$300 for their Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Under the leadership of President Shirley Crafton of Corning, and faculty sponsor, Arvine Bell, the Y. W. A. girls advertised the motto, "Two From You for Lottie Moon." They urged Ouachita students to give at least two dollars each to the foreign mission program.

When the final tally was in, the Y. W. A. had reached their goal—\$300.02!

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Today many a successful American who still bears in his life the imprint of the church and the afterglow of the Christian home has in the midst of his material success forgotten God, ignored the church, neglected to pray and ceased to read the Bible.

Outstanding Record For Class Of 70 Year-Olds



The Loyalty Union, of the Training Union of Central Church, Hot Springs, began their work over two years ago with ten members enrolled. They now have twenty-three members enrolled and have established an excellent record for nearly two years. For a period of twenty-two months they have held the "efficiency banner" and their grade was never below 90 per cent.

The average age in this Union is seventy years. A few weeks ago this Union made a

grade of 100 per cent for two consecutive Sunday nights. This is a demonstration of the fact that Training Union work can make an appeal to adults if it is carried on in the right way.

J. A. Bandy is the president of the Loyalty Union. He is a retired postal clerk and carrier. Mrs. H. A. Burch is the Training Union director. R. M. Chambers is the Minister of Education and Music, and Clyde Hart is the pastor.

S. B. C. Budget Goes Over the Top

Arkansas Baptists gave \$247,170 in 1951 through the Cooperative Program for the support of Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions. The state's total gifts for the year of \$339,273 also included \$92,102 in special designated gifts.

Combined contributions of all the states to all causes for the year totaled \$12,151,636, an increase of \$1,536,916, or 14.48 per cent over the \$10,614,719 contributed in 1950. The information was released this week in Nashville by Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Cooperative Program received \$8,101,421, a gain of \$753,877 or 10.26 per cent over the 1950 offerings of \$7,347,544. A total of \$4,050,214 was designated, showing a gain of \$783,039 or 23.97 per cent over the \$3,267,174 designated in 1950.

All but three states showed gains in contributions to the Cooperative Program. Arkansas declined from \$284,793 in 1950 to \$247,170 in 1951, the District of Columbia from \$26,895 to \$23,118, and Florida from \$419,509 to \$418,323.

The five states contributing the largest amounts to the Cooperative Program were (1) Texas, \$1,387,363; (2) Tennessee, \$740,545; (3) South Carolina, \$724,528; (4) North Carolina, \$675,787; and (5) Virginia, \$606,868.

During the year, the Foreign Mission Board received through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts \$6,434,225, more than half of the total gifts coming through the Nashville office. This is more than one million over the \$5,420,308 received for foreign missions in 1950.

Home missions received \$1,974,383 in 1951 as compared with \$1,846,789 in 1950. The remainder of the receipts in the Nashville office were distributed among the various convention agencies and institutions according to percentages adopted by the Convention.

Advance Program Provides a Third More for Missions During 1951

Contributions going to the Advance Program of the Foreign Mission Board in 1951 totaled \$901,421, or a gain of 33.54 per cent over the \$685,044 going to the Advance Program in 1950, according to Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Why Government Costs So Much

(From Financial World)

A government employe recently complained to his boss that he had nothing to do, that he was bored, and so was thinking of quitting. In reply, the boss asked him to be patient; in a little while, he'd get an assistant. The point was this: the boss supposed that he was being asked indirectly for a raise, and with equal indirection, he offered one. In government, people get raises in proportion to the number they "supervise."

This may be a clue to why almost everything in government costs so much money. A man works, say, for Agriculture as a research chemist. He's a top scientist and year by year, through papers he contributes to the learned journals, develops a reputation for himself. To get more money, he must quit the laboratory for the desk and become an executive. To rate as an executive he must have a staff. There are thousands of people in just that situation who can get more pay only by becoming relatively useless.

Then there's the way budgeting works. It's found that something or other must be done. This is called creating a "function." If there's a function, there must also be an organization. One person handling a job is impossible ordinarily, since the man doing it, whatever his talent, would be under-rated. To be appreciated, he must become a boss. That involves getting assistants, stationery, equipment—all the things that go with functions.

A great deal of time is spent also in creating and then attending meetings of "interdepartmental committees." The purpose of these is to build up personal connections. It's the lawyers, mostly, who do this, just as in private life their search for clients bring them into all sorts of clubs where they meet each other.

—Industrial News Review

The Advance Program represents all Cooperative Program receipts by the Nashville office exceeding the basic current operating and capital needs budget. The Advance Program began November 14 when receipts passed the \$7,200,000 budget for 1951.

—Baptist Press.

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Christian Horizons

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By Religious News Service

University Athletes Run Baptist Mission

Two University of Oklahoma football players and a member of the university wrestling squad take Sundays off to "operate" a Southern Baptist mission near Norman.

The football players, Rex King, a freshman, and Joe Gaynor, a sophomore, travel the eight miles to Enterprise mission to teach adult and young people's Sunday School classes in both the morning and evening.

Ramon Autrey, a sophomore on the wrestling team who hopes to become a Baptist minister some day, preaches at the morning and evening services.

The wives of the three athletes teach the children of the 16 families making up the congregation. Average attendance at church is about 30 in the morning and 24 at the evening services.

Three other nearby missions are sponsored by the Baptist Student Union of the university, with 25 students working at the four churches.

Church Drive Keeps Florida Area Dry

This area will remain dry as the result of an all-out campaign by church forces.

Voters decided at a special election in favor of keeping a 47-year-old law which makes the sale of liquor in Leon County illegal. Only one out of 12 precincts voted against it.

Dr. Harold G. Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church and chairman of the Leon Dry Crusade, called the result "a conclusive vote against the status quo."

The "status quo" referred to the existence, openly acknowledged on every side, of widespread bootlegging in defiance of the law. At a post-election meeting, crusade leaders formed a Better Citizens League whose first objective will be to see that the law is enforced.

Miami Church Council Opposes Vatican Ambassador

The Greater Miami Council of Churches has sent communications to U. S. Senator George Smathers and Rep. William Lantaff, both of Miami, expressing opposition to the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

The council asked the congressmen to oppose ratification and any appropriation for the appointee.

Religious Groups Promised Steel Allocations

Failure of the National Production Authority to allocate steel for new church construction projects was due to an "oversight" and will be corrected soon, a high official of that agency has promised.

Most of the 73 church construction projects approved for the first quarter of 1952 (out of 374 applications) were for projects which qualified under "hardship" provisions of the law by virtue of having been under construction already at the time stringent controls were imposed.

Say Italian Police Stop Salvation Army Relief Team

Regional police officers stopped a Salvation Army relief team which was supplying 600 bowls of hot soup a day to flood refugees in Papozze, a tiny village in the inundated area near Ferrara, Salvation Army headquarters reported in Rome.

The team, an Englishwoman, a Frenchman and two Italians, had gone to Papozze on the advice of the mayor of Ferrara, it was said. A few days later, according to the report, the Ferrara police commissioner ordered suspension of the relief service and the immediate evacuation of the soup kitchen and its personnel.

A telegram from Papozze civic authorities to the police prefect, protesting the action, drew in reply merely a statement that the Pontifical Commission would provide for the refugees, the information stated.

Salvation Army headquarters expressed concern over the action which, it said, interferes with the distribution of relief materials received from the United States, Norway, Sweden, Great Britain and France and from Evangelical churches in Italy.

Baptists Assured Religious Freedom in Italy

Italy's Minister of the Interior has promised to make fully effective in his country the religious freedom assured in the Italian constitution, the president of the World Baptist Alliance reported.

Dr. F. Townley Lord said upon his return from Italy that Interior Minister Mario Scelba had made the promise in an interview in Rome. Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, executive secretary of the Italian Baptist Union, was present at the interview, he said.

Rule Non-Profit Groups Exempt From Taft-Hartley Act

Non-profit organizations are not subject to the Taft-Hartley Act, the National Labor Relations Board ruled.

Following its new policy of voluntarily relinquishing such powers of regulation as it may have over non-profit organizations, the board refused to take jurisdiction over a dispute involving the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and the American Federation of Musicians.

An unfair labor practice charge had been lodged under the Taft-Hartley law by a player discharged as a result of difficulties with a union official.

Although an NLRB hearing examiner had found that the orchestra engages in interstate commerce by selling its recordings nationally, making interstate commerce by selling its recordings nationally, making interstate concert tours, and appearing on national radio and television broadcasts, the board rejected his recommendation.

"While we are of the opinion that under recent court decisions, the board may constitutionally assert jurisdiction in this matter," said the board's unanimous decision, "we are not convinced that it would effectuate the purpose of the act to do so."

A Smile or Two

Rude Customer: Do you sell dog biscuits in this horrid little shop?

Shop Assistant: Yes. Will you eat them here or will I send them 'round to your kennel?

"Your wife drives like lightning, doesn't she?"

"Yes—always striking trees."

Two lawyers were arguing a case in court and began to call each other names.

"You're a loop-brained shyster," roared one.

"And you're an ambulance-chasing cockroach," roared the other.

The judge finally rapped for order. "Now that you two fellows have introduced each other to this court," he said, "you may proceed with the case."

The lawyer and the policeman who were testifying were having a battle of words. Finally the lawyer turned to the policeman and said:

"But if a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the road, surely that is no proof that he is drunk?"

"Probably not, sir," replied the policeman. "But this one was trying to roll up the white line!"

A man was tuning in on the radio when he got a sudden twinge of pain in his back. "I believe I'm getting lumbago!" he exclaimed. "What's the use," answered his wife. "You won't understand a word they say."

—Omaha World-Herald

Little Richard ate all of the raisins out of the rice pudding, and then promptly lost interest in it.

Regarding the rejected portion, he asked, "Mother, why do you put rice in your raisin pudding?"

"That Louis XIVth bed my wife bought is too short for me."

"Why don't you trade it in on a Louie XV?"

A neighbor and her husband and 4-year-old son were invited to dinner at the home of friends. On the way to their hosts' the neighbor said to her little boy, "Clifford, I want you to be a little gentleman." Then she asked, "You know what being a little gentleman means?"

"Yes," came his reply. "It means I won't have a good time."

"Behold," exclaimed the spiritualistic medium, after the usual moment of wriggling and knocking, "before you is the spirit of your late wife!"

The client sat still and said nothing. "Don't you understand?" cried the medium. "It is the form of your departed spouse. Why don't you speak to her?"

"Oh," replied the client, "if it is her she'll do all the talking."

The one thing that most men can do better than anybody else is to read their own writing.

—Quote.

If you'd like to know how a turkey feels in November, just wait until March 15.

—Quote.

News From Baptist Press

Baptist Educator Terms U. M. T. Bill As Unwise

"Morally, politically and financially unwise" was Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds' description of the Universal Military Training (UMT) bill—upon which Congress must vote before January 20—when he spoke to the recent conference of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in St. Petersburg.

"The greatest danger is that the bill will pass before its viciousness has become known," Edmunds, president of Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, said.

Educators from all over the South heard Edmunds declare that:

(1) "UMT in peace-time is morally wrong, because it would take every eighteen-year-old boy away from normal influences of home and the local community, and place them under military men in peace-time. Parents are not reassured of the competence of military instructors," he continued, citing recent cases of neglect and disease spread among present trainees.

(2) It is financially unwise because it will add a two-billion-dollar item to the budget yearly and will require one person—at a cost of \$500 per month—for every two trainees.

(3) It is politically unwise because it abandons traditional policies of keeping the military under control of the civilian authorities—a policy first announced by George Washington. "When UMT starts taking 800,000 young men every year in peace-time and assigns them after training for eight years of reserve service, this country will be under a permanent militaristic regime," Edmunds pointed out.

Edmunds urged that if educators, churchmen and political leaders neglect to curtail the UMT bill, they will be "faithless to their trusts."

Report of Committee On Foreign Mission Board

Statement of Foreign Mission Board Reserves

In view of the Foreign Mission Board's inability to meet the expanding needs of its program of advance from cash receipts, Dr. M. T. Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Board, requested the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to name a committee consisting of President George B. Fraser of the Executive Committee, Judge Frank Hooper, chairman of the Administrative Committee, and R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Finance Committee, to consider with him the advisability of using part of the reserve funds of the Foreign Mission Board to help meet these needs.

After an investigation the committee found that the Foreign Mission Board has in reserve a total of \$2,968,553. Since the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention states: "Each agency of this Convention shall set up as soon as possible a reserve for contingencies to provide for deficits that may occur either through decreased receipts or through emergencies, or both," and since this fund amounts to less than one-half of the Foreign Mission Board's total estimated expenditures for 1952, the committee believes that in light of present world situations, and the expanded program of the Foreign Mission Board, it would be unwise to use any part of this fund for current operations.

The committee found also that the Board has now in hand about \$3,000,000 of allo-

cated money which is in process of transfer to the mission fields to be used for the purposes for which it has been appropriated. The Foreign Mission Board would violate its trust if it used such funds for purposes other than those for which they have already been designated.

The Foreign Mission Board has also endowment and trust funds amounting to approximately \$2,500,000. The Business and Financial Plan of the Convention states specifically, "Each agency of the Convention is hereby instructed and ordered to keep all trust funds and designated gifts (for they are trust funds) sacred to the trust and designation; that they are not to be used even temporarily for any other purpose than the purpose specified; and that such funds shall not hereafter be invested in the securities of any denominational body or agency."

Although the Foreign Mission Board has before it now approved requests from mission fields amounting to \$2,600,000 which have not yet been provided for, it is the opinion of this committee that the Board would be unjustifiable in using any of its reserve fund to meet these or other needs. In short, your committee finds that the Foreign Mission Board does not have any funds in reserve which are available for use for purposes other than those for which they have already been designated.

R. Paul Caudill
Frank A. Hooper
George B. Fraser

Executive Committeeman Dies In Plane Crash Near Tehran

Dr. Henry G. Bennett, director of President Truman's Point Four Program and a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was killed December 22 when his plane, carrying an American party to Tehran, Iran, for a diplomatic visit in connection with the technical program, crashed in a snowstorm just north of Tehran.

Mrs. Bennett was among the twenty-two passengers, all of whom perished in the tragedy.

The sixty-five-year-old president of Oklahoma A. & M. College was granted a leave of absence from his duties in Stillwater, Oklahoma, in November of last year to become head of the technical assistance program.

An outstanding educator and agriculturist, Dr. Bennett was known throughout Southern Baptist territory as an influential Baptist leader. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkansas, he served the Baptists of Oklahoma on many committees and boards and was at one time vice-president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He was a member of the board of trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Herring Resigns as President Of Golden Gate Seminary

Dr. Benjamin O. Herring, president of Golden Gate Theological Seminary in Berkeley since 1946, has submitted his resignation, effective May 31, 1952. The resignation has been confirmed by Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, Texas, chairman of the board of trustees.

Dated December 15, the resignation will not be acted upon by the trustees until

Canadian Laymen Seek Increase In Ministers Salaries

Lay officials of every United church in Canada have been asked to give their ministers cost-of-living bonuses, and see that the minister's salary is brought up to a figure commensurate with the increased cost of living.

This was an appeal to laymen from laymen. It came from the National Committee on Ministerial Salaries, of which John M. Pritchard, Montreal, is chairman.

In a letter to the church officers, Mr. Pritchard said that ministers are harder hit by the rising cost of living than most people and can do nothing about it themselves.

The minister is not a member of a group which bargains collectively, but is dependent upon the thoughtfulness and sincerity of the congregation for a "square deal," Mr. Pritchard said.

He said that a church may rightly be expected to set an example by voluntarily paying a salary related to the cost of living.

"Nothing will put more heart into our ministry than to see their laymen tackle this problem with earnestness and determination," he added.

—Religious News Service.

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A Strange Family

The father has not missed church in twenty-three years. A son has not missed in twelve years. A daughter has not missed an evening service in eight years. The mother has a perfect record for eleven years. What's the matter with this family? Don't they ever have company? Aren't they ever tired on Sunday morning? Don't they ever have headaches or nervous spells or family reunions or picnics or anything? Don't they have a radio so they can get good sermons from outside speakers? What's the matter with them? PERHAPS THEY ARE REMEMBERING THE PRICE CHRIST PAID FOR THEIR SALVATION!!!

—Bulletin, South Side Church,
Pine Bluff

their annual meeting in Berkeley in February, Dr. Westmoreland said.

Under Dr. Herring's leadership, Southern Baptists' seminary serving the western part of the Convention territory has recorded a rapid growth. The current semester's enrollment of 200 is a marked increase over the thirty-one who enrolled in the fall of 1946, Dr. Herring's initial semester. The 1951-52 cumulative enrollment is expected to exceed 240.

Plans are now being formulated for beginning construction on a permanent site for the Seminary in Berkeley. The Southern Baptist Convention has already granted the seminary \$1,000,000 for building. A campus sufficient to accommodate 600 students is being planned for within five to ten years.

Before coming to the seminary presidency, Dr. Herring was for twenty-one years a member of the faculty at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He has the bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Baylor and the master of theology and doctor of philosophy from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Herring has as yet announced no plans for the future.

Minister Claimed By Death



James Gordon Harris

Pastor James Gordon Harris Sr., 73, of 118 College Boulevard, Pineville, Louisiana, died in the Baptist Hospital in that city December 28, 1951.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, September 20, 1878, he was a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, in 1905. He was married to Ellen McManaway of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1907.

His pastorates included the First Baptist Churches in Brinkley, Waldo, and Cullendale, Arkansas, and Marion, Louisiana. He was the organizer and the first pastor of First Church, Cullendale. For the past fifteen years, until ill health forced his retirement, he was pastor of the Macedonia Church, Effie; Pine Ridge Church, Melder; Lee Heights, Pineville; and Walnut Grove, Colfax. In each of these churches he led in extensive building and expansion programs.

In 1948, the Walnut Grove Church had a dedication service of a new building. The day was also the occasion of Mr. Harris' seventieth birthday and his fiftieth anniversary in the ministry.

During most of his ministry, he was a state and district evangelist and missionary. He also served as financial agent for Ouachita College and Jonesboro Baptist College.

He served on the executive boards of the Arkansas Baptist Convention and the Louisiana Baptist Convention. He was state evangelist in Arkansas in the early years of his ministry and organized many churches in northeast Arkansas.

Mr. Harris is survived by his wife, three daughters, Miss Josephine Harris, missionary in Honolulu, Mrs. Harold C. Diggs of Plainview, Texas, and Mrs. W. T. Hendricks of Manila, Philippine Islands; two sons, James G. Harris Jr., former pastor of First Church, Bunkie, now at Texarkana, Arkansas, and Dr. Clifton E. Harris, a returned medical missionary from China, now at Oakdale, Louisiana; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral service was held in First Baptist Church, Pineville, Louisiana. Doctor R. Houston Smith, pastor of the Pineville church, was in charge of the service.

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The wisest fellows, as we think, are those who agree with us.

HOME—The center of our affections round which our heart's best wishes twine.

Tax Funds For Catholic Schools Fixed Policy of the Vatican

(Continued from Page Three)

a Catholic, called for the election and was ex-communicated for "usurping the authority of the bishop in calling a parish election on his own initiative."

At Mound, Minnesota, a campaign is on to win public support to handle request for transportation of Roman Catholic school children in public school buses. Advertisements were run in weekly newspapers propagandizing the public in the interest of winning support for the carrying of parochial school children in public school buses.

While eleven rural Minnesota public school districts, all in Stearns County, have been cut off from basic school aid for several years because they have Roman Catholic nuns as teachers, yet it is true that they are still receiving some form of state aid and other tax money according to reports on file at the office of the State Department of Education.

A suit has been filed in Colorado in the form of a petition for a "declaratory judgment, asking the school directors to be found in violation of state laws and the constitution in closing two public schools and allegedly renting a school building from the (Roman Catholic) parish." Public school buildings have been closed and Catholic school buildings have been rented and Catholic nuns in uniform employed as teachers.

A bill in the Missouri State House of Representatives to provide for transportation of students to school was amended to include pupils at tuition-free parochial schools. The bill in its original form excluded the parochial students. Announcements were read in all Roman Catholic churches and schools throughout St. Louis County urging opposition to the bill in its original form, thus it was Catholic influence that was responsible for the amendment which provides for tax funds for the transportation of parochial school pupils.

A suit was recently filed in the district court, Maquoketa, Iowa, charging the Otter Creek township board of education with

permitting its sub-district No. 8 to be operated as a parochial school.

Early this year the Indiana General Assembly passed a measure by which parochial school passengers on public school buses would be assigned state equalization subsidies.

World-Wide Policy

The list might be continued indefinitely and in most of the states of our country. However, the Catholic hierarchy is not content with what it can secure from state tax money and local district taxes. It is definitely committed to securing federal tax money for the support of its parochial schools.

The fact is that our public schools throughout the nation would today be receiving federal aid, had it not been for the Catholic hierarchy in America. When the bill was proposed two or more years ago providing \$300,000,000 for distribution among the states for elementary and secondary schools, the Catholic hierarchy defeated that bill because it did not include parochial schools in the benefits to be received. The bill would have been passed had it not been for Catholic opposition. It was during this time that Cardinal Spellman of New York replied in such caustic terms to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who had written in opposition to the granting of federal tax funds to private and sectarian schools.

When the situation in Arkansas, to which attention has been called recently, is viewed against the background of this age-old, permanent, and world-wide policy of the Vatican and the Roman hierarchy, it will become evident that the situation in Arkansas is not merely local, nor is it temporary. It fits into the whole scheme of the Vatican in Rome and of the Roman hierarchy throughout the world. It is a part of a world-wide, age old, permanent policy of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to gain public support from the public tax treasury for the Catholic parochial schools.

A Live Business Meeting

By ANDREW HALL, Lake Wales, Florida

Recently I was in another state. Wednesday night came, and I attended a prayer meeting service which impressed me no little. Like most pastors, I am constantly on the alert to see if there is anything that can be done to improve the interest and attendance on Wednesday night.

Occasionally some member, who has neglected to attend prayer meeting service for a long period, will feel the urge to "break loose" and attend—only to "hit" the business meeting service. Too often they don't come back.

This church had a unique mid-week service. It so happened that it was Business Meeting Night. However, "reports" were not just reports! They proved to be inspiration time. The Sunday School superintendent gave a few figures, but enthusiastically discussed the high spots. He spoke of the real

meaning of Sunday School and its great worth. Had I not been a member, I would have joined soon.

The same thing held true with the other reports. Exuberance reigned. Then something unusual happened—a call for a stewardship report. "What can this be?" I pondered. A lady arose, came forward and presented two members to speak on "What I enjoy about tithing." How they lifted me up! I wanted to be a better steward. I suddenly began to realize that this was the type of meeting they had each month.

As I recall, the preacher never got to speak. Maybe he was not supposed to. Everyone preached a "bit" sermon instead. The people were there—several hundred. I learned from the First Baptist Church of Little Rock and from Pastor K. Owen White how to conduct a real-life prayer service.

The Rise of the Papacy

By J. F. MILLER

Gregory, surnamed the Great, Bishop of Rome, who died in the year 604, believed that all the bishops of the Christian Church were his equals. When he learned that John, Bishop of Constantinople, had proclaimed himself Universal Bishop, he wrote John, denouncing him in unmeasured terms. And in letters to the bishops of Alexandria and Antioch, he declared that any man who assumed that title was a forerunner of Antichrist. Calvin, quoting from these letters, in a letter intended for the perusal of Pope Paul III, says: "In the opinion of Gregory, your predecessor, as you boast, any man who should make himself Universal Bishop, were he Roman or not, was wicked, impious, sacriligious, the vicar of Satan, the forerunner of Antichrist. You must, therefore, either condemn Gregory as a blasphemer of your see, or bear the burden of his heavy sentence."

In the year 607, Boniface III became Bishop of Rome. Relying upon the favor shown him by the Emperor Phocas, who obtained the throne by the murder of his predecessor, the Emperor Maurice, he persuaded him to take away the title of Universal Bishop from the Bishop of Constantinople, and to grant it to him and his successors forever. And they have borne it ever since.

It is almost unbelievable that Boniface should have taken this step. He must have known that at least two of his predecessors, Gregory and Pelagius II had condemned it. But so great was his ambition, so unbridled was his desire of exalting his see, that, rather than to let slip the favorable opportunity that now offered, and might never offer again, of raising it higher than it had ever yet been, or in the opinion of his own predecessors ought ever to be, he chose to stand condemned out of their mouths, as a heretic, as a follower of Satan in pride, as the forerunner of Antichrist.

In the eighth century there was fabricated in Rome, that portentous forgery known as the Donation of Constantine. It purported to grant by deed, signed, sealed, and delivered, to Pope Sylvester and his successors forever, in gratitude for his conversion by that Pope, not only of spiritual supremacy, but also of temporal dominion over Rome, Italy, and the provinces, places, and civitates of the western regions. Later, it was included in a collection known as the False Decretals, which became incorporated in the canon law.

This collection contains many canons, and the decretals are not all spurious. The first part is entirely spurious. It contains 70 letters attributed to the popes of three centuries up to the Council of Nicaea. The second part is a collection of councils, and also contains the famous Donation of Constantine. The third part continues the decretals from the Council of Nicaea. Thirty letters are forged, which are attributed to the popes from Sylvester to Damasus. Authentic decretals are then included, beginning with Siricius. The authentic parts were intended to serve as a passport for the forgeries. Great theologians believed that the forgeries were genuine. It was not until the Reformation that the fraud was exposed. For more than three hundred and fifty years past, Rome has acknowledged the forgeries, but has not changed her system.

So, gradually, the power of the popes increased and expanded. First, it was given out that the spiritual power over the Universal

Church resided in them by God's own appointment. Later, it was declared that God had given the Pope that temporal power over all nations, and that all nations and all rulers held office subject to his authority. By virtue of this alleged power, he removed emperors, kings, and princes from their thrones, and appointed their successors. He also absolved subjects from their allegiance.

That a great power such as the Papacy would arise is plainly shown by the prophecies contained in Daniel, the Revelation of St. John, and the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians.

In an address by Professor Gaussen at the theological school of Geneva, he summarizes the power and attributes of the Papacy. He says, I ask if all the historians of the popes have not described their power as rising out of the ruins of the Roman Empire. It is to be a Roman apostasy. Where are we to find the theater of herdings? You know well with what particular care St. John shows us that it is in Rome, the city of seven hills, the Queen City, the Babylon of the latter times.

In his list of false claims, he mentions the False Decretals, which he designates as "that astonishing lie, which has never had its equal in the world in boldness or in success; for it has deceived all Europe for five hundred years, and alone, in itself, rendered the gigantic usurpations of the popes possible."

The prophet Daniel says, I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake. All historians are agreed that the Roman Pontiff was never equaled on earth in proud and haughty words. He styles them his thunder bolts. Words of command and violence. He excommunicates kings, he condemns them, he deposes them, he curses them. Words of hatred and blood thirstiness.

Another feature, says Gaussen, is his blasphemies. Daniel says, he shall speak great words against the Most High. He styles himself Holy Father, the name by which Jesus addresses His Father. The very holy father; the husband of the Church; the head of the Universal Church, which belongs to the only Son of God; His Holiness; God's vicar upon earth; God's vice-regent; Deus in terra, God upon earth; sanctissimus Pater, sua sanctitas.

Go and contemplate him in the Vatican you will see the painting, which represents the Emperor Henry the Fourth, stripped before Gregory the Seventh, placed in the royal saloon through which the ambassadors of all the powers pass; and in another, the heroic and powerful Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, on his knees before Pope Alexander the Third, the Pope's foot on his shoulder, his scepter thrown upon the ground, and underneath these words: Fredericus supplex adorat, fidem et obedientiam pollicitus.

When he appears in public carried on men's shoulders, incense is burnt before him as to an idol. He is knelt to on both knees. His slipper is kissed on his foot, and he is adored. Venite adoremus, (come let us adore), say the cardinals, when they go to him.

How often, says an observer, whilst I beheld him, have not the words of the Holy Spirit sounded in my ears: "He as God, sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thessalonians 2:4.

Former Catholic Wife Grateful to Baptist Husband

By JOE W. BURTON
Editor, Home Life

From Lakeland, Florida comes a letter from a former Catholic woman who describes herself now as "a very grateful Baptist," who says that her Baptist husband won her to Christ.

"I was born and brought up a Catholic," she writes. "I married a Baptist. Since becoming a Christian I want to say with all my heart that I have found that for a successful, happy marriage Christ is the answer. It is a completely different marriage when you are walking together with Him.

"My Baptist husband signed the Catholic pledge and I have every reason to believe that he considered it a serious promise. However, he worked it out with his Lord—and mine. He chose to witness for Him, rather than be bound by it. Today I can praise the Lord with all my heart for that witness because through it I found the Lord Jesus as I had never known him before—as Savior and Lord.

"The Catholic church kept me from my Savior for forty years. I wish I knew how even to begin to praise God for opening up the Bible to me by his divine Holy Spirit. I have been starved for the Word of God. It never had any meaning for me because 'they' had made it of 'none effect through their traditions.'"

Now "a happy member of a local Baptist church" this woman expresses the hope that more Baptists who fall in love with Catholics may help them to find Jesus, as did her husband.

Two helpful tracts to give to a young person who is thinking of marrying a Catholic are "Our Catholic-Protestant Marriage" and "Shall I marry a Catholic?" These are free on request from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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Southern Baptists operate through their twenty-two state conventions a total of thirty-two senior colleges, twenty-three junior colleges, and eight academies. The Southern Baptist Convention operates four theological seminaries for the training of ministers.

—Baptist Bulletin Service.

If an ambassador to the Vatican is appointed, it will be followed by the appointment of a papal nuncio in Washington. Then the long-cherished plan to make America Catholic will be intensified. They claim that the Bible is their support; yet they suppress the distribution of it by every possible means. Does any sensible man believe that, if they held in their hands, the powerful testimony of the books of the Bible in their favor, they would not broadcast these books among the masses as the Protestants do, who have nothing to disguise?

Their canon law is opposed to everything we stand for in our national life. It is kept in the difficultiation, and on the title page leaf of the code are these words: Nemini liceat sine venia Sanctae Sedis hunc codicem denuo imprimere aut in aliam linguam vertere. In English, No one may, without the permission of the Holy See, republish this code, or translate it into another tongue.

P. S. If you are opposed to this appointment, a postcard to the author, with your name and address, will help him in his fight against it. Address, General Delivery, Boston 9, Massachusetts.

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

More Regional Meetings

The first of four scheduled series of Regional Brotherhood Rallies for 1952 will be held during the period January 28-February 1. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 28: First Church, Osceola; for Mississippi County and Trinity Associations.

Tuesday, January 29: First Church, Paragould; for Mt. Zion, Green County, Gainesville, and Current River Associations, with a part of Black River Association.

Thursday, January 31: First Church, Hamburg; for Ashley County, Bartholomew, and Delta Associations.

Friday, February 1: First Church, West Memphis; for Tri-County, Woodruff County, and Arkansas Valley Associations.

Assisting the Brotherhood Secretary in the above series of meetings will be E. N. Delzell, Brotherhood Secretary of Tennessee. Delzell has a good, down-to-earth message for men. He is doing a great job in Tennessee. We are glad to have him in Arkansas!

Every pastor in every area out-

lined above, and every church Brotherhood president, has been written a letter concerning the meeting to be held in his area of the state. Within a few days every church will be mailed a printed poster to help publicize the meetings.

We trust that YOUR church will be well and adequately represented at your meeting.

Why not appoint yourself a committee of one to see that the Regional meeting in your area is given adequate publicity? Also to work to see that your church has a large group of men at the meeting? Do it!

Regional Brotherhood meetings, like associational Brotherhood meetings, are held for ALL the Baptist men in an area; and NOT ONLY for men from churches with Brotherhoods. The purpose of these meetings is not only to promote and stimulate Brotherhood organization and work, but also to inform Baptist men and to inspire and challenge them to give themselves over wholeheartedly to the service of their Lord.

Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

President: MRS. F. E. GOODBAR
Executive Secretary and Treasurer: MISS NANCY COOPER
Miss Doris DeVault
Young People's Secretary

These Attained

A careful check of questionnaires received at State W. M. U. Headquarters reveals that during the year 1950-51 there were two A-1 Full Graded Woman's Missionary Unions in the state, a distinction given for the maintaining of at least one of each of the missionary organizations fostered by W. M. U. which organizations reached the requirements of the Standards of Excellence. There were thirty-two A-1 Woman's Missionary Societies; nine Young Woman's Auxiliaries; five Intermediate Royal Ambassador Chapters; three Junior Royal Ambassador Chapters; eight Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries; twenty-three Junior Girls' Auxiliaries; thirteen Sunbeam Bands; fifty-six full graded Unions. These are to be commended for the well balanced program of activities promoted in their organizations.

A-1 Full Graded W. M. U.s: Horatio, First (fifth consecutive year); Dumas, First (eighth consecutive year).

A-1 W. M. S.s: Fayetteville, First; Pine Bluff, South Side; Hot Springs, Central; Clarendon, First; Paris, First; Benton, First; Van Buren, First; Clarksville, First; Fort Smith, Temple; Jonesboro, First; Pine Bluff, Immanuel; Newport, First; Camden, Elliott; Alma, First; Bentonville, First; Ozark, First; Humphrey; Hamburg, First; Dermott; Levy; McCrory; Norphlet; Gillett; Ashdown, First; Kensett; Village; Holly Springs; Monticello, First; Joyce City; Wilson, First; Sparkman, First; Pine Bluff, First.

A-1 Y. W. A.s: Bentonville, First; Dumas, First; Horatio, First; Little Rock, First; Malvern, First; Marianna, First; Pine Bluff, Second; Pine Bluff, South Side; Paragould, First.

A-1 Intermediate R. A.s: North Crossett; Dumas, First; El Dorado, First; Horatio, First; Norphlet.

A-1 Junior R. A.s: Dumas, First; El Dorado, First; Horatio, First.

A-1 Intermediate G. A.s: Bauxite; Dumas, First; Hope, First; Horatio; Malvern, First; Dorothy Adams, G.A.; Smackover; Washington, El Dorado, West Side.

A-1 Junior G. A.s: Arkadelphia, First; Augusta; Bauxite; Benton, First; Dumas, First; El Dorado, Immanuel; El Dorado, Second; Fort Smith, Grand Avenue (1); Fort Smith, Grand Avenue (2);

Helena, First; Hope, First; Horatio; Hughes; Jacksonville; Junction City; Joyce City; North Little Rock, -Amboy; North Little Rock, Central; Paragould, First; Portland; Sparkman; Tyronza; Warren, First.

A-1 Sunbeam Bands: Bentonville, First; Corning; North Crossett; Dumas, First; El Dorado, First; Fordyce, First; Hope, First; Horatio; Kensett; Magnolia, Central; Norphlet; Paragould, First; Russellville, First.

One fourth of the 1951-52 year is passed. Is your organization Standard conscious? Have you attained the goal thus far? Now is the time to check and charter your course that you too may attain.

HAVE YOU—

sent your protest to our senators and representatives of the appointment of General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican? It is very important that Christian forces act on this prior to January 8, the date when Congress will reconvene. Southern Baptist leaders are urging pastors to give emphasis to this and members of Woman's Missionary Union would certainly join hands in any effort to overrule that appointment.

A note of your own composition is better, but if you need guidance the following has been used:

"... strongly request you to oppose the appointment of General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican because such violates the principle of separation of church and state which is guaranteed by the Constitution; because such appointment would show preference to one religion; because it will create untold strife and disunity; and because it is unnecessary for the purpose claimed as its motive."

A NOTE OF THANKS

During the 1951 Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Alvin Hoggard of Piggott, W. M. U. Superintendent in Gainesville Association, received news of the death of one of her sons. Many messages of condolence were sent to the family during the early days of their sorrow, and an expression of appreciation was sent through the State W. M. U. Headquarters to each who remembered them.

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RALPH W. DAVIS, Secretary

What to Do in '52

1. Use correct Training Union terminology. The term "B. T. U." has never been used to designate but one thing—British Thermal Unit, which is one degree of heat. A B. T. U. is the quantity of heat necessary to raise one pound of water to one degree Fahrenheit. We should no more think of calling the Training Union a B. T. U. than we would of calling the Sunday School a B. S. S.

2. Remember the term "Story Hour" is now obsolete. Just as there are three departments of the Sunday School—Nursery, Beginner, and Primary, likewise there are three departments of the Training Union for the children—Nursery, Beginner, and Primary. There are two quarterlies for the leaders to use, "Nursery-Beginner Leader" for those who work with either one of these departments, and "Primary Leader" for those working in the Primary Department. The materials for the Nursery Department and the materials for the Beginner Department are separate but are found in the same quarterly known as the "Nursery-Beginner Leader."

Now is a good time to separate the children into three units just as you do in Sunday School. The three year olds and the eight year olds should not be together in a unit any more than Juniors and Adults should be together in a unit. There should be a separate unit for nursery, beginner, and primary children, even if there are only two or three in each unit.

3. Remember that beginning from January 1, there will be two Intermediate quarterlies, Inter-

mediate I for thirteen and fourteen year Intermediates and Intermediate II for fifteen and sixteen year Intermediates. If you have only one Intermediate Union you should use the Intermediate I quarterly unless a large number of the members of the union are fifteen or sixteen years of age. If you have as many as twenty or twenty-two Intermediates you have a sufficient number to form two unions, one for the thirteen and fourteen Intermediate boys and girls and one for the fifteen and sixteen year Intermediate boys and girls.

4. Learn about the new standards. These new standards are being printed in the Training Union quarterlies and the Training Union Magazine.

5. Plan a study course using the revised methods books.

6. Remember that there is a newly formed Baptist Training Union Department in Arkansas and Ralph W. Davis is the State Training Union Secretary. Feel free to call on your state department for assistance in your work.

7. Be sure to promote the Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament.

8. Reserve March 14-15, 1952 for the State Training Union Convention which meets at the First Church, Little Rock. Dr. Robert G. Lee and Mr. Howard Butt will be the inspirational speakers.

ATTENTION!

Thirty-six associations have now reported their "M" Night meetings, with a total attendance of 9,730.

Who Goes to the Vatican?

President Truman's announcement that he intends upon the reconvening of Congress to renominate an ambassador to the Vatican has greatly intensified efforts of his fellow Baptists to make known their opposition, declares Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Substantial evidence of this is seen, he says, in the mounting requests for thousands of pieces of informative literature received by his office daily. An impressive aspect of the opposition is the activity of the brotherhood organizations of laymen.

"The editorial correspondence of Ann O'Hare McCormick from Rome in the New York Times, December 24," says Dr. Dawson, "is being cited as confirmation of the Baptist contention that the appointment is definitely a violation of the American system of

church-state separation." She pointed out that in Rome the mission is regarded as "either to the Pope as the head of a worldwide Church or it is nothing, to pretend anything else is to make the appointment useless or to reduce it to absurdity."

Following the suggestion of the Catholic World Magazine that General Mark Clark withdraw in order that the President might name Barney Baruch has distressed many Baptists. While the American Jewish Congress has declared the Vatican appointment "represents recognition of a particular religious body as a temporal power, constitutes a serious breach in the separation of church and state and provides precedent and encouragement for the intensification of religious pressure on government policy," Baptists fear that if Baruch, a Jew, is named, opposition to the ambassadorship will be castigated as anti-Semitism.

Church Music Department

MRS. B. W. NININGER, Director

New Year's Greeting

With the lovely Christmas Music now a treasured memory, let us face the New Year with confidence and humility, knowing we are following the Spirit's leadership. Every God-given talent in music is our trust. It is our high privilege to discover, train, and find a place of service for each one who has been endowed with music ability. To God belongs the best music we are capable of producing.

Take time to study the calendar of activities below, and make adequate preparations to participate in every one of them. Call on me for any service I can render you during the New Year.

February 11-22: Denominational Rallies (Music will be featured)

March 28: Youth Choir Festival—Ouachita College

March 29: Junior Choir Festival—Ouachita College

June, July, August: A Summer School of Music in Every Church

July 5: Hymn-Playing Tournament—Siloam Springs

August 11-16: Church Music Leadership School—Ouachita College

September 8: Church Music Planning Meeting

GREATER LITTLE ROCK HYMN-SING

A record attendance from many of the churches was on hand for the Quarterly Hymn-Sing of Greater Little Rock, as the program was presented in Calvary Church, Sunday afternoon, December 30, at 2:30. Planned by Bob Hall, the association music director, the two-fold program consisted of groups of old and new hymns sung by the congregation and rehearsal of the choir groups on new music for the spring concert of the Baptist Choral Club.

George H. Miller was the director and Mrs. Henry C. Harris the accompanist. Alden Peterson led the opening song and prayer was offered by Pastor Lawson Hatfield.

PULASKI COUNTY NORTH HYMN-SING

The North Zone Hymn-Sing for Pulaski County was held Sunday afternoon, December 17, in the Gravel Ridge Church, with W. J. Adkins directing the program, and Mrs. A. B. Worrell as the accompanist. The theme of the program was "Heaven" and the devotional was led by Mr. Adkins.

The next Hymn-Sing will be held January 20, 1952, in the Sherwood Church.

30 - Chaplains for Airmen - 30

By DR. ALFRED CARPENTER

"Is there a Southern Baptist chaplain stationed at —?" is earnest inquiry of many a parent or companion of an airman in need of a Baptist chaplain. "There is no Baptist chaplain in my unit" is pathetic complaint of some airmen seeking fellowship, counsel, or the preaching of a Baptist chaplain.

The Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention desires complete Baptist coverage for all Baptists in the Air Force. This means a Baptist chaplain for each major air installation. The United States Air Force desires a chaplain for at least each thousand men.

The Air Force needs thirty Southern Baptist chaplains now. Qualifications are: ordination, college and seminary degrees, commissioned previous to 36th birthday, preferably two years pastoral experience, and denominational endorsement.

If interested write the Chaplains Commission, S. B. C., Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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Southern Baptist Evangelistic Program



By C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent of Missions

Southern Baptists are now committed to a definite program of evangelism. This was verified in a recent meeting, pictured above, of the state superintendents of evangelism, held in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism, under the Home Mission Board, was in charge, and in addition to his staff and the state superintendents there were General Secretaries, Presidents, heads of Sunday Schools, Training Unions, B.S.U., Brotherhood, W.M.U., Radio, and other denominational leaders present.

Those on the program represented every phase of our denominational life. It seems to be the opinion of all that evangelism is now taking its rightful place and that the program of simultaneous revivals is the most successful plan Baptists have ever undertaken. Three things were especially emphasized. They were: (1) A department of evangelism in each state. (2) An evangelistic steering committee in each association. (3) An evangelistic church council in every church. In these three phases of organization no units of our denominational life will be neglected.

The Baring Cross Church is making thorough preparations for the Evangelistic Conference January 14-16. Pastors should plan great caravans from their towns to this important meeting. Do not get the idea that it is a pastors' meeting. It is for everybody who is interested in evangelism. So bring the laymen, women, and young people. Those who cannot attend the day services should plan to attend at night.

Supplementary Mission Aid

The Mission Committee will meet January 14 to pass on the applications for supplementary aid. A letter has been sent to all churches receiving aid on pastors' salary, inquiring whether or not they will need help in 1952. Practically all of them state that they will need the supplement another year.

A letter, however, from Mr. John Smith, treasurer of Ozark Church in Black River Association, states that they will endeavor to get along without further help. The Ozark Church was organized about two years ago with just a few members. They have built a nice church house and are full time. It is encouraging when churches make progress like Ozark and show the fine spirit they have.

The letter states:

"We are thankful to the Mission Department for the support they have given us. Without the help we could not have had a church today. We feel that other churches need the help more than we."

It may be impossible for the committee to grant all requests. The policy will be followed of reducing the amount to each church already receiving aid. Many states do not help any church longer than three years. We do not have many churches which have received aid longer than that but do hope the churches we are now helping will endeavor to be self-supporting by the time they receive aid three years.

Several associations have indicated that they intend to become self-supporting beginning in 1952. It may become necessary for the Mission Committee to reduce the amount which is being given to some of the larger associations. The small associations, — Little Red River, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, Big Creek, Caddo River, Newton County, and others — of course, will have to have a larger amount than the stronger associations. It would be a wonderful thing if the associations would set up a program in which they anticipate becoming self-supporting.

Your Superintendent of Missions hopes to make a complete survey of our needs and recommend a five-year program of advance in our mission work. He will complete five years of service February 15, and would like to have a program outlined for five years in advance. Any suggestions or criticisms in regard to our mission work will be appreciated.

Some Questions Keep Arising

By CARL A. CLARK

Is Vatican City a religious institution, or a foreign nation? If it is a religious institution, then certainly an ambassador from the United States would be a violation of the constitutional provision for the complete separation of church and state. But those who have determined to have an ambassador there regardless, and in order to justify their position, are contending that it is an independent nation.

If Vatican City is a foreign nation, the pope is the head of that state, and since the bishop and archbishops in the United States have voted on the selection of its head:

WOULD THAT MEAN that the bishops and archbishops in the United States would lose their citizenship for voting in a foreign election, as is the law of this country? And since it is true that these same bishops and archbishops of the Roman Catholic

Church in this country have taken oaths of allegiance to the pope and the pope is the head of a foreign country,

WOULD THAT MEAN that these bishops and archbishops would have to be considered as agents of a foreign government, and must therefore register as foreign agents in this country and subject to the requirements and penalties of that law? And if we have an ambassador at Vatican City and since the Apostle Delegate to Washington is now in charge of papal relations in this country in regard to all the Roman Catholic affairs,

WOULD THAT MEAN that he would therefore become an accredited ambassador to Washington on behalf of Vatican City, and therefore become a member of the diplomatic corps with access to the state department and the White House in Washington?

Do questions keep arising in your mind too?

Figures to Inspire

Sunday, December 30			
	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1150	728	12
Including Missions	1554	887	
No. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	942	352	5
Including Missions	977	380	
El Dorado, First	872	237	1
Including Mission	953	272	
Pne Bluff, South Side	640	228	1
El Dorado, Immanuel	563	293	2
Including Mission	622	336	
Camden, First	527	124	
Including Missions	802	309	
Texarkana, Beech St.	513	222	3
Paragould, First	495	208	
Including Missions	682	315	
Crossett, First	492	186	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	488	217	5
Siloam Springs, First	472	326	8
Forrest City, First	472	197	2
Hope, First	464	114	
El Dorado, Second	439	218	
Hot Springs, Central	434	196	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	434	154	
Paris, First	433	141	3
Hot Springs, Park Place	432	172	3
Fordyce, First	430	186	2
Springdale, First	424	227	
Including Mission	520		
Warren, First	421	70	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	403	150	4
Ft. Smith, Calvary	403	148	
Van Buren, First	341	127	
Hot Springs, First	326	105	1
Cullendale, First	383	156	1
Conway, First	378	107	1
Smackover, First	368	139	
Rogers, First	363	168	2
Including Mission	431	201	
Malvern, First	362	121	3
Little Rock, So. Highland	359	183	5
El Dorado, West Side	354	148	4
Stuttgart, First	336	194	
Including Mission	374	228	
Osceola	319	152	1
Searcy, First	318	106	
Bauxite, First	315	164	4
Hamburg, First	301	128	
Wilson, First	297	194	2
Monticello, First	297	98	
Ft. Smith, Southside	287	123	5
Gentry, First	284	222	
Ft. Smith, Temple	279	179	2
Mena, First	282	103	2
Wynne	275	75	2
Piggott	269	103	8
Hot Springs, Piney	263	200	1
Gentry	254	258	
Pine Bluff, Second	249	103	
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	245	60	
Greenwood, First	243	96	2
Bentonville, First	240	69	
Including Mission	250		
Berryville, First	235	115	
No. Little Rock, First	219	85	
Gurdon, Beech St.	216	86	2
Alma, Frst	183	95	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	178	140	3
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	176	86	2
Lavaca	176	70	
Star City, First	175	62	
Augusta, First	168	63	
Including Mission	223		
Crossett, Mt. Olive	153	91	
Nettleton, First	145	138	1
Van Buren, Oak Grove	133	117	
Ft. Smith, Mill Creek	112	86	
Curtis	112	85	
Arkansas City	103	47	4
Including Mission	121	51	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	97	50	8
Ft. Smith, Northside	90	54	2
Hot Springs, Emanuel	73	41	
Little Rock, Biddle	72	66	7
Magazine	69	50	
Rt. Booneville, Glendale	58	41	
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When one considers the perils that menace us, he does not have to travel far to find their source. We have lost the discipline of the ruling convictions of conscience that kept the feet of our fathers on the rock that could not be moved.

—Norman W. Cox.

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Sunday School Department

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Southwide Sunday School Clinic

A Southwide Sunday School Clinic will be held in Miami, Florida, January 6-20. More than 800 leaders and Sunday School workers have registered for what will perhaps be the largest undertaking of its kind in the history of Sunday School work among Southern Baptists.

Sunday School enlargement campaigns will be conducted in more than 40 churches in the Miami association. An association-wide census will be taken on Sunday afternoon, June 6. The enlargement campaigns will be held during the following week, and the association-wide Central Training School will be held the week of January 13.

Dr. J. N. Barnette, assisted by the workers of the Sunday School Department will direct this gigantic effort. Some 23 Sunday School leaders, workers, and pastors in Arkansas are enrolled for this clinic. Among those enrolled are:

Wm. C. Burnett, Little Rock; Mrs. John Danner, Little Rock; Russell Duffer, Blytheville; James H. Griggs, Fayetteville; Bill Henry, Siloam Springs; Percy F. Herring, Osceola; Charles E. Lewis, Texarkana; Miss Grace Lovelace, Osceola; Herbert W. McGlamery, Pine Bluff; Wm. J. Perkinson, Fort Smith; Mrs. Wm. J. Perkinson, Fort Smith; R. F. Morrow, Osceola; Mrs. Frank Shamburger, Little Rock; Frank Shamburger, Little Rock; Mrs. Felix Stephenson, Osceola; Rebecca Tune, Little Rock; Mrs. Edgar Williamson, Little Rock; Faber L. Tyler, Ozark; Lehman F. Webb, West Helena; Mrs. Lehman F. Webb, West Helena; George H. Hink, Little Rock, and Mrs. George H.

Hink, Little Rock.

The State Sunday School Secretary, Dr. Edgar Williamson, will direct one of the enlargement campaigns during the clinic.

State Vacation Bible School Clinic

The 1952 State Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held Thursday and Friday, January 31, and February 1. The place of meeting is the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Little Rock. This clinic is planned primarily for associational Vacation Bible School leaders; associational missionaries and other interested persons are invited to attend. It is hoped that each association in the state will have one or more representatives in this important clinic.

Southwide and state workers will conduct this clinic. An added feature for this year is a period of handwork demonstration by an expert in this field.

Coming Events

January—Bible Study Week in the Churches.

January 31-February 1—State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Little Rock.

March 30—Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School.

April—Sunday School Training Courses (use books on teaching).

June—Vacation Bible Schools.

July 1-9—Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs.

September 2—Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference.

September 16—"B" Night in the Associations.

October 13-14—State Sunday School Convention.

The Price of Foghorns

In one of his Washington columns, Steffan Andrews of the North American Newspaper Alliance quoted a Congressman as saying: "In the ten commandments there are 297 words, in Lincoln's Gettysburg address 266 words, but in an OPS order setting ceiling prices on manually operated foghorns there are 12,962 words."

No one would expect the master-minds at OPS to produce anything within cannon shot of the ten commandments or the Gettysburg address. But the OPS order on the vital subject of foghorn prices is a perfect example of how the bureaucrats work, once they get a taste of power. The red-tape gets thicker and thicker. The orders become more and more verbose—and, of course, more and more difficult to understand and follow. Some of the

OPS orders, in fact, have been masterpieces of utter confusion.

The people who make and sell foghorns undoubtedly spent some sleepless nights trying to get their teeth into OPS' 13,000 word order. And they aren't the only ones. It's a safe bet that there isn't a producer or a distributor in the country who hasn't gone around talking to himself after reading one or another of OPS' literary efforts. Some of them, indeed, proved to be totally unworkable, and OPS had to hustle out changes and amendments.

In a situation like this, every producer and merchant becomes, willy-nilly, a law breaker. And if anyone thinks that such a situation helps the consumer, he should think again. More and more of the time, effort and money of manufacturer, retailer, and all others involved must be

A Letter To The Editor

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Duncan:

Greetings from Texas. When I left Arkansas last spring for the Air Force, I hadn't expected such a busy eight months in the Lord's service, but I have discovered that God will use one regardless of where he is, just so he is willing to be used.

As I stopped to take stock of my activities at the end of the year, I found some statistics which will probably be of interest to both of you as well as my Arkansas Baptist friends. Perhaps you will feel it worthy of passing on through the medium of our state Baptist paper.

In the thirty-five weeks which have passed (eight months) since I left Arkansas, I have sung solos for thirty-three services in sixteen different churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. I have worked in services with four different chaplains on three bases; worked in one Vacation Bible School; assisted a Boy Scout organization; supplied one Sunday as choir director, and supplied pulpit once. Besides these activities, I was privileged to attend one Associational Retreat and other associational meetings of various groups and organizations. In spite of traveling and being busy elsewhere, I have managed to stay busy in my own Sunday School, Training Union, and Brotherhood here at Calvary Baptist Church in Denison. Finding Charles and Joanne Vermillion, both college mates of mine at O. B. C., here was really a help. It made transition from "visitor" to "home-folk" much smoother and more rapid.

My wife is with me now. She is the former Miss Elinor Emmons of Louisiana, and was a

senior at Louisiana Tech when we married last Spring. She majored in Music Education and plans to teach in elementary school next year.

Receiving my B. A. degree last spring has been a help to me in more ways than one. The greatest thing is that I can enter the seminary, as I had originally planned, just as soon as I am discharged from the Air Force. It will be quite a while before I get back to school, but I am determined to finish my education and go on to the mission field as soon as possible.

I am working as a Personnel Specialist in the Air Force. It is very interesting work and brings me in constant contact with people a great deal. Being in the Air Force presents its own peculiar problems, but I have found a person can be what God wants him to be regardless of his environment or location.

I greatly appreciate regularly receiving my Arkansas Baptist. It is good to be able to stay in contact with my friends and the Lord's work in Arkansas through that medium. It is always encouraging to see the progress being made by God's people in His kingdom's work. It is good to know they are still praying "Thy will be done."

With kindest personal regards to you two dear friends, I am always

Yours in His service

Bobby Hartsell

(Bob was a Junior in First Church, Hot Springs, when we went there as pastor January 1, 1939. At that early age, he was a member of the choir.—Editor)

Looking Back

The year 1951 in retrospect recalls outstanding events of global importance: The virtual stalemate of the war in Korea, and the strong hope that the truce now in progress may end the fighting; the signing of the Japanese peace treaty by 50 nations; the return of Winston Churchill as a world political leader; the unprecedented reception of General MacArthur upon his return to America; the TV hearings of the Kefauver crime committee; the almost complete liquidation of the missionary enterprise in China; the appointment of General Clark as ambassador to the Vatican; the revealed bribery and corruption in high office. Three emphases stood out in American Protestantism during 1951: greater evangelistic effort, more active participation by laymen in the

given to trying to untangle the red-tape and to following the orders as best they can. That's one way to hamstringing an economy.

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work of the churches, and increased Christian responsibility in political life.

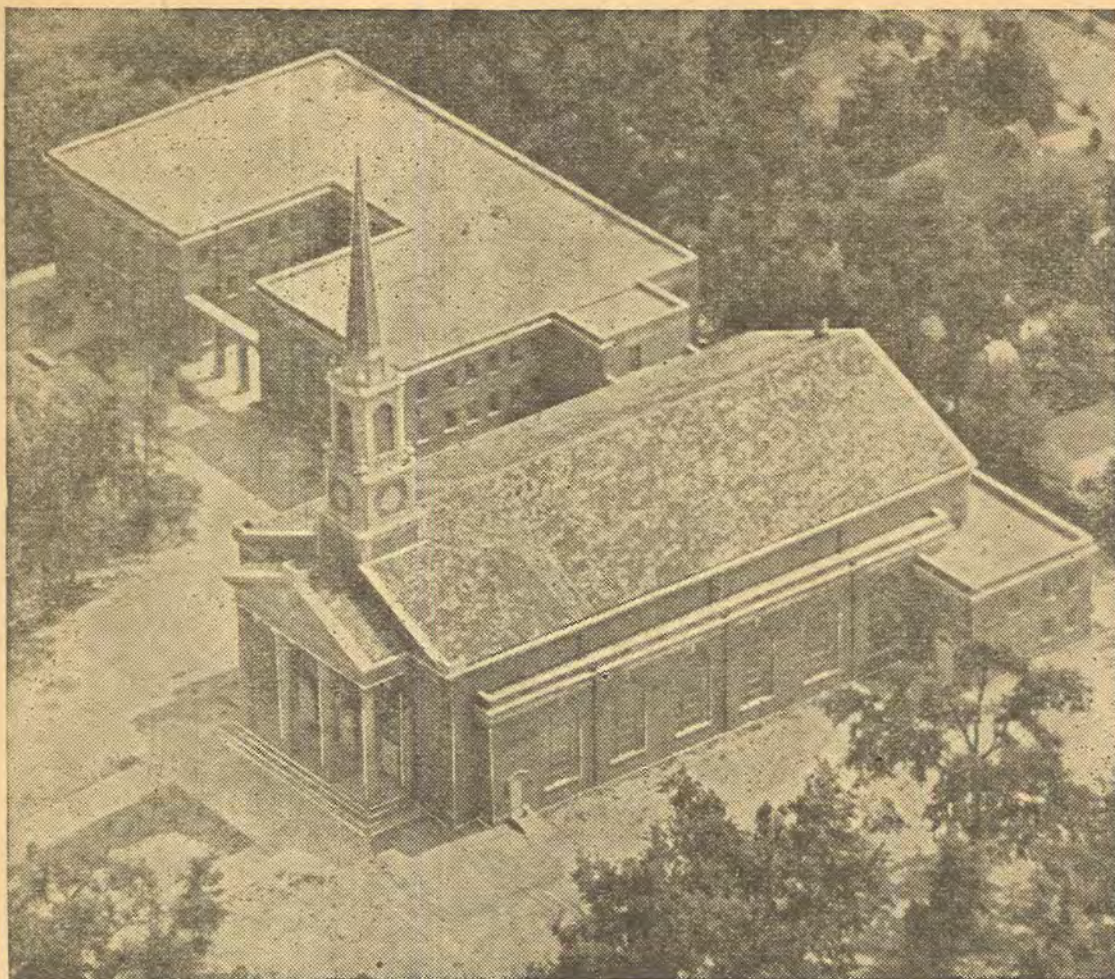
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The Voice Needed Most

By CHARLES A. WELLS

A nation cannot long maintain its freedom if the people have forgotten the sound of truth in their ears or the flavor of truth upon their lips. At a time when so many voices are speaking with confusion, there is only one way that real, unchanging truth can be kept alive in our consciousness, and that is by listening to the voice of God. When the word of God is kept open and its eternal truths continue to be familiar, we cannot be deceived by other voices that attempt to substitute cleverness for truth. When we know the voice of God as recorded in the Bible, we will recognize His voice when He speaks within our own consciousness. Only in this way can we be kept safe from the deception that leads to tyranny or from the confusion that leads to political and social disintegration.

First Church, Memphis, In New Building



An aerial view of the new First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, Poplar and Parkway. The congregation entered for the first services on December 2. R. Paul Caudill is the pastor.

What Others Think Of U. M. T.

The Universal Military Training legislation is scheduled for hearings when Congress reassembles on January 8. Proponents of the bill have stated their intention to rush it through as swiftly as possible. The *Christian Century*, December 19 issue, carries an intelligent and exhaustive 24-page study of the implications of this bill.

Opposition to this U. M. T. bill has been voiced in numerous gatherings—The Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church in a strong 1200 word statement warned that it would "accustom our youth to the view that war is 'endemic' or inevitable and enduring."

Methodist leaders, including pastors, district superintendents and college professors in a prepared statement said the bill "... proposes to fasten permanently upon freedom-and-peace-loving America the European pattern of militarism."

—*Survey Bulletin*.

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Give and Grow

Giving is essential to growth in grace. There can be but little growth unless the inherent life is given the opportunity of expression. It is just as true in the spiritual life as in the physical.

The money miser will become a spiritual dwarf. To receive and never give is to deteriorate and die. Both assimilation and expression are necessary to growth.

In order for a child to grow and reach maturity, food must be assimilated and transformed into blood, bone and nerve cells. It is equally true of spiritual growth. There must be spiritual assimilation.

—A. L. Aulick.

Baptist Receives 'Christmas Gift of Friendship' From Church in Nigeria

A desk and two chairs made of African "Inoko" wood, beautifully inlaid with ebony and ivory, have arrived in Richmond, Virginia, as a "Christmas gift of friendship" to Mr. and Mrs. L. Howard Jenkins from a church in Nigeria. Mr. Jenkins has been president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for 19 years.

The story behind the desk and chairs started approximately 40 years ago.

When Mr. Jenkins was a very young man he had a severe illness that might easily have proved fatal. In gratitude to God for his recovery, his mother, the late Mrs. Luther H. Jenkins, decided to send a missionary to Africa. Thus, Miss Olive Edens, Southern Baptist missionary, was supported.

Among Miss Edens' pupils there was a small native boy, J. Tanimola Ayorinde. Over and over Miss Edens told Tanimola the story of Jesus and his love for all peoples of the world. It was a revelation to the small boy, who had never before heard of

Christianity, and he eagerly accepted the mission teaching.

Tanimola was graduated from the mission school of Nigeria and determined to become a minister to his own people. With this in mind he came to Richmond and enrolled at Union Theological Seminary. While in Richmond he became friends with Howard Jenkins. Both personally and as president of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Jenkins was much interested in the young African and his work, and he tried to help him wherever possible.

The Rev. Tanimola Ayorinde received his B.D. degree and went on to Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, where he secured a master's degree. Then he returned to his native Nigeria as a Baptist pastor.

After serving a small church, Mr. Ayorinde was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Lagos, which, with a congregation of 600, is the largest church of its denomination in Nigeria.

There he has received additional help from the Jenkins fam-

ily. Three years ago Mr. Jenkins' two sisters decided they would like to give an African memorial to their mother. Knowing the difficulties of transportation in that country, they decided to send, in memory of Mrs. Jenkins, an automobile to Pastor Ayorinde for his work in Lagos and the surrounding country.

Some weeks ago Mr. Jenkins got a letter from his African friend. In it Mr. Ayorinde said:

"The executive committee of our church has decided to send you a gift. An African carpenter was employed and he made a table and two chairs for you and Mrs. Jenkins." With the gift came another letter, this time typewritten as an official communication from the Lagos church. It says:

"... It has been a long felt and cherished wish of the church to mark the existing friendship between us in a material way... Please accept these tokens of Christian love in hope that they will occupy a prominent place in your study and thereby remind you of our fellowship in Christ."

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By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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Luke 5:1-11

According to Luke's record, the call of the four fishermen to full time Christian service came to them after a long night of toil on Lake Gennesaret when they had caught nothing. Andrew and Simon Peter had met Jesus down at Jerusalem earlier, some sixty miles distance.

On this occasion, Andrew and Peter, James and John, each couple in their own boats, had worked all night, had caught no fish, had given up the ordeal, and were cleaning their nets beside the lake when Jesus and a great multitude of people came along. Jesus requested the privilege of preaching from Peter's boat, the crowd was pressing Him so closely He had to separate Himself from them in some manner. So Peter thrust out his boat a little way and from it, the Master preached to the people.

When the service was ended, Jesus invited Peter to "launch out into the deep and let down his nets for a draught" of fish. Peter was tired; he was not at all enthusiastic about more fishing. He reminded the Lord of the long night's toil wherein he had caught nothing, but he would obey just as a matter of courtesy to this stranger. When Peter obeyed the Lord, his nets began to fill, and then to tear, so great was the catch.

This was nothing short of a miracle. So astounding was the happening that Peter fell to his knees and implored the Lord to leave him, for he was a sinful man; he was keenly conscious of his own unworthiness to be in the presence of such a person as Christ. But the Lord loves sinners, and instead of leaving sinful Peter, He invited him to come along with Him and be with Him all the time: "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

The Call Continues

The Lord is still calling sinners to follow Him; when any person realizes, as did Peter, that he is a sinner, he has just reached the position that is needful to do something about his sins. And because Jesus loves sinners, He is always ready to open the way and make room for one more follower.

Let's analyze the lesson thus far for some practical points.

1. Jesus chose a psychological moment to call these men into active service; not all receive the call to service under similar circumstances, but many do. These men were called from secular

labor to Christian service at a time when business was dull, at a moment when they were probably discouraged with the world. There is nothing like adversity to teach human beings that materialism is not the most important thing in life. Many have turned to the Lord only after learning the hard way that His way is the best. Many have been saved from sin in times of great sorrow or affliction. A great host of worth while Christian servants have received the Lord while in prison; if Paul had received justice, he would have been imprisoned for killing Christians. Rather, he was imprisoned later for being a Christian. Others are invited to "leave all and follow Him" when life is prosperous in a material sense, as was Matthew. That is the better way perhaps, but it is not the only way.

The Call of God Is Permanent

2. When the Lord first called Simon Peter to service, he had toiled in a fishing boat all night and caught nothing. After the resurrection of the Lord, Peter led six other brethren back to fishing, after having preached for three years; the Lord appeared on the seashore next morning, after another long night of fruitless toil. He called out to the fishermen, "Cast your nets on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find," and the catch was so great they could not haul them into the ship. Someone said, "That is the Lord." These were two great moments in Peter's life; the circumstances were very similar. On the last occasion, Peter was commissioned to "Feed my sheep."

But Peter should not be criticized too severely for his lapse in service. There was more involved in the call of the early disciples than now. Christianity has been tried and proved to be a success today. Christianity thrives, to some degree at least, around the world today, whereas in that day, it was unknown, in the experimental stage. Christianity is the respectable thing today, but Jesus was a stranger to them. He seemed to be the fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies which they knew, and His miracles carried weight, but those people did not have the light that we have.

3. The fishermen were invited to "Launch out into the deep for a draught." Fishing has never been highly successful in shall-

low water. The fish that are worth working for are usually out in the deeper waters, away from the dregs and trash that accumulate near the water's edge.

The church, or the preacher, who dilly-dallies around in "shallow water" do not accomplish a great deal for the Master. The preacher must go all out for the Lord, put his very best into the work to become a real fisherman. And what is true of the preacher is true of the laity. Individuals, organizations within the church, the church itself, must launch out into the deep to reap a fruitful, satisfying harvest. A fearful, hedging, attitude will paralyze the church in its progress.

Obedience Fills the Cup

4. Peter was reluctant to launch out into the deep, after a hard night's toil; but when he obeyed the Lord, he received a great blessing. An Old Testament scribe tells us that obedience is better than sacrifice. Nothing will take the place of obedience. The Psalmist said, "My cup runneth over," but obedience to the Lord's commands is the thing that produces the outpouring of His blessings upon us.

5. "I will make you . . ."

Can you imagine a more miserable failure than Peter's life would have been if he had gone

forth in his own strength? He was impetuous; he was highly emotional; he was temperamental. Paul even accused him of being two faced concerning the Gentile Christians; he was congenial with the Gentiles—if there were no Jews around; otherwise he didn't recognize the Gentiles. Evidently he could not endure criticism.

All Christian servants today have their faults and weaknesses, just like Peter had. An imperfect congregation of people could not long endure a perfect pastor. An imperfect pastor surely could not lead a membership of perfect people. But all need to realize that all are sinful and fall short of God's glory, and try to help each other and encourage each other along life's way.

We recently heard this truth expounded somewhere: "It is so easy for church members to see the pastor's faults, some even get together and take him apart because everything he does isn't done just the way someone else might have done it or said it."

"But while you have to endure the pastor—he is only one. Remember that while you as a church have only one pastor to tolerate, he has a whole church full, 200 or 2,000 members, imperfect members all of them, that he has to endure. And be thankful you do not have his task."

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Catholics Work Under a Dictator

We have no fight or contention against the members of the Roman Catholic Church. We know many of them and they are just like other people in their department. There are good ones and there are bad ones. We see, know, and love many who are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Of course, there are men like Al Capone. You will find men like that sailing under the banner of any demonination, but there are also on the other extreme many very, very fine men and women.

Our contention is against the foreign dictator and the political policies of the Pope of Rome. Frankly, we do not see how a red-blooded American can bow down to the edicts of a foreign dictator. The Pope of Rome is as much a dictator as Hitler or Stalin ever was. History has proven him to be as ruthless as his power would allow him to be. He does not believe in the American way of life. He does not believe in the Constitution of the United States. Why should the American Government allow him and his staff to influence Congress on legislation that would mutilate the meaning of the Constitution of the United States? Bishop Oxnham is right. What the Pope wants is our tax money to support the cause of Roman Catholicism. If the Vatican wants to benefit by the taxes we pay, let it send its children to our American free schools. If it wants to have a parochial or denominational schools in addition to our free schools, let it fully support them.

We would wish that our President might inform the Pope of Rome that so far as the American Government and tax money are concerned, he has neither part nor lot in it.

Letter to the Secretary

Dear Brother Bridges:

You deserve a compliment for your sermon on Sunday, September 30, 1951. The scripture was appreciated and the strong condemnation of vulgar literature and movies. I am in my thirties and married now, but while I was at home in the teens, my father a Baptist Missionary in Texas, was very strict about what I read and even listened to on the radio. At that time I didn't appreciate it. I crucified my dad many times for the way I treated him because of his strictness. Mother was the best preachers wife I ever saw but Dad had a large self-willed family to conquer. All are grown now and have grandchildren of their own and are church workers and leaders. Dad died but his strength of will in raising a Christian family was successful. I am saying this for the benefit of pastors. The young preacher can be greatly hindered by an unbelieving wife and worldly children.

People who go to movies and read these modern magazines and novels regularly slowly lower their ideals and become cold, blind, and insensitive to the Holy Spirit. They may never offend society, but they become unfeeling about the most sacred things in the world.

Southern Baptist Convention

The October Board meeting approved a budget for 1952 in the amount of \$5,200,000—\$100,000 per week—the largest budget the Board has ever adopted.

Despite this fact, the new budget provides for an expenditure of less than \$1 for each of the more than 7,000,000 Southern Baptists.

Roman Catholics in the United States were asked to contribute a day's pay for foreign missions one Sunday in October.

For the second successive year requests for field appropriations have been cut back by more than \$225,000 due to insufficient funds.

M. Theron Rankin: "We can cease to pull, cease to go forward, by letting the traces become slack. We can level off, become satisfied with the advance we have made and decide to take a rest — while the world is on fire. What a horrible thought for the day in which we live!"

Pine Bluff, First, and Pastor Tatum

One of the most remarkable edifices in all the Southland is being erected by the First Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. Its exterior lines and appointments are a departure somewhat from the normal appearance of a church building. Its interior is ultramodern and all interior appointments are embellished and are the last word in accommodations and beauty. The prospectus prophesies of a very large and commodious church building. Pastor W. B. Tatum is to be congratulated on his fine leadership. Tatum is a real pastor and his people love and follow him. When this new church building is completed it will be one of the outstanding church plants in the South. First Church, Pine Bluff, has been one of our very great churches through a long period of years. Some of the finest Baptist leadership both in pulpit and in pew have been centered in this great church. We wish for Pastor Tatum a long and happy ministry with this great people.

Booneville, First, and Pastor Grafton

More and more we are impressed with the steady, spiritual, wise leadership of Pastor W. W. Grafton, First Church, Booneville. This is an important church. The State Sanatorium is located in Booneville. The church has a great deal to do with ministering to the patients in the Sanatorium. Pastor Grafton, through a period of ten years, has led this church into a great construction program. They are constantly having additions, and the church is growing rapidly. It is not only growing in membership, but in service. You will be interested to know that the church has voted to give \$4,160 this year through the Cooperative Program. Ten years ago it was giving \$10 each week, and now it is giving \$80. That is some progress. Some of us who have heard Grafton sing wondered if it was not a pity that he did not give his full time to singing, as only he can sing; but in pastoral work he puts the power of the spirit into his service just as he does in singing the Gospel.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR SENATOR TO PROTEST THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN?

Church Treasurers Should Follow Instructions

"The treasurer is an important office in a Baptist church. He is trusted with the task of sending missionary money to the proper sources along with the responsibility of paying local church bills.

"Sometimes a church treasurer finds himself embarrassed because of having more bills to pay than the church's bank account will provide for. In that event he has but one choice and that is to follow the instructions given him by the church. If the congregation has designated a certain per cent of all funds to missions, the treasurer has no right to appropriate that percentage to any other purpose. It should not be done even on a temporary basis. His only recourse is to send the designated money to whatever agency is elected to receive it, then go to his congregation and say, 'I need more money with which to pay local bills.'

"Not long ago I heard of a church treasurer who disregarded the instructions of the church to send 10 per cent of all undesignated funds to missions and decided for himself just how much money should be sent each month. The decision was always less than the 10 per cent. No church treasurer has any right whatsoever to send more or less to missions than the church authorizes.

"Speaking of church treasurer, I heard of one the other day who had the same idea about the church's percentage to missions some people have about tithing. You know, there are still some people who say they believe in tithing, but only after all expenses have been paid. This particular church treasurer interpreted the action of the church which had voted to send 10 per cent of all undesignated funds to our missions program to mean that 10 per cent should be sent after all local expenses had been paid. In other words, this particular treasurer believed in tithing only the money which remained after every local need was met. Needless to say, their remittance to missions is negligible.

"Speaking further of church treasurers, it is well to say that for the most part they are a fine bunch. They do a lot of work without pay. They learn a lot about the stinginess of some Baptists and still remain religious. Most of them have the fine grace of remaining perfectly calm in the midst of those who talk the most and do the least."

—Baptist and Reflector.

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