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—H. Armstrong Roberts

Safeguard the Nation . . .
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Fight the Liquor Traffic

Across the Editor's Desk

Distributing The Poverty

The above heading recently appeared in a release by Industrial News Review. We quote the following brief paragraph from this article:

"The favorite catch-phrase of socialism in all countries is its pledge to 'divide the wealth.' This at once conjures up heavenly visions of a society in which everyone will live in luxury with a minimum of effort. What actually happens—and England today is a living, breathing example of that—is that wealth is destroyed, and what is distributed is the poverty. When we arbitrarily attempt to lift all men to the top we only succeed in pushing all men down toward the bottom."

Economy of Scarcity

Dr. M. J. Bonn, writing in American Affairs about socialism in England, sums up his conclusions by saying: "It would be a great pity were the socialist Labor Party to be released from power and responsibility before a majority of its followers has learnt the lesson that leisure is the result of plenty and plenty is the result of work."

This is sound economics, practical philosophy, and thoroughly scriptural. The apostle Paul advised that, "if any would not work, neither should he eat."

The American people have for quite some time been fed on a rather strange diet of economic fads and experimentation. During the depression, the economy of scarcity was preached with evangelistic zeal—little pigs were killed, food stuffs were destroyed, and cotton was plowed up. All this happened under the supervision and at the behest of the government. Now that there is more buying power than goods, it is preached that the only salvation is to allow the government to tell you what and how much you are allowed to purchase.

But the end is not yet. There is a powerful block of bureaucrats and government planners in Washington who are vigorously promoting socialism, their ultimate aim being government ownership of the basic industries of America.

President's Economic Advisers

The President's Council of Economic Advisers, in its second annual report, made this startling statement: "The accumulations of capital over the years have in fact involved deprivations of the rank-and-file worker." Henry Hazlitt, in one of his Newsweek columns, reminds us of the "striking similarity"

between this statement and the Communist Manifesto, which was published a century ago. The Manifesto argues that the accumulations of capital increase "the burden of labor" and "force wages down almost everywhere."

Perhaps the members of the President's Council of Economic Advisers have never read the Communist Manifesto. Doubtless they thought they had discovered a brand new principle of economic well-being which should be substituted for the capitalist system, and that they were making a brand new pronouncement.

Capital And Free Enterprise

All this in the face of the fact that the twin system of capitalism and free enterprise in America has produced the highest standard of living, the highest wages for the worker, the greatest amount of luxury and leisure for the greatest number of people in the history of mankind.

The investment of accumulated capital has created in America the greatest industrial system in the world. Free enterprise has stimulated in America the greatest degree of initiative and resourcefulness in the world.

The Soviet Union allows no accumulations of capital, except in the name of the state. It has vast resources, but the standard of living of its people is the lowest in the world. "No other nation has carried ruthless exploitation of the masses to greater lengths. Capitalism, on the other hand, has given the average American a standard of living unapproached on earth—and it has given him maximum freedom with it."

"What actually happens," when capital investment is owned by the government instead of by the citizens, "is that the wealth is destroyed, and what is distributed is the poverty."

Next Week

A full report of the Southern Baptist Convention will begin in the next issue of the Arkansas Baptist, and will continue in subsequent issues. An eight-page issue this week has permitted both Editor and Editorial Assistant to attend the sessions of the annual conference of Baptists from 20 Southern states held in Memphis, May 19-23. Several hundred Arkansas Baptists were in attendance.

EFFECTS OF KNOWN SIN

A Devotion by the Editor

"My bones waxed old."

You have heard persons, who were in the grip of malaria or influenza, say, "Every bone in my body aches."

The bones are the framework of the body, as the sills, sleepers, joists, and rafters are the framework of a house. When the framework decays or is destroyed by termites, the structure will collapse.

Thus figuratively speaking, David was saying that the framework of his life was decaying. In his weakened spiritual condition, every storm of temptation or trial caused his life structure to tremble and threaten to fall. In his fear he would try to brace his life by adding another rotting timber, which only added to the menace instead of fortifying him against further danger. So, when there was danger of his sin of adultery being exposed, he added the props of murder and deception.

The salt water worm is to all woodwork and wooden boats in salt water what sin is to human life. This little worm, we are told, so honey-combed one of the most costly ocean piers that it fell before it was three years old.

"Thy hand was heavy upon me," says David. The consciousness of God's displeasure was pressing him down. It was an oppressive suffocating sensation. He was trying to smother his conscience, and was himself being smothered.

There is an Eastern legend to the effect that a magician once gave his prince a wonderful ring studded with priceless gems. But what gave the ring its chief value was, that so long as the prince was doing right the ring was comfortable to wear, but whenever he cherished evil thoughts, or did anything wrong, it suddenly contracted and pressed painfully on his finger.

A living, well trained conscience in the Christian heart will press painfully when one lives in sin.

"For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

"I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah" (Psalms 32:4-5).

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NOTES OF ADVANCE

Pastor Chas. F. Wilkins, First Church, Newport, reports as follows: "On Sunday, May 9, we closed an 8-day revival meeting. It was the greatest revival in my 13 years as pastor of this church. Harvey A. Elledge, pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, did the preaching, and P. A. Stockton, Little Rock, was in charge of the music. This was the fourth time to have Brother Stockton with us in revival services, and as usual, he did a fine job. Brother Elledge is really a great preacher, deeply earnest and thoroughly orthodox. Our people will long remember his messages. There were 47 additions to the church membership, 39 by baptism. We have baptized 56 persons and received 23 by letter since the first of this year."

L. U. C. Kaufman, graduate of Ouachita College and the Southwestern Seminary, who has been employed by the Home Mission Board to work among the Papago Indians in Sells, Arizona, has recently returned to Arkansas, having resigned from the Home Mission Board. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman are now living at Arkadelphia. Mr. Kaufman is available for revival meetings, supply work, or a pastorate.

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents for May 30, "The Name of Jesus," by B. H. Duncan.

Lake City Church Makes Honor Roll

The Lake City Church, under the leadership of Pastor W. E. Speed, and with the financial help of Fred Carter, has paid their full quota. This is a church with a great mission program of its own; yet, it is one that believes in helping carry out every part of the Kingdom work.

Mr. Carter is not only a leading layman in his church but also, in our denomination. He is a member of the hospital board, and has established the Fred Carter Mission Fund at Southern Baptist College, for the purpose of carrying on mission work through the preachers attending school there. He has formulative plans to lead all the churches of his association in meeting their quota to the Million Dollar Campaign. We appreciate such fine laymen, who are interested in every phase of our denominational work.

Youth Week was observed by the First Church, Pea Ridge, during the week of May 9-15, with the young people having complete charge of all activities of the church—teaching Sunday School classes, directing the choir, preaching, giving the Training Union program, and prayer meeting on the evening of May 12. A Mother's Day program was given at the morning service, which was very touching. It was voted as the best program ever given by the young people of the First Church.

CORRECTION

Under pastoral changes last week Dean E. Newberry, a senior at Ouachita College, was reported to have accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Mena. The report should have read that Brother Newberry had been called as mission pastor by the First Church, Mena, to minister to a mission field which the Mena church is supporting.

Central Association Quarterly Hymn-Sing

The third Associational Music Festival of Central Association, was held at the Second Church, Hot Springs, April 29, with approximately 600 attending.

Groups from the following churches presented special numbers: Hot Springs, First; Benton; Hot Springs, Park Place; Hot Springs, Second; Hot Springs, Central; Lake Hamilton; Malvern, First; Malvern, Third; Harvey's Chapel; and Shorewood Hill.

Preceding the festival, there was a supper conference for pastors, directors, church musicians, and associational officers. Walter N. Hill, associate pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, was guest speaker, bringing a message and leading a 15 minute period of congregational singing.

Herbert McGlamery has recently accepted the call to be Director of Religious Education in the First Church, Fayetteville. Mr. McGlamery is a native of Oklahoma. For the past year he has served as Minister of Education at the Field Street Church, Cleburne, Texas. He is a graduate of Oklahoma A. & M. College. More recently he has attended the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and has almost completed the work for the degree of Master of Religious Education.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, led the churches of Caddo-Bossier Association, Louisiana, including Shreveport, in a simultaneous crusade, April 25 to May 9. Thirty-one churches participated in this revival. There were 1,039 received into these churches, 582 by baptism.

Pastoral Changes

Ira Patishall from associate pastor of First Church, Forrest City, to pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Santa Barbara, California.

Ben D. Kyzer, a junior at Ouachita College, has accepted the pastorate of the Owensville Church, Lonsdale, Arkansas, Central Association, effective May 16.

G. F. Smothers, Carrolton, Tennessee, has accepted the call to the Moro Church. He filled his first appointment there April 25.

God, A Guest and A Great Gain

MISS LENA MARGARET MADDEN
Senior Cadet, 1948

The student nurses and others who attended the services during Religious Emphasis Week, April 26-30, at Baptist State Hospital have just experienced one of the most wonderful weeks possible.

After having spent a week in earnest, nightly prayer sessions at 9:30 each evening on each floor of the Nurses' Home, we caught a firm grip on God and knew definitely that He would be with us during our Religious Emphasis Week. This was first and most important. We then looked forward to the arrival of William Hall Preston, associate Southwide B. S. U. secretary, Nashville, Tennessee, with great hopes and expectations. Since Mr. Preston had been our guest before for a shorter time, some already knew exactly what to expect . . . a man who, though not a minister, can catch a glimpse of God and His will and send it deep into the heart of all.

Our day began with a stirring service at 6:15 a. m. with J. A. Gilbreath, our administrator, leading the singing and Miss Elma Cobb, student secretary, at the organ, added a joyful note to the nearly 100 voices of the student nurses as they sent a message in song from God to those about them. Mr. Preston used as his theme for the early morning services, "A Lift For the Day", and each message sent us happily on duty with hope in our hearts and a smile on our faces.

The noonday meditation period at 12:30 each day made its contribution, not only for the students, but for the patients as well, as they listened to the singing coming from the chapel for many of them expressed their appreciation of it most heartily. The theme Mr. Preston used for these noonday services was "Helps and Hindrances to Maximum Christian Living."

Some of the most impressive services were held each evening at 8:00 o'clock with Mr. Gilbreath leading the singing and Miss Clara Mae Cloyes, senior cadet, at the organ. These services were open to anyone who cared to attend and were not compulsory to a single person. Students, employees, hospital personnel, and visitors attended in surprisingly large numbers and came back night after night. Dr. George Jernigan, our resident doctor, was very gracious in giving us a special number in song one of the evenings.

Cold figures cannot express the great gain we experienced. Many of the girls vowed to be a better Christian in the future, others took a very definite stand in saying they wanted to make their lives count for more while in training. Approximately six young women said they were willing for the Lord to use them wherever He might lead and one dedicated her life for foreign service if the Lord should so lead. Only time and eternity will reveal the far-reaching influence of the decisions made during this week.

The evening service was always followed by an informal conference period at which time the subject of "Love, Courtship, and Marriage" was uppermost and our thoughts were directed again by Mr. Preston who left us well informed. Many took advantage of the group or individual conference periods with Mr. Preston three evenings of the week from 6:30 to 7:30.

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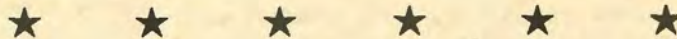


Christian Leadership Week

JULY 6-13

Speakers: Dr. W. W. Melton, Waco, Texas; Harold E. Ingraham, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. M. Ray McKay, Pastor, Second Church, Little Rock.

Song Leader: Gale Dunn, Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas.



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4. Send all requests for reservations, with reservation fee.

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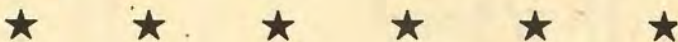
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Christian Training Week

JULY 15-22

Speakers: Dr. Ellis Carnett, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. W. L. Howse, Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. W. O. Vaught, Pastor, Immanuel Church, Little Rock.



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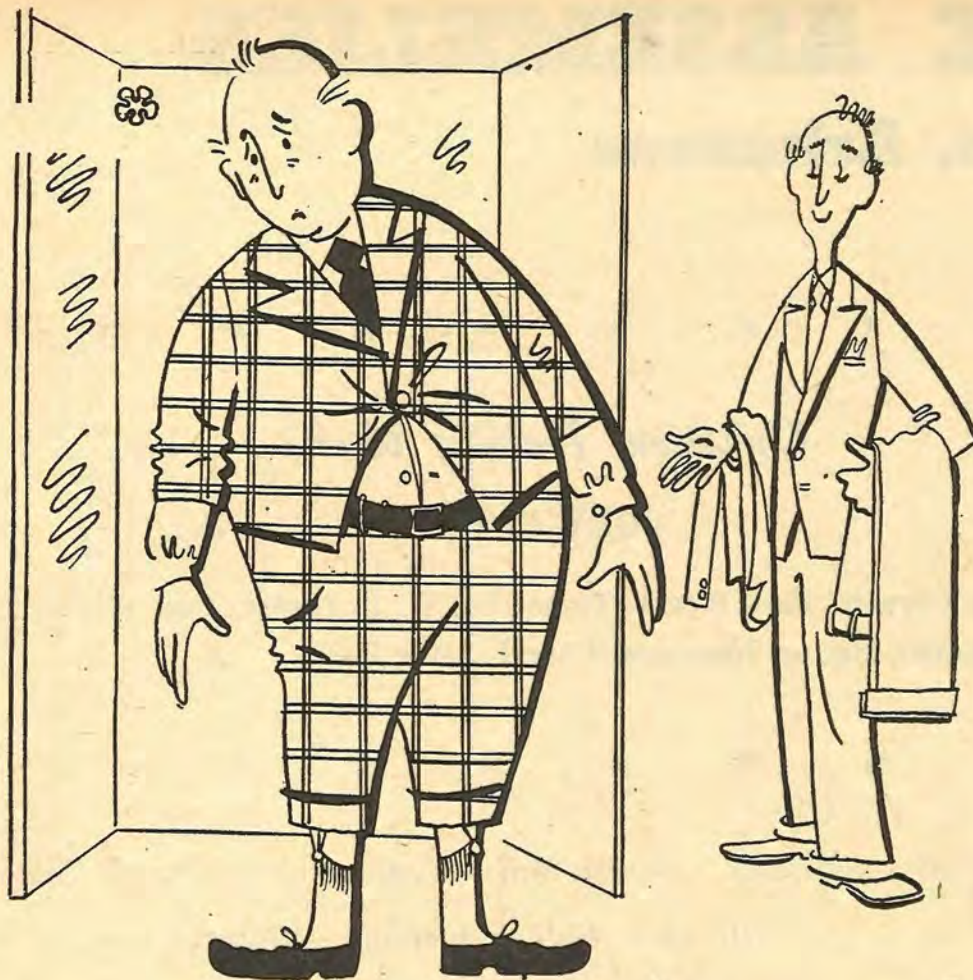
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Reservations will be accepted only for those who send name or address (no reservation fee will be returned. If reservations are accepted for each name must be sent for each assembly. Reservations in advance of reservation is made. Reservations will be held only until 9:00 P. M. Tuesday, July 6, unless otherwise assigned. For more information, contact William Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.



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Ft. Smith, First	1049	397	3
Little Rock, Immanuel	1046	359	3
Including Missions	1422	610	5
El Dorado, First	840	235	1
Hot Springs, Second	626	188	5
N. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	604	246	6
Including Mission	635	268	
W. Memphis, First	597	314	2
Paragould, First	550	201	4
Camden, First	526	149	
Including Mission	606	195	
Fayetteville, First	517	166	3
Including Mission	577	211	
Benton, First	508	126	3
Including Mission	536		
Little Rock, Tabernacle	507	113	1
Fort Smith, Immanuel	505	140	3
Arkadelphia, First	464	228	1
El Dorado, Second	452	149	9
Magnolia, Central	426	162	
Including Mission	463		
Hope, First	425	119	
McGehee, First	421	129	
Conway, First	418	59	8
Warren, First	417	98	
N. Little Rock, First	417		2
Including Missions	492		
Malvern, First	400	77	1
Hot Springs, Central	387	125	
Little Rock, Pulaski			
Heights	375	79	
Springdale, First	355	166	
Including Mission	464		
Hot Springs, First	351	88	
Hot Springs, Park Place	337	105	
Rogers, First	335		
Fort Smith, Calvary	327	70	
Russellville, First	313	87	
Including Missions	357	100	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	311	95	7
Paris, First	303	131	
Smackover, First	302	111	
Stuttgart, First	296	167	1
Including Mission	338		
Hamburg, First	292	161	
Monticello, First	279	127	
Harrison, First	277	128	
Including Mission	367	166	
Gentry, First	274	142	1
Norphlet, First	270	82	
Dumas, First	255	57	
Including Mission	325		
Little Rock,			
South Highland	249	63	1
El Dorado, West Side	245	89	3
Little Rock, Calvary	242		4
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	224	92	
Pine Bluff, Second	215	115	
DeWitt, First	212	74	7
Greenwood, First	187	99	
Stamps, First	186	83	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	180	74	
Monticello, Second	168	114	7
Carlisle, First	165	42	
N. L. Rock, Park Hill	161		1
Little Rock, Hebron	159	100	2
Little Rock, Reynolds			
Memorial	146		14
El Dorado, Joyce City	141	68	
Almyra, First	137	97	
Douglasville, First	137	69	
Walcott	132	39	
South Texarkana	123	128	4
N. Little Rock,			
Pike Ave.	120	72	1
Little Rock, Woodlawn	115	62	
Pine Bluff, Matthews			
Memorial	113	58	
Warren, Immanuel	103	70	
N. Little Rock, Grace	100	30	
Hot Springs, Lake			
Hamilton	95	54	2
Little Rock, Worell			
Memorial	72	40	
Little Rock, West Side	66	42	3
Douglasville, Second	63	48	3
Little Rock, Biddle	33	25	
Little Rock, Belleview	22	18	

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Dare To Be A Daniel!

By MRS. ROLAND LEATE

The book of Daniel is one of the most enlightening of the sacred canon as to prophecy—fulfilled and yet to be fulfilled. The first six chapters seem to be the first division and deal primarily with the incidents in the life of Daniel and his companions. The last six chapters comprise the second division and give us the interesting prophetic visions of Daniel.

Daniel Purposes

Let us go back in our history of Israel to the invasion of the Babylonians before the final stages of Judah's captivity. You will recall that, during Jehoiakim's reign, Nebuchadnezzar went to Jerusalem, carried away vessels and certain selected youths from the temple. God "gave" the King of Judah these possessions and captives "into his hand" (Daniel 1:2). God permitted the enemy success against His people. Ashpenaz, master of the King's eunuchs, was instructed to seek certain of Israel's children who were of noble birth, physically fit, well favored, skillful in wisdom, and well able to fit into the learning and manners of the Chaldeans. Among the group selected were four whose names are given and who are familiar to children who read Bible stories.

King Nebuchadnezzar ordered for these captives a daily diet of the meat and wine which was upon his own table. For three years the boys were to be fed in such manner, instructed in the complicated learning of the Chaldeans, trained in the royal court, and finally, brought before the king for examination. The boys, in an attempt to make them forget Israel, the God of their faith and all former teachings, were renamed along with all these other changes, orders, and experiences.

Undoubtedly, Daniel was the strongest character in this particular group, and even though he must have been friendly, co-operative, and courteous, he had definite convictions. We know he had the above named attributes of character because he made friends with the prince of the eunuchs (Daniel 1:9), and was loved by him. He requested, in sincerity and humility, that this friend permit he and his friends to eat "pulse" or vegetables, and drink water. He did this because he was loyal and faithful to his religious teachings and did not want to eat food which had been offered to idols. Neither did he want to drink wine from the king's table. He refused those things because of his convictions and his knowledge that they were not for the best interest of his physical well being. He dared to voice the purposes of his heart.

Sunday School Lesson
For May 30, 1948

Daniel 1: 8-20

Daniel Succeeds

You are familiar with the story; how, at first the steward in charge was afraid to disobey the orders of the king and grant the request of Daniel. He feared for his life because he was certain the lads would not measure up with the others if they were fed differently. Most people would have given up; not so with Daniel, for he immediately had an alternate plan. "Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days" was Daniel's plan. At the end of the ten-day period "their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat." True godliness wins! The man in charge was convinced and Daniel, with the three friends, were fed pure wholesome food and given water to drink.

Now, look at their further success, particularly Daniel's favor in the sight of God. God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; to Daniel He gave understanding in visions and dreams. They were ready when the period ended and they were brought before the king. How they did measure up! Daniel and the three lads prove the faithfulness of God toward those who are true and faithful. Through tests, questions, and discussions the king discovered these four Hebrew young men to be "ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm." Study the "alls" of this sentence. Weigh the impact of this statement. "Magicians" does not mean what we commonly think of with this word, but means wise men, the "magi," no doubt, of New Testament reference. The youths were given important, useful posts and Daniel, especially, served long and well in the courts of that land.

Daniel Inspires

What an example Daniel is to all! Think of a young man, surrounded by luxury, rich foods, costly wines, and every other known advantage. Yet, in the midst of this glamour and glitter; the pagan influences, he was true to his God, to his convictions, to his lofty ideals. How the church members of America should have definite convictions and stand for them in the evil days of this generation.

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The Christian's Commitment

Have you read the article by Caroline Walker on page 9 of the Arkansas Baptist for May 13? If not, look up this issue and do so at once. It will be a reminder of today's world.

The Christian women of Arkansas are committed to a program of Narcotic Education, alcohol and other narcotics, and are trying to do something about it. To date, May 14, the Baptist women have contributed \$1,197.13 toward the salary and travel expense of Miss Mae Wilhelm, who is doing a wonderful work through the elementary and high schools of the state. Every missionary society is asked to send to the state W. M. U. treasurer at least 10c per member, to help in this worthy project.

CHURCHES SEND Y. W. A. GIRLS TO RIDGECREST

Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp has been blessing the churches of the South for 25 years. Many churches, realizing the influence of such a program on young lives and on the whole church, are choosing girls from their groups to send this year. Last year, almost all the 41 young women from 21 churches in

Arkansas who attended Y. W. A. Camp had all or part of their expenses paid by the church or W. M. U. from which they came. Almost all of these churches are sending representatives again this year. The following churches have already indicated that they are sending one or more of their young women this year: Benton; Pine Bluff, First; Little Rock, First, Second, and Immanuel; Clinton; West Memphis; Huttig; Elaine; El Dorado, Immanuel; Fort Smith, Immanuel; and Batesville, First.

Plan today to help one of your girls to attend this delightful, life-changing experience—Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgecrest. The approximate cost is between \$49.00 and \$65.00. Itemized cost listed in May 6 issue of this paper. Perhaps your church, W. M. U., or some individuals in your church could pay all or part of the expenses for one young woman from your church. Send her reservation fee of \$10 to the state W. M. U. office, today.

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Have You Studied The Co-operative Program?

In recent weeks, we have heard and read some criticism of the Co-operative Program. The most common complaint is that the Co-operative Program is not yielding enough money for foreign missions. Various conclusions are reached, but most of them seem to be very erroneous.

We believe that, in five minutes, we can prove to any unprejudiced mind that there is nothing wrong with the Co-operative Program. Those who seem to be dissatisfied with it, and talk of designations, fail to go back far enough to discover the real cause of inadequate support through the Co-operative Program for foreign missions. We have heard that the states keep too much at home. Also, that the percentage allocated by the states to South-wide causes is a very small percentage; and that the Southern Baptist Convention does not allocate enough of its receipts to foreign missions.

We do not think that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is wrong in the division of funds and do not think that many of the states retain too much of the Co-operative Program money for their state work. We can make some improvement at this point, I am sure.

As we see it, the main trouble lies in the fact that our churches are not supporting the Co-operative Program as they should. Most of the critics of the Co-operative Program are members of churches that give very little support to the Co-operative Program.

In our own state there are very few churches that are giving as much as 25 per cent of gross receipts for the Co-operative Program. We know of only one church that is giving as much as 50 per cent for the Co-operative Program and most of the churches think they have done exceedingly well if they give as much as 10 per cent. Many churches give less than 10 per cent for the Co-operative Program, and some think they are too poor to do anything at all. Last year the average was approximately 10 per cent, and the total yield in this state for the Co-operative Program was a bit more than \$400,000. After certain preferred items were allocated, the main body of the fund

was equally divided between state causes and South-wide causes. There may be too many preferred items before the division is made, and, perhaps we should make some improvement at this point, but we would like to show you how the Co-operative Program will work, if and when it is properly respected and supported.

Suppose the churches would allocate 25 per cent of their gross receipts for the Co-operative Program, and their treasurers would faithfully remit the amount allocated. This would give the Co-operative Program in Arkansas approximately \$1,000,000. Suppose we need \$350,000 for all phases of our state work, so we could allocate the balance, \$650,000, for the Co-operative Program; 50 per cent of it, \$325,000, would go for foreign missions. We are proposing to give, through the Co-operative Program, \$174,000 this year for South-wide causes. There is a vast difference between \$174,000 on the one hand, and \$650,000 which we could allocate for South-wide causes if the churches would only give 25 per cent of their receipts for the Co-operative Program. This means that if the churches would increase their contributions two and one-half times as much as they gave last year on a percentage basis, South-wide causes would receive nearly four times as much. This is on the basis of giving 25 per cent for the Co-operative Program instead of the 50 per cent ideal.

Is 25 per cent too much for a church to give for missions and Christian education, and benevolence in a great world program? If 25 per cent of the gross receipts is too much for a church to give for that cause, then why should we insist on the state budget being 50 per cent for the great world causes? We do not think that 25 per cent of its receipts is too much for a church to give for the Co-operative Program.

If the churches would make an equal division between the local work and the Co-operative Program they would give, on the basis of last year's receipts, about \$2,000,000 for the Co-operative Program. Then, if we used \$350,-

000 for the state causes, there would be \$1,650,000 for South-wide causes—\$825,000 of it would go for foreign missions. These figures are based on what we call the ideal division of funds.

How much is your church giving out for the Co-operative Program? We are grateful that some of our churches are giving from 25 to 35 per cent, and some even more for the Co-operative Program, but we are ashamed that

many of our churches are giving less than 10 per cent. We think that if any group in the world is holding back the missionary enterprise it is the church that gives little support to the Co-operative Program, which for twenty-five years has been our accepted method of support for all our major causes.

How wonderful is the Co-operative Program! We simply need to give it adequate support.

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