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H. Armstrong Roberts

--- '52 Could Bring Peace ---
*By Joining Hands around the world
In Christian love and fellowship*

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Arkansas Baptists Marching Together

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN, *President*

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Baptists of Arkansas Won Great Victory in 1951

We have succeeded with our Cooperative Program budget. For the first eleven months of 1951 our Cooperative Program receipts amounted to \$701,966.25. The budget called for \$681,488.16 for these eleven months, which leaves a surplus of \$20,478.00 thus far in the year. How wonderful! If all of us will send a generous contribution immediately—churches with no regular allocation as well as those which have—we can have an amount large enough to raise this surplus to at least \$30,000 for 1951. This will give every agency and institution the total promised, and \$10,000 each to Ouachita College, Southern Baptist College, and South Wide Causes. This is the division the Convention ordered for the year. You can learn from Dr. Bridges when the books close. The date will be about the end of the first week in 1952. So hurry!

We have majored on "big" things together. "In unity there is strength." The small churches and the large ones have marched together. Side issues have not detracted from the major attraction. The whole Southern Baptist Convention is aware of the new day among Arkansas Baptists.

Arkansas Baptists Will Climb Higher in 1952

Our goal of \$876,283.33 is a worthy one for 1952. In Convention assembled the messengers voted unanimously and enthusiastically. Pastors and churches are giving hearty and heart warming responses. In this new budget we are strengthening some of the weak places, and keeping faith with our pledge of continued larger support to Ouachita College. We could afford to do no less and surely all want to do more.

The year of 1952 will close an era. The old debts will be paid in full. This will be glorious. The Executive Board and the whole Convention are to be commended. Dr. Bridges, our Executive Secretary, is due the major credit for this notable achievement. The Central College debt will be liquidated. Her contribution to Christ's cause will go until Jesus comes, and we will have closed a chapter with honor. The very acceptable building, known as "Baptist Building," will be ours. Again, Dr. Bridges is due our thanks, along with the Board and interested friends, for helping us secure a place for headquarters.

Baptists will prove their strength in 1952. We should baptize more souls than ever before. We will go over a quarter of a million in membership. We shall, by God's grace, stay with the Cooperative Program and have a surplus of at least \$50,000 for the year. Think of it! We can raise the largest budget in our history and have \$50,000 to divide between Ouachita College and South Wide Causes. I know we can do it. God helping us, let us do it!

1953 Offers a Thrilling Challenge

There is \$99,000 in the 1952 budget which will not be needed in the 1953 budget: \$50,000 for Central College budget, \$41,000 for old debts, \$8,000 payment on office building.

A budget of no less than \$1,000,000 should be adopted for 1953. Praying, paying, preaching, and promoting in 1952 will gird us for

this reachable and needed amount. We have the people, God has given us the money, and the cause bleeds. Think of it along these lines: our budget this year calls for \$455,170 for state causes in both distributable and non-distributable items, when the sum of \$99,000 for Central, Old Debts, and Office Building is deducted. Deduct the \$150,000 for Ouachita College and you have \$305,170. As a goal for 1953, add 10 per cent to this amount, so as to more adequately operate all our work, and you will have \$335,687. Place Ouachita College in the budget for \$175,000 and stipulate that \$50,000 be set aside for capital needs. Allocate \$50,000 in the budget for Bottoms Baptist Orphanage capital needs. This would comprise a budget of \$560,687 for all state causes both distributable and non-distributable. Within three years we would have a "must" building at the orphanage paid for—27 years have elapsed since we have expanded our orphanage—and an administration building and a men's dormitory at Ouachita College without debt. Within six years each institution could have an additional building. We can not launch special campaigns and accomplish these things that soon. We can not afford to let Ouachita and the Orphanage languish longer. We must not disturb our Cooperative Program. You can tell your Board and Executive Secretary that you will attempt a big task. They will launch out when our people show a readiness.

Around the World for Christ

By adding 10 per cent to the present non-distributable items you would have \$78,100 for 1953. Subtract this amount from \$560,811.30 and our distributable funds for State causes would be \$482,587. Under God we can play fair with the cause of Christ around the world and give a like amount for World Missions. Giving 50-50, our total budget would be \$482,587 plus \$482,587 plus \$78,100 which would challenge us with a budget for 1953 of \$1,043,274.

Working and giving together unselfishly we would win more souls, organize more churches, and honor Christ whose we are and whom we serve.

I am only one. You will decide. Your Executive Board will bring a suggested budget for 1953. I am only thinking out loud. Quoting Paul let me say, "I conferred not with flesh and blood" but write out of a full heart. We shall march together under the banner of our risen Lord. Pray for me as I try to serve this year as president of our great Convention. God bless and use Arkansas Baptists as they march together.

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"Every child of God comes to a place in life occasionally when he is conscious of a very special need of the power of God. It is a place where no other person or power can suffice. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. As he blessed Paul in prison and on the tempestuous sea, he will come to the rescue of every child of his under every circumstance. He will then say, 'I am ready to trust the Lord.'"

—Jerome O. Williams in *The Sunday School Builder*.

A Glimpse Behind The Veil

A Devotion by the Editor

"After this I beheld . . . a great multitude."

Did you ever wish that you might lift the veil from certain great mysteries of life? If only the veil were withdrawn, and the mysteries which tease us so were exposed to the light of our intelligence and brought within the compass of our understanding!

We are comforted and feel a sense of security when we contemplate the divine providence which presides over us. Yet we are often awed and mystified by providence and exclaim with the Psalmist, "Thy ways are past finding out!"

What lies beyond the veil? The curtain was lifted for John and he was given a glimpse of that life which is enjoyed by the redeemed of the Lord. It is just a peephole view, but it is authentic and real.

The first scene we encounter is a great multitude of people of every nationality and race. It is not difficult to visualize this multitude. For there they are in countless numbers of every nation under heaven. Devisive national characteristics have vanished and they are all united in their common experience of salvation; distinctive costumes are replaced by robes of white, differences of language disappear and the universal language of praise is adopted by all. There they are, redeemed, cleansed, triumphant, and happy!

There is another multitude: The angels, the elders, and the beasts. Without undertaking to identify these three classifications, I think we are justified in understanding that they represent all the spiritual personalities, influences, and forces which have been engaged to help us and encourage us and give us support and guidance in our pilgrimage from earth to glory.

All the forces of God in the universe are pulling for us, they want us to win through to victory. There are more stumbling blocks between us and hell than there are between us and heaven. God Himself is on our side and "if God be for us, who can be against us?"

"After this I beheld . . . a great multitude . . . of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes . . . These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Revelation 7:9-14.

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From The Editor's Desk



It is customary to wish our friends "A Happy New Year." This customary felicitation may often be spoken lightly and with little thought of its implications. It may sometimes mean no more than a mere courtesy expression.

However, we hope that you will accept our "Happy New Year" as genuine expression of our very best wishes for the entire year of 1952. We wish for you, the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist*, the only real, lasting, and completely satisfying happiness which is possible to human kind—the happiness that comes from the unmistakable consciousness of the companionship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Such happiness comes only through His companionship, and His companionship may be consciously experienced only as we read His Word, seek His will through prayer, and serve Him faithfully. The Bible will help you to keep close to the Lord, make full use of it throughout the year. Live in the attitude of prayer, not always begging Him for some gift of material value, but seeking to know His will and His purposes for your life. Serve Him with joy; be glad for the privilege of working in His church and kingdom. And you will know the happiness which rises above and is richer than any happi-

ness which the world can give.

We hope that you find the *Arkansas Baptist* an aid in discovering this rewarding Christian happiness throughout the year. You will find in its pages appeals to read your Bible, inspiration for prayer and praise, interpretation of God's Word, information concerning the program which Baptists have formulated in an effort to obey the commissions of Jesus. We commend to you the reading of the *Arkansas Baptist*, believing it will help you in your Christian living and in your Christian service.

And in expressing to you our wishes for a happy New Year, we want also to thank you for your many kind and gracious good wishes during this Christmas and New Year season. These expressions from you have cheered our hearts and have given us courage and hope in our own work for the year to come. We earnestly solicit your prayers, we appreciate your patience, and we express to you our deep gratitude.

Therefore, since it is impossible to speak to each one of you personally, or to send each one of you an individual greeting, will you accept this message as a personal New Year's message to each of you from—

Editor and Mrs. B. H. Duncan.

Eleven Children Orphaned By Beer

Beer-drinking teen-agers! A head-on automobile crash! Four of the five teen-agers killed! A man and his wife killed by the beer-drinkers! Eleven children orphaned.

That is the tragic story as reported by the Associated Press, Pontiac, Michigan, November 12.

Crazed and made reckless by beer, a car filled with five teen-agers crashed head-on into the automobile of Mr. and Mrs. Mur-

ray J. Moore, killing four of the five young people and both of the Moores.

The death of Mr. and Mrs. Moore left eleven children orphaned, the oldest a fifteen-year-old-boy, Gerard.

And yet it is this poison, which benumbs the sensibilities of people and makes them reckless, that is flooding our country and is upheld by the politicians, the majority of the press, and the majority of the voters.

Important! Urgent!

Two most urgent issues before the national Congress immediately upon its reconvening on January 8 are: The confirmation of General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican and universal military training.

Every person who opposes these two dangerous innovations in American life should write the senators and representatives from Arkansas immediately.

Do it now, before you lay this paper down and before something else distracts your attention from these issues.

Write your protest in your own words, a penciled note if nothing more.

Your elected representatives in Washington should be informed of your opposition to these two drastic and dangerous threats to American democracy. Get a message to them by all means; write, wire, or telephone.

The beer industry is appealing to the youth of the nation to become addicts. The appeal is presented in newspaper and magazine advertising, over the radio, and window display.

It is a mark of distinction, so the beer and whiskey industries claim, to drink alcoholic beverages. Well, it is a distinction to become crazed and reckless and irresponsible to the point of running people down and killing them, or having head-on collisions which take the lives of six people. That is the kind of distinction which attends the drinking of liquor.

The whole liquor industry is based upon falsehood, deception, and criminality. This industry dares not present the ultimate of its enterprise as reported in the dying agonies of its victims upon the highways, the orphaned children, the broken homes, and other tragedies which follow in its wake.

And the politicians, government officials, and voting public soon forget all these tragedies and reach out a hand for a few tax dollars and other favors from the liquor interests.

The liquor industries go on making their fabulous profits while innocent, orphaned children must look to relatives and neighbors and friends for assistance in their time of greatest tragedy and loss and need. You may be sure that the makers of the beer which cost the lives of the parents of these children will offer no assistance in meeting their needs. The beer barons will leave that little chore to the innocent bystanders.

When will Americans wake up to the tragedy of alcoholism which is stalking our land day and night?

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"Quite often when a man thinks his mind is getting broader, it is only his conscience stretching."

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The sermon will be better if you listen as a Christian rather than a critic.

—Tim Burr.

Kingdom Progress

Ussery Goes To Texas



C. C. Ussery, for the past four and one-half years the pastor of Calvary Church, Texarkana, has resigned that work and moved to McKinney, Texas, where he will serve the Immanuel Church, and complete his seminary training at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

During Mr. Ussery's ministry with Calvary Church, 700 additions were received into the membership, 326 of whom were for baptism. A building program of \$100,000 was completed in two units; the church budget has grown each year until it reached the figure of \$27,000 for 1952; Sunday School enrolment reached an all time high of 650; all other phases of the church program have developed in proportion.

Arkansan In Louisiana

Henry L. Keahey of Fort Smith, recently became pastor of the Gilgal Church, Minden, Louisiana. He had been assistant pastor of the Monte Sano Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for 13 months.

He is a graduate of Ouachita College, and in his second year at the New Orleans Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Keahey is the former Martha Canterbury of Magnolia. They have one child, Diane, age six months. The family will remain in New Orleans for the school year, but plan to move to the church field for the summer.

Arkansas City Church Has Study Course

The Arkansas City Church recently conducted a Training Union Study Course, in which 38 awards were given.

The adults, taught by Miss Pauline Ross, studied the book, "Living Abundantly;" the intermediates, taught by Pastor Edward E. Harris, studied the book, "Intermediate Fishers;" the juniors, taught by Mrs. T. V. Ashabranner, studied the book, "Jesus Saves."

New Library Dedicated at Baylor

By C. E. BRYANT

A \$2,000,000 structure of limestone, steel, marble, gold and bronze now houses Baylor University's world-famous Robert Browning Library.

The Texas school dedicated, December 2 and 3, one of the most magnificent buildings on American college campuses. Dr. A. J. Armstrong, chairman of Baylor's English department and director of the library, compared the shrine to the Taj Mahal.

Baylor took cognizance of the 78-year-old Armstrong's forty years work in gathering materials for the library and named the building for both him and the poet—the Armstrong-Browning Library.

"This building is not a memorial to a poet," Dr. Armstrong told a packed auditorium of 2,500 poetry lovers and his former students. "It is instead the beginning of a new era." He hoped, he said, that the quiet and beauty of the building would inspire "another Shakespeare, another Milton, another Browning" to go out and bless mankind.

"This building is no memorial," he repeated. "It is a challenge—it challenges you to go out and do something worthwhile."

Rev. and Mrs. Ruben I. Franks, Southern Baptist missionary appointees, have completed language study in San Jose, Costa Rica, and are in the States for six weeks before sailing for Chile, their permanent field of service. While in the States they will be at Sugar Tree, Tennessee, or 721 Cleburne Avenue, West Helena, Arkansas. Mrs. Franks, formerly Edna Mae Pugsley, is a native of Arkansas.

Pastoral Changes

Thurlo Lee has resigned the pastorate of the Sage Baptist Church and moved to Manila, where he will serve Brown's Chapel Church.

Mark Wilkinson has resigned the work at Sidney, and accepted the pastorate at Gosnell.



Listen to The

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: January 6

SPEAKER:
Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:
"The Insanity of Sin"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
KENA, Mena, 1:30 p. m.
KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
KOSE, Osceola
KVRC, Arkadelphia, 2:15 p. m.
KGHI, Little Rock
Consult local paper for time

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January 14-16, Little Rock



C. E. MATTHEWS



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Broadman Books of Merit

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

W. A. Criswell

Duke K. McCall

\$1.75

This book gives the authors' impressions of a three month tour around the world in the latter half of 1950. The purpose of their trip was inextricably tied up with the Christian world mission. Therefore, Drs. Criswell and McCall became more aware of the gigantic missionary task as well as the noble capabilities of Southern Baptist missionary personnel.

There are seven chapters of their adventures—fast-moving, humorous, and frankly honest. *Passport to the World* is not a travel book; nor is it an involved treatise of world conditions. It is the story of companionship and adventure of two Christian gentlemen in South America, Africa, Western Europe, the Near East, India, and Japan.

Not just for preachers and church leaders—this book is for all, including those who are only remotely interested in the world gospel task.

Beautiful four-color jacket, with attractive "passport" design; the end papers carry a world map showing the various stops on the tour.

Dr. W. A. Criswell is pastor of First Church, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Duke K. McCall is president of the Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

COLUMBUS ROBERTS: CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP EXTRAORDINARY

Spright Dowell

\$3.00

This is the biography of Mercer University's greatest benefactor. It is based on innumerable conversations and a wealth of material dictated by Mr. Roberts.

Told in the first person, and with the aid of pictures, the reader almost gets the feeling of talking with this great man of God. The story recounts the life of Columbus Roberts from his birth on a farm in Alabama to the later years of life when he had gained wealth and prominence with the Coca-Cola Company.

The first four chapters deal with his early family life. Then follows an account of his financial success. In chapter eight is found the heart of the stewardship message—his bequests to Mercer University. The closing chapter is the thanksgiving and dedication of a man in the evening of life.

Laymen will enjoy the story of Mr. Roberts' success with Coca-Cola, will respond to his sense of indebtedness to a simple but godly home background, to his zest for success in his work, and to his well-planned generosity to Christian causes, especially Christian education.

Schroeder Becomes Executive Secretary Of Brotherhood Commission

Since April 1, 1946, George W. Schroeder has served as associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Baptist Brotherhood is an organization for the men of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. At the present time over 5,500 Southern Baptist churches have Brotherhoods. Total Brotherhood enrolment has passed the 180,000 mark. (Figures for 1951)

Mr. Schroeder holds B.A. and M. Ed. degrees from Southern Illinois University. While attending Southern Illinois University, Mr. Schroeder lettered in basketball. He graduated with honors. His leadership ability on the campus was recognized in that he was chosen to appear in the publication of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," served as a member of the Student Council, and was president of his class during his senior year.

Mr. Schroeder is the author of the **Brotherhood Guidebook** which sets forth the purposes and organizational structure of the Brotherhood movement in the Southern Baptist Convention. The first printing of the **Guidebook**, 5,000 copies, was completely exhausted within 60 days after the volume was released. The volume is now (December, 1951) in its third printing.

Although relatively young as a Christian statesman, Mr. Schroeder is recognized as one of the outstanding laymen within the ranks of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is much in demand to fill speaking engagements in every section of the United States.

Before coming to the southwide Brotherhood offices in Memphis in 1946, Mr. Schroeder served as the executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of Illinois for six years. During this period of leadership in Illinois the Brotherhood witnessed a rapid growth. It was largely because of the leadership abilities manifested in Illinois that he was called to his present position in Memphis, Tenn.



George W. Schroeder

On October 11, 1951, Mr. Schroeder was elected to succeed Lawson H. Cooke as the executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, S. B. C., a position he assumed January 1, 1952.

Other religious experiences of Mr. Schroeder show that he served as Sunday School Superintendent, First Baptist Church, Pincneyville, Illinois, 1933-40; deacon in the Walnut Street Church, Carbondale, 1944-46; and in the First Church, Memphis, since 1949. He has also taught a men's Sunday School class in First Church, Memphis, since 1949.

Mr. Schroeder was married in 1932 to Lorraine Antoinette Wilson to which union three children have been born—namely, Harriett Lorraine, George Torrington, and Lawson Lee.

Korean Orphans

By the Editor

"I don't know whether I told you about the plan another Mason and myself had to go to an orphanage and take some stuff on Thanksgiving. Well, anyway, we didn't get to go yesterday, but bundled up good this morning and took off. We fixed 47 sacks, each with 10 bars of candy, a handful of nuts, and a bar of soap." The above excerpt is taken from a letter by M/Sgt. C. M. Noyes, in Korea, to his wife in Little Rock. Sergeant and Mrs. Noyes are members of South Highland Church, Little Rock.

Further describing this mission of mercy to Korean orphans, Sergeant Noyes says, "It is not an orphanage that is being sponsored by anyone, but is run by a Korean man and woman just for their love of children. I have never seen anything so pitiful in all my life. There were 45 children from two to eight years of age and only three blankets for the entire group. I dread to think how they will spend tonight, as cold as it is. Poor little tykes, not half enough clothes and shoes."

These excerpts from Sergeant Noyes' letter give but a glimpse to the dire need of these war orphans. Certainly they need clothing and blankets. We do not know whether shipment of clothing, blankets, and other supplies could be sent directly to an individual such as Sergeant Noyes for distribution. The only information we have had at the Arkansas Baptist office is that all such supplies should be shipped through an agency known as "The A. R. K."

The A. R. K. stands for American Relief for Korea, Incorporated. Parcels may be addressed to "The A. R. K., Maspeth, New York"; "The A. R. K., St. Louis, Missouri"; or "The A. R. K., Oakland, California."

Doctor M. Theron Rankin, of our Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has stated that our missionaries are not allowed to receive and distribute relief supplies, and Doctor R. Paul Caudill, head of the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance, has stated that no agency of that organization is in position to distribute relief supplies. It is our understanding that all relief supplies are distributed by an agency set up by the Army.

Until further information is received, we can only advise those who would send supplies to Korea to ship them to one of the above named addresses.

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John Wimbish Assists First Church, New Orleans

Dr. John S. Wimbish, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, and Dr. W. Hines Sims, Nashville, Tennessee, conducted a revival December 2-9, in First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana. Pastor J. D. Grey reports splendid attendance and a great spiritual awakening in the church during the meeting.

Yellville Church Receives 83

Pastor Ben Kelley, and Yellville Church, celebrated the pastor's first anniversary with the church on December 23. A Christmas program marked the occasion, with a distribution of gifts to needy families in the community.

During the one year pastorate of Mr. Kelley with Yellville Church there have been 83 additions to the church.

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We must face the fact that what we are tomorrow is determined, more than anything else, by what we are today. The future is bound up in now. How shall we live today to be at our best tomorrow?

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A Golden Rule

In the fifth chapter of Matthew and the th verse we read: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

I should like to propose a modern version for the driver of an automobile: "So dim your own lights on meeting another car that the other driver may observe your courtesy and do likewise."

—John R. Abernathy
Oklahoma City

Deacon Ordained

John Taylor Jr. was ordained as a deacon by First Church, Hatfield, on December 15.

The ordination sermon was delivered by M. L. Wallis. Others participating in the service were Pastor Robert Collard of the Hatfield Church, and Pastor Paul Shipman of the Dallas Avenue Church, Mena.

Successful Meetings

Recent revival meetings conducted by S. Allen Van Horn includes one in Community Hall at Brockwell, October 15-26, sponsored by the Bellevue Church of Rocky Bayou, Norman C. Massey, pastor. The meeting resulted in 34 professions of faith.

With the Covran Church at Covran, Missouri, November 12-18, Norman Gunnels, pastor, there were eight professions of faith.

WESTERN UNION

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RECEIVED FOLLOWING CABLE DEC 24 FROM MISSIONARY GERALD RIDDELL BOGOTA COLOMBIA QUOTE CHURCH ATTACKED TWICE BY PRIEST-LED MOB SATURDAY EVENING DEC 22 AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON DEC 23, BUILDING BADLY DAMAGED SEVERAL PEOPLE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED POLICE PRESENT BUT INACTIVE ALL MISSIONARIES SAFE

M THERON RANKIN

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By Religious News Service

General MacArthur Urges Religious Revival

Restoration of the religious base which "has been the motivating impulse to our moral and national growth" was called for by General of the Army Douglas A. MacArthur in an address in New York City.

The general spoke at a luncheon of the Salvation Army Association of New York at which he was given the group's third annual citation for distinguished service to mankind. The first citation was awarded Herbert Hoover in 1950, and last year it went to General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The citation said that General MacArthur "by his personal integrity, adherence to the principles of Christianity, and devotion to duty, has served as an inspiration to his fellow countrymen and has set a stirring example to a conquered people making their first strides along the path towards true democracy."

The general warned the gathering that "moral decay and political irresponsibility" had penetrated to the roots of American institutions.

"In this day of gathering storms," he said, "as the moral deterioration of political power spreads its growing infection, it is essential that every spiritual force be mobilized to defend and preserve the religious base upon which this nation was founded."

Methodist Membership Passes Nine Million

Membership in the Methodist Church rose to slightly over nine million during the past year, it was announced by Albert C. Hoover, director of the denomination's statistical office.

A year ago, membership totalled 8,935,647, but reports just compiled from Methodist Annual Conferences put the total in the U. S. and its possessions at 9,065,727.

Contributions also rose during the year. For all purposes in 1951 contributions totalled \$268,623,814 as against \$244,076,674 in 1950. Nearly 82 million dollars were paid for new buildings and improvements—representing a gain of almost eight million dollars over last year's building costs.

State Dept. Modifies Formosa Passport Ban

The State Department has modified its policy of denying passports to missionaries seeking to enter Formosa.

The Department announced the modification after granting the passport application of Arne Sovik, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, who has been seeking permission for some time to enter the Chinese Nationalist island to establish a mission serving Christians who have fled from the mainland.

Alabama Ministers Forming Better Government League

Clergymen and rabbis throughout Alabama have been invited by the Montgomery Ministerial Association to join in a "better government league."

The ministers will be asked to work with the Montgomery group in "exploring the fields of liquor traffic, Church-State relations, racial understanding and law enforcement."

The invitation was sent to every ministerial association in the state.

597 Stores Defied Montreal By-Law

Police are preparing cases against 597 Montreal stores which defied a city by-law and remained open on Immaculate Conception Day, December 8.

Although police will take the cases of the 597 stores to Recorder's Court, it was indicated that hearings will be suspended until the Superior Court rules on the by-law's validity.

Next Roman Catholic feast day involved in the by-law is Epiphany, January 6. All stores customarily close on Christmas and New Year's and so there is expected to be no defiance of the by-law on that occasion.

(Note: This is a demonstration of a denominational memorial day being written in the by-laws of a city, and a further demonstration of civil authorities undertaking to enforce a denominational holiday.)

Efforts are being made in certain sections of the United States to legalize Roman Catholic holidays by the civil government—just another step toward political control by an ecclesiastical body.—EDITOR)

Americans "Adopt" 25 Per Cent Of Korean War Orphans

American sponsors have "adopted" at least 25 per cent of all the orphans of South Korea, it was announced by the Christian Children's Fund Committee of Korea. The group is composed of leading missionaries in South Korea.

The adoptions were made through the Christian Children's Fund, Inc., of Richmond, Virginia, an interdenominational missionary association which administers to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of children of all races and creeds. It is a member of the Foreign Missions Division of the National Council of Churches in the United States.

A report of the American "adoptions" was made at a meeting of the Korea committee, which voted unanimously to take over the support of 1,000 more Korean war orphans. This will bring the number of orphans helped by sponsors in the United States and Canada to 2,604.

V. J. R. Mills, who recently arrived in Pusan from the United States, says that a thousand more Americans have agreed, through the Richmond organization, to assume responsibility for permanent support of Korean orphans. Support amounts to from two to ten dollars a month and continues until the child is through high school.

Mr. Mills estimated from reports received from 26 orphanage superintendents and other social welfare workers that there are now about 8,000 Korean orphans south of the battle line.

Smile or Two

"You'll not find me difficult to suit, Norah," said the woman to her new maid. And Norah replied, "I'm sure not, ma'am. I saw your husband as I came in."

—Quote

Our neighbor had to go to the local hospital for treatment. During a visit with him I remarked that he had a nice, pleasant room but that the price seemed quite high.

"Yes," he commented, "\$7 a day does seem like a lot of money, but remember, they give us mighty long days in here."

—Quote

Behavior: "Many a small boy is the kind of kid his mother wouldn't want him to play with."

A business college displayed a poster offering "A Short Course in Accounting for Women."

It has now been withdrawn. Someone wrote across it, in a bold, unmistakably masculine hand, "There is no accounting for women."

"I'm sorry the manager isn't in," said the clerk to the pompous individual who had strutted in. "Is there anything I can do for you?"

"No," snapped the visitor. "I never deal with underlings. I'll wait until the manager returns."

About an hour later the pompous one became impatient. "How much longer do you think the manager will be?" he demanded.

"About two weeks," was the reply. "He just left on vacation."

The lady of the house was showing the new maid about the premises. As they walked into the dining room, she said, "This dining room table goes back to Louis the Fourteenth."

"That's nothin'," interrupted the maid. "My whole living room set goes back to Sears the 15th."

—Quote

Smith had been scolding his wife and ended up by saying, "And I believe you fib a little at times."

"But I mean well," his wife returned meekly. "I think it's a wife's duty to speak well of her husband occasionally."

The manager discovered one morning that he had left his penknife at home. He tried vainly to borrow one from the clerks.

Finally, the office boy put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a rather battered knife.

"How is it," said the manager, looking at the boy with admiration, "that you alone of my staff have a pocket knife with you?"

"Don't know, sir," replied the boy, "unless it's that my wages are so low that I can't afford more than one pair of trousers."

Rancher: What kind of saddle do you want—with or without a horn?

Dude: Might as well have one without. Doesn't seem to be much traffic out here.

"What kind of dog is that, my boy?"

"This is a police dog."

"He doesn't look like a police dog."

"That's because he's in the secret service."

News From Baptist Press

December Executive Committee Meeting

By ALBERT McCLELLAN
Director of Publications

The usual hodge-podge of Nashville winter weather greeted the Executive Committee in its December session—smoke, fog, rain, drizzle and a fast-falling snow. But nobody seemed to mind. The Executive Committee and other Baptist leaders were too busy (1) prayerfully shaping one of the most satisfactory Convention budgets of history, (2) formulating a sweeping Cooperative Program promotional plan for 1953 and 1954, and (3) attending to the multitudinous miscellaneous business details.

It was Dr. Porter Routh's first committee as executive secretary. He came through with flying colors. The entire four-day session was marked for its smoothness and the seriousness of the men and women as they worked at their tasks. It was truly a prayerful, hopeful, dedicated meeting.

1953 Southern Baptist Convention Budget

The 1953 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget will be \$10,000,000, if the convention meeting at Miami next May 14-18, approves the recommendation of the committee. The ten million will be divided three ways:

	1953	1952
(1) Current needs	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,500,000
(2) Capital needs	3,000,000	2,500,000
(3) Advance Program	2,000,000	3,000,000
(All over \$8,000,000 going 75% to foreign missions)		
TOTAL	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

Here is how the increases will affect the agencies:

Foreign Mission Board	\$2,500,000	\$250,000
Home Mission Board	700,000	40,000
Relief and Annuity Board	500,000	
Southern Seminary	230,000	30,000
Southwestern Seminary	230,000	30,000
New Orleans Seminary	230,000	30,000
Golden Gate Seminary	110,000	10,000
Southeastern Seminary	161,250	61,250
W.M.U. Training School	50,000	10,000
American Seminary	56,750	11,750
Southern Baptist Hospital	40,000	
Baptist Brotherhood	55,000	5,000
Radio Commission	125,000	35,000
Public Affairs Committee	12,000	500
TOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$513,500

The budget will be subject to the approval of the Convention at Miami.

1953 Promotion Plans

Ways and means of promoting the Christian Stewardship Week, October 18-25, 1953, were carefully considered by both the Executive Committee and the state secretaries and editors. A specific seven-point stewardship program was adopted consisting of (a) teach Bible stewardship, missions, and Cooperative Program, (b) plan church finances, (c) enlist tithers, (d) ask every member to give, (e) receive offerings weekly, (f) send mission offerings weekly, (g) increase percentage of the Cooperative Program each year.

A plan of promoting the Church Stewardship Week of 1953 was adopted. (1) The state secretary or someone appointed by him will be the state leader. (2) Each association is to have a stewardship committee and chairman, elected or appointed by the association. (3) Leadership rallies will be held in each association in September 1953. (4) All church agencies will help in promoting

the plan. (5) State papers are invited to help keep the plan before the people.

The Executive Committee also voted to ask all agencies and state papers to emphasize the doctrine of the Holy Spirit during the first half of 1953, as adopted by the Convention last year.

An objective was set for 1954, a goal of 34 million dollars for state and Southern Convention Cooperative Program. It is expected that the slogan "Thirty Four in Fifty Four" will be widely used.

Miscellaneous Business

It is hard to imagine the complicated and far-reaching business detail of the Southern Baptist Convention until one has sat through an Executive Committee meeting. Among the many details considered and passed in the December meeting were:

(1) Formulation of a statement on the Foreign Mission Board reserves, giving as their opinion that in the light of the present world situation it would be unwise for the \$2,900,000 reserves now held by the Foreign Board to be spent on current operations. The committee also stated that for the Foreign Board to use either any of \$2,500,000 endowment and trust funds in hand or \$3,000,000 designated funds in hand for any purpose except those for which they were given would be a violation of trust.

(2) Voted to send a copy of J. M. Dawson's pamphlet on the Vatican appointment to every pastor in the Convention with a plea that each pastor ask all the members of his church to write congressmen and senators at once objecting to the appointment.

(3) A proposed amendment to the Convention's Plan of Business and Finance that will restrict any agency or institution from borrowing money beyond what it can repay in three years out of its anticipated receipts.

(4) Reaffirmation of a section of the Convention's Plan of Business and Finance that states that all gifts received by agencies or institutions will apply toward their respective capital needs goals, which, when met will mean that the agency or institution will not further participate in the five-year capital needs plan of the Southern Baptist Convention. Gifts for endowment it was ruled do not count against the capital needs goals.

The Executive Committee also asked Dr. Porter Routh, the executive secretary, to remind the institutions and agencies that a quarterly financial report must be filed with the Executive Committee, in keeping with the Convention's Plan of Business and Finance. The agencies and institutions were requested to co-operate in reducing the number of pages in the annual of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It was voted to recommend to the Miami Convention Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher that the 1954 Convention be held in St. Louis, June 2-6.

Also in the future, only one general offering will be planned for each Convention. It will be on Saturday night for joint use of the evangelistic and youth night committees. If enough is not received, a second offering will be taken the next day.

The Executive Committee also asked a "keener" conscience on the part of Baptists in the matter of enlisting non-resident members. States were asked to set up committees to consider the problem.

December Sidelights

The theme of the Miami Convention will

Baptist Hour is a Missionary Ministry

The Baptist Hour, together with all the other evangelistic enterprises of our Southern Baptist Convention, has two important goals: (1) witnessing, making disciples, and (2) teaching what Jesus commands, instructing men in Christian living. This involves both the salvation of the lost, and the training of church members.

Our modern civilization offers no more effective way of carrying out these objectives than radio. Basically, religious radio is a missionary work.

A survey just completed by Raymond A. Kamper Associates, Louisville, Kentucky, indicates the importance of radio in this country today. This very thorough scientific survey shows three things.

First, Radio is Big. It's installed in 98 per cent of all homes, while newspapers reach 95 per cent, magazines 78 per cent, and television 37 per cent.

Second, Radio is Accessible. It goes where other media doesn't. Some 66.1 per cent of all radio sets are in places where no TV receivers are available, and 44.5 per cent of all radio sets operate in places newspapers and magazines are not commonly read.

Third, Radio Commands Attention. Adults spend more time listening to radio than to watching television and reading newspapers combined.

Not only is all of this so, but radio is growing all the time, and more and more money is being invested in radio advertising.

In 1949 there were 42 million radio homes in this country; in 1950 there were 45 million radio homes. In 1949 there were 81 million radio sets in use in the United States; in 1950 there were 90 million radio sets in use.

The net time sales for radio in this country grew from \$425,357,133 in 1949 to \$453,605,722 in 1950. During the same period gross billings for the medium increased from \$629,000,000 to \$676,173,000. Comparable advances will be noted from 1950 to 1951, although the exact figures are not yet available.

Radio is big. It is accessible. It commands attention. And it attracts the advertising dollars of hard-headed business men. At the same time, it gives us a way of reaching millions who could never be touched by a local church, or ordinary means of evangelism. This is God's opportunity for the present hour. Let's take advantage of it!

And while we are taking advantage of the limitless opportunities in radio, let's not neglect the powerful new medium of television. We must look toward TV and get into TV work just as soon as possible. For television, although it does not compare too favorable with radio in the figures cited above, has grown tremendously in the past two years. And it promises to be, in the very near future, the most effective medium of communication the world has ever known. We should begin work in television immediately.

be the church, according to the Committee on Order of Business. Major addresses on the church are planned for each mission. The Sunday School Board reported gross sales of \$8,635,633, for the year ending October 31. There will be a "pioneer camp" at Glorieta for one week early in August. Audio-Visual Service is now Audio-Visual Department of the Sunday School Board with Earl Waldrup as secretary. He has a new assistant, W. Murray Severance of Louisville, Kentucky. Howard Colson has been promoted to the secretaryship of the Department of Sunday School Curriculum of the Sunday School Board.

Amusements - - Past, Present, And Future

By W. J. MORRIS

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love for the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15.

In my work as a minister and Christian worker which has covered many states, I have noticed that of the many questions asked of preachers by Christians as to the harm of indulging in various forms of amusements, three are mentioned in particular: The theatre, the dance, and card playing. Certainly there are hundreds of other things which could be mentioned, but many of them are related in some way to the three mentioned above.

It is not my purpose to even suggest that the human mind does not require diversion, such as would bring innocent pleasure and recreation, but my purpose is to show that some things which are supposed to be innocent amusement are sinful and destructive rather than recreational. I am discussing the theatre in this article.

For more than 2,500 years the theatre has been with us, and in its entire history it has been regarded by many as being degrading and destructive. Roman and Greek writers like Plato, Plutarch, Socrates, Seneca, and others claimed that the theatre, as an institution, was "antagonistic to morals." Macaulay said, "From the time the theatres were opened they became the seminaries of vice." Sir Walter Scott said, "The theatre was abandoned to the vicious." Many years ago the *New York Evening Post* quoted Archbishop Farley as saying, "If the present rage for nudity and the portrayal of lives of immorality continues, we shall soon reach a pass where it will be folly to assert that we have any standards at all." Such were the criticisms of the theatre in its early history.

Perhaps some will say that these criticisms pertained to the theatre in its early existence, and that we do not have them now, that we now have the picture show which is much better. Some will even claim that those who make our pictures have "cleaned them up" and that they are censored. Naturally this question comes to us: "Are the picture shows of today more demoralizing in their general character than the theatre of other days?" This question can be answered by investigating to see what the result or effect the picture show has had, and is having on the lives of the people who attend them as compared to that of the early theatre.

When I read what some of these men of renown had to say about the theatre of their day, I am made to wonder what they would say about the present-day rot that is to be found in the modern picture show.

Of course they tell us that the picture show is educational and helpful in many ways. I admit that as an introduction to some shows there will be found some things that are more or less educational, but these are only "teasers," "bait," and many "Christians" use this argument as an excuse to justify them in going to the show. So far as I have been able to observe, these shows are not intended to represent anything good or uplifting. They never provide the material things for the unfortunate and needy. They never build churches, or hospitals, or lead a soul to Christ. They seem to cater to the sensual, to the depraved nature of the human race.

But many will say, "What is it that is so objectionable about the picture show? I can not see any particular harm in them." When I was a lad, occasionally I would hear a preacher preach on the evils of reading unwholesome literature, "Yellowback novels," as they were called, that this kind of literature was demoralizing in its effect. Very few, if any children, and few young people



read novels, but almost every child from its birth sees these same novels that have been dramatized and pictures made of them, shown on the screen. Some will say, "What of it?" Scientists tell us that a thing that is seen impresses one eighty-five per cent greater than if he read about it. Though the child may not read these things, if he sees them on the screen in the formative period of his life when everything he sees forms character for the future, it would not require much intelligence to see that the result would be harmful and perhaps disastrous.

We hear much about juvenile delinquency these days. I believe that ninety per cent of this can be traced directly to the picture show. The writer hates liquor with a vengeance, he hates the demoralizing effect of immorality, and the degrading effect of gambling, but if it were possible to combine the harm that has been done by the saloon, the red light districts, and gambling halls since the creation of man to the present day, it would not compare with the harm that has been done by the picture show in the last three or four decades.

Think of the millions of dollars that are paid into the coffers of these "artists" who provide for your entertainment. Myriads of people who can scarcely live on their income spend their hard-earned money to make these "artists" rich, many of whom it is reported are so immoral in their lives that they are a stench in the nostrils of decent society, and enable them to live in mansions, while you are made poorer financially and spiritually. The picture show, in its general character, design, and purpose never changes.

Many years ago Rabbi Wise, in an article to the *New York Tribune*, speaking of the theatre, said some things that certainly can be applied to the moving picture today. He said, "The stage ought to be an uplifting agency. It is far from it. It makes for degradation, for absolute moral rotteness. I wish our skirts were clean, and that there were fewer Jews to blame. The managers seem to vie with one another in producing the most degrading things, and they insult us by implying that we want such stuff, and that you and I don't want to see a clean play. I indict the theatres as they are today. I don't care if every manager is

New Year's Message

From Baptist World Alliance

By F. TOWNLEY LORD, President

The New and the Old

From the President and Secretaries of the Baptist World Alliance to our Baptist churches throughout the world: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Master.

Tennyson once described a journey of two people who were closely bound to each other in affection in these lines:

"And far across the hills they went
In that new world which is the old."

Baptists are bound together by ties of affection in the common cause, which is one of the reasons why our Alliance theme-song from 1905 has remained "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." We link hands and hearts across the oceans as together we face the year that is new.

For some of us there are new opportunities for bearing our witness—what stirring stories come to us from fields ripe unto harvest like those in Japan! For some of us there may be new difficulties and perils; but as we face them it is surely with the strength which comes to men and women who are linked first of all to their Lord and then in fellowship to one another.

But if we face the new it is with the confidence we have derived from the old. Our world is indeed new in its methods and organizations, in the emergence of special problems; but it is old in its needs. The change from the last fleeting hours of a December to the gray dawn of a January still leaves us where we were as far as human minds and hearts are concerned. The world has not outgrown its need of a Savior nor of those who would declare Him faithfully, bearing in their voices the challenge of the Son of God and in their hands the compassion of the Son of Man. The finest greeting we can give to one another as a new year dawns is that which the Apostle Paul bequeathed to every generation of Christian men "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

So may our Heavenly Father make 1952 memorable for all our churches. May the old Gospel make the new year to be a year of blessing, crowned with revival and the honoring of that Name which is above every name.

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The greatest end of education is, to discipline rather than to furnish the mind; to train it to the use of its own powers, rather than fill it with the accumulations of others.

—Tryon Edwards

a Jew, they are all heathen. I indict those who are pandering for vice, whether Jew or Christian. It is the debasement of the nation. And it will remain so until you say, 'We will not go near your theatres.' Is not our moral life insulted by what we see on our stage today?"

What of the future? Who knows? But I think I can see a dark cloud rising on the horizon tomorrow. Unless there is a definite change from conditions as they are today, it can only be a matter of time when, as a nation, we are going on the rocks. God's word says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Under present conditions we can expect crime to increase to an alarming degree in the near future.

Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

M. THERON RANKIN, *Executive Secretary*

Africa, Europe, and the Near East

Africa: Students in the Baptist college at Iwo, Nigeria, took part in a preaching mission in the strong Moslem center in which the college is located. Of the 4,576 persons who heard the gospel, seven were converted and "many others are on the verge of decision."

Europe: Missionary J. D. Franks, who recently traveled three thousand miles in continental Europe, writes, "European Baptists are beginning to consider that the Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, belongs to them and to manifest a special pride in what we are undertaking here."

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, reports that "one who has recently visited east Berlin" writes that it is "steadily becoming more and more unbearable." All sorts of pressures, especially of an economic nature, are resorted to in order to hinder the work of the churches.

Dr. Sadler says, "Ambassador Stanton Grinnis of Madrid deserves the commendation of all liberty loving persons. He has given himself as has no other ambassador of my acquaintance to the task of implementing the ideals of religious freedom." Ambassador Grinnis wrote Dr. Sadler: "Some progress in our efforts to obtain a greater degree of toleration for non-Catholic faiths in Spain has been made. Evolution toward tolerance and freedom in religious matters will, even with Government approval, be moderate at best."

The Commission: Read the February, 1952, issue of *The Commission* for information on Baptist work in Europe. Included among a number of forceful articles are "Catholic Unity in Spain," a description of the ideal Catholic State as it finds clear expression in Spain, by J. D. Hughey Jr., Southern Baptist missionary, and "The Christian Behind the Iron Curtain," by Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Near East: Miss Mabel Summers, missionary to Lebanon, writes from Beirut: "Interest among the women, young people, and children continues to increase. All the Bible study and missionary meetings, as well as Sunday Schools and other gatherings, are well-attended."

Latin America

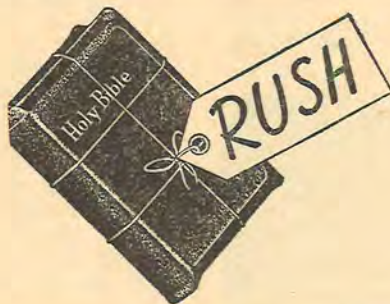
Dr. H. H. McMillan, Southern Baptists' unofficial adviser to the Bahama Islands, reports encouragingly of his work. He has established headquarters in Nassau. Dr. Everett Gill Jr., says: "His greatest contribution will lie in fields of preaching, indoctrination, and the development of Christian fellowship among the divergent groups."

Dr. J. W. Decker, one of the secretaries of the International Missionary Council, recently concluded a two months' tour of South America and writes enthusiastically of what he has seen:

"We thank God for what we saw and heard. It was a forcible demonstration of the fact that when some doors are closed, as in China, others are opened; that the gospel never lacks opportunity or proof of its power. It is reported that evangelical membership has increased 50 per cent in the past five years, and that the Protestant

church grows faster in Brazil than anywhere else in the world. Southern Baptists in Brazil have by this time exceeded 100,000 in membership."

Jamaica: W. N. J. Clarke, minister, East Queen Street Baptist Church, Kingston, Jamaica, has asked Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, to express to Southern Baptists the gratitude of the Jamaica Baptist Union for help which has come to the island since the devastating hurricane.



Mr. Clarke wrote: "May we extend to our many Southern Baptist friends the sincere thanks of our people, and of ourselves, for the very generous gifts of clothing which we are receiving for distribution to victims of the calamitous hurricane which has brought such sorrow to our island. From many and widely separated places parcels continue to arrive containing much-needed clothing and shoes."

The Orient

Japan: Japanese Baptists recently dedicated three educational buildings in Fukuoka—one for the Baptist seminary, one for the senior high school, and one for the kindergarten. The kindergarten building is a gift of the women of North Carolina and is dedicated to Mrs. Roy J. Farmer, Raleigh, N. C. Japanese Baptists have a system of schools, extending from junior high through senior college and seminary.

Korea: Missionary John A. Abernathy, spent \$11,000 of relief funds between September 1 and November 15. Thus, he was able to extend general relief to 13,186 suffering people, give assistance to 193 students and 12 ministers, and help seven churches put their war shattered buildings in condition to use. Missionary N. A. Bryan, medical doctor of the China staff, arrived in Pusan on December 1. Rex Ray, also of the China staff, is on his way to Korea by ship.

New Appointees

Seven young people were appointed for lifetime service overseas at the December meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, bringing the total appointments for the year to 58. The new appointees are George Albert Bowdler Jr., and Caroline Rhyne Bowdler, of Columbia, South Carolina, for Spanish-speaking Latin America; Carol Leigh Humphries, of Woodsdale, North Carolina, and Dallas, Texas, for Nigeria; William Allen Poe and Beth Kelley Poe, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Lewisport, Kentucky, for Nigeria; Gerald Ben Seright and Kezzia Mae Studebaker Seright, of Hollis, Oklahoma, and Ferris, Texas, for Brazil.

American Jewish Committee Reveals New Hungarian Persecutions

Thousands of Jews in Communist Hungary are facing death in a reign of terror now sweeping that country, it has been charged by the American Jewish Committee in a statement obviously intended for the attention of the U. S. Department of State, which appears to want to cover up all signs that its policy of "negotiating" with murderers, is failing.

The pattern of persecution against the Jews include not only deportations but economic discrimination, a virtual annihilation of their cultural, religious, and communal institutions, a systematic eumination of leaders of the Jewish community and outright anti-Semitic violence, the AJC survey reveals. The charges are contained in a documented study of the situation of Jews in Hungary in the forthcoming fifty-third annual edition of the "American Jewish Year Book," published jointly by the AJC and the Jewish Publication Society and scheduled for release early in January.

"All possibility of a free and genuine Jewish communal life has vanished," the report reveals. "There are no Jewish schools left, no Jewish education, no youth activities. A number of long-established cultural institutions active even as late as 1950 are now out of existence. The famous Jewish hospitals and sanatoriums of Budapest have been nationalized. The synagogues and the one Jewish newspaper that are allowed to function act mainly as Communist propaganda channels and are living on borrowed time."

The most vicious and menacing element in this pattern of terror, "overshadowing all other events in Hungarian Jewish life," the report states, is the progressive and protracted campaign of deportations by Hungarian officials.

—The Washington Religious Review

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Things That Never Happen in Church

Ushers calling for help in carrying the offerings.

Ministers insisting that the people attend one service each Sunday in order to make room for others.

A dozen people asking the minister for some definite work to do during the week.

A dozen families asking the ushers to place them on the front seat.

Everyone in the audience reaching for a hymn book when the number is announced and then singing heartily.

Every head reverently bowed during prayer.

A choir that does not find a single thing to whisper about during the service.

The missionary society hoping that the preacher's wife will bring to the next meeting a long list of things that ought to be done in the parsonage at once.

The "old timers" graciously giving way to the "newcomers" confident that the newcomers will be able to do much better work than they have done.

The name and address of all strangers handed to the preacher at the close of service.

Each one speaking to the person next to him and inviting him to come again.

—Biblical Recorder

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Friendship that flows from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity, as the water that flows from the spring cannot congeal in winter.

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

Good Rallies Of Baptist Men

Recent Brotherhood meetings, on both the associational level and the Regional level, have been very gratifying to the Brotherhood Secretary, who has had the privilege of being among those present.

One hundred and two men of Central Association met with the Owensville Church on November 26. It was a great meeting of God's men and one that carried a bright promise of a good year ahead in Brotherhood work.

Another of these meetings was at the Salem Church, where James Busby is pastor. The meeting was held on December 7. It was a gathering of men from over Big Creek Association. It was well attended and was a good meeting from every viewpoint, and one which will serve to set forward Brotherhood work in that area of the state. H. M. Dugger is the missionary in that association.

Another good meeting was at Gladden Church in Tri-County Association, where S. J. Meador is pastor. This was a church Brotherhood meeting, with a good crowd of men representing the Brotherhood of First Church, Parkin, as guests.

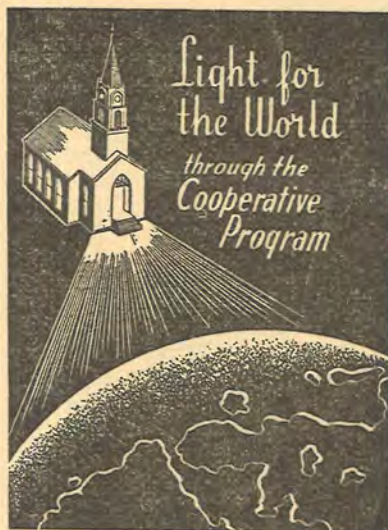
At Waldron, on December 10, the associational Brotherhood had its first quarterly meeting of the new associational year. The future of Brotherhood looks very bright in Buckner Association. Vernon Yarborough is pastor of the Waldron Church, and also president of the associational Brotherhood.

L. H. Tapscott, Brotherhood Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was the main speaker at a series of Regional Brotherhood meetings held in our state during the second week in December. Tapscott did our Brotherhood work a great deal of good. He brought a fine message packed with the wisdom of one who knows God and who is thoroughly experienced in God's work.

There were three regional meetings. The first was held in El Dorado at First Church, where Sam Reeves is pastor. The meeting was attended by men from Liberty and Carey Associations. Exactly one hundred men were present from 20 churches.

The second meeting of the series was held at First Church, Bentonville, with one hundred and fifty men present, and 22 churches represented. The meet-

ing was for Benton County and Washington-Madison Associations. Men were there from 15 of the 18 churches in Benton County Association. Twenty-six preachers were present. James A. Overton is pastor of the Bentonville Church.



The last meeting of the series was a gathering of the men of the Pulaski County Associational Brotherhood, of which E. C. Moyer is president. It was an encouraging meeting, with a total attendance of 63, and 18 churches represented. The rally was held at Second Church, Little Rock, where M. Ray McKay is pastor. This meeting was the first official associational Brotherhood meeting ever held in Pulaski County. The prospects are bright for a great Brotherhood year.

Meetings like those described above are very helpful in stimulating interest in Brotherhood throughout the areas in which they are held. They are a source of inspiration to those who attend, and serve to enhance all of the work of the churches and the associations.

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A boy is a bank where you may deposit your most precious treasures—the hard-won wisdom, the dreams for a better world. A boy can guard and protect these, and perhaps invest them wisely and win a profit—a profit larger than you ever dreamed. A boy will inherit your world. All your work will be judged by him. The future is his, and, through him, the future is yours. Perhaps he deserves more of your attention now.

—Source Unknown.

Program

State Wide Evangelist Conference
Baring Cross Baptist Church, North Little Rock

January 14-16, 1952

Theme: "A Commissioned Church"
Matthew 28: 19-20

MONDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 Song and Praise _____ John Walker
- 7:15 Welcome _____ Harvey Elledge
- 7:25 A Commissioned Church Faces Its Greatest Hour _____ C. E. Matthews
- 8:00 Offering and Special Music
- 8:10 A Commissioned Church is the Hope of the Hour _____ Howard Butt Jr.

TUESDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Song and Praise _____ John Walker
- 9:10 Scripture and Prayer
- A Commissioned Church:**
 - 9:15 Has a Message to Deliver—"Preach the Gospel" _____ D. Blake Westmoreland
 - 9:45 Has an Ordinance to Perform—"Baptize Them" _____ Sam Reeves
 - 10:15 Has Instruction to Give—"Teach Them" _____ Rel Gray
 - 10:45 Has a Guide to Follow—"I am with you" _____ W. M. Pratt
- 11:15 Music _____
- 11:25 Sermon _____ J. D. Grey

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 Song and Praise _____ John Walker
- A Commissioned Church:**
 - 1:40 Has Members Who Need Assurance _____ W. R. Vestal
 - 2:10 Has Organizations Which Need Strengthening, C. E. Matthews
- 2:50 **GROUP CONFERENCES**
 - General Chairmen and Organizers _____ W. H. Hicks
 - Radio, Publicity and Financing _____ L. H. Davis
 - Census _____ S. A. Whitlow
 - Prayer and Extension Service in Revivals _____ J. T. Elliff
 - Fellowship _____ Stanley Jordan
 - Special Rallies _____ Happy Ingram
- 3:40 Sermon _____ J. D. Grey

TUESDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 Song and Praise _____ John Walker
- 7:15 Laymen's Testimonies
- 7:40 A Commissioned Church and the American Home _____ Joe Burton
- 8:10 Offering and Music
- 8:20 Sermon _____ J. D. Grey

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Song and Praise _____ John Walker
- 9:10 Scripture and Prayer
- A Commissioned Church:**
 - 9:15 Must Strengthen the Homes with Altars _____ Joe Burton
 - 9:45 Must Enter Neglected Field with the Gospel _____ W. O. Vaught Jr.
 - 10:15 Must Conserve Evangelistic Results with Evangelistic Program _____ H. E. Kirkpatrick
- 10:45 Personal Testimonies
- 11:00 Music _____
- 11:10 Sermon _____ R. Paul Caudill

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

- Burton, Joe W., Editor, Home Life Magazine, Nashville, Tennessee
- Butt, Howard Jr., business man, Corpus Christi, Texas
- Caudill, R. Paul, Pastor, First Church, Memphis
- Davis, L. H., Pastor, Calvary Church, Fort Smith
- Elliff, J. T., Pastor, First Church, Fordyce
- Gray, Rel, Pastor, First Church, Rogers
- Grey, J. D., Pastor, First Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, and President of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Hicks, W. H., Pastor, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock
- Jordan, Stanley, Pastor, First Church, Springdale
- Kirkpatrick, H. E., Evangelist, Hot Springs
- Matthews, C. E., Superintendent of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, Dallas
- Pratt, W. M., Pastor, First Church, Tyronza
- Reeves, Sam, Pastor, First Church, El Dorado
- Vaught, W. O. Jr., Pastor, Immanuel Church, Little Rock
- Vestal, W. R., Pastor, First Church, Searcy
- Walker, John, Choir Director, First Church, Little Rock
- Westmoreland, D. Blake Jr., Pastor, First Church, Warren
- Whitlow, S. A., Pastor, First Church Hope

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON
Director

Associational Sunday School Work

Under the direction of Rev. George H. Hink, Associate State Sunday School Secretary, marked progress has been made during the year in Associational Sunday School work. In the matter of organization forty-three out of the forty-four associations reported at least a minimum associational Sunday School organization.

Six enlargement campaigns and training schools were held. Associations participating in these programs were: Carroll, Current River, Pulaski County, Big Creek, Greene County, and Caddo River. Twelve associational conferences and clinics were conducted; personal contacts were made in thirty-five of the forty-four associations. Assisted in two assemblies, Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs, and Ravenden Springs Encampment. Two state-wide conferences were conducted—Vacation Bible Clinic in February, and the State Sunday School Leadership Conference in September. Assisted in a tour of the colleges, and represented the department at five of the annual associational meetings. Spent two weeks in the organized program of Summer Field Work, and edited a monthly Associational Sunday School Bulletin.

Many of the associations have functioned in a fine way. Through their regular meetings for officers and teachers have been held, providing opportunity for departmental conferences for the Sunday School workers of the churches. Progress has been made in the reaching of more people, improvement of the teaching, and winning the lost to Christ.

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.

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"You can't change the past; but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying over the future."

TRAINING UNION DEPT.

RALPH W. DAVIS
Secretary

"M" Night

The following twenty-five associations observed "M" Night and have sent us a report. Did you observe "M" Night in your association? Let us hear from you!

Association	Attendance	Churches Represented	Pastors Present	Attendance Last Year
Arkansas Valley	57	8	8	225
Ashley County	236	8	4	133
Bartholomew	170	10	6	117
Benton County	253	13	9	518
Big Creek	68	8	5	37
Black River	175	11	6	155
Carey	205	10	4	88
Caroline	250	15	11	165
Clear Creek	174	11	9	337
Concord	656	19	19	397
Current River	23	4	5	118
				No report
Delta	196	18	12	12
Greene County	400	28	18	60
Harmony	246	15	10	137
Hope	1,050	35	27	405
Liberty	1,128	31	25	1,122
				No report
Little River	156	12	8	8
Mississippi Co.	265	22	12	226
Mount Zion	328	18	13	271
Pulaski County	1,124	33	25	550
Red River	327	20	18	173
Rocky Bayou	125	7	0	135
Trinity	354	12	6	200
Washington				
Madison	145	17	—	12
				No report
White River	45	7	7	7
Totals	8,156	392	267	5,581

Last year there were a total of twenty-eight associations reporting and "M" Night attendance of 6,159. Please send your report to the Baptist Training Union Department, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

1952 State Vacation Bible School Clinic

By invitation clinicians comprising Associational Vacation Bible School Superintendents, Associational Sunday School Superintendents, and Missionaries of our forty-four associations will assemble in Little Rock, at the Pulaski Heights Church, on Thursday and Friday, January 31 and February 1, for the annual State Vacation Bible School Clinic.

This clinic will be conducted by Southwide and Statewide workers. The added feature this year is a period of handwork demonstration by an expert in this field.

We are looking forward to all our associations sending representatives to this clinic. The information offered at this statewide meeting needs to be presented to every church Vacation Bible School faculty and pastor in every association in Arkansas in the interest of offering Bible study and the claims of Jesus Christ to every boy and girl that can be enlisted in the Vacation Bible School.

CHURCH MUSIC DEPT.

MRS. B. W. NININGER
Director

Youth Choirs' Attention

Now is the time to commence rehearsals in earnest for the Youth Choir Festival which takes place at Ouachita College, March 28. The five beautiful selections for this year's program contain three with solo parts. Adjudication for these solos will be conducted during the festival and soloists for the grand finale will be chosen from the competing choirs. This plan was designed to give encouragement to all talented young singers to put their best efforts into the preparation of fine church music, for the glory of God.

For bulletins, on the Youth and Junior Choir Festivals, write Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION EAST-ZONE HYMN-SING

The East-Zone Hymn-Sing of Central Association was held with Calvary Church in Benton, Sunday afternoon, December 2. After an opening song led by Ray McClung, the associational director and words of welcome and explanation about the program, Dick Mefford was presented to the group as Associate director to be in charge of all East-Zone Hymn-Sings the remainder of the year.

Brother Mefford led the congregation in singing a group of hymns of praise, one of hymns of promise, and another of hymns of prayer. The special number was brought by Bauxite Church. Brother Mefford called on Mr. McClung for a few minutes of open conference on general music problems in the churches, which was a lively and helpful discussion. Another group of hymns was sung by the congregation before the meeting was adjourned.

Six churches were represented in the 52 people present. There were three pastors present. The next East-Zone Hymn-Sing is February 3, meeting with the Mountain View Church near Benton.

CONWAY-PERRY COUNTY HYMN-SING

The Conway-Perry County Associational Hymn-Sing was held Sunday, December 2. There was a total of 117 people present representing five churches. The program was directed by Earl Smith, and the accompanist was Mrs. H. D. Palmer. The theme of the program was "Christmas" and the devotional was led by Rev. H. D. Palmer. The churches bringing special numbers were Perry, Plumerville, and Nimrod. Perry Church won a music trophy for giving the best number.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

DR. DALE COWLING
Director

B. S. U. At the University Of Arkansas

Since the beginning of the fall semester at the University of Arkansas an average of more than fifty-five students per day have attended the daily Vesper service conducted by the Baptist Student Union. The peak attendance thus far is seventy-five, a number which severely taxes the limited facilities of the B. S. U. Center.

The Baptist Student Union promotes the following regular mission activities: two services per month in the County jail, two visitation services per month in the County hospital, a weekly chapel service in the Veterans' Hospital, and one service a month in the County Home for the Aged. A large number of students participate in these services, which have resulted in several conversions.

There are some seven hundred Baptist students enrolled in the University, this figure including all types of Baptists, and some two hundred Baptist preference students are also enrolled. Of this number, some two hundred twenty are members of local Baptist churches. The Baptist Student Union promotes a bi-weekly visitation effort seeking to enlist the unaffiliated Baptists and to win the unsaved.

The Baptist Student Union at the University, majors on spiritual values. It seeks to help each Baptist student become his maximum for Christ. It is not only interested in winning the unsaved to Christ but also takes seriously the training of those who are saved.

The Baptist Student Center is a home away from home. At all hours of the day, you will find happy Christian students meeting there for recreation, fellowship, prayer, and work. Many great Christian laymen and laywomen are being molded through the efforts of Baptist Student Union under the leadership of Jamie Jones Jr., Director of Baptist Student Work.

Perhaps you have never seriously prayed for this phase of Baptist work. Won't you consider giving Baptist Student work a place on your prayer list and pray earnestly for it each day.

Words to the Wise....



Woman's Missionary Union

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

MRS. F. E. GOODBAR
President

MISS NANCY COOPER
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

January Plans and Activities

1. Community Missions

- (1) Observe Day of Prayer for Community Missions, January 28th.
- (2) Alcohol Education
 - a. Add articles to scrap-book concerning effects of intoxicants
 - b. Circulate articles clipped from *Arkansas Baptist* and other periodicals
- (3) Evangelistic Visitation (Seek to enlist children of public schools)

2. Stewardship

- (1) Glean for Lottie Moon Offering and remit to State W. M. U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock
- (2) Set worthy goal for Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions
- (3) Payment on District Budget apportionment

3. Mission Study

- (1) Plan for study of Home Missions by every W. M. U. organization preceding Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 3-7, 1952.
- (2) Order all mission study books from Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock

4. Young People's Work

- (1) Observance of Day of Prayer for Community Missions, January 28th
- (2) Plan for Y. W. A. Focus Week, February 10-16

5. Reports

(Mail quarterly report to state W. M. U. headquarters, associational superintendent and associational young people's leader by January 5th)

6. Special Activities

- (1) Attend your associational W. M. U. rally
- (2) State Evangelistic Conference, North Little Rock, January 14-16

7. Check the Standard of Excellence.

"Glorious Footprints"

Program material suggested for use in observance of the Day of Prayer for Community Missions, January 28, is being mailed to the presidents of every W. M. U., to B. W. C. chairmen, Y. W. A. counselors, and to young people's directors for distribution to other young people's auxiliaries. The theme used by Mrs. Ralph Douglas, state Community Missions chairman and author of the program material, is "Glorious Footprints." It has been developed in a splendid way, and every organization in Arkansas is urged to observe this special day for consideration of the needs of the community and for making definite plans to try to improve spiritual conditions.

Do we need to consider our own communities? Are there lost people in our neighborhood? Am I responsible for the actions of others? Does my "little" witness "count?" These and many other questions will be forcibly answered. With 76 per cent of Arkansas' school children not enrolled in Sunday School, we see a "field ripe unto harvest," we see the fate of tomorrow if they are not reached today. This is an important season. Observe it! For His sake! For their sakes! For your sake!

Included with the program material will be other important information—list of new Home Mission series of books, schedule of Denominational rallies, quarterly report blanks, bulletin, suggestions for observance of Y. W. A. Focus Week, etc.

Gratifying Response

Daily mails are loaded with remittances from organizations in which the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions has been taken. Many sacrificial gifts are represented, and checks are noticeably larger than in former years. Receipts do not yet justify a report, but indications are that Arkansas women and young people and other interested friends will surpass the goal of \$55,000.

Checks covering the Lottie Moon Offering should be made payable to the State W. M. U. Treasurer and mailed to 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

"There is a lot of fat in government operations, and what we should do is to put the governmental agencies on a diet."

—Paul H. Douglas

Station Word

Dramatizing "The Game Of Life"

By C. E. BRYANT,

Publicity Director, Baylor University

When Jarrell McCracken, Baylor University student and ace play-by-play sports announcer for a Waco radio station, agreed to give a special "sports" program to a small church group in 1950, he unconsciously opened the door to quick success in the comparatively new field of religious records.

His program consisted of the exciting narration of an allegorical football game between the Forces of Christianity and the Forces of Evil. He spoke from off-stage through a public address system, so that the audience got the illusion of a radio broadcast from "Station WORD," signifying the word of God.

The 25 or 30 people who heard McCracken's novel treatment of "The Game of Life" liked it. They asked him to record it so they could use it at a young people's meeting.

Within a few months, the record was in great demand from scores of religious groups. With youthful McCracken at the microphone, and all the crowd noises and color of a real grid battle merged with the play-by-play account, it's hard for the listener to realize that he isn't tuned to a hot football game.

It isn't until about the "third quarter" that it becomes evident that the team representing Christianity, sparked by such players as Average Christian, Humility, and Prayer, is waging a touchdown battle against such foes as Pride, Greed and Temptation.

The "Game of Life" recording, taking up two 12-inch records, already has had some gratifying results. A high school football star at Gladewater became a Christian and decided to become a preacher after hearing it. In Houston, twelve persons joined the church where it was played at a prayer meeting. Eleven others were so moved by it in Oklahoma that they also went to the altar.

A prisoner who has spent most of his life behind bars in Pennsylvania wrote that it was the greatest thrill that he ever had. He uses it as the theme of a weekly Sunday School lesson he teaches for fellow prisoners. In Louisiana, several young football stars said they were deeply moved after hearing it. A one-time football star, now a businessman, wept as he listened to the realistic "game."

Prominent churchmen like Baylor University's President W. R. White; Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University; and Dr. W. W. Adams, president of Kansas City's Central Baptist Seminary, immediately applauded the recording.

The 24-year-old McCracken

suddenly realized that his unintentional project was developing into an industry. WORD Records, never even quite so much as a dream, were now an actuality with tremendous potential.

He asked Frank Boggs, a student in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, to sing some religious songs to be put on records. Oddly enough, Boggs assured him, he had planned to ask for the privilege of doing just that. Next came recordings of religious numbers by the Baylor University Religious Hour Choir, a Baylor quartet, and other soloists.

McCracken, sensing the magnitude of his new "business," called upon Henry SoRelle, a senior business student in Baylor, and Ted Snider, a 1950 graduate of Baylor who was working in radio and television, to go with him in a partnership.

Thirteen records (26 sides) have been made thus far, and they are being sold in Baptist Book Stores and other outlets in some 25 states. McCracken estimates that at least 15,000 Word label records are now in circulation.

The future bids even greater success. Plans have been made for the sale of sermons by the late Dr. George W. Truett, using master records of about 30 messages transcribed during the minister's lifetime and preserved by his widow. There also will be dramatized Bible stories for children, with McCracken as master of ceremonies.

McCracken, born November 18, 1927, is the son of L. O. McCracken, a Baptist minister at Woodward, Oklahoma, and Mrs. McCracken. He entered Baylor to study radio, got the sportscasting job on one of the town's two broadcasting stations, and was a whiz. Then just a year before he was to take the A.B. in radio, he answered God's call to the ministry. He completed the radio course however (A.B. 1950) and started work on his Master's degree, this time in religion. He spends his Sunday's preaching in a Baptist church at Anderson, Texas.

January Emphasis in the Churches:

1. Observe Bible Study Week, January 7-11
2. Recheck enrolment and attendance quotas for classes
3. Use Weekly Officers' and Teachers' Meeting to promote attendance and better teaching
4. Plan for the effective use of the *Sunday School Builder*
5. Plan to visit all members in February.



Atomic Research Dates Oldest Bible Manuscript

Bible study has now been added to the growing list of peacetime uses for atomic energy. Nuclear scientists, using a Geiger counter, have established the approximate age of the Dead Sea scrolls found in a cave in Palestine four years ago. They date from the time of Christ, as archaeologists have maintained, and not from the Middle Ages, as some language scholars have insisted. These ancient Hebrew scrolls of the Book of Isaiah thus have been verified as the oldest known Biblical manuscript.

Willard F. Libby, a radio chemist at the University of Chicago, devised the technique for dating by radioactivity. The December issue of Popular Science Monthly tells how Libby obtained fragments of the linen wrappings in which the scrolls were stored, burned them to pure carbon, then measured the radioactivity of the carbon-14 in a special Geiger counter, arriving at the conclusion that the flax from which the linen was made was alive and breathing 1,917 years ago.

This would date the scrolls in the year 34 A. D., approximate date of the Crucifixion, but Libby notes that allowance must be made for a margin of error of a century or two either way.

"When the atom bomb first mushroomed its message of death

and destruction into the sky six years ago," says Popular Science, "there were many who speculated on the future uses of atomic energy. But few if any put Bible study on their list.

"Now we find the seeming miracle has come to pass. Science is revealed as the handmaid of religion; radioactive carbon-14 and the Geiger counter are instruments for casting new light on the accuracy of the modern Bible. Cosmic rays that bombarded the earth when Christ was born have left behind a coded message for nuclear physicists to decipher.

"It was strangely fitting that nuclear scientists, turning from war to peacetime research, should undertake the task of determining the age of an ancient transcript of the Book of Isaiah, usually considered the greatest of the Old Testament prophets.

"For it was Isaiah who, 25 centuries ago, envisioned a time when the weapons of war would be reconverted forever into the tools of peace: 'They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' And it was Isaiah who asked: 'Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out

heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?'"

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All the World

India, Arabia, Africa, Iran, Germany, and Peru are no longer remote, exotic places. They are a part of every newspaper front page. Our increasing knowledge of these far away lands brings a rude reminder that these teeming millions are not Christian.

Why was I not born in some pagan land? Is not my privilege of life in Christian America also my responsibility? Are American souls more precious than Oriental souls? Can Jesus be pleased for me to rejoice in my own salvation oblivious to the crying need of millions whose souls he loves, too?

—Brougher P. Maddox

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What a joy, what a privilege! How wonderfully kind God is to allow us to share in the great work of saving human souls for his eternal kingdom! Shall we not be more faithful in the part he has allowed us to play in human redemption?

So You Don't Like It?

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Neither do I like it. But you say you are a Democrat? Well, I am too, however, I still don't like it.

I must disagree with you when you reply there is nothing that you can do. As long as America is the land of Washington and Jefferson there is something you and I working with others can do.

I am not surprised to learn you have never written the President. Many others have not, but I can not think of a better time to begin. And you are not limited to one letter to him. I have written three and I plan to send him articles from papers and editorials from time to time.

Neither have I met our Senators, but if you and I and men and women all over the state will write them about our feelings concerning the appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, the Senators will remember us when they go to vote on the issue of ratifying the appointment, or we shall remember them when we go to vote at the next election.

This is the show down. We are playing for keeps. Later may be too late. Act today.

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By NOMA SHIPMAN

Bentonville, Ark.

Some will loiter on life's highway,
Some will march with Christ
ahead,
Some will tend the living flowers,
Some grieve o'er the blossoms
shed.

Some will use the golden hours
With the closing of each day;
They will have accomplished
something,
Others squandered them away.

Some will fight for faith and
freedom,
Some will pay the price su-
preme,
Some will seek their self to mas-
ter,
Others only drift and dream.

Some will give to Christ allegi-
ance
Help God's banner to unfurl
By their living or their dying,
Be a blessing to the world.

Some will sell for worldly pleas-
ures
For so small amount that's bid;
Yes, they'll sell their rightful
birthright,
Like the hungry Esau did.

Some will seek the things that
perish,
Those that rust consume away;
Others lay their treasures higher
Some will curse, and some will
pray.

Some will read the Precious Bible,
Some its truths will not deny,
Others burn its sacred pages;
As they deem it all a lie.

Some will tell the love of Jesus,
Some will even face the stake,
Rather than deny their Master,
Some will die for Jesus' sake.

We are one amidst this people
And regardless of our race,
We are standing on the threshold,
And no one can take our place.

With the greatest of all questions
We must answer at a price,
What will we do with Jesus,
The One who's called the
Christ?

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PULASKI COUNTY SOUTH- WEST ZONE HYMN-SING

The Southwest Zone Hymn-Sing for Pulaski County was held Sunday, December 2, in the Crystal Hill Church. There was a total of 38 people present representing five churches. The program was directed by Mrs. Chloe Brucks with Miss Mary Johnson as the accompanist. The theme of the program was "Christmas Carols," and Miss Margaret Wilkerson led the devotional. Amboy Church brought the special number. The next Hymn-Sing will be held January 6, 1952 in the Bethel Church.

Finding The Christ

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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

Sunday School Lesson for

January 6, 1952

John 1:35-49

For the next three months we will study **THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS**, who they were; something of their character and personalities; how they met the Master; and how they served Him. In that day, as now, there were many followers in the general sense, but only a few who went all out for the Master. However, let us remember that any Bible lesson wherein Christ is not the central theme falls short of its possibilities. So we begin this lesson with John the Baptist's annunciation of the Messiah:

"Behold the Lamb of God"

John did not introduce Jesus as the King of Israel, though He was destined to be the King. Nor did he introduce Him even as the Son of God, though he knew Him to be the Son. But notice carefully he implored his hearers to **BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD**. A **LAMB** signified one thing to the Jews: a sacrifice. For 2,500 years mankind had been offering animal sacrifices as a symbol for the atonement of sin. The lamb or other types of animals that were offered through the centuries were mere types or pictures, however, of the Lamb that was to come, the Lamb of God.

Here at last was the great Sacrifice from the Father, one was worthy and able to carry the sin debt of the human race.

But notice again, those listeners of John's did not comprehend his words. Only two seemed to grasp the great truth of his statement. And those two disciples of John immediately followed Jesus to see where He would abide. The scripture only names one of the disciples, and that was Andrew. Andrew understood from the Baptist's words that here at last was the long promised Messiah, and he did what every person should do upon learning that the Lamb of God has come and is the sacrifice for sin: "And Andrew first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus."

Following the Christ

The next day, Jesus found Philip, and he accepted the invitation to "Follow me." Philip in turn introduced Nathanael to the Lord. It has been said that the very first proof one has of his own salvation is his desire to see another saved. These men who were early followers of the Lord became ministers of the gos-

pel; they went into full time Christian service. And follow the record of certain women, the woman at the well went into the city and witnessed to a great multitude that she had found the Christ; many believed because of her testimony, and many others went out to meet Him personally and believed on Him.

We have never been able to remotely understand an anti-missionary feeling or doctrine. Every happening in the life of Jesus and His disciples was only evangelistic and missionary. Surely, the Lord had a greater purpose in saving each individual than to merely save one individual; we believe He intended for every individual Christian to reach others with the message of salvation and grace.

Surely, "Finding the Christ" for others is the commission of the church or churches; else why should He have said to the church: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded thee . . ." As long as there is one lost human being in the world, the church is obligated to take that person the gospel of salvation.

Win Them One by One

An outstanding fact that is emphasized in this lesson is the personal acceptance of the Christ for salvation. People have never been and shall never be saved in wholesale order; one by one, be that method ever so slow, is the way Christ did it. It is strictly an individual matter, one that nobody can settle for another.

Yet, another lesson stands out in this study, as we recall the lesson text, and that is that each one who found Christ in this lesson was led to Him by another person. Any course we take leads us right back to our own personal influence in winning others. The very first disciples believed because of John's testimony. Still others followed Christ after seeing His miracles and hearing Him preach and teach.

As we face a brand new year in the Master's service, surely we are challenged by the "fields that are white unto harvest," the lost all around us, the areas around the world that need to be evangelized, that need workers to help others "find the Christ."

When one is able to lead an-

other to Christ, only the Lord knows the potentialities of that life for Christian service. Andrew's name is mentioned but few times in the Bible, but he won his brother Simon Peter to the Lord, and what a living dynamo Simon was. One never hears the name of the minister who led Charles A. Spurgeon to Christ, but if Spurgeon had been the only person he ever led to the Lord, his life was rich and well spent. We know, personally, other ministers who are unknown to the world, who have not the capabilities of doing great things that would make them famous with men, who have been privileged to lead others to Christ who have become great, and surely in eternity the "Andrews" of the ages shall share in the rewards of their famous brothers.

Think what a great day's work was done the day Dr. John A. Broadus led Lottie Moon to Christ; the young college woman who was sent away to school because she could not be controlled at home. Think of the great work she did throughout her life time, for Christ, for eternity, for China, and for the Baptist denomination; all because of the efforts of one Baptist minister. Surely, if Doctor Broadus had not won another person to Christ, his life would have been well spent.

All this should inspire each of us to be on the alert to "Find others for Christ," in as much as we do not know how many "Lottie Moons and Charles Spurgeons" who may be waiting for one of us ordinary folk to rescue their lives from sin, ruin, and destruction, and redeem them to the Master, just by introducing them to the One who died for them and for us.

Christ always had heaven in view; that home over yonder. He was a pilgrim and a sojourner in His life concept. A church or an individual who has not that concept of life is apt to be headed, like Lot, toward a citizenship in Sodom.

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The Great Treasure

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Time is man's dearest possession. How we squander it while we are young; how we cherish it when our store is depleted! The value of religion in the years of youth is in providing a sense of responsibility for the treasures of time. We do not become drones because we have faith; on the contrary—when we have done our work well, carried our share of the burden faithfully—we then find in play a pleasure and exhilaration which no wastrel ever knows. When we have invested our years in Christian living, we do not find that time has become an empty sack but, rather, a rich treasure of a new sort. We have a memory full of joyous recollections, pleasant friendships, a heart crowded with gratefulness for what the years have brought, instead of regrets and disappointment because of what they have taken away from us.

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the Year: "Give me light that I may travel safely into the unknown."

He said to me: "Go out into the darkness. Put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than any known way."

We are not here to construct playhouses, but to build character. Not here as slaves to pleasure, but to serve a King. Life is not a romance: it is a race, a battle, a course, a conquest.

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We Paid It

We paid the eleventh installment of the "Honor Debt." One more payment will finish the obligation. After the Convention the General Secretary asked a few friends if they would join him in making a special contribution (over and above regular offerings) so that this payment could be made before the end of 1951 without an overdraft. There was a gratifying response. Thank you, dear friends. Enough money was received and the payment was made. We are receiving "thank you" letters from the various former creditors. Many of these letters are telling us that the actions of Arkansas Baptists in paying these debts that have no "legal status" are doing more to give the business world confidence in churches and other religious organizations than any other one thing that has happened in a hundred years. Here is a sample of the reactions:

"I have endorsed this check to the order of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and return it herewith, to be used by the Association for such purpose as it may see

fit. This gives me great pleasure, as I do not recall a precedent showing such character and high principles as evidenced by the Convention in connection with these bonds."

—Henry J. Livingston

When we began to make payments on these honor debts we found that there would be approximately \$92,000 to be paid on the old note deficiency, and a little more than \$460,000 on the old bonds, and that we could more conveniently make payments amounting to less than \$50,000 per year and carry on a good current program. So, we divided the amount into installments of approximately \$46,000, and the first year we took care of the old note account. Then there were ten installments on the old bond account, and this is the ninth "bond payment." We shall need nearly \$47,000 next year to make the final payment. There is an item of \$41,000 allocated for this purpose in the state budget, and the balance will come in special offerings. We are grateful.

Observations

We were in Jonesboro, Mt. Zion Association was having a school of Missions. They were in session at the Fisher Street Church. It was a great week indeed. We were impressed with the Baptist ministry in Jonesboro. When you go to the great First Church there, you will hear a brilliant man proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. He is a splendid leader and is doing a marvelous work with that great First Church. Pastor Holland is a good thinker, a wise leader, a splendid preacher, and a beloved pastor. Then, Pastor Reese Howard of the Central Church is one of our great preachers. He is strong, stable, well-poised, and preaches a sound gospel. He is a steady leader and a diligent worker. Pastor James Fitzgerald of Walnut Street is a vigorous, dynamic leader. His sermons are well prepared and he delivers them with good power and great force. Brother Fitzgerald has recently gone to Hot Springs, Park Place Church. Over at Fisher Street Church young Henry Applegate has taken over recently, and is proving to be a good leader. His people are happy and they think it is a new day for Fisher Street Church. So, the people in Jonesboro can find a true cross-section of our Baptist ministry as it is represented by their different preachers of the leading churches in Jonesboro. There are other Baptist Churches in and around Jonesboro, also, with splendid leaders.

We passed through Forrest City. There we saw one of the most beautiful and commodious church buildings nearing completion. Pastor T. K. Rucker is one of our most diligent and hardest working preachers. He is also one of the most popular pastors that Forrest City has ever had. We take off our hats to him, as a leader and a builder. You ought to see that wonderful church building, and some of you will see

it when it is completed. It will be a monument to the cause of Christ in Forrest City and a great workshop for the saints there.

We were in Blytheville. We were in a Workers Conference in First Church. E. C. Brown is the pastor, and there they also are finishing a large, new church building. It is a thing of beauty. It will be serviceable too because it is large and commodious. All the equipment is modern, and the appearance of the building is exquisite indeed. Pastor Brown is a great preacher and a tireless worker and a strong leader, and his influence is felt throughout the city. We were out at Clear Lake Church where Pastor J. E. Cox and family are leading the saints in a great fashion. They have made marked improvements on the church building, and the ministry of Brother Cox is telling in that community. He is sound in doctrine and is a strong preacher.

We were in Lexington, and we helped to dedicate a church building. The first time this scribe preached in Lexington, we were in an old school building. The congregation was seated in the school seats. The house was neither large nor commodious, but since then the Baptists have built a house for the Lord. Now they have Sunday School rooms and they have dedicated it to the Lord. They do not owe one cent on the building. Pastor Harry Mifflin believes in a divine call to the ministry, and he believes in the Holy Spirit's Leadership in directing a preacher in his work. Brother Mifflin is one of the most beloved pastors that we know about. He is also preaching half-time at Shirley. There he is doing a splendid work also. He is well educated and consecrated.

Cullendale and Morgan. Pastor Elmer Morgan writes that the Cullendale Church has increased its allocation for the Cooperative

Program to \$5,200. Pastor Morgan has served several years and has led this great church through the narrows and it is now out in the open and has a clear field ahead of it. The Lord has marvelously blessed Morgan's ministry there, and he has baptized many people into the fellowship of that great church.

Pratt and Tyronza. Pastor Pratt is running true to form. He has a "missionary thread" running all through his ministry. If you doubt it review the history of his pastorate in Lonoke. Now in Tyronza he is leading the church to "lift the allocation" for the Cooperative Program. There is a group of the finest Baptists in Tyronza and they will follow his leadership. Pastor Pratt is a great preacher too.

Buckner and Crossett. We were in Crossett and preached in that elegant church house to a large congregation. We were pastor in Crossett when we were wearing our "ministerial swaddling clothes." (They have made great progress since we left them). We wish you could see that church edifice that they have erected under the leadership of that intrepid leader, J. W. Buckner. He is a "firebrand." He is one of our best in the list of "stewardship revivalists." Crossett is also increasing its gifts for the Cooperative Program. The Lord gave J. E. Birkhead and Mrs. Birkhead to them for associates and Buckner and Birkhead make a great team.

Stewardship and the Church Budget

Pastors, now is the time to preach and teach the doctrine of stewardship. It is not too late in the season. Of course it should have had the emphasis in November and December, but you can still do it. It is reported that on one day the members of First Church, Amarillo, Texas, oversubscribed their 1952 budget of \$298,555 by \$78,000. It takes great stewardship preaching from the pulpit to accomplish this—great Bible preaching on stewardship. Mere admonitions will not accomplish it. The Beech Street Church in Texarkana, James Harris, pastor, recently oversubscribed its budget in one day.

Great Loss to Baptists And The Christian World

On December 22, Dr. Henry Bennett and Mrs. Bennett were killed in a plane crash in a foreign land. Dr. Bennett was a great Baptist deacon and an educator of renown. He was a graduate of Ouachita College but had spent most of his life of service in Oklahoma, and was president of one of the State schools there when the President of the United States asked him to give his time and talent to an Eastern country to help it to establish modern systems of education. Other useful men were killed in the crash. Dr. Bennett was a leader in Baptist work. He was a consecrated man and a great speaker. May the Lord send us more men like him.

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