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Time To Paint Up

No Basis Of Agreement

By S. H. JONES

There seems to be no basis of agreement between the Catholic hierarchy and evangelical Christians — especially Baptists — on some matters. That was quite evident, for example, in the wide-spread discussions that were touched off some months ago by the Pope, on the dogma of the bodily assumption of Mary, the mother of Jesus. As was to be expected, Christians of every denomination rejected the doctrine, and many wrote or spoke to deny or refute it. The arguments against it are, mainly, that it lacks historical evidence to support it, that it is contrary to nature and reason, and that it is unscriptural. The last-mentioned argument is most prominently advanced by Baptists and others who believe in the authority of the scriptures.

What the whole matter seems to amount to is that those who support such a dogma as that mentioned, and those who must, to be true to their reason and conscience, reject it, argue from altogether different premises. On the premise of complete scriptural authority, one can argue soundly that such a dogma cannot be accepted because the scriptures in no way support it. But what weight has this argument with one who does not accept the scriptures as having complete authority in such matters? Argument seems futile and leads only to further conflict and confusion unless there can be found a basis of agreement as to the criteria or truth and the definition of terms. Proceeding from different, and even conflicting, premises and defining terms in totally different ways, the Catholic mind and the mind of an evangelical Christian seem to be much like the proverbial east and west in that they do not meet on common ground.

We seek no quarrel with any Catholic person or the Catholic Church, but we cannot accept the claim of any person or church to have authority to determine what all people should believe. Jesus Christ, our Savior, is the head of the church and the only one with such authority; and the scriptures are the sole and sufficient guide

in determining His will. Moreover, each person has the right to read and interpret the scriptures for himself, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, and to approach God for himself through Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

This lack of a ground of agreement between Catholics and non-Catholics is further evidenced by the current controversy over diplomatic relations with the Vatican and the principle of religious liberty which is involved. While both official Catholicism and non-Catholics profess to believe in religious freedom, it is quite evident that they are far apart in their definitions of the term. Religious freedom, to the Catholic mind, seems to mean freedom for Catholics, within the control of the Catholic Church, and toleration of others where non-Catholics are sufficiently numerous to demand recognition. On the other hand, Baptists and others of like mind on this subject define religious freedom to mean entire freedom for all, Catholic and non-Catholic, on a basis of equality, as an inherent human right. Between these two positions, there can apparently be no agreement.

Then, since those who hold to the principle of religious liberty for all alike have sought to safeguard it by our American tradition of separation of church and state, and since those who oppose this complete religious liberty also oppose separation of church and state, the battle is joined at once when this principle and its safeguard are endangered. That is, as we see it, the basic issue involved in the present controversy over the appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican. In such a case, one could wish that the cause of the controversy were removed; but, since it is present, and since there seems to be no inclination on the part of those who created it to remove it, it is expected that the battle will be continued to determine which of the contending forces is stronger. May the truth and right prevail.

The Baptist Courier.

A Horse All Can Ride

By H. H. MCGINTY

Writing about an editorial which appeared on this page recently under the title, "A Preventive for Boredom," an appreciative reader adds, "However, there is one thing that you did emphasize but which should be stressed among young preachers. Every preacher should have a hobby which could be turned later to his advantage. Supply work and interim pastorates come very irregularly, but expenses go right on.

"If one has nothing that he can do to supplement the annuity, he will be hard put. I have tinkered with carpenter tools, and in retirement I find that they have stood me in hand greatly. I have superintended the construction of two church houses and will superintend another in the spring. This keeps me busy almost all the time. It adds up to better health and keeps my courage up and my spirits running high."

It is a good suggestion, not for preachers only but for all. "No man is really happy or safe without a hobby," said Sir William Osler, "and it makes precious little difference what the outside interest may be

—botany, beetles or butterflies, roses, tulips or irises; fishing, mountaineering or antiques—anything will do so long as he straddles a hobby and rides it hard."

Unfortunately, many do not realize this need until they reach the years of limited activity, and then it may be too late. For best results, hobbies should be started when one is young and they should be carefully cultivated through the years. "Young man, get a hobby," admonished A. Edward Newton, "preferably get two, one for indoors and one for out; get a pair of hobby horses that can safely be ridden in opposite directions."

—The Word and Way.

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God will never give us a work to do without showing exactly how and when to do it, and giving us the precise strength and wisdom we need.

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Give a politician some facts and he'll draw his own conclusions.

—Quote.

No Worship Without Cost

A Devotion by the Editor

2 Samuel 24:24

Araunah, the Jebusite, offered the threshing floor, the oxen and the threshing instruments, as a free gift to David for the purpose of building an altar and offering the sacrifices. David's reply is significant: "Nay, but I will buy it of thee at a price; neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing."

What shall we offer to the Lord our God? Shall we go to the garden of our own lives and pluck the blossoms which have cost us most, and offer these to our sovereign? Shall we spend lavishly to gratify our own vain fancy and expect God to be satisfied with the miserable dribbles which we dole out to Him? Shall we accept with self-righteous and pharisaical complacency the gifts of the ages and in return offer to God only that which costs us little or nothing?

Our heritage is rich beyond computation. Other generations have established our churches, and we have fallen heir to them; other generations have sown the seed of the kingdom in our communities and we are reaping the harvest; other generations have secured our liberty and democracy and we have become the beneficiaries; others have at the cost of tremendous sacrifice built Christian institutions and we have come into possession of them.

There are the threshing floors offered us today upon which to build our altar to God. Here are the oxen for the sacrifice and the wood for the fire. Shall we take them with greedy hands, glad that they have cost us nothing? Shall we accept the Christian institutions without any sense of obligation? Shall we worship in a house, sit in pews, listen to the music of an instrument, and be satisfied that they have cost us nothing? Or shall we say, "No. I will not offer unto the Lord my God that which costs me nothing. I will put down the price of it, to build other altars, to provide other sacrifices, to sow the seed of the kingdom in all the communities of the world."

It is significant that the temple of Jerusalem was built upon this threshing floor, and it is said that the altar of the temple rested on the precise spot where David built his altar. It is our privilege to build a temple to our God upon every threshing floor of the world and in the hearts of boys and girls and men and women. But we can't do it of that which costs us nothing.

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From The Editor's Desk

Vatican Appointment Still A Live Issue

We call attention to a news item on page seven, from Protestants and other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State (P. O. A. U.) Washington, D. C.; also two news items on page six, from Religious News Service.

The State Department, when submitting its budget requests to the House Appropriations Committee for the 1952-53 fiscal year, included a \$70,000 item for the proposed Vatican embassy.

Immediate reaction against the appropriation was registered by members of the committee which voted to disapprove the request from the State Department. Representative Prince H. Preston of Georgia sponsored a "rider" to the appropriation bill providing that none of the funds appropriated for the State Department in the fiscal year 1953 "may be used for a new diplomatic mission prior to confirmation by the Senate of the appointment of the first head of mission or other diplomatic representatives."

Efforts were made on the floor of the House to rule the "rider" out of order. In which case Congressman Preston and his colleagues were prepared to offer a revised "rider" which would prevent the setting up of this item to finance the establishment and maintenance of an American embassy at Vatican City.

Congressman John J. Rooney of New York has asserted that he will "make the fight of his life" to get the Preston "rider" stricken from the bill.

The criticism of the State Department by congressional sources for raising the issue by submitting this \$70,000 item for the proposed mission to the Vatican has obviously caused some concern in the State Department. Smarting under the congressional criticism, the State Department is trying to

play innocent. A spokesman of the State Department tried to explain it away by saying, "It got in there somewhere in the preparation of the budget estimates and nobody took it out. They probably thought it was so small nobody would be concerned about it." "It just got in there," he said.

Such an explanation is so transparently false that it seems incredible that the State Department could believe that anyone is gullible enough to believe that.

The more rational explanation is found in a further statement by the State Department spokesman who said, "They (evidently whoever included it in the proposed State Department budget) probably thought it was so small nobody would be concerned about it."

That statement throws considerable light upon the maneuvers of government departments to put over their pet and tricky projects. It was obviously a trick which the State Department tried to pull, a trick by which it might gain not only the \$70,000 but the approval of the House for the Vatican appointment. Obviously, that was the main purpose. Obviously, too, it got in there by deliberate planning for the very definite purpose of changing the time-honored tradition and practice of the United States Government in its relation to religious bodies, particularly the Roman Catholic Church.

The whole face, function, and form of our government have been changed by just such tricks over the past twenty years. It is gratifying that this trick was detected by alert members of the Appropriations Committee of the House. It is hoped that members of both the House and Senate committees will be alert to other tricky proposals by government departments.

Investigating Armed Services Buying Habits

It is at least encouraging to know that an investigation is being made into the buying habits of the armed services. Already evidence has been produced to prove the armed services are profligate and prodigal in their spending habits, wholly forgetful of the taxpayers.

It is reported that a House Armed Services Sub-committee has charged that the armed services' buying habits are costing the taxpayers 5 billion dollars extra a year.

Brig Gen. Brice P. Disque (retired) is quoted as saying, "When I was on duty in the War Department, I am certain that military waste has been and now is fabulous." The retired general is quoted further as follows, "We cannot hope to stop this fabulous military waste, confiscatory taxing and rush into insolvency until Congress takes over its responsibilities."

Virginia's Senator Byrd has declared that 8 billion 600 million dollars can be trimmed

from President Truman's proposed budget of 85 billion, 444 million without impairing any function of the government, whether civilian or military. You will recall that President Truman has said that there are too many Byrds in the Senate.

It becomes more and more obvious with each passing day that the President thinks that there is too much money in the pockets of the American people; and that in order to relieve the people of this excess money, the government must take it from them in taxes, even though the government must be extremely wasteful in order to spend it.

Perhaps the greatest threat to the United States today is irresponsibility in responsible government positions. When those in government positions lose their sense of responsibility to the people, they inevitably consider that the people are responsible to them. We are in grave danger of having a government of the officials, by the officials, and for the officials.

"Minister Ordained"

Have you noticed with what frequency the above headline appears in the **Arkansas Baptist**? It seems that almost every week we report some young man being ordained to the gospel ministry. Some weeks we carry the announcement of more than one being ordained.

Our pastors and churches are providing the proper spiritual atmosphere and appeal to produce in our Baptist young people a responsiveness to the challenge of the gospel ministry, of other special types of full-time Christian service, and of the opportunities of service in the local church. The Holy Spirit is reaching down into the midst of our young people and stimulating their spiritual sensibilities to respond to these challenges. The result is increasing numbers of our young people entering the ministry and other special fields of full-time Christian service.

This condition is most heartening. It promises continued progress in Southern Baptist work in the years that lie ahead. And if the present trend continues we may expect even larger numbers of our young people to enter the gospel ministry and other fields of service in the future.

Thousands of these young people are now pursuing their educational careers in colleges and seminaries. The fact is that we do not have the college and seminary facilities to provide for all who want to enter these institutions. While we do not feel any acute scarcity of preachers, yet we need have no fear of an over supply of preachers in our Southern Baptist fellowship.

The fact is that there are certain areas of our Southern Baptist territory which could use all the young men who will graduate this spring from our five seminaries. The western area of our Southern Baptist Convention territory could absorb all these graduates who will come from our seminaries this spring and still leave vast sections where no Baptist church and no Baptist preacher is serving.

Let us be thankful that our young people are responding in such noble fashion to the call of God, to the challenge of the work and to the need of lost souls.

Grading Adults In Sunday School

The experience of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, in grading the adult departments in the Sunday School has again proved the wisdom and practicality of this movement.

Grading the adults in the Immanuel Sunday School resulted in an increase in the number of adult classes from seventeen to twenty-eight. Further indications of the practical results of grading the adults is a gain of 217 adults during the first quarter of 1952, or a gain of seventeen per Sunday for thirteen Sundays. The average attendance in the adult department increased thirty-two per Sunday over 1951. This gain was registered in spite of the fact that the adults furnished approximately 100 teachers and officers for other departments of the Sunday School.

Kingdom Progress

Baring Cross Pastor



DR. DAVID GARLAND

Dr. David Garland, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, and will begin his ministry there on April 20.

Doctor Garland is now completing his graduate work for the degree of Th.D. which will be awarded him at Commencement exercise of the Seminary in May.

A native of Tennessee, Doctor Garland attended Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and later attended A & M College, Monticello, Arkansas, where he was employed as Dean of Men and assistant to the President. He was also interim pastor of First Church, Monticello, and vice president of the B.S.U. of Arkansas. He has also been the pastor of First Church, West Baden, Indiana.

From Monticello, Doctor Garland entered Southern Seminary as a graduate student and began his course of study working toward the Th. D. degree. For the past two years he has been a teaching fellow, and at present he is fellow to Dr. Leo Eddleman, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew.

In 1945 Doctor Garland was married to Miss Eleanor Harrison, also a graduate of Union University, and for several years has been a teacher in the public schools of Louisville.

Mr. J. F. Oates, chairman of the pulpit committee of Baring Cross Church, declares that "the members of Baring Cross Church are looking forward with happy anticipation to the coming of these fine people to their church."

First Church, Newport Receives 17 New Members

Pastor Charles F. Wilkins and First Church, Newport, had the services of Editor B. H. Duncan in revival services March 23-30.

There were fourteen additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and three by letter.

Last Call For Beaman Tour Four Seats Available

Dr. Roy Beaman, head of the department of Biblical Introduction in the New Orleans Seminary, wishes to announce that he has four more seats available for his third tour of Bible lands, May 20-June 26. A new bus for travel in the Middle East will be shipped from New Orleans to Beirut, Lebanon, April 20. The party will fly from New York on the evening of May 20 by Pan-American Airways.

Twelve countries are to be visited. Daily lectures and slides will be employed to make the tour more meaningful. Those already registered come from eight different states, including both men and women.

There is time yet if you will write immediately or wire Dr. Beaman, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, 1220 Washington, New Orleans 13, La.

Eddleman Resigns Pastorate

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, for twelve years the pastor of Parkland Church, Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted a full time teaching position on the faculty of the Southern Seminary of Louisville. Doctor Eddleman will teach Old Testament Interpretation and Hebrew.

Sixty-Three Professions of Faith In One Week Revival

Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary for Arkansas Baptists, and James Birkhead, music director for First Church, Crossett, assisted First Church, Dewitt in a one week revival effort which resulted in sixty-three professions of faith, fifty-nine of whom united with the Baptist Church, and four others went into other churches in Dewitt.

J. L. Boyd Jr. is pastor of the Dewitt church.

First Church, Biscoe Has Good Meeting

H. E. Blackburn, Longview, Texas, was the evangelist in a recent eight day meeting with First Church, Biscoe. Bill Lewis, Little Rock, directed the music. There were eight additions to the church by baptism. Pastor Roy G. Adams says, "it was the best revival the Bisco church had experienced in a long time."

First Church, Clarksville Has Revival Meeting

Evangelist Joe Shaver, Fort Worth, assisted First Church, Clarksville, and Pastor Walter Yeldell Jr., in a revival campaign from March 23 to April 4, which resulted in 31 additions to the church for baptism, and 7 by letter. During the second week, Miss Peggy Tinsley and Miss Barbara Buffington, Ouachita students, were guests of the church, doing personal work. Pastor Yeldell says, "It was the best revival in the history of First Church; large crowds attended every service, and interest continued to the last sermon."

**Baptist Bible Institute
Luncheon in Miami
Auditorium on Dinner Key
Thursday Noon, May 15
Tickets \$1.50**

First Church, Corning Dedicates Building



DR. L. B. GOLDEN, *Pastor*

Dr. L. B. Golden, pastor, and First Church, Corning, dedicated their new church building on Sunday, April 6.

The former church structure was struck by lightning on December 31, 1947, and the building and its contents were completely destroyed by fire. Even while the building was burning many of the people of the church made pledges for the construction of a new building. Arrangements were made to use the library room in the school building for church services. The church began immediately to plan for the construction of a new building.

L. C. Tedford was pastor at the time the building burned. A building committee composed of G. A. Jimerson, H. E. Bridgeforth, Mack Blackwood, Charles R. Black, and Dan Harold was immediately appointed. This committee engaged Arthur McAninch as architect and Aaron Ahrent as construction superintendent.

The church collected \$20,000 insurance and began taking pledges for the construction of a new church building.

A loan was secured from the Corning bank to complete the building and a mortgage given on the parsonage to secure the loan. The last note was paid a few weeks ago. The mortgage was satisfied on the courthouse records and the notes and mortgage delivered to the treasurer of the church.

The dedication program included the reading of the historical sketch of the church at the morning service and a dedication sermon by the former pastor, L. C. Tedford.

The actual dedication service was held at the evening hour of worship which included a dedication message by Pastor L. B. Golden, burning of notes and mortgage, service of dedication, and dedicatory prayer.

Progress At El Paso

Jack Bledsoe, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Bauxite, was the evangelist in a recent ten day meeting with the El Paso Church. There were seven additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and one by letter.

The church completed a study course in February, "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church," wherein twenty-nine awards were earned.

Charles P. Thompson is the pastor.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Evangelist Ralph D. Dodd, Little Rock, was recently engaged in a revival meeting with Pastor Gerald Goss and Midway Baptist Church, Collinsville, Virginia.

The choir of First Church, Eudora, Dillard Miller, pastor, presented an Easter cantata, "The Risen Christ," on Sunday evening, April 13.

Pastor A. B. Van Arsdale, College Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Texas, formerly pastor of First Church, Benton, assisted Pastor E. C. Brown and the First Church of Blytheville recently in a revival meeting. Ralph Churchill had charge of the music.

Dr. Edgar Williamson, state Sunday School secretary, began a revival meeting with the First Church, Brinkley, H. L. Lipford, pastor, on April 6. Walter N. Hill, associate pastor, First Church, Little Rock, directed the music.

Telephone committee! Pastor G. W. Boyd of the First Church, Nettleton, is making effective use of a telephone committee to contact absentees.

Miss Marion Mayes, Blytheville, has been elected president of this year's graduating class at Blue Mountain College.

Minor E. Cole, pastor of First Church, Dumas, was the evangelist for First Church, England, Luther F. Dorsey, pastor, in revival services from April 6-16; Mrs. B. W. Ninninger, State Music Director, directed the music program.

L. M. Keeling, Little Rock, recently assisted First Church, Dumas, and Pastor Minor E. Cole, in a revival campaign.

Harold White, Luxora, is assisting Southside Church, El Dorado, in revival services which began April 13. W. A. Lacy is pastor of Southside Church.

Members of Sixteenth Street Chapel, Arkadelphia, recently celebrated their first anniversary. The mission is sponsored by First Church.

First Church, Prescott, has a new church library. The membership contributed money to purchase books and supplies for a beginning. A campaign is on to secure acceptable books to enlarge the library.

Dr. Kyle M. Yates, pastor of Second Church, Houston, Texas, was the guest speaker at an evangelistic rally for Liberty Association, in El Dorado High School, Friday night, April 11.

First Church, Huttig, Doyle L. Lumpkin, pastor, recently awarded the following number of pins for perfect attendance in Sunday School: 16 three month pins, 7 six month pins, and 1 one-year pin.

Vernon Sisco, Carruthersville, Missouri, will assist South Highland Church, Little Rock, in a revival campaign from April 13-25. Music will be in charge of Mrs. Wm. H. Marks, church music director.

Trinity Church, El Dorado, and Pastor Don Allen, ordained W. G. Barnett to the gospel ministry, April 6. Mr. Barnett is the pastor of Liberty Church, near Lawson.

The weekly budget of Mount Olive Church, Crossett, cal's for \$181. This budget is almost double that of last year, yet the weekly offerings have consistently exceeded the budget requirements, amounting to \$267.80 on Sunday, April 6. The surplus above the weekly budget will be used to complete work on the parsonage and certain departments of the educational building.

A unique feature of the revival at First Church, Rogers, Rel Gray, pastor, during the week of April 6, was the assembling of the Sunday School by departments at 7 p. m. each evening for the purpose of prayer and soul winning.

Members of the junior department of the Sunday School, First Church, Russeville, held open house in their department Sunday afternoon, April 6. Junior talent was used throughout the program.

The choir of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, presented the cantata entitled "The Seven Last Words of Christ," Sunday evening, April 6.

Ashley County Young People had a mission rally at First Church, North Crossett, Saturday, April 5. Highlights of the rally were: A coronation service for the Girls' Auxiliary, a service of recognition for the ranks of the Royal Ambassadors, and pictures of mission work in Hawaii by Tommy Tedford from Ouachita College.

Cecil Archer, Houston, Texas, and Lewis Gardner, Magnolia, are assisting First Church, Smackover, in the simultaneous revival effort which began April 13. Mr. Archer is the evangelist, Mr. Garner has charge of the music. Dale F. Taylor is the pastor.

First Church, Wynne, and Boyd Baker, pastor, had the services of David M. Currie, Richmond, Virginia, in a revival campaign from April 6-13.

Dr. M. Ray McKay, Second Church, Little Rock, is currently engaged in revival services with First Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, from April 16 to 25. Dr. Ralph Herring is the pastor.

Bob Roberts, music director, Second Church, Little Rock, recently assisted Faith Memorial Church, Houston, Texas, in a revival campaign wherein there were 54 additions to the church on profession of faith, and 30 by letter. One young woman surrendered for full time service. T. Lamar Mathis is the pastor. Mr. Roberts was in charge of the music for the revival.

South Side Church, Fort Smith, is conducting a "Black Sheep Attendance Campaign" in the Training Union, in an effort to enlist all Sunday School members in the Training Union services. A chart was prepared for each classroom containing the names of everyone enrolled in the class, with a sheep above each name; a white sheep for those attending Training Union regularly and a black sheep for the others. The object is to make white sheep of all the black ones. This can be done only by the black sheep attending Training Union, at which time the black sheep is replaced with a white one. Victor H. Coffman is the pastor.

Victory In Co-operation

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN, President

Baptist State Convention

Cooperative Program Succeeding

Arkansas Baptists have sent to the office of our General Secretary in undesignated funds \$222,746.53 during the first quarter of our Convention year. Since our state budget required \$219,070.84 for the quarter ending with March, we had an overage of \$3,675.69. To prove how the program is gaining momentum, we find that \$76,634.33 was paid in for March. This amount is \$3,610.72 overage. This means that our people are responding to a program that will care for all our work in a continuous and co-operative effort rather than spasmodic and separated efforts.

Challenge of the Cooperative Program

Undesignated gifts of \$76,634.33 for March, 1952, challenges my heart with a goal of \$100,000 per month in 1953. With a budget of \$1,200,000 we can provide for operational and capital needs funds for our beloved institutions. How do I know that is a reachable goal? We have 1,065 churches in Arkansas; 826 of these churches met this worthy budget last quarter. Of the 239 churches not now contributing many will be stimulated by this challenge. And of the 826 churches now supporting the program many of them will channel all and greater sums of money through a state budget that succeeds. More members are tithing, more churches are sharing adequately with state and world wide needs, our leadership is encouraged to use the Cooperative Program. God has given and will give us Victory In Co-operation.

Millcreek Church On The March

Millcreek Church, Fort Smith, is showing marked progress along all lines in their expanding program of church life and activity.

One indication of the expanding program of the church is the fact that in the regular business meeting of April 2, the church voted to put the Arkansas Baptist in the church budget and send the paper to each family in the church membership.

At the same meeting and due to the increased offerings in recent months, the church voted to increase its allocation to the Cooperative Program. It is anticipated that the allocation to the Cooperative Program will be still further increased as the receipts increase.

Millcreek Church has recently installed a new Hammond organ and has erected a neon sign to identify the church.

The church is also co-operating in the support of aged ministers and the tornado relief fund by taking special offerings for these causes.

How To Have Mid-Week Prayer Meeting

Dr. John E. Huss, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, has written a twelve page pamphlet entitled "How to Have An Hour of Power." This pamphlet presents the technique used to attract and maintain a large attendance at the mid-week prayer meeting. Pastors by writing the author can receive a free copy, and also additional copies, if used for a one night study of the subject matter with a view of changing the mid-week meeting into an Hour of Power.

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By Religious News Service

Concerning Vatican Appointment

\$70,000 ASKED

The House Appropriations Committee voted to disapprove a request from the State Department for \$70,000 with which to establish a diplomatic mission at the Vatican.

The committee did so by adopting, 19 to 17, a "rider" amendment sponsored by Rep. Prince H. Preston (D.-Ga.) to provide that none of the funds appropriated for the State Department in fiscal year 1953 "may be used for a new diplomatic mission prior to confirmation by the Senate of the appointment of the first head of mission or other diplomatic representatives."

Mr. Preston said that the amendment was specifically designed to prohibit the use of any of the funds for a mission to the Vatican.

The sub-committee that handled the State Department bill had raised no objection to the Vatican mission and recommended to the full committee that a flat sum of \$78,000 be appropriated for "salaries and expenses" of the Department in connection with missions abroad. The only mention of the Vatican item appeared in the budget justification submitted to this sub-committee by the Department.

Inquiries by committee members, however, revealed that the bill as drafted by the sub-committee would have allowed the Vatican expenditure, whereupon Mr. Preston offered his "rider."

His amendment was expected to meet objection on the floor of the House on a point of order as "legislation on an appropriation bill."

Observers believe the objection is likely to prevail since the Preston amendment, by requiring Senate confirmation of the head of the mission as a prerequisite for its establishment, would preclude the president from making either a recess appointment or nominating a personal representative.

In this sense, it would amend existing laws which permit the President to take such action. House rules forbid amendments to appropriation bills which have the effect of changing existing legislation.

Whether the amendment is ruled out of order or not, a floor debate in the House over the Vatican appropriation seems certain. If ruled out, Mr. Preston and his committee colleagues are expected to offer a revised "rider" that would attain the same objective.

On the other hand, if the chair upholds present language of the "rider," a motion will probably be made to strike it from the bill. In either event, floor debate and a roll call vote are likely.

LATER RELEASE— ROLL CALL BLOCKED

The House Rules Committee blocked efforts by advocates of American diplomatic representation at the Vatican to force a roll call on an appropriation bill rider denying funds for such a mission.

Faced with a parliamentary strategy designed to bring about a vote on the question in "committee of the whole" in which

members of the House are not recorded, advocates of Vatican representation asked the Rules Committee for a special rule that would assure a roll call vote on the rider.

A rider on the appropriation bill sponsored by Rep. Prince H. Preston (D.-Ga.) forbids the use of State Department funds during the next fiscal year for any diplomatic mission unless the first chief of mission, or other diplomatic representative, has been confirmed by the Senate.

Rep. John J. Rooney (D.-N. Y.), chairman of the House subcommittee that handled the State Department bill, asked the Rules Committee to force the members to "stand up and be counted."

In rejecting the plea, Rep. Eugene C. Cox (D.-Ga.), acting chairman of the rules group, said the revision in parliamentary procedure asked by Mr. Rooney was "unprecedented."

Rep. Rooney, angered by the committee's action, said that he would "make the fight of my life" to get the Preston rider stricken from the bill.

Meanwhile, Rep. Alfred D. Sieminski (D.-N. J.), offered an amendment to the appropriation bill that would specifically add funds for diplomatic representation to the Vatican.

Aged Religious People Found Better Adjusted

Aged persons who have had a lifetime of religious activity are better adjusted socially and emotionally than those who have not been religious.

This was the theme of an address by Dr. F. Stuart Chapin, professor of sociology at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Chapin was the featured speaker at a week-long institute on social research sponsored by the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Utah.

The noted sociologist said that aged people who have a decided religious background "feel greater security and are more likely to contribute to the general welfare of the community in their failing years" than those without religious background.

Report Minority of Romans Attend Mass Regularly

An intensive inquiry conducted by parish priests in Rome, under the auspices of the Diocesan Catechist Commission, revealed that only 400,000 Romans attended Sunday Mass regularly out of a population of 1,800,000.

Another 400,000 failed to attend Mass because they were either "too young, too old or too busy," a Commission member disclosed. This meant, he said, that about 1,000,000 Catholics of Rome deliberately ignored their religious duties.

The Commission member also said that in one parish there were 8,000 children but only 500 of them attended catechism classes.

"The problem now," he said, "is to find the means to bring back to religious practices the mass of people who described themselves as Catholics but who actually lead a semi-pagan life."

A Smile or Two

The city man had purchased a home in a small community. One day as he browsed about his yard, he found the bodies of two baby birds that had fallen from a nest. He proceeded to bury them in the garden under the critical gaze of his neighbor's five-year-old son. When he had finished, the youngster looked at him strangely.

"What a dopey thing to do!" the boy said scornfully. "They won't grow."

Watson chided his bachelor friend for not marrying. "Time is skipping along, you know," he said, "and you may get left."

"Nonsense," his friend scoffed. "There are plenty of fish in the sea."

"True," replied Watson—"but has it ever occurred to you that the bait may be getting a bit stale?"

Mrs. Grigsby was worried because she had not heard for several weeks from her son at boarding school. Eventually she received this letter: "Dear Mother: They are making us write to our parents. Love, Jack."

The following letter was received by the Community Fund in one city:

"Gentlemen: Enclosed find my check for \$2. You'll pardon me for not signing it, but I want to remain anonymous.—A Friend."

"I'm going to give you the maximum punishment," the judge announced to a crestfallen defendant. "I'm not going to put you in our nice jail. I'm going to let you go free and worry about taxes, shortages, unemployment, politics, war, and the high cost of living—just like the rest of us."

"Society finds its level in a street car, doesn't it?"

"Well, it shows how many people who think themselves in good standing are merely hangers-on."

An elderly couple came into the restaurant and ordered two dinners. The waitress was surprised when the old man began to eat his meal while the old lady just sat there looking out the window—"Aren't you hungry?" she asked the woman. "Sure am," was the reply, "but I've got to wait till Pa gets through with the teeth."

Young wife: "What is this ticket, darling?"

Hubby: "Only a pawn ticket."

Young Wife: "Why didn't you get two so we both could go?"

A philosopher once said: "A work well done never needs doing over." He evidently never pulled weeds in the garden.

Minister: "Good morning, Mrs. Brown. I see you are taking a tramp into the country."

Mrs. Brown: "A tramp, indeed! I'd have you know this is my husband."

"Ed, how is your uncle?" "Well, the old man is nearing the end."

"I'll stop by and see him sometime today."

"Suit yourself, he won't know you; the doctor says he'll be in that kimona for the rest of the time."

News From Baptist Press

Southern Baptist Financial Report

Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary, Nashville, reports for the month of March an increase in Cooperative Program receipts over March 1951 of \$348,540.10. Designated gifts for March were \$430,192.97 less than designated gifts for March 1951. However, the Lottie Moon offering from Texas has not yet been received. It is expected to reach one million dollars which will put the designated gifts far in excess of March 1951.

Total gifts for March, including both Cooperative Program and designations, amount to \$4,093,975.44. The total for March 1952 was \$81,652.87 less than for March 1951. Again, this smaller figure for 1952 is explained by the fact that the Texas Lottie Moon offering has not been received.

Arkansas Baptists And The Cooperative Program

Arkansas Baptists have given over \$40,000 more to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention during the first three months of 1952 than for the same period last year, making gifts this year total \$92,721, according to figures from the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee in Nashville.

In addition to Cooperative Program gifts which include the March contribution of \$26,842, another \$74,324 has been given for designated causes, the report showed.

The grand total of both Cooperative Program and designated gifts for March was \$29,666, bringing the year's total to date to \$167,046.

The \$675,600 received from all states through the Cooperative Program in March brought the year's total to date to \$2,200,867, an increase of 18.82 per cent over the Cooperative Program gifts during the same three months last year.

Several states have raised their Cooperative Program gifts to a higher bracket when compared with last year, with California jumping nearly 100 per cent. Arkansas and Florida have upped their gifts more than 50 per cent thus far while Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi are near the one-third mark in increases for the year.

Designated gifts for the month amounting to \$334,373 brought the total for the year in designated contributions to \$1,893,108. This figure is about 18 per cent lower than designated gifts for the first three months of last year due to a delay in the Lottie Moon offering receipts from Texas. The Texas designation when received will near \$1,000,000 and will raise total designations far above last year's mark, Mr. Routh said.

In March Southern Baptists gave through both the Cooperative Program and designations a total of \$1,009,973 to the support of Convention-wide agencies and causes. This makes the over-all total gifts add up to \$4,093,975 thus far in the year. Again, the delayed offering from Texas causes the grand total to be 1.96 per cent below last year's total of \$4,175,628 through March.

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Never let a difficulty stop you—it may be only sand on your track to prevent your skidding.

—Copied.

Ridgecrest Date For Religious Education Workers

The annual meeting of the Southeastern Religious Education Association will be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Wednesday and Thursday, July 9-10, 1952. As planned in previous years this meeting convenes immediately following the third Sunday School week and prior to the first Training Union Week.

Educational Directors, Youth Workers, Music Directors, Associational Workers, Educational and Church Secretaries . . . make your Ridgecrest plans this year to include the fellowship, inspiration and information of this meeting. Program plans and personalities will be announced at a later date.

Billy Graham Invited To London in 1954

British church leaders have invited Evangelist Billy Graham and his team to London for a city-wide campaign in 1954, according to reports from a recent conference on evangelism in London which brought together more than 800 pastors, evangelists and church officers.

Graham was the principle speaker for the conference March 20. He spoke for an hour and a half on the "current interest in evangelism in America," and followed his message by a lengthy question and answer period.

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Oklahoma Baptist University Now Fully Accredited

Full academic accreditation of Oklahoma Baptist University was announced recently from Chicago by Dr. Norman Burns, secretary of the North Central Association for Colleges and Secondary Schools and by Dr. John W. Raley, president of the university.

This action means that the full recognition of degrees granted and work done in both the college of liberal arts and the college of fine arts will be given by all colleges and universities in the United States and abroad.

Approval of the accrediting association came eight months after the application was submitted last August 1. Dr. James R. Scales, vice president, was assigned the responsibility for initiating early in 1951 an elaborate self survey to be presented to the association. The university was cited by the investigators for its "objectivity and honesty in making and presenting the survey." Eleven separate committees worked throughout the summer months on this project doing research and writing reports submitted to the board of review in Chicago. Later a 676 page report was submitted answering specific questions from the officers of the accrediting agency. An inspecting team was sent to the campus in mid-January and the board of review took final action in Chicago late Wednesday afternoon.

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"One pound of learning requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it."

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"Many a man throws his tongue into high gear and on into overdrive before he ever gets his brain started."

P. O. A. U. Opposes Appropriation For Vatican Mission

"Not one penny of U. S. taxpayers' money should be appropriated" for the maintenance of any kind of U. S. diplomatic relations with the Vatican, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Clarence D. Cannon (D., Mo.) was told yesterday (Wednesday, March 26) in a telegram from Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU). George W. Perkins, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, was reported by United Press on March 25 as having testified before a closed session of the House committee that a \$70,000 appropriation would be needed to cover the salaries of six United States and four local job-holders, "and for the official residence expenses of a small mission." The text of Archer's telegram to Chairman Cannon follows:

"Overwhelming outcry of American people against U. S. diplomatic relations with Vatican leaves no room for doubt that current state department request for \$70,000 for this purpose should be denied. This country's whole history, tradition, constitutional principle and sentiment of the people demand that not one penny of U. S. taxpayers' money should be appropriated for government recognition of any church, even though it may pretend to be a state. No matter what the 'level' of recognition—whether by means of ambassador, minister, or personal representative of the president—POAU and all believers in religious liberty will oppose all efforts to 'compromise' our heritage."

D. D. Glover Claimed By Death

David Delano Glover, member of First Church, Malvern, and for many years a deacon and teacher of the men's Bible class, passed to his eternal reward at the age of 84 on Saturday, April 5.

In addition to his activities in his local church, Mr. Glover was also interested and active in denominational affairs, having been a member of the board of trustees for Ouachita College many years. He was also a member of the Malvern Masonic Lodge, Little Rock Consistory, and Scimitar Shrine Temple.

Mr. Glover served in the state legislature from 1909 to 1911, was prosecuting attorney in his district at one time, and was United States congressman for the sixth district for three terms, 1828 to 1934. He was a practicing attorney in Malvern since 1911.

Mr. Glover was born in Prattville, January 18, 1868. He was married to Miss Roberta Quinn, December 24, 1891. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary last December 24.

Survivors, in addition to the widow, include six sons, Quinn Glover, Bernard J. Glover, David D. Glover Jr., all of Little Rock; William H. Glover, Lawson E. Glover, Malvern, and R. Julian Glover, Hot Springs; three daughters, Mrs. E. O. Kilpatrick and Mrs. George Kyle, Malvern, and Mrs. Dale McCoy, Gurdon; one brother, Pastor R. W. Glover, Sheridan.

Funeral services were conducted from First Church, Malvern, Monday at 2 p. m. in charge of Pastor Don Hook. Burial was in Malvern Cemetery.

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"The sermon is the only commodity of which the people prefer short measure."

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RECREATION—RELAXATION — REST
GOOD FUN—GOOD FELLOWSHIP—
GOOD FOOD



Dr. Carl Bates



Rose Arzoomanian



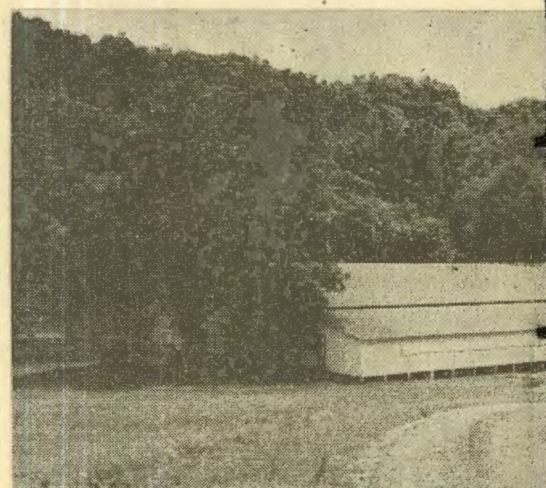
Troy V. Campbell



Mrs. E. W. Nininger



Dale Cowling



View of Assembly

SPEAKERS:—Dr. Carl Bates, pastor, First Church, Amarillo, Texas, will be the speaker for the night services. Dr. Carl Goodson, Professor of Bible, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri, will be the morning Bible Hour speaker. Both of these men are consecrated, gifted speakers, co-operating Baptists, and soul winning evangelists.

MUSICIANS:—Troy V. Campbell, music director for First Church, Houston, Texas, will direct the music. Mrs. Troy V. Campbell will serve as one of the Assembly pianists. Miss Rose Arzoomanian of Chicago, Illinois, will be the featured soloist.

RECREATION:—James Hillman Smith, pastor, First Church, Paris, will direct a complete schedule of recreation.

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

FOOD:—Despite present conditions and prices, every effort will be made to serve the best food obtainable.

Rose Arzoomanian

Miss Rose was the featured soloist at the 1951 session of the assembly, and at the State Sunday School Convention in October. She thrilled every one with her spirit-empowered singing of the gospel. She will be the featured soloist at the assembly this summer.

FULL

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- Individuals in Church _____
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- Children 5 to 10 years _____
- Cot and Mattress in Dormitory (For Married Couples) _____
- Individuals _____
- Children 5 to 10 years _____
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- Children 5 to 10 years _____
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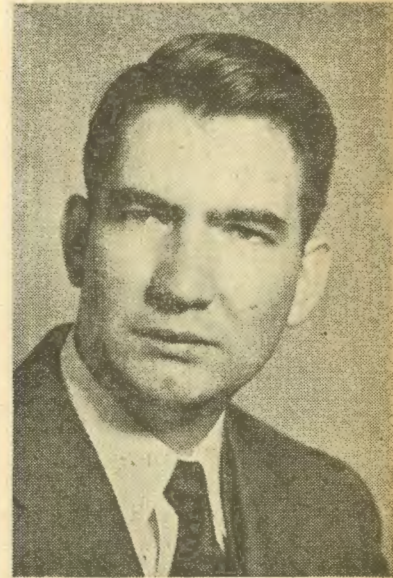
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2. Reservation fees will be accepted for those for whom reservations are made.
3. All reservations will be accepted on a "first served" basis and will be held until Tuesday, July 1, unless otherwise unclaimed at this time.
4. Send all requests and reservation fees, to Dr. Edgar William Rock.

BAPTIST STATE ASSEMBLY

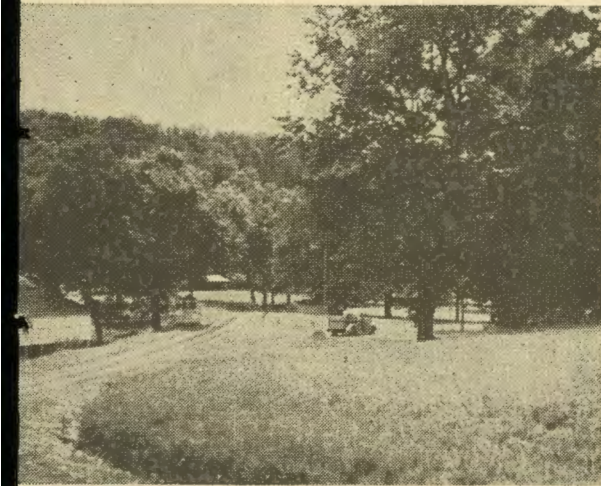
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Cot and mattresses	13.00
Inclusive	13.00
Registration and all Meals:	
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Registration and all Meals:	
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PART TIME RATES

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Meals:		
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Dinner	.75	
Supper	.60	
Per Day	1.75	
Cots, per day		.35
Mattress, per day		.35
Dormitory space, including cot and mattress,		
per day		.75
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Electric plate or grill		5.00
Electric fan		3.00
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Other electric appliances, irons, etc., each		2.00



C. W. Caldwell

RESERVATIONS

Reservations made now. Reservations accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. Reservations will be held only until 9 p. m. unless otherwise arranged. All reservations are re-assigned. Reservations, with reservation number, 215 Baptist Building, Little

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



Ralph W. Davis



Miss Nancy Cooper



Nelson F. Tull

First Church, Russellville, Employs Secretary For Student Center

By DALE COWLING, State B.S.U. Director



Joanne Williams, Knoxville, leads song service in daily prayer meeting at Student Center. Jane Bassett, Greenwood, State BSU music chairman, plays the piano. To the extreme left is Dr. John Abernethy, professor of Mathematics at Arkansas Tech.

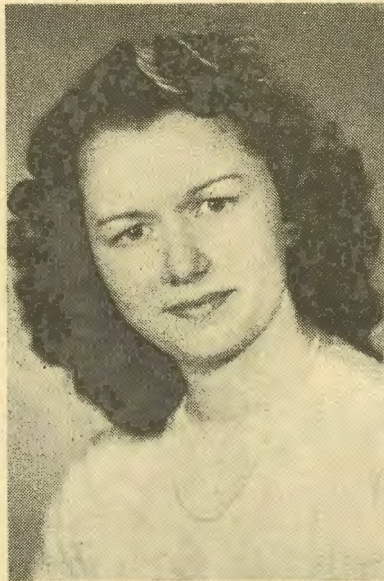


Betty Lenox, Springdale, Joanne Williams, Jane Bassett, Earline Kizer, Siloam Springs, and Guinavere Greene, Lead Hill, (left to right) hurry to class from noon prayer meeting at the Tech BSU Center.

Miss Bobbie Holland of Lunsford has been employed by First Church, Russellville, as BSU secretary following the completion of a student center building which the church constructed adjacent to the campus of Arkansas Polytechnic College. Miss Holland, a senior at Ouachita College until the beginning of the spring semester, is now enrolled as a special student at Arkansas Tech where she will graduate this spring with a degree in education.

Only a year ago we were reaching not more than six or eight people in the daily devotional periods at Arkansas Tech and the work seemed very discouraging. Since then God has used the pastor of the Russellville church and a faculty advisor to work miracles. Pastor W. E. Speed caught a vision of opportunities in student work and Mr. Theodore Garrison of the English Department, and a deacon in First Church, Russellville, joined hearts and hands in promoting the building of the student center and the employment of a student secretary. Through the goodness of God and the co-operation of the people of First Church, Russellville, the center has been completed and a secretary employed.

The student center was completed and dedicated last September. It was designed by a student, Dean Wilkerson of Searcy, from suggestions by the director of the department of student work of the State



Bobbie Holland, Lunsford, student in Education at Arkansas Tech, is the new BSU secretary.

Convention. The building consists of a 15 by 30 foot combined auditorium and recreation room, a 10 by 15 foot lounge, wash rooms, an office, two prayer rooms, and a fully equipped kitchen.

Some of the furnishings for the building have been donated by the members of First Church, Russellville. Other furnishings have been built by students and the vocational training groups on the college campus and others purchased by voluntary contributions. The Russellville church has an item of \$1,200 in its budget for the maintenance of a program of work among the college students for the current year. Approximately 225 of the students are either Baptists or express a preference for the Baptists.

Daily prayer services, with attendance of thirty to forty, are held in the auditorium; and students make liberal use of the prayer rooms, the lounge, and the kitchen. A folding ping-pong table, books, magazines, and lounge furniture also attract students to the center for recreational leisure.

Since Arkansas Polytechnic College is in a section of Russellville several blocks from the nearest Baptist church, the First Church also uses the student center as a mission church on Sundays. Woodrow Wilder is superintendent of the mission Sunday School which had three classes with an enrolment of twenty-one and a total attendance of twenty-four on the fourth Sunday after its organization. Baptist students at Tech who are interested in doing mission work are serving on the music and teaching staff of the new mission Sunday School.



Don Valentine, Bates, has no trouble holding the interest of his audience at BSU social.



John Henry Hawkins and Hoyt Goodner, Waldron, and Jean Smith, Clinton, pop corn and make fudge in the BSU Center.

A Visit With Roger Babson

By MRS. J. W. HALL, Little Rock

Mr. Roger Babson, one of America's outstanding financiers, is 77 years of age, physically and mentally alert, a great Christian who is keenly interested in people and willing to share with them the knowledge he has gained during his long and eventful life.

I talked with Mr. Babson at length a few weeks ago, and he made some statements that so impressed me and were of such inspiration to my life that I want to share them with others. From the notes I made I shall try to recapture his words and attempt to describe his courteous manner and his gracious hospitality.

Lake Wales

My visit with him came about in this way. I was visiting my son, Dr. Andrew Hall, who lives in Lake Wales, Florida, and who is the pastor of First Baptist Church there. Lake Wales has many prominent winter residents who come to enjoy the mild climate, numerous lakes, and beautiful orange groves in that region. Most of these prominent and wealthy winter residents, including Roger Babson, live in exclusive Mountain Lake, an area of beautiful estates, private golf course, and community clubhouse, where tourists and town folk alike are prohibited from entering by a uniformed guard at the entrance gates. Mr. Babson has spent twenty-seven winters in Lake Wales and the people of the community regard him as a local "boy."

My son decided that he would like to meet Roger Babson. He believed that if he could talk with Mr. Babson, who is a noted philanthropist and Christian, it would be helpful to him in his ministry. He wrote him a short informal note asking for an interview. The very next morning Mr. Babson called personally to invite my son to come that very afternoon. I answered the telephone and when I told him that I was Dr. Hall's mother he said, "You come along too, if you are interested in flowers. I'll be happy to show you around."

Wealthy Estates

Our appointment was for four o'clock in the afternoon. On the way to the Babson home we passed many beautiful estates. My son pointed out the homes of such notables as the Hershey's, of candy bar fame; the Hinds, known for hand lotion; the late Edward Bok, the donor of the famed Bok Tower; and many others. When we arrived at the Babson estate we found it surrounded by a high brick wall with large wooden gates standing open.

Mr. Babson was sitting in front of what he calls his workshop, but which in reality is a very lovely replica of an old Spanish castle. The building is covered with the beautiful fire vine so prevalent in Florida. He came forward with a friendly greeting and I was immediately impressed by his piercing blue eyes which have a very friendly expression. He was very simply dressed in a white shirt, bright bow tie, and the gray sweater and felt hat usually associated with gardeners. He tends his gardens with the help of only one colored gardener and takes great pride in exhibiting them. The most unusual thing about his appearance is a tuft of gray hair sticking from each ear. This is a grief to the local barbers, I am told, but he refuses to have them cut. He explains his refusal by saying that the

Lord put them there for a purpose and there they are going to stay.

Tour of Gardens

We began our tour of the gardens by ascending a corridor of stone steps. Mr. Babson named the various tropical plants as we passed them and told us something of each. He talked with vigor and seldom stopped talking during our entire visit. He paused to rest occasionally on a stone bench placed near the beautiful fountains we passed. On one of these benches was a plant seemingly growing from the stone. He explained that it was an air plant. "Wouldn't it be wonderful," he asked, "if some one could invent a food from air plants so that people or animals could derive some benefit from them?"



As our tour took us past a fountain, I noticed a large turtle. I asked if it were real. "No," he replied, "my father gave me that turtle many years ago as an object lesson. His words to me I have never forgotten. He said, 'Son, remember the turtle never gets anywhere until he sticks his neck out.'"

His Workshop

We then entered what Mr. Babson calls his workshop. The room we entered was large with a high, hand painted ceiling. There was a huge fire place at one end of the room. There were oriental rugs on the floor, and the room was furnished in an attractive mixture of modern and antique furniture. Dominating the entire room was a large table placed in the center. This table faced the picture windows overlooking one of the beautiful lakes of the area. Without being told anyone could discern that the table belonged to a writer. With a lovely smile Mr. Babson selected an autographed copy of one of his books and presented it to my son. The book title is "Before Making Important Decisions."

The work shop seemed to be filled with books. I commented on the large number of books and the variety of subjects. Mr. Babson explained that he had moved 1,000 of his rarest books into the work shop as he believed they would "be safer there. He commented that in this atomic age, one cannot be assured of safety in any location.

Mr. Babson invited us to be seated in comfortable lounge chairs and he continued his running fire of comments. He touched lightly on many subjects. He spoke of

free enterprise and the communist form of government. He used the bees and the squirrels in his garden as an example of creatures living together in perfect peace with plenty for all. One of us asked what would happen if the squirrels decided to take the bee's honey. He replied: "I am sure the squirrels would get stung."

Advice to Young People

We moved out into lawn chairs in front of the work shop and it was then that the opportunity arose for my son to ask the question which had prompted his visit. "What advice, Mr. Babson, could you give to me, a young minister, to pass on to my young people that would be of help to them in these days of unrest, uncertainty, and confusion?"

This is Mr. Babson's reply.

"Do not try to satisfy hungry hearts with a social gospel. Make sure your people know and experience the new birth, then other problems will adjust themselves. Jesus isn't particularly interested in many things we fret about, for example the denomination we affiliate with. I am a member of the Congregationalist Church because my parents were. That is the reason about 75 per cent of the people give for their choice of a denomination. My mother was a devout Christian and took me to many of her meetings when I was small. One incident that I recall is my mother running down the stairs, putting on her bonnet as she ran, hurrying to church. My father called to her saying: 'Nellie, slow down, don't run ahead of God.'

Teach Religion

"I think parents should teach children religion. I also think they should teach them to do things around the home instead of having to send them to home economics classes and agricultural schools. I am deeply grateful to my parents and the Sunday School teachers who taught me to memorize Bible verses. Young people who fail to do this are missing an important part of their education. I am also indebted to the church because it attempted to direct my life in the right direction early in life. It also helped me to find good friends. All young people should make some church the center of their social life and there also look for a life partner. When I employ a person I always give first consideration to those with happy church relationships.

"Many people strive and sacrifice to accumulate material possessions but do not take time to accumulate faith, and they miss the most important possession of all."

Our time for departure had come but before we left the grand old gentleman cut for each of us one of his beautiful camellias. He lingered beside our car as if loath to have us leave.

As we drove away, I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving for the privilege of living in a country which produces men like Roger Babson.

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Do you know a book that you are willing to put under your head when dying? Very well; that is the book you want to study when you are living. There is only one such Book in the world.

—Joseph Cook.

State Library Clinic



MISS VIRGINIA ELY

The STATE LIBRARY CLINIC will be held at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, May 1-2. It will be of vital interest to Church Librarians, Library committee members, Library staff personnel, pastors, and all who are interested in making the Church library a success.

Miss Virginia Ely, librarian in Fort Worth, and author of the new and popular devotional book "ADORATION," will be on the program. Miss Ely is a graduate of the Southwestern Seminary. She was engaged in denominational work in the Southern Baptist Convention prior to becoming librarian at the United States Public Health Service Hospital, Fort Worth, and has been active in the Texas Poetry Society. She is also the author of the anthology, "I QUOTE."

Other out-of-state personnel will be Mrs. Lillian Tisinger, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Andrew Allen, Dallas. Mrs. Tisinger is Church Library Consultant in the Baptist Book Store in Oklahoma

City. She has been working with the Church Library Service of the Sunday School Board ever since it was organized in 1945. She has done a magnificent job in organizing libraries and promoting Church library work in her state.

Mrs. Andrew Allen, from Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, will speak on Library Publicity and Promotion. Mrs. Allen has a dynamic personality and knows how to get the Church library before the church. She has seen the library in her own church grow from a small closet room to a large library.

Mrs. D. C. McAtee, who is a trained librarian, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, will have charge of the conference on cataloging. Mrs. McAtee organized a successful library in Second Church, Pine Bluff, while her husband was pastor of that church and since going to Fort Smith a few months ago, she has moved the library to a more appropriate location, installed new fixtures, reclassified and catalogued 1,000 books.

One of the outstanding features of the clinic will be a banquet, Thursday evening, May 1. Dr. K. O. White, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, will speak on the subject, "THE CHURCH LOOKS TO THE LIBRARY FOR SPIRITUAL HELPS."

Miss Ely will tell of her interesting experiences as an author. Tickets for the banquet will be \$1.25; reservation should be sent as soon as possible to Mrs. C. L. Randall, Baptist Book Store, 303 W. Capitol, Little Rock.

Bed and breakfast will be furnished by the Little Rock churches.

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James Harris, pastor of Beech Street Church in Texarkana, told of a small town in which the church caught fire. This town had a professed atheist who was seen at the fire by a deacon of the church. Thinking this an opportunity to get next to the man the deacon said, "Isn't this the first time I've ever seen you at our church?" To which the atheist countered, "Yes, I believe it is. This is the first time I've ever seen this church on fire."

Perhaps that is the reason that not only atheists, but the average lost man of our community is so seldom seen in our services. Our church needs to "get on fire!"

—Jesse Reed.

Correction

Students must furnish bed linens for the BSU Retreat at Camp Couchdale, April 25-27. Blankets and pillows are provided by the camp.

The Ever Present Christ

By JEWELL G. LORTON

Christ walks today.
Perhaps his step is not so loud
As the tramp of Tyranny's bloody crowd,
But seas of gore can never wash

His prints away.
Christ speaks today.
All through the din and curdling cry
Of Wars and woes of those who die,
His voice still pleads in accents sweet,

"I am the Way."
Christ lives today.
He walks, talks, loves and is the same
As long ago when Casear's power
Thrust on Him that anguished hour.
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With the brother that is weaker;
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Including Missions	1729	586	2
Fort Smith, First	1428	573	15
Including Missions	1582	620	
Little Rock, First	1100	472	
El Dorado, First	1049	263	7
Including Mission	1141	310	
No. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	963	301	
Including Mission	1022	321	
Little Rock, Second	903	202	3
Pine Bluff, South Side	771	277	13
Fayetteville, First	714	304	2
El Dorado, Immanuel	660	330	5
Including Mission	711	377	
McGehee, First	640	200	77
Including Missions	774	244	
Magnolia, Central	632	210	1
Including Mission	691		
Benton, First	623	109	
Including Mission	704	165	
Camden, First	590	153	6
Including Missions	945	351	
Crossett, First	588	224	4
Little Rock, Tabernacle	581	217	11
Forrest City, First	580	260	15
Hope, First	579	139	3
Siloam Springs, First	575	349	
Paragould, First	546	285	1
Including Missions	738	441	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	545	200	6
Springdale, First	532	353	11
Hot Springs, Central	527	197	5
Warren, First	503	86	
El Dorado, Second	501	233	
Fordyce, First	500	236	3
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	500	232	2
Paris, First	487	155	3
West Helena	481	147	1
Little Rock, So. Highland	470	214	4
Fort Smith, South Side	469	126	23
Cullendale, First	459	187	3
Hot Springs, Park Place	456	143	5
Fort Smith, Calvary	437	180	1
Rogers, First	430	197	12
Including Mission	486		
Stuttgart, First	426	206	
Including Mission	458	220	
Conway, First	425	124	1
Monticello, First	420	154	
El Dorado, West Side	387	145	
Hamburg, First	382	212	13
Jonesboro, Walnut Street	378	108	7
Smackover, First	372	152	
Texarkana, Calvary	357	140	5
Bauxite, First	349	163	
Pine Bluff, Second	337	123	1
Hot Springs, First	331	104	1
Mena, First	329	126	3
Including Mission	3788		
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	311	103	2
Levy	308	146	2
Bentonville, First	302	95	
Including Mission	329		
Fort Smith, Temple	301	177	
Osceola, First	299	145	
Little Rock, Calvary	294	78	
Star City, First	289	137	8
Alma, First	277	124	
Jacksonville, First	271	106	2
Including Mission	310		
Fort Smith, Spradling	267	135	
Gentry, First	266	182	
Gurdon, Beech St.	258	117	1
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	254	122	
Fort Smith, Trinity	252	131	
Hot Springs, Piney	242	212	2
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	239	115	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	238	168	2
Little Rock, Hebron	232	100	2
No. Little Rock, First	229	77	1
Crossett, Mount Olive	228	131	
Augusta, First	221	69	
Including Mission	293		
Carlsle, First	213	126	
El Dorado, South Side	204	84	
Dermott	189	65	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	187	98	7
Bald Knob, Central	186	67	7
Rose City, Calvary	178	86	5
Warren, Immanuel	175	150	5
Douglasville, First	172	45	1
Van Buren, Oak Grove	167	135	4
Hot Springs, Lk. Hamilton	153	59	
Nettleton	145	116	1
Little Rock, Ironton	139	111	
Sylvan Hills, First	136	68	1
Hot Springs,			
Harvey's Chapel	128	122	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	122	67	
Grannis	115	71	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	108	61	
El Dorado, Galliee	102	58	
Board Camp	93	41	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave	89	55	
Conway, Brumley's Chapel	80	80	
No. Little Rock, Grace	78	31	3
Little Rock, Biddle	76	52	2
El Paso	76	46	
Little Rock, Markham St.	70	40	
Greenwood, Temple	70		
Hatfield	69	38	
No. Little Rock, Peoples	66	51	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	58	35	
No. Little Rock, Harmony	47	40	
Mansfield, Calvary			
Mission	41	39	1
Vinny Ridge, Immanuel	20	37	

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Making the presentation is Chaplain Fredericke P. Loman. Looking on are Mrs. J. L. Howle, treasurer of the Hospital Auxiliary, left; and Mrs. J. M. Campbell, president.

Mr. Loman said at the presentation, "It is indeed appropriate that we should encourage religious interest in our children by starting them out in life with a copy of the most precious book ever written."

Heart Disease and Alcohol

Pointing out that the death rate from diseases of the heart had increased from 137.4 per 100,000 persons in 1900, to 321.5 per 100,000 persons by 1945, the American Business Men's Research Foundation, in a release of appraisals made by that organization, asserts that, "Despite opinions to the contrary, alcohol is a very definite factor in the increase of heart diseases.

"The corresponding increase in deaths from disease of the heart, from 1934-1945, was 33.7 per cent (i.e. 240.3 to 321.5 deaths per 100,000).

"Although alcohol has a direct effect on the heart, and is used in the treatment of certain forms of heart disease, science has discovered a number of proven drugs as efficient (or more so) as alcohol, for certain coronary diseases.

"In a recent appraisal of the

doubtful value of alcohol in heart cases, Dr. Andrew C. Ivy warns that, 'alcohol may be a large contributor to the steadily mounting list of deaths from that cause.

"The potential dangers in the use of alcohol lie in the fact that it may cause excitement or over exertion, and a deterioration of judgment, as well as habit forming through temporary euphoria which it produces'."

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The best way to get people to tithe is to start when they are children. Habits formed in childhood are apt to continue. "Train up a child in the way he should go."

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Golden Gate Considers New Seminary Site

Guy Rutland of Decatur, Georgia, chairman of financial investment of the Golden Gate Seminary trustees, visited Berkeley March 25-28 to continue investigation of a 97-acre site for the seminary. The new campus area in the Berkeley hills is under consideration as a permanent location for Golden Gate Seminary.

Trustee action on the proposed site is expected at the board's annual meeting at the Miami convention May 13, according to Mr. Rutland. The trustees anticipate building a school to accommodate 1,000 students.

Architects are now working on details of the new site with the aid of photographs and contour maps. Mr. Rutland said that an architectural and estimating report will be submitted to the

trustees at Miami, Florida, May 13.

Mr. Rutland stated that if the proposed property is accepted, they hope to begin construction of buildings on the new campus in 1953. In the meantime, temporary dormitory facilities for both room and board will be provided for students near the present downtown Berkeley location. These will be secured for the 1952 fall semester.

The Golden Gate Seminary luncheon at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla., will be on Wednesday, May 14, at 1:00 p. m. The luncheon is to be served at the Dinner Key Terrace Restaurant, near the Dinner Key Exposition Hall, site of the convention.

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Sixty-third Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union

A total of 1,269 persons registered at the Sixty-third Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union which was held at First Church, El Dorado, April 1-3. Mrs. G. E. Snuggs, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the El Dorado Church, was general chairman in charge of arrangements, and brought greetings at the opening session. Dr. Sam Reeves, pastor of the host church, also welcomed the group to El Dorado. The theme, **REDEEMING THE TIME**, was emphasized by every speaker and each session was keyed by the reading of a different version of Colossians 4:2-5, from which the theme was chosen.

Following the organization on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. T. Shad Medlin, assisted by Mrs. Hill Williams, Fort Smith and Mrs. Roy Hopper, conducted the first worship period. Mrs. Medlin, formerly Josephine Riley of El Dorado and now of Richmond, Virginia, led all the worship periods and closed the Annual Meeting with a charge to the officers and board members chosen to serve the organization.

The president, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, presided over all sessions and during the opening one brought a challenging message on the theme, **REDEEMING THE TIME**.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Dr. M. Ray McKay, Arkansas member of the Foreign Mission Board, and pastor of Second Church, Little Rock, shared observations made on a recent world tour which took him into many of the fields where Baptists do mission work. Particularly did he present the conditions and the challenge of the Orient.

Other missionary speakers, including Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, missionary to Chile; and Mrs. Carl Hunker, missionary to the Orient; and Mrs. B. Frank Belvin, representing the Home Mission work, spoke at various sessions picturing conditions on the fields which they represent. Mrs. Hunker used slides during her message on Wednesday night and made the group conscious of the cause of world conditions as being failure to send the gospel and the cure as being evangelization. Although the situation presented by her and Mrs. Culpepper were dark, each left with their hearers a note of encouragement if the message of salvation is sent quickly.

Mrs. William McMurry of Birmingham, Alabama, Southwide Mission Study Director, discussed the aims and purposes of mission study. She said that the study of missions can "push back the horizons of minds concerning the culture and customs of other people; help remove racial preju-

dice; create an urge to do something to meet needs." She challenged the women to their opportunity of service during these days of uncertainty. Mrs. Culpepper's experience in a land where Catholicism is the religion of State should awaken us to the menace of a church dominated government.

YOUTH PAGEANT

Tuesday night, 150 young people and adults of Liberty Association participated in a pageant depicting the growth of missionary organizations, and the type of work promoted by each. A month by month presentation of plans gave an impetus and presented the scope of plans for each organization. Mrs. B. A. Schene and Miss Exie Seright were in charge of the pageant.

On Wednesday afternoon, emphasis was given to organizational activities as Mrs. Ralph Douglas, Community Missions Chairman, briefly reported activities during the past year, and Mrs. Ford Maggard, Stewardship Chairman, told of activities promoted by her. Mrs. Douglas introduced Mr. D. J. Blaylock, Narcotics Education Consultant, who spoke to her report, and Dr. B. L. Bridges, General Secretary of Arkansas Baptists, was presented by Mrs. Maggard. He spoke on Arkansas Baptists Honor Debt and urged full support by individuals and organizations.

Detailed reports of the activities of Arkansas W.M.U. were given on Wednesday morning by Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary and treasurer, and by Miss Doris DeVault, Young People's secretary. Figures revealed by their reports have already been published. Many victories were reported. However, Miss Cooper called attention to the need of retaining new organizations and fostering new organizations in order to retain the advances noted. She brought many comparisons of present enlistment with that of ten and five years ago. The greatest advance is noted in the realm of financial gifts. The total accounted for by her as State W. M. U. Treasurer was \$162,381.09. This figure covered the report for the calendar year 1951.

Mission study classes reported during the last organizational year totaled 3,269, a large increase over the 1,991 reported ten years ago. The total number of tithers has more than doubled, the present total being 9,292, with 4,005 reported ten years ago. New tithers reported last year were 2,373 with only 611 reported ten years ago. Special mission offerings have increased four times their total of ten years ago.

Special activities during the

convention included a banquet on Tuesday evening for Young Woman's Auxiliary, which was attended by 212 young women and counselors from over the state. Miss Doris DeVault was toastmistress and presented an interesting program on the theme "April Showers." On Wednesday morning the Baptist Book Store was hostess to nearly a hundred at a Mission Study Breakfast held at the Garrett Hotel. Mrs. R. H. Jones, State Mission Study chairman, presided over the program and was introduced by Miss Dolly Hiatt, representative of the Baptist Book Store. Mrs. William McMurry, Southwide Mission Study Director, was the featured speaker. On Wednesday evening, the State B.W.C. Federation, met for the annual banquet. An interesting program was presented by Mrs. Lucille Reynolds, State President. Mrs. J. C. Fuller of Little Rock was elected State Adviser.

The annual meeting of the Executive Board was held Tuesday morning preceding the opening of the annual meeting and was presided over by Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, president. The two major items of business were the recommendation for election of Mrs. J. E. Short as State Margaret Fund Chairman, and Mrs. S. W. Eubanks as State Training School Trustee. These recommendations will be sent to the nominating committee of Southern Woman's Missionary Union and their election will be confirmed at the Southern W.M.U.

OFFICERS FOR 1952

At the closing session Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Little Rock, presented the report of the Nominating Committee and the following officers and Board members were chosen to serve the organization: President, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Danville; Vice-President, Mrs. J. R. Grant, Little Rock; Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Nancy Cooper, Little Rock; Young People's Secretary, Miss Doris DeVault, Little Rock; Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. L. Bridges, Little Rock; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. A. Whitlow, Hope; Auditor, Mrs. H. M. Keck, Fort Smith; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. R. H. Jones, Osceola; Community Mis-

sions Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Douglas, Helena; Stewardship Chairman, Miss Elma Cobb, Keo; Hospital Supplies, Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Little Rock; Christian Education, Mrs. H. L. Robinson, Jonesboro; Orphan's Home, Mrs. T. C. Deal, Monticello; Margaret Fund, Mrs. J. E. Short, Pine Bluff; Training School Trustee, Mrs. S. W. Eubanks, DeQueen; Advisory Board Southwestern, Mrs. E. A. Ingram, Little Rock; Advisory Board, New Orleans Seminary, Mrs. John Dodge, Hot Springs.

The eight district presidents are: Central, Mrs. J. C. Long, Hot Springs; West Central, Mrs. Faber L. Tyler, Ozark; Southeast, Mrs. H. C. Terry, Pine Bluff; Southwest, Mrs. Max N. McEachern, Magnolia; North Central, Mrs. Irl Paul, Mountain Home; Northeast, Mrs. J. E. Bowen, Paragould; Northwest, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Springdale; and East Central, Mrs. R. E. Low, Brinkley.

The following are Board Members who terms expire in 1953: Mrs. Paul Brown, Lonoke; Mrs. S. H. Daggett, Bauxite; Mrs. Buford Bracy, Little Rock; Mrs. A. L. Greenwell, Wilson; Mrs. Roy S. Snider, Smackover; Mrs. Wilbur Herring, Little Rock; Mrs. W. P. Jones, Arkadelphia; Mrs. M. P. Matheny, El Dorado. Terms expiring 1954 are: Mrs. Lawson Hatfield, Little Rock; Mrs. E. P. J. Garrott, Batesville; Mrs. C. W. Hall, Greenwood; Mrs. Calvin Jones, North Little Rock; Mrs. Eugene Ridgeway, Newport; Mrs. J. C. Spotts, West Memphis; Mrs. W. J. Stout, Little Rock; Mrs. J. D. Yerby, Little Rock. Terms expiring 1955 are: Mrs. Minor Cole, Dumas; Miss Dollie Hiatt, Little Rock; Mrs. Bernie Selph, Benton; Mrs. Clarence Roberts, Sr., Pine Bluff; Mrs. J. S. Rogers, Conway; Mrs. K. Owen White, Little Rock; Mrs. James Harris, Texarkana; Mrs. Eula Moore, Harrison. The B.W.C. Adviser elected was Mrs. J. C. Fuller of Little Rock.

First Church, Little Rock, will be host to the 1953 meeting, April 7-9.

For the 1952 Annual Meeting Mrs. M. P. Matheny, El Dorado, was general program chairman, and serving with her were Mrs. Wilbur Herring, Little Rock; Mrs. John L. Dodge, Hot Springs; Miss Elma Cobb, Keo, and Mrs. K. Owen White, Little Rock.

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Jesus And The Law

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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Early in His ministry Jesus announced in Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy but to fulfill." Yet, He was looked upon as a law breaker and transgressor of the law of Moses throughout His ministry. Let us consider from another point of view: The Jews looked for a Messiah; a super-human deliverer and political leader; one to deliver them from the power of Rome and rebuild the illustrious kingdom which Israel had known under the reign of David. Yet, when they condemned Jesus to die—their charge was treason! He was dangerous to the established government. Their charge was that He desired to be king of the Jews and overthrow Caesar. How very inconsistent they were. They desired political freedom and national glory on the one hand, but they rejected the spiritual feature on the other. The whole conflict between the Jews and Jesus during His personal ministry was spiritual.

Jesus knew the law of Moses and kept it; the very fact that they did not charge Him at His trial for breaking the law was because they knew He had not broken it.

God is Lord of the material and physical, the things Israel desired, but He must be approached through the spiritual. "God is a spirit and they who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." Israel should have known these theological truths better than anybody, but they recognized nothing but the legality of the law, knowing nothing of the spirit of it. For 1500 years they had known and outwardly kept the law of Moses. Jesus pronounced a blessing upon the law abiding citizens in this lesson (Matt. 5:19), but a warning went with it: "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no case enter the kingdom of heaven."

RIGHTEOUSNESS MUST BE INTERNAL

We are forced to one conclusion: Keeping laws and obeying written ordinances is not necessarily righteousness. Outward manifestations of goodness are insufficient. The person who expects to enter heaven must have something more; that is a regenerated heart. The law of righteousness, the righteousness of God, must be planted in the heart, not just in the mind.

Sunday School Lesson for

April 20, 1952

Matthew 5:17-20;
Mark 10:17-22

Righteousness by virtue of its existence supercedes all law; there is no law over righteousness. The laws of the land have no more power over true righteousness than it has over the law of life and death; each is a law unto itself. No human being can order life; it belongs to God, to give, to withhold, or to withdraw. No one can order death except by murder. Satan, with all his power, does not have the power of death, taking Job for an example. Death is an instrument of the Creator to be used when, where, and however, He pleases. Neither can any man or law order righteousness. It, too, must come from God. Man can keep a law; acquit himself as a gentleman; be ever so correct morally; but true righteousness exceeds from a regenerated heart. That truth was the foundation of all doctrine as delivered by the Christ. And from that truth, all righteousness must proceed to an outward manifestation.

When the human race fell into sin, the seed of sin and death was planted in the nature of each being who would ever be born of Adam. It is a proven fact that all have sinned, and shall die. God gave the law of Moses to teach men the exceeding sinfulness of sin. The law then was a school teacher; a standard of God's righteousness to reveal man's unrighteousness.

We place black and white side by side for contrast. Black appears blacker beside a snow bank. When the sin blackened sinner is placed beside the snow whiteness of God's standard of perfection—as revealed in the law—the contrast should make us tremble. The contrast is intended to turn one's heart and mind to God, and God has not left the sinner in despair. The law of sin and death was planted by Adam, without our consent; God sent His Son to dwell among sinners to point them to the way of life, and by the eternal Spirit of God, He plants the seed of life and the law of love in the innermost being of each who will trust Him for eternal life.

LAW VERSUS GRACE

Under grace the individual becomes free; he is surrounded by constant manifestations of the love of God. He is the recipient of untold spiritual blessings. The Holy Spirit takes up His abode in the heart of the Christian as Comforter and Guide, a token, a seal of God's promise to perfect that life to its ultimate goal—

its eternal home in glory.

ALL THIS IS IN CONTRAST, if you please, to the law. The law said do or die. Grace says believe and live. The law said break a commandment and be stoned to death. Christ says, "Though you break a commandment, you need not die." There is a balm in Gilead—there is a fountain filled with blood! The law points the finger of scorn at the sinner with condemnation; grace says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to him that believeth." Paul said if life could have been given through law, Christ would not have died for our sins. But law is the symbol of judgment, even of death; grace shines forth with the glory of light and life. Righteousness has no quarrel with law; it supercedes all law; it knows no law but the law of love. Righteousness is the same distance above law as God is above man.

SIN DEMANDS LAW

Law is a must because sin abounds. It has always been wrong to lie, steal, curse, commit adultery, worship idols, and so on; and it must ever be so. The ten commandments did not make those things sinful—they were wrong a thousand years before the commandments were written. The commandments only call our attention to God's attitude toward sin. So then, law demands order. And the law has no jurisdiction over Christians

unless they become disorderly, lest they forget who they are and what is their calling. Jesus said, "Behold I give unto you a new commandment—love." If we loved God as we should, and loved our neighbors as ourselves, we would have no trouble in living above reproach, nor would we be slack in our services to Him who died that we might know love.

The rich young ruler who came to Jesus wanted to do something for salvation; Jesus reminded him of the Jewish standard, the ten commandments; but the youth insisted that he had kept the commandments from his childhood. Why then did he come to Jesus for additional work to do? He was not satisfied with his own standard of perfection. He knew within his heart he lacked something, and that something was regeneration.

But in truth the young man was an idolator. His god was wealth. He had not kept the first commandment. And when Jesus endeavored to tear his idol from his heart so that he could serve the true God, he went away sorrowful, for his possessions were great; greater than his desire for eternal life.

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The Cooperative Program For The First Quarter

We have received enough money during the first quarter of the year to finance the 1952 state budget for the quarter. We do not mean to say that all of the agencies are getting all that their work really needs and demands. They are not. We must do better in the future, but we started out to say that thus far this year the churches are supplying the amount of money needed to meet the budgetary allocations. We closed the first quarter out of the red and have a comfortable balance against any eventuality or lean month. We thank the Lord and the churches for their liberal support for the Cooperative Program. This indicates that next year we can do much better for the cause of Christ in a denominational way and we predict that we will do so. At this writing we have not had time and opportunity to determine how many churches failed to give something undesignated for the first quarter of the year. Neither have we had time to determine how much has been sent in for the purpose of rebuilding churches that were destroyed in the recent storms. We shall get to that and give reports on that later. If your church has not taken a special collection for these storm stricken churches, won't you please do so at once and send it to us. We need at least \$25,000 to help a half dozen churches build houses of worship. Some of them have no place to meet for a prayer meeting, other than in a small room of somebody's home. The smaller churches are taking collections and sending them in more than the larger churches are. We are still waiting and looking for yours. The people in the towns where these churches were destroyed or badly damaged will certainly not forget you if you have a heart of compassion at this time when not only their church building is badly damaged or totally destroyed, but also their personal belongings such as their residences have also been destroyed. Let's not forget them in this critical hour.

The Way One Pastor Is Doing It

Speaking of the collection for the saints so that they may be able to rebuild their church houses that were wrecked in the recent storms, one pastor writes us that: "The second thing I have to tell you is that these wonderful people here at Immanuel (Rogers) voted to devote their entire offerings of one Sunday in May to help our brethren rebuild their places of worship in the disaster area. We want to commend Pastor Chism for this plan to help the churches in the storm area. Brother Chism's idea that doing without something for ourselves has a special appeal to our Baptist people. It is a splendid idea. Maybe your church can approach the matter in the same manner. Let's make a large offering as soon as possible.

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It is easy to pledge obedience to God, but in our own strength we will never be able to keep the pledge.

Deacon D. D. Glover

Last week Deacon D. D. Glover, Malvern, passed to his reward. He was 84. Many people knew Mr. Glover. In his earlier life he served as Representative in the state legislature, was prosecuting attorney, and for three years represented the sixth district in the national congress. He found opportunity to serve in his native state and was a successful lawyer through the years. Upon reaching an advanced age, he retired from the practice of law, but constantly visited and stayed around the law office and found plenty of ways to occupy himself and to be of service.

Mr. Glover was a deacon and a leader in First Church, Malvern. For a number of years he served as an active leader in his church and in his denomination. He was a staunch friend of Ouachita College and sent his large family of children to Ouachita. Most of them are graduates of that great institution. Brother Glover was for a long time a member of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College and the college leaned heavily upon him and his counsel.

Judge Glover was not a negative character. The impact of his life and influence was always felt wherever he was. The contribution he made to Christianity and to the cause of public education was marked indeed. First Church in Malvern and the Baptist work in Arkansas will miss Judge Glover. We extend sympathy and prayers to his large family.

Ekrut And Mt. Olive Church

Mt. Olive Church, Mt. Olive Number Two in Ashley County, is going forward this year in a wonderful way under the leadership of Pastor R. O. Ekrut. They have baptized 18 new members and have received 18 others by letter and by statement in four months. They have put the **Arkansas Baptist** in the budget, which goes into 92 homes each week, and they have increased their contribution for Cooperative Missions from \$25 per month to \$40 per month. They are also doing something for the Honor Debt of Arkansas Baptists. Brother Ekrut writes: "I asked them to raise the Cooperative Program allocation to \$40 per month and they gladly did so." Brethren, in many instances, if the pastor will earnestly request it the church will increase its contribution for missions. Let our pastors always remember that there is a great responsibility upon us preachers as leaders right along this line. We must be good askers and good pray-ers.

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I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other; and that the taller we grew in Christian character the easier we could reach them. I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other; and that it is not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower; and that we have to go down, always down, to get His best gifts.

—F. B. Meyer.

A Criticism

We do not often criticize churches. We rather seek to boost them and to brag on them. In most instances they deserve it. We have just read, however, that in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are 4,631 churches that reported no baptisms last year. Of this number there were about 185 in Arkansas that reported no baptisms. We did not have that many that refused to contribute to missions, but we did have that many that reported no baptisms. Brethren, this is a crying shame. What is the matter with a church that goes a whole year without a baptism? Something is terribly wrong. Prayer is needed—much prayer. It seems also that our State Convention needs a department of Evangelism that can undergird the work of soul-winning and encourage churches especially such as these 185 churches to win souls to Christ. This is the primary duty and privilege of a church.

Another Church Damaged In The Storm

At this writing we have just received a report from Wattensaw, stating that New Hope Church building was badly damaged in the storm. We regret that we did not know this when we first began to make a survey of the damage to church buildings. This makes the sixth church that we will need to help rebuild. Have you taken your collection yet? Many churches are doing so and many individuals are sending in their money too.

Baring Cross Church and Storm Relief

The Baring Cross Church in North Little Rock gives \$1,000 to help rebuild the storm-ravaged church buildings in the state. This is another mark for your church to "Shoot at." Thank you Baring Cross.

Outside Churches Asking For Help

We notice that some churches are writing to other churches asking for financial help for a building or for some purpose in their church. Some of these churches are not our regular Convention churches. It is not any of our business if you want to contribute to any church, but if you think you are contributing to one of our churches, you should investigate and be sure of what you are doing. If you get a letter from any church or committee asking for help for their church, if you cannot be sure about it you can contact our office and we can give you the information you want.

Kagawa, Japanese evangelist, has appealed to the Evangelical Churches in Germany to send 1,000 missionaries to Japan. We hope that our Foreign Mission Board can arrange to send more and more missionaries to Japan especially while we are deprived of the privilege of foreign mission work in China and in certain other places.