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The Only Hope for the World is Christian Education

Why An Advanced Program For . . .

FOREIGN MISSIONS?

The Foreign Mission Board invites comment on its Advance Program. Please address: Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.

Why is the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention making a Program of Advance?

We are making it for several reasons. One reason is because of what we believe. We believe the Gospel can solve all the problems in the world that we confront today and that threaten to destroy us. We believe that Jesus can save the whole world.

Also, we are presenting this program because of what we have. Here in America we are living on an island of abundance in an ocean of want. Here in America Christians are living in an area of light in a world of darkness. We have in our hands the message that the world so urgently needs and we have the abundant, overflowing resources to meet those needs.

Thus, we are presenting a program of advancement because of what we believe, because of what we have, and because of what the world does not have. We have so much that the world needs so urgently and drastically.

A Program for the World

This program is the product of more than a year of study. It is based upon a careful analysis made by our secretaries, our missionaries and national Baptists around the world. Is it fantastic?

Is it fantastic to think and plan in terms of devoting to all the overseas work around the world ten cents out of a dollar of our total giving, while we devote ninety cents out of a dollar for the strengthening and building up of the home base? When you place this program of world missions against the program we now have—of devoting to all the overseas work around the world 3½c out of a dollar, while we devote 96½c to the home base—that is fantastic!

It goes without saying that, at least for a long, long time, the majority of our money must be spent at the home base. The higher up we go and the farther out we reach, the stronger this home base must be. But do you know how much we would have for foreign missions if we were to divide every dollar, giving ninety cents for the home base and ten cents for the rest of the world? We would have \$13,000,000 a year! There can be no question as to the capacity and ability of Southern Baptists to achieve this program of 1,750 missionaries and \$10,000,000 expenditure a year. The question is, How?

Must Be a Long Range Program

I suggest a few ways in which we cannot do it. We cannot do it by any re-distribution of our present Co-operative Program receipts. It cannot be achieved by the process of cutting and weakening and undermining our home agencies. It cannot be achieved by any special or temporary or individual campaign. This is a long-range program. When the Foreign Mission Board adds 100 missionaries to its staff, we accept obligations for fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, or thirty years. And no



Dr. M. Theron Rankin

individual campaign or special effort will take care of life-long commitments.

How is this to be done? It would call for careful study, probably through the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. It would call for careful consideration of the states and all the agencies to be sure that we have an organization and an arrangement whereby the maximum strength of all of us can go into this

thing together.

Expect Great Things

I am making two suggestions. One of them is to begin expecting great things of Southern Baptists. Suppose we had planned to win the war in terms of the dimensions in dollars, manpower and planning that we use in this world task. We would never have sent any soldiers away from our shore. We have got to expect big things of Southern Baptists. I have some friends who think we have never done big things because we have never asked for big things. The Foreign Mission Board is bringing to you a program that is a great deal larger than anything we have ever thought of before. It is not yet as large as Southern Baptists ought to undertake. We must change the dimensions of our thinking about the place of a world missionary undertaking in the denominational life of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the next place, we must enlarge the capacities of our compassion. Read the seventeenth chapter of John and catch the heart throb of Jesus: That the world may know! It was that compassion in the heart of Jesus that expanded the horizon of his sympathy, of his thinking and his planning. We need to put a world in the middle of our hearts, our church programs, our schools, our institutions, and everything we do at home. Then, as we undertake this world enlargement, we will find that we are enlarging everything within the circle of a world undertaking—enlarging our churches, schools, institutions, state work, South wide work, reaching out around the world.

—From the address of M. Theron Rankin at the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Gift For Seminary

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will be the recipient of \$25,000, or more, from the estate of Mr. D. Saylor Good, Roanoke, Virginia, according to Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President of the Seminary.

The estate of Mr. Good is valued at \$93,000. A niece will receive \$30,000, and after a few other minor bequests are paid, the residue is to be divided equally and paid to the New Orleans Seminary and George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee.

"This gift will come like manna in the wilderness, like bread from heaven, to us as we expect to break ground on July 1 to build four student apartment buildings on the new 75-acre campus," said Dr. Leavell.

IN CHRIST'S STEAD

A Devotion by the Editor

"We pray you in Christ's stead."

Jesus stood on Mt. Olivet with His disciples, and while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. They were left standing in the place from which Jesus ascended, to fill His place in the world, to love and to serve and to sacrifice; the mantle of His power to serve fell upon them.

Jesus had delivered His commission to the disciples with varying emphasis: "I deliver unto you the keys of the kingdom; whatsoever ye bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Go, said Jesus, into all the world, to every creature, preach the gospel, make disciples, teach them all the things that I have taught you.

The one outstanding fact which is emphasized in every clause of these scriptures is that the disciples of Christ stand in His place to reconcile the world unto God. He has given to us the ministry of reconciliation, it is a service to be rendered; He has given to us the word of reconciliation, it is a message to be delivered; we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, we represent our king in the world; God's entreaty is relayed by and through us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God; since we are working in co-operation with God, we should by no means render the grace of God of none effect; and right now is the time to put our ministry into operation.

Since "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself," and since we stand in Christ's stead, He wants to be in us reconciling the world unto himself. For he has given to us the ministry of reconciliation, He has put within us the message of reconciliation, we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ.

God is already reconciled to the world—He holds no grudge, He bears no enmity, He harbors no spirit of revenge. However, no reconciliation is complete until both parties are brought together in harmonious relations. It is our privilege, our opportunity, our obligation, to lead men, who are alienated from God by their sins, back to amicable relations with Him.

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:20, 21).

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Across the Editor's Desk

Education With A Christian Content

Education with a Christian content is the justification for our Christian colleges. If there were no demand for the Christian concept in the field of education, there would be no justification for the establishment and maintenance, at tremendous cost, of our Christian institutions of learning.

The Need

The need for education with a Christian content, which produces in the learner a Christian concept of life, runs through the whole structure of human society. This need is not restricted to the ministry and related fields of distinctly religious work. The need is paramount in the fields of science, medicine, law, business, commerce, management, labor, and statecraft.

We need men and women in every field of endeavor, in every profession, in every occupation, and in public office, whose understanding of Christian truth was clarified in college instead of being confused, whose Christian loyalties were strengthened in college instead of being weakened, whose Christian faith was confirmed instead of being undermined, whose impulses to Christian service were encouraged instead of being inhibited.

Ouachita Campaign

Arkansas Baptists, fully committed to a program of Christian education and determined to provide the best in Christian college facilities, launched the Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign. This campaign was conceived in prayer—prayer concerning the educational opportunities for young men and young women in whose hearts burn the desire for a Christian education. The campaign is being promoted through prayer—prayer that Ouachita College may be enabled to enlarge its program, maintain its standard, and fulfill its mission as a Christian college.

Every Baptist church in Arkansas and every member of every Baptist church should get into this campaign wholeheartedly and energetically. We can, we must, and we will bring the campaign to a successful conclusion with a million dollars, and more, for Ouachita.

Central College Opening

Another challenge to Arkansas Baptists is the opening of Central College at its new location, the hospital area of Camp Robinson, next September. Conversion of this property is now under way, a competent faculty and administrative organization are moving toward completion, and prospective students are being signed up.

Central should have an auspicious opening in September. The Baptists of the state

should give their wholehearted support to this institution and so enlarge the opportunities provided our young people to acquire a Christian education. It would be a splendid idea for churches and associations to send representatives to the opening of Central on September 6. These representatives would be able to carry back to their churches and communities first-hand information concerning the educational opportunities offered by Central.

"Opening Day" at Central, September 6, should be a great day for Christian education in Arkansas.

Southern College

Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge is providing educational opportunities for the young people of a large section of the state. Southern has grown steadily for the past several years, expanding its facilities, extending its ministry, and enlarging its program. A distinctive service rendered by Southern, as well as by the other colleges of the state, is the ministry of its ministerial students among the churches.

There are other large areas in the state which are almost impossible to reach by the ministerial students from any of our colleges. It would seem practical for some college to establish an extension department to serve these areas.

June 27

Baptist churches throughout the South will observe June 27 as Christian Education Day. It is to be hoped that every Baptist church in Arkansas will observe this day and make it an opportunity for increasing our interest in, and our support of our Baptist schools. The day should give great impetus to the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign, it should focus attention upon the challenge of Central and Southern Colleges, and it should generate a great interest in Christian education in general.

A Worthy Bequest

You will read with interest an account, in this issue of the Arkansas Baptist, of a bequest of \$25,000 to the New Orleans Seminary by Mr. D. Sayler Good of Roanoke, Virginia.

This example of Mr. Good may point the way for many other Baptists in Arkansas and throughout the South. There are great sums of Baptist money which should find their way to our Baptist institutions through the wills of consecrated Baptists.

To make such bequests to our state and South-wide institutions, the donors would be assured that "their works do follow them."

Struggle For Free Schools

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

We cannot dismiss as "anti-Catholic propaganda" the disclosure now coming to light of the organized invasion of our public schools on the part of Roman Catholicism. Efforts of North Dakota patriots to rid the schools in their state of Roman Catholic-garbed teachers brings out the revelation that quite a number are employed. The situation in Missouri and Connecticut is revealing, and many other states would be found to be paying for sectarian education, were all the facts gathered.

Having made an investigation of the situation at Dixon, New Mexico, recently reported, Dr. Frank S. Mead has published his findings in Christian Herald. He found that the Catholic Sisters teaching in the public schools "were all members of the Franciscan order—which is not a teaching order." "Four out of five of those Sisters were German refugees who could not even speak intelligible English—and they were teaching in a high school." Only a portion of the children were Catholic. "The Sisters had them say the 'Hail Mary' at least four times a day." It is the practice of the Roman hierarchy to respond to such exposures as "Ku-Kluxism," but abuse of this character will not turn the attention of American people away from the brazen invasion of our free public school system by those who most bitterly assail these schools.

A Roman Catholic garb is a militant sectarian uniform, whether it be that of a priest or a nun. The campaign to "make America Catholic" is being waged on many fronts, but the most menacing is that where they seek to impose their system on America's children.

—The Watchman-Examiner

He that taketh his own cares upon himself loads himself in vain with an uneasy burden. I will cast all my cares on God; he hath bidden me; they cannot burden him.—Bishop Hall.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "Belief and Unbelief" by B. H. Duncan.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

- KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
- KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
- KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
- KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:30 p. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
- KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
- KUOA—Silcox Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.

NOTES OF ADVANCE



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"For Such an Hour" was the theme of the twenty-second annual Baptist Student Union Retreat, held at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 9-17.

Outstanding among the speakers at the Retreat were: Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president, Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Duke McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Chester Swor; Charles Wells; Dr. R. G. Lee, president, Southern Baptist Convention; and Congressman Walter Judd.

Approximately 3,000 students attended the Ridgecrest Retreat. There were 31 Arkansas students in attendance.

The Arkansas students left at 7:15 on the morning of June 8, and arrived at Ridgecrest on the afternoon of June 9. Mr. Gus Thomas, Sweet Home, chaperoned the group.

Missionary S. A. Wiles recently assisted Pastor Gus Poole and the Mountain View Church in a ten-day revival meeting. There were 23 additions to the church membership, 18 by baptism.

R. C. MacKeen, formerly of St. Louis, has assumed the position of educational director at Calvary Church, Little Rock, of which Wilbur J. Herring is pastor.

Mr. MacKeen has been an active worker in the Sunday School and Training Union. He was formerly a deacon in the Webster Grove Church, St. Louis.

A formal opening of the church library at Second Church, Hot Springs, was held Sunday morning, June 20, at the close of the morning worship hour.

Special commemorative services were held at Immanuel Church, Rogers, Sunday, June 13, marking the seventh anniversary of the church's establishment.

The church was organized June 8, 1941 with C. Frank Pitts as the first pastor. He served only a short time, however, until he was called to military service. Brother Pitt returned to the pastorate, recently.

The membership has shown an increase of 200 per cent during the seven years, and is still increasing.

A display of handwork and a program by the children closed the daily Vacation Bible School at Hebron Church, Little Rock June 11. One hundred twenty-five children were enrolled and 112 attended regularly. Certificates were presented to 117. W. Dawson King is pastor of the church.

About 75 children attending the daily Vacation Bible School at the Second Church, Little Rock, received certificates for perfect attendance at closing exercises Friday night, June 11. One hundred ten children were enrolled. The average attendance was 90.

Ninety-three children received certificates at the closing exercises of the daily Vacation Bible School held at Capitol Hill Mission, Little Rock. W. C. Rowe is pastor of the church.

Pastor J. G. Cothran is starting his third year with the First Church, Arkadelphia. Progress along many lines has been made during the past two years. There have been 821 additions to the church membership, and the church has received, for all purposes, \$87,086. The building fund has been increased from \$48,000 to \$85,000. The average Sunday School attendance, Training Union attendance, and prayer service attendance have been increased. The church has employed a full time educational director.

The church, under the leadership of Brother Cothran, has great plans for the future. Plans are for the educational building to be ready for occupancy early in 1949, and the auditorium by early 1950.

First Church, Arkadelphia, ordained Stuart Kersey and Ben Kyzer to the Gospel ministry, Wednesday night, June 2. These men passed a successful examination. Brother Dan Thomas read the Scripture; Dr. S. E. Eubanks gave the charge to the candidates; the pastor preached the sermon on "The Burdens and Joys of a Pastor"; and G. T. Blackmon offered the closing prayer.

Corinth "A" Church, Bartholomew Association, and Pastor Dewey Brockwell recently had the services of Missionary E. H. Acuff in revival services. There were 19 additions to the church membership, 18 of whom were by baptism.

West Side Church, El Dorado, and Pastor C. A. Johnson had the assistance of O. E. Burton, Charleston, South Carolina, in revival services, May 30 to June 13. Frank Adams, Little Rock, was in charge of the music. There were 23 additions to the church membership on profession of faith and baptism, 12 by letter, one surrendered to be a missionary, and a number of re-dedications.

There were 325 in Sunday School and 120 in Training Union on June 6.

Christian Education for Leadership

By EDWIN S. PRESTON, *President
Cumberland University
Lebanon, Tennessee*

(Address delivered at Southern Baptist
Convention)

The classic definition of a university is the one given by President Garfield of Dartmouth College. He said that Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a boy on the other was a university.

Mark Hopkins was considered a real teacher of his day—the log was then an adequate setting for the lesson. The single student was and still is the ideal learning unit.

We have come a long way since the days of Mark Hopkins. We have not added to the sincerity or character or philosophy of the teacher; we have, however, expanded in geometric proportion the areas of knowledge he would report to teach.

We have enlarged that simple log to become an institution with scores of buildings and many thousand dollars worth of equipment.

Education Brought Up-to-date

That one student who sat upon the log with Mark Hopkins has become a body of thousands of students crowding the halls of learning.

The educational accrediting agencies have brought up-to-date our classic Mark Hopkins definition of a university. Today's Mark Hopkins, teaching in an accredited college, must have a graduate degree—preferably a doctor's degree. He must be paid a specified minimum salary for teaching. He must not sit upon that log more than a maximum number of hours each week. He must be given an opportunity for continuing study and have assurance of academic freedom in his search for truth.

From the viewpoint of the accrediting agencies today's log must be an institution which meets standards relating to entrance, graduation, instruction, library, and to faculty load, training, and remuneration. Today's institution must have adequate financial support, its curriculum and extra-curricular activities must be worthy of approval.

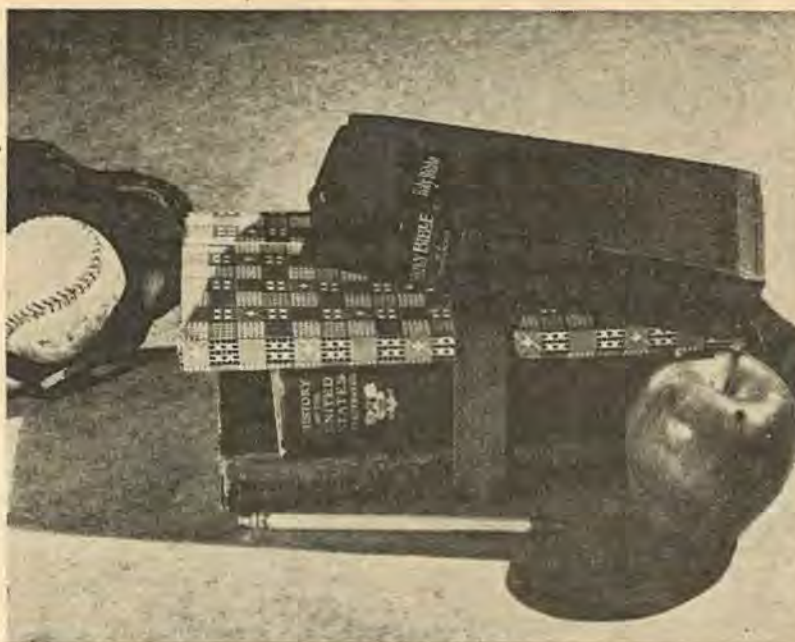
The modern student must be ready for college—coming with a foundation of accredited high school work. He must give continuing evidence of his increasing ability to do college grade work. The student must sit upon that log a prescribed number of hours in order to receive a recognized unit of credit.

Baptists Make Contribution

Baptists made an impressive contribution to the molding of the American government and our country's institutions in the early days. We cannot expect to continue to make a major contribution in the present day unless we keep pace with advancing standards preparing for such leadership.

Baptist institutions in the South granted 28 master's degrees in 1947. Seven colleges offer courses leading to the Master's degree. Six Baptist colleges grant degrees in law and only two offer degrees in medicine.

Would you agree that the following are the



professions which touch life in unusually determinative ways: the Minister in religion, the Teacher in time of youth; the medical Doctor in critical hours of life; the Lawyer in leadership, governmental and social?

Southern Baptists, as a convention, have three seminaries for the training of ministers—but no Southern Baptist college or university granting the Doctor of Philosophy degree which qualifies for major teaching leadership. Southern Baptists have no college, convention sponsored, granting degrees in medicine or law. All Baptist colleges are supported by state conventions only. Even in these none has sufficient resources to offer work leading to the top degree in educational work—the Ph.D. degree.

As a denomination, we founded Christian colleges a century or more ago for the purpose of training leaders. At that time a college education assured leadership. This is no longer true. Now an ordinary college education is a beginning only and must be followed by professional or graduate study in some chosen field to assure leadership.

Baptists are now defaulting in their purpose of training leaders. In areas other than theology we are now producing followers.

Need For a Graduate School

It is time that the Southern Baptist Convention considered the setting up of a Southern Baptist university plan for graduate and professional education. Such a plan might call for the establishment of one Southern Baptist graduate university, or the designation and support of one already established. This university would grant graduate degrees only, including the Ph.D. degree, in a limited number of selected fields. The resources of no one state are sufficient to do this, but Southern Baptists as a convention could.

A strong Southern Baptist graduate school would strengthen the under-graduate institutions. It would give quality to the education in Christian education and would give it in an atmosphere assuring the Christian motive. Christian education must be real education; but education without Christ is dangerous at any level, particularly at the college level. Colleges in our nation are even now educat-

ing many a first-class crook. An uneducated hobo may steal a ride on a freight train, but an educated crook may steal the whole railroad!

We have enough potential students seeking the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees to furnish a select body for such a graduate school. Our present colleges and universities would find the graduate school a resource for supplying Christian faculty members.

Educational Costs Today

It takes a million and a half dollars of endowment today to yield as much income as a million dollars did fifteen years ago. In addition to this fact, rising prices and salaries have doubled the cost of education so that the returns from that million and a half dollar endowment will now buy just half what it would have purchased fifteen years ago. We must face the sobering fact that it now takes three million dollars in endowment to yield enough income to buy what the returns from one million dollars purchased fifteen years ago.

If your state is now giving to education twice what it gave ten or fifteen years ago, then your state is giving in terms of today's buying power just approximately two-thirds of what it gave then. Christian Education Day, June 27, offers an immediate opportunity to back Christian education.

The accrediting agencies look at Mark Hopkins and the boy on that log and properly insist on modern standards for each; the parents—now patrons of the school, turn with hope to Mark Hopkins and the log and say as one parent did when he enrolled his daughter, "I have loved that institution for many years; but now I am trusting it." The alumni remember Mark Hopkins with affection, and remember the knot holes in that log with forgiving tolerance. They have loyalty to give and influence to give, and money to give.

Our denomination looks at Mark Hopkins and gives thanks for a great Christian teacher. They look at the log and resolve that our Baptist educational institutions shall be made adequate to meet every standard, consistent with Christian purpose, and be worthy to guide many lives made in the image of God.

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*An addition to God's Kingdom must be a subtraction from the world.
You cannot be counted in both places.*

Northern Baptists to Launch World Peace Movement: Northern Baptists, gathered at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recently for their annual meeting, voted to work with other religious bodies in starting an immediate World Peace Movement "to save the world from destruction."

In approving the peace movement, the convention pledged to reject the "feeling" that war is inevitable, to combat all forms of war hysteria and hatred, and to make use of "creative Christian forces" rather than rely chiefly on military strength and strategy.

The delegates said they were convinced that the only positive program of peace is the Christian Gospel.

The peace movement will be financed for the present by a "dollars for peace" campaign.

The convention also voted to send fraternal greetings to their 2,000,000 co-religionists in Russia and proposed that American church-goers make special efforts to improve relations between the two groups by correspondence, discussion groups, conferences, lectures, literature, and study courses.

Baptists urged to evangelize the world: Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Missouri, urged members of the forty-first session of the Northern Baptist Convention that met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recently, to cooperate in the task of evangelizing the world.

The Baptist World Alliance president told members to "pray every day for closer cooperation between the Baptists of the United States—all Baptists, black, white, and brown."

Calling for world-wide Baptist co-operation, Dr. Johnson said that "we must seek co-operation with the Baptists of North America and South America, and then co-operation with the Baptists of Europe, Russia, and Germany included, China, Japan, Burma, and the isles of the sea."

Southern Presbyterians vote to stay in Federal Council of Churches: The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church turned down a proposal to withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches by a vote of 274 to 108 at the eighty-eighth session of the assembly in Atlanta, Georgia, recently.

In a two-hour debate those for the Council contended that it was the only agency which presented a common front of Protestantism. They said many of the criticisms against the Federal Council had been unjustified and there was "no reason why we should refuse to co-operate with 25 other denominations making up the council."

The minority group charged that the council was pacifist and anti-business. They said it was responsible for the loss of hundreds of lives in the war because it led the fight against appropriations for defense.

Northern Baptists Endorse Protestants-United: Protestants and other Americans United for Separation of Church and State was endorsed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recently by the Northern Baptist Convention.

The Baptists also voted to continue protests against the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as the President's personal representative to the Vatican. They plan to work with other groups to find "ways to make the protest effective."

Presbyterians Raise 93 per cent of Restoration Fund Goal: Ninety-three per cent of the \$27,000,000 Restoration Fund goal of the Presbyterian church in the United States has been raised in a three year campaign, it was reported to the one hundred sixtieth general assembly of the denomination in Seattle, Washington, recently.

Of the 8,523 Presbyterian churches in this country, all but 397 contributed to the fund, representing the largest number of parishes ever to respond to any single appeal in the history of the church. Quotas have been met or exceeded in 5,142 of the churches.

Roman Catholic clergymen, Protestant churchmen divide over raffle issue: Recently, Maryland's general state legislative assembly, meeting in special session, passed bills legalizing raffles and prohibiting dog racing with pari-mutuel betting.

The raffles measure, which permits fraternal, civic, and charitable groups to run raffles for their support or for charity, was supported by Roman Catholics and opposed by Protestants. Catholic spokesmen held that raffles are "not immoral" while Protestants described them as "gambling" games.

In passing the bill, the assembly designated it as an emergency measure which would take effect upon signature of the governor. They specified the measure would be brought to referendum on the November 2 ballot.

Bridge Gap Between Church and Labor: Visiting nine theological seminaries in the Chicago area, Witherspoon Dodge of the National Religion and Labor Foundation, declared that unless we can bridge the gap between labor and religion and overcome the clash between labor and management we face a divided nation and a disrupted social order in a time when unity of mind and purpose is more needed than ever before.

The foundation is aiding pastors in this task through conferences, local labor and religious fellowships, and the organization's journal, *Economic Justice*. Mr. Dodge urged that pastors keep in touch with both labor and management in the community and provide broad factual information on economic issues to the members of their churches.

Arkansas' Newest Assembly

By ART JONES, Business Manager

Some three years ago Pastor E. I. Sneed, Union Grove Baptist Church, realized the great need for a Baptist assembly in the Batesville area.

This year his dream will come true for the boys and girls, as well as the adults, of his community.

The Union Grove Assembly is scheduled to open for a week of activity Monday, August 1, at 10 a. m. Activities will include morning devotionals; morning worship; class work and evangelistic services each evening. In the afternoon there will be hiking, swimming, handwork, and ball playing.

Union Grove Assembly is located seven miles from Batesville, just off Highway 12. The native beauty of the trees, hills, and rocks of the forty acre site will offer a beautiful and restful place for a worshipful vacation to those who attend.

The tabernacle has been completed for the assembly. The dormitories and the lake, however, are not completed at this time.

We feel that Union Grove Assembly will afford an opportunity to people who otherwise could not attend our state assembly.

Our staff of workers will not be paid, but they will serve God in a great way during these days. Pastor Coy Sims of First Church, Fisher, Arkansas, will be the director of the assembly. He and his wife are graduates of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. They are young people—who love other young people.

Pastor E. I. Sneed, Union Grove Baptist Church, sponsor of the assembly, will be camp pastor. Many others will serve. Watch the Arkansas Baptist for a complete list of the faculty and program.

Reservations are now being accepted for this assembly. The total cost is \$6.00, the reservation fee, \$1.00.

Reservations should be mailed at once to Union Grove Baptist Assembly. Further details will be sent on request. Reservations are limited.

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Methodists Call War Idea Treason to Human Race: The Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist church meeting in Columbus, Ohio, has labeled the idea of war between the United States and Russia as "treason to the human race."

In other action, the Methodists denounced racial segregation, disapproved peace time military training and conscription and deplored "the increasing role of military men in policy-making and diplomatic offices."

They demanded Protestant denunciation of financial support extended by state or federal government to any religious group. President Truman's Civil Rights program was approved unanimously by 1,200 ministers and laymen attending the session. Discontinuation of the presidential "practice" of appointing a personal ambassador to the Vatican was also urged.

The conference protested a federal appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of alcoholic beverages intended for shipment to Europe as part of the European Recovery Plan.

Our Youth and the World Tomorrow

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By CHESTER E. SWOR

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The stream of American youth, of which our own young people are a daily part, is most obviously being polluted increasingly by compromise and sin. Though our own Baptist young people have as a group withstood the flood of moral weakness better than many other church groups, significant inroads have been made into our group—and a larger group will be engulfed unless our denomination does everything possible to counteract current popular trends. In my judgment, these are the most dangerous current trends among American youth:

A rising tide of personal dishonesty.... At home, particularly in school relationships, and in community relationships. The most deplorable aspect of this trend is the "so what?" attitude of many young people when apprehended or when God's Word concerning honesty is quoted.

Disrespect and disregard for law and order.... Toward parents at home, toward teachers and administrators at school, and toward law in the community. The F. B. I. statistics on juvenile crime are ample proof of the tragedy here.

Looseness of moral standards in boy-girl relationships.... Sex immorality is no longer a matter of occasional, isolated occurrence. An increasing number of high school students "on both sides of the track" are making this tragic mistake... thanks to inadequate home training and lack of strong example of adults about them, and because of the sordid popular literature and entertainment world of today.

Increasing addiction to alcohol.... 43 out of 100 high school students in some areas admit to at least occasional drinking. . . . It is estimated that in 81 per cent of the homes of America at least one person drinks. Some newspapers, magazines, and other advertising channels continue to picture alcoholic beverages as reputable and beautiful.

Dangerous reading habits.... Many educators and workers with juvenile delinquents are pointing out dramatically the relationship between the reading habits of young America and the defections of conduct which can be traced to such reading. Sex magazines, so-called "comic books", police and detective magazines, and publications of "romance" and "confessions" have almost unbelievably wide circulation among American young people.

Flippancy toward marriage and the home.... Their attitude being simply an acceptance of the attitude of adult America which evidently no longer believes God's Word concerning the obligation and permanence of marriage and the home.

Rabid and almost universal desecration of Sunday.... With the result that our young people will inevitably be less available for and responsive to the spiritual appeals of our church life.

Worldliness of social life.... Centered in endless dancing, increasing acceptability of cocktail parties, increasing attendance upon night clubs, and a general worshipping of the "goddess of popularity."

But, in all eight of these dangerous trends, American young people have been more the victims of adult failure than they have been perpetrators of the wrongs. In every one of these eight dangers, our young people would

have been safeguarded if adults in homes, churches, and schools had both taught and lived wisely before our young people.

If we want to safeguard and strengthen our young people today so that they will be fit to live and lead tomorrow, we can and must do our best on two fronts: the Home Front and the Church Front. These two institutions have always been our mightiest forces for moulding character and conduct of young life; and now, as never before, these two forces must extend themselves to the limit of their capacity to influence young people.

The Home Front

The homes in which our Southern Baptist young people are living today need most urgently to do their best in these three matters:

Parental Teaching.... The constant, unashamed teaching of God's Word on such matters as honesty, purity, respect for law and order, sobriety, marriage, proper Sunday observance, and "separateness" of living in a worldly society. This teaching will necessitate more at-homeness on the part of parents, and definitely better examples on the part of mothers and dads!

Parental discipline.... Polls of young people from the grades through high school have indicated that an overwhelming majority of our own young people say that they would be more strict in discipline with their children in some ways than their parents are with them! Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director of F. B. I. has said, "The child needs lessons of conduct which first must be taught in the home. He needs to appreciate the necessity for discipline and the need for law and order to guide the conduct of people in society. He must be taught a love and a knowledge of God."

The family altar.... Even if it necessitates an earlier family rising than has here-to-fore been customary, every Southern Baptist family should read God's Word and pray together as a family group daily. With day-in-and-out parental teaching and discipline, and with a daily family period of worship, the eight youth dangers listed above would cease to be a major menace to our Baptist youth!

I propose that as a Convention we set ourselves to the business of establishing 100,000 new family altars in the year ahead, and that we put the entire impact of our denomination behind a "Crusade for Christian Living" on the part of our church membership. Thus, with spiritual power of great magnitude being generated through the family altars, and with the inspiration of uncompromising daily Christian living on the part of adults, our young people will find in their homes the strength which should be there.

The Church Front

Though our Southern Baptist churches have been much more faithful in their responsibilities toward our youth than have the home and the public school, there are four

important contributions which we should make to the program of strengthening our young people at the local church level:

Better teaching of the Bible.... Since God's Word is the all-sufficient guide to daily conduct, and since our young people at an ever increasing crisis of decision concerning conduct, the Sunday School teacher is in the most strategic position in history; a spiritually prepared teacher can so apply God's Word to the every-day situations and problems of the class members that every Sunday's class period will be a source of strength for the week ahead.

More adequate and comprehensive counseling.... Youth leaders in our local churches need to prepare themselves through study, reading, and consultation to be able to counsel with our young people individually and in groups on the personal problems which a very worldly society is forcing upon them. Counseling on marriage and home-building, boy-girl relationships, vocational choice, and right and wrong issues is much needed.

Positive approach to reading habits.... Local church libraries should be greatly expanded, and there should be a constant program of appeal through church book-clubs, reading projects, and the like to encourage our young people to read constructively. That they are going to read from an early age is obvious; therefore, if from the beginning of their reading habits we prepare to guide them and provide adequate reading material and opportunities, many of our young people will be saved from dangerous reading habits.

Adequate recreational programs.... Though I know that we must not ever permit the recreational programs to take the place of or overshadow our main missions of preaching and teaching, I am sure that we must follow the example of Jesus Christ, who recognized that the meeting of significant incidental needs facilitated the performance of his main task. Therefore, he fed and healed, and visited the wedding feast, and dined with Zaccheus.

I do not propose any program of recreation for Sunday. Let that be very clear. Our programs of preaching, teaching, and training should have our total energies on God's Day. Since the youth fellowship groups which follow the evening services are actually a vital part of the day's work, and help to deepen the impact of the day's services and to warm the young person's heart with Christian fellowship, I regard them as fellowship services and not as recreation.

The great need of our young people for recreational guidance is a week-day need—and, most of all, a Friday-Saturday need, for it is during that two-day period that the worldly social activities in the average community are at their peak. Too, in the average family, the young people are permitted more freedom of activity during Friday and Saturday. The second great period of need for recreational guidance is during the summer vacation period when many young people have the entire Monday-Saturday period available.

Since our young people will not give themselves eagerly to spiritual thought and action if they are giving themselves to the pagan social life of our day, we shall be very wise to
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do our best to offer a week-day and vacation time program of wise recreation, spiritually directed, and thoroughly integrated with the work of our local churches. Such integration will insure our keeping the recreational activities in the right proportion and relationship to our main purposes of preaching, teaching, and training.

Though I am reluctant to suggest that our magnificent Sunday School Board adopt still another denominational child—for I sometimes wonder if it has not already assumed a larger share of our denomination's financial burden than is its fair share—I believe that one of the most significant needs of our denomination today is the establishment of a Department of Church Recreation to study needs, train leaders, and prepare materials for local church use suitable to the various age levels to be served.

NOTE: Dr. T. L. Holcomb responded quickly and graciously by indicating that he felt that our Sunday School Board will be entirely willing to follow the wishes of the Convention in this matter.

All along the line—at home, in church life, in business circles, and in social contacts—we need to give to young people the inspiration which will come from a better example of daily Christian living on the part of adults. This speaker has found in his years of youth work that one of the most difficult obstacles for young people in any church to overcome in their own spiritual growth is the unconsecrated life of some layman or woman, the example of whose lives contradicts the high ideals to which we call our young people.

We do need the impact of the backing of all our denominational forces in a year of emphasis upon the establishment of 100,000 family altars, upon a crusade for Christian living on the part of Baptist church members, and the establishment of adequate church recreational guidance. Though these three factors will not solve all the youth problems in our churches, they will make a colossal contribution toward strengthening our youth today and toward keeping them fit for living and leading tomorrow.

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Ouachita College

Ouachita College enrolment of 1,057 last year filled all rooms to capacity. Ouachita is coming to the end of the year with a little balance. None of the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign money goes into the general fund. It all goes into buildings or endowment.

Ouachita is a member of North Central Association of colleges.

Until three buildings are erected, the Science Hall, the Library building, and a boy's dormitory, Ouachita cannot admit all students who want to attend.

Ouachita is Christian, democratic, and scholarly. Each teacher is interested in each student.

The following statements are only a few of many that explain why Ouachita needs more buildings and more endowment to take care of all students who want to attend.

"As the night watchman on Ouachita College campus, I have for two years walked my beat every hour of the night, going through the dormitories and other buildings at all hours. It has not been my privilege to study college life on other campuses, but in my opinion Ouachita College campus is one of the cleanest to be found anywhere. I am thankful that I brought my children here to be educated."—J. L. Partain

"As assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, my work has close contact with the faculty and students of Ouachita College. The Christian fellowship and atmosphere on Ouachita's campus is equal to that of our church. I wish every church college were as Christian as Ouachita."—Dan Thomas

"Ten years ago I moved to Arkadelphia to educate my family. I manage the Ouachita Cleaning and Pressing Shop, which is on the campus. My work of collecting the laundry and collecting money takes me to many dormitory rooms day and night.

"I am happy to recommend Ouachita dormitory life to any boy or girl who is looking for a good wholesome Christian atmosphere. Although I live in Arkadelphia, I have put my children part time in the dormitories."—E. W. Lloyd

"One reason I regretted to leave Arkansas was that I would miss the excellent Christian atmosphere, the good fellowship, and the helpful co-operation which I enjoyed with the faculty and students of Ouachita College. I am always glad to recommend Ouachita to Baptist boys and girls."—R. Houston Smith, Pineville, Louisiana

"We are happy to be in the Christian atmosphere of Ouachita College. This Christian spirit on the campus was my first and most lasting impression."—Mrs. A. D. Corder

"My home is in Virginia. A friend of mine recommended Ouachita College. For two years I have lived in the dormitory and breathed the Christian atmosphere on Ouachita campus.

If I should point out one weakness, it would be the crowded conditions in the dormitory. In spite of four to some rooms, I prefer Ouachita College."—Stuart Kersey

"For four years I have lived in the girls' dormitory at Ouachita College. There is a Christian atmosphere, not only in the dormitory, but in the dining hall, classrooms, and library. The daily prayer meetings at the Student Center are not compulsory, but as a rule the auditorium is filled. Our chapel programs, minute of prayer, dormitory prayer meetings, and church life all make it easier for Ouachita students to live a Christian life."—Catherine Powell

"As the end of my first year at Ouachita College approaches, I am thankful for the privilege of teaching here. Ouachita is a finer college than I had expected. The Christian atmosphere, so real in the study, worship, and conduct of both students and faculty members, has been good for me. I have found all of Ouachita's purposes worthy. And the degree of accomplishment—whether in scholar-

To Enter the Ministry



Dexter Blevins

Dexter Blevins, First Church, Prescott, recently surrendered to the ministry and was licensed by that church. The resolution follows:

To Whom It May Concern—Greetings:

Whereas, we, the members of the First Baptist Church of Prescott, Arkansas, having had perfect knowledge of the spiritual life of our Brother, Mr. Dexter Blevins, from its beginning to the present hour, and

Whereas, we have noted with keen satisfaction his rapid growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, and in service to his church, and

Whereas, Brother Blevins has made a public surrender of his life to the Lord for the Gospel ministry, and

Whereas, Brother and Mrs. Blevins are moving from our midst to Arkadelphia where he will enroll in Ouachita College to better prepare himself for his God-called task, and

Whereas, we hold Brother and Mrs. Blevins in the highest personal esteem, believing that the hand of God is upon them, and His Spirit leading them,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we do hereby, in special Conference on the evening of May 26, 1948, license Brother Blevins to the Gospel ministry, and commend him and Mrs. Blevins to the great Baptist brotherhood everywhere.

Signed:

Fred A. White, Pastor.

Miss Betty Plyler, Clerk.

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ship, in artistic performances, or in social programs for pure fun—has been very high this year.

"When I consider the noble traditions already in operation here, I feel very humble. If my efforts to help to continue them or to establish others are acceptable, you may be sure that I have 'come to stay'."—Erma Simons

"I left the Navy feeling the need of a Christian environment. I entered a state college. The atmosphere was disappointing. Ouachita College was recommended to me. Coming here has been a great blessing in my life. I live in the boys' dormitory. The Christian atmosphere is an inspiration. I shall never cease to be thankful that I came here."—A. G. I.

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Let's Go to the Brotherhood Conference

The plan for two assemblies at Siloam Springs this summer has been abandoned in favor of one great assembly. The Brotherhood Conference, originally planned for July 6-13, will be held August 15-22. Please note the change of dates.

More men are needed for the Siloam Springs Brotherhood Conference. Every pastor in the state has received a letter from the Brotherhood Department asking his help in getting his church well represented there. Brotherhood presidents have also been contacted.

Not only are more men needed for the conference, but the greatest need of all is that we shall have all sections of the state represented. It will be much better to have present one man from each association than to have twice as many men from only a few associations in Northwest Arkansas.

There is yet time to send your request for reservations to Dr. Edgar Williamson, Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Men, let's go to the Brotherhood Conference at Siloam Springs!

Associational Brotherhood Tour

A series of great meetings is being planned for December 5-10, 1948. These meetings will be associational-wide gatherings of Baptist men. John Farmer, Brotherhood secretary of North Carolina, will be one of the main speakers.

The Associational Brotherhood tour is designed to promote the whole program of the Brotherhood; and to set forth what Christian men should be and what Christian men can do for the advancement of Kingdom work throughout our churches, our state, our Southland, and our world.

The itinerary of the tour will be announced when it is completed.

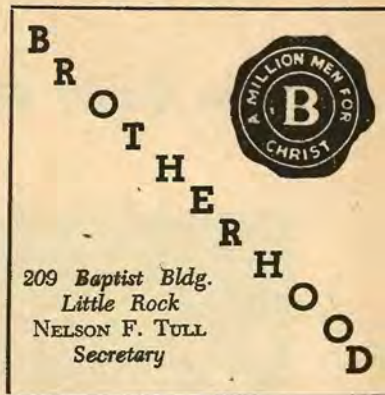
Some Timely Suggestions:

Brotherhood presidents and vice-presidents will find the following suggested activities helpful as you plan your Brotherhood work for the balance of 1948.

1. Have a Man-Boy banquet. Get every man to bring one or more boys.

Men and boys need to get together. Every boy needs a man, and every man needs the challenge of pointing boys toward being real men.

A Man-Boy banquet can well be one of the high-lights of the year's activities for the church as well as for the Brotherhood.



It will be well, at the meeting of men and boys, to set forth anew the "Man and Boy" movement currently sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood of the South. Write your state Brotherhood office for a tract.

2. Sponsor a mission revival during the summer. There is a locality within reach of your church where people live in a more or less well-defined community and where there is no church or Sunday School. Search out this community, and sponsor a revival there.

Such an effort on the part of your Brotherhood will likely lead to the establishment of a mission Sunday School, which will later become a Baptist church. What a challenge!

3. Help some neighboring church to organize its Brotherhood. The spirit of Brotherhood reaches out!

4. Put a sign on your church building so that all who pass by can know instantly what goes on there. Make the sign attractive and inviting.

5. Lead the men of your Brotherhood to join the Baptist Honor Club. There is scarcely a Baptist man in the state who will not readily become an Honor Club member if he is properly informed and asked to participate in the sacred task of redeeming the honor of Arkansas Baptists.

6. Lead your Brotherhood into a positive and continuing program of evangelism. The field of evangelism is a wide-open field, everywhere. The Brotherhood program of evangelism may well include: Personal soul winning; cottage prayer-meetings; community mission projects; institutional evangelism; shop meetings; and street services. Remember: The heart and core of Brotherhood work is soul winning.

7. Lead your Brotherhood into a positive and continuing program of benevolence. Visiting the sick, the bereaved, the troubled, the needy, and ministering to them, will help to make great men out of ordinary men.

The Brotherhood marches on!

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Figures To Inspire

June 13, 1948

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1033	357	17
Including Missions	1523	613	22
Ft. Smith, First	935	318	4
Little Rock, First	808		
El Dorado, First	798	171	31
Hot Springs, Second	568	177	
Fayetteville, First	517	177	8
Including Mission	552	196	
Paragould, First	501	187	2
Benton, First	492	121	6
Including Missions	515		
Camden, First	490	109	2
Including Mission	642	159	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	460	108	2
Little Rock, Gaines St.	440	255	3
Hope, First	427	89	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	402	117	1
McGehee, First	394	101	1
Including Mission	436		
Magnolia, Central	389	105	4
Including Mission	427		
Hot Springs, Central	381	103	1
Including Missions	435	132	
Malvern, First	377	62	1
Gentry	374	102	1
Warren, First	373	75	3
Fordyce, First	368	129	1
Paris, First	367	113	5
Stuttgart, First	335	117	1
Rogers, First	335	87	5
Conway, First	326	4	4
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	323	81	6
Ft. Smith, Calvary	322	95	
Hot Springs, First	319	79	
Hot Springs, Park Place	318	81	
Russellville, First	301	52	
Including Mission	368	77	
Springdale, First	296	163	2
Including Mission	412		
Monticello, First	288	127	2
Siloam Springs, First	284	169	
Nashville, First	280	51	
Cullendale, First	276	124	
El Dorado, West Side	267	84	11
Smackover, First	251	88	
Little Rock, Calvary	244	117	1
Little Rock, S. Highland	244	68	4
Monticello, Second	228	143	24
Texarkana, Calvary	224	72	
N. Little Rock, Central	222	80	
Dumas, First	221	61	
Including Mission	271		
Pine Bluff, Second	218	84	3
DeWitt, First	215	47	1
Ft. Smith, Southside	205	47	24
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	201	201	6
Stamps, First	198	102	5
Jacksonville, First	185	83	
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	179	69	1
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	167	88	
Elaine, First	167	81	3
Hot Springs, Lake			
Hamilton	150	92	6
Almyra, First	137	98	
El Dorado, Joyce City	123	71	1
South Texarkana	118	77	2
Pine Bluff, Matthews			
Memorial	113	84	6
South Fort Smith	110	54	
Douglasville, First	108	49	3
Little Rock, Plainview	93	115	
Little Rock, West Side	83	49	1
Wheatley	65		
Conway, Brumley			
Chapel	57	102	
Ft. Smith, Bethlehem	42	8	
Little Rock, Bellevue	29		

Your Arkansas Baptist Assembly

THE PLACE: Siloam Springs.

THE DATE: July 15-22.

FIRST SERVICE: Thursday night, July 15.

CLOSING SERVICE: Thursday night, July 22.

All indications point toward what will perhaps be the largest and best Assembly yet held. The program personnel is of the best, both in and out of the state. Recreational features will be many and varied, and many improvements have been made. The new, modern rest rooms are completed, and the cabins are being stained. Roads have been freshly oiled, and the grounds should be in better condition than ever before.

All space in assembly-owned dormitories and cabins has been reserved. Indications are that church-owned dormitories will be filled to capacity.

Great mountain-top experiences await you. Come, praying that this assembly may be the greatest yet, for the glory of God.

Special Student Program At Siloam

The Arkansas Baptist Assembly will be host to a great number of high school seniors and college students during the Assembly, July 15-22. Robert S. Denny, of the South-wide Department of Student Work, and Othar Smith, pastor of the First Church, Heber Springs, and T. D. McCulloch, State Student Union secretary, will be in charge of student classes and activities.

Studies in Training Union and Church Music will be offered under the direction of State Training Union director, Ralph W. Davis, and state music director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger. Speakers will be W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Dr. W. L. Howse, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and Dr. Ellis Carnett, pastor of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth. Hines Sims, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will direct the music. Hatcher Hoyt, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will direct the recreation.

Score Sheets Available

Individual churches and associational music directors may have the score sheets for the piano playing tournament by writing to the state director of music, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Notice!

If you have a reservation for the first Training Union week at Ridgecrest and you desire a way to go in a car at 1½c per mile, or if you are going in your car and want any passengers on that basis, please notify Ralph W. Davis, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, IMMEDIATELY!

Magazine Has Summer Music School

The state music director conducted a Summer Music School at the Magazine Baptist Church, the week of June 6. There was a large attendance of boys and girls for the morning classes of two hours each day. Instruction was given in hymn-playing, fundamentals of music, sight singing, and choir work. The children made notebooks on hymnology, illustrating their memory hymn, and also making a music dictionary. In the evening the emphasis was on congregational singing, instruction in song leading, and hymn accompaniment. Ninety-six people were enrolled in the school, with an average attendance of 75. Certificates of Participation and Certificates of Achievement were awarded to the boys and girls. Several adults studied the book, "Growing a Musical Church," and will receive an award for this work. The school began with a hymn-sing Sunday afternoon, June 6. A number of people from several of the other churches in the association attended. L. A. Thompson is pastor.

Avoid Summer Slump

"A Hump instead of the Summer Slump" was the theme for the Training Union Rally that was held in Harmony Association at Oak Grove Baptist Church, near Pine Bluff, Tuesday night, June 8. Delbert McAtee, associational Training Union director, reports that 198 were present at this meeting. After the departmental meetings there was a discussion between Luther Dorsey and T. N. Shaddox on the subject "To Have or Not to Have a Training Union." In this discussion, Brother Dorsey made a visit to Brother Shaddox, and one of them began making some excuses for not having a Training Union; then the other one showed how weak all of these arguments were and built a good case for the Baptist Training Union. After this splendid discussion Brother A. B. Pierce brought the closing message.

Study Courses Becoming Very Popular

There were 1,645 Training Union study course awards granted to the people of Arkansas during May, compared to 897 for May of last year. This makes a total of 8,300 for the first five months of this year compared to 6,896 for the first five months of last year.

Make your plans now for a Training Union Enlargement Campaign for September. At that time the Methods books should be taught and put into practice. That would be the logical time to organize new unions that are needed and to complete the organization of each union.

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New Orleans Seminary

By T. K. RUCKER

The School of Providence and Prayer goes marching on. As the Arkansas representative on the Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Seminary, I would like to make a report of our recent board meeting in Memphis.

Within a few weeks, the Board of Trustees will assemble at our New 75 acre Seminary site on Gentilly Boulevard, in New Orleans for the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the first buildings for the new Seminary.

The entire Seminary plant when completed will cost \$3,000,000 or more. The construction will be in two installments. The initial project will cost about \$700,000. Of this amount, \$540,000 is for the construction of four apartment houses; with the remaining \$160,000 being used for the grading of streets, installation of all utilities, construction of walks and curbing, and architect's fees. This first project is to be paid for out of money on hand and from Co-operative Program receipts for 1948.

After the present construction is completed, nothing else will be done in the way of new building on the new site until we secure the additional funds necessary to complete the entire Seminary. This second building project will include the remaining buildings in the over-all plan and will cost approximately \$2,000,000.

The question arises, what shall we do with the old property? The Board of Trustees is of one mind, keeping it and using it as production endowment. Our present facilities are suitable now or can easily be converted into apartment houses on other rental property.

The spirit that prevails at the Seminary is refreshing to the visitor. A more wholesome Christian atmosphere cannot be found anywhere. The school is making steady progress under the capable leadership of President Roland Q. Leavell.

"No wonder you are such a sissy," declared the bad boy. "Your pa and ma were married by the justice of peace."

"Well," retorted independent Susan, "from the noise I heard coming from your house, your pa and ma must have been married by the Sec'y of War." Christian Observer.

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From Malachi To Christ

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

If you have access to helps on Biblical history, you will want to use that portion which gives light on the period following Malachi's prophecy. Daniel 11 is the only place in the Bible where this period of time is recorded. Even though Daniel is listed in the larger lesson and not in the printed text, do not omit a study in this prophecy. You will want to study the history of God's chosen people between the Old and New Testaments. Few Christians understand the upheaval of the years between the Old and New Testaments.

The History of the Inter-Biblical Period

This period lasted about 400 years, and was divided into four different distinct divisions. The Jewish people were not all in one group, as we have learned from this quarter's study. We started our study with Ezekiel and the period of exile and have continued to the close of the Old Testament. One group of the people, the Northern Kingdom, was conquered and carried into exile by the Assyrians. Some of this group may have gone back to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel but we do not have definite proof. Another group of Jews settled permanently in Babylon. These were carried into that land after the first attack by the Babylonians upon Jerusalem. They remained there by choice when a remnant returned. The third group was the remnant that returned to the land which was promised to them and their seed, by God to Abraham. Under Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah these Jews rebuilt the temple, the walls, and restored law and order in the land.

The four divisions of time we set by the dominion of the political powers who ruled the world. We realize in studying Daniel that the image of four metals—gold, silver, brass, and iron—refers to the four empires or kingdoms which were in power, one after another, beginning with the fall of Jerusalem. Babylon started "the times of the Gentiles." However, at the close of the Old Testament, and for perhaps a century after, the Jews were under Persian rule. The Jewish high priests occupied civil positions during this period and it had a direct influence on the authority of sacred writings and the law of Moses, in regards to the lives of the people.

Alexander the Great arose as conqueror and the Jews were under Greek rule. We learn from Paul something of the conflict between Judaism and Hellenism. With the death of Alexander, the

Sunday School Lesson For June 27, 1948

Daniel 2:31-45; 8:11; Malachi 3:1-5; 4; Luke 1:67-79

land was divided among generals and a part wrested by Antiochus the great, and the Jews were preyed upon by Egyptians, then Syrians, then Egyptians, and Syrians again. Antiochus Epiphanes, King of Syria, mentioned in prediction, possibly in Daniel 8:9-14, brutal hater of the Jews, desecrated the temple in Jerusalem and caused much ruin. Judas Maccabeus and his sons revolted against him. After this period, the Jews came under the iron rule of Rome.

The New Testament opens with Rome ruling the land of Judea. The Roman government built roads, improved commerce and travel, and united the land geographically. Was not this, perhaps, in preparation for the evangelization of the world after the crucifixion?

The Coming of the Messiah Foretold

We studied Malachi last month and are familiar with the book and its message. Now, let us think of the fact that this is the last voice sounded before the 400 years of silence and the message is the promise of the forerunner and the Messiah in His first and second coming. In the days of Malachi, religion was only form and he pictures Christ's coming, as "refiner's fire" and "fullers' soap," to cleanse the heart and give new life within. Malachi tells of the

coming of a Deliverer; He was not to be what the Jews expected Him to be but One who could make the heart sincere and true.

Also, here is the message of judgment. Malachi 4:1 refers to a time, yet in the future, to a great "day of the Lord" when judgment will come. "The execution of God's great judgments is usually represented by the prophets as a burning," Barnes. There follows this startling judgment prophecy the beautiful hope of the sunrise. All who trust the Lord Jesus will be cared for by Him and need have no fear of fire, judgments, chaos, or destruction. He is "Our Way of Escape." Only God knows when Christ is coming to earth, again.

The Ministry of John the Baptist

Our passage from Luke 1 is beautiful and indicates the security of every promise of God. Malachi had said that one should come to prepare the way for the Savior. The Old Testament is

closed with the shining hope of the forerunner and the Messiah. The New Testament is opened with the fulfilment of a portion of that prophet's message.

The circumstances of the birth of a son to Zacharias and Elizabeth were miraculous; the child was circumcised the eighth day and the father wrote, "His name is John." Zacharias was dumb until this time because of his disbelief of the message of the angel; now his mouth is opened and he speaks a message to the babe. His life is to perform a two-fold ministry to God: he shall prepare the way for the face of the Lord, and he shall preach repentance and the way of salvation.

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There are a few churches in several associations which we believe would like to have a part in satisfying the crying need for mission work throughout the world. The Co-operative Program is our greatest method of satisfying these needs. The Foreign Mission Board reports that "The need for missionaries in Japan is so great that Dr. Baker James Cauthen, regional secretary for the Orient, has requested that the number for Japan be increased to 100 by 1950. In China, Communist action has caused some shifting of missionaries into other areas, as it is not possible to conduct mission work under Communist dom-

ination." We have a great program and a large budget for Arkansas Baptists this year, and we are running a little behind on money with which to finance it. Remember that foreign missions greatly benefits when we reach the goal or over pay the budget. Then our own state missions and state institutions suffer when we do not measure up in undesignated contributions.

Please study the picture given on this page. Pray about it, and go to your Sunday School and church next Sunday determined that your church will do something for the Co-operative Program before the month closes.