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Clergy Offered Bribe

BY RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

Confirmation of a report that a million-dollar bribe had been made to the Steubenville Ministerial Association, Steubenville, Ohio, "to lay off gamblers" was made here by the Rev. Norman Nygaard, who last year led the local clergymen in a drive against vice.

Disclosure of the bribe offer was made in Springfield, Ohio, by Albert E. Payne, an industrialist, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

"I was told at a recent meeting with the Steubenville Ministerial Association that they had been offered \$200,000 a year for five years, if they would ignore gamblers and gambling in Steubenville," Payne declared.

Mr. Nygaard said the bribe offer had been made by racketeers more than a year ago and that Payne had been told of it in confidence.

The clergyman said the approach was made by racketeers through a Steubenville businessman known to both groups and was in the form of an "inducement" for the ministers to "lay off rackets".

According to Mr. Nygaard, the plan called for placing \$200,000 in escrow for five years, at which time the fund could have been used by the clergymen to erect a million-dollar youth recreation center.

Mr. Nygaard, who has written a book on the anti-vice drive called "Twelve Against the Underworld", expressed the belief that no one was liable to prosecution in the matter, and added that the crusading clergymen were not swayed by the offer.

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New Mexico Baptists

Offer Assembly Site

When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Memphis, Tennessee, in May, delegates will receive an offer from the Baptist Convention of New Mexico for an 880-acre ranch site, 20 miles southeast of Santa Fe for a summer conference grounds.

At a recent meeting of the New Mexico Baptists, the executive board of the Convention authorized purchase of the ranch, located at Glorieta, New Mexico, 7,437 feet high in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Since then, according to Clint Irwin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Santa Fe, the purchase has been made.

New Mexico Baptists will offer the land to the Southern Convention as a site for summer assemblies. A stipulation specifies that if such assemblies cannot be held on a south-wide basis, control will revert to the New Mexico group.

We pray that the Glorieta plant may eventually be comparable to the Southern Convention's eastern assembly at Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Preliminary plans for the Glorieta site call for these improvements: an auditorium with a seating capacity of 3,000 to 4,000 persons; two or three hotels plus cottages which would accommodate from 2,000 to 3,000 guests; and a large dining hall.

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Don't sit in a corner and frown and pout;
Put an end to worry and fear and doubt;
Get out in the sunshine—look up and laugh;
Petty cares will vanish like wind-swept chaff.

The Two C's

Whether we realize it or not, ours is a day of revolutions. The most notable have occurred in the East, where they are still continuing. Russia has fallen from the rule of the Tsars; India has found freedom from the rule of the British, but is being bound once again with the cords of dis-unity; China still wrestles with the effort to establish a lasting government.

Throughout the world there are forces working for the overthrow of government. Revolution is the declared method of Communism's path to power. Though all the different claspers have their own peculiar merits, each with its own distinct forms, beneath are seen two clashing lines of thought.

Even though there are times when the lines run together, the two opposing forces are struggling over whether the individual or the state is the most important.

History for the past few centuries has been a record of the progress that the individual has made in overcoming the subservience that power, ignorance, and money had placed on him. Though there have been times when the state seemed to triumph, the individual has come a long way toward achieving a perfection of existence, judging from the distance of the road.

This fact has placed the Christian religion at the opposite side of Communism. Christianity is a religion of individuals, giving the individual the freedom of a will of his own, and demanding that he enter by a personal experience, that is at once individual and universal, and that he give to nothing a higher allegiance than to his God.

This fact has also placed Democracy at variance with the ideals of Communism with its placing of everything under the yoke of the state, claiming that it is for the good of the people.

Democracy, meanwhile, holds that each person should have the greatest amount of freedom that is possible and yet maintain a peaceful relationship among the various members.

—Editor, *The Daily Lariat*

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DISCOURAGEMENT

Once upon a time Satan announced that he was going out of business. He said he expected to renounce the past, sell his tools at public auction.

On the day of the auction, a great concourse of people came to see the Devil's stock of vices. There were malice, envy, jealousy, hatred, sensuality, anger, and scores of other gadgets. Apart from all the rest was a wedge-shaped device tagged with an unusually high price. Satan was especially enthusiastic over this item. "It is called Discouragement," he said. "It is worth more in my business than anything else displayed here . . . It has achieved the desired results in millions upon millions of cases. If I can but force this wedge within the consciousness of man, it drives him to the use of other vices . . . But Satan never sold the wedge of Discouragement. The price was far too high. He kept it and is making effective use of it today.

—Alabama Baptists

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The kingdom of God can never be established by raising money; but it can never be extended without raising money.

EARTHQUAKE CHRISTIANS

A Devotion by the Editor

"And suddenly there was a great earthquake."

A few years ago we had a friend visiting our home from Timmonsville, South Carolina. One evening this friend related some interesting incidents resulting from what is popularly known in that section as the Charleston earthquake, which occurred about a generation ago.

For one thing, a revival meeting was in progress in the town of Timmonsville in which very little interest had been shown. One evening the minister prayed that the wall of Zion might fall in order to arouse the people to their need of God. Almost simultaneously with this prayer the first shock of the earthquake was felt and the church building reeled and trembled.

The revival continued for more than a week and so did the successive earthquakes. Many people came to church in ever increasing numbers. And many of the gospel-hardened sinners of the community were converted and united with the church.

In the early days of Christianity there was an earthquake in Greece. Paul and Silas entered the city of Philippi, and as was the custom was, they preached the gospel of Christ. For many days a demented girl was used by a company of men as a fortune teller to make money, followed Paul and cried: "These men are the servants of the Most High God which show unto us the way of salvation." One day Paul turned and said, "I command thee in the name of Christ to come out of her; and he came out the same hour."

When her masters "saw that the hope of their gain" was gone, they had Paul and Silas arrested, beaten, and cast into prison.

But nothing could daunt the spirit of the men of God. At midnight they prayed and sang praises to God. "And suddenly there was a great earthquake and the foundations of the prison were shaken" as if revolt against the outrage committed against the servants of God. Immediately, the doors of the prison were opened and everyone's bonds were loosed. The jailer, charged upon penalty of his life to keep the prisoners safe, saw the doors open and supposing the prisoners had escaped, was about to kill himself. He called out to him, "Do thyself no harm; we are all here." Then the jailer sprang with a light, led the prisoners out, and asked the question: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 30, 31).

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Across the Editor's Desk

Who Is a Baptist?

Is open Membership Good for Baptist Churches?

By H. B. FISHER, Pastor

Perrine Baptist Church, Perrine, Florida

One word could easily answer this great question of open membership, and that one word is — No! Now, to explain what I mean by saying "no". We, as Baptists can definitely date our beginning from the time of John the Baptist, and should be proud of the fact and do everything in our power to keep our churches as near perfect according to the New Testament pattern. When Christ said to Peter, "upon this rock (petros) I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," he meant that it should never be other than what He designed. This is the cornerstone of every Baptist church, and we must keep it dear and precious to our own hearts.

If we Baptists let down the bars and let everyone come into the membership who has simply made a profession of faith in Christ, but has not been baptized as Christ commanded and exemplified, we depart from our New Testament ideals. Our emphasis on Scriptural baptism is a vital part of our total witness. Immersion is the only Scriptural form of baptism, and if we say that it does not matter, we are saying that Christ and his teachings were in vain. I firmly believe that anyone who wishes to be a member of a Baptist church should study the Baptist emphasis upon New Testament doctrines, and then, if willing to accept these, follow Christ in baptism. We will then have stronger and better Baptist churches.

A Baptist church that accepts all who present themselves without understanding our distinctive doctrines will ultimately find itself under the influence of all kinds of false doctrines. I knew of a Baptist church where the board of deacons was made up of men who had beliefs and doctrines that were far from Baptist, and there was always trouble and dissension in that church. We must be firm in our convictions if they are according to the teaching of the New Testament. Open membership is bad, not only in Baptist churches, but in every other church.

A zealous Baptist honestly feels that everyone should be willing to follow Christ in baptism, and then consecratedly enter into the full fellowship of a Baptist church. I have had people say to me, "I would like to be a member of your church, but you Baptists say that I must be baptized by immersion, and I do not see that it is necessary." I consider it my duty to teach them that, according to the Holy Bible, it is necessary. Baptists can win the world for Christ if we will only stand fast in our doctrine of the New Testament.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

In Christ's Grip

It is a vivid picture which Paul draws with only a few words: "I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." The Apostle feels the grip of Jesus, and he is trying to grasp the purpose for which Jesus has taken hold of him.

When Jesus laid hold upon Paul, something came alive within him and he knew that he was in the grip of the divine. Paul became conscious of the in-dwelling Christ and His empowering grace.

This aliveness to the presence of Jesus is the Christian consciousness—the consciousness of being gripped and held by the redeeming Christ. Such a Christian consciousness is more powerful than instinct by which lower animal life is guided; it is more powerful than the grip of worldly power which controls the lives of those who know not Christ.

The power that grips us, holds us, and impels us is not a blind impersonal force which picks us up, because we happen to be in its path. Mighty glaciers formed in the frigid regions of the earth, as they move toward lower elevations, carry along with them great rocks which happen to be in their path. But there is no purpose in the glacier carrying the rock. When the action of the sun and rain has caused the glacier to relax its hold, the stones are left where they are.

We may sometimes feel that we are held in the grip of forces which are blind, relentless, purposeless; that we are like mere pebbles held and carried along by the cold, unfeeling, and impersonal forces of the world.

But such is not the Christian consciousness. The Christian is conscious of the grip of a great power, but it is a power that is friendly,

gracious, spiritual, personal; a power that a person whose purposes encompass the highest good of the one who He holds in His embrace.

Therefore, the Christian yields to that embrace. He does not struggle against the enveloping power of Christ, nor does he become merely passive. He is not like a wrestler struggling with an antagonist, nor like a rebel who resists constituted authority, nor like a subject subdued and helpless, but still resentful.

The person with a Christian consciousness joyously accepts the gripping, enveloping power of Christ, and joins forces with Him and together Jesus and the yielded Christian work toward the goal for which the divine has laid hold upon a human life.

Aid-To-Education Bill

The Aid-to-education bill, known as the Taft bill, passed the Senate by a vote of 22 to 22.

This bill provides Federal assistance to the states for education. Whether any of the Federal funds are used for parochial or private schools is left for each participating state to decide.

This is another breach in the wall of separation of church and state. When and if the bill becomes the law of the land, church groups will be bidding against each other for Federal funds for their schools. The possibility of Federal funds for church schools will encourage the building of more church schools.

The Catholics have more parochial schools than any other denomination, they will receive the major portion of all funds which are available to church schools.

The Taft bill constitutes another serious breach in the wall separating the church and the state. Unless this and other like breaches are soon repaired, that cherished wall will collapse.

An amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting the use of public tax funds for private or church schools, may be the only remedy for the situation in which we now find ourselves.

Lee For President

We concur in the opinion expressed by B. Jackson that Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis is the logical man to succeed Dr. Louie D. Newton as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

No man is more widely known among Southern Baptists or more highly esteemed than Dr. Lee. It might also be said that one among us is more thoroughly familiar with all phases of denominational life and activity.

Dr. Lee's long and illustrious ministry would seem to set him apart at this particular time as the logical choice for the presidency of our convention.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "Personal Adventures With Jesus" 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—Silcam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
 KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.
 KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

New Pastor at Ft. Smith



Dr. Braxton B. Sawyer, pastor of First Church, Murray, Kentucky, since August, 1944, has accepted a call to the Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas. He will assume his duties there May 9. He succeeds Victor H. Coffman, who has been pastor of the church since December, 1927.

Dr. Sawyer was born in Alabama, but moved to Jonesboro, Arkansas, as a small boy. He finished high school there and attended Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, for two years. He graduated from Ouachita College in 1939, with cum laude honors, and studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Sawyer served two years as pastor of First Church, Pulaski, Virginia. During that time the budget of the church was doubled, and there were over 300 additions to the church membership.

During his four years as pastor of First Church, Murray, Kentucky, there were 527 additions to the church, the Sunday School attendance increased from 370 to 577, and total offerings per year increased from \$24,142 to \$44,596. An educational building was erected, at a cost of \$40,000. Dr. Sawyer will dedicate the new building May 2, as his last official act as pastor of the congregation. At the request of the First Church, Murray, he will conduct a revival there beginning March 28. He will also hold a revival in Birmingham, Alabama, before assuming his duties as pastor of Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, on Mother's Day.

Mrs. Sawyer, the former Miss Ruth Coker of Harrisburg, Arkansas, is a graduate of Ouachita College, and has had two years' work in the Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Louisville, Kentucky. She is teacher of a college girls' Sunday School class and counselor of the Y. W. A. in the First Church, Murray.

James Cooper, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, was the evangelist in a Youth Revival held in the First Church, Waldron,

March 21-31. Sixty-eight persons were received into the fellowship of the church on profession of faith, and 12 by letter. Thirty-three members of the church re-dedicated their lives to the Lord. Weldon Grafton, a student in Ouachita College, directed the music.

All previous attendance records were broken Sunday, April 4, with 350 in Sunday School, and more than 300 in Training Union. Vernon E. Yarbrough is pastor of the Waldron church.

The First Church, Hoxie, is rejoicing in its freedom from an indebtedness which recently has been liquidated. Sunday afternoon, March 28, a significant service was held at the church for the purpose of celebrating the achievement of paying off the mortgage indebtedness and burning the mortgage papers. G. W. Boyd, Nettleton, a former pastor, delivered the message for the occasion.

J. V. Chandler has been pastor of the Hoxie church since last September. During this brief pastorate funds were raised to pay off the mortgage and to improve the church property, including the parsonage and house of worship. There have been four additions to the church by baptism, five by letter, and one by statement.



Official ground-breaking ceremonies for the \$175,000 Second Church Building, El Dorado, were held at the site of the new building at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, March 28.

The proposed building, which will be constructed of red brick with white stone lining the doors and windows, will consist of three units as shown in the accompanying picture. When completed, the educational building will accommodate more than 800 in Sunday School.

Those participating in the ground-breaking ceremonies were: Pastor Jesse Reed, who presided; Mayor John M. Shackelford, El

Beech Street Church

Has Vigorous Progr

By Mrs. SUSAN E. WINHAM, Church Secre

Being without a pastor since the first of January has not lessened the interest of Beech Street members in Kingdom work. They are praying for an under-shepherd of their own choosing.

The Sunday services are well attended and the attendance in the mid-week prayer services has greatly increased. The one purpose among our members is obvious.

During the period that our church has been without a pastor the pulpit has been supplied by outstanding ministers of the South, including: Dr. John D. Freeman, Nashville; Dr. S. E. Tull, Pine Bluff; Dr. E. Bruce, Marshall, Texas; Dr. E. D. Head, Smith, and Pastor W. M. Ethridge, Marshall, Texas.

April 4, the Ouachita A Capella Choir, in charge of the morning service. On Sunday, the church choir, under the direction of Mrs. E. S. Couch, rendered the E Cantata, "The Divine Redeemer."

Supplies for the next three Sundays: April 11, Dr. Ray Summers, Southwestern Seminary; April 18, Dr. E. B. Head, Southwestern Seminary; April 25, Dr. W. R. W. Baylor University. The mid-week prayer services are sponsored by the organization of the church, and members of the board of deacons bring the inspirational message. The phases of the work of the church are making splendid progress.

Dorado; Pastor C. A. Johnson, West Church, El Dorado; Mrs. R. M. Geren; C. Hammack, chairman of the board of deacons, Immanuel Church, El Dorado; Lee E. chairman of the building committee; F. Sam Reeves, First Church, El Dorado; B. H. Duncan, Little Rock. Carl Click, oldest deacon in the church in point of age, turned the first shovel of earth.

Pastor Jesse Reed has been with the Beech Street Church only since the first of March. During the first month of his pastorate the new building enterprise was launched and an ambitious program of church activities is in making.

Heaven Is A Place

(The first in a series of alternating studies on Heaven and Hell)

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By the Editor

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Jesus plainly states that He is going to prepare a "PLACE" for his disciples. The disciples interpreted that place to be heaven. It has been so understood ever since: "In my Father's house", he said, "are many mansions."

On the Isle of Patmos, John saw a vision of heaven as a city with dimensional proportions, whose measurements were within the range of human intelligence, an intelligence heightened by the grace of God and clarified by the light of God.

Heaven is inhabited by free and responsible citizens. Some of them are named in the Scriptures. It is said: "Many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob."

In heaven there is a throne from which the Sovereign of the universe rules, with justice and grace, over a people redeemed and glorified by the blood of the Lamb.

The earth may be the final place of heaven. The city, the new Jerusalem, is spoken of as coming down and there shall be "a new heaven and a new earth." Are the two merged into one? We cannot say with certainty and we must exercise caution in making any dogmatic statements in this regard.

But this one thing we may be sure of, wherever heaven is we shall be satisfied there. For it is a prepared "place," a specially constructed abode perfectly adapted to the character of its redeemed inhabitants.

Place Of Relief

Heaven is described as rest from wearying toll. "There remaineth a rest for the people of God." Jesus issued the invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." There will be no doubts to cloud our vision, there will be no fears to frighten us, there will be no threats to intimidate us, there will be no trials to wear us down, there will be no sin and temptation to blight and to mar our lives and weaken our vital powers.

No Physical Sufferings

Physical sufferings which we have known here will be ended. There will be no more pain to wrench and twist our bodies nor any disease to cause our tissues to waste away.

There will be no grief to wrap our souls with the damp and chilling blanket of sorrow. Our weeping will be ended. Instead of our features being drawn and distorted with pain and grief and bathed with tears, they will reflect the joy of our hearts and the light of God's presence.

And death, the most dreaded of all experiences, which from the beginning of time has marked the end of all life and life accomplishments — it will be no more.

And the Devil, Satan, that Old Dragon, is chained in the bottomless pit to be tormented forever by the very same demonic forces which he has released among men to hound

their pathway in this world. Heaven will be a relief from it all.

This relief is the direct ministry of the hand of God. As typical of this ministry, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." With one gentle but decisive stroke of the hand, God will banish forever all the circumstances, conditions, and forces which have brought trial, pain, want, sorrow, sin, and death to the sons of men.

Place Of Rewards

"Great is your reward in heaven" it is said. In the parables of the pounds and the talents our rewards in heaven are described in terms of personal growth and development and the exercise of personal powers. Our efforts in His service here will be rewarded there by an enlarged capacity for doing perfectly what we did here so poorly and imperfectly. He who had increased his talents was rewarded by an enlarged responsibility.

Rewards are set forth in "terms which accord with human struggle here." For our enlarged capacities, greater abilities, and freedom of action there will be provided ample and adequate facilities. There we will have a "better and more enduring substance." We are urged to lay up treasures in heaven. We are promised "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

Holy Employment

We understand that this "enduring substance", this laid up treasure, this "inheritance reserved in heaven" constitute our rewards. These rewards will provide us with the facilities whereby we may be eternally employed in the service of God.

In heaven we will have a better song to sing and a better voice with which to sing. We will have a better sermon to preach and a clearer tongue with which to preach it. We will have more and purer love and a more generous spirit to bestow that love. We will have greater kindness and a more gracious heart with which to show kindness. We will have greater gifts and more generous hands with which to give.

Place Of Spiritual Environment

The environment of heaven is portrayed by symbols rich in moral and spiritual suggestion.

Isaiah was allowed to behold a preview of nature when all the conflicting forces would either be eliminated or harmonized so that perfect peace should reign. Paul observed in nature a sympathetic interest in man's moral struggle upward and declared that the whole creation is groaning and struggling with us.

Structural Description

The very structure of heaven is described in terms which convey to us the richest ideas of moral and spiritual environment. Gold is the symbol of those enduring spiritual qualities which grow more lustrous with constant use. Precious stones, while conveying the same idea of endurance, add still another idea. They gather up the faintest rays of light and beauty from their surroundings and throw them back in a shower of glittering sparks of light, beauty, and charm.

We wonder if these precious stones and metals may not symbolize the love with which heaven is paved, the more it is used the brighter it glows; and the grace by which we are admitted into heaven, the grace in the mysterious depths of which we see the great oceans of God's love toward us; and the virtues of our own hearts which have captured and absorbed the light rays of the Son of righteousness and now send them back in a matchless array of sparkling reflections of the very image of the divine.

The nature of the life provided is pictured in terms that are just as rich in spiritual suggestions. Water is the symbol of life that flows from an inexhaustible fountain and a refreshing stream forevermore. Leaves that healing suggest perpetual health without the pains and miseries known to earth. The pillars of the temple symbolize stability as contrasted with the frailty and transitoriness known to earth.

Personal Adornment

The personal adornment of the inhabitants of heaven is also portrayed by terms of spiritual adaptation. They are clothed with white robes to signify purity, their garments have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool."

They shall also receive a crown to symbolize the victory they have won in their struggle with sin and Satan. Heaven shall be an empire of victors who, by the grace and power of God, have fought their way through trials, temptations, and conflicts of earth and have arrived at that eternal home of the redeemed.

Perfect Social Order

The companionships of heaven shall be rich in spiritual values. God Himself shall be in their midst and the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world, shall be their light. And none shall be afraid, but all shall approach the God of all grace with free and glad expectancy.

The conception of a city in such an environment suggests a "perfect social order" in striking contrast to what we have known on the earth. There everyone shall live, love, and labor for the good of every other. Selfishness, jealousy, strife, or prejudice shall not enter into the relationship in heaven. Every perfect companionship that shall feed and nourish the richest, noblest qualities of life shall be ours to enjoy forevermore.

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

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

Two Dangerous Forces

By FLOYD LOONEY, Editor
The California Southern Baptist

The oath of a communist is no more American and subversive than the oath of a Catholic priest. That communism is a dangerous, subtle, deadly foe of the American way of life no one will deny. It would be well, however, for us to remember that the most part we have the aid of the newspapers, the radio, and public sentiment to fight communism. The newspapers, the radio, and other mediums of disseminating information are as silent as a corpse on the moribund of Roman Catholicism's aims in our country. They so largely control the public press that their medium is favored above all else.

Let the American people beware lest we cry down communism, a thing which true America despises, that it does not become the red herring to draw our attention from a much older foe, Roman Catholicism. While we spend our time and energy to refute communism, the subtle tactics of Roman Catholics will be applied to accomplish their purposes.

Nations that are dominated by Catholics are no better off today than the ones dominated by communists. While the two are entirely different, the ideologies of both of them are elevating to humanity. Let Catholics, Protestants, and all other liberty-loving Americans remember that a state church is as deadly in its effect upon the country as communism.

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Watch This Trend!

The Brewers of America are getting the ground floor with advertising through channels of television. From the next issue of Brewer's Digest comes this new

"An outstanding 'first' in Cincinnati recent inauguration of television on Crosley WLWT Station. The occasion is the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament sponsored by The George Wiedemann Brewing Company, Inc., of Newport, Kentucky. The winners of Wiedemann Bohemian and Wiedemann Royal Amber Beers.

This is part of Wiedemann's aggressive advertising policy. Wiedemann's has been a dominant radio advertiser as one of the first to place their programs on Frequency Modulation Stations."

In Louisville, Kentucky, with television broadcasting at least six months ago, only receiving sets sold to date have been sold to bars, saloons, and taverns.

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Americans Like Religious Music

Americans like church music and better than any other type, according to a survey conducted for the American Music Conference in Chicago.

Representatives of 4,537 families questioned in the poll, which show 60.8 per cent like religious music best. Viewers also found that, outside the church, the most important and stimulating interest in music.

—Religious News Service—

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If you must slander someone—do it—but write it—write it in the saucer of water's edge.

German Methodism Flourishes: Methodism is flourishing in Germany as never before, with more progress in the Russian-occupation zone than in any other part of the country. Leaders point to a 100 per cent increase in Sunday School work since the end of the war as one outstanding indication of the denomination's progress.

Church spokesmen make no attempt to conceal their surprise that the revival movement is strongest in the Russian-occupied zone of Saxony. This development refutes the oft-proposed theory of German churchmen that religious awakening of the German people depends largely on material factors.

The work is being carried on under difficulties due to Russian regulations. Activities are limited, no special meetings are permitted without official sanction, also, no youth activities are allowed. However, a great deal depends on the attitude of local Russian commanders. Some are strict and others more tolerant in their interpretation of official regulations.

Adventists Plan Evangelistic Campaigns in China: One hundred evangelistic campaigns will be conducted in China during the next six months by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Fifty of the campaigns will get under way this month, with the remainder scheduled for next fall.

According to W. P. Bradley, Adventist official, who has just returned from a tour of the Orient, Christianity is in great demand in both China and Japan. Young people are especially flocking to the churches, and the churches are full of new vigor and an evangelistic fervor.

"Never has there been such a hunger for education, all schools are full, and students are flocking to our 15 schools," he declared. "It is incredible the hunger, cold, and inconvenience the young people will suffer in order to get a little education."

Russian Drive to Stamp out Religious Influence: A new drive to "stamp out religious influence in the Soviet Union" is being pushed by the Central Committee of the Kom-somols, young communists, according to a Paris report in the New York Times. Local clergymen who are not in accord with the subservient attitude of the Russian Orthodox hierarchy toward the Moscow government are the chief targets.

The Times report, written by C. L. Sulzberger, declared, "apparently the priests are individually struggling against the atheistic tendencies of the Kremlin, and this, perhaps the phase of the church's long-term conflict with the Soviet government, appears to be undergoing a mopping up."

The young Communists' Central Committee is understood to have passed a decree a few months ago which indicates that Russia's minor and local clergy is due to find its activities increasingly hampered in the future.

Decency Committee Formed: Clergymen of 12 Protestant denominations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have united to form a Committee for the Preservation of Decency, which will combat literature alleged to be "salacious, vulgar, and blasphemous."

A subcommittee, headed by Melvin M. Forney, pastor of Third Baptist Church, has been created to study plans for setting up an advisory committee which will co-operate with publishers in preventing the circulation of "lewd publications."

"It is our hope that this group will form the nucleus of a national uprising in protest against anti-American, filthy, salacious literature," Forney said. "There is a growing revolt against the moronic exploitation of sex in modern literature, and we hope to co-operate with publishers to save them from future embarrassment on the part of an angry public."

Leaders of the movement said they would seek to enlist the support of all interests concerned "with the preservation of human decency in protest to the circulation of any book that is obscene, vulgar, or blasphemous."

Mission Leader Warns Against Universal Military Training: Dr. Charles Iglehart, professor of missions at Union Theological Seminary, New York, told the Senate Armed Services Committee here that UMT had been a leading factor in making Japan a military state. He declared that the process by which Japan was militarized is similar to the course the U. S. is following now.

Dr. Iglehart was engaged in educational work in Japan for 30 years prior to 1941, and is a former member of General MacArthur's headquarters staff. He told the Committee that Japan's compulsory military training was of little use for actual defense when America took the offensive and that the UMT in this country would be equally irrelevant in case of war.

Prayer Period Proclaimed by Mayor: Mayor Thomas L. Cummings, Nashville, Tenn., has proclaimed April and May as months of prayer and church attendance in Nashville.

The mayor's proclamation came in support of a city-wide "Go to Church" drive scheduled by Nashville religious, civic, educational, and business groups for the two month period.

A similar campaign last year drew thousands of people back to church services in Nashville, and neighboring towns which instituted drives of their own experienced similar results in increased religious interest.

The mayor's proclamation declared that "the possibility of threats of war attendant upon conditions of unrest throughout the world are bringing to our people more each day the importance and necessity of turning to God in prayer, and a greater emphasis upon spiritual ideals rather than on things material seems to be in order."

Only Laymen Can Do It

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By W. O. CARVER

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"Spiritual as well as material resources must be used in bringing peace to the world. Dictatorship and tyranny rise when solution of all economic problems is left to government. People inevitably revolt against bondage." These three sentences stand above the body of a two-page editorial by David Lawrence in his U. S. News—World Report of January 30, an editorial in which he is undertaking to tell what is "The Only Hope for Russia — and for Us" It is a soberly optimistic editorial which faces the calamitous condition of the world and the ominous conflict of aims and ideologies of Russia and the United States. The way of hope lies in a "new approach" to all the problems. This new approach must rely on "the people" of the two nations as distinguished from the governments. And it must discover, organize and utilize in full measure the moral resources of the peoples. There must be a "spiritual plan."

"While the Marshall Plan and the Baruch Plan and the political and economic plans are bandied about, surely there must be a spiritual plan to bring to each other in this world of darkness the bright light of human respect, human understanding, and above all, human fellowship." Lawrence calls upon Americans to manifest to the peoples, primarily of Europe, in which he would include Russians, "above all 'an interest' in the resurrection of human dignity — in the reconstruction of the individual as the unit of governmental action. For without the voluntary co-operation of reborn individuals, there can be no rebirth of nation." I have made this last sentence to stand out because it is the core of the whole problem and of any hope of its solution.

The Church and the Ministry

It is at this point that the function of the churches comes into the problem. Our gospel aims directly at producing these "reborn individuals." This is the task of our evangelistic ministry. The prophetic ministry must also aim at the "rebirth of nations." And that rebirth is imperative and urgent. There must be the "co-operation of (the) reborn individuals." The churches and the ministry must condition and inspire these reborn individuals for "voluntary co-operation." They must be intelligently and passionately committed to "voluntary co-operation" to save the social order which a "cold war" between two governments is threatening to carry quickly to annihilation.

Here Is the Work of Laymen

All the functions of the ministers provided by the "gifts" of the risen Lord from on high were to be devoted to "the perfecting of the saints unto the work of service." "The saints" are of course the Christians—all—the laymen. It is they who do the world's business, not the ministers. Laymen organize, conduct and constitute the common affairs of men. They carry on the manufacturing and the merchandising, the producing and the transportation of our goods and our gadgets. It is they who are our bankers, our lawmakers and administrators. They constitute our courts and our schools, and determine our past times and our diversions. The hope of a good society, even of a decent and meaningful way of life is at the actual making points in the

hands, in the plans, in the minds and hearts of laymen. If they can be Christians and their thinking and acting be Christian we can survive and continue in the ways of culture and ethical society—not otherwise.

To this end the ministers must seek to bring the purpose and power, the love and righteousness of God to bear effectively on the motives and the daily doings of men. They must press upon all men, and first of all on Christian men and women, the responsibility of living, the unfitness of all of us to live until God lays hold on us and controls us in all our relations and activities. We must show the eagerness of God to supply the ideals and the power for right living, to encourage and inspire, to renew and to sustain in the difficult task of living with one another.

The point I am trying here to stress is that all the work of the gospel and all the responsibility of the church for the world, and the major part of the calling of men to the world to come must be done—if actually done must be accepted and discharged—by the rank and file of saved men and women, the "lay" people. The ministry is to be occupied with defining and urging the tasks, with teaching and planning, especially with worshipping, with interpreting the will of God—which is prophecy — and with helping the saved to be true, wise, faithful, sacrificial servants of Christ in "the Kingdom of heaven." People who think of religion at all seriously, are all too accustomed to relate it to heaven and to overlook that Jesus was ever calling us to come "into the Kingdom of heaven," here and now. The time is now urgently at hand and insistent in its demand for Christians to seek before all else "the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

The Christian Ethic

Now all this I wish us to apply to the desperate need that the Christian ethic shall grip the builders of peace among men; shall dictate their plans and their methods; shall

be applied and sustained by the power of God. This power works through God's people. It is to "lay" Christians that churches and the world must look if need is to be met; not to the preachers directly. It is the laymen who sit on the Council and in the Assembly of United Nations on its commissions and committees. They are counselors of the delegations of "Christian nations." Through them, if at all, the voice of God will be heard, and through them, if at all, that the Spirit of the Word of God will lead and labor, and accomplish results.

It is in Christian congressmen and senators, a Christian president and cabinet members, yes, Christian leaders of political parties, Christian policy makers in all departments, that our religion will register its wisdom and its power. It is to produce and inspire and sustain such Christians in and for these functions that the churches and their ministers exist in the life of the world.

It is in Christian labor leaders and industrialists, executives and directors of all institutions and agencies of organic and organized society that a possible social order can be attained and sustained.

Let us say again that all these platitudes are re-stated here and now because "the days are evil" and we must without delay "redeem the time." The nations and their people must be reborn if they are to survive. They are not fit to survive as they are, nor will they survive unless they do come to rebirth. Our gospel must be God's power to produce — and on a world scale—these "reborn individuals" to rescue the remnants of a wrecked world and to reconstitute them into a possible order in our world.

And it all must be done by the grace of the power and the drive of God's Spirit for the glory of the redeeming Son of God on the layman's day. If he fails the day of doom is upon us; if he is faithful "our redemption draweth nigh."—The Commission

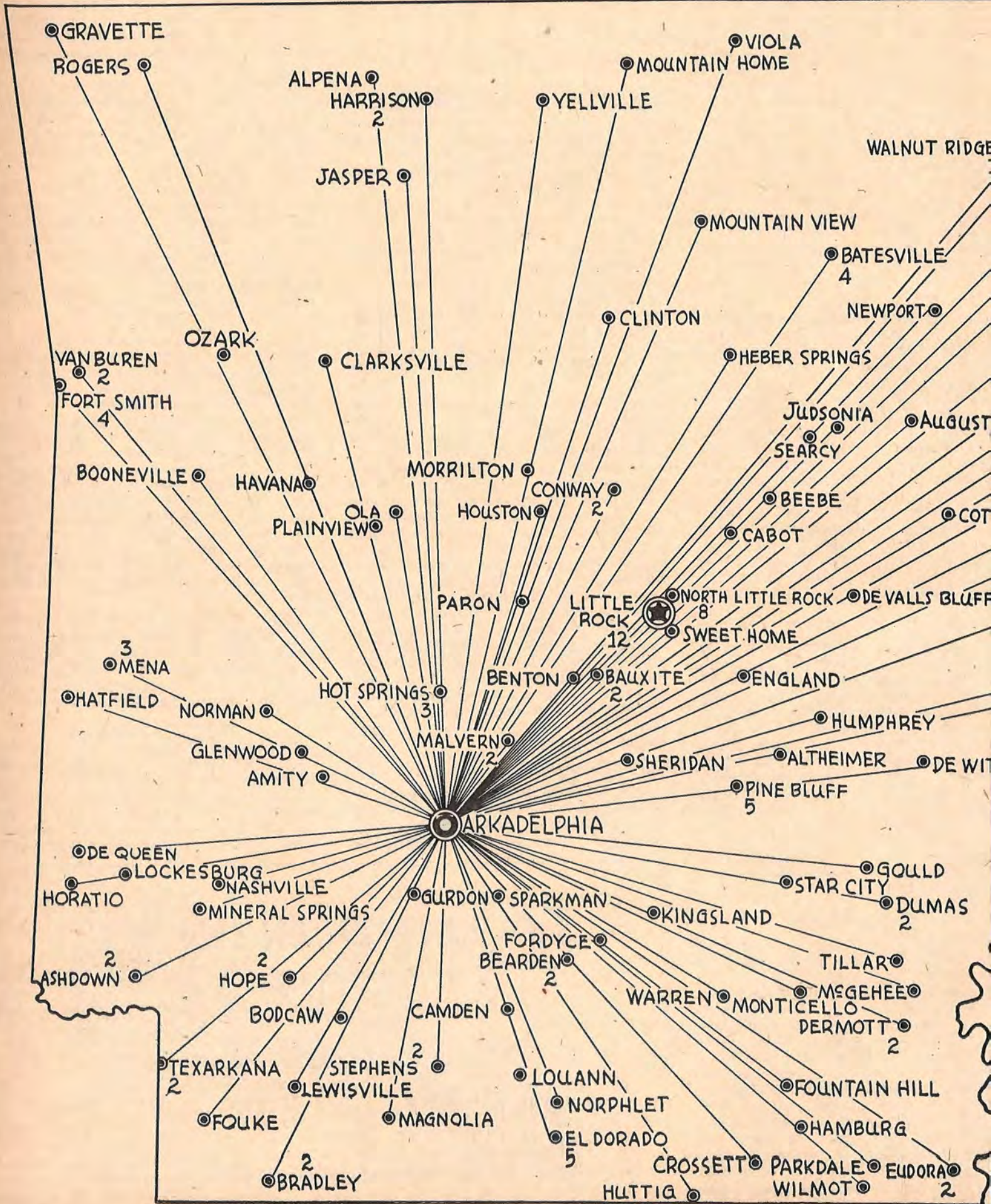
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Four-year-old George had been naughty and when he said his prayers that night, his mother told him he must ask God to forgive him and make him a better boy. This was his prayer: "Dear God forgive me and make me a better boy. But if you can't make me much better, please make mama reconcile

THE LAYMEN ON THE JOB



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CE OF OUACHITA COLLEGE

198 ALUMNI

ARE PASTORING CHURCHES IN ARKANSAS

76 Ouachita Ministerial Students are pastoring mission points a churches not located on the map.

7 Ouachita Alumni are Pastors of Churches not placed on map.

14 Ouachita Alumni are now serving as Foreign Missionaries.

113 Ouachita Alumni are now Pastors of Churches outside of Arkansas.

Cash on Hand in Building Fund

\$118,772.00



A STATEMENT BY W. P. JONES

Arkadelphia, Arkansas

A Member of the Building Committee

Supporters of Christian Education should know:

1. Why Ouachita College needs a Science Hall.

Ouachita is 62 years old and has never had a science building. Until the close of World War I, all science classes met in a classroom. After World War I, chemistry was taught in one barrack building, biology and physics in another. For many reasons these buildings were torn down and science was moved to third floor of main building, where it is today.

When science moved to third floor, Ouachita had less than 100 students in the science classes. Today there are more than 400 students in these classes. The auditorium and student center have been borrowed for science lecture rooms; but there is no place to go for extra laboratory space. The attic or fourth floor is used as a storage room for science equipment. The only entrance to this attic is by a ladder.

2. Why Ouachita College needs a Library Building.

Ouachita has never had a library building. For the first 35 years, Ouachita used a classroom as a library room. It later used part of the study hall for the books and the rest for the reading room. Afterwards, the books were put in a classroom, leaving the entire study hall for a reading room. This is the arrangement today. There are seats for 100 students when 300 seats are needed.

3. Why Ouachita needs a new Administration Building.

The needs are evident to anyone who knows the situation. The administrative

rooms are small and congested. The science rooms have been partitioned for efficiency and privacy, and a balcony has been made in one of the rooms for storage, mimeographing, and so forth. The accounting room has no window. The reception room is also small and windowless. The administrative rooms were crowded when enrollment was 250. Today with an enrollment of 900, the situation is discouraging.

4. Why Ouachita College needs a boys' dormitory.

Ouachita has two dormitories for boys now, but there are three, sometimes four boys to the room. A temporary barrack building houses twenty boys. Fifty boys have been compelled to find rooms in town and take their meals in the college cafeteria. Today Ouachita has more than 100 boys who are in overcrowded rooms in barracks, or in homes of Arkadelphians.

Recently, the building committee spent a day on Ouachita campus, studying the conditions. At the close of the day, they agreed unanimously to recommend to the Board and friends of Ouachita College that one large building to house science library, and administration be erected the earliest possible date. Also, it felt that a boys' dormitory should be erected at an early date, even in the face of high prices of labor and materials.

One of the greatest needs today is an educated, consecrated Christian leader. Ouachita College is the only Christian college in Arkansas, south of the Arkansas River. It needs our support today.



Woman's Missionary Union

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

Mrs. J. E. SHORT
President

Miss LAVERNE ASHBY
Young People's Secretary

Mrs. C. H. RAY
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Methods Clinics Held In North Central District

Mrs. W. B. O'Neal, president of North Central District, has traveled approximately 620 miles during the past quarter, holding Methods Clinics on W. M. U. work in three of her associations, namely, Stone-Van Buren, White River, and Independence. A total of almost 150 women attended these meetings, the interest was good, and the meetings inspirational.

Annie Armsrong Offering

The total amount received for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home missions to date of April 5, is \$7,690.33. While this amount is a slight increase over those of the past year on the above date, we would remind you to glean and reglean, and remit to the W. M. U. treasurer at your earliest convenience. We do want to have the major portion of this offering in hand before the Southern W. M. U. meeting at Memphis in May.

Narcotic Education Fund

There has been a total of \$978.39 remitted by your state W. M. U. treasurer to the treasurer of the Committee on Narcotic Education, for use in providing the salary and travel expense of Miss Mae Wilhelm, who is doing splendid work through the schools teaching the evil effects of alcohol and other narcotics.

We are grateful for the fine response but we had hoped the fund would reach at least \$2,000 by the time of our state W. M. U. annual meeting. A year ago we voted to help promote this worthy project by asking every missionary society to send an offering of at least ten cents per member. If your society has not sent an offering for this cause, we urge you to do so in the near future. Send remittance to your state W. M. U. treasurer, PLEASE.

The 1948 District Budget

We are happy to report that during the first quarter of 1948 a total of \$1,270.50 has been received on the district budget, which is a little more than one-fourth the budget for the year. We are grateful for this record and look forward to repeating this good record each quarter in 1948.

W. M. U. Rallies

Red River Association met at Prescott for the first quarterly rally with a good number present in spite of the severe weather. An interesting and helpful program was given, according to a report from Mrs. N. L. Lee, superintendent.

Mrs. Ralph Lehman, Fayetteville, superintendent of Washington-Madison Association, reports a rally held late in March in that association.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

As reported by states through February 28, the total receipts of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions amounted to \$1,457,113.45. After deducting special designations, the total for the South-wide goal is \$992,392.45. The amount included in the above total from Arkansas W. M. U. is \$47,188.59.

Full Graded Unions In 1947

There were 118 churches maintaining full graded unions, an increase of 6 over the previous year. There are almost 1,000 co-operating Baptist churches in the state and more than half of these have no missionary organization. This is a great challenge for our sixtieth anniversary year. Our goal is one or more organizations in at least 60 per cent of these churches.

A-1 Full Graded Unions

The special distinction of being A-1 Full Graded for 1947 goes to First Church, Dumas; First Church, Bentonville; First Church, Horatio; and Holly Springs Church, Hermitage. We offer hearty congratulations to the leaders in all these organizations for attaining this enviable record.

Reported Gifts For 1947

The reported gifts to all causes reached the high total of \$757,740.57, an increase of \$112,584.16 over the previous year. The total of \$261,013.50 reported for missions represents an increase of \$43,953.94; and \$496,727.18 for local church expense, an increase of \$34,402.91. The young people reported gifts of \$40,632.48, which are included in the above totals.

A Glimpse at Missions

During the past two weeks it has been our pleasure to be engaged in two brief revivals. The first was with First Church, Humphrey, R. D. Harris, pastor; the other with East Side Church, Paragould, Jeff Rousseau, pastor.

Humphrey Revival

The Humphrey revival was handicapped by rain which flooded the highways and prevented many people from attending. There were 13 additions to the church.

Humphrey is located in one of the finest farming sections of the state. Approximately six miles from the town are scores of tenant farmers, with large families, the majority of whom are unreached by any other church. At the close of the revival a committee was appointed to make a survey determining the number of people in that section, and the possibilities of purchasing a bus to furnish the transportation for them to attend services.

Brother Harris is a congenial pastor and is leading his church in a worthy program.

East Side Revival

The revival with the East Side Church, Paragould, was far reaching in many ways in spite of its brevity. The revival began Monday night and closed the following Sunday. There were 10 additions to the church, also several other professions. Jeff Rousseau has been pastor there for less than a year and the church has made great progress under his leadership. A mission has been organized, a nice house of worship built, and a mission pastor employed. The last Sunday of the revival there were 205 in Sunday School at the church, and 125 at the mission program.

Brother Rousseau has extended his ministry into the rural section, 12 miles from Paragould, where a Baptist church once flourished. For many years this rural church has had no services, and the building has badly deteriorated. Brother Rousseau has rallied the people and begun services twice a month. In other words, he has resurrected a dead church, and is looking forward to leading them in building a new house of worship.

Epsaba Church Visited

While in Paragould, it was our privilege to have fellowship with Missionary V. E. Defreese, and to visit over some of his territory. The Mission Department has given \$250 aid on the Epsaba Church building. We visited this field and observed the progress being made in the construction of a nice modern rural church building.

Department of

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Also, surveys were made on other fields where aid has been required.

Buffalo Chapel

On Saturday, the day before the East Side Revival closed, Brother Rousseau went with the superintendent to visit Missionary M. S. Lloyd, Mt. Zion Association. Brother Lloyd carried us to Buffalo Chapel, another church which is being helped in a building program with mission funds. The church was organized just a few months ago. Services were first conducted there as a mission to the Rowe's Chapel Church. They have been meeting in a little building during the entire winter. Now they have a concrete block building under construction. The church is located in the heart of the Delta area and all the tenant farmers are white. There are great possibilities for this church. Brother Lloyd states that, during the past year, approximately 100 people have been won to the Lord through the services conducted there.

Other Missions Visited

During the few days in that part of the state it was also our privilege to see the three mission houses which have been built and supervised by First Church, Paragould, and some of those sponsored by First Church, Lakeview. Both of these churches are carrying on splendid programs. Many more churches are coming into the importance of going into the highways and hedges to establish missions, in an effort to reach the lost.

Centennial Poster

A Centennial poster has been mailed to every pastor and Sunday School superintendent. We urge you that these posters be placed in some conspicuous place in the church. Also, each church should set specific goals to reach for each item mentioned on the poster. These posters cost money and they should be used to our advantage in this Centennial Year.

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"The Christian who is a slave of physical death had better make an honest inventory of his spiritual life."

Religious Education

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Church Music Director



Figures To Inspire

Sunday, April 4, 1948

	S.S.	T.U.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1138	361
Including Missions	1710	697
Ft. Smith, First	1094	400
Little Rock, First	981	393
El Dorado, First	978	253
Pine Bluff, First	887	237
Hot Springs, Second	783	221
N. Little Rock,		
Baring Cross	695	384
Including Missions	729	400
Paragould, First	649	246
N. Little Rock, First	636	
Camden, First	619	155
Including Missions	683	199
Hot Springs, Central	604	149
Including Missions	679	
Fayetteville, First	600	202
Including Mission	662	248
Benton, First	594	133
Including Mission	618	
Arkadelphia, First	562	214
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	559	74
Hope, First	538	119
McGehee, First	534	146
Little Rock, Tabernacle	530	138
El Dorado, Second	517	122
Conway, First	457	61
Magnolia, Central	437	133
Springdale, First	522	236
Including Missions	555	
Milvern, First	418	87
Paris, First	417	155
Bauxite, First	412	140
Hot Springs, First	403	79
Fort Smith, Calvary	393	100
Stuttgart, First	378	155
Including Mission	402	
Rogers, First	376	96
Siloam Springs, First	374	213
Hot Springs, Park Place	369	110
Jacksonville, First	367	127
Hamburg, First	366	178
Russellville, First	363	80
Harrison, First	341	157
Including Mission	436	183
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	337	92
Nashville, First	307	108
Little Rock, S. Highland	305	95
Monticello, First	281	130
Smackover, First	278	142
Gentry	259	125
Mena, First	256	74
Including Mission	321	105
Little Rock, Calvary	256	101
DeWitt, First	256	91
N. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	251	112
Stamps, First	250	102
West Batesville	244	97
Pine Bluff, Second	240	
Greenwood	237	95
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	230	92
Norphet, First	227	154
Texarkana, Calvary	217	95
Carlisle, First	214	51
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	194	69
Elaine, First	172	94
Douglasville, First	160	113
Little Rock, Reynolds		
Memorial	157	50
Monticello, Second	149	82
Little Rock, Woodlawn	141	70
N. Little Rock, Grace	138	25
S. Ft. Smith	129	52
Pine Bluff, Matthews		
Memorial	126	87
Levy, First	122	35
Inc. Missions	219	86
Almyra, First	118	76
Warren, Immanuel	100	81
Little Rock, Plainview	90	74
Douglasville, Second	87	45
Eureka Springs, First	75	32
South Texarkana	74	68
Van Buren, Oak Grove	73	30
Little Rock, Biddle	57	31
Little Rock, Mt. View	57	30

Hines Sims to Direct Assembly Festival

W. Hines Sims, who is associate secretary of the Department of Church Music at the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be present at the Christian Training Assembly, July 15-22, to direct the singing and also the Music Festival, which will take place Sunday afternoon, July 18. Music for this sacred concert will consist of congregational singing and special choral numbers by all the graded choirs of the music classes.

Since this is Mr. Sims' first visit to Arkansas, the people attending the Assembly will want to know of his superior qualifications, both musically and as an outstanding Christian leader. He holds three earned degrees: A. B. from Hardin-Simmons University; B. M. from Centenary; and M. A. from Peabody College. He has been prominently identified with public school and church music throughout the South. For eight years he was director of instrumental music at Fair Park High School, Shreveport, Louisiana, where band and instrumental groups achieved national recognition under his leadership. He served as president of the Arkansas-Louisiana-Texas Music Directors' Association, Louisiana Music Educator's Association, and as chairman of Region Seven of the Music Educators' National Conference.

Besides serving as critic and adjudicator of state and national music contests, Mr. Sims was music director for eight years in Queensborough Baptist Church, and the associate pastor for two years. In 1945 he moved to Nashville to become minister of music at First Church and a member of the music faculty at Peabody Teachers College. Since 1946 he has been associated with the Sunday School Board, giving full time to the promotion and development



Mr. Hines Sims
Associate Secretary of Church Music
Sunday School Board

of church music education throughout the South.

It is a pleasure to welcome Mr. Sims to Arkansas. Music leaders will want to avail themselves of his instruction during this Assembly.

Full Course of Study In Church Music

For the first time, a fully departmental course of study in Church Music is being offered at the Assembly. There is a class and competent teacher for every phase of church music to meet the needs of pastors, educational directors, organists, departmental pianists, song leaders, choir directors, singers, and all youth groups. Many of the courses will be of particular interest to those with no formal training in music. Which one of these classes do you choose?

Class	Teacher	Textbook	Author
Rhythm Band	Mrs. C. D. Sallee		
Juniors Sing	Mrs. Ralph Reazor	Anthems for Juniors	Westminster
Youth Choir	Miss Dorothy Weaver	Methods and materials for Graded Choirs	Holcomb
Music and Worship	Jack Rowe	Music and Worship	Ashton
Music Fundamentals	Miss Odessa Hoyt	Practical Music Lesson	Harrison
Instrumental Music	Mrs. Gordon Psalmonds	Instrumental Music in the Church	Sims
Hymn Studies		Practical Hymnology	McKinney
Music Leadership	Hines Sims	Growing a musical Church	Nininger
Class Voice			
Choral Speech	Mrs. Perry Parsons	Voco Study Plan	Granville

Work Of . . . THE STATE B. S. U.

The State Baptist Student Union as a unit of activity of the South-wide Baptist Student Union affords an alluring, challenging field of service for students with broad visions. Our State B. S. U. unifies and mobilizes our Baptist Student Union forces of the entire state. It creates a bond of fellowship between the South-wide, state, and local leaders, and between the students on all of the campuses of the state. It organizes and maintains a Baptist Student Union organization on as many campuses and in as many institutions of higher learning as possible. It provides State-wide meetings in which Baptist students come together, not in competition but as Christian friends, meeting each other in the same objectives. They meet for fellowship and co-operation.

It establishes and maintains standards and ideals both numerically and spiritually. It features and promotes denominational interests. The State B. S. U. seeks to go with every Baptist student from his home church to the college center and there through the college center church provide an attractive worth while program of religious activity to help develop as a Christian and conserve them for future denominational and church leadership.

Baptist Student Union leaders from Arkansas colleges will meet for their annual spring retreat at First Baptist Church, Conway, April 23 and 24. William Hall Preston, of Nashville, Tenn., will be the principal speaker.

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A Tribute To Mother... A Lift To Someone In Need

Many suffering men, women, and children will appeal to our Baptist State Hospital for aid this year. Unable to pay for needed hospital care somehow these people must be cared for.

With rising costs affecting our hospital budget, the number of charity cases must be limited, but through your generosity the charity fund can be increased and many more given aid.

Honor your Mother on Mother's Day by following her example of unselfish kindness. As a tribute to her, give so that others may live.



BAPTIST STATE HOSPITAL

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AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

**Arkansas Week
At Ridgecrest**

Three great Sunday School weeks are offered at Ridgecrest this summer. Arkansas Week is June 24-30. The first two weeks, June 24-30 and July 1-7, are for all Sunday School leaders. The third week, August 12-18, is Leadership Week for pastors, educational directors, superintendents, associational missionaries, and associational Sunday School officers. Approximately 6,000 Sunday School leaders from over the convention territory will be there for one or more of these weeks. The program for the first week will be repeated the second week in order to accommodate twice as many people.

Associational Sunday School work will be presented and discussed in each of the three weeks. Practical conferences will be provided and successful associational leaders will share their experiences. Enlist several car loads of Sunday School workers from your association to attend Arkansas' Week. They will return refreshed mentally, physically, and spiritually, for a greater service to Christ and their churches. You will want to make your reservation at once. Write to Robert Guy, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

During 1948, in addition to the eight-million volumes normally supplied yearly for world-wide mission work, the American Bible Society seeks to fill definite emergency requests from war-devastated countries, which call for 7,856,000 more Scripture volumes, costing \$2,010,700. Included are Scriptures in Japanese, German, Russian, Korean, Greek, and other languages. Gifts from the Bible Seals are expected to provide for a substantial part of these emergency needs.

Bible Teaching Clinic

Plans are complete for the State Demonstration Bible Teaching Clinic, which is to be held in the Central Church, Hot Springs, April 18-23. This is an unusual and outstanding opportunity for pastors, Sunday School officers and teachers, and prospective Sunday School workers to receive information, instruction, and inspiration, under the leadership of some of the outstanding teachers in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The clinic will begin with a great associational rally at the church, Sunday afternoon, April 18, at 2:30. You will want to arrive in Hot Springs in time for this rally.

**New Officers At
A. & M., Magnolia**

At a recent meeting, the following Baptist Student Union officers were elected at A. & M. College, Magnolia:

Preston Purifoy, president; Harold Brinson, first vice-president; J. W. Rowe, second vice-president; Cecil Ray Dumas, third vice-president; Joanne Stocks, secretary; Beryl Jean Barren, treasurer; Billy Hudgens, pianist; James Ethridge, song leader; James Morrow, publicity reporter.

These, along with new officers from the various campuses over the state, are making plans to attend the State Spring Retreat, which is to be held with the First Church, Conway, April 23-24.

Ouachita and Henderson

Ouachita College and Henderson State Teachers College, A delphia, shared honors in the Debate Tournament at S Teachers College, Conway, 2 and 3. Henderson won first in the men's division and Ouachita won first place in the senior division. Ouachita also placed team in third place in the seniors' division.

This was the third time Miss Melbaree Lands, Paragon and Miss Alla Bee Earle, Cameron have won first honors during current school year. Lorene Johnson, Little Rock, and Miss Case, Birmingham, Alabama, third place in the same division.

The seniors boys' team, composed of Lewis Lemmond, Texarkana, Texas, and Orvil Hooker, Carversville, Missouri; and the seniors girls' team, composed of Melbaree Lands and Alla Bee Earle, compete in the All-Southern Debate Tournament, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Sunday School Lesson

For April 18, 1948

Ezra 1:1-4; 4:24; Haggai

1:3-8; 13-14

they are utterly unmindful of the part they play in the divine purpose.

All the captives did not return; there were 42,360 Jews, together with 7,360 servants (Ezra 2:64-65). Why did not all take advantage of this offer of freedom? Think of the number of years of their captivity and you see that many have no home but Babylon; their interests, homes, work, and families are here; this is for the purpose of rebuilding the temple of the Lord God of Israel. Some are not interested. Thus, we see only a faithful remnant with a heart for God. So it is in the history of life.

Opposition Always Exists

Often times the question is asked, "Why does God allow His followers to meet so much opposition?" No one knows the true answer. Experience proves that the work of the Christian encounters obstacles. God tests our sincerity, our faith, and our true motives. God teaches us fortitude, increases our faith, and leads us to depend upon Him. There are many reasons for opposition and we should realize that the more desirous we are of doing God's will, the more anxious the Devil is of thwarting our purpose.

The first act of the people (Ezra 3) was to build an altar upon the old foundation. Under Zerubbabel and Joshua, the son of Jozadak, David's high priest, they offered burnt offerings and worshipped the Lord. In the second year of their return to Jerusalem, the foundation of the temple of the Lord was laid. No doubt some time was spent in adjustment to life in the strange surroundings, also, in gathering materials. The foundation was laid as the older members of the group wept, and others shouted for joy (Ezra 3:12). The people of the land, Samaritans, were the opposition; they, through deception, offered to help if the Jews would unite with them. They pretended to seek God. This is the most dangerous tool of our adversary, the Devil. Compromise with those who do not know our God never pays. As a result of the firm stand by the Jews, the enemy caused no end of trouble; they withheld needy supplies; they wrote accusing things about the Jews to Artaxerxes, claiming

they were being prepared for rebellion against the empire. This was their triumph for the decree was sent that the work should be stopped. "Then ceased the work of the house of God . . . so it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia" (4:25).

God Awakens His People

Our last Scripture is from the first of the post-Babylonian prophets, Haggai, who with Zechariah, delivered the word of God to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem. Haggai's mission was to stir up the people to rebuild the temple.

It seems as if they had given up all hope and desire to continue because of the successful opposition of the people of the land. Some fifteen years had lapsed since the foundation was laid. Haggai 1:2 gives the people's excuse for not working " . . . the time is not come . . . that the Lord's house should be built." Notice the message of God through the prophet: "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?"

God was saying that the people who had become discouraged because of their opposition had become selfish and unconcerned. They were careful to surround themselves with luxury and comfortable houses with ornamental ceilings, but per- haps unwilling to let the work of the temple go, excusing them because of former events.

Then the message comes: "Consider your ways!" God had punished them because of their indifference and no peace was found. Their fields did not flourish; their clothes and were inferior. They were given another chance by the ever- loving God: "Go up . . . bring . . . build the house. I will give you pleasure in it and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

Under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua, the people returned and built the Temple. Verse 1 of His Love: "I am with you. When we repent, He never turns away from us, and He never takes pleasure in our obedience."

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What Have You Done for The Ouachita Campaign?

Not many of us know how much Ouachita College needs a science building. The writer of this article has just returned from Ouachita College, and from a conference with the building committee, the heads of the science departments, and President Grant. It is impossible for you to know the gravity of the situation unless you could sit in such a conference and look at what we are doing for the science departments now. Perhaps you thought we were reasonably equipped, but you should be informed that the college does not have sufficient rooms and facilities for our students who are taking courses in science. Maybe you thought that inasmuch as you got through your college course with limited facilities, others might be able to with the same facilities. Remember that the enrolment in Ouachita College is three or four times as large now as it has been in the past. Then too, remember that science is advancing. The Atomic Bomb has been discovered, many subjects have been developed, and others added. The world is not the same. It is imperative that schools be better equipped. Will Baptists surrender the field of education because they fail to provide facilities necessary for operating a school which keeps up with advancements that have been made in the realm of education?

We need \$200,000 more now, in order that a science building may be constructed on the campus of Ouachita College.

IF YOUR CHURCH HAS NOT YET DONE ITS PART IN THE MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, FOR ARKANSAS BAPTISTS' SAKE, BEGIN IT NOW. Do not hesitate or hold back because there is something about the college which seems objectionable to you. Ouachita College is not a theological seminary. All the students are not young people who are surrendered to definite Christian service. It is a Liberal Arts College. Students from all walks of life attend Ouachita. Some of them may have the wrong ideals or standards. Occasionally a school may employ a faculty member that is objectionable. Nothing will ever be perfect this side of the Millennium. After all is said, we doubt if you can find a standard school in Arkansas that compares with Ouachita College. It deserves the support of our pastors. It deserves the support of our deacons, our women, men, and young people. Why not make this the month in which you and your church will do a worthy thing for the Ouachita College Campaign?

The membership of the Baptist Church at Seligman, Missouri, was increased by a third during a revival meeting the latter part of March, in which Evangelist R. A. Hill, State Department, did the preaching.

Among the number baptized into the fellowship of the Seligman Church were the superintendent of public schools and a former liquor store operator.

Scott Blystone is pastor of the Seligman Church.

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We want to put a neon sign on the corner of our Baptist Building at Capitol Avenue and Spring Street, Little Rock, and we want a large magnificent sign. We want a sign that can be seen from Main Street on the East, from the Federal Building on the West, from the river on the North, and from Twelfth Street on the South. A large sign that can be read from four directions. We have investigated, and we find that such a sign will cost approximately \$500, installed.

I'm sure we have a lover of the Baptist cause somewhere, who would like to give us the price of this sign, without interfering with his regular contributions. We have done no personal soliciting, but we feel that if our people knew how much we need a sign, surely someone would hasten to send us a check to have one installed. The sign would be similar to the illustration given except that it would be embellished and elaborately finished. It will be a permanent fixture when installed. It will advertise our work. It will add to the appearance of our building, and will point out the location of the building for those who are not familiar with it. When we get this

sign installed and the front of the building re-decorated, we will have a picture made and publish it in the *Arkansas Baptist*.

We are leasing the ground floor of building to a legitimate and respectable business firm, the Little Rock Refrigeration Company. Its stock will give a nice, neat appearance to the building, and the company pay us a reasonable rental price. We find it necessary to lease the building for the following reason: The ground floor of this substantial building had never been completely finished. The finished section needed decorating. It was necessary to do plumbing, wiring, and painting. All construction work and re-decorating has sky-rocketed in cost. It is unbelievable until you have experience of having something done at this line. Our income on the building is sufficient to do this work and finish part of the building without some additional money come for a time.

When this work is completed—most of it will be by the time you read this—we will have, not only a strong substantial building but something that will reflect the prominence and standing of our Baptist work. We will have a holy pride in it. When we finish paying for the building, we can take over the entire space on both floors if we desire, whether we actually need to use that much or not. However, if Baptists keep growing as we have been it will not be long until we will fill all of this space.

DON'T YOU WANT TO GIVE US THIS SIGN FOR THE BUILDING?

An Evangelist With a Tent

Recently Ralph Boyette came to Arkansas from Texas. He joined the Gaines Street Baptist Church, Little Rock. He is a young minister of some experience and is available for revival meetings. He has a tent, and is interested in making contacts with people who want a tent revival. He may be reached by mail, 2301 South Maple, Little Rock, or by telephone number 3-2212.

Drunkennes

The F. B. I. reports that arrests for drunkenness were up 13 per cent in 1946 as compared to 1945; for driving while intoxicated was up 36 per cent; for disorderly conduct was up 16 per cent; and for violation of liquor laws was up 5 per cent. The upward curve of arrests for drunkenness and driving while drunk closely parallels the per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages. The capita consumption increased from 8.39 gallons in 1934 to 20.30 gallons in 1946, an increase of 141.9 per cent.

The ratio of arrests for driving while drunk for every 100,000 population in 1946 was double that of 1932, and reached the highest point ever recorded since the F. B. I. has collected national records.