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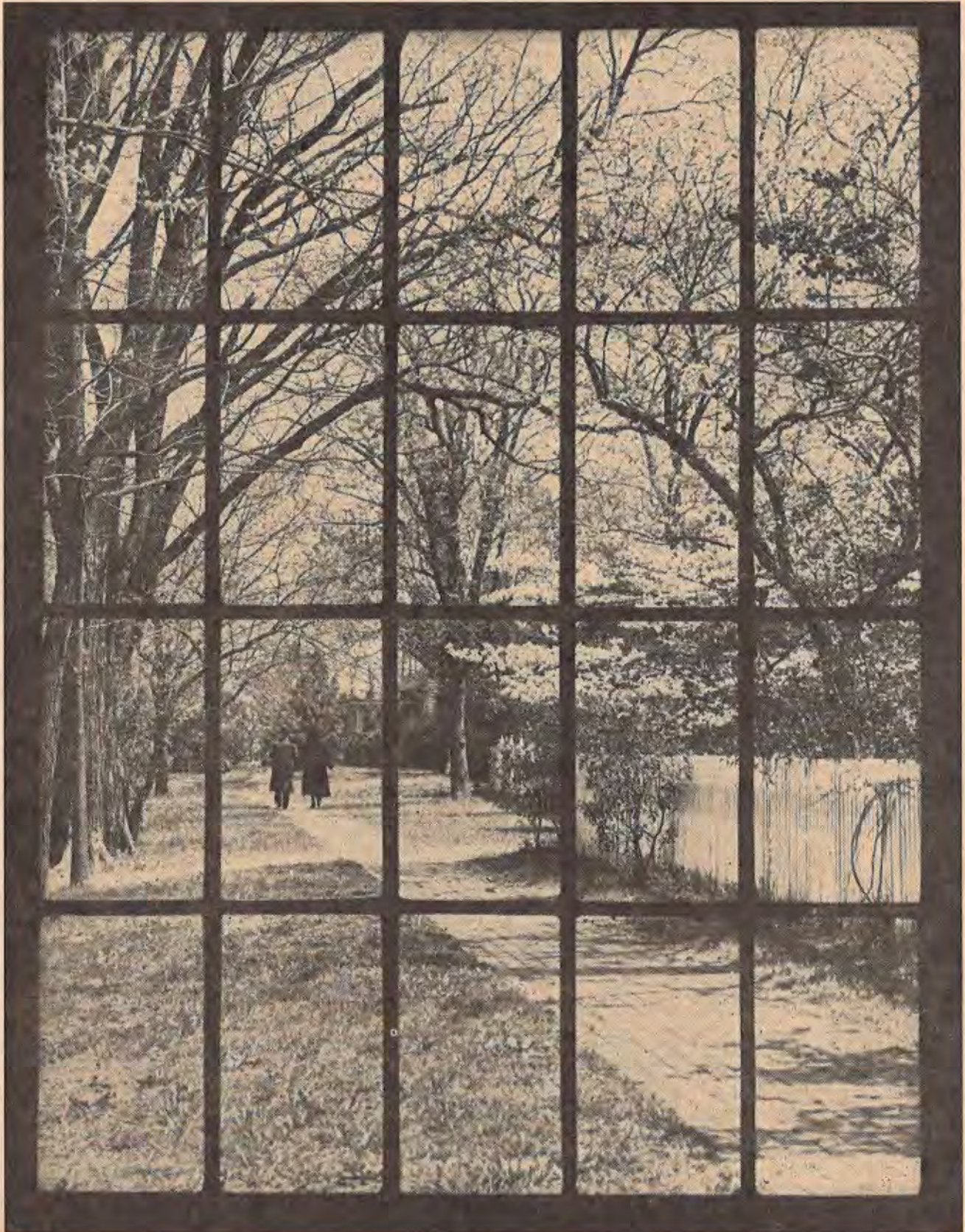
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The Loyal Are Alerted

By J. M. DAWSON, Baptist Public Relations
Washington, D. C.

Without stopping to debate, pro or con, the advisability of the proposed act of Congress to set up \$300,000,000 annually in Federal Aid of Schools in the United States, I wish to advise of a situation in Washington which calls for energetic action in support of the historic principle of separation of church and state, upon which doctrine our country has staked its very existence.

The Congressional enactment of this proposed measure has already progressed to the point of Senate passage of the Taft bill (S.472). True, according to Senator Taft, the major peril to the American principle of separation has been obviated by the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the McCollum case which would eliminate any possible direct aid for sectarian purposes. Senator Taft in combatting Senator Donnell's offered Amendment, which would have made "unmistakably explicit" that none of the Federal funds should be disbursed in support or benefit of non-public schools, even went so far as to insert in his speech the Supreme Court decision in the New Jersey bus case, (Everson), with the statement that since the bus case decision, in the opinion of the majority of the Court, allowed no aid to the parochial school whatsoever but only to the individual pupil on the basis of public welfare, it was somewhat doubtful if any of the Federal funds, under the construction of this bill, could go to the public welfare services, such as lunches, health, non-religious textbooks and bus fares.

It is significant, however, that the Catholics vigorously opposed Senator Donnell's amendment, and though Senator McMahon of Connecticut presented an Amendment which would set aside \$5,000,000 annually for taking care of such public welfare services. While their Amendment was decisively defeated, in the interest of "home rule", or leaving up to several states the disposition of the funds in keeping with such states' constitutions, the Catholics evidently mean to retain ultimate provision for tax-paid bus transportation for parochial schools, if at all possible.

Federal Aid has yet to pass the House of Representatives. No date on the calendar has been set to bring the McCowen Bill (H. R. 2953) on the floor for consideration. It is generally believed, in view of the widespread interest in Federal Aid to public schools that there is strong prospect of its early consideration and probable passage. All those who are loyal to the American principle of separation of church and state should at once write or wire their representatives in Congress to insist on an amendment modeled after Senator Donnell's, which will protect the principle beyond any possible violation. This Amendment would in no way infringe upon states' right, because the bill recites at the beginning and repeats throughout that the funds are expressly intended for public elementary schools. By holding strictly to this intention there is no more dictation to the states in this case than there would be in case of any other specific appropriation for a given purpose, as highways or post offices.

Will you not endeavor to mobilize your community, at least to acquaint everybody with the true situation? Write to our office, 1628 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, Washing-

ton, D. C., for free copies of two speeches, delivered by Senator Donnell, giving full, documented information about the whole matter.

There can be no doubt that the Catholics wish to utilize the five-to-four Everson decision, not only in eighteen states which now permit tax-paid buses, but to extend such arrangements to every other state which does not allow such diversion of public money. Eventually through such a breach in the wall of separation they hope to obtain full government payment for sectarian education.

The words of the venerable P. P. Claxton, one of the greatest of United States Commissioners of Education, appointed by President Taft in 1911, should be heeded:

"The choice of another agency than the public schools (an uncontested, fully conceded right) does not free parents from paying their due share for the support of the public schools, nor does it justify the non-public schools in requesting or receiving public funds for any part of their support . . . It is quite clear that the payment of transportation to and from parochial schools from public funds may prove to be a very dangerous leak in the dike."

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Here I Stand

By CHARLES H. SPURGEON

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 6:14).

I suppose I am something like Mr. Cecil when he was a boy. His father once told him to wait in a gateway until he came back, and the father, being very busy, went about the city, and amid his numerous cases and engagements, forgot the boy. Night came on, and at last, when the father reached home, there was great inquiry as to where Richard was. The father said, "Dear me! I left him this morning standing under such and such gateway, and I told him to stay there until I came for him. I should not wonder but that he is there now." So they went, and found him there. Such an example of simple, childish faithfulness is no disgrace to emulate.

I received some years ago, orders from my Master to stand at the foot of the Cross until He came. He has not come yet, but I mean to stand there until He does. If I should disobey His orders, and leave those simple truths which have been the means of the conversion of souls; I know not how I could expect a blessing. Here, then, I stand at the foot of the Cross, and tell out the old, old story, stale though it sounds to itching ears, and worn threadbare as critics may deem it. It is of Christ I love to speak—of Christ who loved, lived, and died, the substitute for sinners, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.

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Peace and freedom are not easily achieved. They cannot be attained by force. They come from mutual understanding and co-operation, from a willingness to deal fairly with every friendly nation in all matters—political and economic. Let us resolve to continue to do just that, now and in the future. If other nations of the world will do the same, we can reach the goals of permanent peace and world freedom.—Harry Truman.

THE CHOICE OF MOSES

A Devotion by the Editor

"Choosing rather to suffer affliction than the people of God."

Destiny is determined by choices. Our place in history is determined by our choices; because the contribution which makes to the life of the world depends upon the choices one makes.

The name of Moses would never have been written upon the pages of history, but for the choice which he made, a choice which changed the history of a nation. The choice which Moses made was not only the pivot point in the life of Moses, it was also a pivotal point in the life of Israel.

It is easy to visualize Moses as he considered two courses of life which were open to him, appraising the value of each and weighing the rewards of each. His choice was based upon the immediate view, what was most conspicuous and apparent. He looked beyond the present day, he saw beneath surface values, he looked for the reward which would endure. He asked not, "What shall I receive at the end of the day?" "What shall I receive at the end of the year?"

Moses saw clearly the contrast between the court life of Egypt and the slavery which the people of God were suffering. In the Egyptian court was concentrated the shams and corruptions of human ambition and arrogance; in the life of enslaved Israel repose of elemental values and virtues by which the race would survive.

Beyond the two courses of life which were open to Moses; beyond the two peoples, one of which he must choose to cast his lot with, Moses saw Him who is invisible.

It is only by the light of God that one is able to see the cheapness of worldly attractions on the one hand, and the inestimable value of eternal values on the other hand.

Suppose the movie theatre was flooded with sunlight. The scene on the screen would grow dim, the characters would be uninteresting, the performance would be a complete failure. The sunlight must be shut out to make the show worth seeing.

The only chance for the garish show to attract the world to lay claim to attractiveness is to shut out the light of God. For in the light of God the temporal pleasures of sin are exposed in their ugliness and become repulsive.

"By faith Moses, when he was commanded to leave his father's house, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

"Choosing rather to suffer affliction than the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11: 24-25).

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Across the Editor's Desk

A "Must" For Missions

The Foreign Mission Board, in its semi-annual meeting in April, endorsed a greatly enlarged program proposed by Dr. M. Theron Hankin, executive secretary of the Board. This program calls for 1,750 missionaries and an annual budget of \$10,000,000.

Southern Baptists should, and we believe they should, respond to such a challenge for Foreign Missions. In a former editorial we suggested that the Co-operative Program should be adjusted so as to give our people the opportunity to express their growing interest in Foreign missions.

This growing interest has been manifest since the close of World War II. Many people have asked the question: "What can we do to evangelize the war-devastated countries of the world?" When the Southern Baptist Convention called upon Southern Baptists for \$3,500,000 for Relief and Rehabilitation, they gave \$4,000,000. The more recent and current call for used clothing and money for relief purposes has met with the same hearty response. As pointed out already, the increased designations to Foreign missions indicate the same trend toward a deepened interest in world evangelism.

The principle for which we are contending is that Southern Baptists may be assured that their increased contributions will go for Foreign missions without being drained off by the local churches, the state conventions, and the other South-wide causes by fixed percentages, leaving only a few cents out of the dollar which go for the evangelization of the world.

The primary responsibility in this matter rests upon the churches. If a church sets up in its budget a certain percentage or a fixed amount for the Co-operative Program and keeps the balance for itself, it allows no increased giving to missions, unless its members designate their gifts to missions.

Likewise, if the state conventions set up fixed percentages or fixed amounts which go to South-wide causes, the excess over these fixed amounts is kept in the states and individuals or churches desiring to give increased amounts to Foreign missions must resort to designations.

It is perfectly obvious that our churches, state conventions, and South-wide causes must co-operate in order to make it possible for the Foreign Mission Board to reach its goal through the channel of the Co-operative Program. If we cannot achieve this goal through the channel of the Co-operative Program, then Southern Baptists must and will reach it by other methods.

It is our conviction that Southern Baptists have grown weary of being told that it takes 10,000 of them to support one foreign missionary. If given a chance through our regular denominational channels, Southern Baptists will reduce that 10,000 by half, and then reduce it by half again.

We have heard the argument that we must keep up the home base in order that we may have the resources to send to the foreign fields. We may also say that, unless we go abroad with the gospel, we will find it increasingly difficult and ultimately impossible to hold the home base.

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Two Key Men

By R. C. CAMPBELL

The editors of our papers and the state secretaries in each state are key men in our denominational life. Their positions are pivotal.

Think of the work of the editor! He preaches to more people than any 100 pastors in his state. He helps vitally in shaping the policies and plans of our denomination, curbs wrong tendencies and influences, molds public sentiment, promotes all the causes, creates right attitudes, helps to initiate movements, and promotes harmony and unity throughout the state.

No man in our denominational set-up has a more vital position than does the editor of our paper. He sees all our causes, agencies, boards, institutions, organizations, and undergirds and strengthens them all. He may powerfully influence the message in the pulpits throughout the state as well as the thinking of the people in the pews. No wonder Dr. J. B. Gambrell said, "A newspaper can be, and a good one is, the instrument of greater good than that wielded by any man." Napoleon declared, "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets." Greeley put it in a sentence, "Printers ink is the greatest apostle of progress whose pulpit is the press."

Little wonder that men of vision, balance, ability, poise, and discerning judgment, alert and aggressive are sought as editors of our papers.

The state secretary! He holds a central place in the entire work of the denomination. He knows the pulse of the state as none other does. He is an executive, a platform man, a seer, a promoter, a builder. Not only does he initiate movements; he promotes them. He helps vitally in supporting every phase of the work of Southern Baptists.

The state secretary has more to do with raising money for all our agencies, boards, institutions, both state and South-wide, than any other man. He is the key man in raising money for our Home and Foreign mission work. The secretaries of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards are distributors of funds, raised largely by the state organizations.

The work of the state secretary is central and basic. He organizes his forces, and they

are many. The pastors, the Sunday Schools, the Training Unions, the B. S. U., the Brotherhood, the W. M. U., the Associational organization are all his allies. He has more hands with which to work, more eyes with which to see, more feet on which to go, more ears with which to hear, more tongues with which to preach than any other man perhaps in our entire denominational set-up. Through his organization he gets out to the last pastor, church, and through these to the last individual member of the church, whether it be large or small. The state secretary's work is an ally to the Foreign mission, Home mission, Sunday School, Relief and Annuity Board, and all our state and South-wide institutions. He is a strong arm to the editor of the paper in his state.

An Authority Speaks on UMT

"The Case Against Universal Military Training" is the caption of an article in the May, 1948, issue of the Reader's Digest, by John Henry Martin, former consultant to the joint Chiefs of Staff.

We invite our readers to study this article, written by a man who is in a position to know whereof he speaks. Mr. Martin's article is an analytical and factual discussion of UMT, and his argument against the proposal is unanswerable and confirms the position we have taken toward it.

The present threatening world situation has called the attention of the nation to the fact that our military forces are far below the standard required to provide the nation maximum military defense. This situation has developed, not because of failure to establish universal military training, but because our government neglected to keep its military defenses up to standard while trying to propagandize the American people into endorsing UMT.

The American people are capable of thinking through the problems which our nation faces, if they are given factual reports by our responsible leaders. Our leaders should have known Russia well enough to judge far in advance her course of action. Ever since the end of World War II Russia has clearly indicated her ultimate purposes in Europe and in the World. If our responsible national leaders have not been wise to Russia's purposes, they must be charged with unpardonable stupidity; if they have been aware of Russia's purposes and have wasted time on UMT propaganda instead of promoting measures which would keep up our national defense, they are guilty of unpardonable neglect.

First of all, greater inducements should have been offered to encourage voluntary enlistment. If this method would not keep our military services up to standard, the only practical alternative is a limited selective service. If our responsible national leaders had taken the American people into their confidence and had laid before them the actual needs for national defense, instead of trying to propagandize the people and the Congress to get emergency measures passed by a campaign of fright, we would not now be weakened militarily to the danger point.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Pastor C. O. Abbott and the Plainview Church, Little Rock, had the assistance of Pastor Ray Branscum of the South Highland Church, Little Rock, in revival services, April 4-11. There were 25 additions to the church membership, 24 on profession of faith and one by letter.

Pastor Abbott says of Brother Branscum: "He is a God-inspired gospel preacher. Each sermon lifted us closer to God."

Dr. Arthur Fox of Morristown, Tennessee, preached in a two weeks revival, March 28 to April 11, at First Church, Little Rock, in which there were 90 additions to the church membership, more than 80 of whom were received on profession of faith.

On the last day of the revival, April 11, 40 people united with the church, a host of young people under 25 years of age re-dedicated their lives to the Lord and 3 young people surrendered for full time Christian service.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the First Church, says of Dr. Fox: "Dr. Arthur Fox preached the glorious gospel in a dynamic and effective way. He preaches the Bible; there is no question about his orthodoxy, his sincerity, his love for the Lord, and for the people. We do not wonder that Dr. Fox is in great demand for revivals all over the South and even beyond."

Charles Riley, a student at Ouachita and pastor of the Oak Bowery Church, Faulkner County Association, assisted Pastor W. C. Halsell and the First Church, Douglassville, in a revival meeting, March 28 to April 4.

There were 23 additions to the church membership, 11 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kates of Douglassville were in charge of the music.

Pastor J. Earl Bryant of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, preached in recent revival services at the Calvary Baptist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, Ford F. Gauntt, pastor.

There were 16 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 8 by letter.

The First Church, Mt. Ida, had the services of D. C. Bandy, rural missionary, in a revival meeting, March 7-14.

There were 9 additions to the church on profession of faith and 6 by letter.

An expanding program is being promoted throughout all the organizations of the Mt. Ida Church. Also, the interior of the new church plant will be finished within a short time. D. B. Bledsoe is the pastor.

For two weeks, the Memorial Auditorium, Lima, Ohio, was crowded again and again to hear Evangelist Hyman J. Appelman preach the gospel. The National Laymen's Evangelistic Association sponsored the revival campaign. There were more than 700 professions of faith. Hundreds re-dedicated their lives to the Lord.



The accompanying picture shows the attendants at Sunday School at the Wheatley Church, Tri-County Association, Easter Sunday.

The Wheatley Church, under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth B. Dial, who is a student in Ouachita, is experiencing a revival of interest and is launching a program of expansion along all lines.

The church has recently gone to full time service and is self-supporting. It has pledged \$150 to the Co-operative Program for 1948 and \$50 to the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage.

The young people of the First Church, Searcy, sponsored a series of revival services which began with a sunrise service Easter morning and continued during the following week.

Missionary R. I. Strange, White County Association, was guest preacher in the revival and Pastor Burt Edwards of the West Point Church directed the music.

W. R. Vestal, pastor, conducted an after-service clinic each evening on the plan of salvation.

Record attendance was registered at all services, and 15 persons united with the church on profession of faith and 8 others were received by letter.

The youth of Second Church, Monticello, led by Pastor Wesley A. Lindsey and Evangelist Calvin Ussery of Calvary Church, Texarkana, set many new records during the recent Youth Week revival, April 11-18.

Attendance at Sunday School and Training Union reached an all time high, 215 and 125 respectively. There were 15 additions to the church membership on profession of faith and 6 by letter.

A unique service was held Saturday evening, April 17, when 90 persons signed the Woman's Christian Temperance Union pledge "to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including wine, beer, and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same."

Also, 46 other young people were selected as outstanding youth who neither drink nor smoke. They will be awarded suitable certificates by Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

New Educational Buildi

A formal opening service was held by First Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge, March 21, upon the completion of the new \$60,000 educational building. Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, was guest speaker for the occasion.

The new building is completely modern both in construction and arrangement, providing for a Sunday School attendance of 100. The building is equipped with new furniture including pianos, chairs, tables, and fixtures.

This building is the first unit in the proposed plant of the Walnut Ridge Church. The next unit will be the church auditorium.

Pastor D. Blake Westmoreland Jr., speaking of future plans, has this to say: "There are two more large steps in the program of the physical expansion of the church. The first one lies in the erection of a suitable beautiful sanctuary. Plans for this are already drawn and specifications in the hands of the building committee. Even the construction of the present educational building, you will note, takes into consideration the fact that this is not all. A sanctuary will glorify God and will be instrumental in the salvation of the lost, is the next point on the agenda of our church. After that, perhaps at the same time, there should be a magnificent tower erected that will grace the entire community with its spire, pointing men, spiritually and physically, upward."

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Pastor W. J. Morris and the Althaus Church, near Pine Bluff, are moving forward with an expanding program. A lot has been purchased on which will be erected a new church building, and work on the new structure will begin in a few days.

Pastor Earl Herrington, Central Church, North Little Rock, preached in a revival meeting at the Walnut Street Church, Joplin, Missouri, April 4-11. There were 26 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism.

James H. Fitzgerald is pastor of the Walnut Street Church.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of the Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, returned from the churches of Atlanta, Georgia, in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade, March 1-10. Fifty-nine churches participated in this simultaneous evangelistic effort.

There were 1,978 people received into the membership of the participating churches. 1,329 of these were received on profession of faith, and 649 by letter and statement.

Andrew Hall, a student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and from the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, has successfully passed his final examination leading to the degree of Doctor of Theology.

Dr. Hall majored in New Testament Interpretation and is writing his thesis on the subject, "Paul's Use of Isaiah in the Book of Romans."

Dr. Hall is in his fourth year as pastor of the Hartford Baptist Church, Hartford, Kentucky.

18 Year-Old Minister



Glendon Grober, aged 18, youngest sophomore ministerial student at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was ordained into the ministry by Brother Fritz E. Goodbar, his former pastor, at services in the Fort Smith Calvary Church. Mr. Goodbar is vice-president and business manager of Central College. Mr. Grober has accepted a call as pastor of the Vesta Church and will continue his studies at Ouachita. He is the son of Mrs. Mildred Grober, Little Rock, and the late Nevin Grober, Russellville, and Fort Smith.

Miss Jean Evelyn Prince, Camden, Arkansas, was one of 24 women appointed by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board for life time overseas service, and she was assigned to China.

A continuous revival is being experienced by Pastor Loyal Prior and the First Church, Norphlet. There have been from 1 to 6 conversions practically every Sunday since early in February.

Plans are under way for launching a local option campaign in Union County. In a recent meeting of pastors and laymen an organization to promote the campaign was set up, with Loyal Prior, pastor, First Baptist Church, Norphlet, temporary chairman and Horace Williamson, Union County school supervisor, temporary secretary. A mass meeting was held Sunday afternoon, April 18, for the purpose of arousing public sentiment on the question of local option.

Pastor Stanley Jordan, First Church, Hamburg, preached in a recent revival meeting at the Second Church, Pine Bluff. There were 13 additions to the church membership. D. C. McAtee is pastor of the Second Church.

The First Church of Fort Smith and Pastor B. V. Ferguson are rejoicing over the fruits of a revival meeting, April 4-11, in which they had the assistance of Dr. A. C. Baker, Louisville, Kentucky, and which resulted in 90 additions to the membership of the church, 65 of whom were received on profession of faith.

In preparation for the revival, a series of home prayer meetings was held during the preceding week.

Dr. Ferguson has this to say of Evangelist

Baker: "Dr. Baker is one of the most earnest and sane evangelists we have had with our church. His preaching is of the highest order. Dr. Baker is an independent evangelist, but sound in his methods and deeply concerned about under-girding the work of the church. His messages and methods are in line with all phases of the work of the church and denomination. We unhesitatingly commend this strong preacher and man of God to the churches."

Rural Evangelist David C. Bandy preached in a revival meeting, March 28 to April 4, at the Lake Village Church, H. O. Malone, pastor. There were 43 additions to the church, 29 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism.

On April 4, the last Sunday of the revival, Billy McBride, a young man in the church, surrendered his life to the gospel ministry and preached his first sermon in the Lake Village Church on April 11, climaxing the Youth Week program of the church.

The Piney Grove Church, Hope Association, gives a tithe of its income to the Co-operative Program. Receipts thus far in 1948 greatly exceed receipts for the same period of 1947.

Charles Bowen is pastor of the Piney Grove Church and is leading the church in an expanding program which is apparent from the growth of the church organizations.

Liberty Hymn-Sing

The first Associational Quarterly Hymn-sing was held by the churches of Liberty Association Sunday afternoon, April 4, in the First Church, Smackover. TWO HUNDRED FOUR people, representing 14 churches, gathered for a session of spirited congregational singing interspersed with special numbers from six of the churches. Eight pastors were present. Mrs. Ralph Reasor, wife of the pastor of First Church, Smackover, and associational music director, presided at the organ and the state director led the singing. The invitation from the First Church, Elliot, was accepted for the next Hymn-sing.

First Church, Smackover, has just closed their first School of Church Music, which was a very successful one. ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR people were enrolled and there was an average attendance of 85. The state director did the teaching and conducted rehearsals with all the groups. FORTY-ONE JUNIORS WERE ORGANIZED INTO A CAROL CHOIR, and prepared music to be sung in the following Sunday services. Both the cadence and church choirs completed rehearsals for their participation in the regular services for April 11.

A delightful social gathering was the closing feature of the school. A wire recording of the recent Youth Choir Festival in Arkadelphia was played by Mrs. P. J. Spears, who had made the recording with her own machine. Mrs. Nininger will take this recording with her to the South-wide Music Conference at Ridgecrest in August, to be heard by the entire group there.

Mrs. Nininger also visited the Liberty Association Workers' Conference which met Tuesday, April 6, at the Galilee Baptist Church, and conducted a conference on Summer Music Schools.

Simultaneous Revival Held in Hot Springs

By JOHN L. DODGE

The one week Baptist Simultaneous Revival, Hot Springs, Arkansas, March 28 through April 4, participated in by the First, Second, and Central Churches, was a glorious success. The Lord graciously blessed these efforts with visible results that were marvelous, and a spiritual awakening on the part of the participating churches. The influence of this evangelistic effort over-flowed into the other churches of the city, as well as the city at large.

The revival was preceded by a week of intensive visitation and a twenty-four hour period of prayer. The visitors and workers from the churches met the first two nights at the First Church. Supper was served, a film on personal soul winning was shown, prospects to be visited were handed out, and the workers went afield to make the contacts. On Thursday and Friday evenings, the workers assembled with the Second Church, where the same schedule was followed.

Beginning at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning, March 27, and continuing through 8:00 o'clock Sunday morning, March 28, the people met for a continuous chain of prayer. A schedule was arranged with definite groups meeting at definite hours. God still answers prayer.

The advertising of the revival was a united effort on the part of the participating churches. The methods used were: attractive window cards; a daily radio spot; newspaper advertisements; lapel buttons with the inscription, "We Believe Christ Is the Answer".

The morning services were held at 7:15 A. M. At the morning services of the three churches the average attendance was 270. Large crowds attended all the evening services, and it was necessary to bring in additional chairs to seat the people.

Central Church engaged Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of Second Church, Little Rock, as evangelist, and Bill Keltner, First Church, Hope, directed the music. The pastors of the other two churches were their own evangelists. John L. Dodge, pastor, doing the preaching for First Church; and O. L. Bayless, pastor, preaching for the Second Church. The choir directors of these churches had charge of the music, Ray McClung, Second Church, and Norman Sutton, First Church.

The visible results of the revival were as follows:

Central Church had a total of 38 additions—20 on profession of faith, 16 by letter, and two dedications; Second Church had a total of 79—57 on profession of faith, 19 by letter, and three dedications; First Church had a total of 57—37 on profession of faith, 18 by letter, one dedication, and one joining another Baptist church.

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Pastor Charles E. Lawrence of the Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, was the evangelist in a series of revival services at the First Baptist Church, Alamo, Tennessee, March 28 to April 7, in which there were 24 additions to the church membership on profession of faith and baptism and two by letter.

Expressing his appreciation of the services of Mr. Lawrence, Pastor J. Paul Palmer of the Alamo church says: "Brother Lawrence did some of the greatest preaching that has ever been done here. His messages were simple gospel truths filled with a great spirit".

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

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

Court Decision Explained

The writers of the first amendment to the United States Constitution, in seeking to save the nation from "the tyranny of authoritarian, dogmatic institution of religion," had no intention of ruling God out of the lives of the people, Dr. W. O. Carver, on the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, declares, in an article prepared for the April issue of "The Tie," monthly magazine of the seminary.

Dealing primarily with the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Champaign, Illinois case, Dr. Carver writes that the ruling of the court to the effect that religion cannot be taught in public schools, contradicts its five-to-four decision of two years ago, to the effect that public school buses may be used to transport pupils to parochial schools.

Declaring that the court's decision in the Champaign case "raises most important questions and calls for most serious and thorough examination of the situation," Dr. Carver suggests that the first task is to find out just where the court leaves the matter. This, he feels, will require further decisions by the court.

Religion is the essential element in all education and there can be no true education that omits religion or even gives it minor or incidental position, Dr. Carver says.

"Now, it is our responsibility to find the way of giving vital place to religion in education, without bondage to any ecclesiastical group on the one hand or to dogmatic atheism on the other hand," Dr. Carver concludes, adding that "the key to the problem lies in the teachers and with the education authorities."

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:

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KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.
KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.

Trend of the Time: More than 32,000 liquor licenses were issued, renewed, or transferred in California during last year.

The \$8,770,000,000 which the American public spent for liquor in 1946 is the equivalent of \$90 or more for each person above eighteen years of age.

America has two bars for every church, eight bars for every five schools, according to the American Business Research Foundation.

Open Door: The general secretary of the China Inter-Varsity Christian Student Fellowship, Calvin Chao, said while visiting in America, "The door for preaching the gospel is now wide open. For the educated Chinese to accept the gospel is unprecedented in China's history. But now students are coming to Christ like the gathering of the clouds. In relationship to the church at large, this is a turning point. There are only 120,000 college students in all China, out of a population of 475,000,000."

No Place for Eddie

The Evening Banner, Greenville, Texas, recently told, in an editorial, the sad story of Eddie, an inefficient and discourteous clerk in a store. One day a customer noticed that Eddie wasn't present and asked about him. "He's just not working here any more," the proprietor said. "Got anybody in mind for the vacancy?" the customer responded. "Nope," said the proprietor, "Eddie didn't leave a vacancy."

As the Banner added, "There's no place for the Eddies because the days of competition have returned and customers want to be waited upon . . . they want to see clerks take an interest in their requests, give them courteous, attentive service and try to make them feel at home. That's just human nature."

During the war, many a store, from the big chains down to little shops, had to employ poor, disinterested help, because nothing better could be had. But we're getting back to normal now, and we're seeing again that retailing is a career, that it calls for very special talents, mental attitudes and capabilities, and that it isn't a job that anyone can do. Many of the larger stores carry on highly developed training programs for their employees, and these are of service to small stores as well, by raising the standards of retail service in general.

The customer is entitled to interested, intelligent service, whether he's after a pound of hamburger or a complete spring outfit, and retailing is giving it to him. That small percentage of stores which takes no interest in this basic form of public relations won't be in business long. And, like Eddie, they'll leave no vacancy.

Do You Know?

That, at the 1947 Southern Baptist convention, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, there are in camps in Germany, Italy, and Austria, nearly a million displaced persons of various denominations, composed of men, women, and children, 80 per cent of whom are Christians, and 20 per cent including 150,000 children below the age of 17; and;

WHEREAS, these displaced persons are unable to return to their own homes because of persecution, or fear of persecution, by reason of their race, religion, or political beliefs; and WHEREAS, it is the desire of this denomination above all else to start a new life in a nation where there is freedom of speech, freedom of worship, and freedom of movement, and have demonstrated their faith in this nation and others allied with it with their justice, be it

RESOLVED that the Southern Baptist Convention go on record as favoring the repatriation by the United States of its fair share of these displaced people, such share amounting to at least 200,000 over the next 2 years, and urge the Congress to provide emergency legislation to accomplish this result.

However, IF this resolution is to be of help to these people who need a home, it must take individual action. Senators McClelland and Arkansas Congressmen should know that the Baptists of Arkansas are in favor of admitting 200,000 of these displaced persons to the United States in the next 2 years.

Write your Congressman and the Senator. Ask them to work for the passage of the Displaced Persons Bill, H R 6163, providing for the repatriation of 200,000 of these displaced persons in the next two years.

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Methodist In Oregon To Open Candidacy

An appraisal of Oregon candidates for state legislature and Congress, will be prepared by the Oregon chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action for election distribution to all Methodist church members in the state.

The appraisal program, voted during a day meeting in Portland, will be made known at primary and general elections. The appraisal grew out of Federation discussion of the alleged inadequacy of many candidates and the inability of many voters to properly evaluate them.

The Federation will compile voting records of incumbents, particularly on issues of importance to the Methodist church, and query both incumbents and aspirants as to their stand on issues. The chapter will prepare a written list of candidates, recommending which of them should be voted for and reasons why.

Queer Ways: Before Pearl Harbor this country was selling scrap iron and steel to Japan, some of which undoubtedly was employed in the munitions which killed our soldiers. This odd piece of news comes from the situation that there are over 7,000 tons of scrap steel in Japan. It is now being sold by American mills and no doubt will be brought to this country.

Challenging Program For Foreign Missions

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, in his report to the Board in the April meeting, said: "For us to fail to go forward at such a time as this will constitute the most damnable denial of the truth of God's gospel in Christ Jesus that the world has ever known. By standing still we shall betray our Lord; by retreating we crucify Him. Under the impulse of this conviction the Foreign Mission Board is projecting a program of world advance." The proposed program outlined by Dr. Rankin estimates that 1,250 missionaries and an annual budget of \$7,000,000 are needed to adequately develop the program Southern Baptists have already projected, and that at least 500 additional missionaries and \$3,000,000 annual income are needed to establish additional centers. This would make a total of 1,750 missionaries and an annual expenditure of \$10,000,000. Dr. Rankin raised the question, "Is this too much to ask six million Southern Baptists to provide for all the world outside of our own Convention territory?" He told of an active layman in Texas who is urging that Southern Baptists ask for 6,000 missionaries and an annual income of \$102,000,000 within the next ten years. "He believes that we have done little because we ask for little," Dr. Rankin said. "Is he proposing too much or am I proposing too little? My proposal calls for an increase of 250 per cent. Even so, it is easily within the resources of Southern Baptists."

A Message From the Orient

Regional Secretary Baker James Cauthen, just back from the Orient, brought to the Board two challenging messages, one on Japan, the other on China. He told of the problems facing missionaries in China due to confusion following Japanese occupation, inflation, and civil war. The attitude of Communists toward Americans has become violent. Missionaries have been directed to leave their stations when Communist pressure makes it advisable. "We do not have conditions that demand evacuation to America," Dr. Cauthen said, "but we do have conditions that demand evacuation to other areas." Some missionaries in territory taken by Communists have already moved to areas where they can work freely. Dr. S. E. Ayers, for example, has moved from Chengchow, to Kwellin, Southwest China, taking hospital equipment with him. Chinese Baptist organizations have been strengthened by the war period. For years the Baptist program in China was carried on by foreigners. Secretary Cauthen says, "Baptist work in China now is Chinese Baptist work and we are laborers together with them and God in this ministry."

Japan today presents a great opportunity for Christian work, growing out of the changed attitudes in Japan towards Christianity, Dr. Cauthen said. There is a new appreciation for the work of the minister and there is an attitude of inquiry on the part of the people generally toward the meaning of the gospel of Christ. Baptist work in Japan is in a position to go forward, as the Japan Baptist Convention has been re-organized. A

complete break was made with the Union Church of Japan, into which the Baptists had been brought, largely through government pressure in the war days. Japanese Baptist churches, though small in number, have a vigorous leadership and a vision of expansion. The seminary, training school, boys' school at Fukuoka and girls' school at Kokura came through the war without major damage. The Foreign Mission Board has put itself on record as seeking to have a staff of 100 missionaries for Japan by the end of 1950. There is a deep feeling of urgency about this matter because the doors of opportunity in Japan could be closed.

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Your Questions Answered

Dear Friends of Ouachita:

This letter is written by we who are ordained ministers on the Ouachita Baptist College faculty. We propose to answer questions that many of you are asking. The Administration agrees with us that all Arkansas Baptists, especially our ministers, should have this information. To be brief and definite, we are answering 20 questions.

1. Are all four years of work at Ouachita College fully accredited by the North Central Association?

Yes.

2. Is Ouachita College in danger of losing its rating?

No.

3. Is this semester's enrolment of 853 dangerously large?

Not if Ouachita's Million Dollar Campaign is successful. The North Central Association says 1,050 is the most economical unit.

4. How has the Million Dollar Campaign already helped?

\$300,000 in cash has been raised. Part of this has been used to erect three large two-story, fire-proof buildings, now used as follows: girls' dormitory; apartments for married veterans; and departments of home economics, business administration, mathematics, and physics.

5. How much campaign cash is on hand, now?

\$110,000.00.

6. When will the next building be started?

By September, 1948.

7. When will the Cannon Infirmary building be ready?

By September, 1948.

8. What have the Arkadelphia Baptist churches done?

All the Baptist churches in Arkadelphia have joined in Arkadelphia's \$100,000 drive on the Campaign. Approximately \$50,000 has been contributed thus far.

9. Does any of the Million Dollar Campaign money go to the general fund at Ouachita College?

No, it all goes to new buildings, and to increase the endowment fund.

10. Do Ouachita teachers receive fair, guaranteed salaries?

Yes, yearly salaries are as follows: instructors, \$1,600; assistant professors, \$2,400; associate professors, \$3,000; department heads with Ph. D. degree, \$4,000.

11. Is Ouachita running on its income?
Yes.

12. Does it cost more to go to Ouachita than to a state school?

No, not necessarily.

13. Who is eligible for a reduction on expenses at Ouachita?

Ministers, ministers' wives and children, missionaries, and high school valedictorians receive a reduction of \$50 per semester fees.

14. Is it possible for worthy and needy students to secure work at Ouachita or a from student loan funds?

Yes, students earn about \$41,850 annually for work in offices, in the library, in laboratories, cafeteria, on the farm, and so forth. Ouachita has \$22,235.67 in student loan funds available to help worthy students stay in college.

15. How many ministerial students are now at Ouachita College?

There are 135, in addition to this number there are 25 students who have definitely committed themselves for the mission field.

16. What are some signs of growth Ouachita?

Largest student body in the history of the college, an excellent college spirit, new buildings, new equipment, a new \$20,000 Kilgus organ, a new \$5,600 Baldwin concert grand piano, new infirmary building, new band uniforms, new choir robes, and signs of progress in every department of the college.

17. What effect have veterans had on Ouachita College.

The 295 veterans in Ouachita's student body today are mature and generally serious minded, and are here for business. They have helped.

18. How would you rate the Christian atmosphere on Ouachita's campus?

Exceptionally high. The moral level and spiritual fervor of our students will compare favorably with those of our best and largest churches.

19. What do you consider to be some Ouachita's greatest needs?

A minimum \$1,000,000 endowment, a new library and science building, another boys' dormitory, an appropriation of \$50,000 annually from the Baptist Convention, plus additional aid to take care of free tuition granted to ministers, ministers' wives and children and ten additional teachers to take care of 200 or more students who want to come Ouachita, now.

20. If Ouachita had all these things would it then ask for more?

No. We will, however, cheerfully cooperate with the State Baptist Convention and the Board of Trustees in any future expansion they may authorize.

Fraternally yours,

G. T. Blackmon, asst. professor of Bible and sociology

James L. Blakeney, student counselor

R. C. Daily, head of division of social science

S. W. Eubanks, head of Bible department

Dale F. Taylor, accountant and asst. business manager

H. B. Todd, asst. professor of speech and debate

L. T. Wallace, associate professor of Greek philosophy and political science

W. M. U. Annual Meeting . . .

"At The King's Command"

The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas was held at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, April 13-15. The theme of this meeting was "At the King's Command". Devotionals for the sessions were given by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence. Each was a part of the King's command: "Go Ye"; "Teach Ye"; "Give Ye"; "Worship Ye"; and "Serve Ye". Each session closed with the reading of Matthew 28:18-20, Christ's Command to each follower of His. The song, "The King's Business" was used as the theme song for the convention. Mrs. Perry Parsons directed the music and Mrs. Wilbur Beck was organist.

Mrs. J. E. Short, president, presided over the sessions. Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the host church, and Mrs. U. R. Tracy, president of the church's W. M. U., welcomed the delegates. Response was given by Mrs. A. S. Pierce of Pine Bluff.

Reports Are Encouraging

"In Royal Service" was the theme used by the district presidents and the executive secretary in reporting the work. "Lo, I Am With You" was the theme for the reports given by the various committee chairmen. Mrs. Charles H. Brough, chairman of the Hospital Supplies Committee, urged members to aid in recruiting student nurses. Mrs. T. C. Deal, chairman of the Orphanage Committee, says that our orphanage needs more room, 27 children have been denied admission because of lack of room. Other reports were given by the following: Mrs. Charles A. Gordon, Miss Elma Cobb, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Mrs. Robert W. Jones, and Mrs. E. P. J. Garrott. Dr. J. R. Grant and Rev. F. E. Goodbar spoke on Christian Education.

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, used "In Realms Beyond the Sea" as a theme to inform and inspire the delegates to greater missionary endeavor.

Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, chairman of community missions, reported that Arkansas Baptist women and young people have spent \$14,490 for community missions during the past year. Also, 8,647 members engaged in this work through 987 organizations; there were 530 conversions, and 248 family altars were established.

Baptist women and young people gave \$119,132 through the Arkansas Baptist Co-operative Program and \$4,992 through the Honor Club, according to the report by Mrs. Harold B. Tillman, stewardship chairman.

Reporting on mission study, Mrs. H. M. Keck said that 1,811 mission study classes were held during the year, and 2,122 young people received mission study awards.

Mrs. Ladd Davies, a former resident of Lima, Peru, the hardships under which missionaries labor, and challenged Baptist to support the work around the world. She said, "We must hold up those hands down there and around the world because they are our hands giving the gospel of Christ."

The theme for this session was "Following His Train".

President's Message

The President's annual message was a review of the past sixty years of work. She said, "Records can be compiled but full results cannot be counted, the lives of people prove our true achievements." She stressed the stewardship of all of life, greater emphasis on moral standards, and fuller co-operation with the State Convention.

There was an impressive presentation of past presidents of the W. M. U., saying with flowers, "We love you and are grateful for your service."

Other Speakers

The South-wide president of W. M. U., Mrs. George R. Martin, challenged Arkansas women to assume more responsibility in winning the world to Christ. "You must be willing to pay the price if you are to be victorious."

Dr. Jacob Gartnehaus, of the Home Mission Board, was the main speaker for the Wednesday night session.

Miss Mae Wilhelm, supervisor of narcotic education in Arkansas, reported definite progress in her work. W. M. U. women of Arkansas have given over \$1,048 in support of this work.

Officers Elected

Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Conway, was elected president at the closing session of the annual convention. Mrs. Goodbar succeeds Mrs. J. E. Short, Pine Bluff.

Vice presidents were elected as follows: West Central District, Mrs. Faber L. Tyler, Ozark; Southeast District, Mrs. B. A. Gray, Pine Bluff; Southwest District, Mrs. W. H. House, Texarkana; North Central, Mrs. W. B. O'Neal, Batesville; Northwest District, Mrs. A. L. Leake, Prairie Grove; East Central District, Mrs. R. E. Low, Brinkley.

Mrs. C. H. Ray, Little Rock, was re-elected executive secretary and treasurer; Miss LaVerne Ashby, Little Rock, young people's secretary; Mrs. B. L. Bridges, Little Rock, recording secretary; Miss Elma Cobb, Little Rock, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. W. C. Edwards, Little Rock, auditor; Mrs. Goodbar, Arkansas vice president of Southern Woman's Missionary Union.

Chairmen Named

Chairmen of departments were elected as follows: Mission study, Mrs. W. B. Pittard, England; community missions, Mrs. A. B. Pierce, Pine Bluff; stewardship, Mrs. H. B. Tillman, Conway; hospital supplies, Mrs. C. H. Brough, Little Rock; Christian education, Mrs. H. L. Robinson, Jonesboro; Orphans Home supplies, Mrs. T. C. Deal, Monticello; Margaret fund, Mrs. J. E. Short, Pine Bluff; Woman's Missionary Union Training School trustees, Mrs. S. W. Eubanks, Arkadelphia; member of Women's Advisory Board, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Mrs. R. C. Campbell, Little Rock.

Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, Little Rock, and Mrs. C. R. Pugh, Clarendon, were elected to life

To Teach Publicity Course At Leadership Assembly



Professor William F. Tanner, head of Department of Journalism, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, will teach class in religious journalism at the Leadership Assembly, July 6-13.

This course will attempt to do two things: first, give practical instruction to church workers who need some of the technical of religious journalism in their regular work; second, help young people who want to study religious journalism as a field. Motto for the course will be: "If we take care of the news in religion, there will be plenty of religion in the news."

Professor Tanner has been in newspaper work for almost twenty years. Prior to coming to Shawnee he was managing editor of the Times, in Amarillo, Texas. He holds degrees from Baylor University and Texas Technological College. Arkansas Baptists are fortunate indeed to have this opportunity. Every church should send a representative to the Assembly July 6-13 to take this course.

membership on the State W. M. U. Executive Board.

Members of the executive board were elected as follows: Terms expiring in 1949, Mrs. Ray McKay, Little Rock; Mrs. S. A. White, Hope; Mrs. E. A. Peterson, Jonesboro; Mrs. C. L. Durrett, Little Rock; Mrs. J. L. Sisley, Fayetteville; Mrs. Roy Polk, Little Rock; Mrs. L. C. Tedford, Corning.

Terms expiring in 1950, Mrs. W. I. Moore, Little Rock; Mrs. J. N. Norris, North Little Rock; Mrs. Carroll D. Wood, Monticello; Mrs. L. M. Keeling, Judsonia; Mrs. Mrs. C. E. Durrence, Little Rock; Mrs. R. C. Campbell, Little Rock; Mrs. A. B. Pierce, Pine Bluff; Mrs. W. I. Stout, Little Rock.

Terms expiring in 1951, Mrs. Louis Daugherty, Little Rock; Mrs. Eugene Ridgeway, Memphis; Mrs. O. Spotts, West Memphis; Mrs. R. A. Ellefson, North Little Rock; Mrs. R. M. Barnes, Little Rock; Mrs. Calvin Jones, Park Hill; Mrs. P. J. Garrott, Batesville.

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The goal of all our teaching must be to help today's children handle their own affairs today so that they will be able to handle their affairs intelligently tomorrow.—Jean Betzner.

Hell Is A Place

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

If there is a resurrection of the wicked there must be a place where they exist. A resurrected body implies a place of habitation. Jesus declared without qualification that it is better to lose one member of the body in the struggles for righteousness than that the whole body should be cast into hell. Again, Jesus warned: "Fear him who, after he has killed, hath power to cast into hell." In all the teachings of Jesus concerning the destiny of the wicked there is the assumption of a place designated as hell where the wicked and unbelieving shall suffer torment for ever and ever.

This place was prepared for others, "the Devil and his angels." Man is a being endowed with a moral and spiritual nature and with the power of free choice in his own self-determination. It follows logically and inevitably that if, in the exercise of his freedom, man alligns himself with those depraved beings for whom hell was prepared, he must of necessity become a co-inhabitant of that prepared place. It becomes the place of his choice.

Where hell is or will be we cannot say. It's exact location, however, matters but little. The one thing that should concern us is its nature and its occupants. These are described in the strongest terms and we are given a picture of hell, the sight of which should turn every mortal man hurrying to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

Absence of All Good

Just as heaven is the place of relief from all the hard experiences of life, hell is just the opposite, a place where, through the ceaseless cycles of eternal infinity, not one single particle of good may be found or felt. Here in this life the dreaded calamities, disappointments, miseries, pains, sorrows, and death, have been greatly alleviated by the admixture of good. Laws have restrained from the limitless extremes of sinful indulgences, the disapproval of human society has prevented the destruction of all standards of respectability, the crusade for righteousness has held in check the irresponsible forces of wickedness, the hosts of God's people proclaiming the truths of God counteract in some measure the effects of falsities, the Bible, which stands as the monument of God's invitation to men, wins many to him, Christ, who made the supreme sacrifice for men, draws the hearts of countless believers to himself, the cross of Calvary forever stands as the supreme rebuke to sin.

But in hell none of these holy influences, agencies, and forces will be present. Hell is the absence of them all. Whereas, these two opposites are commingled in this world, there will be a final separation of the two. All the good and holy and pure will be gathered together. That will constitute heaven. All the vile and wicked and sinful will be gathered together and that will constitute hell.

The total absence of all good would constitute hell anywhere. Just as the total absence of all light would constitute total darkness. Such a condition would convert this world into a veritable hell, intolerable for the ungodly and sinful, themselves. The presence of

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that which is good mitigates the horrors of wickedness in the world. Those who live in open rebellion against God are able to endure their own wickedness only because of the merciful goodness by which they are surrounded. Remove all this merciful goodness and the wicked would writhe in the boiling caldrons constructed out of their own sins and villainess.

In hell there will never be another message of hope, never another appeal to righteousness, never another spark of love, never another kind word, never another ray of light, never another deed of mercy, never another smile of gladness, never another happy laughter of a child, never another strain of music, never another scene of beauty, never another holy desire, never another passion of purity, never another mother's caress.

Punishment Reward For Wickedness

All sin is rebellion against God. It is represented in the Bible as taking various forms and the nature of the punishment is inherent in the sin.

The word "sin" means to miss the mark. A person misses the mark, "the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," he loses all that the attainment of that mark would bring to him. Evil means a tendency to inflict injury on others. Every injury perpetrated rebounds with injury to the evil doer, for "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Iniquity means deviation from just dealing, and the injustices practiced will return with their own bitter fruits to the unjust. Wickedness means immorality, the departure from the divine moral law, the reward is confirmed immorality. Transgression means crossing the line between good and evil, and if a person passes into the realm of the evil he may expect to reap the harvest of that realm.

The punishment will, therefore, be suited to the nature of wickedness and sin. The wicked are reserved to the day of destruction (Job 21:30) and on that day the last talent for doing good, the last desire for holiness, the last opportunity for repentance and faith, the last challenge to righteousness, the last faint glimmer of hope, will all be destroyed. The wicked shall all go out into eternity equipped only for continuing a life of sin and rebellion which they started here. It is explicitly proclaimed, "he that is unjust, let him be unjust still: he that is filthy let him be filthy still." Hell is a place where sinning is the only possibility.

In hell one cannot sing for one's lips will know only curses and blasphemy; one cannot be honest for only dishonesty is allowed there; one cannot be pure for only impurity is possible there; one cannot be holy for only unholiness reigns there. The punishment of hell will be the accumulation, the concentration, and the intensification of all the sins and wickedness and iniquity, all the curses

and blasphemies, all the dishonesty and cruelty, all the loathsome foulness of immorality and villainess, of the centuries of human sinning, multiplied and perpetuated by an eternity of demonic possession. One couldn't do right in hell if one wanted to. All one's capacity for doing right is consumed by sin and one is left only with the capacity for an eternity of guilt and sin and wickedness.

Place of Evil Companionship

It is a terrible picture that is drawn in the Bible of the occupants of hell. Not a single redeemed soul is there, not one Christian washed in the blood of the Lamb, not one mother with a heart of tender love made pure by the living presence of Jesus, not one father who has learned at the feet of Jesus the way of truth and justice, not one young man or young woman in all the glorious nobility of Christian youth, not one smiling face of a little child. There will be no Christian missionaries in hell. There will be no Christian ministers in hell. There will be no Christian workers in hell. There will be no humble souls there who have bowed in glad humility to the will of God. There will be no one there wearing the white robe of purity and the crown of victory. Just the absence of all people who honor, praise, and worship God would make a hell of any place.


On the contrary, all the mothers who have refused God's invitation to love and grace will be there. All the fathers who have denied God His right in their lives will be there. All the young people who have spent their noble powers in riotous living will be there. All the self-righteous who have been too proud to humble themselves in repentance and faith will be there. All the self-willed who defy the divine will of God will be there. All the fearful who fear more to do good than to do wrong will be there. All the unbelievers who refuse to put their trust in Christ will be there. All the false prophets who have deceived the people will be there. All the abominable criminals will be there. All the murderers who have held human life so cheap will be there. All the whoremongers who have destroyed virtue will be there. All the sorcerers who have preyed upon the ignorance of their fellow men will be there. All the idolaters who have substituted false gods for the true God will be there. All the liars who have practiced deceit and duplicity will be there. All these shall have their part in the "lake of fire which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Not the least part of hell will be the wicked, vile, and loathsome associates and associations and companionships. One will not suffer alone. This fact, however, will bring one no comfort nor subtract from one's misery. On every side will be heard the same groans, shrieks, curses, blasphemies, and walls of wailing. In every direction may be seen the same deplorable features arranged in hideous combinations of demonic visage: menacing frowns, hatred, repulsive stares of lust, forbidding looks of unbelief, hungering mouths of greed, blackened hearts of crime, bloodstained hands of murder, blistered lips of obscene language, smarting tongues of lies and deceit.

What a place is hell! Why should any one choose to go there?

Happenings In Arkansas

BROTHERHOOD



209 Baptist Bldg.,
Little Rock
NELSON F. TULL
Secretary

The First Church, Osceola, Brother Russell Clubb, pastor, is in a revival, now. Brother Homer E. Kirkpatrick, evangelist, is doing the preaching. The revival began Sunday, April 11, and will continue for two weeks. Baptists throughout the state will want to pray for this particular revival and for efforts being made everywhere to reach people for Christ and the church.

Your Brotherhood Secretary had the privilege of being in Osceola a few days ago while Brother Clubb led his men to direct the church in a short, intensive enlistment and visitation campaign in preparation for the revival. This preliminary effort resulted in a revival with approximately twenty additions to the church, fifteen coming by baptism. "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children" (Isa. 66:8d).

Brother Clubb is leading his church in a remarkable spiritual program. We predict a great revival at Osceola!

First Church, Fayetteville, is in a revival with the pastor, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, doing the preaching. The Brotherhood of this church was recently organized, and is backing the pastor in a mighty effort for Christ. Pray for this revival, also.

Dr. Johnson, with the help of some 175 co-workers, has recently completed a census of Fayetteville; the census material has been worked up in such a manner as to be readily usable by all departments of the church. More than 1,500 lost people were discovered. Dr. Johnson is helping his church to see a field white unto harvest.

This church is one of the key churches of the state. Not only is Fayetteville a sizable city, but the University of Arkansas has enrolled approximately 1,000 Baptist young people, as well as a host of others of Baptist preference.

We thank the Lord for the leadership of Dr. Johnson.

Recently, the Knowles Chapel Church, Liberty Association, had a Brotherhood revival. There were ten or eleven additions, all but one coming by baptism.

During the revival, many things happened to melt the hearts of God's people and lead them more deeply into His will. Souls were saved; lives were blessed; families were united in Christ; God's name was glorified.

Brother L. R. Mitcham is pastor at Knowles Chapel and is doing an outstanding work. Recently, he has led his church to enlarge and re-decorate the church building.

Yes, Knowles Chapel has a Brotherhood!

Calling All Associational Brotherhood Presidents!

Within the next three months, every association in the state should have an associational-wide gathering of men. The service may be held at night or on a Sunday afternoon. The general purpose of the meeting is to promote Brotherhood organization and work throughout the association, and to help make every church in the association Brotherhood conscious. The elements of the program should be:

Good music;

A short talk on the Brotherhood ideals: Consecration, Stewardship, and Personal Soul Winning;

A short message on the South-wide Brotherhood Emphases for 1948: Evangelism, Stewardship, the Man and Boy Movement, Church Publicity;

A short message on the Centennial Emphases of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention: 25,000 souls for Christ in 1948, payment of the Honor Debt, the successful completion of the Ouachita College Campaign, the successful opening of Central College in September, and the successful raising of the Convention budget;

An inspirational message on what men should be and do because they are Christians.

Such a program as the one outlined above will inform the men of your association of what Baptists are doing and should do; and of the place Baptist men have in Baptist work. When Baptist men are thus informed, then they can be challenged to get under the load.

In every possible way the state Brotherhood Department will co-operate with the various associations in planning these associational meetings.

Now is the time!

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Says Elder Corntassel: "I 'low as how 'tain't th' workin' major'ty but the major'ty workin' what's needed t' make th' Church go."

Evangelism Our Major!

How is your church succeeding in its evangelistic program? The major objective in this Centennial Year, you know, is to win 25,000 unsaved people to Christ. Last year there were 11,460 baptisms reported by the churches affiliated with the convention. Hence, you can see that if the objective is reached this year it will mean twice as many baptisms as reported last year. How many did your church baptize? Will you plan, work, and pray that twice that number will be reached for the Lord this year?

Every church should double its evangelistic efforts. Do not stop with just one revival. Several mission revivals should be sponsored by many of the larger churches. A pastor in one of our larger towns is planning to have several tent revivals and has already selected the locations for the meetings. This could be done in most of the towns in Arkansas.

It will be interesting, at the close of the year, to get a record of the churches which doubled the number of baptisms over that of last year. Also, special attention will be given to the associations that are most successful in evangelistic work.

During 1947 Arkansas Baptists practically stood at the top in the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms, according to membership ratio. Two or three of the western states, with small memberships, had a better average; but among the larger states, Arkansas is next to the top, being excelled only by Florida. It should stand first in 1948.

Plans for 1949

The first year of the second century of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention should be a great year of evangelism. Organizations are being set up in the associations for simultaneous crusades. A majority of the associations have already elected a general chairman and some of them have appointed the necessary committees to make proper preparation for their campaign in 1949. The general chairmen of evangelism and associational missionaries are urged to attend the South-wide Evangelistic Conference to be held at Ridgecrest, June 1-8.

Plans for 1950

The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board is planning to have a great simultaneous crusade to begin Easter Sunday, 1950, in the states west of the Mississippi River. The plan is that every church in the state west of the Mississippi River will co-operate in such a campaign. How wonderful it would be to have every church engaged in a revival

Our Major!

Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

at the same time! There is much to look forward to in our evangelistic work in Arkansas and South.

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Celebrated Speakers To Attend Conference

Outstanding speakers and conference leaders have been secured for the Southwestern Baptist Church and Community Conference, July 5-9, 1948, on the campus of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Rural sociologists and specialists who will speak includes: Dan Russell, professor of Rural Sociology, Texas A. & M. College; Mrs. Eloise Trigg Johnson, extension service, Texas A. & M. College; and Mr. Ferdie Deere, editor, Farmer-Stockman, Oklahoma City.

Among the denominational leaders to be heard are: State Missions secretaries J. Howard Williams, Texas; Harry P. Starnes, New Mexico; Dr. John D. Freeman, Home Mission Board; and W. Harrell, architectural department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

State director of rural work appearing on the program include C. W. Caldwell, Arkansas; W. Jones, Texas; J. F. McClellan, Louisiana; and Sam Scantlan, Oklahoma.

A special Bible Hour will be conducted by Dr. W. T. Conner, the Southwestern Seminary.

The Conference will begin Monday night, July 5, and close Friday noon Friday, July 9.

The seminary will provide meals free if visitors will furnish linens. Meals will be served in the seminary cafeteria.

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Figures To Inspire

Sunday, April 11, 1948

	S.S.	T.U.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1124	384
Including Missions	1644	688
Ft. Smith, First	1079	370
Little Rock, First	1002	408
El Dorado, First	878	228
Pine Bluff, First	794	203
West Memphis, First	732	381
N. Little Rock, Baring Cross	720	323
Including Missions	761	346
Hot Springs, Second	716	218
Camden, First	606	160
Including Missions	634	207
Fayetteville, First	584	210
Including Missions	646	255
Magnolia, Central	584	163
Including Missions	604	88
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	570	28
Paragoula, First	556	226
Benton, First	553	123
Including Missions	581	84
Hope, First	538	221
Arkadelphia, First	531	221
McGehee, First	521	156
Little Rock, Tabernacle	519	126
El Dorado, Second	488	112
Hot Springs, Central	444	139
Including Mission	419	77
Malvern, First	435	54
Conway, First	422	54
Fordyce, First	413	148
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	409	98
Hot Springs, Park Place	400	121
Springdale, First	396	242
Including Missions	516	222
Siloam Springs, First	390	261
Stuttgart, First	384	161
Including Mission	412	144
Paris, First	371	88
Hot Springs, First	371	88
Little Rock, South Highland	360	105
Rogers, First	358	83
Pine Bluff, Second	348	86
Ft. Smith, Calvary	348	79
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	346	73
Russellville, First	335	75
Hamburg, First	330	177
Smackover, First	308	138
Nashville, First	286	80
Gentry, First	276	133
Stamps, First	268	113
Monticello, First	265	118
El Dorado, Westside	259	91
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	255	115
N. Little Rock, Central	248	99
Greenwood	244	95
Norphet, First	236	141
West Batesville	217	74
Monticello, Second	215	147
Little Rock, Calvary	214	106
Texarkana, Calvary	194	72
Little Rock, Woodlawn	152	82
South Ft. Smith	150	58
Levy, First	137	38
Including Mission	247	106
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	131	92
Almyra, First	125	86
Van Buren, Oak Grove	113	60
Douglasville, First	107	55
Eureka Springs, First	104	24
Little Rock, Westside	87	58
South Texarkana	68	50
Ft. Smith, Bethlehem	56	18
Little Rock, Bellview	47	20
Little Rock, Biddle	46	36

Training Union Study Course Awards

There were 1,894 Training Union study course awards issued for Arkansas during March, 1948. During the first three months of 1948, 3,683 awards have been issued, compared with 3,526 for the first three months of last year.

Increasing . . . Training Union Enrolment

If there is to be an increase in Training Union attendance, there must be an increase in enrolment. This does not mean that rolls should be "packed" by putting names of visitors on the Training Union roll, but it does mean that we should go after the people and enroll them the first night they agree to join the union.

During April the Training Union leaders in all of the churches are being urged to make lists of prospects for each union and Story Hour of the Training Union. All church members who are not enrolled in Training Union now are prospects. Each union is urged to visit and enlist their prospects during the month of April.

In many churches there is a need for new unions and these should be organized during April. Associational Training Union officers and associational missionaries should organize as many new Training Unions as possible this month.

May 2 is "Join the Training Union" day in Arkansas. This should be the climax of a month's effort to increase the enrolment of Training Union by 10 per cent throughout the state.

The afternoon of Sunday, May 2, should be "all-out visitation afternoon" and every absentee and every prospect should be visited. Excellent programs should be planned for Sunday night, May 2.

Hymn Playing Instructions

Although the initial announcement of the Hymn Playing Tournament was made in this column recently, we are receiving daily inquiries concerning it. Below are the details of preparation and the list of hymns:

O Worship the King—Lyons
 Am I a Soldier of the Cross—Arlington
 Beneath the Cross of Jesus—St. Christopher
 Dare to be a Daniel—Bliss
 From Every Stormy Wind—Re-treat.

1. Play as written in the Broadman Hymnal.
2. Play from memory.
3. Tell facts of interest about composer and author.
4. Play a suitable introduction.
5. Name key and measure signatures.
6. Be prepared to play at sight one hymn to be selected by the judges.

Each church should have a contest, choosing one contestant and one alternate in each of the four age-groups; 9 - 10, 11 - 12, 13 - 14, 15 - 16. These candidates play in the associational elimination contest which should be held in June under the leadership of the associational music director.

IMPORTANT

If your association has no music director, only a few still are without one, write to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, and she will arrange an associational contest. At this event one contestant and one alternate in each of the four age-groups will be chosen to participate in the state-wide Hymn Playing Tournament. This takes place at Siloam Springs Assembly during the week of July 15-22.

Start playing the hymns now!

Train For Evangelism In April

Arkansas' goal—10,000 awards issued in the Sunday School Training Course this Sunday School year. One-half of the year is gone. As Sunday School superintendents, and associational Sunday School superintendents, what have YOU done toward a study course in your church or association? A total of 3,696 training awards have been issued in Arkansas from October 1, 1947, through March 31, 1948.

Soul winning is still the chief business of Christianity. Also, it is the chief business of every Sunday School officer and teacher; indeed, it should be the main pursuit of every true believer. A training school in every church in April, in which the emphasis will be upon evangelism and the use of the Sunday School in reaching and winning the lost, will issue greater soul winning results and more effective soul winners in our churches.

Three study course books suggested for use in the promotion of soul winning in and through the Sunday School are: **THE PLACE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN EVANGELISM; SOUL WINNING DOCTRINES; and HOW TO WIN TO CHRIST.** It is not too late to plan a training course for April to promote evangelism. An effective study of **HOW TO WIN TO CHRIST** would be indispensable preceding your spring revival. **PLAN A STUDY COURSE NOW. HELP US REACH OUR GOAL** of 10,000 awards issued to Sunday School workers this year.

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Giant Evangelistic Service At Convention in Memphis

A tremendous Sunday afternoon evangelistic service in Crump Stadium will be the climatic hour of the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 19-23, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of Evangelism for the

to May 23. The Convention program will recess Saturday afternoon, May 22, in order that messengers may participate in the visitation program.

Plans for the special service in Crump Stadium were completed in a meeting of the convention



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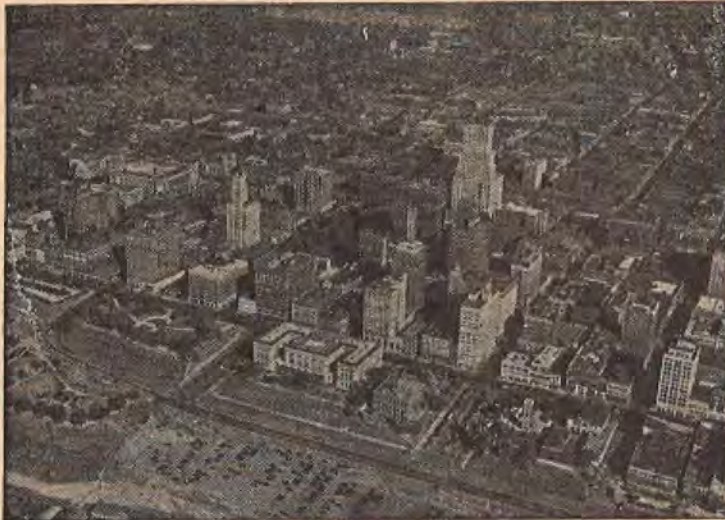
Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, announced that a congregation of 30,000 people is expected for the service.

Evangelist for the service will be Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis. A strong appeal for the conversion of unsaved persons will be made at the close of Dr. Lee's message.

Dr. Matthews expressed hope that the Convention sessions, cli-

evangelism committee there. Members are: R. C. Cannon, pastor of Merton Avenue Baptist Church, local general chairman; Dr. B. Locke Davis, Anniston, Ala.; and Dr. Matthews of Dallas.

The Crump Stadium seats 28,000 persons and additional seats will be placed to raise the capacity to 30,000. Other additional space will be provided for a special choir of 2,000 voices under the direction of W. Plunkett Mar-



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maxed with the evangelistic appeal, "will be the spark to set off a spiritual awakening among Baptist people throughout the land."

The evangelistic service will be preceded by a wide-spread visitation program throughout Shelby County, issuing invitations to unenlisted persons to attend the special meeting. Memphis Baptists will promote the visitation program, going out from all Memphis churches in organized groups for three successive Saturdays prior

to May 23. The Convention program will recess Saturday afternoon, May 22, in order that messengers may participate in the visitation program.

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—Baptist Press

Bible Conference

Pastor J. G. Cothran, and the First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, will conduct a three-day Bible Conference, April 28-30.

Announcement is made that bed and breakfast will be furnished to any and all pastors who would like to stay through the three days.

Among the conference speakers will be denominational workers and pastors.

The theme of the conference is "Magnify the Word, the Will, and the Work of God."

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Ouachita News

By S. W. EUBANKS

A telegram from the University of Alabama, April 12, to Homer D. Reed, senior at Ouachita College, states that he has been awarded one of the ten scholarships in the Southern Region Training Program in Public Administration. This leadership program is promoted by the universities of Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. This is one of the highest ranking scholarships in the United States offered to college graduates. Homer Reed will enter the University of Alabama in June and in the progress of the course will study in all three of the above named universities. His home is at Rison, Arkansas.

News received April 12 from the Southern Speech Tournament at Nashville, Tennessee, places Ouachita College students in top places. Miss Alla B. Earle Camden won first place in oratory and second place in after dinner speaking. Miss Earle and Miss Melbaree Lands, Paragould, won second place in debate in the division for women. Lewis Lemmon, Texarkana, Texas, won second place in extemporaneous speaking.

More than one hundred baptisms have been reported by Ouachita College ministrel students holding meetings in their churches the last week of March and the first week of April.

Charles Lowery, Pine Bluff, has been elected to serve as assistant to the pastor for the summer months, by the First Church, Batesville.

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Book Review

"Instrumental Music In The Church"

Broadman Press

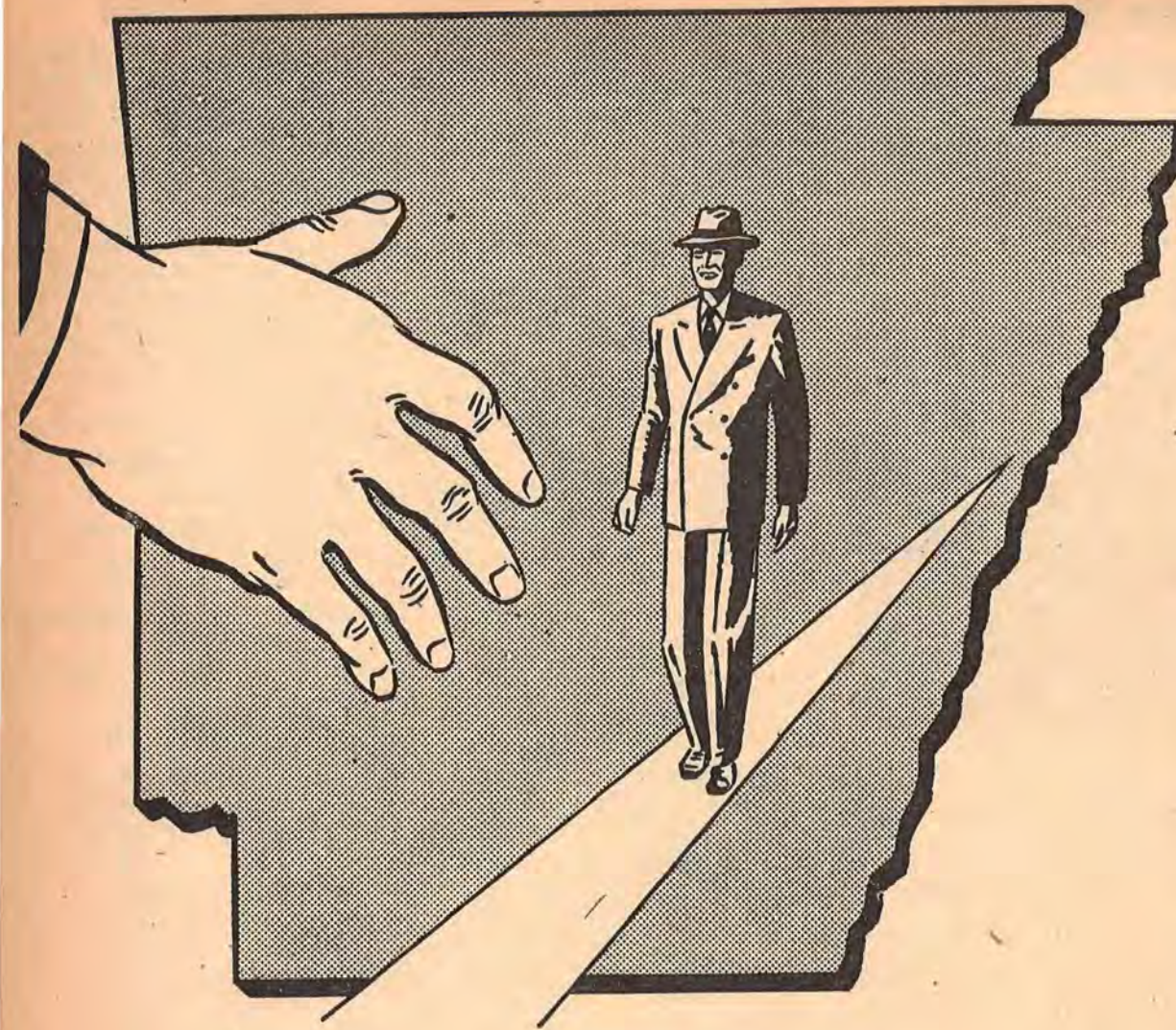
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"Instrumental Music In The Church" by W. Hines Sims is packed full of stimulating and practical ideas concerning church music. Writing with the authority of one who knows how, he points out innumerable avenues for enlistment and service of the young instrumentalist in the various musical groups in the church. Church leaders who give thoughtful heed to the useful suggestions regarding instruments and their placement found in this text will surely be rewarded with a music program of freshness and variety. His colleagues will rise up and call him blessed.

—Ruth Niningger, State Director Church Music.

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ZECHARIAH PLEADS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

By Mrs. ROLAND LEATH

"There is no ultimate standard for right except the will of a righteous God". God is displeased with any life that sets a different standard. We see the mercy, patience, and love of God toward His rebellious people as we study the ministry of Zechariah, another of the post-exilic prophets. Zechariah zealously preached the theme of a changed heart to the remnant which returned to Jerusalem.

Haggai, whom we studied in last week's lesson, and Zechariah were contemporaries (Ezra 6:14). Haggai was used to stir the people to completing the task of rebuilding the Temple. He was successful in this. Shortly after Haggai was called to that task, Zechariah was commissioned to lead the people into true righteousness which would, not only inspire them further in their rebuilding the Temple, but make them fit to worship and follow God.

Zechariah means "Jehovah remembers". Notice that Zechariah 1:1 tells both his father's name and his grandfather's name. He was certainly of a priestly family and their names have significant meanings.

God Calls to His People

The young prophet began to prophesy in the eighth month, in the second year of Darius. You will recall that, before the captivity, prophets dated their writings by the reigns of the kings of Judah and Israel. After the captivity the prophets dated their service by the reigns of the kings of Persia.

The message God gave Zechariah for the people was a plea to return to Him, thereby escaping the punishment of their forefathers. You will read "Jehovah of hosts" three times in the call Zechariah gives, indicating that it is not the prophet's call, but one of absolute authority from God.

God was entreating Israel to "be ye not as your fathers" but to turn to Him. Allow me to pass on to you this excellent interpretation of this call from God: "The word, return, in verse 3 is translated turn or return, and implies at least three great truths: first, a sad truth that God's people were walking away from their Redeemer, in the direction of self and sin, and, therefore, needed to turn about; second, that God longed for His people to walk according to His will and desired that they should live day by day in the precious privilege of fellowship with Him; and, third, that there is something men must do, though only God can save, men must turn" (W. M. Smith).

Sunday School Lesson

For April 25, 1948

Zechariah 1:1-6; 7:8-14; 8:4-8, 13, 16, 17

Zechariah delivered this call to the people, reminding them that Isaiah, Jeremiah, and other prophets had likewise exhorted their fathers who did not heed the word.

God Demands True Righteousness

We mentioned in our readings in Ezekiel that many symbols and allegories were used; Zechariah 1-8 presents a series of visions. These visions seem to be for the purpose of giving Israel a glimpse of her mission in being used of God and in pointing toward future triumphs.

In chapter 7 we have the account of the Jews in captivity sending Sherezer, Regemmelich, and other men to the priests at Jerusalem with a question concerning a practice which had been theirs during the captivity. They had instituted some fasts, all on their own initiative; they commemorated the fall of the Temple and destruction of Jerusalem with fasting and great mourning. Now, they ask: "Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these many years?" (Zechariah 7:3). It is easy to see why they appear now with such a question. The Temple is being rebuilt; the city restored; shall we continue these rituals, they ask? The Lord gives Zechariah an answer. "Did you really do it unto me"? This fast had become a mere form or ritual. They were, as many churches and Christians today, giving mere lip service to God.

In verses 9 and 10 God gives Zechariah the positive answer to the people; in these words we find what God demands of His own. There is a similarity to some of

the words of Paul in these passages. Read Ephesians 4:25 and Galatians 5:14, 15. The exhortation is: Live the righteousness of God! This brings to mind the justice spoken by Micah (6:8). They were to be honest and sincere with God and man, provide and care for the weak and helpless, the stranger, the poor, and to "pluck out" all revengeful feelings against a brother. That is true Christianity and no man or woman has the fellowship with God which he could have, who holds malice and evil in his heart.

The fathers of the Jewish people had hardened their hearts until they were as adamant stone, heavier than flint. They had turned away from the prophets and grown steadily worse until they had been sent into captivity. "Take heed", Zechariah pleads, learn from their experience. God wants true repentance and love, not empty form. "I will scatter them . . . among all nations." They were scattered in the captivity; they were scattered after the crucifixion; they are scattered today.

God Promises Blessings

Zechariah 8 tells of hope and future glory; here is definite contrast from the warnings given, yet there is a likeness in the demands of God for righteousness. Added to the attributes mentioned in chapter 7 is that of truth. As Paul preached (Eph. 4:25) Zechariah also calls upon the Jews to speak the truth with every man. If they abide by truth, justice will prevail and evil thoughts and grudges will be banished. God pictures blessings to His people in Jerusalem if

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they turn to Him in sincerity and righteousness. If His people love and serve with His spirit, God has promised a great restoration in their land.

Anyone who studies chapter 8 readily perceives that it is amazingly prophetic. Jerusalem, in this day of rebuilding under Joshua the priest and Zerubbabel the leader never fully became "The City of Truth". Nor did it become such in the years preceding the death of Jesus; nor has it since. There are two schools of study—one completely ignores all prophecy concerning the Holy Land; the other makes dogmatic statements as to the future of Jerusalem. Some of these utterances in chapter 8 were never fulfilled in the earthly Jerusalem; they may be yet. The Jews have played a prominent part in world affairs. God will keep His covenant with His chosen people.

We know He is a God of Truth. He warns and brings judgments. He promises and blesses. Praise His Holy Name!

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If religion does not clothe us in the refinements of common courtesies, it will fail to win the interested attention of the men of the world. A fine spiritual grace, nobly worn, is a great witness for the Lord.—J. H. Jowett.

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Many have quarreled about religion who have never practiced it.—Benjamin Franklin.

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Retirement Plan Members Read Carefully

It seems necessary to reiterate some requirements on the business side of our annuity plans. Some of our brethren forget that the annuity plans are not projected on the principle of donations. It is true that the Relief and Annuity Board must adhere to the phase, but the retirement plans are made up on a legal and business basis. In our benevolent work we can make donations or fail to make them as we like, but the retirement plans are based upon business principles, and are operated under the state laws which must be adhered to. If I fail to meet the requirements of these laws, I will also fail to receive the maximum amount in annuities when I retire. Let us not forget, brethren, that the Relief and Annuity Board must adhere to the rules of the plans under penalty of violating the laws of the state of Texas. The Relief and Annuity Board cannot, therefore, give me an annuity which has not been fully financed by the member, and the church, and the state board.

We are in receipt of an unsolicited letter from the Relief and Annuity Board calling our attention to some of these matters. We have repeatedly said these things publicly and privately to our people. A few of our brethren are not meeting the requirements by paying their dues regularly. We hope that this article will be read by all. Let us repeat here some of the things we have emphasized.

1. A member of the Convention Ministers Retirement Plan must pay three per cent of his total monthly salary, that is up to \$4,000.
2. The pastor's church must pay the same amount monthly.
3. Quarterly payments may be made, provided they are paid in advance.
4. If a member has become delinquent, and is three months or more in arrears, he may pay up by paying interest on the arrearage.
5. If a member is in arrears for a part of the immediately preceding year, he may pay the arrearage if he will add one per cent of his salary to the original three per cent of his salary.

Brethren, you want us to be good stewards and in this matter we are trying our best to measure up. We cannot be good stewards without calling your attention to some of these matters that vitally concern all of us. That is the reason this article is written.

If we, as preachers, cannot keep our dues paid in these prosperous times, what will we do when we face "hard times"? Now is the time in which we should "lay up in store against the time to come." If I fail to pay my dues for any cause whatever, the Relief and Annuity Board will be forced to reduce my annuity when I retire in the amount that my unpaid dues and the unpaid dues of the church, and the unpaid dues of the state board, eight per cent in all, would have purchased.

One of our best preachers considered re-

tiring sometime ago. When the Relief and Annuity Board quoted us the figures on his annuity he was disappointed, so were we. But upon investigation, we found that there was a period in which no dues were paid. This circumstance forced the Relief and Annuity Board to reduce the figures on his possible annuity.

These same conditions are important for us to remember in connection with our memberships in the Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan. Here is the letter from the Relief and Annuity Board.

Dear Dr. Bridges:

If this Board is to administer the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan to the advantage of all concerned—the members, the state boards, and this Board—it becomes necessary that the state offices and this Board observe a uniform practice with regard to the acceptance of dues in said plan, and that all adhere strictly to the terms of the certificate of participation regarding this matter. Accordingly, I am mailing such a letter as this to each one of the state secretaries. Knowing your fine spirit of co-operation in the past, I respectfully ask your careful consideration of what is herein set forth and your compliance with the rulings expressed. Anything you may not understand, you will please feel free to write and ask.

In spite of the certificate, we made a very liberal arrangement for the payment of dues in the first year of the operation of the plan in a given state in order to assist in securing the required percentage of participation. In order to inaugurate the plan, I stated we would accept at least one month's dues, paid at any time within the first six months, provided the entire first year's dues were paid within the first twelve months of the plan. Thus, we would consider any member as paid in full for the first year, thus qualifying for protection in the second year if he had paid the twelve-months' dues by the close of the twelve-months period. The plan would then enter the second year with a certified list of members who had qualified for the protection offered under the plan. However, this liberal arrangement was for the first year only.

After the first year of the operation in a state, paragraph 2 of the certificate would strictly apply. The first two sentences in that paragraph are the two we must ask the state offices to adhere to without exception. I am sure you agree with me that a ninety days grace period is in itself very liberal. Seldom do insurance companies offer more than thirty days, or sixty at the most. We must ask, therefore, that your office refuse to accept, hereafter, April 1, 1948, dues beyond the grace period. We must all do our utmost to place responsibility on the individual, where it belongs, and see to it we do not open the way for men to make "a choice against the plan." It is human nature for any individual who finds himself in failing

health to borrow the money, if necessary pay up a half year's back dues, or even year, should we continue to permit him do so. This we cannot do. Automatic termination of an individual's membership in the plan is terminated and it is understood he cannot re-enter the plan until the next anniversary of the plan in that particular state. When he re-enters, he is subject to the rulings outlined in the afore-mentioned paragraph.

The other matter we must give careful attention to is the matter implied in paragraph 3 of the certificate. We have expressly stated again and again, before preachers' groups in the states, our position with regard to the plan. We must remember this plan is supplemental—supplemental to the basic plan. As we cannot build the second story of a house unless we preserve it intact when built, without giving primary and continual thought to the ground floor, so we cannot operate a Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan, extending its protection to men who are derelict with regard to their dues in the basic plan. The member must pay his dues in the basic plan in order to qualify for the continuance of protection in the supplemental plan.

As the individuals pay through the state offices, such rulings as the above must be enforced there; for, once dues are accepted and forwarded to us, it is difficult for the Board to reject them. This I am sure you will understand.

Very cordially yours,
(Signed) Walter R. Alexander,
Executive Secretary

Ed McDonald and Dermott

The Dermott Church, under the aggressive leadership of its persistent, faithful young pastor, Ed McDonald, is experiencing rapid development and growth. The church has a larger budget for 1948. Nearly one half the increase in the budget is for missions. The church proposes to give \$1,092 of a definite budget during the year for co-operative missions. Also, they will give \$520 for auxiliary missions. At the end of each quarter all budget surplus over \$500 is to be divided as follows: building fund, fifty per cent; Co-operative Program, twenty per cent; Baptist Honor Debt, twenty per cent; literature and supplies, ten per cent.

We understand that the congregation attendance at all services have increased. Much of the time the auditorium is packed with people. Brother McDonald is happy in his work, and he puts his strength into it.

Price and Jordan

Pastor Bruce H. Price, First Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia, and Pastor T. H. Jordan, First Baptist Church, Van Buren, Arkansas, will be honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Ouachita College in 1948.

Brother Price will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 23, and Mr. R. G. Tourneau will deliver the commencement address Monday, May 24.