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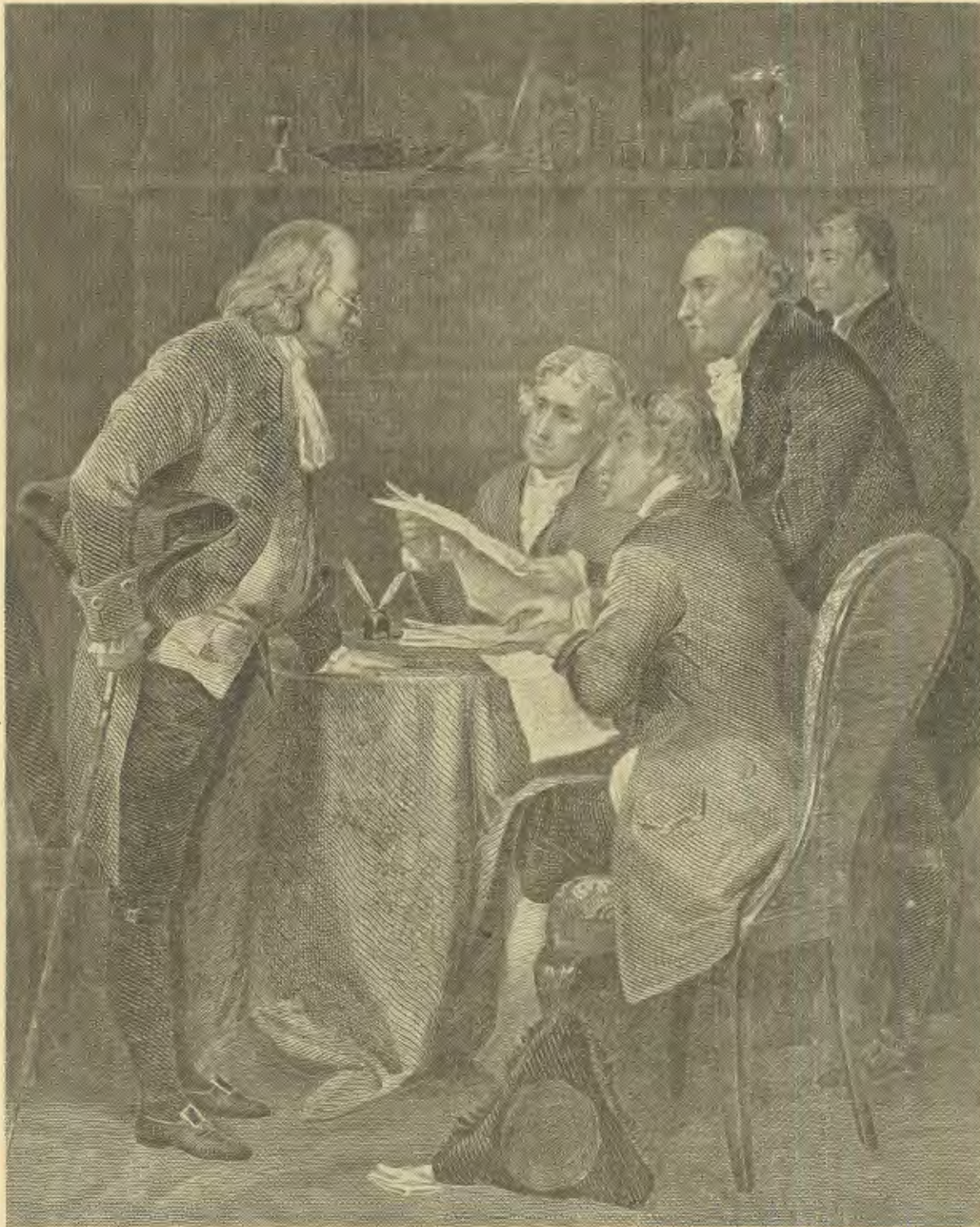
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—Religious News Service Photo

*Drafting the Declaration of Independence by Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and others.
Our independence is threatened from within as well as from without.*

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What Is "The Baptist Church?"

By PORTER ROUTH

The long-distance operator announced, "Chicago is calling."

The man at the other end of the line identified himself as a reporter for a large Chicago paper and inquired, "What is the attitude of 'the Baptist Church' toward President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican?" I hated to take the time over long distance, but I felt that first I must tell the reporter my attitude toward "the Baptist Church."

"Let me clear up two or three things first," I suggested, "before I talk about the appointment."

"The first thing I want to clear up is this. The only attitude that I can express is the attitude of Porter Routh. The second thing I want to state is that there is no 'Baptist Church,' as you are thinking of the term. There is a Baptist denomination which is made up of 27,788 individual churches, but Baptists do not use the term 'Baptist Church' in a collective sense."

"Well, what does the Baptist denomination think about the appointment?" he queried again. "My friend," I answered, "as I said before, I can tell you what I think about the appointment, but no one is empowered to speak for the Baptist denomination. The Southern Baptist Convention may take action when it meets at Miami, but that will not necessarily represent the voice of all the Baptist churches."

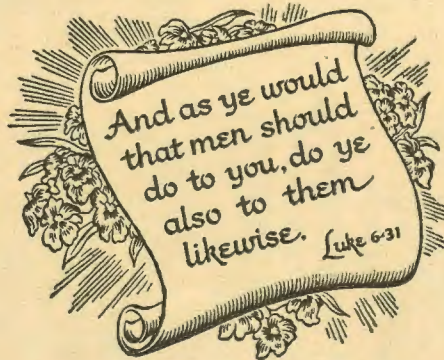
"Well, can you give me the name of someone who can speak for Southern Baptists?" the dumbfounded reporter asked.

"No, I am sorry I cannot," I answered. "You may want to call Doctor Grey, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, but he can only give his personal opinion. You may want to call Dr. J. M. Dawson, the executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, but he can only express his personal opinion or perhaps the opinion of his committee if it takes action."

The reporter still wanted some kind of answer, so he tried again. "How about Doctor Pruden, the pastor of the church where President Truman attends sometimes in Washington? Could he speak for the Baptists?"

"No, he cannot speak for the Southern Baptist Convention; he cannot speak for the District of Columbia Convention; and, as a matter of fact, he cannot speak for his

church unless the church takes official action. You see, each Baptist church is made up of individual baptized believers, each as important as the other, and it is impossible for a pastor to even speak for the church he serves unless the church takes official action."



The reporter then asked what I thought as an individual, and I told him in no uncertain terms that I was against the appointment.

This actual long-distance interview points up perhaps as well as anything I might say the answer to the question, What is "the Baptist Church?"

It is very difficult for people who are not familiar with Baptist concepts to get this idea in their minds. Baptists work together on a strictly voluntary basis. There is a Baptist fellowship, but there is no "Baptist Church" in the sense that some groups use this term. The state association or convention actually is not made up of churches. It is made up of messengers from churches. The Southern Baptist Convention is not made up of churches; it, too, is made up of messengers from churches.

One reason Baptists have refused to join any ecumenical movement has been that they could not commit any individual church to such an action. Of course, there are other reasons, too.

Yes, there is a group of baptized believers who have joined together for the purpose of witnessing and worship, and more and more Baptist churches are being organized every year.

—The Teacher

House Votes To Study Obscenity In Radio, TV, Magazines, And Books

The House of Representatives has given a green light to two resolutions, sponsored by Representative E. C. Gathings (D.-Ark.), calling for a thorough investigation of books, magazines and radio and television programs, with particular emphasis on the moral tone of these media of spreading ideas.

The investigation of books, magazines and comic books would be conducted by a special committee, of which Congressman Gathings likely will be chairman. However, the radio and TV study will be left to the House Committee on Interstate Commerce, which handles radio and television legislation as a matter of jurisdiction.

The resolution on radio and TV directs

the committee to determine the extent to which radio and TV programs "place improper emphasis upon crime, violence and corruption."

Congressman Gathings told the Committee on Rules, before his bills were reported out, that he is particularly annoyed with the filthy sex books "sold at the corner store," which are "affecting the youth of our land."

It is expected that numerous churchmen, particularly representatives of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Council of Churches of Christ (Protestant), will testify in the hearings which will begin fairly promptly, from all indications.

—The Washington Religious Review

The Delays of Love

A Devotion By the Editor

"... he abode two days still in the same place where he was."

Jesus seemed in no hurry to respond to the urgent appeal of Martha and Mary who had sent Him word that their brother was ill. In fact, He made the statement to His disciples, "And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there."

Our Lord's delays are not denials—He sees the end from the beginning.

The recognition of this truth will change our defeats into victories, our disappointments into hopeful expectancy. We shall be looking for God's design to be worked out through these experiences which may bring us pain at the time.

An interesting little story comes from the life of Robert Browning. Browning had a friend who was suffering great grief because of the death of a lovely little daughter. Browning also loved the child, and went with a full heart to comfort his friend. But finding him out, Browning left a note for him with these words, "If I, who cannot, would give you back your child, He who can, will."

Nowhere in the life of Jesus do we find displayed to a greater degree the fact that He feels with His disciples in their troubles and sorrows.

There are times when we can say little or nothing to comfort those who are in deep sorrow. We can only clasp them by the hand or put our arms around them or mingle our tears with theirs. Jesus groaned, feeling the deep heartwrenching sorrow that these friends were suffering; Jesus wept with them. This sympathetic emotional response of Jesus, with those whom He loved, should mean far more to us than we may sometimes realize. He wants us to take full advantage of His willingness to share our troubles and sorrows with us.

There was no doubt of the love for and faith in Jesus on the part of these two sisters. And yet, they felt that the case had now passed beyond the power of Jesus to do anything about it. When Jesus ordered the stone removed from the grave, Martha protested that it would be offensive to those present to open the tomb, and it would only renew and increase the deep grief of their hearts to be subjected to the odors which the grave would emit.

But how different was the purpose of Jesus: "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?"

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From The Editor's Desk

The Point of No Return

Wheeler McMillen, editor-in-chief of *Pathfinder Magazine* and *The Farm Journal*, in a broadcast produced by America's Future, Inc., said in part, "The question I have been asking myself is this: Which industry will be seized next? Will it be coal—or oil—or what? And if these seizures go unchallenged, when will the point of no return of private property be reached? That point of no return has been reached in other countries where people believed their property rights would not be violated."

Then he showed the tremendous and ominous consequences that could follow nationalization of industry, using coal as one example. He quoted, with full approval, a statement made five years ago by a coal man, who said, "If the coal mines were nationalized, the government, through its control of prices and supply of coal, could force any industry in the country dependent on coal to dance to its tunes or face financial ruin. The government could completely control the economic life of the nation."

Can Labor Escape?

A government that can seize industry can also seize labor. Therefore, the seizure of industry by the chief executive of the nation is more than a warning to labor, it is a threat to labor.

Mr. Truman was asked at his news conference following his seizure of the steel industry, "If it is proper under your 'inherent powers' to seize the steel mills, can you tell us whether, in your opinion, it is proper to seize the newspapers and the radio stations?" The President's reply implied that he had the "inherent powers"

to seize anything, if it was for the best interest of the country. Of course, dictators are the only judges of what is in the best interest of the country.



The history of dictatorship, those dictators who have assumed "inherent powers," is that the seizure of one function of a free economy or a free society leads to another. Once a chief executive has assumed "inherent powers" and has gotten a taste of "seizure," his appetite for such seizures expands rapidly. First, it's industry, then labor is seized next, then the communication systems are seized, and so the process continues until the dictatorship is complete.

A precedent has been set. The process of seizure is now in operation, and it may be asked, "What shall the end be?"

Careful There Christian, God Is In The Voting Booth With You!

The field is full of candidates. A complete list has been published and the campaign is on.

Every voter in the state of Arkansas is faced with this personal question, "What are the considerations which will determine your vote in the summer primaries?" Will the offer of money or position or business consideration influence your vote in the primaries this summer? Will some personal gain for yourself or your personal admiration for a particular candidate influence your vote? Or will you use your best judgement and the fullest information you can gain concerning the character of the individual candidate and his promises before you make up your mind for whom you will cast your vote?

The Arkansas Baptist is not promoting the candidacy of any person who is running for office. We have, in fact, declined to accept political announcements and political advertisements. But that doesn't bar the Arkansas Baptist from calling upon the Christian people of the state and especially

the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* to search their consciences and then try to find the will of God and, further, try to discover what the political candidates stand for. Remember this, God is in the voting booth with you.

We would offer this suggestion: Find out for whom the liquor interests are voting; find out for whom the gambling interests are voting—these two interests usually vote alike—and it will be safe to say that when you find out for whom these two interests are voting in the coming primaries, you will have discovered for whom you should not vote. Surely, there are men running for office, from the governorship on down, who are not in sympathy with nor are supported by liquor and gambling interests. It would seem to be safe to say that if the liquor and gambling interests elect their men to office, they will control those men in office, whether it be governor, attorney general, or any other important state, county, municipal, or federal office holder. The gambling and liquor

Supreme Court Decision Imperative

Two hospitals owned and operated by religious groups in the District of Columbia will receive \$9,055,000 if President Truman's request is granted by Congress.

Congress has already authorized Federal aid to the privately owned, and operated hospitals in the District of Columbia, including two hospitals belonging to religious denominations: Sibley Hospital, which is a Methodist institution; and Providence Hospital, which is a Roman Catholic institution. Of the \$9,055,000, the Methodist institution is supposed to receive \$3,500,000, and the Catholic institution \$5,555,000.

There was considerable debate on the Church-State relations when Congress authorized Federal aid to these hospitals. Now that the President has asked Congress to implement the authorization of the funds by actually appropriating them, the debate may be revived. However, the appropriation would seem to be assured.

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive secretary of Protestants and Other Americans United For the Separation of Church and State, has promised that the issue will be carried to the Supreme Court. Certainly this is a case which the Supreme Court should be called upon to decide. This is a glaring breach of the wall separating Church and State and the whole thing should be declared unconstitutional.

Further efforts are being made to secure Federal aid for parochial schools. When it appeared that Catholics could get only what they call "fringe benefits for school children," they claimed that was all they were asking for. However, at the annual convention of the Knights of Columbus councils in Connecticut recently, it was voted to request Federal aid for parochial schools. The resolution urged President Truman and Congress "to grant Federal aid to all school children without discrimination on any grounds."

Catholics have led in the demand for tax moneys for the support of their denominational institutions. It is unfortunate that the Methodist hospital in Washington, D. C., is joining in this raid upon the Federal treasury.

It appears that this raid by sectarianism will continue and perhaps become an established policy within our government unless it is decisively defeated and that soon.

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Some folk think they are bearing their cross when they are only putting up with themselves.

—Defender.

interests will be for those men who will give to them the best break. If there is a single person in the state of Arkansas who claims to be a Christian and who knowingly lines up in his voting with the gambling and liquor interests, he ought to be ashamed of himself for so dishonoring his profession of Christian faith and the Lord whom he claims as Savior.

So again we say, Careful there Christian, God is in the voting booth with you!

Kingdom Progress

Arkansas Graduates at Southern Seminary, May 1952



Front row: Mrs. Orville McGuire, Ardelle Gennings, Esther Dixon, Lois Christ-offerson, Mrs. J. T. Cravens, Mrs. J. E. Steely, Miss Sparkman, Mrs. H. D. Goldsby, Mrs. Jim Pleitz, Mrs. Alton Butler, Mrs. Larry O'Kelley, Mrs. Lowell Ledford, and Mrs. Wayne Ward.

Middle row: Billy Hickem, Melvin Watson, Austin Ingram, James Hayes, Travis Oty, Joe Hall, John McClanahan, Glen Grober, Jim Pleitz, Larry O'Kelley, Alton Butler, Wyman Ramsey, Lowell Ledford, Garland Allen, and Wayne Ward.

Third row: Emil Williams, C. McCalman, John Steely, Jim Cravens, Joseph Callaway, Bill Flint, Hugh Goldsby, Marvin and Marlin Gennings, Orville McGuire, Orville Hooker, Wallace Denton, Andy Heskett, and Dave Doan.

Deacons Ordained

Rudy Langford and Fred Gross were ordained as deacons by the New Hope Church of Gainesville Association on Sunday afternoon, May 25.

Pastor Howard King of the New Hope Church served as moderator of the ordaining council and also conducted the examination of Mr. Langford and Mr. Gross. Associational Missionary H. W. Johnson served as clerk of the council. Pastor E. Clay Polk of the Piggott church delivered the ordination sermon, and Pastor E. W. Gray of the Nimmons Church offered the prayer.

Time, Place and Preacher SBC 1953-54

1953

TIME: May 6-10.

PLACE: Houston, Texas.

PREACHER: Dr. J. H. Landes, Wichita Falls, Texas.

ALTERNATE: Dr. Fred Eastham, Springfield, Missouri.

1954

TIME: June 2-6.

PLACE: St. Louis, Missouri.

Resolution

In view of the difficulty incurred in finding a city with facilities adequate for accommodating our Convention, we recommend to the Convention that the Executive Committee study the advisability of selecting a centrally located city in which the Convention may hold its sessions regularly.

Dulles Says Foreign Policy Lacks Spiritual Feeling

United States foreign policy is utterly material and lacks spiritual and brotherly feeling, John Foster Dulles, former ambassador-at-large and adviser to the State Department, has said.

Mr. Dulles addressed a founder's day program of the Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia, at which he and several others closely associated with the 82-year-old institution were honored.

"Our foreign policy is a bit off-base, because it is unresponsive to spiritual qualities and the human equation," he said.

"Russia has the initiative on the world front, and all that we're doing is rushing around trying to stop her. Everything we've done has been based on fear. It should be the other way around. We should be exerting ourselves to free the people of the 20 countries that Russia is holding captive."

New Church Dedicated

The Immanuel Church of Magnolia will dedicate their new church building on Sunday afternoon, June 8. Dr. David Moore, pastor of the First Church of Arkadelphia, will be the guest speaker.

J. C. Crabbe has been pastor of the Immanuel Church since it was organized on November 15, 1950, with 32 charter members. The church now has a membership of 175.

Minister Ordained



ELDON DICUS

Eldon Dicus was ordained to the full gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, April 6, by the Old Austin Church.

Mr. Dicus is pastor of the Old Austin Church, having accepted the call of the church last March. Since becoming pastor of the church he has conducted a two weeks revival meeting, April 6-20. There have been twelve additions to the church by baptism and twelve by letter since he became pastor of the church.

Pastor Ernest Baker of the Ward church served as moderator of the ordaining council, and Oscar Peeler, clerk. Pastor E. S. Ridgeway conducted the examination; Pastor Wilson Deese of the Cabot Church presented the Bible; Pastor Carl Fawcett offered the ordaining prayer; and Pastor O. E. Coleman of Abilene, Texas, delivered the ordination sermon.

Mr. Dicus is a student at the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Under the leadership of their pastor, the Old Austin Church is planning a new building in the near future.

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You cannot get something for nothing.



Listen to The

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: June 8

SPEAKER:
Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:

"Treadmills and Locomotives"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
KENA, Mena, 2 p. m.
KDRS, Paragould, 10 a. m.
KUAO, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
KOSE, Osceola, 5:30 p. m.
KUMA, Magnolia
KOTN, Pine Bluff, Sat., 8:30 p. m.
KRLW, Walnut Ridge.

Consult local paper for time.

'The Ouachitonian' Dedicated To President Haswell

The Ouachita Baptist College yearbook, **The Ouachitonian**, has been dedicated to Dr. H. A. Haswell, president of OBC. Co-editors Elsie Kennedy Warnock of Hot Springs and Donna Sullivan of North Little Rock made the announcement during commencement exercises at Ouachita.

In dedication to Dr. Haswell, **The Ouachitonian** states: "Choosing the outstanding leader to whom to dedicate the 1952 **Ouachitonian** was no problem for the staff of this yearbook. Dr. Harold A. Haswell, the college's new president, is our unanimous choice.

"Any friend of Ouachita knows why. Taking the helm at one of the stormiest points in our school's history, he has been the instigator of a sure, straight course toward a progressively successful future.

"To each student he has been a personal friend. His interest in individual problems has caused sacrifices on his part in working out difficulties. Always an example of kindness and patience, he has been an inspiring leader to all on his faculty and staff.

"Ouachita has a great heritage. The selection of Dr. H. A. Haswell as president continues the fine line of Christian leaders who have shaped the destiny of this school and the lives it has touched.

"Here is our tribute to you, Doctor Haswell. Five hundred strong, the students of Ouachita Baptist College rise in praise and gratitude to one whose wisdom, vision, energy, and trust in God, have led forward in the march of Christian education. We dedicate with lasting love and strong admiration the 1952 **Ouachitonian** to you!"

Youths Arrested in Attack On Spanish Chapel

Twenty-one youths were arrested at Badajoz, in southwestern Spain, in connection with a recent attack on a Protestant chapel there.

The youths, students at a college in Badajoz, were charged with breaking into the chapel and making a bonfire of its hymnals and prayer books. Earlier reports of the incident said that the boys also had assaulted the pastor's mother.

An attack on a British-owned Protestant chapel in Seville early in March drew an official protest from the British Foreign Office. A subsequent expression of regret from the Spanish government was said to have included a promise that such incidents would be handled according to law.

J. Don Corley, Assistant Chaplain Southern Baptist Hospital

J. Don Corley, former pastor of the Gilsburg Baptist Church, Osyka, Mississippi, has assumed his duties as assistant chaplain of Southern Baptist Hospital, according to Dr. Frank Tripp, hospital superintendent.

The Rev. Mr. Corley is a member of the chaplains' division of the American Protestant Hospital Association and a graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been in the pastorate for 10 years.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will continue as chaplain of the institution. The new post of assistant chaplain was created to help care for the needs of the patients in the enlarged institution.

Writers Offered Help At Ridgecrest

Writers will be arriving at Ridgecrest again July 31 for their annual week of instruction, workshop, and informal shop talk.

Fiction, nonfiction, and publicity writing will be given the major emphasis, with beginning writers getting special attention for an hour each day.

Baptist editors will present two panel discussions on "What Editors Want," giving the writers an inside view of what material is urgently needed. Also they will give some clues as to why some manuscripts are published, while others are rejected. Not only will the editors express their requirements in these discussion groups; they will be on hand throughout the week for informal interviews with anyone interested in writing for Baptist publications.

Two writers will lead the fiction and non-fiction workshops as well as serve as instructors. They are R. A. King Jr., of Baylor University, and Webb B. Garrison, contributor to a dozen national magazines.

Awarding the Ridgecrest writing prizes will be one of the bright events of the conference. On the last day judges will announce the winners in the fields of fiction and nonfiction, both juvenile and adult, also poetry and feature articles. Cash awards will be given the winners.

Inspiration and enrichment will be provided in a series of addresses by Dr. Olin T. Binkley of the Southeastern Baptist Seminary faculty, who will speak on the general subject "Christianity Is News."

Recreation and fellowship will be featured, since there will be only one hour of instruction and workshop during the afternoons. Following each morning of intensive sessions, time will be available for exercise and relaxation.

At 6:45 p. m. each day John J. Hurt Jr., editor of **The Christian Index**, and Albert McClellan, director of publications of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, will give pointers on reporting and publicity. At the same time Charles M. Hudson Jr., a professor of English at the University of Missouri, will be leading a class for beginning writers. After this the writers will have opportunity to attend the night session of the Foreign Missions Conference.

Interested persons may obtain additional information on this week of instruction and inspiration for writers by writing to Clifton J. Allen, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

Baptists Hear Plea For New Crusade

"There is nothing wrong with Christianity or America that 20,000 consecrated Protestant ministers cannot expunge."

That statement was made to the annual meeting in Chicago of the American Baptist Convention by Dr. Fenwick T. Fowler, pastor of First Baptist Church of Salt Lake City, who delivered the annual convention sermon.

Dr. Fowler called on the churches to lead their members past the "dead-end street" of mere decency to "surrender their lives completely to God."

"One church coming to life in a community," he said, "will make every other church come to life."

Moses saw beyond the suffering, which he chose with the people of God, an abiding joy which no earthly trials could take away.

Broadman Books of Merit

WHO IS THIS?

Author, Hershel H. Hobbs Price \$2
This book is designed to encourage a renewed interest in things spiritual and to contribute to the means of satisfying the growing hunger of men's hearts. The eleven messages are intended to assist those who are plagued with faith problems concerning Jesus Christ. They are based on a mature understanding of what the Bible teaches about Christ. They face modern doubt with ancient fact.

THE EXTENSION DEPARTMENT LIFTING THROUGH LOVE

Mildred C. McGraw Cloth, 75c; Paper, 50c
A new book in the Training Course for Sunday School Workers. It has nine chapters filled with inspirational material to encourage obedience to the spirit of the Lord Jesus as expressed in the words "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

THE RELIGION OF A MATURE PERSON R. Lofton Hudson, Author Price \$1.75

Another challenging book has come from the pen of Dr. R. Lofton Hudson. This book, **The Religion of a Mature Person**, follows logically a previous book by Doctor Hudson, **The Religion of a Sound Mind**.

Doctor Hudson is pastor of the Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Former pastorates include First Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma and the Northside Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

This book by Doctor Hudson has grown of his rich pulpit and pastoral ministry. "Each treatment is soundly based on Bible truth, not merely on the words of a text. Each one reveals the author's keen perception of the everyday problems of plain men and women. Each has grown out of his incisive understanding of the devious ways of thought and feeling."

We recommend this book to the readers of the **Arkansas Baptist** as a valuable aid in the Christian's spiritual adjustments in a worldly environment which surrounds one with many temptations which appeal to the carnal nature, and selfishness in man.

The chapter titles will give you a good idea of the theme of the book and the practical discussion of the daily problems encountered in Christian living.

-B. H. Duncan.

Fort Worth Church Has Gigantic New Organ

The largest organ ever to be installed in any church in the Southwest has recently been placed in the new Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

The beautiful 92-rank instrument cost \$75,000 and has 5,585 pipes ranging from two inches to thirty-two feet. Four boxes were required to ship it from the little town of St. Hyacinth, Quebec, where it was built.

E. A. Scarborough is minister of music at the Broadway Church, Miss Helen Joyce is organist and H. Guy Moore is pastor.

-Baptist Press.

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A "What's the difference attitude" never built an empire.

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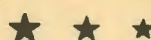
Fear is a form of acute paralysis. It never produces anything but defeat.

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A wise man knows when and how to be silent.



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Senate Group Widens Tax Allowance For Contributions

A Senate committee has approved an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code raising to 20 per cent the amount of an individual's income that may be exempt from income tax because of contributions to religious, educational, or charitable organizations.

The tax-writing Senate Finance Committee added this far-reaching amendment to a relatively obscure House bill, H. R. 7345, exempting from tax athletic events sponsored for the benefit of the Red Cross.

In taking the action, the committee reported to the Senate that private church-related educational institutions are having a particularly difficult time meeting their budgets.

"Your committee is of the opinion," said Chairman Walter F. George (D.-Ga.), in reporting the bill, "that by increasing the present 15 per cent limit to 20 per cent, much-needed relief will be given to colleges, hospitals, and other organizations which are becoming more and more dependent upon private contributors to enable them to balance their budgets and carry on their programs.

Bill Asks Exemption From Minimum Postal Rate

A bill to exempt church bulletins and other non-profit publications from the recently-established minimum second class mailing charge of one-eighth of a cent per piece has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Harold C. Hagen (R.-Minn.).

Mr. Hagen was the author of the amendment which Congress adopted last year exempting non-profit publications from second class mailing rate increases. In introducing the new bill (H.B. 7889), he said he thought that amendment had extended a blanket exemption, but has learned that, due to oversight, it did not cover the new minimum charge provision.

In many instances, the minimum charge has greatly increased the cost of mailing church bulletins, Rep. Hagen said.

Charge New Attack On Bogota Protestant Chapel

Three persons were injured during worship services in a Protestant chapel in Bogota, Colombia, when the building was stoned by a crowd of demonstrators led by a Roman Catholic priest, according to the Confederation of Protestant Churches in Colombia.

Pastor Luis Quiroga, general secretary of the Confederation, said that a woman teacher and two other persons were struck by the stones and the chapel's window panes were smashed.

He said that the priest led the demonstrators into the chapel and ordered them to haul its benches and books into the street and burn them.

Meanwhile, dispatches from Armenia, 100 miles west of Bogota, reported that a woman and a child had been shot in a similar attack on a Protestant church there.

American Baptists Giving More To Budget

Members of the American Baptist Convention increased their gifts to its unified budget by nine per cent for the fiscal year, 1951-52, it was reported by Dr. Ralph M. Johnson, general director of the Council on Missionary Co-operation.

Dr. Johnson gave his report to the annual meeting of the Convention. He said that a total of \$6,473,377 was received by the close of the fiscal year, April 30, through regular giving to the unified budget and two special offerings.

The latter included the October "World Fellowship Offering," in which more than \$346,000 was collected, and the February "America for Christ" offering, from which over \$352,000 was realized.

Church Seeks To Locate Near Bar

Some kind of precedent was set when the State Board of Equalization in Sacramento, California, received a request from a South San Francisco congregation for permission to establish a church within a hundred yards of a bar.

The unusual request was made to insure that establishment of the church would not interfere with the operation of a bar in a nearby bowling alley owned by the same landlord who, apparently, didn't want to lease to the church if it planned to protest the proximity of the bar.

Usually, the equalization board gets protests from religious groups against bars seeking to establish themselves too close to churches.

The South San Francisco congregation was told that the board has no jurisdiction over the location of churches and that it already has enough trouble over the location of bars.

Alumni Of School With Taboo Against Clergymen Honor One

Alumni of Girard College, wealthy school for poor fatherless boys that has a "taboo" against clergymen, have named a minister as "the alumnus of the year."

Dr. Stanley R. West, rector of Calvary Episcopal church, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, is the first clergyman recipient of the award in its 19-year history.

Stephen Girard, Philadelphia's mariner prince who left his huge fortune to found the school in 1847, decreed that no clergymen should be permitted to visit the school officially or to conduct religious services. The prohibition is still observed, but chapel services are conducted regularly by the faculty and by visiting laymen.

The institution is not a college, but a highly-accredited academic and vocational school, with grades one through 12, and a post high school department.

Dr. West was graduated from Girard in 1899, and from the Philadelphia Divinity School in 1911. He has served on the standing committee of the Pennsylvania Episcopal Diocese since 1939.

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One way to break a bad habit is to drop it.

A Smile or Two

A little chap was offered a chance to spend a week in the country, but refused. Coaxing, pleading, arguing, promise of untold wonders brought for him nothing but stubborn ultimatum: "No country for me."

"But why not?" his mother asked.

"Because," he said, "they have thrashin' machines down there, and it's bad enough when they do it by hand."

A lunatic was nailing shingles on a wall. He was a very energetic and workmanlike maniac, wearing overalls with two large pockets. As he extracted the nails from one pocket he looked at them, hammering some in and throwing the rest away.

"Say, Wellington," said another inmate who sauntered by, "why are you throwing half the nails away?"

"Heads on the wrong end," was the curt answer.

"You dope," said the other, "what do you think the other pocket is for? Save those wrong ones for the opposite wall."

A midwestern senator bragged to a colleague: "We grow corn so big that I've seen 15 crows roosting on a single ear."

The second senator protested: "We grow big corn in my state, too, but I've never heard of anything like that."

"Well," admitted the first, "I guess I did exaggerate just a bit. Come to think of it, that 15th crow had only one foot on the cob."

—Country Gentleman

Mother: Where's that boy of ours this afternoon?

Dad: That depends. If he knows as much about canoes as he thinks he does, he's out canoeing. If he doesn't know any more about them than I think he does, he's swimming!

Two bobby-soxers met on the way to school.

"Did you see the eclipse last night?"

"No. What channel was it on?"

Statistics show that more than a million women in the United States are overweight. These, of course, are round figures.

College boys like ties with dots in them, suits with stripes in them and letters with checks in them!

Life is what you make it—allowing for Government interference.

—Quote

There is just as much horse sense as ever, but it seems like the horses have it.

—Quote

Jury: Twelve men chosen to decide which side has the better lawyer.

—Quote

"I like the parrot," said a lonely man. "It is the only creature gifted with the power of speech that is content to repeat just what it learns without trying to make a good story out of it."

News From Baptist Press

Brotherhood Commission Has New Associate Secretary

James M. Sapp, former director of activities of the First Church in Austin, Texas, is the new associate secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood, announces George Schroeder, executive secretary.

The new associate began his duties in the Memphis office June 1.

A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and a member of the Southwestern Religious Education Association, Mr. Sapp has served as educational director, assistant pastor or promotional director in First, Raleigh, North Carolina; First, Memphis, Tennessee; First, Columbia, South Carolina, and First, Atlanta, Georgia.

He spent more than a year in the armed services before going to the Atlanta church in 1946.

Shoe Industry Names Jarman "Man Of The Year"

Maxey Jarman, prominent Baptist layman and chairman of General Shoe Corporation in Nashville, will be honored in New York June 12, when his fellow industrial leaders will name him "Man of the Year" in the shoe industry.

Mr. Jarman, chairman of the third largest shoe manufacturing industry in America, is an active deacon and teacher of a large Sunday School class for men in the First Church, Nashville. He was a speaker on the program of the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida, speaking for the Sunday School Board on the subject "God's Business Is Good Business."

Texas Hospital Administrator Dies

Robert Jolly, for twenty-seven years administrator of Memorial Hospital in Houston, died Wednesday, May 14. He retired five years ago because of ill health.

In addition to establishing a national reputation in hospital management, the long-time executive of one of Texas Baptists' oldest hospitals was active in denominational and church activities throughout his sixty-seven years. He became business manager of the hospital (then Baptist Hospital) in 1919 and at the end of his first year's service was appointed administrator.

Arkansans on Committees-Boards Of Southern Convention

Executive Committee: T. K. Rucker, Forrest City.

Foreign Mission Board: Lloyd Sparkman, Pine Bluff.

*Home Mission Board: O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs.

*Sunday School Board: John L. Dodge, Hot Springs.

*Relief and Annuity Board: W. O. Vaught, Jr., Little Rock.

Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky: Sam C. Reeves, El Dorado; David O. Moore, Arkadelphia.

*Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas: E. C. Brown, Blytheville.

New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana: Reese Howard, Jonesboro.

*Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California: Bernes K. Selph, Benton.

*Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina: W. B. Tatum, Pine Bluff.

American Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee: Boyd Eldridge, Bauxite.

THE LOW DOWN —from— HICKORY GROVE

To the younger citizens of this land I have this advice and warning. If these younger dames and guys do nothing about it, they may wake up some morning finding their mothers and fathers have had their nest eggs swept away, and thus have become a problem and burden for their children.



The thrifty folks who are soon to retire and who are hoping to take it easier, are the ones now to be ground up by a too big Government that

is taking a bigger bite out of business via bigger taxes, leaving thusly less and less for the shareholder who has saved and invested his earnings. Taxes are now at a point where every dollar in taxes piled on the back of business means that this same dollar will come out of the shareholder's dividend. From no other place can it come. There will be no estate left to pass on from father to son.

The younger folks of the land who now figure that their mother and father, being thrifty, must be sitting pretty, have another think coming. Taint so—but it would be like falling off a log—as easy as that—to correct the situation. Voters around 30 and 40 can don their thinking caps—they can stay home from an evening or two of fun—and cogitate. It is not too late—also it is not too early.

Yours with the low down,
Jo Serra

Churches, Grocers Exchange Compliments

Page advertisements in Enid, Oklahoma newspapers by local churches complimenting grocerymen on their decision to close on Sunday were reciprocated by the grocerymen. They also advertised—to express their appreciation for the concern of church people and pledging that their stores would remain closed.

Home Missions At Ridgecrest

By JOHN CAYLOR

Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest this year will be August 14-19. The time is abbreviated but the program is full.

It is the hope of the Home Mission Board executives that Baptist friends who desire a week of rest, relaxation, and inspiration in the mountains will give the five days to Ridgecrest and the emphasis on home missions.

Outstanding Speakers

The pastor for Home Mission Week will be W. A. Criswell again. His dynamic messages are always challenging and inspiring. It is a time of great preaching. Missionary addresses will be delivered by C. C. Warren, Monroe Swilley, Robert E. Naylor, and Hugh R. Bumpas.

Bible Study

Dr. Walter L. Moore, of Meridian, Mississippi, will conduct the Bible hour from 9:00 to 9:45 every morning of Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest. The study will be Ephesians. The emphasis will be on the New Testament church.

Mission Emphases

All the departments of the Home Mission Board will be presented in demonstration and conference at Ridgecrest. The Baptist Brotherhood of the South will be meeting with the home mission group and will furnish Saturday night's inspirational program as well as conduct its own conference and co-operate in the general services.

Make your plans to spend five days with us at Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest August 14-19.

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Report From Nashville

Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, reports total receipts for April of \$2,152,051.57. This amount is divided as follows: Cooperative Program \$696,237.94; designations \$1,455,813.63. The large amount of designated gifts is accounted for by the one million dollars received for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering from Texas.

Total receipts for the first four months of the year amount to \$6,246,027.01. Of this amount \$2,897,104.95 was Cooperative Program receipts and \$3,348,922.06 was designated gifts.

Total gifts for the first four months represented an increase of \$968,262.60 over the same period last year; there was an increase of \$604,076.28 in designated gifts of the same period last year, and \$364,186.32 increase in Cooperative Program receipts over the same period last year.

Arkansas gifts totaled \$34,061.18 to Southern Convention causes in April. This amount is divided as follows: \$26,842.78 through the Cooperative Program and \$7,218.40 in designated gifts. Arkansas was twelfth in the amount of giving to the Cooperative Program in April. The following states gave more to the Cooperative Program in April than Arkansas: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

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SOME BUSINESS

A newspaper ran this ad—"Wanted, an experienced man to train for bartender. If you drink, you cannot qualify." Imagine a business selling such a filthy product that it must warn its own salesmen against it!

Memorable indeed was that day, May 8, 1845, when 300 noble brethren met in the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia, to organize the Southern Baptist Convention. This century and seven years have seen geographies rewritten and maps remade as kingdoms rose and fell. This span of time has witnessed the miraculous progress of our own and other nations. Advance gave way to the machine age and it in turn bowed to the atomic age.

In these 94 sessions of the Convention held these 107 years, many men and many measures have come before the brethren. Twenty-five men have wielded the gavel as the presiding officer of this democratic assembly. Issues of eternal moment have been decided. Plans and programs for kingdom progress have been projected. A noble legacy of achievement has been left us by our predecessors. The program they projected still challenges us today.

Giants In The Land

Southern Baptists have grown to the gigantic stature we are now with 28,289 churches with 7,373,498 members because our founding fathers were men of gigantic stature. "There were giants in the earth in those days." They laid broad and deep the foundations of our denominational life. Many of our agencies of today that grow as giant oaks were planted as acorns by those illustrious pioneers. The chart and compass they gave still remind us of the purpose for which this Convention was organized May 8, 1845.

One of the mightiest men in American Baptist affairs and the first president of the Southern Baptist Convention was Dr. William Bullein Johnson of South Carolina. One of his contemporaries, Dr. H. T. Cook, said of him, "Indeed he stood like a long leaf pine amid scrubby oaks." A remarkable biography of Doctor Johnson was written by Miss Hortense Woodson of South Carolina and published in 1950 by the Baptist Sunday School Board, titled, *Giant in the Land*. Doctor Johnson was just that! In 1814 he assisted in organizing the General Convention of Baptists in the United States. He later served as its president for three years. In 1821 he helped to organize the South Carolina State Baptist Convention. Four years later he succeeded the sainted Richard Furman as president and for 28 years he filled that office. In 1845 he assisted in organizing the Southern Baptist Convention and became its first president.

Purpose of Convention

In the preamble to the Constitution of our Convention, there is a statement concerning the purpose of the Convention. This statement is common to the constitution of the Triennial Convention, the South Carolina Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. As it occurs now this statement reads, "for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intention of our constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel." It is significant that Doctor Johnson assisted in framing the Constitutions of all three of these Baptist Conventions and that this statement is common to all. It has been said upon good authority that when Doctor Johnson left South Carolina for Augusta, Georgia, early in May, 1845, he had the proposed constitution in his pocket. Be that as it may, this Convention has for 107 years kept as its chief purpose that sentiment so often expressed by our first president and incor-

porated in the preamble of our constitution.

There the words stand like beacon lights—"for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel." May the Southern Baptist Convention never change that purpose!

This statement at once defines the nature of this body, declares its work, and describes its method. The nature of our Convention is and has been clearly set forth for 107 years as non-ecclesiastical, non-hierarchical, and non-authoritarian. There appear to be three well defined constitutional theories concerning the membership of the Southern Baptist Convention—federal, ecclesiastical, and voluntary. But since this Convention is composed of messengers and does not constitute a federation of state Conventions, district associations, and local churches, it appears to be the part of wisdom to adhere to the original Baptist constitutional theory of voluntary membership.

Not Authoritarian

Today we need to re-emphasize the principle of democracy and make it crystal clear that this Convention has never usurped authoritarian powers. Pronouncements, ever so timely and praiseworthy, made by a few thousand messengers on political, social, economic or even doctrinal matters cannot be construed as representing the sentiments of and binding upon the more than seven million Southern Baptists not present when the vote is taken. We, who are officers of the Convention, executives of its various boards, agencies, committees, and commissions, must scrupulously avoid such unwarranted claims as, "I speak for seven million Southern Baptists." This must hold even when a resolution has been passed by the Convention in session. Let us remember this Convention is composed of messengers and not delegates. This does not mean that the Convention in session is not to "sound off" on great issues of the day. Nor does it mean that individual Baptists in their local churches are insensitive to the need of making articulate any convictions of their conscience. Indeed not. In recent months we have demonstrated the relativity of our convictions to affairs at hand. When on October 20, 1951, President Truman made the ill-advised nomination of an Ambassador to Vatican City, our Baptist people—preachers and laymen—needed nobody to speak for them. They spoke for themselves. In thunderous tones they defended the cause of religious freedom and its corollary, separation of church and state which they have advocated since the very birth of our nation. And these Baptists will continue to speak for themselves standing side by side with all patriotic Americans who love freedom. These Baptists will speak for themselves to every aspirant for the White House this year and every year. In conscience sake they cannot countenance any candidate, even one of their own number, who does not make it crystal clear that he opposes any and all missions to the Vatican or to any other religious organization in the world. And they want that man to be honorable enough to stay by his promise after he moves into the White House.

Missionary Compassion

This statement in our constitution not only defines the nature of this body but also declares its major work. Those words, "the propagation of the gospel," state the reason this Convention has had for existence these 107 years. Baptist denominational life in America began with missionary activity. It was born of missionary compassion.

Adoniram Judson, a graduate of Brown

President

Southern Baptist

By J.

University, entered Andover Seminary in 1808. Through reading a missionary journal and through prayer, he was led to reflect upon his duty to the heathen and resolved to devote his life to foreign missions. In 1812 Adoniram Judson and his wife set sail for India under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Luther Rice, another Andover graduate, went out to India the same year. On his passage to India, Judson availed himself to this period of leisure to investigate the scriptural authority for infant baptism. On August 27, 1812, Judson wrote from Calcutta concerning his conviction, "that the immersion of a professing believer is the only Christian baptism." Ann Hasseltine Judson joined her husband in the study of the subject and on the sixth of September, 1812, they were both baptized in a Baptist Chapel in Calcutta. Some weeks later Luther Rice, who had also made an independent study of the subject, was also baptized. Rice and the Judsons severed their connection with the Congregational Church and its support and it was agreed that Luther Rice would return to America and enlist Baptist aid and support of Judson and his wife in Burma. Rice sailed for New York on March 15, 1813. During the remainder of that year, he traveled up and down the land endeavoring to stir up interest in foreign missions among the Baptists of the country. Through the personal labors of Luther Rice and through his very extensive correspondence, delegates from eleven states and the District of Columbia met in Philadelphia on May 18, 1814, and after mature deliberation the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist denomination in the United States was duly organized to be regularly convened once in three years. On this account it was called the Triennial Convention. In that year, 1814, there were known to exist in the United States less than 120 Baptist associations containing 2,000 churches, 1,500 ministers, and 160,000 communicants. Richard Furman of South Carolina was chosen as the president and Thomas Baldwin of Massachusetts as the secretary. In the constitution of the Triennial Convention that was drawn up, we find in the preamble those three words with which Baptists were to become familiar—"eliciting, combining, and directing" the energies of the whole denomination to one sacred effort for sending the glad tidings of salvation to the heathen and to nations destitute of pure gospel light.

And thus we see from the very inception of our organized denominational life in America, the idea of the propagation of the gospel, and the furtherance of the gospel, was uppermost in the minds of the founding fathers. Missions has been the one unifying and cohesive force that has drawn our people together in their various associations, societies, and conventions from the earliest days until this. Missions has become therefore the only reason for the existence of such an organization and the only reason why messengers representing various churches would band themselves together in such an organization.

Opposition

But to be sure, opposition was encountered from the very start; even from New

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Testament days when missionary effort was exerted there was present an anti-missionary effort to oppose it. But praise God, through all these centuries, and even today, opposition, criticism, anti-missions has not stopped the work of missions—it just makes the task more difficult, but at the same time more gloriously rewarding.

This anti-mission effort began somewhere about the year 1814 and increased in violence until 1835-1842 when many of the churches and associations were rent asunder. Along with the great opposition to missions which gradually augmented as time went on, there was, if possible, a more bitter opposition to education and to the establishment of Baptist colleges. It seems to have been true then as it is today that those who are anti-missionary are anti-everything else.

But just as the anti-mission spirit brings the chill of death over individuals, churches, and denominations today, so also did it produce sterility and extinction for the churches over a hundred years ago.

Regardless of how, when, or by whom the anti-mission spirit manifests itself, it brings ever and always, without any exception, extinction, and the hand of God writes "ichabod"—"inglorious"—over it. In years gone by there have been many who did not wish to join hands with us for the propagation of the gospel. Evidently the same is true today. Such friends have a perfect right to call themselves Baptists. They even have a right to call themselves Southern Baptists because they are Baptists living in the Southern part of the United States. But how could they ever honestly call themselves "Southern Baptist Convention Baptists," unless they co-operate in the "plan for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel?"

Voluntary

The structure of our denominational life as set up in the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention is purely voluntary and optional. Article 11 of the constitution in setting out the purpose of the Convention says it is "to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad." The Convention offers its facilities and services to those who desire to take advantage of them. And in its article on membership, the constitution says that the Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention. The messengers are to come from "each regular Baptist church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work" and which has during the past year been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work. If individuals calling themselves Baptists in churches wearing the name Baptist do not wish to contribute to the Convention nor be sympathetic with its purposes and work in friendly co-operation for the propagation of the gospel, no one tries to force them to do anything, but at the same time by such failure they forfeit their right to fellowship in this Convention for the plan of the Convention is "for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of

the denomination for the propagation of the gospel."

Our Challenge

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, those three words in the preamble of our constitution challenge us to conquest in this hour. Those words were in the heart and mind of Judson, Rice, Furman, Johnson, Manley, Boyce, Broadus, and every other Baptist worthy of our nation for over 150 years. Those words are elicit, combine, direct.



Elicit comes from the Latin "to draw out"; it also means "to bring to light." Most assuredly if we are to continue a program for the propagation of the gospel we must draw out, entice, and bring to light all the energies of our denomination. Our achievements for the past year even have been marvelous as we think of the numerical and financial record that has been made. The total personal contributions of Southern Baptists last year amounted to 222 million dollars. This looks like a big amount until we consider that it is a per capita contribution of only \$30.22, which amount places us in 38th place in per capita giving among evangelicals in the United States. The glory of this achievement further dwindles when we consider that we gave only \$5.05 apiece to missions. On the other hand if we had been able to elicit the energies of the denomination last year according to the plan of God's Word, we would have given over 722 million dollars for that is the estimated tithe of Southern Baptists.

We report 375,525 baptisms for 1951. But the glory of this achievement is greatly reduced when we consider that it took 19.6 of us working the whole year to bring one person to the confession of Christ as Savior. We must elicit the energies of the denomination in this matter of personal soul winning also.

Our total membership presents an imposing figure—7,373,498. But the force of that number is greatly reduced when we consider that 26 per cent of our membership is non-resident. In other words, approximately one out of every four Baptists resides in one community while his church membership is in a church elsewhere.

Co-operation

Furthermore the purpose of our Convention as set out in the preamble of the constitution calls for a combining of the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel. This with Baptists is a gentle and gracious word. It actually means "to link closely together, to blend, to unite by affinity or natural attraction." It is closely akin to another word that has meant much to our Baptist people through all these years—the word "co-operate."

This mighty cause of the propagation of the gospel does link us closely together. It does unite us by natural attraction. Our common task of giving the gospel of Christ to the whole wide world is the one great unifying, undergirding and cohesive power. If our existence as a Convention had depended upon our complete unanimity in politics, economics, church architecture or music, form of worship or even creedal commitments, this Convention would not be in existence today. While all of these matters are of tremendous importance, their disposition rests with the local autonomous congregation called a church. While on the other hand the propagation of the gospel is the one great matter that draws together the energies of our denomination like the electric magnet draws together the pieces of steel. Missions and evangelism, which in reality are but two words for the same idea, must continue to challenge our mightiest and best in Christian conquest. Sad indeed is it to relate but true just the same that 2,600 churches in our Convention territory gave nothing to missions last year and 4,631 churches did not baptize a person. While these numbers are considerably less than in previous years, we must not be content until all our churches with all their members join together in all our work for our blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

Twofold Responsibility

This preamble to our constitution says further that the Convention is to organize a plan for "directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel." There were some meanings of the word "direct" that never occurred to Doctor Johnson and others in connection with the use of this word in our constitution. For instance one meaning of direct is "to regulate; to guide or lead; to govern; to instruct." Our constitution and by-laws and the history of our Convention these 107 years demonstrate conclusively that this meaning of the word direct was never intended.

The basic meaning of the word direct as employed in our constitution means: "To aim in a straight line toward a place or object; to show the right road or course to."

And so today after 107 years this Convention must go on "directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel." We must continue to point in a straight line toward our main task. We must keep on showing the right road toward the propagation of the gospel. The first responsibility is toward our own boards, agencies, institutions, commissions, and committees. In this the Convention would constantly remind each and every one of them together, with their several executives and other workers, that our chief task still remains the propagation of the gospel.

The other responsibility for directing the energies of the denomination for the propagating of the gospel is toward the churches and individual members who are in friendly co-operation with this Convention. The work of our Convention grows in favor with our churches. This is evidenced by the fact that more churches are now giving more money through the Cooperative Program for our Lord's work than at any other time in our entire history. Despite this fact, we as Southern Baptists are doing nothing like what we should do or could do. With the people of God challenged today as they are by the godless Goliaths of Communism and materialism, this is no time for little men with little programs. In the words of the incomparable and lamented George W. Truett, "This is the day for us to attempt something grandly heroic for Christ."

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, *Secretary*

Assemblies Are Coming!

W. A. Jackson, prominent Baptist layman of Benton, will lead the Brotherhood Conference at Ravenden Springs Assembly this year. The assembly is scheduled for June 23-28.

Mr. Jackson has long been a leader in his church, and among Arkansas Baptists. We are happy that he will represent the Brotherhood Department in building and extending Brotherhood concepts among the Baptist men of North-east Arkansas.

The blessings of God have been upon Ravenden Springs Assembly. The Assembly was organized by men who felt a definite need for an assembly in their part of the state, and has a history of several years of successful operation. J. I. Cossey, of Southern Baptist College, is assembly director.

Brotherhood Conferences at Siloam Springs

Two Brotherhood conferences are scheduled for Siloam Springs Assembly this year. One, for older men, will be held in co-operation with the State Mission Department, of which Dr. C. W. Caldwell is superintendent. The Brotherhood and State Mission Departments together will sponsor this conference for preachers and laymen.

The other Brotherhood conference will be for young men 17-24, and will be under the direction of Dr. E. A. (Happy) Ingram.

All the men and young men on the Siloam Assembly campus will be invited to participate in one of the above conferences.

Mr. Ivyloy Bishop, head of the Royal Ambassadors of the South, has agreed to come to Arkansas in December to work with this Department and with G. A. Ratterree, Brotherhood Secretary of Florida, in a series of Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador meetings in Western Arkansas.

One of these will be held in Fayetteville, another in Fort Smith, and a third in Texarkana.

You will recall that some years ago Mr. Bishop worked with this Department and with Alvin Hatton, then R. A. Secretary for Arkansas, (now a missionary in Brazil) in some of the most successful Man-Boy gatherings ever held, anywhere.

We are looking forward to the meetings in December and planning thoroughly to make them the greatest meetings of their kind ever held.

Publicity will go out on these meetings in due time.

Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, *Secretary*

Sunday School Training In April

According to a Sunday School Board report in April, 1952, more than 10,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention were reached with a Teacher Training Program. This is the first time in history that so large a number of churches have participated in a Sunday School training program during any one month.

Arkansas' part in this April record is 1,070 awards granted, with 65 churches in 21 associations reporting work done.

Another Standard Sunday School Norphlet, First, has been granted the Standard recognition for 1952.

Claude Stripling is pastor, and Mr. Fred Love is the superintendent of the Sunday School.

Standard Departments and Classes

In April these Sunday School departments and classes qualified for and received the Standard recognition:

Junior Department:

Second, Hot Springs, Mrs. Haynes Matthews, superintendent.

Junior Classes:

Second, Hot Springs, Mrs. A. L. Brown, teacher; Second, Hot Springs, Mrs. Gerald Poe, teacher; Second, Hot Springs, Russell W. Darby, teacher; Second, Hot Springs, Tracy Rutherford, teacher; Second, Hot Springs, Mrs. Tracy Rutherford, teacher; First, Fayetteville, Bryce J. Davis, teacher.

Intermediate Classes:

Immanuel, Little Rock, Mrs. W. C. Kramp, Jr., teacher; Immanuel, Little Rock, Mrs. Virgil Deaton, teacher; First, Little Rock, Mrs.

Leland Landers, teacher; Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, Miss Ruth Owens, teacher; Dermott Church, Dermott, Mrs. Victor Bullock, teacher; Bethel, Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Fred Hilton, teacher, (Motor Cities Association of Southern Baptists in Michigan).

Adult Classes:

First, Blytheville, Mrs. Lillie Johnson, teacher; First, Osceola, Mrs. Elsie E. Haskett, teacher; First, Piggott, Mrs. T. W. Slaughter, teacher.

Coming Events

- June —Vacation Bible Schools
- July 1-9—Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs.
- September 2—Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference.
- September 16—State-wide Special Associational Planning Rallies.
- October 13-14—State Sunday School Convention.

Vacation Bible School Reports

Several churches have already reported the Vacation Bible School held this year. Many schools are now in session, and many others will be held a little later in the summer. Please keep in mind that this office is most anxious to have a report from every school held in the state this summer. Just as soon as your school is completed, won't you please send us a report in duplicate. This information is needed here—also a copy for the South-wide office, Nashville, is desired. Do you need report blanks? A postal card request to your State Sunday School Secretary will bring these to you by return mail.

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"The battle for freedom must be fought not alone with ships and tanks. It must also be fought in the press and over the air, in the voting booth, church and school . . . yes, in the studio and museum of art."

—Dr. Earl J. McGrath

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Dollar Day For Negro Christian Education

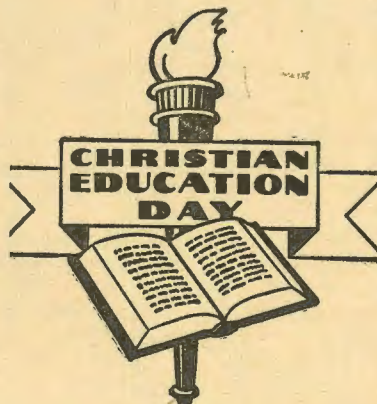
The Negro Baptist College of Arkansas will receive special emphasis on Christian Education Day, June 22, in all our Sunday Schools. A suggested program to be put on in the opening exercises of the Sunday Schools has been mailed to all superintendents. The material gives information about the two Negro Colleges in the state — Morris-Booker Memorial College, Dermott, and Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock.

We would like to urge all Sunday School superintendents and pastors to make the most of June 22, and see that a nice program is put on and an opportunity given all to make a special offering of \$1 each for these two worthy institutions. We are calling June 22 "Dollar Day for Negro Christian Education." A gift of \$1 will hurt no one and, yet, the total amount will certainly be a great blessing to our Negro friends in carrying on their two Baptist colleges.

There may be a tendency, in some churches, to ignore this special day and do nothing about an offering, but we would urge you with all our soul to put the program on and just let the people give as they feel led. Some Sunday Schools and churches may already have some surplus funds on hand out of which they could send a nice offering for these schools.

The offering received from our Sunday Schools and churches will be divided one-third to Morris-Booker Memorial College, Dermott, and two-thirds to Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock. We feel that this will be a fair division, in view of the sizes of the schools and their needs.

Our people will be interested in knowing that the Negro churches of the state are also putting on a special campaign to get \$1 each from their members for these schools. The report has come that one of the Negro Conventions has



already raised over \$5,000 and hope to double that amount. Two small Negro churches have sent to this office their offerings. One money order came for \$20, giving the names of twenty members who have given \$1 each. And another has been received amounting to \$20.50. Negro friends rejoice in the fact that our state Convention has an interest in their work and they are endeavoring to show their interest, also. It would be tragedy for us not to do something worthy, since we have challenged them to put on a campaign among their churches and assured them that we were doing the same.

Here is an opportunity for our white Baptist people to do something for our colored Baptists. Let's not fail them.

Baptist Student Union

DR. DALE COWLING, Director

Progress At Tech

The State Student Secretary was invited to the campus of Arkansas Tech last week for the purpose of helping organize a complete Religious Emphasis Week to be observed in the next school year. This meeting was composed of the pastors of Russellville, the Director of Student Activities for Tech, the three housemothers in the college dwelling houses, the Baptist Student Secretary, the faculty representative of the Baptist Student Union, and a representative of each denomination on the campus.

This group responded wholeheartedly to the plan of setting aside a definite week on the school calendar for special religious emphasis. During this Religious Emphasis Week every effort will be made to show the students that all of life finds its foundation in spiritual values. Every field of study will be related to Christianity.

Perhaps our bus ride will be different from most other trips that we will ever take by bus. We will be free from tobacco smoke, trashy literature, lewd stares, and vulgar language. Each passenger will be concerned with the comfort and welfare of all the others. There will be no conduct unbecoming to the Christian.

Last year our group had the joy of winning one of the bus drivers to Christ. The other one was already a Christian. We will look forward to the same privilege this year, unless our drivers already know Christ.

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Figures To Inspire

Sunday, May 25

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1428	418	5
Including Missions	1640	533	
Fort Smith, First	1359	476	12
Including Missions	1487	526	
El Dorado, First	1002	219	4
Including Missions	1103	265	12
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	049	368	
Including Mission	1012	443	
Fayetteville, First	694	219	2
Pine Bluff, South Side	690	259	13
Benton, First	651	76	
Including Mission	731	127	
El Dorado, Immanuel	627	307	2
Including Mission	687	360	
Camden, First	584	124	12
Including Missions	916	347	
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	574	215	3
Hope, First	562	133	7
Crossett, First	555	200	3
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	553	153	
Magnolia, Central	545	180	5
Including Mission	607		
Forrest City, First	542	192	2
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	532	179	3
Paragould, First	527	253	4
Including Missions	736	406	
McGehee, First	526	149	2
Including Mission	672	208	
Siloam Springs, First	516	299	7
Warren, First	491	100	2
El Dorado, Second	488	214	1
Hot Springs, Central	487	215	2
West Helena	453	136	4
Hot Springs, Park Place	451	160	3
Culle-dale, First	450	183	2
Booneville, First	446	78	2
Little Rock, South Highland	445	189	4
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	433	190	
Fort Smith, Calvary	425	161	2
Conway, First	423	90	
Springdale, First	417	187	8
Including Mission	520		
Paris, First	405	121	
Rogers, First	398	164	2
Including Mission	463	192	
El Dorado, West Side	369	109	
Jonesboro, Walnut Street	364	77	1
Hot Springs, First	358	117	3
Monticello, First	355	96	
Fort Smith, South Side	354	90	3
Fort Smith, Immanuel	343	93	6
Hamburg, First	327	123	1
Levy	324	129	
Bauxite, First	322	153	
Mena, First	313	112	
Including Mission	336		
Bentonville, First	255	59	2
Including Mission	295		
Wynne	290	70	
Fort Smith, Temple	283	168	4
Lonoke, First	260	61	1
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	256	93	2
Hot Springs, Piney	256	212	5
Pine Bluff, Second	248	94	
Fort Smith, Spradling	238	114	2
No. Little Rock, First	237	59	
Gurdon, Beech Street	236	118	
Little Rock, Hebron	234	137	
Fort Smith, Trinity	234	92	
Alma, First	228	166	3
Crossett, Mount Olive	227	181	
Star City, First	225		1
Greenwood, First	221	101	

WE ARE OFF TO RIDGECREST

More than seventy Baptist young people will board chartered buses and leave Little Rock at 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, June 3. Our destination will be "The Land of the Sky"—The Southwide Student Retreat, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. These students will spend eight wonderful days in this beautiful mountain setting; forming everlasting Christian friendships with other young people throughout the whole Southland, hearing the best speakers in America, and sharing the inspiration of Christian joy that surges through the hearts of more than three thousand Baptist young people.

From Little Rock to Ridgecrest, our hearts will thrill as we ride together. We will share testimonies as to how God has made Ridgecrest possible for us. We will sing choruses and hymns of praise to His glorious name. We will pray together for God to make this a glorious experience for all of us.

Pulaski County Northwest Zone Hymn Sing

The Hymn Sing for Pulaski County Northwest Zone was held Sunday afternoon, May 18, at the Amboy Church. There were a total of 80 present representing six churches. The Sing was directed by Miss Jo Ann Sullivan, with Mrs. Reid Sullivan as the accompanist. Bob Davis led the devotional and special numbers were brought by the following churches: Amboy, Cedar Heights, Crystal Valley, Peoples, and Oakwood.

The next Sing will be held at the Crystal Valley Church, June 8th.

Pulaski County Southwest Zone Hymn Sing

The Hymn Sing for Pulaski County Southwest Zone was held Sunday afternoon, May 18, at the Pine Grove Church. There were a total of 83 people present representing seven churches. The Sing was directed by Mr. M. O. Kelley with Miss Cash at the piano. James Read led the devotional and special numbers were brought by Pine Grove and Geyer Spring Churches.

The next Hymn Sing will be held the fourth Sunday in June at the Ironton Church.

Church Music Department

MRS. B. W. NININGER, Director

Associational Hymn Sings

Pulaski County North Zone Hymn Sing

The Hymn Sing for the Pulaski County North Zone was held Sunday afternoon, May 18, at the Sylvan Hills Church. There were a total of 37 people present representing five churches. The Sing was directed by Mr. Chambers with Mrs. Middlebrook as the pianist. Mr. Durham led the devotional, the theme of the program being, "The Name of Jesus." A special number was presented by Sylvan Hills Church.

The next Hymn Sing will be held in Davis Chapel.

Unconventionalities

By J. W. STORER

Southern Baptists do get about — perhaps they qualify for gad-about. Do tell! But we have Scripture for that — Jer. 2:36.

Last year we met in San Francisco. Those who wished to indulge in foreign travel on the basis of the expense account had no place to go but Alcatraz—and few had visas for that island pair o' dice. This year it was different — everyone wanted to rhumba over to Cuba, so by boat and by air they rumbled. Many are the wild tales unfolded—some sought chicken fights—senoritas pulling hair—some tripped over gringo bones in Morro Castle—some learned Spanish; "caballeros" and "perros calientes"—some loaned money to stranded fellow travelers. We stayed at the Royal Palm Hotel—not a palm in sight until we left—then all the bellboys (?) had a palm. They raised much cain in Cuba—they also raise much cane. Ask Bautista—"he is the man."

The mission work is not easy—no work is, I presume. But my impression was that we need to throw reinforcements, both material and personnel, into our Cuban work, and do it now. We have been there a long time, and at the rate we are going it will be a long time before we see the results we have a right to expect. This is not the fault of the devoted men and women now understaffing the stations—rather it is because we are doing it as a starving rate.

The interior of Cuba is beautiful in many ways. Flowers, exotic and abundant. We got a private car, and went on our own way (I speak Spanish like a native Exquimox) but Tony, the driver, was both a linguist and an explorer—not to mention his skill at the wheel. They drive wildly in Cuba—and Tony was free, frantic and fluid in his advice to other drivers, and in his description of their ancestors (pointers, setters and Spitz).

Saw a sign, "Isaac Habiff is here." I presume the masons were at work, or so I speculated.

Many of our compatriots of the S.B.C. were roaming about. Thousands of poor alligators had no place to hide because of us—bags, belts, bill-folds and brogans. They told me an alligator has five toes on his front feet and four on his hind feet, not that it makes any difference. A man asked me if I did not want to buy some alligator teeth. I thought it was downright personal of him. How did he know I had lost a filling? Plus!

Back in Miami, and as Pepys

would say, "Went to church and heard a sermon. It was Angell-ic, and returned home feeling superior. So to bed and dreamed of white flowers and mother."

Sunday afternoon I was deserted by my femme, who had business at the W.M.U. — so I strolled about the Bayfront Park, kicking pigeons out of my way and looking at lovers lounging under the leaves. Pigmentation parched and per-oxide, they had that my ami look. Went over to the Shell where is an out-of-doors Miami version of Hyde Park. They were having a song-fest and a quite efficient sister was leading them. "Any song you want now, just call it out and we will give it a try," she chirped. "Drink to me only with thine eyes," someone yelled. Well, they started it, but before they could drink a swallow, something stopped her, and she left in a hurry. I saw it happen—remind me to tell you, some time.

Sunday night by permission of Mrs. Storer, I went to the Bay Shore Auditorium where the W.M.U. had their sessions. We met there in 1946 but the place has been greatly enlarged and is now air-conditioned. Comfortable chairs and things quite "spiffy." Mrs. Joe Dawson spoke. I always love to hear her. She has something to say—and knows how to say it.

Monday the swarming brothers began to light and hive. Nothing gives me the pip like some frothy fellow who slaps you on the back and shouts. "How's the work going? Where are you now? Have you seen Diotrephes lately? They tell me he's on his last lap—well, I'll be seeing you." Not if I can help it he won't.

The Convention begins. There are those who say the Convention closed Tuesday night. One must admit that the W.M.U. really had a convention. It ran with dispatch and design — and the program was uniformly high. This mere creature of male persuasion can speak only as an observer on widely separated sessions—but he had experienced reports from a distaff side of the house—and she said it was tops for the past several years.

The place of meeting is some five miles from downtown, a converted hangar. Right on the waterfront, the wind blows in—whilst the wind blows out.

Miami has done everything in

its power to make the visitors and messengers comfortable. So far as I hear, there is a very minimum of griping.

One thing is needed—less corn from the Joe Miller joke book read by some of the brothers. But I presume it is hard to be fresh in times of exuberance when strolling the transcendent things of Florida sun, sand and moonshine.

The music is ably directed by Loren Williams, Minister, First Baptist Church, Tulsa. I take great pride in having him as my dear friend and co-worker. The manner in which he has arranged the music for the Convention's program is simply a reflection of the way he does it at home. What a blessing it is to have a co-operative, understanding, efficient Christian gentleman in charge of the church and convention music.

We had a pungent and pointed address by the President, J. D. Grey. It was easily understood and was received with favor by the great crowd of people filling to overflowing the hangar. The sermon was one of those founded on the rock of grace, and Ramsay Pollard left no doubt as to the fundamental soundness of his faith nor of his earnestness in presentation.

Heard in the Columbus Hotel. One bellboy—these bellboys look like veterans of World War I—was saying to another, "I am sure glad to see a hotel full of women wearing clothes." No "beach brownies," I presume he meant.

"Slovenly Joseph's" was a trysting place for thirsty throngs of Baptists. Never thought to see a bunch of Baptist heavy drinkers. All due, I venture, to the bottleneck which each faced on leaving the sessions at the hangar.

Said a California messenger to me—"We have everything that Florida has except coconuts." I got to thinking about the coconut trees, and Newton (not Louie) discovering the law of gravitation. Suppose it had been a coconut which had dropped on his bean!

I marvel and I envy! Some of our brothers have such stretchable and vigorous vocal cords—they can start on the loud pedal and keep it down to the floor board without ever rousing a hoarse. I said a "hoarse"—not a

horse.

Theron Rankin did such a gracious thing in presenting Howard Jenkins, the president of the Foreign Mission Board. But no more devoted and gallant gentleman lives than Howard Jenkins.

These younger men, God bless them! How wonderful that we have them taking in their strong hands the torches long held by those of us who are older. With only three sessions missed since my first in 1914, I have watched the many comrades pass from the stage of earth to the mansions not made with hands. But what a throb of joy to see these grand young men thrust their sturdy backs under the load and give the best of their thought to doing a better job than we oldesters have done. So says James the less; and thanks be to God for them.

Some of our sessions are too long. No matter how good the speakers are, after a half dozen wonderful addresses, my mind gets groggy and much of the rest of me gets calloused.

One of the brothers got very red faced over a slip-of-the-tongue, "fox paw." Well, the best way to save face is to keep the lower part of it shut.

Best story I heard. When Daniel Webster was a boy in the district school he was not noted for tidiness. Finally the teacher in despair told him that if he appeared again with such dirty hands she would thrash him. He appeared again in the same condition. "Daniel," she said, "Hold out your hand." Daniel spat on his palm, rubbed it on the seat of his pants, and held it out. The teacher surveyed it in disgust. "Daniel," she said, "if you can find me another hand in this school that is dirtier than that I will let you off." Daniel promptly held out the other hand and she had to keep her word. All his life when it was necessary he produced the evidence and won his case.

Excuses for non-attendance are always easily found. "Can't get in," "Tired out," "Heard this before," etc. So scores of the brothers found a scriptural justification (first three verses of John 21) in taking advantage of the fishing boats adjacent to Dinner Key.

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Un-Conventionalities

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Too big! Where and how can the S.B.C. meet? To find enough hotels to bed the brethren and a place large enough in which to convene is a near impossibility. And certainly in all fairness, the annual sessions of the S. B. C. can not be intelligently deliberative. We must either accept the carefully prepared reports and adopt the included recommendations; or on the other hand, revise or reject via a mass emotional appeal. Neither is, at least to my mind, satisfactory. Because we are not Presbyterian in our form of organization, nor dare we surrender to the mob method of demagogery. But, what to do about it? So far as I know we have had no Solomonic solution. That one must be found, however, is an absolute necessity, and quickly.

The good brothers offering an amendment limiting the term of the President to one year, laid down a neat bunt but was thrown out at first by a step. His next time at bat, however, he singled sharply to right, and got on base without hitting the dirt.

Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humor to console him for what he is. We "mike" lovers ought to remember that.

The real "Baptist Hour" is too largely ignored. It consists of the hundreds of hours each Lord's Day when from hundreds of Baptist pulpits, the pastor's sermon is sent out on the ether waves. Our Southern Baptist Convention territory, with the exception of the extreme western portion, is literally blanketed by our Baptist message as voiced by the beloved pastors of the local churches. That is the real "Baptist Hour," and what a mighty and effective hour it is.

Dr. Lee's address on Thursday morning was a marvel of word witchery and an exposition of a comprehensive plea for the knowledge of and living through of the Word of God. There is no one like him.

Such a group of the brothers wanted to be hospital-I-zed.

There are long lines at the "hot-dog" counters after each session. They say that the hot dog was invented by a poor butcher trying to make both ends meet. One thing is for sure, too many of them gum up the S.B.C. works.

Said Dr. Alexander, introducing a lovely lady, "She mans the R. & A. Board's booth." Many churches, too, are manned by women.

From the numbers of nominations for Vice-President, it must be the only paying job in the gift of the S. B. C. electorate.

After several of the somewhat acid exchanges relative to parliamentary law, I am reminded of a proverb, "An ounce of courtesy is worth a pound of apology."

There is another proverb: "If God will defend me from my friends, I will take care of my enemies." As one often in the nominative case but never in the possessive, I heartily endorse this proverb.

Newspaper hawker: "Buy a paper and read all about the convention when you get home." Such procedure is followed by so many of the brethren—who lobby in the hotels and feed the fish from their boats.

To my way of hearing, the music by Stetson and Oklahoma Baptist University was a high tie. With the deciding vote cast for Miss Jo Ann Shelton, of O.B.U. My soul, what a voice this girl has!

In speaking of our Southern Baptist Colleges, Dr. Cornett said there are only two courses which a student cannot find—engineering and agriculture. Not so sure but that the sessions of the S.B.C. give advanced instruction in engineering, and spade work.

Jimmy Landes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, is to be the preacher of the Convention sermon at Houston. No better choice could possibly be found than he.

Incredible But True

In a recent article a staff reporter of the Wall Street Journal pointed out that despite unchanged outward appearances a beef animal is no longer the relatively simple creature he used to be. Today's critter now conceals beneath his hide more than 1,000 possible wholesale price ceilings, depending on how he is slaughtered, how the meat is wrapped, who eats it and where it is shipped. For each kind of meat animal there's a special set of ceiling prices and regulations governing processing.

One of the nation's leading meat packing companies sells 90 per cent of its tonnage below ceiling prices and still has to keep 300 people working full time figuring out how to comply with OPS regulations. Confusion reigns supreme. Accountants and clerical workers in a single month piled up \$200,000 in overtime pay sorting old records for OPS. One contradiction in regulations made it necessary to go through 11,000,000 invoiced items a second time. A distributor in Denver whose territory extends from Canada to Mexico has to keep track of 11,000 different ceilings on veal alone.

The best description of the regulation mess is "incredible—but true." It is a perfect example of the waste, inefficiency and disruption that inevitably occurs when the Washington deep-thinkers and their political stooges decide they'll remake the

nation's economy and run it by fiat. The fact that they know little or nothing about the complexities of business they regulate doesn't bother them a whit. Order follows order, amendment follows amendment, new interpretation follows new interpretation—and no one knows from one day to the next what's going to happen. If this goes on long enough, the tragic end result is always the same—initiative is discouraged, the strongest backs crack under the burden of red tape, scarcity takes the place of abundance, and the public pays and suffers.

—Industrial News Review.

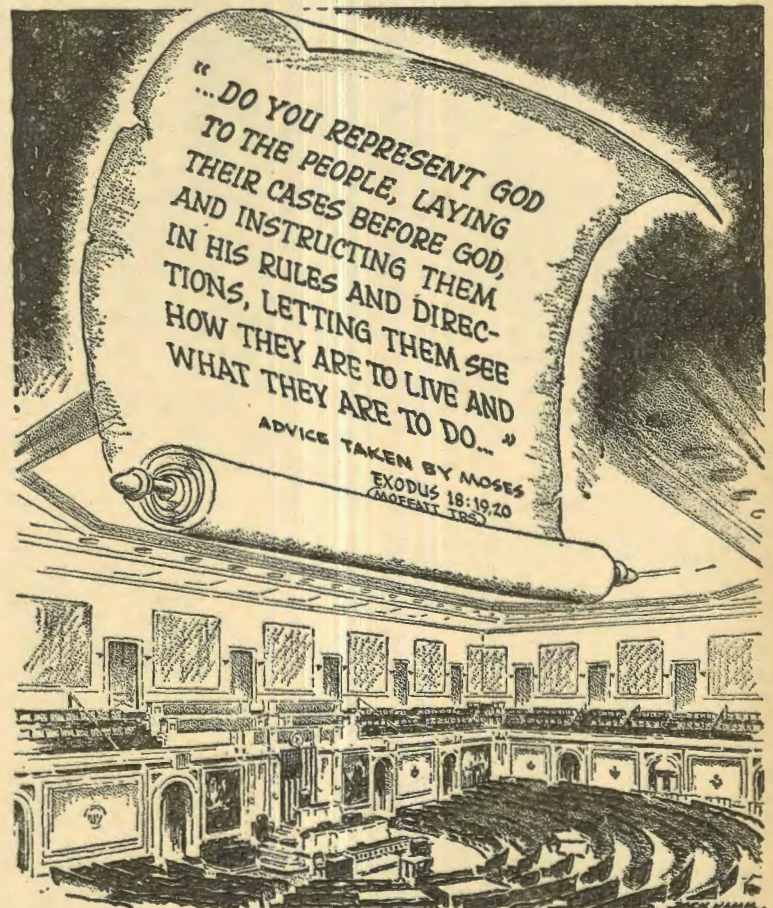
Arkansas Appointees

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roy Major, of Elaine, were among the ten young people named for overseas mission service at the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They will go to Brazil.

Mr. Major is a native of North Dakota, but moved to Little Rock with his family when he was 12. He was graduated from the Little Rock High School, Ouachita College, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Major, formerly Sarah Elizabeth Myatt, was born at Modoc, Ark. She attended Ouachita College and was graduated from Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. She has taught school at Benton, North Little Rock, Elaine, and Tyertown, Miss.

To The Democratic Lawmakers Of The World



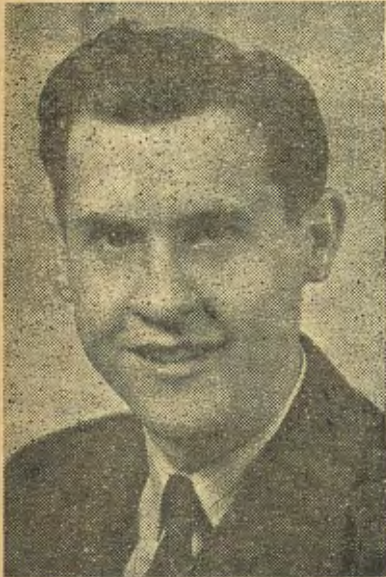
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Lehman Webb was elected vice president of the State Training Union Convention at the Little Rock meeting which was held March 14-15. Brother Webb is pastor of First Church, Harrison. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a young pastor who is vitally interested in Training Union work.

TWENTY PERCENTERS HONOR ROLL

How will we determine who is to be on the Training Union Twenty Percenters Honor Roll? In our office we have a list of

Training Unions with the Training Union enrolments that they reported when they filled out the church letters that were taken to the annual meeting of the associations in the fall of 1951. This information was received from the Nashville office. When the churches fill out the Training Union page in the annual church letter again this fall, they will give the Training Union enrolment again. We will then get this information and compare the 1952 enrolment with the 1951 enrolment and all Training Unions that have at least a 20 per cent increase will be on the Twenty Percenters Honor Roll.

Every Training Union director and every pastor should sit down NOW and see what your Training Union enrolment was last fall and what it is now, and see if you are making progress. With a list of prospects your entire Training Union should go after new members. If the Training Union is good for some of your church members it is good for all of your church members!

And remember: We must go from 72,269 to 80,000 this year. Be sure to report your enrolment when you fill out your church letter this fall.

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"Freedom is placed in jeopardy more by those who will not exercise it than by those who will not permit it. Indifference opens more gates to the enemy than does tyranny."

—Edwin McNeill Potest

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, *Executive Secretary*

Committees Appointed For 1952-53

Committees for 1952-53, of the Executive Board of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, were announced by the president, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, at the Board in regular session May 27. Chairmen were: **State Mission Season of Prayer**, Mrs. S. A. Whitlow, Hope; **Annual Meeting Program**, Mrs. J. R. Grant, Little Rock; **Constitution**, Mrs. S. H. Daggett, Bauxite; **Recommendations**, Mrs. Clarence Roberts, Pine Bluff; **Young People's Work**, Mrs. W. P. Jones, Jr., Arkadelphia; **Interracial Work**, Mrs. C. H. Ray, No. Little Rock; **Methods and Finance**, Mrs. J. E. Short, Pine Bluff; **District Work**, Mrs. Faber L. Tyler, Ozark; **Narcotics Education**, Mrs. W. I. Stout, Little Rock; **Polcy**, Mrs. B. L. Bridges, Little Rock; **Hospital Supplies**, Mrs. Chas. E. Lawrence, Little Rock; **Orphan's Home Supplies**, Mrs. T. C. Deal, Monticello; **Training School Scholarship**, Mrs. S. W. Eubanks, DeQueen; **Christian Education**, Mrs. H. L. Robinson, Jonesboro; **Hospitality**, Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, Little Rock; **Nominating**, Mrs. R. H. Jones, Osceola; **Memorial**, Mrs. W. D. Pye, Little Rock.

Two recommendations adopted by the Executive Board had to do with the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. A goal of \$25,000 for 1953 was approved (receipts to date on the 1952 offering total \$25,191.60.) The other recommendation had to do with a designation for W.M.U. work in Cuba. For a number of years that has been Arkansas' only designation in the offering. The amount of this special fund for 1953 will be \$1,000. It is administered by Miss Mildred Matthews, pioneer missionary in Cuba and native Arkansan.

Echoes From Southern W. M. U. Meeting

Just to meditate upon the challenging theme of the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, held in Miami May 11-13, would have been enough. FRONTIERS OF FAITH were presented by every speaker, and space does not permit a sharing of the many messages and impressions. There were some memorial changes made in plans and policies which deserve particular note.

Concerning the W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL in Louisville, Kentucky, there were drastic plans adopted. Facing the need of accreditation, the emphasis of the school had to be considered and was changed. Henceforth with strengthened and enlarged faculty, the joint emphasis will be specialized training for missionaries and Christian social work.

The name of the school will be changed. It will be co-educational with no responsibility assumed for housing the men. It will be opened to all races. An enlarged building is necessary and after careful survey by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and secretaries of both the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board, who were in thorough accord with the new trend in specialization, \$320,000 was voted for this capital improvement, \$160,000 will be paid each of the next two years for this work.

Great improvement and enlarged usefulness has been noted in the W.M.U. PERIODICALS, and now with increased costs in every line, it has become necessary to increase the subscription rate on all four magazines to \$1.50 per year. This will become effective October 1952. (Do not neglect to send renewals and new subscriptions NOW. The \$1 per year rate is still in effect). It is anticipated that a new magazine for Girls' Auxiliary will be published in April 1953—one of the "do's" for their fortieth anniversary. Then there will be a publication for Sunbeam leaders.

Standards for MISSION STUDY are being raised! In the new Year Book and Guide Book will be found discussions of new terminology—"intensive study," "extensive study," etc. An "Achievement Chart" will challenge organizations to better and extended study. A minimum of three hours spent in class work is another step forward.

Heartening reports of the totals of the last two special mission offerings were given. The total 1951 Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions had reached the all time high figure of \$2,668,051.30. It was too early for anything like a complete report on the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions (1952), but the figure announced was \$883,244.47.

The report of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was presented visually focusing attention upon the new "home." In September our Southern Union moves into their first real home. It is lovely. It is adequate. There is yet a deficit. However, it is being reduced by continued gifts and by the sale of property purchased at the time it was thought that the Union would build. This sale was consummated during the Annual Meeting. The returns from that sale will reduce the deficit to approximately \$50,000.

Advance was noted on every hand as reports were rendered and the challenges were extended. Registration of the woman's meeting totaled 2,546.

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Persons And Property

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"Thou shalt not steal"

Honesty is a personal responsibility. The kind of honesty we are dealing with in this lesson is an intimate, secret relationship between the individual and God; it concerns the little things that spell integrity, the things nobody but the Lord and self, and possibly our closest associates, know about us.

Dishonesty covers a broad field in human relationships. We may think of stealing only in terms of burglary, or high packing, but God's word teaches us that all injustice is a form of dishonesty; that irresponsibility is a form of dishonesty.

The executive who overworks and underpays his co-laborers is stealing. We have seen gross injustices imposed upon working people who could not help themselves. On the other hand, the working person who shirks his duty is being dishonest. That person who deliberately kills time when there is work to be done is stealing.

The high point in this lesson is found in Luke 16:10: He that is faithful in the smallest matter can be trusted with greater responsibility; but he who cannot be trusted in the LEAST things in life, certainly cannot be trusted with greater. The moral: One doesn't have to steal \$50,000 in order to be a thief. One is just as much a thief who steals five cents, in the eyes of God. Or, one is just as much a thief who takes or wastes anything that belongs to another. It is a personal relationship concerning the property, possessions, and time of another.

THE WORLDLY WISE

The text of this lesson is often called the Parable of the Unjust Steward.

This lesson could so easily be misunderstood. Do not get the idea that Jesus is commending the wicked steward; the lesson Jesus is teaching is that the worldly wise look ahead to take care of their physical and material future. In like manner should all human beings be concerned about their eternal future. We should give as much thought to our spiritual welfare in the future, as the wicked steward gives to his physical welfare. Jesus taught that as the children of mammon lay up treasure for the future, even so should Christians take care that they lay up treasures in heaven for their future. To lay up treasures

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Exodus 20:15; Luke 16:1-12

in heaven, of course, means that we must be good and faithful stewards here. If we are honest with God we will have investments awaiting us when we reach heaven. So we must be honest with other persons and with the property that God has entrusted to us if we are to reap rewards in glory.

Now the parable, using largely the phraseology of Moffat's translation: There was a rich man, who had a foreman or superintendent in charge of his possessions. The foreman was accused of mismanagement, of dishonesty. The owner called his foreman to him and ordered him to turn in his accounts, for he was "fired."

Within his heart the foreman said, "Oh my, what am I to do now? I am too weak to dig; to beg I am ashamed." He had been on a soft job so long, he had neither the strength nor the inclination for hard, manual labor like digging. Surely, a man of his position could not beg. Two great problems loomed before him: he must have a living, and he must avoid labor. But he was shrewd; he reached a decision quickly, and acted immediately.

What a contrast with Christians. Too often we seem dull and lifeless. Few of us ever become so enthusiastic about kingdom work; we almost never act immediately for the cause we claim to love. We, like the wicked steward, avoid excitement and hard work in every way pertaining to our Lord and His commands.

The wicked foreman went to his subordinates at once and ADJUSTED their accounts. The debts they owed the master, he reduced. He cancelled a large part of their indebtedness to the master, but in so doing he obligated THEM to himself. It seemed to be a great kindness for the moment, but he planned to "cash in" on his victims later. After his dismissal was made final, he would compel these people to care for him.

SHORT CHANGING OURSELVES

"The lord—the man's boss, not the LORD Jesus—commended the man's WISDOM in looking out for himself, not his dishonesty; dishonesty caused his dismissal. And Jesus, using the story and its moral, said God's children should be wiser than we are. We are short-changing ourselves. We are robbing ourselves of many blessings and rewards by our lack

of faithfulness in serving, and in giving to the cause of Christ. There stands our God, with all the riches and resources of the universe in His hand, offering to give to His children blessings and rewards for faithful service, and people are un-inspired, indifferent, some even sneeringly reject the promises of God. People are greatly concerned about laying up material treasures here, but they seem not to care whether they have treasures in heaven or not.

"And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?"

Christian people are stewards, elected foremen over certain materials that really belong to God. The Bible says so. God has entrusted us with some money, time, and talents. He gives us the privilege of using these things for Him, or wasting them upon the world. But some day, we, like the steward in today's lesson, shall TURN IN OUR ACCOUNTS."

If we have been "faithful in that which is another man's," then God shall reward us with possessions that shall be our own. If the Bible teaches anything at

all, it teaches us that God gives us here, all that we can be trusted with. There is no doubt about it—He would trust us with more possessions if we would use them for His glory.

CURE FOR SELFISHNESS

"Persons and Property"—all belong to God; we are His foremen. The happy Christian is the one who has dedicated all back to its Owner; self, possessions, time, and talents.

Be not deceived, YOUR love for God is an open book. Love for God will overcome selfishness, and seek to sincerely serve the Lord. Love for God makes one GENEROUS; love does not say, how much do I HAVE TO DO, but love says, "Let me do ALL I CAN." Love for God will energize the lazy; loving Christians are cheerful and enthusiastic in His service, they are not the ones who drag around the church, and drag in on Sunday morning like they were half dead. IF THE LORD'S SERVICE IS A BURDEN TO YOU, IF CHURCH WORK IS A DRUDGERY, there is something wrong with YOU, and you need to get right with God!

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First Church, Bearden Dedicated

It was the privilege of the writer to spend the day with the saints in Bearden on May 25. The occasion was the dedication of a remodeled and completed church building. The church building was first erected in 1922, but it was not paid for at that time, and since then an educational plant has been added. During the last year, Pastor John Hargett has remodeled and redecored the entire building. It is a real transformation and it is a thing of beauty. The floors have been refinished, the walls have been redecored, the pews have been repaired and refinished, new pulpit furniture has been added, and the choir has been favored with new chairs. The fact is, so many things have been done that we would not be able to recount all of them today. But the termites have undermined and had eaten out the foundation of the building. Brother Hargett repaired the foundation by replacing the foundation timbers with new ones. It was utterly astonishing to see the devastation that the termites had wrought in the foundation of the building. Many of our public buildings as well as many of our homes are honeycombed in their foundations by these pests.

Pastor Hargett is an ingenious man. He is handy with the saw and hammer. He does not mind work of any sort that is honorable. He, himself, directed and perhaps did most of the actual work in remodeling and completing the commodious building. The church turned the work over to him and he supervised all of it. It was badly in need of repairs, but it is a real building now. Another thing Brother Hargett did was to veneer the building with new brick. It is a good thing for a pastor to give attention to the Lord's house. Not many people will do it if he does not. We do not think that he ought to sit around and let his church property go to pieces. Hargett does not do it. It is astonishing to know the small amount of money that was required for the work to be done, and this was because the pastor gave personal attention and supervision to purchasing materials.

It was a great day on May 25 for that church. A great crowd had gathered and Pastor Hargett was master of the occasion. Raymond Lindsey of Little Rock was present. He is a native of that town. He is a great soul winner and he gave one of the finest talks to the men's Bible class that we have ever heard. A. P. Elliff is the associational missionary and he has meant a lot to that church because his membership is there. He was on the job on the day of dedication too. Lloyd A. Sparkman preached an inspirational message in the afternoon, and a former pastor of the church, L. E. Holt of Texarkana, preached at the evening hour. We want to congratulate the saints in Bearden upon having a man like John Hargett as their pastor and upon their loyalty to Christ and the church and upon their fellowship of their trusted pastor.

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Fear knocked at the door, Faith opened it and there was no one there.

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Texas Baptists now operate six hospitals.

Your Mission Contribution

How are you doing, brethren, in your support of the Cooperative Program? We are calling your attention to the fact that this month ends the second quarter and half of the year will be gone. Has your church shared liberally in the support of missions? If your church, for any reason, has not made any contribution during the past five months for Cooperative Missions, won't you please, please take a collection or send us a large contribution during the month of June. Surely you will not want a blank figure to follow the name of your church and pastor when we publish the cash receipts for the second quarter. Your attitude and action during the month of June may determine that.

During the first four months of this convention year our churches have sent us enough money to finance the unified Cooperative Program budget (we have not yet closed the books for May), but we have not gained a sufficient margin of surplus to encourage us as we face the summer months. We are praying that our churches will do better in the month of June. Then, too, when the second quarter closes, the leaders will know more about what to depend upon in thinking through a 1953 unified budget. Your liberal response in June will be much appreciated. Remember that the Cooperative Program is the "backbone" of our financial support. Please do not let the first Sunday in June go by without a collection for Cooperative Missions, if your church does not have the Cooperative Program item in its monthly budget.

Christian Education Day

We are approaching the annual Christian Education Day which we observe every year in our churches and Sunday Schools. This year the day is June 22. The Executive Board has approved of turning this collection this year into the channel of Negro education. The collections will be divided between the Negro College at Dermott and the Arkansas Baptist Negro College in Little Rock. The Sunday Schools and churches are urged to observe Christian Education Day and to make a worthy offering that day for this purpose. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions, is helping to promote the movement and to gather funds for these worthy Negro institutions. Study the situation and study Christian education and make your offering on that day.

Contest Winners Stress Voting By Christians

A Christian citizen votes, and he takes an active part in the affairs of his community and country.

These two points were emphasized by three young essay writers, winners of a national citizenship contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Winners of the contest, in which hundreds of young people across the United States and in Canada participated, were announced by Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of the International Society.

—Religious News Service.

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Hampton, William C. Bird	10.05
New Hope, pastorless	30.00
Walnut Street, D. D. Schivner	78.06
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First Church, Longview, Texas	569.25

Errors?

Have we made an error in publishing the contributions for rebuilding the churches that were destroyed or damaged by the recent tornadoes? We are undertaking to publish these contributions and if we have omitted yours, please call our attention to it. Surely, you sympathize with the churches that were so unfortunate in the tornadoes. Won't you please take some kind of a collection in your church for the help of these stricken and unfortunate Baptists?

A Flesh-And-Blood Sermon On Right-Living

Many people who read the account of the recovery, from water 80 feet deep, of the bodies of the two victims of the Lake Hamilton drowning accident may have been surprised and impressed by the age of the diver, N. A. Denese, who is 73 years old.

There are many fields of work where it is not unusual for men in their 70's to remain active. But besides being a perilous calling diving makes the utmost demands on the physical strength and endurance of the diver, and on the alertness of his mental faculties. And when the submersion is deep and prolonged, as it was in this instance, the heart in particular is exposed to severe strain.

Diver Denese, at 73, has a physique which many men half his age might envy. When newspaper men at Hot Springs asked him about it, his reply was:

"God has given me a strong body and good health, and I have tried to prove to Him that I appreciate what He has done for me. I have never been drunk in my life. I never have abused my body. I have tried to live a clean life, and I've had all the fun I wanted. I ran away from home at the age of 11. There were many opportunities for me to go to hell, but I always thought it would be better to take the other and safer road, and it has paid dividends."

An actual living case like this one makes the strongest argument and appeal and preaches the most effective sermon for clean and sober living.

—Arkansas Gazette.

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Had you ever thought of this: Many people accept Christ as Savior, but not as Lord. He is to be obeyed. If you call Him Lord, does He have Lordship over your time, your energy, your money, your influence?