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Know Your Institutions—

SOUTHERN BAPTIST COLLEGE



Administration Building, Southern Baptist College

Southern Baptist College at Pocahontas lays claim to many superlatives. It is the youngest institution among Baptists in Arkansas. It is one of the most unique educational centers in America. It is also perhaps the fastest growing "baby" among America's schools.

The institution, of which its founder, Rev. H. E. Williams, is president, is barely more than five years old, but it has 125 students enrolled in the present term and expects 175 this fall. It is not in the Cooperative Program of Arkansas Baptists, but has been recognized by the State Convention and receives regular contributions from many churches and interested individuals.

Born to fill the need of young people in its area, many of whom come from homes on mountain farms, the program at Southern seeks to combine three schools in one. There is the regular junior liberal arts college curriculum, a high school department offering two years of basic training for those lacking this background, and a ministerial training department which aims to crowd high school,

college and seminary all into a single schedule for rural preachers.

Southern's desire to be of service to all young people seeking admittance is a primary reason for several work projects in and around the school. Every student is given a chance to work his way through college, many times learning a skilled trade, and the administration has never turned away a student because of lack of funds.

President Williams, who was pastor of First Church, Pocahontas, at the time he founded the college, is emphatic in his determination that Christian character be drilled into the students along with their book learning. High moral standards are enforced.

Its peculiar location in the Black River country enables Southern to offer her students a maximum natural opportunity for mission work. Every student and faculty member is encouraged in active evangelistic work among the people of neighboring towns and villages. Every preacher has opportunity to gain practical experience, and many of them are active pastors.

Twentieth Century Christianity . . .

SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY REOPENS

Southern Baptists' University of Shanghai has returned to its own campus from a four-year stay in Chungking where it had been driven by invading Japanese armies. Now, having survived nine trying years of working when its very life was threatened, the university will intensify its Christian service for education of the Orient. Enrolment is 456 in the middle school and 866 in the college.

Campus Vacated in 1937

The University of Shanghai is outside the international settlement in the suburbs of the city. As far back as the Sino-Japanese skirmishes of 1932, it found itself in the center of the battles. It was able to weather the storm until 1937, when the Japanese attacked Shanghai in earnest.

Students were moved to rented quarters in the international settlement, and the campus was occupied by the Japanese army. Classes were not held on the campus since that date until April 1. For a time in 1938 and 1939 missionaries returned to the University of Shanghai residences to live and to occupy the premises, but the school did not function there.

When the Pacific war broke out, the Japanese again took the big Baptist university premises and began major conversion of the plant. The college closed its classes in the city, and a commercial school in Chungking was all that remained of the original institution. The school housed Japanese soldiers and later the Japanese School of Shanghai.

Property Damaged

With the surrender, Chinese soldiers ousted the Japanese and moved onto the campus. Later, the school was made the billeting area for Korean expatriates organized into the Korean Independence Army.

The result of all this lack of care and occupation is widespread damage to the buildings with dugouts and trenches. The girls' dining hall was made into a Japanese bathhouse. One middle school building had the walls knocked out on the ground floor to make a garage. Another classroom was turned into a stable. All the scientific equipment of an elaborate science hall has disappeared. The library is still intact, because it was moved when the students left in 1937.

Not all the results of the occupation have been a disadvantage. The Japanese installed a steam cooking apparatus for preparing rice which will come in handy for the feeding of university students from now on. Garages and warehouses built on the campus have provided enough lumber to make 100 dining tables and desks for the students.

"Now . . . Make Men"

Dr. J. B. Hipps, who represented the University of Shanghai in Chungking for the past two years, moved onto the campus some months ago, in charge of the repairs. Daily he had to struggle against military units and vagrants who try to occupy the property. Dr. Hipps discovered the trees which once occu-



Professor C. K. Djang, dean of students, and Dr. J. B. Hipps, head of the Department of Religion, University of Shanghai, were photographed in one of the offices of the True Light Building in downtown Shanghai in February.

pled his campus on the grounds of a Japanese memorial park nearby. He expects to have them dug up and returned.

Acting president of the school is Henry H. Ling, termed "the biggest money maker in China" because he directed printing of China's wartime currency. He was dean of the university's school of commerce during the exile in Chungking.

Dr. Ling states that the school's curriculum will remain unchanged, majoring in courses in commerce, arts and letters and sciences. "Our main job now," said Dr. Ling, "is to keep students busy, to re-Christianize them."

"During the war I made money for the government; now I want to make men," he declared.

VETERANS ACTIVE—The experience of Milwaukee churches is proving groundless the fears that veterans are drifting away from their local church: says Religious News Service.

The consensus of 100 Milwaukee ministers whose adult charges include 10,000 returned veterans is that the religious beliefs of the majority of men who were in uniform were not altered by military service.

Local servicemen have returned from the war to take an active part in all phases of church life. Men who were in muddy foxholes on the other side of the world a few months ago are now teaching Sunday School classes, serving as church ushers, leading young people's activities, directing church-sponsored Boy Scout troops, and filling places in the church choir.

Typical comments of pastors indicate that the soul of the veteran remains untarnished for all of his wartime experiences.

"Our veterans are coming home with no depreciation of spiritual values."

"Veterans who previously had no religious interests and many who were only casually concerned have come back with a deeper appreciation of spiritual things."

"Those who served in the armed forces are actively participating in the affairs of the church, their beliefs unaltered by military service."

"Our servicemen are returning with renewed interest, their faith strengthened by their wartime experiences."

Milwaukee churches are discovering a new leadership in the ranks of their returned war veterans.

Use What's In Your Hand

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"What is that in thine hand?"

Moses began to make excuses when called him to lead Israel out of Egypt. When upon God asked him, "What is that in hand?" Without straining the meaning of the question we might translate it to read, "what you have in your hand." Then if we translate this translation with alternate emphasis full meaning will become apparent.

First, "Use what you have in YOUR HAND." Moses clearly implied that he thought one else should be called to undertake the task which God had assigned to him. It is a common tendency to figure liberally on our powers, abilities and possessions of other people. God is calling men and women to use what they have in THEIR HANDS, not what they have in the hands of others.

The second emphasis may be placed on the word "What." Use WHAT you have in your hand. WHAT do we have? Just to be idle and active is a public advertisement that we possess powers and talents and opportunities which should be consecrated to God.

"Our talents may be few,
These may be small;
But unto God is due,
Our best, our all."

The third emphasis may be placed upon the word "Use." "USE what you have in your hand." Whatever we have was given to us by God for God. What we have will grow by using it. Activity is the law of growth. Inactivity throttles growth, thwarts the power of life and paralyzes one's powers. An unused field not only produces no harvest but it reverts to the wild.

"And Moses answered and said, But they will not believe me, nor harken unto my voice; for they will say: The Lord hath appeared unto thee. And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod." Exodus 4:1, 2.

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West Helena Church had 122 enrolled members. Sunday School training course March 1938. Pastor L. C. Tedford, Corning, taught 100 adults; Pastor Guy Wilson, Reynolds, taught 100. Little Rock, Little Rock, taught the people, and Pastor D. D. Smothers, "What Baptists Believe" to all workers in the intermediate department down.

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Across the Editor's Desk...

What's in a Name?

Churches in Alaska and Kansas have announced their intention to petition the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami for participating membership. Yes, "Southern" Baptist churches in Kansas, north of the Mason-Dixon line, and in far away arctic Alaska. We know also of "Southern" Baptist churches in Detroit on the Canadian border, and of well established "Southern" Baptist work in California on the far west coast.

Certainly the name "Southern" is growing to be obsolete in its connotation of a geographical area. These churches are "Southern" Baptist, not, because of their location, but because in faith and polity and evangelistic fervor they are like to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The split between Baptists of the North and South came in 1845, in arguments over the slavery question. That division was plain—a question of the North versus the South, a question which gave good cause to the distinguishing names of Northern Baptists and Southern Baptists.

But that division was a hundred years ago. The division comes now in liberalism and conservatism on questions of open communion, alien immersion, degree of evangelistic fervor. No longer is a church Southern Baptist because it happens to be in Alabama, or Northern Baptist because it happens to be in Minnesota. These other, non-geographical distinctions come now to determine which Convention the individual church desires to support.

And yet, as long as geographical names are affixed to the two bodies, it will become increasingly difficult and confusing for Southern Baptists to enroll messengers from Detroit and Topeka and Anchorage. But can we deny these churches the right to cooperate with our mission program simply because they are not located in the South?

We believe the time is rapidly approaching when consideration needs to be given to the renaming of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Stalin's faith in the United Nations Organization, told in an Associated Press interview recently, gave a worried world new hope for continued peace. . . . And in an effort to further insure that peace, R. G. LeTourneau, Christian layman and businessman, says he is going to make 10,000 airplanes available to missionaries that they may scatter Bibles and preach the gospel in 20th century style. He also has a special school at Toccoa, Ga., where he is teaching mission volunteers to pilot their own planes.

Neck-Chopping?

Many contributions reaching the editor's desk the last several months have been prefaced with a phrase something like: "sticking my neck out." These articles generally suggest some change in the method of our denominational work or perhaps outline some far reaching suggestion for the future.

We have come to wonder what these contributors mean by "sticking my neck out?" Do they assume that there are "powers that be" standing ready with an uplifted axe ready to chop off the first neck that gets stuck out? Do they assume that a Baptist hierarchy exists ready to excommunicate any individual who might suggest a change in procedure?

Baptists are a democratic lot. Every individual is considered of infinite worth before God. Every individual is considered capable of thinking for himself and reaching his own conclusions. Every individual is entitled to express his own opinions in our Baptist democracy. That is the secret of Baptist growth, the core of our church government.

Let us think of our denominational polity as encouraging to this freedom of expression. Let each and every one feel free to proclaim to all our brethren our prayerfully considered judgment as to the Lord's will in our work. Certainly none of us would be so intolerant as to deny any of our fellow Christians this freedom.

Two Per Cent

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, the one-man "listening post" for the Federal Council of Churches in Washington, has made an excellent survey of income tax deductions claimed for contributions to charitable, educational, religious, literary, scientific and public purposes and has come up with the remarkable fact that such contributions usually run two per cent of net income year after year, through depressions and wars.

Using the Bureau of Internal Revenue's own Statistics of Income for 1942, Part I, Dr. Landis traced figures back to 1922, when persons paying income taxes reported that they contributed \$425,218,000, or 1.9 per cent of their net income, to charitable and religious institutions.

By 1942, considering the huge increase in income taxation and the bulging consumer incomes, persons paying income taxes contributed some \$1,445,260,000 for the same purposes, but this huge amount represented only 1.8 per cent of net income reported.

For ten of the 21 years surveyed by Dr. Landis, the per cent of income claimed as de-

ductions for contributions by income taxpayers was 2.1 per cent and it never varied more than one or two-tenths of one per cent from that average.

Now, if someone could just think of a way to get people to give a greater per cent, churches would be lots better off.

700,000 Subscribers

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, *Chairman Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign*

At the Baltimore meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1940, the editors of the eighteen state Baptist papers requested the convention to appoint a committee to work jointly with the editors and committees of the respective state conventions in promoting the circulation of our state Baptist papers. The total circulation of the eighteen state Baptist papers in 1940 amounted to 190,683.

Our committee met in Nashville immediately following the Baltimore convention and adopted plans for securing 500,000 subscribers to our state Baptist papers by the centennial of the convention, 1945. The goal was reached in the fall of 1944. On April 1, 1945, we had reached a total of 547,254 subscribers.

Restrictions on print paper slowed the effort, but reports just compiled, as of April 1, 1946, reveal the heartening fact that we now have 628,120 subscribers to our state Baptist papers, with five of the papers not reporting within the period since April 1, 1945, and two papers not reporting since April 30, 1944. It is conservative to estimate that we now have close to 700,000 subscribers, despite the restrictions on print paper.

The report of the circulation of the papers, as of April 1, 1946, follows:

The Alabama Baptist.....	27,000
Arizona Baptist Beacon.....	2,273
The Arkansas Baptist.....	27,700
California Southern Baptist.....	1,500
District of Columbia Baptist.....	5,000
Florida Baptist Witness.....	20,000
The Christian Index.....	36,500
The Illinois Baptist.....	8,500
Western Recorder.....	45,337
The Baptist Message.....	28,200
The Maryland Baptist.....	2,000
The Baptist Record.....	52,299
The Word and Way.....	25,000
The Baptist New Mexican.....	7,661
Biblical Recorder.....	36,521
Baptist Messenger.....	39,500
Baptist Courier.....	42,300
Baptist and Reflector.....	40,500
The Baptist Standard.....	167,029
The Religious Herald.....	13,300
Total.....	628,120

It is the unanimous and earnest recommendation of our committee that a goal of 1,000,000 subscribers be approved at the Miami Convention.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

W. H. Lansford, returned chaplain now located at Heber Springs; Taylor Stanfill, superintendent of city missions in Little Rock; and R. F. Ricketson, former missionary to China, now living in Little Rock, assisted in a School of Missions in Memphis, Tenn., March 31 to April 6. Fifty missionaries were on the program. Fifty-two Baptist churches in Shelby County took part.

Increasing musical interest of Arkansas churches is indicated by frequent reports of congregations, large and small, purchasing the Hammond electric organs. Nearly every week comes word that more churches are giving special attention to this enrichment of their music programs. A. N. McAninch, architect drawing plans for dozens of new church buildings in the state, also has called our attention to the trend.

The largest class in the 87-year-old history of Southern Seminary, Louisville, will be graduated May 6. It numbers 168 men. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, of London, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will deliver the final Missionary Day address of the year as a part of the commencement week on May 2 at 10:30 a. m. Other commencement week activities will include baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Edward B. Willingham, pastor of the National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., May 1 at 8 p. m.; and commencement address by President Ellis A. Fuller, May 3, at 10:30 a. m.

Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., who has just led in successful revivals at First Church, Stuttgart, and First Church, DeWitt, is the brother of Douglas M. White, pastor at DeWitt. About four months ago, when members of Metropolitan Church learned that the mother of their pastor was critically ill in England, they furnished him the means to visit her. He left by Pan American World Airways on December 27 and returned January 14. Dr. White had opportunity while in England not only to comfort his mother but to visit certain of our Baptist leaders, to see some of the devastation wrought by the war, and to observe the progress toward reconversion.

Doyle Bledsoe of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., has accepted the position of associate pastor of First Church, Blytheville, for the summer months. He will be in charge of Lilly Street Chapel, operated by the Blytheville Church.

First Church, Atkins, has inaugurated a bus service for those who do not have transportation means to attend Sunday School and the morning worship service.

Youth Week was observed in Hoxie Church, April 7-14, with the young people in charge of all activities of the church. T. L. Pardy,

HEAR OUR PASTOR, at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, from April 22 to May 3.
ROSS AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH,
Dallas, Texas.

ministerial student in Southern Baptist College, Pocahontas, served as Youth Week pastor. The Sunday school of the church has an enrolment of 150 and attendance for the past month has averaged 128. G. W. Boyd is pastor.

A valuable book of the student's own selection from several hundred titles will be given free as a graduation present to all 1946 June graduates of Texas Baptist College, Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Howard Payne College, Westminster College, Southwest Bible College, and Southwestern University by Tabernacle Baptist Book Store, Waco, Tex., when the student in person calls at the store.

Lieut. A. L. Smith, son of Rev. O. L. Smith, Berryville, is at home after four years of service—fifteen months with a destroyer on the Atlantic and the remainder in submarine service in the Pacific.

A new mission of First Church, Earle, had fifty present for the first service. W. H. McKay is leading the work.

Third Church, Malvern, had a successful Youth Week program combined with a study course with Cecil Woodall as youth pastor. Rev. Claude Stewart, Miss Betty Cothran, and Mrs. McNew, Ouachita College students, assisted. Average attendance was sixty.

J. Thurman Williams, gospel singer, 915 West Cannon, Fort Worth 4, Tex., has some open dates for revivals between May 5-26 and June 9-23. Any interested pastor may write: Pastor Loyed R. Simmons, Evans Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth 3, Tex.; or, Evangelist David F. Boston, 975 Lamonte Lane, Houston 8, Tex.

Evangelist W. J. Morris, Pine Bluff, has recently led in successful revivals at Gerald and St. James, Mo. In the St. James meeting there were 27 decisions, 24 of them additions with 18 for baptism. Pastor Victor Kosark had charge of the music.

Progress has been experienced in the Pleasant Valley Church in Caroline Association since Pastor Charles Holland assumed the work in February. In a recent business meeting the church outlined plans for summer work including a revival and a study course. Plans for the addition of Sunday School rooms as soon as materials are available were also projected. Attendance and offerings have increased. At least ninety per cent of the congregation responded to an invitation to consecration of lives on April 15.

Rev. O. L. Smith, Berryville, formerly pastor of First Church, Berryville, writes concerning Pastor Gray Evans, his successor: "It is a peculiar satisfaction to me to commend in unsparing terms the consecration and labors of this young man. The membership is falling in line in a fine fashion in cooperating with him. The brick for the outside walls of the building have been ordered. All phases of the work appear to have taken on new life. He is a princely fellow and the people like him. I rejoice."

Immanuel, Little Rock, Pledges \$125,000 to Ouachita Campaign

Ouachita College's three-year campaign for a million dollars for buildings and endowment got off to a whirlwind start when Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, voted to write \$125,000 of the goal.

Action of the Little Rock congregation where Rev. W. O. Vaught Jr., is pastor spurred by the announcement that other Immanuel's deacons, C. Hamilton Moses contribute \$50,000 personally. Moses is president of the Arkansas Power and Light Company and chairman of Ouachita's trustees.

Dr. Otto Whitington, director of the campaign, announced that he will formally launch the state-wide drive in services at Immanuel Baptist Church, Sunday April 28.

Brig. Gen. E. L. Compere, assistant commander of Immanuel's deacons, said: "The Baptist denomination in Arkansas relies largely on Ouachita College to train preachers and to educate many of the young people who are destined to provide the leadership of the church. We must make this campaign successful to keep Ouachita in the first rank of denominational colleges."

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Dr. John D. Freeman, superintendent of rural work of the Home Mission Board, was until recently editor of the Western Recorder of Kentucky, has just finished weeks of conferences and schools of missions in scattered sections of the South. He writes: "They were interesting and, in some respects quite encouraging weeks. I think I am not partial in my judgements when I say that in Arkansas I found as much, if not more, to encourage me as anywhere else I have been. He has moved to Nashville and may be reached at 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tenn.

The building fund at First Church, Wagoner, has reached \$45,000 and is expected to reach \$60,000 by the end of the year. The Sunday school of the church averaged 472 for the first three Sundays in March. Paul Aiken is pastor.

Evangelist L. C. Bauer, an Arkansas pastor for seven years, has some open dates for spring and summer. He comes on free offerings. Anyone desiring to contact him may do so at 432 N. Broadview, Wichita, Kans.

Harold Dye, editor of the Baptist New Mexican, New Mexico Baptist state paper, resigned to accept the call of the Central Baptist Church, Clovis. Under Editor Dye's leadership, the New Mexican was sent to every Baptist home in the state.

Claude F. Gaddy, former superintendent of Raleigh, N. C., schools, and present superintendent of Rex Hospital in Raleigh, has been elected executive secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Council on Christian Education. Fon Schofield, pastor of the Rock Church, has been elected secretary of the state's new visual education department and will also have charge of radio and news publicity.

PASTORAL CHANGE

Lawrence Ferriell from Mt. Zion Church, First Church, Manning.

Unless You and I Help . . .

Starvation Will Kill 500,000,000 This Year

By Mrs. W. E. CRAIGHEAD,
Missionary to Rumania

Late in February of this year, President Truman announced an eleventh-hour "Share-the-Food" program, to prevent mass starvation abroad. He said, "For the world as a whole . . . more people face starvation and even actual death for want of food today than in any war year, and perhaps more than in all years combined."

A food crisis has developed which may prove the worst in modern times. One-fourth of the world's population, or 500,000,000 (several times the number who died in the war) may die before the next harvest, unless food reaches them soon. The famine is estimated to reach its peak in mid-summer, 1946.

Eurasia Suffers Worst

This overall picture of distress and death covers most of Europe and vast areas in Asia. Of the two billion people upon the earth, many are always on the brink of famine in certain parts of the Orient. Normally, world food production and consumption balance rather closely. Wars disturb this balance.

The late global war has brought about a global scarcity of food. Bombings, depleted herds of livestock, scant supplies of seed, lack of fertilizer and farming implements are among the causes of this distressing situation. Droughts and crop failures in Mediterranean lands, South America, Australia and the Orient are contributing factors to the shortage of food.

In 1945, Argentina harvested one-third less wheat than usual. Canada reaped one-tenth and Australia one-fourth less than their usual crops. France obtained only one-half of its normal wheat crop; and is unable to import as usual from North Africa, because of drought there.

The Far East, however, is the most seriously affected area, with no prospect of obtaining enough rice for its millions. In China, the worst scarcity will probably come this June. India faces famine among 100,000,000 people, with the peak coming in July and August. It alone needs 2,000,000 tons of grain. The world needs 800,000,000 tons of rice, while only 2,000,000 tons are available. Only one-half of the fats and two-thirds of the sugar needed in the world are in sight.

America Alone Has Plenty

The Emergency Economic Committee for Europe estimates that 10,000,000 people in Europe must exist on 1,500 calories per day per person. This is a mere subsistence minimum; it does not provide strength to work. In the 1,500 per day category are Germany, Austria, Rumania, Hungary, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Poland, and France, and perhaps other countries.

The only bright spots in the world's food picture today are the United States and Canada. On July 1, 1945, total U. S. supplies of grain were 1,400,000,000 bushels. We had promised to ship 225,000,000 bushels to needy countries on a monthly schedule by June 30. We have failed to meet our pledge.

Last January, 715,000,000 bushels of grain or half of the hoard had disappeared. An estimated year's supply had been consumed in six months. There had been unusually heavy consumption of grain at home, and in the making of alcoholic beverages.

When the critical situation became known to our national leaders, President Truman

quickly organized the Famine Emergency Committee, with former President Herbert Hoover, as honorary chairman. Mr. Hoover, known as the "good angel" to Europe's hungry masses after World War I, took up the difficult task with rich experience and sympathy, and laid plans for world-wide relief. He has flown to Europe in a plane manned and equipped to go anywhere in the world.

Reports and pictures of Mr. Hoover's tour are being published almost daily. Of France and Italy he wrote that the situation is "difficult but not intolerable." His visit to Poland was filled with heartaches. He found "over 2,600,000 children to be terribly sub-normal from under-nourishment." "This is the worst situation we have seen so far," he said.

The presidential plan for providing wheat for famine-stricken countries includes (1) a ban on its use in making beverage alcohol and beer. Distillers are forbidden to use milling grades of wheat for liquor. Already liquor interests are voicing their displeasure, by calling "a mere pittance" the 18,000,000 bushels of grain to be saved by the ban. A writer in Newsweek, April 1, points out that at the rate of four bushels per person, 18,000,000 bushels "would keep some 4,500,000 people alive until harvest. (2) An 80 percent flour extraction from the wheat kernels instead of the present 72 percent. (3) Less livestock feeding, in order to add about 75,000,000 bushels of wheat to the world's supply.

Individual Citizens Must Help

On the front lines in famine-fighting at home is ex-Mayor LaGuardia of New York, who is the new head of UNRRA, serving without salary. He has quickly shouldered the job assigned to him. LaGuardia told the delegates of 48 nations at the UNRRA conference in Atlantic City: "The people of the world want bread, not advice. . . . I want ploughs, not typewriters; fast-moving ships, not slow-reading resolutions." He wants to buy food wherever he finds it. "Wheat has no political complexion." An important measure for inducing farmers to sell now is the government's

offer to pay the price at any date the farmer chooses, before March 31, 1947.

Perhaps the most important person in this race against the spectre of famine is the individual American citizen. Mr. Hoover put the question squarely to 140,000,000 Americans:

"The fate of civilization depends upon whether the American people are willing to make a sacrifice for the next four months—until Europe reaps a new harvest." The former president made a two-fold suggestion: (1) Eliminate waste. (2) Use substitutes. Potatoes are plentiful and can be used often instead of bread. Because of their water content, they are unsuitable for shipping to distant lands. Perishable foods can be eaten in the U. S., to permit shipment abroad of more fats, grains and sugar.

Even before government agencies were set up, churches were at work, gathering and sending funds for relief and rehabilitation in war-torn areas. All depends now upon the speed with which the task can be done.

A Mission Necessity

Cooperation in a voluntary program is the "first mile." "By reducing the consumption of bread to three slices per person per day, it will free about three-fourths million tons of wheat for shipment overseas in the next 90 days," states the Emergency Committee. Says Mr. Hoover, "If every family will invite an invisible guest from a starving nation to its table, we can save the lives of thirty-five million in Europe."

The "second mile" is to double and redouble our contributions to the World Emergency Fund of the Foreign Mission Board. This fund has been in operation for several years. Offerings from churches or individuals should be sent through your state headquarters to the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention. Packages of dehydrated food or clothing may be sent direct to "Church Relief Warehouses." United Church Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland, or to United Church Service Center, Modesto,

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Brooks Hays Says:

Ouachita Campaign Vital to Future

Ouachita College is one of the greatest assets of the people of Arkansas for whom Baptists have built this institution. The current appeal for funds for buildings and endowment should meet with a generous response if we are to continue to do our full duty in the field of Christian education. We must not shirk our leadership responsibilities in this great cause.

The denominational colleges have a brilliant record in America and have rendered a unique and indispensable service. To maintain her standards of leadership Ouachita must have additional facilities.

This is a critical time in the life of the college. The Federal Government has inaugurated the most ambitious college program in history, and hundreds of thousands of veterans are returning to American colleges for instruction under this Federal measure. Its benefits will continue for many years, but those colleges which are not prepared to meet these new demands will fall behind and will fail to take advantage of the greatest opportunity ever presented to denominational institutions of learning.

This is a timely appeal for a great cause and Arkansas Baptists must meet their full obligations not only to the veterans but to succeeding generations.

—BROOKS HAYS.

Forty-Four Foreign Missionaries Appointed

By E. C. ROUTH,
Editor, The Commission

In the semi-annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, April 9 and 10, forty-four new missionaries were appointed—17 to China, 10 to Nigeria (West Africa), six to Japan, four to Brazil, three to Mexico, and two each to Argentina and Hawaii. Including these recently appointed, the Board now has 560 active missionaries assigned to 19 countries.

The W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, is represented by 16 new missionaries, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary by 14, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary by seven (or 23 including the Training School), and Baptist Bible Institute by six.

Baylor University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Carson-Newman, William Jewell and Union University have three each; Furman, Ouachita, Southwestern Baptist College and Louisiana College two each, and Howard, Mississippi College for Women, Howard Payne, Mercer, Mary Hardin-Baylor, Georgetown, and Decatur one each; and various other colleges, including state institutions, 35.

Three Arkansans

Arkansas is represented by the following new missionaries, either by birth or by present or permanent residence: Irene Thelma Branum, born Leslie, Ark., and Mrs. William Carl Hunker (nee Jeanette Roebuck), Texarkana, both to China; Josephine Harris, born Brinkley, Ark., to Hawaii.

A large majority of these missionaries traced their missionary impressions back to the training received in the home. This reminds us that in a study made some years ago of 127 missionary biographies, 121 represented homes which had family worship. Contributing factors in decisions were missionary leadership and training in the churches, school influences, missionary sermons and addresses, contact with missionaries and missionary leaders, and missionary literature.

The Board adopted the recommendation of Secretary Rankin that the basic salary of each missionary, whatever the field, be increased from \$800 a year to \$1,000 a year, effective May 1, 1946, and an allowance of \$900 a year be made for retirement. In addition, group insurance of \$1,000 each, at a very low rate, has been arranged for all missionaries, provided the plan is accepted by 75 per cent of the missionary personnel.

To Report From Europe

Dr. George W. Sadler gave an interesting report of his recent trip, especially with reference to Palestine, Italy and Yugoslavia. In all of these areas, the outlook, in spite of difficulties, is decidedly encouraging. He was unable to secure permission to enter Spain, Hungary and Rumania.

Dr. W. O. Lewis, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance who had just returned from Europe, made a brief statement concerning physical and spiritual conditions in Europe, having visited most of the countries except Russia and the countries under Russian influence. Denmark and Switzerland are the only countries which have enough food for their people. The World Alliance is making tentative plans to meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1947, and is also taking steps to provide facilities for administering relief in Europe.

Plan to Reenter Orient

The Board authorized Dr. M. T. Rankin to make a hurried trip to Hawaii for nees-



Jeanette Roebuck Hunker of Texarkana, adjusts her husband's tie before they appear for examination by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on April 9. Dr. and Mrs. Carl Hunker and their eleven-month-old son were appointed for China.

sary conferences concerning missionary plans at the "Cross roads of the Pacific." He expects to return early in May, in time for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, will return to China before fall. We have not yet been able to get missionaries into Japan but hope to arrange within a short time for some of our missionaries to return to that great field of missionary opportunity. Dr. Cauthen reminded us that the hatred of the Japanese toward America for fire bombings was diverted to their own military leaders who had deceived them, but if we permit them to starve and die under military occupation, they will hate us.

The Board voted to invite three or four fraternal messengers from the China Baptist Convention to visit Southern Baptists next year.

Growth in Latin America

Dr. Everett Gill, now in residence in South America on a two-year visitation, sent a report indicating gratifying growth in Latin American republics and recommended that missionaries be secured for the opening of Baptist missions in Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru. The Board also adopted the recommendation that as soon as arrangements can be made, we assume responsibility for mission work in the Central American republics.

Every state member of the Board, except two who were unavoidably detained, attended the meeting.

We were reminded again, in the meeting of the Board, of the tragic suffering in war stricken lands. In Honan Province, the field occupied by our Interior China Baptist mission, it is estimated that at least 400,000 people have died of starvation. One of our missionaries wrote that down at Macao an average of approximately 400 people perished daily for lack of food. Millions in the Orient and in Europe will perish if we do not supply them with food.

UNRRA is already ministering to many, but its ministry so far is restricted to Allied peoples. The relief efforts of governments must

be supplemented by the churches. The Foreign Mission Board is already appropriating thousands of dollars to be distributed where the need is greatest through properly accredited Christian relief agencies. Our own limited Baptist relief agencies are being used to the fullest. Aid is being sent to our Baptist brethren and sisters in Italy but there are still areas which we are unable to reach through our own missionaries.

Whenever and wherever we find starved people we are under obligation to minister to them in the name of Christ. Now is the time for Southern Baptists to send in their relief offerings.

The only way to keep an open door open is to enter that open door.—B. J. Cauthen.

An unusually attractive program has been arranged for Foreign Mission Week, Richmond, August 15-21. Among the speakers ready announced are Congressman Bruce Hays of Arkansas; Dr. Kenneth Latourette, professor of Missions and Oriental History at Yale University; former governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota; Dr. Walter Judd, United States Congressman and former medical missionary to China. All are Baptists except Dr. Judd, Congregationalist.

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Special Broadcasts On Christian Home

Through the cooperation of radio stations, local pastors and other church leaders a series of special programs on the Home will be broadcast over 78 stations throughout the South during Christian Home Week, August 5-11. Dr. T. F. Adams and Dr. Walter Binns are the speakers. Their messages are the best and will support all that every pastor and church seeks to do for the home.

Below is a list of stations over which these programs on the home can be heard in your state or community. By each station is given the name of the speaker, and as far as we know the time of the broadcast.

May 5-11 is just one week after the date which the nation-wide networks will go on during daylight saving time. Hence radio stations could not set the exact time for these broadcasts before this article was written. The time is not given by your station but watch the Radio Clock and also the special press for the time.

Pastors and other church leaders can do much to extend the service of these broadcasts by announcing same in church bulletins or orally.

ARKANSAS BROADCASTS

KELD, El Dorado—Binns series.
KFPW, Fort Smith—Adams and Binns.
KTHS, Hot Springs—Binns.
KOTN, Pine Bluff—Adams and Binns (A. M. Monday through Saturday).

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Governor Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma, has spoken these brave and true words: "The liquor interests claim that more liquor is consumed in prohibition states than in wet states. They are either lying or are crazy or both. Dry states are consuming more liquor than wet states, why are the liquor interests spending millions of dollars trying to make dry states wet?"

Arkansas Baptists Need a Plan

By H. E. WILLIAMS,
Pocahontas

If Arkansas Baptists properly minister to the needs of this great and growing state they **MUST ADOPT A FIFTY YEAR PLAN.** Especially is this true in their educational policy. Colleges cannot be planned and built in a day. The mission policy may be changed and altered at any Convention to suit the immediate need of a period, but to use this method in dealing with institutions is the rankest sort of shortsighted folly, that has proven expensive and hurtful to Arkansas Baptists in the past.

Commission Suggested

It ought not to be possible to kill a school or other institution that represents fifty years of work with one stroke of an angry or mobbed Convention. Yet it is possible to destroy every single institution in Arkansas without stopping to think one moment, in a meeting of the State Convention. Such things have been done in the past at times when the economic conditions indicated to tired leaders that there was no hope for the preservation of institutions in sections of our state. Had we had a plan that Arkansas Baptists had projected beyond an emergency, we might have saved valuable instruments of service.

To have such a plan Arkansas Baptists will have to create a trustworthy Education and Institution Commission. Such a commission could lay out suggested plans for the coming years, subject to revision of course, and pilot those plans to reality. Surely the State Convention would place men of real unselfishness and statesmanship upon such a Commission and would charge them with the responsibility of seeing after the needs of all Baptist institutions in the state, both colleges and other institutions.

Arkansas Baptists now have two colleges in the state program and one outside with the good-will of the Convention, plus a ministerial training school in the regular college field. It is not our purpose to review the value or lack of value of either institution. However, need of an equitable distribution of funds for serving the areas involved is apparant. Neither institution, that may have need for existence, should be robbed to keep another alive. One school should not expect to live by killing another. Such a program is thoughtless.

What Is The Trend?

It is certain that during the next fifty years, at the present rate of development, Arkansas Baptists will number 400,000 to 500,000. Now when, the question emerges, how can we minister to those people as well as the great multitudes who are not Baptists?

In order to answer that wisely we should make some effort to calculate where these people will live in Arkansas. It is a certain fact that the hill sections of Arkansas will not grow in rural population very much during the next fifty years. The towns and cities in the hill section will grow for some time yet, but to no vast proportions. It is my personal opinion that eighty per cent of the people in Arkansas will live east of Little Rock by the end of fifty years from this date. That being the case would it not be wise for Arkansas Baptists to consider such possibility in planning for the future?

To ignore the drift of the people and future development is to trail behind progress. One of our chief failures as Baptists has been

in our waiting until a condition arose before we attempted to cope with it. Some other denominations have been far seeing enough to anticipate happenings and by such, got in on the ground floor.

If we are to be a leading people tomorrow we must be as aggressive as the future demands of us. A growing and vital people like Arkansas Baptists should not fall into the psychology of preserving the "status quo," nor into a worse fallacy of "living by dying" in dropping part of our work to keep the rest. Arkansas Baptists do not now have enough program to take care of her own people today, even if we never make another Baptist.

Present Institutions Inadequate

There is not room in all the Baptist schools for the Baptists who wish to attend college now. Neither is there provision for them to get the work that they need to prepare for life in the existent colleges. This serious indictment is laid at our feet by reviewing the enrollment of the state schools of Arkansas.

There are more than twice as many Baptists, in state colleges of this state, than in Baptist colleges. Did they go there because they just like state schools. NO! They went there, at least most of them, simply because Arkansas Baptists would not provide adequate facilities and courses for them in our schools. Even if they had chosen to attend a Baptist college, hundreds of them would have been turned away for lack of room and teachers. It is a sad indictment of our lack of concern and planning when our own are forced to go elsewhere.

Other denominations do better by their people. One out of every 42 Episcopalians graduates from one of their schools; one out of every 69 Presbyterians gets his diploma from a Presbyterian college; one out of every 81 Methodists; and only one out of every 162 Baptists comes from a Baptist college. What a sad indication for tomorrow, when training in college will be even more essential to leadership!

If we do not provide adequate education for our young people we will be drained of ability and leadership as a denomination. That fact explains in a large measure the reason we find so many people leaving Baptist ranks when they rise to ranks of leadership in our national life. You have but to study their educational background to see that they were trained in schools that were not Baptists.

Basically Missionary

There is not room in our hospitals for all the Baptists who need hospitalization today, regardless of tomorrow. There is not room for all of the orphan children of Baptists in our orphanages. There is no provision in the least in Arkansas for those who have fought the battles of the faith and because of age have had to drop by the wayside. Institutionally Arkansas Baptists cannot take care of the present emergency, much less care for tomorrow. Does not this condition call for unified serious study?

There are those who would minimize the institutional life of Baptists. Those who do so are both inexperienced and short-sighted. The denomination that leads tomorrow will be the denomination that creates missionary institutions today. No greater tool can be fashioned to advance the Kingdom than a real missionary institution.

I grant that the institution that loses the missionary zeal does not desire the money nor

good-will of Baptists. However the fact remains that a missionary institution is invaluable in Kingdom progress. Institutions project the ideals of the sponsors and reach people that the ordinary missionary alone can never contact. The institution over which the writer presides reached hundreds and hundreds of people annually (through students who otherwise would not be in this area), who would never be reached by traditional missionary programs. This is done at a very nominal cost compared to the cost of having even half as many missionaries in the field.

Definite Suggestions

Arkansas Baptists need other institutions to take care of the future. During the next fifty years we must establish a strong junior college in the hills of Northwest Arkansas. A good hospital unit of our Little Rock hospital should be established in that area, to operate on a self-supporting basis. Two colleges should be developed as well as three hospital units, in both areas of eastern Arkansas. Ouachita should be enlarged to care for university training. All the other schools should be on the college level only, with curricula broad enough to care for the major needs of our young people. Two other encampments should be built in the state. An adequate aged Baptists home should be built, probably in connection with our hospitals.

There are those who will recoil from such fantastic hopes on the pretense that Baptists cannot do all this. Before such conclusions are reached it might be well to consider that position. Arkansas Baptists can do this and much more! They will do it **IF THEY PLAN FOR IT!**

When the sections of this state see that a statewide program is being launched and seriously prosecuted, to minister to all of the people, it will be possible to multiply the budget. There is practically enough money in the church treasuries of this state now to build half of the structures needed for the foregoing program. (Over \$1,250,000.00 is now in church reserve funds in Arkansas.) The operation of such a service would be more than offset by increased income to Arkansas Baptists. The hospitals could easily be made self-supporting. The schools would not be a greater burden than Arkansas Baptists of tomorrow could easily bear.

Of course we cannot have all of these institutions at once, and maybe we do not need all of them now. But how easy it would be to reach a goal of one every ten years.

If Arkansas Baptists were doing as much in proportion to membership and ability as Roman Catholics in this state, they would double this program easily. Catholics plan for a hundred years and bring their plans to pass. They use the institution as the spearhead of missionary conquest. That is the secret of Catholic progress. The denomination that hopes to lead tomorrow must serve today through missionary institutions.

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College Hill Church, Texarkana, recognized A. C. Grigson as having answered the call of God to do full-time educational work and Lee Monroe Baxter, son of Pastor Roger M. Baxter, as having been called to the ministry, in business session April 3. Both were given papers of recognition by the church.

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in the **BOOK STORE**

Browsing in the book store becomes more of a pleasure as each week goes by. With the enlarged quarters we have practically everything arranged now as it will be located permanently, except, of course, a few fixtures. We expect to get, in the near future, a new Bible counter, a new children's unit, and a communion cabinet. In addition to this we will also have counters which will display gift items which we have in the store.

We shall be very delighted when the asphalt-tile flooring is in place.

This week has been a busy week. The manager has been in a library conference with the First Baptist Church at Van Buren. The church is doing a remarkable work in its library. From five to six hundred books were processed and placed on the shelves for them at this church.

It was indeed a week of great joy and pleasure to be associated with these people.

We want to state again that we do get books from all publishers. Of course, it is impossible to carry all of the books in the house but we shall be glad to get them for you just as soon as we can.

We have at the present time some Speedo-Prints. It is possible that you will want to get one for your church. With its help you can put out a bulletin each Sunday for your membership.

Let us call your attention to the fact that the best Mother's Day gift possible is a Bible. If you will tell us the type of Bible you want and the price you want to pay, we shall do our best to fill the order.

Are you going to the Southern Baptist Convention? If you are, we are sure you will want to visit the book store exhibit there. For those who have charge accounts we have a card for you showing that you have a charge account here. The presentation of this card will enable you to charge items at this store. Write us for this card.

Again we remind you that the best Mother's Day gift is a Bible. Let us hear from you.

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Dr. M. E. Dodd began his thirty-fifth year as pastor of First Church, Shreveport, La., April 7. Last year there were 756 additions to the membership and \$182,000 in contributions. During the 34 years the church has received 12,000 members and has given \$3,667,219.78 to all purposes. Fifteen other Baptist churches have been organized in Shreveport during this time, two of which now have over 2,000 members, which were supported with both money and members from First Church.

The Pre-Convention Pastors' Conference at Miami will begin at 10 a. m. Tuesday, May 14, in the White Temple Methodist Church in Miami. Cloyd H. McClung will have charge of the music. Dr. Earl B. Edington and Dr. Robert G. Lee will speak at the morning session; Dr. J. D. Grey will speak at the afternoon session, and at least a full hour will be given to a general discussion of methods in evangelism; Dr. J. O. Williams and Rev. Bronwen Clifford will speak at the evening session. Special music will be given at each session, arranged for by Dr. John H. Halde-man.

College Hill Church, Texarkana, had an enrolment of 63 in a Training Union study course just completed. Fifty-two qualified for awards.

Arkansas Baptist Radio Hour Opens Next Week With R. O. Barker, Speaker

Pastor Robert O. Barker is the first speaker in the Arkansas Baptist Hour broadcasts beginning the week of April 28. Brother Barker is pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Little Rock; he is a member of the Executive Board and is active in the work of the denomination.

The subject of Brother Barker's message is "Working Together With God." The message is charged with inspiration, assurance and challenge; it is enlivened by apt illustrations and delivered with Christian fervor.

The other speakers in the order of their appearance are:

Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, the week of May 5.
Dr. W. J. Hinsley, the week of May 12.
Rev. Sam C. Reeves, the week of May 19.
Dr. Otto Whittington, the week of May 26.
Rev. Irving M. Prince, the week of June 2.
Rev. Boyd Baker, the week of June 9.
Dr. Edgar Williamson, the week of June 16.
Rev. Hugo Culpepper, the week of June 23.
Rev. Harold Tillman, the week of June 30.
Dr. B. V. Ferguson, the week of July 7.
Dr. M. Ray McKay, the week of July 14.
Rev. B. H. Duncan, the week of July 21.

This program may be heard over the following radio stations on the days and hours listed below throughout the period of thirteen weeks, beginning Sunday, April 28:

KFPW, Fort Smith, each Sunday, 5:00 to 5:30 P. M.
KLCN, Blytheville, each Sunday, 5:30 to 6:00 P. M.
KTHS, Hot Springs, each Thursday, 6:30 to 7:00 P. M.
KARK, Little Rock, each Saturday, 9:30 to 10:00 A. M.
KELD, El Dorado, each Saturday, 10:00 to 10:30 A. M.
KUOA, Siloam Springs, each Saturday, 6:15 to 6:45 P. M.

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Would you like to make the world safe from war? Then, help to make enough people throughout the world really Christian immediately. Many God-called Christ-filled foreign missionaries are needed for immediate appointment. Write to J. W. Marshall, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond 20, Va.

Missionaries are urgently needed now! If you are a foreign mission volunteer, write to J. W. Marshall, secretary of the Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond 20, Va.

Gene Bartlett of Desha has accepted the position of music and educational director of Central Church, Muskogee, Okla.

Evangelist E. A. Autrey and Singer Irvin Cole, of West Monroe, La., conducted revival services at Second Church, Pine Bluff, April 14-26. Homer H. Bridges is pastor.

First Church, Dardanelle, has just had evangelistic services led by Pastor Minor E. Cole, Forrest City. Pastor J. A. O. Russell said, "We did not have a large number uniting with our church, but we had a very helpful meeting." Thirty-five professions of faith were made in a special service at the High School. An all-time high Sunday school attendance record was set on April 7.



Pastor Barker

Good Year at Immanuel

W. O. Vaught, Jr. began his second year as pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, April 4. During the past year the church had 471 additions, 155 for baptism. Complete records with the previous year, it was found that the Sunday School showed an increase of fifteen percent, the Training Union, 40 percent; the missions, six percent. Gifts for causes totaled \$116,345.36, an increase of \$30,905.06 over the previous year.

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Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, began its Easter revival April 14 with Harold Ingram of the Sunday School Board speaking. Iduis V. Owensby, local director of activities, is leading the music.

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Central Church, Magnolia, had 22 additions for baptism, in March. With a Sunday school enrolment of 549 the average attendance was 395. The highest attendance for a single Sunday was 501. The regular offering for the month amounted to \$2,837.39. L. Hunnicutt is pastor.

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First Church, Marion, began a revival April 7 with Pastor L. Bracey Campbell, Church, Marks, Miss., as evangelist. Pastor W. Grafton, First Church, Booneville, is song leader. Basil Martin is pastor.

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First Church, Dewitt, has begun his services on the city square each Saturday evening. Between two and three hundred people gathered for the first service April 6. Douglas M. White is pastor.

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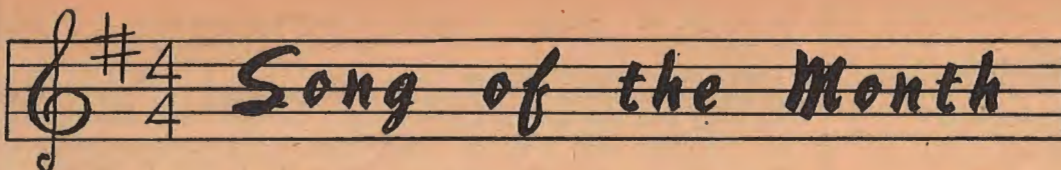
Almyra Church had a revival April 14 with Pastor Harold Tillman, First Church, Conway, doing the preaching and Kersh, Ouachita College student, directing the singing. Boyd Eldridge is pastor.

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State Church Music Director

A great gospel song has been chosen as the Song-of-the-Month for May. Its simple message is the same as was the Macedonian call. A heart-hungry world speaks in the words of this simple song, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."

*Tell me the Old, Old Story, of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
Tell me the story simply, as to a little child,
For I am weak and weary, and helpless and defiled.*

*Tell me the story slowly, that I may take it in—
That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin;
Tell me the story often, for I forget so soon,
The "early dew" of morning has passed away at noon.*

*Tell me the story softly, with earnest tones and grave;
Remember I'm the sinner whom Jesus came to save;
Tell me the story always, if you would really be,
In any time of trouble, a comforter to me.*

*Tell me the same old story, when you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory is costing me too dear;
Yes, and when that world's glory is dawning on my soul,
Tell me the Old, Old Story: "Christ Jesus makes thee whole."*

CHORUS

*Tell me the Old, Old Story, tell me the Old, Old Story,
Tell me the Old, Old Story of Jesus and His love.*

This hymn and its companion, "I Love to Tell the Story," are the two parts of "a life of Jesus in verse," written by Miss Kate Hankey in 1866. The first part is entitled, "the story wanted," and the second "the story told."

A few months after these poems were published in England was the YMCA convention at Montreal. Among those present was Major General Russell, who was then in command of the English forces detailed to protest the Canadian frontier from the much-talked-of Fenian Raid. He arose in the meeting and read the first part, beginning with the words, "Tell me the Old, Old Story," from a manuscript copy he held in his hand: as he read it the tears rolled down his cheeks, and the sight of an old soldier reading a simple song like that and weeping as he read, attracted much attention in the meeting.

Mr. W. H. Doane of Cincinnati heard him read it, obtained of him a copy, and on the stagecoach, riding from the Glen Falls House to the Crawford in the White Mountains, he wrote the music for it and sang it in the hotel parlor that evening.

The music, although simple in form, has a powerful appeal particularly in the refrain.

The repetition of text combined with the musical theme adds appeal and power to the song as it moves steadily on to the climax of "Jesus and His love." The fourth stanza should be of particular interest to the leaders of young people at this time in their efforts to conserve young life: "Tell me the same old story, when you have cause to fear that this world's empty glory is costing me too dear . . ."

You will find this great gospel song opposite "I Love to Tell the Story" in the Broadman Hymnal. It makes a wonderful message for a missionary theme as well as a suitable song for any evangelistic service. It is highly commended to the churches of Arkansas.

Starvation

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Calif. They must be marked "gift." Any post office will give information.

What does World Relief have to do with missions? The answer is obvious. We cannot preach to nor teach dead people. Neither will their children and grandchildren listen to a gospel of love, if we have shown them only greed and selfishness. If we turn away from such colossal need, we shall be like the rich man of Luke 16:19. Missions would suffer irreparably by neglect of our humanitarian duty now.

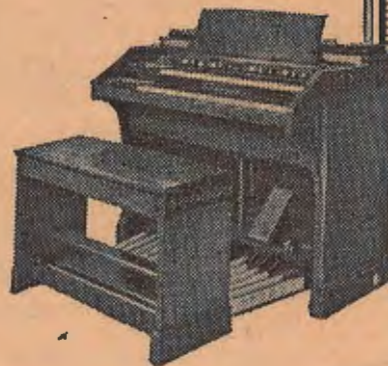
Lowell has expressed the idea in "The Vision of Sir Launfal":

"Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare.
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three—
Himself, his hungry neighbor, and Me".

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Schedule For District Meetings In June

The eight district WMU meetings are scheduled for June and are to be held at these places: West Central, Paris, June 11; Northwest, Bentonville, June 12; North Central, Clinton, June 14; Southwest, Nashville, June 18; Southeast, Camden, June 19; Central, Benton, June 20; East Central, West Memphis, June 25; Northeast, Paragould, June 26. Further announcement will be made concerning these meetings. This advance notice is given in order for plans to be made for a large attendance from your missionary organizations.

Home Mission Offering Goal Surpassed

Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions as of April 17 have already surpassed the state goal of \$12,500, the total being \$13,730.28. The offering continues to come in daily. We believe that the total gifts will go beyond the splendid offering of last year. Please be prompt in sending all funds for this special offering to the State WMU Treasurer at the above address at the earliest possible date.

Arkansas Boy To Be Given Free Week At Camp

The boy in Arkansas sending in the most new subscriptions to the new Royal Ambassador magazine, Ambassador Life, will be given a free week at one of the State Camps either at Ferncliff (July 29-August 3), or Siloam Springs (August 26-31), or Raven Den Springs (Aug. 26-31).

All subscriptions should be mailed to Alvin Hatton, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock, where they will be forwarded to Birmingham. All subscriptions must be in the Little Rock office by June 15 in order to be eligible for the contest. Subscription rate for Ambassador Life is \$1 per year. Subscriptions for less than one year will not count.

Ambassador Life is the new magazine that replaces World Comrades for the boys of the Southern Baptist Convention. Publication is to begin in June. It is expected that by the end of this year there will be 25,000 subscriptions. We should have 1000 new subscriptions in Arkansas in 1946.

Ambassador Life will carry not only the mission programs and stories, but many other features of interest to boys and counselors.

Special features will include recreation, hobbies, jokes and handicraft. Every boy will want to be a subscriber to Ambassador Life.

Transfers from the World Comrades to Ambassador Life must be made immediately as the June issue of World Comrades will be mailed out in less than two weeks and the June issue of World Comrades will not contain Royal Ambassador mission programs. Unless the transfer is made immediately you will not receive the first issue of Ambassador Life.

College Hill Texarkana Auxiliaries Busy

The director of WMU Auxiliaries in College Hill Church, Texarkana, Mrs. Roger Baxter, writes of many activities by the auxiliaries during the first quarter of this year. A Father-Son banquet with RA Secretary Alvin Hatton started off these activities.

The full quota of Intermediate GA members attended the GA Conference at Central College, one was recognized as Queen Regent and two others as Queens, who now have started work on their Queen-with-the-Scepter work. The active Junior GA assisted in getting the intermediates reorganized.

A Sunbeam Band has been organized with 15 members. Each auxiliary observed its season of prayer for home missions. Then, April 1, Mrs. Thelma Bagby spoke at a Mother-Daughter banquet attended by 48. Miss Inez Lung, passing through to schools of missions farther east, stopped and spoke at the church. What group has been so blessed with special meetings and speakers all in one quarter?

Delay In A-I Awards Being Sent

Sorry! We have wanted to send you the A-I awards for some weeks but until now we have not received them from the Southern WMU Office. So be assured as soon as they arrive in this office they will be put into the mail to all of you who achieved the high standing of A-I for 1945.

Ridgecrest YWA Camp Plans

Detailed plans have been made known to YWA Counselors through the mail for the trip for the Arkansas group to the Southwide YWA Camp. The State Young People's Secretary will chaperon

the group. The trip will be made by chartered bus.

The total cost, figuring all expenses, from Little Rock to Ridgecrest and back will be \$65, including the board and room at the camp. The bus will hold only 29 passengers. The first 29 to send in the \$10 reservation fee will be the ones to go by this bus. The others will need to go by regular bus or train unless enough more go to make up a second bus. We will hope to have two 25-passenger buses full!

Let all interested communicate now with Miss Hutchison. She will work out plans with all. Who will have the wonderful privilege of these nine days at this missionary camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina?

The Memphis (Tenn.) Ministers Association has sent a telegram to the U. S. delegation at the United

Nations Security Council, praising "the drinking, disregard and general atmosphere of paganism which has characterized UNO sessions thus far." A thing cited was absence of peace and a report that 25 varieties of cocktails are available at the bar.

Holly Springs Revival

Chaplain H. G. Spraggins, Worth, Tex., was evangelist at recent revival at Holly Springs Church, Hermitage, which resulted in 36 professions of faith, situations by letter, and a re-membership. B. S. Franklin is pastor.

Chaplain Spraggins rendered lustrous service as an army chaplain in the European area. He was wounded several times while ministering to his men at the front. Many men were converted to his service during the war.



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Our age is learned—but does it endure sound doctrine?"

Our age has knowledge—but has it "known the Holy scriptures?"

Our age is wise—but is it "wise unto salvation?"

Our age seeks peace—but does it know "the Prince of Peace?"

Now is the time to know and study the great doctrines and principles of our Baptist heritage. Organize a class for the study of Dr. W. R. White's new book, "Baptist Distinctives." All of our churches should study this book. April is Sunday School Study Course Month. Plan for a week's study and get the workers ready for a big spring offensive.

Preachers who will teach this book may receive a copy free of charge by writing to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

One Thousand Awards

During 1945 there were 44 associations in the South that requested 1000 or more Training Union Study Course awards. This year four associations, Concord, Harmony, Liberty, and Pulaski County have set a goal of 1000 or more awards.

Increased Circulation

It is most heartening to note the increasing circulation of the Training Union periodicals. For the fourth quarter of 1945 the total Training Union periodical circulation was 1,160,940. This was an increase of 144,177 over the same quarter for the previous year. That is glorious. The largest increase was the Adult quarterly with 257,-

Mrs. McCraw Comes To Sunday School Board



Mrs. Will S. McCraw has accepted a position with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, in The Sunday School Department, as Superintendent of Extension Work.

Mrs. McCraw comes from the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, where she had served for several years as paid Superintendent of Adult Sunday School Work. She is a graduate of North Texas Teachers' College, Denton, and Oklahoma City University, and has had successful experience in teaching in the public schools of Dallas, Tex., and Oklahoma City.

On the last Sunday of Mrs. McCraw's work in First Church, Oklahoma City, the Sunday school attendance was 2,802, and of this number approximately 1,500 were adults.

The needs for the Extension Department in Southern Baptist Sunday schools are multiplied. Mrs. McCraw comes to her present position at an opportune time, and she brings to this important work, ability, experience, training, culture, and an impelling passion for people.

450 circulation for the fourth quarter of 1945 as against 226,703 the previous year.

What about Training Union work in your church? Any boost that you can give it will be just that much service rendered.

Christian Home Week, May 5-12

Fortify the Christian home by emphasizing "Christian Home Week" in your church, May 5-12.

IMPORTANT 1946 DATES

April 21-May 3—Ten Training Union Conferences.

July 2-11—Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, Siloam Springs.

September 16-27—Eight District Sunday School Conferences.

October 25—Statewide Associational Training Union Officers Conference.

October 20-31—Statewide Training Union Clinic, Little Rock.

December 6—Southwide Simultaneous Associational Training Union Rallies.

December 17—Statewide Associational Sunday School Officers Conference.

The Training Union and the Sunday School cooperate in the observance of this week. Order from your State Training Union Director enough of the tracts on "Christian Home Week" for every family in your church to have a copy. See the April and May issues of the Baptist Training Union Magazine for material on this subject.

The aim of this week is to put special emphasis on the place and ministry of the Christian home, and to lead every home to recognize Christ as the unseen guest at all times.

Report Youth Week

If Youth Week was observed in your church, please make a report of the week's work. Youth Week report forms may be secured from your State Training Union Director.

Hymn Playing Contest

The Hymn Playing Contest will be held at Siloam. Contestants in both Junior and Intermediate Divisions should be preparing the five songs which were suggested previously. (See Hymn Playing Bulletin and repeat songs). Suitable prizes will be awarded in each division.

This effort in each individual church will be the means of training a generation of accompanists. Some churches have already indicated their intention of sending two contestants and it is expected that many more will do so.

It is Now Time For An Associational Hymn Sing

A typical and wholly successful hymn sing was recently held by the Delta Association with Mrs. R. Verser of McGehee, associational music chairman, in charge. The program was well planned with congregational singing and special numbers by the choirs of the churches present.

First Church, Portland, crowded to capacity. Pastors in attendance write that it was a high spiritual hour and everyone was "joyful in the Lord."

John P. Whitlow, host presided and read the scripture. Theo T. James, pastor at McGehee served as song leader. Special musical numbers were rendered by choirs from Dermott, Monticello, Omega, McGehee, and Portland. Pastor C. D. Wood, Dermott, made a short interesting talk on the value of music to the church. Rev. Carl Ferrell closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Verser took opportunity to explain the objectives for the year in church music.

One of the features of the year was the study of the Song of the Month, "Crown Him."

It was the opinion of all that the Delta Association favored a quarterly Hymn Sing. Omega Church invited the group to be their guest in June.

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Gypsy Girl Surrenders All to Jesus

By OTEY RHODES,
Evangelist

We want to introduce to you our friends, Jimmy and Eva Rogers. Jimmy is a white man. Eva, his wife, is a full Gypsy. Gypsy families sell their daughters and Gypsy men buy their wives. Eva was about to be sold to a man she did not love. She did not like the idea so she ran off and married Jimmy. That was four years ago.

Last February 1, they moved their house trailer in close to our house trailer at Pine Bluff. We accepted our responsibility as missionaries and began to witness to them about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eva's Background

Eva is twenty-one years old. As her family traveled continually she never learned to read or write. Gypsies are very superstitious. It takes a lot of patience and prayer to deal with them. They are shy and very cautious. Very few ever make a pretence toward Christianity. A few claim to be Catholics but they are not. They are nothing more or less than a terribly neglected people.

The old line denominations have done something for the Indian, Mexican Negro, and all foreigners, but as far as we know they have not done one thing for the Gypsy.

Eva pretended to be a Catholic but she knew nothing about the Catholics except they have statues in their churches and pray to the Virgin Mary. She directed her prayers to Mary and had images, charms and pictures to keep off the evil spirits and to bring good luck to her home. Yet, in spite of her superstition, her mind is very alert and her eyes always sparkle.

Under Conviction

At first we had to be very slow with her. Gypsies are afraid they are not wanted in our churches so they will not go near them. They will never be won except by tactful personal work. We had to gain her confidence by our Christian living. Then we invited her in to hear Charles Fuller on the Old Fashion Revival Hour broadcast. One night when he asked for hands for prayer Eva raised her hand. We realized then that she was really interested.

Each day Mrs. Rhodes or I would talk to her, explaining God's plan of salvation. Slowly but surely we got the ideas of the gospel across to her. One of the hardest jobs was to break down her unscriptural ideas concerning Mary and images. It took Mrs. Rhodes two hours to explain parts of the ten commandments, especially the first and second commandment. We also spent sometime explaining Acts 16:16-18. We had to show her how God condemns fortune telling.

About the middle of March we took her to Sunday School to the Second Baptist Church, where Homer H. Bridges is the pastor.



Evangelist and Mrs. Otey Rhodes live in a trailer, and it was in a trailer camp at Pine Bluff that the accompanying heart-warming story took place. "We have been trying to get away and return to Memphis for the past several weeks, but the Lord hindered us. Now we understand," writes Bro. Rhodes. In the picture are Pastor Homer H. Bridges of Second Church, Pine Bluff, Mrs. Eva Rogers, who was won to Christ, and Evangelist and Mrs. Rhodes.

She joined the class and has been attending regularly although at first she would not stay for the regular preaching service. The ladies of the church accepted her with open arms in spite of her dark complexion.

On Friday night, April 5, Eva heard her first sermon from a pulpit. Bro. E. L. Finch of Jackson, Tenn., was near Pine Bluff in a revival meeting. His sermon on the judgement stirred her and brought her under deeper conviction. After we returned home, we went into the Roger trailer for a while to deal further with her.

Eva is Converted

Now it is necessary to tell you more about her husband and his people, all of which live here in trailers and are our neighbors. They were all backslidden Baptists. Only Jimmy, his Gypsy wife, and their two small children were present the night we won Eva for the Lord. But first we had to get Jimmy prayed up to date. He was terribly behind. The devil fought us hard through his unwillingness to yield. But finally he came across with a firm determination to live for God.

After we got Jimmy on the right side we dealt directly with Eva. It was no easy task. She had such a limited knowledge of what we were trying to do. So we prayed. It took a lot of traveling and prevailing prayer to get her born into God's kingdom. But, praise God, about midnight the light began to shine on her face. With that she came into the kingdom of God with one of the best cases of old time salvation we have witnessed in a long time.

On Saturday both Bro. Finch and Bro. Bridges came to see her. Then on Sunday morning, April 7, both Jimmy and Eva joined the

Second Baptist Church. Jimmy came in on a statement and Eva as a candidate for baptism. Bro. Bridges baptized her on that same Sunday night.

Family Altar Established

We praise God for Jimmy and Eva Rogers. We gave them a new Bible. Although Eva can neither read or write she takes it with her most everywhere she goes. They have established a family altar. Each evening Jimmy reads the Bible and they are all learning to pray. Even the little three-year-old girl is learning her prayers too.

Because of this work of grace in the hearts of Jimmy and his Gypsy wife we have been able to reclaim the entire Rogers family for the Lord. This includes the father, who used to be a preacher, and a daughter, who used to sing over the radio. The mother, Mrs. Rogers, was never in a back-slidden state but through the years has been praying for some one to reach her children for the Lord. Especially has she been praying for Eva, her Gypsy daughter-in-law.

We are praising the Lord for His blessings. He used us to win both a Jew and a Gypsy to be Christians. The Jew is now studying to be a Christian preacher. Eva

has expressed a desire to be a missionary to the Gypsies. From both of these that they might be great soul winners.

This is a marvelous thing the Lord has done. Gypsy Christians are very scarce. In all of the world we only know of Gypsy Smith and his family. Are there any

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Figures to Inspire

April 14, 1946

Church	Addn.	S.
Alma, First	—	125
Arkadelphia Churches:		
First	1	394
Second	—	241
Bauxite, First	2	303
Benton, First	—	467
Blytheville Churches:		
Clear Lake	—	161
New Liberty	—	145
Camden, First	1	488
Conway, First	2	392
Cullendale, First	2	294
Dumas, First	5	340
Dyess, Central	—	208
El Dorado Churches:		
First	5	842
Immanuel	8	260
Second	6	502
Eudora, First	—	174
Fordyce, First	9	366
Fort Smith Churches:		
First	—	1068
Immanuel	1	615
Fountain Hill, First	—	76
Gentry	2	219
Hamburg, First	—	323
Harrison, First	9	472
Hot Springs Churches:		
Central	—	391
First	4	297
Park Place	1	477
Second	—	534
Including Mission	—	638
Hoxie, First	—	137
Jacksonville, First	11	178
Lake City, First	—	148
Including Mission	—	308
Little Rock Churches:		
Baptist Tabernacle	2	578
First	14	1234
South Highland	—	251
McGehee, First	—	481
Magnolia, Central	2	376
Malvern, First	—	308
Marmaduke, First	—	121
Monticello Churches:		
First	4	228
Second	—	134
Norphlet, First	—	274
N. Little Rock Churches:		
Baring Cross	4	581
Including Mission	—	62
Pike Avenue	3	171
Ozark	—	20
Including Mission	—	24
Paragould, First	—	54
Paris, First	4	341
Pine Bluff Churches:		
First	9	79
Matthew Memorial	1	12
Second	3	23
Including Mission	—	25
Southside	4	41
Including Mission	—	46
Rector, First	4	14
Including Mission	—	15
Rogers, First	6	28
Siloam Springs, First	—	24
Springdale, First	—	38
Including Mission	—	48
Stuttgart, First	—	33
Tuckerman, First	—	11
Tyronza, Barton Chapel	—	18
Warren Churches:		
First	—	45
Second	—	4
West Helena, First	—	38
West Memphis, First	—	31
Including Mission	—	31

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Brotherhood Concepts and Ideals

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A BROTHERHOOD IN EVERY CHURCH will help to solve the problem of enlisting and engaging our Baptist manpower. Just as rarely as a church needs a Sunday school, or a Training Union, or a Woman's Missionary Society, the church needs to bring its men together in an organization whose purpose is to build the whole program of the church. Every church needs a Brotherhood!

With the help of the pastor a few willing men can build a Brotherhood in any church. It is not necessary to get together a large group of men in order to justify the organization of a Brotherhood. That church which at first glance has nobody with which to start a brotherhood probably needs one worst of all! A Brotherhood is not born fully grown. Instead, a Brotherhood is built up by those men of the church who have caught a vision of what men can do and ought to do in the Master's service. These will be men who are willing to set about, deliberately and prayerfully, patiently and persistently, to enlist all the men of the church in all the work of the church and the denomination.

A BROTHERHOOD IN EVERY ASSOCIATION! When an Associational Brotherhood is organized and staffed with the proper officers and committees it becomes a medium through which the Brotherhoods of all the churches of the association can pool their influence and energies in a greater effort to build up the cause of Christ throughout the bounds of the association. The Kingdom concepts of men are enlarged, and their interests are extended, when they learn what other churches are doing, and when they participate in a program of work which involves the united effort of a group of churches.

The Associational Brotherhood is an organization of the Brotherhoods of the association, operating entirely within the general associational program. The purpose, of course, is to unite the manpower of the association behind the denominational program; also to improve the quality and to increase

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NELSON F. TULL, Secretary

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the amount of work done by the men of the association.

The Associational Brotherhood will lead in an effort to get every church of the association to organize and maintain a Brotherhood; also to enlist every church to participate in association-wide Brotherhood projects. Through the Associational Brotherhood the influence of strong church Brotherhoods helps to build up weaker Brotherhoods, tending to lift the level of Brotherhood work done throughout the association. The Associational Brotherhood should meet once each quarter. Many associations over the South are designating the fifth Sunday afternoon for this gathering.

A BROTHERHOOD IN EVERY DISTRICT! For the purpose of administering the general program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, our state has been divided into five large districts. Other states follow the same general plan. Brotherhood leaders everywhere emphasize the value of the organization of District Brotherhoods. A District Brotherhood helps to pool the Baptist manpower of a whole section of the state, and to focus the interests and energies of men on the problems and tasks of the Kingdom throughout the bounds of the district, within every association and every church.

The District Brotherhood helps to build up associational Brotherhood organizations, and also makes a powerful contribution toward building up Brotherhood work in every church in the dis-

Dumas Church Demonstrates What A Working Brotherhood Can Achieve

By **JESSE L. "TONY" ADAMS**
 Something has happened in the Dumas Baptist Church during the past six weeks to stagger the imagination.

It all started at a Brotherhood banquet honoring all ex-service-men. One hundred thirty men were present. Dr. J. R. Grant of Ouachita College was the speaker of the evening. Pastor Ralph Douglas challenged the men to go out into the community and "bring them in."

Then things began to happen. First, a class was organized for veterans with one of them as teacher. This class was started without a member. Last Sunday

(March 31) there were 36 members present.

The Brotherhood sponsors a noon meal each Friday for the members of the church. The four missionary circles alternate in preparing the meal. The men come as they are, use thirty minutes to eat and the other thirty minutes to be in a home.

The Sunday School has more than doubled and offerings have just about doubled. The month of March was the best in the history of the church. The pastor preached to overflow crowds and there were thirty additions during the month.

We broke all previous records at Sunday School with 411 present on March 31.

District. District-wide projects may be set up, projects in which every church in the district can be led to participate. The District Brotherhood has officers whose functions serve to keep before the Brotherhoods of the district a continuing program of activity. In some states annual District Brotherhood encampments are being held. By all means there should be an annual meeting of the District Brotherhood.

AND A STATE BROTHERHOOD! To pool the Baptist manpower of the whole state, to unite our men in the tasks of the Kingdom as set forward by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, a State Brotherhood is necessary. Through its officers and its continuing program the State Brotherhood will function to enlarge the interests and concepts of men; utilizing their energies to build a greater state program, and to make the impact of our united Baptist manpower felt throughout the whole of the state down through every district, into every association and church; then on outside the state, throughout the Southland, and on to the ends of the earth. There will be state-wide projects, and state-wide support of all our program and of our institutions. The State Brotherhood should meet in convention once each year.

The Brotherhood movement is a big movement! May God open

our eyes to the possibilities which He has endowed men! Your church considering the value of a Brotherhood?

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Religious education that once more becomes a passion among Christian peoples can conquer the morally destructive forces in the world. —Dr. George A. Butterfield


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—Miss Katharine F. Lennox




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Lewis S. Steed, Rt. 4, Atlanta, Tex.

Ollie G. Matthews, 522 Elmhurst St., San Antonio, Tex.

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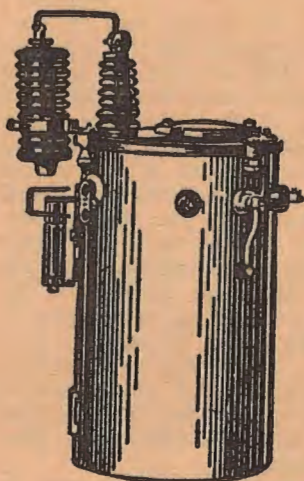
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Peter Developed Firm Character Through Association With Jesus

By E. PAUL CAUDILL

No one can follow the development of Simon Peter's personality through his associations with Jesus as portrayed in this lesson without a clearer understanding of the possibilities for growth in the personality of every Christian. The fact that Peter did grow and develop in his spiritual understanding and in the translation of his needs into conduct, is reason why his lesson becomes a challenge for every believer.

A New Name

Peter's first meeting with Jesus, like that of every believer, was an unforgettable experience. Peter, brought to the Master by his brother, Andrew, who had approached him with the amazing word, "We have found the Messiah," was seen by Jesus to have possibilities of future greatness. He said he, "Thou art Simon, the son of John; thou shalt be called Cephus (which is by interpretation Peter)." The word "Cephus" is the Aramaic word for rock, while the word "Peter" is the Greek word for rock.

The heart of Simon Peter must have thrilled within him as he received from Jesus himself a new name. Deep down within the heart of every man there must be some measure of desire to be the man God wants him to be and the man which, by faith, he can become in Christ.

Peter's confession, whereby he declared Christ to be the Son of God, reveals to us the progress he had made in a very short time as a disciple of Jesus. There had come to him one great certainty, a certainty which one day he would, upon every occasion, proclaim to the world, namely: that Jesus is the Christ.

Only as Christ comes to mean to us what he meant to Simon Peter will we be in position to grow in spiritual wisdom and in knowledge and in favor with God and man.

Following Afar Off

It is tragic to see one who made so fine a beginning as Simon Peter all so low in the scale of moral and spiritual values and, yet, that is what he did. Luke tells us that following the brutal arrest of our Lord, "Peter followed afar off," and that when they had kindled a fire "in the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them."

We have in Peter's behaviour an interesting study in human nature, a study that reminds us of our own lives at every point of our journey. Peter made the fatal mistake of compromising with evil, of following the course of expediency; his the Christian can never afford to do, even though it involves his own physical well-being. Who is here who has not at some time in his life renounced his Lord either

Sunday School Lesson

For April 28

John 1:42; Mark 8:27-29; Luke 22:54-57, 61-62; John 21:15-17; Acts 5:29

er by word or by deed? Who is there among all his followers who has not at some time failed to be courageous, brave, true?

One cannot help but think what the effect might have been on the ruthless mob had Simon Peter not "followed afar off." If he had only stood by his Lord, though it meant the sacrifice of his own life, the testimony of his faith doubtless would have had a transforming effect upon those who thirsted for the blood of the only innocent man who ever lived.

Peter denied his Lord but not for long. Luke tells us that following the look which the Lord gave him "he went out, and wept bitterly." From then on Peter is loyal. One failure was enough. From now on he sought to be the rock that Jesus would have him be.

The Test of Love

Jesus, by his thrice repeated question to Peter at the Sea of Galilee, placed Peter's love in the scales of testing. There are two words for love used freely in the New Testament and both of them are found in this passage (John 21:15-17). One (Greek: phileo) signifies the love of friendship, a sort of man to man term. The other (Greek: agapao) signifies reverential love, the kind of love that exists between God and man. It is the latter term which Jesus used in the first two questions.

To both of these questions Peter replies with the former word, the more earthly term, declaring that his love for Jesus is at least that of strong friendship. But in the third instance, when Jesus questions Peter, he employs the term which Peter himself has been using all the time—the less reverential term. Says He, "Simon, son of John, lovest thou me?" (that is, do you have a genuine friendship for me—are you really my friend, speaking man to man?) And in reply to the third question, Peter, grieved "because he said unto him the third time, "Lovest thou me?" replied, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love

thee" (as friend to friend). Jesus then said, "Feed my sheep."

There is little of the braggart left in Peter by now. His shortcomings, his innate sense of failure, his manifest disobedience are so unmistakable that there is no room left for boasting.

Obedience

In Acts 5:9 we see not Peter the braggart but Peter the obedient one: "But Peter and the Apostles answered and said, we must obey God rather than men."

These words reveal men of exceeding great courage and willingness to suffer martyrdom, if need be, for the cause of Christ.

Having been set free from the imprisonment occasioned by circumstances surrounding the death of Ananias and Sapphira, Peter and the other disciples had been "straightly" commanded not to teach "in this name." The command, however, had been ignored and, in the words of the high priest, they had "filled" Jerusalem with their doctrine.

If Christians somehow today resolve, whether by life or death, to follow Christ—to speak his message, to do his will—the power of their testimony would be so tremendous on society that we would have an awakening such as the world has not seen since the day of Christ.

The message of so many of us, however, is pale and sickly. We lack conviction; we have not yet come to the point where we can say, "Behold, I have left all and followed thee."

Obedience, simple obedience to the commands of our Lord, lies at the roots of all worthy accomplishment in Christ.

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Young men from rural communities now have an opportunity for adventure together with a real contribution to world relief. UNRRA has appealed, through the Church of the Brethren, to Christian groups to furnish attendants for large shipments of cows and horses to Europe. Volunteers must be over 16 years of age and members of some church; a trip takes from four to eight weeks; attendants are paid for their services. Applications and requests for information should be addressed to Ben Bushing, New Windsor, Maryland.

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Negro Janitor's Funeral Held In His Church

Funeral services for John Winslow, eighty-year-old Negro janitor who had served for thirty years as janitor of First Church, Blytheville, were held in the church. It had always been his dream that when his life ended he could be buried in "his church."

Pastor E. C. Brown conducted the services; the deacons served as "Uncle John's" honorary pallbearers. His "white friends" attended along with those of his own race. The Commercial Appeal of Memphis said, in a beautiful editorial written before the funeral:

"Loyalty, good character, faithful service will thus be recognized in an appropriately affectionate manner.

"Such sincere gestures are unusual in the South. Rather than they so common that The Commercial Appeal rarely comments upon them. Uncle John Winslow's passing, however, affords timely opportunity to point out that Blytheville funeral of a Negro church janitor today symbolizes the true feeling of the South toward the Negro and contains many elements of genuine racial goodwill than the long-haired theories of other parts ever thought about.

"It isn't about that, though, that our Blytheville friends will be thinking. They'll merely be burying someone they liked and who served them well, and without worrying about what someone else thinks. And there's a sermon and a lesson in that, too, for those who think that exploitation for selfish or spiteful ends comes under the heading of racial relationship."

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The Arkansas Baptist Radio Hour

April 28, will mark the beginning of the week in which the Arkansas Baptist Radio Program begins. Publicity will be given in the columns of this paper from time to time regarding the hours and the stations of the broadcasts, as well as the names of those broadcasting. Dr. B. H. Duncan of the First Baptist Church, Hot Springs, is chairman of the Commission, and Mr. Edwin S. Preston of Central College is assisting him in arranging the broadcasts.

The Commission has been diligent and careful in selecting broadcasting stations that will cover the entire state. These men have earnestly sought to arrange the very best programs possible and are endeavoring to make the broadcasts reach our entire constituency, and when the broadcast reaches the people throughout the state of Arkansas they will naturally reach many people in other states.

We commend the Commission for its untiring efforts as it seeks to build up a broadcast that will carry to the people the pure gospel of the Risen Lord from the hearts and lips of men of a denomination whose beginning cannot possibly be dated this side of the

earthly days of Jesus. These broadcasts will give to the people a much more accurate and clear cut presentation of the gospel of our Lord than we usually hear over regular broadcasts.

We urge our people to hear these messages and then seek to hear the men in their own pulpits. You can be sure that when you enjoy a broadcast from a Baptist preacher, you will be even more impressed and moved closer to God when you hear him speak to his congregation in his pulpit. Bring your friends to your radio when you tune in on these broadcasts.

The day may come in the near future when Arkansas Baptists can occupy a whole hour instead of a half hour in sending the message over the air. At present a half hour broadcast seems to be all that our funds will allow, but remember that this is only the beginning of a real organized effort to give the gospel to men and women by the organized efforts of our Baptist State Convention. This beginning itself will not be an humble one, but probably this ministry will be larger and more far reaching in the future.

Financial Aid for Country Churches

The State Convention has set aside a fund in its budget for 1946, for the purpose of assisting weak churches. Some money has now accumulated in this fund, and we are ready to begin giving some help. We have some application blanks, and any church expecting this help should write us for the blanks and make application. We are ready to consider your application.

Many churches are seeking assistance. They will understand, therefore, that the small amount of money that we have this year for this purpose will not go very far in helping many churches. The amount that we give any one church will necessarily be small. From \$200 to \$250 in each case we suspect will be the very largest amount that can be given this year.

Some of the churches find now that they cannot build this year. In cases of the sort we suggest that they make their applications at the close of this year instead of at the present time. We shall prayerfully consider all requests that come to the office. The Committee is ready to take the matter up at any time now.

Beech Street Pressing Forward

We are impressed with the earnest and vigorous ministry of Pastor Bruce Price in Texarkana. He has served this outstanding church for two years. Pastor Price is one of our very best preachers, and his ministry is well rounded and through. His heart is beating for every interest of his Lord.

What Former Creditors Say

Dear Mr. Bridges,

Your letter and check were received and were greatly appreciated. As you can see from the name of our Home we care for incurables that have no homes or means of support. Under such circumstances you can readily see that all our available funds are necessary in maintaining a high standard in our Home.

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Very sincerely and prayerfully,
M. S. Barton (Mrs. Charles A. Barton).
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Some 1945 State Mission Results

During 1945 there was a total of 38 associational missionaries who were assisted the State Board. There were three special missionaries listed—one in Sharp County, in Madison County, and one in Marion County. Perhaps Newton County should also be in this list, but it has been listed in the sociational group. There were five state missionaries, but some of the five did not last the entire year. Then there was the Superintendent of Evangelism, Dr. Whittington.

The total of months of labor by the associational missionaries amounted to 30 months, the total labor of the special county missionaries were 29 months, and the total labor of the state missionaries was 4 months, and the Superintendent of Evangelism worked the entire twelve months of the year.

The average number of professions of faith by Associational Missionaries per man-month were three. The average number of professions per man-month among the Special county missionaries were three. The average number of professions per man-month of state missionaries were five. The number of professions reported by the Superintendent of Evangelism was 17 per month.

There were 12 churches organized by missionaries during the year and 34 Sunday Schools as against 15 churches in 1944 and 22 Sunday Schools. The Superintendent of Evangelism created a great spirit in our mission work last year, and his personal labors were extraordinarily fruitful.

SEVEN MINDS

1. Mind your tongue! Do not let it speak hasty, cruel, unkind or wicked words.
2. Mind your eyes! Do not permit them to look on wicked books, pictures, objects.
3. Mind your ears! Do not suffer them to listen to wicked speeches, songs, words.
4. Mind your lips! Do not let tobacco find them; do not let strong drink pass their lips.
5. Mind your hands! Do not let them strike in fight, or write any evil words.
6. Mind your feet! Do not let them walk the steps of the wicked.
7. Mind your heart! Do not let the love of the world dwell in it. Do not give it to Satan, but ask Jesus Christ to make it his throne.

—Wonderful Words

Blytheville and Brown

Pastor E. C. Brown is happy in his work at Blytheville. His Sunday School attendance is around the 500 mark. The Blytheville church needs a new church auditorium, a larger one. The church has above \$55,000 cash in its building fund. One of these days it will have a magnificent edifice. Pastor Brown is one of the busiest pastors in Arkansas.