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*Know Your Institutions . . .*

## OUACHITA BAPTIST COLLEGE

Ouachita Baptist College, located on the banks of the Ouachita River at Arkadelphia, is the oldest institution of Arkansas Baptists. Its establishment at the State Convention meeting at Hope in November, 1885, was the beginning of really cooperative work among the churches of the state.

The college has served continuously since its opening September 6, 1886, though sometimes closing would have been inevitable except for sacrificial service by the faculty and staff and the ever-loyal support of the denomination. New buildings have been added from time to time until Ouachita now has a plant valued at about \$1,000,000.

During its almost sixty years of service, Ouachita has trained almost 15,000 men and women, who have gone out to serve in many lines of work in every section of the world, each of them better able mentally, morally and spiritually to accept the responsibilities the world throws upon them.

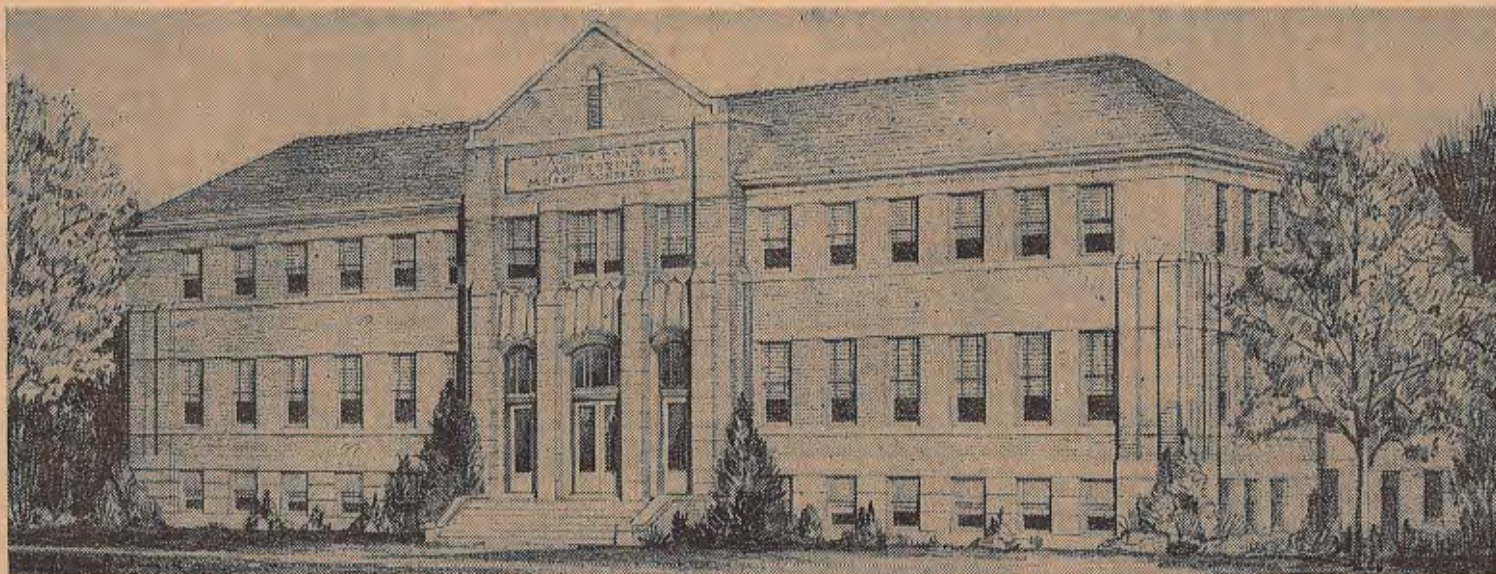
Ouachita is again at one of the critical times of her history. She must have four new buildings almost immediately if she continues to serve all who ask admittance at her doors. Her endowment must be doubled to afford

sufficient income to pay expenses of the growing institution. Thus, the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign approved by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and now being launched under direction of Dr. Otto Whittington. It is an emergency matter for Christian education in Arkansas.

New buildings to be erected with money raised in the campaign are a girls' dormitory and a boys' dormitory, costing about \$150,000 each, a library building and a science hall, about \$100,000 each.

Ouachita's 675 students this year have so overflowed the campus' capacity that students are forced to live in trailers, in hastily built apartments near the campus and in homes out in town. Many are turned away completely. Though not so visible, the need for additional classroom, laboratory and library space is just as urgent.

The institution's newest building, Livingston H. Mitchell Hall (below), is an auditorium and music conservatory. Erected during the war, the building has been used by aviation cadets studying at the college, but now has been converted for its designed purposes and 1,000 seats are installed so that graduation exercises this May can be held there.



L. H. Mitchell Hall, Now Ready for Use

Twentieth Century Christianity . . .

## DRY ARKANSAS IS LEAGUE'S GOAL

By George Douthit  
Arkansas Democrat Staff Writer

In a small rectangular office in the Donaghey Building in downtown Little Rock, there sits an alert, middle-aged man—a Presbyterian—who is spark-plugging a campaign he hopes in a few years will rid the state of Arkansas of its last drop of legalized whiskey, beer and wine.

He is Clyde C. Coulter, who came here a few years ago from Mississippi to take the office of superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas.

His presence has been keenly felt by the wets, because under his direction a new local option law was initiated and adopted and county after county has gone into the dry status. Today Arkansas has 24 counties bone dry; a half dozen others with only beer or wine and another which is bone dry except for a single township, which ruined Mr. Coulter's record by slipping back into a wet status.

Mr. Coulter was back in his office yesterday to receive the congratulations of his followers over the latest victory—in Little River County, which Thursday voted 988-to-415 to outlaw the sale of liquors and beer in a local option election.

### Churches Provide Strength

As he swings his influence through the state seeking more followers to the anti-liquor cause, Mr. Coulter readily tells you where his strength lies. It is to be found among the church people, but not just any church people.

"We get our following from the Christians among the church goers," he said. "There are people who go to church and who drink whiskey. These are not our followers. They are indifferent to our cause. Yes, our supporters are 99.44 per cent Christian church people."

Because of the shortage of office space in Little Rock, the Anti-Saloon League has had to move over into a cubby-hole so small that by the time Mr. Coulter and his secretary and their records are placed in it, any callers almost have to stand in the hall to do their visiting. But the campaign against liquor in the state goes on, even from this small headquarters.

The Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas is an affiliate of the Anti-Saloon League of America and Mr. Coulter is a member of the board of the parent group. He not only has his finger-tips on the whiskey pulses of the state but he knows how the anti-liquor drive is progressing over the country, because the whole campaign is tied together under one great plan.

Mr. Coulter is also a member of the Anti-Saloon League of America's national training school in Winona Lake, Ind., where young men are trained to carry on the league's work.

### How It Works

When a group of people in an area decide they want to try to change the country from wet to dry they write Mr. Coulter for advice on how to proceed. He furnishes them with information as to how their petitions for fifteen per cent of the qualified voters' signatures are to be circulated. He also gives them tips on how to avoid legal entanglements where the wets can cause the program to be stalled or pigeon-holed. In other words, he steers the country's campaign on a straight, narrow and correct course. As a result great

patches of dry territory are springing up over Arkansas.

The history of liquor in Arkansas goes back to 1915 when this state outlawed liquor. It was dry—officially—until August 24, 1933, when the state legislature (against the will of the people, says Mr. Coulter) passed a bill permitting beer of 3.2 alcoholic content.

This, he pointed out, was later stepped up to five per cent.

"That was the entering wedge against prohibition," Mr. Coulter sighed, a little sadly.

### Wets Won In 1935

On February 25, 1935, the state legislature passed what was called the domestic wine bill, and on March 16, 1935, it passed the Thorn Liquor Act, legalizing hard liquor, and "repealing the last line of Arkansas' prohibition."

The beer law provided local option elections whereby a county-wide election could be held only in a general election year and on general election day. The Thorn liquor law provided local option elections by county, district, township, town, ward or precinct once every three years. Under this act 35 per cent of the qualified voters were required to sign a petition for a local option election.

This, the dries contended, was in direct opposition to Arkansas' constitution which provided under initiated and referendum acts that petitions required only 15 per cent of the qualified voters to call a local option election.

In 1942, the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas initiated a local option law under which counties, towns, townships, wards or precincts could call an election at any time when 15 per cent of the voters signed a petition.

### These Are Dry

Since then the following counties are listed on the dry side: Izard, Fulton, Hot Springs, Clark, Lawrence, Pike, Columbia, Grant, Cleburne, Faulkner, Howard, Johnson, Lonoke, Independence, Crawford, Craighead, Benton, Clay, Baxter, LaFayette, Van Buren, Hempstead and Little River.

Three counties persistently remained wet: Conway, Cross and Calhoun.

Two counties, Perry and Ashley, voted out liquor and beer in two different elections. Nevada, Logan, Saline, White and Boone have no whiskey. Logan has one township, Short Mountain, which returned to a wet status after the county went dry.

One point about the new local option law—when a county votes, if it has beer, but no whiskey, it either goes completely wet or completely dry with the outcome of the election. If the wets win, whiskey and beer both come in; if the dries win, both go out.

There are two elections coming up this week: March 26, in Marion County and March 28 in Polk County. (Marion voted wet; Polk voted dry.—Editor.) Petitions are being circulated in Lincoln and Montgomery counties. Plans are also in the making for elections in Pope, Franklin and Newton counties.

Mr. Coulter said that many other dry leaders are in touch with him from other counties but their plans are not far enough along to be announced.

And, with all this, Mr. Coulter doesn't predict that either Arkansas or the nation will go completely dry.

"You just can't tell about people," he said. "Right now I would say the country is headed for prohibition. But you never know."

## Spiritual Dimensions

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"What is the breadth, and length, and height?"

Measurements which we use in the material world do not obtain in the spiritual realm though we use them figuratively. We do not say that one has traveled so many miles in Christian experiences, nor can we measure Christian virtues upon the scales and weights, neither can we put them into a container and say that we have so many quarts or gallons of this grace or that.

Spiritual dimensions and distances measured in terms of thoughts, pure emotions, loyalties, choices and will. The direction in which one is traveling is determined by the objectives he is pursuing. The height of one's thoughts is measured by the truth to which he holds. The value of one's emotions is estimated by the stimuli to which he responds. The breadth of one's soul is gauged by the compass of one's loves and sympathies. The accuracy of one's decisions is revealed by the choices he makes. The strength of character is determined by the power of will.

How may we comprehend, encompass "breadth, and length, and depth, and height" of spiritual realities? Shall we board a ship and cross the continent, or shall we take a plane and ascend to the stratosphere? We must board the train of God's thoughts; upon the waves of His passionate love, we rise to the heights of His redemptive purpose and get the perspective of His vision.

Jesus prayed for His disciples, "That ye may be with me, where I am." To be with Him, to experience His presence, to enter His purposes, is to traverse the distances and realize the dimensions listed here:

"That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of God, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph. 3:19.

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The error of so much current thinking is to lie in its failure to recognize what is an incontrovertible fact, that there can be no Christian ethic apart from the Christian religion in its entirety, theology and ecclesiology.

—Dr. Clark Kuhn

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# Across the Editor's Desk...

## "Observe Sunday"

The words "Observe Sunday" would be placed in the cancellation stamp on all U. S. mail under provisions of Senate Joint Resolution No. 46, introduced by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas.

The resolution has been referred to the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. We would hope that the committee reports favorably on this resolution and that it is approved by the full Congress. Though man cannot be legislated or driven to goodness, we believe that the daily reminder, "Observe Sunday," on every piece of mail might have a wholesome effect on our population.

Religious News Service reports that petitionary letters are being received by Senator Capper at Washington. Maybe some of our people would like to write, too.

## Church Help Sought

Walter F. Anderson, new director of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, says that "the answer to the crime problem is religion," and that one of the chief objectives of the bureau under his direction will be to enlist the aid of church and civic organizations in the prevention of crime.

Anderson, who was chief of police at Charlotte, N. C., when he was named to the state post, says records prove there is comparatively little crime in communities in which religion plays an important part in the lives of its citizens.

## The First Lady

Mrs. Truman, wife of the President of the United States, and her daughter Margaret, are reported to have requested orange juice when they were the honor guests of the exclusive Metropolitan Club at the recent opening of the Metropolitan Opera in New York, which is always one of the most brilliant social events of the year. It was necessary to send out for the orange juice, since alcoholic refreshments only had been provided, in lavish abundance.

Emily Post says: "Always—at no matter what sort of party—there must be tomato or fruit juice for those who do not like alcohol. Nothing is in worse taste than forcing any guest either to take alcohol or else to sit conspicuously empty-handed."

Use of the phonograph in elementary education, both religious and secular, prompts prediction that 500,000,000 records will be produced in 1946, an all-time high.

## Graduates

Eight Arkansans are among the 168 men who are candidates for degrees at the annual spring commencement of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here May 3. They are:

Daniel Wade Armstrong, Murfreesboro, bachelor of divinity.

David O. Moore, Texarkana, bachelor of divinity.

Frank Ford Norfleet, Weiner, bachelor of divinity.

Clarence D. Sallee, Jr., Urbana, bachelor of divinity.

Andrew M. Hall, Little Rock, master in theology.

Thomas Erle Halsell, Little Rock, master in theology.

Vaughn H. Tollett, Nashville, master in theology.

Edmond R. Walker, Viola, master in theology.

Many of these men will be available for pastorates in their native state, President Ellis A. Fuller, of the seminary, has announced.

Headlining the commencement week program, May 1-3, will be addresses by Dr. James Henry Rushbrooke, of London, England, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Dr. Edward B. Willingham, pastor of the National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.

## Overseas Gifts

Gift parcels may now be sent to individuals in any foreign country except Germany and Japan without specific authorization from the Office of International Trade, the Department of Commerce has announced.

"Such parcels, however, must not exceed in value \$25 and are to be sent at no cost to the persons receiving them," the announcement stated. "Each parcel must weigh no more than eleven pounds, and it must have the words 'gift parcel' clearly written on the outside of the package and also written on the customs declaration submitted with it at postoffices.

"Commodities which may be included in gift parcels are limited to items of a personal nature, such as clothing, toilet articles, writing materials, vitamins, and non-perishable food-stuffs. No more than two gift parcels per month may be sent to the same addressee by the same sender."

Drunks in Russia, says the International Student, are given a bath, a shave, medical or surgical attention if necessary, and are put to bed. When sober they are presented with a rather stiff bill for the services rendered. Those not able to pay work out the account in the city sanitary department.

## Religious Broadcasting Enters New Era

A new era of religious broadcasting is soon to be available to American radio listeners, but the church faces the responsibility of producing programs of quality equal to commercial broadcasts, Rev. E. Jerry Walker told the pastors' section of the International Council of Religious Education recently. Mr. Walker is director of International Radio Productions.

Pointing out that radio stations are licensed to operate in the public interest, convenience and necessity, Mr. Walker declared that this has been the "elastic clause" of broadcasting, whereby the "commercially-minded radio station manager was able to escape his public service responsibilities."

"The Federal Communications Commission, backed by a strong Supreme Court decision, is now seeking to guarantee that those responsibilities will no longer be dodged," he said.

"The church can now expect the radio industry to take pains to see that adequate representation is given all denominations and faiths.

"Many far-seeing stations and networks have operated on this policy for years," Mr. Walker said. "They have found public service programs help build quality audiences. Now, the entire industry, some members reluctantly, sees the advantage of an over-all program balance."

The FCC move not only is an opportunity for the church but a responsibility, Mr. Walker warned. He said the church "must create and produce radio programs that are equal in quality to commercial broadcasts. No station should be forced to carry a program that is an audience killer."

When President Truman invited a group of Baptist leaders to the White House during their week-long meeting in Washington, he said to them: "I am a Baptist for two reasons, first, because I was born in a Baptist home, second, because of a study I made after I became a man. I was fully convinced that our Baptist position is in keeping with the teachings of the New Testament."

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will arrive in the United States in early May for a series of engagements, including the Southern Baptist Convention, Miami, and the Northern Baptist Convention, Grand Rapids. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance is called in Washington, May 29, at which time important matters will be discussed, including the next meeting of the Alliance.

A statistician states women now smoke 68 per cent of all cigarettes manufactured. But despite those figures, we loath to see a woman smoking now as much as we did when public opinion drove her to hide while so degrading herself.

# THE OUACHITA CAMPAIGN

*Otto Whittington, Director*

This is a campaign for \$500,000 for sorely needed buildings and \$500,000 for necessary endowment, to meet the requirements of a standard college, to keep out of debt and to supply the needs of our rapidly growing denomination.

If necessary, this campaign is to continue three years.

The author of this page has been elected to direct the campaign at a reasonable salary and expenses. NO BONUS. Ask me for any information you may desire about the campaign and I will gladly supply it if possible.

I am sure you know that the Ouachita College Board of Trustees asked the State Executive Board and the State Convention for permission to make this campaign and that the Executive Board recommended it to the Convention and the Convention voted, unanimously, that it be done.

Ouachita is the only standard senior Baptist college in Arkansas. It belongs to Arkansas Baptists. It is a vital part of our denominational work. Our children are solely dependent on Ouachita for a finished college education at a Baptist school in this state.

There are now enrolled more than 675 students and there is room for no more. Some are crowded four in a single room, many are living in house-trailers, some of these with families, so determined and anxious are they to attend Ouachita and get an education.

There are scores more of G. I. boys that are planning to enter Ouachita this fall. Many of these boys were kept out of college and deprived of an education by the war, and, by virtue of having lost this time, will have to go to college NOW or not at all.

This is a real emergency, a pressing obligation, that Arkansas Baptists must face as their own responsibility.

We will be little men and women and not worthy of the trust committed to us if we do not rise up and provide for our young people who want to go to Ouachita.

**WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO BE FOR IT, TO PRAY FOR IT, AND TO GIVE LIBERALLY TO IT.**

**Send All Money and Pledges to DR. B. L. BRIDGES, Executive Secretary  
Room 200, Radio Center Building, Little Rock, Arkansas**

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

William E. Haltom, chaplain, formerly pastor at Central Church, Dyess, has been called associate pastor of First Church, Altus, Okla.

Benton County Association plans a simultaneous school of missions April 28-May 3 with every church in the association participating.

Ralph Kerley, formerly pastor at Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, and at First Church, Ironza, and for the past three years pastor of Springdale Church, Tulsa, Okla., has resigned the Tulsa pastorate to do evangelistic work. Any church desiring his services for revivals may reach him at 1535 North Birmingham Place, Tulsa, Okla., or 1202 St. John Street, Lafayette, La. For two years Rev. Kerley was superintendent of evangelism in Tulsa-Rogers Association, Oklahoma, and was associational Training Union director at the time of his resignation from the pastorate of the Tulsa Church.

A new Hammond electric organ was installed at Second Church, Pine Bluff, March 19.

A Brotherhood was organized at Central Church, Magnolia, March 7 with 46 men in attendance. Pastor Sam Reeves, First Church, Dorado, was guest speaker. Officers elected were Sam Capps, president; Max McEachern, vice-president; J. T. McClanahan, secretary-treasurer; James Kendrick, chairman of the planning committee; and W. C. Blewster, chairman of the program committee.

First Church, Springdale, will establish a memorial library at the church in honor of three men who gave their lives during World War II. They were Second Lieut. James Turner, Cpl. Elmer Johnson, Jr., and Lynn Burd, pharmacists mate. Contributions to the fund have already reached \$570.

Pastor James A. Overton, First Church, Mena, and Singer P. A. Stockton, director of Baptist Center for Soldiers, Little Rock, were leaders in a revival held recently at First Church, Van Buren. T. H. Jordan is pastor.

Charles T. Evans, teacher of the Brooks Boys Bible Class of Second Church, Little Rock, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Brotherhood of First Church, Fordyce, March 1. Mr. Evans told his audience that in real brotherhood rests the solution for most of our domestic and international problems.

Miss Sarah Frances Rowland of Warren, who has been educational secretary of First Church, Blytheville, for the past two years, will soon be married to Pastor O. C. Hicks, First Church, Harrisburg. Miss Rowland was church secretary at First Church, Warren, for 10 years. She attended Central College, Conroy.

First Church, Paris, won the attendance banner at the Sunday School rally of Central Association held at First Church, Booneville, March 19. There were twelve churches represented. Miss Maxine Bates, educational

director at Calvary Church, Fort Smith, had charge of the program.

Twenty-two additions, fifteen for baptism, resulted from a revival held at Calvary Church, Little Rock, March 17-24, with Aubrey C. Hallsell, chaplain, who recently accepted the pastorate of First Church, West Memphis, doing the preaching. R. K. Bennett, Parsons, Tenn., directed the music. P. J. Crowder is pastor.

First Church, Fort Smith, has just repaired the church dormitory on the Assembly grounds at Siloam Springs. The inside and roof have been repaired, new steps built, and the building is being painted for the first time. The church is getting ready for a great delegation this year, filling the dormitory to capacity if at all possible.

The first religious focus week sponsored on a Southern Baptist junior college campus by the Baptist Student Department at Nashville, was held at Virginia Intermont, March 10-14. Six students made a profession of faith and fifty dedicated themselves for some definite Christian service. Ten team members, headed by Dr. Frank Leavell, led the assembly periods, visited classrooms and held personal conferences.

Pastor B. V. Ferguson, First Church, Fort Smith, who recently led Park Place Church, Hot Springs, in a revival writes: "There are no better pastors to work with than Jesse Reed. He is full of energy and has religion and plenty of good common sense. He is doing a great work at Park Place and has large plans for their future. The people love him and follow his leadership. They have a bright future, and will continue to grow and to build." There were 27 additions, 24 for baptism.

Family Week was observed at First Church, Stephens, March 25-29. Monday, H. L. McClurkin, superintendent of schools, spoke on "The Family and Its School." Floyd Bryan, cashier and executive vice president of the new bank at Stephens, spoke the second evening on "The Family and Its Finances." Pastor W. T. Holland, First Church, Haynesville, La., former faculty member of Ouachita College, spoke Wednesday evening on "The Family and Its Church." Dr. John Miller, a native of Little Rock who surrendered his life for foreign missions and served in China as medical missionary before the war, spoke on "The Family and Its Health." R. L. Launius, former district prosecuting attorney, now leader of laymen for the Methodist Church, spoke at the closing service on "The Family and Its Relation to Law Enforcement."

First Church, Dardanelle, began a revival April 1 with Pastor Minor E. Cole, First Church, Forrest City, doing the preaching. J. A. O. Russell is pastor.

## PASTORAL CHANGES

Waif Hamilton, chaplain, to First Church, Stamps.

C. E. Robertson from First Church, Curtis, to Douglasville Church.

## Arkansan Is Author Of New Mission Book

Margaret Kime Eubanks, a native of Little Rock, now the wife of Pastor S. W. Eubanks, First Baptist Church, Nevada, Mo., is author of a new mission study course book for Junior RA's and GA's. Her book, "March On," is one of a series on race and missions in the South published by the Home Mission Board.

Mrs. Eubanks is the daughter of Deacon and Mrs. B. R. Kime, Immanuel Church, Little Rock. She belonged to Sunbeams, GA's, and YWA's at Immanuel Church and learned to know and love missions through the stories she heard told.

"Peggy," as she is better known to her friends, was just a junior GA when she made up her mind to write stories of the missionaries when she grew up. So through grade school, high school, Ouachita College, and Woman's Missionary Union Training School, she studied everything that would help her Woman's Missionary Union Training School, that she met and later married "Bill" Eubanks, now one of the outstanding pastors of Missouri.

"March On" is a study of the lives and work of ten great Negro Baptist men and women of America. Some of them are Marion Anderson, Booker T. Washington, Robert R. Moton, and George Washington Carver. The book is written in story form in words that children can easily read and understand. Much conversation in the stories brings the characters to life for the juniors.

Many hand-sketched illustrations and pictures add to the attractiveness of the book. The artist is Mrs. Jesse L. Childers of Kansas City, Mo., the wife of a young Baptist lawyer.

The book may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store for fifty cents.

## ONE WET-ONE DRY

In two counties voting in local option liquor elections last week, prohibition leaders won by a large vote in Polk county and were defeated by a narrow margin in Marion county. At Mena, Polk county, the unofficial tabulation of returns from 24 of the 26 precincts revealed that the dries polled 1,526 votes and the wets 537. At Yellville, Marion county wets won, 772 to 678, the unofficial count showed.

This is the twenty-fifth dry victory in 29 county-wide elections under the local option law.

## One-Year-Old Church Erects New Building

Richland, the baby church of Delta Association, organized with eleven charter members March 11, 1945, has grown to a membership of 76 and a Sunday School enrolment of 100. Rev. J. C. Higginbotham led the organization.

Soon after being organized the church began holding services in an old vacant farm house. When the building could no longer hold the growing congregation, larger quarters were found under the trees until a new building was near enough completed for the services to be held inside. That building was dedicated March 3.

"Church and Home Meditations," a religious broadcast by Pastor J. I. Cossey, Central Church Jonesboro, may be heard each Saturday at 11:30 a. m. over station KBTM, Jonesboro. The broadcast is paid for by free will offerings.

# THE URGENCY OF NEW BUILDINGS FOR OUACHITA

By OTTO WHITINGTON, Director  
Ouachita Million-Dollar Campaign

Ouachita now has 675 students enrolled. There are scores of others, an estimated 250 more, who want to enter by next fall. Many are staying out in town, some few small houses have been constructed for married students and their families. Fifteen or twenty house trailers are parked on the football field and many are crowded into these, some with their wives and children. The only shelter they have is these trailers. They are in the weather, the cold, heat, rain, and mud.

If this does not constitute an emergency then I do not know what would. There is no other school in Arkansas so crowded for room—no other such an emergency exists at this time. In almost every state in the south the Baptists are trying to come to the help of their schools for the same reason we are.

These boys are coming back from the war wanting a Christian education, wanting it at Ouachita and can't get in simply because there is no room. Many of these were taken from their schools and homes and deprived of going to school for from one to four years to preserve our American way of life for you and me. Surely they should have a chance now. They can't wait for years for us to get a slow-moving plan into operation—a policy is a good thing and I am for it but it can't help this situation now. It would take too long to get it in operation.

Ouachita is now faced with an emergency that not only every Baptist in Arkansas should help her solve but the general public should help us provide for these G. I. boys who are begging us for an opportunity to get an education.

I could have gone along in my former job with very little criticism and with practically



Dr. Whittington

no opposition and it would have been a pleasant thing for me to do. But when I saw this emergency and remembered my own three boys that have been in this war, one still in France, I said this is my chance to be of some help to a few at least, of these boys, and I'll do my best.

Then when I remember that the State Executive Board voted (unanimously as far as I know) to recommend it to the Convention and the Convention voted without a dissenting voice for the Campaign to be put on, I can't understand, if I am a cooperating Baptist, why I should not be for it. But if anyone does not want to help that is his privilege, but why should he try to keep others from helping

who want to do it? Surely cooperation is going with the overwhelming majority Baptist people.

The following state campaigns are put on by Baptists in other states for ings and endowment of their Baptist s and not one of them has a greater eme than Ouachita.

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Oklahoma Baptist University	
Campaign for	.....
Mississippi College Campaign for	.....
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Hardin-Simmons (Tex.)	
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Baylor University (Tex.)	
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Some of these amounts have been inc since the above was published by the Record of Mississippi.

PLEASE, before you decide not to get this Campaign will you, at least, hear t peal. PLEASE, if you cannot help don't keep others from helping. Throughout South Baptists are on the march for Ch education. God is making a tremendo peal to our people who are blest with to join the ranks and go forward.

## Where Pouring and Sprinkling Came From

(From an Old Issue of the Baptist Advance)

The idea of pouring and sprinkling for baptism originated with Justin Martyr about A. D. 150. One hundred years later we have account of what they called clinic (couch) baptism. One by the name of Novation was sick unto death and wanted baptism, and being too ill to be carried to the church and immersed, tubs of water were poured upon him on his bed, thus immersing him.

About this time Tertullion was teaching baptismal regeneration, that there could be no regeneration without baptism and that the pouring of water (aspersion) upon the candidate's head answered the same as immersing him in the water.

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# THE URGENCY OF NEW BUILDINGS FOR OUACHITA

By OTTO WHITINGTON, Director  
Ouachita Million-Dollar Campaign

Ouachita now has 675 students enrolled. There are scores of others, an estimated 250 more, who want to enter by next fall. Many are staying out in town, some few small houses have been constructed for married students and their families. Fifteen or twenty house trailers are parked on the football field and many are crowded into these, some with their wives and children. The only shelter they have is these trailers. They are in the weather, the cold, heat, rain, and mud.

If this does not constitute an emergency then I do not know what would. There is no other school in Arkansas so crowded for room—no other such an emergency exists at this time. In almost every state in the south the Baptists are trying to come to the help of their schools for the same reason we are.

These boys are coming back from the war wanting a Christian education, wanting it at Ouachita and can't get in simply because there is no room. Many of these were taken from their schools and homes and deprived of going to school for from one to four years to preserve our American way of life for you and me. Surely they should have a chance now. They can't wait for years for us to get a slow-moving plan into operation—a policy is a good thing and I am for it but it can't help this situation now. It would take too long to get it in operation.

Ouachita is now faced with an emergency that not only every Baptist in Arkansas should help her solve but the general public should help us provide for these G. I. boys who are begging us for an opportunity to get an education.

I could have gone along in my former job with very little criticism and with practically



Dr. Whittington

no opposition and it would have been a pleasant thing for me to do. But when I saw this emergency and remembered my own three boys that have been in this war, one still in France, I said this is my chance to be of some help to a few at least, of these boys, and I'll do my best.

Then when I remember that the State Executive Board voted (unanimously as far as I know) to recommend it to the Convention and the Convention voted without a dissenting voice for the Campaign to be put on, I can't understand, if I am a cooperating Baptist, why I should not be for it. But if anyone does not want to help that is his privilege, but why should he try to keep others from helping

who want to do it? Surely cooperation is going with the overwhelming majority Baptist people.

The following state campaigns are put on by Baptists in other states for buildings and endowment of their Baptist schools and not one of them has a greater emergency than Ouachita.

Louisiana College Campaign for	..... \$1,000,000
Oklahoma Baptist University Campaign for	..... 1,000,000
Mississippi College Campaign for	..... 1,000,000
William Jewell College (Mo.) Campaign for	..... 1,000,000
Carson-Newman College (Tenn.) Campaign for	..... 1,000,000
Union University (Tenn.) Campaign for	..... 1,000,000
Stetson University (Fla.) Campaign for	..... 1,000,000
Georgetown College (Ky.) Campaign for	..... 1,000,000
University of Richmond Campaign for	..... 1,000,000
Hardin-Simmons (Tex.) Campaign for	..... 1,000,000
Baylor University (Tex.) Campaign for	..... 2,000,000
Furman University (S. C.) Campaign for	..... 2,000,000
Wake Forest (N. C.) Campaign for	..... 7,000,000

Some of these amounts have been included since the above was published by the Record of Mississippi.

PLEASE, before you decide not to get this Campaign will you, at least, hear the appeal. PLEASE, if you cannot help don't keep others from helping. Throughout South Baptists are on the march for Christian education. God is making a tremendous appeal to our people who are blest with the opportunity to join the ranks and go forward.

## Where Pouring and Sprinkling Came From

(From an Old Issue of the Baptist Advance)

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# Two Revelations

By F. E. CALVERT  
Fort Smith

In the sixth chapter of Isaiah the prophet said, "I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; and each had six wings; and with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. And the foundations of the thresholds were moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke."

This was one of the most remarkable experiences ever vouchsafed mortal man—remarkable because it transcended all known natural law. It is hard to find the word properly to describe this wonderful event. Revelation is the only word that adequately describes the occurrence. And this revelation did not come to Isaiah along the line of mundane things, nor by the exercise of his subconsciousness. It was wholly apart from natural things and can not be reduced by any law of natural equation.

The only system capable of lending itself to a solution of this phenomenon is that of spiritual discernment—the power or capacity of being made conscious of, and retain impressions without the aid of finite sense. He who will say this can not be done, shall furnish proof in support of such claim.

As evidence of the claim that Isaiah was not handing out the imaginations of an over-worked brain, it is asserted that what he saw, unaided by the natural sense, was wholly in accord with the plain and undeniable teachings of God's Word. It was not morbid fancy, but the clean, clear-cut statement of an astounding fact, supported by every act of Creative Genius.

Any man with soul so dead that he can look upward and not see the heavens declare the glory of God, is to be excused, at least in part, if he considers Isaiah a barnstormer. But he who can rightly interpret Holy Writ and read its lessons, will agree that Isaiah had a most wonderful revelation—wonderful because, as stated above, it was wholly apart from natural things.

A significant thing about this revelation is in the fact that the seer never got away from his impressions of that experience, the events of which were burned into his soul. Never for a moment did Isaiah doubt that Jehovah was God; that He created the heavens and the earth and all things contained therein, including man; and that man fell from his first estate and was responsible to God.

Another astounding revelation came in the first century of the Christian era. Of all the twelve disciples and the seventy sent out, only one was found to become custodian of the last revelation of Jehovah's glory. John, the beloved disciple, was on the Isle of Patmos, for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus. He asserts he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.

Will you please note the language? "In the Spirit." Not in the flesh. Not handicapped by earthly ceremonies, habiliments or impediments. The ego is now clothed upon with Spirit. No use now for finite sense or natural understanding. What a glorious condition for reception of supernatural revelation.

And God, in the person of His Son, spoke to him and showed signs and wonders. These signs and wonders mightily exalted Jehovah,

## A BIG SMILE



Lee C. Gammill, new superintendent of the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, grins at the antics of nine-month-old Linda Ball while Carolyn Ballew gives the cameraman an inquisitive glance. He formerly was superintendent of Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock.

As chief of hospitalization of the Army Air Forces during the war, Gammill supervised the construction of 275 hospitals for the Air Forces. A \$1,850,000 planned addition to the Georgia Baptist Hospital will make it the largest church-owned institution in the state. Mr. Gammill hopes that construction may be begun on Hospital Day, May 12.

and are in absolute accord with nature's great pean of praise. Listen:

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, What thou seest write in a book . . . And I turned to see the voice which spake with me. And having turned I saw seven golden candlesticks, and one like unto the son of man, clothed with a garment down to his foot, and girt about the breasts with a golden girdle. And his head and his hair were as white as wool, white as snow, and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet were as burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace; and his voice as the voice of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword; and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."

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## Letters to the Editor

### State Missionaries Not Middle Men

Dear Editor:

"Ham Bone" usually knows what he is talking about, but it seems sometimes that some people do not know what they are talking about.

State missionaries are not middle men, brethren working together with pastors associational missionaries. There is no overlapping here for our state missionaries are the mission field more than any others are helping our associational missionaries needy churches to "get going."

Neither do all state missionaries resign and go back into the pastorate. The reasons some state missionaries resign is because they are not appreciated. Doing that means they have to stay away from home out in the mud and sticks, and work hard. We seem to have five good state missionaries on the field now and we should help them and keep them and they will help us go forward in our great state mission program. Pine Bluff.

Charles W. F.

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A Southern Baptist Convention special train or at least special cars on the regular train from Memphis to Miami, leaving Memphis 8 o'clock Sunday morning, May 12, and arriving in Miami Monday afternoon is being arranged for by Lawson H. Cooke, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of South. This train goes through to Miami and out change and will be there in time for Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, well as the Pastors' Conference and the banquet to be presented Monday night as a feature of Woman's Missionary Union Convention. Anyone interested in using this special train out of Memphis Sunday morning, May 12, should write Lawson H. Cooke, Commercial Title Building, Memphis 3, Tenn.

Thirty-two families pledged to establish family altars in their homes at a family service at Trinity Church, Lake Charles, La., March 24. It was the closing service of the year led by Pastor E. Butler Abington, was formerly pastor of First Church, Memphis. Russell McIntire, New Orleans, directed the music. There were 59 additions to the church, 37 for baptism. Pastor Abington taught the Book of Romans for the week day morning services. On the closing day, Sunday School attendance was 623 and of the Training Union was 172.

### MOVING TO DALLAS?

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# Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting

## BAPTIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Theme: For This Cause—Ye Are Witnesses

First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
April 9-11, 1946

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 9

1:30 o'clock

Organ Prelude—Devotional, "A Story to Tell"-----  
 -----Miss Mary Christian, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Welcome-----Rev. H. H. Bridges, Pastor Second Baptist Church,  
 Representing Pine Bluff Churches, and Mrs. B. A. Gray, Presi-  
 dent W. M. S., First Church.  
 Response-----Mrs. Bruce H. Price, Texarkana  
 Appointment of Committees and Announcement of Nominating Com-  
 mittee.  
 Presenting Reports of Recommendations and Constitution Committees.  
 Reports: State and District Work—Panel Discussion by—  
 Mrs. C. H. Ray, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Little Rock.  
 Mrs. E. Rawlings, President Central District, England.  
 Mrs. Walter Jackson, President West Central District, Fort Smith.  
 Mrs. L. R. Prickett, President Southeast District, El Dorado.  
 Mrs. J. T. McLain, President Southwest District, Gurdon.  
 Mrs. George Hunter, President North Central District, Batesville.  
 Mrs. H. L. Robinson, President Northeast District, Jonesboro.  
 Mrs. J. E. Reed, President Northwest District, Fayetteville.  
 Mrs. R. E. Low, President East Central District, Brinkley.  
 President's Message—"Publishing Glad Tidings" Mrs. J. E. Short, Gould  
 Closing Scripture—Ephesians 3:14-21-----Led by Miss Jane Stallings,  
 Central College.  
 Benediction—Lutkin-----Central College Sextette  
 Misses Hazel Cain, Mary Glenna Rowland, Margaret Ann Worrell,  
 Jane Ruble, Carolyn Sims, Ruth Echols  
 Directed by Mrs. Howard LeFever



MISS INABELLE G. COLEMAN  
China

### TUESDAY EVENING

7:25 o'clock

Organ Prelude—Devotional, "O Zion Haste"-----Miss Vera Marie  
 Standiford, President Ouachita College Y.W.A.  
 Special Music-----Ouachita College Choir, Mr. Bob McMillan, Director  
 Report on Young People's Work-----Miss Margaret Hutchison, Young  
 People's Secretary, Little Rock.  
 Message—"For This Cause—Ye Are Witnesses"-----  
 -----Miss Inabelle G. Coleman, China  
 Closing Scripture and Benediction.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 10

9:15 o'clock

Organ Prelude—Devotional—"A Song to Sing"-----Mrs. Harold Tillman,  
 Conway.  
 Reading of Minutes, Miscellaneous Business, Announcements.  
 Demonstration-----Sunbeams, First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff  
 Reports: "Lifting Hearts to the Lord"—  
 Community Missions-----Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Chairman, Russellville  
 Hospital Supplies-----Mrs. Charles H. Brough, Chairman, Little Rock  
 Orphans' Home Supplies-----Mrs. R. E. Crump, Chairman, Monticello  
 Stewardship-----Mrs. B. A. Gray, Pine Bluff  
 Special Music, Offering for Magazines for Missionaries and Flowers.  
 Message—"Witnessing Through State Missions"-----Dr. B. L. Bridges,  
 General Secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.  
 Closing Scripture and Benediction.

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Organ Prelude—Devotional—"A Message to Give"-----  
 -----Miss Inabelle G. Coleman  
 Reading of Minutes, Miscellaneous Business.  
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MISS MARY CHRISTIAN  
Birmingham, Alabama

### Executive Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the W. M.U. Executive Board will be held at the First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Tuesday morning, April 9, at 11 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

### Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions

The State W.M.U. Treasurer has received \$3,488.29 for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions as of March 30. Please glean carefully for a worthy offering from your organization and remit same to the W.M.U. treasurer at your earliest convenience.



MRS. UNA ROBERTS LAWRENCE  
Kansas City, Missouri

## GROUP CONFERENCES WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

8:15 to 9:00 o'clock

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Mission Study-----Mrs. H. M. Keck  
 Community Missions-----Mrs. F. E. Goodbar  
 Stewardship-----Mrs. B. A. Gray

### THURSDAY MORNING

District, Associational and Local W.M.S. Officers-----  
 -----Mrs. C. H. Ray  
 District, Associational and Local Young People's Coun-  
 selors and Directors-----Miss Margaret Hutchison

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# This Man Doesn't Let Old Age Keep Him Away From Church.

Mr. Samuel Jason Fish of Star City, who celebrated his 89th birthday March 31, does not remember having missed a church service since he was visiting in Texas seven years ago. That Sunday evening he went to a church but found that the services were well on their way and went home.

He does not believe in getting anywhere late and is often the first one to arrive for services at First Church, Star City, where he has been a member since 1938. He attends weekly teachers' and officers' meetings, prayer services, Sunday School, Training Union, Training Union workers' council, study courses, revival meetings—in fact, everything except choir practice and missionary society.

### Believes in Training Union

The Training Union of the Star City church had a special closing assembly on his birthday, honoring him and his work. He was presented with a gift. When the Training Union began an enlargement campaign March 3, Mr. Fish spoke on "Why I Go to Training Union" at the opening assembly.

He prefaced his remarks by saying that he does not have altogether the same reasons that others have for attending, because there is only one person, Will Fish, his nephew, in his union whom he can understand. He said: "But there are a number of reasons why I come. I like to meet my friends. It is a pleasure and also a duty to come. Coming to Training Union strengthens our church, pleases our Saviour, and honors our God. Then, too, I come because I know that every person has influence. My coming yields the right kind of influence and will encourage others to come."

### Influences Others

That his influence does count in the Training Union is proved by a look at the leaders. Miss Ruby Fish, his daughter, was Training Union director for a number of years; Clyde, his son, is the present Training Union secretary; Mrs. Clyde Fish is Story Hour leader; and Rupert Halbert, his son-in-law is president of a newly organized young adult union.

A charter member of the Senior Adult Union, he renders his parts on the programs without the use of the quarterly. He gives a summary of the quarterly material and adds his own opinions and thoughts.

Following a recent talk on Moses' call and excuses he added that

from his observation he has concluded "that making excuses is the second easiest thing in the world to do." He said the easiest thing is to find fault.

His talks are always brief and to the point. His motto is:

*"Words are like leaves, and where they most abound, Much fruit of truth beneath, is seldom found."*

### Inspires His Pastor

Pastor Luther Dorsey says: "Mr. Sam's constant presence at the services of the church is an unending source of inspiration and joy to me. I heartily commend his example to all church members of all ages."

Mr. Fish was born March 31, 1857, near the Hickory Grove Church, seven miles from Star City. In 1890 he married Miss Martha Virginia Gammill who has been dead several years. He became a Christian at the age of fifteen. He was a Sunday School teacher for a number of years.

He moved to Star City in 1938 after retiring from the mercantile business at Garnett. He was in business there fifty years.

### Helped Dr. Bridges

State Secretary B. L. Bridges tells this story about Mr. Sam:

When Dr. Bridges was a young preacher boy filling the pulpits of churches in and around Star City, his only means of transportation was an old horse that carried him "several miles up and down for every one he went forward." By the time he reached his destination he was not in much condition to preach. He carried his problem to Mr. Fish who signed a note for the young minister to borrow \$50 to buy a buggy. Secretary Bridges paid off the note in the fall after the members of his churches sold their cotton and paid the preacher.

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Much as we stress world cooperation, we must not dim the fact that the well-being of the people of the world also rests in great measure upon the conduct of the communities in which they make their homes.

—Capt. Harold E. Stassen.

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## YOUTH PLAN REVIVAL AT FORDYCE



The forward program of First Church, Fordyce, is expected to be further speeded next week, April 7-14, in a Youth Revival, which has been planned by and will be directed by young people of the congregation. Some forty young people are on arrangement committees, the chairman of which committees are pictured above with Pastor C. W. Caldwell.

Youth of the church will serve in all church offices during the week. Marlon Frey, who has re-

cently surrendered to the ministry will be youth pastor. Evangelism for the revival will be Pastor C. Caldwell Jr., of College Park Church, Monroe, La., and sinners' pastor, Irvin E. Cole, West Monroe.

The church is making progress in every line. A bus has been purchased by the church to bring people to the services. Highest average Sunday school attendance history was recorded in March when building fund has reached \$36,000 and construction will start as soon as materials are available.

## Grace at Table—What It Does for You

The blessings received for thanking God, before each meal, for the food one eats are so invisible that the persons who neglect this blessed privilege fail to realize what they are missing. And the persons who participate, too, have difficulty in proving in a tangible way to the thoughtless the value of this daily family approach to the throne of God.

With the members of the entire family directing their thoughts in one direction toward the Giver of all good gifts, even for a moment, the Spirit does something to the guests which cannot be measured in one meal, but during one's life-time this humble act of daily devotion does much to add to one's stature in a work-a-day world.

The blessing calms one's intellect, gives one confidence, cultivates good thoughts, makes for unity, strengthens one to say no, recognizes God's leadership, gives one a sense of God's hand on one's shoulder, strengthens one's humil-

ity, helps to steady one for daily problems.

The excuse that we have no time, or that we have guests for a meal who are of a different faith as weak as it is repugnant; many, many homes pass by a simple and reverent approach to God. Jesus gave thanks before feeding the five thousand. Can we justify neglect in the face of such irrefutable evidence?

Let us give thanks as we breathe, consistently, repeatedly and sincerely. The golden blessings accruing to the individuals participating may not be visible and cannot be heard, but surely become part of one's being.—Karl F. Werman, in The Presbyterian.

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The world is slowly recognizing the truth of Christian teaching about man: that human beings are not complete masters of their fate; that for the most part we are not wise, strong and reliable, but incompetent, but pathetically blundering. —Dr. Clark Kuehl

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**Important Music Events Cancelled**

Due to the continued serious illness of the state church music secretary, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, has been thought wise to cancel the Youth Choir Festival scheduled to meet in Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, June 5 and 6. The State Church Music Leadership School, scheduled for June 10-11 will also be cancelled.

Although these two important music events are cancelled for the spring, it is hoped that both the Youth Choir Festival and the Church Music Leadership School may be held in the fall of the year. Youth choirs that have been rehearsing for the Youth Choir Festival are urged to continue practicing, looking forward to the Youth Choir Festival being held the latter part of this year.

Plans for providing special church music workers during the summer months will be continued and the prospect is that many of the churches will avail themselves of the services of these special church music workers during the summer months. Churches interested in this type of work are urged to write Dr. Edgar Williamson, 20 Radio Center, Little Rock.

**April Is Intermediate Month**

April will be observed throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as Intermediate Month. The last Sunday in the month will be observed as Intermediate Day. There are five objectives to be sought during the month:

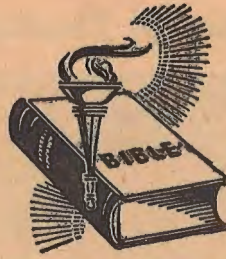
1. Increased enrolment—one new pupil for each class.
2. Increased attendance—every class working for 100 per cent attendance at Sunday School and preaching services.
3. Winning the lost—a great gathering for Christ.
4. Enlisting the saved—the salvation of life for service.
5. Reaching the parents—enrolling all parents of Intermediate in Sunday School.

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**Practical Program to Be Presented at District Training Union Conferences**

**I. A SPLENDID FACULTY**

During the first week, out-of-state workers will be C. Aubrey Hearn, R. Maines Rawls, and Miss Thelma Arnote, from the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Dr. A. E. Tibbs, head of the Department of Religious Education, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans.

During the second week, out-of-state workers will be Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and J. Earl Mead of Dallas, Tex., director of the largest Training Union in the world. Mrs. B. W. Nininger, State Music Director, will have charge of the music both weeks.

**II. PRACTICAL PROGRAM**

1. The afternoon session theme is "Enlistment" while the night session deals with "Enriching the Sunday Night Union Meeting."

2. The program calls for two panel discussions. Questions concerning "Enlistment" and "Enriching the Programs" will be answered by the faculty members.

3. Two demonstrations will help make the program very practical. During the afternoon there will be a demonstration of the Executive Committee meeting, and at night there will be a demonstration of a union meeting from beginning to end.

4. The department conferences in the afternoon will deal with the subject of enlistment.

5. Four great messages will enrich the program: "The Training Union Seeking and Winning the Lost;" "How to Build a great Training Union;" "Enriching the Sunday Night Union Program;" and "The Price of Enlisting to Win."

**III. IMPORTANT SUPPER CONFERENCE**

At 5:30 p. m. supper will be served free for all pastors, Training Union directors, and associational Training Union officers and missionaries. This will be a very important conference.

**A Vacation Bible School Conference In Liberty Association**

A special one-day associational Vacation Bible School conference was held at Immanuel Church, El Dorado, on Thursday, March 21. There were 105 enthusiastic Vacation Bible School workers and pastors present, representing eigh-

teen churches of Liberty association.

A general conference was held in the afternoon on all phases of Vacation Bible School work. Mrs. A. C. Kolb of Little Rock, the State Approved Vacation Bible School worker, directed the conference.

During the evening conference, a demonstration joint service program was presented, after which time was given for testimonials and questions. Twenty six churches in Liberty Association have indicated that they plan to conduct at least one school this year.

Pastor Loyal Prior of Norphlet is the capable Vacation Bible School leader for the association, and the success of the meeting was largely due to his efforts in planning and preparing for it.

**A Vacation Bible School Conference In Bartholomew Association**

On Tuesday, March 19, Bartholomew Association had a special one-day Vacation Bible School conference at First Church, Hamburg. There were seventy workers and pastors present, and a splendid program was presented by very capable workers. The program personnel included Rev. and Mrs. Wilford Lee, Rev. Paul Aiken, Rev. Stanley Jordan, Mrs. Dean Greeson, Mrs. Edward Allen, Rev. Ray Watkins and Rev. Hobart Sampson.

Twenty schools were promised for Bartholomew Association. Rev. Stanley Jordan is Vacation Bible School leader for the association.

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In the next ten years we must see brilliant men specializing in children's work. . . . We have been too long victims of the assumption that mother's knee was the place where the child got religion, and father's knee was the place where he got spanked.

—Dr. Paul Calvin Payne.

**Youth Week**

April 7-14

Briefly stated, Youth Week is a plan for a church to use its young people in all the official positions of the church life for one full week. The Training Union should plan and carry out the project. The actual work which is ordinarily done by the regular church officials should be done during this week by the young people who occupy these positions.

A tract explaining the work of Youth Week in full, may be secured by writing your State Training Union Director. April 7-14 is recommended as an ideal time for Youth Week, but any week in the year which is deemed most convenient by any church is acceptable.

The following testimonies have been given concerning these weeks:

"Youth Week helps young people to appreciate the bigness of the task of the church."

"Youth Week is a definite plan of action for young people, acquainting them with the program of the church."

"The Youth Week officers actually stimulate the adult officers to renewed energy."

"Youth Week prepares an avenue for the young people to learn by doing."

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# New Honor Comes to Dr. W. T. Conner

## Arkansas-Born Professor of Theology

By MRS. ROBERT WELLS

Dr. Walter T. Conner, for almost forty years teacher of systematic theology in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered the annual Wilkinson Lectures at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, March 19-22.

The monthly bulletin published by that institution credits Dr. Conner with being "the foremost Baptist theologian of the Southland."

Dr. Conner was born in Arkansas. He holds six degrees: the A. B., A. M. and D. D., from Baylor University; the Th. B. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; the B. D. from Rochester Theological Seminary; and the Ph. D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Conner has filled lecture engagements over the country and is a frequent contributor to theological journals. His classes are sought out by Southwestern students; the enrolment in his Christian Doctrine class is 176.

According to the Northern Baptist Seminary, the Wilkinson Lectureship is stipulated to treat "the Christian religion in life, in literature and in art." Among those who, through the years, have come to



Dr. Conner

the campus under the lectureship are the late Dr. A. T. Robertson, the late Dr. Augustus Hopkins Strong, the late Dr. Melvin Grove Kyle, the late Dr. Albert Henry Newman, the late Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, Dr. Kyle M. Yates, Dr. John W. Bradbury, Dr. Earl V. Pierce, Dr. J. C. Masee, Dr. John Henry Strong, and Dr. Alexander Grigolia.

## Figures to Inspire

March 24, 1946

Church	Addns.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia Churches:			
DeGray	5	101	51
First	3	348	115
Second		246	119
Barton Chapel		123	122
Bauxite	1	300	83
Benton, First		449	89
Blytheville, Liberty	1	148	99
Camden, First	4	413	81
Conway, First		370	89
Crossett, Mt. Olive		92	81
Cullendale, First		247	103
Dumas, First	6	355	65
Dyess, First	8	120	77
El Dorado Churches:			
First	2	692	205
Second		406	103
Eudora	2	174	34
Fordyce, First	3	371	79
Fort Smith Churches:			
First	13	690	319
Including Mission		742	
Immanuel	5	523	142
Fountain Hill, First		85	37
Gentry, First	2	203	99
Hamburg, First	7	252	157
Harrison, First		300	103
Hope, First	3	309	
Including Mission		331	
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central		269	85
First		197	26
Park Place	4	389	121
Second	2	390	90
Including Mission		447	
Hoxie		120	52
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	10	283	63
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	1	383	97
First	6	1144	373
Plainview	1	123	74
South Highland	5	233	70
McGehee, First		400	101
Magnolia, Central	6	389	123
Malvern, First		273	53
Monticello, First		239	41
N. Little Rock Churches:			
Baring Cross	3	572	110
Including Mission		603	115
Pike Avenue		137	56
Ozark		192	71
Including Mission		234	
Paris, First		306	157
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	4	704	182

Including Mission	722
Matthews Memorial	111
Second	225
Including Mission	231
Rogers, First	3
Siloam Springs, First	281
Springdale, First	233
Including Mission	344
Tuckerman, First	387
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## Wake Forest Offered Millions by Reynolds

By Baptist Press Association  
Wake Forest College, 112-year old North Carolina Baptist institution, has been offered more than \$16,000,000 by the Reynolds Foundation of North Carolina on condition the school move to Winston-Salem where the Baptist medical school and hospital are now located.

The announcement has been made by John Oates of Fayetteville, N. C., president of the Wake Forest Board. Under the proposed plan, the Foundation net income of \$235,000 annually would be pledged to the school. As the Foundation grows the net income is expected to reach \$350,000 annually.

Final decision on accepting the gift will be made by the North Carolina Baptist Convention meeting in November.

The insurance of a soldier killed in the invasion of Luzon has been given by his parents to Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., as a memorial scholarship for Japanese students.

## W. M. U. Annual Meeting

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE NINE)

Pantomime: "Woman's Hymn for the Year".....Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary, First Church, Pine Bluff.

Witnesses in Training:

Mission Study.....Mrs. H. M. Keck, Chairman, Fort Smith Christian Education.....Mrs. E. P. J. Garrott, Chairman, Batesville Rev. Loyd A. Sparkman, Pine Bluff, Speaking to Report.

Margaret Fund.....Mrs. Chas. A. Gordon, Chairman, Pine Bluff Mrs. R. F. Ricketson, Little Rock, Speaking to Report.

W.M.U. Training School.....Miss Elma Cobb, Trustee, Little Rock Southwestern.....Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Russellville

B.B.I.....Miss Margaret Hutchison, Little Rock

Message—"We Shall Be".....Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Kansas City, Mo. Memorial Service—"So Great a Cloud of Witnesses".....

.....Mrs. W. C. Langston, Little Rock

Closing Scripture and Benediction.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:25 o'clock

Organ Prelude—Devotional.....Dr. John H. Miller, Missionary to China R.A. Recognition Service.....Rev. Alvin Hatton, R.A. Secretary, Little Rock Special Music.

Message—"More and More Abound".....Miss Mary Christian Closing Scripture and Benediction.

### THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 11

9:15 o'clock

Organ Prelude—Devotional—"And Christ's Great Kingdom Shall Come On Earth".....Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence

Miscellaneous Business, Reading of Minutes.

Adoption of Reports—Recommendations, Constitution, Registration, Courtesy.

"Extending the Realm of the Kingdom".....Mrs. J. E. Short, Vice President, Southern W.M.U.

Report of Nominating Committee, Election of Officers, Dedicatory Prayer.

Message—"Enthroning the King in My Own Life".....Miss Mary Christian Closing Scripture and Benediction.

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# SCHOOL FOR THE CRIPPLES

By PAUL EDWARD SHELTON

You step out of doors on a sunny day shouting, "Boy! This is for me!" And on the way down to the office you probe your mind for a way to finagle the afternoon off to play that game of golf, or to take a stroll in the woods. Selfish? Of course it isn't. But you're lucky, because the chances of you being able to maneuver such a feat are actually in your favor.

If you're adult, but can't get away from your job and must continue to slave away, you'll get over it. With children, it's different. For them to get outdoors on a glorious day—is their ultimate desire. But with crippled children, the volition to get outdoors is almost a thousand times more rampant. They above all, must have something to occupy their minds, and their hands.

## Equal Right to Education

Have you ever given a thought to what our little crippled children do to pass the time away when they are confined to the four white walls of a hospital? Of the long, tedious and monotonous hours that must be spent lying in bed with a leg, sometimes both legs, enclothed in a Plaster of Paris cast or steel braces?

We maintain that under the rights of our Constitution everyone has an equal opportunity for education. It is our heritage. So just because a child must enter a hospital is no excuse for his education to halt during his stay there. He won't always be in the hospital, and some day will again go to school with his fellowmen.

Even a physically normal child is much too sensitive to be happy in his environment if he is two or three grades behind in normal advancement. Then, the child with a physical handicap is all the more sensitive. In most cases the crippled child has shown that he does not lose his desire of competition; rather, it is intensified. God has been known to be lenient and just with the handicapped, implanting in our crippled children acumen and charm. It is for us to develop these gifts.

## A Program Fills the Need

So when children are brought into hospitals for care and treatment, it is paramount their education must continue during their stay there. Or if they are the very young, and have never been to school, provision must be made for that too. If a youngster say, was in the third grade, he will want to receive reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic that is comparable with that particular grade. When he is released and goes home, it will be possible for him to continue school without complications.

Crippled children in Arkansas haven't always had the good for-



Attending the Arkansas Association for the Crippled Schools at the Baptist State Hospital are, left to right: Roberta Miller, Prairie Grove; Erline Ward, Conway; Betty Jean Spikes, Grannis; Carol Dumler, Boonerville; Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, teacher; Phillip Hicks, Rector, and Sharon Sneed, Cabot. Easter Seals made this possible.

tune of going to school while in a hospital. Of time gone past, basket weaving, coloring charts and pictures constituted the academic efforts to prepare these children to meet the requirements set up for physically normal persons. But now bedside teaching is a well organized affair, being conducted by the Arkansas Association for the Crippled. Last year the association employed 20 teachers, using standard texts, to teach more than 500 crippled children in hospitals, and 25 children who were undergoing treatment at home.

## At Baptist State Hospital

Let's follow two of the association's teachers out to the Baptist State Hospital and see what we can see. The two ladies are Miss Dovie Arnold, supervisor of hospital schools, and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson. Both are former public school teachers.

Getting off the elevator on the fifth floor, we are greeted by Mrs. J. H. Strampe, nurse on duty in the children's ward for the day. It is one o'clock in the afternoon, and the pupils are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their teachers. Furnishings include two tables, built very low to the floor, numerous small chairs, assortment of toys, blackboard on the wall, and six small children sitting in the chairs. They are very young, for this is a kindergarten class — called pre-school by the teachers.

With eyes bright they begin their daily adventure. Mrs. Wilson is the teacher, and she starts them off by having them sing "Good Morning," following with "Little Black Sheep," "Hey Diddle Diddle, the Cat in the Fiddle." They end up by singing "Six Little Fingers"; rather, they start out by singing

"One Little Finger," hold up the correct number of fingers to add emphasis to the song. This aids in remembering numbers, and in learning to count.

After the singing is over text books are open, writing tablets appear and color books lay waiting to be colored. Some of the text books used are "First Steps in Numbers" and "My First Book of Bible Stories." The average age of these pupils is four, so they can't read.

The pupils are taught to write in special broadline tablets. Their first drawing is the oval "O". After they master that, they put "handles" on the oval, thus forming d and y (g too, but not the typewriter g). Through this method they are taught to write dog and boy, and know what they mean. They learn to count by picture books, which they color with crayons. There is one picture on page one, two on page two, etc. This simple method is very effective.

## Teaching is Tedious

While none of the pupils had received kindergarten instruction before coming to the Baptist hospital, one little boy wasn't even capable of writing between the broadlines of the tablet. But with extra attention on the part of Mrs. Wilson, he now has a very good tablet, and can draw numbers and words with the best of them. Even though he is badly handicapped, his tablet would compare favorably with other kindergarteners.

Teaching these children, though it is heartwarming, is very tedious. It requires the most delicate approach, and even Job's patience would sometimes be stretched. But Mrs. Wilson, with utmost diligence,

has in the past few months, been able to accomplish the miraculous.

Nurse Strampe was asked just how much good is accomplished by this class room work. To it she replied, "I think the work being done by these teachers is wonderful. This hour of activity is a blessing. They look forward to class work each day and too, they are much happier, and it helps them to have more ambition to get well. It keeps them in an even frame of mind too. It certainly helps me, because I don't have any trouble getting them to take their afternoon nap, and that's more than you think. But I think the children are proudest when they go home, and demonstrate to their parents what they have learned while staying here."

## Financed By Easter Stamps

The Arkansas Association was formed here in March, 1944, and is affiliated with the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Although teaching is the big feature of the association's program, the agenda does not stop there; actually it only begins. Providing transportation to and from hospitals, clinics and schools; hot lunches and janitor service at these clinics; artificial limbs, braces, wheelchairs, bicycles; paying tuition for children in private schools; paying for specialists to treat children who are hard of hearing, speaking, etc.; work projects for crippled adults; providing clothing and medicine; the list never ends.

The association was organized to fill in the gaps of the limited service of other agencies that aid the crippled. Financed solely by the annual sale of Easter Seals and the Lily Parade, the association hopes to realize a goal of \$75,000 this spring. Part of the money collected this year will go towards the construction of a convalescent home for crippled children. The Easter Seals sales are going on right now, and you can help in the aid of crippled children by buying and using Easter Seals.

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## England Plans

### Busy Program

First Church, England, William B. Pittard, Jr., pastor, has announced a busy schedule for spring and summer. On March 21 the church received a Howell film projector with sound attachment. An All Church Week of study with WMU, Training Union, and Sunday School cooperating will begin April 22. The annual Vacation Bible School with Mrs. Everette Rawlings leading will be held May 24 to June 7. The summer revival begins June 3 with Pastor Robert O. Barker, First Church, North Little Rock, preaching, and Rev. A. W. Robbins of Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, leading the music.

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President Truman is a member of the First Baptist Church, Grandview, Mo., and is the first son of a Confederate soldier to reside in the White House.

These Chaplains Are

## CIVILIANS AGAIN

The following chaplains have been discharged from military service and are available for pastorates, according to the Department of Camp Work of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Complete information may be obtained from the paper office:

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James H. Dean, Abilene, Tex.

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Loys Frink, Titusville, Fla.

Magnue V. Gonnson, 1045 So. Romona, Hawthorne, Calif.

David L. Goodman, Box 113, Jonesboro, La.

Harry Lee Green, Scottsville, Ky.

Harry H. Gregory, Rt. 1, Pauline, S. C.

W. E. Grindstaff, Shattuck, Okla.

Henry O. Hearn, Box 1902, College Station, Fredericksburg, Va.

Leon O. Henry, Box 1153, Seminary Hill, Tex.

William Woodall Izard, Brewton, Ala.

Joseph L. Jolly, Cox's Creek, Ky.

George Alexander Jones, Dardstown Junction, Ky.

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Oliver W. Summerlin, Kingsville, Tex.

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Raymond E. Connell, 831 S. Ridge Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.

Roger A. Butler, 492 Prospect Ave., Hot Springs, Ark.

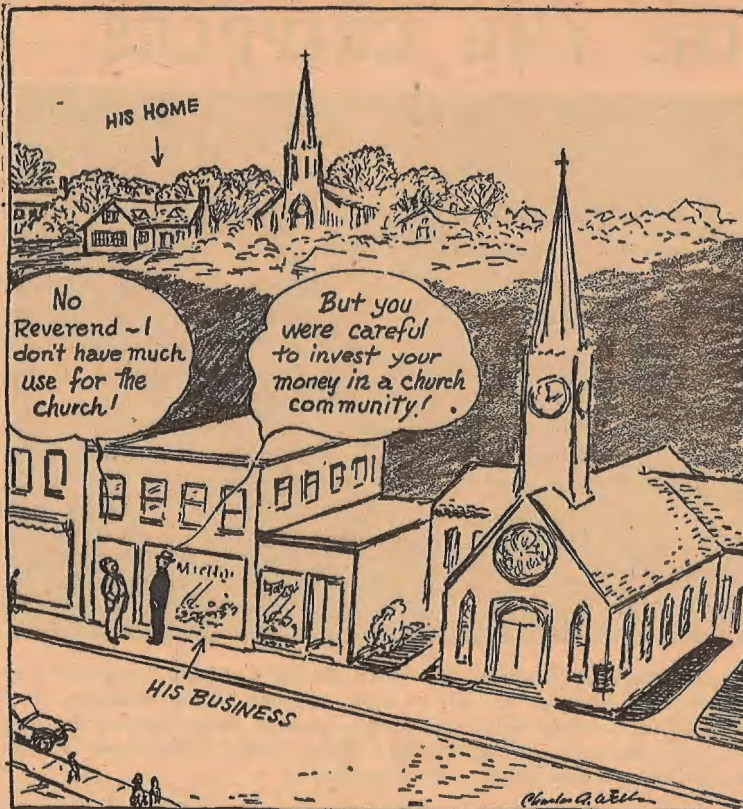
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## TRYING TO GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING



There are many people who are critical of the church and indifferent to its claims upon their lives but who have been very careful to place their investments in communities that are blessed by the church's influence. They won't go to church themselves but they are careful to buy their homes where there are churches to give their children the benefit of good moral environment. They won't support the church but they have been careful to locate their businesses where the influence of the church guarantees a high moral and economic stability which makes trade prosper. In short, they draw heavily upon a Christian society for their well being but refuse to give back anything to support that which sustains them. It is this load of selfishness that so severely weakens the ministry of the church to the needs of the community around it.

—CHARLES A. WELLS.

## Surrender to God

By DAVID LAWRENCE  
In United States News

We have heard the term "unconditional surrender" during the war. It can and must have a different application now that the war is over. There must be an unconditional surrender to God's will and guidance.

There must be a readiness to follow the teachings of Judeo-Christianity which have been the basis of democracy through the centuries albeit selfish men of all creeds have chosen to disregard them. . . . This alone can turn the minds of all of us from materialistic, selfish, physical friction to that greater adjustment and greater satisfaction which can come when man surrenders his ego to God.

As the spirit of God's will becomes supreme within our individual lives, nations will be transformed. Solutions will come, programs and policies of state will become practical, internally and externally, when we all begin to recognize that life is finite, that we are only trustees and not permanent owners of anything.

The years of our so-called ownership of material things are brief.

Only the human soul is eternal. The road to peace and human brotherhood lies before us. "Am I my brother's keeper?" cried Cain. The answer is still, "Yes."

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## Mobile Churches Urged

By Religious News Service

Adaptation of the Army system of mobile churches to peacetime conditions in Great Britain has been advocated here by an Army chaplain in a letter to the Church Times.

"Nothing would be more impressive in semi-pagan England than to see the faithful kneeling on the ground in some open space in a new housing area to receive the Sacrament from a mobile church," the writer said. He argued that mobile churches would go far to solve the problem of clergy shortages, and help especially to meet the needs of aged rural parishioners cut off from normal contact with their churches.

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If you want to change a whole civilization overnight—start with the children. If you want to plant a conviction indelibly into a society, plant it in the hearts of children. —Dr. Paul Calvin Payne.

## Blue Mountain Gets

### \$308,000 in G

At the annual meeting of Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College on March 22, President Lawrence T. Lowrey announced gifts to the college for building purposes, totaling \$308,000 cash received during the twelve months. A gift of \$150,000 is from the Field Cooperative Association, of which B. B. Jones is president, and a gift of \$100,000 from Miss Jennie Stevens of Clinton and Moorhead, Miss.

Other cash gifts announced by Dr. Lowrey were one from Mrs. Wirt Carpenter of Starksville, Miss., for a home for the deaf at the college; one from Mrs. Higginbotham, Myrtle, Miss., a home for the professor of English and additional amounts in the total of \$45,000.00.

Blue Mountain College is owned and controlled by the Baptist Convention of Mississippi, and is the oldest separate college for women in the South, having been founded 73 years ago. President Lowrey said, "These gifts will assist materially in maintaining the continuity of the college tradition, and the permanent influence of the college and its perpetuity are doubly assured by them."

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## Mission Brochure Is Now Available

"That They May Have Life" is a very attractive brochure, prepared by the Foreign Mission Board, ready for distribution. It contains a number of pictures taken in foreign fields, a map of each continent, lists of what we now have and what we need in addition to the history of the religion of our country and a discussion of the imperative need for Baptist work in each area.

The booklet will prove helpful to any Christian worker and especially to those who are responsible for worship programs on missions and for any study of missions.

In cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board the Sunday School Board is undertaking to produce and distribute this brochure. A special promotional folder may be secured in quantity by any agency or organization desiring them.

Prices of the brochure are: 1-9 copies, ten cents; 10-49 copies, nine cents; 50-99 copies, eight cents; 100 or more copies, seven cents. These may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

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# Fundamental Qualities of Friendship in Jesus Drew Many Different Types of People to Him

By R. Paul Caudill

The general theme of our lesson for April, May, and June is "Jesus and His Friends." In this study one observes the tremendous influence Jesus exerted upon his disciples in a personal way. Through the changes wrought in the lives of men like Peter, James, and John, one sees the greatness of our Lord. Through his fellowship with everyday men and women, we see transformations in the realm of the moral and the spiritual that are miraculous and full of wonder.

Jesus said, "Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you" (John 15:14). Let us note in this lesson some of the types of people that found in Jesus a friend.

## Little Children

Jesus was the friend of little children: "And they were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:13-14).

It is difficult to understand just why the disciples of Jesus rebuked the parents in bringing their children to him since there would hardly have been an objection on the part of a devout Jew should a father approach a rabbi with his child. We know that Jewish children were presented to the rabbis for instruction at a very early age.

It may be that the disciples felt the Master too busily engaged to bother with little children, or it may be that they were merely trying to shield him from added labors. We do know that he became tired at times and sought the quiet of some solitary place where he could have rest and fellowship with the Father.

The attitude of the disciples, however, enangered Jesus, and he promptly rebuked them. Whatever their motive was, they must not interfere with his friendship and love for little children.

It is said that there were no little children in Greek art until Jesus came. It remained for him so to elevate the little child in the affections of man that the position of childhood has been forever changed from lowly disregard to that of sublime appreciation.

## The Twelve Disciples

Jesus was the friend of the twelve disciples. He lived with them and spent no little of his public ministry in guiding them and in instructing them in their world mission.

It is interesting to note that four complete lists of the disciples are given, as follows: Luke 6:13-16;

## Sunday School Lesson

For April 7

Mark 10:13-14; Luke 6:13-16;  
8:1-3; 15:1-2; and John 3:1-2

Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Acts 1:13. Luke tells us that before the choice of The Twelve Jesus "went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12). When day came he called his disciples and from them chose the twelve.

It is of interest also to note that the name of Simon Peter always occurs first in the list, while the name of Judas Iscariot occurs last. Apparently Jesus manifested special regard for Peter, James, and John. They were those whom he chose to accompany him on the Mount of Transfiguration.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, it was Peter and the two sons of Zebedee whom he took with him beyond the rest of the disciples as he wrestled in prayer with the Father. Just why these three were selected to be with him on these two intimate missions, the Scriptures do not say. Evidently he found in them a type of understanding which would enable them better to interpret these epochal experiences in his earthly life.

## Mary and Joanna

As Jesus journeyed through the cities and villages "preaching and bringing the good tidings of the kingdom of God" there accompanied him The Twelve "and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary that was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna the wife of Chuzas Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who ministered unto them of their substance" (Luke 8:1-3).

It is a beautiful to note how Jesus was willing to receive into the circle of intimate friendship such a character as Mary of Magdalene out of whom he had cast seven evil spirits.

Throughout the ministry of Jesus, he was wholly dependent upon his friends for food and shelter. He had not where to lay his head except as it was provided by those who loved him. Even the birds of the air and the foxes of the earth were better off than he in this respect—were it not for his friends.

## Publicans and Sinners

Jesus was the friend of publicans and sinners (Luke 15:1-2). These publicans and sinners were referred to by the Pharisees as "this multitude which knoweth not

the law, and are accursed." They did not like so much as to pass close to them in the streets and would draw their robes tightly about them lest they should become contaminated.

Jesus, however, came to minister to those who had need of a physician; it mattered not to him the strata of society in which one moved if the soul needed cleansing. He would go to the outcast or the leper as quickly as to the prince or the patriarch.

This willingness on the part of Jesus to minister to the lowly, miserable outcasts or life could not be understood by the scribes and the Pharisees. They never quite able to see that He had come to

call the sinners to repentance and not the righteous.

## Seekers of Truth

In Jesus' experience with Nicodemus we find how richly his friendship was manifested for seekers of truth. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, high in the ecclesiastical, political, and intellectual life of the nation, came to Jesus by night apparently seeking a better understanding of the way, the truth, and the life. The patient and careful manner in which Jesus responded to him reveals the depth of His regard for those who would grow in things spiritual.

Seekers of truth, those who desire an answer to and an interpretation of the fundamental questions concerning life and death cannot afford to ignore the message of Jesus. He is the life; He is the way; He is the truth. What is more, He is the friend of all who seek to understand these.

## BIBLE CONFERENCES LAUDED

### OSCEOLA

By M. E. WILES

My impression of our Bible school is that it was good. Dr. S. E. Tull gave us some of the best teaching I have ever heard. He certainly taught us many truths about the "Sermon On The Mount." That part of the school could not be surpassed.

I have heard some reaction to this extent: "Not enough teaching. Too much like a regular workers' council program. Needed more outside teachers or speakers. The program was too long for such a small amount of teaching."

The attendance was reasonably good. We had nine sessions which averaged 46 in attendance. All of our pastors, except three, were in attendance. Some only came one day. Only four of them attended every session. Just had four pastors present for the last evening session. We had 84 present for the last session, the largest crowd of the entire school's sessions.

All in all, I think it reached more of our local pastors than any Bible school we have had. I thought it was fine.

### JONESBORO

One hundred one enrolled for the Bible Conference held at Jonesboro. Of this number 38 were preachers, eight associational missionaries, and the others laymen. Forty-five churches and seventeen associations were represented.

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### Exactly

A clergyman wrote to a wealthy and influential business man requesting a subscription to a worthy charity and soon received a curt refusal which ended by saying, "As far as I can see, this Christian business is just one continuous give, give." After a brief interval the clergyman answered: "I wish to thank you for the best definition of the Christian life that I have yet heard."

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## Ouachita College Needs Improvements

Dr. Otto Whittington has checked out as Superintendent of Rural Missions, which position he has held with the State Executive Board since January 1945, and has accepted the position of Campaign Director in the Ouachita College Campaign. He took up his duties with the Ouachita College Board March 15. Dr. Whittington's ministry as Superintendent of Missions has been exceedingly fruitful. All concerned with the mission task regret his leaving that position.

Dr. Whittington accepts a very important position in our denominational work, and our prayers and cooperation are with him as he undertakes to do this task. He is qualified to do this task as well as he was to fill the former position. He knows Arkansas, he speaks the language of Arkansas people, and he knows the needs of Ouachita. He will do it more successfully than any one else we know.

Ouachita College must have our attention and support at this time. The College belongs to the Baptists of Arkansas, and has fulfilled a very gracious mission and service for more than half a century. It will continue to be our institution and fulfill a necessary mission after you and I, and Dr. Whittington, and Dr. Grant, and Mr. Moses, and the rest who are active at the present time, have departed this life. From generation to generation this institution will serve the world by educating and polishing the young men and women upon whose shoulders falls the task of building a better world in the name of Christ.

Ouachita College is not the only institution we have, but it is certainly an indispensable

agency of our denomination in Arkansas. For these many years Ouachita College has given itself not only to our young people in general, but specifically to the training of our young ministers. The fact is, the primary purpose in building Ouachita College was for training young preachers. We have no right to complain about this task being a burden to the College, because this is the purpose for which it was established and built up. It has done a pretty good job.

Ouachita College is today more or less at the cross roads. We are now in the New Era, and new demands are being made and will be made on our institutions. They must be better equipped. This means that Ouachita College must have more buildings, and more equipment, and better supplies, more than ever. There never has been a day when these items were more expensive than they are now. We must come to the rescue at this time and do something worthwhile for this great college.

It will take a great deal of money to erect a building that is substantial enough to stand for more than a century, and one that will not be a "fire hazard." Nothing short of a building that will stand the ravages of time and other destructive elements ought to be built by the Baptist people. Such a building will cost an immense sum of money. But it is to be used till Jesus comes. Three or four such buildings are needed now at Ouachita. We must begin to supply the money for the task.

We bespeak for Dr. Whittington and for the Campaign the prayers and support of our people.

## State Brotherhood Secretary at Work

This week Mr. Nelson Tull begins his work with the Baptists of Arkansas as an emcee of the Board in the capacity of Brotherhood Secretary. The Convention itself authorized the creation of this department. The convention set up a Committee to find a suitable man to head the department which worked carefully and we think it made a very good choice indeed.

Brother Tull is a layman, the son of the late Rev. J. F. Tull who extended his ministry to the churches and the Baptists of Arkansas for a long time. Brother Nelson Tull taught in the schools of Little Rock for a long time and was a member of the First Baptist Church. Among all laymen none was a greater soul winner than Nelson Tull. While he was teaching in the public schools he led a large number of Christian workers, and on evenings and Sundays visited the jails and other institutions, and visited in homes, leading many people to the Saviour.

Brother Tull went from Little Rock to be an assistant to the pastor of Walnut Street Church in Louisville, Ky., from there he went to the First Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., to work with Pastor W. F. Powell at that great church. He comes from this position back to his native state and becomes Secretary of the Brotherhood work in Arkansas. We welcome him with all that is in our power.

Brother Tull, like the heads of the other departments, will have every freedom so far as the General Secretary is concerned in setting up his program for the work of Brotherhood in the State. He will have our cooperation and suggestions. We presume that his program will be fashioned more or less after the suggestions of the Southwide Brotherhood Department which has had much experience in this line of service. Mr. Lawson Cook and Mr. J. M. Latimer are very kind in their attitude and are very cooperative.

If you want Brother Tull to visit your church conference, or your church and speak on the work of the Brotherhood, or organize a unit in your church you may address him at Room 212, Radio Center Building, Little Rock.

Crime in the United States showed a 10 per cent increase in 1945, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In the urban areas, the increase over 1944 was 8.5 per cent. Age 17 stood out as the predominating age among arrested persons. Major crimes in the U. S. totaled 1,565,541, an average of one offense each 20.1 seconds. Every 6.4 minutes someone was raped, feloniously assaulted or slain.

Robert L. Babb, liberated Negro slave, died in Evansville, Ind., last week at the age of 85. In his will was a provision for \$2,246 for the Liberty Church of Evansville. The former slave has worked for fifty years in Evansville as a gardener and houseman.

## An Ordination Service

We have had several requests for suggested order of services for the ordination of a preacher. We are giving the suggested order of the service here. Clip it out and paste it in your note book for future reference.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### I. Duties of the Pastor and Church.

1. Selection of the Candidate.
2. Church votes to ordain him.
3. Date set for ordination.
4. Church selects ordination council.

#### II. Work of the Council.

1. Organization of the Council by electing a moderator, clerk, quiz leader, prayer leader, preacher of the sermon, and one to give the charge to the church, and to the one being ordained.
2. Examination of the Candidate, preferably before the entire church.
3. Report of the Council to the church as to the fitness of the Candidate.

#### III. By The Church

1. The church by motion and second votes for the Council to proceed or not to proceed in the ordination of the Candidate.

#### IV. By The Council.

1. The sermon.
2. Prayer and laying on of hands.

3. Charge to church and preacher.
4. Council announces to the church that it has completed its task.

#### V. By The Church

1. The Church extends the hand of fellowship in pledging its support to the newly ordained minister.
- The church adjourns conference.

Usually a Bible is presented to the one being ordained. Any Bible will do for a temporary presentation, but the church may purchase a new Bible and give it to the newly ordained preacher if it desires to do so.

## Your Enrolment Card

If you are going to the Southern Baptist Convention you should get your church to appoint you as a messenger. Write us and we will send you a card which your church clerk may sign, and which will entitle you to messenger privileges in the Convention.

After the first world war liquor leaders laid the increase in crime to prohibition. No really intelligent persons could justify such contention in any kind of language on earth, yet the accusation was made. Now we have a much greater increase in crime under the wet condition of the United States.