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SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT
(STILLE NACHT, HEILIGE NACHT)

FRANK MURPHY
ARRANGED BY WILSON K. JONES

RECORDER SOLO

PIANO

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Brightest and best, known by the name
Of the First-born, Son of Mary's
Virgin.

The Christian World Sings . . .

The Theme Song Of Christmas

-H. Armstrong Roberts

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Executive Board Meeting

By the Editor

Pastor L. H. Davis, Calvary Church, Fort Smith, was elected president of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at its recent meeting in Little Rock, December 3. Pastor Davis had served as vice chairman of the Board the previous year. Pastor David Moore, First Church, Arkadelphia, was elected vice chairman, and Pastor W. E. Speed, First Church, Russellville, was elected recording secretary.

Executive Secretary, Doctor B. L. Bridges, reported to the Board that the prospects for closing the current year with sufficient contributions from the churches to meet the 1951 budget were encouraging. Contributions through November have met the budget requirements and a small surplus now exists. It has been the expressed hope of many that the 1951 budget would be met and that a substantial surplus above the budget might exist at the end of the year to be divided according to Convention instruction: Fifty per cent to go to Southern Baptist Convention causes, and fifty per cent to Ouachita College.

The membership of the Executive Board was divided up into committees, which committees will work with the various agencies and institutions throughout the coming year. These committees are listed below.

All the agencies and institutions have made a good showing during the year and are anticipating a great year's work in 1952.

There was a sense of gratitude and appreciation for the achievements of the year which is now closing, and a definite hopefulness for the ensuing year. It is believed that Arkansas Baptists are on the road to greater things.

There are only two or three conditions to the achievement of these greater things. They are simple conditions yet fundamental. While we would not undertake to name every condition to the successful achievement of our goals and realizations of our ambitions in the Lord's Kingdom, we would name, first of all, our utter dependence upon the Lord and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We would next suggest that our progress depends upon our spirit of co-operation, "We are workers together," together with one another and together with God. And finally, our progress depends upon the recognition of our stewardship: The stewardship of life; the stewardship of the gospel; the stewardship of our means.

When these three conditions are met, God's people will go forward in a triumphant program for the Lord.

Committee Personnel

Administration and Finance: L. H. Davis, Fort Smith; W. E. Speed, Russellville, Blake Westmoreland, Warren; E. C. Brown, Blytheville; T. H. Jordan, Van Buren; James Harris, Texarkana; W. R. Vestal, Searcy; Ed McDonald, Dermott; W. W. Grafton, Booneville; Ralph Douglas, Helena; E. E. Grier, Hamburg; David Moore, Arkadelphia; James Overton, Bertonville; Raymond Lindsey, Little Rock.

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Music Department: W. W. Grafton, Booneville; John Basinger, Trumann; James Busby, Salem; E. F. Cox, Omaha; Joe Melton, Hot Springs.

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Foundation: Raymond Lindsey, Little Rock; Roy Wright, Mt. Ida; J. W. Carpenter, Sage; Wylie Elliott, Paris; Walter Yell-dell, Clarksville.

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Judge J. M. Thomas Claimed By Death

Judge J. M. Thomas, Arkadelphia, and member of First Church, was claimed by death on November 27, at the age of 85.

Judge Thomas was born in Mississippi, but came to Arkansas at the age of 21. In 1889 he was married to Miss Lena Tyler. Having no children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas adopted two orphan children, a boy and a girl, both of whom are now living in Arkadelphia.

Judge Thomas spent 30 years teaching in the public schools in Clark and Nevada Counties, and for four years served as county judge of Nevada County. In 1923 the Thomases moved back to Arkadelphia where they have remained until the death of Judge Thomas.

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Baptist Hour Deficit Cleared

The Baptist Hour, sponsored by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, is in the clear, reports Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Commission.

The only deficit incurred by the Commission since its beginning in 1938, a \$40,000 fund from the Executive Committee this year, has been paid in full. At the same time the 30-minute transcribed evangelistic program continues to be carried over more than 270 stations each week.

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Smile and you will make others glad.

Righteousness By Faith

A Devotion by the Editor

"Even the Righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ."

What do you have to boast of? Anything of special merit which you have achieved in your own strength and by your own genius, and without the help of God or man?

There is one thing we have to boast Paul puts it this way, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I cannot boast of my own goodness, but I can boast of the goodness of my Lord. I cannot boast of my achievements, but I can boast of the achievements of my Lord. I cannot boast of my righteousness, but I can boast of the righteousness of my Lord. I cannot boast of my own salvation, but I can boast of the salvation of my Lord.

A salvation which I might devise would be a very weak and inadequate instrument, wholly incapable of meeting my needs. But a salvation is provided for me, a salvation which is adequate and capable of meeting every need of life and immortality. That salvation is devised by God, it is perfected by Jesus Christ, it is made workable in my own case by the Holy Spirit.

This salvation is based, not upon what I have done or can do, but upon what has been done for me. It is made available to me, not upon some barter system, I cannot make a trade by which I secure salvation. The only thing I can do is to accept salvation as a free gift from God. This acceptance is an act of faith, and faith is the universal condition of salvation.

There is but one grade of righteousness. And that one grade is the righteousness of God. God has not provided a second, third or fourth grade of righteousness, to be handed out according to our ability.

Speaking of salvation by faith, D. L. Moody said, "If a man could work his own way to heaven, we would never hear the last of it. You can hear men boast that they are self-made men. I have heard so much of this sort of talk," he continues, "that I am sick and tired of the whole business. I am glad that in heaven we will never hear any one bragging of how he worked his way to get there."

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference. Romans 3:21, 22.

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From The Editor's Desk

Noteworthy Features Of The Convention

The recent meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was noteworthy from several standpoints. For one thing, it was a very harmonious meeting. Many persons agreed that it was the most harmonious session of the State Convention they had ever attended in Arkansas.

A Holy Purpose

In a democracy such as prevails among Baptists, differences of opinion will inevitably arise. Baptist bodies are not rubber stamps for some governing body which has authority over them. Such differences of opinion may be the indication of progress and growth. Sometimes, however, these differences are held with such an unfriendly spirit toward those who disagree with the opinionated brethren that it creates a tendency to form factions and retard the work as a whole.

If we sensed the spirit of the recent Convention of Arkansas Baptists, the program as a whole so challenged the people who attended the Convention that differences of opinion on different phases of the program were overshadowed and the thoughts, prayers, purposes, and energies of the Convention audience were merged into one high and holy purpose of carrying out the commission of our Lord through the various channels of our denominational and church programs.

Spirit of Adventure

There was a spirit of adventure in the Convention—adventure which means advance along all lines of our denominational work, and the expansion of all phases of our denominational program. It was obvious that our Baptist people in Arkansas are not satisfied with present achievements, but that they have pushed back their horizons and are looking upon new and broader areas of conquest for their Lord. There seemed to be a consciousness on the part of those attending the Convention that Arkansas Baptists are on the verge of a great expansion of their work and that they are ready to go forward in a greater program.

The great Baptist distinctives were emphasized over and over again, both in reports of various agencies and in sermons. Vigorous protests were registered against the President's appointment of General Mark Clark to the Vatican in Rome, also to the proposed race track in West Memphis. The Convention also spoke out in strong words concerning other moral issues.

Great Preaching

The program of the Convention was characterized by great preaching. Among the Arkansas men who preached great sermons were Lloyd A. Sparkman of Pine Bluff who preached the annual Convention sermon and

was later elected president of the Convention; Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of First Church, Little Rock; and Dr. J. Harold Smith, First Church, Fort Smith. Among the visiting preachers were Dr. Ralph Herrington, pastor of First Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who was on the program of the Brotherhood Night; Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia; and Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

We believe that Arkansas Baptists will look forward to the 1952 Convention with more than usual interest and anticipation. We believe this is true because of the challenging budget which the Convention adopted and because of the expectation of liquidating three items which are in the present budget and which have been in the state budget for a number of years: These three items are the Central College liquidation item, the honor debts, and the Headquarters Building. There should be and doubtless will be great rejoicing in the Arkansas Baptist Zion when all the debts are cleared up and the funds which have been going for the payment of these debts can be released and channeled into an expanding program and a more adequate support for the institutions and agencies of the state.

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"Every person who teaches in any Sunday School of any church in our Convention should be worthy of the title, 'the Lord's teacher.' That is, he should be the Lord's person with the Lord's message to teach and accomplish the Lord's will. Every true teacher of the Bible in the churches belongs to the Lord in many ways."

The Cooperative Program Versus Special Campaigns

We believe that Arkansas Baptists have come to the place where the Cooperative Program will adequately support the work of all our agencies and institutions without having to resort to special money-raising campaigns. A challenging Cooperative Program budget has been adopted for 1952. This budget was received by the Convention messengers without opposition and, we believe, in good faith.

Non-Recurring Items

The budget adopted by the Convention totals \$876,283.33. A great many of the churches have increased their allocations from their local church budgets to the Cooperative Program for 1952. It is hoped and expected that these increases will cover the increase in the total Cooperative Program budget for the state. This is not an excessive budget, it is well within the reach of Arkansas Baptists.

The budget includes three items totaling \$99,000 which will not recur in future budgets of the State Convention. These items are: \$50,000 to the Central College liquidating agency; \$41,000 for the old debts; \$8,000 for the office building. These items are expected to be liquidated in 1952. This will release the \$99,000 in the '53 budget for distribution among the institutions and agencies of the state and a portion for

Southern Convention causes.

Growth Expected

If promotional and enlistment programs, both of the state organization, the associational organization, and the churches, are as effective as they should be, the 1953 budget should be increased over the 1952 budget. Our total Baptist constituency in Arkansas is growing year by year, and enlistment in the actual program of the churches and denomination should grow likewise. With this growth it should be expected that, with economic conditions remaining the same, the budget of the state, and budgets of the churches should increase from year to year as their membership grows.

Suppose the Convention budget should be increased by ten per cent in 1953. That would add \$87,628 additional to the budget. This amount added to the \$99,000, which will be released by the liquidation of three items in the current budget, would make a total of \$186,628 additional to be distributed among the agencies and institutions of the Convention. Certainly this amount or even a smaller amount would make it possible to provide items for capital needs for our institutions. It would seem clearly obvious that if our institutions and agencies will major on the Cooperative Program, and

if all our agencies and institutions will use their promotional opportunities to emphasize the Cooperative Program and to show to our people what it will mean for the cause of Christ as represented in our Baptist program, then we may expect this program to meet the needs of our institutions and agencies and provide for an expanding program for each one.

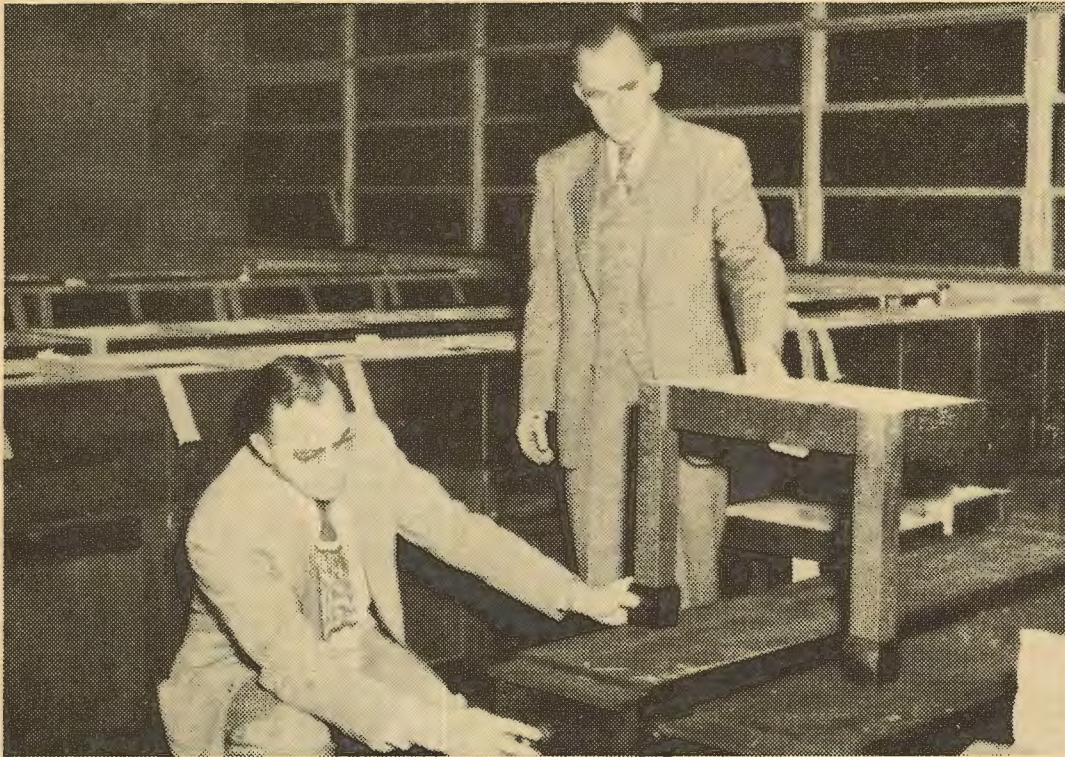
Major Program

All the needs cannot be met at once; not even a special drive for raising funds would meet all needs at once. It will be met with greater unity and determination among our people if we stick to the Cooperative Program and give it a chance among our people to do for our program what it is capable of doing.

The Cooperative Program simply means all our people working together for the same objectives. A special campaign would mean a splinter movement which would cripple our main program as represented in the Cooperative Program and would become a divisive and destructive movement among our people. Let us therefore major on the major program of our denomination, and we will find that currently and in the long run every phase of our work and every institution and agency of our program will fare better.

Kingdom Progress

Dean Haswell Inspects Science Equipment



Dr. H. A. Haswell (left), administrative dean of Ouachita College, and Dr. E. A. Provine (right), head of Ouachita's chemistry department, examine some of the new furnishings for the science department. About \$30,000 worth of new equipment will be installed this year in the new C. Hamilton Moses Science Hall. The building is being equipped with the very best and finest of material. "Arkansas Baptists are justly proud of their science department at Ouachita," stated Dr. Haswell. "It is one of the finest to be found anywhere."

Brooks Hays Named "Layman of the Year"

Congressman Brooks Hays has been named "Layman of the Year" in the nation's capital by the Washington Federation of Churches.

According to Religious News Service, this is the first time in the fourteen year history of the award that it has been given to a member of Congress.

Congressman Hays of Little Rock, and a member of the Second Baptist Church of that city, is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in Congress, surrendering his seniority on another committee early in the current session of Congress to receive an appointment as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Both he and Mrs. Hays are Sunday School teachers, and last year he was a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is at present a member of the Social Service Commission of the Convention.

Minister Licensed

Cletus Colvett was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Coal Hill Church on November 21. Mr. Colvett is making plans to enter Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, at midterm. He preached his first sermon at Coal Hill on November 18.

Religious Education Department Divided into Four Departments

At the pre-convention meeting of the Executive Board it was decided to separate the Religious Education Department into four separate and distinct departments as of December 1. The Religious Education Department will no longer exist. The four departments to replace the Religious Education Department will be the Sunday School Department with Dr. Edgar Williamson serving as secretary and George Hink as associate; the Training Union Department with Ralph Davis serving as secretary; the Student Union Department with Dr. Dale Cowling, director; and the Church Music Department with Mrs. B. W. Nininger serving as director.

The Training Union, Student Union, and the Church Music Department will be located at 212 Baptist Building, 403 West Capitol Avenue, and the Sunday School Department will be located at 215 Baptist Building, 403 West Capitol Avenue. In the future, all correspondence should be addressed directly to the secretaries of the different departments with addresses as indicated. During the month of December the telephone numbers will be changed. The new numbers will be: Sunday School Department, 4-0785; Training Union Department, 4-5480; Student Union Department, 4-1192; and Church Music Department, 4-5206.

Goes to Hot Springs



James H. Fitzgerald

Pastor James H. Fitzgerald, for the past four and one-half years pastor of the Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Park Place Church, Hot Springs. He assumed his new duties December 9.

During his pastorate at Walnut Street, 461 persons were received into the fellowship of the church, 191 of these coming on profession of faith. The present membership of the Walnut Street Church is 852. The Sunday School enrolment is 686, with an average attendance for the past year of 420. The Training Union enrolment is 228, with an average attendance of 115.

A new church building has been completed under the ministry of Pastor Fitzgerald, and only \$2,500 remain to complete payment of the structure.

Total receipts for the past association year amounted to \$36,000; total for the four and one-half years of his ministry at Walnut Street amounted to \$140,982. There are 300 tithers in the church.

Pastor Fitzgerald is a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and was formerly moderator of the Mount Zion Association.

The Walnut Street Church adopted appropriate resolutions of appreciation for the services of Pastor Fitzgerald during his ministry with the church and also presented him with a love gift as a token of the appreciation of the members of the church.

A Double-Header Pounding

Pastor and Mrs. R. O. Ekrut recently experienced a dual pounding. Upon leaving First Church, Strong, where they had served for five years, the church there gave them a farewell social and "showered us with gifts beyond words of expression. We left there feeling that everyone loved us, and we left a church with a wonderful spirit," says Pastor Ekrut, who closed his work Strong on November 25.

Upon reaching his new field, Mount Olive Church Number Two, the Ekruts were again pounded by the people of his new pastorate. At the close of the prayer meeting service on Wednesday evening, November 28, the Mount Olive people expressed their appreciation for their new pastor by a shower of food supplies.

Education Building Annex, Immanuel, Little Rock



The three story building is of concrete frame construction with two-story chapel wing. The exterior walls are faced with mat finish buff face brick with cast stone

trim; interior walls and partitions of Haydite concrete block; floor finished with asphalt tile; ceilings of acoustical plaster; forced warm air heating plant on each floor.

Immanuel to Open New Education Building

By W. O. VAUGHT JR., Pastor

The week of December 16-21 marks the opening of the Education Building and Chapel of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. The \$471,000 Education Building will afford facilities for a Sunday School of 2,000 and a Training Union of 1,000. Space in the present facilities at Immanuel will become available for adult expansion, while the major part of the new building is for children under twelve years of age.

The formal opening will feature many outstanding speakers. On Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 2:30, the Formal Opening will be held with Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennessee, as the feature speaker. The general public and all Baptist friends of Immanuel are urged to attend this service. Sunday night at 7:30 Stuart Hamblen, Hollywood, California, will speak on the subject "What God Can Do For a Man." Mr. Hamblen is a West Coast radio star and was converted more than a year ago in the Billy Graham meeting in Hollywood. He is the author of "It Is No Secret What God Can Do," and many other songs.

Monday night, December 17, Missionary Hugo Culpepper and Mrs. Culpepper will speak in the main auditorium of the church. They have recently returned from Chili, South America, where they have been serving as missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. On Tuesday night Dr. M. Ray McKay will speak about his recent trip to Japan. Wednesday night the regular church dinner will be held at 6:15, followed by teachers and officers meeting. At eight o'clock in the main auditorium a service will be held dedicating the various memorials in the new building. Thursday night, December 20, will feature an address by Dr. C. C. Warren, former pastor of Immanuel, and at present the pastor of First Church of Charlotte, North Carolina. All missions and former missions of Immanuel will be special guests for this service.

The week will close with a missionary rally on Friday night, December 21, when Miss Nicky Kajita of Japan will bring a

missionary address. The women of Immanuel will conduct this service and an offering for Foreign Missions will be taken.

Friends of Immanuel are cordially invited to share in these services.

An Urgent Request

A request comes from Pastor J. M. Blystone, of the First Baptist Church, Waynesville, Missouri, asking that those persons who may have friends or relatives stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to please send him their names and military addresses. This will enable him to contact these boys and solicit their attendance to the services of the First Church of that city.

designed for conversion to air conditioning.

The new building has a floor space of 37,000 square feet and a capacity of 1,300 people. Together with the existing church building, it is a total of 300 feet long, extending from Marshall to Bishop Street.

The architecture is Romanesque style to harmonize with the style of the original building. The main entrance to the Education Building on Marshall Street recalls the Roman Triumphal Arch and is at grade level which permits passage through the new building into the sanctuary of the original building without the use of stairs. The Marshall Street entrance opens into a lobby which serves the Educational Building as well as the new chapel, which has a seating capacity of 300.

Located to the rear of the present Sanctuary, the new building is provided with entrances from Marshall Street and West Tenth Street. Planned as integral part of present facilities, it provides direct connection with present building. It is planned for future expansion by providing space so that present choir can be moved West, thereby enlarging present sanctuary. Also provisions are made for a future three story wing to be built on Tenth Street which would provide administrative offices, choir rehearsal room and additional class rooms. Plans for the new education building have considered long range planning and future growth.

The new building provides for seven nursery departments and four beginner departments on the first floor; also, entrance lobby on Marshall Street, and the chapel.

The second floor provides for six primary departments, seven adult class rooms over the chapel, and the choir rehearsal room. The third floor provides for four junior departments.

The building is equipped with a public address system designed so that services in the sanctuary can be heard in the chapel and in the nurseries. The new building also provides for a complete new kitchen and equipment. An elevator is provided for adult classes which meet in the upper stories.

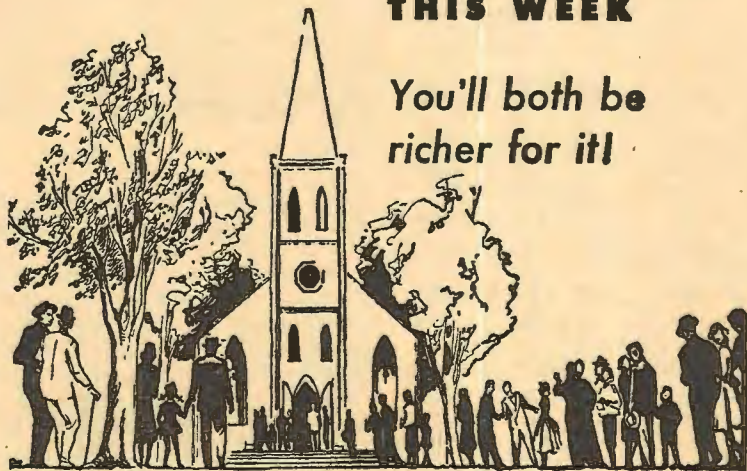
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Church Construction Regulations Tightened

Churches, in order to launch building projects in 1952, will require not only construction permits from the National Production Authority, but an allocation of steel as well, defense officials have warned.

At the moment, the situation churches and schools face is this:

(1) Any building project that will require more than two tons of steel, 400 pounds of copper, or 200 pounds of aluminum—in short, anything larger than a small frame building—must have a specific construction permit before ground can be broken.

(2) Any project on which the construction schedule calls for the use of more than two tons of steel per quarter requires not only a construction permit, but a specific allocation of steel.

(3) Applications for any project contemplated in 1952 must be made on NPA form Controlled Materials Plan No. 4—Churches (CMP-4-C) as soon as possible.

One ray of hope was offered churches by defense officials in charge of the program. They said that projects rejected for the last quarter of this year and for the first half of 1952 can be resubmitted and will be given consideration if the steel situation improves in the latter half of 1952.

Biloxi Clergymen Form Crime Commission

Sparked by Protestant clergymen of Biloxi a county crime commission has been formed with prominent laymen as officers.

Thomas A. Carruth, Methodist pastor who has taken a lead in clergy efforts to clean up this area, said the new Harrison County Crime Commission planned to hire trained investigators to gather and keep data on gambling and liquor sales.

Both practices are illegal in Mississippi, but Biloxi, with the 30,000 young soldiers of nearby Keesler Air Base to draw upon, has been notoriously "wide open."

The crime commission grew out of Sheriff La Quave's challenge to the clergymen when he ordered a ban on liquor sales after a stormy session with members of the Ministerial Association. The sheriff said he would ban liquor as they demanded but it would be up to the pastors and other civic-minded citizens to see that the ban was enforced, since his office did not have enough men to do the job.

The Ministerial Association then called a public meeting and formed the crime commission.

Government Study Points Up Burden of Church Schools

An enrolment increase of nearly 1,000,000 students must be anticipated by church-supported non-public schools in the United States by the fall of 1957, a government study has disclosed.

American churches face the staggering task of raising \$2,160,000,000 to meet the needs of this anticipated expansion of enrolment, Dr. Rall I. Grigsby, Assistant U. S. Commissioner of Education, said in releasing the report on school construction needs.

Bishop Moore Says Koreans Want Unification

Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore, back from a month in Korea, said he believed that "dismemberment of the country will be a great disappointment to the Korean people."

Bishop Moore said the Koreans want national unification and adequate measures against future foreign aggressors.

His second trip to Korea since the end of World War II has convinced the Atlanta bishop that drawing a boundary line across the country at the 38th parallel was a "tragic blunder."

"The separation of the industrial north from the agricultural south inexorably threw the whole Korean economy into disorder," he said. "There was every reason to preserve their proud history and to consolidate Korea as a unified democratic nation, but no grounds to divide it into two parts."

"This division left south Korea under a virtual sentence of death and became a source of international turmoil, out of which has come bloody war."

Bishop Moore reported indescribable scenes in Korea "adding up to a mass of pain, nakedness, and hunger." Practically every family is a refugee family, he said.

Methodist Sunday School Membership Passes Six Million

Methodist church school membership for the first time since 1927 now exceeds 6,000,000 persons, Dr. John Q. Schisler, Nashville, Tennessee, executive secretary of the National Division of the Local Church, Methodist Board of Education, revealed at the National Methodist Conference on Christian Education.

More than 500,000 volunteer teachers are active in Methodism's 39,000 Sunday Schools, he said. The 1951 net gain in church school membership was 47,032, bringing the grand total to 6,005,400.

Largest gains in church school membership were made in the southeastern and southwestern states, Dr. Schisler reported. Total membership gain for the last decade has been 10 per cent, compared with a population gain for the country of 15 per cent.

Georgia Churchmen Map Anti-Liquor Drive

Delegates to a state-wide rally of the Georgia Temperance League re-dedicated themselves to a crusade against the liquor traffic in a series of recommendations to "the law-abiding citizens" of the state.

One recommendation urged a campaign to secure legislation banning all advertising of alcoholic beverages in the press, over television, on billboards "or otherwise." Other recommendations called for a drive to achieve stricter control of the liquor traffic in the state.

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Help the weak in faith; he may prove to be a legion.

Smile or Two

The new preacher always had a Bible verse for any question asked. One day a bug flew in his mouth and he swallowed it. A little boy asked, "Do you have a Scripture text for that?" "Yes," said the preacher. "He was a stranger and I took him in."

When the mountaineer learned they taught trigonometry at the new school he sent his overgrown son to the teacher with this note: "Give him plenty of that trigonometry, he is the porest shot in the family."

Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty, or give me death." His descendants just say, "Gimme."

—Quotations—

The mother was explaining to her four-year-old Donna Jean that some people are Catholics, some are Protestants and some are Jews. "You are a Catholic," she told Donna Jean.

Donna turned to her little brother Mark, better known as "Sparky," and asked, "What are you?"

"Me?" asked Sparky. "I'm a character."

They were looking down into the depths of the Grand Canyon.

"Do you know," asked the guide, that it took millions and millions of years for this great abyss to be carved out?"

"Well, well!" ejaculated the traveler. "I never knew this was a government job."

—Quotations—

"The best thing for you to do," said the doctor to the man with a nervous complaint, "is to stop thinking about yourself and bury yourself in your work."

"Good heavens!" said the patient, "I'm a concrete mixer."

When the pastor of a Scottish church finished his sermon, he gave a few minutes to one of the brothers to say a few words on his pet subject—prohibition.

"Brethren," said the prohibitionist, "if I had all the whiskey, brandy, and champagne in the world, I would fling it all into the River Clyde."

He sat down and in the pause that followed, the parson, himself an enemy of prohibition, arose.

"We shall conclude," he said, "by singing Hymn 157: 'Shall We Gather at the River?'"

"Really, Helen," he said when he saw her for the first time in five years, "you've changed so I would hardly have known you."

"That's a little ambiguous," she answered archly. "For better or worse?"

"Why," he said enthusiastically, "you could change only for the better, of course!"

A porter in a hotel was asked why rich men usually gave smaller tips than poor men.

"Well, sir," he answered, "the rich man don't want nobody to know he's rich, and the poor man don't want nobody to know he's poor."

John is usually a self-possessed young man; but the other day when dining out he was unexpectedly called upon to say grace, and the best he could do was to deliver himself of the following:

"O Lord, bless our sins and forgive us this food. Amen."

Evangelistic Conference, January 14-16

C. W. CALDWELL, *Superintendent of Missions*

Conference Speaker



Dr. Joe W. Burton

The program of the state Evangelistic Conference, which will be held in the Baring Cross Church, January 14-16, is complete. The theme of the Conference will be, "A Commissioned Church."

The out-of-state speakers will be: Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans; Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. Joe W. Burton, Nashville; Dr. C. E. Matthews, Dallas; and Howard Butt, Corpus Christi. In addition, there will be a fine array of Arkansas talent on the program.

Attention should be called again to the sectional Simultaneous Crusade dates. They are as follows: North East Arkansas, March 9-23; South East, April 6-13; North West, April 6-13; and South West, April 13-22.

Pearcy Church Organized

Sunday afternoon, November 25, the Pearcy Baptist Church was organized in the Memorial Church, near Hot Springs. This newly organized church is the direct result of the fine work done by Associational Missionary Delbert Garrett. He went to the Pearcy Community for a revival meeting last summer and a church is the result. Brother Garrett states that he has never seen people more enthusiastic and interested than those who have gone into the organization. Many of them were won to the Lord during the revival services conducted by Missionary Garrett.

The churches of Central Association were represented in the Council at the time of the organization. The Superintendent of Missions had the honor of preaching the sermon. It is our belief the Pearcy Church will make rapid progress in the months that lie ahead.

Stewardship Revival

W. O. Miller, Associational Missionary in Caddo River Association, directed stewardship emphasis in the churches of his association November 25-30. The plan as outlined by the missionary and pastors gave a different speaker to the churches each night. The pastors, themselves, participated by speaking in a number of churches. Among

those participating outside of the association were: H. C. Seefeldt, superintendent of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage; M. E. Wiles and R. A. Hill, rural evangelists; and the superintendent of the Mission Department.

Missionary Miller is a wise and constructive leader. The association is fortunate in having him as their missionary.

School of Missions

It has been your Superintendent's privilege of participating in a School of Missions in Mt. Zion Association. I had the privilege of speaking in seven churches. Carl Bunch, who had served as missionary but who recently went to Missouri in the pastorate, returned to the association to direct the school. The report from the churches seemed to indicate that it was successful from every standpoint. There were many professions of faith during the week. We would suggest that each association make plans to have a School of Missions in 1952. Very few things that an associational program projects will mean more to the missionary interest in giving to the Cooperative Program than a good School of Missions.

Baptist Booklet to Outline Vatican Appointment Stand

A sixteen-page booklet outlining and asserting the Baptist stand on the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican in Rome is planned for publication soon, according to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington.

Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary of the committee, is to be the author of the booklet which will be distributed among the members of the four major Baptist groups in the United States. An initial printing order calls for 100,000 copies but the committee hopes to distribute more than a million copies in all, Dr. Dawson said.

-Baptist Press

Young Men's Organization Ages 17-24, Recommended

By BERNARD D. KING

Meeting in New Orleans, the State Brotherhood Secretaries' Association voted to recommend to the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention that consideration be given to a special organization for young men, ages 17 to 24. The formation of such an organization would require a revision in the existing recommendations for Brotherhoods, which now include all men 17 years of age and up. In voting to make this recommendation, the State Brotherhood Secretaries acted in accord with an expressed demand from numbers of churches in the several states. In order to provide the Commission with information and suggestions for the organization, a committee has been appointed to make a complete study of the needs and possibilities for such an organization. This committee is composed of four State Brotherhood Secretaries and George W. Schroeder, secretary-elect of the Brotherhood Commission.

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Record Number of Scriptures Distributed in U. S.

A record distribution of Bibles, Testaments and Gospel portions in the United States this year was reported to the 33rd annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society. Representatives of some fifty denominations which support the work of the agency attended the session.

The 1951 domestic distribution will be the greatest in the 135-year history of the society, according to Dr. Frederick W. Cropp, general secretary in charge of distribution of the Scriptures in the U. S. He said that last year's total of six million volumes had been exceeded in the first nine months of this year.

A record budget of \$3,087,000 for the current year, reflecting both increased costs and expanded needs, has been set up.

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State Convention Reports Indicate Advance Of Denominations

Arizona Baptists Name Layman As President

The second layman elected to serve Arizona Southern Baptists as president of their Convention is J. Will Howell, a Tucson businessman and member of the First Southern Baptist Church there.

At their annual meeting in Globe, November 6-8, messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Arizona also adopted a resolution condemning the President's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

Reports of the growth of Southern Baptist work in Arizona during the year included a \$403,694 increase in property values and a 15 per cent gain in total giving.

Illinois Convention Approves New Office Building Plans

Illinois Baptists authorized architects to complete drawings on a new \$300,000 office building in Carbondale and voted to step up the completion of a \$25,000 addition to the Church Building Loan Fund at the annual meeting of the Illinois Baptist State Association in Carbondale, October 31-November 2.

The Convention adopted a \$300,000 Cooperative Program budget for the coming year and passed a resolution against the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, according to L. H. Moore, Anna, president of the Convention.

Second Five-Year Plan Adopted By Kansas Southern Baptists

The Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists adopted its second five-year plan looking toward 200 new churches and a gain of 25,000 membership at the annual meeting of the Convention in Salina, October 30-November 1.

Also included in the plan are a \$50,000 building loan fund, establishment of Bible Chairs at three state colleges, purchase of property for Convention headquarters and a children's home.

In addition to the adoption of a more than \$70,000 budget for 1952, the messengers to the Convention expressed regret that Kansas' dry law has been repealed and asked for resubmission of the prohibition question to the voters.

Dr. George D. McClelland, Wichita, is the incoming president of the Convention.

Tennessee Baptists Approve New College in Nashville

Tennessee Baptists in their seventy-seventh annual Convention approved the action of the Executive Board relinquishing control of Cumberland University at Lebanon and setting up a new college on the newly acquired Ward-Belmont campus in Nashville.

Meeting in Chattanooga, November 13-15, the Convention adopted a \$2,000,000 Cooperative Program goal, and voted to co-operate in the 1953 simultaneous stewardship crusade. A committee of fifteen was appointed to study the constitution in view of recommending changes.

President for the coming year is Henry J. Huey, Milan.

Georgia Baptists Record Disapproval Of President's Vatican Appointment

The Georgia Baptist Convention denounced President Truman's appointment of General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vati-

can and urged "our people" to carry their protest to the ballot box at the Convention's annual meeting in Macon, November 13-15.

Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, re-elected president for a second term, presented the resolution protesting the appointment which was adopted by the 130th annual session of the Convention.

The resolution also expressed appreciation to Georgia's two senators, Walter F. George and Richard H. Russell, for their promise to oppose the Vatican relation as a violation of the principle separating church and state. Another resolution promised action against dealers obtaining federal tax stamps for liquor in dry counties and for operation of slot machines.

The Convention adopted a Cooperative Program budget for next year of \$1,288,800, half of which goes to Southern Baptist Convention causes after deduction of preferred items as agreed between the two Conventions. The budget is an increase of about \$70,000 over the present one.

Kentucky Baptists to Project Two Long-Range Promotion Plans

Two long-range plans for future expansion—one a five-year plan for general causes in the state and the other a twenty-year hospital expansion campaign—were adopted by messengers to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, meeting in Bowling Green, November 13-15.

The five-year plan is incorporated in the \$1,500,000 budget adopted for the coming year and the twenty-year hospital program is a \$3,500,000 project to add to the Baptist hospital in Louisville, and build two others at Paducah and Lexington.

E. H. Wilkinson, Lexington, was re-elected moderator of the Association for the coming year.

Jackson Layman Re-Elected Mississippi Baptist Leader

Purser Hewitt, Jackson newspaper man, was elected to his second term as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention when it met in Jackson, November 13-16.

Messengers at the meeting adopted a \$25,000 increase in the state's Cooperative Program goal for 1952, making the new budget \$925,000.

Other officers elected were C. E. Patch, Baldwin, first vice-president; Dr. John W. Landrum, Canton, second vice-president; and George Gay, Ripley, clerk.

Alabama Baptists Increase Budget for Coming Year

A 1952 budget of \$1,718,000, including \$640,000 for capital needs for the Convention institutions, was adopted by the Alabama Baptist Convention, meeting in Montgomery November 13-15, according to Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor of Southside Church in Birmingham. R. A. Tuck, Boaz, delivered the Convention sermon.

Florida Baptists Ask State For Sunday Business Laws

A resolution calling upon the state legislature for passage of Sunday laws to prohibit operation of non-essential businesses was adopted by messengers to the Florida Baptist Convention in Winter Haven, November 14-15.

Also among the social service resolutions

passed were pleas for outlawing lewd shows and gambling and a strong protest of President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

A 1952 Cooperative Program goal of \$96,280.67, to be divided half to state work and half to Southern Baptist Convention causes, was adopted.

Dr. Albert L. Carnett, pastor, Woodlawn Church, Jacksonville, is the Convention's new president.

Oklahoma Baptists Vote \$1,000,000 1952 Budget

Adoption of a \$1,000,000 Cooperative Program budget for 1952 and rearrangement of the annual Falls Creek assembly program in the future were two principle actions taken at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, November 1. The traditional ten-day assembly in the Davis Mountains, which this summer registered 20,435 people, will be converted to two one-week assemblies with 1952 dates set for July 29-August 5 and August 6-13.

Anson Justice, pastor of Kelham Avenue Church, Oklahoma City, was elected president of the Convention which will meet in 1952 again in Oklahoma City.

Missouri Baptists Urge Local Option Law

Messengers to the annual meeting of the Missouri Baptist General Association Springfield, October 29-November 1, voted to urge "that steps be taken to enact the Local Option Law in Missouri."

The Association also adopted strong pronouncements against gambling, vice and traffic in narcotics, according to J. E. Rains, St. Louis, moderator of the Association.

Elected moderator for the coming year is Dr. Fred C. Eastham, Springfield. The 1952 meeting is scheduled for St. Joseph, October 28-30. The group adopted a \$1,000,000 budget for 1952, covering all state work and gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

Maryland Has New Secretary In Educational Departments

L. J. Newton Jr., Dunn, North Carolina, is the new secretary of the Sunday School, Training Union, and Student Union Departments of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, announces Dr. C. C. Thomas, general secretary.

Newton, also a Baptist minister, is a graduate of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, and Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has been an associate in the Training Union Department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention for three and a half years. Previous to that time, he was assistant pastor of Dauphin Way Church in Mobile, Alabama. He succeeds Roger I. Berghauser who recently resigned.

Louisiana Baptists Vote College Emphasis Plan

Six recommendations adopted by the Louisiana Baptist Convention at the annual meeting in New Orleans, November 13-15, will place a new emphasis during 1952 on Louisiana College, the state's Baptist school. The recommendations provide for distribu-

ational Program Throughout Southern Baptist Territory

tion of the annual Christian Education Day offering proportionately between Louisiana College and Acadia Baptist Academy according to enrolment, and in addition encourage churches to include the college in the regular church budgets.

The administration was instructed to begin immediate construction of a new student recreation center. A \$25,000 increase in the 1953 budget was recommended to provide an increase in faculty salaries.

Dr. Edgar Godbold, retired president of Louisiana College, Pineville, was re-elected president of the Convention, which adopted a Cooperative Program goal of \$858,040 for 1952.

The 1952 Convention is set for November 11-13, at a place yet to be chosen.

\$2,250,000 Budget Goal Adopted By South Carolina Baptists

The State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, meeting at Pendleton Street Church in Greenville, November 13-15, adopted a 1952 financial goal of \$2,250,000, all undesignated gifts to be divided equally between state and Southern Baptist Convention work.

Dr. Leon M. Latimer, Greenville, was elected president for the coming year. The 1952 Convention is scheduled for Columbia, November 11-13.

Among Convention speakers were Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis; Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, New Orleans; Dr. George W. Sadler, Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of First Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

North Carolina Baptists Begin Nine-Year Inclusive Program

A nine-year plan of financial growth including all churches of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and reaching a total projected goal of more than \$234,000,000 was outlined and launched at the meeting of the Convention in Asheville, November 13-15.

Included in the program is a \$50,000,000 goal for all mission, education and benevolent causes and nearly \$13,500,000 for capital needs of educational and other institutions. The projected plan includes operating and building expenses in local churches as well as support of state and Southern Baptist Convention work.

Grover H. Jones of High Point was re-elected president to the Convention.

The Convention adopted an over-all budget for 1952 of \$4,500,000.

Texas Baptists Report 65,000 Souls Won in '51

According to the Baptist Standard, official publication of the Texas Baptist General Convention, evangelism and church-state separation dominated the sessions of the Texas Convention, meeting in Houston, October 23-25. "The answer to all these problems," says the Standard, "presented again and again by speakers, with Christ for the lost, and the application of Christianity in daily living by the saved."

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, read a strongly worded report condemning the action of the President in appointing an ambassador to the Vatican in Rome.

Texas Baptists won 65,000 souls to Christ last year, reported Dr. C. Wade Freeman,

Evangelism Secretary.

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, pastor of First Church, Waco, and vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected president of the Texas Convention. He succeeds William Fleming, Fort Worth. Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of Houston's South Main Street Church, was elected first vice president. Pastor Arthur Deloch, Odessa, was named second vice president.

Southern Baptists in California Report Gains

By Religious News Service

Southern Baptists gained 28,870 new members in California in the past five years, according to a progress report to the eleventh annual meeting of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, meeting in Fresno.

The report said that in the five-year period 198 new churches were established, Sunday School enrolment grew from 9,339 to 40,000 and baptisms increased from 975 to 5,101.

Church property holdings, valued at \$339,610 in 1945, now total more than \$4,449,834. Gifts to the state Convention this year totaled \$1,544,036 as compared to \$234,115 five years ago.

A five-year plan of expansion by California Southern Baptists is being integrated with a plan formulated by the Southern Baptist Mission Board.

The 850 Convention delegates adopted resolutions protesting the appointment of an American ambassador to the Vatican, opposing the allocation of public funds to sectarian organizations of any kind, suggesting wide support and contributions to the American Bible Society, and urging more widespread Bible reading and prayer by Americans.

Baptists Commend Proposed Disarmament Plan

By Religious News Service

The Baptist General Association of Virginia, at its 128th annual session, meeting in Norfolk, unanimously commended President Truman's proposed disarmament plan for the United States, Great Britain, France, and Russia.

The association also went on record as supporting bills in Congress to curtail liquor advertising, and opposing the Caterers of Virginia, an organization devoted to liberalization of the state's alcoholic beverage control laws.

Rep. Walter H. Judd (R.-Minn.), former medical missionary to China, urged the establishment of "a West Point for diplomats."

He also proposed a campaign in home and school to create "an acute awareness of the kind of world we live in and the American place in that world," so the U. S. may learn to "resolve problems before they degenerate to war."



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Brotherhood Work For 1952

By NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary

Below are listed suggestions and recommendations from the Brotherhood Committee to the Executive Board:

1. That the first annual State Brotherhood Convention be held; and that a place in central Arkansas be selected. The Convention will be held for the purpose of completing the organization of the State Brotherhood, and for the purpose of promoting Brotherhood work on the state level. The Convention is already tentatively calendarized for April 24 and 25.

2. That FIFTEEN BROTHERHOOD REGIONAL RALLIES be held throughout the state. Some of these are already calendarized for

December 11-14, 1951

January 8-February 1, 1952

May 26-30, 1952

3. The completion of THE ORGANIZATION OF ALL 44 ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOODS: and the enhancement of the quality of Brotherhood work within all the associations.

4. The continued ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHURCH BROTHERHOODS throughout the state; with a goal of 60 new church Brotherhoods during the Convention year.

5. The annual observance of LAYMAN'S DAY on Sunday, October 12.

6. The annual observance of BROTHERHOOD NIGHT on Monday, November 17.

7. The continued promotion in every way of our perennial objectives of

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8. The continued lifting of the level of Brotherhood work throughout the state, by the DEVELOPING OF PROPER BROTHERHOOD CONCEPTS, and by the PROMOTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES.

9. The Brotherhood Committee looks with favor upon the establishment of Young Men's Brotherhoods, in an effort to bridge the gap between the Intermediate R. A.'s and the Brotherhood proper; and to effect some liaison with the W. M. U. Department, that Brotherhood men shall be enlisted in building a better Royal Ambassador program.

The Brotherhood Movement Gains Momentum

Brotherhood work in Arkansas is no longer in the pioneering stage. Enough church Brotherhoods are functioning to make the Brotherhood Movement distinctly felt throughout the state. The associational Brotherhood program is becoming an increasingly important factor in our denominational work.

The slogan of the Brotherhood Department is: "Every church needs a Brotherhood." We believe it! Every church, regardless of size, needs a Brotherhood.

Remember, that a Brotherhood in its most elementary form is, "Two men going" for the Lord and His church. Even in church where the number of men is limited to only a handful, the Brotherhood can not only be set up, but its influence for Christ can become a mighty factor in building up all the church is endeavoring to do.

The movement toward the organization of Young Men's Brotherhoods is definitely under way throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Much thought is being given by Brotherhood leaders to the kind of organization and the necessary program of study and work for Young Men's Brotherhoods.



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Royal Ambassadors On The March

Two hundred eighty-three Royal Ambassadors, counselors, "chauffeurs," friends attended the twelfth annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper held at the Second Church, Little Rock, on November 19. Bob Roberts, associate pastor of the host church, was toastmaster, and other participants on the program were Dr. W. H. Carson, missionary in Nigeria, J. D. Wagon, former R. A. Secretary in Louisiana; the Ouachita College male quartet. The theme, "Ambassadorship," was accentuated by decorations and favors.

As a part of the state Brotherhood rally held at the First Church on the same evening, Mr. Wagon spoke on "God's Boys Today—God's Men Tomorrow." The following young men were recognized by Mr. Wagon for their rank attainments: Pages—Robert McCool, Bauxite; Edward Brandt, Carlisle; Lyle Adams, Bill Burrows, David Bailey, Bobby Brannon, Frank Brannon, Donald Owen, Wilbur Owen, Harold Langford, Edward Turner of Conway; Charles Moye and James Paul Sanders of Searcy. Squires—Sonny Davis and Robert Elliott of Searcy. Knight—Robert Earl Graves, Smackover. Ambassador—Burl Red, Little Rock. These recognitions were accorded because of satisfactory completion of certain work which lead the boys into studying and memorizing certain scripture passages, reading missionary biographies and other books, practical projects of personal witnessing, participating on and in the prescribed program of the organization.

Send No Clothing To the Abernathy's

Since the last reference to aid for suffering Koreans to be distributed by Dr. John Abernathy, information has come that much clothing, warm clothing, has been sent to Mrs. Abernathy with the hope that she could get it to Dr. Abernathy. Mrs. Abernathy is in a hot climate where heavy clothing is not used, and she CANNOT get packages to Dr. Abernathy. It is regrettable that

it is impossible to get material aid of this sort into Korea at this time but any mailing other than first class must be delayed until later. PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CLOTHING TO THE ABERNATHYS UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED. See December 6 issue of Arkansas Baptist for instructions concerning other aid.

Plan Now For—

Observance of the Day of Prayer for Community Missions scheduled for January 28, 1952. Suggested plans for the day will be mailed to every W. M. U. president immediately after Christmas. In the meantime, consider your community, be conscious of its needs, clear the date for this very important observance, condition your heart for personal witnessing. Auxiliaries should also plan for this special day. The suggested programs are being prepared by Mrs. Ralph Douglas, State Community Missions Chairman.

Included in the materials for the above observance will be blanks for reporting work of the quarter to associational superintendents, associational young people's leaders and state W. M. U. headquarters. Presidents, watch for these in your package.

Over the Top For State Missions

The \$16,500 goal for the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions has been surpassed by more than \$2,000. This is such a worthy cause it is with rejoicing that this increase in gifts is noted. With the passing of that special season and even the one when hearts turn toward Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Offering, it is time to GLEAN WELL FOR THE DIXIE JACKSON OFFERING and REMIT to State W. M. U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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Basically there are only two ways that credits may be earned in the Sunday School Training Course and all requests for awards should measure up to the requirements.

1. **The Class Study Plan** requiring that the equivalent of seven and one-half hours of class work be offered—that a worker who attends all sessions and reads the book may receive an award without examination—that otherwise a worker must attend the equivalent of six forty-five minute sessions, read the book (at least within two weeks), and pass a written examination in order to qualify for an award.

2. **The Individual Study Plan** requiring a careful study of the book and an individually prepared paper answering all the questions in the book or a brief summary of each chapter amplifying the chapter outlines. (If a number of workers meet together after individual study to share in a discussion of the book, unless the time requirement for class study is met, the full requirements for the **Individual Study Plan** apply.)

Your Help in These Matters Please

Below are some of the problems the Sunday School Department faces in efficiently handling training course awards—your cooperation in eliminating these problems will be greatly appreciated.

Failure of class teachers to request awards for their training classes

Names of churches and associations sometimes omitted making it impossible to assign proper credit to churches and associations

Failure to indicate name and address of the person to whom awards are to be sent

Requests for awards when requirements have not been met

Requests for exceptions to be made far out of line with the requirements

May we earnestly urge the maintenance of the highest standards for our training work in keeping with its purposes and worth.

Attention!

Training Union Directors

Beginning with this quarter the quarterly report blanks will not be sent to the Training Union Directors of the churches of the state. At the close of this quarter all unions who think themselves to be standard will fill out the form found in the back of the union quarterly and mail to the State Training Union Department. All Training Union Directors who think that their departments or their Training Unions are standard should write the State Training Union Department for report forms to use.

More About The Tournaments

One of the best ways to train our Juniors, Intermediates, and Young People, is through the use of the Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and the Young People's Speakers' Tournament. In every Junior Union, every Sunday night, the Junior should be drilled on the memory verse for that week. Beginning January 1 those Juniors will be allowed to check studied lesson on the eight point record system if he has learned the memory verse. The memory verses with the rules of the memory drill, from April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1952, are now available in mimeographed form and may be ordered from the State Training Union Department, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock. A large number of Juniors could begin learning these verses now and within the next two months have all fifty-two verses memorized. The church elimination drill could be held sometime during February, and all Juniors not making over three mistakes could represent the church in the associational drill which should be held not later than the first part of March. All who do not make over one mistake in the associational drill could be in the State Junior Memory Drill to be held at the State Training Union Convention in Little Rock, March 14-15, 1952.

The **Speakers' Tournament** tracts are now available. These tracts contain not only subjects to be used in the Speakers' Tournament but also the rules. Many of our young people should enter the tournament and have a church elimination tournament in February, with the winner going to the associational elimination tournament the first part of March.

There should be twenty-five or thirty associations represented in these drills and tournaments at the State Training Union Convention in March.

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For Late Planners

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Newton County Hymn-Sing

The Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Newton County was held Sunday afternoon, November 25, in the Boxley Baptist Church. There were a total of sixty-six people present representing four churches.

Bill Ratslaff, Ponca, and Wayne Guntèr, Jasper, were the inspirational speakers. Mrs. Bill Fowler directed the program, and Mrs. Fred Duty was the pianist.

Special numbers included the Parthenon Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Ray Brasil; Boxley Junior Choir; Ponca Adult Choir, directed by Bill Ratslaff; Parthenon Quartet; Special Hymn led by Rymer Twyman from the Jasper Church.

Thanks From the B. S. U.

May we, the B. S. U. Department, take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Dr. Edgar Williamson for his years of leadership in the field of student work in connection with the Department of Religious Education of Arkansas Baptists. We are sincerely grateful for his vision of this tremendous field of service with our college students. He has been co-operative in every way, and his Christian spirit and consecrated guidance have meant much in the development of Baptist Student work in Arkansas.

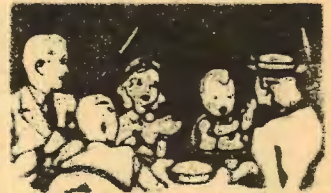
We would also like to thank you as Arkansas Baptists that have made our work a separate department and have provided us with a budget to meet the needs of our college students. We feel that student work is mission work. We shall try to use your money wisely and to be worthy of your trust in promoting a program of Baptist Student work which will develop your boys and girls spiritually as they grow intellectually on the college campus. Perhaps no other form of mission work is designed so specifically to provide leadership for all of our Baptist work. We are aware that as we reach a college student and lead him to a healthy spiritual outlook, we have touched an individual who will be a leader in his chosen community in a few short years.

College life is a peculiar life. It is a different world. Temptations multiply and spiritual resources dwindle. We pledge to do our very best in making these spiritual resources adequate for this time of special need. Your suggestions will always be welcome. Please feel free to send us the name of a student whom we should contact at any time.

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Advance Budget For Home Missions

By JOHN CAYLOR, Secretary

The annual meeting of the Home Mission Board, held in Atlanta, November 27-28, resulted in the adoption of a budget of \$1,570,000 for 1952. This was an increase of \$130,000 over the previous year and was made possible by the increase of \$165,000 over the year before in the Annie Armstrong offering for home missions. More and more importance of the March Week of Prayer offering for home missions is being realized by Southern Baptists.

For several years the income of the Home Mission Board through the Cooperative Program has been constant. It has not been possible to increase the amount of money coming from that source. The only hope of advance was in a better response to the spring offering. Since the 1950 Annie Armstrong Offering was not an increase of 1949 there could be no increase in the home mission budget for 1951; but the 1951 offering took a sudden spurt of \$165,000 above the year before and made possible the advance in the 1952 budget.

Participation and Interest

State members of the Board attended in larger numbers than ever before and stayed through the final session without waning interest or hurry to leave because of waiting engagements. The

meeting closed on schedule with nearly all the Board's members on hand for the last word.

Encouraging Reports

Secretaries of the various departments of the Board made encouraging reports and proposed challenging programs. The Five-Year Crusade was implemented by various actions to reinforce the program. The first two years of the five-year emphasis on evangelism have netted the greatest results in evangelism in the history of the denomination. The second phase of emphasis is on church extension. Plans for more churches and missions were vigorously proposed and enthusiastically endorsed by the Board.

The final emphasis of the Five-Year Crusade will be more effective witnessing. When people are won to Christ, more churches and missions established, and Christians give a better witness, the progress of the kingdom will be assured.

Missionary Education Emphasis

Members of the Home Mission Board expressed unusual interest in mission study books being released at this time by the Department of Education. To reinforce the Five-Year Crusade a book by Secretary Courts Redford titled *Crusade in Home Missions* has been printed and is now ready in

Baptist Book Stores for people to study the details and inspiration of the Crusade. This book by the assistant executive secretary gives a picture of home missions as it is now being promoted.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., of Southwestern Seminary, has prepared a discussion on race, labor, alcoholism, communism, and the underprivileged which has been pronounced by readers the greatest challenge to Southern Baptists presented in any book ever written on home missions. In *Tangled Threads* Dr. Phelps points the way to more effective witnessing on the part of Christians and better direct work on the part of the churches in reaching minority groups.

When young people read Barry Garrett's book, *I Too, Can Be a Missionary*, they will find many opportunities of missionary service right at home. The purpose of the book is to show young people how to be active Christians and to realize missionary opportunities are always at hand.

In an interesting discussion by means of biographical sketches, Josephine R. Medlin has prepared for Juniors *Everywhere Preaching the Word*, a book which depicts the missionary traveling on foot, or horseback, by automobile,

by street car, by boat, and by train.

A teacher's source book, *Home Missions Meeting Spiritual Needs*, by Mary Christian, is designed to help present the 1952 Graded Series of Home Mission Studies.

There are seven picture story-books available for Primary groups.

In addition to the emphasis on mission study there was considerable discussion at the annual board meeting relating to the matter of getting home mission information to all Southern Baptists. The magazine, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, is to be promoted vigorously and fifty different tract titles will be kept available for free distribution.

Committee for Further Study

A committee of nine was named by the Board to study the home mission situation with a view to implementing the work of the Five-Year Crusade, improving the Board's program and approach, and suggesting further advancement in the future development of the home mission cause. The committee of nine is composed of both state members and members of the executive committee. Its findings will furnish a challenging study for the whole Board in a subsequent session.



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Fort Smith, First	1328	787	41
Including Missions	1686	900	
El Dorado, First	993	313	15
Including Missions	1131	352	
Little Rock, Immanuel	918	464	3
Including Missions	925		
Little Rock, First	794	396	9
Fayetteville, First	704	252	3
Little Rock, Second	702	178	3
Pine Bluff, South Side	683	262	
Hot Springs, Second	644	169	3
El Dorado, Immanuel	595	312	4
Including Mission	646	355	
Crossett, First	587	254	
Camden, First	577	147	5
Including Missions	856	317	
Magnolia Central	557	231	1
Including Mission	631	248	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	551	267	7
Warren, First	538	112	1
Beaton, First	525	120	
Including Mission	580	167	
McGehee, First	524	193	5
Including Missions	640		
Siloam Springs, First	518	330	4
Paragould, First	511	224	
Including Missions	692	361	
El Dorado, Second	508	240	
Paris, First	490	188	
Including Mission	517		
Fordyce, First	479	202	1
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	470	208	
Forrest City, First	466	212	
Hot Springs, Central	442	221	
Fort Smith, Calvary	434	180	
Hot Springs, Park Place	434	177	
Cullendale, First	431	192	2
El Dorado, West Side	423	141	
Springdale, First	410	250	
Including Missions	516		
Rogers, First	395	164	
Including Mission	479	211	
Osceola	395	152	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	386	170	2
Smackover, First	372	122	5
Little Rock, Gaines St.	372	234	
Texarkana, First	359	133	2
Monticello, First	358	120	
Conway, First	357	163	1
Hamburg, First	339	148	
Fort Smith, South Side	337	141	20
Hot Springs, First	334	139	6
Searcy, First	334	100	
Bauxite, First	322	172	4
Little Rock, Tabernacle	321	176	1
Bentonville, First	317	131	5
Including Mission	327		
Fort Smith, Immanuel	304	154	
Norphet, First	292	203	
Wilson, First	291	159	3
Mena, First	280	109	
Pine Bluff, Second	279	105	
Fort Smith, Temple	276	201	



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"If we get a mission started in Ogden (Utah), that will make four missions for our church." That is the statement in a letter from Ben L. Graham, Sr., Saint Joe, Arkansas. "We are in the process of making arrangements for a mission point at Devils Slide in Weber Canyon," he continues, "so that will give us five missions. Then to cap it all off, we have services at the Weber County Old Folks' Home every Friday night. We—and I mean all our faithful workers—about 12 or 14 of us are constantly on the go in order to keep them all going.

"I don't have much to do, however. I go to one of the missions at nine o'clock on Sunday morning, taking Brother Harper, a preacher from Louisiana who has come up here after learning the great need for workers, to preach. Then I have to be back at Clearfield at ten o'clock for the Sunday School superintendent's duties, and usually serve as song leader and usher. Then I come home, eat quickly, and go to Verdeland Park

Afternoon Mission as adult teacher and song leader. Then I go back home, study up on my B.T.U. lesson, being group captain, and then home again after church to take up my job as church treasurer.

"I am also on the building committee which requires much time. Outside of that I don't have a thing to do, except act as substitute teacher or leader in someone's absence. And most of the 12 or 14 I spoke about have just as much to do as I have. I say again the Lord is blessing us here.

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Newly Elected Officers of Executive Board

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L. H. Davis

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention met in its regular annual session, Monday, December 3. Pastor L. H. Davis, Calvary Church, Fort Smith, was elected president of the Board with Pastors David O. Moore, First Church, Arkadelphia, and W. E. Speed, First Church, Russellville, being elected vice-president and recording secretary, respectively.

Brother Davis has been pastor in Fort

Vice President



David O. Moore

Smith for a number of years. He has had the joy of seeing his church grow and develop along all lines. New buildings have been added to the church plant and many new members have been received under his ministry. Brother Davis is a consecrated earnest preacher of the word. He is thoroughly sound and is stable, well poised in his ministry and gives the people a well-rounded message from Sunday to Sunday.

Recording Secretary



W. E. Speed

He is not impetuous, and will make a splendid presiding officer. He is a worthy successor to W. R. Vestal.

Dr. Moore is former head of the Bible Department of Ouachita College. He, too, is a dynamic preacher and is leading his church in a fine way.

Pastor Speed is one of our finest young preachers. He is capable in every way and will make a good recording secretary.

"All Working For Christ"

"All Working for Christ" is the theme for the Associational Denomination Rallies to be held throughout the state February 11-22. Five teams of fifteen members each will present the work of Arkansas Baptists in forty individual meetings. The personnel of the teams will be composed of representatives from each department of our state work and each institution affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist Association. The tentative schedule of these meetings is as follows:

Date	Association	Place of Meeting
Feb.		
TEAM NO. 1		
12	Delta	McGehee
13	Bartholomew	Monticello
14	Ashley	Hamburg
15	Liberty	El Dorado
19	Red River	Arkadelphia
20	Hope	Texarkana
21	Little River	Ashdown
22	Central and Buckville	Hot Springs
TEAM NO. 2		
12	Dardanelle-Russellville	Russellville
13	Clear Creek	Van Buren
14	Washington-Madison	Springdale
15	Benton County	Rogers
19	Harmony	Pine Bluff
20	Faulkner	Conway
21	Conway-Perry	Morrilton
22	Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	Clinton

TEAM NO. 3

12	White County	Searcy
13	Woodruff County	Augusta
14	Centennial	Stuttgart
15	Caroline	Carlisle
19	Arkansas Valley	Helena
20	Tri-County	Earle
21	Trinity	Tyroneza
22	Mississippi County	Bytheville

TEAM NO. 4

12	Black River	Southern Baptist College
13	Current River & Gainesville	Corning
14	Greene County	Paragould
15	Mt. Zion	Jonesboro
19	Newton County	Jasper
20	Boone and Carroll Counties	Harrison
21	White River	Mountain Home
22	Pulaski	Little Rock

TEAM NO. 5

12	Caddo River	Mt. Ida
13	Ouachita	Mena
14	Buckner	Waldron
15	Concord	Fort Smith
19	Carey	Fordeyce
20	Little Red River	Heber Springs
21	Independence	Batesville
22	Rocky Bayou and Big Creek	Melbourne

The program and the church where it is to be presented in each association will be found on this page of next week's issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

Let us urge you now to begin making plans to attend the rally in your association.

All pastors, and leaders of the various departments of the churches are urged to cooperate in making these meetings a great blessing to all our people as we see in demonstration the theme for these meetings, "All Working for Christ."

Gatlin and Carlisle

L. G. Gatlin is the new pastor at Carlisle. Brother Gatlin came to our state from Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee. He is leading out in a fine manner with some of the finest people we know. Following is an excerpt from a letter received this week from Brother Gatlin:

"The budget committee and the deacons have accepted for recommendation to the church the amount suggested by our state Mission Secretary. We paid last year the sum of \$1,500 to the Cooperative Program. We were asked for \$2,750 and we are raising it \$10 to make it come out even for each month, \$230."

Thank you Brother Gatlin and Carlisle Baptists. What a great people you are!

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