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Experience of Italian Pastor Reveals Worth of Relief-Rehabilitation Gift

Conscientious givers in Southern Baptists' campaign to raise \$3,500,000 for overseas relief and rehabilitation before September 30 ask: "What can our money do when the need is so great?"

Dr. George W. Sadler, director of the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board, answers it with the story of one man, Dr. Manfredi Ronchi (pronounced man-free-dy ron-key):

When he went through Rome last January on his way to the Near East, Dr. Sadler learned that conditions were so bad a pair of shoes cost \$60. "How do you live?" he asked Pastor Ronchi.

"It is one continuous miracle!" Dr. Ronchi replied. "We have heard about the providence of God but now we actually know what it is."

Dr. Sadler gave this secretary of Italian Baptist Union a check for \$18,000, appropriated out of Southern Baptist relief funds, to help Italian Baptist families get back on their feet.

Dr. Sadler says he noticed Pastor Ronchi's old blue serge suit, obviously the only one he had. It was shabby attire for a man who represented Baptists; and often all evangelical Christians, before British and American officers in military government and Italians in high places. Dr. Ronchi made no mention of it until one morning when he interviewed Dr. Sadler in the hotel in which he had been billeted.

"Yesterday when I appeared at the entrance to this hotel, the Italian guards and military police detained me," he said. "I thought I was going to have to send for you in order to get in to keep my appointment.

"Today," he said, "I passed without question. That's what a new suit will do for a man in Rome!" A parcel from a Baptist layman in America had arrived the day before, and the second-hand suit it contained was Pastor Ronchi's size.

"He was a different person!" Dr. Sadler declares. "A better suit of clothes did wonders for his morale." That was personal rehabilitation.

In explanation of how Italian Baptists had managed to survive the war, Pastor Ronchi confided an intimate experience. "When the country was being blown to bits, we could not get bread enough to go around. American soldiers were often in our home, and they were generous with whatever they had. I have never smoked, but I knew that nicotine retards appetite, and to stave off hunger

PRAY FOR OUACHITA

Arkansas Baptists will be mindful that the week of September 1-8 has been designated as a Week of Prayer for the Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign.

Mrs. C. H. Ray, executive secretary and treasurer of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas, was named prayer chairman of the Campaign, and she urges that special prayer be held in all group meetings during the week. In addition to the united prayers, each individual is urged to pray daily during the week and until the million dollar goal is reached.

Mrs. Ray suggests that petitions should be lifted for Dr. Otto Whittington, director of the campaign, for every leader and speaker in the campaign, and that a spirit of willingness to do his best may possess every Baptist and every church. Ouachita College, its president, its faculty, its student body, and its Board of Trustees should be remembered as they plan for the growth of the college and its future usefulness to the Baptist denomination in Arkansas.

when all the bread we could get was divided between my four little ones, I accepted their cigarettes. Now that bread is less scarce, I am glad to quit smoking."

Who is Pastor Ronchi? Son of a medical doctor, grandson of a lawyer, he is the only member of his old-line Italian family who is an evangelical Christian. He studied law at the Universities of Naples and Rome. In the Navy during World War I, he got a New Testament, and began to study it. In passing Teatro Valle Baptist Church, Rome (of which he is now pastor), he saw an invitation to come in and study the Bible. He gave up law and entered the Waldensian College at Rome, graduating with top grades. He is the able executive secretary of the Italian Baptist Union.

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\$7,500 to Ouachita

First Church, Forrest City, Minor E. Cole, pastor, has voted unanimously to accept its quota of \$7,500 for Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign. One thousand dollars of this amount will be sent immediately.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

W. R. Bumpas, music and educational director of First Church, North Little Rock, has resigned to accept a similar position at Trinity Church, Oklahoma City.

Diaz Church counted five conversions, four additions for baptism, and two by letter in revival services in which Pastor S. A. Willet Batesville, assisted Pastor F. F. Weaver.

Thirteen conversions were witnessed in special services at Spring Valley Church, Washington-Madison Association, with State Missionary C. C. Roberts doing the preaching and Oakley C. Long is pastor.

Ten additions to the church, nine upon profession of faith, resulted from evangelistic services at Oak Grove Church, Caddo Parish, Leonard Dove, Ouachita College student, did the preaching, and John Causey, also a Ouachita student, led the song services.

Horse Shoe Church, Black River Association, had six additions in revival services led by Ernest Moseley, of Ouachita College, doing the preaching. J. N. Weaver is pastor.

A team of Ouachitonians directed a revival at First Church, Marthasville, La., which resulted in 31 additions to the church, 19 by profession of faith. Tommy Welch, class of 1945, now a student in Southwestern Seminary, was evangelist. Mrs. Welch, also class of 1945, was pianist, and Bill Keltner, student, was singer. Two young ladies surrendered their lives to special service, 28 members of the church signed Tithing Covenants, and the church agreed to go full-time and invite Pastor Ray J. Brown to move on the field. The team was good advertising for Ouachita for now a number of young people in the community plan to enter the college.

Associational Meetings The Next Two Weeks

White River—Aug. 29-30, Rehobeth Church Flippin; D. W. Stark, Mountain Home, moderator; W. B. O'Neal, Yellville, vice-moderator; H. D. Morton, Mountain Home, clerk.

Stone-Van Buren — Sept. 5-6, Mountain View; Claude Jenkins, Clinton, moderator; Gus Poole, Mountain View, vice-moderator; Mrs. May Roberts, Timbo, clerk.

Clear Creek—Sept. 10-11, Union Grove Church, Route 1, Clarksville; Faber Tyle Ozark, moderator; T. H. Jordan, Van Buren vice-moderator; Sibley Wallis, Clarksville clerk.

Across the Editor's Desk

Dr. Sampey Dead

Death has taken away one of the last remaining of the great stalwarts who pioneered Southern Baptist progress in the first century of our glorious history. Dr. John Richard Sampey, who would have been 84 next month, passed to his heavenly reward from his home at Louisville, Sunday, August 18.

Dr. Sampey, for 14 years president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and president emeritus since his retirement in 1943, had experienced a gradual decline in health for the past two years. Dr. G. S. Dobbins, one of his closest friends, writes that Dr. Sampey "faced the inevitable end with characteristic courage and hope, and made his preparations as one departing to go on a long-anticipated journey.

"The last months of his life, which were not without suffering, were spent in constant prayer. He talked to the Lord as if speaking face to face, and his joy in Christ's presence was very real. Even in his last hours of semi-consciousness, he breathed fervent prayers of faith and assurance."

Funeral services, in charge of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, who succeeded Dr. Sampey as Seminary president, were held August 20 at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church. The body lay in state in the faculty room of Norton Hall from Monday afternoon to Tuesday morning.

An account of Dr. Sampey's life of Christian service will be published next week. Lack of space prevents such publication in this issue.

Hays on Radio

Congressman Brooks Hays of Little Rock is the Baptist Hour speaker for next Sunday, September 1, on the subject, "When Management and Labor Disagree," as announced by the Southern Baptist Radio Committee. The message, of special interest to the public as

well as labor and management, will be in keeping with the general theme of the current Baptist Hour series, "Faith Is the Victory."

Member of important committees in Congress, teacher of a large Bible class in his home church in Little Rock, and a member of a breakfast club in Washington to study the spiritual needs of America, Congressman Hays is expected to make a spiritual contribution to the tremendous Baptist Hour audience as he discusses this vitally important subject.

The Baptist Hour may be heard in Arkansas over Radio Stations:

KUOA, Siloam Springs, at 7:30 a. m.
WREC, Memphis, at 8:30 a. m.
WFAA, Dallas, at 7:30 a. m.
WSM, Nashville, at 7:30 a. m.
KTHS, Hot Springs, at 4:30 p. m. Saturday.

More on Liberty

American support for guarantees of racial and religious freedom in the peace treaties being negotiated at Paris was pledged by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes in a letter to Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Replying to a proposal by Dr. Clinchy that the peace treaties specify the freedoms as the law in each country, Secretary Byrnes said that "substantially" the language requested by the National Conference already has been incorporated in the treaty drafts.

The Secretary of State pointed out that Article XIV of the Italian treaty binds Italy to see that all persons have, "without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, the enjoyment of human rights and of fundamental freedoms," including freedom of worship, speech and press.

Similar clauses are contained in the draft treaties with Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary.

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ONE Hungry WORLD

A plain envelope containing some dollar bills turned up in the offering for relief and habilitation in one Birmingham church. Across the face of it was written "For Relief." That was no error although doubtless the giver intended to write "For Relief."

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Widespread famine this year may alter wedding customs in the United States. Enough rice to feed a family in China for a month is usually wasted on a bride and groom. Confetti serves the same purpose and is more appropriate than food.

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There are ten times more calories in a pound of relief cereal costing 6¼ cents than in a 25 cent No. 3 can of spinach. By arrangement with certain millers, a special cereal is being made of wheat, oats, and soy bean grits. This is one of the foods being purchased with contributions for relief.

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In the lobby of Hotel Pritchell (Ridgecrest) August 14, a professional shoe shining chair with full equipment was placed by Lowry B. Eastland, Baton Rouge layman. The sign above it reads, "Shine for World Relief," and well known Baptists will polish the polish, cloths, and brushes. The proceeds go into a large glass jar, to help raise \$3,500,000 by September 30.

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A Southern daily newspaper editorialized the 1946 harvest under the title "America's Magic Life-Saver": "A plentiful harvest is America's promise to a hungry and distraught world. . . . And surely it is the answer to prayer. During the very July which saw many anxious moments in the scraping struggle for world food supplies, ideal growing and harvesting conditions prevailed in most of America. . . . Large areas of the late planted fields still lie seared and barren. In Europe at least, there will be suspense and misery until the 1947 harvest is in. Our own bountiful harvest is assurance that want will be reduced to a minimum in the meantime."

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Woman's Missionary Union and Business Women's Circles, in conference at Ridgecrest August 8-14, took an offering for relief one session. It totaled \$1,150.

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Tyronza Demonstrates Effectiveness . . .

An Annual Community-Wide Revival

By H. E. KIRKPATRICK
Evangelist, Hot Springs

Tyronza, Ark., is a small town in the fertile delta section where most of the farming is done by white people. It is a usual small town with a bank, picture shows, stores, filling stations, garages, homes, schools and churches. But the First Baptist Church and Pastor Russell J. Clubb are doing the unusual in conducting an annual Community-Wide Revival Campaign.

100 Conversions in 1944

It all started back in 1944 when the church and pastor "lifted up their eyes and looked out upon the harvest fields ripe unto harvest." They resolved to answer the call for harvesters and began planning for a great community-wide revival meeting. I was invited to be the evangelist and the pastor to direct the singing. A committee went to a tent company in Memphis and contracted for a large tent to be erected near the church building.

During the weeks that followed an intensive and extensive preparation of prayer, visitation, census taking and advertising was carried on. Great crowds attended the services from the beginning of the revival and about 100 souls were saved and added to the church along with a goodly number by letter.

Repeated In 1945

At the beginning of 1945 the church reviewed past blessings and planned for greater things. The people dedicated themselves for personal service. The deacons covenanted with the pastor that they would back him to the fullest extent in an all-out program that the utmost might be accomplished for Christ. Every department of the church pledged to cooperate.

A religious census including the rural section was taken. Names of hundreds of lost people were obtained. The physical aspects of the community constituted a problem as to what method should be used in reaching them. If missions had been established, some people still would have had as much as five miles to go to church. Buses were the only alternative, and two were put in operation. That summer the church again engaged in evangelistic services which resulted in another great victory. In some respects the second campaign exceeded the first one.

By this time the idea of an annual community-wide revival meeting had become permanent in the thinking and planning of the church and pastor, so they began planning their 1946 community-wide revival. I was again invited to be their evangelist, and the pastor was asked to serve as general director and song leader. The date for this third campaign was set for July 14-28, 1946.

Preparation For 1946 Campaign

No labor or expense was spared as the church and pastor looked forward to an even greater victory than was achieved in the former revivals. A very large tent was rented and properly erected on the same lot that had been used for the other campaigns. It was well lighted, comfortably seated, and an excellent public address system was installed. A large platform extending across the rear

of the tent was erected for the pulpit, choir and pianos.

Preceding the revival date the names of the lost were secured by census, visitation, records and announcements. These names and information were transferred to "Assigned Visitation Cards" to be used by the corps of personal workers during the revival. Letters and advertisement matter were sent through the mails, large poster-cards were placed in windows and nailed on trees. Prayer meetings were held in town and surrounding communities, closing out with an all-day of prayer at the church in charge of the deacons. This thorough preparation created an intense interest throughout all the communities and the people were ready for the revival.

Great Crowds Attend

The first day of the meeting saw great crowds gather from near and far. Some came in automobiles, some in trucks, some in school buses, some in the two church buses, some in trailers pulled by tractors, and some walked across the fields and along the highways. The tent seating more than 800 was filled to capacity night after night, and at many services hundreds of people were compelled to sit on the grass or in trucks and automobiles. The excellent public address system made it possible for all to hear, and no disturbance or misbehaviour occurred to mar the deep spiritual spirit of the services.

It is difficult for one who was not present to comprehend the greatness of these services. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit was manifest in the songs and sermons, in directing personal workers, convicting and regenerating sinners, and rejoicing the hearts

of the Christians. The shouts of new-born souls and rejoicing Christians were heard from night to night. No one who attended the services doubted that it was an old-fashioned heaven-sent, Holy Spirit revival.

Visible results were as follows:

Additions by baptism	104
By letter	25
By statement	19
By watchcare	2

TOTAL ADDITIONS	150
Rededications	158
Professions undecided about church membership	12
Volunteer for special service	1

TOTAL DEFINITE DECISIONS 321

On Monday night, according to my check the pastor baptized 86, and others were baptized the following Sunday night. Neighboring churches will baptize others who were saved during the meeting. Offerings during the revival totaled about \$1,200.

Evidence of Opportunity

Pastor Clubb says: "We do not find it easy to keep spiritually awake and maintain spirit of perennial evangelism, but our task is to keep everlastingly at it."

Pastor Clubb and his church have proven in these three community-wide revivals what can be done by a great cooperative revival. There are hundreds of churches in Arkansas where such revivals can be conducted if the people will only have faith, make the necessary preparations and pay the price. Brethren, why not begin now to plan for such a community-wide revival on your field next summer. "So mote it be."



A Baptist revival with community-wide appeal was the achievement of Tyronza Baptists in their third annual giant religious effort. Residents of the surrounding countryside had to come early to get into the 800-seat canvas tabernacle, and hundreds were compelled to stand or sit on the grass outside.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Moro Church, Amos Greer, pastor, had 12 additions, 11 for baptism, and many rededications in evangelistic services led by Pastor Reese S. Howard, First Church, Brinkley. One man answered the call of God to enter the gospel ministry.

Dr. Carl A. Clark, missionary, Liberty Association, is preaching in open air revival services at First Church, Greenwood, George H. Hink, pastor.

First Church, Warrensburg, Mo., W. Ross Edwards, pastor, has had a net gain of about 200 members during the past three years, bringing the total membership to 1019. Mission gifts for the past associational year were over \$6,000.

Jessieville Church counted 10 additions, eight for baptism, in evangelistic services with Morris Ashcraft as preacher and Pastor Ernest Mosley as singer and young people's worker.

First Church, Fayetteville, confronted with the difficulty of housing the University Department this fall, has purchased the property adjoining the church on the north. One of the Sunday School departments will be transferred to the new building to provide larger quarters for the University group. Plans are being made for the erection of a three-story educational building. O. L. Gibson is pastor.

First Church, Bauxite, observed Homecoming and Dedication Day August 25. A new building, completely furnished and paid for, was dedicated. Elmo Johnson, a former pastor, preached the dedicatory message; Joe Sullivan, also a former pastor, preached at the morning service. Other preachers who assisted are M. A. Treadwell, Houston, Tex., W. T. King, Little Rock, and Ralph Davis, State Training Union Director. Revival services began the same day with former pastors doing the preaching. Henry Rutledge is the present pastor.

M. M. Hinesly has resigned as pastor of Brookland Church after 17 months' service. He says: "Brookland is a fine little church and I am anxious to see them secure a good pastor soon. I think they are ready to go full-time and pay a reasonable salary. They have a home for their pastor."

Carl Scott, Baylor University student, preached in a meeting at Southside Church, Faulkner Association, which resulted in 13 decisions. Until the name was changed just recently this was the Sulphur Church. Construction of a new building began the day following the revival. Boys of the church

PASTORAL CHANGES

Russell Duffer from Third Church, Malvern, to enter Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Lawson Hatfield to First Church, Ashdown. Homer A. Bradley from First Church, Des Arc, to enter New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

John W. Johnston from Central Association as missionary to Southwestern Seminary.

M. M. Hinesly from Brookland Church.

Charles E. Lawrence, resigned from First Church, Little Rock.

Dr. Eubanks, Youth Leader and Scholar, Will Head Ouachita Bible Department

Dr. S. W. (Bill) Eubanks, pastor of First Church, Nevada, Mo., has accepted the position as head of the Bible Department at Ouachita College, succeeding Dr. O. W. Yates, who recently resigned to accept work at Georgetown College in Kentucky.

Dr. Eubanks became actively employed in religious work in his home state of Missouri when he was elected State Student Secretary in 1930. He was personnel secretary for William Jewell College, 1932-36. Following graduation at Southern Seminary in 1941, he went to Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., as head of the Bible Department for three years.

He was a member of the Executive Committee for the Missouri Centennial Evangelistic Crusade in 1945, and is a member of the Executive Committee for William Jewell Endowment Campaign and of the Board of Trustees of Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar.

Dr. Eubanks holds the A. S. Degree from Southwest College, A. B. from William Jewell College, M. A. from the University of Missouri, and Th. M. and Th. D. from Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Eubanks is the former Miss Margaret Ruth Kime of Little Rock. She is a graduate of Ouachita College and an alumna of the WMU Training School, Louisville. She is author of the mission study course book, "March On." The Eubanks have two children, Bill K., age five years, and Dorothy Rae, age six months.



Dr. Eubanks

have erected a large metal sign on the highway, advertising the services of the church.

To memorialize Dr. John Hill Luther, who served as the last president of Baylor College at Independence, Tex., and the first at Belton, Tex., and his wife, Mrs. Annie Jaudon Luther, and to preserve the historic arches of Old Luther Hall, a campaign to raise funds for a Luther Memorial Museum is being launched by Mary Hardin-Baylor College. Dr. Luther was the father of the late Mrs. W. B. Bagby, who was the first Protestant woman missionary to South America.

HELP WANTED! 2,000 men wanted to serve as livestock attendants on board UNRRA ships carrying livestock to Europe to replace killed-off animals. Applicants should be able to work with animals, willing to do manual labor, and of good moral character. Men especially desired who will conduct themselves without reproach in foreign ports. Age, 16 to 60. Trip takes four to six weeks. Pay, \$150 per trip. Apply, Brethren Service Committee, New Windsor, Md.

Lone Star Church, Little Red River Association, had 14 additions, nine for baptism, in evangelistic services conducted by Pastor George W. Norman, except for five sermons preached by Rev. W. H. Lansford, Heber Springs.

Trinity Church, Lake Charles, La., E. Butler Abington, pastor, began revival services August 25. The church celebrated its 20th anniversary August 18. It was organized with 147 charter members and now has 1,425.

Piney Grove Church, Hope Association, had 12 additions, 11 for baptism, in a revival led by Clyde Parish, of Arkadelphia. Pastor Lawrence Ferriell and a young lady of the church surrendered their lives to special mission work. Speaking of the evangelist Pastor Ferriell says: "Bro. Parish is a man who depends upon the Lord to lead him in everything and preaches without fear or favor the gospel

of Christ. I wish to commend him to brethren who need a God-called, God-fearing man to help them in a revival. He passionately loves the lost wherever they may be. The church and pastor were brought together and many constructive plans for the future were inaugurated."

Lawrence Ferriell, ministerial student Ouachita College, led evangelistic services Sulphur City, where he formerly was pastor. Results show 11 conversions and 12 baptisms. Ewell Lougale is pastor.

First Church, Brinkley, Reese S. Howard, pastor, began a revival meeting August 18 with Dr. Alfred Carpenter, of the Home Mission Board, preaching and Rev. John Cargill, Worth, Tex., directing the music.

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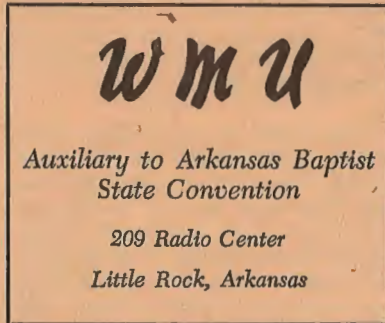
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Women at Ridgecrest Gain Inspiration: "Lift Up Your Eyes!"

By MRS. B. A. GRAY
President WMU First Church,
Pine Bluff



Did you go to Ridgecrest? Then I'm sure that you, too, thought of these words as you looked upon the beautiful mountains: "Lift up your eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help." Misses Fay and Ethel Winters, Mrs. C. H. Ray and I made the trip with Mrs. J. E. Short in her car. We reached Ridgecrest just in time for the evening meal, which was followed by the Vesper Service at Lake Dew.

The meeting was opened that same evening in the lovely auditorium, the theme "A Call for Volunteers" running through the week's program. I can not begin to pass on the inspiration of this great meeting as we sat and listened to some of our outstanding speakers, not only of the South but of these United States. Among these were Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. Duke McCall, Dr. F. Crossley Morgan, Dr. J. Clyde Turner, Dr. Courts Redford and Dr. George W. Sadler.

Since missions is the very heart of our WMU work, our hearts thrilled to see and hear so many of our returned missionaries and some newly appointed ones, many of them on the eve of leaving the homeland to take up their work. When we heard them tell of their experiences and saw their eagerness "to be about their Father's business," "our hearts burned within us."

The morning worship services led by Miss Martha Franks, missionary to China, and Miss Margaret Applegarth, mission lecturer and program builder from the Northern Baptist Convention, lifted us upon the high mountain peaks.

A program that greatly impressed me was the one presented by members of the Cherokee Indian missionary society led by Mrs. J. J. Johnson, wife of our missionary to the Indians at Cherokee, N. C. One woman said she walked 12 miles in order to come to this meeting at Ridgecrest, then added, "but I didn't mind the hard, dusty road when I remembered that Jesus walked the sands of Galilee."

I especially enjoyed the mission study led by Miss Blanche Snyder White, WMU executive secretary of Virginia, the title of the study being "Now is the Day." Classes in all phases of WMU work were held each morning but I could attend only one, and chose this one as we are to study this book before the observance of our Foreign Mission Season of Prayer in December.

The grand total attendance for this first WMU and fourth BWC conference was 1,019. Miss Kath-

leen Mallory led the conference on WMU with 487 registration, Miss Mary Christian had charge of the BWC conference with 407 registration, and Miss Juliette Mather led the conference for young people's counselors with 125 registration. Arkansas had 18 women present; 10 from First Church, Little Rock; three from First Church, Pine Bluff; and one each from Immanuel and Second Churches, Little Rock, Gould, Gordon and Clarendon.

If you have never been to Ridgecrest, make your plans now to go next year for it will be profitable for you mentally, physically and spiritually.

This is the DAY and now is the TIME, women of the WMU, to "lift up your eyes unto the hills from whence cometh your help," and Ridgecrest is the PLACE.

Methods Clinic Promoted For Negro Women

Baptist women of Texarkana held a methods clinic for Negro women recently in connection with an institute for Negro pastors. The first afternoon Mrs. Arthur Fuller of Beech Street taught WMU methods. Mrs. Robert E. DeCamp of Highland Park Church taught "Making Your Community Christian" the second afternoon. Mrs. Joe Roebuck of the First Church conducted the study on young people's work with 27 Negro workers and 20 Negro children of Junior GA and RA ages present. These children presented a program directed by Mrs. Levi L. Stanmore, wife of the pastor of College Hill Negro Baptist church. The last session was an inspirational and consecration service conducted by Mrs. Carl Hunker, missionary appointee to China from the First Church. Besides those conducting the sessions others attending were Mrs. L. S. Beal, Mrs. W. H. House, Mrs. G. C. Ivins and Mrs. Roger M. Baxter. The class periods and discussions were interesting and informative. This inter-racial work should result in improved work for the Kingdom.—Mrs. Roger M. Baxter.

Music Director Returns to Duty

Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state director of church music, is fully recovered from her recent illness and plans to return early in September to full-time active duty.

Through the splendid cooperation of the associate workers in church music, it has been possible to keep a well-balanced program of work going during the summer months. However, with the approach of fall, new objectives in the promotion of church music will be undertaken. The Associational School will be featured in many sections of the state. The Leadership School and the Youth Choir Festival, both of which were postponed, will take place during the winter. Full details of each event may be found in the Arkansas Baptist in the near future.

Mrs. Nininger is scheduled to attend the Southwide Church Music Conference at Ridgecrest, August 22-30, as a member of the faculty

Religious Education

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for the third time since becoming Church Music Director for Arkansas. She will give six lectures on the youth choir. Titles of the lectures are, "Mining the Metal," "A Youthful Approach to Church Music," "What Are We Driving At?" "How Firm a Foundation," "Are You List'nin?" and "Trends." Using the staff choir, a survey of suitable material for youth choirs will be demonstrated.

Suggested Study Course for September

"A Church Development Week," Sponsored by the Training Union.

- Time**—September 9-13, 1946, (or a more suitable date).
- Classes:**
 - Adults—"Our Lord and Ours," or "Living Abundantly."
 - Young People—"Investments in Christian Living," or "More Than Money."
 - Intermediates—"Not Your Own."
 - Juniors—"Living for Jesus," or "The Junior and His Church."
 - Story Hour Children—Provision should be made for the children each night.
- Schedules:**
 - 7:00 First Class Period.
 - 7:45 General Period.
 - 8:15 Second Class Period.
 - 9:00 Adjourn.
- General Period:**
 - Monday Night—Theme: Stewardship of Time.
 - Tuesday Night—Theme: Stewardship of Talent.
 - Wednesday Night—Theme: Stewardship of Money.
 - Thursday Night—Theme: Stewardship of Life.
 - Friday Night—Theme: Stewardship and Consecration Service led by Pastor—signing of Tither's Card.

These general periods of 30 minutes could be varied. Playlets, forums, or messages could be used. The pastor, or whoever directs the campaign or study course, will have charge of these general periods each night.
- Faculty:**

There is an advantage in using local workers for the faculty. The pastor will likely teach the Adults. There is also an advantage in using workers from near-by churches. As strong a faculty as possible should be secured.
- Advertising:**
 - Make several attractive posters for the church.
 - Every member of the Training Union should enroll for one of the classes.
 - The Training Union members will then systematically visit every resident church member with an invitation to enroll in one of the classes.
 - Announcement at all services should be made for several weeks prior to the "church development week."
 - Letters and cards may be sent to all of the church members. Make it clear that the church development week is for every church member.
 - Order the books well in advance.
 - Order "Request for Awards" blanks (free) from your State Training Union Director, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

On Being Good Neighbors

By JOHN D. HUGHEY, JR.
Missionary Appointee for Europe

Helping needy people is religious work. I tried to remember this while I was with UNRRA in the Middle East. I frequently conducted religious services, but I was primarily a relief worker and not a preacher. Sometimes I wondered if this was as it should be. My conclusion was that helping people physically is often as much of a religious obligation as is helping them spiritually.

Jesus told a parable about a man who met with foul play on the Jericho Road. Two men—religious people, a priest and a Levite—passed by, but they were in a hurry or were afraid and quickly went on their way. Perhaps they were hurrying on to a religious meeting of some kind. They didn't have time to help a wounded and dying man. A Samaritan, whom the Jews considered beyond the pale religiously and socially, was the one who extended the helping hand.

There was danger for a while that Southern Baptists would be like the priest and Levite. We were rather late doing anything much for the relief of the suffering along the Jericho road of our day. But now we show that we have the spirit of the Good Samaritan. We are raising \$3,500,000 for relief and rehabilitation.

We realize now if we didn't realize it before that we can't render a religious service to people later unless we give them material aid now. As a chaplain in Japan wrote some time ago, we might as well forget about foreign missions later on unless we feed the hungry now. The unfortunate people on the Jericho road don't have much confidence in the religion of priests and Levites who pass them by on the other side.


Millions of people have been beaten and robbed by the monster of war and have been left half dead. They are all our neighbors. The question for us to decide now is, Are we good or bad neighbors? If we are good neighbors, we will, in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, have compassion on the needy and help them until they can take care of themselves. Let us remember that it is Christian to be a Good Samaritan.

The Need In South China

A cablegram from Hongkong August 6 reports the results of a preliminary survey of South China's relief needs, conducted by Dr. M. Theron Rankin and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, now on tour of Baptist missions in the Orient.

The report indicates the following sums of money needed for relief and rehabilitation in that one

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area of Baptist responsibility in China:

- \$100,000 for direct relief through the churches;
- \$75,000 for Baptist workers;
- \$25,000 for orphans and the aged;
- \$27,000 for medical aid.
- \$50,000 for aid to Baptist Students;
- \$150,000 for rehabilitation of residences, churches, and schools.

A Way to Help

By J. E. DILLARD

Here are the figures: population of the United States, 140,000,000 plus; starving people in Europe, 140,000,000 plus. That is to say, for every man, woman, and child in the United States there is someone starving in Europe, and there are two more starving in Asia. Let's think of this when we eat our three meals a day.

Here is a fact: the most of us eat more than we need. More of us suffer from eating too much than from not eating enough. Many of us could save enough on our meals to feed a starving child and be healthier and happier by doing so. Let's think of this when we return thanks for "our" daily bread.

Here is a way: 15 cents a day will save some unfortunate one from starvation. Each of us can give that much, at least for a while. Here is how: cut out five cents worth of food at each meal and put the nickel aside for our World Relief fund. This would be only 15 cents for one day, but it would amount to \$4.50 in a month and \$54 in a year. Think of this when you sit down and when you rise up.

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NOTES OF ADVANCE

Dr. O. W. Yates, head of the Bible Department of Ouachita College for the past 12 years, has moved to Kentucky. Friends may address him at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

Missionary W. O. Taylor, Clear Creek Association, reports that churches now in revival meetings are Mountain Top, E. H. McAlister, pastor, W. O. Taylor, evangelist; Union Grove, W. H. Shields, evangelist; Cedarville, John Worley, evangelist; arbor meeting near Lamar, Coy Lyons, evangelist.

Seventeen professions of faith and 15 additions by baptism resulted from revival services at Mt. Zion Church, Campbell. Missionary Chester Roten, Stone—Van Buren—Searcy Counties Association, assisted Pastor W. B. Davenport. Johnnie Massey, Leslie, led the song service.

Ed Vallowe, for the past 10 months music and educational director at Park Place Church, Hot Springs, has resigned that position to enroll in school at Ouachita College. Pastor Jesse Reed says, "During the stay of Mr. Vallowe, there has been marked progress in all phases of work. The Sunday School has reached the standard and the Training Union has grown tremendously."

Twenty-three conversions and additions and two rededications were counted in a revival at Ratcliff Church. Pastor Delbert McAtee, First Church, Haileyville, Okla., did the preaching.

Harold Plunkett, Ouachita College student, was ordained to the ministry by Excelsior Church recently.

Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor, First Church, Fort Smith, is featured on the front page of the August 21 issue of the Biblical Recorder of North Carolina under the caption, "Native Tar Heel Has Been Shepherd of One Flock for 30 Years." The article quotes from the June 20 issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

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Canadian Baptists Worry Over

By Religious News Service

Loss of "good Baptist blood" to other churches through inter-nominal marriages, pastoral moves, and the transference of clergymen, is becoming "demonstrably disastrous" to the Baptist Convention of Ontario Quebec.

The report, presented by the Rev. George P. Gilmour of the Master University and chairman of the church's commission on membership and polity, disclosed that during the past 65 years the proportion of Baptists in the Canadian population has decreased from 10 per cent to four per cent.

"Statistical evidence that we are marrying ourselves out of existence does not make light reading," says the report. Referring to the Baptist custom of immersion, it pointed out that an interdenominational marriage in the majority of cases involves the loss of the Baptist partner since the non-Baptist spouse usually regards immersion as "an unnecessary repetition of a profession of faith already sincerely made elsewhere."

Discussing ministerial losses, the report declared that "our lack of supply of important pulpits is a cause for discouragement among those who have been in the ministry some time, and leads to fraternal emigration."

The report suggested that though Baptists are not ready to form an organic union they should look toward a closer cooperation with other Protestant bodies.

Two churches in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Louie D. Nease, pastor, and Second-Ponce de Leon, Monroe F. Swilley, pastor, pledged \$25,000 each to the \$500,000 special fund which the Southern Convention voted to raise by September 30 for relief and relief.

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The Allegiance to God Is Guarantee for Material Needs

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Today when so many of our current social maladjustments are due to wrong attitudes and practices which are related to the use of property, the theme of this lesson is doubly significant.

Although Jesus gave first place to His emphasis of spiritual values, many of His teachings had to do with the use of property and right attitudes toward it.

Jesus did not seek to give detailed explanations of how His followers would deal with every petty problem that might arise in daily living, but He did lay down principles that were inclusive of every problem that might arise.

The Eighth Commandment

The commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," strikes at the very heart of the diseased conscience of the social order. The desire for riches has, throughout the centuries, driven men to kill and destroy, to pillage and to plunder, and to violate every principle that makes for decency.

The Eighth Commandment is cited as "proof positive of the divine sanction of private ownership of property. Without such ownership there could be no theft. A community of goods, by its possession in the hand of all, cannot be stolen by any. For Communism means joint ownership, joint heirship; and such heirship is the ownership of all by each. So in this commandment we face God again. Its violation is therefore a sin against God."

In granting man the privilege of private ownership, however, God did not expect man to lay hold on that which is not rightfully his. Ownership on the part of one marks off and specifically defines certain boundaries on the part of others.

There are various ways of violating the Eighth Commandment. One of the ways in which this is done is by taking, through seizure, property of another, whether by violence or in secrecy.

Again, through fraud one may break the Eighth Commandment. "One who borrows money without the intention, or the ability, to repay is a thief." Malachi reminds us that the withholding of the tithe is robbery (3:8f). One-tenth of our income belongs to God, and we have no right to spend it selfishly upon self.

By creation, by redemption, by right of moral government, God owns you, self and substance. You are not your own, you are redeemed not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. What right have you to withhold yourself from God?

Two Dangers

In the passage from Proverbs (30:7-9) we are brought face to

Sunday School Lesson For September 1

Scriptures: Exodus 20:15; Proverbs 30:7-9; Matthew 6:25-33

face with two dangers, namely, the dangers that surround one in poverty and in riches.

Few people can succeed financially without suffering a spiritual setback. The pull of material things, the desire for wealth, eats like a cankerworm at the vitals of one's spiritual life. In fact, I often wonder if we have a right to ask God's blessings upon us in our material undertakings until we have definitely established in our own mind and heart a firm resolve to be loyal to God, no matter what comes.

In like manner, relatively few are able to feel the pinch of abject poverty without going backward spiritually. Often, with the coming of poverty there is an attendant loss of self respect and that innate quality of justifiable pride, and this is frequently followed with bitterness and questionings.

Only those souls who have intimate fellowship with Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord are able to face realistically and victoriously the extreme issues of life, whether in poverty or in wealth. In Christ one can do all things (Phil. 4:13). In Him one learns to be "content" in whatsoever state he is in (Phil. 4:11).

Needless Distraction

Jesus makes it clear to His disciples (Matt 6:25) that he does not want them to give way to over-anxiety to needless distractions. The words, "take no thought," rendered "anxious" in the Revised Standard Version, come from a word meaning "to draw in different directions"—our English word "distraction" perhaps represents it better than the word "anxious."

The Christian is ever in danger of becoming pre-occupied with material things. Christ wants us to be mindful of God's providential care. He illustrates this by pointing out that the birds of the air neither sow nor reap nor gather into the barns and yet they are fed by our Heavenly Father. He also points out how the lilies of the field are cared for by the Father.

The Divine Ideal

"But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matt. 6:33). Here Jesus states for us the divine ideal, namely, to put first things first in life. God's kingdom and His righteousness and our loyalty to Him should come before we have concern for

ought else in the world. Riches, fame, and all other material things are as nothing in comparison with Him and His way of life for us.

When we put God's kingdom first in life, invariably we are divinely blest. I have ministered to hundreds of beggars who have come asking for shoes and garments and food and shelter, but I have yet to look into the face of a single one who could tell me sincerely that, for the past twelve months, he had been seeking in every way possible to put first the kingdom of God, for beggars who have come to my door have, without exception, been men whose moral and spiritual natures have consciously fallen short of the divine standard. If we could have a reinterpretation of values, and center our affections upon Christ and His kingdom, the world would no longer be afflicted with greed and lust for material things.

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Religious Education

Vacation Bible School

We are eagerly counting the reports as they come in, wondering if there will be more schools than last year when 201 schools reported. Judging from the interest

shown by the workers through letters and other contacts, we would think that there will be an increase.

Did you have a school in your church or in a mission? Have you reported it? Please check with your secretary or the person responsible and have a report sent in now while you are thinking about it. It is important that we receive them right away so that Arkansas may be credited in the southwide record for all the schools held this year.

If you do not have a report form, please send on a post card the name of the school, where located, when held, how many enrolled and how many days duration. Do it now!

Mail all reports to Mrs. A. C. Kolb, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

Standard Reached First Time

Recently we received word from Pastor Aubrey C. Halsell of the West Memphis Church that they have completed all requirements for maintaining a standard Sunday School for the past three months. This is the first time, so far as the records show, that this church has met the requirements for receiving the award as a standard Sunday School.

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Going Strong on Relief Offering

We are more than three fourths to the goal for the Relief and Rehabilitation offering in Arkansas, and money is still coming in. We must go over the top. We perhaps have received now about \$81,000 for this sacred cause. Has your church made its offering yet?

Part Time Pastors

We are making here an appeal to pastors of part time churches. **BRETHREN, WON'T YOU PLEASE TAKE A COLLECTION FOR THIS CAUSE EVERYWHERE YOU PREACH ON ANY SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER UNLESS THE CHURCH HAS ALREADY MADE THE OFFERING?** Many full time preachers are also preaching out at part time churches. We appeal to them to see that all these churches have the appeal presented to them.

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Sends \$3,961.48

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, has made a worthy offering for Relief and Rehabilitation. We have received from their treasurer \$3961.-48, and we understand that more is yet to come. Their busy pastor had an ambition for his great church to give \$5,000 to this great cause.

First Church, Little Rock, Gives \$2,670.32

We have received from First Church, Little Rock, \$2670.32 for Relief and Rehabilitation work. Pastor Lawrence has been pulling for \$5000. More yet will come in from this great church.

First Church, North Little Rock, Has Great Offering

We have received a report from the First Church, North Little Rock, that it gathered \$1123.31 on the first Sunday in August for Relief and Rehabilitation. Pastor Barker made an earnest appeal, and this great church responded as it usually does when its pastor lays a thing on its heart.

Paul Fox and Immanuel

We have just had word from Immanuel Church in Pine Bluff that their offering for Relief and Rehabilitation went far, far beyond the amount requested. We had asked these brethren for four or five hundred dollars, and their offering runs around \$1500.

This is such a glorious victory that it almost constitutes a surprise. We are not much surprised, however, at the great things that Pastor Paul Fox and his saints at Immanuel really do. This is a splendid growing church, and Pastor Fox is one of our outstanding men. His friends will be happy to know that he is making a good recovery from his injuries

received in an accident last winter. One knee is still stiff but further treatment is expected to restore it to normalcy.

Baring Cross Gives \$1,000.00

Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, sends \$1000 for the Relief and Rehabilitation Offering. Harvey Elledge is the pastor and leader of this great church.

Benton Crosses the Goal Line

First Church, Benton, sent \$826.80 for the Relief and Rehabilitation offering. This is nearly \$200 above the amount requested. That is the way the Benton Church does things. Virgil A. Rose is the progressive pastor.

Wallis and Clarksville

Clarksville First Church is not a conservative church. It is made up of very fine men and women. Pastor Wallis is making them an unusually splendid leader. They sent us \$708.52 for the Relief and Rehabilitation. This is nearly three times the amount requested, and the church is growing too.

Many Churches Giving Large Offerings

We have been out of the office so much recently that we have missed reports of many churches on the Relief and Rehabilitation offering. We hear indirectly, however, that many of them are doing fine. We are happy for them, and we thank them for responding to this worthy appeal.

Charleston Strong for Relief And Rehabilitation

The Charleston Church under the leadership of Pastor Arthur Hart has nearly doubled

its quota in the Relief and Rehabilitation offering. The church was requested to \$225. The offering has already gone \$400. Pastor Hart also took a collection at Bloomer Church and sent in \$50, and Church raised \$40. Hart is doing a lot of preaching and he does it well.

Parable

By ERWIN McDONALD

Kit and Short were mules that lived on an Arkansas farm where the writer spent his hood days. Kit was fat and short, and Short was lank and long. They were good mules as mules go, but they often grew weary of well doing. This was especially true of Short who was always behind, even when hitched to a wagon with Short. Short would always lead where you were going by a good pace. Life for Kit was just a slow-poke existence. She was never known to show enthusiasm except when the day's work was over and she was headed for home. Even any Baptists like Kit—always behind in their church activities and Christian duties?

Pastor J. R. Woods is Doing A Splendid Work at Ladelle

Brother J. R. Woods is a very competent and able man. He was once in the Arkansas Legislature, and has been a prominent business man in Hamburg for a long time. He and Mrs. Woods reared a large family of fine children. For a number of years Brother Woods has been preaching and doing a work in smaller churches that few men are able to do. We congratulate the saints at Ladelle for being able to procure the services of a man like Brother Woods.

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