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## Evangel for Missions

By ALVIN HATTON

Missionary education for the young people of Arkansas has been the purpose and passion of Miss Margaret Hutchison the last seventeen years. She has employed practical methods for carrying out this purpose. Working with Young Women's Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors, Girls' Auxiliaries, and Sunbeams, she has inspired and instructed leaders and led churches to be concerned with this important phase of church work. Then she has planned and promoted YWA Houseparties, GA Camps and Conferences, RA Camps and Conclaves, all in the interest of winning young people to Christ and inspiring them with the great missionary enterprise.

Not only is she interested in missions and missionaries, but she is herself a missionary. That has been her work in Arkansas these years. There is no way of telling this side of eternity how many missionaries are on foreign fields today, and those preparing to go, largely because the Lord used this one to bring them face to face with missions.

When a young person reads a mission book, or sits at the feet of a missionary in a class, or spends a week with a missionary at camp, the Lord has a mighty good chance to say to the heart of that young Christian, "I want to use you in something like that." But some one must know the young people on one hand and the missionaries on the other hand, and then get them together in a place and with a program

that will in every way be attractive and profitable. This is the work of the Young People's Secretary. This is the job Miss Hutchison has done so well.

When a young person volunteers for mission service her job is not over. Her task is to keep in touch with such a one—to help, encourage and guide. Then especially in the case of foreign missionaries, when the years of preparation are completed and they begin their actual service on foreign fields, Miss Hutchison has made it her business to continue to keep in touch with them. She helps them keep in touch with home. She has an unselfish interest in them and their affairs. Maybe they need something that she can obtain for them. At least they need real friends and she can be a friend.



Miss Hutchison

Miss Hutchison is a native of Arkansas. She was born at 2110 Chester Street, Little Rock. She "grew up" in the Second Baptist Church. After graduating from Little Rock High School she attended Louisiana State Normal and later Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans where she received a Bachelor of Christian Training. She then returned to Louisiana College and received her A. B. degree. Returning home after her training, she became Young People's Secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas. For the past seventeen years she has served faithfully and effectively in this position. Her leaving is a distinct loss to Arkansas Baptists.

*Miss Margaret Hutchison, for 17 years Young People's Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has resigned that position and terminated her leadership of the work June 30. Her influence will be felt throughout the life of the generations of young people whom her work touched. We requested the above article from Alvin Hatton, the state secretary for Royal Ambassador work, one of the several phases of activity in Miss Hutchison's department. Others in the WMU will speak next week.*

# ONE Hungry WORLD

When you have your vacation this year, remember death and starvation take no holiday.

Millions must die, we fear, . . . it isn't going to be possible to get relief to all in time; but if we weren't here the death toll would be very much greater. Thirty millions are facing starvation in China, but of this huge number we hope that not more than five millions will actually perish for lack of food.

—George Fitch, Deputy Regional Director, UNRRA, Kaifeng, Honan Province, China.

Pastor Ludevic Drobny of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, writes May 21, 1946: "Up to date 970 boxes have arrived (eleven-pound parcel-post packages from America). We have already distributed much clothing and many shoes to the most needy. Now we are getting ready for new distributions. The brothers, sisters, and our children are very happy and we are grateful to you and the Lord. The people are very much surprised to see so much love. If we receive more goods, we shall give also to our friends who love to come to hear the Word of God."

People ask, "How can missionaries get food for starving people when the government can't?" Transportation in invaded countries is the major problem. Port cities are bottle-necks if railroad service is inadequate. One man with a little money, a two-wheeled cart or wheelbarrow, and the will to help, can save the lives of an entire church only eight miles from the dock simply by transferring a supply of rice. UNRRA is committed to work with governments in power; if government is partial to the state church or a political group, evangelical Christians may starve while the majority has food, unless one of them has cash to buy bread enough for his fellow church members.

One agency which administers relief funds for Southern Baptists in areas where no missionaries now serve is the Institution for the Chinese Blind, Incorporated, U. S. A., organized "to ameliorate the condition of the blind deaf, and mute in China." The following statement from the Changsha School for Blind Girls was mailed March 3, 1946: "Rice is now \$24,000 a load. We need fifteen loads a month if we have no workmen to feed. Some more repairs are most necessary. We also need benches for the dining room—the girls eat standing—and benches for the chapel. We have big trees on the compound. We will use them to make these benches as soon as we have the money."

# RADIO



Dr. M. Ray McKay is the "Arkansas Baptist Hour" speaker for the week of July 14. Dr. McKay is pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock. Coming to his present pastorate from Kansas about two years ago, Dr. McKay has led this great church in launching one of the most ambitious programs within the state.

"The Content of the Christian Gospel," is the subject of Dr. McKay's message. The very essence of the gospel of our Lord is condensed into this message and presented with clarity and powerful appeal.

This program may be heard over the following radio stations on the days and hours listed below:

- KFPW, Fort Smith, Sunday, July 14, 5:00 to 5:30 p. m.
- KLCN, Blytheville, Sunday, July 14, 5:30 to 6:00 p. m.
- KTHS, Hot Springs, Thursday, July 18, 6:30 to 7:00 p. m.
- KARK, Little Rock, Saturday, July 20, 9:30 to 10:00 a. m.
- KUOA, Siloam Springs, Saturday, July 20, 6:15 to 6:45 a. m.
- KELD, El Dorado, Saturday, July 20, 8:30 to 9:00 p. m.

Speaker on program this week is Dr. B. V. Ferguson, for 30 years pastor of the First Church, Fort Smith. The subject of his message is "The Night Before the Dawn, or The Universal Conflict."

# TIRED OF THE HUSKS?

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"And he would fain have filled his belly with the HUSKS which the SWINE EAT."

This story is a classic in Christian literature. For simplicity of style, directness of thought and application, accurateness of detail, faithfulness to actual life conditions, it has no superiors and few equals. It is a "Story," beside which most of the writing that goes by that name appears as trash, coming from minds that are cluttered with false conceptions of life and principles of living.

Eternity alone will reveal the number of youths who have acted the part of the Foul Son. Some have lived the story through to the end, returning at length to the Father, receiving forgiveness and the blessings of the Father's household. Others, alas, have lived only the first part of the story never leaving the pig sty, remaining in the squalid, wholesome surroundings of vileness and eating from the troughs of debauched and unholy living, dying among the swine of their own godless deeds and base desires.

This story presents a powerful appeal to every youth who has wondered away from home and turned against the counsel of father and mother. It shows the folly of youthful rebellion against the proven values of the restrictions, and reveals the tragedy that overtakes the youth who wanders into the country of sinful indulgences.

This story pleads with every soul that has forsaken God and denied His rights in this life. It pleads for a return to God who will receive the sinner with forgiveness and mercy.

This story invites every soul who is "TIRED OF THE HUSKS" to return to the Father's table.

"And he went and joined himself to a sinner of that country: and he sent him into the field to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks which the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him. When he came to himself, he said, . . . I will arise and go to my Father." Luke 15: 11-17.

What Japan lacks mostly is food and clothing. The display of foodstuffs in PX windows is just like teasing a half-starved animal. Instead of just preaching faith to these people and hoping, we must get to the necessities of life.

—PFC. Tamio Kabashima, M. P. Platoon, stationed in Japan, letter dated June 18.

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Dr. R. L. Whipple, President, Central College, Conway, Arkansas

# Across the Editor's Desk

## Pope County Dry

Pope County, with Russellville the county seat, overwhelmingly voted out liquor in a county-wide local option election last Tuesday. One of the most effective and uncompromising voices for the course of righteousness was the secular newspaper, the Weekly Tribune, published at Russellville by Mr. Elmer Boyd.

Mr. Boyd's publication carried a number of strong editorials on the issue. Along with his editorial blasts were full page advertisements displaying court records which blasted to bits the wet propaganda that "legal control" reduces drunkenness. In fact, records of the Russellville municipal court were printed to show that during six prohibition years, 1928-1933, convictions for drunkenness averaged 51 per year. In the six years of "legal control," 1939-1946, the average per year of convictions for drunkenness is 312. A ratio of six to one!

In a front page editorial, Mr. Boyd's paper asked the question, "Chief propaganda of the wet forces is the revenue angle—money that goes to schools, old age pensions, etc. Granting the sale of liquor does bring in tax revenues, is the issue a commercial one?" He then answers, "No, it is purely a moral issue and one in which financial returns must not enter into the picture.

"What must be considered is which would create the least temptation to our young people and older ones who seem unable to resist the evils of the liquor traffic. We have the definite conviction that to vote dry would create the far better situation.

"There is no thought of making people good by legislation. It can't be done. But are we not our brother's keeper, and responsible for making it easier for him to go straight and harder to go wrong? Aren't there enough temptations without putting more before him?"

## Question

The Editor of the Cleburne County Times at Heber Springs has raised the question, "Can a warring church produce a peaceful world?" He headed an editorial with that question and wrote:

"One of the most pitiable, disheartening facts about the Christian church is the all out endless doctrinal feud and interdenominational strife that has handicapped, hindered and weakened the church in practically all of its efforts to build the kingdom.

"We are now interested in a warless world where brotherhood, tolerance and mutual faith and confidence is found. It is quite dif-

ficult for the church to be as impressive as it should, in promoting plans for such a world, when often the spirit of brotherhood, tolerance and mutual faith and confidence is lacking in the relationship between different branches of the Christian church.

"A warring church will have a difficult time promoting a peaceful world. If we demonstrate that Christian people cannot live together peacefully, our argument that the world should live together in peace will be unimpressive. If the churches cannot cooperate in good faith, why expect nations to do so?"

## E. E. Lee Retires

E. E. Lee, one of the most beloved workers among Southern Baptists, plans to retire September 1. Arkansans have known him best at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly, and we are especially unhappy at the prospect of assemblies without "Hot Dawg." He is being missed this week, absent from the 1946 Assembly program.

Mr. Lee, who terms himself the "Wayre-gated Wanderer," has served in the same capacity as Training Union field secretary for Southern Baptists since 1909. He probably knows more people by their names, and is loved by more people throughout the Southland, than any other of our leaders now living. Truly this editor has felt greatly the helpful influence of Mr. and Mrs. Lee.

Mr. Lee's retirement marks the end of the era of field secretaries among Southern Baptists. The office of general field workers was established back in 1901 with the election of Dr. B. W. Spilman to direct Sunday School work throughout the states of the Southland. The employment of state secretaries for Sunday School and Training Union work and the later development of a system of state "approved workers" have made the original necessity of the field secretary obsolete.

When the first field secretary was employed in 1901, Southern Baptists numbered only 1,600,000 in contrast to the approximate 6,000,000 on our church rolls now. Sunday School enrolment has jumped from 712,012 to 3,525,000 and the Training Union from a bare beginning to 703,000. Hail the work of the field secretary!

War's toll of human life became more real to Americans with the recent announcement of 295,867 U. S. Army dead. The army's casualty list of dead, wounded and captured in the recent war stands at 948,418. The Navy, Marines and Coast Guard report 148,774 casualties.

## Travelers

Seven Southern Baptist pastors and leaders are traveling in as many different directions in July to make a first-hand study of world conditions.

Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is leaving July 12 for Russia. Dr. Newton was leader in the denomination's campaign to pack kits for Russia during the war.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, executive secretary, and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Orient secretary, of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond were to arrive in China July 1 to make a study of Southern Baptist relief and rehabilitation needs there.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor at Shreveport and a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is en route to Australia on a six months preaching tour reaching nine areas of the Southern hemisphere.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor at Memphis and staff writer for the Arkansas Baptist, leaves July 15 for a preaching tour of South American mission fields.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, pastor at Lynchburg, Va., has returned to his native Norway to visit Norwegian churches and study relief needs.

Dr. C. O. Johnson, pastor at Saint Louis, will make a tour of Pacific bases under sponsorship of the Chaplain's Commission.

A blind student at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., has announced plans to launch publication of "The Braille Evangel" in October. The student, who asked that his name not be published, said the new magazine will be a digest of Southern Baptist publications, and is designed to carry an evangelistic and educational message to blind readers. If you have visually handicapped friends, ask them to write "The Braille Evangel," Box 6001, Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth 10, Tex. The magazine will be sent to subscribers without charge.

## Dig a Little Deeper

From far-flung lands of Europe,  
Of China and Japan,  
From fields of desolation  
Are reaching bony hands.  
Send food for soul and body,  
Send clothing, bread and gold!  
We perish, we are helpless,  
Our lands are dark and cold.

Awake, oh land of plenty,  
Oh, Christian nation strong!  
Dig down a little deeper  
And help our starving throng.  
We sent our best to conquer,  
Now send our best to save!  
Lest surging, blind humanity  
Go hopeless to the grave.  
—Helen H. Griffith, McGehee, Ark.

## Method of Distribution of Relief Funds Is Outlined by Foreign Mission Board

A relief and rehabilitation committee, to replace the old world emergency relief committee, has been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to administer \$3,500,000 being raised by Southern Baptist churches this summer, according to an announcement by M. Theron Rankin, the board's executive secretary, just before his departure for the Orient.

The Board will allocate funds for relief purposes from time to time, as the money is raised, and the relief and rehabilitation committee will use the funds for the most acute current needs.

An initial allocation of \$1,000,000 has already been made.

At the first meeting of the new committee, June 20, certain general policies were adopted.

First, priority will be given always to available Baptist channels in the distribution of relief and rehabilitation funds.

Second, where Baptist channels are not available, priority will be given to distinctively church channels to which Baptists overseas are closely related. Practically every Baptist church abroad has received help through Church World Service; when the relief committee of the Foreign Mission Board has no direct contact with fellow Baptists in Asia and Europe, the facilities of this agency, the merged organization of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction and of the Church Committee for Relief in Asia, will be used.

Third, where neither Baptist nor Church World Service channels are open, the committee will use other agencies which have been carefully investigated by the Board. One of those is C.A.R.E. (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe), a reliable means of sending food packages to individuals in certain countries. Others are the War Prisoners

Aid Committee, the American Bible Society, and the American Friends Service Committee.

The first \$200,000 to reach the Foreign Mission Board will be divided equally between Baptist channels and Church World Service. The \$100,000 to be administered by the Church World Service is designated for powdered milk, baby foods, flour, dried foodstuffs, tinned foodstuffs, soap, atabrin tablets for malaria victims, surgical dressings, bedding, shoes, and clothing, for China, India, the Philippines, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Holland, Italy, and Yugoslavia.

Dr. Rankin and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the board's secretary for the Orient, reached Shanghai June 30. They will survey the missions for relief needs and establish channels for maximum distribution of funds as delivered to China and Japan. Dr. Rankin expects to return before the end of 1946.

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Eighty of the 95 Training Union members of First Church, Mount Ida, enrolled in a study course held at the church recently. The faculty was made up of Pastor E. H. Westmoreland, South Main Church, Houston, Tex., teaching the adults; John Froelich, a deacon in South Main Church, the young people; Pastor A. L. McDaniel, the intermediates; and Mrs. Harry Sparks, Mt. Ida, the juniors. Carey Selph is Training Union director.

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The southwide convention of the Woman's Missionary Union will be held in St. Louis, May 4-6, 1947, according to a unanimous vote of the executive committee. The decision to hold the WMU convention preceding the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 7-11, was announced by Miss Kathleen Mallory, after a poll of the executive committee had been made by Mrs. George R. Martin, Virginia.

## Relief Gift

A Northwest Arkansas stockman offered two 2,000-pound draft horses to the world emergency relief camp now being waged by Southern Baptists to help feed the world's starving.

The animals, nine years old, are to be sold and the proceeds forwarded to the relief headquarters. Dr. B. L. Bridge, Little Rock, state executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is receiving bids. Do you want to help?

A total of \$34,112.77 had been received in state headquarters Monday morning, July 8, toward Arkansas' \$100,000 goal for Relief and Rehabilitation.

## Memphis Hospital Trustees Earmark Improvement Fund

By JOHN W. McCALL  
Memphis

One of the greatest assets of Baptists in the Tri-state territory is the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis. This institution, owned and controlled by the Baptist Conventions of Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee, Each Convention elects nine trustees to make up the Board of Control and Direct

In this Hospital Baptists have an investment of \$4,000,000 in assets. Its annual receipts amount to about \$2,000,000. It has a vast volume of charity work, maintaining more charity beds than all other hospitals combined in the state of Tennessee, except government-owned hospitals.

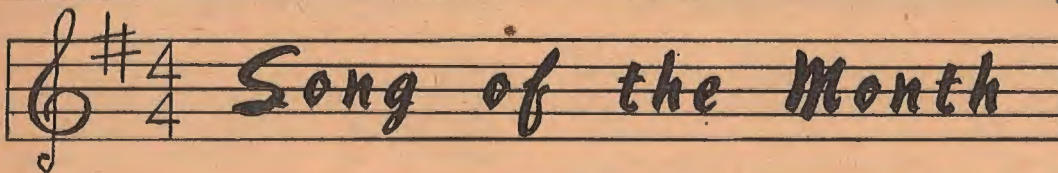
The Baptist Memorial Hospital touches the lives of persons every day. It maintains 500 beds for the sick and these are crowded to the limit flowing every day. The hospital staff of 100 members of the Baptist Hospital is accepted as superb in the medical field.

The public, and Baptists in particular, are distressed upon the many criticisms and rumors now in circulation about the hospital.

Dr. L. T. Lowrey and his Board of Trustees are now working diligently to assemble facts, and will set up such procedures as to best lead the Baptist Hospital in continuing its great service to the public.

During these war days limited material and man-power have greatly handicapped this institution in its program of service; the Baptist Hospital has been over-crowded, and this situation has become acute in the hospital service. We must admit that the institution has not been giving all the service desired. Indeed, the crowded condition and limited personnel has produced many problems.

Dr. Lowrey and his Board of Trustees recently ear-marked \$150,000 to be used in speeding up the service at the Baptist Memorial Hospital. The Board of Trustees will meet again on Tuesday, July 16, and those interested can be assured that this Board is planning to give the maximum service with a minimum cost to the patients coming to the care of this institution. Crews are now at work renovating the rooms and facilities, and aggressive action on the part of the Board of Trustees may be anticipated as hospital service is involved.



By RUTH NININGER

The fervent prayer hymn, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," is the selection for July. Though the text is short, containing only three stanzas, in it is reflected the heart hunger of the human race, as well as the joyful assurance of answered prayer. Merely reading the few lines thoughtfully calms the soul.

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim thro' this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more;  
Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey thro';  
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and  
Shield;  
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and  
Shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,*

*Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me thro' the swelling current,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.*

The author, William Williams (1717-1791), began the study of medicine, but a sermon he listened to one day in a churchyard, turned him to Christ and to the work of the ministry. Opposed to the Established Church, he became an itinerant Methodist preacher, and spent fifty years hurrying from place to place all over Wales, to preach the Gospel.

His sermons were eloquent and they came hot from the heart and greatly stirred the audiences who heard them. Williams had never tried his pen at poetry until he wrote this profound hymn, which was published first in Welsh and later in English. He came to be known as the "Watts of Wales."

At least three tunes are used in various hymnals for this hymn, but we find the one known as Zion, by Thomas Hastings in the Broadman Hymnal. Because of its stateliness and simplicity, Zion seems to be the perfect medium of expression in this case.

*Fifty Romantic Years . . .*

# GOD BLESSED THIS HOME

ON THE EVENING of June 7, 196, the parlors of Central College Conway were the scene of the quiet and lovely marriage ceremony of Miss Pen Lile of Waldo and Mr. James Seth Compere of Dallas. The bride was the sister of Dr. J. G. Lile, then president of Central College, and the groom is the son of the late pioneer Arkansas minister, Rev. E. L. Compere. Thus the young couple start on a pilgrimage together as neither of them had remotely dreamed was in store for them and which has recently been climaxed by the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary as they completed fifty happy and expressibly eventful years.

For some time they lived on the farm where the bride had been reared. Here their first child, Amy, was born. Knowing that James had felt the hand of God upon him to preach, Dr. J. W. Conger, president of Ouachita College, here both had been students, convinced him that God does not call a man to preach without calling him to prepare. So the couple with their baby went to Arkadelphia and secured a large house and six boarders. Mrs. Compere did all the work and managed to complete her college work in 1900, a year ahead of her husband. She was the first married woman ever to graduate with the literary degree from Ouachita. Mr. Compere graduated with many honors, including the Philhellenic Oratory medal.

Dr. Conger persuaded the Comperes to continue their education in the face of almost unmountable financial barriers, promising to stand behind them to guarantee that they would not have to return home for lack of funds. They went to Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where Dr. E. Y. Mullins, Mr. Compere's cousin, was president.

During final examination week at the seminary Baby Lee died, leaving two children. The family moved to Warren where they served a short pastorate before the call of the Lord came to them to accompany Dr. C. E. Smith to Nigeria, Africa, as missionaries. James' father had long wanted to do missionary work in Africa but had been unable.

THEY TOOK THE CHILDREN, Amy, Sue, and Bess, to Ogbomoso, Nigeria, in 1905, where Compere was head of the seminary and school, and where they had in their home about 35 African children whose parents had sent them to the missionaries.

It was no doubt the happiest period in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Compere, for they felt they were accomplishing much in the fruits of their labors among the responsive African people. They did a great deal of missionary work in the outlying territory where no missionary had ever come, and they helped Naniel Oyerinde to save his money and make preparations to go abroad to study before he became the outstanding native teacher and leader that he is today.

With their own money they built one church building, and with their limited first aid knowledge—since much of the time there was



*The Comperes, After 50 Years*

no doctor in the vicinity—they administered more medical attention than could properly be called first aid. The Lord blessed their efforts and through their medicines and treatments made them able to heal many dozens of sick and sore and dirty and ignorant native people who came to them for help.

After they had served one period, one furlough, and about six months of the next term, Mrs. Compere was stricken with black water fever and the doctors thought she would not live to get home. In spite of her recovery, the mission board could never feel that it was safe for her to be sent again to that dreadful climate. Dr. and Mrs. Compere have felt that perhaps it was the original intent of the Father to give them this short first hand glimpse of mission work that they might the more effectively advance the cause of foreign missions in the homeland.

RETURNING TO AMERICA, they served a number of Arkansas pastorates—Magnolia, Fordyce, Stamps, Lewisville, and Corning. They also served the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in several capacities, first at Ouachita College, where Dr. Compere was head of the Bible Department for some years. He served as assistant general secretary of the Convention at Little Rock. In 1919 he became editor of the Baptist Advance, now the Arkansas Baptist, which office he held until 1930.

While he was assistant general secretary and editor, Dr. Compere spent much time visiting the churches all over the state, representing the Convention. He read widely and his editorial policy was characterized by keenly expressed positions. He is author of a popular stewardship pamphlet, "Shall We Tithe," which is still in circulation. As editor of the Baptist Advance, Dr. Compere was one of Arkansas Baptists' representatives to the Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1930.

Since leaving the editorship, he has held pastorates at Charleston and Hayti, Mo., as

well as others in Arkansas. While in Missouri, both Dr. and Mrs. Compere served the Missouri General Association in various capacities, Mrs. Compere as a member of the State Baptist Executive Board as well as a member of the state WMU Board and Training School Trustee for Missouri.

While in Little Rock, Mrs. Compere was for a time president of the city WMU and led in the establishment of the first Good Will Center in Arkansas. She also directed the first Vacation Bible School in Arkansas. She has been on the Arkansas WMU Executive Board for several years. She is author of a stewardship pamphlet, "A Straight Way."

HAVING BEEN RETIRED since 1941, Dr. and Mrs. Compere now reside at Corning, where they were leaders in the building of the beautiful edifice in which the Corning church now worships. They still fill many engagements in mission institutes, Bible conferences, etc., and several times Dr. Compere has held supply pastorates for limited periods, the latest one being at First Church, West Memphis, during the past winter.

ates for limited periods, the latest one being at First Church, West Memphis, during the past winter.

The Comperes have five children now living. They are Mrs. C. V. Hickerson, Southwide WMU stewardship chairman and the wife of the pastor of Barton Heights Church, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. H. L. White, Urbana, Ill., whose husband is sanitary engineer for the University of Illinois and a deacon; Rev. J. S. Compere, Jr., of Mammoth Spring; Mrs. G. A. Jimerson, Corning, whose husband is connected with the Black Lumber Company and a deacon; and Mrs. W. B. Pittard, wife of the pastor of First Church, England, and program editor of the Window of YWA.

Corning Church entertained with a lovely reception, celebrating the Compere's golden anniversary. A pageant of the lives of the couple, beginning with their courtship and climaxed by a mock wedding was presented in the flower-decked auditorium. They received many exquisite gifts from individuals and a lovely gift from the Corning Church.

Down the center of a banquet table was a spread of gold paper and about it was a white skirt ornamented with gold "50's." The tiered gold wedding cake was topped with a bride and groom. There were about 150 guests, including many from out of town, all five children and a number of grandchildren.

The Comperes both insist they don't believe it, but there's no use in arguing with the calendar!

By MRS. W. B. PITTARD

England

# MOST WIVES WILL BE WIDOWS

By BRUCE H. PRICE,  
Beech Street Church, Texarkana

A word to the wives is sufficient to urge their pastor-husbands to join the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan. A word to the wise is sufficient to cause these husbands to join now.

A short time ago I was asked why I was in favor of a plan to give widows of ministers a monthly income for life. In my answer I stated that while I was pastor in Daytona Beach, Fla., a neighbor pastor in the city died at age 36, and left his young wife and unborn baby to face the future with little more than the memory of a devoted husband who did the best he could for her, which was a small insurance policy.

During my pastorate in Asheboro, N. C., a pastor, age 36, serving a full-time church three miles away, died after a brief illness and

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First Church, West Memphis, had 76 additions in the first 76 days Pastor Aubrey C. Halsell served the church. Forty-eight of these were baptized. Five conversions and two additions resulted from the first Vacation Bible School in the history of the church. Enrollment reached 200.

Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Southwide stewardship chairman of the WMU, spoke recently to a joint meeting of the circles of Beech Street Church, Texarkana. Several women from other Baptist churches in Arkansas and Texas were present.

J. Henry Simpson, Jr. gospel singer, Box 314, Mullins Hall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has open dates for evangelistic meetings and youth revivals July 14-31, August 4-24.

Missionary Ottis Denney, Hope Association, reports the following pastorless churches in the association: Doddridge, one-fourth time, W. J. Slay, superintendent; Sylverino, half-time, Ellis Bull, Texarkana, superintendent; Canal, half-time, Hershall Williams, Bradley, clerk.

The Baptist Hour on July 28 will be of special interest to junior boys and girls. Plan now to have your Sunday School department to listen as a group. Why not have a breakfast for the boys and girls before or after the broadcast?

Ground-breaking exercises launching a million dollar building program were held on East Texas Baptist College campus, Marshall, Tex., recently. The immediate objective of the building program is a dormitory which will accommodate and provide a chapel seating approximately 850. The construction of a modern refectory is planned for the fall. Dr. H. D. Bruce is president of the school.

left a wife and three small children. He left her an insurance policy, equal to two years salary, for the family to face the years ahead. It was all he could do for her.

In Texarkana lives a widow with four children whose husband died two years ago at age 40, while serving a full-time church. If he had an opportunity to be in the Widows Annuity Plan, such as pastors now have the privilege of joining, it would have cost him \$2.50 a month, and if he had been in the plan as much as six years his widow at age 36, would have received \$30 each month the remainder of her life, or until she married

again. This may not seem to be much, but is a great deal in comparison to the cost

Dr. B. L. Bridges is very anxious that the required number of pastors enter the Widows Annuity Plan immediately in order that the Plan begin as of this date. Write Dr. Bridges for application and full information.

The Widows Annuity costs the local church nothing. It costs the pastor 1½% (through age 60 to 70 2%) of his monthly salary but in some cases more than \$5.00 a month. The widow receives a monthly income for life, (or until she marries) is up to \$66.66. If a widow should be age 50 to receive the maximum amount for life to be 80, she would receive a total of \$1000. This is an opportunity for the church to provide protection at the smallest cost.

## TRAGEDY

A PROMINENT LAYMAN IN THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION HAS SAID:

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"This would mean that we would have to wait another year before this Plan could even be inaugurated, and then we would have to wait another year before anyone could receive the benefits from the Plan.

"You have no doubt thought about this, and you are planning to send in your application blank. We appeal to you to do it immediately."

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# THE LORD'S SUPPER AND HOW OBSERVED

"The Lord's Supper is that outward rite in which the assembled church eats bread broken and drinks wine brought forth by its appointed representative in token of that abiding communion of Christ's death and resurrection through which the life begun in regeneration is sustained and perfected."

The Lord's Supper is not a sacrament as many contend, because it has no saving efficacy as the word sacrament implies. Neither is the Lord's Supper a communion service with man but with Christ. It is not a test of love or even friendship for one another. Neither is it an indication of how good we are. Many refuse to take of the Lord's Supper on the grounds that they do not claim to be good enough. It is not a test or proclamation of our goodness; but Paul said, "for as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come." The best name to use is the "Lord's Supper," for it is best understood in this terminology.

### I

The Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ at the close of one of the courses in the observance of the Passover. Therefore, the supper was Christ appointed; and the disciples and early New Testament Christians observed it as instituted by Jesus. Furthermore, this Lord's Supper as taught by Jesus was observed uniformly in the New Testament churches. Matt. 26:29; Mark 14:25; Acts 2:42-46; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:17-35.

### II

The mode of administering the Lord's Supper is recorded in Matt. 26:26-30 and I Cor. II. The elements used for the observance of the Lord's Supper were unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine. Luke 22:19 and Matt. 26:29. The requirement to use unleavened bread is very clear, because that is the bread that they used in the observance of the Passover; but since the Scripture used the "fruit of the vine," it is then permissible to use either fermented or unfermented grape juice.

In the observance of the Supper, Christians partook of both the bread and the wine. Matt. 26:27, Mark 14:23. In a Catholic Church when they observe the Lord's Supper the priest puts a small wafer on the tongue of the one taking the Supper with the understanding that a great penalty rests upon him if he should let the wafer fall off. Instead of serving the wine to the members as was practiced in the New Testament, the priest drinks all the wine himself.

The Lord's Supper was a festival occasion as the Passover or any other feast. I Cor. 11:29. Between the time Christ instituted the Lord's Supper and the writing of I Corinthians about 35 years passed. In that period the observance of the Lord's Supper was preceded by a love feast, with both men and women taking part. The main purpose of the Lord's Supper had so degenerated that they were using this occasion as a time for gluttonous eating and drinking. This was not only a disgrace to the teaching concerning the Lord's Supper, but it brought upon the early Christians severe persecution by the Roman authorities.

On every occasion where the Lord's Supper was observed in the New Testament it was by

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the assembled church. Since the ordinance was committed to the local church, any eating of bread or drinking of wine by individual groups without the authority of the church is an unworthy observance of the sacred ordinance. Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:18; Acts 5:42, 8:3; Rom. 16:15; I Cor. 11:2, 23. It is claimed that the individual drinking cup that is being generally used now is provided for in Luke 22:17.

### III

The Lord's Supper is a symbol of the death of Christ, the sustaining power of the believer's life. It symbolizes the death of Christ for our sins and proclaims the Lord's death until he comes. I Cor. 11:26. It also symbolizes the personal benefits of his death, for he told them that "this is my body which is broken for you" and "this do in remembrance of me." It also symbolizes the appropriation through union with Christ of the benefits of the blood of Christ and the body which was sacrificed for us. I Cor. 10:16. It furthermore symbolizes the dependence of our spiritual lives on the crucified Saviour, for if we do not eat his flesh and drink his blood we have not life in ourselves. John 6:53. It also symbolizes the coming joy of the kingdom of God. Luke 22:18.

### IV

It is instructive for us to compare baptism and the Lord's Supper, since they are the only two New Testament church ordinances. Both of them symbolize the death of Christ. Baptism, the procuring cause of our new birth, and the Supper, the sustaining power of our spiritual life. Therefore, baptism is not observed but once. It is not scriptural to refer to one being rebaptized. He has either been baptized or he has not. If he has been scripturally baptized, he cannot be rebaptized. If his burial was not scriptural, then he has not been baptized. The Lord's Supper is observed as often as the local body sees fit. Acts 22:46, 20:7.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper demand faith to be effective. Just as an infant cannot exercise saving faith in order to be saved, so an infant is not a fit subject to observe the Lord's Supper. Even those who claim to baptize infants who have not the power to believe, none of them except the orthodox Greek Church subject the infant to the observance of the Lord's Supper.

It is known by all denominations that Baptists are close communionists. It is really close baptism. When an individual has been scripturally baptized, we have no contention with the scriptural observance of the Lord's Supper, but we believe that no one can scripturally observe the Lord's Supper who has not first been scripturally baptized. If one is bothered about his close communion the trouble is deep-seated in his misunderstanding

of how people are saved and the proper observance of the ordinance of baptism.

### V

There are many erroneous views of the observance of the Lord's Supper. (1) The Catholic churches believe in what they call transubstantiation, which means that when the priest blesses the bread and the wine that they become the actual body and blood of Christ. Any ordinary scientific experiment would correct this error. Any chemist can give you the chemical content of bread and wine and also of flesh and blood. When bread and wine have been analyzed by any chemist it shows no chemical change when the priest gets through blessings it. It is no more flesh and blood than it was before the priest blessed it.

(2) Another error is that held by the Lutherans and the Episcopalians, which is called consubstantiation. This means "the actual substitutional presence and combination of the body of Christ with the bread and wine of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper." In this they do not claim the bread and wine to be the actual body and blood of Christ, but that his presence is equivalent to it.

(3) An error that is often seen among Baptists is the failure to observe the Lord's Supper when the church appoints it. They absent themselves from the building on the ground that they are not worthy or that they do not like someone in the church. This indicates that they should develop a Christian attitude but it is then a wrong conception of the Lord's Supper. It is to show forth the death of Christ until he comes and should not be neglected because of frivolous, worldly excuses

Many Baptists refuse because they read that "whosoever shall eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner shall be guilty of the body and blood of Christ." This does not refer to the goodness of the individual partaking but to the manner in which it is done. If he is eating and drinking to get drunk it is the wrong manner, but if to show forth Christ's death it is a worthy manner.

(4) The error of open communion is becoming more and more prevalent in some part of our country. Many of us are more willing to honor those who have not been scripturally baptized than we are to honor the Lord by keeping strictly to His commandments. In fact open communion is no Lord's Supper at all for it makes an unscriptural inequality between the two ordinances so that scriptural baptism becomes optional. Open communion further, tends to do away with all discipline and all church demarcations. I Cor. 5:11. In fact, it minimizes the local church and all scriptural practices and commands are lightly regarded. Matt. 5:19. In fact, all scriptural doctrines are leveled downward so that they are ineffective and meaningless.

### VI

There are some prerequisites to the participation in the Lord's Supper that should be emphasized. Every Christian is not qualified to observe the Lord's Supper and certainly a number of those who are church members are not qualified to observe it. I Cor. 17:19. The first prerequisite is that an individual must

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A new-born baby girl found wrapped in newspapers at a church door is taken in by the elderly janitor who has barely enough food for himself. The emergency clinic provides powdered milk and sugar for nourishment, and an outing garment and two diapers for clothing.

... That's relief

The church locates a childless couple who have received a heifer and some seed for their small farm. The couple agree to adopt the baby as their own.

... That's rehabilitation

One hundred Baptists in a displaced persons camp refuse to repatriate because they were driven from their homes by persecutors. They receive food packages, medicines, and Bibles from American Baptists.

... That's relief

The entire group, pastor and people, are given transportation to the United States, after the authorities are assured by the Baptist World Alliance that the immigrants will not become charges of the country. They are helped to find homes in a new community, where they may worship as their consciences dictate and become American citizens by naturalization.

... That's rehabilitation

A pastor's destitute widow, left blind by bombings, receives a mended wool sweater and \$10 American money — enough to buy a quart of cooking oil and a little fuel.

... That's relief

An expert seamstress, the widow is recommended to a Christian home where growing children require clothes made at minimum cost, and she becomes a permanent member of a household which needs her skill.

... That's rehabilitation

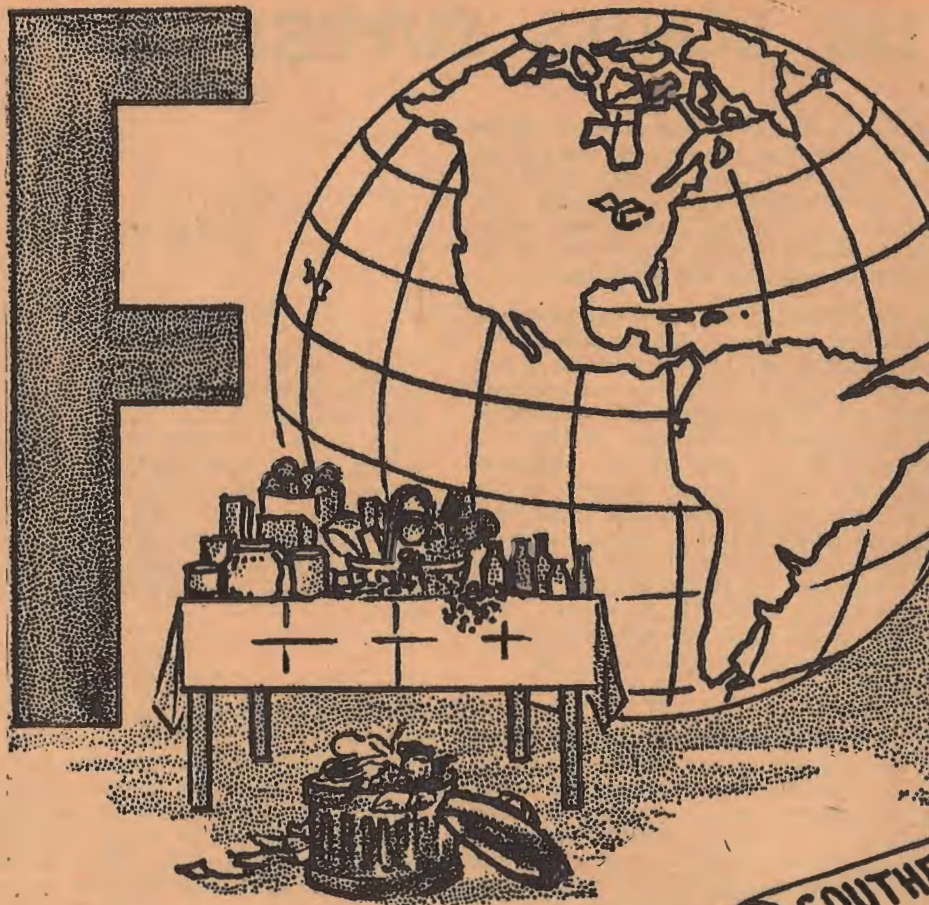
The family of a wealthy merchant, reduced to total poverty, a diet of roots and grass, receives a week's supply of rice and a piece of clothing for each member of the family.

... That's relief

The merchant, a loyal Christian and an able administrator, is given a job at a small wage, helping to distribute food to famine victims. His college-bred son finds a position on the faculty of another mission's school. The family receives materials to repair the roof and walls of the house they managed to save.

... That's rehabilitation

# GIVE THROUGH YOUR CHURCH



*Now there was a certain rich nation, whose people were clothed in nylon and linen, faring sumptuously every day; and certain beggar nations were laid low over the world, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich nation's table . . .*

*(Luke 16:19, adapted)*

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A faithful pastor, his wife, two small children and a school-age daughter, live on a monthly salary of \$1 American money. Three pairs of children's shoes, an overcoat, and a sack of flour are provided.

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Garden seed, a hoe, four pounds of wool yarn, and a pair of knitting needles are donated. The family soon have vegetables to eat and finished knitted garments to wear.

... That's rehabilitation

A young veteran, returning penniless to home, is too weak to work. Repeated failures to hold a job leave him bitter and desperate, contemplating suicide. Vitamins are furnished.

... That's relief

The man is given hospital care for ten days. Treatment at the hands of a Christian doctor and nurses restores his morale and sends him back to work, able to make a living and to participate in his church's ministry to defeated peoples.

... That's rehabilitation

A mother with three children, unable to attend school because of dizziness from malnutrition, receives a visit from the village priest who promises food and clothing at regular intervals if she will bring her family to the cathedral. She applies to her pastor for help and receives a loaf of bread and two small fish.

... That's relief

The father, home at last from a war prisoner camp, is assisted to find a job in his trade, carpentry, as soon as he is able to resume the support of his family.

... That's rehabilitation

A typhus epidemic leaves a dozen babies without parents and in danger of contracting the disease. Injections are given and small quantities of baby food are allotted to neighbor families for the care of the children.

... That's relief

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# REHABILITATION

The church adopts the orphans and arranges with a young widow who lives in the country to have her home as an orphanage. Food and clothing are sent to the home and the church people are urged to support it with their own contributions.

That's rehabilitation

## ANNOUNCING FIVE STATE YOUNG PEOPLES MISSION CAMPS THIS SUMME

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Register Now for the Camp for You By Sending \$1.00, Name, Age, Which Camp, to Baptist YP's Dept. of WMU, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark. For further information see posters sent to all counselors and directors to be posted in churches.

### Young Men's Missionary Conference

The young men's missionary conference will be held this year at Ridgecrest, N. C., August 15-21. This conference is for older Royal Ambassadors. Outstanding leaders will be on the program. Arkansas' quota for this meeting is six boys who will go with the Royal Ambassador Secretary. The total cost per boy will be approximately \$50. A worthwhile undertaking for a church or brotherhood is to help make it possible for a worthy boy to attend this conference. Applications should be sent to the Royal Ambassador Secretary, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark.

### Mission Study Can Be Made Interesting

Mrs. H. D. Cammack of Hamburg writes: "We really had a treat recently when Mrs. J. S. Compere taught 'The Westward Way' written by her daughter, Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, in an all-day meeting of our W. M. S. The book is fascinating and Mrs. Compere is a charming speaker so there was not a dull moment. It so happens that two members of the Compere family live in Hamburg and one of them, Mrs. S. V. Sutherland, gave a colorful contribution to the study by wearing the quaint costume of her pioneer mother, the late Mrs. E. S. Compere. She demonstrated by-gone school methods and related humorous and intimate incidents of the Compere family. Numerous relics and heirlooms of the Compere family were on display. It was a profitable day and one to be remembered." Mrs. Stanley Jordan, wife of the pastor, is the mission study chairman of this society.

### Something New About Missionary Round Tables

In Arkansas we have now no "restrictions" concerning members of Missionary Round Tables. Any Baptist woman who has the desire to do the outlined reading may join a Round Table group whether she has completed study courses I and II or not. She is expected to help pay for the books her Missionary Round Table uses and to help discuss the books, of course.

This change was decided on at the Southern Meeting in Miami and went into effect immediately.

It is still true that the woman who has had some mission study and acquired a good missionary

background is the one who will appreciate most the Missionary Round Table books and will understand best why they were selected for the course.

Let us now have as many Missionary Round Tables as any other state. We are asking each Association to have at least five Round Tables by the end of the year so that they will be in full operation by the first of 1947. Order the Round Table playlet, "How it Started," from Mrs. C. H. Ray, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock, if you can use it. Also order from her the Missionary Round Table leaflet and the book list.

One church has found it very satisfactory to have a Round Table composed of women and their husbands are reading the Round Table books with them.

"Study Missions!", Mrs. Una R. Lawrence urged at Miami. "Study and KNOW what it is all about."

—Mrs. H. M. Keck, State Mission Study Chairman.

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Pastor W. C. Wood, College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md., requests that Arkansas Baptist pastors and parents having sons in the U. S. Naval Academy write College Avenue Church of these young men and their addresses at the Academy. The church and its Sunday School and Training Union are eager to contact all Baptist young men in the Naval Academy and to extend to them all possible fellowship and Christian service. In addition there are homes within the membership of the church which from time to time welcome these young men as guests. It is not possible to secure the midshipmen's names and religious affiliation from the Academy officials. Send this information to Rev. W. C. Wood, 98 College Avenue, Annapolis, Md.

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### CIVILIAN



Chaplain J. Loren Jolly, a native of Arkansas, has been released from military service after three and one-half years. He was graduated from Poca h o n t a s high school, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

While a student in the seminary Mr. Jolly was pastor of River View Church, Cox's Creek, Ky. From there he entered military service. His work as a chaplain included 25 months service overseas in the European theater. He served as post chaplain at a reception depot for eight months in England and the remainder of the time with combat troops.

Mr. Jolly's present address is 207 Butler Ave., Charlestown, Ind.

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### Pastor Bridges Has Anniversary

Homer H. Bridges celebrated first anniversary as pastor of Second Church, Pine Bluff, July 26. During the past year 101 additions have been received into the church, an electric water fountain was installed, and the church was decorated at an expense of more than \$2,000, including a beautiful painting in the baptistry.

One new department has been added to the Sunday School. The enrolment has increased more than 50 people. The average attendance reached an all-time record for one month during the year.

Pastor Bridges led the church through ordain six new deacons, conduct two revivals, one Training Union enlargement campaign, and take four Sunday School study courses in which the members earned more than 150 awards. During the year the church employed a full-time secretary who is directing part of the social program of the church.

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Evangelism is at its best when a maximum number of qualified persons under the pastor's leadership make soul-winning their normal and perennial business.—Dobbins in Sunday School Bulletin

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## Pastor T. T. Newton Comes to Rison With Record of Denominational Service

T. T. Newton, who has recently accepted the pastorate of Rison Church, comes to Arkansas from First Church, Plano, Tex. He is a native of Tennessee and was graduated from Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

While attending Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Bro. Newton served as pastor of First Church, Clinton, Ky., and First Church, Naples, Tex. From Naples he went to Plano.

For the past two years Pastor Newton has served as moderator of the Collin County Association and for three years has been a member of the District Thirteen Board which includes the work of ten counties. Recently he was director of the district RA Camp held at Woodlake.

Mrs. Newton is a graduate of Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma., and Southwestern Seminary. She taught secretarial work in the seminary before



Pastor Newton

moving to Plano. She has served the last two years as young people's secretary in Collin County.

Pastor and Mrs. Newton have two children, a son, Tyree, and a daughter, Elizabeth Ann.

## Radio Breakfast Is Planned for Juniors

Hundreds of junior Sunday School departments and classes will meet for breakfast and the Baptist Hour broadcast on Sunday morning, July 28. Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., will make a talk that will be of special interest to junior boys and girls.

The purpose is to hold a decision service in connection with the broadcast. Reports from junior radio breakfasts reveal that 189 juniors boys and girls professed faith in Christ and joined the church later on the day of the junior radio breakfasts in 1945. Likely there were many more such experiences not reported.

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## Speakers Available For World Relief Campaign

Students of Southern Seminary and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky., who have made a special study of world emergency conditions have volunteered their services this summer to speak before churches and other groups in the interest of world relief. A special fact-gathering committee keeps all of the speakers supplied with latest information on needs in the war countries, and how to meet the emergencies.

Pastors and other leaders desiring the services of speakers in their sections should write or call the speakers direct. The following volunteers are available in Arkansas:

Carl Overton, 309 Ninth St., Mena, and Miss Martha Knox, 508 W. Pine, Warren.

## Listen, Men!

By LAWSON H. COOKE

Hunger stalks abroad in many lands today. Millions of men, women, and children are facing starvation. This is one of the greatest tragedies of the centuries, yet there is one bright spot to even so dark a cloud: it comes upon the world at a time when Southern Baptist laymen have more money than any previous generation in the history of the nation.

It will be fatal, however, if we forget that, even in these days of plenty, three and one-half million dollars is still a lot of money. If Southern Baptists are to contribute three and one-half million dollars to alleviate the sufferings of the world, every church, large and small in membership and resources, must participate. Every man, regardless of his financial condition, must give generously.

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Surely, all who have worked in Vacation Bible Schools, or seen them in action, will work and pray for the speedy coming of the day when every church will have a school every year.—Homer L. Grice in Sunday School Builder.

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Southern Baptists are where they are today, after one hundred years of glorious history, because we are blessed by leaders with imagination.—Roy S. Holoman in Baptist Training Union Magazine.

## The Lord's Supper

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be a Christian, saved by grace through faith, and giving clear evidence of an orderly walk before God and man. I Cor. 5:1-13, 14:37; Rom. 16:17; Titus 3:10. The second prerequisite is that he must be a church member, having been baptized scripturally. Acts 2:46, 47; I Cor. 10:17.

The local church is charged with the responsibility of New Testament instruction and also with the responsibility of observing the Lord's Supper. The church therefore is the judge as to whether or not the prerequisites have been fulfilled. The apostles were baptized Christians. Act 1:21-22. Baptism was first instituted by the Lord and then in the later part of his ministry the Lord's Supper. Matt. 21:25, Matt. 19-20. Furthermore, the first century Christians baptized and then observed the Lord's Supper. Acts 12:41, 46.

It is not difficult to trace the order of events in the church practices of the New Testament. The first and most important command was to make disciples. When an individual is truly regenerated then he is a fit subject for baptism in water upon the authority of the local church by its appointed representative. When the individual has been scripturally baptized he is then a fit subject to take part when the local church observes the Lord's Supper. Since the ordinance is committed to the church it can exclude everyone but its own members, or it has the authority to invite others of like faith and order to partake with them. Southern Baptist churches are found on either side, but it has never been a test of fellowship. May we search the scriptures and practice what they teach. It is just as easy and possibly as convenient and certainly far more profitably.



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# NOTES OF ADVANCE

Missionary J. J. Franklin, Arkansas Valley Association, recently conducted a pastors' school for the Negro pastors of the county. It was well attended.

First Church, Marianna, W. F. Couch, pastor, has taken a special offering to provide recreational facilities for the young people of the church.

The Sunday School workers of Armored Church have studied the book, "How to Build a Standard Sunday School," following a religious census of the area within a five-mile radius of the church. Five hundred seventy prospects were located. Missionary M. E. Wiles taught the book, assisted by Pastor D. C. Mayo and Superintendent S. H. Rebstock.

E. G. Waddell was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, Marianna, recently. He is serving as pastor of Turner Church in Arkansas Valley Association.

Ben Wofford, returned chaplain, has accepted the pastorate of the church at Gridley, Calif.

Fifteen additions to the church were counted in a revival meeting at Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock. Pastor James Overton, First Church, Mena, did the preaching and Evangelist Purl Stockton led the music. Pastor Guy Wilson reports that the meeting has been of lasting results as the church has been receiving members steadily since its close.

Edmund Walker of near Batesville has accepted the pastorate of First Southern Baptist Church, Modesto, Calif. Mr. Walker is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary.

Pastor D. W. Bolton, Wilton, who does evangelistic work in connection with his pastoral duties, has time for one revival in July before he goes to Mississippi for a full month campaign in August.

Pastor Porter M. Bailes, First Church, Tyler, Tex., preached in evangelistic services at First Church, Groveton, Tex., which resulted in 15 additions. A. M. Funderburk is pastor.

Janet Lee Jordan is the baby daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Stanley Jordan, First Church, Hamburg, born June 20.

"Some Vital Questions," by George W. Truett, edited by Pow-

hatan W. James, son-in-law and biographer of Dr. Truett, was reviewed by Pastor Basil Martin, First Church, Marion, in the June 30 issue of The Commercial Appeal. The collection of sermons, published by William B. Eerdman Publishing Company, is the first volume in a Truett Memorial Series. Pastor Martin says that in this book of 14 sermons "many of the matchless qualities of this 'peerless preacher's preaching remain: the forceful arrangement of simple words, the driving reiteration of Christian truths, the doctrinal integrity, the soul-searing questions of the importunate pleading. His prime interest in preaching a vital Christ as life's greatest reality is inescapably apparent in each sermon; and everyone, without exception, is relevant to life." The price of the book is \$2.

Mrs. Will Harston, faithful member of First Church, Paragould, died June 2. She is survived by five children, all active Christian workers. She is the sister of Pastor Earnest Anderson, El Paso.

Pastor O. J. Chastain, First Church, Mt. Pleasant, Tex., recommends Singer Barney Rogers of Mt. Pleasant to the churches of Arkansas. He has just led the singing in a revival at Woodville, Tex., which resulted in 71 additions. He has an open date the last of July and one the last of September.

Midland Church, W. W. Kersh, pastor, had nine additions to the church, eight by baptism, in a revival led by Pastor Don Hook, Ozark. The church is looking forward to the coming of the Summer Field Workers from the state Religious Education Department. A Training Union will be organized at that time. Plans are being made to place the Arkansas Baptist in every home before fall.

The Arkansas Branch of the National League of American Pen Women and Arkansas State Teachers College announce the second Arkansas Writers Conference to be held at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, August 8-10. All persons, both adult and

student, interested in creative writing are invited to attend.

Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, Tex., has recently honored Evangelist McKinley Norman, one of its members, on the completion of his sixth year as an evangelist.

First Church, Mt. Pleasant, Tex., O. J. Chastain, pastor, had 53 professions of faith in a recent Vacation Bible School. Enrolment reached 329. The church gave \$3000 to Relief and Rehabilitation during June.

Felsenthal Church, Liberty Association, had five additions, four for baptism, in a revival led by Dr. Carl A. Clark, missionary, doing the preaching and Mrs. Clark, directing the music. Dr. and Mrs. Clark and three local workers, Miss BeBee, Miss Marks, and Miss Macy, conducted a Vacation Bible School during the revival. Edward E. Harris is pastor.

West Helena Church reportedly is making a record in furnishing young people for Christian service. Five boys dedicated their lives to special work in June. D. D. Smothers is pastor of the church.

Editor A. L. Goodrich, Baptist Record, Mississippi state paper, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., at the school's 120th commencement. Dr. Goodrich was educated at Wake Forest College in North Carolina and from Southern Seminary, Louisville. He served pastorates in Kentucky and Mississippi before coming to the Baptist Record as circulation manager in 1935. Upon the retirement of Dr. P. I. Lipsey as editor in 1941,

Dr. Goodrich became editor. Under his leadership circulation of the paper has grown from 4,000 to more than 53,000.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has voted to complete construction of its 12-story office building at 1119 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., as soon as materials and labor are available. Originally projected as a one-million dollar air-conditioned structure, three stories of the building were completed five years ago, and growth of the board's activities and business have necessitated the additional nine stories.

Dr. William Potter, pastor of First Church, Carthage, Miss., has completed his first year with that church. With an actual resident membership of less than 200 the church has had a full-time program. During the year there were 75 additions, 37 for baptism, two restorations, one young man called to preach, six young ladies foreign mission candidates, and seven others dedicated to full-time Christian service. There were 134 professions of faith in other communities as the arm of the church has been extended. The ratio of baptisms to church membership during the year was one to six.

## Pastoral Changes

- Seibert Haley from Union Church, Liberty Association, to Parkin Church, effective August 1.
- M. E. Wiles from Mississippi County Association as missionary to Joiner Church, effective August 1.
- Robert E. Leigh to Well's Chapel, Mississippi County Association

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# BROTHERHOOD WORK IS DEVELOPING

Below is given a resume of the field activities of your Brotherhood Secretary for May 29-July 1, 1946.

May 29—**First Church, Lincoln:** Met with the Prayer-Meeting group to discuss Brotherhood work. Good response. Brother A. J. Scott is the new pastor. The opportunities of this church are unlimited.

May 31—**June 2—First Church, Stephens:** Spoke at a Brotherhood organizational meeting on Friday evening; and went visiting with the pastor, Brother Hugh Cantrell, all day Saturday. The Lord gave us a great day on Sunday; several people accepting Christ and joining the church. The church is doing a great work!

June 3—**Tri-County Associational Brotherhood,** meeting with the First Church, Parkin: 72 men were present in a spirited meeting! Brotherhood work is developing in this association under the leadership of the Associational Brotherhood President, Brother Nall Brantley of Forrest City.

June 5—**South Side Church, Pine Bluff:** Had the privilege of speaking to a large Prayer-Meeting group on the subject of personal soul-winning. Brother Lloyd A. Sparkman is just closing his tenth year as pastor of this great church.

June 6—**Arkansas Valley Associational Brotherhood,** meeting with the First Church, Marianna: Seventy-odd men were there; and we had a great time together. A great spiritual program is developing within this association. Brother J. A. Halley of Helena is the Associational Brotherhood President.

June 7—**First Church, Jacksonville:** Brotherhood planning meeting. A good crowd of men; good response. Brother H. W. Ryan is pastor of this fast growing church.


June 9-16—**Layman's Revival** at the Bethel Mission of the First Church of West Memphis. The Lord very graciously gave us 35 professions of faith. There were 21 additions by baptism and 4 by letter. Brother Aubrey C. Halsell is pastor of the sponsoring church.

June 17—**Caddo River Associational Workers' Conference,** meeting with the First Church, Pine Ridge: Laid Brotherhood ideals before this very responsive group. Fine prospects here!

June 19—**State Girls' Industrial School** at Collegeville: Preached on this Wednesday evening in the place of Brother C. E. Lawrence, during a five-day revival at the school. God gave us a glorious service! Brother Lawrence baptized 37 girls at the close of the revival.

June 20—**Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock:** Had the privilege of returning to this church

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where I was once associate pastor, to speak to the Brotherhood. Great response from a great group of men! Brother Harvey C. Elledge is pastor.

June 21—**First Church, Searcy:** Spoke to the Brotherhood on the obligations and opportunities of Christian men. Was well received by a fine group of men. Brother W. R. Vestal is pastor.

June 23—**First Church, Caddo Gap:** Spent the day, speaking both morning and night, and meeting with the men during the afternoon. Brother E. W. Lloyd is pastor. Opportunity is great here for a helpful Brotherhood program.

June 26—**First Church, Lake Village:** Had the gracious privilege of returning to the church where I was saved and baptized, to speak to a fine Prayer-Meeting crowd, which included the church Brotherhood. Brother J. T. Elliff is pastor.

June 27—**First Church, Conway:** Spoke to the Brotherhood. Had wonderful response! This old church has one of the greatest opportunities anywhere to make itself felt in the work of the Kingdom. Brother H. B. Tillman is pastor.

June 28—**Faulkner County Associational Workers' Conference,** meeting with the Bono Church: A good crowd, a good program, a good dinner! Brother E. F. Simmons, Missionary, is doing a great job of rallying his associational forces in a co-operative effort to set forward every phase of Baptist work!

June 30—**First Church, Salem:** Spoke at the morning service, and

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# Enlistment Evangelism in Rural Church Field Is T. D. Brown's Choice for Future

Dr. T. D. Brown, formerly an Arkansas denominational leader, who for several years has been pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., has made plans to devote his time to rural church work and enlistment evangelism. His resignation from the Hattiesburg Church will take effect August 31.

Two rural churches near Macon, Miss., have formed a pastoral field and have bought a pastor's home in Macon where Dr. and Mrs. Brown will live as they work with these two churches. Dr. Brown says: "For many months I have had a growing interest in rural churches, their work and problems. Enlistment evangelism to me is as badly needed as the usual type where emphasis is placed primarily on winning the lost to Christ and the church. It is with the purpose of winning the saved to the whole program of the churches and the will of God.

"Too many of our church members do not know what it is all about. Their lives are spent outside the circle of the will of God

met with the men during the afternoon. Brother Ernest Baker is pastor of this church, one of the key-churches of that section of the state. Brotherhood prospects are bright!

June 30—**July 1—First Church, Mountain Home:** Brought the evening message. On Monday visited throughout the church community with the pastor, Brother Dewey Stark. Met with the men on Monday evening and laid before them the work of the Brotherhood. Had fine response. Brother Stark is laying the foundation for a great and lasting work in that section of the state.

Brotherhood work is developing! In every section of the state interest in the Brotherhood movement is evident. The time has arrived when the men of the Baptist churches of Arkansas are waking up to their individual obligations and opportunities in the matter of their personal service to the Savior! Pray for the Brotherhood!

and sometimes it is not so much their fault as the fault of the leadership and themselves. They are ignorant of the meaning of the church and its program and purpose in the world. They are ignorant of the kingdom of God."

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# Dr. Laws, Editor of Baptist Paper, Dies

Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, aged 78, Baptist leader and for 28 years editor of the church publication the Watchman-Examiner, died Sunday at his home in New York. Since retirement from the editorship some few years ago, Dr. Laws has been president and publisher of the Watchman-Examiner.

He was a founder and trustee of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and trustee of the American Theological Society and Gordon College Theology and Missions of Boston.

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High building costs made it impracticable for the Southern Seminary to begin a \$70,000 building program scheduled for this summer, which would have added fourteen bedrooms to Barnard Hall, women's dormitory at the School of Church Music, and would have erected a small apartment hotel for the use of furloughed missionaries desiring to study at the seminary.

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"Ten Vital Messages," a Broderman book of radio sermons by John R. Sampey, president emeritus of Southern Seminary, is the first volume of sermons to be published by Dr. Sampey. The book is a selection of ten sermons made by Dr. Sampey from more than 100 sermons which he delivered on Radio Station WHAS, Louisville.

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## Southern Baptist Youth Can Help In Desperate Struggle With Famine

By LOUIE D. NEWTON  
President, Southern Baptist  
Convention

While in Washington June 5, for conference with the President, I was invited to a conference with officials of the Department of Agriculture to discuss ways and means of meeting the desperate battle with hunger which reaches around the earth.

Secretary Clinton Anderson and his very able associate, Mr. W. F. Straub, wanted to know what Southern Baptist young people could and would do to help meet this acute shortage in food.

I was glad to assure them that they could confidently count upon Southern Baptist Youth in this destiny-determining hour. I told them that our Southern Baptist young people, from Maryland to California and from Illinois to Florida, would pitch in and plant summer gardens, volunteer to help harvest crops in their neighbors' fields, and cooperate with community organizations in this united effort to whip the monster of famine that now stalks the world stage.

May I fraternally urge pastors and local leaders of our Baptist youth to organize church committees for such cooperation, and report same through your state organizations? Prompt response to this appeal will greatly strengthen our nation in this hour of world ministry.

Permit me to suggest this teaching of Jesus as the watchword for our response to this appeal: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy," Matthew 5:7.

Thanks for your immediate response to this earnest and vital appeal.

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A new world era has begun. Political and economic reconstruction is in terrific need of moral foundation.—Clifton J. Allen in The Teacher.

### Vacation Bible Schools—1946

It is estimated that some 12,000 Vacation Bible Schools will be conducted in Southern Baptist churches during the summer months of 1946. Approximately one-half of these schools will be held during the month of June, and nearly one-third in July and August. It is possible for churches, even now, to plan for the improvement of their school, or to decide to have one.

A number of schools are now in session in Arkansas. Many others will be held during July and August. May we urge that as soon as your school is completed, a complete report of the school, in duplicate, be sent to your State Sunday School Secretary. It is hoped that a record of every school held in Arkansas this year will be made to your state office.

Second Church, Arkadelphia, has just completed their Vacation Bible School. There were 105 enrolled with a daily average of 78.

### ATTENTION—All Training Union Directors

Quarterly Training Union reports will soon be due. Each individual union is requested to make out a report after the last Sunday in June, using the form that is found in the back of the quarterly. Training Unions which are departmentized should also fill out the department report blanks which are mailed from the State Training Union office.

It is highly important that reports be made at the close of each quarter. This is one of the best ways of obtaining information which will indicate the weak points in your work as well as the good points, and will greatly aid you in the work for the next quarter. You will know just where the extra effort should be placed. Also,

it is the only way that the state office has in keeping in close touch with the training work of the various churches. Every A-1 union, and A-1 Training Union will be recognized at the close of each quarter. All directors, presidents, and leaders, together with their secretaries, are urged to make a regular quarterly report of the Training Union work. These reports should be sent, regardless of whether the union is Standard.

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### Figures to Inspire

Church	Adms.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, First	4	365	151
Benton, First	—	469	83
Conway, First	2	270	77
Cullendale, First	—	237	92
Dyess, Central	6	154	82
El Dorado Churches:			
First	1	745	190
Second	3	392	71
Fordyce	—	300	123
Fort Smith Churches:			
First	3	536	303
Immanuel	2	322	152
Hamburg, First	5	287	151
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central	2	423	110
Park Place	1	415	183
Second	—	472	87
Including Mission	—	513	—
Jacksonville	—	149	69
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	3	446	84
Calvary	—	143	56
First	6	1051	391
Immanuel	34	830	230
Including Mission	—	1238	—
Ironton	—	149	76
Pulaski Heights	4	360	80
South Highland	—	216	99
Magnolia, Central	12	341	100
Malvern, First	2	281	51
Monticello Churches:			
North Side	—	44	—
Second	—	93	37
Mt. Ida, First	2	123	68
N. Little Rock Churches:			
Baring Cross	2	515	145
Central	—	201	57
First	29	619	152
Paris, First	6	144	147
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	1	660	167
Including Mission	—	712	—
Matthews Memorial	—	130	96
Second	—	190	66
Stamps, First	—	165	60
Stuttgart, First	—	320	139
West Memphis, First	2	296	106
Including Mission	—	362	—

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## Arkansans Write For Periodicals

Arkansans play an important part in Southern Baptist periodicals for July and for the third quarter. The picture of the attractive young lady which appears on the Young People's Union Quarterly is that of Miss Patsy Webb Central Church, Magnolia. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. E. Webb of Magnolia. Miss Webb completed her freshman year at Ouachita College in June.

Paul F. Geren, El Dorado, turned missionary, is author of article, "Soldiers Found Mission in India," appearing in the July-August issue of The Commission. In the same magazine Congressman Brooks Hays, Little Rock, discusses "What Makes Our Nation Great?"

Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor Second-Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, Ga., pleads for a renewed united world in "One World," article in the Training Union Magazine. Pastor Swilley, a native of Arkansas, went to the Atlanta Church from First Church, Pine Bluff. He will be the featured speaker at Ridgcrest during the second week of the Training Union Assembly.

The Training Union Magazine also carries an article, "If People . . ." by Pastor E. H. We moreland, South Main Street Church, Houston, Tex. He formerly was an Arkansas pastor.

The June 20 issue of the Watchman Examiner reprinted from Arkansas Baptist a story, "Heard Seemed Very Near," by Ward, Little Rock, an Air Force Officer on Guam at the time was written.

The July issue of the Christian Herald discusses the proposal of Pastor M. Ray McKay, Second Church, Little Rock, that Southern Baptists select six million to vote the next six months to personal soul winning among world leaders while the six million members of Southern Baptist church make this the special object of prayer.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

Church	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Conversions	Miss Offered
Almyra	127	101	—	\$25
DeWitt	160	115	—	21
Humphrey	48	30	—	17
Stuttgart, First	159	119	—	—
Harrisburg, First	129	99	6	20
Forrest City, First	148	132	—	—
Little Rock,				
Reynolds Memorial	149	103	—	—
West Memphis, First	200	—	5	51
Stamps, First	147	—	—	—
Excelsior	70	56	10	—
Horatio, First	83	57	—	—
Pine Bluff,				
Matthews Memorial	87	—	—	—
Little Rock, Second	131	100	—	46
North Little Rock,				
Baring Cross	284	235	—	99

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# Jesus Taught Importance of Absolute Obedience to God

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

## Sunday School Lesson For July 14

Exodus 20:3-6; Joshua 24:16,  
22-24; Luke 14:25-27

God is to be without alloy. No substitute can be accepted. No religious rites, however congenial they may be to the individual, can be permitted unless they lead the individual, like an arrow, straight to fellowship with God. Only perfect love, gratitude, reverence, submission, and devotedness must ever characterize our relationship with Him. Only in this way can we fulfil the demands of the First Commandment.

### The Second Commandment

"Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing loving kindness unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments" (Ex. 20:4-6).

Here we have the express commandment of God for His children to render unto Him both worship and service that are in keeping with His own holy character. Throughout the centuries man, because of his fallen nature, has grave difficulty at this point. Images, icons, pictures of Mary and of the so-called "saints" are to have no place as objects of worship in the life of the Christian.

Many of those who make room for these in their religious life will doubtless say that in themselves they are not worshiped but are employed as aids to worship. The facts of the matter, however, do not support this view. Those who know church history are aware that not alone do the heathen worship the picture of the image itself. Others use it as "a visible representation of the invisible God."

Not long ago I visited a patient in the hospital who wore above the heart some sort of amulet or

charm. I inquired about the nature of it and was told that a friend of another faith had requested it to be worn, saying that by wearing it the prayers offered in the patient's behalf would be more effective. I have never heard a more repulsive untruth.

Nowhere in the Bible is there even the remotest suggestion that prayers will be more effective by the wearing of a charm or amulet though that charm or amulet has been the recipient of ten thousand papal blessings! The sooner we come to grips with this truth, the nearer we will be to the keeping of the Second Commandment.

### Obedience and Service

God requires of us both obedience and service. He wants our affections and our loyalty in conducts. Our creeds are to be translated into practical, everyday Christian living. We are to do whatsoever we do in His name and for the glory of His kingdom.

"And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other Gods . . . and Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you Jehovah, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses . . . Jehovah our God will we serve, and unto his voice will we harken" (Josh. 24:16, 22-24).

Here, as in Luke 14:25-27, God reminds us of His demands for exacting discipleship. When a choice must be made between natural affection and loyalty to Christ, the disciple is not to waver. He is to choose Christ. Christ's followers must be ready, if necessary, to act toward that which is dearest "as if it were an object of hatred." Even the members of one's family are not to interfere with loyalty to God. All carnal desire, all worldly interest and affection, even life itself, must be secondary to His will.

No hardship is too great, no trial too severe, no burden too heavy, no task too difficult for the young person empowered by Jesus Christ.

—Clifton J. Allen in The Teacher.

## CIVILIAN



Chaplain R. H. Dorris, 501 North Slemmons, Monticello, has been released from the Army after three years' service, 20 months of which were spent with the 191st Field Artillery Group in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Dorris is a native of Dermott. He was graduated from Ouachita College, and served as pastor of Junction City and Urbana Churches until he enrolled in Southwestern Seminary in 1941. He served as pastor of Mt. Ida Church while enrolled in the Seminary.

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## Dr. Paul Caudill On Baptist Hour

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Baptist Hour speaker for next Sunday morning, July 14, will discuss the subject, "Christian Strategy For World Conquest," as announced by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Caudill, pastor of First Church, Memphis, Tenn., leaves on an extensive tour of foreign mission fields soon after his Baptist Hour engagement. His abiding interest in world missions and his careful study of mission objectives and methods eminently prepare Dr. Caudill for discussing his subject.

The program may be heard over KUOA, Siloam Springs at 7:30 a. m.

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The doctrine of loyalty to God was not new to Jewish leaders. It had been a central theme in their spiritual concepts throughout the centuries. It was deeply ingrained in their law. Jesus in no wise relaxed these demands. He was unequivocal in His insistence for total loyalty to God and to Himself. He made it clear that it was not His purpose to destroy either the law or the prophets (Matt. 5:17).

Christian leaders in today's world frequently find themselves face to face with the conflicts of loyalties. There is but one way to settle them when they come and that is by the teachings of Christ.

### The First Commandment

"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me" (Ex. 20:3). In the First Commandment which, together with the other nine, serves as a basis for all moral law, whether of the Old or of the New Testament era, we note that God is requiring of His children attitudes and conduct suited to the relation in which they stand to Him as God and Father.

"Considering who He is, and what He hath done for us; except we love Him to the utmost extent of all our natural powers, we do not render Him His due: and if we thus love Him, all contrary affections would be excluded, all inferior affections subordinated. No creature could then rival Him in our affections, or prevail with us to neglect His service; and we should possess unalloyed felicity in His favor" (Matthew Henry).

It is interesting to note that the commandments are addressed "in the singular number, to each person." This is due to the fact that man's relationship to God is a personal matter. It is something that has to be discharged by the individual. There is no basis in the Bible for proxy religion. For instance, a father's worship cannot suffice for the worship of a child, nor vice versa. That is why the practice on the part of some faiths in offering prayers for the dead is repugnant to Baptists. Baptists believe that as the tree falls, so must it lie. That is to say, if a soul rejects Jesus Christ while in life, there is no further opportunity for that soul to accept Him in death. No matter if ten thousand candles were burned in his memory and a like number of prayers said, the moral and spiritual estate of the dead would not be altered one whit, nor his chances for salvation.

Notice also the negative form in which the commandments are given. God utters in the most emphatic way these basic claims concerning the attitude and conducts of His children.

In this First Commandment we are reminded that our fidelity to



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### **Missionaries Are Arranging for Many Revivals**

C. W. Tapley, missionary in Big Creek As-  
sociation, has 12 revivals planned and two  
others in prospect. Brother Tapley plans to  
be in revivals almost incessantly for the next  
three months. These revivals together with  
those in the better organized churches will  
cover the territory.

S. J. Meador, Trinity Association mission-  
ary, has completed one revival and has three  
more booked for the summer. He expects to  
hold several more during the summer months.

E. D. Estes, state missionary, has seven re-  
vivals booked for the summer and expects to  
hold several more.

Herman Highfill, associational missionary  
in Buckner Association has already scheduled  
six revivals for the summer months.

R. H. Watkins, missionary in Bartholomew  
Association, has five revivals arranged, and  
five more pending.

C. Marshall Renno, missionary in Centen-  
nial Association, has held five revivals, and  
has four planned for July and August. He  
also expects to conduct some meetings in Sep-  
tember but these dates have not been set.

M. S. Lloyd, Mt. Zion associational mission-  
ary, plans a revival in every church and des-  
titute place in Mt. Zion Association. There  
are fifteen graineries and school houses in  
addition to the churches where revivals are  
being planned.

J. Scott Blystone, missionary, states that  
nearly every church in Washington-Madison  
Association is planning a revival during the  
summer months.

### **First Church Little Rock And Pastor Lawrence**

Pastor Lawrence of First Church, Little  
Rock, reports that First Church accepts a  
\$5,000 goal for the Relief and Rehabilitation  
offering. Pastor Lawrence has discussed the  
need for this fund, and had an old fashioned  
collection in the church June 30.

### **Russellville Exceeds its Quota**

First Church, Russellville, has already gone  
far beyond its quota for Relief and Rehabili-  
tation, the wide awake pastor, F. E. Goodbar,  
advises us by wire.

### **Carlisle Moving Forward**

We notice that First Church, Carlisle, had  
211 in Sunday School last Sunday. This is  
a high-water mark. The First Baptist Church  
in this prosperous town has rounded the  
curves, and is out on a fine run for victory  
in all phases of the work. The church gave  
\$211 for the Relief and Rehabilitation offer-  
ing. Guy D. Magee is the happy pastor of  
this fine people.

### **DeQueen and Pastor Baker**

Have you noticed the fine growth and won-  
derful spirit of the First Church in DeQueen?  
This church has been enjoying unusual bless-  
ings, and gone forward in a wonderful way  
during the last two or three years. Boyd  
Baker is the happy pastor of this growing  
congregation. There is every evidence of  
brotherly love and aggressive victories in all  
lines of the work. Baker is one of the very  
best preachers and leaders in the state.

### **Pine Bluff Second Church And Pastor Bridges**

(Delayed)

Pastor Homer Bridges of Second Church  
Pine Bluff, (formerly Ohio Street Church)  
enjoying the blessings of the Lord upon  
ministry. In a little over two months  
have been more than 50 additions to  
church. The Sunday School has reached  
all time high. There were 268 on Easter  
day with an average of nearly 250 for  
month.

In a recent meeting in which he was as-  
sisted by E. A. Autry and Irving Cole from Mo-  
La., there were 25 additions. Pastor Bridges  
has led the church in redecorating the  
sanctuary, and they have a splendid plant.

### **Marianna Still Going Strong**

(Delayed)

First Church, Marianna, W. F. Couch,  
pastor, is still going strong on its mission.  
During the first quarter of this year they  
sent us thirteen checks for the Cooperative  
program which totaled \$2,575.69. Can any  
church boast of so much from so small a church?

### **Crossett First and Pastor Lee**

Pastor Wilford Lee says that their church  
will try for \$2500 in the Relief and Rehabili-  
tation collection. Crossett is a great church  
and moves forward spiritually as well as  
economically under the unassuming but pro-  
gressive leadership of Pastor Lee.

A student wants to know, "Can I  
give birthday, anniversary, and other re-  
membrances to friends by sending money to  
the Board for relief?" It can be tried.