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Me — They — We

They hailed Him King as He passed by,
They strewed their garments in the road,
But they were set on earthly things,
And He on God.

They sang His praise for what He did,
But gave His message little thought;
They could not see that their soul's good
Was all He sought.

They could not understand why He,
With powers so vast at His command,
Should hesitate to claim their rights
And free the land.

Their own concerns with this world's hopes
Shut out the wonder of His news;
And we, with larger knowledge, still
His way refuse.

He walks among us still, unseen,
And still points out the only way,
But we still follow other gods
And Him betray.

—John Oxenham.

ONE Hungry WORLD

"Is the money I give for Relief and Rehabilitation going to Baptists only?" one good famine-fighter asks. The answer is No. Fellow Baptists in Asia and Europe can be trusted to minister in Christ's name to people who need food, clothing, and care. So that nobody should be turned away from a Baptist church to die, or to get help from non-Christian sources, the Foreign Mission Board is sending cash for relief purposes to the Baptist churches of Italy, Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia, China, and Japan. To reach other hungry, desperate people, the Board uses the most reliable evangelical Christian agencies available, designating the funds entrusted to them.

"The world food program is a success and has ended mass starvation through the world," the United Press quoted Herbert Hoover as saying July 2. Other observers are not so optimistic. "Starvation" is a word of various meanings, from death due to lack of food, to long extreme hunger which may not kill its victim, but leaves him too weakened to resist death from disease or cold. Every great famine also leaves its mark for at least a full generation in broken health, shortened lives, and stunted growth especially of children."—United States Department of Agriculture Bulletin.

A recent survey shows that Europe now has 11,000,000 orphans and 30,000,000 hungry children in varying degrees of malnutrition or actual starvation. In Asia this figure must be multiplied many times. These children need powdered milk, food concentrates, and vitamin tablets to build up their skeleton-like little bodies. Sending food overseas is only one of the projects undertaken by your church, in making a special offering this summer to the campaign to raise \$3,500,000 for relief and rehabilitation.

A group of patients in Battle Hill Sanitarium, Atlanta's tuberculosis hospital, sent \$10 to Convention President Louie D. Newton, for the relief campaign. "Our Sunday School class desires to make our little offering to the very neediest cause," the letter said. "We pray God's richest blessings on this very worthy effort to aid our stricken neighbors."

Censorship for military security is one thing, for protection of box-office receipts is something else. According to Edith Lindeman,

columnist, the documentary "Sepds of Destiny" has been withheld from circulation by the American Theater Association because it makes audiences uncomfortable. "It will be a pity," Miss Lindeman says, "if an Army-made film which brings the world problem of famine before the eyes of a well-fed nation should be eliminated from the screen because it is not pretty, amusing, or exciting." Letters to editors of local newspapers, requesting a chance to see the film, may result in favorable action on the part of local theater managers.

"HELP! Crisis in Asia and Europe" is the title of a pamphlet soon to be released by Broadman Press. A symposium, by five who have personally experienced conditions in war-racked countries, the book presents in 30 pages with pictures the why and how of Southern Baptists' campaign to help meet the crisis. Watch for announcements from your Baptist Book Store.

Dr. Felkai Rezzo, a Budapest lawyer, writing early in May to a government official in America, said: "One pair of men's shoes now costs 1,500,000,000 pengos. A trained machinist earns 60,000,000 pengos a week, but if he buys 2½ kilo of flour he has spent all his earnings. Our money must be spent before night as the loss on exchange the next day is between 30 to 40 per cent. A parcel received from America is considered one of the greatest gifts."

Dr. Somogyi Imre, president of the Hungarian Baptist Union, writes: "Money has no great value. Except for our Baptist brethren in the rural districts who share with us their meager food, we would not be able to exist."

"One World or None," published by McGraw Hill (\$1), is a vigorous analysis of problems created by the atomic bomb. Seventeen writers, including the scientists who perfected the bomb, insist there is no defense from the bomb's threat of world demolition except the abolition of war and armament races. Harold Urey concludes his chapter, "How Does It All Add Up?" by saying that this is "the most dangerous situation that humanity has ever faced in all history." It was Christ who pointed to love as the secret of peace.

"We often speak of reconstruction, but we do not want to make things the way they were. We need a new and better world," says Dr. Walter O. Lewis, in his article "Europe Today—as a Baptist Sees It," in the July-August issue of The Commission.

CALVARY'S CROSS

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"And they crucified Him!"

Calvary's Cross marks the point at the redeeming love of God crossed the threshold of human sin.

The basest sin and iniquity ever enacted upon earth, and the highest holiness and purest love that ever smiled upon this sordid scene converged upon Calvary, and in one instant there is revealed the essence both of heaven and of hell. In the one event of Calvary are seen the highest good and the foulest evil, the brightest light and the densest darkness, the purest love and the rankest hate, the most perfect forgiveness and the most malignant sin, the supreme sacrifice and the greatest sin.

In this same event of Calvary we discover the low levels to which men may sink, the heights to which they may rise, the level of the beast. There is a blindness that swallows up light, a bigotry that pounces upon humility, hypocrisy that crucifies truth, a greed that eats up generosity, lust that feeds human depravity, and fear that stunts the heart of indomitable courage.

At Calvary we discover what sin will do to us. Sin will crucify our nobler selves, will slay every holy desire, stifle every aspiration of the soul and hold up to ridicule the virtue of life.

If one wishes to know what sin will do to life and virtue and nobility, one needs only look at Calvary. What sin did to Christ at Calvary's cross, it is seeking to do to every human soul. Sin will leave the soul withered, those things that make life miserable, wicked and vile.

"When they were come to a place called Golgotha. . . they CRUCIFIED HIM. And sitting down they watched Him till He was dead." Matt. 27:33-36.

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Pounding the pavement in Louisville in behalf of Southern Seminary students prospective students in need or apartment Ermon Webb of Urbana, who will be a year student at the Seminary next September. Mr. Webb was employed by the Seminary on a full-time basis for the month of July and August as student director of housing. —McDonald.

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Across the Editor's Desk

Vote Next Tuesday

Primary elections for federal offices were held in two of Arkansas' Congressional districts last week, but fewer than one-fourth of the eligible voters (who had paid their poll tax) bothered to vote. That is not good citizenship.

Another primary election will be held July 30—next Tuesday. Citizens then will have opportunity to vote for candidates for county and state offices. Probably there will be more interest because of the greater number of candidates and offices involved.

Every citizen owes it to himself and to his country and our prized democratic system to vote in every election affecting his area. Democracy is based on the voice of the people. We cannot have a democracy unless the citizens display enough interest to vote.

We urge every Christian citizen to exercise the privilege of the ballot. Every Christian has the obligation to voice his Christian convictions every time the polls open. Let none of us fail to do our part in electing Christian officials and expressing ourselves uncompromisingly on all issues where Christian principles are involved.

Loss in Baptisms Feared

By PORTER ROUTH, Secretary

Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information

Southern Baptist baptisms will drop more than 70,000 in 1946 below the 1945 Centennial figure, the largest drop in any one year in Southern Baptist history, unless the present trend is reversed before reports are made to the associations.

A sample survey of representative Southern Baptist churches comparing the number of baptisms on July 1, 1945, and the same date in 1946 indicates that an estimated 185,325 baptisms will be reported in 1946, a loss of 27.8 per cent from the 256,699 reported during 1945. This 1946 number might be enlarged some by late summer revivals, but the estimate is made on comparative figures.

Although a loss in baptisms must be feared, one ray of hope for 1947 comes from the estimated gain of 250,000 in Sunday Schools for 1946. The survey also indicates that a gain of more than 90,000 can be expected for Training Unions, a 13.3 per cent rise over the 1945 total.

The survey reveals an interesting point. Nearly all of the few churches reporting gains in baptisms over 1945 are churches with extensive mission programs. Many of the baptisms are reported from mission Sunday Schools and other mission points.

By September 10

There is danger that our churches may be forgetting the Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign in their enthusiasm for the World Relief and Rehabilitation offerings. It had been thought that the two campaigns, one for Christian Education here in our own state and one for mission activity in foreign lands, could run along side by side without conflict. This should be possible.

A great emergency exists at Ouachita. Buildings must be had immediately to accommodate the hosts of boys and girls applying for admission at the September term of school. The Board of Trustees has made arrangements to move some army buildings to the campus and set them up in time for the beginning of the school term. Architects assure the trustees and school officials that these buildings will be satisfactory and that if brick veneered will be in keeping with architectural style on the rest of the campus.

BUT, it is essential that \$150,000 be on hand by September 10 to pay for moving and erecting these structures. The brick work will be done later at an estimated cost of \$50,000. But bear in mind, the Trustees do not want to go in debt. They want to pay for this work as it is done, and \$150,000 will be required by September 10 if this housing is opened to the men students at the beginning of school. Let's start the money for Ouachita rolling now.

Christian Voice

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, new ambassador to China, is an ordained Presbyterian minister who has served in that country for the past 41 years as missionary, professor of theology, and college president.

Interned for three years and eight months after Pearl Harbor, Dr. Stuart, president of Yenching University, visited the United States last December for the first time since 1936 to confer with officials of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. During his visit he also lectured at colleges, universities, and divinity schools throughout the country.

At that time he declared that "a general feeling of friendliness and desire to cooperate" with the United States exists in China.

"There is an awakening consciousness that in trying to be a modern republic, to fit into the new world order, they need a moral strength which they lack," Dr. Stuart said, "and they see that real Christians have it. There will be no other religion in China in the future that will have any life to it. It will be Christianity or irreligion."

Christianity Can Heal

It is estimated that starvation kills someone "everytime your heart beats." But starvation is not always so kind as to bring universal death.

STARVATION leaves stunted bodies and deformed minds, a generation of individuals unable to care for themselves.

... Starvation leaves in its path a trail of ill-will, ready to leap to the support of any theory based on prejudice and hate.

... Starvation of great numbers leaves a nation's commerce paralyzed and its mental processes restless and questioning.

CHRISTIANITY, however, can enter the famine fields with food and clothing and good-will.

... Christianity can bring to individuals a knowledge of brotherly love, and to the nation a sense of security through a just economy.

... Christianity can bring to one and all the Peace that passeth all understanding.

Christianity does these things through relief and rehabilitation. Give now through your church. Give now to build a better tomorrow.

The Rural Churches

The danger is great that the appeal of the world's starving millions for relief and rehabilitation will not reach the members of our rural churches. Many of these churches do not have a regular pastor, and the overwhelming majority of them have services not more than twice a month. The obligation calls heavily on our rural ministers to tell every church they visit of the appeal and to take a collection then and there. Everybody wants to give, if they know the need and if they have a chance. Members of the town churches also might look about them, find a rural church without a pastor and go out to hold services and to enlist these people. No church should be missed.

More Faith Needed

Can religion be a force in an atomic age?

An eminent physicist says "Yes!" In the July Coronet, Dr. Arthur H. Compton envisions a world revitalized through a dynamic new faith. Dr. Compton, chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis and Nobel prize winner for his cosmic ray discoveries, played an outstanding part in the development of the atomic bomb.

Dr. Compton's Coronet article reflects his firm conviction that science and religion must work hand in hand for the salvation of mankind. He believes that the most significant aspect of the atom bomb is the fact that with more power comes increased freedom and responsibility.

Our problem today is not material, but spiritual. "Instead of being afraid of unleashed power, we must match it with an increasingly dynamic faith," Dr. Compton said.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

First Church, Benton, Virgil A. Rose, pastor, has unanimously accepted its goal of \$7,500 for the Ouachita College Campaign.

Pastor Waif Hamilton, Stamps, supplied for Pastor Bruce H. Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, July 21. While Pastor Price is on vacation the first three Sundays of August the pulpit will be filled by Pastor H. A. Elledge, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock; Rev. Sam Phillips, Ouachita College student; and Pastor J. F. Queen, Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock.

Missionary G. H. Ussery, Little River Association, has been instrumental in the organization of three missions, two Sunday Schools, and two Training Unions in the association besides all the other things that a missionary does. He has just assisted in the organization of a church in the Rock Hill community. The church has 20 charter members. In evangelistic services led by Missionary Ussery just prior to the organization of the church, there were 20 conversions and rededications.

WANTED: Church secretary. Wire or write Rev. Virgil A. Rose, pastor, First Baptist Church, Benton, Ark.

Park Place Church, Hot Springs, has adopted a resolution in memory of Nat Burgess and W. J. Muse, faithful members of the church, who died recently. It reads: "Their lives have been devoted to the one purpose of living for God and to glorify Him. They have been faithful and loyal servants of this church and to God in attendance of the worship services and liberal with their talents and gifts. They

have taught their children to fear the Lord. We express our sincere sympathy to their families."

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, was with First Church, Lake Providence, La., Paul Elledge, pastor, in an evangelistic meeting which resulted in 56 additions to the church. Evangelist Kirkpatrick is now with First Church, Tyronza, in a tent meeting. On account of a cancellation he has an open date just following the Tyronza meeting and may be reached in care of Pastor R. J. Clubb, Tyronza.

Central Church, Hot Springs, has already given \$701.14 to Relief and Rehabilitation. Its quota was \$455. Clyde Hart is pastor.

"All-Indian Baptist" is a new monthly publication, published by the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. It will furnish first hand news from the missionaries on the field. J. B. Rounds of Oklahoma City is editor-in-chief, Mrs. George Wilson of Albuquerque is the local editor, and C. W. Stumph of Albuquerque is business manager.

PASTORAL CHANGES

William M. Burnett from Trinity Church, Little Rock.

Earl Humble from First Church, Ashdown, to become student in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

O. O. Davis from Columbia, Miss., to Trinity Church, Texarkana.

OVER THE TOP!

Centennial, newest association in the is the first association to exceed the goal for the World Relief offering. goal was \$1,120. They had raised to Ju with the offerings in most cases inco \$1,435.82.

The churches and the amount of con tion as of July 15 are: Stuttgart, \$553; D \$362; Almyra, \$425; Hagler (New Hope Humphrey, \$17.82, and Tichenor unre

C. Marshall Renno is missionary of tennial Association.

Second Church, Warren, had 22 add 10 on profession of faith, in a meeting Evangelist Ray A. Walker, Belton, Tex., the preaching and directing the singing tor Keith F. Babb says: "Bro. Walker of the best evangelists that I have ever k He preaches the Gospel and never uses pressure methods or clap-trap propos I can recommend him to any church wa an evangelist."

Billy Hickem, student in Ouachita C and pastor of Second Church, Russellvill ordained to the ministry by First Ch Dowell, Ill., July 14. A cousin of Mr. Hic made profession of faith at the service. W. C. Rowe of the Dowell Church, for an Arkansas pastor, was moderator.

Dr. J. R. Grant, president, Ouachita lege, has been invited to attend a confe of 50 college executives at the Univers Denver, in Colorado, August 24-30. H speak on "Education for Effective Choic World of Conflicting Values." The confe is sponsored by the Hazen Foundation.

Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, d a choir director—educational secretary qualified and trained woman preferred. isfactory salary. Write W. Harold I pastor.

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EXTENSION PREACHING SERVICES BRING REAL VICTORIES

The young women pictured at the right were gloriously saved in a revival at the Girls' Industrial School, near Little Rock, in a revival led by Pastor Charles E. Lawrence, First Church, Little Rock. Thirty-seven of them have been baptized into the fellowship of First Church.

Pastor Lawrence says: "I found these girls hungry for the gospel message. It was my precious privilege to tell them about Jesus, His death on the cross for them, His love for them and His willingness and anxiety to save them. God help our church to do more and more of such mission work in the days to come."

Pastor Lawrence preaches to the women at the State Farm for Women on the first Sunday afternoon in each month and to the girls of the Industrial School when he has opportunity.



Attention: All Citizens . . .

Politics a Christian Vocation

By BOB RILEY



On the fourth day of this month we celebrated Independence Day for the first time in five years. In this time of peace, we find ourselves confronted with a wide variety of problems, the solution of which challenges the best thought of the best minds. This is not surprising. The shock of a global war seems to have left the people confused and bewildered; but may we not reasonably hope that Independence Day has taken on a more profound significance?

Let us also hope that the complex problem of international peace may somehow be solved that moral and intellectual sanity may be achieved among men everywhere. Surely we must cling to this hope tenaciously and courageously.

But the maintenance of peace will be as difficult as the winning of the war, and will call for the same degree of unity of purpose and continuity of effort.

Meanwhile, let us not permit the magnitude and significance of world problems to overshadow the problems and difficulties which demand our thoughtful consideration here in our own communities and in our own state, whose actual material and spiritual resources need only clear recognition and development under proper direction.

Positive Action Necessary

The task of reconstruction and readjustment cannot be done by negative action. We shall make little progress if we move along the lines of least resistance. We are heirs of all the best along with the worst of the past.

Let us take stock of this inheritance into which we have come, and cherish and cling to those things which clarify the stream of constructive thought, enrich and ennoble character, and make for peace and progress. This calls for positive action and for the right sort of leadership. And it calls for the active participation of our whole citizenship, thinking clearly and acting courageously in its organized group capacity as government.

It may seem presumptuous for me, a young man, to discuss matters so serious and of such vital importance; but my training, observation and experience, although limited, have led me to some conclusions to which I shall cling until I am convinced that I am in error.

I shall advance cautiously, of course. And I shall accept gratefully whatever lessons that history has to offer, since I realize that the past is dead except as it illuminates and expands the lives and purposes of men today, and that history has practical value for us as danger signals in the present and as a guide for the future. Only so, shall we achieve progress in politics, economics or in the social organism.

A Spiritual Emphasis

Undoubtedly we have advanced marvelously in a material way, particularly in the field of science and invention. In fact, we seem now to accept the multiplication of mechanisms and instrumentalities for the realization of our increasing desires as a matter of course. They no longer startle us. But we should pause, perhaps, and ask whether or not these

conquests over matter have left us finer human beings, mentally, normally, and spiritually. If they have not pointed to corresponding advancement in spiritual discernment and a saner evaluation of spiritual resources, we may well decide to take our bearings.

It seems to me that our present task is to contrive somehow to unite the advancement of knowledge and skill with the progress of liberty, virtue and the inherent rights of the people. There is little virtue in the increase of knowledge and skill unless there is a corresponding improvement in purpose.

There are those who contend that democracy has failed to give us either a government by the people, or by the wisest and best among the people. To say the least, a majority of the people do not enjoy the benefits which are supposed to accrue under representative democracy. Admitting that, are we prepared to cast it unto the political rubbish heap and turn to totalitarianism or import a king?

Responsibility of Every Citizen

It is conceivable that democracy has many virtues in it, and that our major task is to really make it work. Until we do make it work, we shall make little progress in attempting to transplant it in other lands.

Now, if there are virtues in democracy which have become obscured and if there are hidden values which may be enhanced by wise action by the people; and if, in its essence, there are potentialities capable of development into a superior political system, it is clearly the responsibility of every citizen to help to make it work in the interest, not of the relatively few, but for the greatest good of the people. This can be done, but only by refusing the obsolete and threadbare method which we have slavishly followed in the past in the selection of those who represent us in important elective offices.

Select Officials Carefully

Why not abandon our custom of nominating and electing men to important office without regard to their special fitness by virtue of superior training and experience in matters of government? In case of illness, we do not send for an engineer or an insurance agent, however skilled each may be in his particular line. We call a physician in whose professional skill and integrity we have confidence—a man who has completed a prescribed course in medicine and has had experience in treating disease.

This is likewise true of the lawyer or the dentist or any other person who presumes to

practice in special capacity. Society demands this special training on the part of these men and women. We act with a considerable degree of intelligence in these highly important matters, involving our health and the protection of our personal and property rights.

Then, strangely enough, we do not require that those whom we elect to public office shall have had special training and experience in the affairs of government—men who have completed prescribed courses in political administration because they intend to make a career of politics.

Politician Needs Training

The physician is concerned in his professional capacity with the health of his community; he seeks to prevent, as well as to cure, disease. The lawyer is absorbed in matters legal. But the politician presumes to deal with the varied and complex questions of government; and without this special training in political science, which embraces political administration, he easily becomes a political parasite, and a costly one, instead of a statesman.

The magnitude and significance of the multiplied evils which follow our antiquated, crude and inefficient way of selecting our public officials, is easily seen in its true perspective when we reflect that government is intimately related, not only to a few, but all our activities, including those of every profession, every form of business and occupation. In fact, government is concerned with the whole of society.

Spiritual Qualifications

Therefore, it may assumed that a man in whom our trust should be one of mental and spiritual strength. The importance of the spiritual qualities is great for the man who has been indoctrinated with humanitarian ideals is one of greater understanding. A public servant, in order to render the greatest possible service, must be able to understand the grievances and needs of his people.

This may appear extremely idealistic but never forget for one moment that there are those with sincerity of purpose in desiring to serve. If these people may be persuaded to seek public office only then may appropriate laws be disbursed. The issue is squarely up to the individual. Salvation of democracy depends upon our interest and participation in government. This is the only logical solution. It is your government as well as mine; and through our mutual efforts its glory would be maintained.

BOB RILEY, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riley, longtime members of First Baptist Church, Little Rock, is making his entry into politics this year in the most ideal circumstances—he has no opposition in his race for representative from Pulaski County to the state legislature. We asked him, a Marine hero of the war just closed, to give us this article that our readers may be again reminded of the responsibilities of Christian citizenship.

GOOD NEWS AND HOME MISSIONS

By JOHN CAYLOR

The business of the Home Mission Board is to promote the Good News, to give the Gospel to a needy world. Millions of unevangelized people in the Southland are a challenge to Home Missions. In addition to all that local churches are doing and can do, there is much which the Home Mission Board must do if the gospel is to reach the multitudes.

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The "Good News Hour"

It is estimated by the radio stations which broadcast services of the "Good News Hour" that between two and three millions of people are listening to the preaching of the gospel over radio stations in 12 of our Southern states.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, is the radio preacher for the "Good News Hour." The messages may be heard over 25 stations, including the following:

Arkansas:

Little Rock—KGHI, 8 a. m., Sunday.

Jonesboro—KBTM, 8 a. m., Sunday.

El Dorado—KELD, 8 a. m., Sunday.

Missouri:

Springfield—KGBX, 7:30 a. m., Sunday.

Tennessee:

Memphis—WHBQ, 8:30 a. m., Sunday.

Requests coming to the Home Mission Board's offices for copies of the sermons delivered, and the reports from radio stations, indicate an audience that runs into the millions. The gospel is being preached in this manner to multitudes who otherwise have no opportunity to hear the simple Bible message as preached by Dr. Lawrence.

The "Good News Hour" is good news to many listeners in out-of-the-way places.

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Improvement in Income

For the first six months of 1946 a comparative report of receipts of the Home Mission Board shows an increase in Cooperative Program receipts of \$92,069.73, general designated funds, \$2,191.62, and March Week of Prayer fund, \$58,819.58.

Decreases in income are shown in the Bottoms Trust Fund, \$15,744.05, and special fund, \$931.66. The average increase of all funds for the first six months is 14 per cent. Cooperative Program receipts for the period have been \$482,346.89, and the Week of Prayer offering has gone up to \$500,822.44.

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A Tragic Loss

At the July meeting of the Home Mission Board, suitable resolutions were read concerning the tragic death of Rev. and Mrs. D. O. Jernigan, missionaries to the Seminole Indians at Okeechobee, Fla. These missionaries were in swimming with their children when Mrs. Jernigan stepped into a deep hole. Missionary Jernigan, in an effort to rescue his wife, also lost his life. The accident occurred on June 22 in Lake Okeechobee.

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Dr. Beagle's Successor

Dr. Alfred Carpenter assumed duties July 1 as superintendent of direct mission work of the Home Mission Board, which includes

all language groups, mission centers, work in Western States, Cuba and Panama.

Formerly this work was supervised by Dr. J. W. Beagle, but more recently by Dr. Courts Redford, assistant secretary of the Board, together with his other duties.

Dr. Carpenter will purpose to assist the missionaries on their field, correlating group interests, and publicizing the work throughout our Convention territory.

He is admirably fitted for this new task, having served the Board as superintendent of missions in Panama, field representative for a period in the States, and during World War II covered vast territories in the States and abroad as superintendent of Baptist chaplains. He was pastor at Blytheville several years prior to World War II.

The work of the Chaplains Commission will continue under his direction, as will also the liaison activity in the military. In the newly-organized Southern Baptist Chaplains Association he is serving as corresponding secretary.

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Church Extension Revolving Fund

In 1944 the Home Mission Board set aside \$100,000 for an extension revolving loan fund. In 1945, \$200,000 was allocated to the fund, making a total of \$300,000. The July report of the committee reveals that a total of \$250,500 has been used for church extension. This fund was provided for the building of new churches in strategic situations. Loans have been made to churches in Washington, Phoenix, Baltimore, San Antonio, Tampa, Atlanta, Miami, Oklahoma City, San Diego, Hawthorne, Oakland, Vallejo, Jacksonville, Alameda, Richmond, San Rafael, and Tulsa. In the July meeting loans were approved to churches in Corpus Christi, Tex., and Ontario, Dos Palos, and Fillmore, Calif., for a total of \$28,500.

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Young Elected to Evangelism Staff

Mr. William E. Young, associate pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., was elected to the position of assistant to the secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board to be associated with Dr. Eastham in the department. Mr. Young has served as associate in the First Church of Mansfield, La.; the First Church of Wichita Falls, Tex.; Tabernacle, Atlanta; First, Shreveport; and First, Oklahoma City.

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New Missionaries Elected

Rev. and Mrs. Wyatt Lee have been appointed as missionaries at Millersview, Doole, and Mason, Tex. Rev. Juan P. Hernandez becomes a missionary in Globe and Miami, Ariz.; and Rev. L. R. Flores becomes student missionary at Brady, Tex. Other newly-elected missionaries in the Mexican work are Abraham Sklar at Sweetwater, Tex.; Whyllie McGill at Cameron, Tex.; Rodolfo Vidaurri at Winters, Tex.; Juan Segura at Melrose and Ft. Sumner, N. M.

Miss Mary Nell Lynne has been appointed missionary to the Chinese on the West Coast.

Miss Clarissa Sue Lasseter has been added to the staff of the Woman's Emergency League at New Orleans, and Miss Betty Jane V. at the Rachel Sims Mission.

Miss Birdie Reynolds has been named missionary to serve in the Italian Mission territory in Ensley, Ala.

Rev. John W. McCandless of Columbus, S. C., becomes missionary to the deaf, as does Mrs. Laura Formwalt of Knoxville, Tenn. to serve in Boiles Creek, Tenn.

In Cuba, Mrs. H. R. Moseley is to be elected September 1. She has been a faithful effective missionary for many years. Frank C. Pool was appointed a missionary to Cuba. Rev. Ismael Negrin is to be transferred from the work in Cuba to the Spanish work in Key West.

Definite steps are being made to building the first unit of college building to be erected on property owned by the Home Mission Board in Havana, Cuba.

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Student Work Among Negroes

At the July meeting of the Home Mission Board, provision was made for the employment of a BSU secretary to promote BSU Student Union work among students at 100 colleges. This advance step is a natural growth of the cooperative work of the Home Mission Board in Negro colleges. The success of the Southern Baptist student movement has been an inspiration to the Negroes. The motion of this work will be of definite assistance to them.

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The Budget and the Magazine

The unified church budget is the best plan in which to put SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS for next year. There is a budget plan for subscriptions. For 20 cents all families in the church may receive SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS a year. Why not put this item in the church budget?

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Forty-five additions, 20 for baptism, and conversions in the mission resulted from evangelistic services at South Side Church, Bluff, led by Angel Martinez, evangelist. Edwin Guerin, singer. Pastor Lloyd A. S. man completed nine years of fruitful service with the church July 7.

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A Pastor Answers "Yes" to the Question . . .

Is Full-Time Work Safe?

By L. G. SCOTT
Pastor, Marmaduke

Where a Baptist church is not willing to walk by faith it might adopt the idea of "being sure of your path before you go ahead;" but Baptist churches are supposed to be spiritual organizations, who like Abraham, are willing to follow whether-so-ever the Lord leads.

Very few would dare say that a church with half-time preaching service isn't as strong again spiritually as the one-fourth-time church. Not only are they as strong again spiritually, but where spirituality is great the folk will be honest with the Lord. Therefore, the half-time church can carry on its financial obligations much more easily than a fourth-time church. At the same time they can, and usually will, more than double their pastoral support.

As for the support of missions, the rural church which fails to support missions wholeheartedly either has or has had a non-missionary pastor; and the church needs to be taught the New Testament truths concerning missions.

There isn't a rural community of any size in of our community but could support a full-time work. The thing which has blighted

the activities of most of our churches is preachers half-hearted concerning full-time work. They want to fiddle around at half-time or fourth-time work, and at the same time follow some kind of commercial activities for their livelihood. To put it plain, they want to use preaching as a side line.

All will agree that the time must come when farm commodities will return to their normal price. But, though they do return to normal, other things will also return; therefore, the pastor who is not on the field primarily for dollars and cents will be willing to share with his people. When such a time does come a dollar will go much farther than one goes now. This being true, the pastor of a rural church under such conditions will fare as well then as now even though his support is cut.

Yes, rural churches need full-time preaching services as much so as does the city church. People are just people whether they are rural or city people. One thing certain, rural people are much more consecrated than city people as a whole. And another thing, if it were not for the rural churches which reach the unsaved and train them for service, city churches would soon die.

Out of every city church about 85 per cent at one time were members of some rural

In this article Pastor Scott answers an article published June 6 in which Dr. John D. Freeman, of the Home Mission Board, urged caution on the part of rural churches contemplating full time work. We regret that we have not had space for Bro. Scott's article before now.
—Editor.

church. As far as pastoral ministry is concerned, show me the church or churches which are half or one-fourth-time which ever receives pastoral ministry. They are very scarce. The fact is, their pastors usually have to resort to some other means of support and cannot give any time to the field.

As to where pastors are to be found, God knows what He is doing. If He should lead a church to full-time, He will also lead other men into the ministry. He has always, and always shall be, able to care for His people by providing an under shepherd if they will only follow His leading.

In communities where the population is but few and is poor financially, I heartily agree that such a church should try to cooperate with another church or churches and have as many preaching services per month as is possible. I also endorse the storehouse tithing program. Such a program would be well for any church. Convert our people to the doctrine of the tithe and there will be enough money in the storehouse or treasury of the

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DR. YATES LEAVES OUACHITA TO GO TO KENTUCKY COLLEGE

From Trustee Moses:

Dr. O. W. Yates, head of our Bible department at Ouachita College, is resigning September 1 to accept a larger place at Georgetown College in Kentucky.

Twelve years ago when President J. R. Grant was looking for a man to head the Bible department of Ouachita College he and the Trustees found Dr. O. W. Yates, who for 20 years had been doing educational work in Kentucky. His experience, training, enthusiasm and record convinced all of us that we had found the right man.

The Bible department was soon re-organized and new life was injected. In the records of the Board meeting in May, 1932, is this statement, "It would gladden the hearts of Arkansas Baptists beyond measure if we could have fifty ministerial students enrolled in Ouachita College in any year." In that year there were 18 enrolled. The first year Dr. Yates came a goal was set to enroll 100 ministerial students at Ouachita College and to send 40 Ouachita graduates to the seminaries. Eight years later, 1942, Ouachita enrolled 156 ministerial students. This year Ouachita has 80 ministerial students in four seminaries.

For the duration of the war Dr. Yates kept in touch with hundreds of his students distributed around the world. This interest has been a big influence not only in causing large numbers to return to Ouachita but to bring others with them.

During these 12 years of service Dr. Yates has preached on Sundays in churches in very nearly every county of the state. Wherever he went he carried in his mind Ouachita College with its needs and opportunities. He sold Christian education to the youth and to



Dr. O. W. Yates, for 12 years a member of the faculty of Ouachita College, moves September 1 to Georgetown, Ky., to the Bible Department of Georgetown College.

their parents. His love for and devotion to Ouachita's Christian education program have won for him the love and respect of patrons, faculty members and students alike. Every group on the campus was devoted to Dr. Yates and sought his counsel and advice.

In the going of Dr. Yates back to Kentucky we feel that Ouachita College and Arkansas are losing one of their most useful men. While we are sustaining a great loss we believe that Kentucky and Georgetown College in particular are gaining a noble and faithful man who will contribute largely to the building of a

great statewide Christian educational movement in Kentucky.

We bid Dr. Yates and his family God's blessings as he helps to promote Christian education in his larger field of labor.

—C. H. Moses,
President, Board of Trustees

From President Grant:

For 12 years Dr. O. W. Yates has been head of our Bible department here at Ouachita Baptist College. The growth of this department in numbers, in material equipment and in organization during these 12 years has been almost phenomenal. We attribute this development largely to the work of Dr. Yates.

He is a tireless worker. His enthusiasm is contagious; his personal interest in the welfare of each student and his friendly cooperative spirit among faculty members have won for him a warm place in the hearts of all students and faculty members.

During these 12 years Dr. Yates has gone to every section of Arkansas and preached in rural, town and city churches. He is in demand as a high school commencement speaker. All this has enabled him to be state contact man for Ouachita College. Very few realize the state-wide services he has rendered. He seldom returns to the campus without bringing room reservations or the names of prospective students.

His friendly Christian spirit, his loyalty to all that is good and his daily Christian life have done much to help build a better and bigger Ouachita College. As he returns to Kentucky where he served 20 years before coming to Ouachita College, the prayers and best wishes of students, faculty members and friends throughout Arkansas will go with him.

—J. R. Grant, President, Ouachita College.

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Memphis 3, Tennessee**Ouachita College Ministers Set Up
Preacher Placement Organization**By **ROGER A. BUTLER**

Friends of the cause will be glad to know that a healthy reorganization of Ouachita College Ministerial Association for the Summer term was effected June 6. Plans are made for an effective effort of your preachers on the campus and in the extensions over the state through the work of this group in the churches.

Pastors, missionaries and all earnest friends of the cause will be glad to know of the organization of a Preacher Placement Committee to act under direction of the Association in the interest of a wider placement of our young preachers. It is a permanent committee, set up to carry on through the years. The purpose is to maintain definite contact between our God-called ministerial students in the college and the field of service which may use them as pulpit supplies or pastors.

It has been assumed hitherto that, because of long established precedent, the presence of such men will be known over the state. Yet we face the fact that so many churches are reported as pastorless, (see latest quarterly income columns of this paper), while splendid and earnest young ministers are available at the college. We have men here who can serve God as pastors of many more churches than are now being served.

Any pastor needing a Sunday supply, any missionary seeking to bring a church and prospective pastor together, or any interested and properly authorized member of a church may address a request or inquiry to The Preacher Placement Committee, Ouachita College, Box 182, Arkadelphia, Ark. Your request will be promptly cared for. In prayer for God's definite guidance the committee will send a preacher.

If the urgency of time is such as to require haste, a wire may be addressed to the committee chairman, Rev. Jack Cutbirth, Boy's Dormitory, Ouachita College. He may be reached by telephone, Arkadelphia, No. 175.

It is hoped that the brethren individually and the churches over the state will feel led to call on and use this committee. Student preachers, called of God, need the service experience and the support of churches. They

can mutually profit in the Lord's work together. Send for these preachers. Put them to work. Pay them for their work plus their travel expense. Encourage them. And you can make a greater generation of preachers possible in these days.

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NOTES of ADVANCE

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Charles Phillips Russell, author and professor of journalism at the University of North Carolina, will be guest critic at the second annual Arkansas Writers Conference to be held at Arkansas State Teachers College August 8-10. Lecturers will include Royal Dixon, author of nature stories; Don West of Winslow, author of "Broadside to the Sun"; and Lilith Lorraine, director of the Avalon Poetry Shrine at Rogers. The total cost of the conference, registration, room and meals, will be \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Registration fees of \$6 for adults and \$2 for students should be sent to the business manager of Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway.

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J. G. Lile, former president of Central College, Conway and a member of the faculty of Ouachita College at Arkadelphia for many years, now retired and living at 5020 Hillcrest, Little Rock, celebrated his 80th birthday July 5.

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First Church, Piggott, honored Pastor and Mrs. J. L. Ford and Mr. J. J. Brown, the only living charter member, with a basket dinner in the basement of the church recently. Pastor Ford has been with the church for three years.

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George F. Rowe, of Hot Springs, who has been a Baptist minister for 63 years, observed his 81st birthday July 11 by filling the pulpit at an anniversary celebration at Park Place Church, Hot Springs.

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Keep your shoulder to the wheel and you will not be so likely to be found with your back to the wall.—Religious Telescope.

**PAY YOUR DEBT
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No work of benevolence is more worthwhile more blessed than that being done by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for that group of men and women forced into retirement by old age and ill health.

Nearly 1300 of these heroes of the cause are on the roll of the relief department of the Board. Many of these are almost entirely dependent upon the small checks they receive from the Board for their livelihood. For others, the amount received means the difference between dire want and more or less comfort.

Many letters of appreciation and gratitude are received in response to the checks sent out at regular intervals. We quote excerpts from two of these letters which show that these checks mean to these aged ministers and their wives or widows of preachers who have gone on to glory.

"I'm writing you these few lines to try to express my deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the assistance you are giving me. I am nearing my 85th birthday and am shut in because of being greatly afflicted and am no longer active in the service, but we have frequent services in our home and have had a number of conversions in home services."

"I do not have words to tell you how much we do appreciate your gift. I surely do thank the Lord for you and thank you so much for what must say it is badly needed. It came just when I am just able to be up after seven weeks' stay in the hospital. I am awful weak yet and had spent my last dollar for medicine."

The reader of these lines may have been converted under the preaching of one of the saints of Israel. If so, wouldn't you like to pay your debt of gratitude by making a gift or by a bequest in your will to this fund that we may be able to do a more worthy ministry by those who have blessed our Southland?

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Is Full-Time Work Safe

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church to do anything the Lord might want the church to do.

In my estimation the article in the July issue of the Arkansas Baptist titled, "Is Full-Time Work Safe?" is one of the most brilliant walk-by-sight articles I have ever read in any religious paper. I am surprised at such an article from a rural field worker of the Mission Board.

Brethren, let's be like Abraham: if the Lord leads to full-time work, be willing to follow and He will bless. If He leads from one field to half-time work, do that also. No church has ever failed to be blessed of the Lord when they follow His leadership.

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Pastor J. Earl Bryant, Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, has recently worked a very successful revival with First Church, Rossville, Ga., E. B. Shivers, pastor.

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They also assure us that these buildings can be ready for occupation at the opening of school next session. This, of course, depends on our being able to finance the project. We want to pay as we go.

We will need \$150,000 by September 10th, 1946. The Board does not want to borrow any money or go in debt.

Therefore, we are asking all churches and individual givers, to send all the money possible now.

This will solve our immediate student emergency, save money and keep us out of debt.

We urge you and your Church to send us a check for as liberal amount as you can right away.

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District WMU Meetings

Many worthy objectives have been claiming the space in the Arkansas Baptist recently, hence we have not been able to present a report of the eight District WMU meetings held during the month of June. "The Christian's Responsibility in Today's World" was the general theme at each meeting, and due credit is given to each district president for the splendid way in which each promoted their respective meetings.

Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson of Richmond, Va., southwide stewardship chairman, was the inspirational speaker for these meetings. As Amy Compere, she had done WMU field work in Arkansas in the "dear dead days" and so had an interesting approach to her most vital message on stewardship as we met from place to place. Other speakers outside the districts were Mrs. C. H. Ray and Mrs. S. R. Pugh.

Twenty superintendents and ten associational counselors were present. The total attendance of 820 was not up to par but considering the number of Vacation Bible Schools and revivals in progress, the attendance was good and the interest was fine. Twenty-eight associations and 124 churches were represented. During the business sessions the district budget apportionments for 1947 were accepted, district officers elected, including the member and alternate from each district for the State Nominating Committee for the coming year. We will present the names of the Nominating Committee in the near future.

Each district made an offering for some special needs in Cuba, the fund to be disbursed by Miss Mildred Matthews. A total of \$206 was contributed for this purpose as follows:

West Central District \$15;
Northwest \$22.01; Southeast \$43.-51;
North Central \$17.50; Central \$25.02; East Central \$17.10; North-east \$56.11.

We are indebted to the following churches for gracious hospitality and splendid preparation made for these meetings: Paris, Bentonville, Clinton, Nashville, Camden, Benton, West Memphis and Paragould First.

Ridgecrest Conference

Eleven women have sent in reservations for travel by special chartered bus to the WMU Conference at Ridgecrest, August 8-14. Write Mrs. C. H. Ray, state executive

RA CAMP SPEAKER



Walter Jacobi

The German Gestapo caused Walter Jacobi to leave his home town of Mannheim, Germany, in 1935. Mr. Jacobi is a Jew and considered himself fortunate to make the escape out of Germany into Holland and finally on to Brazil.

In Brazil he did office work and became interested in learning the English language. He attended the English Speaking Club of the American Baptist high school in Porto Alegre sponsored by Mrs. Helen Bagby. Here he became interested in more than the English language and sought Missionary Albert Bagby for a conference. The result was he found the peace for which his heart had longed.

We are grateful to God that many Arkansas boys will become acquainted with Walter Jacobi, now a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and hear his testimony this summer in the Royal Ambassador camps. He has been a Christian only two years, but has a ringing testimony for his Lord. He will be at the Ferncliff RA Camp July 29-August 3, the Siloam Springs RA Camp August 5-10, and the Ravenden Springs RA Camp, August 26-31.

secretary for further announcement concerning the trip, estimated expense, etc. Write the Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., for room reservations.

Speakers at the conference will include Dr. F. Crossley Morgan, Miss Margaret Applegarth, Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. Duke K. McCall, Dr. J. Clyde Turner, Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Dr. George W. Sadler, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Dr. Courts Redford, Mrs. Frank Cheek and other WMU leaders.

\$3,500,000 IS A LOT OF MONEY

By LAWSON H. COOKE

Southern Baptists might easily be misled by the generous initial responses to our relief and rehabilitation offering.

We may be misled into thinking that it will be easy; that the money will roll in automatically.

We may be misled into thinking that three and a half million dollars, after all, is not so much money. It isn't if we are standing at the distribution end; it is very little money when we consider that millions of men, women, and children are starving. But it is a whale of a lot of money to raise in two and a half months.

The present offerings, though very liberal, are yet a long, long way from three and a half million dollars.

If this amount is to be raised every pastor must give himself over to the task of vigorously presenting the matter to his people; every individual Baptist must assume his or her Christian responsibility; the men of our church must go deep into their pocket.

We do not need more information regarding the condition; we need to give six million Southern Baptists—every one of them—the privilege of participating in an offering that will relieve the condition of which they already know.

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HALF WAY MARK

Training Union study course awards reached 8,117 in Arkansas during the six months of 1946. The goal of 1946 is 15,000. The following is a report by associations:

Association	Issued		
	Awards 1945	Goals 1946	Mos. 1946
Arkansas Valley	425	500	195
Bartholomew	379	500	228
Benton County	351	600	191
Big Creek	40	75	37
Black River	38	65	27
Boone-Carroll	135	350	224
Buckville		50	
Buckner	146	300	58
Caddo River	77	125	12
Carey	111	200	102
Caroline	125	250	118
Central	451	600	245
Centennial	157	200	148
Clear Creek	231	350	274
Concord	947	1100	625
Current River	136	500	169
Dardanelle-Russellville	190	500	53
Delta	194	250	121
Faulkner County	111	125	11
Gainesville	143	160	
Greene County	226	300	226
Harmony	724	1100	573
Hope	209	500	281
Independence	169	200	139
Liberty	665	1000	1116
Little Red River		50	
Little River	212	260	84
Mississippi County	353	400	438
Mt. Zion	171	500	315
Ouachita	131	225	50
Newton County		50	
Perry County	142	120	
Pulaski County	974	1200	1143
Red River	363	500	233
Rocky Bayou	256	200	
Stone-Van Buren	320	300	80
Tri-County	558	530	165
Trinity	102	125	218
Washington-Madison	258	750	156
White County	130	140	49
White River	217	190	15
Woodruff County	254	230	
TOTALS	10,821	15,670	8,117

School year, we can exceed the 1941 record. We ought to. We must. The need for training is more pronounced and the opportunities are greater.

Arkansas has received 5,672 awards since October 1. This is a good record. By every church and association cooperating many more workers may receive needed training before the summer is over. Plan for a week of study before your revival meeting. **The Place of Evangelism in the Sunday School** would be an excellent book to use. If **Baptist Distinctives** has not been taught, by all means plan to study it at the earliest date possible.

"Invest In The Future By Training Today!"

Summer Field Work Begins

For the eighth year, organized Summer Field Work is being conducted in six associations of Arkansas this summer. The first week's work was conducted in Benton County association. The rally was held at First Church, Rogers, on Sunday afternoon, July 14, with 300 in attendance. Pray for these 31 young people as they minister to the rural churches of our state this summer!

Vacation Bible School

Are you concerned about the lost condition of the boys and girls of your community? Do you care enough to try to win them to Christ? One of the most effective means of soul-winning is through the Vacation Bible School.

Last year, there were 21,520 pupils saved in Vacation Bible Schools in the South. Is this not proof sufficient of the value of Vacation Bible School? There is time yet this summer to prepare for and to conduct a school. Maybe your church has already had its school. If so, you have the workers ready. Why not seek out a mission community or a Negro church in which you can have a school? If you look around, you will find an opportunity. Let us use the Vacation Bible School to win our youth to Christ.

For any information or help, write the Department of Religious Education, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

State Contest Winners

The state contests were conducted at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly on July 4. The following are the state winners:

Junior Memory Work: 1st place—Jeannie Shine, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, Concord Association; 2nd place—Amy Crook, New Liberty Church, Mississippi County Association.

Intermediate Sword Drill: 1st place—Mary Ruth Wise, First Church, De Witt, Centennial Association; 2nd place—J. A. Walker, Jr., White Oak Church, Boone-Carroll Association.

Better Speakers Tournament: 1st place—Mary Ann Hamilton, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, Concord Association; 2nd place—Wilma Lowe, Caraway Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Fifth Sunday Meeting Has "Best" Attendance

By W. T. TINER
 Missionary, Buckville Association

Our Fifth Sunday Meeting and Workers' Conference, June 29-30, proved a great success. We met with Mt. Taber Church. A fine spirit of cooperation was manifested throughout the two days.

The attendance was the best I have seen. The program was well prepared and the entertainment could not have been better. A spirit of fellowship was enjoyed by everyone present.

Rev. Homer Speers, a pastor of the association, brought a wonderful message on "Every Man Stood in Place." I preached on "The Peace of God in a Troubled World." Scripture lesson was taken from Isa. 2:1-5. Pastor Jimmie Plummer, Mt. Valley Church, preached on "Faith."

After a splendid meal served by the ladies of the community we joined in community singing. We were dismissed to meet again on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in September with the Rock Springs Church.

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Sunday School Workers Are Studying

If the record of awards issued is a good indication, Southern Baptist are entering now one of their most productive periods of expansion and ministry. Training is a good criterion, for when workers begin seriously to consider their opportunities and responsibilities they begin to prepare themselves to do a good job!

Two months, March and May, set new records in training awards issued. The three months' period, March, April, and May, was an all-time high with nearly 100,000 awards. Here's the record by months:

March	30,719
April	32,641
May	36,455
Total	99,815

The highest number of awards issued in one year was 208,000 in 1941. With more than three months remaining in this Sunday

Lloyd Sparkman began his work as pastor of South Side Church Pine Bluff, on June 30, 1937. At that time the church was facing an indebtedness of \$22,000. The Sunday School had an enrollment of 250 and the Training Union was not functioning. The WMU had one organization. The total membership of the church was 390.

The membership of South Side is now 863. The Sunday School is fully departmentized with 860 enrolled. There is a Mission Sunday School, an Extension Department and a Cradle Roll. The Training Union now has 11 unions with an enrollment of 189. The WMU has six circles and five functioning auxiliary organizations.

During these nine years the church has baptized 417 members, received 559 by letter and statement, making a total of 976. South Side has given \$114,529.87 to local causes, and \$15,146.18 to missions, making a total of \$132,363.95 to all causes. Approximately \$19,000 is now on hand.

The church has a full-time janitor, paid nursery worker, paid organist, church secretary and minister of music and education.

As an eagle pursues his upward flight until he reaches the highest point of possible ascent, so the Christian should go on rising in the life of God until he comes to perfection.—Fester.

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PROGRAM—BROTHERHOOD WEEK—RIDGECREST

August 1-7

Early morning devotional period each day in charge of Hugh F. Latimer.

Thursday, August 1
9-10:45 A. M.—General Brotherhood Conference—L. H. Tapscott presiding.

- (1) Reports from the fields with all state Brotherhood secretaries reporting.
- (2) Open conference.

11:45 A. M.—Joint assembly with Home Mission Board and Editorial Conference.

Friday, August 2

9-10:45 A. M.—General Brotherhood Conference—George W. Schroeder presiding.

- (1) General Brotherhood Publicity—Rev. B. J. Murrice, Editor, Illinois Baptist.
- (2) Open conference.

11:45 A. M.—Joining assembly with Home Mission Board and Editorial Conference.

Saturday, August 3

9-10:45 A. M.—General Brotherhood Conference—Judge John W. McCall presiding.

- (1) Brotherhood Work from Southwide Viewpoint—Lawson H. Cooke, Hugh F. Latimer, George W. Schroeder.

11:45 A. M.—Joint assembly with Home Mission Board and Editorial Conference.

Sunday, August 4

Regular Church Services.

Monday, August 5

9-10:45 A. M.—General Brotherhood Conference—Lawson H. Cooke presiding.

- (1) State Brotherhood Organization—James H. Street.
- (2) Associational Brotherhood Organization—William Horace Headrick.
- (3) Open conference.

11:45 A. M.—Joint assembly with Home Mission Board and Editorial Conference.

7:30 P. M.—Brotherhood Night at Ridgecrest—L. H. Cooke in charge.

Tuesday, August 6

9-10:45 A. M.—General Brotherhood Conference—Hugh F. Latimer presiding.


- (1) The World Program of Southern Baptists—Dr. Duke K. McCall.

11:45 A. M.—Joint assembly with Home Mission Board and Editorial Conference.

Wednesday, August 7

9-10:45 A. M.—General Brotherhood Conference—Hugh F. Latimer presiding.

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Night services August 1-7 will be held jointly with Brotherhood, Home Mission Board and Editorial Conference participating but Monday Night, August 5, will be **BROTHERHOOD NIGHT.**

He Leads Drys

James C. Furman, of Atlanta, Ga., former motion picture advertising and publicity executive, has been elected Executive-Secretary of the United Dry Forces of Tennessee. He will receive his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville in 1947 and will serve in the double role of seminary student (four days each week) and Executive Secretary in Nashville (three days each week) during next school term.

Furman is a great-grandson of Dr. Richard Furman, president of the first Baptist Triennial Convention held in Philadelphia in 1814, and for whom Furman University of Greenville, S. C., is named. His grandfather, Dr. James C. Furman, was founder and first president of Furman University.

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Arkansas Valley Association, with Missionary J. J. Franklin and Pastor W. F. Couch, First Church, Marianna, leading, sponsored a Doctrinal Institute for Negro pastors and deacons in one of the Negro Baptist churches of Marianna. It was attended by 300, mostly Negroes with a small group of white people.

The school grew out of the conviction that help should be given the colored preachers in an association where the approximate 100,000 population is 60 per cent Negro. Marianna, with four Negro Baptist churches, is the center of the colored population. Pastor J. E. Shepherd of New Bethel Church (Negro) was chosen dean of the school.

The program of the week consisted of singing and prayer, followed by Missionary Franklin's teaching of the Pendleton's Church Manual, the Church Covenant, B. H. Carroll's definition of salvation, his own definition of "The Church that Jesus Built," and preaching.

Appreciation of the efforts of Pastor Couch, Missionary Franklin, and Arkansas Valley Association, was expressed in a resolution adopted by the Negro brethren.

Missionary Ottis Denney, Hope Association and Pastor Roger Baxter, College Hill Church, Texarkana, sponsored a Negro Bible and WMU Institute with the Negro

churches of Texarkana during the last week of June. The colored pastors voted to make it an annual affair with the hope that it might be made into a school for helping those pastors who cannot go away to school.

The WMU of First Church, Walnut Ridge, under the direction of Mrs. Lindsay Woodring, community mission chairman, sponsored a Vacation Bible school at the Negro Baptist church in Walnut Ridge. There was an enrollment of 43 with five conversions.

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There's a Moral

The story is told of a country preacher and his six-year-old daughter arriving at the church where he was the Sunday morning guest speaker. The preacher reached into his pocket and dropped a 50-cent piece into the offering box in the church vestibule. After the service was over, the senior deacon explained to the visitor that the parson was entitled to all offerings in the "poor box" and, raking the bottom of the box, handed the parson the single piece he had deposited earlier. Nothing was said until the preacher and his daughter had gone some hundred yards up the path through the woods. Then the daughter queried: "You'da got more out of it if you'da put more in, wouldn't ya, papa?"

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Trinity Missionary Reports Good News

By S. J. MEADOR
Missionary, Trinity Association

Pleasant Hill Church went over the top in an offering for foreign relief Sunday, June 23. The church is now full-time. A pastor's home has been purchased,

and Pastor L. C. Edwards will soon be living on the field. He came to us from Mississippi in 1944 and is one of our leading rural pastors.

Valley View Church was organized by Rev. R. D. McEwen and myself in June last year and Bro. McEwen is its first pastor. The church went over its quota for foreign relief in one offering. It is also erecting a new building. Mem-

bership has grown from eight to 31 in its first year. Bro. McEwen is a fine pastor and a good preacher.

We have just closed a revival at the mission of First Church, Truman. I did the preaching and Bro. McEwen had charge of the singing. Rev. Edgar Griffin is the happy pastor of the Truman Church and is doing a fine work.

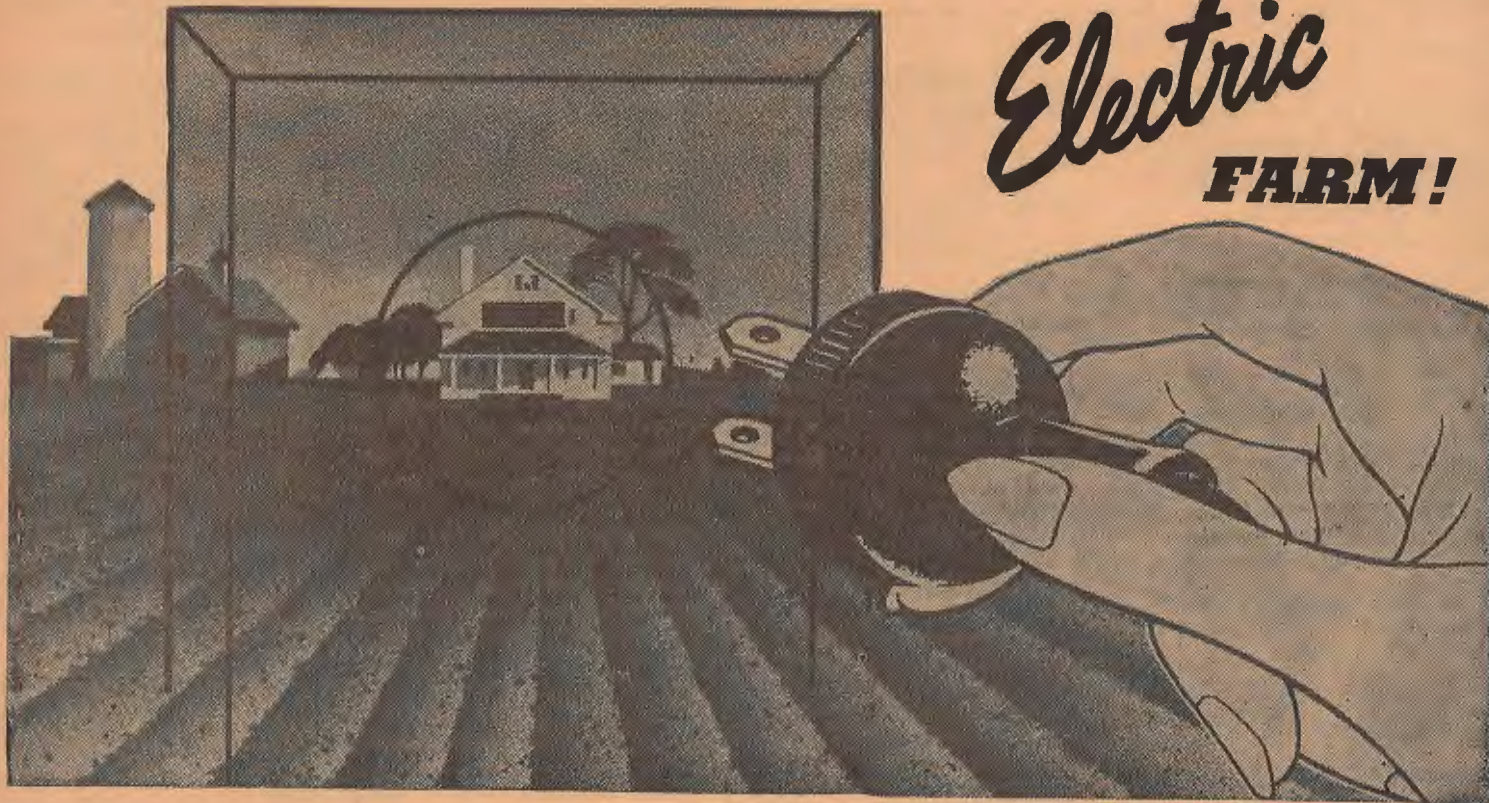
Effects of Alcohol

The great Canadian physician Sir William Osler, was lecturing one day on the effects of alcohol. "Is it true," asked a student, "that alcohol makes people things better?"

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Supremacy of Spiritual Values Depends on Reverence for God

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

"Materialism has captured our culture. It has captured the state. It has captured education." These words, coming from the pen of Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, in his book, *Education for Freedom*, serve to remind us of the depth to which spiritual values have sunk in the scales of life.

Unless something can be done to magnify spiritual values and give them the supremacy they deserve, in the light of the purpose of God, there may be in the near future more people ready to agree with H. G. Wells that the world is at the end of its tether.

Reverence for God

The beginning of reverence for spiritual values lies in reverence for God. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Ex. 20:7). God's name stands for His nature. It is to be so revered by men. Irreverent use of His name "whether in jest or in anger is a violation of the third commandment" (Sampey).

The third commandment, when violated by the individual, signifies the lowering of his respect for God. In profanity, men literally drag God's name to the level of their own degenerate speech as if to make God a partner to the thought. This, and especially when used in the support of man's unholy anger, is nothing short of blasphemy.

Sometimes men employ substitutes when they wish to convey the profane impulse that wells up within their hearts. Sometimes they do not actually use God's name but get as close to it as they can. Such expressions as "Jesus Christ," "My Lord," "Lord, have mercy," "My Jesus," "For the Lord's sake," "by Jove," and "by George," are all substitutes for profanity when used in the proper context.

The prevalence of profanity today is tragic. The story is told of how, in one girls' college, two hundred girls confessed to their habitual use of profanity. In a co-educational institution the remark was made that the most popular girls in the school were those who indulged in profanity, smoking, and drinking.

This common practice of taking God's name in vain could not exist where there is the proper reverence for God on the part of people.

Dependable Speech

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:33-37; see also Lev. 19:12) Jesus dwells at length on the common practice of using sacred names in connection with

Sunday School Lesson For July 28

Exodus 20:7, Leviticus 19:12;
Matthew 5:33-37; Mark 7:5-8;
8:34-36

oaths. Evidently our Lord did not have in mind the explicit condemnation of judicial oaths in the light of His own action in Matthew 26:63-64. What He apparently alluded to was the prevailing practice on the part of those who resorted to sacred names on the flimsy assumption that the use of such would make valid their word.

Jesus condemns perjury committed under oath and requires absolute fidelity to one's utterance. It is enough, said Jesus, for one to say, "Yea, yea; Nay, nay." One's word should be as good as his bond. The simple unadorned truth is sufficient for the children of God. Any statement made by a believer should have all the dignity required for its acceptance.

"Perjury is man's effort to bolster up his lie by invoking the name of God in witness. When a man tells a lie and wishes to support his lie, he swears to it in the name of God, thus swearing that he can prove by the All-wise and All-truthful One that his statement is true, while he himself knows it to be false. He thus undertakes to lower the honor and truth of God to the level of his own degradation of falsehood" (Masse).

The speech of the Christian should ever be marked by dependability. In standing by one's word, one not only establishes the virtue of his own character but also positions his reverence toward God. "And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord." The one remedy, of course, for irreverence for God and the lack of dependability in speech is the indwelling Christ: "It is no longer I that live, but Christ that liveth

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in me. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the son of God."

Traditions of Men

In the twenty-third chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus denounces and warns His disciples against Phariseeism. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith: but these ye ought to have done and not to have left the other undone."

What Jesus wants is not the scrupulous observance of staid ritual, not the minute adherence to mosscovered volumes of ceremony. He desires the reverence that comes from the heart rather than that which glibly falls from the lips.

Often men become slavish adherents to ritual and in so doing lose the spirit of worship. Much of the ritual in some of the so-called Christian churches finds absolutely no justification in the New Testament. For instance, there is nothing in the New Testament to suggest that we should pray for the dead or burn candles in their behalf while prayers are offered. These are traditions of men.

Saving One's Life

This quest for the supremacy of spiritual values should pervade every area of man's existence. To follow Jesus one must live a life of self-denial and cross-bearing. For those who are in Christ are becoming new creatures: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Jesus declares paradoxically that to save one's life one must first lose it (Matt. 10:39). We do not add to our salvation when we pursue wordly ideals and objectives. We merely subtract from it. For nothing in the world has value for man except in proportion as it contributes to the salvation of his soul "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

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Hatfield Gives \$70

The Hatfield Church in the mountains in Western Arkansas is a small church. Last Sunday they had 65 in Sunday School. Pastor C. S. Anderson took a collection for relief and rehabilitation, and the church gave \$70. This is more than one dollar per member, and this section of Arkansas is not regarded as being the wealthiest section of Arkansas. Thank you, Brother Anderson, and the saints at Hatfield.

West Memphis Gives \$2,500

The West Memphis Church has taken its offering in response to the appeal for relief and rehabilitation funds. This church was asked to give \$475, but it actually sent in \$2,500, nearly six times its quota. Some of the salt of the earth are in this good church. George Lehr, L. E. Conyers, B. B. McCarley, Mrs. George Lehr, and Mrs. J. O. Spotts are real leaders and lovers of the Lord. So is Mrs. Barksdale, and others. Aubrey Halsell is the happy pastor of this splendid church.

Country Church Gives Liberally

Here is a challenging example of a country church giving its money for the starving people of the world. New Friendship in Greene County gives \$137.50. Mr. O. F. Walker in sending the check remarked that it was much more than their quota but hoped that it would not disappoint us.

Dardanelle Comes Through

Some of the brethren have thought that the church at Dardanelle is rather conservative. But let me show you something. We asked Dardanelle for \$124 for relief and rehabilitation, and Pastor Russell reports that they have received already \$200 with the prospects for more.

Almyra Far Exceeds Its Quota

The Almyra Church is a small church in the rice belt. Rev. Boyd Eldridge is the happy pastor. The church is happy in its relationship to the pastor and honored his appeal to the relief and rehabilitation offering by giving \$419.50. This was much more than it was asked to give.

Dumas Goes Beyond \$1,000

We had asked the Dumas Church for \$659, but it actually sent us \$1,001.60. Ralph Douglas is the aggressive leader and pastor.

Gould Does It Well

We asked the church at Gould for \$193, and it sent us \$225. Walter Watts is the pastor of this church.

Tillar Does It Too

The church at Tillar sent \$94, and a fine couple in the church sent an extra \$50. Dr.

O. W. Yates has for sometime been the pastor of this aggressive church.

Elliott and Cherry Hill Go Beyond Their Quotas

The church at Elliott sent \$170 which is more than its quota. Rev. H. S. McLaren is the faithful pastor of this field. Cherry Hill was asked for \$68, and sent \$100. J. M. Holman is the progressive pastor of Cherry Hill.

Smackover More Than Doubles

The Smackover Church sent \$1,651.49, which is more than twice the amount it was asked for. Ralph Reasor is pastor.

Fort Smith First Is Trying for \$5,000

A letter from Pastor Ferguson of First Church, Fort Smith, brings a check for more than \$3,000. They think the offering will finally reach the \$5,000 mark.

Friendship in Arkansas Valley

The good church of Friendship in Arkansas Valley Association, with T. R. Hammons, its wide awake pastor, sends \$80 instead of \$56.

Pea Ridge in Benton County Responds

The Pea Ridge Church with A. J. Deason, pastor and leader, sends \$122 instead of \$88.

Imboden Carries On

The Imboden Church is pastorless, but sends us \$100 for relief and rehabilitation.

This Is a Good One

Lead Hill Church in Boone-Carroll Association has been a struggling church in the foothills of the Ozarks, but it responds with \$148.24 for relief and rehabilitation. G. V. Logan is the pastor of this good church.

Mountain View and West Hartford Go Beyond Their Quotas

The churches at Mountain View and West Hartford are led by Tom Finney and C. Lee Barnes as pastor, and each one of them has responded with more than its quota for relief and rehabilitation.

Cabot Church Leads Out

Dale McCoy is the fine young pastor at Cabot. We asked this church for \$228, and it sent in \$315.

Shorewood Hills Responds

Shorewood Hills Church in Central Association is a new church in a new community which developed during the war. We helped

them to build the church house. They sent \$62 in this offering.

Winslow Does It Well

The Winslow Church in the mountains Washington County sends \$75 instead of Brother Glen Steele is the aggressive pastor of this church.

Look at Mt. Ida

A. L. McDaniel has just become pastor of the First Baptist Church in the splendid mountain town of Mt. Ida. We had asked Mt. Ida for \$69 on the relief and rehabilitation collection. They actually sent us \$260. The pastor told the church that he thought they ought to give more than they were asked for, and they gave almost four times the quota. They also sent \$50 for the Coopera Program. This makes us glad indeed for the coming of McDaniel to Mt. Ida.

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Contributions to Ouachita Campaign

Church—Association	Amount
Hot Springs, First—Central	\$
Rocky Mound—Hope	1
Batesville, First—Independence	1
Ashdown—Little River	1
New Providence—Mississippi County	1
Immanuel, Little Rock—Pulaski County	4.7
Second, Little Rock, W.M.S. Circle No. 6, Pulaski County	1
Springdale, First—Washington—Madison	1
Mountain Home (H. D. Morton)—White River	1
Bethsaida, Chidester	1
TOTAL FROM CHURCHES	\$5.3

Individual Contributions:

J. S. Compere, Corning	\$
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TOTAL DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT	\$

GRAND TOTAL—Ouachita Campaign Contributions to July 6.....\$7.8

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Evening meditation has its proper place but morning preparation is more productive.