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# As the Editor Sees It

## Books You Should Read

One of the most significant books that has come from the press in recent months is **The Vatican In World Politics** by Avro Manhattan, published by Gaer Associates, Incorporated.

"This book does not deal with the Catholic Church as a faith nor as a religious system. It is primarily concerned with the Catholic Church as a state, a government, and a world-wide political organization. This is a profound and heavily documented study of the Vatican in the last fifty years, and its political implications throughout the world."

Every preacher and church leader should have this book. It should be in every church library; every official of Government should study this book. It reveals not only what has taken place during the past fifty years but gives a preview of what may be expected in the future. A few quotations from the chapter, "The Vatican and the United States," will suggest the importance of this book to the American reader:

"The Vatican, in fact, is eager to transform the Americas into a solid Catholic continent, to counterbalance the already half-lost continent of Europe."

"The United States of America has become the key to the policy of the Vatican, not only in regard to the American Continent but in relation to the whole world."

"The Vatican, foreseeing the disaster impending over Europe, has been preparing for the creation of a new Catholic world in the Americas on which it will be able to rely for the secular support it needs."

"The aims of the Vatican in the Americas are the same as its aims in Europe, the only difference being in the tactics it adopts to reach them."

"The ultimate aims of the Catholic Church in America are very clearly set out in an official book, stamped with the entire approval of the Pope, studied as a text in Catholic universities, and written by the head of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. (**The State and the Church**, by Mgr. J. A. Ryan and M. F. X. Millar, republished 1940 as **Catholic Principles of Politics**.) It explicitly states that as there exists only one true religion, Catholicism, the Catholic Church must establish itself as the State Church in the United States of America. This in accordance with the fundamental doctrine of the Popes "that the State must not only have care for religion, but must recognize the true religion" Leo XIII. In short, Catholicism must be made to prevail and eventually eliminate all other religions. This has as its authority the encyclical written by Pope Leo XIII, called **Catholicity in the United States**, in which the American separation of Church and State is condemned."

These quotations are sufficient to give you an idea of the realistic approach of this author to the problem of the Vatican in World Politics.

Again, we urge you to get this book, read it, study it, get your neighbors and friends to read it. It should be read by every liberty-loving American.

### Good Reading

There are two volumes just come from the press entitled, **Great Gospel Sermons**. Volume One is listed as **Classic**, presenting sermons

from such great preachers as Charles H. Spurgeon, Dwight L. Moody, F. B. Meyer, J. H. Jowett, J. Campbell Morgan, and George W. Truett. The second volume is listed as **Contemporary**, presenting sermons by William Ward Ayer, Harry A. Ironside, Robert G. Lee, Clarence E. Macartney, John W. Bradbury, and William Culbertson.

These volumes are compiled by Fleming H. Revell Company, New York.

Those who love to read good sermons should be delighted with these books.

### Delightful Reading

One of the most delightful volumes we have received is **The Religion of a Sound Mind**, by R. Lofton Hudson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma; published by Broadman Press.

Dr. Hudson, the author, is one of our outstanding younger pastors, a writer of distinction, and a denominational leader in Oklahoma. Taking knowledge of the problems of confusion, nervousness, uncertainty, among people in general, Dr. Hudson believes with many psychiatrists and psychologists that religion, the Christian religion "properly taught, may be the 'salvation' of many people from unhappiness, maladjustments, and nervous breakdowns."

A glance at the chapter titles gives one an idea of the thinking of the author, and also suggests the practicality of this book. The title of the book is taken from the title of the first chapter, **The Religion of the Mind**. The chapters which follow are: **Down-to-Earth Religion**; **How to Keep from Worrying**; **Humility**; **Jealousy**; **Anger**; **Act Your Age**; **How To Be Happy**; **Keeping On the Beam Spiritually**; **Growing Old Gracefully**.

We commend this book to pastors, Sunday School teachers, and to every one who wishes to read a most practical and interesting book which will help the reader to realize just how practical Christianity is in every day living.

### Good Advice

Dr. J. W. Kramer is the author of a little book with the intriguing title, **Don't Die On Third**. The volume is a reprint of a series of sermons published some years ago. The Broadman Press, Publisher, says, "This is not an ordinary book of sermons! It is filled with startling, thought-provoking statements."

The title of the book is taken from the title of the first chapter; other chapter titles are also intriguing, such as: **If I Had A Million**; **Are You From Missouri? Your Verdict—For or Against Jesus**.

The book contains twelve chapters, 107 pages. We heartily commend this book for its dynamic scriptural teachings.

Mention is made of two other books without commenting on them: **From Bondage To Freedom and Personal Adventures With Jesus**. We think you would like these books.

### Replies from Washington

Since writing "Replies from Washington" on the opposite page, we received a letter from Congressman Brooks Hays stating, "I am opposed to the appropriation of any public funds for private elementary schools."

We are glad to have this word from Congressman Hays.

## THE CHRIST OF LOVE

A Devotion by the Editor

"Who loved me and gave Himself for me."

The most undaunted power known to man is the love of Christ. It has survived every attack from opposing forces; it has met unflinchingly every thrust of hate and envy; it has faced unafraid all the cumulative evils of the world; it has dared to undertake the redemption of men by replacing their sins with His grace.

The love of Christ is unconquerable. Strike it down and it rises with words of forgiveness; pierce it through and its life blood redeems those who attack it; crush it under foot and it blossoms to adorn one's pathway back to God; strike it with the mightiest blow and it envelopes the hand that smites; run from it and it pursues you; hide from it and it seeks you.

The love of Christ is not discouraged by the weaknesses and frailties of life. It not only overcomes opposition and forges ahead against relentless enemies, but it supplies strength for the weak, courage for the fearful, purpose for the indifferent. Love proposes to heal the wounds of life, sooth its pains, relieve its sorrows, and share its burdens.

The love of Christ still believes in man in spite of all the things that conspire to defeat Him and His redemptive purposes. His love resorts to every kind of stimulus to inspire man to hope in Himself. Jesus tries to inspire men to realize that they are capable of better things than sin, that they need not despair in their weaknesses and failures, that they need not be discouraged by the high ideals He holds before them. By His love Jesus proposes to lead me to victory over sin; He gives strength to overcome their weaknesses; He offers high and worthy objectives toward which they may strive.

The Devil first attacked Jesus directly, hoping to defeat His purposes before Jesus had a chance to make a personal appeal to the hearts of men. Failing in this the Devil now adds to his own attacks the stubborn opposition of the people whom Jesus sought to win.

Love dares to believe that men will yet learn better and accept God's invitation to return to Him. Love persistently refuses to dwell permanently upon what man is in his natural state and looks with hope and expectation at what man may become by the grace of God. His faith in man has been justified a million times.

"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" Galatians 2:20.

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Replies From Washington

We have received replies to our open letter to the Arkansas delegation in Washington, published in last week's *Arkansas Baptist*, from all the members of the delegation except Congressmen Brooks Hays and Orin Harris. In general, the replies follow the pattern of non-committal, except the case of Congressman J. W. Trimble, who states unequivocally: "I believe that public schools should be supported by public funds, and that private schools should be supported by private funds, because that is basic under our conception of Government, and our Constitution."

Senator J. W. Fulbright simply acknowledged receipt of the letter; however, in a former communication the Senator favored the Senate Bill 246 which provides that federal funds may be used by the States for parochial school pupils if the State funds are so used.

Senator John L. McClellan merely acknowledged our letter without expressing his position on the questions raised in the letter. Congressman Tackett states, "I believe that the determination of school policies and procedures should be within the discretion of the respective states." Congressman Norrell says, "It has been my idea that, in order to preserve our states rights in the operation of our schools, we should make only an open allocation to the states, permitting them to make allocations under the laws of the state." Congressman Wilbur D. Mills does not commit himself on the question under discussion.

We had hoped that our Arkansas delegation would take a stand which would encourage the people of Arkansas to believe that they would protect the cherished, time-honored, and historic principle of complete separation of Church and State as it is involved in this matter of federal aid to education. If our Senators and Congressmen are willing to allow sectarian schools to benefit from such federal aid, then they are willing to sacrifice the principle of separation of Church and State to just that extent in order to get some aid from the Federal Government for the schools of Arkansas.

Some of these men have said that Arkansas does not provide that public funds may be used for parochial school children, and because that is true they have felt free to vote for bills that would leave the allocation of such funds entirely to the States. Obviously, they have not taken into account the fact that a vigorous effort will be made to obtain a portion of such funds for the parochial schools in Arkansas; nor have they considered that once federal funds are allowed to go to parochial schools and parochial school children, the demands will grow from year to year; that more parochial schools will be established, and that they would constitute a serious threat to our public school system and a heavy drain upon our tax funds.

It is admitted by these honorable gentle-

men that the prospects for the passing of any federal aid bill by the present congress are not very promising. The issue, however, is not dead and will be raised in the next congress. It will require vigilance and persistence on the part of all those who oppose tax money going to parochial schools in order to keep such legislation from passing in the future.

Our people should continue to write their Senators and Congressmen and talk with them personally when they have the opportunity. Do not let the issue get cold, until it is settled for good and settled in the right way. For you may be sure that those who want federal funds for parochial schools are not going to let the issue die as long as there is any hope of succeeding in their aims.

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## Taxpayers Should Demand An Accounting

Many disturbing and contradictory items are constantly appearing in the press, items which can only confuse and bewilder the citizen and taxpayer.

Taxes are higher than they have ever been and yet the government has to borrow money to pay its bills. The policy of the government is to increase spending rather than to reduce expenses. It is reported that the total American tax bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, reached the staggering figure of \$54,500,000,000; this includes federal, state, and local taxes. The average for each person in the United States is \$372. Nearly three-fourths of the total, or \$40,100,000,000 was collected by the federal government.

As this news concerning the tax bill of the American people is released, there are other items of news which bear upon this tax burden; for example, there has been considerable news about the "five per centers" who are getting rake-offs from government contracts. But it seems that the five per centers get their commissions which come out of the tax payer's pocket for turning government business to firms which are willing to deal on that basis.

The story in the *Arkansas Gazette*, August 9, by Sterling F. Green should shock the tax payers into an awareness of the greed and graft in our federal government; and should shame the same federal government for its bleeding the American taxpayer and pouring his money into the coffers of unscrupulous business.

The tragedy of the whole thing is that government employees, whose salaries are paid out of tax money, sell out and betray the government and the people. It is reported that James V. Hunt declared that he had "only influence to sell." He could influence government officials and the Quartermaster's Department of the military in the interest of those who would deal with him. It is reported that in one transaction he made over a hundred thousand dollars. Connected with this

## "Let's Start the Fire"

We publish elsewhere an item by Dr. Hugh A. Brimm with the heading: "Let's Start The Fire." The article tells of the current negotiations by representatives of Schenley distillery with the major radio networks for broadcasting time. Mr. Brimm reports that the advertising agency of a competitive distillery thinks that Schenley's step might cause such a "Brush Fire" of complaints that its programs would be "smoked off the air."

So, Mr. Brimm urges that we start the fire immediately. Such a chorus of complaints should be sounded that the broadcasting companies would decline to carry such advertising programs by the liquor interests.

The radio is sensitive to public reaction and if the public would protest the broadcasting of such advertising, the radio industry may be expected to decline such programs. The liquor interests are growing bolder and bolder. They can be held in check only by public protests registered with our government officials, legislative bodies, and mediums of communication. They brazenly display their products in food and drug stores where all customers, including children, youth, mothers, ministers, teachers, and all others are compelled to see the stuff. By this method they hope to break down the public reaction to its presence. The same liquor interests would dominate the air, if they could, and they will unless the voice of sober, right thinking citizens protests this movement with vigor and determination. Our protests should be registered with local radio stations and the major networks.

We cannot afford to remain silent when such enemies of decent society are so vocal.

whole rotten procedure is Major General Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's military aide. Yet when tax receipts do not meet expenditures of the government either taxes must be raised or money borrowed to finance, not only the legitimate functions of the government, but the greed of Mr. Hunt and General Vaughan as well.

We have recently had an investigation of war contracts, four years after the war closed. It seems strange, indeed, that government contracts cannot be investigated at the time they are executed instead of four years later. It is little comfort to the taxpayer for the government to become righteously indignant because it was cheated out of billions of dollars years ago, and pay absolutely no attention to the present waste and extravagance which is increasing the national debt in the year when the government has collected the largest amount of money in taxes in its history. Four or five years from now the government may investigate the waste and extravagance in the year 1949. Why not do it now, and stop the leaks that are draining off the resources of the American public into non-productive government spending?

Only an aroused public will call a halt to such government practices. The same situation will exist, the same waste and extravagance will persist, and government officials will sell out the nation for a fee until and unless the tax payers, who ultimately pay the fee, demand an accounting by their elected representatives.



# Kingdom Progress

## Three Arkansans Graduate At Southwestern Seminary

Of the 63 summer school graduates at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary there were three from Arkansas. Charles Robert McPherson Jr., received the Master of Religious Education degree. Claude Stripling and William E. Woodson received the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

## Grand Canyon College Has Top-Ranking Faculty

Grand Canyon College, the new Arizona Baptist school, Prescott, will open for its first session September 14, according to announcement by President Willis J. Ray.

One of the strongest faculties of any school has been selected. Every department head has a Ph.D. degree or residence work completed toward the doctorate. Each faculty member is a consecrated Baptist.

All the required courses leading to a B.A. or B. S. degree are being offered from the first. Assurance of recognition of credits of Grand Canyon College is being made by meeting all the requirements of the state institutions. Grand Canyon College credits will be transferrable anywhere.

Grand Canyon College is located as to appeal to students from all over the United States. Prescott is famed for its climate which gives relief for asthma and other respiratory ailments. One tenth of the national monuments and parks are located in Arizona. Week-end tours to such places as Grand Canyon, Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, and other places of interest are planned for the college students.

Accommodations are being provided for 300 students the first year. Persons interested in attending Grand Canyon College may secure a catalogue by writing Dean Floy S. Wise, Box 67, Prescott, Arizona.

## Ridgecrest News

The place of the Cooperative Program in plans to advance foreign missions was presented to 741 persons attending the Foreign Missions conference July 28 to August 3 at Ridgecrest, Southern Baptist summer assembly grounds, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

The Cooperative Program, which aims eventually at tripling the budget for foreign missions, is the Advance program, said Dr. Merrill Moore, director of promotion and associate secretary of the executive committee, Southern Baptist Convention.

Over 60 missionaries from the Orient, Africa, and Latin America were present on the conference grounds, along with students from a number of mission countries.

Each evening a moving picture showing the results of mission work in foreign countries was shown under the direction of Fon H. Scofield Jr., director of visual education.

Courses in writing fiction and non-fiction highlighted the annual Writers' conference held July 29 to August 3 at Ridgecrest, Southern Baptist summer assembly grounds, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Under the direction of Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School board, the conference served as a refresher course for those engaged in Christian journalism and stimulated interest in students considering the field.

## A Challenge Accepted

Dr. Braxton B. Sawyer, pastor of The Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, reports an unusual experience recently when two men from his church called on him at eleven o'clock at night and invited him to accompany them to the church without explaining the purpose of this invitation. Dr. Sawyer was puzzled to know the reason for their call at that hour of the night. Upon arriving at church he found eight other men awaiting him. It was soon explained that these ten men had banded together to respond to a challenge the pastor had made from the pulpit three weeks before. The challenge was that with "ten men dedicated to doing the Lord's work" the pastor had declared that he could "grow a great church in any city in the country."

In responding to the pastor's challenge these ten men had proposed an eight-point program to which they had committed themselves; Dedicate the sabbath day to the Lord's work; Give at least the tithe to the church; Practice Christian stewardship faithfully every day of the week; Spend at least one hour each week in Bible study and prayer aside from regular daily devotion, seeking divine leadership in our lives; Give at least one hour each week to visiting some lost person or unenlisted Baptist; Promote a spirit of prayer and worship during the whole hour of the morning and evening services; Promote consecration and service; And promote a year round revival.

## Arkansas Baptists

### Make Large Gains

According to a survey made by Dr. Roy Beauman of the New Orleans Seminary, Baptists have almost doubled in membership in Arkansas in the past twenty years. The membership was listed 108,961 in 1929 and 214,704 in 1949. During the same period the population gain of the state was only four per cent.

The Big Creek Association sponsored a simultaneous revival from July 10 to 27. J. H. Mayfield, West Plains, Missouri, conducted the revival in the Mammoth Spring Church; there were two additions to the church by letter, and Mr. Mayfield was extended a call to become pastor of the church.

Pat Shields was in charge of the meeting at Gum Springs; there were two additions to the church by letter.

Gus Poole did the preaching at Salem, which resulted in eight additions to the church by baptism.

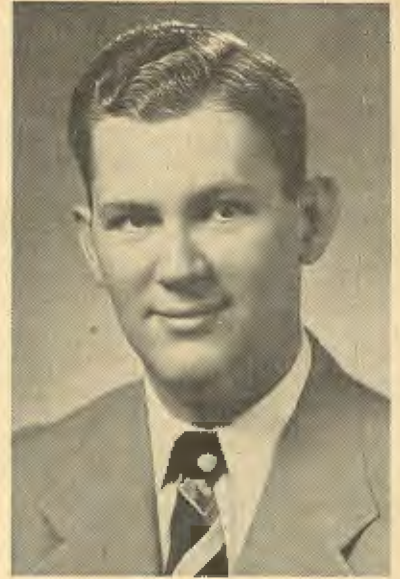
Ben Meeks was at Bronaugh, and six united with the church by baptism.

Dewey Starks preached in the Flora Church, with two additions by baptism.

Missionary E. H. Acuff of Bartholomew Association, offers the following caution to the churches of the association, "Brethren, in recent months some of our churches have gotten into serious trouble by hastily calling strange preachers as pastors. My advice is that, if you do not know a prospect, contact your missionary or some neighbor pastor and if they do not know, they will gladly investigate for you."

Second Church, Pine Bluff, D. C. McAtee pastor, voted to increase their Cooperative Program gifts for 1950 by more than one-third; \$100 per week is set up in the budget for the Cooperative Program.

## Young Preacher Graduates



William B. Sawyer

William B. Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Sawyer, Little Rock, graduated from Ouachita College at the close of the summer session, August 6. He was licensed to preach by the First Church, Little Rock, on May 4. He and Mrs. Sawyer plan to enter Southwestern Seminary at the beginning of the fall session.

## Dr. W. E. Denham Will Teach At Baptist Bible Institute

Dr. W. E. Denham, scholar, teacher, lecturer, former faculty member of the New Orleans Seminary, has resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Miami, Florida, to join the faculty of the Baptist Bible Institute, Lakeland, Florida. Dr. Denham will serve as full time instructor in English Bible and Christian doctrine.

Pastor Theo T. James and the First Church, McGehee, are to have the services of Evangelist Eddie Martin and his brass quartet for a revival meeting August 21 to September 4. Evangelist Martin is a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He has conducted a number of revival meetings in Arkansas.

Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, has secured the services of Benton Cain as minister of music and education. Mr. Cain is a graduate of Rice Institute, Houston, Texas, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. James H. Fitzgerald is pastor of the church.

C. S. Maynard, pastor of Central Church, Bald Knob, for the past seven years, has resigned that pastorate to become the pastor of Capitol Hill Church, Little Rock. Central Church recently completed a new brick and tile auditorium and educational building, and the membership of the church more than doubled under pastor Maynard's leadership.

Troy Church, Texarkana, Frank Eaton pastor, recently closed a revival which resulted in thirteen additions to the church, all by baptism. E. R. Armer was the evangelist.

Dr. H. D. Bruce, president of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, recently did the preaching in a seven day revival with the North Side Church, Longview, Texas, J. R. Pearce, pastor. There were thirty-three additions to the church, twenty-four of them for baptism.

Deeds are more important than words.

—Selected.



## What the Arkansas Baptist Foundation Can Mean to the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage

By H. C. SEEFELDT

Delayed action is responsible for many good intentions dying before being put into practice, and the good "intenders" find themselves explaining to the Lord what they intended to do rather than what they did. But good intentions do not meet the needs of orphan children; they will not educate our Baptist youth or provide hospitalization for the sick. Only the prompt carrying out of our good intentions will meet the needs of our denominational institutions.

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation provides the opportunity for carrying out our best intentions, not only while we live, but even after we have been called home to the Savior. An investment in the Foundation becomes a perpetual source of support for orphan children in the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage.

The orphanage is maintained by the Baptists of Arkansas. Its only support is through the Cooperative Program and such special gifts as are provided by churches and friends throughout the state.

Each year the home provides for one hundred children who would otherwise have no one to care for them. These children come from homes that are broken by death, or sin, or some other circumstance which has left the children helpless. And a helpless child makes its appeal to saint and sinner alike.

Jesus multiplies the lad's lunch to feed the multitude. He is just as able to use the resources of the children in our orphanage, if the Baptists of Arkansas will make it possible for the home to care for the children. He commended the good Samaritan for his generosity and said to His hearers, "go and do thou likewise." He gave a picture of the judgment where we shall be reminded of the things we might have done, but did not do.

Do what you can while living. Then by placing the Arkansas Baptist Foundation in your will, you will continue to carry out your good intentions after you are gone. The Orphan's Home is only one of the institutions to benefit by making your will to the Foundation. You will leave all your possessions when you pass on—houses, lands, money, royalties, stocks, bonds. Since you cannot take it with you, why not leave it where it will do the most good, with the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

Orville McGuire, pastor of Ebenezer and Macedonia Churches, Warren, has resigned these pastorates to enter Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, and Pastor James H. Fitzgerald, participating in an associational simultaneous revival campaign, report ten additions by baptism, eight by letter, and twenty-eight re-dedications. Lloyd H. Sparkman, pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, did the preaching and Carl Overton, pastor of First Church, Star City, was in charge of the music.

The Park Place Church, Hot Springs, D. C. Bandy, pastor, and W. W. Dishough, associate pastor, experienced a successful revival with 60 additions to the church, 44 of whom were received for baptism. Evangelist Eddie Martin and his Gospel Headliners conducted the revival.

Previous to the revival and which contributed much to its success, was the Vacation Bible School, with an enrolment of 204, and an average attendance of 161.

## Minister Ordained

Thomas D. Hill was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Walnut Grove Church on July 30. Pastor Hill has served the Walnut Grove Church during the summer months.

The ordination service was held at the conclusion of a revival meeting in which there were six additions to the church by baptism and four by letter.

Mr. Hill plans to return to Ouachita College in September.

## Summer Commencement At Baylor University

Three hundred fifty-two students from 19 states will receive degrees from Baylor University at Waco in summer commencement exercises August 18.

President W. R. White said that the summer graduating class plus the 915 who received sheep-skins at the May commencement makes a total of 1,267 graduates for the year. This is a record for the 104-year-old Baptist school.

Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, a Baylor graduate of 1923, will deliver the commencement address. Exercises will be held at 8:00 p. m. in the open-air Union Bowl on the campus.

Dr. Raley and President Edwin L. Harvin of Del Mar College at Corpus Christi will receive the honorary degrees of Doctor of Law.

Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, suffered some damage from a fire which broke out in the new educational building on Friday afternoon, July 29. One room was badly burned and the entire church plant damaged by smoke. The church was in the midst of a revival meeting, which continued according to schedule.

Pastor Roger A. Butler, First Church, Bauxite, reports a successful Vacation Bible School with an enrolment of 199, and an average attendance of 155. The school was directed by the pastor and voluntary help from the membership of the church supplied the entire faculty for the school.

## Represented Arkansas In Intermediate Sword Drill



Miss Theo Mae James

Miss Theo Mae James, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Theo James of McGehee, represented Arkansas in the Intermediate Sword Drill during the third Training Union week at Ridgecrest, July 21-27.

Miss James earned the right to represent Arkansas at Ridgecrest last spring when she won first place in the State Intermediate Sword Drill. Second place honors went to Jessie Marie Harvey, Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, and Riley Cothran, First Church, Arkadelphia. These two tied for second place.

Pastor Norvin Jones had the services of Evangelist Eddie Wagner in a revival meeting at Fitzgerald Crossing, July 24 to August 7. The song service was conducted by Pastor Jones. Sixteen were received into the church membership by baptism and five by letter.

Pastor Jones says, "I heartily recommend Evangelist Wagner to any church which is looking for a powerful preacher, with a Christ-centered message."

## Third Training Union Week At Ridgecrest



Arkansas delegation at Ridgecrest during the third Training Union week, July 21-27

Over 7,000 attended the three training Union weeks at Ridgecrest and eighty people from Arkansas attended the third week, including State Director and Mrs. Ralph W. Davis, and daughter, Joy Vee, and Mrs. Fredilene Snellings, secretary in the Department of Religious Education. Clyde Freed, First Church, El Dorado, led in securing an attendance of fifty-five from Liberty Association by chartering a bus.



# A Smile or Two

## \*\*\* Christian Horizons \*\*\*

### Present Status of Aid-to-Education Issue:

The House Labor and Education Committee debated for two hours on the controversial issue of Federal aid-to-education, but wound up exactly where it was before the stormy meeting.

After agreeing unanimously to take up the measure in an executive session, committee members found themselves deadlocked after consideration of four separate motions.

A sub-committee has approved, 10-3, a measure introduced by Representative Graham A. Barden, Democrat from North Carolina, which would provide \$300,000,000 in private or parochial schools.

The Barden measure has been vigorously assailed by members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and Catholic members of Congress.

Some quarters have predicted that the legislation is dead for this session, since it is doubtful whether any bill could get through the committee and on to the floor of the House for debate before Congress adjourns.

### Purchase Trailers For Religious Education Classes:

Purchase of three streamlined trailers for use in Fort Wayne, Indiana's weekday religious education program during the school year opening in September was announced by Andrew G. Burry, president of the Associated Churches, sponsoring body.

The trailers were made possible through a \$6,000 gift by Paul Mossman, retired manufacturer and philanthropist. An additional \$2,580 was donated by parents and religious-minded citizens and will be used to equip the mobile classrooms with seats, tables, blackboards, bottled gas heaters and a small channel to be placed at the front of each trailer.

Burry said that, as a result of a "You can't take it with you" letter to a small group of citizens, 19 checks for \$100 each, plus other sums, were promptly sent to Ermin P. Ruff, Fort Wayne business man, who composed the appeal.

Each moving classroom will be designated with a "Weekday Religious Education" sign. More than 3,000 children are expected to enroll when school opens.

"The fact that necessary funds were contributed without a general appeal," Burry said, "is evidence of the manner in which Fort Wayne is sold on weekday religious education."

### Duke Inaugurates Special Rural Pastors' School:

A special rural pastors' school—first of its kind ever offered in this area—is now under way at the Duke University Divinity School and will continue through July 22. Rural supply pastors from nine Southern states are attending.

Sponsored jointly by the Divinity School and the Southeast Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, the school offers courses in Christian beliefs, prayer and the common life, Christian education, the teachings of Jesus, Church history, and others.

Supply pastors take three of the courses offered and upon graduation from the program which is set up for four years, they will receive certificates. The courses taken may be credited toward requirements for lay ordination as elders and deacons.

People determine your character by observing what you stand for and what you fall for.

—Copied

### Scottish Clergyman Delivers Senate Prayer:

Dr. John R. Gray of Glasgow, a Church of Scotland minister, delivered prayer in the Senate, probably marking the first time a foreign clergyman has been honored with such an assignment.

The Scottish pastor was at the Capitol at the invitation of Senator Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska and was invited to deliver the prayer by Vice President Barkley.

Dr. Gray was a boyhood friend of the late Senate Chaplain, Dr. John Peter Marshall. Both were born and reared in Scotland.

### Parochial School Attendance Grows In Pennsylvania:

Private and parochial schools in Pennsylvania have increased their enrollments from 10.3 per cent of the state's students in 1925 to 17.6 per cent last year, according to records of the State Department of Public Instruction, made public in a Religious News Service report.

Church-operated schools account for the great majority of institutions in this classification, with Catholic schools heading the list, although Quaker schools enroll thousands of students in the Philadelphia area. Lutheran-sponsored schools are third.

While religious-sponsored school enrollment has increased, public school enlistments have decreased.

In 1925 public schools enrolled 1,804,230 students while sectarian institutions accounted for 187,886 and non-sectarian, 19,211. By last year, the public schools were educating only 1,523,267 while church-operated schools had 285,997 children and other private schools 21,818.

### Protestants Told Missions Must Be Their 'Major Business':

Until such time as missionary activity becomes the "major business" of the church, Protestantism will continue to lose ground in its fight against materialism and secularism.

This warning was sounded by Dr. Merlyn A. Chappel of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. He spoke before 300 mission officials, clergymen, and church workers attending a seven-day conference in Silver Bay, New York, on the world mission of the church.

Joint sponsors of the sessions are the Missionary Education Movement, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Home Missions Council of North America, and the United Council of Church Women.

According to Dr. Chappel, only a "Christianity of action" can save the world. He cautioned against the idea that the Christian label alone would make an individual a good churchman.

### Launch Campaign Against Parochial School Aid:

Minnesota Protestants have been called upon to register "vigorous protest" with their Congressmen over proposals pending before Congress to allocate public funds for the support of private or parochial schools. A statewide appeal requesting this action was launched by the legislative committee of the Minnesota Council of Churches, which wrote to chairmen of ministerial associations and key pastors in communities throughout the state.

Some people who think they are ahead of the times are merely off track.

—Bulletin, First Church, Harrison

The second grade teacher was answering questions about different things when a little girl asked, "Miss Dunlap, do you like teaching school?"

Before she could answer a sandy-haired boy piped up, "Gee, it's better than working, ain't it?"

—Quote

The little daughter of a Colonel was taken to church for the first time. The minister believed in illustrating his sermons with vigor. She stared in awe at the minister, shut up in a box pulpit, waving his arms, wildly.

Finally, unable to stand it any longer, she whispered to her father in a frightened voice: "What'll we do if he gets out?"

—Arkansas Methodist

Seven Ages of Woman: The infant, the little girl, the miss, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman.

—Baptist Student

During a conversation with an old friend he hadn't seen for some time, a Florida farmer asked how he had been sleeping.

"I sleep pretty good nights," he said, "and I sleep pretty good mornings, but afternoons I just seem to twist and turn."

—Woodmen of the World

Employer: "How long did you work at your last position?"

Applicant: "Eighteen years, sir."

Employer: "And why did you quit?"

Applicant: "I didn't quit. I was paroled."

—Biblical Recorder

The old Negro laundress came one day with a tale of woe.

"Cheer up, Mandy," said her mistress consolingly. "There's no use worrying."

"How come dere's no use in worrying?" she demanded. "When de good Lord send me tribulation he 'spect me to tribulate, ain't he?"

—Baptist Student

A little girl was hurrying to school in a state of extreme agitation.

"Please God, don't let me be late," she murmured as the school bell began to ring in the distance.

At that moment she tripped over a stone and fell flat.

"Please, God," she exclaimed in an injured voice, as she got up and dusted herself, "I didn't say push."

—Quote

When the new office boy came in to report to the boss on the second day of his employment, the boss leaned across the desk and said in a meaningful tone, "Boy, you should have been here at eight o'clock."

"Why, Mister Jones, what happened then?"

—Anecdote

A Kentucky Colonel had an orthodox Calvinistic Negro servant who was reciting constantly the verses of Scripture which referred to Heaven. One day the Colonel asked: "Tom, do you think only those will be saved who are elected?"

"Yassah!"

"Then will I be saved?"

"Well, Massah, I dunno if you'll be elected. I never heard you was a candidate."

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# Why Don't We Get The Truth?

## Press too often influenced by tobacco companies

"More doctors smoke . . . than any other brand!"

The public wonders if the doctors of the country actually endorse such a product. According to Dr. Kranz of Northwestern University, it isn't such a trick to get thousands of doctors to endorse your product. A cigarette company sends a carton of cigarettes to each doctor with the statement that if they are not returned the implication will be that the doctor would endorse the product. Since many doctors smoke, you can imagine how many cartons of free cigarettes are returned.

An industry worth billions of dollars can turn the heat on any person or publication that dares to crusade against its business.

You can get a book by Steinhaus and Grunderman, **Tobacco and Health**, for thirty-five cents from Associational Press. But Dr. Steinhaus had a difficult time getting his findings into print. He was invited to make a study and write a magazine article for a national magazine. Before doing the job he was given a one hundred dollar retainer fee. When he sent the article in, they returned it, allowing him to keep the fee, saying that they could not afford to antagonize their tobacco company advertisers.

Steinhaus became interested. He tried to get others to publish it. Nobody was interested after they saw the manuscript.

## News Reports Scarce

Tobacco money by the millions speaks louder than truth for most people. Practically any magazine editor, even if he be the editor of a medical or religious journal will testify to that. If you want to know why news reports on the subject are so scarce, read this account:

On July 15, 1948, a medical warning linking lung cancer to cigarette smoking was issued, but only a watered down version of it reached newspaper readers because Associated Press, which sent out the story, followed it with a bulletin to editors asking them to kill the entire article because it was "controversial." A substitute story sent a half hour later was considerably weaker than the original but even this edited version was suppressed by most papers.

The original story, carrying the byline of AP correspondent Elliott Chaze, was sent from Denver at 6:30 p. m. It began:

"The cigarette companies won't like this, but a man who ought to know thinks a lot of citizens are digging their graves with their lungs.

"Dr. Alton Ochsner, professor of surgery at Tulane University, takes a dim view of the cheery, four-color cigarette advertisements."

The article then quoted Dr. Ochsner's findings as quoted above, and continued: "Ochsner said that a research group in Argentina had found that tobacco contains a tar, when applied to the skins of animals, was a strong enough irritant to turn the trick. He made it plain, however, that he was not certain this tar had the same effect on the lungs."

The story then quoted him as saying that although lung cancer occurs primarily in males, it is increasing among women, and he added, "As you know, women are beginning to smoke more and more heavily." Dr. Ochsner said that in cases where the cancer had not spread its roots beyond the lung tissue, forty-two per cent of the patients were alive five years after surgery, but that no patient lived as long as three years after refusing such surgery. The story concluded:

"So take a deep drag off that cigarette, brother. And think it over."

## AP Kills Original Story

One hour after the story was filed, AP sent the following note to editors:

"A85Kx  
"Bulletin  
"Elimination  
"Denver—Eliminate Cigarette Cancer story (A64KX) Moved 625PCS Today.

"(Controversial). A sub is upcoming."

The story which followed ninety minutes later eliminated the reference to citizens "digging their graves with their lungs," to the "dim view of cigarette advertising," to the "increase in cancer among women" and to women smoking more and more heavily to the incidence of death, and the concluding line to "think it over." Also deleted was the by-line of the correspondent who had written the initial story.

—Concern.

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## Let's Start the Fire!

By HUGH BRIMM

The latest news is that representatives of Schenley distillery, one of the nation's largest whiskey and wine producers, are talking business with major radio networks for broadcast time. The networks involved are ABC, CBS and NBC.

The American Broadcasting Company has offered its nation-wide facilities to Schenley leaving it a matter of choice as to whether or not local stations will carry the program.

It is reported that all of the discussions have been proceeding with extreme caution and it is hinted that advertising as such will be held to a minimum but that such causes as savings bonds, and fund drives for humanitarian purposes will be endorsed by Schenley.

The advertising agency of a competitive distillery thinks that Schenley's step might cause such a "brush fire" of complaints that its programs will be "smoked off the air."

You can rest assured however that if this "brush fire" of complaints does not come that the other distillers will be calling for radio time on the national hookups.

I say that its time to start the fire! You can begin by talking with the management of your local radio station if it is an ABC affiliate and then make the topic a matter for discussion in ministerial associations, laymen's groups with a view to presenting such an organized approach that whiskey will be "smoked off the air."

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## Where It Is Weakening

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Our democracy still stands glorious with achievement, but we will prove unworthy if we do not begin seriously to contemplate some of the places where it is developing serious weaknesses. Unfortunately the most important breaks are appearing at the most crucial places, for democracy rests upon the character of the people. Many a community in America is blighted with poor government because the people simply do not care enough to take their responsibilities of citizenship seriously.

Self-seeking of pressure groups in Washington has become the curse of our national capitol. It takes a rare and courageous lawmaker to act in the interests of all the people these days, for he is forever goaded by the special interests of a few. What we need is a rebirth of love for our fellow men, for our country as a whole, for those things that have made America great in character and soul. Such an awakening would be a spiritual experience of such major importance that it would bless the whole world.

## The 1950 Evangelistic Crusade

By C. W. CALDWELL

Arkansas Baptists, along with all those west of the Mississippi River, will engage in a great Evangelistic Crusade next year on Easter Sunday, April 9. It will be the greatest Simultaneous Crusade ever launched by any religious group. Associations are already being organized and churches contacted with the hope of having a revival meeting in every Baptist church at the same time.

Nothing like it has ever been undertaken. Many associations have had simultaneous revivals, and they have proved successful, but just think what it will mean when all the churches are praying, preaching, and pleading with souls at the same time. It will likely be the beginning of a spiritual awakening that will sweep this nation. Every church will want to have a part in it.

## Associational Organization

The majority of the associations have already elected the general chairman and organizer for this 1950 Crusade. Every association should secure their leaders not later than the annual meeting of the association. It would be well, indeed, to have the 1950 Crusade presented in the associational meeting.

The Department of Missions can furnish a speaker, who has had experience in simultaneous revivals, for each association. A good message on the plan and procedure would be an inspiration and challenge to every church.

## Pastors Will Do the Preaching

With all the churches having a revival at the same time, one can readily see that it will be necessary for the pastors to do the preaching. And that is a good thing to do. Some of the greatest revivals our churches experience are those conducted by the pastors. The pastor understands his people better than a visiting evangelist. He knows the obstacles the unsaved face. Thus he knows how to apply his message to the needs of the people.

But, someone will ask, what about the pastor who has more than one church? How can all his churches participate in the revivals? Well, the part time pastor may preach in one revival and secure an evangelist, college professor, student, or some preacher who has no church, to preach in his other churches. He may even secure help for all his churches and then divide his time among them. This has been done very successfully.

## All Departments Will Help

The Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and Women's Missionary Union of the South and the state will be in this Crusade with full force. Each will have a definite part in the plans and promotion of it. The Sunday School Department will sponsor a Bible study the first week in January and a religious census the first Sunday in February. Special effort will be made to enroll in Sunday School every unsaved prospect between the time the census is taken and the Crusade begins. The Training Union will sponsor the Associational youth rallies. The Brotherhood will promote cottage prayer meetings. The W. M. U. will sponsor the associational rallies for women. These and many other services will be rendered by the departments of our denomination.

## Evangelistic Conference

The third state-wide evangelistic conference will be sponsored by the Department of Missions. The date of the conference will be January 16-18. Dr. Perry Webb will be the feature speaker. This will not be simply a "preacher's" conference. Laymen and women alike will be present in large numbers. Pastors should make note of this date now and urge all his church leaders to attend.



# 1949 Associational Meetings

Below are listed the dates and places of the district associational meetings. These meetings are of vital interest to local churches and to the denominational program. The larger the attention on these meetings the more effective they will be.

Any errors occurring in this list should be reported immediately to the Arkansas Baptist for correction.

## Stone-Van Buren-Searcy

Place: Clinton Church.  
Moderator: Gus Poole, Mountain View.  
Date: September 1-2.

## White River

Place: Pilgrims Rest Church.  
Moderator: D. M. Kreis, Flippin.  
Date: September 1-2.

## Trinity

Place: Tyronza Church.  
Moderator: Boyd E. Eldridge, Tyronza.  
Date: September 6-7.

## Clear Creek

Place: Altus Church.  
Moderator: Irving Crossland, Webb City.  
Date: September 13-14.

## Little Red River

Place: Stony Point Church, Almond.  
Moderator: Coleman Poole, Heber Springs  
Date: September 15-16.

## Boone-Carroll

Place: Eureka Springs Church.  
Moderator: E. E. Griever, Harrison.  
Date: September 19-20.

## Conway-Perry

Place: Perry Church.  
Moderator: John Cox, Morrilton.  
Date: September 22, 7 p. m.  
Through September 23.

## Buckville

Place: Prairie Grove Church  
Fannie, Arkansas.  
Moderator: Lloyd Chapman, Buckville.  
Date: September 23.

## Concord

Place: First Church, Ft. Smith.  
Moderator: B. V. Ferguson, Ft. Smith.  
Date: September 29.

## Ouachita

Place: Grannis Church.  
Moderator: J. M. Holman, Gillham.  
Date: September 29.

## Buckner

Place: Poteau Church.  
Moderator: David Moore, Hartford.  
Date: September 29-30.

## Benton

Place: Centerton Church.  
Moderator: Melvin Coffelt, Bentonville.  
Date: October 3.

## Caddo River

Place: Amity.  
Moderator: W. B. Essman, Amity.  
Date: October 3-4.

## Little River

Place: First Church, Wilton.  
Moderator: Russell Armer, Horatio.  
Date: October 4.

## Big Creek

Place: Mammoth Springs Church.  
Moderator: Tom Poole.  
Date: October 5-6.

## Carey

Place: Thornton Church.  
Moderator: J. T. Elliff, Fordyce.  
Date: October 6.

## Dardanelle-Russellville

Place: First Church, Dardanelle.  
Moderator: Virgil Logan, Dover.  
Date: October 6.

## Central

Place: Lake Hamilton Church.  
Moderator: R. A. Butler, Bauxite.  
Date: October 6-7.

## Mississippi County

Place: First Church, Osceola.  
Moderator: P. H. Jernigan, Blytheville.  
Date: October 6-7.

## Current River

Place: October 6, Pocahontas Church.  
October 7, First Church, Corning.  
Moderator: W. Harry Hunt, Pocahontas.

## Harmony

Place: Calvary, Pine Bluff.  
Moderator: T. N. Shaddox, Dumas.  
Date: October 10-11.

## Pulaski County

Place: Second, Little Rock.  
Moderator: Wilbur Herring, Little Rock.  
Date: October 10-13, evenings only.

## Bartholomew

Place: First Church, Hamburg.  
Moderator: Keith Babb, Warren.  
Date: October 11-12.

## Mt. Zion

Place: Walnut Street, Jonesboro.  
Moderator: G. W. Smith, Monette.  
Date: October 11-12.

## Tri-County

Place: Marion Church.  
Moderator: M. E. Cole, Forrest City.  
Date: October 11-12.

## Liberty

Place: Second Church, El Dorado.  
Moderator: Elmer Morgan, Cullendale.  
Date: October 11-12.

## Red River

Place: Curtis Church.  
Moderator: J. G. Cothran, Arkadelphia.  
Date: October 11-12.

## Centennial

Place: Almyra.  
Moderator: D. O. Stuckey.  
Date: October 13.

## Hope

Place: October 13, Hope.  
October 14, Lewisville.  
Moderator: S. A. Whitlow.

## White County

Place: Central Church, Bald Knob.  
Moderator: L. C. Langley, Kensett.  
Date: October 13-14.

## Rocky Bayou

Place: Guion Church.  
Moderator: Hugh Cooper, Melbourne.  
Date: October 15-16.

## Newton

Place: Parthenon Church.  
Moderator: Ernest J. Cheatham.  
Date: October 16.

## Black River

Place: Clover Bend Church.  
Moderator: J. V. Chandler, Hoxie.  
Date: October 18-19.

## Independence

Place: Cord Church.  
Moderator: E. P. J. Garrott, Batesville.  
Date: October 20.

## Arkansas Valley

Place: Lexa Church.  
Moderator: J. B. Measel, Barton.  
Date: October 20.

## Washington-Madison

Place: Farmington Church.  
Moderator: A. J. Scott, Lincoln.  
Date: October 20-21.

## Faulkner County

Place: Mayflower Church.  
Moderator: E. F. Simmons, Vilonia.  
Date: October 20-21.

## Greene County

Place: Brown's Chapel, Rt. 3, Paragould.  
Moderator: Jeff Rousseau, Paragould.  
Date: October 25.

## Delta

Place: Dermott Church.  
Moderator: Edd McDonald, Dermott.

## Recent Hymn Sings

### Conway-Perry Hymn Sing

Conway-Perry County Association observed their FIRST Quarterly Hymn Sing Sunday afternoon, August 7, at the Plumerville church. The occasion was attended by the largest gathering previously counted for any associational activity—more than 200 from seven churches. Three pastors, the associational missionary, three music directors, and four accompanists were recognized.

J. H. Cox, moderator of the association presided, introducing the speaker, George Britt, Morrilton, who brought the devotion. Mrs. C. D. Sallee, music director, was in charge of the Hymn Sing, and presented Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state music director, who led in congregational singing, and offered suggestions on "Strengthening Church Music" in each church. Mrs. Ed Reed, organist of the Plumerville church accompanied the singing.

### Newton County Hymn Sing

More than 100 people from four churches were present for the Quarterly Hymn Sing of Newton County Association which was held at the Parthenon Church on Sunday afternoon, July 31. Mrs. Nina Lee Fowler of Boxley, music director, was in charge and led the congregational singing. Several churches brought special numbers.

### White River Hymn Sing

The regular Quarterly Hymn Sing of White River Association took place at Pilgrim's Rest Church on Sunday afternoon, July 31. There were 61 people from six churches present. The attendance banner went to Whiteville with 25 present.

Claude Crigler, missionary, presided and introduced Seth Lonon, the associational music director, who conducted the service.

### West Zone Hymn Sing

Plainview Church was host to the regular monthly Hymn Sing for the West Zone of Pulaski County Association the first Sunday in August. There were 71 people present from three churches.

E. B. Hester, music director at South Highland Baptist Church led the congregational singing, accompanied by Mrs. Cecil Abbott at the organ.

Special numbers were presented by Plainview, Crystal Hill, and Douglassville, First.

### South Zone Hymn Sing

There were 176 people present for the Hymn Sing of the South Zone in Pulaski County Association, on Sunday afternoon, July 24. Eight churches had delegations.

M. O. Kelley, associational music director, introduced Mrs. Perry Parsons who led the congregational singing and also gave instruction and comments on good interpretation. Mrs. W. H. Beck accompanied. Special choir selections were presented by Ironton, Pine Grove, and Geyer Springs.

Date: October 25-26.

### Caroline

Place: Cabot.  
Moderator: Wilson Deese.  
Date: October 26-27.

### Gainesville

Place: Nutts' Chapel, Marmaduke.  
Moderator: G. C. Jernigan, Rector.  
Date: October 26-27.

### Woodruff County

Place: Riverside Church, Patterson.  
Moderator: L. Y. Lewis, Hunter.  
Date: October 27.



## America Spends Four Times As Much For Tobacco As For Religious Causes

The average American, smoker and non-smoker, spent \$28 for smoking tobacco in 1948. The average American smoker spent sixty-two dollars.

Such is the revelation of C. Aubrey Hearn of Nashville in his new booklet, "What About Smoking?"

The average American in 1948 contributed only six dollars to all religious causes, and the average American church member contributed only twenty-four dollars to all religious causes, according to United Stewardship Council statistics.

The publication by Hearn also reveals that the smoking habit has so conquered the American people that the sale of cigarettes has doubled since 1939, and is 130 times that of 1914.

In fact, Hearn's figures reveal: In 1914 there were three billion cigarettes manufactured in the United States, but in 1918 this figure had jumped to forty-six billion. By 1928 the number had increased to 106 billion. In 1935 the number reached 140 billion; in 1940, 189 billion; in 1945, 332 billion; and in 1948, 388 billion.

The average American smoker consumes seventeen cigarettes a day. This amounts to an individual expenditure of sixty-two dollars a year—which sum with interest would reach almost \$750 in ten years.

Hearn's book is free from the prejudicial ranting that so often characterizes this sort of presentation. His effort is a highly documented manuscript, intended plainly to help young people to intellectually rebel against social pressure which makes smoking fashionable. The book is illustrated by pen sketches by Jack Hamm. It sells for fifty cents from Baptist Book Stores.

—The Baptist Program.

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## Another Mistake

By REUBEN E. ALLEY

Sometimes we wonder how long Protestants and other freedom loving citizens of the United States will satisfy themselves with passing resolutions in the face of growing aggravations caused by the policy of the Administration in acting through Myron Taylor as the personal representative of President Harry S. Truman to the Vatican. Recently, for instance, Mr. Taylor went to Athens where he had an interview with Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, who is head of the Greek Orthodox Church. The subject for discussion was the possibility of co-operation between the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church in the face of Communist threats to religion.

Was there ever a greater diplomatic monstrosity? Upon the instructions from the President a representative of the United States—the country which gave the doctrine of religious liberty to the world—violated the principle of separation of church and state by approaching one foreign hierarchy in regard to co-operation with another foreign hierarchy for concerted action by the church against a totalitarian state. While in Athens Mr. Taylor conferred with the Roman Catholic Apostolic Delegate to Turkey.

—Religious World.

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The gospel is not primarily something to go to church to hear; but something to go from church to tell.

—Church Herald, Ft. Smith.

# Everyday Christianity

By FRANCIS M. WILCOX

The Christian should be a good neighbor to rich and poor, high or low, to men and women of every race and nature.

The old-time spirit of neighborliness seems to be dying out. Many do not know the names of those living next door to them. The better we know others, the broader and deeper will become our knowledge of others' needs, their trials and temptations, their sorrows and heartaches; and this will afford enlarged opportunity to be of help to them. Helping others should be the chief objective of every follower of Christ.

To speak a kind word to those we meet, to greet them with a pleasant smile and on occasion, a hearty handshake, is real neighborliness.

"Who is my neighbor?" This was the question a certain lawyer asked Jesus. His reply, as recorded in Luke 10:29-37, is well worth reading.

The Christian, moreover, should be honest in all his business dealings. His word should be as good as his bond. He argues wrongly who says that religion is one thing, and business another. Religion has to do with every relationship into which the Christian may enter. It involves every phase and feature of his life. He should never favor the rich above the poor. He should give honest measure, never representing wrongly the value of the goods he sells.

The possession of wealth may be made a blessing to its possessor, or it may become a curse. Money is not the root of all evil, but "the love of money" I Timothy 6:10. Money used for holy and useful ends will prove a great blessing to men and women of wealth. Rendering help to the poor and destitute, supporting religious enterprises, contributing to the furtherance of the gospel, are most worthy objectives. The sad conditions existing in Europe and the Far East following the devastations of the recent war should make heart-touching appeal to those with means to help.

The Christian should uphold good government. In democratic lands the right of franchise is afforded. This right should be exercised. Partisanship should give place to sober, independent thinking and decision.

This should be true especially where questions of moral import are brought before the citizenry for consideration. For example, the suppression of the liquor traffic. This great evil is wrecking lives, bringing destitution to homes, and causing untold accidents on the highways. Surely a great evil degrading man and dishonoring God! By voice and pen and vote every Christian of every church affiliation should make his influence felt in the suppression of this deadly evil. Upon him who engages in this wicked traffic the Lord pronounces this woe: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!" Habakkuk 2:15.

God created man a social being. Jesus Christ, during His earthly life, mingled freely with others. In the home, at the social gathering, in the public assembly, in the market place, He associated with His fellow men. His supreme purpose was to reveal the saving, uplifting, ennobling principles of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is our Example. "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked" I John 2:6.

We should associate freely with others. Yet it goes without saying that the Christian will

not be found in the saloon, at the gambling table, at the race track, or at other questionable places of indulgence or amusement. Will he attend the movies, witnessing pictures of crime? This question every reader may well consider. If Christ were living on earth today, would He go to such places? Our attendance at social gatherings, at places of amusement and entertainment, should be determined by the questions: Can I confidently ask Christ to accompany me by His Holy Spirit to this place? Will my presence there weaken my influence as a Christian? Will it lead others who are looking to me for example to go still further than I would go? Will it lead me nearer the Lord? Can I pray with the same confidence and enjoyment?

Our physical habits influence in large measure our spiritual life. Declares the Apostle: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" I Corinthians 10:31.

These are strenuous days. The vital issues we face in the world require strong bodies and clear minds. If we would live well by day, we must sleep well at night. We need seasons of relaxation, of vacation. We should select good food. Our meals should be well balanced, combining proper food elements in right proportion.

We should avoid any and every habit which weakens or beclouds our mental, spiritual, or physical powers. The bodies of Christians are the temples of the Holy Spirit. We are given this solemn admonition: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" I Corinthians 3:16, 17.

Surely the man who imbibes intoxicating drink defiles his body and deadens his sensibilities. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-32.

Furthermore, one who takes Christ as his example may well ask himself if the use of tobacco does not defile his body. I do not charge that no Christian ever used tobacco. I think many have done this without realizing the injury it was doing them. But the deleterious effect of the use of tobacco has been demonstrated repeatedly by scientists.

Every Christian should consider not alone the evil physical effects of the habit upon himself, but the large amount of money he expends to gratify his appetite. He should consider his influence upon others, especially upon the young fellow who follows in his footsteps. The Christian who believes that his body is the temple of the Holy Spirit may well ask himself if the use of tobacco does not defile that temple.

In every one of life's relationships we should so live that as Christ's professed followers we shall bring honor to Him and aid Him in His effort to save the human race for whom He died. This should be the noble purpose of everyone professing the name of Christ.

—Signs of the Times.



## Figures to Inspire

Sunday, August 7, 1949

	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Ft. Smith, First	1034	389	4
Little Rock, Immanuel	996	395	2
Including Missions	1219	600	—
Russellville, First	720	222	—
Including Missions	780	252	—
El Dorado, First	699	198	2
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	680	279	—
Including Missions	731	314	—
Hot Springs, Second	635	163	—
Little Rock, 2nd	613	104	2
Pine Bluff, South Side	535	226	2
Including Missions	675	266	—
El Dorado, Second	522	165	2
Camden, First	487	135	5
Including Missions	675	248	—
McGehee, First	463	150	—
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Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	439	120	—
Hope, First	436	70	—
Warren, First	419	82	—
Paris, First	371	177	12
Including Missions	405	—	—
Fayetteville, First	399	143	6
Including Missions	449	175	—
Hot Springs, Central	391	118	1
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	380	112	6
Hot Springs, Park Place	376	125	1
Ft. Smith, Grand	371	85	1
Magnolia, Central	365	144	5
Including Missions	407	—	—
Forrest City, First	364	123	1
Paragould, First	336	195	2
Including Missions	525	301	—
Rogers, First	332	138	12
Little Rock, South Highland	329	158	6
West Helena, West Helena Baptist	329	120	—
Lake City, Lake City Baptist	321	290	14
Siloam Springs, First	319	185	2
Cullendale, Cullendale Baptist	319	182	—
Fordyce, First	391	142	—
Malvern, First	319	93	—
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Pine Bluff, Second	280	102	3
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Gentry, First	261	113	—
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Including Missions	333	123	—
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Texarkana, Calvary	215	98	5
Hebron	171	92	—
Bentonville, First	171	48	—
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	162	109	1
Fountain Hill, First	151	149	—
Warren, Immanuel	121	83	—
Ft. Smith, North Side	109	43	4
Melbourne, Melbourne Baptist	106	97	—
Hot Springs, Grand Avenue	104	43	—
Douglasville, Second	101	81	—
Number Nine	98	137	—
Grannis Baptist	94	65	—
Monticello, North Side	57	—	—
Nettleton	132	60	3

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## "You Must Hold the Ropes"

The following letter has just been received from one of our missionaries in Communist-held territory. Read it with a prayer of gratitude to our Father for young people like Jenell who are willing to follow where He leads.

Dear Friends:

It is a beautiful Sunday morning here in Sochow and we three missionaries in my house are preparing for Sunday School. I have a class of Senior girls who will graduate this June. Most of these girls are Christians and worked hard last summer in a combination Daily Vacation Bible School and free school. I do not mean all of our "graduates to be" are Christians, for barely one-third of them are. My Sunday School class is made up of these girls who have become Christians. We are praying that before our graduating class leaves Wei Ling Girl's School they will all become Christians. Will you join us in this prayer? In my daily English class in the school I have forty-seven girls. Most of these are not Christians. I have taught many of them for two and one-half years and am very conscious of their lack of Christ. They are fine girls, but so far are not willing to respond to the call of Christ in their hearts. Join me in praying for these also.

It is still far from certain just what the future holds for us. We have learned to live from day to day, which is really the way Christ taught us to live. Last November we were pretty sure that we would not be able to finish the fall term in January. Now we are wondering if we can finish out the school year. During these days of uncertainty I feel again the truth of Carey's words, "I will go down into the darkness of heathenism but you must hold the ropes." That is the real reason for this letter — to thank you for all the ways you are holding the ropes, to express to you appreciation for all your thoughtfulness in personal gifts,

money gifts, greeting cards, and above all your constant prayers and regular contributions for mission causes.

God bless you each one this year in your Christian activities. May God open up the windows of Heaven and pour you out such a blessing that you will not be able to receive it.

Yours in Christ,  
—Jenell Greer

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### Statistical Report of Ferncliff Girls' Camps

On July 18-23 the Junior Girls' Auxiliary Camp at Ferncliff was attended by 49 girls, representing 19 churches. The camp staff included 14 counselors, six missionaries, and one national guest. The offering was fifty-six dollars, which the group decided to use in sending Hope boxes to China and Japan. Six girls dedicated their lives to missionary service.

On July 25-30 the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Camp was attended by forty girls. There were 17 churches represented. The camp staff included ten counselors, three missionaries, one missionary appointee, and one national guest. During the week there were 16 guests. An offering of \$95.20 was given to be used as a scholarship for a French girl in Louisiana to attend Acadia Academy.

During the week-end, July 23-24, 81 Y. W. A. members attended the Houseparty at Ferncliff. These young women came from seventeen churches. There was a total attendance of 103, including ten staff members, six missionary guests, and seven visitors. The Y. W. A. offering of \$52.62 was designated for Hope boxes.



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	1949 Goal	Received
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Y. W. A. WINDOW	704	406
WORLD COMRADES	1,815	1,183
AMBASSADOR LIFE	969	562

These magazines are available for \$1.00 a year. Order from Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama.



# Three Great Events For Sunday School Workers

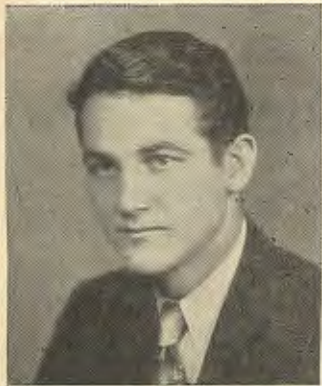


DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON  
State Sunday School  
Secretary

## 1. Forty-two Special Associational Rallies Sept. 18-23

During the week of September 18-23 ten teams of two each will conduct special conferences for Sunday School workers in 42 associations. Team members have been selected from among the best pastors and educational workers in the state. Every Sunday School worker should plan to attend the rally in his association. All but two of the rallies will be at night. Plans for 1949-50 year will be presented and discussed. Dates with places and time of meeting will be announced soon.

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A. V. WASHBURN  
Secretary Teacher Training  
Sunday School Board

## 2. Better Bible Teaching Clinic – October 2-7

Under the leadership of A. V. Washburn, secretary of Teacher Training Work of the Sunday School Board, a Better Bible Teaching clinic will be held in First Church, Pine Bluff, during the week October 2-7. There will be two sessions daily, at 9:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Leading South-wide and state leaders will be on the faculty. ONE HUNDRED clinicians will be enrolled. Sunday School workers in Harmony Association may attend any of the sessions. Bed, all meals, and books will be provided FREE to clinicians enrolled for full time. There will be a registration fee of \$5.00. Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and mail immediately to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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DR. PERRY WEBB  
First Church, San Antonio,  
Inspirational Speaker

## 3. State Sunday School Convention – October 17-18

The State Sunday School Convention will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 17-18, in the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. Dr. Perry Webb, pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Texas, Dr. Ben L. Bridges, J. N. Barnette, Herman King, and other state and South-wide leaders will be among the strong program personnel. The Convention will begin at 10:00 a. m. Monday, October 17, and adjourn at 4:00 p. m. on Tuesday. There will be five sessions. Every Sunday School worker should plan now to attend this important event. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free to registered workers by the Little Rock churches. Posters will be mailed soon to every church. Tack them up. Program and other information will be published in a later issue.

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### CLINIC ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM

Please accept this as my application to be enrolled as a full time member of the Better Bible Teaching Clinic to be held in Pine Bluff, October 2-7. I will pay the registration fee of \$5.00 on arrival in Pine Bluff.

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# Iron Curtain Delegates Absent from World Congress

Representatives of 23 nations attended the third World Congress of Baptist Youth in Stockholm, Sweden, but millions of Baptists from Iron Curtain countries were unable to send a single delegate.

Hopes for at least one delegation from the Russian-dominated area of Europe were dashed when news came by letter that three delegates from Poland had, at the last moment, cancelled out. No reasons were given.

Some time ago, prospects for delegates from Russia seemed good, and until recently it was expected that Czechoslovakia would be represented, but there were no young people from these countries when a final attendance check was made.

Finland's Baptists were, however, represented. Three delegates from Spain were refused permis-

sion to travel out of that country for the purpose of visiting a Baptist conference. Baptists of Russian-occupied Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania were represented by refugees from those three countries now living in Sweden. Representatives of displaced persons groups in western Europe were also present.

Delegates came from as far off as Ceylon, China, Australia and New Zealand. The United States sent groups of delegates from the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions, the Baptist Youth Fellowship, and the National Baptist Convention.

In an interview with Religious News Service, Dr. T. G. Dunning of Great Britain, chairman of the youth committee of the Baptist World Alliance and president of the conference, told of the painstaking negotiations with Russian

authorities for Russian participation in the conference which finally ended in failure.

During the war, Dr. Dunning was chairman of a Soviet-Anglo Youth Society in Great Britain, and had excellent contacts with Russian officialdom. He was then assured that Russian Baptists would be present at the projected postwar congress in Stockholm.

A year of negotiating with the Russian embassy in London, however, finally resulted in a letter saying no delegates would be sent, inasmuch as Russian Baptists have no special organization for youth. Consequently, the letter stated, there were no organizations from which to send delegates.

Altogether about 1,300 delegates attended the Congress. The U. S. group numbered some 200.

Dr. Dunning, who delivered the main address to the delegates, took

note of the present world troubles without directly naming the contending parties.

Speaking of Christian unity, he said, "This spiritual unity shines today against a dark secular background of fear and strife. Strangely enough, new secular cohesions bring with them their own perilous divisions. Modern inventions have made the distant very near. The airplane and the wireless have made us all neighbors, but our new nationalism, our new political parties bring their own divisions and may divide a household, turning a son against a father and a father against a son.

"For some of these political parties would not hesitate to break the unity of home life and even the fellowship of the Christian Church."

Referring to current efforts for peace on the part of world statesmen, Dr. Dunning said: "Yet, never before was fear more prevalent and the future more uncertain. We apportion no blame; we only recognize facts. But these are not all the facts.

"Amid all these hostilities there are in every country today Christian communities often of different classes and varying nationalities among whom peace does reign."

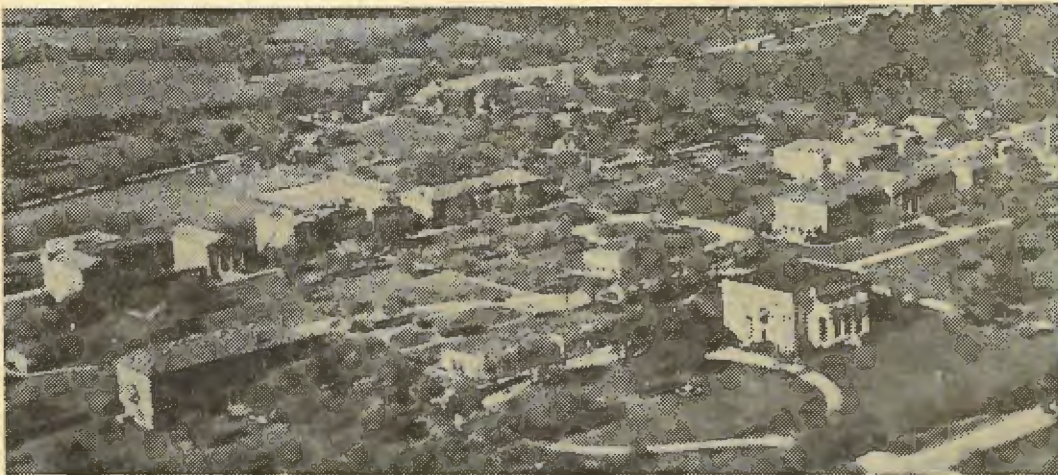
On the theme of "evangelism amid secular propaganda," Dr. Dunning stressed the importance of propaganda in the defeat or victory of any cause. The best kind of Christian propaganda, he said, is "the personal advocacy of private individuals."

"Nothing can supplant this, and nothing can surpass this," he added. "It was the method by which the earliest recruits were won for Christ and it is the method that will be effective to the end."

Dr. Dunning pointed to the following recent developments as evidence of continued Baptist growth: Australia has had its first federal meeting of young Baptists from all states; Baptists in Germany held an international congress despite "their national poverty and embarrassment"; and parties of young American Baptists visited Europe on evangelistic missions.

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# A Month's Vacation

By BRUCE H. PRICE

"It must be wonderful to have a month's vacation," said a wage earner to me as I was making plans to go away for August. "I get only two weeks off," he continued.

I agreed with him that a month off each year is wonderful for a preacher or any other person. Then I added, "It must be much more wonderful to be off three or four months a year."

"Yes, it would be," he paused, shifting from one foot to the other. "I guess only rich people are that lucky."

"Are you rich?" He seemed to be startled at my question, knowing I understood his circumstances. Before he could reply I continued, "You are off almost four months each year, aren't you?"

"Not me, I haven't missed a day in I don't know when except my two weeks' vacation."

As the conversation continued he told me what I already knew. He works eight hours a day, five days a week except when he is off three or four holidays during the year. He followed me as I reminded him that he is off fifty-two Sundays, fifty-two Saturdays, ten work days for vacation, and at least four holidays making a total of 118 days a year, just under four months.

I agree with those who think the pastor has an easy life, but at least the hours on duty are long. The average minister works both Saturday and Sunday as well as the other five days a week. If he plays golf on Saturday afternoon, which most preachers do not, he will soon have the reputation of spending too much time at the golf club.

The schedule I have found most satisfactory is to be in the study at the church from eight in the morning until twelve noon, then back to the study after lunch un-

til three-thirty. Visiting keeps me busy until about six o'clock. After supper there are meetings of committees, prayer services, deacons meetings, classes, B. T. U. conferences, and other groups which give the minister something to do. Weddings, civic clubs, P. T. A. programs, and other community service keep most of his time occupied after supper. In the middle of the night a call may come and the good pastor is glad to be of help.

Most pastors get a month's vacation but he knows nothing of a forty-hour, five-day week. This is as it should be for the nature of his work calls for him to not work by the clock. The good minister does not want more time off, so do not begrudge him a month's vacation.

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The Alvin Hattons are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Lydia Bell, on July 5. The Hattons are doing missionary work in Brazil. Mrs. Hatton will be remembered as Catherine Jordan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Jordan of Van Buren.

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Fourteen teams of workers served in fourteen churches of Current River Association, during the week of July 23-30: First Church, Pocahontas served as central point for the workers. Total enrolment in classes was 556, with a total average attendance of 393. Thirty-one Training Union units were organized; number of conversions, five; re-dedications, thirty-two; additions to the churches, seven; Daily Bible Readers enlisted, 298; total number awards earned, 277.

A genius is an ordinary fellow with his heart harnessed to his task.

—Watchman-Examiner

## Attention, Associational Music Directors!

Will all associational Music Directors be on the lookout for a very important letter concerning their work for the new year. Much progress has been made during 1949, and large plans are being laid for 1950. A report of specific activities in music education, schools, conferences, at workers' meetings, hymn-sings, and music in Vacation Bible schools, should be compiled at once and included in the annual associational report. Send a duplicate of this report to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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# Praise for the Works of God

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

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It has been said that without reading a word from the Bible, man has ample proof there is a God; to behold His works through nature is sufficient proof that He exists.

In this lesson we study some of the Psalms of Praise for the works of God; many scriptures praise His mighty works but these three psalms probe our hearts as we consider their revelations of God's creation and His sustaining power over it. The beauties of nature draw a child of God close to his heavenly Father. Who can behold the star-lit heavens at night and not feel the presence of God in his very heart? Who can look upon the sun kissed mountain side and not hear the whisper of the Omnipresent One?

Even the unbeliever has met the fact of the existence and power of Almighty God in the beauty and richness of creation. This United States of ours is a panorama, unfolding superb views and hidden stores of great riches, from the shores of the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico. These breath-taking views and awe-inspiring reservoirs of power are a mere fragment of the handiwork of God.

## God's Works Reveal His Greatness

Psalms 19 is profoundly stirring when we get the picture drawn by the psalmist as he reveals God in nature, in scripture, and in soul experience. Is that not the way of our knowledge of Him? We see Him about us in creation and its perpetuation; we read of Him in the Holy Word; we feel Him in our hearts and souls when we profess faith in our Savior.

The first six verses of Psalm 19 are describing this revelation of the greatness, glory, and power of God in relation to the heavens. Notice he says the "heavens" and the "firmament" declare and show the presence of the Creator with His mighty handiwork. The heavens denoted the presence of the Godhead long before scientific research even existed. God made the firmament to hold His works; it is that great expanse which hoods the earth known to us. "And God called the firmament heaven," Genesis 1:8.

The stars are beautiful yet mysterious to us, those seen by the naked eye are too far away for

## Sunday School Lesson for

August 21, 1949

**Psalms 19:1-6; 65:9-13; 104:24**

our minds to comprehend their distance and light rays. With the aid of a telescope other planets can be seen and revelations displayed which make us gasp and marvel at God's great works. The heavens, indeed, declare the glory of such a Creator; the soft canopy of darkness proclaims aloud that He is great and "greatly to be praised."

The day also, witnesses to the stupidity, blindness, unreasonableness, and foolishness of one who would deny the existence of God. Day unto day, and night unto night, God's glory is revealed. As the darkness gives way to silver, silver to rosy-hued dawn, dawn to the sun's brightness, the message is repeated: "God was, God is, God evermore shall be." The constancy of God and His power in the expanse of the glories above, ever remind us of His greatness.

The clouds and constellations of God's glorious creation speak to us, too, of God's glory. There exists variety, freshness and universality in God's works. Special mention is made of the sun, God's great gift of light, strength, power, and warmth. The psalmist gives the sun the character of a "bridegroom," happy, eager, vigorous, a symbol of life and of a "strong man," enduring, conditioned, and courageous. Even as the heat of the sun travels the world around, influencing all living things, so the glory and power of God is felt by all men everywhere. Atheism and agnosticism die under the glory which the heavens declare of God.

## God's Works Reveal His Goodness

Psalms 65 and 14 turn our attention earthward as we consider God revealed in His works. God made all things but He further maintains all that He created. God is great; God also is good!

He cares for His handiwork. There is praise and gratitude in these verses from Psalm 65. The pronoun "Thou" is used over and over as the jubilant writer praises God for the good care He takes of His creation.

The watering of the earth is an important manifestation of God's goodness. The rains are necessary for creation to do that which God intended; to make the earth fertile and rich. Year after year the earth produces food for man and beast; and trees, shrubs, flowers for benefit and pleasure. Rain accomplishes so much more than

people realize, especially, city dwellers. All the year the earth proclaims God's goodness, and the cattle and grain shout the joyous news that God is good.

## God's Works Reveal His Wisdom

Psalm 104:24 might well be said to be the climax of all God's revelations in nature. God has thought of everything for His creatures; "manifold" are His works! Many are the works of our Creator, and rightly classified, arranged and ordered are they. How wise was the Master Planner! Sky, land, sea, and all therein, reveal this wisdom. Ponder upon the observation of the late Thomas A. Edison: "No one can study chemistry and see the wonderful ways in which certain elements combine with the nicety of the most delicate machine ever invented, and not come to the inevitable conclusion that there is a 'Big Engineer.'"

God not only created the earth and all it contains but He is the power and force which keeps it going; He is the Big Engineer.

## Where Neglect Is Needed

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## Roman Catholicism

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Our contention is against the foreign dictator and the political policies of the Pope of Rome. Frankly we do not see how a red-blooded American can bow down to the edicts of a foreign dictator. The Pope of Rome is as much of a dictator as Hitler or Stalin ever was. History has proved him to be as ruthless as his power would allow him to be. He does not believe in the American way of life. He does not believe in the Constitution of the United States. Why should the American Government allow him and his staff to influence Congress on the Education Bill which would mutilate the meaning of the Constitution of the United States.

Bishop Oxniam is right. What the Pope wants is our tax money to support the cause of Roman Catholicism. That is why he is against the "separation of church and state." Congress should pass the Barden Bill. If the Vatican wants to benefit by the taxes I pay let it send its children to our public schools. If it wants to have a parochial or denominational school in addition to our free schools let it fully support them. It is not "discrimination" to withhold public tax money from religious denominations. It would be "discrimination" if it were not withheld.

We could wish that our President might inform the Pope of Rome that so far as the American Government and tax money are concerned he has neither part nor lot in it.

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## Aid to Education Bill

As soon as the press announced that the Barden Bill had been approved by the Subcommittee, Francis Cardinal Spellman denounced the measure in the following words:

"Now in America new apostles of bigotry brazenly come forward from out the halls of our own Congress and, either through ignorance or malice, father the Barden Bill, a Bill that urges and tries to justify unjust discrimination against our parochial school children. Advocates of the Barden Bill, pitting class against class, seeking votes to enforce and sustain it are today conducting a craven crusade of religious prejudice against Catholic children and their inalienable rights . . . Therefore do I beg your prayers for Congressmen Barden and all who lend their names and their efforts to provoke and promote prejudice against children of any one religious faith . . . For any man to vent his venom upon children is as sin shocking as it

## Correction

In the Quarterly Report of cash contributions listed in the issue of August 4, the second and third column headlines were reversed. The second column should read "Other Designated Contributions," and the third, "Ouachita Campaign Designated Contributions."

First Baptist Church, Hamburg, Bartholomew Association, was listed as having contributed three dollars to the Ouachita Campaign during the second quarter. This should have read \$300.

We regret these errors.

is incomprehensible. Yet Congressman Barden and his associates shamefully fostering discrimination against parochial school children are urging Congress to vote for a Bill that explicitly declares that all expenditures of Federal money for educational purposes shall be restricted to benefit only those children who attend public schools."

Posters appeared in St. Patricks Cathedral in New York and elsewhere throughout the nation on which were printed these words:

"Catholic school children deserve their share of Federal aid to education. The Barden Bill will impose tax without participation. It will tax Catholics their share of \$300,000,000 but exclude Catholic schools from sharing one penny. Such discrimination will destroy America!

"The Barden Bill is unjust, un-American, devious. Demand that it be killed in Congress. Write letters to your own Congressman and to Representative John Lesinski, chairman, Committee on Education and Labor, Office Building, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C."

Senator George D. Aiken, Republican, Vermont, and Senator Brian McMahon, Democrat, Connecticut, together with Representative Lesinski, Forgarty, Touriello, and other Roman Catholic members of Congress expressed loyalty to the Catholic Church position.

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## Worth While Gifts

A short time ago we received a check for \$1,000 from a Texas Baptist from Dallas for the Ouachita College Million Dollar Fund. Mrs. Cleve Nash sent the check. Mrs. Nash is a daughter of the late Brother Middlebrook, Hope, Arkansas. She said that "my father loved Ouachita College and I am happy to give this amount of my share in his estate to the Campaign Fund. Just wish it were many many times more." Thank you Mrs. Nash.

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## Large Gifts From Pine Bluff

John W. Rasp, an honored leader in the First Church, Pine Bluff, sent us five hundred dollars for the Ouachita College Fund. James Crawford also a leader in the First Church, Pine Bluff, sent us two hundred

fifty dollars. These gifts are in addition to other contributions that these men have been making to Ouachita.

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## Ussery Going Strong In Texarkana

A splendid new church building is going up in Texarkana. Calvary Church under the consecrated leadership of Pastor Ussery is erecting the building. This church is only about two-years-old. When the building is completed it will be adequate for the organizations of the church and the auditorium will seat five or six hundred people.

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## Pierce Going Strong In Mississippi

A church bulletin from the First Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi, reports that in a recent revival there were 128 added to the church, 68 of whom came for baptism. Pastor Pierce recently went to Kosciusko from the First Church, Pine Bluff. His success in his new field is unusually great.

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## New Church Organized

Horace Marks, ministerial student in Ouachita College, is pastor of the Grand Avenue Church which was recently organized in Hot Springs. Pastor Marks started this church off in the right direction. The church has begun by giving twenty-five dollars per month for the Cooperative Program. This amount will be increased as the church grows. This church grew out of a mission of the Central Baptist Church. D. R. Jackson is the treasurer and Mrs. D. R. Jackson is the clerk. Watch this church grow under the leadership of this wide-awake, devoted young pastor.

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## Chicago Baptist Association

### Welcomes Southern Baptists

Dr. W. A. Diman, executive secretary of the Chicago Baptist Association, has written a letter to Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, extending a welcome for the meeting to be held in Chicago in 1950.

"It is the desire of the Chicago Baptist Association to extend to our brethren of the Southern Convention a most hearty and cordial welcome to the city of Chicago," Dr. Diman wrote. "It is also our desire to be of any reasonable assistance to you and your people in setting up and carrying forward your great convention. We shall urge that as many of our churches as possible should open their pulpits to the preachers who will be in attendance.

"This action was taken with the most cordial and sincere desire to strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship between our two great bodies. As Executive Secretary of the Chicago Baptist Association, I will be waiting to hear from some of your representatives to indicate how we might be of help."