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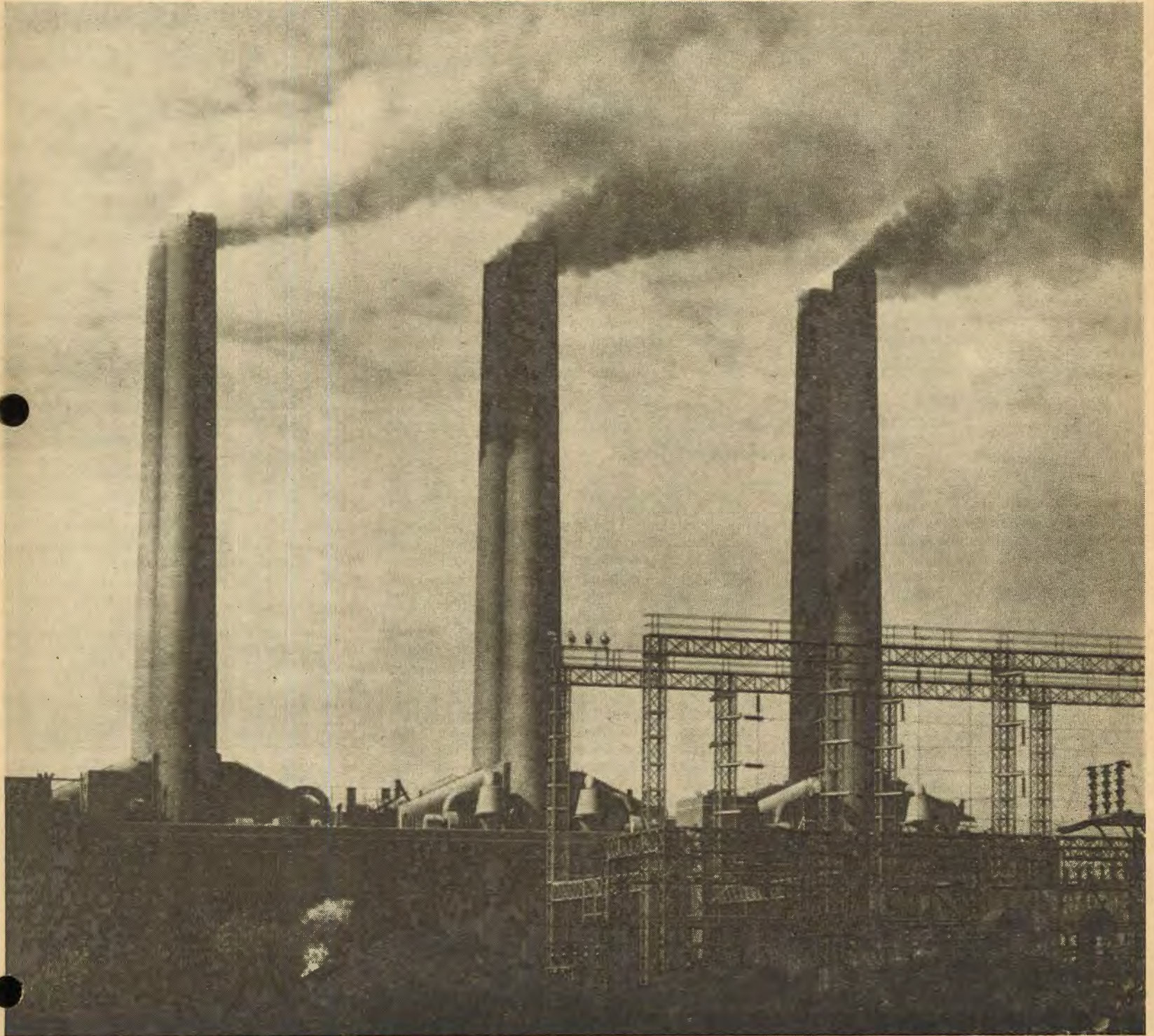
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How We Can Help Save Our Negro Baptist College In Little Rock

By W. O. VAUGHT, JR.

For a good many years The Arkansas Baptist College has been the main educational institution of higher learning for the Negro Baptists of Arkansas. All across Arkansas and the nation you can find graduates of Arkansas Baptist College who are in places of leadership in the Negro churches and in the Negro denomination. However, the time for Arkansas Baptist College is running out unless we come to their rescue and help them lay a broader foundation for the days and years ahead.

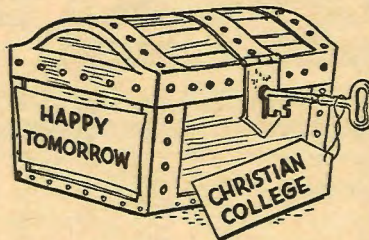
Amazing Facts

I am sure that some of these facts will amaze you as they have amazed me. I was amazed that in all the United States there are only 1,000 Baptist Negro ministerial students in training in institutions of higher learning. This includes colleges, seminaries, divinity schools, both North and South. This is about one student in school for every 5,000 Negro church members. In contrast to this Southern Baptists have one preacher boy in school for every 1,070 Baptist Church members, or a total of ministerial students of 6,537.

In the whole United States there are only 120 Negro Baptist theological students with college degrees in training in seminaries or divinity schools. This is approximately one student for every 41,666 Negro Baptist Church members. In contrast to this, Southern Baptists have 2,250 men with college degrees now in training in Seminaries and divinity schools, or one ministerial student for 3,111 white Southern Baptist Church members.

These figures amaze us. From them we re-

alize that unless this condition is changed we cannot expect to have strong Negro churches in this country. The members of



the Negro churches are going to school in larger numbers each year. We cannot expect Negro church members who have been educated in High School and College to be satisfied with a minister who has not had such training. Another amazing fact is that very few young Negro boys are now surrendering their lives for the Gospel ministry. It is not hard to understand this fact when we realize the condition of the Negro Baptist Colleges of the South, and when we see the condition of Negro Baptist life general.

Look at the Condition of Negro Church Buildings

Some new Negro churches have been built in recent years. Some Negro churches have erected Educational Buildings. However, when a close study is made, it becomes apparent that Negro church building is lagging far behind. If you were to make a survey of the Negro church buildings in Little

Rock you would find some good substantial brick buildings. But when were these churches built? Most of them were built forty or fifty years ago. I do not know of a single Negro church building of any proportions having been built in recent years. I only know of one Educational Building having been erected by a Negro church in Little Rock. If this condition is to be changed then we must rethink and re-evaluate the whole program of Negro church life. Though integration may come in our Public Schools and in many areas of the nation, it seems to me that for many years to come Negro churches will be maintained and operated. I believe we need to help our Negro Baptists as they plan to face their needs and meet the challenge of the future. We must help them build their colleges and their churches.

Arkansas Baptist College Faces Her Darkest Hour

At 16th and High Streets in Little Rock we have our Arkansas Baptist College for Negro students. This institution has had a glorious record of service for Negro Baptists. However, this institution now faces her darkest hour. There are many unpaid bills. The buildings are in such deplorable condition that all save one have been condemned by the City Fire Department. The buildings must be repaired, new roofs must be put on the buildings this year, and many of them must be completely remodeled. Dormitory space must be provided for the boys and girls who wish to come to Arkansas Baptist College. I found on one floor of the Girls' Dorm that conditions were unbelievable. Thirty-six Negro girls were living on one floor, using one bath room with one shower and one commode.

The Little Rock Fire Department has classified these buildings as "Fire Traps" and has ordered them closed unless they are repaired. It is quite evident to all of those who have made a recent tour of this campus that something must be done if this institution is to be saved.

What We Propose

Under the capable leadership of our worker with the Negro churches, Dr. Clyde Hart, our Convention has voted to take a special offering next June to help solve these problems. The offering is to be taken on June 2

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Progress is No Accident

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Children climb trees — men climb ladders. The child is seeking fun, the ecstasy of adventure; men search for food — it may be physical food, spiritual food, or mental satisfaction and development — but food; that something which sustains and develops us.

There is a challenge in climbing; the tree; the mountain; the ladder. God must have given us the instinct to reach up, to make the most of life. There is no other answer to the modern inventions we enjoy and the high standards of living that is ours today. When people refuse to remain primitive, God gives the mental and physical means for progress. So many of the limitations of life are self imposed! And by the same token all progress is chosen by those who refuse to be limited.

Progress is no accident. It is always the result of earnest effort. And the kind of progress we preach in America is never inspired by Satan. By far, the majority of men, who have made our nation what it is financially, scientifically, and industrially, were men of great faith as well as men of ability.

The principle of progress in the secular was true first in the religious world. There will always be the "We can't do That!" group. But Christianity was rooted and grounded in the "Do or die" bunch. Christian people should be interested in scaling religious heights primarily. To be sure every area of life is involved. Religion is not something apart from life; to the Christian it is life. All other things are secondary, yet a

very important means to an end. Paul said that everything we do, even to our eating and drinking should be done to the glory of God. That certainly rules out everything that would dishonor God in our lives and emphasizes the positive in our search for spiritual progress.

And speaking of spiritual progress, Southern Baptists have designated 1957 as World Missions Year with the theme, "Onward — Upward in World Missions." Onward means advance! Upward takes us back to our ladder, with its challenge to rise above the mediocre and to reach out with all we have and are to share the gospel of salvation with the millions who know not our Lord as their Saviour.

Two-thirds of earth's inhabitants are in spiritual darkness and wherever spiritual darkness prevails, so does poverty, ignorance, and their companion hardships prevail.

The giant industrial plant pictured on our front page did not just happen. It was planned and developed and constructed by a master mind.

Our denomination with its many institutions of benevolence and learning, with its many sided mission program did not just happen either. Men and women worked and sacrificed, prayed and preached and promoted, to develop what we have. And others will carry on in the same manner if future progress is maintained.

Whatever Christians intend to do for Christ must be done while general prosperity prevails, using every means available to propagate the gospel to the ends of the earth.

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Doors Are Opened That We Must Enter

By RALPH DOUGLAS

Dr. Robert White Kirkpatrick, in his book entitled, "The Creative Delivery of Sermons," wonders what would happen if an official were appointed, in each church, to keep a lookout during the preaching service for a member of the congregation who may have fallen asleep. When such a person was discovered, the person on watch, would take a long stick, one end of which was sharpened to a fine point, walk down the aisle and prod the preacher. Then declared Mr. Kirkpatrick, "What a transformation in preaching such a procedure might produce today! Content and arrangement would rise to a new level, but the most definite and unmistakable change would undoubtedly be in the manner of delivery."

We have often wondered what would happen if the editors of our Baptist papers employed someone to spot check to see how many readers turned past guest editorials without reading them — we are sure that there would not only be a difference in content, but also there would be a transformation in the principle of manuscript mechanics.

In many instances it is as if we stored a little knowledge in our intellectual attic and then we are called upon to pull out a few facts, dust them off with a few fine points of English composition and "jot" them down with some seemingly literary excellence in the form of a manuscript and call the whole procedure a guest editorial.

In this our first guest editorial for the *Arkansas Baptist*, we assure you that we are not suffering with the obsession that we know the score in writing and understand makes a real journalist tick.

The Forward Program

We are writing this editorial because we have as our subject one that is compellingly interesting, namely, "Finance." To be more specific — "The Forward Program of Church Finance." Perhaps we should say the subject is compellingly interesting to those of us who are vitally concerned with the welfare of the Gospel and the destiny of humanity.

Realizing that writing about Church Finance should not sound "preachy," I hasten on to do what I had planned to do in the first place — Give information on "The Forward Program of Church Finance."



The Southern Baptist leaders from every state in our Convention have been thinking, planning and working on this new program for over two years. Here in Arkansas, we have been mentioning it on the Executive Secretary page of the *Arkansas Baptist* for many months. We could not give detailed information until the plan was formulated, tried and tested. This has been done. (A few weeks ago we gave you the account of the test Campaign which was conducted in Jackson, Mississippi among ten churches). The results of the test campaign were phenomenal.

Significant Steps

This program is the most significant step for Southern Baptists since the Cooperative Program was adopted May 13, 1925. This plan, like the Cooperative Program, will have its "ups and downs" among Baptists. When the late Dr. M. E. Dodd, Chairman of the Future Program Commission, gave his report

to the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, 1925, which led to the adoption of the Cooperative Program as a plan for doing mission work, he said:

"That ours is a critical situation as a denomination all must admit. — at this state of development of our denomination we cannot depend upon the appeal of our institutions and activities of a few individuals — your committee would beg that our brethren refrain from anything like destructive criticism. We would not close our eyes to any facts bearing upon our work and endeavor faithfully to remove any evils and correct any mistakes. Let us be sure to emphasize as well, however, our great successes and achievement and keep to the forefront those things that make for hope, confidence and success. One of the great tests, if not the greatest test of denominational and Kingdom loyalty, is loyalty to its cause and enterprise."

Great Future

No one would deny the fact that we face the greatest era in Baptist history. Doors are open to the Gospel that we must enter. Doors will continue to open as people like the Hungarians rebel against the heel of communistic oppression. The new approach to Church Finance can send the heralds of good tidings to every nook and corner of the globe. In the words of those who gave Baptists the Cooperative Program, "We would beg that our brethren refrain from anything like destructive criticism — emphasize our successes and achievements, (as well as our faults and failures) and keep to the forefront those things that make for hope, confidence and success."

Dr. Dodd further stated — "The real situation is this. (May God help our people to see it!) We have reached a stage in the financial development of our denomination where systematic giving can produce the magnificent sum of seven or eight million dollars." This prophecy has more than come true. This year the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptist Convention calls for a goal of sixteen and one-half million dollars.

Now, with "The Forward Program of Church Finance," we predict that in the next decade, or at least in the next two decades, the Cooperative Program budget of Southern Baptists will go beyond fifty million dollars.

Twelve Church Finance Conferences

No doubt, by this time you are saying, "You have 'milled-around' out on the porch long enough, come on into the house, sit down and tell me all about how 'The Forward Program of Church Finance' works." That is exactly what we plan to do in the twelve Church Finance Conferences planned for the week of January 28-February 1. (Turn to Page 8 for detailed information.)

February Church Finance Meetings

Two Church Finance Conferences have been planned for Northwest Arkansas during February. Thursday, February 14, 2:30 p. m., First Baptist Church, Rogers. Friday, February 15, 2:30 p. m., First Baptist Church, Fort Smith.

How To Save Our Negro College

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and the goal is for \$100,000. However, we realize that if this amount is secured we must arouse our whole state and cause our people to see the needs of this institution. Ouachita College cannot care for these Negro students. Ouachita is already over crowded and we cannot provide for all of our own young people who wish to attend Ouachita. Our Negro Baptists in Arkansas have no other college of their own where they can send their students in large numbers. If the Negro church life for Baptists in Arkansas is to be saved then Arkansas Baptist College must be saved.

Realizing that this would be a difficult assignment, your State Executive Board has appointed a committee to promote this campaign for \$100,000 for Arkansas Baptist College. Serving on this committee are the following men; Wilson Deese of West Helena, Robert Smith of Pine Bluff, C. Z. Holland of Jonesboro, James Pleitz of Ft. Smith, Don Hook of Malvern, S. A. Whitlow of Hope, T. K. Rucker of Forrest City, Dale Taylor of Smackover, J. Harold Smith of Ft. Smith, N. P. Howington of Little Rock,

and W. O. Vaught, Jr. of Little Rock. This group has had their initial meeting and plans are being made for a statewide organization for the promotion of this offering. Every individual Baptist in Arkansas will be asked to support this offering. A BIG GIFTS Committee will be organized in several sections of the state. The Committee believes that there are many people in Arkansas who are ready to come to the aid of our Negro College. If sufficient funds are available for the remodeling of the present buildings it is quite possible that a government loan can be secured for the construction of dormitories for the students. This committee earnestly requests your prayers and your suggestions.

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Fault finding is one talent that ought to be buried and the place forgotten.

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"We need to know that when we put our hand in Christ's that our life is expendable."

—Roy O. McClain

"Our world is characterized by fear, tension, and interdependence. Various faiths are competing for a chance to save the world. Serve the Christian God of love by surrendering your life completely to Him and letting Him use you in whatever vocation you select."

—Theo F. Adams

Kingdom Progress

Bryant Chosen as BWA Publications Director



C. E. BRYANT

C. E. Bryant, director of public relations at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., will become director of publications for the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.

Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Alliance, said Bryant will work with Ohrn and Robert S. Denny, associate general secretary, in publication of the periodical, Baptist World, each month.

The Baptist World, which provides information concerning activities among 21 million Baptists in 96 countries, will be "enlarged and strengthened," Ohrn said.

The Alliance plans to establish a news and feature service "to supply denominational publications every where with news of Baptists in the world," he said.

Bryant, who attended Baylor, Ouachita College, and Southern Baptist Seminary, was editor of the Arkansas Baptist from 1943-47. Then he served as director of publications for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee. He joined Baylor in 1949.

Bryant is a former president of Southern Baptist Press Association, which is an organization of editors and other journalists in the Southern Baptist Convention. He is current president of the Texas Baptist Public Relations Association.

—Baptist Press

Hardy Church Notes Progress

Pastor Ivan R. Davis will complete two years as pastor of First Church, Hardy, January 18.

During this time there have been 37 additions to the church, 18 by baptism. A baptistry has been built, a new piano purchased, record players for the primary and beginner departments purchased, the ceilings of the church and parsonage insulated, new lighting fixtures installed in the auditorium, built and operated a summer camp, and all debts have been paid off.

Jesse Reed, state missionary, will be with the Hardy church February 10-17 for a revival meeting.

Clergy Have April 15 Social Security Deadline

By Religious News Service

Clergymen and members of religious orders were reminded by the government that they face a deadline of April 15, 1957, if they wish social security coverage.

Congress enacted legislation in 1955 extending the social security program to members of the clergy and religious orders for the first time.

Most of those who desired coverage declared their intention when filing income tax returns for the calendar year 1955. However, any who did not elect coverage at that time may still do so when they file their personal tax returns for 1956. The deadline for such filing is April 15.

Those who do not elect coverage will not be eligible for it in the future. An exception is made only in the case of newly-ordained ministers, who have two years following ordination in which to ask for coverage.

Ministers who file a statement electing covering will have to pay the self-employment tax which amounts to three percent of their first \$4,200 of income, or a maximum of \$126.00. In return, they become eligible for full coverage in 18 months, or on July 1, 1958.

Upon retirement after age 65 they may receive benefits up to \$108.50 a month, with an additional \$54.30 a month for a dependent wife over 65. Their widows are eligible for benefits up to \$200 a month, if there are children under 18, and to payments up to \$81.40 a month after age 62.

A number of ministers and missionaries over 65 who elected coverage in 1956 have already retired, the Social Security Administration reports, using their benefits to supplement pensions and retirement incomes.

Ministers of any age are eligible to participate in social security. The oldest clergyman who has done so, according to records here, is 81. He is still active in the ministry.

Hundreds Answer Missions Call

"I Resolve. . ." More than 2,000 students signed Christian witnessing resolution cards in Nashville, recently.

The cards were signed following the closing address of the four-day Baptist Student World Missions Congress, when Dr. Billy Graham spoke on "Supreme Allegiance to the Sovereign Christ."

Three hundred and twenty college students responded to a call for missionary or other vocational workers extended by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., when he called on volunteers to offer their lives.

Called "the most significant event in Southern Baptists' world missions program," the Congress was attended by 2,360 students from more than 300 universities and colleges in 25 states, Hawaii, the Philippines, British Columbia, and Cuba.

Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Board's Student Department, said the Congress' accomplishments "reached beyond what I dreamed and hoped could happen."

Arkansas Graduates At Southern Seminary



McMURRY



PIRTLE



MATHENEY



HAMIL

Pictured are the Arkansas students graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, at the mid-term commencement exercises on January 17.

Alton Rhine McMurry, B.D. degree, For-dyce; George E. Pirtle, Jr., B.D. degree, El Dorado; Matthew Pierce Matheney, Jr., B.D. degree, El Dorado; and Alexander Hamil, B.D. degree, Fort Smith.

Faulkner Association News

By JAY W. C. MOORE, Missionary

A new book, *Along the Way*, has recently come from the Messenger Press in Oklahoma City. The author of the book, S. U. Butts, is a native of Pickles Gap Community in Faulkner Association. Dr. Jack Gritz, editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, states: "This book contains a soul stirring collection of human interest stories filled with pathos, tears, and laughter." I want to add that it is a superb book of inspiration. Mr. Butts was educated at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is currently serving as chaplain in the Baptist Hospital at Miami, Oklahoma. The book sells for \$2 and can be secured from the Baptist Book Stores in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

In 1956 the grand total gifts to all causes by the churches in Faulkner Association were \$21,822 above 1955. The increase in mission gifts over 1955 amounted to \$9,449 and the total increase in pastors' salaries over 1955 was \$3,271.

An associational music school will be conducted in First Church, Conway, April 22-26. LeRoy McClard, state music secretary, will direct the school and serve as one of the instructors. T. B. Wall is associational music leader.

N. F. Bolling, associational Sunday school superintendent and his officers have arranged five group Sunday school training schools in different parts of the association for February 18-22.

An associational pastors' conference has been organized. James H. Street was elected chairman and Jay W. C. Moore, clerk.

Announcing BAPTIST PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP

Nashville, Tennessee, February 11-12

Please come to Nashville, February 11-12, 1957, for the Baptist Public Relations Association Workshop. Yes, please take advantage of it personally, and, surely, send the proper ones from your group. It is going to be a most meaningful meeting.

Outstanding among the program participants scheduled are:

Jerry Beaven, the public relations man on the Billy Graham Team.

Robert T. Taylor, one of the General Secretaries of the American Bible Society, the man who has handled their public relations, publicity, and promotional program for years.

Frank S. Groner and his public relations assistants from the Memorial Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Their work has gained national attention in this field.

Fred Smith of Fred Smith Associates, Cincinnati, Ohio. It will be worth the trip to hear this man. He is in tremendous demand, having earned a national reputation in the industrial and public relations fields. And does he know how to talk about it!

These men will be given time to tell their experiences in this whole field and help us to see the why and the how. Others are being added of like caliber, and these will be matched by a number of outstanding men and women from our own group.

The program is going to be analytical and practicable. It is designed to actually help our work in this growing field, as well as, to inspire us to see just what the field is and how important it is. A good part of program will be spent in group sections dealing specifically with PR work of (1) hospitals, (2) children's homes, (3) schools and colleges, (4) state mission board, (5) Convention-wide board and agencies. You will want representation in your group.

—H. E. Ingraham, Program Chairman

Baptist Films Carried By Three Arkansas TV Stations

The second series of films for the Southern Baptist Convention television program, "This Is The Answer," is now being distributed to stations in 33 states, it was announced today by the Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth.

With the advent of these new films, the number of stations carrying "This Is The Answer" jumped from 45 to 75 in two days. It is anticipated that the films will have a much wider viewing audience in 1957 than in 1956 when the series was telecast on 115 different tv stations. An estimated 50 million people saw the program last year.

Work will begin immediately on the third Southern Baptist tv series with a view to producing at least 13, and eventually 26, 30-minute dramatic films annually, according to Commission Director Paul M. Stevens.

Arkansas stations currently carrying "This Is The Answer": KNAC-TV, Fort Smith, Sunday, 4:00 p. m.; KATV, Little Rock, Sunday, 12:30 p. m.; KCMC-TV, Texarkana, Sunday, 1:00 noon.

Jno. Buchanan Retires

John H. Buchanan, former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, one-time president of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, and for 20 years pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., has announced his retirement May 1, 1957.

Convention Site For 1957 International Amphitheater, Chicago



When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Chicago in 1957, it will hold its sessions in the International Amphitheater. The auditorium, with large exhibit space on all sides, is located in the stockyards area of the city, about four miles from the heart of the city.

—Baptist Press Photo

1957 Session Runs Tuesday to Friday

The 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention will open on Tuesday night and close on Friday night.

The change in schedule was recommended by the Convention's committee on order of business and approved by the Executive Committee.

Normally the Southern Baptist Convention opens its sessions Wednesday morning and closes sometime Saturday. Attendance at Saturday session however is usually smaller because pastors and church workers want to get home in time to hold their regular Sunday services.

Ira H. Peak, Mobile, Ala., chairman of the committee on order of business, said the revised dates are May 28-31 in Chicago's International Amphitheater.

The Tuesday night session will be a joint service on foreign missions with the Woman's Missionary Union convention, he said. Ending the Convention on Friday night may require a session on Friday afternoon. Otherwise there will be no afternoon meetings, according to Peak.

This will be the Southern Baptist Convention's second visit to Chicago. It met there in 1950 but used another meeting place than the Amphitheater. As before the convention headquarters hotel will be the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

121 Appointments In 1956 Bring Foreign Mission Staff to 1,113

Eighteen missionary appointments at the December meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board brought the total number of active foreign missionaries to 1,113. The 1956 appointments totaled 121, an all-time record which compares with 104 for 1955. At its October meeting the Board set a minimum goal of 130 missionary appointments in 1957.

The new appointees are Travis S. Berry and Bernice Hayles Berry, both of Alabama, for South Brazil; Gene A. Clark, North Carolina, and Dorothy Lawhon Clark, Florida, for Japan; Hazeldean Hibbard, Kentucky, for Nigeria; Robert H. Lloyd, Kentucky, and Charlotte Green Lloyd, Texas, for Argentina; Paul C. Mosteller, Florida, and Dorothy Brizendine Mosteller, Tennessee, for Thailand.

John A. Poe, North Carolina, and Jean Howard Poe, Tennessee, for South Brazil; J. Earl Posey, Jr., Alabama, and Mamie Lou Eubanks Posey, Mississippi, for the Philippines; Britt E. Towery, Jr., and Nelda Joan (Jody) Long Towery, both of Texas, for Taiwan (Formosa); Ruth Vanderburg, Arkansas, for Indonesia; and George R. Wilson, Jr., Oklahoma, and Elizabeth Schreiber Wilson, Florida, for Hong Kong.

The new missionaries had several days of orientation in connection with their coming to Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., for appointment. Under the direction of the Board's personnel department, the program was designed to help them face their task in the countries where they will serve.

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Reed at White Lake

State Missionary Jesse Reed conducted a revival at White Lake Church, December 16-23 which resulted in 12 additions by baptism and two by letter. There were two other professions of faith. Lewis Bankster is the pastor.

Seymour Changes Mission Fields

J. D. Seymour has resigned as association missionary in Dardanelle-Russellville Association to accept Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association.

"Christianity today faces an aggressive communism, an aroused Mohammedanism, and an awakened Buddhism," said Dr. Theodore F. Adams, who recently returned from touring the Far and Middle East.

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By Religious News Service

Asks Government Probe Of 'Martin Luther' Film

The executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State called for a government inquiry into the "suppression" by a Chicago television station of the film, "Martin Luther."

Dr. Glen L. Archer addressed the request to the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal Communications Commission.

He said a scheduled world television premiere of the film based on the life of the 16th century Protestant Reformation leader was cancelled by Station WGN-TV, operated by the **Chicago Tribune**, because of Roman Catholic pressure.

Dr. Archer contested a denial by Msgr. Edward M. Burke, chancellor of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, that the Catholic Church had "ordered" the station to bar the film.

"The Legion of Decency is an official organ of the Church and it has been condemning the film for several years," Dr. Archer said.

In New York, Msgr. Thomas F. Little, executive secretary of the National Legion of Decency, said his agency had never condemned "Martin Luther."

He explained that it was placed in a "special classification" reserved for films "which, while not morally offensive, require some analysis and explanation as a protection to the uninformed against wrong interpretation and false conclusion."

In 1953, when "Martin Luther" was released, the Legion noted under the heading of Special Classification: "It contains theological and historical references and interpretations which are unacceptable to Catholics."

The Chicago television station said the film had been cancelled because of "emotional reaction" to the planned showing.

'Voice' Beams Christmastide Programs to Iron Curtain

Seventy-five percent of the two-week Christmastide programs arranged by the Voice of America global radio network were carried into Communist countries, the U. S. Information Agency announced.

Throughout Christmas Week Czechoslovak carols and sacred music were broadcast by the choirs of the Czech-Moravian Presbyterian church of Taylor, Texas; the St. Cyril and Methodius church of Granger, Texas, and St. John the Baptist Church of Perryopolis, Pa.

Polish Embassy Sends Christmas Greetings

For the first time in a decade officials of the Polish embassy in Washington sent Christmas greetings to U. S. government officials and other diplomats in the nation's capital.

The card, bearing the seal of the embassy expressed "seasons greetings and best wishes for a new year of happiness and peace."

In recent years the Yugoslav embassy alone among the nations under Communist control has been taking note of the Christian holiday.

Report Colombia Reconsidering Ban On Protestant Missionaries

The State Department said that the Republic of Colombia is reconsidering an order banning a substantial area of the country to Protestant missionaries.

In a letter to Dr. Clyde Taylor, secretary of national affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, the department also said that "since 1951 there have been numerous incidents of violence against American Protestant missionaries and the destruction of American mission property."

Under terms of a so-called Mission Agreement signed by the government of Colombia on Jan. 29, 1953, the department said, the Roman Catholic Church was given the exclusive right to proselytize and carry on religious and educational work in "a considerably expanded area, believed now to constitute between two-thirds and three-fourths of the national territory."

As a result of this order a number of American Protestant missions have been ordered closed, the Department added.

"Since 1953 our Embassy at Bogota has taken up this question on numerous occasions with the Colombian Foreign Office," it said, "emphasizing the long period over which Protestant establishments have existed in this area and the inequity of the action taken against them."

"The Colombian government has given considerable study to the problem, and has indicated that it hopes it will be possible to re-open the closed churches in the near future."

Urges Broadcasting of Christian Teachings to Russia

The broadcasting of Christian teachings and principles to the Russian people is the free world's greatest opportunity of smashing the Iron Curtain, a Baptist clergyman said in Greensboro, N. C.

Paul E. Freed of Greensboro, back from a six-week visit to European countries including Russia, said there is "a great emptiness of heart" among young Russians "which I am convinced can be filled by true Christianity."

"The young people of Russia have had atheism pounded into them since childhood," he said, "but I don't believe that deep down within themselves they can deny the existence of God."

First Commercial Airline Offers Reduced Clergy Fares

Bonanza Airlines of Las Vegas, Nevada, has become the first commercial airline to file a passenger tariff with the Civil Aeronautics Board offering reduced rates to clergymen.

The tariff provides that clergymen will be able to buy tickets on a "space available" basis for 50 per cent of the one-way fare. The airline is a small "feeder" carrier. It serves a number of cities in New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California, providing them with connecting service to major transcontinental air terminals.

A spokesman for the Civil Aeronautics Board said the tariff will become effective Feb. 1 unless there is any objection and demand for a public hearing.

A Smile or Two



"Does this mean I don't have to look out for other motorists?"

A Scottish minister was on his usual visiting rounds when he came across one of his old friends. "And how has the world been treating you, Jock?" asked the minister. "Very seldom!" replied Jock sadly.

Professor: How old would a person be who was born in 1894?
Student: Man or woman?

Customer: "Have you a book, *Man the Master of Woman?*"
Salesgirl: "The fiction department is on the next aisle."

One American Marriage in every five ends in divorce. The other couples fight it out to the bitter end.

More and more women are working, states a report. White man finding Indian no fool.

EGOTISM

Conceit is an odd disease; it makes everybody sick but he who has it.

When dessert was served, young Jimmy finally reached what threatened to be his limit of expansion. He reached for his belt buckle and explained, "Guess I'll have to move the decimal point two places."

If the new cars get any lower, pedestrians probably will start leap-frogging over them on the cross-walks.

The little daughter of a well-known movie producer, whose home is one of the show-places of the Coast and, of course, is manned by several servants, went home from school one day with a child of somewhat less affluent parents.

"Well, dear," asked her mother when she came home, "did you have a good time?" "Oh, yes, it was fun. But gee, for nice people they certainly do mean things."

"Mean things? In what way?" "Well," said the little girl in a hushed voice, "they use their own grandmother for a cook!"

The young mother placed baby sister in her walker and told four-year-old David to watch her. A few minutes later the baby turned over in her walker.

The father said, "David, I thought your mother told you to watch the baby." Returned David: "I did. I watched her fall!"

News From Baptist Press

Total Giving for 1956 Reaches Record Figure

A record \$20,942,547 was given in 1956 to support work of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced Porter Routh.

This does not include donations used for local church expenses and for operations carried out by state Baptist conventions.

The year's total includes a record \$13,210,279 given through the undesignated channel — the Cooperative Program. This was the first year in Southern Baptist Convention history that more than a million dollars came in through the Cooperative Program every month.

The total also takes in \$7,732,267 given in designated gifts by donors who specified exactly how they wanted the money used. Money given through the Cooperative Program is shared by Convention agencies on a percentage basis approved annually by the Convention session.

The record total was \$2,702,092 (14.81 per cent) greater than the total for 1955, according to Routh. The Cooperative Program total was \$1,561,438 (13.40 per cent) higher than that for 1955 and the designated offerings increased \$1,140,653 (17.30 per cent) over the previous year.

About 60 per cent of total receipts — \$12,076,816 — went to support operations of the denominations Foreign Mission Board with over 1,100 missionaries in more than 35 countries.

The next largest disbursement was to the Home Mission Board — \$3,758,281. The Relief and Annuity Board which provides relief and retirement funds to denominational workers received \$893,954.

The denomination's five seminaries shared out \$3,300,000 with the largest amount going to Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Southeastern, which received \$838,743, is purchasing the former Wake Forest College campus.

The Convention's operating and capital needs budget of \$10 million was reached in October. The remainder of the budget, through Dec. 31, is known as the Advance portion and all Cooperative Program receipts are divided only between the two mission boards. Foreign missions gets 75 per cent.

The operating and capital needs section of the 1957 budget is \$11 million and the recommended budget goal for 1958 — including both operating, capital needs, and the Advance portion — is \$16½ million.

Arkansas sent \$37,847 for December including \$37,234 through the Cooperative Program and \$613 through special designations.

Possible Church Sites Object of SBC Survey

Southern Baptists will survey the entire United States this year to determine the number of churchless communities.

The denomination's Long Range Rural Church Committee, meeting in Atlanta, endorsed the survey plan. This survey is expected to implement and propel two current Southern Baptist emphases, the 25-year long range rural church program and the campaign to establish 30,000 new preaching stations by 1964.

The survey will be an effort to decide upon the number of potential church sites. A more comprehensive 1958 follow-up survey will determine exact locations for new churches and potentialities of established churches.

Leaders anticipate that the survey will be completed this summer. The survey will be made with state superintendents of missions and associational mission workers using gov-

ernment statistics, maps, Convention statistics, etc.

Other action taken by the committee included the re-election of Chester Quarles, executive secretary for Mississippi Baptists, as chairman.

Mercer Student Center Construction Begun

Mercer University has broken ground for its new student center that will cost about \$750,000.

President George B. Connell pointed out that the student body is contributing \$32,000 toward construction. Alumni have given or pledged \$220,000 and additional funds came from the joint Mercer-Wesleyan College campaign in the Macon area.

Hawaii Church Repays Lottie Moon Investment

The Wahiawa Baptist Church, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii, the only self-supporting Southern Baptist Church in Hawaii, has given over \$1,800 in Lottie Moon Christmas offering gifts to foreign missions.

This church, the oldest of the Southern Baptist churches in Hawaii, was organized in 1934, and has been in the past the recipient of Lottie Moon offering gifts.

Pastor Daniel Kong, a native of Wahiawa, was educated at Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Seminary.

Reminder of Baptist Brotherhood Issued

Baptists of America have been urged to remember the work of their fellow Baptists in other lands when they observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday Feb. 3.

A message from Alliance President Theodore F. Adams and the staff of the Alliance office called attention to the Baptist brotherhood existing throughout the world. It pointed out that Baptists in a number of lands are "struggling heavily with poverty and adverse circumstances . . . even persecution."

The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship of 21 million Baptists in the world.

Reeves Chosen Board Field Representative

Sam C. Reeves began his duties Jan. 1 as field representative of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board serving Louisiana and Mississippi.

Reeves has been pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, La.

He is the second field man to be appointed under the enlarged program of education and promotion being carried on jointly by the state Baptist conventions and the Relief and Annuity Board. His office will be in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Reeves is the former pastor of First Church, El Dorado.

Student Tuition, Fees Half College Income

Southern Baptist colleges and universities depend on student tuition and fees for approximately half their total income. L. M. Lanier, business officer manager of Mississippi College, reports in the December issue of Southern Baptist Educator.

Endowment provides 10 per cent of total income and gifts and grants about 25 per cent, he writes. The state Baptist conventions with which the schools are affiliated supply the remaining 15 per cent.

The per student, operating cost paid for by the state conventions during 1955-56

ranged from \$362.50 at Judson College, girls' college in Marion, Ala., to \$34.08 at Baylor University in Waco, Tex. The average, according to Lanier, is \$127.82.

Meredith, Wake Forest Given Trust Agreement

A Durham physician has established a major trust agreement providing income for Wake Forest College, Meredith College, and the Mills Home branch of North Carolina Baptist Children's Home.

The trust, with a potential value "considerably in excess of a million dollars," was established by Dr. Burton W. Fassett in honor of his late wife, Lucy Teague Fassett.

Dr. Fassett was a founder and first president of the Durham-Orange Medical Society. He was the organizer and president for two terms of the state Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society.

Wake Forest College and Meredith College are four-year schools operated by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Former Hungarian Now Counseling Refugees

A Southern Baptist college professor who formerly lived in Hungary is on temporary leave from his school to counsel with non-Roman Catholic Hungarian refugees at Camp Kilmer, N. J.

Chowan College, Baptist Junior college at Murfreesboro, N. C., granted leave with pay to Bela Udvarnoki to work with the refugees arriving regularly from Europe.

Udvarnoki, a native of Budapest, where his father was pastor of First Baptist Church, has been in the United States since 1947. He is a former president of Hungarian Baptist Seminary in Budapest and former president of Hungarian Baptist Convention.

Udvarnoki is expected to remain at Camp Kilmer until sometime in January. About one-third of the refugees from Hungary are non-Catholics.

He is the first Baptist and one of the first non-Roman Catholic ministers to give full-time service to counseling with refugees. Baptist pastors in the Camp Kilmer area have aided part-time.

Meanwhile refugee work is continuing among Baptist groups abroad, according to Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, and chairman of the relief committee of Baptist World Alliance.

Southern Baptists have no processing center for blankets and clothes to aid refugees crossing the border from Hungary into Austria, Caudill said. Therefore Baptists' gifts must be processed through Church World Service which have five centers in the U.S.

The centers are at New Windsor, Md.; Nappanee, Ind.; 110 E. 29th St., New York 16; 4165 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, and 1010 Ninth St., Modesto, Calif.

Caudill said donors should send eight cents per pound to Church World Service to cover expenses of processing the gifts. Clothing will be distributed without respect to denominational affiliation as the needs arise.

The channel for cash gifts is the Baptist World Alliance. Caudill suggests cash donors send gifts through their own churches designated to Baptist World Alliance Hungarian relief work.

Joseph Nordenhaug, president of European Baptist Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, is chairman of Baptist relief work in Austria. Southern Baptist Missionary John Allen Moore is serving as executive secretary and travels to refugee centers.

They report refugees are badly in need of warm clothes of all kinds and also need blankets.

NEW! . . . Forward Program of Churches

JANUARY 28 -

TIME AND PLACE

Monday, January 28, 1957

Beech Street Baptist Church, Texarkana

First Baptist Church, Lake Village

First Baptist Church, Harrison

Tuesday, January 29, 1957

First Baptist Church, Monticello

First Baptist Church, Conway

First Baptist Church, El Dorado

Thursday, January 31, 1957

First Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge

First Baptist Church, Stuttgart

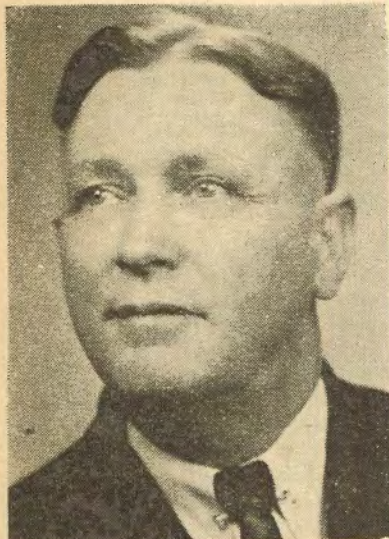
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First Baptist Church, Searcy

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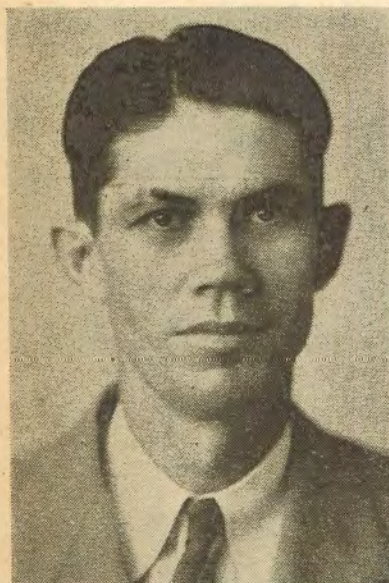
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- 2:30 Scripture and Prayer
- 2:40 Greeting and Introduction
- 2:50 Forward Together
- 3:15 Five Separate Conferences
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 W. M. U. Workers
 Pastors, Missionaries
- 4:15 Message — "Tithing"
- 4:45 Adjourn
 Dinner (Host Church)
- 7:00 Scripture and Prayer
- 7:10 Orientation and Introduction
- 7:20 The Forward Program
- 7:45 Five Separate Conferences
 Sunday School Workers
 Training Union
 Brotherhood Workers
 W. M. U. Workers
 Pastors, Missionaries
- 8:45 Message —
 "Your Church"
- 9:30 Adjourn

Church Finance Conference . . . **NEW!**

FEBRUARY 1



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Roy Lambert, Pastor, South Side, Pine Bluff

David Garland, Pastor, Baring Cross,
North Little Rock

J. Harold Smith, Pastor, First Church, Ft. Smith

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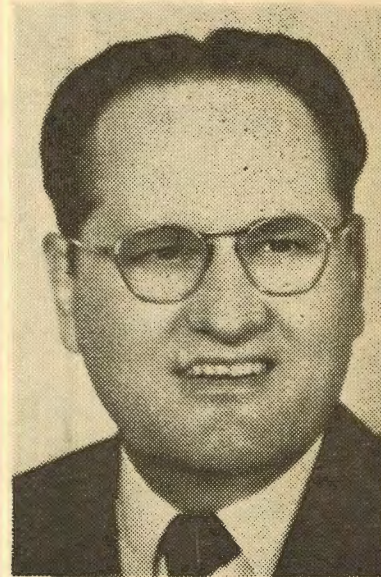
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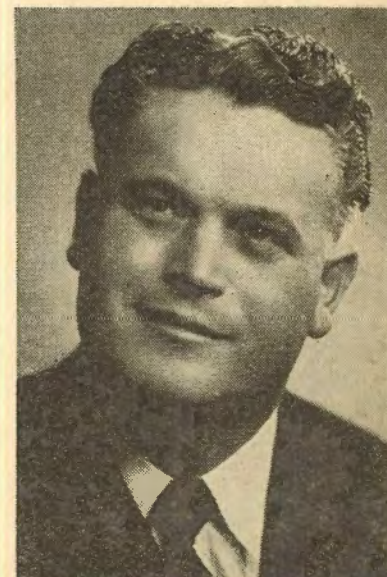
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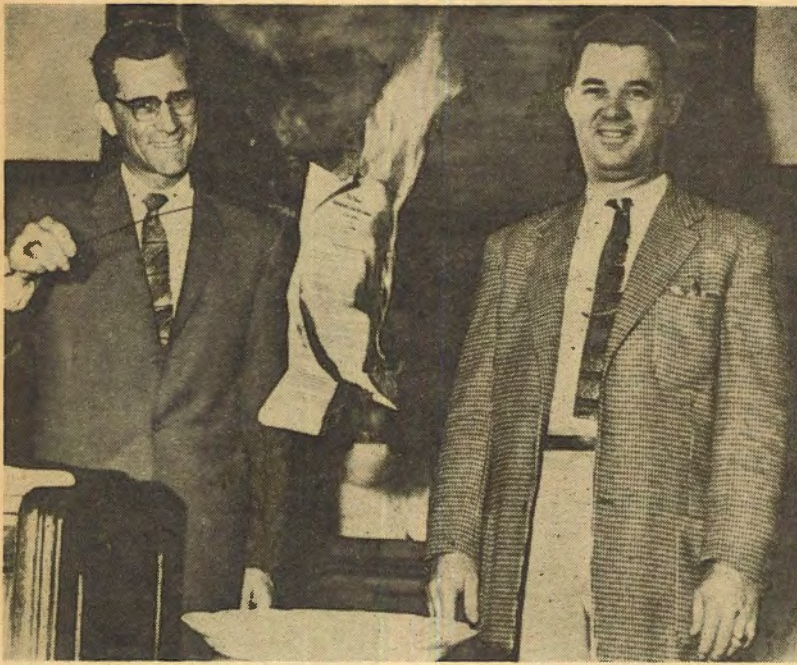
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Paris, First, Burns Note



First Church, Paris, paid off the second of three notes on its Educational Building, and observed a Note Burning Ceremony on December 16.

The note for \$10,000 was paid off 18 months ahead of schedule, and leaves \$48,000 of a \$60,000 note due on the Educational Building.

The above picture shows Pastor Dale McCoy (left) and Bill Warren, Chairman of the Deacons, in the Note Burning Ceremony.

A Little Optimism

By DR. JOHN W. BRADBURY

Amid all the bad news we read in the newspapers there is little told of the wonderful, good work going on in the lives of individuals all over the United States. One particular work is the steady progress being made in persuading men and women to resort to prayer. United States District Judge Luther W. Youngdahl recently said that the biggest religious news story is that "prayer is at work in our nation." This is true. Hardheaded business men, even political operators, and many who find the problems of life too great for them are engaging in prayer. Judge Youngdahl says that "prayer is at work in the home, at the workbench, in the office, in the factory, in our nation's capital. Thousands are starting each day in the office with prayer." Certainly no one can estimate the number who believe in and practice prayer but it is heartening to learn that our country's leaders set such a pattern of Christian devotion high in their estimate of values. This quiet performance of faith and duty is never sensational and makes no news since it is, after all, the normal good that men should be and do. But it is vastly more important to our well-being than all those things that create the public's sensations. We believe with Judge Youngdahl that the growth of Christian devotion is "big news."

—Watchman-Examiner

HYMN SINGS

Newton County: The last Associational Hymn Sing for Newton Association met with the Parthenon Baptist Church. There were 73 people present to join in singing Christmas Carols. Theme of the hymn sing was, "The Birth of A King." Devotional was given by Rev. A. W. Psalmonds of Boxley.

Rocky Bayou: On Dec. 30, the Rocky Bayou Associational Hymn Sing met in the Franklin Church. There were 6 churches represented with 62 attending. Theme of the program led by Herman Dover was, "He Leadeth Me." Rev. Homer Shirley, Jr. led the devotional.

Mt. Zion: There was a total of 150 present from eight churches in the Mt. Zion Associational Hymn Sing which met in the Fisher Street Baptist Church in Jonesboro on December 30. Mrs. Seibert H. Haley directed the hymn sing and the accompanists were W. J. McDaniel, Organist and Phyllis Bennett, Pianist. Theme of the program was, "The Name of Jesus" and Rev. Seibert Haley led the devotional. Special numbers were rendered by First Church, Jonesboro.

Stone-Van Buren-Searcy: "The Christian Life" was the theme of the December 30 Associational Hymn Sing for Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association, held in the Clinton Church on Dec. 30. Mr. C. E. Stephenson directed the sing and Rev. Earl Marr led in the devotional. There were 41 people present from six churches.

A Great Spiritual Feast— 1957 Evangelistic Conference

Applying the words of Jesus in the great invitation, we say to our Baptist people in Arkansas, "Come, for all things are now Ready."

You have seen the announcement of the Evangelistic Conference in the Arkansas Baptist. Pastors have received a program through the mail, together with other material. The host church, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, and pastor, Dr. Nolan P. Howington, extend a warm and hearty welcome to all fellow Baptists throughout the state, to COME and share their hospitality and feed your soul on the deep things of God's Word.

Many of our foremost pastors and evangelists of Arkansas and a number of our most outstanding preachers, teachers and Bible expositors from out of the state, will be bringing dynamic, spiritual, powerful, heart-warming, soul-stirring messages. There will be great Gospel congregational singing, special choir numbers, quartets, and solos, arranged by LeRoy McClard. Yes, we will also have Seasons of Prayer.

Don't miss this Feast of Good Things.

When you read these lines, there will be only two or three days before we will be gathering here in Little Rock for the opening session of, what we hope to be, our greatest Evangelistic Conference. The date — Monday, January 21. The time — 6:45 P.M. You can't afford to miss this Conference.

The Evangelistic Conference is for everybody. Especially, PASTORS, MISSIONARIES, EDUCATIONAL AND MUSIC DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATIONAL CHAIRMEN OF EVANGELISM, MEMBERS OF STEERING COMMITTEES, EVANGELISM CHURCH COUNCILS (These include S. S. Supts., T. U. Directors, W.M.U. Presidents, Brotherhood Presidents), should attend. In fact, every Baptist in Arkansas who is concerned about winning more souls to Christ, should be in this most important meeting.

The one gathering of Baptists each year that is, in some respects, better than any of the other meetings we are asked to attend, is this annual Evangelistic Conference. This is true because this is a meeting that is not devoted to business and the reading of long, tedious reports, but is given over in its entirety to SINGING, PREACHING, TESTIFYING AND PRAYING. There is no promotional endeavor other than preparing for coming evangelistic revival crusades and soul-winning efforts.

We believe this Conference is just the kind of assembly that should be attended from the first throughout the last session, by the pastor of every Baptist church in Arkansas. The personalities ap-

pearing on the program this year, is an assurance of high spiritual hours of soul-winning inspiration.

Arkansas Baptists must do a better and more effective soul-winning job this year than did last year. We need the fire and inspiration for this task which the Conference will give us. It will be of most value to those who attend its sessions. Attendance in large numbers is a MUST for Arkansas Baptists. This year, 1957, marks the tenth anniversary of the inauguration of the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism. Come and help us worthily praise and thank the Heavenly Father for the glorious results that have been achieved in these ten years.

We most earnestly urge every association to engage in a Simultaneous Crusade in 1957, with every church participating. Each association should hold an Evangelistic Clinic within the next few weeks.

Here are a few of the obvious advantages of such united, cooperative effort:

x-Engenders a Pentecostal condition, conducive to Pentecostal results.

x-Church-centered, thus strengthening the local churches and making possible the conservation of results in each church.

x-Gives every Church in territory, large or small, the same assistance and direction in leadership.

x-Enlists every church in prayer and promotion.

x-Makes possible more, and a higher type of, publicity.

x-Greatly strengthens the fellowship among the churches.

x-Leads to the more effective promotion of extension work.

x-Wins the lost, puts hell to mourning and Heaven to rejoicing, and adds stars to the crown of the Redeemer.

Dangers to Be Avoided

In his Handbook for Southern Baptist Revival, Roland Q. Leavel, mentions eight dangers of mass evangelism:

Publicity without prayer. Preaching without personal work. Sensationalism without spirituality. Emotion without instruction. Exhortation without indoctrination. Criticism without construction. Complaints without continuity. Ingathering without enlistment.

Department of Evangelism
I. L. Yearby, Secretary

(Editor's Note: We regret that a line was left out on the full page spread of Evangelism Department two weeks ago reading thus: The Arkansas Baptist State Convention, I. L. Yearby, Secretary. "Department of Evangelism" got lost in the Christmas traffic, and Dr. Yearby was afraid someone might think it was his error. It was our error and we are happy to make this correction.)

Another Arkansas First

On November 12th the Sunday school officers of the Independence County Association submitted an application for Standard recognition. This application has been approved and this association has become the first Standard association in the history of Arkansas Baptists. It also is the first association in the Southern Baptist Convention to receive Standard recognition in the current Sunday school year.

Several other associations in Arkansas are working toward the Standard. A picture of their officers will be printed in the **Arkansas Baptist** whenever they reach the Standard.

Special congratulations to former Associational Missionary, R. R. Shreve; Associational Sunday school superintendent, Ben Gennings; and District Sunday School Superintendent, Leslie Risher, for this achievement.

Those shown in the picture are: Front row, left to right, Mrs. G. A. Stroud, Supt. of Cradle Roll; Mrs. J. R. Evans, Supt. of Nursery; Mrs. Dewey Brightwell, Beginner Supt.; Mrs. E. E. Hartwick, Primary Supt.; Mrs. O. M. Blount, Junior Supt.; Mr. Joe Chumley, Intermediate Supt.; Mrs. Leo E. Seery, Young People Supt.; Mr. Sherman F. Rutherford, Adult Supt.



Back row, left to right, Mr. Billy Kimbrough, Group Supt.; Rev. R. R. Shreve, Missionary; Rev. Leonard McDougal, Supt. of V.B.S.; Mr. E. E. Hartwick, Supt.

of Training; Mr. Ben L. Gennings, Gen. Supt.; Rev. C. G. McAlmon, Supt. of Enlargement and Evangelism; Mr. Neil Burge, Supt.; and Mr. Henry Collie, Group Supt.

Unable to be present when the picture was made was Mrs. Leota Kimbrough, Secretary.
Sunday School Department
Edgar Williamson, Secretary

What We Fear

By JACK L. GRITZ

"What Do Southern Baptists Fear?" is the title of a long article chiding us for not entering the ecumenical movement by participation in the World Council of Churches which appeared in a recent issue of **Christian Century**. The author is Louis A. McCord, pastor of First Church, Shinnston, W. Va. The **Century**, self-appointed voice of undenominational Protestant thought in America, has long been a strong advocate of the church union movement.

This honest question deserves a straightforward answer.

Although Southern Baptists have repeatedly endeavored to make themselves clear on the subject and are not in the least danger of changing their minds, it may be well to state our position once again.

McCord makes his point as follows: "One of the underlying reasons that are keeping Southern Baptists out of the ecumenical movement is fear." He adds, "There is certainly no danger in our wholehearted participation with other churches in ecumenical movements and services that cooperate to meet the moral issues and spiritual challenges of our time. Church unity does not mean organic union. Baptists must never forget that distinction."

We are inclined to agree with this pastor in the belief that it is "fear" which is keeping Southern Baptists out of the church union movement. But we must voice strong disapproval of his elaboration that this fear is vague and undefined. We believe most of us know exactly and positively what it is we fear about the church union movement.

Simply stated, Southern Baptists fear they will lose their positive and effective witness for Christ if they enter the ecumenical movement.

Pastor McCord demonstrates his muddled thinking when he declares there is "no danger in our wholehearted participation with other churches in ecumenical movements and services." Pastor McCord, what about the teaching of the New Testament concerning the Lord's Supper when we are asked to participate in an ecumenical communion service with those who believe there is spiritual power in the bread and wine. (Incidentally, our Baptist women should realize that right here is one of the great dangers of the World Day of Prayer for them.) The author is concerned about our meeting "the moral issues and spiritual challenges of our time." Southern Baptists need offer no apology along this line. Our people are at the forefront of

the struggle against the alcohol menace to America. In the issue of race relations our pronouncements and our actions are clear. In the warfare with communism, whoever heard of a Southern Baptist being accused as a communist? Yet many of those in the World Council are noted for dragging their heels on these very matters. What kind of fuzzy thining assukmes that we would be more effective in an ecumenical organization?

Pastor McCord continues, "We are a fast-growing people, and the secret of our growth lies not in our remaining aloof from interdenominational affairs but rather in our evangelical fervor and evangelistic concern." God has been able to use us largely because of our evangelistic zeal, he says. We do not want to lose the ability to serve him the best possible.

Would not entry into the councils be an implication that we believe all denominations are pretty much alike anyhow? But we do

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not! Would not such entry weaken our soul winning zeal? It might! Right there, Brother McCord, is the danger we fear.
—The Baptist Messenger

A Real Christian uses three books in worship—his Bible, his hymn book, and his pocketbook.

However many blessings and privileges come from either giving, the greatest to me is that it gives one a chance to put God first.

—W. F. Powell

"The Adder's Sting," the Crusade tract for this quarter, by Duke K. McCall. Order directly from the Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, N., Nashville 3, Tennessee.

"I Make My Commitment," a tract by C. Aubrey Hearn. Single copies free. In quantity \$1.50 per 100. Order from The Christian Life Commission, address above.

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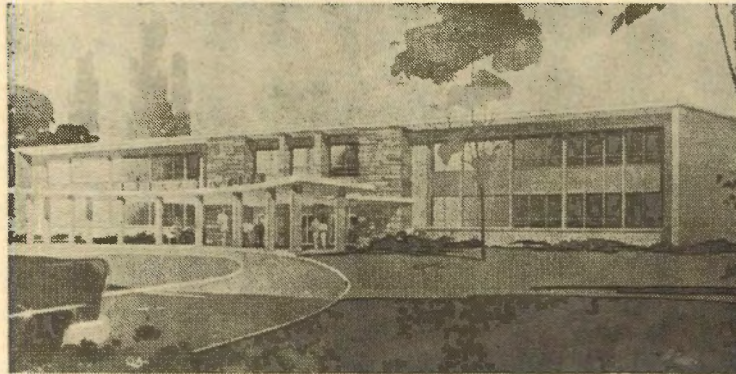
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Southern pledges again her utmost in service to the Lord and Arkansas Baptists in serving in the area the Lord has ordained she should serve. Over 1,000,000 lost people live within 100 miles of her doors. Southern feels that her primary duty is a missionary responsibility and proposes to see that every dollar given her by Baptists is spent in a manner that will serve to build the Kingdom of Christ.

Students planning to enroll in college or for rural seminary courses may enter January 28, 1957. Seminary courses lead to ThB degree with major emphasis on rural church and association mission work. Liberal Arts college courses in many fields. College a member of American Association of Junior Colleges and several other college organizations. Approved for training veterans under all existing VA regulations. Credits accepted all over America by hundreds of institutions. Rates less than state supported colleges charge.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST COLLEGE
WALNUT RIDGE, ARKANSAS

Children's Page

God's Wondrous World

By THELMA C. CARTER

Can you imagine spraying cat-sup, peanut butter or mayon-aise on your food by merely pushing a button on top of a container? Food experts tell us this convenience is not far off because of a new push-button container called an "aerosol."

The word "aerosol" comes from a combination of "aero" meaning air and "sol" meaning liquid solution. An aerosol is a container of air and liquid solution.

For some time, we have been using aerosols in the form of insecticides, room deodorants, foam shave creams, hair preparations, perfumes, lotions and cleaning products. Aerosols originated during World War II when insecticides were sprayed in areas infested with malaria and other insect-borne diseases thereby saving thousands of men in our armed forces.

An aerosol is air-tight and push-button operated. Aerosol products are of the vapor, liquid spray and foam kinds. The term "aerosol" is new, but the idea and



component parts are as old as fog and smoke which are, in their natural form, true aerosols.

It seems strange, but it's true of all the new scientific and chemical discoveries and products of today — they were here in God's world when He created it! Industry and medicine are merely rearranging the old into the new! The Psalmist knew this when he wrote: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

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Hide and Seek

By CARRIE I. QUICK

How would you like to pay hide and seek with ten girls? To learn the names of the girls, you will have to find them. One girl is hidden in each of the 10 sentences below.

Oh, there is just one more little detail. Do you know who is it? You are!

Example:

This story has a SWELL ENDing.

1. You won the big race.
2. Corn meal makes good muffets.
3. Is this all yellow paper?
4. I cannot find my ball.

5. Where is my skate?
6. I dare you to find me.
7. Why do rains feel cool?
8. This pear looks good.
9. Let's tell a girl where she's hiding.

Answers:

1. GRACE
2. ALMA
3. SALLY
4. ANN
5. KATE
6. IDA
7. DORA
8. PEARL
9. STELLA

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I LIKE JANUARY

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

I like this month because its rain, Its deep-piled drifts of snow, Are wetting down the soil so that The springtime flowers can grow. I like this month, its nights of cold,

Its pale sunshine by day, Its leafless trees, because I know God made it be this way.

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The best time to tackle a minor problem is before he grows up.

—Ray Freedman

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Good Resolutions

By JNO. W. BRADBURY

We believe in them. Christian character is formed by right decisions. We need to make up our minds on all matters of self improvement. If we have been lax as to our manners, let us make up our minds to be courteous. If you have needlessly run into debt, pay up and quit the habit. If you are growing unpunctual, stop it and treat your engagements as an obligation in trust. If you have surrendered to the vulgar in speech, correct it by constant watchfulness. If you have borrowed things and failed to return them, correct that. There are worse faults than these, we know. But these and others like them are a few that Christians are inclined to fall into when they lack decision for the right. We need to check our habits at least once a year.

—Watchman-Examiner

Let Baptists Be Baptists

By W. BARRY GARRETT

One of the dangers of a fast-growing, aggressive, successful denomination is for the group to forget "first principles" and the basic fundamentals that make it what it is. Sometimes it is a temptation to accomplish a desirable result by undesirable methods.

Baptists must always live and act like Baptists and forever remain faithful to that which distinguishes them from other groups. Else why continue to be Baptists?

Two basic Baptist fundamentals must ever be kept alive. The functioning of either principle must never overshadow or smother the other. Baptists must remain true to both positions without sacrificing loyalty to the other.

These two principles are: 1. Baptist religion is a religion of the "grass roots," of the people. It is not a religion of a hierarchy of either persons or of an organization. The people of the churches are of prime importance in the Baptist set up.

2. The Baptist principle of autonomy, self-governing, independence, democracy carries over into denominational organization. It expresses itself in the axiom that every Baptist body (church, asso-

ciation, convention) governs its own affairs.

Close and friendly ties must be forever maintained between the churches, the associations and the conventions in order to secure and maintain maximum cooperation from the people. But in cultivating these friendly relationships we must not ignore the Baptist fundamentals nor forsake that which has made us a distinctive people. In order to give its cooperation a church should never seek to enforce its will on an association, nor should an association overstep the bounds of Baptist policy and meddle in the affairs of a convention. The reverse is also true.

Sometimes it tests the ingenuity of Baptists to remain true to their fundamentals and at the same time enlist the cooperation of all the people. One sure way to seal the doom of the Baptist cause is to take a short cut to cooperation by forsaking our distinctives. Let us Baptists continue to be Baptists and find a solution to our problems in the Baptist way.

—Baptist Beacon

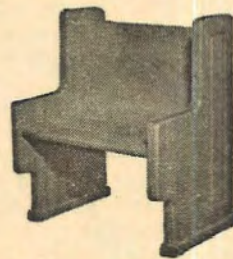
LIFE

A flower, or tree, does a pretty good job of living its life, but man is expected to do better. He can plan, can correct false starts, can improve himself. Yet, how few men ever ask themselves whether they are doing as good a job of it as they are capable of doing? It is a matter of embracing as many as possible of the intellectual and emotional adventures which God makes available only to humans. It is wide-awake living! That is the kind Seneca had in mind when he advised: "As long as you live, keep learning how to live."

—Whatsoever Things, hm, Stetson Univ.

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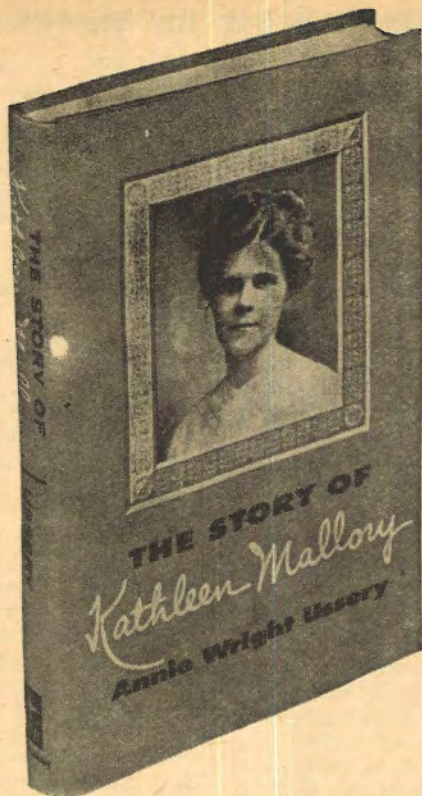
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**Carver School of Missions
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Semicentennial Year**

Carver School of Missions and Social Work is commemorating its Fiftieth Anniversary this year.

Activities began with the opening of the fiftieth session on September 17, 1956. Eighty-six students have enrolled from all of the States, and from Indonesia, Korea, Guam, Hawaii, Southern Rhodesia, and Italy.

Mrs. H. L. Robinson, Carver School Trustee for Arkansas WMU attended the Anniversary Meeting of the Board of Trustees, January 9-10.

Activities for the remainder of the year are:

February 11, 1957 — The Christian Missionary

March 18, 1957 — Southern Baptist Ministry of Social Work April 19-21-1957 — Young Woman's Auxiliary House Party at Carver School

May 22-24, 1957 — Homecoming Activities

May 22, 1957 — Historical Pageant

May 23, 1957 — Fiftieth Commencement Exercises

May 28, 1957 — Woman's Missionary Union's Observance of the Anniversary in Chicago

A set of slides featuring the anniversary observance will be available in the spring. They will be especially fine to use in connection with the April emphasis on Carver School.

*Woman's Missionary Union
Nancy Cooper, Secretary*
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A man may rob God by not paying his tithe, as in Malachi; he may lie to God by keeping back part, as Ananias and Sapphira; he may glorify God as the widow who cast her mite in the temple; but, Jesus still sits over against the treasury at every church service and watches how the people cast in their gifts.

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Money is a test of character. It takes a steady hand to carry a full cup.

Eighth Annual Junior Choir Festival

February 16, 1957

The Eighth Annual Junior Choir Festival will be held in the First Baptist Church of Little Rock, February 16, 1957. Guest Director for the festival will be Mrs. Evelyn Phillips, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas.

**JUNIOR CHOIR FESTIVAL
SCHEDULE**

- 8:30 — Registration and Assignment
- 9:25 — Welcome to Festival
- 9:30 — First Rehearsal
- 10:30 — Individual Choir Auditions
- 12:00 — Lunch, Dining Hall
- 1:00 — Choir Auditions
- 1:30 — Final Rehearsal
- 2:00 — Festival Concert

**GENERAL RULES FOR
MUSIC FESTIVALS**

1. Participation in all events will be against a Standard — not against each other. Ratings will be based on the following: A-SUPERIOR quality and highly commendable work. B-EXCELLENT performance but minor defects. C-GOOD performance but not outstanding. Shows work and promise but lacks essential qualities.

2. There will be a registration fee of .50c for each chorister, soloist, duet, trio, quartet, ensemble, hymn player or song leader.

3. Each choir and ensemble will sing one selection for adjudication. Primary choirs may sing two. All selections for adjudication should be memorized. Failure to do so will lower rating.

4. Vestments or robes are not required, but neatness and uniformity of choral groups will add to appearance.

5. All participants, including hymn players and song leaders are expected to participate in the festival chorus for their section.

6. Soloists, duets, trios, quartets, should sing one selection of own choosing for adjudication. Selection should be memorized — bring your own accompanist.



MRS. EVELYN PHILLIPS
Guest Director

7. Hymn players should be prepared to introduce and play the Hymns of the Months for 1956. Hymn Players should memorize one Hymn of the Month for 1956. Players will give age and years of private piano study. Participants will name key and measure signatures.

8. Song leaders should be prepared to announce and lead any of the Hymns of the Month for 1956. Two stanzas of the song should be sung. The leader should indicate the stanza. Pauses, holds, retards, etc. may be observed at the discretion of the leader. Each leader will furnish own accompanist.

9. Only soloists, duets, trios, quartets, hymn players and song leaders that participated in District Festivals may participate in the State Festival.

10. FOR THIS YEAR ONLY: All Choirs and Ensembles may participate in the State Festivals.

Festival Selections

Anthem	Composer	Publisher	Octave No.
O SING UNTO THE LORD	Mueller	Carl Fisher	CM6685
SAVIOUR, TEACH ME DAY BY DAY	Freylinghausen-Mueller	Carl Fisher	CM6338
COME UNTO HIM	Handel	E. C. Schirmer	1930
A SEASONAL THANKSGIVING	Thiman	G. Schirmer	8740
AWAKE, THOU WINTRY EARTH	(17th Century Carol)	E. C. Schirmer	1550
JESOUS AHATONHIA	The First Christmas Carol sung in Ontario	C. C. Birchard, agents in U. S.	
THE LORD, HE IS RISEN	Williams	Harold Flammer	86102

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Kingdom Righteousness

By BURTON A. MILEY

What makes a Christian valuable? Is it knowledge of the facts of the gospel? Many sinners have these. They know of Christ, His death, burial and resurrection, and His offer to forgive sins, but they are not spiritual factors. A Christian is valuable because of the righteousness he possesses and uses in his everyday relationships. Otherwise people cannot hear what he says (facts of gospel) for what he does (lack of righteousness.)

Jesus was careful in distinctions at this point. "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (5:20). There was nothing basically wrong in the professions of these groups — it was that the professions did not produce certain possessions. Righteousness is gained by vital connection to the right thing which produces right attitudes which fructify in right actions in all relationships. John demanded this kind of righteousness in preparation for Jesus' coming. Jesus demanded the same in order that his kingdom might be extended from his coming.

TWO SPOKEN VALUES

The Beatitudes are statements of what should be inside Christians. The virtues are beyond law that none can be legislated into man. Many may be punished at the absence of any one virtue mentioned with the hope that he will correct the absence, but punishment of itself cannot produce the virtue. Christians who possess the virtues of the Beatitudes are compared to two very important elements.

The first is salt. Christians were few in number compared to the total population, but they were important beyond their numbers. Salt is like that. Salt is small in comparison to the body it affects. Salt does no good until it has contacted the substance to be served. Christians who cannot face the world with their Christianity are valueless.

Salt has two primary qualities which make it an apt symbol for Christian power in the world. The first is preservation. Ice was limited in the land in which Jesus spoke. Some preservative beyond cold storage was needed. Salt kept corruption and decay from setting in. There is no power to preserve the righteousness of God apart from the Christian. In this sense, he is salt. A soldier's part of pay in salt. This is the foundation for the expression that a "man is not worth his salt."

Salt is also tasty. It makes food palatable. It adds zest. Christians do this for their society. Would it not be intolerable where jails were larger and more numerous

Sunday School Lesson

January 20, 1957

Matthew 5:13-20, 43-48

than churches? The Christian makes the difference. When forces of evil become progressively aggressive, hope is in the Christian element for change. Scientists said at the time of the atom bomb that they had produced it, but moral forces must control it.

THE SECOND ELEMENT IS LIGHT

It was a surprise to one when he learned that any star sends as much light beyond it as it does to the earth. Therefore, no star has its full light seen. Light is one thing that darkness cannot extinguish. All the darkness in the world cannot put out one small candle. The candle conquers, dispels the darkness immediately around it. Is this not a true picture of the Christian? Christ must have thought so, because he said, "Ye are the light of the world." It is not unusual for some group to take a large map and light the places upon it where their organization is represented. It would indeed be interesting and challenging for a large world map to be pinpointed by a light for every Christian who lives. Some areas would be brilliant, others would have only scattering lights.

Light can be seen by one who is yet far in the dark. A lighthouse is to guide the ship that is yet at sea. The righteousness of one Christian shines to me of darkest evil. The higher the light, the better it can be seen. It shines better immediately around its base. No light is to be obstructed. The normal place is on the candlestand. The light of righteousness blesses the possessor, but it also shines outward for the Father. The Father is glorified by the good show of righteousness which His children make.

THE VALUE OF LAW

Many seem to think that Christ came to destroy the law and thereby leave His family "lawless". Such is not the case. Christ came to fulfil the law and thereby establish its results forever. Law is not an end within itself. Law is a means to a greater end, even righteousness. No man was able to keep the law and to gain righteousness through this means. Christ kept it. He satisfied it. He proved its end was worthy.

The Christian is not under less than the law. He is controlled by a higher law which has to do with love and rightness in every relationship. The "lawless" per-

son can never have the righteousness of the kingdom. Any true kingdom is bound by law.

THE LAW OF LOVE

The "law of Sin" spoken by Paul in Romans 7 is a law which leads to sin. It has sin for its end. In contrast the "law of God" has God and His righteousness for its end. The law of God is not the ceremonial laws of the Jews, but the moral law which leads to an likeness with God. A test case is advanced. What does God do with His enemies? Does He love them or hate them? Would God thrust His enemies away, or would He like to cleanse them and make sons of God out of them? There is no man alive who has done enough against God for God to hate him. Can we say the same in our relationships? This is not intended to convey the idea that God likes what his enemies do. It is to assert that God continues to love the man, regardless of what he has done.

It is often that man lives by the creed that a wrong deed needs to have a wrong deed to reciprocate. "A tooth for a tooth." Here is the difference. Lemon after lemon makes a pile of lemons but no lemonade. Someone has to furnish the sugar for lemonade. This is where love comes in. An enemy can be changed by love. God has many sons who formerly were enemies but God continued to love them. A test of righteousness is the individual's relationship with his fellowman.

Prayer for enemies will change two people. First, it will change through strengthening the petitioner. Then it will change the enemy. This is a principle worthy of application to international relationships as well as personal. The practice of the principle is limited. How many prayers do you hear in church offered for the enemies of the church, or even for those who have become indifferent to the church? One will never become "perfect" as the Father until he has the righteousness of the Father which produces the same spirit of love and action.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Kingdom Righteousness is the distinguishing mark of the Christian. Others may have as much money, education, charity, business acumen and culture. The Christian has righteousness not gained from any of the above. He is useful to the Lord and to the church in relation to the amount of righteousness he possesses.

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MISSIONARIES' ADDRESSES

Miss Ruth Randall, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary to South Brazil, has a new address in Fayetteville. It is 331 West Lafayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan C. Atnip, Southern Baptist missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, have a new address in Bulawayo. It is 82 Cecil Avenue, Hillside, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. Mr. Atnip is a native of Marmaduke, where he and Mrs. Atnip make their permanent American home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Oates, Southern Baptist missionaries to Peru, have moved from Lima to Arequipa, where they are beginning Baptist work. Their address is Apartado 587, Arequipa, Peru. Mr. Oates is a native of Belleville, Ark.

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AFTER THE STORM

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

The winter sun is hiding,
The clouds are dark and low;
The cold wild wind is rushing,
And soon there will be snow.
And I am only waiting
Until it stops, and then,
I will go out and make me
A row of tall snow men.

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The Church Fiscal Year

During the past two years, since coming to the office of Associate Secretary, we have heard the subject of the church fiscal year discussed many times. About one-half of our churches in Arkansas use the associational year (October 1st to October 1st) as their fiscal year, while the other half use the calendar year (January 1st to January 1st) as their fiscal year. Therefore, we would like to make a few observations which might help the over-all Kingdom program.

There was a time when a Baptist church program was not as vast, not as intricate, and certainly not as varied as it is today. When the fiscal year, October to October, was first adopted, the Sunday School was a separate organization from the church. There were no Training Unions, no Brotherhoods, and no Woman's Missionary Unions, such as we have today. So, at the end of September the reports were all prepared and plans were made for the new year.

But in 1957, we find a different program. The average Baptist church has many different organizations, such as Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, choirs, along with many permanent and varied committees. In order to keep these organizations operating efficient-

ly and at maximum strength, much time must be spent in electing the right people for the right job. These people must be contacted, elected and installed by October 1st.

As pastor, we soon learned that it was impossible to plan, prepare, present and promote a church budget and Christian stewardship adequately at the same time that we were finding, contacting, enlisting, electing and installing organizational workers.

Consequently, every church where we served as pastor used the calendar year (January 1st to January 1st) as the church fiscal year.

When a church uses the calendar year as its fiscal year, it will have three months — July, August and September — to find, enlist, elect and install all of its workers. Then, the next three months — October, November and December — can be used to plan, present and promote a Stewardship Campaign, and the church budget.

Let us ask some questions to provoke more thinking. Why try to major on promoting the election of church workers and the church budget at the same time? Why not revise your church calendar, so that more time can be given to these important tasks? — R. D.

Clinton and Pastor Bone

We understand that First Church in Clinton is increasing its gifts through the Cooperative Program for 1957 by 50 per cent. The church has been giving 10 per cent and now it will give 15 per cent in 1957. Do you know Pastor Bone? He is one of the Lord's anointed and is leading the saints in Clinton in a signal manner. — B. L. B.

Apologies to Anderson and Fowler

Inadvertently, recently, we said in the paper that Garland Anderson was pastor at Almyra. We are sorry to have made this error. Of course, we know that Graham Fowler is pastor at Almyra and is doing a marvelous work there. — B. L. B.

State Evangelistic Conference

A good program for the State Evangelistic Conference has been planned by Dr. I. L. Yearby, State Secretary of Evangelism. The Conference meets at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Monday, January 21, 6:45 p. m., and continues through Wednesday noon, January 23.

Sometimes it is difficult for us to keep our hearts warm and compassionate when we are dealing with the mechanics of church organization and promoting a calendar of activities.

The Evangelistic Conference gives us an opportunity to fan the spark of compassion into a flame of soul-winning endeavor. We believe that it is God's hour for God's people to come to the altars of God's house and say in rededication — "Here am I, send me!"

Many of us need a rededication and a re-commission, so we plan to attend the Evangelistic Conference January 21-23. — R. D.

Measels and Berryville

The brethren everywhere should rejoice over the victories that the Baptists are having in Berryville under the leadership of J. B. Measels. Just a few years ago, we were living in disappointment about the work in Berryville a great deal. But, Ray Evans seems to have started the work up the hill. Herman Webb followed him with a splendid ministry and led the church on from victory to victory. Now, J. B. Measels is leading the way to even more and greater victories. Last year they increased their budget 40 per cent and this year they are doing more. They will increase their Cooperative Program gifts 29½ per cent. This is a challenge to all of us to do just a little better than we have ever done. Thank God for Measels and the saints in Berryville. — B. L. B.

Kuespert to the Chaplaincy

John H. Kuespert was for a while pastor of Central Church in Mineral Springs. He has been called to active duty as a chaplain and is located at Fort Hood, Texas. His address is Chaplain First Lieutenant John H. Kuespert, Headquarters 53rd Signal Battalion Corps, Fort Hood, Texas, and his residence is 529 Scott Avenue, Walker Village, Killeen, Texas. — B. L. B.

Another Arkansas Boy Makes Good in California

Edmond R. Walker, who was reared in North Arkansas and who has been pastor of Calvary Southern Baptist Church, El Monte, California, has been elected Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer of California Southern Baptists. Congratulations to Walker. — B. L. B.

A Special Invitation (To a Special Group)

All associational missionaries and moderators in the Arkansas Baptist Convention are invited to a banquet Monday evening, Jan. 21, 5:30, at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

If there is a missionary or moderator who has not made reservations, please get that reservation in the mail today. — R. D.

Southern Baptist Convention Dates

The 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention will open on Tuesday night and close on Friday night. The revised dates, as approved by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, are May 28-31, 1957, in Chicago's International Amphitheater. — B. L. B.

Branscum and South Highland

South Highland Church in Little Rock has adopted a 1957 Budget amounting to around \$60,000. About 20 per cent will be for the Cooperative Program. Hats off to Pastor Branscum. When he went to this church the budget was about \$8,000. What a record!

—B.L.B.

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Growth Requires More Denominational Workers

The Southern Baptist Convention's program to establish 30,000 new preaching stations by 1964 will increase the demand for pastors and church workers, members of the Convention Executive Committee learned at their meeting recently.

Allen W. Graves, dean of religious education at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., described the need for denominational workers. He is chairman of the Convention's committee on Christian vocations.

The committee on Christian vocations recommended that tracts and other literature be published to tell young people about Christian vocations. Church libraries were asked to expand their shelves on vocations.

"We found that one of the most serious problems was the lack of information on the part of young people, their parents, and church leaders about the nature of a divine call, the needs and qualifications for service in church-related vocations," Graves reported for the committee.

"We found a serious lack of guidance materials," he added.

The committee on Christian vocations asked the Baptist Sunday School Board to consider employing a staff member to serve in the field of church-related vocations.

It also wants the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention meeting May 28 in Chicago to continue the life of the committee for another year. This, according to Graves, permit the committee "to complete its study and to assist in establishing the proposed program."

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