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H. Armstrong Roberts.

*Let's not tie the hands of our Institutions and Agencies
by lack of funds*

I Wish I Had Had Christian Parents

Editor's note: For obvious reasons the name of the writer of this story is withheld. Read it, and you will understand. She is now an active member of a good church in Kentucky. She states, "... but this story has a happy ending; my Dad and Mother left a testimony that they had accepted Jesus as Savior in their closing years, and I am therefore happier."

Today, as I let my thoughts go back to the days of childhood, there come memories which I would like, so much, to forget. This I cannot do; I know that the past can never be changed.

I was reared on a farm, by parents who knew the hardships of bringing up children in those early days. They loved to work hard, and they loved their children; they would have given all their earnings to help either child to go ahead in education and get a good start in life. They were honest, and I loved them deeply for that. But my heart is heavy when I think of their seeming, utter lack of concern for our spiritual welfare.

Longed For a Christian Home

As a child, I had a longing in my heart for a Christian home; and today, I would be so happy if I could only cherish memories of Dad and Mother calling us all together for family worship, hearing them pray for us, knowing that they, too, had Jesus for their Savior. But such memories are denied me; I cannot go back and change things.

I write this in the hope that I can, in some way, encourage parents to become the kind of parents their children really need, help them to see their place in life as father and mother. If I can do that, then I shall be happy.

Small Opportunity

I was converted when I was twelve years old and attended worship about once a month. The little country church had only a part-time pastor; Sunday School was closed several months out of each year for the reason that no one seemed to care enough to become an active worker in keeping it going. In those days we were never taught anything about missions; we knew nothing about the Baptist Training Union and all the other wonderful programs others have enjoyed.

It grieves me, that after my conversion I did not have the opportunity to become active in church work, and could not, therefore, receive the blessing and spiritual growth which comes from service. I wanted to serve; I could feel, even as a child, the need of such experience; and I knew, even then, that "the fields are ripe unto harvest." I even prayed about the things which I longed to do in His name.

I Will Give Him What Is Left

This month I realized my place in His service. If the words had been spoken audibly, they could not have been clearer. Our church, here, was having a School of Missions, and I was attending each service, prayerfully. One of our missionaries was giving us the wonderful experiences he had enjoyed while serving for some thirty years on a mission field. Upon closing, he extended an invitation for those who felt that God was calling them to special service. In that quiet moment I realized my place. But here, too, there is grief—a grief which grows from my neglected childhood. I am older now, and have only a part of my life to offer. If only I had been led to realize my place in the kingdom of God when I was young! How much happier I would be today, and how much more useful!

Because of early neglect and lack of training, I am not fitted to serve on mission fields; but I shall be happy to give Him what is left, and to do my best in my church and community.

I earnestly beseech you to pray for me, that God will give real, Christian homes—the kind that have praying fathers and mothers who give early direction—to the young people of our day; homes which can guide young hearts and feet and hands in the way of Christian service and living.

My Prayer

So, this is the prayer that is mine these days, mine because bitter memories of a neglected childhood are with me:

Dear Lord, help fathers and mothers to realize, in truth, that their children are their most precious, earthly possession. Help them to probe their very souls with the question, "Am I really a Christian? and can I give my children the kind of home to which they will look back in gratitude to God?"

And help me, dear Lord, to be the kind of parent I ought to be so that, out there in the future, there will be leaders to carry on Thy work; and so that, whatever comes, I shall have the assurance that I did what I could, in Thy name, Amen.

—Western Recorder

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If I Were a Deacon

By R. C. CAMPBELL

It is far easier to talk about what one would do if he were a deacon than it is to do it. If I were a deacon I would take my office seriously. The first New Testament deacons did. The fact is, it was the faithfulness of one of those deacons, Stephen, even faithfulness unto death, that must have started Paul toward the Lord. Seriousness is a fundamental requirement for any worthwhile responsibility.

If I were a deacon I would study the needs and opportunities of my church. Many churches are on a standstill, and others are retrograding from lack of aggressive leadership in the Board of Deacons. I would cooperate to the fullest in maintaining every phase of the Lord's work. Co-operation is a big and meaningful word. Little hearts do not see much in it, but God sees the salvation of a lost world through co-operative consecration and effort.

If I were a deacon I would help to keep the finances of my Church in a healthy condition. This is important. We let our finances lag and limp and drag because we try to solve this problem on a basis of man's judgment, and not by following God's plan. If deacons will study the Bible teaching on financing the Kingdom, that of giving the Tithe as a minimum, and practice it for themselves, they can lead the church to follow it. Then financial problems would be solved, not for a short time, but for all time.

If I were a deacon I would see to it that missions had a foremost place in the church program. Missions rightly interpreted is reaching the lost for Christ. This is the first and most imperative duty of the Church. I would not be satisfied with past achievements of my church. "We cannot go forward by looking backward." Achievements of the past should spur and inspire to greater things for the Lord.

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Even a watch that won't run is right twice a day.

The Trials of Jesus Before Pilate

A Devotion by the Editor

"And Pilate gave sentence."

Pilate yielded to the popular demand against his own judgment and desire. He knew what was right. He knew the falsity of the charges and the innocence of Jesus. He felt the appeal of Jesus and there must have been in his heart a faint longing to yield himself to the Lord. He went so far as to proclaim his own convictions and offer a substitute proposal for the demands of the mob.

But, alas! He didn't have the moral courage to make his decision for Christ in opposition to the popular demand. And though he tried to wash his hands of the whole affair he could not escape the responsibility that was his to pass sentence upon Jesus.

Pilate was but one of a long line and an ever increasing multitude of people who, knowing they should follow Jesus and feeling a desire to do so, allow themselves to join the crowd of blasphemers and jesters who repudiate and deny the Lord of life. Intimidated by the vociferous denials of the ungodly, swayed by the opinion of companions, influenced by the circumstances of life by which they are surrounded, there are great numbers of people who stifle the spirit of truth and justice in their hearts.

There is the story of a young man and his wife who came to a community far removed from their home. The Christian people of the community showed them every courtesy possible, going to their home, calling upon the man at his place of business, inviting them to Sunday School and church, but instead of responding to these overtures of the Christian people of the community, they followed a different crowd, lost their spiritual bearings, and soon found themselves in distressing trouble. They then turned to the Christian people of the community for help.

Jesus is on trial today and every day. Each person is passing sentence on Him. And the sentence passed on Jesus by you and by me, and by every member of the human race, is determined either by our yielding to the insistence of the throngs that have rejected him or by our responding to His appeals and following the promptings of our hearts.

"And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will." Luke 23:23-25.

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From the Editor's Desk

Liberty Vs. Tolerance

Governor James H. Duff of Pennsylvania is reported to have proclaimed the last Sunday in October of each year as "Tolerance Day" for the state. The proclamation was made at services commemorating the One Hundred Fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Salem Lutheran Church at Aaronburg, Pennsylvania.

The Governor said: "Americans are today the hope of the people of today's world, and if that hope is not to be in vain, ours must be an example of tolerance and consideration for others."

At Syracuse, New York, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, declared that full religious liberty has become one of the greatest concerns "of all who cherish freedom." "The Roman Catholic Church believes in religious freedom, but it is freedom with a decided difference. The Roman Catholic conception is really limited to freedom as over against the political power; it does not include freedom from ecclesiastical power."

There are some very fine and important distinctions to be noted in these pronouncements from two different sources. It should first be understood that tolerance is not liberty. Tolerance presupposes a power which may at its own discretion deny others complete liberty. When we speak of religious tolerance in America we are using the wrong term, because there is no power in America that has the authority to abridge the religious liberty of any group so long as religious liberty is not taken to be a license to interfere with the religious liberty of others.

The United States Government is under obligation to protect the religious liberty of every group and no particular religious group has any right to expect special favors over any other religious group.

On the other hand, religious tolerance is based upon the assumption that one or more particular religious groups do have the right to claim special privileges and that all other religious groups are supposed to exist and carry on their religious practices by the grace of the favored group or groups. Therefore religious tolerance is alien to the concept of American religious liberty and should not be used in discussing religious liberty. As pointed out by Dr. Cavert in the quotation given above, the Roman Catholic Church believes in religious freedom as related to political power. However, the Roman Catholic Church does not believe in religious freedom or liberty for other religious groups as related to itself.

The position of the Roman Catholic Church, according to pronouncements of Roman officials through the ages, is that the Roman Catholic Church is the only church that has a right to complete religious liberty, and that all other religious parties exist, if at all, by the grace or the tolerance of the Roman Church. In countries where the Roman Catholic Church is in the majority and where it is the state church, other religious groups do not en-

joy religious liberty. They must submit to many restrictions in the exercise of their religious faith and practice. It becomes obvious, therefore, that we have in America a denomination to which America grants full religious liberty but which, if it were powerful enough, would deny that same liberty to other religious bodies.

The religious liberty we enjoy today was bought at the price of hardship, persecution, and blood by the founders of our nation. May we guard our heritage of religious liberty against the inroads of all who would substitute mere tolerance for full liberty.

Lawyer Misses the Point

Arthur E. Southerland, Jr., Professor of Law at Cornell University, is reported as saying that the church-state relations in the United States cannot be resolved by strict logic. Then he goes on to give instances in which strict logic are failing, instances where the government gives favorable recognition to religious activities: Bible reading in public schools required by statute in many states, school sessions opening with prayer, invocation by a local minister at graduation exercises, religious songs in public schools, and other such minor religious observances.

The fact is that the logic of such situations is practically clear where the school children come from religious homes and these practices do not involve the principle of separation of church and state. That principle is involved in two areas of both the church and the state. These two areas are the function of the church and the function of the state, the financial support of the church and the financial support of the state.

Strict logic will keep the function of the church and the function of the state absolutely separate with no overlapping; strict logic will keep the financial support of the church and the financial support of the state completely separate with no overlapping.

For either the church or the state to assume the function of the other is to violate the principle of separation of church and state; for either the church or the state to require financial support from the other or to grant financial support to the other is to violate the principle of separation of church and state.

There is a common ground of civic righteousness and morality on which both the church and state can stand side by side and work for the same great ends without in anywise infringing upon the rights or abridging the privileges of the other.

Pope Advises American Congressmen

We wonder in the first place why American Congressmen would call on Pope Pius XII. Of course it is the privilege of any person who desires to do so to call on the Pope in the event the Pope will receive him. Yet a question

In Convention Assembly

Here we are once more assembled in the sessions of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. We look back with gratification upon a year of success and achievement along all lines in our denominational program. We are thankful to our Lord for the blessings which He has showered upon His Baptist people of Arkansas, for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our work, for the victory over sin and Satan in the salvation of souls, for the ministry of our Arkansas Baptist agencies and institutions.

We are thankful to Arkansas Baptists, to the pastors and churches for their co-operation in all the work of the denomination. Whatever achievements may be placed to the credit of the year's work are due to the co-operation of the Baptists of the state. We, as Arkansas Baptists, stand upon a plateau looking toward the far horizons of future years.

We must address ourselves to the opportunities and tasks and problems of the present. However, we must not allow the present to obscure our vision of the future. It is only in the light of the future that we can properly appraise and see with clarity the present opportunities and challenges. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the present sessions of the Convention will prove to be far reaching in plans and programs for the years ahead, and in prayers of re-dedication to the commission of our Lord.

We must plan, not with human wisdom, but with divine wisdom; we must work, not with human strength, but with divine strength; we must co-operate, not on a human level, but on the divine level; we must serve, not human interests, but divine interests. Our Lord has given us a message to deliver and a program to carry out. He has offered us the power to do His bidding. If we fail, it will be because we do not lay hold upon the power and resources which He has provided.

Arkansas Baptists must not, and will not, fail in this challenging hour.

is raised when eight American statesmen call on the Pope—a question as to whether it is a political call or not.

It does not seem probable that the eight Congressmen would make a social call or a religious call on the Pope. Since for all practical purposes the United States Government has maintained diplomatic relations with the Vatican for a number of years, it is reasonable to suppose, without evidence to the contrary, that the visit of the eight American Congressmen to the Pope was for political purposes.

But the irony of the reported visit appears in the Pope's presumption in suggesting to the Congressmen that the United States adopt a more liberal immigration policy. How does this sound coming from the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church: "Is the present immigration policy as liberal as the natural resources permit in a country so lavishly blessed by the Creator and as the challenging needs of other countries would seem to demand?"

Is the American Congress ready to take dictation from the Pope at Rome? Think it over and let your Senators and Congressmen know what you think.

Kingdom Progress

Orphanage Truck Schedule

By H. C. SEEFELDT, Superintendent

The following Schedule for the Orphan's Home Truck has been worked out. If any date on this schedule is not satisfactory, please advise the Orphanage; otherwise please have the things for the truck brought to central places as we are trying to take care of the entire State with this one truck.

SOME THINGS NEEDED

We list the following as suggestions for the things most needed: Food, feed of all kinds, corn, small grain feed such as maize; chickens; eggs; sweet and Irish potatoes; fruit, canned and fresh; flour; corn meal; syrup; canned peas, corn, beans; rice; and nuts. We will also be glad to pick up good used pianos; heavy furniture; tables; chests of drawers; washing machines; sheets; towels; aprons; table cloths; any other items you can spare.

November 18—Pulaski County Association.
November 19—Harmony and Centennial Associations.

November 22 and 23—Current River, Green County, Gainesville, and Mt. Zion Associations.

November 25 and 26—Red River and Hope Associations.

November 28 and 30—Ouachita and Buckner Associations.

December 1 and 2—Faulkner County, Newton County, Boone-Carroll, White River, and Stone-Van Buren Associations.

December 5-9—Washington-Madison and Benton County Associations.

December 12-14—Trinity and Mississippi County Associations.

December 15-16—Independence, Little Red River, and Big Creek Associations.

December 17—Bartholomew Association.

December 19 and 20—Little River Association.

December 21 and 22—Liberty and Carey Associations.

December 23—Delta Association.

December 27 and 28—Concord and Clear Creek Associations.

December 29 and 30—Caddo and Central Associations.

January 3 and 4—Arkansas Valley and Tri-County Associations.

January 5 and 6—Dardanelle-Russellville and Conway-Perry Associations.

January 9—Caroline Association.

January 11-13—Woodruff County and White County Associations.

Pastor R. D. Washington reports that the First Church of Monticello had the services of Dr. Cal Guy of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in a revival meeting from October 30 to November 6. Jack Terrell of the Southwestern Seminary directed the music.

There were six additions to the church by baptism, and one by letter.

Hardy Baptist Church has secured the services of Emmett Duke of Mountain Grove, Missouri as their new pastor.

B. S. U. Student Night

The B.S.U. at Arkansas State Teacher's College, Conway, is planning to promote "Student Night" in the home churches of the Baptist students of the college during the Christmas vacation.

Each church will receive a list of the students from its membership attending the college, together with suggestions for Student Night Program. Any pastor desiring more information concerning this project please write: Miss Sue Williams, B.S.U. Secretary, Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, Arkansas.

The First Church of Morrilton, C. D. Sallee, Jr., Pastor, has progressively increased its allocation to the Cooperative Program from \$1,036.50 in 1946 to \$4,000 for 1950. The Cooperative Program gift from the Morrilton Church was \$2,100 in 1947 and \$3,100 in 1948. The church is aiming at the 50-50 division by increasing its Cooperative Program gifts by five percent of the total budget each year.

During the three years ministry of Pastor Sallee the Sunday School attendance has grown from 161 to 286. The church-contributions have increased from \$9,591.67 to \$25,348.86.

There have been 244 additions to the church during the pastorate of Mr. Sallee.

The First Church of Paragould, D. C. Applegate, Pastor, reports 147 awards given in a recent Training Union Study Course. Others are taking the course by examination from the State Training Union Department. Robert Rose is Training Union director in the Paragould Church.

Pastor Lloyd A. Sparkman of the Southside Church, Pine Bluff, will teach the book "God's Hurry" by Dr. Duke K. McCall, at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, November 21-23.

Mrs. Sparkman will be the feature speaker at the noon-day meditation periods.

Dr. Walter L. Johnson and the First Church of Fayetteville has the services of Dr. Paul Caudill of the First Baptist Church of Memphis in revival services October 30 through November 6. Gale Dunn, Assistant Pastor and Minister of Music of the Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, directed the music.

There were twelve additions to the church by baptism and letter. Dr. Johnson remarks, "The consensus of opinion among pastor and people is that the services of these days constituted one of the greatest revivals which the church has ever experienced. Dr. Caudill and Mr. Dunn make an unusually fine team."

Dr. Duke K. McCall reports \$513,332.18 received during the month of October for the Cooperative Program, and \$77,782.47 designated gifts, making a grand total of \$591,105.65.

The total for the first ten months of 1949, including the Cooperative Program and designated gifts, was \$8,252,091.81. This is \$595,988.35 more than was received during the same period in 1948.

Dr. O. W. Yates To Head Central Baptist Hospital



Dr. O. W. Yates resigned as Director of Public Relations at Georgetown College to accept the position of Exchange Secretary of the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, effective November 1, 1949. A native of North Carolina, Dr. Yates was graduated from Wake Forest College, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Peabody College. He was awarded the Ph. D. degree by the latter institution. Dr. Yates has had wide experience as a leader in institutional work. Before going to Georgetown in 1946 he served on the faculties of Bethel, Western and Ouachita Colleges. Several years ago Georgetown College conferred an honorary doctorate upon him for his outstanding contribution to education in Kentucky.

The trustees of the Central Baptist Hospital have adopted as the program for the immediate future, a campaign to raise funds which will make possible the letting of a contract for the erection of the hospital building unit by unit. Dr. Elwin L. Skiles, president of the trustees, states that Dr. Yates is eminently fitted to lead in this challenging program; "Well known throughout the State and having the confidence of all who know him, he brings to the hospital movement the aggressive leadership which is essential to the completion of the fund-raising campaign, the erection of the building, and the operation of the hospital for all who need its services."

The Central Baptist Hospital is being built on a ten acre plot just beyond the University of Kentucky on the Nicholasville Pike, Lexington, Kentucky. Although begun and promoted by Baptists, the hospital will serve the needs of all religious and racial groups. The Hospital offices are located at 179 East High Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

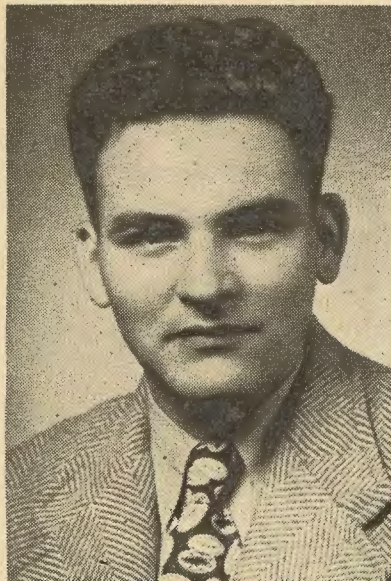
Elwin L. Skiles, President
Board of Trustees

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Pastor Joe Shaver did his own preaching in a two weeks revival at the First Church Batesville, October 23 to November 6. Gene Bartlett, minister of music at the Trinity Church, Oklahoma City, directed the music.

There were fifty additions to the church membership, thirty-one for baptism. A religious census was taken before the revival began, and a program of visitation was followed during the two weeks of the meeting.

Minister Ordained



Vernon Hunt was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the First Church of Berryville on August 29. Vernon served the Hill Top Church near Harrison as supply pastor during the summer.

In 1947 he served as youth week pastor of the Berryville Church, at which time he preached his first sermon. Vernon is a sophomore at Ouachita and his father is a deacon in the First Church of Berryville.

The Central Church of Mineral Springs reports new records set in Sunday School attendance and offerings over the same eight months period last year. Attendance gains show a twenty-three per cent increase, and there was a forty-six per cent increase in offerings.

Thomas Bridgeman is the Sunday School superintendent, and Jack Cowling, a 17 year old Junior Deacon, is the Associate Superintendent.

On October 19 the Baptist Church at Dutch Mills, together with the co-operation of the entire community, sponsored a drive to raise funds for polio victims. Among those most active in this undertaking were: Pastor Atkinson of Lincoln; Earl Eversall, whose grandson, Teddy Eversall, is a polio victim, and Mrs. Carl Umberson, whose son, Donald Umberson, is also a polio victim. The offering amounted to \$67.

Seventy-one men from the churches of El Dorado were dinner guests of the children at the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Sunday, November 6. After dinner these visitors made a survey of the farm and buildings. The men of the churches of El Dorado made a similar visit to the orphanage in 1948, and they had much to do with El Dorado churches leading the state in the Thanksgiving offering last year.

THE BAPTIST HOUR

DR. R. G. LEE, Preacher

November 20—Subject:
"Be Ye Thankful"

Stations in Arkansas:

At 2:30 P. M., CST, Sundays: **KELD**, El Dorado; **KFSA**, Fort Smith; **KTHS**, Hot Springs; **KGHI**, Little Rock; **KCLA**, Pine Bluff; **KBRS**, Springdale.

Revival

By FRED J. VOGEL

The famous "Hour of Power" preacher, Dr. John E. Huss, pastor of the Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky conducted the Southern Baptist College Student Union's Revival, October 24-28.

Many decisions were made for Christ because of the spirit-filled messages brought each evening by Dr. Huss, the noon day prayer devotionals, the talks in the various classes and the special messages in song. In addition to this, much prayer to God was followed up with an intensive visitation and witnessing program that bore fruit. As a result of these efforts fifteen students made a profession of faith in Christ as Saviour, more than fifty came forward for rededication, three volunteered for special service on the home and foreign mission field and ten moved their church membership to the College City Baptist Church.

On November 6, County Line Church in Big Creek Association ordained Buel Sharbel and Herbert Fore as deacons. The ordaining council was composed of Pastor John Walker and Deacons A. S. Gilbraith, Lester Gilbraith, Clifton Roper, Lewis Horn, and Oscar E. Ellis.

Pastor Boyd Baker reports that the Wynne Church recently held a Training Union Study Course. Pastor and Mrs. Williford Lee, Leland, Mississippi, and Tri-County Associational Missionary W. F. Efferson assisted Pastor Baker in teaching the books. Pastor Lee taught the adult book, "God's Hurry" by Duke K. McCall; Mrs. Lee taught the Junior book, "Living for Jesus;" Missionary Efferson taught the Young People "God's Hurry" by Duke McCall; Pastor Baker taught the Intermediates "Not Your Own;" and Mrs. Wilson Bateman taught the Beginners mission stories and handi-craft. There was an average attendance of 78.

The W.M.U. of Hope Association has started a movement which may well be taken up by other associational W.M.U. organizations. On October 27 the Hope Associational W.M.U. held an all day meeting for the purpose of studying methods. The study was under the direction of Miss Nancy Cooper, state W.M.U. executive secretary, and Mrs. Effie Goodbar, state W.M.U. president, and Miss Anne Alexander, young people's director in the Liberty Association.

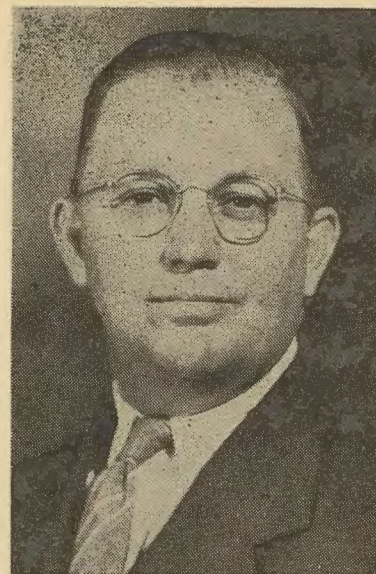
The meeting was held in the College Hill Church, Texarkana, and there were 175 women present.

The churches of Fort Smith are building. The Northside Church, B. F. Worley, pastor, has completed its new building; the Trinity Church, P. J. Crowder, pastor, is making rapid progress on its new building; the First Church, B. V. Ferguson, pastor, will soon occupy its new Educational Building; the South Side Church, V. H. Kaufman, pastor, is formulating plans for a new building; the Lavaca Church, O. M. Stallings, pastor, has recently redecorated the church building.

First Church, Prescott, has engaged Malcolm Sample as Educational and Music Director.

Mr. Sample is a senior at Ouachita College, and Mrs. Sample teaches in the elementary school at Prescott.

Arkansas Pastor



William E. Lyles, for ten years the pastor of National Avenue Church, Memphis, has accepted the pastorate of Turrell Church and moved on the field in October.

Mr. Lyles is a native of Mississippi, received his education in that State and in Union University, Jackson, Tennessee.

During his pastorate in Memphis, the membership of National Avenue Church grew from less than one hundred members to 780; the auditorium was a small one room building when he began that pastorate and when he left the church plant was worth \$88,000, consisting of a large brick building, a pastor's home, and an acre of ground for recreational purposes.

In 1947 National Avenue Church led in Shelby County with the most baptisms and ranked among the first ten churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. During his short pastorate at Turrell, he reports that fourteen new members have been added to the church, six of whom were for baptism.

Pastor J. W. Buckner and Associate Pastor Harold White conducted the second stewardship revival of the year in the First Church of Crossett.

Pastor Buckner says, "Stewardship is gaining ground here and many of our people are finding greater joy in service since they have found the Lord's plan of stewardship. It is expected that the number of tithers will reach 500 within the next few weeks."

Not Responsible

It is reported that a group of young women working under the direction of a man have been soliciting magazine subscriptions in England, Arkansas, to finance their way through the School of Nursing at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

The hospital administration wants it known throughout Arkansas that it has given no authority to anyone to solicit funds or magazine subscriptions in the name of the hospital. We would suggest that the Baptists of the state be on guard against such unprincipled tactics.

J. Gilbreath, Administrator

A Smile or Two

*** Christian Horizons ***

Denver Paper Startled By Big Church Affiliation: Preliminary results of a church census conducted here indicate that three out of every four Denver residents have some sort of church affiliation.

Conducted by the Denver Council of Churches and the National Teaching Mission, the census reveals that about 300,000 persons have present or prospective links with some 346 churches in the city.

The Rocky Mountain News, local daily, said it was "startled" at the high proportion of residents who indicated a church affiliation. The paper told its readers it would assign a reporter and a photographer to cover services in a different church each Sunday, "just as reporters and photographers cover news of the statehouse, city hall, politics, police court, business affairs."

In a story headlined "News Will Tell Story of Denver Churches," the paper declared: "The startling figures disclosed during the past week in the church census of the city give the lie to the contentions of a godless age and declining church influence."

Hymn-Singing Barred in Arkansas Schools: An opinion issued by the Arkansas Attorney General's office here held that hymn-singing in public schools, instruction in any creed, or the assignment of Bible verses to memorize would be a violation of the state constitution. Assistant Attorney General Jeff Duty said that "religious instruction" was prohibited, but that teachers are directed by a 1930 law to "read the Bible without comment and that some prayers or the Lord's Prayer may be recited."

He said that while teachers could read from the Bible they could make no comment on the reading. Moreover, he said, pupils may not be required to attend the reading.

Baptists Reject Public Funds For Institutions: The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas adopted a report here urging its nine schools and five hospitals to shun federal or state aid.

Following the Board's action, Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary, disclosed that the Valley Baptist Hospital at Harlingen recently abandoned a request to the federal government for money.

Dr. Williams explained that the hospital was to have raised \$500,000 and the government was to provide \$274,000 for expansion. He said trustees called off the campaign after deciding that federal aid would be a violation of the Baptist position on the separation of Church and State.

Leading Richmond Citizen Becomes Minister at 65: A life-long dream has come true for Albert Sidney Johnstone, one of Richmond's best known citizens. At the age of 65, when most men are thinking about retirement, Mr. Johnstone has been ordained as a Presbyterian minister and has received his first call, to a church in the nearby town of Ashland.

For 29 years Mr. Johnstone was with the Federal Revenue Bank here, 27 of those years as personnel officer. Two years ago he went on the bank's retirement rolls.

Oxman Asks New Catholic Religious Liberty Doctrine: Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxman of New York told a Reformation Day rally here that "Protestants believe in religious liberty and stand firm against all who would destroy it."

The rally, held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, here, and sponsored by the Protestant Council of the City of New York, was attended by representatives of 1,200 Protestant churches.

Bishop Oxman called upon the Roman Catholic Church to enunciate a "new doctrine in the realm of religious liberty." He proposed that Pope Pius XII "simply declare that in all matters of religious liberty the Roman Catholic Church will do unto others as it would be done by and then act upon that declaration."

The bishop demanded an end to the "political, social and religious disabilities suffered by Protestants in Spain, in Italy, in Latin-American countries and in many sections of the world where a hierarchy is still obsessed by medieval notions of power."

Bucharest Baptist Seminary Enrolls Seventy: The Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest opened the scholastic year with an enrolment of seventy students, most of them from Transylvania.

Each student brought with him a supply of provisions for the winter months.

Barden Sees Separation More Important Than Aid: Congressman Graham A. Barden of North Carolina, author of the controversial Bearden Federal aid-to-education bill, told 4,000 persons attending a Reformation Day Rally in Atlanta that "separation of Church and State is far more important than Federal aid to education and if there must be a choice, I, with Protestants over the nation, will give up Federal aid."

Massachusetts Baptists Warn On Church-State Separation: A resolution calling on Baptists to guard the principles of separation of Church and State on the local, state, and national levels was adopted by delegates attending the Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

The resolution said that "any official financing of sectarian school activities is hostile to the religious freedom of the American way of life." It warned that government payments for sectarian school transportation "may be a handle for more widespread appropriations."

Churchmen Agree Colleges Should Have Religious Study: Four religious leaders—Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Unitarian—agreed in Minneapolis that public higher education should not be divorced from the basic insights of human experience which religion alone is able to afford.

Leaders of a panel discussion at a national conference on religion in higher education at the University of Minnesota, the four were not in complete agreement, however, on how to expand religion's role in the tax-supported colleges, although they seemingly were unanimous that this should be done.

A lunatic walked up to the new superintendent.

"We like you much better than the last fellow," he said.

The new superintendent beamed.

"Why?" he asked.

"Oh, you seem more like one of us."

—*Watchman Examiner*

Salesman: "Boy, I want to see someone around here with a little authority."

Office Boy: "Well, I have about as little as anyone. What is it you want?"

—*Selected*

Voice: "How do you feel this morning?"

Second Voice: "Fine."

Voice: "I guess I have the wrong number."

—*Borrowed*

Mother wanted to spend Saturday downtown, and father, a statistician, reluctantly agreed to give up his golf and spend the afternoon with the children. On the return of mother, the father handed her the following report of the afternoon:

"Dried tears—9 times. Tied shoes—13 times. Toy balloons purchased—3 per child. Average life of balloon—13 seconds. Cautioned children not to cross street—21 times. Children crossed street—21 times. Number of Saturdays I will do this again—0."

—*Anecdotes*

It was in the small hours of the morning. A befuddled gentleman was fumbling for the keyhole. Seeing his difficulty, a kindly policeman came to the rescue. "Can I help you find the keyhole?" he asked.

"Won't be necessary," said the other cheerfully. "You just hold the house still and I can manage."

—*Biblical Recorder*

"Pahson," said Aunt Caroline ferociously. "I'd like to kill dat low down husband o' mine."

"Why, Aunt Caroline, what's he done?"

"Done! Why he's gone and left de chicken-house door open, and all de chickens have escaped."

"Oh, well that's nothing. Chickens, you know, come home to roost."

"Come home!" groaned Aunt Caroline. "Come home! Pahson, dem chickens'll GO home."

—*Anecdote*

Conversation at the club turned to the oldest member, Hawkins, who for many years had vainly squirmed under the thumb of a domineering wife—a proud, imperious woman whose lightest whisper was law.

"How long has Hawkins been married?" asked the youngest member.

"Oh," said the wittiest member, "I suppose about 20 awed years."

—*Watchman Examiner*

A preacher visited a school, and put this question to a class of little girls: "If all the good people were white and all the bad people were black, what color would you be?"

Some answered "white" and others "black". But little Mary replied: "Please sir, I'd be streaky."

—*Baptist Observer*

Interesting Items

From Religious News Service

Glorieta Is Dedicated

With the snow-capped De Christo mountains nodding their welcome, 250 Baptists formed a circle by the rippling stream in a canyon-like repose here, the morning of October 26, and dedicated to God a second Southern Baptist assembly. The service was a part of the New Mexico Baptist Convention.

The caravan trip from Santa Fe, where the convention was in session, to the site of the new assembly, which is 800 feet higher than Mt. Mitchell, near Ridgecrest, was made immediately upon the announcement by Dr. J. O. Williams, that the Sunday School Board, where he is secretary of education and promotion, had voted to match dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 in developing the New Mexico assembly.

The Southern Baptist Convention voted at Oklahoma City to establish the assembly at Glorieta and instructed the Sunday School Board to study all that is involved in the development of the site and to bring a report to Chicago in 1950. A committee from the Board made up of Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, Dr. Williams, Harold Ingraham, and W. A. Harrell, along with New Mexico Baptists, investigated the site and reported that the property was desirable for development as an assembly.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee, also present at the dedicatory service, said he would recommend that the Executive Committee accept title to the 1200-acre property in line with the Convention action.

"Our problem now is to get the money to develop the property so it can become another Ridgecrest and serve as a blessing to thousands of young people and to hundreds of churches," Dr. McCall said. "Our responsibility is to carry out the will of Southern Baptists. With practical considerations, all working together, we can make a reality of our dreams. This property is dedicated to the advancement of Christ's work until he comes again."

It was suggested by various speakers at the meeting that a number of Baptists might want to make an investment in Baptist life by establishing memorials through the building of an auditorium, cottages, or through furnishing some equipment for the Glorieta assembly.

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Texans Plan Mammoth Christmas Pageant

Eight hundred residents of the Texas Panhandle will take part in a mammoth Christmas pageant to be sponsored nightly by the Amarillo Ministerial Alliance, December 16-23.

The pageant, to be given in eight scenes, will be presented in Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Canyon. It will cover the period from the time of Abraham to the birth of Christ.

Announcement is made today by Meredith College president Carlyle Campbell of the appointment of Dr. Edwin S. Preston, former president of Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, as Director of Public Relations at Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. Preston assumed his duties at the 50-year-old Baptist College for women on November 1.

The new Public Relations Director will have immediate responsibility for student contact, financial expansion of the college, and the department of publicity, and will promote activities of the college relating to various religious and educational organizations.

'Voice of Conscience' Gets People To Church

The Rev. Winfred McEver of the Westwood Christian church (Disciples) in Kansas City, Kansas, had an idea.

It was Saturday night, and he telephoned each family listed in the church membership roll. As each person lifted the phone receiver he heard this message: "This is the voice of conscience. Tomorrow is Sunday!"

Most of those called recognized the minister's voice and evidenced approval of the unique approach. What's more, the experiment paid off. Attendance at church the next day was three times above average.

UN General Assembly Approves Prayer Period

Deliberations of the UN General Assembly will henceforth open and close with a minute of silence for prayer and meditation, it was decided at a plenary session of the Assembly here. The decision becomes effective on January 1, 1950.

The action, approved by a 45-to-0 vote, was the first official recognition of the world's religions in UN proceedings.

Abstaining from the vote were the following: Soviet Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Eyelorusia, the Ukraine, Uruguay and one unidentified nation.

Church College Head Defends Tax Exemption

Tax-exemption privileges by the state of Kentucky are "a recognition of public service by non-profit institutions," Dr. Walter Groves, Centre College president, told the college's board of trustees, in Danville, Kentucky.

The head of this church-related school was referring to the possibility that the immunity from taxation now enjoyed by Kentucky's private institutions may be removed or modified by constitutional amendment or legislation.

"Private-controlled institutions serve the entire public and our graduates likewise serve in all possible walks of life," he said. "The element of private control is simply to preserve and foster an element in American society which a large segment of our population thoroughly believes has worth for the entire nation."

He warned, however, that tax-exemption privileges should include "only properties in actual use for the necessary work of the institution and such investments as are of non-competitive commercial nature, like investments in stocks, bonds, and real-estate mortgages." The privileges should not extend to "commercial properties," he said.

Protestantism Defense Against Communism

Protestantism is the world's "greatest bulwark against totalitarianism," a Boston clergyman told an audience of 1,200 at a United Reformation Service in Providence, Rhode Island.

Dr. Frederick M. Meek, of Old South church, branded as "fallacious" the idea that the Protestant Church "is inadequate to stand against totalitarianism and Communism."

In Italy where only a small percentage of the people are Protestants, he said, there was recently "great danger of a Communist coup."

Other countries of Europe now under the domination of Moscow, he said, have small Protestant populations, while Finland, Sweden, Holland, England and other Protestant countries "are not threatened by Communism."

In the United States, he said, the Communist threat is "only in the large cities where Protestants are not a major group."

Baptists To Evangelize Irish Catholics

Irish Baptist Union headquarters here are preparing a special evangelistic drive among Roman Catholics of republican Eire.

Home mission colporteurs who have been doing pioneering work during the past few years say they are being favorably received, and that Roman Catholic opposition, which was formerly extremely bitter, now has "practically ceased."

J. C. Reid, an evangelist working at Courtown Harbour in the extreme South, has arrived at headquarters in connection with the new campaign, which will be launched next summer. It is planned to use mobile units fitted with loud speakers for market place meetings.

The decision of the Baptists to expand their missionary activities in the South of Ireland has caused some surprise among other Protestant denominations here. Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal Churches have all been reducing their commitments in the South during the past few years.

According to Baptist leaders, colporteurs in the South of Ireland were often driven from markets and fairs by stone-throwing crowds. A new tolerance on the part of priests and people is showing itself, the Baptists assert.

Hierarchy Plans Drive to Shift School Burden

By SYDNEY C. LUCKER

The Roman Catholic hierarchy of England and Wales has put forward a plan for reducing the cost of reorganizing and building Catholic schools under the 1944 Education Act. Under present regulations, the cost would be 60 million pounds, or \$168,000,000.

According to the 1944 Act, Roman Catholic and other denominations must pay 50 per cent of the cost of bringing church schools up to standards prescribed by the law.

The Catholic bishops propose instead that Catholics should lease their schools to education authorities at nominal rents or rents sufficient to cover any mortgage interest and redemption. Under this arrangement education authorities would assume responsibility for all expenditures.

The bishops' proposals, it was announced, will be made the subject of an intensive national campaign to be launched in connection with the elections next year.

Under the bishops' plan, education authorities would be given the sole power to regulate the secular curriculum in Catholic schools, but religious education would remain unchanged. The Church would surrender the right of Catholic managers to appoint teachers, but all teachers would be subject to approval, as regards religious belief, by Catholic representatives.

Secularist and Free Church groups are expected to voice strong opposition to the proposals, which are intended to shift the greater part of the 60 million pounds expenditure from Catholic to public funds.

Convention Memorialized

Whereas the Arkansas Baptist State Convention meets only one time each year except when the Convention is called into special session.

Whereas the Convention in session is primarily a business session.

Whereas the trustee of the institutions are expected to give an account of their stewardship.

Whereas the verbal or written reports by the administrations do not give a complete picture of the financial condition of the institutions—

Whereas the audits are not in the hands of the reviewing committee at the State Convention but are printed in the minutes several months later and are not generally distributed, whereas there have been rumors that some of the institutions have run deficits, where the Convention is morally and legally obligated by its institutions and whereas practically all other state Conventions have audits of their institutions before the Convention for review.

Be it therefore resolved that the fiscal year of the Arkansas Baptist Convention be changed from January 1st to December 31st to a date prior to the meeting of the Annual Convention and that the audits be printed in the book of reports—which are distributed at the Convention.

Be it further resolved that we memorialize the Arkansas Baptist Convention which meets in Little Rock, November 15, 16 and 17 to instruct the Finance and Administration Committees to take the necessary steps to effect the change in the fiscal year.

Passed by:

Mt. Zion Baptist Association in Session, October 12, 1949.
A. M. Norton, Moderator.
Carl Bunch, Clerk.

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Dr. A. M. Herrington has resigned the pastorate of the Southside Baptist Church of Jaskonville, Florida, to enter the Southern Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky for graduate study.

Dr. Herrington came to the Southside church as pastor on October 1, 1945 after serving as Navy Chaplain for three years. Prior to his service in the Navy, Dr. Herrington was pastor of the First Church of Haynesville, Louisiana. His friends in Arkansas will remember him as pastor of the First Church of Camden for a period of ten years.

Under the leadership of Dr. Herrington the Southside Church has made notable progress having received 722 members into the church, raised \$90,631.90 for the building fund and erected a church auditorium which is nearing completion. A total of \$278,886.03 has been raised for all purposes with \$70,704.22 of this amount going for missions and benevolences.

In addition to his pastoral duties, he has served as treasurer and board member of the Baptist Home for Children; member of the board of directors of the Opportunity House; member of the executive committee of the Ministerial Alliance; program chairman of the Baptist Pastors' Conference, and is first vice president of the Florida Baptist State Convention.

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There is no indigestion worse than that which comes from having to eat your own words.

—Quote

Books Received

Bernard's Progress of Doctrine
Author: Thomas Dehaney Bernard
Publisher: Zondervan. Price \$1.75

The Quest of the Historical Jesus
Author: Albert Schweitzer
Published: MacMillan. Price \$5.00

Great Missionaries to the Orient
Author: J. Theodore Mueller
Publisher: Zondervan. Price \$1.50

Preaching and the Dramatic Arts
Author: E. Winston Jones
Publisher: MacMillan. Price \$2.00

Four Kinds of Water Baptism
Author: W. H. Murk, D.D.
Publisher: Northland Publishing Co.

The Glory of God in the Christian Calling
Author: W. O. Carver
Publisher: Broadman Press. Price \$3.75

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"Jolson Sings Again"

It is not often that a film produced as a sequel to another achieves the same quality, either in content or production. In the case of "Jolson Sings Again" (Columbia), which begins where "The Jolson Story" left off, the new production surpasses its predecessor at every point. One of its interesting phases is that this film tells how the first one came to be.

A man who, like Jolson, has won public adulation only to find himself later forgotten and unwanted, suffers a tremendous emotional set-back. He grasps at straws to boost his ego and to compensate for his disappointments. The script takes note of these symptoms through the concern of Cantor and Mother Yoelson (Ludwig Donath and Tamar Shayne) for their son's pursuit of worldly pleasures. The family relationship is warm and deep, but never falls into sentimentality. When the mother dies and Jolson returns to the family home, he finds his father in the dignity and faith of his religion, pouring out his soul in worship and supplication to God: one of the highest moments of the film.

This seems to be the turning point for Jolson. He sees the value of the unselfish life and goes on tours over the globe—to entertain our service men. The old joy of the performer returns, with a difference: now he is happy mainly because he is procuring pleasure for others—the secret of true contentment. A refreshing love element evolves when he meets an Army nurse (Barbara Hale), whom he later marries. It is through her courageous attitude toward life that his interest in singing is renewed, that contacts are made which bring about the making of "The Jolson Story."

"The Jolson Story" was a huge success, as box-office reports show. We believe that this "story behind the story" is due for even greater appreciation. It fills most of the requirements for a family picture: its emphasis is on the desirable, honest, decent, unselfish phases of family life. It passes up as unworthy or unimportant all phases of sophisticated living. There is a complete absence of drinking and so-called "high life." The feature, to us, is the dignity of the individual who finds his way through difficulty, to a sound re-adjustment to life and circumstances.

The music embodies many of the favorite songs in Jolson's repertoire and will prove a new delight to those who have enjoyed them through the years.

Baptist World Alliance Meeting in Cleveland

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, met in Cleveland, Ohio, with the local committee on arrangements to make preliminary arrangements and perfect the sub-committee organization for the 1950 Baptist World Congress to be held in Cleveland in July. Dr. Ohrn reported that invitations to the principal speakers were being sent out from the Washington headquarters and that the program is rapidly taking shape. He said detailed announcement will be released in the near future.

The meetings of the Congress will open on Saturday, July 22, with an afternoon session in the Public Hall and a great mass gathering in the Stadium, the base-ball park of the Cleveland American League team.

President Truman has been invited to deliver an address.

Registrations are now coming into the Cleveland office of the Committee on Arrangements. Applications for hotel and home housing will be made through this committee, and in the order of the respect of the registration accompanied by a fee of \$5. Address Dr. D. R. Sharpe, 900 Schofield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Free Sound Motion Picture Available

"Passport to Nowhere," a 16 mm sound motion picture dealing with the displaced person's problem, is available free of charge by writing the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office at 601 South Olympia St., New Orleans.

Running time of the picture is 20 minutes. It shows life in the D.P. camps overseas, and explains why hundreds of thousands are displaced persons. In requesting the picture indicate first, second and third choice of showing date.

Order from: Charles R. Gage, Southern Baptist DP Representative, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Evangelism According to Christ

GAINES S. DOBBINS, Author

Broadman Press—\$2.50

I have read with interest and profit the book, entitled "Evangelism According to Christ," by Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins. It is my sincere judgment that no other book has been written in recent years that so reveals the attitude and methods of Jesus as He dealt with individuals who were lost, without God and without hope. As I read this book, sermon after sermon on soul-winning germinated in my heart. I have never heard the author preach in a revival, but there is one thing of which I am sure, he understands and knows how to express true evangelism as it was practiced by our Saviour in His earthly ministry.

Southern Baptists are placing great emphasis now on evangelism. We are trying to make our contribution as a denomination to a spiritual awakening in this world before it is too late. Dr. Dobbins' book should be in the hands of every Baptist pastor in the South. No greater contribution to evangelism in our local churches could be made than the pastor's teaching this book on mid-week prayer meeting nights, associating the teaching with prayer. Also, it will be of tremendous help to pastors in preparation for sermons for the great simultaneous crusades east and west of the Mississippi River.

DR. C. E. MATTHEWS,
Home Mission Board.

To Acquaint Arkansas Baptists With Their Home For Homeless Children



BOYS' DORMITORY — ADMINISTRATION BUILDING — GIRLS' DORMITORY

The Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage

is a part of Arkansas Baptists' regular program. A part of our support comes through the Cooperative Program but 75 per cent comes through special offerings of money, food, feed, clothing and equipment.

Let's Show That We Care By the Way That We Share

Nickels and dimes and birthday offerings will help, but it takes more than these to take care of our children. The churches that led in the Thanksgiving Offering last year were the churches from which interested groups visited the home and then went back to do something about it.

Many gave One Day's Pay. Others gave \$50-\$100

One man sent a check for \$1,000

Another man gave a car load of cotton seed hulls, two tons of cotton seed meal, and two power lawnmowers.

Some churches set goals for a cash offering, and then did what they could to fill the truck.

Some gave pieces of equipment and stock. Some churches sent truck loads of supplies.

The church or individual that depends entirely on the Cooperative Program has only a small part in the support of the orphanage.

PLEASE GET BEHIND THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING IN YOUR CHURCH AND ASSOCIATION

**H. C. SEEFELDT, Superintendent
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage**

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Executive Secretary and Treasurer

MISS DORIS DEVAULT
Young People's Secretary

Report From The Abernathys

The following is taken from a letter to Arkansas women from Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, missionary to China. She and Mr. Abernathy are living in Fort Smith until they are able to return to their work in China.

Dear Co-laborers:

Our hearts are made sad as we see China gradually being closed to the Gospel, as communism claims more and more of the country; but we rejoice when we see that "refugee" missionaries are praying and planning to "lengthen their cords" while it seems impossible to "strengthen their stakes." News seeped through from our China home which gives deep concern. It was dated March 28. This missionary chose to remain after our city fell to the Communists. He wrote, "Our church activities closed; work at high school reduced to nil" and all students in the city warned to have nothing to do with us." This pastor had been through "darkness at noon" torture and all who had attended the leaders' conference had been imprisoned by the Communists. Word has just been received that the missionaries have been told that the Communists would not interfere with their religious work in any way, but that they would oppose it in their teachings. They have also been told that anyone who uses a car must pay \$50 in U. S. money each month for license fee. Gasoline has been boosted to \$3 per gallon in American money; so they have had to discontinue the use of their cars.

A letter sent out from Shanghai after the occupation convinced one missionary in Canton that it seemed useless to stay and try to carry on, even though she had previously felt led to stay.

Many of you are asking what we plan for the immediate future. Dr. Rankin feels that we should stay where we are for the winter. We had hoped to go to Formosa, the big island and about 400 miles southeast of Shanghai. Both the missionaries there and Chinese Baptist friends (of Chungking days) have urged us to go on with our plans to sail. However, both of our Secretaries feel that everything is too uncertain at present. We have promised speaking engagements up through the middle of December in several states.

We are greatly enjoying our own

apartment. It is a "haven of rest" which God has so graciously provided for us. Some friends wondered if the Board was wasting money by paying rent for missionaries who stay at home as little as we do; but we think it is worthwhile. Pray for us and our dear Chinese that we may be able to "glory in tribulation also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience . . ." At least we are "patient in tribulation." Sometimes with the eye of faith I see them "coming out of this tribulation," for as one reporter has written, "China has always been easier to conquer than to absorb." With Him there are no impossibilities. One of these days He will again say, "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and there shalt thy proud waves be stayed."

Continue to pray that His name shall be exalted through our lives.

Yours in Him,

Mrs. J. A. Abernathy.

Note: Later word from Mrs. Abernathy informs us they are to sail for Korea in February, 1950, where 16,000 Chinese have migrated from Shantung, where the Abernathys worked in China.

Hold On to Your Dollar!

How? Yes, you can! Invest in missionary magazines and hold twelve copies for every dollar you send to Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama, for either Royal Service for women, The Window of WYA for young women, Ambassador Life for boys, World Comrades for girls and children.

Have You Read It?

Have you read "Ann of Ava?" A new edition of this book has been published by the Friendship Press, and copies may be secured at your Baptist Book Store Ethel Daniels Hubbard is the author of this biography of Ann Hasseltine Judson, and the book is beautifully illustrated by Margaret Ayer. If you want to read a beautiful love story, a story of missionary adventure, history, and biography, this is the book for you. "Ann of Ava" will appeal to the teen-agers as well as the adults. Buy a copy today and read the thrilling story of these first American missionaries to Burma.

Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

Outstanding Work By The Associations

A questionnaire was recently sent to the Associational Missionaries in an effort to get some information which is often called for. In a later issue, these facts will be given through this column.

We pass on to you now, however, some special comments from a number of the missionaries. They are as follows:

J. J. Franklin, Arkansas Valley Association: "We are beginning the second associational year with every church having a pastor. Most of our churches are doing more in all departments of the work than at any time since we came here. I think more money has been given in 1949 than in 1948, and 226 more were baptized in 1949 than 1948, which was due to the Simultaneous Revival we had last year. We will do all we can to get every church of the association in a Simultaneous Revival April 9, 1950."

A. L. Hart, Benton County Association: "No doubt, last year was the greatest year in the history of our association. Notable gains were made in all phases of our work."

Herman Highfill, Buckner Association: "One of our problems is strengthening existing churches. We have a few possible new missions points, but association is fairly well covered with churches. We hope to enlarge on some associational phases of Kingdom work this year."

M. S. Jaggars, Caddo River: "The School of Missions has set us for the spring campaign and some few have been added because of it. The future looks good."

A. P. Elliff, Carey Association: "New Hope church has a standard Sunday School. By the help of State Missions, Prosperity church went to half time last year; full time this year and is adding six class rooms."

H. S. Coleman, Caroline Association: "Our Annual Youth Rally at the closing of our Annual Associational Meeting was outstanding. This year we had ten young people to surrender for special service."

Don R. Williams, Centennial Association: "Every church and every mission, with the exception of Oak Forest, has full time preaching. Every church, with the exception of two, has a pastor on the field. Our association is attempting to start new work at Gibbett."

Ottis E. Denney, Central Association: "In the past two

years, five new churches have been organized in Central Association. Each of these now have full time preaching and own their church building. Much of this progress has been due to a vigorous, effective associational mission program, along with some building fund aid and pastor's supplement received from the State Mission Department."

H. D. Palmer, Conway-Perry Association: "One church building started but not completed—one Mission point ready to be opened soon."

H. W. Johnston, Current River: "We went from half time, with Gainesville Association, to full time this year. Our new church has an acre of land donated and deeded to them, and some material on the land to begin new building, with bright prospects before them."

M. T. McGregor, Hope Association: "The Fulton Church, heretofore not associated with any group, came into our association this year. Two dead churches, Boyd and Evergreen, have been revived and are now having regular services with good attendance. We are having regular preaching services, along with Sunday School, at both the missions in Magnolia. In these missions, about thirty people were saved during the past year."

R. R. Shreve, Little Red River: "There was only one church that went full time during the associational year, but there has been two to go full time this month, which brings us up to five full time churches in this association."

Roy Fowler, Little River Association: "This association has a fine co-operative spirit. Associational meetings are well attended."

Carl Bunch, Mt. Zion Association: "We had a reported increase in baptisms of 86 or 21%. We had a Simultaneous Revival in July. I'm not sure how many churches took part, but about 20. Our pastorless churches are of recent development."

M. L. Wallis, Ouachita Association: "Several of our churches went 'all time' since our association met. It was the greatest year in our history."

H. M. Robertson, Rocky Bayou Association: "Sage Church, which has been pastorless since Brother Gallop resigned, has secured a house and called a man for full time. If he accepts, we will have only two pastorless churches."

Religious Education

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR

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Sunday School Superintendent

RALPH W. DAVIS
Training Union Director

212 Baptist Building, Little Rock

FRED J. VOGEL
Student Union Secretary

MRS. B. W. NININGER
Church Music Director



The Date Is December 5-9 For "M Night"

Every association in Arkansas will conduct the Training Union "M Night" Rally during the week of December 5-9, except Buckville and Conway-Perry County Associations whose rallies will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 4.

The meetings will begin with a conference for pastors, associational missionaries, and associational Training Union directors at 7:00 p. m. and the main program will begin at 7:30. All pastors are urged to attend the seven o'clock conference.

Each team will be composed of two men who will be responsible for the program. The 1950 program of work of the Training Union will be set up and the closing message will be the 1950 Training Union theme: "God's Everlasting 'Yes.'"

Last year the attendance of these meetings was 4,266 and the goal this year is 7,137. On page 11 of the October 27, 1949 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* there is a schedule of the rallies showing the time and place for each meeting and the program. On page 11 of the October 20, 1949 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* there is a schedule showing the attendance at each associational meeting last year and the goal for this year.

Every Training Union in Arkansas should be well represented at one of these forty-two associational Training Union rallies the first part of December. Every pastor and Training Union director should do his best to take as many of his Training Union leaders and members to one of the meetings as possible.

Attention Training Union Workers

Write to your State Training Union Director for Sword Drill, Junior Memory Drill, Speakers Tournament tracts and rules for the Pastor Contest. These tracts will be sent only to those who make request for them. Church elimination tournaments should be held during February, and the associational elimination tournaments should be held not later

than the last of February or the first part of March. The state tournaments will be held at the State Training Union Convention March 17-18, 1950, at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. The finals in the Sword Drill and Speakers Tournament will be conducted at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium on Friday night, March 17, 1950.

Baptist Student Union Has Successful Revival

By FRED J. VOGEL

The famous "Hour of Power" preacher, Dr. John E. Huss, pastor of the Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, conducted the Southern Baptist College Student Union's Revival, October 24-28.

Many decisions were made for Christ because of the spirit-filled messages brought each evening by Dr. Huss, the noon-day prayer devotionals, the talks in the various classes and the special messages in song. In addition, much prayer to God was followed up with an intensive visitation and witnessing program that bore fruit. As a result of these efforts fifteen stu-

dents made profession of faith in Christ as Saviour, more than fifty came forward for re-dedication, three volunteered for special service on the Home and Foreign Mission fields, and ten to move their church membership to the College City Church.

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First to attain standard for the New Sunday School Year 1949-1950.

The Walnut Valley church, Central association, Ed. F. Vallowe, pastor, and T. F. Reddick, Sunday School superintendent, is the first to make application for Standard recognition for the Sunday School in the new Sunday School year beginning October 1, 1949.

Attention All Pastors!

In preparing your 1950 Church Calendar of Activities, please mark March 17-18, 1950, as a time for the State Training Union Convention which will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, with the Friday night session being held at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium. Dr. Chester Swor will be the principal speaker and the Friday night session will feature the combined music festival under the direction of Mrs. B. W. Nininger. An attendance of 3,000 is expected for the Friday night session.

Baptist Student Union Plans Sunrise Thanksgiving Service

Baptist students are rallying around a program which provides an opportunity to give of self and substance in responding to an invitation to engage in Sunrise Thanksgiving Services. Several of the colleges have planned, and others are planning such service first as a means of contributing of self to the spirit of Thanksgiving, and second by invitation to the larger number of nationals on our campuses, instill in them this same Thanksgiving ideology. If you haven't included one of these services in your Thanksgiving thinking, mark it high up on your priority list of things to do.

University of Arkansas' B. S. U. Enjoys Revival

Dr. Paul Caudle led the First Church of Fayetteville in a glorious revival October 31-November 6. From the student angle it was a complete success.

Forty or more students jammed the Baptist Student Union Center on the campus each afternoon at five o'clock to hear Dr. Caudle speak. Two accepted Christ and joined the church by baptism; four joined by letter, and three surrendered to full-time Christian service. Our Baptist Student Union carries on in its purpose of tying the student on to the local church and its program to magnify Christ.

Visual Aid Suggestion

Suggested projected Visual Aids for New Intermediate closely grad-

White River Progressive Music School

Ten churches of White River association participated in the first Progressive Church Music School which was conducted by Mrs. B. W. Nininger, during the week of Oct. 30. Arrangements for the school were made by Seth Lonon, the associational music director, and Claude Crigler, missionary.

Opening with a well attended Hymn-Sing on Sunday afternoon at the Whiteville Church, classes in Music Fundamentals, Directing and Hymn Interpretation were conducted each evening in a different church—Whiteville, Mountain Home, Gassville, Cotter, and Flippin. A church family supper preceded the music class.

Two hundred forty-one people were enrolled in the school with an average attendance each evening of sixty-two. Many adults and young people qualified for awards in "Practical Music Lessons." Several of the participating churches are making plans to have a Summer Music School for their own people.

White River Association Hymn Sing

One hundred seventy-five people from ten churches crowded into the Whiteville Church, Sunday afternoon, October 30, for the regular Quarterly Hymn Sing of White River association. Seth Lonon, associational music director presided and introduced Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state music director who conducted the singing. Mrs. H. H. Raymond of Cotter was the accompanist. Ten pastors were present and Missionary Claude Crigler, spoke in the interest of Youth Choirs. He also took the count by churches. Several Youth choirs rendered special numbers—Mountain Home, Whiteville, and the Junior choir from Cotter. Solos were sung by Mr. Lonon of the Cotter church, and Leona Massick of Pilgrim's Rest church.

The next Quarterly Hymn Sing will take place on January 29, 1950, at the First Baptist Church of Mountain Home.

ed lessons.

Intermediate department superintendents, teachers, and directors of visual aids in the churches using the *New Intermediate Closely Graded Sunday School Lessons* will be interested to know that a booklet listing these projected Visual Aids is now available. It is believed that with the co-operation of Intermediate superintendents, teachers, and visual aids directors, the study of God's Word can be greatly enriched through the use of the materials suggested in this booklet. Write to your State Sunday School Superintendent for your copy.

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

Let's Get Ready!

The great Simultaneous Crusade of 1950 is just ahead. Preparations must begin now if the greatest victories are to be won, the greatest number of souls are to be reached for Christ.

Below is a letter from Lawson Cooke, Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, concerning the place of the Brotherhood in the coming campaign.

"The time has come for all of us to get busy in our cooperation with Dr. C. E. Matthews in his great Evangelistic Crusade during 1950 for the churches west of the Mississippi River. I hope you will urge all of your Brotherhoods to throw themselves full length into the two specific things that Dr. Matthews has asked the Brotherhoods to do:

1. Arrange a giant Laymen's Rally in every association.
2. Arrange for cottage prayer meetings in all of the homes represented in the church membership, as well as the homes in which there are lost people and unaffiliated Baptists.

Next year should be the greatest year in evangelistic effort and results in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. But it will not come automatically. It is

going to require a lot of praying, planning, and plugging.

In addition we will need every inch of publicity we can get.

As I see it from the southward viewpoint, the two things that should have Brotherhood priority next year are:

1. The Evangelistic Crusade in the churches west of the Mississippi River.
2. The greatest promotion of the Cooperative Program we have ever seen."

We, the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas, will pledge all of our resources to the Simultaneous Crusade of 1950. Not only will we endeavor to get every association to arrange a great men's rally in behalf of the Crusade, but we will work to get every Brotherhood to sponsor prayer-meetings in the church field, as Mr. Cooke suggests. Furthermore we will endeavor throughout the whole of the year personally to present Christ to as many people as the Lord makes possible.

We will also support and promote in all its phases the Cooperative Program of Arkansas Baptists and of the Southern Baptist Convention.

That's Brotherhood work!

The Foothold



By CHARLES A. WELLS

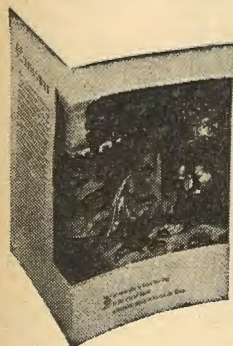
The financial crisis that has overtaken the dollar-pound areas is more spiritual than economic. The cost and wastage of war has pushed us beyond the foundation of physical resources. A national magazine recently pointed out the fact that all the gold mined since the days of Columbus—1492—only equals about 40 billion dollars. Yet our government budget is 45 billion, which is more than all the gold mined in the past 500 years. Our national debt of 265 billion looms very large in those terms. What makes our money good is no longer monetary wealth; it is our faith in our country, its leadership, and in men. Those who do not believe in God are cynics and never have much faith in man. When we realize that the British pound is hanging for its life to the dollar we can see how the whole thing is braced by the quality of our faith. The future of America and the world rests more upon what will happen in our churches than in our banks.

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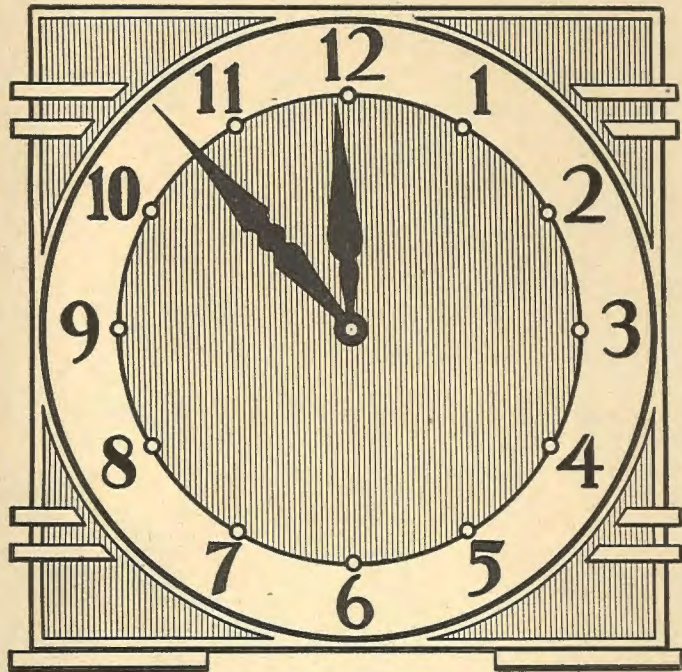
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Baptists Murdered In Bolivia

By JOSEF NORDENHANG

On August 8, a violent mob of 300 Indians attacked a group of Baptists assembled for worship in the town of Milcamaya, near Unica, in Bolivia. Nine persons were killed, among them Norman Dabbs, of the Canadian Baptist Mission, and Francisco Zalazar, president of the Baptist Union in Bolivia. The reports indicate that the Indians were incited to their murderous fray by local Roman Catholic agitation against Protestant missionaries. From our own missionary E. S. Swenson, manager of Junta Bautista de Publicaciones in Buenos Aires, Argentina, comes the following report of the tragic event:

On August 8, 1949 a group of Baptist preachers and laymen went to a place called Milcamaya near Unica in Bolivia, to conduct a service in a small Indian church belonging to the Canadian Baptist Mission. In that group was Norman Dabbs, missionary of said Mission, and personal friend who spent last summer with his family here in Buenos Aires when we enjoyed happy fellowship; Carlos Menses, who studied here in our Seminary, with whom we worked in a small church; Francisco Zalazar, president of the Baptist Union of Bolivia; Luis Guerrero Al-

va, and several others. Reaching the place of worship and in the midst of the service, Carlos Menses preaching, they were attacked by a mob of Indians, approximately 300, who with clubs and hatchets killed the above mentioned and five others, two of them children, and several were taken in a serious condition to the hospital of the Mining Company. When the bodies of Dabbs and Menses were recovered by Missionary Johnson of the Bolivian Indian Mission, they were so horribly mutilated that it was almost impossible to recognize them.

According to Percy Bucks, another missionary of the same Mission, "This has been the worst tragedy among evangelicals for a number of years. Some time ago the savages captured four men of the New Tribes Mission and most certainly did away with them. The South American soil is being sanctified with the blood of martyrs.

The daily papers here in Buenos Aires reported the atrocities and one, La Razon, came out openly accusing the Roman Catholic Church, saying that they had been instigated by a priest, and giving that priest's name.

On the same day a group of believers met for an open air meet-

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, November 6, 1949

	Sun- day	Train- ing	Addi- tions
Little Rock, Immanuel	1171	422	5
Including Missions	1453	677	9
Ft. Smith, First	1139	458	7
El Dorado, First	891	214	1
Little Rock, First	879	337	3
Including Missions	953		
N. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	829	267	3
Including Missions	978	350	4
Hot Springs, Second	760	217	
Little Rock, Second	726	124	2
Pine Bluff, South Side	612	279	6
Including Mission	665	312	
El Dorado, Immanuel	573	335	1
Including Missions	617	370	
Fayetteville, First	571	256	25
Including Mission	638	294	
El Dorado, Second	561	211	
Camden, First	530	204	1
Including Missions	742	347	
Magnolia, Central	521	175	1
Including Missions	659	207	
Crossett, First	516	207	
Including Missions	539		
Warren, First	516	156	3
Hope, First	490	135	2
Texarkana,			
Beech Street	482	164	1
Russellville, First	478	203	
Including Missions	556	225	
Hot Springs, Central	475	153	1
Forrest City, First	474	204	
Paragould, First	450	233	5
Including Missions	611	300	
Hot Springs, Park Place	449	150	3
Arkadelphia, First	441	181	
Including Missions	462		
Fordyce, First	439	160	2
West Helena	437	154	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	433	160	2
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	418	175	

ing in Cochabamba, when the bells of a near-by hospital chapel began to ring, and a mob, headed by two nuns, attacked them and they were dispersed, some receiving serious wounds.

-The Commission

Malvern, First	410	134
Including Missions	436	
Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	381	138
Conway, First	373	99
Stuttgart, First	371	232
Including Missions	409	59
Smackover, First	371	139
Rogers, First	370	100
N. Little Rock, First	352	111
Including Missions	378	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	350	80
Hot Springs, First,		
(Including Missions)	349	91
Little Rock, South		
Highland	341	130
Springdale, First	339	271
Including Missions	539	
Siloam Springs, First	336	190
Pine Bluff, Second	332	127
Monticello, First	308	173
N. Little Rock,		
Park Hill	299	
El Dorado, West Side	292	121
Mena, First	276	125
Gentry, First	275	140
Little Rock, Calvary	274	148
Harrison, First	274	113
Dumas, First	254	103
Including Missions	358	138
Jacksonville, First	245	116
Texarkana, Calvary	228	128
Little Rock,		
Reynolds Memorial	222	90
Bentonville, First	216	58
Gurdon, Beech Street	215	90
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	209	82
Little Rock, Hebron	183	104
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	141	116
North Crossett, First	173	58
Fountain Hill, First	129	80
N. Little Rock, Highway	129	59
Hot Springs, Grand		
Avenue	120	65
El Dorado, Parkview	105	44
Little Rock, Ironton	90	70
Grannls	87	70
Ft. Smith, Northside	85	41
Little Rock, Tyler Street	84	70
Little Rock,		
Capitol Hill	75	62
Little Rock, Bethel	73	3
Little Rock, Bladle	65	38
Little Rock, Bellevue	65	38
Monte Ne, First	63	83
Hot Springs, Immanuel	54	38

God never reveals himself to cowards.

-Emerson

Just Call Him Chaplain

By O. K. ARMSTRONG

I am writing this message from the U. S. Army home of Chaplain and Mrs. Paul J. Maddox, in historic old Heidelberg, Germany.

It was during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami, in May, 1946, that Paul Maddox received word he had been selected as chief of all the chaplain services in the European theater. I talked to him that evening. He said, "I know it is a great responsibility; but it is also a great opportunity."

Paul Maddox, son of the beloved Brazilian missionary Maddoxes, brother of Samuel E. Maddox, personnel secretary of the foreign Mission Board, wears the eagles of a colonel. But you don't need to call him colonel. Except for administrative purposes, rank does not matter among these men of God serving our armed forces in all the far corners of the world. They are all "chaplain."

For the past couple of days I have been studying the work of the chaplains in our foreign service. My heart swells with pride and appreciation for their efforts to bring spiritual truth and moral guidance to the lives of the boys who, this long after the war, are holding the line for democracy and justice in Europe.

The chaplains are men of all faiths, of course, with an attempt to balance them according to denominational strength. The hours are long, the work is hard. No battles are being fought by guns, but the battles to overcome the forces of evil, of temptation, of sin in all its ugly forms, must be carried on every day by these men who humbly but proudly wear the insignia of the cross of the

Savior.

I have just come from church services, held in a beautiful Lutheran edifice in the heart of the city. A great minister, Dr. Warren E. Johnston, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Fort Worth, brought the message. It was a clear, simple presentation of gospel truth—the kind of sermon I wish all the boys in uniform could hear every Sunday! I had the honor of sitting by his wife through the service. When he had finished, I said, "What an inspiring sermon!" Mrs. Johnston answered, "Yes, but you should come out and hear him preach in Texas."

In the audience were many civilians, attached to the Military Government, men, women and children—and men in uniform with their families. They were of all ranks. Some wore the "high brass". A Major General sat near us. Right across the aisle from us sat a man with four stars on his shoulders, General Handy, Commander of all the European forces; but on the same bench sat a corporal and his wife. Worship brings all up to the level of Christian fellowship.

As we read the familiar words of Scripture, as we sang the old hymn "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me," I forgot it was Heidelberg, in a battered and defeated land. For the men and women of the foreign service, the chaplain's worship hour carries them back to South Carolina, Missouri, to Texas, to their own churches, their own pastors. And for many of them it brings for the first time the message of living Truth.

Insurance Against Defeat

By L. L. GWALTNEY

It is obvious that one's religion is not insurance against trouble—but it is against defeat. Sorrows come to those who believe as well as to those who have no belief. The good boy skating on thin ice on Monday is as sure to break through and get drowned as the bad boy who does all his skating on Sunday.

The crux of the whole matter is: How do we take the trouble when it comes?

One's faith appears in the way one takes inescapable human sorrow. Christianity anticipates it, gets ready for it, knows what to do with it when it comes. Christians may have sorrow, trouble, disappointment. But they also have God with them when the sorrow or trouble, or disappointment comes. In other words, they know the answer, and so can go with joy and faith and hope no matter what the situation is.

A selfish hugging of one's grief is not the way out because Christ can give the victory, can solve the problem, if one will only let Him! A man lost his devoted wife for whom he had prayed unceasingly. He said simply, "Now I have something for those in sorrow which I never had before." If one has never had a sorrow he can do but little to help those who have known only sorrow.

The world is filled with families today that have experienced sorrow. The vacant places left by the great war have never been filled. The vacant chairs remain in the homes and at the tables. All honor to those who can meet sorrow in their own strength, if there are any such people.

But with Christ one is sure to meet it victoriously. Think what Jesus made of His own Cross. Just so He can give His true followers peace in sorrow and His peace does pass all understanding.

—Alabama Baptist

Ruinous "Welfare" Schemes

The suicidal drive for more and more so-called "social security," regardless of the cost or what it does to the economy, came to a head in California last November. At that time the voters, whose attention was largely fixed on the Presidential election and other matters, approved an amendment to the state constitution which, among other things, increased old-age assistance, canceled out any responsibility of relatives to support their own aged, reduced residence and age requirements for applicants, and set up an autonomous Department of Welfare, answerable neither to executive or legislative branches of the state government.

Now on November 8, the voters of California, at a special election, will be given the chance to repeal the year-old measure, and put assistance to the aged, the blind, and the needy on a basis that will adequately serve the deserving, and save the state from financial ruin.

Social Security Administration figures for June of this year show how critical the situation is. California had 258,516 people on pensions, while Pennsylvania, with about the same population, had 88,202 and New York with nearly half again as much population had 116,743, California's total payments to pensioners, for June alone, came to \$17,306,703, while Pennsylvania's and New York's were \$3,544,002 and \$6,151,820 respectively. California's pension costs are still rising rapidly, and, already, the state sales tax has been increased about 20 per cent, the income tax, by a similar amount, and the corporation tax by 18 per cent.

It is a significant fact that the campaign to repeal the amendment is being led by the California Council For the Blind which says, "In many important respects the blind and the aged are worse off now than they were prior to

its adoption." Repeal is supported by a long list of other organizations, including the state Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Association For Social Welfare, and the California Farm Bureau Federation. Every one of these groups wants to properly help the needy—but every one also knows that the present law would prove ruinous to all in the long run.

California's vote will be of national importance, at a time when misguided "welfare" schemes threaten to undermine the financial stability of the whole country.

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The Great Invitation

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

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Last week's lesson was a portrait of the vicarious, redemptive, voluntary sufferings of the Suffering Servant of Jehovah. Because of the sacrificial death of His Servant, the Lord God proclaims an invitation to all men. It is this Great Invitation that we consider this week in Chapter 55.

Remember now to whom this invitation was originally spoken by Isaiah, the wayward, rebellious people of Israel. God had given them unusual blessings and favors, a land all their own, a prophet to bring them God's message, but they had gone away from Him into wicked living.

The grace of God was the foundation of this invitation to Israel. Although they were worthy of His condemnation, He, through love and mercy, extended a call to them for salvation, full and free.

The Wonderful Invitation

Let us study the characteristics of God's wonderful invitation. There is a special message for men to hear and heed. "Everyone that thirsteth" and "he that hath no money" may come in response to this invitation of God. You will recall that Jesus spoke of thirst in the incident of the woman at the well; He promised a drink from water that forever quenches thirst. In the Bible, thirst often refers to the heart-need of the human soul. To those who realize their need, a free gift from God is offered to "every one."

Salvation through God by way of the sacrificial Savior is for every one, rich and poor alike. This is a universal invitation offered to every tribe, kindred or kind. Isaiah raised two pertinent questions as he describes this wonderful invitation: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not," He knows the heart-hunger and soul thirst of these people, yet sees them seeking happiness and satisfaction from worldly things and knows there is none to gain from them. He asks why they seek these things, when, in the gracious invitation of God, all their needs will be met and abundant living result.

Lasting blessings will be given Israel through the covenant of God, "even the sure mercies of David." These people in exile, in sin, in sorrow, were called to God through the prophet. There was the blessing of being in tune with their God, the "fatness" of the land would be theirs. The day was

Sunday School Lesson for
November 20, 1949

Isaiah 55:1-11

coming when the entire covenant of God would be fulfilled in "Him, a witness to the people, a Leader and Commander." This was the promise of the Messiah, David's "greater son."

God extends this same wonderful invitation to men today. The salvation is the same; it is "by grace we are saved." We are told to "seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near!" That message from Isaiah leads us to want to understand:

The Need For This Invitation

Isaiah reveals the urgency of the invitation; Jehovah was near unto His people when the invitation was given, but the probability was indicated that He might not always be "near" or "found". We know that God's spirit may not always strive with men. Then, too, life is short; time is fleeting. When God calls, man should respond. Again we find that the need exists because of the moral and spiritual need of man. Man is wicked, sinful, separated from the righteousness of God. The wicked needs to "forsake" his way and the unrighteousness of his thoughts. When man turns away from sin toward God, then it is that God will "abundantly pardon."

When God's invitation is accepted then is man reconciled to God. Man must definitely and with conviction choose to forsake his wicked ways and thoughts; the Spirit of God will then do His marvelous transforming work in the heart and life of the one who will trust and believe.

The Happiness of the Invitation

Happiness, contentment, and satisfaction floods the human heart when the invitation to salvation is accepted and appropriated to one's life. The newborn soul never thirsts and hungers as the man estranged from God. The love and power of salvation makes men new creatures. The prophet speaks of Word of God as compar-

ed to the rain and snow which falls from heaven to earth; the elements of nature have a purpose and are sure—even so the eternal Word of God. The status of Israel

will come to pass, even as God has spoken. Salvation brings to pass the blessings which it promises and happy assurance belongs in the heart of the child of God.

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Greatest Year

Without a doubt this is the greatest year of all the history of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. First of all, the number of baptisms indicate that more souls have been won to Christ than ever before in one year.

The Darkest Of All Darkness

When the late James Forrestal, former Secretary of Defense, killed himself by jumping from an upper story window of a tall building he left book of poems at his bedside.

When reason's day sits rayless—joyless—quenched in cold decay, Better to die, and sleep The never waking sleep, than linger on, And dare to live, when the soul's life is gone; . . .

Can you think of many passages in literature that present a darker picture than that passage? It is the philosophy of the Stoic. It is the creed of those who know not God.

Here is the attitude of a Christian when in trial: "What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM THAT LOVED US."

Then, too, Christians do not believe that there is any such thing as "never waking sleep." For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him . . . And the dead in Christ shall rise first."

"Most people probably think of answered prayer in terms of granted petitions; but petitions denied are also answered."—E. F. Hallock, The Teacher.

Modern Moonshining Big Time Business

Did you know that we are facing the task of making the Pulaski County jail larger? Drunkenness is on the increase year by year. This jail seems to be full nearly all the time, "running over" much of the time.

"The legal liquor men estimate that one-fourth of the distilled liquor consumed in this country last year was illicitly produced. That means American tipplers are downing 45,000,000 gallons of moonshine a year, conservatively speaking."

And this report is only the "moonshine" end of the thing in New York.

Baptist and Methodists could put this infamous business out of Arkansas if they would try. We mean the legal liquor business—whiskey, beer and all. We know the Catholics will not help us do it.

The "Wichita Eagle," of Wichita, Kansas, reported that "Two weeks after the sale and purchase of liquor became legal (in Kansas) Wichita police checked their records of arrests for drunkenness and found they had increased seventy per cent during daylight hours and thirty to forty per cent after dark."

Let's vote liquor out of Arkansas instead of building bigger jails.

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A Baptist Radio Station

The first Baptist radio station, KYBS, "Your Baptist Station," went on the air in Dallas, Texas October 28. The first official words to be heard over the new station were spoken by Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

KYBS is a 90,000 watt station and is the key station for a proposed Baptist radio system, which will include a half dozen FM stations located at Baptist institutions all over Texas.

Ceremonies of the formal opening began at two p. m., October 28, and featured messages from Dr. Williams, Dr. Wallace Bassett, president of the Texas Baptist Convention; Dr. Forrest Feezor, chairman of the State Executive Board, and by presidents of the Baptist colleges and administrators of denominational hospitals in the state.

Studios will be in the Baptist Building and the Buckner Orphan's Home in Dallas, and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Baptist Institutions Take Notice

"Church Beliefs Overrule Law on Physical Education"

"Required student participation in certain physical exercises may not interfere with a person's rights to religious freedom, Attorney General Ike Murry ruled yesterday.

"He said state and federal constitutional provisions guaranteeing freedom of religion in some cases overrule a state law requiring physical education in Arkansas schools.

"He told the superintendent of Paris schools that girls could not be required to take certain exercises if it is against their religious belief to wear shorts or slacks and (if) they believe it indecent and sinful to take those exercises in regular dress.

"Superintendent Hal J. Kennamer said two Assembly of God ministers told him some time ago that several of their feminine parishioners had protested certain calisthenics and the garb they were expected to wear."

The foregoing news item was clipped from a daily newspaper recently. We have also read of Roman Catholics protesting indecent dress. These preachers and priests are right in preaching a gospel of this sort. Any preacher can justly claim to be "on the beam" with the Bible when he preaches against such indecency. If we preachers cry out against the practice our schools might prohibit it—even our Baptist schools. Have you heard your pastor publicly condemn the sin of indecent dress? Ask him to do so. Perhaps he needs your encouragement.

We commend the "Assembly of God" ministers for their stand against indecent dress.

If you were possessed of a diamond rare, I have a suspicion you would know just where,

It was, and each hour of every day You would insist that you have the say Of where it should be and the care it should get.

You would know if it was by thieves beset, You would guard it well and would guard it right . . .

BUT SAY—where was your GIRL last night?

If you had a horse, say a Morgan Brown You would treasure him and when night came down

You would have him safe where horses should be

And wouldn't let him run wild and free, And get out of bounds, ranging free and far Out where the dangers and horse thieves are. He would be well cared for and guarded right,

BUT SAY, where were your YOUNG last night?

There isn't a doubt that your daughter fair, Is of worth far more than a diamond rare, And your untried boy, there is no doubt he Is of greater worth than a horse could be, They are worth far more than money, those two

And what life holds for them depends on you. You are proud of them and you have a right, BUT SAY, where were they BOTH last night?