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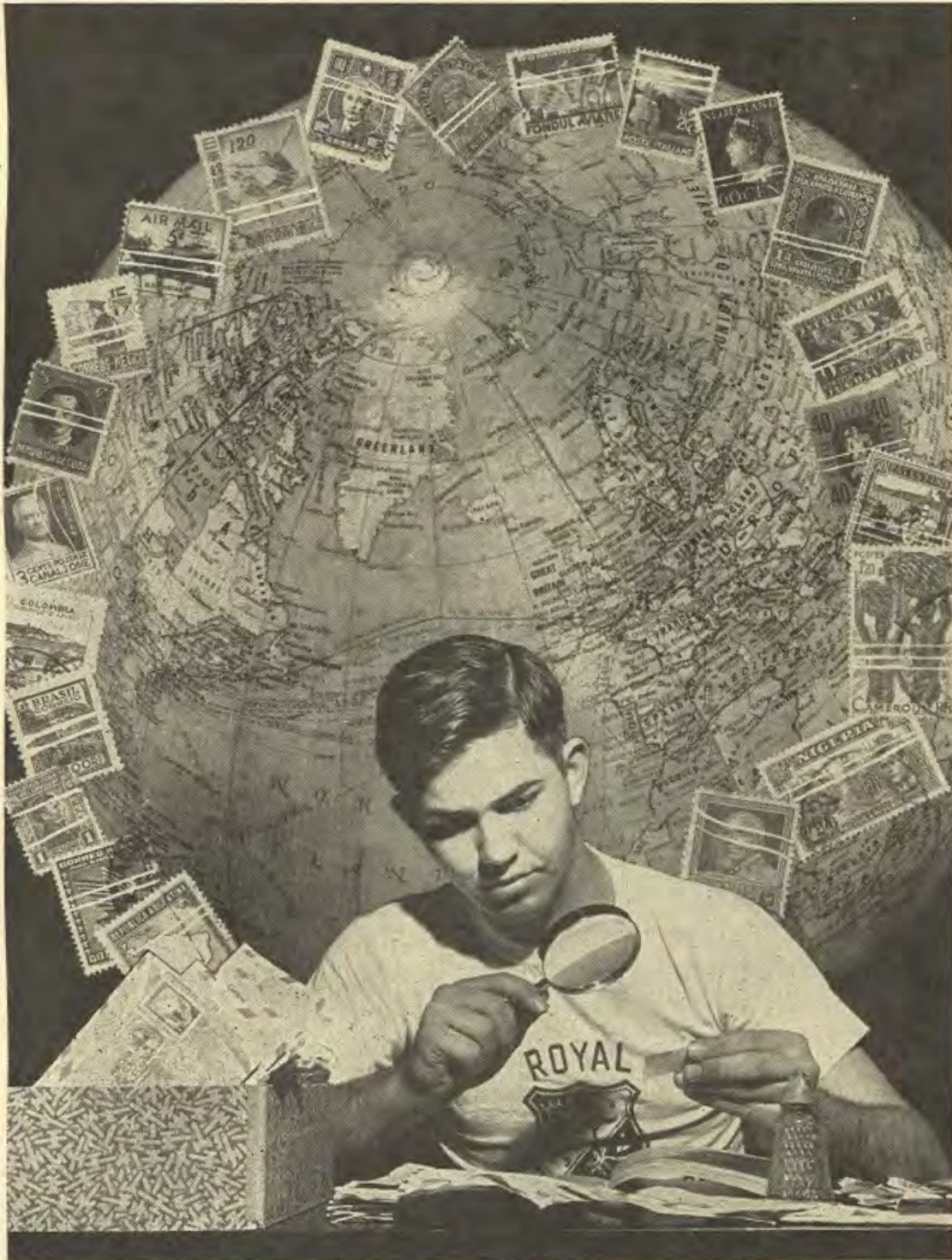
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# Our Lighted Lamp At The Heart of Europe

By O. K. ARMSTRONG

## God's Promise

A Devotion by the Editor

"We recognize that Christ Jesus is the chief cornerstone of this institution. Without Him, the structure would collapse, and the foundation disintegrate." So said Dr. George W. Sadler in his inaugural address as acting president of the Baptist Seminary here at Zurich, Switzerland, on its opening day September 5.

On that high plane of spiritual dedication, this ministerial training center began what surely by the grace of God will be a glorious history. Here the new light of a center for preparing Baptist preachers for Europe begins to glow. And from this place, their swords sharpened by study and fellowship, our ministers will soon go forth to battle the forces of materialism and paganism that now challenge the Christian faith in this cradle of western civilization.

The seminary is located in a setting of breath-taking natural beauty. The campus crowns a ridge that overlooks the village of Ruschlikon, suburb of Zurich. Just beyond lies the lovely Lake of Zurich. On clear days one can see the snow-capped Alps in the distance.

The building is a former palatial residence. It houses the offices, two classrooms, library, kitchen, dining room, a small chapel and sleeping rooms for about twenty students. Surrounding are formal gardens, tree-bordered walks, beautiful flowers and delightful vistas.

When Dr. Sadler came with Mrs. Sadler from the Foreign Mission Board to begin his work, he found Dr. Jesse D. Franks, veteran representative of our Baptist work in Europe, here as administrative secretary and chairman of public relations. The faculty of eight includes Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, and Dr. John D. W. Watts.

You'd think that all European countries are already represented in this the first student body of twenty-four, with six more accepted for enrolment. For among these twenty-four are twelve nationalities. In five meals with the students, I have heard grace said in English, French, German, Dutch, and

Hungarian!

The German students number the most, with six. There is a student from Holland, who for two years during the war was held at forced labor by the Nazis. There is a refugee from Romania, who fled the Russians. Two Polish youths now live in Belgium. And so on through the list. All these earnest young men have amazing stories of the cruelty of war and a burning desire to carry the Christian message of faith and hope to their weary people.

There are two married couples, the Jorgensens from Denmark, and Jeremia Hodoroba from Romania with his wife Madlen from Alsace, France. With a broad grin on his round face and a proud glance at petite Madlen, Jeremia said to me, "When you write about us students, you can say that France and Romania have come together!"

I can say that symbolically, all of Baptist Europe has come together here, in the fellowship of Christ, preparing to spread the gospel over nations that for centuries have known the rivalries and bitterness of war.

The curriculum of this brand-new seminary is based on four years of study comparable to courses in the United States and England leading to the Bachelor of Divinity degree. "Classroom method and life in the seminary are planned to give students the greatest possible contact with their professors," says Dr. Franks.

Plans are ready for the erection of a dormitory, to accommodate fifty students. While that will fill a crying need for housing these future Baptist leaders of Europe, one cannot but wish that five times that number could come to this seminary!

Yesterday I went with a group of the German students to worship in a nearby Baptist church. I heard David Mueller, son of Dr. William A. Mueller of the Louisville seminary say, "I was a German, and now am an American, but first of all, and forever, I am a child of God." That is the spirit of this new outpost of our Foreign Mission Board, our international seminary.

point. Second, that should such a bill reach the floor of Congress it would "let open the floodgates of anti-industry oratory."

Will you permit observation by the writer at this point? From the advertising, for which the liquor crowd spends annually more than a hundred million dollars, one would suppose that liquor makes a man successful, happy, cheerful, gracious, kind, considerate, gentlemanly, cultured, and in fact, a "man of distinction." But when the number of alcoholics has increased almost 100 per cent in the past ten years, when human misery has been multiplied and intensified for literally millions of people, when billions of dollars have been spent to take care of the damage to property and to the personalities of alcohol's victims, when drink-crazed men run amuck to murder and to rape, when children are run down and killed by drunken drivers, just whose viewpoint is twisted? The "January Jitters" are unquestionably the result of the sadly distorted viewpoint of the liquor crowd. They may have to stop lying to the American public and let alcohol's pitiful victims be their only "advertisement."

Write your representative in Congress now urging his support of an anti-liquor advertising bill.

## Liquor Crowd Has "January Jitters"

By HUGH A. BRIMM

An interesting fact has been expressed in the editorial comments of *Spirits*, the trade journal of the liquor industry. In the September issue, attention is called to the hearings scheduled to be held before the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee in January, 1950.

These hearings will concern the use of radio as a medium of advertising by the "hard liquor" industry. The editor pointed out that the anti-liquor advertising bill last year was blocked because Senator Capper, its sponsor, was not a member of the Interstate Commerce Committee. The present chairman of that Committee is Senator Johnson, Democrat, of Colorado. Senator Johnson, himself, has previously introduced bills against radio liquor advertising.

This all adds up to the "regrettable and discordant" fact, as *Spirits'* editor put it, that a bill may get out of Committee and to the floor of Congress. This, he adds, will produce two "dangers." First, the "drys will try to run away with the hearing," using it as a national forum for their twisted view-

"And I will make of thee a great nation." To accept the promises of God is to assume corresponding responsibilities. With the promise to Abraham, "I will make of thee a great nation," there was the accompanying injunction, "and thou shalt be a blessing."

The nation did become great, a power to be reckoned with by the other nations of the world. There were times when it was great in military might, in material wealth, in extensive commerce and trade, in architecture and literature; but its chief claim to greatness was found in its religion and the contributions which religion made to its national life.

It may be said to the credit of the Hebrew nation that it made the greatest contribution of all time to the civilization of the world in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Here are two obvious truths: First, national greatness has a responsible mission to all other nations of the world. The nation that rises to greatness for her own sake alone must inevitably fall. History is replete with examples of such fallen nations. Second, God is interested in all nations and His purposes comprehend all nations of the world.

It is significant that at the height of the national greatness of the Hebrew people there was constructed and dedicated a temple to Jehovah their God, a temple which was the symbol of the foundation of their national life.

The king himself dedicated this temple and in his dedicatory prayer two things are emphasized by reiterated insistency: First, all their national ills will come upon them when and if they repudiate and forsake the religious basis of their national existence for which this temple stands. Second, they will recover from their national life for which this temple stands. Even as perfidious study of the history of the Hebrew people will substantiate the truth of these two principles.

When the Hebrew people became static in their religious life, they lost the gleam of their religious light and the flame of their crusading spirit. When any nation puts the light that God has given it under a bushel and fences itself in so that it may enjoy in selfish seclusion the blessings of God, He will pass the torch on to more ready hands and eager hearts. Others took the torch from the hands of Israel who had reclined upon the cushioned promises of God, and others have carried that torch and are carrying it today to the four corners of the world.

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing." Genesis 12.2.

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Stewardship . . .

## A Symmetrical And Spiritual Development

D. L. Moody was once presenting some worthy cause to a large audience; when he had finished telling of the pressing need, he said, "Mr. Sankey, will you please lead us in prayer for this good work?"

Mr. Sankey rose and said, "Our dear Lord, we implore thy richest blessings upon this worthy cause. May thy children take it to heart, but wait a moment, folks, before I go on. Mr. Secretary, put me down for two hundred and fifty dollars—now let us pray."

The audience was electrified by the unusual and unexpected interjection. Needless to say the amount needed was quickly raised.

There is in this rather dramatic little story an inescapable principle which is involved in our Christian stewardship experience: the principle that the whole of our Christian stewardship is involved in any and every spiritual exercise.

I cannot preach with the same earnestness, conviction, power, and assurance until I have met my stewardship obligation with regard to my material possessions. We cannot sing with the same fervor of soul, harmony of spirit, and appealing power until we have met our stewardship obligation with regard to our material possessions. We cannot pray with the same intimate communion with God and the assurance of His approval until we have met our stewardship obligations with regard to our material possessions.

### Balanced Worship Program

The recognition and practice of Christian stewardship is necessary to a thoroughly balanced program of worship.

The Apostle Paul tells the Corinthians that they abound in other gifts which do not cost them money, but that they fall behind in the grace of giving. Although they are carrying on a very extensive and active program, yet their program is lopsided and incomplete, because they have neglected the stewardship of their means. So he urges them to "abound in this grace also."

The apostle contends that a well planned and conscientiously executed system of giving is as much a Christian grace as a well prepared sermon, or a well rendered song, or an extensive search for truth, or a clear understanding of the gospel message.

There must be a place in the order of service for the worship of God with our tithes and offerings. The worship is not complete without it. Jesus once stood by the treasury and watched the people as they cast in their gifts. Does He still stand there watching us? Would it make any difference to us if we knew that Jesus was passing the collection plate, if we knew that He was watching us as we cast in our gifts?

Here is a distinction which we must get clear in our thinking before our giving can

become the vital element of worship which God intended it should be: our tithes belong to God and as an act of worship we bring them to Him; and our offerings must be above the tithe. We are to worship God with our tithes and offerings by bringing them to God's storehouse, which is His church, and His church is commissioned to administer the funds thus accumulated, for the maintenance of His cause, for the ministry of His word, and for charity and benevolent purposes.

From the earliest records of God's word to the close of the book that order is clearly set forth: God's people worship Him with their substance, and then God uses that substance for the propagation of His kingdom interests. While this gives each worshiper a share in the extension of God's kingdom, at the same time it denies any worshiper the right to decide for himself, whether he will or will not accept that share. We have but one right in this matter; the right to bring our tithes and offerings to God. And if we refuse to exercise that right, we are robbing God and refusing to worship Him with our substance.

### Balanced Christian Development

The recognition and practice of stewardship is necessary to a well balanced and symmetrical development of the Christian himself.

No matter how well we may preach, our preaching is weakened if we deny God the tithes and offerings which He demands. No matter how well we may sing, our song is weakened, if we deny God the tithes and offerings which He demands. No matter how fervently we pray, our prayers are weakened, if we deny to God the tithes and offerings which He demands. No matter how diligently we serve, our service is weakened if we deny to God the tithes and offerings which He demands.

When with a glad and joyous soul; when with a free and generous spirit; when with an obedient will and a prayerful heart, we bring God's tithes and offerings to Him, there will be a new element of truth in the sermons we preach, there will be a new element of praise in the songs we sing, there will be a new element of communion in the prayers we pray, there will be a new element of devotion in the service we render: it is the element of a personal commitment to God which is involved in Christian fellowship.

Throughout the week we are engaged in gainful employment, we are earning an income, and it is assumed that we are praying God's blessings upon our work and asking Him to give us a measure of prosperity commensurate with the capital invested and the energy expended. God insists that we should be employed in gainful occupations. He in-

## God Never Stands In Line

Editorial from The Commission

Standing in line means awaiting one's turn. Since God is first in all things, he need not stand in line, and he never does.

Some would-be disciples of Jesus wanted him to stand in line awaiting their convenience. But Jesus refused to stand in line with even the choicest company. Father, mother, sister, brother, houses and lands could not claim priority over the allegiance Christ demanded of his followers. The point, of course, was that men would forever want the role of choosers, in spite of the fact stated by Jesus: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit."

We have an upside down conception of our whole relationship to God if we seek to fit his plan into some leftover corner of our lives, rather than taking our total life and letting God fit it into his plan of the ages.

In our personal stewardship we may make the mistake of saying to God that he must stand in line awaiting his turn along with the butcher, the baker, and the automobile maker. How impossible! Our stewardship begins with seeking the kingdom of God first, or else it does not begin at all.

Even in our corporate stewardship in the churches we have need of keeping ever before us that God's world purpose will never stand in line with purposes only remotely related to his kingdom. Every budget committee should consider itself entrusted with the allocation of that which already belongs to God, seeking a Spirit-guided balance between the kingdom needs in the home community and to the ends of the earth.

vites us to seek His blessings upon our work, and we have the privilege of taking Him into partnership with us.

But is it not a one-sided affair when we return to Him only a pittance, when we withhold from Him what He requires of us?

### Incentive to Soul Winning

The recognition and practice of stewardship is one of the greatest incentives to soul winning.

This is natural, because one who loves God enough to live up to his Stewardship obligations loves human souls enough to make an effort to lead them to Jesus. Obedience to God in the matter of tithing is directly related to soul winning, because that is the primary objective in our stewardship and in God's purposes.

The practice of our stewardship will strengthen us in our prayers for the lost. One's prayers will follow his gifts into the treasury of the Lord and out again to the hearts of men, women, boys, and girls. One's prayers will load those gifts with the message of love, with the ministry of kindness, and with the gospel of life and salvation. We cannot keep our prayers away from the investments we make in God's kingdom.

We shall follow our tithes with our personal efforts to win the lost to Jesus. No man will hush his voice concerning matters in which he has invested a tenth of his income; if he believes in it that much, he will want to tell others about the joys and blessings and values he has discovered,

# Kingdom Progress

## Dedication Service High Hour In Student Union Convention

The annual Baptist Student Union Convention which was held October 14-16 at the First Church, Arkadelphia, J. C. Cothran, pastor, was carried to a mountain-top experience during the dedication service Saturday night by the challenging message "Lord, Me?" delivered by W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

A program filled with information, recreation, and inspiration centered around the theme "Because Christ Loved," captured and held the interest of all who attended. Dr. Edgar Williamson, Director of the Religious Education Department, discovered the secret of the success of the Convention when he brought out in his address that each speaker and each part of the program points to the necessity of doing something for Christ and His Kingdom. "Because Christ loved," Dr. Williamson said, "demands that we do something." This fact was brought out forcibly by all of the speakers. William Hall Preston of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee started the idea of action with his address Friday night on "Horizons Unlimited." This was followed by Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of the Second Church, Little Rock, who brought a message on the "Golden Word."

With these messages as a background and a series of devotionals brought by Othar Smith, First Church, Conway, on the Motivating Influences of God's Love makes us Care, Dare and Share for Christ, the entire spirit of the Convention was molded into one that demands action.

Saturday morning Dr. Joe Burton, editor of *Home Life*, Nashville, Tennessee, continued this emphasis with his address on "The Mission of Life." With this preparation having been made and with prayer acting as a bonding agent we entered the dedication part of the Convention with the Saturday night worship service led by pastor W. O. Vaught, Immanuel Church, Little Rock. His

J. F. Queen, pastor of Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, and Edwin Guerin of Hot Springs, composed the evangelistic team in a recent revival meeting with Immanuel Church, Warren, whose pastor is Keith F. Babb. Mr. Babb says, "There were twenty-one additions to the church as a result of the meeting, twelve by baptism, and nine by letter; there were two hundred in Sunday School on the last Sunday of the meeting, with 207 in Training Union. Pastor Queen is an outstanding evangelist and 'Doc' Guerin, one of the best Gospel Singers. Our people were pleased with their work and commend them to the brethren."

Total Cooperative Program receipts for the months of September as reported by Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary, amounts to \$519,939.18. Designated gifts amounted to \$60,193.98, making a total of \$580,133.16 received in the Nashville office in September. Total receipts for the first nine months of the year amount to \$7,660,985.16. This represents an increase of \$667,510.47 over the same period last year.

thrilling message, "Lord, Me?" moved the audience. Some thirty-three students stood to follow Christ to the uttermost parts of the world, if He led them there. Three came forth to sign full-time Christian service commitment cards. It was the high hour of the meeting.

This spirit of the Convention was carried over into the final session on Sunday morning at the regular worship hour. Special services were held both in the First and Second Baptist Churches in Arkadelphia. Dr. Joe Burton brought the message at the First Church on "Why Call Ye Me Lord, Lord," and William Hall Preston spoke at the Second Church on "Because Christ Loved Me." All who attended came away inspired to "Do something for Christ, because Christ loved."

Thirteen colleges of the state were represented by 409 who registered. A vote of thanks go to all who had a part in making this convention a success.

Officers for the State Baptist Student Union were elected to serve for the coming year. They were, Charles Ripley, president, Arkansas State College, Jonesboro; Shirley Crafton, first vice-president, Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia; Mary Jane Baker, second vice-president, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Bill Cook, third vice-president, Ouachita Baptist College; Wanda Groom, secretary, Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock; Bob Nunnelly, treasurer, University of Arkansas; Milton May, editor, College of Ozarks, Clarksville; Joe Tolliver, training union representative, Little Rock Junior College; Charles Daughtery, Sunday School representative, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge; Charles Meberg, publicity, Arkansas College, Batesville; James Campbell, music chairman, Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway; Martha Ann Hudson, Young Women Auxiliary, Central Baptist College, North Little Rock; and Wayne McIntyre, promotion chairman, Arkansas A. & M., Monticello.

Floyd G. Davis of Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Stamps, and has moved his family on the field. Mr. Davis is a native of Arkansas, his parents are the Reverend and Mrs. C. G. Davis, pastor of College Hill Baptist Church, Tearkana. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Pastor Douglas White reports that a successful revival was held at the First Baptist Church of Bassett, Virginia, September 26 through October 6. Pastor Ralph Dodd of the Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock, was the visiting evangelist, and Pastor Walter Hill of Stuttgart had charge of the music. There were twelve additions to the church by baptism.

Pastor White came to the church in Bassett, Virginia, from First Church, DeWitt.

C. S. Womack has resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Gould, to return to a former pastorate, Perryville. He and Mrs. Womack have moved to Perryville.



Dr. Andrew Hall, who completed all the requirements for the Th. D. degree at the Southern Seminary last May, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Church of Lake Wales, Florida.

Dr. Hall was reared in Little Rock and received his early Christian training in the First Church of Little Rock, where his father and mother now hold their membership. He is a graduate of Ouachita College, and held pastorates in Arkansas during his student days. During his seminary career he was pastor at Hartford, Kentucky.

Lake Wales is a resort city and attracts many out of state tourists. The First Baptist Church of the Florida city has a completely new Educational Building; the church staff consists of seven employees, including the pastor and educational director.

### Minister Claimed By Death

Pastor-evangelist C. L. Randall was claimed by death on October 15 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. Mr. Randall collapsed while holding a revival meeting at Palestine, Arkansas last July. He had been a patient at the hospital ever since with the exception of a twelve day interval.

Funeral service was held at the Merton Avenue Baptist Church of Memphis, R. C. Cannon pastor, where he had served as pastor from 1943 to 1947.

Mr. Randall was on vacation from his pastorate of the Gage Avenue Baptist Church in the Bell Gardens suburb of Los Angeles, and was scheduled for several revival meetings in Arkansas when he was stricken last July. Mr. Randall served several years as State Evangelist in Arkansas.

He was born in Iowa and reared in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was a graduate of Oklahoma University at Shawnee, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Evangelist Bob Randall, a daughter, the wife of pastor W. A. Lindsey, Monticello, and a brother, Beryl Randall, of Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania, and four grandchildren.

The Flora Church in Big Creek Association ordained Floyd McCandlis and Ray Phillips as deacons in a service Sunday afternoon, October 16. The ordaining council was composed of Tom Poole, J. M. Langston, L. E. Love, Ed Mayfield, J. W. Shields, the pastors of churches in Big Creek Association, and deacons Clifton Roper, Fred B. Pope, and Oscar E. Ellis.

After the ordination service two persons were baptized into the fellowship of the Flora Church by Pastor L. E. Love.



## Mount Ida Has Successful Music School

During the week of October 9, the First Baptist Church in Mount Ida engaged in a school of Church Music with Mrs. B. W. Nininger, the State director as teacher, assisted by Miss Odessa Holt who is the associational Music director for Caddo River Association. Seventy-six people enrolled in the school, and there was an average daily attendance of sixty. Fifty-three people qualified for an award.

There were three distinct working groups in the school. The Adult and Youth groups studied "Growing a Musical Church;" the Juniors and younger Intermediates formed a Carol Choir for study and rehearsal each afternoon. This group numbered twenty-seven, and showed marked progress in their choir work. On the concluding evening of the school they sang a service for the grown-ups. Much of the music which was sung was learned during the week of study, and will be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

M. S. Jaggars, the associational missionary, attended several times and spoke in the interest of Church Music. D. B. Bledsoe, the pastor of the church, at the closing session expressed gratefulness to the people and the workers for the good that had been accomplished, and for the promise of an improved music education program and enlarged interest in the work of church music. The Carol Choir was dedicated, and plans were made for sponsors and choir mothers, and a regular program of work.

The opening event of the school was the Associational Hymn Sing, which was conducted on Sunday afternoon, October 9, at the Mount Ida church. More than sixty people were in attendance at the Hymn Sing, and special numbers were brought by the Mount Ida Church, assisted by the Youth choir of the Amity church. The next regular quarterly Hymn Sing for Caddo River Association will take place on the second Sunday in January, 1950.

## Clarendon Revival

The First Church of Clarendon engaged in revival efforts recently with Burton A. Miley of First Church, Marianna, as evangelist. Pastor John Holston directed the music during the meeting. Pastor Holston had prepared the church for the special effort and on the last Sunday of the meeting both the Sunday School and Training Union established records for attendance.

Pastor Holston has led the church to begin a mission work over the levee. With a group of volunteer workers, Sunday School is held each Sunday afternoon. Homes are used for meeting places and during favorable weather, shade trees and logs are used for physical equipment. The Clarendon Church has outgrown its building facilities and plans are under way to build an educational unit of a new church plant this fall. Six classes are held in the auditorium at present with no screen or partition between them.

The associational record shows thirty-three persons baptized into the fellowship of the Clarendon church this year.

A successful revival was held recently at the First Church of North Crosssett. Pastor Roy Hilton did his own preaching, and Pastor Pat Mehaffey of Little Rock was in charge of the music. All records for attendance were broken when the Sunday School attendance climbed from 100 to 238 and the Training Union from 66 to 131. There were 15 additions to the church during the revival.

## THE BAPTIST HOUR

DR. R. G. LEE, Preacher

October 30—Subject:  
"Which Way Are You Headed?"

Stations in Arkansas:

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

## Malvern Church Has Music School

The State director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, was a guest at the First Church, Malvern, during the week of October 2, conducting a school of Church Music. Although it rained every day and night during the week, there was a goodly attendance at the school, and a great interest was manifested in the music education program. In addition to the study of music fundamentals, regular rehearsals of the Adult choir were held daily on music for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

At the conference of music leaders and pastors, it was agreed to set up a Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. D. B. Griffin, and a Junior Choir with a director to be chosen in the near future. Plans were made for these two new groups to carry on regular rehearsals and to participate in the Youth Choir festival which is to be held in the spring at Ouachita College.

The First Church of Bauxite has increased its allocation to the Cooperative Program five per cent for the next year. The success of the Bauxite Church during the current year prompted this increase.

In addition to the financial success during the year, the church received 101 new members; 71 of these were received by baptism.

Dr. T. Hurley Jordan, First Baptist Church, Van Buren, commends S. A. Haley to the Pastors and churches of Arkansas as acceptable for supply work or evangelistic meetings.

Pastor Dale McCoy of the First Church, Ashdown, reports a Sunday School Study Course in which Pastor Luther Dorsey, Star City, taught the book "Building a Standard Sunday School." There were forty-eight teachers and officers enrolled, and an average attendance of thirty-three, with thirty-one receiving diplomas.

## If For Christians

If you can keep your eyes upon the Master  
When all about you others turn Him out;  
If you can walk upon the troubled waters  
And never fall beneath the waves of doubt;  
If you can stand the rigid test of patience  
And neither hate nor judge at set of sun;  
If you can stand firm by your heart's convictions;

If you can say in truth "Thy will be done";  
If by your words, you witness for the Saviour;  
If, by your deeds, you make Him Friend of All;

If you are every ounce surrendered,  
And every heart-beat answers to His call;  
If all your goods you give into His keeping;  
If your few talents you can use His way,  
Then you can feel your life has been of service,  
And you can face Christ on the Judgment Day.

—First Baptist Messenger, Paris, Texas

Harold B. Ray, a senior student at Wilson High School, preached his first sermon to the First Church of Wilson, Sunday night, October 17. At the close of his message the church voted unanimously to license him to preach.

Harold plans to enter Ouachita College following his graduation from high school next year.

The Pleasant Grove Church at Howell-Wiville ordained Charles A. Ward to the gospel ministry October 16. The ordaining council consisted of Dale Lumpkins, Earl Joiner, Chester Parker, Homer Randall, and Chester Wright.

Pastor Ward was extended a call by the Pleasant Grove Church last July and has served as pastor since that time. The Sunday School attendance has more than doubled, reaching a maximum of one hundred. The church is planning to build a pastor's home. A fund for that purpose has been started.

The Immanuel Church of Newport is planning to begin immediately on a building program that calls for a \$12,000 first unit, and additional units as funds permit, on a new church building.

The church has voted to sell all present property and to start construction of the new unit immediately. The building will be located in "the heart of Newport, and will be completely new from the ground up."

Pastor F. E. DeFreece reports that a campaign to raise \$2,500 will begin immediately and that an annual budget of \$7,000 has been adopted for 1950.

The first Sunday School class ever assembled at an Arkansas Livestock show was conducted on Sunday morning, October 9. At the request of the show management, Mrs. Ed Ferguson of Little Rock moved her class of girls from the Gaines Street Church to the bandstand at the show grounds and extended an invitation to all 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America members to meet with them.

Two students in Oklahoma Baptist University from Arkansas have been elected as members of the student council of the First Baptist Church.

Paul Johnson, senior student from Fayetteville, is the chorister and Margaret Lawrence, sophomore student from Springdale, is the pianist.

The council will help promote activities for the students in the church by working with the church.

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

**South Africa Has 993 Native Religious Sects:** There are 993 different native (Negro) religious sects in South Africa. Most powerful of all is the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which has more than a million members, 15,000 preachers, 500 elders and 11 bishops, and is 162 years old.

Only eight of the 993 different native religions are recognized by the government. Before a native religion can be recognized it must conform to certain government requirements and its ministers must be authorized marriage officers. The Native Affairs Department must sanction recognition of the denomination.

**Ultra-Orthodox Leaders Arrested:** Rabbi Amram Blau, leader of the Neturei Karta, or Watchman of the City, a small group of ultra-orthodox Jews, was arrested here by Israeli police, but was released on bail 24 hours later. Other leaders of the group were also arrested.

The arrests followed disturbances here attributed to attempts by the Watchmen to enforce rigid observance of the Sabbath in Israel.

Because the arrests occurred during the Feast of the Tabernacles, Rabbi Blau and the other Watchmen were kept in a specially built tabernacle in the prison courtyard. They were thus enabled to carry out the tradition of the holiday.

**Presbyterians Dedicate Navajo High School:** A new modern high school built at a cost of \$100,000 was dedicated at the northeastern Arizona Navajo Indian reservation.

Built through funds donated by Presbyterian women throughout the country under supervision of Dr. Clarence G. Salsbury, the high school, named as a memorial to the doctor, will accommodate about 150 students. It is the only accredited high school on the far-flung reservation, which is home for about 60,000 Navajo.

**Deputies Back Bishops' Stand on Parochial Schools:** The House of Deputies of the Fifty-sixth triennial General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in San Francisco concurred in a resolution from the House of Bishops opposing public financial aid for parochial schools.

The resolution declared that churches have a right to establish parochial schools, but they should be supported wholly from "private sources or by the Church."

**Charges Medical Colleges Neglect Spiritual Side:** Medical colleges are neglecting the spiritual side of life, Dr. Otterbein Dressler, dean of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, told the Nebraska Osteopathic Association at its Fiftieth convention in Lincoln. "We must cultivate the spiritual life of students," he said. "It's the doctor who ministers oftentimes more than the rabbi, priest or preacher."

**107,000 Non-Jews In Israel:** Israel's Ministry of religion announced here that the country's non-Jewish population includes 62,000 Moslems, 14,000 Druzes and 31,000 Christians.

It was said that the Christian population had increased by nearly 15,000 during the last few months.

**Half-Way Mark With DPs:** The U. S. displaced persons program has reached the half-way mark with the issuance of the 100,000th visa, Alex E. Squadrilli, European coordinator, announced. U. S. Law 774 authorizes 205,000 visas to eligible DPs before June 30, 1950.

**Brunner Calls For Laymen's Church:** Dr. Emil Brunner of Zurich, Switzerland, told the all-Japan Christian Workers' Conference in Tokyo, that "the church of pastors is past."

"Only a lay church can survive," he said. "We need the witness of professional men, tradesmen, and students who can reach places that clergymen are unable to reach."

Dr. Brunner, one of the world's leading theologians, gave the keynote address of the Conference, which was called to rally support for the five-year evangelism drive launched by the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan).

**Open-Air Services Held For Crippled:** A series of three Sunday afternoon open-air services, staged in a drive-in theatre for the benefit of crippled persons, was held in Edmonton, Alta., in Canada, under the direction of several denominations.

Sponsored by the Edmonton Bulletin, Presbyterians and Baptists co-operated for one service with the theme, "Building a Better Community;" Roman Catholic colleges and the Catholic Youth Organization presented one on "Better Home Life;" and Anglicans and United Church of Canada leaders one on "Personal Religion."

Hundreds of autos were turned away as people flocked to the service.

### Sunday School Board Gets Record Number of Orders

More orders for church literature were received in September by the Baptist Sunday School Board than in any September in the history of the Board, according to Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary.

"There were 33,920 cash orders during September this year, as compared with 32,496 orders during the same month last year," Dr. Holcomb said. "In addition, there were several thousand charge orders."

"The Sunday School Board counts it a high honor and sacred privilege to provide Christian literature for Southern Baptists," Dr. Holcomb added. "Our Board accepts the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and we do our best to make every sentence true to the Bible and helpful in every phase of Christian living."

A number of Sunday School Board publications are ordered by churches outside the Southern Baptist Convention territory.

The 1949 Southern Baptist Convention Annual has been mailed to every active pastor, ordained state or associational worker, and every Baptist school in the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee. By Convention action the **Annals** are "made available without charge to all active pastors and denominational agents." They are not for sale, but under certain circumstances may be purchased for \$1.50 a copy.

## A Smile or Two

Little Willie, after an absence of two days, arrived back at school.

"Didn't your mother write a note?" asked the teacher.

"Yes, ma'am, but I forgot to bring it," replied Willie.

"Well, young man," went on the teacher, "Why were you away?"

"I don't know, I didn't read the note."

—Biblical Recorder

Terry: There was something in your wife's speech that sounded strange.

Mr.: Yes; a pause.

—Exchange

An army captain who was long in experience but short on formal education was having difficulties with several college graduates in his company. They persisted in correcting his grammar, particularly his occasional use of a dangling preposition. Finally, this notice appeared on the bulletin board over the captain's signature:

"There is a certain spirit of insubordination in this company up with which I will not put."

—Charity and Children

A patient, deaf for several years, visited our office. After routine examination, he was fitted with a hearing aid. The patient requested that his family not be notified.

Since then he has changed his will three times.

—Sanatorium Outlook

Up to sixteen a lad is a boy scout—after that he is a girl scout.

—Borrowed

The farmer who sent for a book on "How To Grow Tomatoes," wrote to the publisher: "The man who writ the ad shoulda writ the book."

—Quote

"Senator, a lot of your constituents can't undersand from your speech last night just how you stand on the question."

"Fine! It took me seven hours to write it that way."

—Quote

The quarrel was trivial and the judge asked impatiently, "Couldn't you men have settled this argument out of court?"

The defendant spoke up quickly, "Yes, Your Honor. That's just what we were doing when the police interfered."

Promoter: "There are two sides to every question."

Prospect: "Yes, and there are two sides to a sheet of paper—but it makes a lot of difference to the fly which side he investigates."

—Baptist Observer

Stranger: "Which is the quickest way to the hospital?"

Lounger: "Poke me in the back with that umbrella again and you will find yourself there in no time."

—Exchange

"Oh, Matilda, I am so glad to hear your son is on the college football team. What position does he play?"

"I think he said he is one of the draw-backs."

—Sanatorium Outlook

# Interesting Items

*Gathered From Here and There*

## Relief Committee Requests That Gifts Be Designated

Baptists who contribute grain, cotton, rice, and other farm products to CROP for relief distribution overseas should designate their gifts to Baptists, according to Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. The gifts will be turned over to Baptist consignees named by the Relief Committee.

The designated gifts from CROP will be handled in Europe under the direction of Dr. W. O. Lewis, Dr. J. D. Franks, Dr. George Sadler, Dr. Edwin Bell and Rev. Fred Schatz, working under the direction of the Relief Committee. The plan was worked out last summer during Dr. Caudill's tour of the destitute areas of Europe.

The Relief Committee hopes to close its program in the occupied zone of Germany by July, 1950. In the meanwhile, gifts designated through CROP will bring relief to thousands of suffering Baptists in Europe.

## Baptists Far Ahead In Relief Contributions

Southern Baptists contributed 807,857 pounds of clothing, bedding, and shoes to the world relief program during the eight months ending August 31. This is more than twice the poundage contributed by the Methodists, who gave 310,288 pounds to gain second place in the standing among the denominations, according to figures released by Church World Service, the interdenominational relief agency.

## 400,000 Youngsters to Benefit By Audubon Program

"How to know raccoons, muskrats, quail, crows and other wild creatures by their footprints, and how to design bird houses and sketch animals are among many new things that some 400,000 youngsters in the United States and Canada this school year will learn through membership in 20,000 Audubon Junior Clubs," John H. Baker, President of the National Audubon Society, New York City, announced today simultaneously with the Society's distribution of sets of the new material to thousands of teachers, who are voluntary Junior Club leaders.

"Nearly 8,500,000 people," Mr. Baker added, "have been Audubon Junior Club members in the 40 years the club program has been in operation to give youngsters interesting, useful information on nature and wildlife. Keener public understanding of the urgency of natural resource conservation, and how to practice it locally and nationally, has been a major purpose of this junior program. The Clubs serve hundreds of thousands of boys and girls each year on farms and in villages, who live on the land, and must help to preserve its wealth. They also reach an army of city youngsters whose future depends on common-sense use of our natural resources.

"New features of the Clubs this year will be the Society's new school magazine, *Outdoors Illustrated*, the American edition of *Canadian Nature*, with its natural science stories, wildlife drawings and photographs, and animal and bird paintings, and a new edition of the 96-page *Audubon Guide* for leaders. Members will receive a wealth of new material this year, such as illustrated articles on bird migration, how various birds are built to fit their feeding habits, and on the balance nature."

## Southern Baptists Now Have A College West of Texas

By W. BARRY GARRETT, Editor  
*Arizona Baptist Beacon*

Southern Baptists now have a college West of Texas. Grand Canyon College became a reality with the grand opening in Prescott, Arizona, on September 13. There are only three Baptist colleges in eleven western and northwestern states, and these are owned by Northern Baptists.

God has given Grand Canyon College a choice, consecrated, Baptist faculty of 16 members, six of whom either have their doctor's degree or have completed residence work for it.

The student body of 93, eighty per cent of whom are Freshmen, come from 12 states. From the east students come from New York and Virginia and on the west there are students from California. Seventeen students come from the City of Prescott, 30 from other sections of Arizona and 46 from places outside of Arizona. New Mexico and California each have 12 students.

There are 33 ministerial students, all of whom are already active in missions and preaching points.

The missionary opportunity of Grand Canyon College is revealed in this observation by Dr. Willis J. Ray, executive secretary of Arizona Baptists and president of the school. On a recent associational trip from Phoenix, Arizona to Provo, Utah he counted 13 places in Arizona and 34 in Utah of from 50 to 5,000 in population in which there is neither Northern or Southern Baptist work. Grand Canyon College will minister to the spiritual needs of these communities as rapidly as possible.

## Church Advertising Ineffective

Church advertising is not reaching the people it is designed for, William F. Tanner, head of the journalism department at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, told the second annual Church News Writers Institute here.

Held at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, the institute was sponsored by the radio and public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in co-operation with the Seminary.

"Church advertising," said Tanner, "should give churches contact with persons who are actively seeking God and should awaken in restless people an awareness of their need for God."

Cullum Greene, Baptist layman and city editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, discussed the relationship of churches with their local newspapers.

He said that newspapermen do not like being called "Brother" by ministerial visitors. Then he stressed that churches have legitimate news which stands on its own merits, and warned churches against asking for special consideration "just because they are churches."

Another speaker, Dr. H. Guy Moore, pastor of Broadway Baptist church, addressed the sessions on "The Preacher's View of the Press." He cautioned that preachers do not like to be called "Reverend" by newspapermen. Newspapers do not always understand the churches any better than the churches understand the newspapers, he pointed out, urging greater acquaintance and understanding on the part of both.

# Babies of Distinction

By HUGH A. BRIMM

It is utterly impossible, at times, to comprehend the depth of human depravity. This is especially true where the manufacturers and users of alcoholic beverages are concerned.

The latest "unbelievable" item comes from a Massachusetts newspaper:

"A beer manufacturer is promoting the sale of a beverage with a low alcoholic content for children. With this exception, its package, label, etc., closely resemble real beer in every respect."

The laws of the state are powerless to stop such an unprincipled attack on the gullible "small fry" who think it's smart to imitate their elders, and who will welcome every opportunity to do so.

These who would **debauch the cradle** can be expected at any moment now to begin a series of advertisements featuring "Babies of Distinction" who have recently switched to "Belch's Beer."

## Will You Help?

In the preparation of a report on liquor advertising the writer needs your help.

Will you take time to clip from your local newspaper and magazines some of the advertisements for whiskey, wine or beer?

Please mail them to:

Social Service Commission

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm

2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky.

## Southern Baptists in Harper's Best Sermon Volume

Three Southern Baptists are represented in the 1949-50 edition of *Best Sermons*, published by Harper and Brothers. They are Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee; Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant, professor of history and theology, New Orleans Seminary; and Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor, First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Selected along with 49 others from 6,585 sermons submitted to the editors, they represent, according to Chief Editor G. Paul Butler, "the best sermonic efforts of the great preachers of our day." He also says, "All sermons have been selected for their homiletic value and their spiritual message for our time. Inclusion of any sermon in the volume does not mean that the author of that sermon approves or agrees with the contents of the other sermons or with any sermon in that volume."

Dr. McCall writes on "The First Day of the Week," a sermon asking proper reverence for the Lord's Day.

Dr. St. Amant's sermon is "Christian Faith Confronts the Modern Mind." He shows that for every perverse pagan or agnostic idea there is a superior Christian idea.

Dr. Pruden preaches on "United Nations and Divided Churches." He argues that the world cannot expect unity in peace when the denominations are out of fellowship with each other.

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A revival was in progress at South Fort Worth Church and Evangelist Louis Wunneburger was bringing the messages. A little girl, Kathryn Ann Kay, associated the evangelist's name with "weenieburger. On the way to the service one evening she asked her mother:

"Is that hot dog preacher going to preach tonight?"

—Baptist Standard



# Challenging Sunday School Convention

By DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON

More than 500 pastors and Sunday school workers registered for the annual state Sunday School Convention held in the Second Church, Little Rock, Monday and Tuesday, October 17 and 18. Many others attended who did not register. The theme of the Convention was "More Acceptable Workers for More Acceptable Work," based on Romans 12:1.

From many points of view it was a challenging Convention—a Convention that planned great things for the current Sunday School year, determined to attempt and accomplish great things. Dr. Perry Webb's three messages set the pace for the entire Convention. Dr. W. L. Howse brought three messages and conducted a conference that broadened the horizons of all who were there. The pastors and educational directors who conducted the worship services made a great contribution to the effectiveness of the program. Other speakers made definite contributions: Dr. T. L. Harris on "Our Victorious Past"; Harvey Elledge "Our Challenging Future"; Herman L. King, "Programs that Work"; "Our Youngest Constituency," by Mrs. W. L. Blankenship; "Our Neglected Constituency," by Mrs. Will S. McCraw; Herman L. King also spoke on "Our Largest Constituency" the adults; Dr. B. L. Bridges spoke on the enlarged budget, and Dr. C. W. Caldwell urged co-operation of the churches in the simultaneous evangelistic effort in 1950.

J. N. Barnette, Secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, did much to set forth the plans and objectives of the current year, 1949-1950, and to challenge all to do their best.

Special music features enlisted by Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state Music Director, were very effective. A vote of thanks is extended to Mrs. Perry Parsons, the choir of the Second Church; the Male Quartet from Baptist Tabernacle, and the Central College Choir, and to the accompanists.

Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of the host church, expressed words of welcome, and he, together with the educational and music director of the church, Mr. Robert James, along with the different committees headed up in the church to take care of the convention are to be thanked for the splendid work they did in entertaining the Convention.

Among other objectives is the purpose of the Sunday School forces of the state to join hands with those who will lead in the evangelistic program of 1950. With this in mind the following suggestions were offered to pastors and workers, and all were urged to co-operate in the calendar of activities for 1949-1950 that would make the evangelist meetings in April the more effective.

This calendar of activities is as follows:

1. Beginning now and through the rest of this year to make every effort to enlarge the budgets of our churches and to give more through the Cooperative Program. Arkansas Baptists are attempting the largest budget in their history. This budget can be underwritten and subscribed if every church and every individual will do his part. Arkansas Baptists have been steadily growing for the past ten years, attempting bigger things with every passing year. Successes of the past are a guarantee to future victories if we will continue to go forward in Christ's name.

2. During the first week of January call the entire church together for a week of

Bible Study.

3. The first Sunday in February take a religious census of the city, town or community, and during the following week call the church together for a study of "Using the Sunday School for Evangelism." During February and March endeavor to enroll in the Sunday School as many as possible of the prospects found in the census.

4. March. One week during March, call the church together and teach a soul-winning book.

5. April 9-23, every church west of the Mississippi River engaged in an evangelistic meeting. This would mean more than one thousand evangelistic meetings in the State of Arkansas alone.

6. May. One week during the month of May, at a time most convenient to the leaders of the churches, call the church together for a Training Union enlargement campaign so as to conserve the results of the evangelistic meetings. It was also suggested that an emphasis be placed during the campaign on tithing. "Every Baptist a Tither."

It was suggested that Arkansas Baptists could accomplish the great objectives set out for 1950 including the enlarged budget and the simultaneous evangelistic meetings, if Arkansas Baptists would see together, pray together, give together, and work together during these important months. In the final analysis the success of what we shall do this coming year depends upon each church assuming its proportionate responsibility of doing its best and on every individual Christian who is a member of these churches re-dedicating himself to the service of Christ.

The Convention elected Herbert McGlamery, First Church, Fayetteville, as president of the 1949-1950 year, and Miss Pearl Carneale of the Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, secretary; Paul McMillan, Springdale, vice-president of the Northwest District; Gray Evans, Berryville, vice-president, North Central District; James Fitzgerald, Jonesboro, vice-president, North Central District; Norman Ferguson, Fort Smith, vice-president, West Central District; Herbert Valentine, Little Rock, vice-president, Central District; Lehman Webb, West Helena, vice-president, East Central District; W. E. Ward, Pine Bluff, vice-president, Southeast District, and Dale McCoy, Ashdown, vice-president of Southwest District.

The time of the 1950 meeting will be Monday and Tuesday, October 16 and 17. The place of the meeting will be announced later.

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## Which Kind Are You?

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows, not good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes—they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them, they'll fly away.

Some are like kittens—they are more contented when petted.

Some are like footballs, you can't tell which way they'll bounce next.

Some are like balloons—full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like trailers—they have to be pulled.

Some are like neon lights—they keep going on and off.

OTHERS LET THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAD!

—Copied

# Central College News

Revenue Commissioner Dean Morley spoke on "Good Government Today" at a meeting of the Central College Logos Club Thursday evening. Basic purpose of the club is to "keep alive the democratic tradition of freedom of thought," Dr. Ann Beck, club sponsor, said. The meeting was open to the public.

Miss Martha Ann Hutson, Central student from Carlisle, was named to the State Student Union Council as Young Woman's Auxiliary representative at the recent Convention at Arkadelphia.

Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, State W. M. U. president, directed the organization of a W. M. U. on the Central College campus for women living on the campus. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Clyde Pate with twenty present. The following officers were elected: Mrs. W. W. Phelps, president; Mrs. Clyde Pate, first vice president; Mrs. Bernard Goodbar, second vice president; Mrs. H. G. Starkey, recording secretary and reporter; Mrs. Demetra Morgan, Young People's leader; and Mrs. Ray Gardner, Mission Study Chairman.

The Central College Choir under the direction of Miss Marcella Johnson, head of the Music Department, launched their 1949-50 season October 18 at the State Sunday School Convention. October 19 they were at First Church, Little Rock, October 27, they will sing at the Women's City Club, Little Rock, and at the Caroline Associational meeting at Ward.

Choir officers for the year are as follows: Miss Ruth Ryburn, Pine Bluff, president; James Walker, Pea Ridge, vice president and devotional chairman; Joe Simmons, North Little Rock, business manager; Miss Joan Duren, McGehee, secretary; Philip Walters, North Little Rock, librarian; Joe Merritt, North Little Rock, robe chairman; and Robert Dennis, North Little Rock, social chairman.

Churches or organizations who would like the choir to sing for them sometime during the school year should contact the president or Miss Johnson as soon as possible.

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## GOD'S TITHE

The tithe is not any ten per cent of your income that you choose to set aside for religious, philanthropic, or social causes. It was never so in the Bible. Jesus spoke of "the altar that sanctifieth the gift." The tithe becomes the Lord's when it is placed on His altar. His altar in this age is a local New Testament church treasury. The tithe is merely the minimum of our responsibility. We should also bring offerings, even sacrificial offerings, into His church.

—Baptist Bulletin Service

## Gift to Negro Pastors

William Flemming, an outstanding Baptist layman of Fort Worth, Texas, is sending a copy of Dr. R. C. Campbell's latest book "The Right Way" to 1,000 pastors of Negro Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention territory. Dr. Campbell is pastor emeritus of the First Church of Little Rock, Arkansas.

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"Whether you are short, or whether you're tall, doesn't determine your size at all. You should measure yourself by the width of your grin; the depth and breadth of what is within."

—Helen Marie Walden

## The Devil Can Go So Far

By BURTON A. MILEY

James 1:14

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." This Scripture suggests the question "How Far Can The Devil Go?" Can the Devil coerce one to sin against his will? Must he work through the free agency of man the same as God must work? Would it be right for God to be unable to make man to do good and the Devil able to make him to do evil? Man has a will which can shut God out. The same will can shut the Devil out. The possession of man's will is the contention between God and Satan. The Devil wants man for his anarchy. God wants man because he loves him and purposes the best for his eternal welfare. The Devil wants man for spite—since he suffers the wrath of God, he wants all other beings to suffer the same fate. God wants man to complete him and to satisfy the intimate love which God possesses and man needs. The Devil wants man to make him poor—God wants him to have riches untold.

### A Word About the Devil

Is there a personal Devil? Or is the Devil an impersonal influence in the world that has never been terminated? Most decidedly he is a personal being. Jesus said, "The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me," John 14:30. A prince can be none other than a person. Paul said, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ," 2 Corinthians 11:3. It was no impersonal influence which tempted Eve to sin. It was a person embodied in the serpent as he worked through her will.

The Devil does not have the attributes of God. He is not omnipresent. He cannot be everywhere at once. He does not have all knowledge, though it cannot be denied that he has super-knowledge to man. He does not have all power. He is not supreme. We shall remember that back of every sin there is the Devil's influence, but not necessarily his personal touch. In fact, the Devil saves himself for the most spiritual and prominent. We find him contending with Christ personally and desiring Peter in order that he might work through him.

### A Word About Temptation

Temptation is usually thought about as diabolic in design. This is temptation to fall; temptation to go against God. Trial is designed to raise. The Devil places a stumbling block in our way by temptation while God gives us a stepping stone to victory by our trials. Many times both God and the Devil strive to use the same circumstance in man's life to accomplish widely different purposes.

The Devil can only make suggestions in temptations. He can entice. The old Negro realized his temptation in the hen house and said "Get behind me Satan." And Satan got behind him and pushed him into the hen house and the old Negro got two of the finest hens on the roost. This is attributing more to the Devil than he possesses. He cannot coerce anyone into sin—he can only entice. He is the agent of sin—sin's personal representative, but the individual who yields to the suggestions and enticements of the evil one chooses sin for himself. Temptations bear no guilt except to the one who makes them his own.

## What A Field!

By JOHN D. FREEMAN

Three weeks on the Pacific Coast, following one in Arizona, made me exclaim over and over, "What a mission field!" What a challenge to any group of God's people who are missionary in spirit.

All the way from Tucson, via Phoenix, Prescott, Oak Creek Canyon, Jerome, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Ashfork, Kingman, Boulder City, and Hoover Dam, one sees in Arizona great sections of cities and towns untouched by evangelical Christianity, unless it be by some modern sect. And to find a Baptist meetinghouse in village or open country gives one an impression of having seen a curio!

Baptists in the capitol city, Phoenix, are moving forward. First Southern Church, led by C. Vaughn Rock, is growing rapidly, and is expanding its work through mission stations. Other churches are alert and well led. At Kingman, Pastor John J. Johnston is promoting a sorely needed building program and aiding in two nearby extension units recently developed. But the only Christian activity one can attend in the area of Grand Canyon is Catholic or union. The only signs visible in hotels and motels are, "Mass at 8:30 Sunday morning," and "Community Service for 20 minutes at \_\_\_\_\_," or "Union Service at \_\_\_\_\_."

And what about California, Oregon, and Washington? In California there are 45,000 licensed grog shops. Her people spend an average of \$60 per capita for strong drink, and think they are doing business of a good grade because they get from the entire liquor industry 60c per capita in taxes. There are

The Devil never suggests the final step first. Sin is usually a small thing in its commencement. The Devil shows the pleasing side of sin, but never the rough and dreaded side. He realizes that each person is a potential customer to him and he does his best to snag that one. Dr. A. J. Gordon met an old man going up to worship. The old man was happy and radiant. Dr. Gordon asked, "Why should an old man be so merry and happy, my friend?" "All are not," answered the old man. "Well, then why should you be so merry," asked Dr. Gordon. "Because I belong to the Lord," was the reply. "And are none others happy at your time of life?" spoke Dr. Gordon. "No, not one," and straightening up the old man spoke, "Listen please, to the truth from one who knows: then wing it around the world, and no man of three score and ten will be found to gainsay it. The Devil has no happy old men." The Devil never suggests the final step. He stays in the background and likes to do his vile work incognito.

### How Shall I Escape?

The next question is how shall I escape the Devil? You know how Ulysses got by the Sirens? He made a hard and fast rule. He was tied to the mast. No man was to untie him while the bewitching songs were sung. But Orpheus had the better way. When the sirens started their singing, Orpheus lifted his voice and sang as the sirens could not. The sailors never turned their heads. They had sweeter music aboard than could come from the lips of the enchanters. Friends, keep Christ, and you will never want the Devil. Keep Christ, His life will rule out the wiles of the evil one. No one wants another who really has Christ.

more lost people in the West Coast states than the total population of Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kentucky; yet Baptists of all brands have less than six hundred churches! A woman in Los Angeles, begging for a Baptist work in her section of Hollywood, declared, "It would take four hundred Baptist churches in Los Angeles County alone to begin to meet the vast spiritual needs." And then she begged, "Can't your Home Mission Board do more while the doors are jarred wide open by fear of atomic destruction?"

Baptist work is getting under way in California, and the rapid expansion of Golden Gate Seminary makes it certain that the growth is to be hastened by the incoming ministerial students. Secretary A. F. Crittendon, aided by a staff of consecrated departmental workers, has the people doing great things. On every hand one hears groanings produced by growing pains, and those caused by lack of funds with which to provide woefully-needed buildings, by inadequate salaries for workers where prices are high, by an insufficient number of pastors and church leaders, and unfortunately, pains produced by the dissension that seems to be inseparably connected with Baptist growth. Southern Baptists could do no more statesmanlike business than to invest a big sum of mission money aiding the foreign people of these western states where representatives of almost every mission field we have on earth may be led to Christ, and inspired to go home to minister to their own people without charge to any mission board.

Then there are Oregon and Washington, where one blushes to see the evidences of Baptist backwardness. Even in Salem and Olympia, the capitals, in the great sprawling Portland-Vancouver area saddled across the mighty Columbia River, one drives for miles to find here and there a weak Baptist church and to see a church building.

Baptists are so pitifully few in the entire Western area, and the population is so big, with so many Southern people out there! In Springfield, Oregon, where I preached August 28, I found a man who once lived in my home village, Allene, Arkansas, but who lived a long time in Oregon with no church connection until Southern Baptist work was opened. Two women from Arkansas accepted the challenge presented and notified the pastor that, after being in the city eleven years, he could soon present them for membership, or for rejection because of their neglect. Clyde Barrow—a Kentuckian of merit—is leading this church in a fine way, and it too is reaching out through extension work.

The spirit of the people in Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington is optimistic and enthusiastic. Sacrifices abound, persecution is met with a martyr spirit. Some unworthy preachers have to spread their reproach on the cause, but Southern Baptists are living so nobly, so sacrificially, and are so diligently at work, that the harm is quickly overcome. Ray of Arizona, Crittendon of California, and Milam of Oregon-Washington are rendering heroic service as state secretaries; God's cause is being advanced; future sources of men and money for all our Baptist agencies are being opened up.

But nearly ten million souls are slowly passing unsaved into eternity. Fred McCaulley, our Home Board director of western work, needs help and helpers to make the West a vast springboard to future Baptist missions in the Orient.

# Stand Up and Be Counted

## The Cooperative Program

By J. G. COTHRAN

The Cooperative Program is a plan and method of work whereby Baptist people can unitedly work in all the world. This Baptist program grew out of a necessity for a unified plan of carrying on our missionary, benevolent, and educational work. The purpose and design of the program is to care adequately for all interests in the program.

There is danger in our support of the Cooperative Program of thinking that only the objects fostered in the program are our missionary responsibilities. We should never lose sight of the fact that the entire program of a Baptist church is missionary. The Baptist program is dependent wholly upon local churches for its strength and life. This is as it ought to be.

The principle of co-operation is scriptural. All through the Bible we have illustrations of what co-operation meant. We see this principle in the building of the walls at Jerusalem. We see it in the building of Solomon's Temple. We see it in the work of the early church and the spreading of the Gospel in the first century. We see in our day what co-operation in a great church will do for the church and for Kingdom causes.

The Baptist program is an all-inclusive program. It includes State Missions with every department of our work undergirded and supported through the Cooperative Program. It includes everything that Arkansas Baptists are doing through our State Board, hospital, orphanage, and schools. It also comprehends our district and associational mission programs.

The Home Mission Board with its many institutions and various departments of work is supported through the Cooperative Program.

The Foreign Mission Board, reaching out to many foreign countries depends upon the support of Baptist people who give to this work through the Cooperative Program. There is no possible way for a Baptist to reach as many people with his money as he can reach through the Baptist program. Through this medium we can be witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

The Cooperative Program is the best method that we have ever discovered for carrying on a well-rounded and a world encompassing program. We have a great purpose. We have a great plan. We have the greatest partner in all the world. It has been said, "If God be your partner, make your plans large."

—Bulletin, First Church, Arkadelphia

Southern Baptists are launching the greatest Program of Advance in their history. Hundreds of new missionaries are to be sent out; millions of dollars are to be given to support this all-out invasion of unconquered territory for Christ and His Truth. This Program of Advance calls for the enlistment of the last Baptist in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. **Stand up and be counted!**

Your church is now launching its financial program for the coming year. In this important phase of its program of worship and service, it must depend on the individual and personal sense of stewardship in the heart of each member. God's Word says, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2). If you are a Bible Baptist, then let the Bible be your rule in a systematic program of giving that will honor God and advance His work. **Stand up and be counted!**

Baptists in your State are launching a concerted program of evangelism. Simultaneous efforts will be put forth to win the lost to Christ and to services in the churches. This thing is of God and the idea is as old as the New Testament. New Testament churches are independent and sovereign, they cannot be coerced by man or groups, but their law is the New Testament and their Master is Christ. We are following Him in an all-out, simultaneous effort to win the lost. **Let us stand up and be counted for Him.**

—An Editorial from the Western Recorder



"For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it." Isaiah 28:20.

It has been said that some people have just enough religion to make them miserable.

—Editor

## The President's Conviction

President Truman made the following comment in a letter to Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., in regard to the evangelistic campaign conducted in Washington September 25-October 9: "Many times during the past decade the conviction has come to me with increasing force that a revival of the spirit of old-fashioned religion is what the world most needs. Only when the hearts and minds of men are inspired and guided by the unchanging principles of the Sermon on the Mount can we hope that the nations of the world will find the pathway to enduring peace . . ."

## The Servant Is Worthy Of His Hire

A church member objected to his pastor's getting \$50 per week for preaching two sermons. "Why, the preacher is getting \$25 per hour," said the objector.

The next week the member brought a load of wheat to the mill and got a check for \$250 for same. "See here," said the minister, "you objected to my getting \$25 per hour, and now you are getting ten times that much."

"Oh, no," said the wheat grower, "I just come to the mill to unload."

"And so do I go to the pulpit to unload," said the preacher.

—Biblical Recorder

## Can We Do It? You Bet!

By LAWSON H. COOKE

Now, brethren, hold your horses! We have no idea of betting. We are definitely against it. It's just our way of saying that Southern Baptists can easily reach that ten million dollar south-wide Cooperative Program goal next year if we want to. And that we will want to when we understand what it will mean to the cause of Christ around the world.

We know that ten million dollars sounds like a lot of money, and it is in a lump. But there are nearly seven million of us. Figure it out yourselves.

And here is what it will mean. On a basis of this year's distribution, \$5,845,000, or over fifty-eight per cent, will go to foreign missions. Home missions will receive \$1,067,500. In other words, nearly seven million of the ten million dollars will go direct to missions. In addition to this, \$1,862,500 will go to our three seminaries. And every other agency will receive its equitable share.

The time to start things going is—NOW! Let's begin by promising God through our pledges for next year that we will tithe. And then let's make out our church budgets on a fifty-fifty division.

Will we do it? You bet we will!

## How Much Do You Care?

Your own children—the beneficiaries of your love and kindness and devotion—are among the luckiest children in the world! They have the care and affection which all children crave. Naturally you could never place a monetary value on your love for them—but have you given thought to thousands of other children—just as lovable and bright as your own—who do not know what love and kindness mean.

Many of the state Baptist conventions take offerings for their denominational-controlled orphanages during the Thanksgiving season. Whether you contribute money to help carry on this work of your denomination or whether you seek out an unfortunate child in your own city or community, this is one way in which you can express your thanks to God for His blessings to you. It will bring you more happiness than a Thanksgiving table laden with rich foods.

—Baptist Bulletin Service

He overcomes self-centered living who in the name of Christ goes about doing good.

# Religious Education

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR

## Forty-Two Associational Training Union Rallies

DECEMBER 5-9

**Team Number 1—Stanley Jordan, B. N. Simmons**

Monday, Dec. 5 Wash.-Madison First, Springdale  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Benton County First, Rogers  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 Newton County First, Jasper  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Boone-Carroll Green Forest

**Team Number 2—Harry Hunt, Seibert Haley**

Monday, Dec. 5 White River Mountain Home  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Big Creek Salem  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 Rocky Bayou Melbourne  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Current River Biggers

**Team Number 3—A. M. Norton, Russell Duffer**

Monday, Dec. 5 Gainesville First, Piggott  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Greene County First, Paragould  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 Mount Zion Central, Jonesboro  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Mississippi County First, Manila

**Team Number 4—Dell Hames, Robert McMillan**

Monday, Dec. 5 Black River Tuckerman  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Independence West Batesville  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 White County First, Beebe  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Woodruff First, Augusta

**Team Number 5—Lehman Webb, John Holsten**

Monday, Dec. 5 Trinity First, Tyroneza  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Tri-County Earle  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 Caroline Hazen  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Arkansas Valley West Helena

**Team Number 6—D. C. McAtee, W. E. Ward**

Monday, Dec. 5 Centennial First, Almyra  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Harmony Southside, Pine Bluff  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 Bartholomew First, Monticello  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Delta First, Lake Village

**Team Number 7—J. T. Elliff, Jesse Reed**

Monday, Dec. 5 Hope First, Hope  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Red River Beech Street, Gurdon  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 Liberty First, Norphlet  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Carey First, Fordyce

**Team Number 8—George Hink, V. E. Yarbrough**

Monday, Dec. 5 Buckner Mansfield  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Ouachita First, Mena  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 Caddo River First, Mount Ida  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Little River First, DeQueen

**Team Number 9—C. D. Sallee, W. E. Speed**

Monday, Dec. 5 Concord First, Greenwood  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Clear Creek First, Alma  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 Dard.-Russellville First, Dardanelle  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Faulkner County Pleasant Grove

**Team Number 10—Ralph Dodd, Robert James**

Monday, Dec. 5 Stone-V. B.-Searcy Clinton  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Little Red River First, Heber Springs  
 Thursday, Dec. 8 Central Central, Hot Springs  
 Friday, Dec. 9 Pulaski County Immanuel, Little Rock

Sunday, Dec. 4—2:30 p. m. Perry County Perryville

Sunday, Dec. 4—2:30 p. m. Buckville Buckville

### PROGRAM

7:00—Visiting Team will meet with all pastors of the association, the Associational Missionary, and Associational Training Union Director. This is very important.  
 7:30—Song Service.  
 7:45—Recognitions, Announcements and Roll Call—Associational Missionary or Training Union Director.

8:00—"Into Every Church During January"—Team Member.  
 8:15—"A Training Union Study Course in Every Church in 1950"—Team Member.  
 8:30—Hymn.  
 8:35—"Training Union Plans for 1950"—Team Member.  
 8:50—Message—"God's Everlasting 'Yes'"—Team Member.

### Figures To Inspire

Sunday, October 16, 1949

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### "Remember the Poor"

Ten-year-old school girls in Nuremberg were ordered by their teacher to write an essay, traditional in German schools, entitled "The Most Beautiful Day of My Life."

One of the gray-faced children wrote as follows: "The most beautiful day in my life was February 17, 1947, when my brother died and I inherited his shoes and his woolen underwear."

That is all there was to the story, but it is enough to touch any heart where Christ lives.

When you are by yourself, watch your thoughts; when in the family, watch your temper; when in company, watch your tongue.

## Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

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C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

### All On The Altar

### For 1950 Crusade

Last week in this column was the calendar for the 1950 Crusade. It was also sent out to every pastor. We would urge that this calendar be kept in mind as plans are made in the local church for next year's work. Some may be inclined to think of the Crusade only in terms of the two weeks revival, April 9-23, but it is important to enter into every phase of the preparation which begins with the week of Bible Study in January, under the sponsorship of the Sunday School Department. Unless each step in the preparation program is taken, the Crusade will not be what it should be.

Don't forget the State-wide Evangelistic Conference to be held in the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, January 16-18. Dr. Perry Webb will be the principal speaker. In addition, there will be messages delivered by state and south-wide leaders. All the State and South are co-operating wholeheartedly in this great Crusade.

As your Superintendent has traveled over the State speaking in the various associations, he has found great interest not only among the pastors but also among laymen and laywomen concerning this great undertaking; not a single objection has been raised. One woman said, "I can hardly wait to get into this great Evangelistic Crusade." That seems to be the spirit of the majority of the people. What a thrill it ought to be for every church, no matter how small, to be engaged in the greatest evangelistic effort that our Southland has known.

The associational chairmen should have the committees com-

pleted by the end of this year. Each chairman should be urged to attend the Evangelistic Conference. Special meetings should be held in the associations in an effort to give proper instructions about the plans. The associational organizers should have every church committed to participate in this Crusade as soon as possible. It would be interesting to see how many associations will be 100%. Of course, it is purely a matter of volunteer co-operation as no one would dare try to compel any church to participate.

This Crusade has the possibility of beginning a spiritual awakening which will not only sweep our nation but the entire world. If 8,500 churches west of the Mississippi River will co-operate and will have preaching, praying, and pleading all at the same time, our Lord is sure to give a great revival throughout the land. Then, that revival will spread east of the Mississippi River in 1951. By the time that Crusade is held, revival fires will likely be kindled all over the nation. The Baptists of England are watching and waiting for a similar revival among their churches. Also, Australia is saying, "We want a similar Crusade in our country."

Here in our Southland, in what is called the Bible Belt, God will likely begin the next great revival that will sweep the world. He is ready to do it if the Christian people are willing to join together in a co-operative effort to win the lost people to Christ and lay themselves on the altar in full surrender to the Lord. Are we ready to make that surrender?

## Focusing On . . .

### Royal Ambassadors - November 6-12

For 41 years the Order of Royal Ambassadors has furnished missionary information and challenged its members to adventure for Christ in missions. Royal Ambassadors of today are building a world through personal ideals and a program of missionary study and training. The missionary enterprise, the vision of the churches, the brotherhood of men, the peace of the world is in the hands of the young people. Today our churches are challenged with a great world-wide missionary enterprise. Our interest and enthusiasm will continue to grow only in proportion to our willingness to teach, train, and lead our boys and girls into missionary understanding and service.

Focus Week affords an opportunity for looking anew at the Royal Ambassador Chapter in the local church. It affords an opportunity of focusing on the ideals and purposes of this organization as they influence the life and missionary thinking of boys.

Ambassadorship implies world friendship. Royal Ambassadors is an international missionary organization and at all times lives and works for the brotherhood of all nations.

#### Aims For Focus Week

1. To focus the eyes, mind, and heart of every member of Royal Ambassadors on the true meaning of being Ambassadors for Christ.
2. To focus the attention of the church and community on the purpose, work, and value of the Royal Ambassador organization.
3. To put special emphasis on Royal Ambassador activities, such as mission study, Ranking System, and service through Knightly Deeds.
4. To re-enlist inactive members.
5. To win boys to Christ.
6. To enlist new members.
7. To secure 100 per cent subscribing to the missionary magazine, "Ambassador Life."

#### Carrying Out the Aims

1. Solicit the interest and co-operation of your pastor.
2. Plan for every boy in the chapter to have a definite responsibility during the week.
3. Advertise the week through church bulletins, pastors, signs in local windows and news notes.
4. Plan some activity for each day of the week.
5. Feature the Royal Ambassadors on Sunday—
  - a. Ask the pastor to bring a missionary message.
  - b. Have missionary songs selected for the service.
  - c. Use R. A.'s to usher, distribute bulletins and collect offering.
  - d. Have R. A.'s wear their armbands.
  - e. Have R. A.'s sit in a group at church.
  - f. Ask pastor to recognize the R. A.'s and to speak briefly of this important week and its activities.
  - g. Use an R. A. to read the Scriptures.
  - h. Use R. A.'s for special music.
  - i. Special prayer for the week and the missionaries.
  - j. Have group state Pledge of Allegiance.
  - k. Have a recognition service.
6. Have a Father-Son banquet or get-together.
7. Attend the associational rally or convence.
8. Have an over-night hike on Friday.
9. Teach a mission study course for the group.
10. Ask group to have charge of Wednesday night prayer service.
11. Devote some time to the studying of ranks.
12. Contact a church without an R. A. Chapter and plan to assist with the organization.
13. Campaign for the missionary magazine.
14. Have a weiner roast, breakfast, or supper hike, cooking in the open.
15. Have a ball game with another chapter.
16. Distribute evangelistic tracts.
17. Gather clothes for over-seas friends.

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If the world laughs at you, don't worry, laugh right back at it. It's just as funny as you are.

He overcomes the importance of self who bows before God with a heart of humility.

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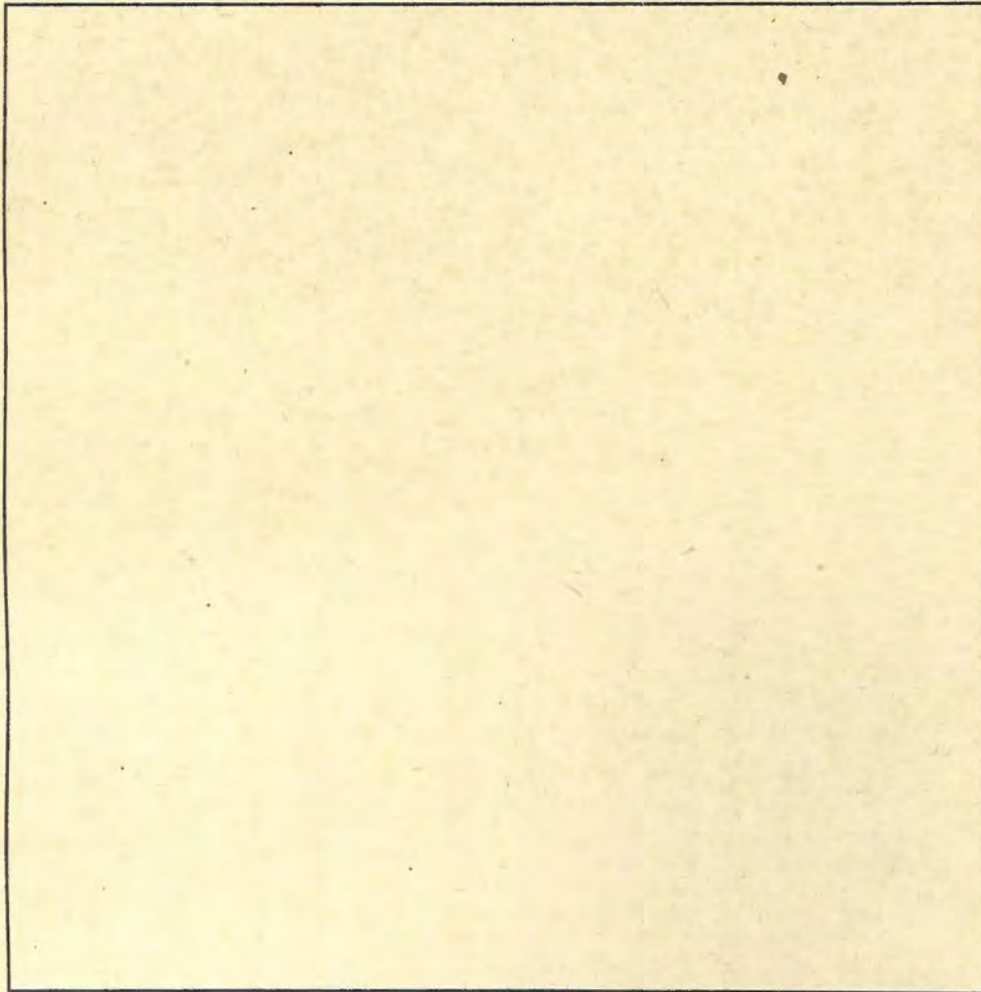
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# To Acquaint Arkansas Baptists With Their Home For Homeless Children



## YOUR OWN CHILD MAY NEED OUR HOME

### How Much Would You Care—

if your child's picture was in the blank above for whom the Orphanage is making an appeal?

### How Much Will You Share—

to care for the children of our home who once knew, but are now deprived of, the care of father and mother? Death entered homes and left many of the children who are now in the Orphanage without father or mother. In other cases, Sin deprived the children of the normal care that every child has a right to expect.

### Keep Them In Your Heart—

- By contributing one day's pay.
- By contributing one dollar or more per member of your church.
- By uniting in an effort to provide some special object needed at the home—equipment, car, feed, hay baler, manure spreader.
- By setting a special goal to be raised in the Thanksgiving offering.
- By a visit to the home with a delegation from your church.

## Put the Thanksgiving Offering In Your Program

**BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**

Monticello, Ark.

H. C. Seefeldt, Superintendent

## Foreign Mission Advance

By M. THERON RANKIN  
Executive Secretary

### Board Meeting—Budget-Making

The Foreign Mission Board faced its fall budget-making with a broadened vision of strengthening stakes in mission centers all over the world and lengthening cords to new fields of labor.

In his report to the semi-annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board on October 11, Secretary M. Theron Rankin outlined a program looking toward possible expansion into new areas of Africa and into Thailand, India, Korea, and the Philippines in the Orient. A stronger educational program for training native workers is proposed for all areas, with two new seminaries to be located in Spanish America and with additional facilities for the seminaries in Zurich, Rio de Janeiro, and Japan. Medical mission plans call for two hospitals in Latin America, one in Arabia, one in Japan, and further development of two growing medical centers in Africa.

The estimated income of the Board for budget purposes next year is \$3,680,000. This amount with the Lottie Moon Christmas offering will bring the total overall operation of the Board in 1950 to \$5,250,000. Many of the projects for expansion are scheduled for investigation and preparation during 1950, with the advance to follow receipt of Advance Program funds raised through the Cooperative Program.

### Africa, Europe, Near East

Secretary George W. Sadler, in Europe this year, is attending a meeting of the Near East Mission, after which he will outline a future program for that area. The Board authorized him to survey mission projects in the French Cameroons next summer when he visits the Nigerian Mission. The way is already open for work in Liberia as soon as funds and personnel are available.

### Orient

In the Orient, Secretary Baker J. Cauthen recommends the location of a veteran China missionary couple in Korea for a year to observe opportunities there and report to the Board. For Japan he proposes the location of missionaries in every major city between Tokyo and Nagasaki to evangelize the cities and surrounding territory, with special emphasis on work among students in government colleges and universities. Also, a "preaching mission" of some of the South's best preachers is being studied for Japan.

### Latin America

Missionary H. W. Schwainsberg brought to the Board a survey report he has just completed on Ecuador and Peru, recommending

that missionaries be located in Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador, and in Lima, Peru. He has established avenues through which they may enter and serve as soon as the Board can send them.

### New Missionaries

The board appointed fourteen new missionaries. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Julius R. Hickerson Jr. of Texas for Colombia; Mr. and Mrs. William J. Blair of Texas and Arkansas for Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd A. O'Neal of Texas for North Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carl Johnson of Texas for North Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Howard Jr., of Missouri and Texas for Japan; Mr. and Mrs. B. Elmo Scoggin of North Carolina and South Carolina and more recently of Florida, for Palestine; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sanford of Texas and Kansas for Nigeria.

### China—Now

Forty-one missionaries and one child remain in territory occupied by Communists in China; twenty are in stations of the South China Mission where the government turn-over is expected. A total of ninety-eight of the China missionary staff are still in the Orient, the other thirty-seven located in Portuguese Macao, English Hong Kong, Formosa, Bangkok, and the Philippine Islands.

Shanghai, Soochow, and Kaifeng schools are open. Our school is closed in Yangchow but the hospital is open. There are some restrictions on mission work, but none serious. Where Bible classes cannot be held in school buildings they are continuing in church buildings.

Dr. Henry Lin has resigned as president of the University of Shanghai because his position with the school could react against both the school and his own personal safety. He remained on the campus during the fighting in Shanghai at the risk of his life, leaving only after order had been restored. There are 1,200 students in the school.

### Theological Seminary

Industrial work has become a required activity at China Baptist Theological Seminary in Shanghai, with classes shortened to leave the afternoons free for manual labor. They hope by this procedure not only to escape the ban on non-producers but also to lighten seminary kitchen expenses with vegetables raised on the campus as a part of the industrial project.

A large amount of industrial equipment was borrowed from the American Advisory Group in China and Mr. Gordon Brand, formerly with the Kiangwan Health Center, is employed by the Mission on a

## New Phillips City Baptist Church



The above picture shows the new church building of the First Church of Phillips City, formerly known as the Joyce City Baptist Church. Ground was broken for the new church building last April 24. Much of the work was done by voluntary labor with only two skilled workmen employed. Construction of the building was under the supervision of Albert Boyce.

Pastor Charles W. Nash came to the pastorate of the Joyce City Church July 1, 1947. During his pastorate there have been 160 additions to the church, which ranks fifth among the 40 churches in the Liberty Association in the number of conversions during the past year.

The First Church at Phillips City is believed to be the only rural church in Arkansas with a full time young people's director and youth program. Johnny Jackson became assistant pastor of the church on October 1. Mr. Jackson, a graduate of the Camden High School, is now a student at Ouachita College. Mrs. Jackson is the former Miss Carleene Wade of Kosciusko, Mississippi. Mr. Jackson will direct the youth program of the church and the Sunday afternoon visitation program.



Johnny Jackson

contract basis to assist with the industrial work.

The seminary is facing a financial crisis because of the high cost of living and the low exchange rate. The current annual budget is not sufficient to cover the actual cost of running the seminary. Because the school underspent its budget during the first seven months it will be able to complete this year's work. Enrollment for the full session, which opened September 13, was kept to around seventy to safeguard internal harmony, promote higher scholarship and to lesson financial strain.

### Dr. J. D. Franks

The Foreign Mission Board elected Dr. J. D. Franks to serve for a three-year period as administrative secretary and public relations representative of the international seminary in Zurich. He will continue to supervise Southern Baptist relief efforts in Europe. Southern Baptist state conventions, seminaries, and churches will want to keep him busy during a brief visit he is making soon to America. He can be reached in care of the Foreign Mission Board.

## It's Easier in Youth

By CHARLES A. WELLS

How few conversions to a better life there are after middle age, and how easy it is to make the climb in youth! Yet the very fact that young people can transform their lives in just a few steps causes them constantly to postpone the decision. "I know what I'm doing isn't good for me, but I can stop any time I want to" is the statement the religious counselor often hears from the young. But the further they go, deeper the path gets grooved into life and the steeper the climb to higher levels. This reveals why it is that unless we are surrounded by religious influences in youth we seldom are able to lift life above the dead levels of indifference, cynicism, and futility. Yet millions of parents are robbing their children of this desperately needed opportunity to learn the way to a better life at a time when it can mean most—a time that may never come again. "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth!"

# Isaiah Exposes the Liquor Evil

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

This discussion is based on the International Uniform Sunday School Lesson Outlines, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education and used by permission.

This ancient teaching which we study today has a most modern title. It should not be the least bit surprising to us to learn that Judah had a tremendous "liquor evil," for history has proved that the downfall of most nations has been accomplished by drunkenness. The nations of the past and those of our present time have fallen in the grip of drunken riots. Drink dominates in England and that nation is undergoing trial after trial. America is seeing a dangerous increase in the liquor traffic and is treading on thin ice.

In Isaiah's time God saw not only the sin of intemperance but many acts of unrighteousness, and He sent the prophet to condemn and warn the people of Judah.

## The Parable of the Vineyard

Isaiah 5 is complete within itself, containing stern rebukes from God and a distinct prophesy of the coming invasion of Babylon. The writing is in the form of a parable.

In a fruitful hill a vineyard was placed; within it were planted the most choice vines. These were chosen because they could bear the best and choicest fruit. A garden that an owner is careful to protect from cattle or trespassers will be guarded by having a fence placed about it. This vineyard was fenced and the ground carefully plowed and turned. Large stones and rubbish had been removed from the ground in order that nothing would prevent the growing of the crop. A tower was built convenient to the land and a winepress was located therein.

As a result of all this care and preparation the owner naturally expected that it should bring forth many and rich grapes. The parable, of course, applies to Israel as a nation. God chose Israel; we notice the prophet uses the word, "wellbeloved." A man who chooses his beloved from among all the women of the world sets her apart and by choice she is the one "wellbeloved." God chose Israel by calling one named Abraham; so this nation was selected, placed in a land all her own, rich in resources, a "land flowing with milk and honey."

God loved His people; they were given special blessings and honor. He threw up "fences" or peculiar blessings about them. Even as God did with Job, He "hedged" Israel in by His love, protection, and power. God looked to Israel to produce fruit which would be pleasing in His sight; He fully expected them to yield the fruit of righteousness and justice.

Sunday School Lesson for  
October 30, 1949

Isaiah 5:1-12

## The Fruit of the Vineyard

Did God's people, with all the blessings and favors which He so graciously and abundantly bestowed upon them, yield fruit worthy of their Lord's expectation?

Jehovah was bitterly disappointed in Jerusalem and Judah. What more should He have done for them, He asked. Instead of yielding fruit, the vineyard brought forth "wild grapes." The hearts of the people were hardened and filled with sin; they had a perverted sense of judgment and righteousness; they turned away from their God.

As a result of such fruit as covetousness, injustice, pride, wickedness, corruptness, drunkenness, and willfulness, God pronounced woe and destruction upon them. He said: "I will take away the hedge; break down the wall; lay in waste; withhold the rain." The people became greedy, grabbing land, seeking wealth. Sin was rampant.

They were decidedly guilty of the sin of intemperance. In fact, Judah had become a slave of strong drink. They arose early in the morning, seeking wine and continued into the night. They became inflamed with it; such is the picture that deceiving drink paints upon a human face, upon a nation's record. Sensuality, debauchery, revelry, and corruption are the steps which follow the glass of wine. Judah became inflamed with their search for pleasure and good times and they forgot God. Have we forgotten Him? Let us look at ourselves in our own state in relation to this terrible evil.

## The Liquor Evil Today

The liquor traffic is a vicious, active enemy of our Sunday School, churches, and of all that our Bible teaches. Because of this every child of God should be a total abstainer. No Christian can merely be temperate and get by; if we are to fight this evil which presses down upon America in our day and time and save our nation, our churches, our homes, our lives, and our children's lives, we must engage in a courageous warfare against alcohol.

The danger is present right in our beloved state of Arkansas, and even worse, it is present in churches! Our penal institutions, insane asylums, and other such places reveal the fact that a large percentage of the inmates are there because of liquor and its influence.

In 1948 the liquor traffic cost the people of Arkansas over \$79,000,000. Of that amount \$44,707,806 was spent on beer, wine, whis-

key; \$3,654,000 was the money-cost of automobile accidents and deaths as the result of liquor, \$30,700,000 is the lowest estimate of Arkansas' crime bill caused by liquor, for the year.

The liquor traffic within the United States is both a robber and a wastrel.

It is time for America to come

back to God. What can Christians do? We can pray for and support the Temperance League of our state from which many of the above facts were obtained; teach people the Word of God, seek to win them to Jesus, pray and live close to God in our daily walk as we totally "abstain from all appearances of evil."

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## What The Proposed Budget Will Do For Our Institutions In 1950

Ouachita College would get for operating expenses \$7,000 more than it is to get this year. The Hospital would get \$32,000 more. The Orphanage would get \$5,000 more. Central College would get \$17,000 more. Southern Baptist College would get \$3,000 more than it is getting this year. Foreign Missions would get \$32,000 more from Arkansas than it is to get this year. These institutions would get out of the proposed budget for next year the following amounts for their capital needs: Ouachita \$80,000, Central \$50,000, Southern Baptist College \$20,000, the Orphanage \$20,000, and the hospital \$50,000.

### Ouachita College

By J. H. BYERS

Ouachita College as I have known it from its establishment until now — The Baptists of Arkansas were in sore straits for schools to educate our ministers, teachers and our young people in general and fit them for the services needed. The writer grew up in a section of small towns and principally rural in a very strict sense, forty churches in our association, twenty-five ordained Baptist preachers and only one of the number had a High School training. The others from fifth grade down. We were laughed to scorn at times for our poor reading. Ouachita more than any other institution relieved us of our reproach. Its hundreds and thousands of students went out over Arkansas, and many with great credit into other states and some to uttermost parts of the earth. If the good accomplished by Ouachita to Baptist credit was subtracted out we would be a sad spectacle. Ouachita has experienced many trials in the course of the years.

The writer recalls a time when Ouachita was to sell under mortgage and the night before the sale on the morrow something like a hundred men met in Little Rock in an endeavor to save the institution, many prayers, calls out to friends over the state and still we were short at midnight. Then we started increasing our pledges. Some called home to banks to borrow on their own and at one o'clock a. m. our secretary announced that we were safe. Much feeling of joy, many tears of rejoicing. Were you there brother—it makes a difference.

No doubt some mistakes have been made, but who is it that has not made mistakes? It thrills my soul yet to think when we boys shouted Rah Rah Rah, Ouachita! Ouachita! Ouachita! Get in boys. Let's pull out of this stall.

### Courageous Preaching

This is a day when anything short of courage in the ministry is tragic and disastrous. It is easy to "luxuriate among the cowslips," and deal in pleasing platitudes, and get off on to economic questions, and to say nothing

distasteful to the carnal nature. It is easy to preach a negative gospel. It takes courage and prayerfulness to preach the truth in love in the face of a frowning world. We have read a definition of preaching. It is something like this: "preaching is that passionate proclamation of an intensely spiritual message poured out of the burning heart of a brave and earnest man." Wouldn't it be a fine thing for all of us preachers to take stock and see if we are measuring up to a good standard of preaching. Dr. Frank W. Borum gave the following charge to a young preacher:

"Preach the Everlasting Gospel. Deliver the message that God, by His Word and by His Spirit, burns into your soul and conscience. Preach Christ that you may lead men to Christ. Beware of the tyranny of schools. The party spirit is bad enough in politics; it is ever-cramble in Treology. Have a fine disdain for their Shiboleths and Siboleths! Find no time for denials and negations. Make great affirmations! Be positive! Nothing stays error like truth. Glory in the immensities and infinities of the divine revelation! Do not hesitate to expound, with perfect assurance, even when you cannot begin to explain. The preacher who can understand and prove his gospel is like a sailor who never goes beyond sight of shore. Be rather like the sailor who, scorning to hug the coast, loves to get away on the wide, high seas, far from all sight of land, pushing his keel through unplumbed and unfathomable waters, and steering his course by the eternal stars."

### We Told You So

Three or four years ago we had a little article on this page about Russia and its communistic, dishonest attitude. After the United States had helped to save Russia from ravishes from the Germans Russia has fought our ideals and seemingly has stolen our stuff. Russia is a communistic nation and fights capitalism. It has some proponents of its governmental theory in this country. Russia, however, took the help that a capitalistic nation extended it, and now does not show its appreciation for the equipment we loaned them with which to fight their battles. Here are some of the things we did for Russia:

America saved Russia from the Germans; she does not appreciate it. We sent Russia more than a million miles of telephone wire, four hundred and twenty thousand field telephones; four hundred thousand trucks and jeeps. At one time more than half the Red Army's supplies on some sectors of the front were moving in lend lease trucks. Without these trucks the spectacular Soviet advances of 1943 and 1944 and 1945 campaign would have been hampered if not stopped altogether. Many of these trucks were equipped with special treads for mud and snow. We sent about seven hundred thousand tons of

rail, car wheels, axles, and other equipment, one thousand eight hundred twenty-five steam locomotives, ten thousand flat cars, one thousand and dump cars, one hundred tank cars, and seventy diesel-electric locomotives. We sent 14,000 airplanes, more than Germany had when she started the war. We sent more than four million tons of food stuffs.

We sent some seven thousand tanks, three hundred forty four thousand tons of explosives, and tens of thousands of guns, and a million tons of petroleum products, fifteen million pairs of army boots and fifty thousand tons of leather, a hundred million yards of cotton cloth and sixty million yards of woolen cloth. We sent ships, and construction machinery, medical supplies, pontoon bridges, marine engines, and other equipment. We sent them paint, and plastic, cordage, rubber, paper, photographic materials, asbestos, fish nets, and buttons. We sent her two and a half million tons of steel, four hundred thousand tons of copper, and two hundred and fifty thousand tons of aluminum. Whole factories have been exported to Russia. Among them were a tire plant, an aluminum rolling mill, two pipe fabricating mills.

Plants have been built for the manufacture of wallboard, and nitrate acid and hydrogen gas. A block signal system designed to increase the carrying capacity of existing facilities was installed on Soviet railways. We sent them some sixty odd trains of seven railway flat cars each, power trains they were, and they were made to rebuild the electric power plants of Russia after Germany had torn them down. We sent forty thousand tons of seeds for them to plant for their crops. We sent them four thousand tons of barbed wire. A whole train of aluminum was sent to the Pacific coast on a non-stop schedule, and every other train was side tracked to give it right of way. More than nine billion dollars worth of materials have been given Russia. We were glad to do it, they were fighting our enemy; but in so doing we saved Russia. She does not appreciate what we did to save her from Germany. In our judgment when we strengthen Russia we are creating a Frankenstein monster that some day will give us much trouble.

### Pre-Convention Conference For Pastors' Wives

A pre-convention conference for Pastors' Wives will be held on Monday afternoon, November 14, 2:30 to 4:30, in the Educational Building of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock. The program will consist of inspirational and informational features. It will also include a forum.

Mrs. Ralph Douglas, Helena, will be in charge of the program. Mrs. Douglas says, "This is a good time for the Pastors' Wives to get acquainted and better understand problems peculiar to their positions."