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# As the Editor Sees It

## Protestants Barred from Radio

It happened in Peru and Argentina, Catholic dominated countries. Radio stations in these countries are owned independently, but the government in these Catholic countries dominates the mediums of communications and have denied the use of the radio stations to Protestants. Formerly, Protestants were required to furnish manuscripts of their programs for government approval three days in advance of the broadcast; then followed the decree that speeches of any kind were banned entirely.

It is reported that Protestants then reduced their programs to church music; "Now even church music is taboo, and all efforts to secure time on the air has failed." One sentence in the report fully explains this whole situation, "Meanwhile, Roman Catholics have a monopoly of religious time on the air." Yet when the monopolistic efforts of Roman Catholics are challenged in the United States, they cry "intolerance."

Catholics are using the radio in America and very effectively. At a workshop conducted recently by the Catholic Broadcasters' Association in South Bend, Indiana, it was urged that "each Roman Catholic diocese in the United States should sponsor at least one Catholic broadcasting station in AM, FM, or TV."

Southern Baptists are now launching a year-round radio program over the ABC Network beginning the first Sunday in October. This program will be made possible by people who believe that Southern Baptists should be on the air in a year-round program and are willing to support such a program financially. The question we must answer is this: Are Southern Baptists willing to surrender the air to other denominations, or will Southern Baptists take their place in the field of radio and let their voice be heard throughout the country. We will answer that question by our support or lack of support of the year-round Baptist hour.

Watch for announcements concerning this program.

### Suspended Judgment

President Truman has asked the country to suspend judgment on Major General Harry Vaughan, his military aide, till the General has had an opportunity to testify before the Senate Committee who is investigating the five per centers. Ordinarily, such suspense of judgment until the person in question has had an opportunity to speak for himself is justifiable. Perhaps it is in this case, and yet it does appear that General Vaughan has a good deal of explaining to do to clear himself in this five per center tangle.

In fact, it is most unfortunate that President Truman has surrounded himself with a type of mediocre politicians who deal with national policies and issues on the level of ward politics. Such stupidity in the executive branch of our federal government is unpardonable. All branches of our federal government should be invested with the best brains of the country. Mediocrity in high positions can do more damage from within than strong enemies from without.

It is entirely understandable that President Truman owed his friends and General Vaughan a personal obligation; it is dangerous to the country, however, when the man

who holds the highest position in the power of the citizens to give, pays off his personal obligations with appointive positions in the government.

The *United States News* observes that to date only the "Small-fry" are involved in the investigation of the five per centers. It goes on to say that "Big operators, big money, big favors, are not yet out in the open." There is no evidence of "surprise or shock" on the part of officials "that the White House was used as a base to restrain law enforcement, to get favors for people." It continues, "What people may get to wondering is whether experiences of the small-fry are symptoms of what may be experiences of the really big-fry."

These practices will continue in government until the voters and taxpayers become aroused and take notice of these things and let their elected officers know that they will not stand for such things in government. Better write your President, your Congressmen, and your Senators.

### Merger Means Division

Last May the Lakeside Baptist Church of Richfield, Minnesota, was the center of court action resulting from a majority vote to become a Congregational Church.

The court ruled that the congregation had no legal right to change denominations. The result is that the church has divided into two churches, a Congregational Church and a Baptist Church. Such a result is to be expected from open church membership and from attempts to merge with other denominations. We have called attention several times to the proposed merger of Northern Baptists and Disciples. Such a merger would result in three denominations instead of two—the merged denomination, a Baptist denomination formed by those Baptist churches that would not enter into the merger, and the Disciples denomination, formed by those Disciples Churches that would not enter into the merged denomination.

It seems utterly foolish, in what appears to be a minority of Northern Baptist leaders, stubbornly to promote this merger movement.

### Ban Alcoholic Advertising

The W. C. T. U. meeting recently in Philadelphia asks congressional action to ban advertising of alcoholic beverages in interstate commerce. This is a worthy objective and deserves to succeed. The liquor interests of the country arrogantly and brazenly display their death-dealing wares in every conceivable way, in order to capitalize on the depravity of human nature. It is interesting to note that the W. C. T. U. reports that "Surveys show that more than one-third of the United States population is in the temper to vote for prohibition, if given the opportunity. Drying-up local option elections are occurring at the rate of about six hundred a year in counties, cities, wards, townships, and precincts in the more than thirty states wherein laws permit them.

"These ballot box revolts against the rising tide of alcoholism have either dried up or banned liquor over an area of one-fourth of the United States, containing one-fifth of the population." May it be possible that the liquor interests are going to such extremes that they will defeat their own purposes?

## The Great Physician

A Devotion by the Editor

"And He healed many that were sick divers diseases."

The science of healing has grown from the magical arts practiced by the medicine men of ancient tribes to the near-miracles of modern medical science and surgical skill. Yet the problem of sickness, suffering, and death is still the cause of great concern to the race.

Sin and death have been inseparably associated in men's thoughts with sickness and suffering. Men have sought to solve the mystery of this association. They have tried to dissolve the association; they have even tried to deny it. But it is bred and born in the race-consciousness and is too openly evident for successful denial.

Jesus is the only one who has offered a satisfactory solution for the complicated problem of sickness, sin, and death. As Creator of man Jesus could not be indifferent to man's physical diseases and suffering. To charge Him with indifference to the sufferings of men is to charge Him with creating a being with the capacity to suffer, only for the purpose of making sport of this being in his afflictions.

Follow Jesus on His journeys and you will discover how vitally interested he was in all the things that people suffered. His compassion was stirred, His sympathy was touched, His love and mercy were enlisted in behalf of suffering men and women. He bends in tenderness over the afflicted child and restores the smile of childish innocence. He gently touched the blinded eyes and watched the glow of happiness thrill the soul as a world of light and beauty displaced the world of darkness and gloom. He spoke words of strength to the palsied and enfeebled and was thrilled by the haste with which they leaped and ran and praised God. He was touched by the sick and His virtue yielded to the contact of the suffering who sought His healing power. He heard the lonesome cry of the leper and answered with immediate assurance that sent a thrill of new life surging through the veins of this most miserable class of sufferers.

We may find the greater blessing in our sufferings if we will but look for them, even as Job and Paul and others. We may be assured of this truth if we are completely yielded to Christ. No sickness or suffering is purposeless, nor is our Lord indifferent to them.

"And even when the sun did set, they brought unto Him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And He healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew Him" Mark 1:32-34.

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## From the Editor's Desk

### Off to College

It is easy to visualize the scene which is now being enacted in many homes in Arkansas. Young men and young women are preparing to leave home for college in a few days. Hopes which have been entertained by both young men and young women through high school are now to be realized by hundreds of young people in the colleges of our state.

There is both joy and sadness in this home scene, parents who have had their children close to them in the home are now feeling the pain of anticipated separation as the young people prepare for college. At the same time these parents are rejoicing in the opportunities which are provided for their children to pursue their educational career and better fit themselves for life's responsibilities, opportunities, and challenges.

Obviously, there are dangers ahead for these young people who are leaving home for college. They will be thrown precipitously into a new environment, subjected to new and strange influences. It will require sane and safe guidance to enable these young people to make the necessary adjustment to college life. It will be easier for some than for others, depending upon many factors—their home background, personal characteristics, and the nature of the college atmosphere into which they enter. The home church and home pastor, as well as parents and other friends, may do a great deal toward helping these young people make the adjustment by keeping in close touch with them, especially during the first months they are away from home and in college. Letters from the pastor, the Sunday School class, the Training Union, deacons, missionary society members, and other friends in the church, would be a great help to the freshmen college students. Such interests and contacts from the home base will help to strengthen the anchor of our young people in their Christian faith and loyalty.

The churches in the college centers have a big load to carry and they are doing a magnificent job. The churches from which our young people go may not realize the tremendous load which our college center churches are called upon to carry. It would perhaps help us to understand this burden which the college center churches are under if the churches back home would try to realize what it would mean if several hundred young people should suddenly come into their communities. Therefore, the home churches should do everything possible to make the burden as light as possible on the college center churches. Many of our finest Christian youth put their lives into the church program and take their places of responsibility in the church organizations.

Of course, there are others besides fresh-

men who are entering college and they should not be neglected but should be given every encouragement both from the home church and the college center church.

All our colleges are crowded to capacity, both state and denominational institutions. Arkansas Baptists have reasons to be proud of their colleges where our young people are assured a Christian atmosphere and Christian influences. Ouachita, Central, and Southern are making an invaluable contribution to Christian education—education with a Christian content. These schools have their problems and difficulties, but undismayed they are charting their courses along Christian lines and are zealously undertaking to fulfil their mission as Christian educational institutions. They deserve the full confidence of our Baptist constituency in Arkansas. They deserve our patronage, the commitment of our young people to them for their educational career. They deserve our financial support to the very limit of our financial ability in the field of Christian education.

The easiest thing in the world is to find fault which is used as an excuse for withholding our confidence and our money, and sending our boys and girls out of the state to other schools. The noblest thing we can do is to reassure our colleges by our confidence and our support. These institutions are ours. It is a matter of self-preservation when we make it possible for our colleges to fulfil their mission. When by lack of confidence or by lack of support we restrict the operation of our colleges, we are crippling ourselves. Our colleges exist for the sole purpose of providing our Baptist young people educational opportunities in a Christian environment and with a Christian content.

So to our Baptist homes, our Baptist young people, our Baptist churches, our Baptist colleges and their faculties, we would say, God bless you, and may our young people emerge from our colleges strengthened in the Christian living in whatever field of endeavor they may choose to invest their lives.

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### It Pays To Advertise

Doubtless many of our readers have seen the Roman Catholic advertisements in national periodicals sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. At the sixty-seventh national Convention of the Knights of Columbus at Portland, Oregon, recently, it was reported that 304,470 requests for additional information have been received since January of last year; that 350,000 free booklets have been mailed to inquirers; and that 20,397 non-Catholics have enrolled for correspondence courses in religious instruction.

Moral: It pays to advertise.

## A Challenge To Our Arkansas Baptist Institutions

The proposed budget for 1950, as finally approved by the Executive Board and which will be presented to the Convention in November for confirmation, is a comprehensive budget designed to anticipate both the current and capital needs of Arkansas Baptist institutions and to obviate the necessity of special campaigns and designations.

Now it becomes apparent that if special drives and designations to our institutions bypass this Cooperative Program budget in 1950, the budget itself will be impaired to an extent that will make it impossible of realization. The basic support of all our institutions is the Cooperative Program. It is therefore to the interest of every institution to support and promote the Cooperative Program budget. When the institutions by-pass the Cooperative Program budget they are weakening their basic support.

Therefore, we challenge every Arkansas Baptist institution to come out positively and unequivocally in support of the 1950 budget and help to promote that budget among the churches and pastors of the state. We challenge our institutions to let it be known that they abide by the allocations as set up in the budget and that they credit any special contribution and designation in 1950 to their capital needs budget as set up in the 1950 Cooperative Program budget.

The institution that will take such a stand will win the confidence and support of all Arkansas Baptists. If all our institutions will take this stand and make their position known, it will unite Arkansas Baptists as they have never been united and in the greatest program that Arkansas Baptists have ever undertaken.

It is understood, of course, that the Thanksgiving offering going to the orphanage is a provision by which current operations are taken care of, and that the Mothers' Day offering for the hospital is for charity work alone.

There isn't anything that would give such a boost to the program being promoted by Arkansas Baptists, or that would so precipitously unite Arkansas Baptists, as for every Arkansas Baptist institution to get solidly behind the 1950 Cooperative Program budget and let it be known that they are promoting that budget by discouraging rather than encouraging designations, and that all designations and special gifts will be credited to their capital needs budget.

Such an act on the part of our institutions will be an act of faith in Arkansas Baptists. We believe that if our institutions will keep faith with the Cooperative Program and with Arkansas Baptists all over the state, that Arkansas Baptists will keep faith with them.

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He who can control his tongue, can number his friends by the score, but he whose tongue is unbridled can count his foes by the legion.

—Selected.

# Kingdom Progress

## Association-Wide Youth Revival

By W. O. TAYLOR

There are thirty Baptist Church organizations in the territory of Clear Creek Association. Of these, four can scarcely claim to exist, having no pastor, Sunday School, nor regular meeting of any kind; and five others are without pastors at this time. To have twenty-four of these churches co-operate in the Youth Revival, with a scheduled list of functioning committees, and practically every one of them holding regular daily services, just goes to show that Baptists really can co-operate. Maybe the young people have just showed us how to do it.

Not having planned a definite system of reporting, it has been difficult to enumerate with accuracy the countable results of the revivals, and even more difficult to evaluate the spiritual results. It seems to be the unanimous opinion that the whole effort was a great success. There were at least one hundred professions of faith; many young people came forward dedicating their lives for special service; two fine young men felt certain God was calling them to preach the gospel. There were many re-dedications to faithful Christian living. On the whole, I believe I am safe in saying that every co-operating church was spiritually uplifted.

The Webb City Church registered the largest number of additions, a total of twenty-eight with about twenty of them for baptism, but they fudged by running an extra week, which was a glorious thing to do. That is one of the finest ways for Baptist Churches to show the world they are not sewed up in a machine and have to do what denominational leaders say, just go on and do a lot more. Some seem to think the only way they can show their independence is by refusing to do anything.

The Alma Center probably had the largest attendance, with a nightly average of near five hundred. This group of churches came nearer carrying out the original plans of the revival, financially and otherwise, and they closed out Friday night with all seeming to be on the mountain top. Each of the four centers seemed to be sure they had the finest team of evangelists. Since I am the only one that had the privilege of hearing all of them, I think I will agree, paraphrasing Abraham Lincoln, that they mutually surpassed each other.

Calvary Church, Longview, Texas, and Pastor J. W. Miller were recently assisted in revival services by Pastor R. E. Jones, First Church, Bay, Arkansas. There was one addition for baptism; two persons surrendered their lives for special service, and thirty pledged themselves to do personal soul winning.

West Side Church, El Dorado, observed the first anniversary of Pastor Lonnie Lasater with a special program and offering on August 14. Under Mr. Lasater's leadership the church has witnessed sixty-nine additions to the church and offerings in the amount of \$24,719; the pastor's home has been moved and remodeled and a new church building is under construction. Attendance has increased in all departments of the church. Mr. Lasater is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and a native of Clinton, Arkansas.

## New Church Organized

Highway Mission of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, became the Highway Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, August 7. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Pastor W. O. Vaught, Immanuel Church; the dedication prayer was offered by E. A. Ingram, superintendent of missions in Pulaski County, and the benediction was delivered by J. O. Rhodes. There were 147 charter members, who extended a call to E. J. Evans to become their pastor.

Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, and Pastor Felix Williamson dedicated their new building with an impressive ceremony on Sunday afternoon, August 14. E. A. Ingram, superintendent of Missions, Pulaski County, preached the dedicatory sermon.

Pastor Gerald Trussell of Homer, Louisiana will be the evangelist in revival services at Second Church, Hot Springs, October 16 to 23.

The Mississippi County Training Union rally was held at First Church, Blytheville, Sunday afternoon, August 14. Present at the rally were State Training Union director Ralph Davis, and twenty-eight summer field workers, also representatives from Training Unions throughout the county. The following week the summer field workers visited the rural churches of the county, reorganizing and revitalizing the Training Union Programs in these churches.

The Wynne Church was well represented at the summer assemblies. Seven Intermediate and Junior girls attended the G. A. Conference at the Siloam Springs Assembly, July 5 to 12; three representatives of the Missionary Society attended an evangelistic conference at Siloam Springs, August 7 to 12; Carl Dial, Brotherhood president, attended the Brotherhood week at Ridgecrest, August 17 to 24.

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## Pastoral Changes

Associational Missionary Louis Gustavous, for the past two and one-half years with Trinity Association, has accepted the pastorate of Ola Church.

C. M. Overton assumed his duties as pastor of the First Church, Star City, August 1. Mr. Overton is a graduate of Ouachita and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He has been director of education and music at First Church, Searcy, for the past ten months.

Edgar Harvey has resigned the pastorate of First Church Gravette, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Beggs, Oklahoma.

Wayne Givens is the new pastor of Crystal Valley Church, Route 6, Little Rock.

T. T. Lane has resigned the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Vimy Ridge.

James Johnson has resigned the pastorate of Martindale Church near Little Rock, and assumed a pastorate in Monticello.

Tommie Stout is the new pastor of Immanuel Church, Vimy Ridge.

## Editorial Assistant Resigns



Mrs. Leslie W. Buchanan

Mrs. Leslie W. Buchanan, editorial assistant of the Arkansas Baptist for the past nineteen months, has resigned to accept a position with Central College, North Little Rock.

Mrs. Buchanan will be a member of the faculty and serve as dean of women. She will teach a course in religious journalism and handle press releases for the college.

Pastor J. W. Royal, First Church, Lewisville, was the evangelist in revival services at Mount Sherman, in Newton County, during the recent simultaneous evangelistic campaign of the association. Mount Sherman is a mission project of First Church, Lewisville; the church sends their pastor, J. W. Royal to Mount Sherman each year with all expenses paid, to conduct revival services in the school house. All collections during the meetings are turned back into the mission work of Newton County.

Pastor Royal says, "These people have been the victims of many unscrupulous preachers of the nomadic, free-lance type that it is therefore necessary to educate them out of a good many things before a positive program of teaching can be set up."

The people of Second Church, Arkadelphia, and Pastor S. M. Cooper have a "mind to work." This is evidenced by the fact that they are constructing an addition to the educational building almost entirely with volunteer labor.

The new addition is to be a two story structure 30 by 50. As of August 21 they had the frame up, floors laid, and the roof on, all at a cost of only eighteen dollars for labor.

A group of W. M. S. members from Circle number three, and three boys from the R. A., two girls from the G. A. organization, First Church, Dewitt, report a visit to the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello, on August 5. Those visiting the orphanage report that they were pleased with what they found there and with the work being carried on by Administrator and Mrs. Seefeldt.

Pastor E. C. Brown, First Church, Blytheville, led in revival services at the New Liberty Church near Blytheville, July 18 to 29. He was assisted by Carol Evans who is a member of First Church, Blytheville and a ministerial student in Ouachita College. There were twenty-nine additions to the church by baptism and eleven by letter. Russell Duffer is pastor of New Liberty Church.

### Six Weeks of Revival Services

The First Church, Lake City, A. M. Norton, pastor, and the missions sponsored by the Lake City Church have been in continuous revival services for six weeks. The Bowman mission meeting, with Pastor Norton doing the preaching and Mrs. Norton directing the music, resulted in twelve additions to the church by baptism.

For the revival at Lower Poplar Ridge Mission, Pastor Norton had the services of Pastor R. E. Jones, First Church, Bay, with Mrs. Norton directing the music. There were six additions to the church by baptism.

In the revival at First Church, Lake City, Pastor Norton had the services of Pastor Dallas P. Lee, First Church, Graham, Texas; the music was under the direction of Paul Owens who is director of music for the Lake City Church. There were fourteen additions to the church.

Pastor Norton was the evangelist in revival services at First Church, Dyess, L. L. Jordan, pastor. There were twenty-one additions to the church by baptism and two by letter.

J. T. Midkiff, pastor of Harris Chapel Church near Wynne recently moved into the new pastor's home, a modern five room house costing approximately \$5,000. Pastor Midkiff and the Harris Chapel Church are engaged in revival services at present with Pastor R. H. Dorris, Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, assisting in the meeting.

Dr. O. L. Powers, former pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, supplied the pulpit of that church in the absence of C. Z. Holland the last two Sundays of August. Dr. Powell served as pastor of the church for the ten year period from 1936 to 1946. Dr. Powell is now making his home in Wichita Falls, Texas. Although retired from the active pastorate he is serving as supply pastor and evangelist as the opportunities come to him.

C. L. Randall, who for six years was district missionary in Arkansas and later was pastor of Gage Avenue Church, Bells Gardens, California, is in the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, with lymphatic leukemia. Pastor Randall was engaged in a revival meeting at Palestine when he became ill. He also had three other meetings scheduled in Arkansas. Pastor Randall's many friends will be praying for him and for his recovery.

Manning Church and Pastor Aubrey Puckett closed a ten-day revival meeting August 5 with Evangelist J. T. Martindale of Fort Worth, Texas, doing the preaching. Pastor Puckett baptised thirteen new members and six were added by letter.

First Church, Lake City, has purchased the Lower Poplar Ridge school building and it is being torn down and re-built into a church building which will include eight class rooms. J. M. Cossey has been Sunday School superintendent for six years; Rayborn Bone is pastor.

Evangelist W. J. Morris preached in revival services at the Shady Grove Church, Senath, Missouri, July 10 to 24; J. S. Compere Jr., pastor. There were nine additions to the church by baptism and four by letter.

A six day meeting from July 31 to August 7 with the Shiloh Church, Phenix City, Alabama, Dr. J. M. Cook pastor, in which Evangelist Morris did the preaching resulted in thirteen additions to the church by baptism and three by letter.

Evangelist Morris is now engaged in a meeting at St. Francis, Charles Holland, pastor.

First Church, Little Rock, has donated \$1,500 to the Gravel Ridge mission and is underwriting \$3,500 more to be used in the construction of a native stone building. The Sunday School was organized recently with thirty-five members. Purl Stockton, assistant pastor of First Church has assisted the new mission in their work.

The Workers Conference of the Conway-Perry County Association met with the Plumerville Church in their regular monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon, August 7.

Mrs. C. D. Sallee Jr., Associational Music director was in charge of the program and Mrs. B. W. Nininger, State Music director was guest speaker and song-leader.

There were 194 persons in attendance. The Biglow Church won the attendance banner. The next regular meeting of the Workers' Conference will be held with the Pleasant Grove Church, the afternoon of September 4. H. D. Palmer is associational missionary.

Union Hill Church, Bartholomew Association, had the services of T. W. Dave, Biscoe, in a revival meeting from August 7 through 17. There were ten additions to the church by baptism, three by letter, and one young woman surrendered for foreign mission work.

The Union Hill Church conducted a Vacation Bible School in connection with the meeting, with an enrolment of 26, average attendance of 21. Mission offering of \$7.15 was sent to the Cooperative Program. T. T. Walker is pastor of the church.

Pastor S. E. Powell and the Mt. Olive Church, Crossett, had the services of Pastor Wesley A. Lindsey, Second Church, Monticello, and Pastor Jim Pleitz of Oden Church, as evangelist and singer respectively in revival services August 8 to 20.

Pastor Powell who has served the Mt. Olive Church fourteen years and has built it from a small fourth-time work to a progressive full time church, says the revival was one of the most successful during his ministry. There were forty-five additions to the church during the revival and three other professions.

### Focus Week Program

Breakfast at church, a devotional period, and attendance on the worship services of the church in a body—that was the beginning of the Focus Week program on August 7 by the Y. W. A. of the Wynne Church.

The Wynne Y. W. A. was organized five months ago by Mrs. Paul Crumrin and has a present membership of sixteen. The week's program indicates the interest and enthusiasm with which the members enter into the work of the organization.

The Focus Week program continued on Monday afternoon with the presentation of the Royal Service program by the Y. W. A. for the missionary society meeting. "Christ The Answer To Errors of Catholicism" was the program subject. Topics for discussion were: "Characteristics of Our Latin-American Friends," by Margaret Ann Cody; "Catholicism vs. Democracy," Martha Ann Jarvis; "Spiritual Revival Seen," Betty Cook; "Mexico," Bobbie Ann Doss; "Village Week In Cuba," Mickey Foster; "Looking Across the Atlantic," Joyce Anderson; "What About Your Neighbor?" Betty Durham; "Do You Know What Catholics Believe?" Frances Anderson.

Tuesday evening Focus Week program continued by the group attending a revival meeting at the Vann Dale Church conducted by Pastor Boyd Baker of the Wynne Church. On Wednesday evening the Y. W. A. had charge of the prayer meeting; the topic of discussion was, "Making a good church better."

A mother-daughter banquet was held on Thursday evening in the basement of the church. Friday evening the group enjoyed a fish-fry and bunking party at the home of Mrs. Paul Crumrin, Y. W. A. sponsor. On Saturday the members of the organization attended a "Crusaders for Christ" meeting at Character Builders hall in Memphis.

Harold White, associate pastor of First Church, Crossett, assisted Northside Church, Selma, Alabama, in revival services from August 1 to 7, resulting in three professions of faith and two additions to the church by letter. Lester P. Stone is pastor of the church.



The accompanying picture shows the home provided for Missionary and Mrs. S. D. Davis by the Harmony Association. It is a commodious six room house located at 1124 West Twenty Ninth Street in Pine Bluff. The Davises moved into this new home on July 1.

# A Smile or Two

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

**Schools to Sponsor Unique Spiritual Education Program:** A unique experimental program stressing moral and spiritual values in education will be launched this fall in five Kentucky high schools and one grade school, according to a report by Religious News Service.

The program is the result of work sponsored by the State Department of Education, the University of Kentucky, the four state teachers colleges, and the University of Louisville.

It will be based on a report entitled "Discovery of Moral and Spiritual Values in Education," released by Dr. William C. Bower, professor-emeritus of the University of Chicago Divinity School. Dr. Bower was director of a workshop held in June at the University of Kentucky College of Education to orient staffs of participating schools in the purpose, basic idea, and procedure of the experiment.

The experiment, it was stressed, will differ from the usual religious and moral education programs in that it will attempt to discover moral and spiritual values already inherent in the schools. After these values are identified, the schools will strive to develop them.

Although other educational institutions have inaugurated special courses which emphasize moral and spiritual values, the Kentucky procedure is believed to be the only one of its kind.

**Hall of Religion Opened at Fort Knox:** A Hall of Religion representing major religious faiths and housing a collection of Bibles in virtually every known language has been opened at Fort Knox.

Besides the collection of Bibles, which includes Scriptures in Braille and Esperanto, the museum features a hand-lettered Jewish Torah hidden in Munich during the Hitler regime, a communion kit used for the first Protestant services conducted for U. S. forces in Germany during World War II, and the first Chaplain's flag carried into Germany.

Flags of the United Nations and photographs of religious services conducted under combat conditions form a setting for the various displays. Pictures of chaplains who were killed in action, including a reproduction of the Dudley Summers painting, "The Four Chaplains," showing the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish chaplains who died together when the SS Dorchester was sunk in the North Atlantic, are also on view.

**Juvenile Delinquency Laid to Lack of Religion:** Lack of religious affiliation was called a primary cause of juvenile delinquency by James B. Nolan, Sixth Deputy Police Commissioner, New York.

Speaking before a conference of the New York State Sheriffs' Association, Nolan said more than 80 per cent of the cases of serious delinquency showed that neither the offender nor his parents were church members.

He told the peace officers that the church, the home, and the school were still the most powerful deterrents to juvenile crime.

**WCTU Warns States On Liquor Profits:** A warning that state governments think twice before counting profits from beer and liquor sales or taxes, was issued here by the seventy-fifth annual Convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The W. C. T. U. said that the cost to the states and the burden to the taxpayer from drink-caused sickness, crime, and poverty far exceeds any liquor profits.

While its ultimate goal is the return of national prohibition, the W. C. T. U. set other more immediate goals to widen the temperance cause through legal channels. These include:

Legislative investigations of the cost of drink to taxpayers "to help explode the myth that states profit from alcoholic beverage taxes."

State laws to place manufacture and sale of wine and beer under the same restrictions and prohibitions as hard liquor.

Organization of local W. C. T. U.'s in every city, town and village to double the present number of units, reported to be 10,000.

Inclusion of total abstinence pledges with each Sunday School temperance lesson.

Clean recreation centers to help keep youth off the streets and out of bars.

Unification of the nation's dry forces for political action so that "dry votes" will count.

**Plan Publication of Newly-Discovered Old Testament Manuscripts:** Ancient Hebrew manuscripts dating back to the first century B. C. which were accidentally discovered in Palestine early last year will be published in photographic form this fall with suitable transcriptions, it was announced by Professor Carl H. Kraeling, president of the American Schools of Oriental Research at Yale University, and reported by Religious News Service.

The Old Testament manuscripts, whose discovery has been hailed as one of the most significant of its kind in modern times, include the oldest known copy of the Book of Isaiah, the most ancient complete Biblical document ever found. This document will be included in a volume now in preparation, as well as a commentary on the book of Habakkuk, a minor Hebrew prophet.

Professor Kraeling, who is chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures at Yale, said other volumes based on original animal-skin manuscripts found by wandering Arab Bedouins in a cave near the Dead Sea will follow shortly afterwards.

**Church League Continues Efforts to Make North Carolina Dry:** Having failed to get the legislature to provide for a state-wide referendum on a proposal to return to prohibition, the Allied Church League of North Carolina is attempting to dry up the state, county by county.

The non-denominational group has engineered beer and wine referendums in 31 of North Carolina's 100 counties and has won every one of them. It has sponsored referendums on legal liquor sales in 19 counties, and has lost but one.

The League has 24 more beer and wine elections and eight additional liquor referendums scheduled for the next few months, and says it will arrange more before the end of the year if the necessary petitions can be compiled in time.

"James, why did you enter the ministry?" said an elderly aunt to her nephew, a poor preacher.

"Because I was called," he answered.  
"James," said the old lady, anxiously, as she looked up from wiping her spectacles "Are you sure it wasn't some other noise you heard?"

—Baptist Student

"Why does Grandma read the Bible all the time?"

"She must be trying to pass her finals."

—Copted

Scared Husband: "You say you found a letter in a woman's handwriting in my pocket. I don't know how it got there!"

Irate Wife: "I do! I wrote it and gave it to you to mail two weeks ago."

—Sanatorium Outlook

Overheard: "Of course I had to tell her she looked like a million—and I meant every year of it."

—Selected

A boy said to his mother, "Mom, you know that vase in the living room that's been handed down from generation to generation?"

"Yes," replied his mother. "What about it?"

"This generation dropped it!" he explained.

—Charity and Children

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to play this game properly."

Caddie: "You've only heaven to move now, sir."

—Copied

Telegram to a friend: "Washout on line, cannot come."

Reply: Come anyway; borrow a shirt."

—Baptist Observer

A little boy was warned by his mother not to mention an expected guest's amputated foot.

"No, Mother," he replied, "and when I get to heaven I won't say anything to John the Baptist about his head."

—Quote

Student: "That big fellow is our first base."

Girl: "In the glee club or the baseball team?"

—Baptist Observer

A little boy was fishing when a man came along.

"Is that bait any good?" he asked.

"I don't think so, but the fish do," answered the boy.

—Charity and Children

"What did Mama's 'ittle boy learn at school today?"

"I learned two fellows not to call me 'Mama's 'ittle boy.'"

—Selected

Mother walked into the nursery and found her young son tying a bandage 'round his finger.

"My poor child," said the mother, "what have you done to your finger?"

"I hit it with the hammer," was the child's reply.

Mother looked surprised. "But I didn't hear you crying," she remarked.

"No," came the bland reply. "I thought you were out."

—Watchman-Examiner

## With Christ In Gethsemane

By DR. ELLIS A. FULLER



✠ In 1934 Mrs. Fuller and I were members of a large group of Southern Baptists who visited Palestine. There was one place that Mrs. Fuller and I wanted to go alone, the Garden of Gethsemane. We went before the break of day to avoid the noise and the crowd in the streets. In the solitude of the early morning hour we came to the place where our Lord experienced perhaps the deepest agony of his soul.

We wanted to share that agony to the extent that our imagination and sympathy made possible.

The account in Luke's gospel directed us. As we entered we stopped and reasoned that this must be near the place where Jesus halted with his disciples and said, "Pray that ye enter not into temptation," as he left them and "was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast." We imagined the distance that a man could cast a stone of reasonable size. In our imagination we selected the spot where He "kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." Our souls heard him pray.

Our little intellects tried to follow him out into the vast ministry of his experience. We knew that the finite could not keep company with the infinite in that crucial moment. No human being could share with him the agony of the experience by which he came to a full and complete acceptance of the will of God. Therefore, we were not surprised to read afresh, "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."

We accepted the reality of the angel's ministry, but again we were to the end of our intellectual tether in trying to fathom its meaning. In the solitude of the hour and in peculiar fellowship with God, our hearts were torn asunder when we read again, "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

To those who would make Christianity nothing more than a practical ethic for human behaviour and conduct with the view of laying hold upon temporal and temporary ends, let it be made clear that this voluminous stream of Christian truth came from a fountain of life. Before one can accept the Christian message and live it out in all the areas and relations of life, he must share in gratitude the experience of the cross to the extent suggested by the Master when He said, "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

—The Tie.

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God's great are those who from everywhere and every condition, live the beautiful, sweet life. They are always true to the highest and noblest things. Rich or poor, learned or unlearned, God's great may be found everywhere. It is not what we possess but what we are that makes us great.

—Selected.

## Bon Voyage

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

This month will find thousands of Baptist youth enrolling in colleges and seminaries across the land.

Beginning a new academic year is like embarking on a voyage. The campus and grounds must be rigged and readied in advance, and students and faculty members go through a routine closely resembling that of the traveler who sets his affairs in order for a long absence.

There is a taking leave of many of the every-day affairs of life for the duration of the school session. Once one enters into the year's study he is from many standpoints as absent from his home and friends as if he were on a trip around the world.

Just as a voyage is not without its perils, certain dangers beset the student during the year. One of these is that of becoming so engrossed in study that there is no time to spend with relatives and friends. This is particularly true of the student who is married and who has children. The student years are hard years for the families, and too often wives and children who are making drastic financial sacrifices are required to forego the good fellowship of the husband. This can have ill and far-reaching effect in years to come, especially in the lives of the children.

A second danger, closely related to the first, is that of neglecting the recreational life. There can be no profit but only tragic loss, both to the student and to the cause to which he has dedicated his life, if in the process of getting ready for his life's work he loses his health. A full hour of recreation that includes vigorous physical exercise should be included in the daily schedule of every student.

A third danger is that of superficiality. With the hard press of many affairs upon him, the student needs to be on constant guard against falling into the habit of just getting by. A life of great promise may easily be wrecked on the reef of mere expediency and doomed to spend its days on the island of mediocrity or abject failure. This is a danger that threatens every phase of the student's life.

A fourth danger is in the realm of financial affairs. Money is needed for clothes, for groceries or board, for rent and utilities, for doctor bills, for at least a minimum insurance program, for the church, for books, and many other items. How easy it is for the student to live beyond his means and to cast unfavorable light upon himself individually, upon his family, and upon his school by inability to pay bills on time.

Finally, there is the danger of allowing the devotions of the heart to cool. It is ironic that even ministerial students can so easily become involved in attending college and seminary that they have little time for meditative study of the Bible, for prayer, for family worship, for regular attendance of the chapel services, and for daily deeds of Christian living. What will a bachelor's or even a doctor's degree be worth if one dries up spiritually in acquiring it?

As the great ship Higher Education sets sail for its annual voyage of 1949-50, may every one aboard have the smoothest sailing possible. May the great Mariner who made the seas upon which we sail keep you and yours from all harm throughout the year, and may next spring find you farther along the way toward a life fully dedicated to purposeful Christian living.

## A Laymen's Revival Will Work

By LAWSON H. COOKE

After four years of observation and personal experience we do not hesitate to say that a Laymen's Revival will do more to enlist men in the whole program of their church and of the denomination than anything we know of.

It has been tried in hundreds of churches, and in not one case have we received an unfavorable report.

In considering a Laymen's Revival, we must not be misled by two words—"laymen" and "revival." It is a laymen's revival in the sense that the laymen of the church sponsor it and direct it. But women and young people always attend in large numbers, and add much to the interest of the service.

It is not a revival in the popular understanding of that word. What we mean is that it is not a series of evangelistic services. It is a series of five enlistment services—Sunday morning, Sunday night, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. We call it a revival because the main purpose is to revive the spiritual life of heretofore apathetic church members.

A layman as the speaker, and by all means have a layman, will discuss in a frank and personal way the privileges and responsibilities of church membership.

Some churches have used several speakers during the revival, and with good results, but it will not be possible to get the same results as when only one speaker is used. In using several speakers it is impractical to have any continuity of personality or accumulative appeal. And in addition, there is a possibility of creating a comparative reaction on the part of the congregation as to the respective merits of the speakers. This will certainly detract from the effectiveness of the revival.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tennessee, will gladly send a tract giving all necessary details to anyone requesting it.

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## Who Gets the Benefits?

In 1948 one of the biggest automobile manufacturers made profits of 9.4 cents per \$1 of sales. This profit—less than ten per cent—is the incentive that keeps this business at work. Let's look at the people it benefited.

First were the employees, who collected \$1,343,000,000 in wages and salaries.

The next group that benefited was Federal, state, and local governments that took \$464,000,000 in taxes.

Finally the owners—434,000 of them—received \$211,000,000.

That is the way the cash benefits from this company were shared: Owners, \$1; government tax collectors, \$2.18; employes, \$6.37.

The customers bought better automobiles than they could buy forty years ago, and they paid only a little more than half for them.

Profit keeps this company going. The employes receive the largest share of the benefit. Government takes the next largest share. The stockholders who put up the money to build this corporation and who run the risk of loss, receive the smallest share of all.

—Industrial News Review.

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## Triumphant Personality

By Robert Clyde Yarbrough  
Published by Macmillan Company  
Price \$2.00

Dr. Yarbrough writes that in the midst of disappointment, discouragement and even fear, life can still be triumphant. He takes the position that we live not by the things we doubt, but by the things we believe in and work for.



# News of Interest

Baptist Press

**Conditions in Germany:** There are at least three groups of people in Germany who are still having a difficult time finding enough food to keep "belt and buckle" together, according to Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, Tennessee, chairman of the relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. They are those whose earning power was cut off by currency reforms; the sick and old without earning power; and an estimated eight million refugees, jobless, and homeless in the Western zone.

Currency reforms mostly affected investors, large and small, dependent on all kinds of savings for income. The measure, however, is expected to be widely beneficial in the end because it restores money stability and confidence in trade.

Relief agencies must address much of their ministry in food and clothing to the sick and aged, Dr. Caudill believes. He reports that some agencies are contemplating establishment of special winter social service stations to provide one good meal a day for those of this group.

**"Unto One of the Least of These":** The long hand of Christian love has reached all the way from Saint Louis to South America to bring mercy and healing to thirteen-year-old Rudy, a slender, deeply-tanned, Spanish-speaking boy of Barranquilla, Columbia.

Rudy—or Rodolfo Gutierrez, if you want his whole name—is in Saint Louis for a very rare heart operation, the kind that will bring health to his thin body. Rudy was born a blue baby.

The operation is to be paid for by the Baptist churches of Saint Louis and is to be performed early in September in Barnes Hospital by the eminent heart surgeon, Dr. Thomas H. Burford. Rudy made the long trip accompanied by Mrs. H. W. Schewinsburg, a Southern Baptist missionary to Columbia. His parents, members of one of the Baptist churches of Barranquilla, remained at home.

**Southern Baptist Mission Gifts Continue to Increase:** Gifts to Southern Baptist mission causes for the first seven months of 1949 were 10.4 per cent higher than for the same period of 1948, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Total receipts for funds sent through the Executive Committee, including both Co-operative Program and designated gifts, were \$6,512,716.21 as compared to \$5,997,309.29, an increase of \$615,406.93.

Designated gifts for the period increased 11.5 per cent or from \$2,494,331.71 to \$2,782,015.22, an increase in dollars and cents of \$287,683.51. Co-operative Program gifts went up 9.6 per cent or from \$3,402,977.58 to \$3,730,700.80, an increase of \$327,723.22.

**Fellowship Leads to Friendship at Third Baptist Youth Conference:** "I have friends in Europe now" is the way a South Carolina student summarized his week of fellowship with 1,300 Baptist young people and their leaders from 25 countries meeting in the third Baptist Youth Congress, August 3-9.

The South Carolina student who had visited ten countries en route to the Congress was reflecting an appeal made by Dr. Arnold T. Ohn, executive-secretary of the Baptist World Alliance when he told the young people in an address, "Our job is to create and sustain a world consciousness among Baptists." Baptists endeavored to help fulfil the

need for international friendship and world consciousness by providing the young people with opportunities to visit in their homes and to participate in their social gatherings and worship.

**Barden Bill Is Political, Not Religious, Says Editor:** The Barden bill for federal assistance to public education is a political question which the Catholic hierarchy has made to appear to be a religious question, declared Dr. B. H. Duncan, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, in a special letter addressed to the Arkansas congressional delegation in Washington.

He also said, "Attention has been diverted from the real issue, and the merits of legislative proposals for federal aid to education have been smothered by bitterness and highly emotional controversy. If the issue can be kept on a political basis where it belongs, it can be discussed and adjudged in its proper light and perspective."

The Arkansas editor closed his letter by pointing out to the legislators what he called their serious responsibility: to protect the public school system of America which is the basis of our American democratic system; to protect the public treasury from religious bodies which are seeking support for their sectarian teachings out of the public treasury.

**Oklahoma Youth Assembly Had Record Attendance of 15,739:** A check-up this week reveals that Falls Creek Baptist Assembly, a youth camp held annually in Oklahoma's Ar-buckle Mountains the first ten days in August, enrolled a record attendance this year of 15,739. Two-thirds of those present were camped on the grounds in special local church-owned cabins and in tents. There was not a single serious accident.

**Hayloft Becomes "Upper Room" For Baptist Revival Services:** Baptists of Centerville, Tennessee, found a different kind of an "Upper Room." They took over the hayloft of a giant hill-side barn for a week of revival services.

Faced with the problem of getting their message out to rural members the congregation, led by Harry L. Winters, decided to divide their usual summer meeting into two parts, one to be held in town, the other in the country after a week's rest. So they borrowed a giant stock barn from Farmer B. Cordell Baker, pushed back the machinery to walls, outfitted the loft with chairs, electric lights, and exhaust fans, and moved in a piano. For a pulpit they up-ended a 55-gallon oil drum.

All the extra work paid off. The meeting was very successful with over 200 attending a single service on the final Sunday.

Only drawback was the tin roof. When it rained nobody could hear the minister. The minister could not even hear himself.

**Paraguay to Get \$100,000 Hospital:** Paraguay will soon have a new \$100,000 Baptist hospital, the first and only evangelical Christian hospital in the country, according to the *Little Commission*, Foreign Mission Board publication. The institution will be built under the supervision of Franklin T. Fowler, M.D., on property purchased in Asuncion by the Board last December.

The hospital had its beginning under the shade of a tree on the banks of the Paraguay River when Miriam Willis, a Southern Baptist missionary nurse, opened a clinic as a Christian ministry to impoverished mothers and children.

## Ordained to Ministry



Benny Bates

West side Church, Little Rock, ordained Benny Bates of Los Angeles, California, to the full gospel ministry, Sunday, August 21. The ordaining council consisted of E. A. Ingram, moderator; W. Dawson King, clerk; R. C. Otey delivered the combined ordination sermon and charge; W. C. Halsell questioned the candidate; and W. E. Parker offered the ordination prayer. Others in the council were Wayne Reid and A. W. Givens.

Mr. Bates assisted Toltec Church near Little Rock in a successful revival meeting from August 3 to 13 in which there were fifteen additions to the church by baptism and three for letter; thirty persons re-dedicated their lives to service.

Mr. Bates returned to California following his ordination where he is enrolled in a seminary.

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### Test Yourself

What did you DO today that only a Christian would do?

What did you SAY today that was Christ speaking through you?

What do the people SEE who on your pathway fall:

Do they see you alone, or Christ as your all in all?

—Selected.

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### Prayer and Science

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Although some have said that prayer was unscientific, today science has done more to give substance and reality to prayer than any other force. Men once said, "How can you expect to communicate with the Infinite Spirit, or the spirits of other men, when it takes days and weeks to cross the ocean or reach other continents?" But men kept right on believing and practicing the art and experience of prayer; they didn't know how, but they knew they were "reaching through."

Today delicate instruments have opened channels through space so that thoughts and sentiments expressed in the softest whisper can be heard around the world immediately! These unseen channels men have opened certainly indicate that a little deeper within the vast mysterious universe are channels of the soul that also have unlimited reach. The human brain and nervous system is yet far more sensitive and intricate than any instrument man has devised. The channels of the soul are there—and men have long used them.

## The Sardar of Seistan Testifies

By WILLIAM MILLER

In the year 1921 I spent some months in the little town of Seistan in eastern Iran, near the place where Afghanistan, Baluchistan, and Iran meet. Little missionary work had ever been done in this remote region, and we found the people very unresponsive when our work ended, and when we returned to our base in Meched we felt that but little had been accomplished by our journey.

After twenty years I had the opportunity of returning to this region and spent a few days in the town of Zahedan, about a hundred miles from Seistan. I had previously heard from a colporteur of the Bible Society who had toured this region that there was a man in Seistan who professed to be a Christian. He was a Sardar, the head man of a Baluchi tribe and a person of importance on the border. It was said that he openly professed his faith and urged the other chieftains to read the Bible; and when the others once wanted to go to war he dissuaded them, saying that his religion commanded love, not hatred and bloodshed. I was naturally very eager to meet this man, but as it was impossible for me to go to Seistan I feared I would not see him.

However, on the last day of my visit in Zahedan the Sardar arrived from Seistan, and when he learned that I was there he came to the home of the Indian Christian doctor, where I was a guest, to see me. I was overjoyed to meet him and was surprised to find him not a typical border chieftain as I had imagined, but a cultured and well-dressed gentleman who would have made a good impression in any society. As soon as we had greeted each other I said to my caller, "Is it true that you are a Christian?" "Yes," he replied, "I have been a Christian for a long time."

"Pardon my curiosity," I said, "But would you mind telling me who gave you the Good News of Jesus Christ?"

"No one," he answered.

"That is strange," I said; "how could you become a Christian without hearing the Gospel of Salvation?"

"I became a Christian just through reading the Bible," he replied.

"But where did you get a Bible?" I asked.

And then the Sardar smiled at me and said, "I got a Bible from you!"

"What do you mean?" I exclaimed.

"Weren't you in Seistan twenty years ago?" he asked. "I came to see you and bought a Persian Bible from you. I was then a boy of fifteen years. I do not remember that I had any conversation with you, but I took the Bible to my village and read it. I found that it was true, and I believed in Jesus Christ. After seven years an English missionary came to Seistan and he baptised me. I invited the other chieftains to be present at my baptism and put a big cross on the wall of my room, so that they would all know that I was a Christian; since then I have followed Christ."

I have seen the Sardar several times during the past few years. He is true to his faith and is eager for his family also to know Christ. Once he brought his wife and several of his children to call on me, and I found them friendly and interested in the Gospel. And very recently the eldest son of the Sardar came with his young wife to the church in a city South of Iran, and said that he and his wife had decided to become Christians. The seed planted long ago in the barren soil of Seistan is now, under the blessing of God, bearing fruit.

—Alabama Baptist.

# Safeguarding the Home

By JULIAN ATWOOD

For a number of years I have had a growing consciousness of a trend in our church life that has given me increasing concern. A multitude of church activities, often times carried on by approximately the same group, has been consuming more and more of their time until many have had to practically abandon their home life, and spend their time caring for the church program.

This has worked a hardship upon the home and a strain on family ties. Boys and girls have had to either stay at home alone, go to some movie, or be cared for by a baby sitter, while dad and mother are working at the church or attending some function.

Let it be clearly understood that I am in full accord with every item on the agenda of the average church. All our organized life must be maintained and supported by the membership. I am not decrying "too much organization" that we hear about occasionally. I think every phase of our work justifies its existence. What I am urging is that we maintain our church work on a high tide, but bear in mind always that when it encroaches upon our home life to the extent that the latter suffers, a change in plans is obviously necessary. We must remember that the home is also a divine institution ordained of God, centuries before He organized His church on the earth.

The late Dr. George W. Truett sounded a vital note when he said, "God's first institution in the world is the home. Trifle not with the home, God's fountain head, the ultimate basis of a worthy society. It must not be mocked and scorned. The home is God's citadel of an enduring social order, above church or state. It may not be tampered with, except with results, not far away, to the last degree appalling." I am impressed with the fact that in this statement Dr. Truett mentions the church as taking second place in importance with the home.

During the past few years some have seemed to feel that the supreme objective is to spend every night of the week at the church, and very elaborate plans have been formulated to accomplish this. There may be some value in the thought, but all along I have felt that someone should start a campaign making it possible for more families to spend the evening at home with all members present as far as possible. As a pastor I have tried this "every night in the week program" with the result that often times those who were called upon to function in various capacities on a particular night would say, "We feel that we just must spend more time at home with the children."

The argument has sometimes been put forth that by providing entertainment features at the church every night the boys and girls would "be kept off the streets." Then let us teach by precept and example that parents and children should spend the evenings at home. Many times when special features have been arranged at the church, those invited told me personally they would rather remain at home.

I realize there are many necessary meetings, and services of a religious nature which must be held during the week. Let us group them together in as few nights as is practical. This has given rise to the idea of "Church Family Night." Some seem to be greatly concerned because our church houses are not lighted every night. They should realize that the average church is a big business institu-

tion all day long. A busy office force, group meetings of all kinds, and conferences, go on all day. There is no special virtue in the lights of a church burning at night.

It is not necessary that we destroy our home life in order to build our churches. A well ordered balance must be preserved. Let it always be remembered that "it takes a heap of livin' in a house to make it home." We should bear in mind that evenings at home with all the family present, are vital factors in the development of character.

—The Baptist Program.

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## The Truck Problem

The problem of how to pay for highways which are adequate to carry the huge modern commercial trucks and trailers is being given an increasing amount of attention by public officials, newspapers, and other organizations and individuals.

The problem is a very real one. The truckers usually argue that they pay large taxes and that is true. However, the breakdown of our highways under the big vehicles can be seen by anyone with eyes.

According to Governor Warren of California, "it costs twenty-two per cent more to build highways that will stand up under truck pounding than those built for private vehicles alone." According to Governor Duff of Pennsylvania, a study made in that state indicates that it costs \$4,900 a year to maintain each mile of pavement used by trucks—and only \$350 to maintain highways over which the trucks do not operate.

The situation has been further complicated by the fact that some truckers have apparently made a policy of disregarding legal weight limits, and have sent their vehicles out carrying loads which literally murder the highways. Oklahoma is one of the states which is acting to prevent this. It has a law making possible penalties of as much as \$7,000 for single offenses of gross overloading.

In any event, the cost of building and maintaining the highways seems to have brought on severe headaches in most of the states—and big trucks are actually paying a fair share of the expense. A good many experts have come to the view that the trucks aren't doing that now, and so as a result, all other taxpayers and motorists are indirectly subsidizing this commercial business.

—Industrial News Review.

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Less than a year ago, a reviving came upon a group of 60 ministers of a dozen denominations in Minneapolis, Minnesota, under the ministry of Armin Gesswein and Edwin Orr. Their sustained weekly prayer meetings have produced heartening results this spring, for deep spiritual awakenings—causing the abandonment of classes and even examinations in favor of prayer, confession, restitution, and decision—have been experienced in several Christian colleges in the Twin Cities area. It is significant that the revival broke out in a Baptist School—Bethel College, St. Paul, under the ministry of an Irish Baptist, Dr. Orr, who is fully engaged these days as student evangelist.

—Watchman-Examiner.

## Figures to Inspire

Sunday, August 21, 1949

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Ft. Smith, First	1120	425	1
Little Rock, Immanuel	1040	396	4
Including Missions	1285	619	9
North Little Rock,			
Bearing Cross	683	289	
Including Missions	799	318	
Hot Springs, Second	650	197	3
Little Rock, Second	644	135	7
El Dorado, First	633	189	4
Pine Bluff, First	583	182	
Benton, First	531	143	2
Including Missions	602		
Little Rock,			
Baptist Tabernacle	503	146	5
Pine Bluff, South Side	498	180	2
Including Missions	560	223	
Camden, First	585	126	2
Including Missions	670	344	
Crossett, First	482	186	1
El Dorado, Second	468	185	3
Hope, First	456	77	1
El Dorado Immanuel	448	212	2
Including Missions	484	261	3
Hot Springs, Park Place	438	160	1
Paragould, First	426	199	12
Including Missions	587	271	
Magnolia, Central	405	505	163
Mavern, First	400	106	6
Including Missions	423		
Hot Springs, Central	390	112	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	386	126	4
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	382	122	
Texarkana, Beech Street	379	128	
No. Little Rock, First	368	121	
Including Missions	18		
Russellville, First	358	89	
Including Missions	412	114	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	357	68	
Paris, First	348	177	
Including Missions	386		
Little Rock, So. Highland	348	135	7
Fayetteville, First	348	121	
Including Missions	393	149	
Rogers, First	326	80	
Cullendale,			
Cullendale Baptist	325	178	2
Siloam Springs, First	320	180	
Smackover, First	320	134	
Hot Springs, First	319	67	
Texarkana, Calvary	302	144	7
Gentry, First	288	130	
Pine Bluff, Second	287	134	
Greenwood, First	254	153	2
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	250	89	1
Mena, First	245	110	
El Dorado, West Side	240	105	1
Ft. Smith, Trinity	237	103	5
Monticello	234	114	
Dumas	221	17	
Including Missions	271	18	
Bentonville, First	220	47	
Little Rock, Hebron	182	98	2
Hoxie, First	149	55	
Hot Springs, Lake			
Hamilton Baptist	147	61	
Kensett, Kensett Baptist	143	84	
Mt. Ida, First	141	109	
Warren, Immanuel	133	105	
Pine Bluff,			
Matthews Memorial	132	82	
Ft. Smith, North Side	125	43	2
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## Three Arkansans Sail for Japan



MISS ANNIE HOOVER

Among those sailing from San Francisco on August 26 as Southern Baptists' ambassadors to Japan were three Arkansans, Miss Annie Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee Hollaway Jr., appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in April.

Miss Hoover is a native of North Little Rock and received her M.R.E degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May. She attended Central College and in 1944 graduated from Ouachita. As she will pursue the study of the Japanese language, she will be associated with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dozier in Tokyo. Later it is her plan to engage in Goodwill Center work. Missions is not a new interest of Miss Hoover. Nearly ten years ago she became one of the first active members of Broadway Mission, sponsored by Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and which is now Grace Church, North Little Rock. Her summer vacations have been devoted to summer field work.

The Hollaways are from Arkadelphia. Mrs. Hollaway, nee Ida Nelle Daily, is not a native Arkansan, but by adoption we claim her. Her father came to Ouachita as an instructor when she was a child. She finished Ouachita in 1941 and the same year married Ernest Lee Hollaway Jr.

Ernest Lee Hollaway Jr., born at Norman, graduate of Ouachita College, has long been identified as a leader among the Baptist youth of Arkansas. He and his wife received degrees from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in the spring of 1949. Going with them will be their two sons, Ernest Lee III, age seven, and Ralph William, age five.

Friends in Arkansas bid them

Godspeed as they enter this new field of Kingdom service.

## Are You Praying and Planning For the Season of Prayer For State Missions?

Memorializing the corresponding secretary of Women's Missionary Union of Arkansas, who for fifteen years led our Union into hitherto unknown fields of service, the annual offering for State mission is known as the Dixie Jackson Offering. The \$15,000 goal for 1949 is not commensurate with our ability to give, nor does it in any way match the needs, so women and young people of Arkansas must and will far surpass it!

To assure a heart and purse preparation do not wait until the observance to talk about the season and plan for a monetary share in State missions. Start today in organization and personal devotion to consider Arkansas and your duty as a Christian. Make this a season of prayer and do not confine it to the hours that you meet formally as a society.

There are nine causes that will receive help from the Dixie Jackson Offering. Read them!

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The day suggested for the observance is September 12. If this is not a convenient time, choose another. Will you pray with the poetress, Mrs. C. D. Creasman?

*God save our native state,  
O make her strong and great,  
By Thy great might,  
O may her people see  
Thy love and purity,  
And learn to follow Thee  
In truth and right.*

*Give Thou Thy people here  
A vision high and clear,  
A spirit brave.  
May they Thy power know,  
Which from this state shall go  
To every land of woe  
The world to save.*

# Associational Leadership Conference

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September 6

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**J. P. EDMUNDS**

*Secretary Associational Sunday School Work  
Sunday School Board  
Nashville, Tennessee*

## What Is It

A two session Associational Leadership conference beginning at ten o'clock Tuesday morning and adjourning at about four o'clock in the afternoon.

J. P. Edmunds, Sibley Burnette, and Leonard Wedell of the Sunday School Board, together with state leaders in various departments, will direct in the different phases of the program.

## What Is It

1. To discuss and plan with the Associational leaders and workers the work for the new year beginning October 1, 1949.
2. To discuss and prepare for the church planning meetings in October.
3. To inform and instruct the twenty or more team members who will direct the forty-two special associational Sunday School and Training Union rallies to be held in September and December.



**LEONARD WEDELL**

*Training Union Department  
Sunday School Board  
Nashville, Tennessee*

## Who Should Attend

Associational Sunday School Superintendents, Training Union Directors, Church Music leaders, all key workers, representatives, and all team members for special Sunday School and Training Union rallies. Associational Missionaries are invited and urged to attend.

## How Attend

Transportation to and from meetings in cars is being arranged. Noon meal on Tuesday will be served free of charge to Associational leaders.

Every Associational Sunday School, Training Union, and Church Music leader and all team members are urged to plan and prepare now to attend this most important annual Leadership Conference. It will be a means of instruction and inspiration and give Arkansas Baptist Associational leaders a running start for the new year, 1949-50. Make any and every sacrifice to attend. Arkansas Baptists must and will advance!



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**Finch Completes First Year of Service**

Chaplain Finch gives a summary of his work in the State Sanatorium, Booneville, Arkansas, as follows:

Dear Dr. Caldwell:

Knowing that you are interested in the work at the Sanatorium, I want to give you a look at our work for the past year. I was checking up on the work and I knew you would be glad to know something of the highlights.

476 services have been conducted, other than Sunday School work

200 professions of faith

157 re-dedications

925 prayers with patients other than those in the services

3,375 sick visits, this means to the seriously ill and dying

More than 5,000 pieces of religious literature have been given out—Bibles, New Testaments, Books of the Bible, Arkansas Baptists, Home Life, Open Windows, and tracts by the hundreds.

We have conducted one Vacation Bible School with 77 children in attendance and fourteen professions of faith. Eight workers helped in this school.

Our Sunday School attendance has been good all the year and it is now at its best in attendance.

A number of those converted have united with the First Church, Booneville, for baptism. I tried to contact Brother Grafton for the correct number but he is out of town. Some have united with the Methodist Church and three with the Presbyterian Church. Some of them have gone to their homes and joined the home church. Some sixty-four or -five have

gone to be with the Lord.

I have conducted sixteen funerals, married six couples, held two revivals with a total of twenty-two professions and twenty-one additions to the churches, taught in one training school for the Booneville Church, spoken in three associational meetings about our work and spoken to the Lions Club, Atkins, Arkansas, about our work here at the Sanatorium.

We have received twenty-four boxes of clothing, supplies, magazines, books, and toys for our patients from the churches over the state. We think this is a good business that Arkansas Baptists are becoming Sanatorium-minded. This is a Baptist responsibility here, for we have more Baptists here than anyone else. Two churches, Calvary Church, Fort Smith, and a good country church out from Fayetteville, have adopted a child to care for while they are in the Sanatorium. We wish more of our churches would do this.

The Lord has been so very good to us and we have never in all of our life loved a work like this work here. This is a field white unto harvest and God is helping us to win these sick and dying to Him.

Your Brother in Him,  
Charles W. Finch

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Visitor to No. 1897: "You know, stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."

No. 1897: "Well, if they don't, I've been crazy for sitting here this long."

**Ground Breaking Ceremony  
Second Church, Crossett**



On Sunday afternoon, July 31, friends and members of the Johnson Mission of the First Church, Crossett, assembled on the new building site to break ground for the new building.

Members of the church had already laid the foundation and put down the sub-floor but it was thought well to go ahead with the ground breaking ceremony. This mission was begun about eight months ago when a group of people from the Johnson Mill Community asked the pastor, J. W. Buckner, to come out and preach for them in the homes. Since then, a revival has been held, a Sunday School organized, and a Bible School conducted.

Members of this church are not content to continue in borrowed homes and property. It seems now that in a few weeks a

nice 36x50 house of worship will be ready for use through the efforts of the members of the mission. They have chosen the name Second Baptist Church of Crossett.

Members of Second Baptist Church in ground breaking ceremony. Pictured from left to right: C. F. Tatum, chairman of the Building Committee; Finis Kemp and Willard Hendrix, ground breakers; Pastor J. W. Buckner; Associate Pastor Harold White; and W. C. Ruff chairman of Missions of the First Church.

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# Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

The following article is worthy of the prayerful consideration of every Christian man.—NELSON TULL.

## The Effects of Tobacco

By GORDON MADDOX, M. D.

With the welfare of the oncoming American youth in mind, I give you the following scientific facts with which no sound thinking individual, whose interests are anything beyond personal gain, can possibly disagree.

Tobacco has been used by man for centuries, but never to the extent as at present. For the past two or three decades there has been a phenomenal increase in its use, especially in the form of cigarettes. During this same period of time there has been such a noticeable rise in the incidence of heart disease and cancer that it has caused scientists to focus their attention upon the relationship between these two diseases and the use of tobacco. Medical authorities throughout the world are fast finding dozens of conditions which are either caused by, or at least made worse by the use of tobacco.

The statement is often made that doctors do not agree as to the harmful effects of tobacco. On the contrary they are quite in accord that its use is very harmful to man. It has been my pleasure to discuss this subject with many of the outstanding medical men throughout this country and so far I have never heard a single doctor make one statement in its favor. They all condemn it even though they themselves are addicted to its use. There are perhaps a few men in my profession who would be willing to sacrifice the truth, even at the expense of the patient's welfare, in order to defend his own addiction. And finally could it be possible that there are men in the high and noble profession of medicine that would make statements for a fee?

Tobacco smoke contains a number of ingredients such as ammonia, hydrocyanic acid, carbon monoxide, tar, and nicotine.

For many years doctors have noted a connection between smoking and cancer of the lip, tongue, throat, vocal cords and lungs, and there are some who are of the opinion that it may be a contributing factor toward the development of cancer in other parts of the body.

In the tar, of which the average smoker takes into his lungs only slightly less than one quart each year, there is a substance called benzpyrene. Benzpyrene is a carcinogenic agent—a chemical capable of producing cancer. If this chemical is applied to the

ear of a rabbit just once each day for a period of one year the majority will develop tumors at the site of application and many of these tumors will degenerate into cancer. What then might one expect to happen to the delicate little cells which line the human bronchial tubes when this tar, yes, heated tar, is swept down over them many times during the day, day after day and year after year? One does not have to be a doctor of medicine to know what happens. Twenty-five years ago cancer of the lungs was by no means frequent, whereas today it accounts for about twelve per cent of all cancers and the majority of primary cancer of the lungs occurs in smokers. During a period of nineteen years in the practice of medicine I have encountered but one primary cancer of the lung in a non-smoker, and that one developed at the site of an old chest injury. Dr. Tom Barr, outstanding specialist in ear, nose and throat, states that he has removed twenty-seven vocal cord cancers, twenty-six of which were in smokers. He further states that he has never diagnosed a cancer of the lung in a non-smoker.

Unfortunately, the harmful effects of tobacco do not end with its ability to produce cancer, for in addition to the tar the smoke contains nicotine, which is one of the most deadly poisons known to man and second only to hydrocyanic acid in its rapidity of action. The lethal or killing dose is sixty milligrams, which is only slightly more than the average smoker absorbs into his blood stream each day.

Nicotine has a double action, the first of which is stimulation of the higher brain centers and this is wonderful while it lasts, but unfortunately the period of stimulation is of short duration. The stimulation is followed by a period of depression and it is this depression that causes the crave for further stimulation. In other words, it is the crave for the nicotine which makes one an addict to this particular drug just the same as the morphine addict craves his particular drug. The second action of nicotine is that of vaso-constriction, which means that through its action on the sympathetic nervous system it causes blood vessels to constrict or to be diminished in size. This constriction is not limited to any particular group of blood vessels

## Marion Church Auditorium



The First Church of Marion, Norman E. Lerch, pastor, began a series of revival services August 28 with Dr. E. F. Haight of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, evangelist. This is the third consecutive revival that Dr. Haight has conducted in the Marion Church. The accompanying

picture shows the new auditorium of the Marion Church. This auditorium was constructed following the destruction of the former building by fire two years ago. The entire structure consists of the auditorium, eleven class rooms, kitchen, and pastor's study.

but takes place throughout the entire circulatory system.

Due to the degenerative processes that take place in the human body, we all develop a certain amount of disease of the arteries, but according to medical authorities there is a marked difference in smokers and non-smokers. Only one per cent of non-smokers between the age of forty and fifty show disease of the coronary arteries, as determined by electrocardiographic tracings, whereas in this same age group between five and six per cent of the smokers show disease of these most important arteries that supply the heart with blood. This one fact alone should make any young individual resort to whatever treatment might become necessary to overcome his addiction. As yet I have never encountered a coronary occlusion, in almost twenty years of practice, in a patient less than fifty years of age who was a non-smoker. Each year we see an ever-increasing number of young men die of acute heart attack.

Perhaps one of the most striking of all conditions related to smoking is that of Buerger's disease. In this condition there is an obliteration of the small blood vessels of the toes and fingers.

Dr. Samuel Silbert of New York City made a detailed study of 1,400 cases of this disease and found that without a single exception they were all smokers.

Nicotine increases the pulse rate; it elevates the blood pressure, both the systolic and diastolic; gastric acidity, especially in those suffering from stomach ulcer, is increased; smokers start the use of glasses earlier than abstainers; the average final grades in college students is five to eight per cent less in those addicted to the drug than it is in those who never used it; sterility in young women is three times more frequent in smokers than it is in non-smokers.

The so-called habit of smoking is by no means a habit. It is not something to do with the hands nor is it practiced just to be sociable—it is an addiction and one that is difficult to overcome.

Is it worth our time and effort to inform an innocent public that has for the past quarter of a century heard nothing on the truthful side of the tobacco question?

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 "...And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed..." Romans 12:1-2.

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# Psalms of Justice

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

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Most straight thinking men and women have a high standard of justice; in spite of unfair conditions we find a sense of fair play in the minds of most people. Yet, the world is filled with many situations fraught with injustice. Many who inherit worldly possessions or acquire high positions become arrogant, proud, overbearing toward their fellowmen. The age-old problem discussed by Job and the psalmists is touched upon in our lesson this week: "Why so often do the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer?" The problem is also of another nature: man's relationship to God. God is preached as a God of love, with grace freely given to all men, and rightly so, yet we do not fully understand His way with men until we realize that He is a just God. The fundamental truth is that God blesses above man's worthiness on one hand and judges according to man's rebellion and disobedience on the other. We must not fail to acknowledge the righteous wrath of God. This truth was so clearly taught in Psalm 103: "The Lord is merciful . . . slow to anger . . . neither will He keep His anger forever." He is merciful and longsuffering but when man closes his heart, God judges and condemns.

### A Universal Call

Psalm 49 instructs rather than praises. The opening sentence reveals the wise teaching here intended for all men, of all levels of life, everywhere. "Hear, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world." Many scriptures begin with "Hear ye," or "Take Heed," summoning all the world to listen. In order for His call to be even more definite and purposeful the writer elaborates: "Both high and low, rich and poor, together." People with position, influence, and abilities are called to hear even as those with no worldly standing, and with limited education are included. The rich and poor are both in need of the psalmist's instruction.

The preacher had a message. Where did he get his message? He got it where every preacher or teacher should get his message — from God. Too often idle, thoughtless words are spoken; if we preach or teach spiritual things, we must be sure we are first taught of God through His Spirit. "My mouth shall speak of wisdom," was the psalmist's way of saying: I shall teach you that which you need to know. This wisdom was not his own, but the

Sunday School Lesson  
For September 4, 1949

Psalm 49:1-7; 82:1-8

"meditation of his heart," God filled his heart with this message.

The wicked who seem to have all that is good and valuable on this earth are often feared and revered by those who do not possess wealth or position, the psalmist raises the question, Should I fear these? Then he reaches the heart of his message: Men who trust in their riches will one day experience a rude awakening. Money will do many things but not the most important things. A man cannot buy an hour of this life, a moment of happiness, a second of contentment, nor a minute of love; neither is the hand of death stayed by riches. How foolish are those who place all confidence in wealth. How quickly God can lay low the one who soars into the heights because he has a little money. It can be swept away in the twinkling of an eye.

Why then, should the righteous think that he is persecuted and ill-treated simply because of the lack of material things? The glory and riches of God's blessings are envy his wealthy brother and too far above worldly things for comparison. If we trust God, love Him, serve and honor His Name, we will be far richer than America's multi-millionaires who merely exist, estranged from God.

### A Just Judge

The teachings of Psalm 49 are universal; the revelation of Psalm 82 is an absolute truth of the character of God over this universe. He is the just judge. People think of God as being the Judge in the future, on the great judgment day, which is true, but He also judges men every day in justice and truth. The best judges in our land sometimes commit error, they can be mistaken or influenced or prejudiced; not so with our great Judge. He is ever present, meting out judgments. The psalmist said, "He standeth" and "He judgeth"; the tense of the verbs used, means now. He is interested and concerned in all things pertaining to His people.

This Great Judge stands superior above all the judges of this world. The judges of supreme courts, the highest authority of our land, are subject to Him. There is no taking of bribes or playing favorites with Him. He rebuked the judges of Israel who judged unjustly and defended wicked persons and charges them to right the wrongs and defend those who are poor, fatherless, afflicted, and needy. God loves those

who are unlovely and is just with all men. How far short we fall when we compare our lives with His standards.

God is the Judge who will one day judge all; His justice and righteousness will be heard and felt around the world. In triumph will He mete out judgment upon all who disobey and curse His people and turn from His deliverance. The psalmist caught the true spirit of Him when he said, "O God, judge the heart;" all evil and injustice will be swept aside when our God takes full control of the nations and judges all men everywhere.

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## Summer Field Work

Twenty-eight summer field workers under the direct supervision of Ralph W. Davis, state Training Union director, have just completed a week's work in Mount Zion Association. They began with a rally at Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday afternoon, August 7, with an attendance of 332. During that week they worked in the rural churches and had a high enrolment of 850 and an average attendance of 612. There were eight conversions, twelve additions to the churches, 23 re-dedications, 426 people committed to read the Bible daily, and six unions organized.

Existing unions were helped

complete their organization and plan a program of work.

"Seven miles in the sun and dust was easy when we found so many people," wrote Gena Ledbetter and Norma Rodgers, who worked at Lunsford.

When the State Training Union director and M. S. Lloyd, associational missionary, visited Mable Taylor and Paula McBryde at Friendly Hope, their first statement was, "We walked eleven miles today." It was worth it, because three Training Unions were set up at that church and there were eight re-dedications.

During the first four weeks of summer field work 2,691 were enrolled with an average attendance of 1,873. Seventy-five unions of the Training Union were organized in 28 churches. There have been 30 conversions, 35 additions to the church, 97 re-dedications, and 1,290 people have signed cards signifying they will read the Bible daily. The last two weeks will be spent in Mississippi County and Trinity Associations.

There were 398 present at the summer field work rally at First Church, Blytheville, Sunday afternoon, August 14.

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## Arkansas Baptists "Advance With Christ and His Churches" Through the Cooperative Program in 1950

Brethren, your servants come in this message to lay upon your hearts afresh and again the proposed budget for 1950. Of course, as we have stated before, the Messengers of the churches assembled in the State Convention, November 15-17, First Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, will determine by vote what the budget should be. However, as also previously stated, it was necessary for the working groups and agencies to meet, plan, pray, and offer suggestions concerning this important matter. These groups including the Steering and Planning Commission, the Administration and Finance Committee, the Institutional heads and the Executive Board have all worked on the budget and the following is the proposed budget for 1950 as approved by the Executive Board:

<b>1950 STATE BUDGET</b>	
<b>For Operation</b>	
<b>(Preferred)</b>	
Administrative .....	\$ 26,000
Arkansas Baptist .....	6,000
Woman's Missionary Union .....	20,000
Promotion and Convention .....	5,500
Brotherhood Department .....	9,000
Religious Education Department .....	27,500
Retirement Plan .....	21,200
Old Debts .....	30,000
Office Building, Annual Payment .....	7,500
History Commission .....	2,000
Baptist State Hospital School	
of Nursing .....	35,000
State Missions .....	60,000
Ouachita College .....	75,000
Central College .....	53,000
Orphanage .....	30,000
Ministerial Education .....	1,800
Emergency Reserve .....	9,500
Baptist Foundation .....	5,500
Southern Baptist College .....	23,000
Camp Ground .....	5,500
<b>Total State Objects .....</b>	<b>\$453,000</b>
Southern Baptist Convention .....	302,000
<b>Total Operating Budget .....</b>	<b>\$755,000</b>
<b>For Capital Needs</b>	
Ouachita .....	\$ 80,000
Central College .....	50,000
Southern Baptist College .....	20,000
Bottom's Baptist Orphanage .....	20,000
Arkansas Baptist Hospital .....	50,000
<b>Total for Capital Needs .....</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$975,000</b>

The method of procedure in arriving at this budget was in accordance with a Resolution or Recommendation adopted by the State Convention in its last meeting, to-wit: "We recommend to the Convention that the Steering and Planning Commission be instructed to:  
First, make a survey of our Arkansas Baptist

work and of the immediate and long-range needs of our institutions and causes. The Commission will be expected to bring in a report on a larger mission work within Arkansas and a larger participation by Arkansas in the work of Home and Foreign Missions.

Second, that the Planning and Steering Commission shall, upon the basis of this survey, recommend to the Administration and Finance Committee of the Executive Board a unified, all inclusive budget which will provide for the current operating expenses of our agencies, institutions, and causes; and that capital needs shall be provided for on a percentage basis according to needs determined in the survey. This plan would provide for the pooling of drives and campaigns of the institutions into one great unified program with a definite money goal to be reached in a specific period of time.

The Administration and Finance Committee, after due consideration of the Commission's recommendation, would present the same to the Executive Board which would in turn report to the 1949 Convention."

The instructions of the Convention have been followed. All who have been charged with the responsibility of presenting this budget have served faithfully. The budget now comes to us for prayerful and business-like consideration.

First, let us say that the total figure of \$975,000 should not frighten us or raise the spirit of defeatism. In the first place the Baptists of Arkansas have enough money in their pockets, and will continue to have it if a proper stewardship accounting is made, to raise this amount of money without difficulty.

In the next place Arkansas Baptists contributed for all causes through the Cooperative Program and designated or special gifts \$720,984.52 in 1948. You can readily see that our proposed budget is not out of line with our ability to pay. The big difference is that our new budget calls for all gifts to be channelled through the Cooperative Program whereas the gifts and contributions in 1948 came through the Cooperative Program and special or designated gifts. All indications point to Arkansas Baptists raising as much money for all purposes in 1949 as the 1950 budget requires.

Secondly, let us look at the comparison in the size and amounts between the proposed budget and our present budget. Although the 1949 budget is the largest ever attempted by our Convention, we are happy to announce that there is only a minor deficiency in the budget so far this year. We confidently expect this to be met and over subscribed during the fall months. The proposed budget is 64 per cent larger than the 1949 budget—but—there is to be no special

campaign for any agency during 1950. The 1950 budget is all inclusive, and, comprehensive in its scope and intent. It is designed to take care of all our needs, operating and capital, through one common channel, the Cooperative Program. All of our institutions have larger allocations and are asked to refrain from asking the churches to put them in their budgets, but, on the other hand to encourage the churches to put all denominational gifts through the Cooperative Program.

Third, Brethren, we can do it! We must do it! Southern Baptist Convention causes will receive \$63,000 more than they get this year. Our colleges would receive \$47,000 more for operating expenses plus a large amount for capital needs. We would all be proud and happy. As you consider a new budget in your local church, we beg you to "look out and beyond" local doors and to increase the allocation in the church budget for the Cooperative Program. We need your help brethren as we plunge into the promotion of the Master's Kingdom work in Arkansas with more earnestness and confidence than ever before. Pray for us and work with us. We lean heavily upon you everyone. Please help. If we can assist you, call upon us, we are your servants.

### Thank You!

Dear Dr. Bridges:

The Ouachita College film has been shown in all the churches in Harmony Association, or in a central place for a group of churches. S. D. Davis, missionary, contacted every pastor, and a letter went out to every church. I am grateful to Brother Davis for his faithful service in getting this film before our people.

We believe Harmony Association will respond to Ouachita's appeal.

Signed,  
—Lloyd Sparkman.

### Taylor Goes to Marshall

The First Church, Marshall, Arkansas, has called E. W. Taylor to be its pastor. He began work August 1. Things are moving rapidly now on the Marshall field. Last Sunday they had 186 in Sunday School, and the offering was \$103. Taylor is a real prophet and a great leader. The Marshall Church will do great things under his ministry.

### IMPORTANT!

The place of the Annual Association-meeting in CADDO RIVER Association has been changed from Amity back to Black Springs where it was originally planned to be held. The dates are the same, October 3-4.