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—H. Armstrong Roberts.

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(Education is the Biggest Business in America Today.)

Centennial Convention At Tulip

Reported by the Editor

The one day Centennial Session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, held at Tulip, Arkansas, on September 21, is now history—and a glorious history it is. More than 1,200 Baptists from every section of the State gathered for this historic event. The program was so planned that it reached back into the 100 years' history to bring forth those great achievements which provide the basis upon which the present program of Arkansas Baptists is now launched, and to inspire to greater achievements in the future. The program of the day also challenged the Baptists of Arkansas to expand their program to reach the present and future possibilities.

The session was called to order by President E. C. Brown, Blytheville. Congregational singing was under the direction of R. J. McMillan, Benton. Dr. W. J. Hinsley, Hot Springs, brought a brief devotional message in his own characteristic style.

Dr. J. S. Rogers, Conway, author of the "History of Arkansas Baptists," delivered a message on **A Century of Organized Activity**. No man among Arkansas Baptists is better qualified for presenting such a resume of Arkansas Baptist History as Dr. Rogers. Instead of trying to give our readers a limited idea of Dr. Rogers' message by brief quotations, we shall publish a condensation of his message in next week's Arkansas Baptist. Be sure to look for it next week.

An interesting feature of the program was the introduction of descendants of the messengers who constituted the organizational meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at Tulip on September 21, 1848. A list of these descendants had been collected, their names were read, and quite a number of them were present. Others whose names had not been previously secured were also recognized. The names of these descendants will be included in the minutes of the Centennial Session.

Special music was interspersed throughout the program in both the morning and afternoon sessions by the Ouachita College Choir and by J. W. Kelly and Miss Marcella Johnson, both of Central College, who sang solos.

Dr. Otto Whittington delivered the sermon in his own inimitable way. Dr. Whittington read the third chapter of Matthew for the Scripture lesson. The subject of his message was "A Pattern for Building the Kingdom of God."

"This pattern," Dr. Whittington said, "used by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the past 100 years consists of: (1) a great preacher, John the Baptist, sent from God to preach the Gospel and baptize; (2) great preaching on repentance from sins, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; (3) a great revival—great in numbers, in conviction for sin, and in the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit; (4) a great baptizing—with great numbers of people being baptized, confessing their sins, and turning to God."

An abundant dinner was served on the ground. The neighboring communities of Malvern, Fordyce, and Arkadelphia, assisted greatly in providing and serving the dinner.

Dr. T. L. Harris, Camden, led the afternoon devotion, following which Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, president of the W. M. U. Convention, discussed Arkansas Baptist women in the first century of the convention. Mrs. Goodbar briefly reviewed the beginnings of the W. M. U. work in the State and the expansion of

the W. M. U. program. An interesting feature of Mrs. Goodbar's presentation was the introduction of past presidents of the State W. M. U. Convention, who were present, consisting of Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, Little Rock, Mrs. J. H. Crawford, Arkadelphia, Mrs. C. H. Ray, Little Rock, Mrs. J. E. Short, Pine Bluff.

A panel discussion of departmental activities consisted of a brief word from representatives of the various departments—Religious Education, Arkansas Baptist, Missions, and Brotherhood.

A paper on **The Contribution of Our Institutions**, by Dr. S. E. Tull, was read by L. A. Sparkman, Pine Bluff. This paper was so excellent that instead of publishing excerpts from it in this report, we shall publish a condensation of it in next week's Arkansas Baptist.

Dr. B. L. Bridges, general secretary, brought the closing message in which he stated, "God has signally led us. What will God do for us during the next 100 years? He will do whatever we ask him to do."

Dr. Bridges discussed briefly the proposed budget and program for 1949, showing that 40 per cent of all Co-operative Program receipts would go for South-wide causes, that ten per cent would go for State Missions, which would actually make 50 per cent of undesignated funds allocated to definitely missionary objectives. Dr. Bridges brought out the fact that only three per cent of the budget was required for administration, leaving 97 per cent to be used for actual missionary, educational, benevolent, and promotional work.

The session was closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and a prayer was offered by Dr. J. G. Cothran of Arkadelphia.

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Fidelity in small things is at the base of every great achievement.

One of the best rules in conversation is never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish we had rather left unsaid.

—Swift.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "Born To Live," by B. H. Duncan.

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- KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
- KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
- KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:45 p. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
- KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

Christ in Gethsemane

A Surrendered Will

A Devotion by the Editor

"Nevertheless, not as I will, but as wilt."

Gethsemane is preliminary to Calvary. Gethsemane represents the final decision to meet and accept the cross. The whole of Jesus has been moving steadily toward the cross, and yet, up to now, there has been a demand that He come immediately to the cross; the cross has been a prospect of the future. He has resisted every temptation to escape the cross and at the same time has skillfully steered His course so that He should not be forced to the cross before the time appointed. That time has now arrived. The issue is definitely and immediately on the line. The traitors with the officers are on their way to arrest Him. Postponement is now impossible.

Here the actual battle is fought, here the victory is either won or lost. And it is here that the decision is made and the victor is either won or lost. The cross loses its terror and is accepted as a necessary interlude before His final triumph. He comes forth a victor, bloody but unscathed. His late conflict, but with the light of victory in His eyes and His bearing that of a monarch.

Without the victory of Gethsemane one of two things is sure to occur: either we will be crushed by the cross of Christian sacrifice, or we will be crushed by the cross.

When we come to the time when decision is no longer to be postponed, we must choose between the sacrifice of Christian duty and the sacrifice of Christian service, unless we win our victory here we will run from the cross of Christian service. What a pitiful sight! Or if sacrifice overtakes us and is forced upon us, unless we have won our Gethsemane we will be defeated, crushed and embittered by it. What a terrible scene!

This is the explanation of many a wayward, indifferent Christian; or a brooding, embittered, quarrelsome Christian. They did not win in the first skirmish, and when the force of Christian demands rushed upon them they were downed and disabled.

The obvious appeal is that we follow the example of Jesus and win the victory in our own hearts.

"And He left them, and went away alone, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

"Then cometh He to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners." (Matthew 26:44,45.)

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From the Editor's Desk

Kingdom Finances

Every Cause

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, THAT THERE BE NO GATHERINGS WHEN I COME" 1 Cor. 16:2.

Special Collections

We remember the day of high-pressure appeals and special collections. Each separate agency of our Convention represented its own particular interest or cause in the kingdom work of our Lord. And these agencies had their field representatives going throughout the South planning their programs of special collections.

The Foreign Mission Board would come to our churches with its appeal to preach the Gospel to every creature in all the nations of the world, and a collection would be taken for foreign missions. The Home Mission Board would make its appeal to evangelize the homeland, and send missionaries to the homeland, and send missionaries to the foreigners, the Indians, the Negroes, the mountain people, and another collection would be taken. Then the colleges and seminaries would come along with their appeals for the educational training of our ministers and missionaries to better prepare them to minister to the churches and carry the Gospel to the heathen. Finally, the orphanage would come with its pathetic story of homeless, suffering, and famished children, and while the tears were falling freely a collection would be taken.

It is remarkable that a substantial and far-reaching program of such varied interests and activities was established under such a system. But the weaknesses of the system, or lack of system are obvious. The particular cause that got to the churches first would drain off the larger part of the available resources, and the causes which follow might come up short. It made for a one-sided development in the spiritual interests of the people. Some would give to foreign missions, but would cut out the colleges and seminaries. Others would give to home missions, but didn't believe in foreign missions. And there were those who made contributions to the orphanage, but didn't believe in any of the rest of the program.

And then for most of the year the resources would come to all these agencies in dribbles, and they would have to borrow to carry on their current operations until the collections began to come in.

Now, the apostle Paul sets forth this method of financing the causes represented by the interests of the kingdom of God in the world and by the commissions of our Lord: "Upon the first day of every week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him; that there be no gatherings (collections) when I come."

We acknowledge, of course, that Paul was making an appeal for a special cause, and that the accumulation of funds and the avoidance of "gatherings" in this cause may not be applicable in every detail to our own transaction from high-pressure appeals and special collections to our present system un-

der the general plan of the Co-operative program. And yet, the fundamental principle in each case is the same.

If it is to the best interest of one cause, it is to the best interest of every cause that every Christian shall lay by in store, on the first day of every week, as God has prospered him, so that every cause of the Lord's kingdom will have a sure, steady, and substantial financial support, and will not be dependent upon a high-pressure effort at the last minute to raise funds to save it from collapse.

Unified Budget and Co-operative Program

Two phrases have become generally current among Southern Baptists: the Unified Budget of the church; and the Co-operative Program of the denomination. These two phrases embody the principles of 1 Corinthians 16:2, and represent a conscientious effort on the part of Southern Baptists to apply these principles to kingdom finances.

For instance, the unified budget of the church means that when the members of the church bring their envelopes on the "First day of every week" with their weekly contributions enclosed, and deposit these envelopes with the church, they have contributed to every cause which the church and the denominational support from the utility bill of the local church to foreign missions. All the causes fostered by Southern Baptists are united in the United Budget and the Co-operative Program and each cause receives its proportionate share.

We still have collections for special causes which arise only occasionally and which cannot be anticipated. Emergency calls will always come, and we will always respond to them. But the sustained interests of the kingdom of our Lord are maintained by the sustained budget of the churches.

The Co-operative Program means that the portion of the church budget which is designated for denominational causes, apart from the local church program, is combined with like portions from the budgets of other churches to make up the unified budget of the denomination. Every cause fostered by the denomination has a share in this budget. These church contributions are sent to State Baptist Headquarters, from there distribution is made to each cause, institution, and agency of the denomination.

Because of this arrangement we are not taking collections for the pastor's salary, the utility bill, the musical program, and so on; nor are we taking collections for foreign missions, home missions, and colleges, and seminaries. The plan of the Unified Budget and the Co-operative Program is, "Upon the first day of every week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," so that all the interests of the kingdom of our Lord in the world may be sustained by a regular and steady income, and will not have to depend upon special collections in

order to survive.

For a whole year we have contended for an adjustment of Co-operative Program percentages so as to provide larger support for foreign missions. The Southern Baptist Convention, in its recent meeting in Memphis, did adjust the percentages of the Co-operative Program receipts for South-wide causes, allowing 50 per cent for foreign missions.

Adjustment of Percentages

The Executive Committee of our State Convention is proposing that 40 per cent of Co-operative Program receipts in our State shall go to South-wide causes. This is an adjustment within our own State program which provides a larger percentage for South-wide causes, and therefore a larger portion for foreign missions. It now remains for the churches to make an adjustment in their own budgets providing for a larger percentage of their receipts for the Co-operative Program.

The needs cannot be met in our larger percentages allowed for South-wide causes and particularly foreign missions until our churches adjust the percentage division of their own budgets and increase their contributions to the Co-operative Program. Those who have been responsible for fixing the percentages received for denominational causes have led the way. It remains for our churches to be inspired by the same experience and follow suit. If our churches act promptly and equitably and generously in this matter, it will be possible to further adjust the percentage of Co-operative Program receipts and so provide still larger funds for foreign missions.

However, so long as our churches provide only eight to ten per cent of their receipts for the Co-operative Program, our denominational work, both State and South-wide, will be greatly hampered. We raise this question, "Can any church claim to be carrying out our Lord's commission when it spends from 90 to 92 per cent of all its receipts upon its local program and gives only eight to ten per cent to the Co-operative Program?" If this situation were called to the attention of the individual members of the churches, or if the individual members would take notice of this situation, we believe they would demand an adjustment in the local church budget so as to provide a larger place in these budgets for our denominational causes represented in the Co-operative Program.

We ask this question of the individual Baptists of the State: Are you willing for 90 cents out of every dollar you put into your church to be spent on your local church program and only ten cents of that dollar to be used for both the State and South-wide causes? We believe our Baptist people of Arkansas are too deeply interested in our whole denominational program to allow this situation to continue. We believe they are sufficiently missionary-minded to increase their support to the Co-operative Program. This deepened interest of our Baptist people is indicated by increased designations. But increased designations will only complicate our denominational program. If the Co-operative Program is given its proper place in our church budget and in our denominational budgets, all our causes will be adequately supported and there will be no occasion for increased designations.

We appeal to our pastors and to laymen and women throughout the State to think this matter through and pray it through, and, upon the basis of the commissions of our Lord, make a larger place in your church budget for the Co-operative Program.

Kingdom Progress

Felix J. Williams has assumed the pastorate of the Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, organized September 5, with 46 charter members. Mr. Williams has the B.A. degree from Ouachita College and the B.D. degree from the Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He has held pastorates in Arkansas and Texas and served as chaplain for three years in the Army during World War II.

A temporary building for the church is being donated by the Tabernacle Church, and plans are being made for the construction of a new church building in the near future. The lots on which the new building will be constructed were donated by the First Church of Little Rock.

Childress Chapel Has Successful Music School

The State Music Director spent the week beginning September 12 with the Childress Chapel, near Monette, in a School of Church Music. One hundred people were enrolled in the school and there was an average daily attendance of 44. The pastor, J. O. Miles, and a number of other workers in the church felt that this was a good response from this small church considering the fact that cotton picking time had begun. On this account it was necessary to have the classes for the boys and girls at 8:00 o'clock in the morning before they went to the field for the day.

These boys and girls learned many fine hymns and several anthems for Junior Choirs during the week. In addition they came at night when the adults had their music school and did the regular prescribed work in Practical Music Lessons. Thirteen adults and eight young people received awards for the week's work.

In addition to teaching the school, Mrs. Nininger talked to the Woman's Missionary Society as they were having their program on "One Savior For the Whole World." She brought echoes of her European experiences during last summer when she attended the Baptist World Congress at Copenhagen, Denmark.

Carl M. Overton has assumed the position as associate pastor of the First Church, Searcy, where he will serve in the field of Education and Music. Mr. Overton is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He comes to Searcy from the First Baptist Church, Princeton, Kentucky, where he has served as Educational Director since March, 1947.

Ed F. Vallowe, Hot Springs, recently assisted Pastor Fred Phillips and the Maplewood Park Baptist Church, East St. Louis, Illinois, in revival services. There were 70 additions to the church by baptism and four by letter.

Pastor E. A. Blanton reports that the Sidon church is making some needed repairs, which include a new floor, new windows and seats, new stove, and other additions which will make the church more attractive and comfortable.

Sunday, September 5, 74 college students were received by letter into the membership of the First Church, Arkadelphia. J. G. Cothran is the pastor.

Pastor B. F. McDonald and the First Church, Brickeys, were assisted in a revival recently by Bennie Pearson, First Church, Elaine. There were 33 additions by baptism and five by letter.

The First Church, Stuttgart, has called Charles Lowrey, Ouachita student, as mission pastor at the Stuttgart Air Base, and as director of the youth choir at First Church.

Pastor Doyle Creech, Wardell Church, Joiner, reports a successful revival in which Arnold Teel, Shields, Missouri, did the preaching. There were 31 additions to the church. Pastor Creech was in charge of the music. There were 68 enrolled in the Vacation Bible School held in connection with the revival.

William E. Parker, Texarkana, assumed the pastorate of the Woodlawn Church, Little Rock, September 12. Pastor Parker was educated at Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has held pastorates at Texarkana, Arkansas, and Lipscomb, Texas. Prior to his coming to Woodlawn, Pastor Parker did mission and evangelistic work for the White River Association.

Mrs. Parker, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, is a graduate of Texas State College for Women and Texas Wesleyan College, and has also attended Southwestern Seminary.

First Church, Plainview Pine Bluff Arsenal, recently had a revival in which there were 27 conversions and additions. G. E. Nethercutt, pastor of the church, and D. C. McAtee, pastor, Second Church, Pine Bluff, did the preaching.

Gainesville Association Hymn Sing

A large number of people from churches in Gainesville Association gathered for the Quarterly Hymn-Sing which was held September 5, in the First Church, Piggott. W. A. James, associational music director, presented his Youth Choir in a special number, and Mrs. Nininger led the congregational singing.

This was the opening of a School of Church Music sponsored by the Piggott church. Sixty-one persons enrolled in the school and there was an average attendance of 39 during the week, despite Labor Day celebrations and a prolonged rainy season. On the closing night, many expressed the feeling that great good was accomplished in this first effort and also voiced the hope that a two weeks' school could be planned for next summer.

At the invitation of the committee, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, who conducted a School of Church Music in the Piggott Church, attended the Gainesville Association Monthly Workers' Conference and presented a challenge to "Make the Most of Church Music" in each individual church and in all associational meetings. Pamphlets on various subjects of music education were distributed and preliminary plans for a Progressive Associational Music School were considered.

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, recently assisted in a tent meeting with the First Baptist Church, Westlake, Louisiana, in which there were 40 additions to the church. Mr. Kirkpatrick also preached in recent revival services at the First Church, Nashville, Arkansas.

Who Will Be Next?

The following churches have added to their subscription lists: Leslie; First, Jonesboro; Fordyce; Park Hill, North Little Rock; Little Rock; First, Arkadelphia; Althol; First, Crossett; Jessieville; First, Crossbaring Cross, North Little Rock; First, Iron; First, El Dorado; Hickory Grove, Conway; First, Hot Springs; Second, Hot Springs; Beech Street, Texarkana; First, Springdale; Beebe; Second, Monticello; Decatur; Centerton; Central, Pine Bluff; Third, Malvern; First, Stamps; First, Camden; First, Helena; First, Fayetteville; Central, Bald Knob; Geyer Springs; First, Little Rock; College Hill, Texarkana, Arkansas; First, Hamburg; Huttig.

A Transition

By L. M. KEELING

My pastorate for nearly six years at Jonesboro is closed. I am not available for pastorate. Last January marked for me the beginning of a new transition. These years have been spent in Arkansas where I have been twice born, with the exception of the time I was in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary. In this transition from pastorate, I have entered a different type of work.

I am ready to serve my brethren as a pastor, or as an interim pastor, and in revivals. I have held scores of revivals in Arkansas, many in Texas, nine in Oklahoma, and in Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, and New Mexico.

Perhaps I can help churches in evangelism, stewardship and tithing enlistment campaigns, preach eight days on the Holy Spirit, on prayer, on Paul, and on "Christ in the Flesh, and in Glory". I may be able to do some possible service I can render through our denominational agencies, colleges, and institutions.

Through all my ministerial life, God has blessed me with above average health. My health is superb now. Brethren, if I call on you, please command me. My address is present is Box 182, Judsonia, Arkansas. I will move to Little Rock in the near future.

Richard Perkins, Southern Baptist student, has been called to the First Church as Minister of Music. He began his work at Corning Sunday, September 12, 1947. L. C. Tedford announced.

Pastor W. E. Perry and the First Church, Nashville, recently had the services of evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, in a revival meeting. There were 17 additions to the church membership, 14 of whom were by profession of faith and baptism. The services, held each morning, were under the direction of Miss Berta Sue Copeland, who also had charge of the music during the revival.

Pastor Keith F. Babb, Immanuel Church, Warren, reports a revival which closed September 19. James Overton, Mena, was the visiting evangelist, and Arthur Nelson, Mt. Vernon, directed the music. There were two additions to the church by baptism and two by letter.

Glorious Results At . . .

G. A. and R. A. Camps

By LAVERNE ASHBY

Petit Jean State Park near Morrilton was the scene of four State Young People's Camps and a Y. W. A. Houseparty during the month of August. There was a total attendance of 602, representing about 50 churches from over the State. Earlier another State Girl's Auxiliary camp was held at Revenden Springs; 79 attended this camp.

The girls at the G. A. camps responded to the leadership of Miss Wanda Jo Henry, Russellville and Ouachita College, as she directed the music program and spoke each day at morning watch. Miss Marleen McKeenan, Fayetteville, contributed to the evening program with her accordin.

A well planned recreation program was directed by Miss Peggy Carson, Benton. Bob Ready, Eudora and Ouachita, was life guard and bugler for camps again this year, and helped with the recreation program. Miss Dorothy Reed, Benton and Ouachita, was business manager.

Missionaries for the three girls' camps included the following: Mrs. Elizabeth Escobedo, San Antonio; Mrs. Hendon M. Harris, China and Clinton, Mississippi; and Miss Thelma Mardis, missionary to the Indians, Taos, New Mexico. Miss Lydia Chang, Shanghai, China, student at Southern Seminary, was special guest for the two G. A. Camps at Petit Jean.

The Royal Ambassador Camps were directed by Nelson Greenleaf, pastor, First Church, Atkins. He was assisted by pastors and counselors from over the State. Many of these gave up personal vacations, revival meetings, and made sacrifices that they might use this time to lead the boys of our churches closer to the Lord, and to advance the cause of Christ through Royal Ambassador work. Berkman De Ville, missionary to the French-speaking people in Louisiana, and Dr. Hendon M. Harris, China and Clinton, Mississippi, were missionary speakers who inspired and uplifted with their messages direct from the mission fields. David Yu, China, and student at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, and David Sheng, China, and student at Southern Seminary, were national guests for two weeks.

The Lord richly blessed the efforts put forth at the camp this year with immediate results in the form of decisions for Christ on the part of nearly 200 of the boys, girls, and young women who attended camps and the houseparty. There were 47 who made professions of faith in Christ, and 66 who answered His call to special service. A great many others re-dedicated their lives to live more definitely for Christ in their own communities, to put away sin and worldliness, and to witness to their friends and families.

The total attendance by camps was as follows: G. A. Camp, Ravendon Springs, 79; Junior G. A. Camp, Petit Jean, 167; Intermediate G. A. Camp, Petit Jean, 95; Junior R. A. Camp, Petit Jean, 154; Intermediate R. A. Camp, Petit Jean, 54; and the Y. W. A. Houseparty, Petit Jean, 133.

With the Lord's blessings obviously upon this work, we are praying for His continued blessing and the advancement of our camping program with a camp site arranged and equipped to meet our needs. How much greater could be the result if this major handicap to advancement could be overcome. Arkansas Baptists are able to provide this camp if they will. Pray with us concerning it.

Advance in Africa, Europe, and Near East

By GEORGE W. SADLER
Secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East

It would be difficult to overstate the importance of making available missionaries and money for a program of advance in Africa. As someone has suggested, the peoples of that continent are "conscious, stirred, reacting, and moving as never before." The same person declared that "in Africa disease, fear, frustration, bitterness, and despair are more evident, more communicative than ever."

This moving, frustrated Africa will become a dangerous member of the family of nations unless her people are brought under the sovereignty of Him whose influence is love and peace. Southern Baptists have been working at this task for almost a century. And, gradually it has become clear that we must lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

The program of advance will enable us to train pastors and teachers who will function as spiritual guides for the awakening millions. A few days ago the principal of the seminary at Ogbomosho called attention to a request for \$65,000 for the erection of an administrative building and two residences. These items were recently approved by the African mission. Dr. Christopher Pool says: "In faith we are launching out and by faith in the Lord and with your help and the support of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and of the Southern Baptist Convention, we will build a seminary that will bring glory to God."

At the last meeting of the Board \$25,000 was appropriated for a dormitory at the girls' school at Idi-Aba, Abeokuta. Many more thousands will be needed for this admirable institution and the three other schools for girls in Nigeria which are looking to us for support.

The program of advance will enable us to make more effective the work of our hospital in Ogbomosho and the medical centers at Shaki, Jinkrama, Iwo, Ire, and Igede. It will also help us spiritualize and extend the influence of the Baptist College at Iwo, the secondary schools in Lagos, Abeokuta, and Oyo, and the scores of secondary schools throughout the country.

Finally, the program of advance would make possible our entry into the four needy areas of Africa to which our attention was recently called: Liberia, the Congo, Portuguese East

Africa, and South Africa where millions now sit in darkness.

Europe

"The day has come when we can no longer count on a majority of the people in Europe having an interest in, or even a knowledge of the Christian faith." The truth of that statement can hardly be questioned. Southern Baptists are in earnest about changing that picture. In our effort to do so, we are planning to establish a seminary in Zurich and a training school for ministers in Turin. More than a quarter of a million dollars has been granted for these objects. But these institutions and similar ones in Budapest, Bucharest, and Barcelona cannot be maintained and enlarged without a generous out-pouring of funds on the part of the members of our constituency. Nor will it be possible for us to co-operate in the rebuilding of destroyed churches, the publication of literature and the training of women unless we go beyond our present limit of giving.

Transjordan is now occupied by the Finlay Grahams. They are asking for funds for a mission house, a clinic, and a school. They are also requesting appropriations for a school in Beirut. The program of advance would enable us to grant these requests and provide the twenty-eight new missionaries that are needed in "the land of our Lord." It would also enable our Board to undertake a worthwhile program in the Moslem areas which we have so sadly neglected.

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Protestantism vs. Catholicism

Various periodicals point out contrasts between Protestant and Catholic countries. During the present relief and recovery program little help is forthcoming from the countries predominately Catholic. For instance, a glance at Mexico, Central America, and South America reveals the utter impotence of Rome after a reign of four centuries. Spain and Portugal have nothing with which to help others, and poor Italy has recently received millions from Protestant Americans. Great scholars have often asserted that whenever Rome reigns her blight invariably follows.

—The Prairie Overcomer.



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Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

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	At Present	Additional	Total	At Present	Additional	Total	Operating Budget	Annual Capital Needs
Africa	19	10	29	112	73	185	\$693,750	\$317,275
Europe	5	5	10	14	23	37	262,250	56,595
Near East	4	6	10	15	28	43	153,750	70,315
Other Moslem Regions	0	6	6	0	40	40	150,000	68,600
Liberia, Congo, Union of South Africa	0	38	38	0	241	241	924,250	423,605
Totals	28	65	93	141	405	546	\$2,184,000	\$888,390

★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

Grand Canyon College Is Being Built by Arizona Baptists: In the effort to meet the need of Christian Education in the West, Arizona Baptists are in a campaign to raise a million dollars for the opening of "Grand Canyon College" in the fall of 1949.

There is no Protestant or Baptist college in a great five-state area which includes New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming and Utah.

These items made religious news: In Moscow, the army newspaper "Red Star" stated that a survival of religious faith in Russia was "hampering the triumphal progress toward Communism," and declared that this must be stamped out by "systematic, scientific, anti-religious propaganda."

In Turku, Finland, the Finnish Bible Society happily prepared to sell ten tons of coffee, a gift from the American Bible Society. Admitted free of duty by the Finnish Government and sold on the free market, the coffee would bring about twelve times the \$4,500 it had cost in the U. S.—and provide the cash to buy a new Bible House to replace the one Russia destroyed in World War II.

Estimated Increase in School Population: The National Education Association estimates that the public school enrollment will reach 33,561,000 in 1957, compared to 24,373,000 at the present time, and the 300,000 new teachers will be needed to add to the present staff of 870,000. Some \$10,000,000,000 for new buildings must be spent to care for the estimated increase in school population.

Dutch Immigrants: A minimum of 5,000 Dutch immigrants will be placed on farms in Canada under a plan now being worked out between the Netherlands Reform Church and the United Church of Canada. The plan is to have Canadian families agree to "sponsor Dutch families by giving them work on their farms for a year under an agreement that that would work to the advantage of both concerned." The immigrants will be spread throughout the country rather than being allowed to set up their own small communities.

California and New York Liquor Statistics: Californians outdrank the nation last year, downing 21,953,017 gallons of distilled spirits. Their nearest competitor, New York State, drank 21,906,741 gallons. Californians beat New York 18,000,000 gallons to 14,000,000 gallons, and Californians paid \$17,562,413 more in hard liquor taxes than did the people of New York. Drunken driving in California increased 80 per cent during the first nine months of 1946, and during the year 3,701 people were killed and 63,086 were injured in automobile accidents.

According to the United States Health Service, there are now in this country 5,000,000 individuals suffering from psychoneurosis, 2,500,000 from behavior disorders, 1,500,000 as mental defectives, and 500 as epileptics.

A Record: More than 4,000 young people made decisions for Christ in summer con-

ferences conducted this year under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Union of California. The organization, which has long been noted for its emphasis on the evangelical faith, has 1,300 societies in 550 of 26 denominations and enrolls some 25,000 young people.

R. Lofton Hudson says in the **Baptist Training Union Magazine:** "The general public does not know that every drinker is a potential alcoholic. That is, social drinkers become excessive drinkers and excessive drinkers become alcoholics. To be exact, about one out of every 20 users of alcoholic beverages become an alcoholic addict. Two thirds of the chronic alcoholics begin drinking in high school, and one third at college-age level."

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The Reds Are After Your Children

By HARRY D. GIDEONSE

In spite of set-backs on other sectors, the directors of the Communist strategy are throwing everything they have into a drive to convert our young people to their doctrines. They know, as Hitler knew, that if they can get our youth of today, they will have the nation of tomorrow.

Nobody can tell exactly how many Red teachers and students there are in our educational institutions. Because of their false fronts, their conspiratorial methods, and their invariable willingness to lie and commit perjury, it is often difficult to detect a Communist professor, student, or student organization. It can be stated with assurance, however, that there are thousands of them in our educational system. In almost all colleges of any size, and in many secondary schools as well, Communists are working actively to undermine the students' faith in American foreign policy, to intensify racial and religious friction among Americans of diverse cultural backgrounds, and to promote the general attitude that "Moscow is always right." — Quote.

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Blotted Out

There was a Scotchman who had formerly been a notable character, a prize fighter and a gambler. Charged by the grace of God, he became a mighty soul-winner, and on one occasion his message was being greatly blessed. Just before he rose to speak at one service, someone sent an envelope up to him. On opening it, he found it contained a long list of sins that he had committed in that very city. At first he felt that he must run away, but stepping boldly to the front of the platform he said, "Friends, I am accused of crimes and sins committed in this very city. I will read them to you."

One after another he read these charges, and at the conclusion of each he said, "I am guilty!"

When he had finished the whole list he paused for a moment and then said, "You ask me how I dare come to you and speak of righteousness and truth with a list of crimes like that against my name. I will tell you. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

—The Illinois Baptist

A Smile or Two

Believe it or not, this actually happened recently in a big midwestern hotel:

Operator: "Your order please."

Guest: "Hello, do you have AC or DC rent here?"

Operator: "Beg your pardon sir."

Guest: "I said, do you have AC or DC rent here?"

Operator: "One moment, sir," (After a moment or two, the operator returned to the phone.)

Operator: "Hello, sir."

Guest: "Yes."

Operator: "I am sorry, sir, but we have a Mr. Current registered here under either A. C. or D. C."

"What do you call your baseball team?" a woman inquired of the boy.

"Little Potatoes, ma'am."

"Why such an odd name?"

"Well, we're awfully hard to skin."

"Bertie", said mother sorrowfully, "time you are so naughty, I get another hair."

"My word," replied Bertie, "you have been a terror. Look at grandpa."

"Teacher, do you think it's right to punish folks for things they haven't done?"

"No, of course not, Tommy."

"Well, I didn't do my homework."

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Gamblers With Li

By PEN LILE AND BILL PITTARD

A newsboy stood one day beside a table with papers fresh from the press, and preparing his morning sales. One of his regular customers arrived, and asked for his Gazette. The boy was about to hand it to the man, but the customer suddenly drew back his coat and said, "Say! I'll match you for the whole stack of papers! If you win, I'll give you \$25 for the stack. But if I win, I get them all for regular nickel."

"Now, sir," said the small salesman.

"Why not?" urged his tempter. "You do a lot with \$25, couldn't you?"

"Sure," Tim agreed.

"Well, you know the papers aren't worth anything like that much, don't you?"

"Sure."

"Don't you believe I have the money?"

"Course you do."

"Well, then, why don't you match me?" persisted the man.

"Mister," answered Tim unmoved, "I can't afford to lose!"

Unfortunately, there are a tragic number of people in the world today who gamble with papers or even money, but with the mortal souls, not realizing that with such stakes as that, they can't afford to lose a few more good times, a little more, not a measure of less inconvenience, or an amount of superior enlightenment, they risk the most important thing they have for all time. And a staggering proportion of them lose!

More Baptists Should Read Their State Paper

By FRANK E. BURKHALTER

There are more than 6,000,000 Baptists on the rolls of the churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention. These millions of Baptists have a combined annual income of several billion dollars. What an army of Christian workers these church members would constitute if they were all enlisted and developed. The record shows, however, that it takes 22 Southern Baptists a whole year to win one person to Christ, while our combined gifts to all Christian causes, local and general, represent an average of only a few cents out of every dollar we earn.

This shows that we are living far below our possibilities. One reason for this poor record, of course, is the fact that so few of our members are informed. And they are not informed primarily because five out of every six Southern Baptists take no Baptist paper.

Paper Serves Literary and Spiritual Needs

While the denominational paper has always been needed in the homes of church members, the need is greater today than ever before because the average home is greatly lacking in helpful matter. Secular papers and magazines, the radio and picture show, have supplanted the church paper in too many homes. This leaves both adults and young people without the religious literature essential to developing the highest type of Christian character. It is a matter of record that the vast majority of our ministers, missionaries, and even our most useful laymen and women, come from homes where the denominational paper is read. This is very significant.

In many ways, reading the denominational paper promotes spirituality. Meditation on spiritual things, editorials on religious and moral topics, news from evangelistic meetings and from our Baptist boards, schools, hospitals, and orphanages, as well as stories of the labor of our missionaries around the world, warm the hearts and quicken the zeal of church members and inspire them with higher ideals and purposes.

Again, the denominational paper encourages a fuller study of the Bible, more praying, larger giving, and higher living. It also brings accounts of how other churches are doing things for God in their communities. Such articles stimulate the readers to more efficient service for the Master.

Since none of our Baptist papers costs more than a few cents per week, every home can afford to be a subscriber.

Paper Brings Essential News

More than 40,000,000 copies of the daily newspapers of the United States are sold every day. Our people demand the latest news from every secular field. Should we, as Baptists, be willing to know less about our Master's business than we do about politics, trade, sports, gossip, scandal, and crime?

We must read the denominational paper in order to keep informed concerning the happenings in the kingdom of God at home and abroad. We should consult our Baptist papers in making investments for eternity just as we read the secular financial news when seeking wisdom as to when and where to invest in stocks, bonds, real estate, and other business ventures.

None of us would consult an attorney, physician, banker, or any other business and professional man who did not keep abreast of his

field by reading the leading business and professional journals. Since Christ commanded us to place the kingdom of God first, he evidently intended that we should be intelligent Christians, but this we cannot be unless we read our denominational papers to keep informed as to what our churches and denomination are doing.

Through what other medium could the Baptist people of the South so easily inform themselves on our great missionary, educational,



and benevolent enterprises, as through a well-edited denominational paper? State, home, and foreign missions; Christian education in our Baptist academies, colleges, universities, and seminaries; ministry to the sick through our Baptist hospitals, and the care of thousands of orphan children through our Baptist orphanages will mean little or nothing to him who does not inform himself upon these matters by reading the denominational paper. It is only natural that people do not support causes with which they are not familiar. As the Baptist Brotherhood of the South has said; you cannot enlist an uninformed man.

Paper Is Essential To Co-operation

Many a pastor testifies that the denominational paper is an excellent assistant to him in his ministry. Why is this so? Because reading the paper makes the members intelligent, sympathetic, and liberal in their response. These members understand what the pastor wants them to do in the matter of kingdom support, and also that it is their duty to co-operate.

On the other hand, it seems certain that much of the enlistment and seeming indifference on the part of many of our church members is due very largely to the fact that they do not read their church and denominational news. Therefore, they are not informed as to our great denominational program and the world-wide enterprises of Southern Baptist.

Southern Baptists have about 26,000 churches, with more than 6,000,000 members, and about 25,000 Sunday Schools, with over 4,000,000 persons enrolled. What if this great army with their organizations, abilities, and money, were fully consecrated to Christ and his cause? They could take over the world for our Saviour in one generation. These millions, however, must be informed as to the great world-wide program of Southern

Baptists.

We shall never have an enlisted membership until we first have an informed membership. No Swedish Baptist family goes without the denominational paper. Is it any wonder that a few years back they were supporting a foreign missionary for each 600 church members, and are the most fully enlisted Baptists in the world?

Getting the Paper Into the Homes

Taking it for granted all are agreed that getting our church members to read denominational papers is a desirable objective, how shall we go about doing the job? Various methods have been employed, such as inviting a representative of the paper to visit the community and canvass the members, letting the pastor solicit subscriptions, assigning the canvassing to the women's and young people's societies, or the Brotherhood. While any of these methods is much better than doing nothing at all, a far more effective plan, known as "putting the paper into the church budget" is being employed by an increasing number of progressive churches.

Under this plan the State denominational paper is sent to every home in the church membership, the subscription for everybody being paid out of the church treasury. This procedure is justified by advocates on the ground that every member of the church becomes better informed and this wider knowledge brings about increased financial support of the work, thus making the subscriptions to the paper an investment rather than an expense. Most of the churches which have used this budget plan prefer it to all others.

There is another valuable consideration in this plan in that these churches will find the State paper a splendid medium for publicizing their programs and reports of their accomplishments.

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The Foolishness of Worry

By RAY R. FISHER

A reputable doctor made a tabulation of 100 patients and the causes of their troubles. He discovered that 40 per cent of them worried over things that never happened; that 30 per cent of them worried over matters completely beyond their control; that 12 per cent worried over their health, although their ailments were imaginary; that 10 per cent worried about their relatives, friends, and neighbors although in most cases these people could well take care of themselves. Only 8 per cent of the worries had behind them real causes which required attention.

I recently read of a scientific research report which revealed that 50 per cent of bodily ills come from worry, and that is no doubt true.

The superintendent of a large insane asylum reported that the two most common causes of mental breakdown are: first, worrying about the future; second, the lack of faith in God, in one's fellow men and in one's self. It is indeed true that "it's worth more to worry less."

—The Illinois Baptist

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Neither piety, virtue, nor liberty can flourish in a community where the education of youth is neglected.

—Thomas Cooper

Education for One World or Two?

By MERLIN L. NEFF

In the month when millions of youth return to classrooms throughout the nation, it is appropriate to consider the report of the President's Commission on Higher Education. A group of twenty-seven distinguished citizens studied the problems of national education for eighteen months and produced a report of more than four hundred pages.

"This is a time of crisis," says the commission. "The future of our civilization depends on the direction education takes, not just in the distant future, but in the days immediately ahead." The aims of higher education are stated as follows: "Education for a fuller realization of democracy in every phase of life. Education directly and explicitly for international understanding and co-operation. Education for the application of creative imagination and trained intelligence to the solution of social problems and to the administration of public affairs."

In order to reach these objectives the commission recommends that public facilities be created for 2,500,000 students in the junior college grades, 1,500,000 in the senior college level, and 600,000 in graduate and professional schools. To care for this it is recommended that advanced grades be added to existing institutions, and that a network of community colleges be established.

While admitting that religion is "a major force in creating the system of human values on which democracy rests," there is little recognition of spiritual values in this blueprint of education. There is a cry for more money, better buildings, scholarly professors, more students; but little is said about character education.

The commission is to be commended on its opposition to racial and religious prejudices in our educational system. Certainly human rights must be safeguarded if our democratic system is to be maintained. But human rights cannot be preserved by theory alone. They must come from hearts filled with love for God and a love for our fellow men—love motivated by spiritual power in the life.

"In education we trust" has proved a deluding motto. Facing the Atomic Age, we know civilization has no future. In truth, it is doomed unless character becomes the keynote of living. But what are we doing? We are putting chemical formulas above the Sermon on the Mount. We are placing our faith in public education instead of in Christianity.

Is this indictment too strong? Not in the face of the religious indifference which creeps like paralysis over our youth. For example, 40 per cent of the boys and girls in grammar schools never read the Bible or attend Sunday School. Eighty per cent of students in high school have no religious activities. Ninety per cent of the state college and university students have no interest in any church. What is our secular education doing to inspire faith in God and in Christlike principles? Statistics say: "Almost nothing."

A. N. Whitehead has said: "The essence of education is that it be religious." Such a need was recognized in the educational institutions of colonial America. When Harvard College was established, this was its purpose: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well: the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life—John 17:3; and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as

the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning."

Such an aim is exceedingly old-fashioned to many present-day educators. It has no place in the report of the President's commission. And, sorry to say, the product which our public system of education is sending forth into a troubled world shows too plainly the results of this philosophy.

The American educational system is sincerely endeavoring to meet the problems of twentieth-century life, but it is failing in fundamentals. It is endeavoring to prepare men for this world only. It has no aim beyond a material success and a bread-and-butter existence. Building upon intellectual knowledge alone, man fails to attain the spiritual values that sustain him in crisis and that lift him above the level of a walking encyclopedia. Calvin Coolidge once said enigmatically: "Education which is not based on religion and character is not education. We do not need more material development; we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power; we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge; we need more character."

America needs hundreds of small Christian colleges today, colleges built and sustained by churches who love youth and who desire to see the men and women of tomorrow taught of God. Such colleges would be the salt of the nation, wielding a mighty influence for truth.

Higher education in itself is not the answer to the disillusioned world of 1948. Education will broaden man's mental powers and develop his appreciation of art and science. Training will make him skillful in vocations, in business, and in professional careers. But when all of this is accomplished, man remains a pitiful husk unless the power of Jesus Christ has transformed his soul. Knowledge alone cannot cure the heartache, the disease of sin, moral corruption, national hatreds, jealousy, greed, and every form of degradation into which our world has fallen. A man may become the most skillful surgeon, the brightest lawyer, or the most talented musician, and also be a disgrace to his community—a criminal and a dissolute character.

Higher education reaches beyond the library, the laboratory, and the classrooms. The Master declares to all students: "Learn of Me." It is time for every parent to ask: "Is the college or university educating my son or daughter for one world or two?" It is imperative for youth to ask: "Is my training preparing me for spiritual crisis I am certain to face?"

Signs of the Times.

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The price of mastery in any field is through preparation.—Anonymus.

Every student must be a volunteer in the intellectual and spiritual struggle to preserve freedom for mankind. — Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Knowledge does not comprise all which is contained in the large term of education. The feelings are to be disciplined; the passions are to be restrained; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances. All this is comprised in education.

—Daniel Webster.

Baptist Student Work University of Arkansas B. S.

By CURTIS POWELL

The Baptist Student Union of the University of Arkansas campus is looking forward to the greatest year in its history. A steady growing program was put under way during the 1947-48 school year with the dedication of a new Student Center.

Members of the B. S. U. Council met for their pre-school retreat on September 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Fayetteville.

The students were aided in their work by William Hall Preston, Associate South-South Student Secretary; T. D. McCulloch, Student secretary; Dan Bates, new University of Arkansas Student secretary; Dr. Walter Johnson, pastor of the First Church, Fayetteville; Dr. Edward Amis, faculty advisor; Bert McGlamery, educational director of the First Church, Fayetteville; and Robert S. chairman of the Student Activities Committee.

Council members for the coming year are Dale Bradford, president; Maurice Dunn, listment vice president; Louise Davenport, special vice president; Clara Chaney, devotional vice president; Maurice Calloway, absence vice president; Carroll Blewster, secretary; Bob Nunnally, treasurer; Lester Bennett, day School representative; Dean Brown, Training Union representative; Cornelia Lips, Y. W. A. representative; Curtis Powell, publicity; Winston Baber, Ambassador editor; Ellen Kinsey, librarian; Paul Johnson, extension; Dick Carson, music director; Ted H. retreat chairman; Maurice Calloway, Louise Davenport, Christian Council representatives; James Vestal, Brotherhood representative; Dr. Edward S. Amis, faculty advisor; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor; Dan Bates, student secretary.

Extensive plans have been made in the fields of enlistment, social life, devotional activities, publicity, music, and mission work. Sunday School, Training Union, Y. W. A. and Brotherhood representatives are working hard in order to promote their respective organizations.

The Baptist Student Union of the University of Arkansas asks your earnest prayer and attention as it seeks to administer to almost 2,000 Baptist and Baptist-preferred students in Fayetteville.

Southern Baptist College B. S.

By T. G. MURPHREE

The B. S. U. pre-school retreat was held at the college campus, plans were made for the forthcoming year. The Student Revival will be conducted by Charles E. Lawrence, pastor of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, beginning October 18.

Daily devotional services were begun immediately this year at 7:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The latter was made possible through the graciousness of the administration in allotting an extra 15 minutes at the noon hour. In this way, all students are given an opportunity to attend.

The B. S. U. Welcome, held in the cafeteria at Southern Baptist College September 9, was a success. Patterned upon a political campaign, there were four states represented: state of Matrimony, Misery, Ignorance, Catastrophe. A candidate was elected for each state and each candidate made a campaign speech.

The Growing Influence of Baptist Student Work

Baptist Student Union at Tech

By MARILYN WEBB

Under the leadership of B. S. U. President Marilyn Webb and Pastor Speed, the B. S. U. at Tech has a promising future. The Council started the year off by having a pre-school retreat. Forty-five students were present for this first planning meeting on the campus.

The Baptist students co-operated in the "Religious Emphasis Week" held September 13-19, on the campus.

Officers for the coming year are as follows: Marilyn Webb, president; Stanley Robertson, first vice president; Gladys Wells, second vice president; Gordon Harkreader, third vice president; Euleta Weir, secretary-treasurer; Robert Brooks, Training Union representative; Dean Wilkerson, Sunday School representative; George Castleberry, publicity chairman; Rowland Johnson, counselor; and Eugene Speed, church pastor.

Ouachita B. S. U.

By BOB WARD

The Ouachita College B. S. U. met in the home of E. Nowlin, on Lake Hamilton, September 2-4, for its annual pre-school retreat. The theme for the retreat and the present school year is "Genuine Joy In Jesus." This theme was brought out in the discussions, forums, and the key-note sermon by Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

The year's activities started Sunday afternoon, September 5, when a welcoming committee from the Baptist Student Union met each incoming bus and train with the college bus. A "Freshman Mixer" on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms Hall was the first social event of the year. An unusually good "Talent Night" program was given on Tuesday night. Vesper services got off to a good start. Another social on Thursday and the faculty reception closed the first week's activities at Ouachita.

The Ouachita Baptist Student Union plans for the year include a Vocational Emphasis Week in October. Other tentative plans include an all school social, Student Night at Christmas programs, and other activities to foster the B. S. U. on the campus. Ouachita is already looking forward to the spring when we are going to have a focus week with outstanding men and women from over the Southland coming to speak at that time.

The officers for this year are: Marlin Gennings, president; Jimmy Reed, devotional vice president; Marion Tipton Miles, enlistment vice president; John McClanahan, social vice president; Grace Case, secretary; Pete Church, treasurer; Glenn Wood, music chairman; Patsy Webb, publicity chairman; Wanda Jo Henry, Sunday School representative, Second Church; Margaret Warren, Sunday School representative, First Church; Beth Moore, Training Union representative, First Church; Austin Ingram, Ridgecrest chairman; Charles Meltabarger, Editor "The Breeze"; Bob Ward, reporter; Sally Dollins, pianist; and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Todd, faculty advisors.

Baptist Student Union at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro

By CHARLES RIPLEY

Miss Frances Barbour, associate South-wide student secretary, Nashville, was guest speaker at the Arkansas State College B. S. U. pre-

school retreat September 6 and 7, Ravenden Springs. Plans were made for our coming year's program.

The daily devotional periods got off to a good start with evangelists Bob Randall and Raymond Jones leading the services Monday, September 13.

Arkansas State College B. S. U. Council members are as follows: Charles Ripley, president; Bill Towery, first vice president; Betty Sue Terry, second vice president; William Norris, third vice president; Wanda Whitwell, secretary-treasurer; Phyllis Ford, reporter; Guy Rodgers, publicity chairman; Jeannean Wood, scrapbook representative; and Alton Bowlin, magazine representative.

Student Nurses Grow Spiritually

By HELEN HIGGINBOTHAM

Yes, that's the alarm and it's 5:45 a. m. We must hurry in order to be in chapel by 6:15. Miss Elma Cobb has charge of our early morning chapel service and that's where we receive our inspiration for the day.

At 12:40 each day we have a noonday meditation service. Our hospital chaplain, J. Queen, has charge every day except Friday that day one of the student nurses leads in the service.

Every student is encouraged to reside Monday night for B. S. U. activity night—the first and third Monday's we have B. S. U. Executive Council meeting and on the second and fourth Monday nights we have Y. W. at 8:00 o'clock. Elizabeth Swafford is the W. A. president.

When a new class enters the B. S. U. open house which encourages the nurses become active in the church of their choice here in Little Rock and in the unit organizations of our B. S. U.

We have chartered a bus for the purpose of attending the State B. S. U. Convention next month in Fayetteville. Nineteen plan to attend.

May we say as students of Baptist Student Hospital School of Nursing that we appreciate the interest of our hospital administration and personnel and the friends over the State for their interest in our religious activity program.

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State Mission Season Of Prayer

The increased interest in the Season of Prayer and the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions on the part of our W. M. U. constituency is most gratifying. Many organizations have already observed this prayer season and are now remitting the Dixie Jackson Offering. Other organizations are planning to observe it before the close of September.

The Dixie Jackson Offering goes to supplement the State Mission Fund of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in the promotion of its State Mission Program, which is under the direction of Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent.

Funds for the promotion of our State Mission Program come from three sources, namely, an apportionment from the State Convention Budget each year, the Dixie Jackson Offering, and the special State Mission Offering through the Sunday Schools each October.

This October the special State Mission Offering through the Sunday Schools is to be designated for the Baptist Honor Debt with the hope that we can "Clean the Slate in '48" This makes it necessary for the women and young people to make the best offering possible for this work. Clean carefully through all W. M. U. organizations in your church and strive to have a 100 per cent increase over the past year. Remit by check or money order to the State W. M. U. treasurer at your earliest convenience.

AN APPEAL FOR USED CLOTHING

The Foreign Mission Board has supplied us with the following information:

"Not long ago we had a letter from Mrs. J. D. Hughey of Barcelona, Spain, saying that they had discovered that shipments of used clothing could be received in Spain without payment of duty. Mrs. Hughey says that each of them is in a position to receive and distribute to the neediest of families in their churches any used clothing, shoes, bedding, and other essentials for children and adults, men, and women.

"Inasmuch as the relief centers are not permitted to ship relief goods to Spain, we feel that this is an opportunity to minister to the people of Spain that we should not overlook."

"It is of utmost importance that all packages of such goods meet

the specifications of the post office. It is imperative that they be labeled clearly 'Used Clothing'. No food of any kind should be included."

The State W. M. U. Office will gladly furnish the names and addresses upon request.

IN TRAINING AT NEW ORLEANS

We received names, addresses, and birthdays of young women from Arkansas who are in training at the New Orleans Seminary this season as follows:

Ann Brandbury, Box 16, Siloam Springs, June 17; Barbara Epperson, 506 Wright St., Siloam Springs, January 2; Margarete Horne, Rt. 2, Box 276-A, Ft. Smith, May 25; Rebecca Han, Baptist Mission, Kaifeng, Honan, China, January 3.

Miss Helen Falls, dean of women, suggests that we pray for these young women from our State, write them, and send them gifts occasionally as an encouragement to them. The last one listed, Rebecca Han, is from China. She does not belong to any one State and so we have the privilege of sharing her along with all the other Southern States. She has served as a principal of a Girl's school, Kaifeng, Honan, China, and is a product of our mission work.

You will be interested to know that Katie Lee Bell, Van Buren, is attending the National Women's Training School (Negro), Nashville, Tennessee, on a scholarship provided in our State W. M. U. District Budget. This is the second girl to enter training under this scholarship. Gwendoline Luster, a graduate of this school, is now serving as field worker among the two Negro Conventions in the State. Her salary is provided by the State Mission Department and her expenses are cared for by the two Negro Conventions.

A PIONEER LEADER PASSES

Word has just been received that Mrs. J. S. Compere, Corning, has passed away at the Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock. Mrs. Compere has served Woman's Missionary Union in many capacities and was a life member of the State W. M. U. Executive Board. Women's Missionary Union extends heartfelt sympathy to all members of the family.

Song of the Month

October

Jesus Shall Reign

ISAAC WATTS

JOHN HAY

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*From north to south the princes meet
To pay their homage at His feet;
While western empires own their Lord
And savage tribes attend His word.*

*To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their earthly blessings on His name.*

It is extremely difficult for one to imagine this moving mission hymn having been written in 1719, many years before the mission movement as such was established. William Carey and Adoniram Judson were later to issue the world-wide challenge of evangelism. Yet Isaac Watts, from the depths of his soul, was convinced that Christ taught the truth, during his earthly ministry. This truth was and is that in the risen Lord and adherence to his teachings will bring a world-wide unity, good will and mutual welfare among the nations.

Thus it is seen that hymns have the power to teach the Gospel all its conviction and clarity. Faith for a new day, the day of atonement energy leads one to return to the singing of such great masterpieces "Jesus Shall Reign" whenever worshipping either separately or as a member of a congregation.

—By Ruth Nims

Belief Is Positive

By S. H. JONES

Everything has both a positive and negative side; however, it seems evident that belief is, in its nature, positive—the opposite of unbelief which is negative. We should answer never lose sight of this basic truth in our efforts to promote and propagate our beliefs. What we actually and positively believe, rather than the things we do not believe, should be the chief content and major concern of our preaching. Yet, it is not true that many make the psychological error of making the negative rather than the positive approach? Sometimes these denounce others who believe, or are supposed to believe, what is not true rather than teach what they themselves believe. A sermon on faith or belief may turn out to be a tirade against unbelief or unbelievers and false teachers and have little positive content.

It may be observed also that some who are, quite properly, anxious to propagate their beliefs seem to imagine that they can accomplish this by charging or insinuating that most others are

heretics or unbelievers. Such an approach is poor psychology because one weakens his case by claiming to be the only one of a few, who supports it. ethically questionable because it smacks of an effort to establish oneself as a champion of truth by branding all who disagree, or are supposed to disagree, as teachers. Such negative preaching is unrealistic also because there are probably more believers than any cynic who does not trust others would know about or recognize. Some times good Christians, even preachers, have been denounced as heretics by their low-men with whom they differed only slightly, if at all, in belief, in such cases, a matter of understanding.

If one believes something, he is to be expected to stand up for his belief; but that does not give him license to attack all whom he suspects of believing otherwise. If belief is positive, and it is, effectively promoted by those who live it and teach it positively therefore, convincingly.

—The Baptist Courier

Religious Education

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Which Group Is Your Association In?

Leonard Wedel, director of Associational work of the Training Union Department, suggests the following grouping of associations on a basis of the percentage of the churches having some form of Training Union work. Find your place in the following group. This is according to the information in the State Office. Any correction will be appreciated.

Group I—100 per cent of churches with some Training Union work.

Group II—85 to 99 per cent of churches with some Training Union work.

Association	Number Churches	Churches with Training Union Work	Per cent
Harmony	32	30	94

Group III—65 to 84 per cent

Benton County	19	16	84
Concord	28	23	82
Mount Zion	28	23	82
Pulaski County	54	43	79
Perry County	9	7	78
Centennial	9	7	78
Faulkner County	22	17	77
Little Red River	17	13	77
Bartholomew	38	29	76
White County	25	19	76
Central	28	20	72
Ouachita	17	12	71
Liberty	40	27	68
Trinity	25	17	68
Little River	72	18	66
Current River	17	11	65

Group IV—40 to 64 per cent.

Boone-Carroll	28	18	64
Newton County	8	5	63
Washington-Madison	19	12	63
Dardanelle-Russellville	28	17	61
Woodruff County	10	6	60
Caddo River	22	13	59
Hope	37	21	57
Gainesville	14	8	57
Caroline	27	15	56
Carey	16	9	56
Buckner	38	21	55
Clear Creek	29	16	55
Mississippi County	36	20	55
White River	18	10	55
Independence	16	8	50
Stone-Van Buren	20	10	50
Arkansas Valley	23	11	48
Red River	32	15	47
Rocky Bayou	16	7	44
Big Creek	11	5	45
Black River	25	10	40

Group V—39 per cent and below

of churches with some Training Union work:

Green County	36	13	36
Delta	37	12	32
Tri County	25	7	28
Buckville	10	0	0

There is always room at the top. Group I should hold 42 associations!

Welcome Students

To the Baptist Student Union Convention
 Fayetteville, Arkansas



Dr. Walter L. Johnson



A. D. Bates

The First Baptist Church; the Pastor, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Student Secretary, A. D. Bates, extend a most cordial welcome to Baptist Colleges Students and Baptist High School Seniors of Arkansas attend the Baptist Student Union Convention, which will be held in First Church, Fayetteville, October 8-10.

Our church homes will open their doors for your accommodation while here, and meals will be served at the church at a nominal cost.

Join Us In The Outstanding Event Of The Year

STUDY COURSE AWARDS

There were 2,336 Training Union study course awards issued to the people of Arkansas during August, compared to 1,737 for August of last year. During the first eight months this year, Arkansas people have earned 12,164 awards compared to 10,993 for the first eight months of last year.

AN IMPORTANT DATE

During the week of December 6-10, forty associational Training Union rallies will be conducted in that many associations of Ar-

kansas. Eight teams of two members to the team will have charge of these meetings.

STATE TRAINING UNION CONVENTION

During the days ahead many of the pastors and other church leaders will be preparing church calendar of activities for 1949. Be sure to remember the Friday and Saturday, March 19, 1949 are the dates for State Training Union Convention which will be held at First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Church Music Calendar Now Ready

The Church Music Calendar for 1948-49 has been prepared and is now ready for distribution. Each pastor and individual music director will want one. They are free for the asking.

The calendar lists dates of all music events and the required selections for each. Full participation in these music activities is earnestly requested. Music listed is in stock at **The Baptist Book Store** and should be ordered in sufficient quantities at an early date so that the various music groups may be properly prepared to take part.

Write for your copy today. Address Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Mrs. Compere Called Home

Mrs. J. S. Compere, wife of Dr. J. S. Compere, noted missionary, editor, and pastor, died in the Baptist State Hospital, Tuesday, September 21.

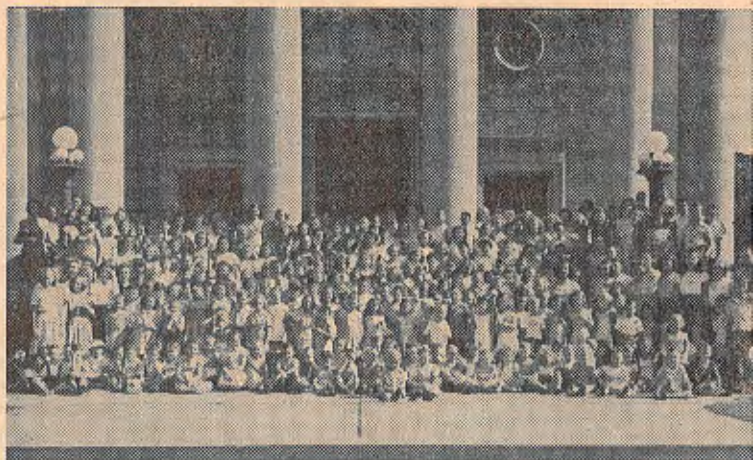
Mrs. Compere was the former Miss Pen Lile, a native of Columbia County. She attended Central College, and the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and was a graduate of Ouachita College.

She and Dr. Compere were missionaries in West Africa for four and one-half years. Returning to her native Arkansas, where her husband was successively editor and pastor, Mrs. Compere was active in church and denominational life. She promoted the first Vacation Bible School in Arkansas at Little Rock. She was a charter member of the Baptist State Hospital Auxiliary and a life member of the State W. M. U. Executive Board. At one time she was a trustee of the W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Kentucky.

She contributed to Baptist literature by writing leaflets on stewardship and articles for Baptist periodicals.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Clyde Hickerson, Richmond, Virginia; Mrs. Herbert White, Urbana, Illinois; Mrs. George Jimerson, Corning; and Mrs. William B. Pittard Jr., England; a son, Rev. J. S. Compere Jr. of Marmaduke; a brother, Dr. J. G. Lile, Little Rock; and a sister, Mrs. G. E. Cannon, Hope.

Vacation Bible School First Church, El Dorado



Beginning August 7 and continuing through August 20, the annual Vacation Bible School was conducted by the First Church, El Dorado. The report of this school reveals a total enrolment of 362, with an average attendance of 290. All departments were included in the school, and according to the report this was an AA grade school. Mission offering amounted

to \$113.25. Sam C. Reeves is pastor; Clyde H. Freed Jr., associated pastor, served as school principal. N. B. Weedham is Sunday School superintendent.

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Never regard study as a duty but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating fluence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs.

—Albert Einstein

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News From The Baptist Children's Home

Resigns After 24 Years of Service



Mrs. Johnnie Carroll

Mrs. Johnnie Carroll, on her physician's advice, has resigned her position with our children's institution. Her trouble is general fatigue and shattered nerves. The doctor has advised that she take at least six months of rest before trying to work again.

Mrs. Carroll came to the home as a young widow May 17, 1925. She had felt a call to do missionary work. Her pastor and a business man recommended her to the superintendent of the Baptist Home. When the challenge of the work with the children was presented to her Mrs. Carroll responded at once, feeling that God was calling her. She was told that the work would be hard and the salary small but this did not discourage her. Before coming to the home she sold her furniture and made plans to give her life to this work.

Mrs. Carroll came to the home at a salary of \$50 per month which she received for the next 20 years. After 20 years of service her salary was raised to \$60 per month, two years later to \$70 per month, and a little less than two years ago to \$125. For the last eight years Mrs. Carroll has been in the Annuity Plan for employees of Southern Baptist Institutions and has paid three per cent of her salary during this period into this plan. As a result of being in this plan she is now entitled to a small annuity as long as she lives. Her annuity will amount to the small sum of \$38.42 per month.

Mrs. Carroll reared two sons and

put them through school. Her younger son, Verlyn, graduated from Ouachita and did post graduate study at Peabody College and was a promising and successful young minister when he died at the age of 23. Her other son, Robert Eugene, now lives at Hope, and operates Hotel Henry.

Mrs. Carroll came to the institution as housemother to the girls and worked in this capacity for nine years. Then for ten years she served as dietician supervisor of the kitchen and dining room, and for a number of years she served as housemother to the boys. Also she served for months at a time as chauffeur for Mrs. Pugh while she visited the District Associations in the fall and various other meetings.

Mrs. Carroll has on occasions done every kind of work that was needed to be done in connection with the operation of the institution. She has slopped the hogs, watered and fed the stock, shoveled coal into the furnace, or fired the furnace when there was no furnace man, and so on. Also she has served all through the years as nurse to the sick children, and as seamstress, often sewing into the night in an effort to keep the children's clothing in order. She has also served in the office in the absence of the superintendent.

Mrs. Carroll has no definite plans for the future. Her sister, Mrs. J. C. Holloway, Helena, wants her to live with her. Her son, Eugene, desires that she live with him. At present she will go to her son's place at Hope and can be reached at this address.

Our Truck Will Come For Food Offerings

We shall be glad to send our truck to any association or group

of churches who are willing to raise a load of food stuff for us. If your association plans to give a food offering, please notify us, giving the approximate date you would like for our truck to come for the offering.

Food needs: We need and shall be grateful for any kind of food. There are, however, some food items which we need more than others. Meat is one of such items. Any kind of meat will be appreciated. Last fall various churches throughout the State sent us 420 chickens. We are unable to say how much the children enjoyed them. We have had no chicken for our children thus far this year. We suggest that each person who raised chickens give one or more, and in this way any church can raise enough to fill a coop. A coop will hold from 12 to 18 chickens, depending on their size.

We shall be glad to send one or more coops to any church that is interested in making us an offering of chickens and if our truck cannot come for the chickens we shall be glad to pay express charges on all sent to us.

Canned vegetables is another food item of which we are short at the present. Other items we have need of now are: rice, sugar, meal, flour, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, dried beans, and feed for dairy cows.

Another item needed is good used clothing.

Our 4-H Club Boys Win Blue Ribbons On Calves

Our 4-H Club boys are happy over the showing their fine calves have made at our county fair. They won first place in the Junior Jersey Heifer division, first place in the Senior Jersey Heifer division, first place in the Junior Jersey Bull division, first place in the Junior Hereford Yearling Heifer division, first place in the Jersey Milk Cow division, champion in the Jersey bull and Jersey heifer divisions, second place in the

Young Hereford Heifer division, third place in Jersey Cow division, third place in the Senior Jersey Heifer division, and fourth place in the Senior Jersey Heifer division.

The premiums given for above places amount to \$95. We are giving the cash which was given by the stock to the boys who took care of them. To say that the boys are elated and really on the crest of a wave is to put it mildly.

It was only a little over a year ago that we were asking Arkansas Baptists to help us get registered stock, both for our milk and in order that our boys could have fine stock to use in their 4-H work. Thanks to Arkansas Baptists we now have twelve fine registered Jersey cows, five yearling Jersey heifers, and one registered Jersey bull. Also, we have a registered Hereford heifer, five years of age and one registered Hereford Bull. We now have around 20 more registered Hereford cows from which to raise calves for the children.

D. P. Smith is our farmer instructor of our boys in the farm and 4-H Club work.

Appreciation

Mrs. Snider and I wish to express our deep and sincere appreciation for the fine cooperation and loyal and understanding support scores of Arkansas Baptists have given us in our efforts to develop and maintain a child-centered and individualized program of care at our children's institution.

We have constantly been challenged and inspired by many letters and face to face conversations with many of you who are leading the way toward making it possible for our institution to meet up to a good standard in serving dependent children.

We have had the privilege of meeting many of you and of forming many fine friendships with you which we shall cherish the rest of our lives.

We are assured by our Arkansas Baptists generally that the kind of program we have tried to lead you in starting will be continued and further developed in the future.

With a deep sense of thanksgiving and pleasure we commend our successors to you. We believe you have many qualifications to fit them to care for dependent children and to lead you in helping and improving the service of the institution to the children.

We heartily commend them to you and earnestly pray that you will give them your full support in the work.

-L. B. Smith



Layman's Day is Sunday, October 10

By NELSON TULL

Brotherhood Secretary

Be one of a million men to hear Maxey Jarman, president of the General Shoe Corporation, and prominent Southern Baptist layman, as he speaks on the subject, "With Christ in Business." The message will be broadcast, and can be heard on the Baptist Hour on Layman's Day, October 10.

Layman's day is observed annually, always on the second Sunday of October. It is a day when churches throughout the Southland give recognition to laymen, and the supreme importance of the powers of laymen in all the work of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Laymen need to be recognized. Laymen need to be informed. Laymen need to be challenged. Laymen need to be utilized in the building of every phase of the life and work of their church.

Hence Layman's Day!

Church Organize Its Brotherhood

On Monday night, September 13, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, had its Brotherhood organizational meeting. At the invitation of the pastor, W. O. Vaught Jr., Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood secretary, had the privilege of installing the following Brotherhood officers and committee chairmen, and of charging each man with his particular duties:

J. W. Best, president; George Hogan, Activities vice president; Larkin Thornhill, Jr., Program vice president; Pat Murphy, Membership vice president; Howard Lavender, chorister; J. F. Hartwell, pianist; W. C. Lee, secretary, treasurer.

W. H. Patterson, chairman Education Committee; John T. Chaney, chairman Finance Committee; D. M. Tate, chairman, Evangelistic Committee; A. F. Lape, chairman, Worship Committee; B. G. Austin, chairman, Benevolence Committee; Tom Stiles, chairman, Social Committee; W. L. Terry, chairman, Extension Committee; L. D. Reagan, chairman, Bloodbank Committee; and Francis Rowe, chairman, Man and Boy Movement.

These men are all good men; selected because of their particular abilities, and charged with particular responsibilities in the Brotherhood program of their church.

We believe that Immanuel Church is going to be an outstanding leader in Brotherhood work among the churches of our State and the Southland.

It was the pastor, Dr. Vaught, who took the leadership in the organization of the Immanuel Brotherhood. With the very closest attention to detail, he led the men to organize completely. Then he followed through by laying before

his Brotherhood some very challenging activities for the present and for the immediate future. Thus the Immanuel Brotherhood is not only in position to work, but it has particular work to do; a wonderful start toward successful Brotherhood operation.

We thank God for the coming of Immanuel Church into the Brotherhood fold. And we trust that with Immanuel's leadership, others of our larger churches shall be constrained to evaluate the work and worth of a church Brotherhood.

Brotherhood Tour

A profitable tour in behalf of Brotherhood organization and work was recently held in Newton County association. The tour was arranged by Ernest Cheatham, president of the Newton County Associational Brotherhood, with the help of Ottis Denny, Associational Missionary.

The following churches were visited: Jasper, Parthenon, Boxley, Moore, and Deer. Assisting the State Brotherhood secretary on the tour were Mr. Cheatham, R. M. Abell, Rhymer Twyman, and John Stratton. Brother Stratton is pastor of the Deer Church.

The tour was successful from every viewpoint. The response of most of the churches was excellent. Brother Cheatham is well on the way towards building a good associational Brotherhood.

Under the leadership of Missionary Denny the number of Baptist churches in Newton County is being multiplied. New church buildings are going up all over the county; and the Lord's work in that area is beginning to prosper. Assisting Brother Denny are some of the finest laymen that we know of anywhere.

A tour of the churches of an association is an effective way of laying Brotherhood ideals and work before the whole association.

Brotherhood Revival At Heber Springs

First Church, Heber Springs, recently held a week of Brotherhood Revival services; and counted, at the close, twenty-four additions to the church, eighteen coming by baptism.

Othar Smith is the able and hard working young pastor of the Heber Springs Church. Assisting him during the revival were Nelson Tull, speaker, and Charles Vermillion, song leader. Also much in the revival effort were Harold Anderson, Brotherhood president, many fine men of the church Brotherhood, and a small host of women, boys, and girls.

It was a spiritual experience!

More Baptisms This Year

Two thousand two hundred forty-nine professions of faith have been witnessed by the Associational Missionaries, Pastor Missionaries, Rural Evangelists, and the Chaplains in Booneville Sanatorium during the first eight months of this year.

This exceeds the number of professions in any entire year. In 1945 there were 1,642 conversions; in 1946 there were 2,087; and for eight months of 1948 the report is 2,249. All the workers of the Mission Department have been busy and the Lord has blessed their efforts.

A WEEK AT TULIP

It was the privilege of your Superintendent to preach in Tulip, under the large tent, the week preceding the Centennial Celebration, September 1. Associational Missionary, A. P. Elliff, directed the music. There were no additions. In fact the church is hardly alive. There are twelve members, one man who is an invalid, a few women and children. They have no house of worship and no pastor. However, the missionary has been conducting services once each month in the Presbyterian building. There are fifty-three homes within a radius of four miles of the old convention site. The total Baptist possibilities, at present, are approximately forty.

STONE POINT MISSION IN PERRY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Sunday, September 19, we visited with Missionary H. D. Palmer and his Stoney Point Mission in Perry County. It was a thrill to witness such pioneer work. The first service was held July 4 in an abandoned school house. The nearest church is ten miles.

The Sunday School reports showed 65 present, but many others came for the preaching service. The offering of \$12 was given to State Missions. A delicious meal was spread on the grounds at noon and then another preaching service for the afternoon.

Missionary Palmer is winning the people to the Lord and the Houston Church has voted to receive them into their membership. This mission would never have been established without a missionary. He has established four since going to this association less than a year ago.

Watson church, Sidney Oxendine, pastor, is anxious to secure a used bus at a reasonable price to enable them to furnish transportation for the unreached masses near by to their services. This church has had 47 additions since May 1, 44 of whom were for baptism.

Pastors and churches desiring the help of the Rural Evangelists in the Simultaneous Crusades of 1949 should contact them im-

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mediately. Their schedules of revivals are already being filled.

DOVER CHURCH APPRECIATES AID

In December of 1947 Virgil Igan became pastor of our church in Dover, with supplementary aid from the State Mission Department. At that time our church buildings were all delapidated. The roof leaked, the walls were out of line and birds were making nests in the loft. The pastorium was scarcely livable. The church had no organization, no financial program, and the membership was scattered.

We now have our buildings modeled. The roof has been lowered, the walls relined, and the building painted for the first time in 30 years. The pastorium has been worked over. The church is now well organized and has a financial program which includes the Co-operative Program. Prayer meeting and Bible study are held each Wednesday evening. The people of our town are taking note that Baptists are alive and doing business for the Master.

This work has been made possible through the supplementary aid from State Mission Department. We cannot find words to express our appreciation, for without that aid we not only would have been out of services but buildings well.

—Mrs. Sue Hollabau
Dover Baptist Church

BAPTIST STUDENTS IN FALL RETREAT

The Baptist Students Union council of Arkansas State Teachers College met at Petit Jean mountain and in Conway in the annual fall pre-school retreat.

Attending the meetings were Miss Dorothy Ladd, president; Misses Sarah Lee Minton and Catherine Williams, and Thurmond Dabbs and Jerry Eades, members of the council; Harold B. Tilman, pastor of First Baptist church, a Mrs. Tilman; Dr. W. C. Ferguson, BSU advisor; T. D. McCulloch, state BSU director, and DeWitt Moore, representative of the First Baptist Sunday school and Baptist Training Union.

A democracy can only be strong if all the citizens are properly educated and careers are freely open to all the talented.

—Dr. James Bryant Conant

The Literature Of The Bible

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

This week starts a new quarter's study; our lessons will be entirely different from the character studies just concluded. "The Literature of the Bible" is the quarter's topic. You are familiar with the truth of this great Bible God has given us and know that within its pages are to be found every known form of literature. Our lessons these three months will be history, biography, law, prophecy, poetry, drama, stories, parables, Gospels, and letters.

Bear in mind these basic facts: the Bible is the world's most perfect literature; the Bible came from the mind of God; God gave us the Bible because the longings of the human heart can be satisfied through the divinely inspired words of its pages, through the power of the Christ whom it reveals.

The Bible is a library in the sense that it is composed of 66 books; throughout the whole of the Scriptures, however, there is one theme—the scarlet thread of redemption through Christ Jesus. In this initial lesson we consider what the Bible says about itself and see a wide view of its matchless theme. We shall divide the contents of our subject matter as our Scriptures are given; the Psalms as the guide to devoted life, the Gospels as the purpose of the writing, and the letters as the uses of the writing.

The Word Is a Guide

We study the one hundred nineteenth Psalm, the longest chapter in the Word of God, and from it we catch a vision of the good life which can be lived as one follows the teachings of the law of God. The Psalmist is generous in his praise of the Sacred Word and proclaims his love for the Law of God. "Oh how love I Thy Law!" He is not speaking of the Ten Commandments alone, but he extolls the good which he has received from meditation on the Law of God as represented by all divine revelation in the Law, promise, commandment, statute, judgment—every revelation which is a guide of life. He meditated upon the Law of God because of his soul's accord with God; he loved the Word of God and that love led him to meditation.

Briefly, we list some results which the Psalmist has experienced from his love and study of the Sacred Word:

Its teachings make one wiser than the Devil and all the enemies of God and His people. Jesus used the Word of God to combat the Devil when He was tempted in the wilderness. It will ever be our sword and shield. It makes us "wise as serpents, harmless as doves."

Its teachings make one wiser than the learned of the world.

Sunday School Lesson For October 3, 1948

Psalms 119:97-105; John 20:30, 31;
II Timothy 3:16,17.

Much is taught in the educational circles of our day, but one trained and taught in the schoolroom of an Almighty God has wisdom far above the most brilliant instructor.

Its teachings far surpass wise men of olden days and is powerful enough to keep our feet from the wicked ways. The Bible gives us guidance in every crisis and every problem of life; it warns us and safeguards our every walk. It protects us from the onrush of sin's wrathful march.

Finally, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The Word of God is written that we might see Him who said, "I am the Light of the World." Darkness is dispelled as this light shines forth. Every mortal who walks this world of sin and darkness needs this lamp to guide his way!

The Word Is a Revelation

The Word of God is the only book which man can open and find the Son of God revealed in all His saving power. The Bible is written in order that man might see Christ as the redeemer of his sinful soul and rest his burden of sin upon Him.

In the closing verses of John's Gospel he gives us the purpose for what he has already written: ". . . these are written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name." John had told of the many miracles and signs which Jesus did those things of which he and the other disciples were eye-witnesses. He said that he could write about many things, but that which he had written was surely sufficient evidence of the saving power of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

John's Gospel was written that man might believe that Jesus is God's Son and that this belief would lead man to accept the salvation of Christ and receive life in His name. Does not this

simple assertion of John apply to the entire Word of God? After the creation and the fall of man is the need for a savior. Genesis 3:15 gives the promise of His coming and the entire Bible is a continuation of the central theme, Salvation.

The Word Is a Daily Help

The Word of God is not something visionary and impractical; it was given by inspiration of God to holy men in order that all Scripture might be profitable and helpful to all men. We are saved from sin not to sit in ease, but to lead a life of righteous service. In simple words the Bible is a daily help to each of us, showing us the right way to live.

All Scripture, Paul wrote to Timothy, is profitable for teaching for correcting error, for reproofing, for disciplining. This is all in order that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. We are to serve, not as perfect men, but as workers furnished by God through His Word with that which equips us to diligently serve man and honor Him.

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BAPTIST RADIO HOUR

"Religious Tensions in Europe" will be the subject of the Baptist Hour for September 26, with Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, Executive Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance as speaker, it was announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, Director.

The Baptist Hour series "Christ Is Lord" will also feature Dr. Ohrn as speaker on October 3. His subject then will be "The Christian Message for the World Crisis."

Heard in Arkansas over radio stations —

- KLRA, Little Rock at 10:30 p.m.
- KUCA, Siloam Springs, 7:30 a. m.
- WREC, Memphis, Tenn., at 9:30 a. m.
- KWKH, Shreveport, La., at 7:30 a. m.

Figures To Inspire

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Ad
Little Rock, Immanuel	1159	397	25
Including Mission	1420	681	31
Fort Smith, First	996	360	2
Little Rock, First	844	336	4
El Dorado, First	794	228	3
Pine Bluff, First	709	208	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	621	179	5
Hot Springs, Second	619	180	
Paragould, First	605	240	6
Arkadelphia, First	567	273	17
Fayetteville, First	512	197	42
Including Mission	548	218	
Eldorado, Second	500	168	
Benton, First	484	84	4
Camden, First	471	115	19
Including Mission	670	273	
Hope, First	447	84	1
Hot Springs, Park Place	434	115	
McGehee, First	431	123	
Including Mission	467		
Magnolia, Central	415	145	
Including Mission	455		
Malvern, First	412	86	6
Including Mission	449		
Hot Springs, Central	379	127	1
Including Mission	447		
Conway, First	365	58	23
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	359	135	3
Rogers, First	359	102	2
Paris, First	353	120	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	353	68	6
El Dorado, Immanuel	350	159	5
Springdale, First	347	203	3
Including Missions	479		
Hot Springs, First	335	51	1
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	328	94	3
Little Rock, South Highland	303	98	5
Stuttgart, First	292	109	3
Including Mission	343		
Hamburg, First	295	133	
Monticello, First	286	132	
Smackover, First	285	105	
Pine Bluff, Second	273	96	2
El Dorado, West Side	243	98	2
Harrison, First	231	113	
Including Mission	318	139	
Little Rock, Calvary	229	97	6
Texarkana, Calvary	225	94	3
Ft. Smith, Southside	222	61	1
Dumas, First	220	90	
Including Mission	283		
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	219	93	2
Warren, Immanuel	216	179	1
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	206	100	5
Greenwood, First	203	78	2
Stamps, First	195	117	
Jacksonville, First	183	131	8
Mt. Ida, First	165	126	1
Monticello, Second	163	105	
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	142	94	
Ashdown, First	139		10
Including Mission	191		
Little Rock, Hebron	135	87	
Douglassville, First	118	70	
Hot Springs, Lake Hamilton	94	40	
South Texarkana	82	62	1
Little Rock, West Side	76	43	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	75	32	
Douglassville, Second	73	39	2
Little Rock, Tyler Street	62		
Little Rock, Bellview	59		
Little Rock, Pilgrims Rest	39	25	1
Roland	27		

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Centennial Convention a Great Occasion

Tuesday of last week was a red letter day with the Arkansas Baptists. One hundred years ago on that particular day a number of messengers went from their respective church fields to the little town of Tulip, Arkansas. There they resolved themselves into the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. They had a great session, and there were 40 conversions. The years have come and gone, and railroads were built through that section of the State, and the little town of Tulip was reduced in size as people moved away to railroad centers. Only a few families live at Tulip now. There is a Methodist and a Presbyterian Church. There is a Baptist church organization, but the Baptists have no house of worship. There are about a dozen members of the Baptist church there.

Last week messengers and visitors came from Baptist churches from every section of the State to Tulip where we had a one day session of the Convention. There must have been 1,600 or 1,800 people present.

We had rented a large tent, and the tent would not accommodate all the people. The congregation extended far beyond the rim of the tent.

At the noon hour there was plenty to eat. J. T. Daniel, a good deacon at Arkadelphia, slew three young cows. He and Pastor Cothran engaged a man to barbecue the meat. This was done, and at the meeting place of the Convention the meat was warmed and sauce applied. There was bread a plenty and there were cakes and pies. There were potato chips and salads. Several of the churches brought foodstuffs. There was more to eat than they consumed. At this point we cannot say too much in praise of Pastor Cothran of Arkadelphia, Pastor Rucker of Malvern, Pastor Elliff of Fordyce, and their churches as well as the churches of Sparkman and Manning and other places nearby. The local people around Tulip, although not many of them were Baptists, were the most cordial and helpful people we have ever fellowshiped.

The program of the Convention, although it did not characterize a business session, was carried through with dispatch and interest. The program included appropriate features and there was the finest spirit that we have ever had.

The Centennial Committee thought we should have this meeting at Tulip at this time. We thought it would be proper to revisit the exact spot on which the Convention was organized a hundred years ago. We thought it also proper to have the meeting

on the exact anniversary day, September 21. All this we thought would be better than to take a day off in the regular session of the Convention in November for often it is severe weather, and the roads are muddy, and it might be impossible at that time for many people to go to Tulip. We had a great day. The two outstanding features were a speech on "Baptist History" by Dr. J. S. Rogers, and an apostolic sermon by Dr. Otto Whittington.

The regular meeting of the Convention will be held in Little Rock, November 16-18. It will be built around the Centennial idea. Great leaders will speak. Dr. C. O. Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Duke McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. W. R. Alexander of the Relief and Annuity Board, Dr. J. B. Lawrence of the Home Mission Board, Dr. M. T. Rankin of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. T. L. Holcomb of the Sunday School Board, Dr. E. D. Head of the Southwestern Seminary, Dr. Roland Leavell of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and Dr. Theron D. Price of the Southern Baptist Seminary, will be present and speak during the session of the Centennial Convention in November.

All sessions of the Convention will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, except on Wednesday night. November 17, we will meet in the Little Rock Municipal Auditorium, and a pageant will be staged portraying the events among Arkansas Baptists during the past hundred years. A special Baptist writer is preparing the program for the pageant. This pageant will be historical, colorful, and impressive. Thousands of people are expected to witness the play. Make preparations to come.

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Co-operative Program Increase

Dear Dr. Bridges:

In the business session following organization I asked that the deacons recommend to the church that we raise our percentage for the Co-operative Program.

When I came here last year the church was giving seven per cent. We are raising it to ten per cent. This is not a large increase, but we are progressing. Pray for us.

Cordially,

R. O. Ekrut.

Pastor, First Church,
Strong.

Baptists Read Carefully

You can get a hotel room for your stay in Little Rock during the Convention November 15-18, if you make your reservation early. A. B. Hill and C. Hamilton Moses, Little Rock, have contacted the hotels and have also contacted the Chamber of Commerce. There seems to be no other Convention that will meet in the city at that particular time. We are assured of enough room to accommodate all who attend the Convention if they make their reservations early.

Mention Two Things

When you write to a hotel in Little Rock for a room tell them that your trip is connected with the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Second, tell them what you are willing to do with reference to sharing your room with someone else. The hotel will earnestly try to accommodate you if you know that you are coming to the Baptist Convention. They will be much better able to accommodate you if you will share your room with others, so mention these two points. **IT NOW.** If you expect entertainment write to these hotels before the rooms are taken.

We cannot make your reservations for you. You must do it yourself. The names of the best hotels are as follows: Albert Pike Hotel, Lafayette Hotel, Sam Peck Hotel, George Manning Hotel, and the Marion Hotel.

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Fifteen Cents Will Not Do It

Brethren, we cannot do Foreign Missions work on a mere fifteen cents out of the church budget. Did Christ ever mean for us to use all we need to care for our world at home, and give a mere fifteen cents for operative Missions? Did Christ ever mean for us to sail along smoothly at home, and leave the "leftovers" for his World Mission work? Ten or fifteen cents out of the church budget is not much more than a gesture.

Do we really believe that "the world is our field"? Shall we take it all seriously? When we put only ten or fifteen cents into the church budget for Christ's great world work are we just trying to save our faces? Are we just giving account to our co-laborers? Are we willing to do something that will do for us to stand upon if we should come face to face with our Saviour?

We do not see how a Baptist church can sleep with its conscience if it gives less than twenty-five per cent of its budget for the Co-operative Program. Nothing less than twenty-five per cent is the ideal among our Baptist leaders.