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Know Your Institutions . . .

BAPTIST STATE HOSPITAL



Main Unit of the Baptist State Hospital

One of the proudest possessions of Arkansas Baptists is Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock, rendering one of the state's greatest physical and spiritual ministries. Last year 11,121 patients were cared for, with 86,360 patient days of care rendered, a daily average of 237 patients. Many new beds have been made available through renovations the past year, and the hospital now operates constantly at full capacity of 300 beds.

A \$750,000 enlargement program has been proposed by the trustees, whereby each of the four wings of the hospital will be extended 72 feet to the front, providing space for 200 addi-

tional beds, a new and enlarged surgery department, and a new air-conditioned maternity annex. This program will enable the hospital to better accommodate the unceasing demands for service from a waiting list of needy patients.

The building program, which would incur debt, cannot be started until it is approved by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention next November. The Convention's Constitution forbids any of her institutions from creating indebtedness without approval of the Convention in session. It is understood that lenders have the necessary money ready at low interest rates.

Twentieth Century Christianity . . .

Vatican Embassy Cost U. S. Taxpayers \$40,000 Last Year; Much Else Revealed

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Washington and Vatican City appear to be drawing closer together, at increased cost to U. S. taxpayers, through clever maneuvering of the State Department to justify violation of the Constitution, and delayed announcement of Taylor's latest papal decoration.

One year ago, I asked Senator Walter F. George, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, for a statement of the amount of money which the State Department had spent on the U. S. Embassy at the Vatican since Mr. Roosevelt's appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor as his "personal representative" to the Vatican.

Under date of April 23, 1945, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., stated:

"Since Mr. Taylor's appointment (December, 1939) the average annual cost to this Government for his travel expenses, allowances and staff has been \$12,962. At the present time there are two Foreign Service officers, a secretary, a code clerk and two stenographers assigned to Mr. Taylor's staff. . . ."

According to this statement by Mr. Stettinius, our Government had paid out a total of \$64,810 on the U. S. Embassy at the Vatican from December 1939, to April 1, 1945.

Big Increase During Past Year

Under date of March 5, 1946, I wrote Senator George, asking him for a statement of the cost to our Government of maintaining the U. S. Embassy at the Vatican for the period of April 1, 1945 through April 1, 1946. I quote his reply, dated March 13, 1946:

"I am advised by Mr. H. M. Kurth, Director Office of Budget and Finance, State Department, that the obligations for the period April 1, 1945, through March 31, 1946, in connection with the Vatican, were in the amount of approximately \$40,000. He further advises that Mr. Taylor receives no salary for the performance of his duties and the amount cited is for travel expenses of Mr. Taylor and the salary and expenses of the staff assigned to assist him."

I have asked Senator George for a description of the Embassy staff now as compared with the statement of Secretary Stettinius a year ago.

How Do They Get This Money?

Under date of March 8, 1946, I wrote Senator George, as follows:

"Please look at Act of Congress, reported in Congressional Globe, 39th Congress, Second Session (Vol. 37 pp. 850-51, 882-86, 890) which Act provides that, "No money hereby or otherwise appropriated shall be paid for the support of an American Legation at Rome (the Vatican), from and after the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven," and tell me how the Government can continue to pay out public monies for the support of the U. S.

Embassy at the Vatican without the consent and approval of Congress."

Under date of March 13, 1946, Senator George writes:

"I have your letter of March 8 quoting an Act of Congress . . . I am looking into this matter and will advise you. . . ."

I cited the above Act of Congress, not forgetting that the Constitution also specifically states that no money shall be paid by the Treasury except upon the approval of the Congress. (At no time, according to Senator George, has any approval been given by the Senate with reference to the action of President Roosevelt in establishing an Embassy at the Vatican.)

An Interesting Statement

In order that our people may be informed about the developments in this vitally important matter, I quote, from a letter, dated February 1, 1946, and signed by Francis H. Russell, Chief Division of Public Liaison, Department of State, replying to a resolution adopted by the Georgia Baptist Convention, November 13, 1945, urging President Truman to immediately terminate Mr. Taylor's appointment and the U. S. Embassy at the Vatican:

"In reply, let me assure you that the Department of State is zealous in defending the American tradition of the separation of church and state and that it would be the first to deplore any political-religious alliance . . . The Vatican is a temporal state of which the pope is the reigning sovereign, and relations with it do not signify recognition of a religion but of an independent temporal state whose ruler happens also to be a religious leader. . . ."

In this connection, it will be remembered that my original letter to President Roosevelt, dated December 26, 1939, pressed for an answer whether Taylor was sent as the President's "personal representative" to the pope as a religious leader or to the ruler of a political entity, and until this moment, Washington has shrewdly avoided answering that question directly. Mr. Russell's statement is the nearest admission thus far given.

Mr. Taylor's Latest Honor

Quite interesting is the following story in the New York Times, under a Vatican City dateline, March 11, 1946:

"Myron C. Taylor, the President's personal representative to the Vatican, has been a papal nobleman since June 2, it is revealed in the latest issue of Acta Apostolicae Sedis just published.

"Though Taylor on that date received the Grand Cross of the Order of Pius, carrying with it the hereditary status of a papal nobleman the announcement was withheld, according to Vatican circles, lest it be interested as a gesture of farewell at a time when they hoped Taylor would return to Rome."

It is related that a parrot and a dog, being together in a room, the parrot, for the fun of the thing, said to the dog, "Sic him." Seeing nothing else to attack, the dog went for the parrot, which lost a good share of its tail feathers before it escaped to its perch. It is said that the parrot, after inspecting the damage, said to himself, "Poll, you talk too much."

The Voice of the Ages

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"To-day if ye will hear His voice."

The "voice" which speaks "to-day" is the same that spoke to the people who "hardened" their hearts "in the day of temptation in the wilderness." It is the voice of all ages, the voice of God.

David Grayson tells of a botanist who said to him: "I have been a botanist for 54 years. When I was a boy, I believed implicitly in God. I prayed to Him, having a vision of Him—a person—before my eyes. As I grew older I concluded there was no God. I dismissed Him from the universe. I believed only in what I could see and hear and feel. I talked of nature and reality."

"He paused," continues Mr. Grayson, "a smile lighting his face, evidently recalling to himself the old days. I did not interrupt him. Finally he turned to me and said abruptly, 'And now—it seems to me—there is nothing but God'."

A man once speaking of certain things which other people practice, said, "I cannot do such things; if I do, there is someone inside of me who talks to me at night."

"To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Hearts may be hardened by simple neglect, by preoccupation with other things, and by deliberately stifling every impulse to listen to the voice of God.

Dr. Alexander MacLaren tells how the people used to beat drums and blow trumpets to drown the voice of Wesley when he preached in the market place.

We are not altogether unfamiliar with such tactics today when the message of God is pressed upon people. They beat the drums of business and pleasure and prior engagements until a thousand excuses sound and resound in our ears; and though they might see the moving lips of the pleading Lord, they would not hear His voice.

"Wherefore, as the Holy Ghost saith, TO-DAY IF YE WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS, as in the day of provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness." Heb. 3:7, 8.

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God for us is good; God with us is better; God in us is best.

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Across the Editor's Desk...

Ambitious Programs Require Work

Last November's State Convention took a great many definite actions to "launch a new era for Christ." Our aims were high and noble and worthy. We are going forward on some of these objectives; we are at a standstill on others; we have met reverses on still others.

Our ambitious plans certainly are in keeping with the era. We are in boom times financially. If we can ever reach high financial goals, it is now. We should be in boom times spiritually, grateful to the Heavenly Father who has given us military victory and brought many of our sons back home. The world is ready for a revival.

But regardless of how favorable may be our conditions, it takes prayer and sacrifice and determination and consecration to accomplish worthy goals. We cannot realize our objectives in line with our Christian duty, unless we are "all-out" for Christ. God wants us to take our opportunities and magnify them. Certainly we are falling God if we neglect to enlarge on our accomplishments in ratio to our increased privileges.

Let us look for a minute at some of those things we set out to do in all earnestness at last November's Convention meeting:

- The Convention approved a \$363,142 financial budget for 1946, the largest in Arkansas Baptist history. This can be raised only by increased giving by the churches. Thus far, receipts are lower than is necessary to meet this budget; gifts must be increased.
- * The Convention gave the green light and its blessings to a \$1,000,000 building and endowment campaign at Ouachita College. That was four months ago, but the election of a campaign director is the only definite step made thus far.
- The Convention voted to enlarge and increase our evangelistic work throughout the state. This state mission program is now crippled by the resignation of Dr. Otto Whittington, its superintendent, to accept the Ouachita College campaign directorship.
- The Convention instructed Baptist State Hospital trustees to use profit from the Hospital's operations for improvement and enlargement of Hospital facilities. The Hospital Board has laid ground work on a badly needed \$750,000 building enlargement program, but is stymied until the State Convention can give approval to indebtedness for this expansion. Lenders have the money ready at low interest rates and building can start promptly as soon as the green light is given.
- The Convention instructed the Executive Board to speed payment of the old moral in-

debtedness as rapidly as possible, so that it will be retired by the Convention's centennial year, 1948. Definite progress is being made, and partial payments have gone out. A faster pace must be set if the 1948 fulfillment is realized.

- The Convention set up a Radio Commission with a \$12,000 budget, and this Commission is at work. Its organization and beginnings are necessarily slow, but definite announcements are expected soon.
- The Convention instructed the Brotherhood Committee to continue search for a Brotherhood secretary. This aim has been realized in election of Nelson F. Tull, who will go to work April 1.
- The Convention gave authority to the Executive Board to acquire or erect an office building for state headquarters offices. Investigation of possibilities is underway.

It is fundamental that we survey our failures and our progress; then get under the load and do our very best for the Master!

Pray for Revival

Frank E. Burkhalter's article, "Genuine, General Revival Our Greatest Need," in the March 14 issue is one that should challenge every Christian. This layman, now teaching journalism in an army school at Biarritz, France, graphically depicts the need for general old-fashioned religion spread across the world and reminds us of God's promises which are ready whenever we seek them.

Revival comes when Christian people seek God's will, when their lives are attuned to Him, when we give ourselves wholly to God. Though definite suggestions were not incorporated in Mr. Burkhalter's published article, he believes the following proposals would help bring on that needed revival:

1. Let every pastor interested in seeing such a revival come in this day, lead his people in earnest, consecrated, persistent prayer for such a revival and for God's presence and power at the Miami Convention.
2. That the W.M.U., Brotherhood and any other organizations holding preliminary meetings to the Miami Convention make place for much prayer on their programs.
3. That the program of the Convention proper be altered to provide several seasons of prayer, though it may mean dropping other parts of the program.

What is often mistaken for a majority is merely a minority making a lot of noise.

God's chief possession is not money, but men.

Library for Ministers

Ministers of the South are invited to borrow books from the John Louis Kesler Circulating Library for Rural Ministers at the Vanderbilt University School of Religion, Nashville, Tenn. The library now contains more than 5,000 volumes, and has a membership of approximately 4,000 readers. The number of books and the service of this library will be greatly increased as the result of a gift of \$50,000 by Dr. Kesler, professor emeritus in the Vanderbilt School of Religion, and the allocation of an equal sum by the University Board of Trust.

This lending library was first established in 1936, and was supported for four years by grants from the Carnegie Corporation. Since 1940 it has been maintained by the Vanderbilt School of Religion.

Although intended primarily for rural ministers, the services of this library are available to any minister of any denomination who does not have access to an adequate library in his own town. The only expense to the borrower is the return postage on the books which he receives. Books may be kept for three weeks, and are renewable upon request if not in demand elsewhere. The volumes of the School of Religion Library, now numbering more than 30,000, are available for lending when not in use by the school.

Further information and application cards may be secured from Mrs. Grace N. Teague, Librarian, Kesler Circulating Library, Joint University Library, Nashville 4, Tenn.

At the heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart.

—Lawson H. Cooke.

God's Universal Power

LOWELL T. WALLACE
In "My Garden of Memories"

*The God Who made the universe
And keeps it year by year,
Will preserve it to the end of time,
So that we need not fear.*

*Through ages past an unseen hand
Has formed the plans of men,
O'er all the powers of the world,
He'll keep ruling to the end.*

*To man He pledged His own great love
Who is in His image framed,
Man's power to ruin what God has made
Would leave the world aflame.*

*God's power to keep his handiwork,
Is too well known to doubt;
Or fear that by the atom's power,
The world may be blacked out.*

*So lay aside your fears for good,
And trust in God today;
He still keeps watch above the world,
He's on His throne to stay.*

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Clear Lake Church, Blytheville, had a week's study on the book of Genesis with Missionary M. E. Wiles teaching. Pastor H. W. Wooten has been on the field two months. Previously he was mission pastor for First Church, Lake City.

From a financial standpoint February was the best month in the history of First Church, Russellville. Offerings totaled \$1,334.44.

The Dorothy Garrott Circle of the WMS of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, took the name for their organization from Mrs. Dorothy Garrott, wife of Dr. Maxfield Garrott. Dr. and Mrs. Garrott and children sailed from San Francisco on February 14 for Hawaii where they will remain until they are able to continue to Japan where they were missionaries before the war.

Claud Smith was ordained to the ministry by Concord Missionary Baptist Church, Van Buren, March 10. The ordination council was composed of Rev. S. A. Haley, moderator, Rev. H. J. Morris, clerk, Rev. Joe Lee, Rev. T. H. Jordan, H. G. Miliam, Rev. W. O. Taylor, Rev. J. N. Vandiver, Rev. J. F. Crawford, V. C. Estes, Opal Crawford, Floyd Sullivent, F. N. Preston, K. N. McCurdy, H. C. Johnson, and Willis Arnold.

Pastor B. V. Ferguson, First Church, Fort Smith, led in evangelistic services at Park Place Church, Hot Springs, March 3-13. There were 27 additions, 24 for baptism. Pastor Jesse Reed reports: "Dr. Ferguson is a great Gospel preacher. He preached powerful messages that will linger in the hearts of our people for months. He is a good preacher and pastor who does not compromise with sin and the devil. This has been characteristic of his thirty years' ministry at Fort Smith, and I believe it is the main reason he is such a great leader in our state."

The cornerstone for the new Webb City Baptist Church was laid by Missionary W. O. Taylor, Clear Creek Association, February 27.

James Howlett, senior in the University of Arkansas Medical School, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Victory Church, Little Rock. He will serve the church until his graduation in May, when he will go to Dallas to be an interne in a hospital. He is preparing for medical missionary work. Mrs. Howlett is a student nurse in the Baptist Hospital.

Flat Creek Church, Fountain Hill, has changed its name to First Church. E. H. Acuff is pastor.

Pastor L. G. Miller, New Liberty Church, Blytheville, did the preaching in a revival at Central Church, Dyess, March 3-15. There

FARES TO MIAMI

The special car Secretary Bridges hopes to schedule from Little Rock to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami will leave Little Rock on the Missouri Pacific Railroad at 2:30 a. m. Monday, May 13. Rates have been quoted by Missouri Pacific as follows:

First Class, round trip	_____	\$74.00
Coach, round trip	_____	53.94
Clergy, round trip	_____	44.97
Lower berth, round trip	_____	29.44
Upper berth, round trip	_____	22.43

These fares include tax.

See Secretary Bridges' article on Back Page.

were five professions of faith and two additions by letter. Pastor Homer Robertson, Armorel, led the singing. Hal Gallop is pastor.

First Church, Lake Village, J. T. Elliff, pastor, has recently spent \$3,000 for redecorations and repairs.

First Church, Dardanelle, J. A. O. Russell, pastor, will begin a revival April 1 with Pastor Minor E. Cole, First Church, Forrest City, as evangelist, and Mrs. Robert Berry, church choir director, as song leader.

Attendance at the services of First Church, Danville, has increased to the extent that a building program had to be launched. The enlargement program includes the addition of an educational building and the building of a parsonage. The church sends a tithe of all income to the Cooperative Program and participates in all state and associational work. Phil J. Beach is pastor.

Evangelist William S. Dixon, Dallas, Tex., has been holding revival meetings for 25 years. He reports a busy schedule of engagements for this year with meetings in several states. He may be addressed in care of Dr. W. A. Criswell, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Evangelist B. B. Crimm, Marshall, Tex., is preaching in revival services which began at First Church, Judsonia, March 17. Rev. H. M. Powell is musical director and young people's worker. L. M. Keeling is pastor.

Missionary H. D. Palmer, Black River Association, recently held a revival at Sedgwick Church.

Evangelist W. J. Morris, 1415 West Sixteenth, Pine Bluff, held a revival at Gerald, Mo., before going to First Church, St. James, Mo., for a revival March 25. He has open dates the first two weeks in May and the first two weeks in June. He may be engaged either as evangelist or singer.

PASTORAL CHANGES

A. H. Morris from Hickory, Ky., to Bethel Church, Little Rock.

Charles Hampton to First Church, Hazen.

W. L. Peppers from Trinity Church, Texarkana.

Liquor Has Been Voted Out in 24 Counties

With Hempstead and Little River Counties voting "dry" in local option elections the past week, the total number of counties to oust the sale of liquors and beer was brought to 24. Hempstead county, where Hope is the county seat, outlawed liquor March 19 in the first local option vote since 1936 when "dry" forces were defeated by a margin of six votes. Little River County, where Ashdown is the county seat, had only two precincts voting "wet" in the election held March 21.

"Dry" leaders have lost only three counties where elections have been held. Besides the 24 which have gone "dry," seven counties voted out hard liquors before the new local option election law came into effect. Two of the seven have also in separate elections outlawed the sale of beer.

The Greater Little Rock Inter-Racial Commission met March 19 at Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock. Speaker was Dr. M. L. Harris, president of Philander-Smith College, Little Rock. He discussed the work of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America in its recent special session.

Rev. Waif Hamilton, who was recently released from military service, is now living at Stamps. He may be addressed at P. O. Box 177, Stamps.

Mrs. J. A. McKay, DeWitt, writes: "Our is a wonderful paper and should be an inspiration to all who read it as well as a very informative source of the Baptist work done in our state."

Evangelistic services began at Central Church, Magnolia, March 24, with Dr. James B. Leavell, First Church, Texarkana, doing the preaching and Singer T. D. Carroll, Henderson, Tex., directing the music. Loyd L. Hunnicutt is pastor.

Pastor B. N. Simmons is conducting evangelistic services at First Church, Siloam Springs. A Training Union Study Course preceded the revival.

Roland Leath, minister of music and education, First Church, Little Rock, will direct the music in a revival at Calvary Church, Alexandria, La., April 7-21. Bron Clifford, youth evangelist, will preach. Dr. Charles R. Shirar will begin his ninth year as pastor in April.

After two years as a Navy chaplain, Pastor William N. Vincent, Eastern Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., says it is impossible for him any longer to subscribe to a "Main Street" type of religion. "The modern church must take its message into the back alleys and back streets of life," he declares.

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Edwin S. Preston, Central College Head, Elected President Of Tennessee Baptists' Newly Acquired Cumberland University

Edwin S. Preston, president of Central College, Conway, was elected president of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., according to announcement by Dr. W. Edwin Richardson, president of the Board of Trustees which met in Nashville, Tenn., last Thursday.

President Preston is completing his third year as president of Central College, the Arkansas Baptist college for girls. Previous to his coming to Central College, Mr. Preston served for five years as executive secretary of Shorter College, Rome, Ga., and for twelve years as state secretary of Baptist Training Union work in Georgia.

Tennessee Baptist School

Cumberland University, a 104-year-old institution under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, has recently been taken over by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and merged with Tennessee College for women. The University was organized in 1842, and its widely known law school was begun in 1847. The University has a modern and adequate plant, situated on 55 acres in the residential section of Lebanon. Its academic emphasis, it was stated, will continue to be in the fields of Liberal Arts, Law, and Religion.

Cumberland has an enviable reputation for distinguished alumni, having educated Secretary of State Cordell Hull, two Justices of the United States Supreme Court, 47 college and university presidents, 10 United States Senators, and many others in places of distinction.

Much Progress at Central

During the nearly three years that Mr. Preston has been president of Central College,



Mr. Preston

the college plant has been remodelled and redecorated, and the support of individual donors and of the Arkansas Baptist Convention has increased. The fixed assets of the college show an increase of over \$66,000 in the past two fiscal years. This is a gain of a little more than twenty percent and is within \$7,000 of the total amount contributed from every

source through the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Enrolment of Central College has increased 25 percent in the past two years. Contributions from sources other than the Arkansas Baptist Convention budget have amounted to nearly \$45,000 during two years.

Recently, Central College was admitted to membership in the American Council on Education and has been assured of the added honor of membership of another national association.

Future Program Outlined

Objectives for the next three years at Central College have been outlined by the trustees and include \$100,000 in immediate objectives for new buildings and building improvements, and endowment and permanent support the equivalent of \$500,000.

Mr. Preston is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and received his Master's Degree from Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

He studied law at the University of Tennessee and is a member of the Tennessee bar. For the past two years Mr. Preston has been chairman of the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is married and has two children, Edwin, a boy, 16, who is a senior at Darlington School, Rome, Ga., and Jerrie Lynn, a girl, 8. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Conway and is a Rotarian.

President Preston is being asked to assume this responsibility at the end of this college year.

171 Men At Breakfast

In a religious breakfast gathering at Little Rock's Hotel Marion last Sunday morning, Congressman Brooks Hays told 171 men, including seven other members of the Arkansas Congressional delegation, that "survival is possible only through the unity of brotherhood, and that unity is possible only through Christianity and a reverent acknowledgement of God."

The breakfast meeting followed by only 12 hours the state's Jackson Day dinner in the same ballroom, and was sponsored by the Brooks Hays Bible Class of the Second Baptist Church. The class is named for the congressman who for many years was its teacher.

Every member of the Arkansas Congressional delegation, excepting Representative Fado Cravens who was in Fort Smith with his ill mother, was present for the meeting. Their unanimity caused Mr. Hays to quip: "it is thrilling to me to be talking to more members of Congress this morning than heard my last speech in the House of Representatives."

Congressman Hays, representing Arkansas' Fifth District, emphasized America's unparalleled position of world leadership and called

for concentration on the nation's spiritual resources rather than on fearful talk about what Russia and Britain may be doing. "There is much we need to do to get our own house in order," he said.

"The challenge to the world is brotherhood, with its attributes of generosity and fellowship possible in the concept of a common Creator," the Congressman declared.

"The challenge to members of Congress is not to resort to cleverness or ingenuity, but to accept reverently the presence of God in the universe and to build our actions in that concept. This does not mean the leaders of our country are not doing their best, for they are. But we must have our fullest Christian resources for security, peace and liberty."

"America and the world," he said, "must build for security through faith. Without minimizing our dangers, let us realize that through faith our resources also are great. As true as the fact evil continually confronts Christians is the other fact that people want peace as much as we. It is time that the world came to its senses and confront the evil that is in the world, through faith in world unity. Our hope is not in science and ingenuity, but in faith."

"I am trying to identify Christianity with justice; it cannot always be identified with peace. I take hope in the knowledge that men like you here today take hope not in science but in faith."

Carl Olsson, president of the Bible class, presided at the meeting. Charles Evans, regular teacher of the class, outlined the group's history for the benefit of the 69 visitors present. Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of Second Church, introduced Mr. Hays.



Congressman Hays

Music IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

ERNEST O. SELLERS
Baptist Bible Institute

The spiritual temperature of every congregation can be judged by the character and volume of its singing.

Some singing seems only to please and comes not from regenerated hearts. On the other hand, some of the most precious moments of exalted spiritual experience have been those connected with the singing of the praises of God. As words and tune have been wedded, congregations have caught them up and the Spirit has moved and warmed the hearts of men.

Consecrated Song Leaders

The judicious choice of hymns and the correct interpretation thereof is important. Frequently spiritual uplift and refreshment have been marred by careless choice and presentation, due to poor leadership or a lack of leadership.

No one attempts to lay down hard and fast rules. Still we must realize the importance of intelligent, consecrated and trained leaders. There is no excuse for laxity here.

The first and most important question to ask is, "What does this hymn (or anthem) say?" Decide the appropriateness of every selection first of all and BEFORE the service begins. A leader should have a good voice of carrying power, a degree of self confidence, and be able to strike the key and proceed without hesitation.

There is a right and a wrong way of leading. There should be no galloping over lines solo fashion, thus discouraging congregational participation. Some leaders begin the second or succeeding verses before the preceding one is decently finished, with no allowance for proper breathing or clear enunciation. Hymns should be clearly and unanimously started and also have clean cut definite endings. Choirs, congregations and clergy should learn

NEW BOOK

HELPS FOR SOUL WINNERS. By L. E. Barton, M.A., D.D., The Paragon Press, Montgomery, Ala.

The Bartons, of Jonesboro, have meant much to Arkansas Baptist life. Whether in agriculture, or industry, or religion, the zeal which dominated all their activities was to magnify Christ. The late Arthur J. Barton was one of the best denominational statesmen among us. But "A. J." often remarked to me that "L. E." was the scholar of the two. I am not enamored of comparisons, but "Helps for Soul Winners" is chuck full of scholarship.

This book breathes the spirit of a man who, on one occasion I know of, got up from his bed after midnight, drove five miles across country to the house of one who was lost, woke him up and led him to Christ. Of course a modern Pentecost broke loose at the little country church next afternoon. Men who can do that sort of thing are the best men to write helpfully for soul winners.

I like a book that gives me what I buy and then adds some. Well, this book certainly "adds some." The English is as pure as the water of Mammoth Spring. The style is always reverent, but the author is not afraid to put punch into his sentences. The quotations are never lugged in for effect but are appropriated for a pious purpose. He who reads will want to go out and win somebody to Christ most certainly. Also, he will find himself jotting down suggestions for sermons.

—John Jeter Hurt, Jackson, Tenn.

how to use their lips as well as vocal chords and brains.

Music Wins Souls

The only way to learn how to sing is to sing. "The preacher the atheist fears most is the well sung hymn" (Beattie). Millions of souls today are rejoicing in the knowledge of Jesus as Saviour who were led to know him through the message of salvation brought to them in song. An English historian has said, "More people were won to the Wesleyan (Methodist) Societies through the singing of Charles Wesley's hymns than by the preaching of John Wesley."

The church has yet to comprehend fully the marvelous power of sacred song coming from consecrated lips and hearts. By it we "teach and admonish." It is not an embellishment. By it the Christian life is caused to blossom and to bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Grateful and thankful believers should avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity and obey the command, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

For All That Is Best:

Attend Sunday School

By HAROLD E. INGRAHAM,
Baptist Sunday School Board

Everybody, who can, ought to go to Sunday school!

Honestly, isn't it as important that you should go as it is that anyone else should go? For what would America be without Sunday schools?

At Sunday school we study the Bible, the greatest study on earth, the very Word of Almighty God. And the Bible is the one essential study.

Essential because it contains the knowledge of God's redemptive love and shows us how to be saved through faith in Jesus Christ!

Essential to any sort of personal well-being and happiness!

Essential to any adequate and completely decent home life!

Essential to that strong church life which builds a community! Essential to state and national integrity! And today, it is essential to any continuing world order. A great world must turn to God's Word and God's Christ or we face the end of civilization as we know it.

Yes! The study of the Bible is an absolute essential. And the Sunday school is the greatest existant means for the accomplishment of Bible study.

Americans Are Hope

Americans who attend Sunday school are the hope of the world, the hope of our nation and the hope of the state and community. Men and women who attend Sunday school are the hope of the churches, the hope of the home, and of coming generations.

Attend Sunday school and you contribute to moral and civic righteousness not to looseness, neglect, and violation of the laws of God and man. Attend Sunday school and you build into your life a familiarity with God's Scriptures and thus avoid spiritual illiteracy.

The Sunday school draws the best people together in the best place under the best influence on the best day to teach the best book for the best possible purpose.

Brotherhood Heads

Plan 1946 Objectives

Recently the Executive Committee of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South played host to the state Brotherhood secretaries who met in Memphis in their annual conference. Secretaries present included E. E. Cox, Alabama; Nelson F. Tull, Arkansas; John A. Farmer, California; Clifford Holcomb, Florida; Forrest Sawyer, Illinois; James H. Street, Mississippi; W. J. Lites, New Mexico; E. K. Wiley, Tennessee; and L. H. Tapscott, Texas.

Many matters of vital interest to our Brotherhood work were discussed.

Some of the objectives adopted by the secretaries are: (1) at least one thousand new brotherhoods by the end of 1946; (2) a minimum of 50,000 quarterly circulation of the Brotherhood Journal; (3) Laymen's Revivals in at least 500 churches during this year; (4) a vigorous and continuous promotion of the Cooperative Program; (5) our largest annual south-wide Brotherhood conference at Ridgecrest August 1-7; (6) making Layman's Day a great denominational event.

The Sunday school saves lives, builds character, fosters morality, prevents crime, and strengthens every phase of our American way of life.

The Sunday school challenges good works, provides an opportunity to serve God, develops personality, and produces leadership in the realm of the spiritual.

The Sunday school presents the law of love which is mercy and kindness, not the law of justice which is hard. It denies the natural philosophy of the survival of the fittest and provides a ministry to the weakest.

The Sunday school excludes clannishness and extends a hand of welcome and a message of redeeming love to all persons everywhere.

Merits Attendance

Thus the Sunday school merits the attendance and support of all good men and women.

The children need the Sunday school—they love to go. Even more does youth need the Sunday school—and youth responds to its challenge. Women need the Sunday school to assist them to face the issues of mature responsibility.

Men need the Sunday school. Miss Blossom Thompson, Georgia Sunday school worker, tells of a four-year-old who went to Sunday school and, after returning, rushed to her father (who did not go), climbed on his knee, brushed the Sunday newspaper aside, and said, "Daddy, look what I drew in Sunday school! This is a picture of our family in church. That's mother and that's brother and this is me!"

The daughter paused for a minute and then said with some concern, "I hope you notice, Daddy, that you are not in the picture." And that was the touch that led the father to attend.

In the Old Testament, Moses said, "Gather the people—that they may know the law of God! That is the appeal of the Sunday school. And I beseech you, every one of you, that you be a part of that gathering.

Go to Sunday school!

Meeting Today's Challenge With . . .

A NEW VISION

By KYLE R. LAWRENCE
Returned Chaplain

"Where there is no vision the people perish"
Prov. 29:18 (King James).

"Where there is no vision the people cast
off restraint" (American Revised).

We find that a definite vision was a moti-
vating influence in the lives of biblical char-
acters:

Isaiah "Saw the Lord, high and lifted up,"
and was led to say, "Here am I; send me."

Paul had a vision of Christ on the road to
Damascus and was led to say, "Lord, what
wilt thou have me to do?" And, "I was not
disobedient to the heavenly vision."

John, the blessed apostle of love was, "In the
Spirit on the Lord's day . . . and I heard . . .
and I turned to see." . . .

The lives, the writings, the contributions,
the prophecies of these men speak for what
their visions caused them to do for Christ.

Shall we think now about a more noble
vision for Christ's work? Shall we lift the
wordly weights from our minds and let them
lead us into a deeper service, always growing,
always going a step beyond the horizon of
our farthest venture thus far, for God.

Social Responsibilities

We need a deeper, more vivid picture of our
social responsibilities as Christians. Briefly
I mention a few that we are almost overlook-
ing.

Vision with me a billboard and see there a
picture of a beautiful, grey-haired grand-
mother, yes with a glass of amber colored
beer in her hand. Now can you watch that
picture a moment and see that devil's fluid
change slowly into the picture of a beautiful
Bible. And instead of the wording under the
picture telling of the goodness of an intoxicat-
ing beverage, can you see a Bible verse saying:

"IF ANY MAN THIRST, LET HIM COME UNTO
ME AND DRINK."—JESUS CHRIST (JOHN 7:37).

Sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood of the South

Look at the news stand, and see a gaudy-
colored magazine cover with the picture of a
half-nude gun moll on it, and picture in its
place a beautiful Christian inspired picture
into which has been put, through work and
prayer exciting, gripping Christian experi-
ences and stories, using all to make it attrac-
tive.

Tread on some dangerous theological
grounds like a modern day John the Baptist,
and see a great theater. Vision men, wom-
en and young people pouring into it, and see
over the door in bright clear lights—"The
Christian Theater." "The film for this theater
produced, the building owned and managed
by Southern Baptist Laymen," who instead
of having the lives of their children molded
and influenced by the myriad evils of the
present moving picture industry, were instead,
molding the lives of their offspring and
others by prayerfully planning a Christian
business. It won't work? How do we know?
It has never been tried.

We need an enlarged vision of the possibili-
ties of radio. Our Southern Baptist radio
broadcast reaches just a few over one third
of our states. About one-and-a-half hours

later the Catholic hour comes over the air
on a national hook up. That is a challenge
to us.

Could you vision a Baptist owned radio
station in a new, or old, missionary field? An
enterprise not lagging a generation behind
industrial interest and alcoholics, but forging
ahead. Would it be harsh to say "for once?"

Mission Opportunities

Returned soldiers and chaplains have no
monopoly on a greater and deeper outlook
for Christian work, but all of them returned
with a burning passion and clear understand-
ing for missions and a deep sympathy for
their needs.

Picture the quaint old town of Criel, France.
A town that no doubt knew of Christ one
thousand years before America was discovered
by the other world. See its old, old hewn stone
buildings, its crooked, narrow cobblestone
streets, its friendly people going into the many
cafes for their wine and cognac; watch their
housewives pour their sewage into the streets;
search for the "Protestant" church with me,
only to learn there is none, just a mission
with the minister coming to the town occa-
sionally and has not been there at all lately!
Can you see it? A town of over ten thousand
people and no Christian service in it! This is
just a mild example of our experiences.

Listen as Bro. Orville Reed, one of our six
missionaries to Mexico's millions tells us that
we, were we in a plane, would fly over 999
Mexicans before coming to one who heard the
simple story of Christ. No wonder there was
such light in the missionaries' eyes as they
spoke to us.

Misplaced Emphasis?

See our mission program. Four million dol-
lars out of the eighty million of our budget
for 1946 to go to foreign missions—just one
twentieth. Seventy million for ourselves—four
million for our neighbors.

Will we not spend almost that much for
stained glass windows within the next year?
Are not our building programs, combined, run-
ning into the multiplied millions for the de-
nomination? I wonder how God would bless
us as a people, as a church, if we would arise
as one and agree to give all our building funds
and the millions we have in bonds and banks
to foreign missions and relief. Could we trust
God to supply the buildings, the spirit for
building them, after our foreign work was
established? Why not do it now, while it is
day? Maybe if we started with a great gift
we would find ourselves a step nearer our
far-off goal of Christian sacrifice.

Do these suggestions of a new vision seem
somewhat fanatical or just a little peculiar?
Would it be wrong to be just a little bit pe-
culiar or unusual for Christ—even like Christ:
as he condemned the Pharisees and was cruci-
fied; like Paul when he left his position, power
and wealth and became an evangel, to be ac-
cused of madness—beheaded in prison; like
the New Testament Christians and sell some
of our possessions, and bring all the price to
God; like the martyrs; like Peter; or like the
Macedonian church and give out of our pov-
erty—to receive a lasting memorial in the hearts
of all Christians.

Will we have a vision like the little Chinese
girl who sold herself into slavery so she could

bring a love offering of the worth of her very
life, only ninety cents, to God? Would we have
the faith of Moria, a Christian Mexican wom-
an, who sold her saloon and gave the price to
God who saved her soul, and then sold soup
for a living, yet tithed, and later brought a
love offering of 3,000 pesos to God's Church?

Zealots For Christ

Yes, these things in their day and in this
day are peculiar, and in the minds of some, are
fanatical. Yet our Christianity is built around
them and our Church is built on Him.

All of this work of love, these new accom-
plishments, await a new vision of Christ, a spiri-
tual vision.

Is Christ increasing, or are the external,
worldly things increasing? Is Christ the center
of our thinking, the recipient of the first fruit
of our lives and treasures, the text of our ser-
mons? Does He live in us? Is His resurrection
a vivid event to our people like it was to Peter?

One of our mission leaders has said that
missions is our imperative and that we have
no choice in the matter. We can vote to fail
on it, but Christ intended that we be mission-
ary zealots. In the middle of Isaiah's great
tent enlarging, cord lengthening, stake
strengthening sermon we find the words,
"Spare not."

Let us look upon our missionary fields with
surrendered hearts and lives. Let us see our
spiritual need, then let us look upward to a
Spiritual Source and undergird our faith
and find a greater love.

I cannot free my mind of the pictures of
utter despondency on the faces of the Polish,
Lithuanian and Russian slave laborers whom
your loved ones freed from the German opp-
ressors. They were free, yes, but for what?
To return home and search among the ruins
of cities for loved ones whom they had scant
hopes of seeing again? To return to a Russian
dictated country where they had not as much
freedom as they had under their American
captors? Many did not want to go back. They
had not even a religion to which to return.

These people are living today in want, in
slavery, with no semblance of spiritual or ec-
onomic freedom. Their hearts are cold, often
their actions are animal-like. One who could
speak English "a little" wept openly when I
gave her a small American Bible. When I
left the particular scene she still had it clasp-
ed tightly to her heart as if she would absorb
some of the love of Christ from it and find
some peace for her great bitterness.

These people are perishing now, our own
countrymen are perishing now, because we
have such a narrow vision.



We Want Stanfill! His Proved Ability Worthy of Southwide Secretaryship

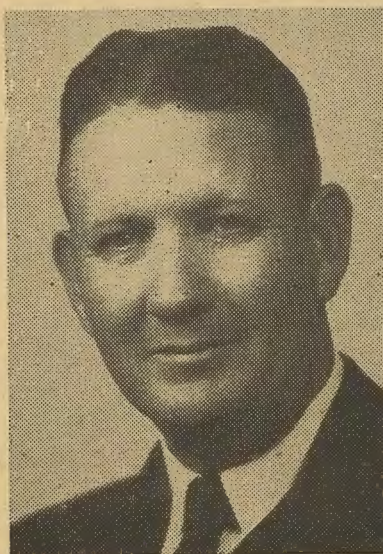
An Editorial

When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Miami, May 15-19, Recording Secretaries Hight C. Moore and J. Henry Burnett will retire after a third of a century of service.

For one of their places, we should like to nominate Taylor Stanfill, who is now serving his sixth year as recording secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Bro. Stanfill is City Superintendent of Missions for the Home Mission Board work in Little Rock, and previously was pastor of Baring Cross Baptist Church, North Little Rock.

We have just received one of the first press copies of the 1945 Arkansas Baptist State Convention minutes. In this volume, as in those the five years immediately preceding, Stanfill has done a crackerjack job. There are 178 pages this year, all of them chock full of information, so edited and arranged to provide immediate helpfulness to the man who wants it as a reference book as well as simply a chronological report of what was said and done at the last meeting of the State Convention.

Our hat is off to Stanfill, and we are hoping that Southern Baptists in Miami will see fit to let him continue the work that Moore and Burnett have done so efficiently the last many years.



Missionary Stanfill

Immanuel, Fort Smith Has Miraculous Growth

At least 800 people witnessed the burning of the mortgage of Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, at the morning service March 10.

The church began as a mission of First Church, Fort Smith, in 1904 and was organized into a church in February 1906. Dr. Harvey Beauchamp preached at the organizational service. S. W. Brumfield was called as the first pastor.

There were twelve charter members of which C. C. Chambers is the only one still remaining in the Immanuel Church membership. It was he who held the mortgage to the flame.

The present building was completed and dedicated in 1928. Membership in 1927 was 384; it is now 2,614.

Pastors of the church since its organization have been S. W. Brumfield, G. W. Owens, F. W. Kerfoot, E. E. Rawlings, J. F. Johnson, G. H. Hammer, P. B. Langley, W. J. Robinson, and V. H. Coffman, present pastor, who has been with the church since 1927.

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Month-Old Church to Adopt Worthy Budget

Monte Ne Baptist Church was organized March 3 under the leadership of Pastor Rel Gray, First Church, Rogers, and Pastor Edgar Harvey, Immanuel Church, Rogers. Monte Ne is in Benton County, five miles southeast of Rogers.

For some months First Church, Rogers, had carried on mission work at Monte Ne under the direction of Tom Richards, rural missionary of the church. Pastor Harvey of Immanuel Church, assisted by leading two evangelistic campaigns, the second of which was climaxed with the organization of the church.

The 24 charter members, six of whom are awaiting baptism, received their charge from Associational Missionary A. A. Brady. Brother Richards was called as pastor, and he imme-

diately accepted. He will be ordained by First Church, Rogers.

A church budget will be adopted at the next business meeting. It will include the Arkansas Baptist, associational missions, and the Cooperative Program.

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Ouachita College has bought a \$17,500 Kilgen three-manual pipe organ which the company expects to install in the new auditorium within a year. Money for the purchase was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jim G. Ferguson of Chicago, former Arkansans. President J. R. Grant has been assured by the manufacturer that 1,000 seats will be installed in the auditorium before commencement the last of May.

A Secular Editor Asks . . .

"And We Hope for Peace?"

By KARR SHANNON
Arkansas Democrat Columnist

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

This is part and parcel of the Sermon on the Mount, the greatest sermon of all time, delivered in person by Jesus of Nazareth.

Christ didn't say that those who want or wish or hope or pray or fight or talk or work for peace "shall be called the children of God." This coveted title is only for those who make peace.

The world's official "peacemakers" at the moment are those designated representatives to the world peace conferences—such as the one held not long ago in San Francisco. They are the diplomats of the world who now make up the UNO.

These peace conferences are "worldly" indeed. The one at San Francisco, for instance, neither opened nor closed with prayer. The Bible was neither read nor quoted during the entire proceedings. There was no pause for prayer at any time during the entire session.

There may have been times, of course, when a speaker referred to the deity in a formal sort of way. Some one probably spoke blithely and

Week-End Revival Is "A Good Tonic"

"If some church needs a good tonic, a week-end Youth for Christ revival will help," says Pastor W. M. Pratt, First Church, Lonoke, following such an effort in his church, March 15-17.

Fifty-five young people dedicated their lives to Christ; ten joined the church, one of which was for baptism. Adults were inspired to do more for the Lord.

An all-time high Sunday School attendance record of 330 was recorded March 17, breaking a record of 240 which had stood for six or seven years in spite of many special attempts to break it.

The revival which opened with services at the High School, Friday afternoon, was directed by Claude Stewart and Jerry Davis, ministerial students of Ouachita College. Preaching service at the church Friday evening was followed by a fellowship and recreation hour. Worship services were held Saturday at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The afternoon was devoted to organized visitation. The young people were in charge of all Sunday services. An open forum was held at the church in the afternoon.

Pastor Pratt says of the young evangelists: "They are two very consecrated young preachers. We predict that the Lord will use these young men in a great way in His Kingdom's work."

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Missionary M. S. Lloyd, Mt. Zion Association, together with Mrs. Lloyd and Pastor Carl Bunch, Nettleton, have recently held a Training Union Study Course at New Hope Church, Jonesboro. In spite of the rainy weather the enrolment reached 55, with an average attendance of 51. Forty-eight persons qualified for awards. Missionary Lloyd says: "This good church is doing a wonderful piece of work under the able leadership of their pastor, J. E. Ratliff. Their one-room building has been made into a modern plant with a nice auditorium and seven class rooms."

vainly about "God" or "our Creator." But any reference to Almighty on such an occasion had to be done most cautiously. Because the peace conference was made up of people of many "beliefs." There were Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Church of Englanders, orthodox brethren from Russia, Buddhists, sun-worshippers and so on and on. And all intermingled with skeptics and atheists.

▲ Catholic prayer might have insulted a Protestant or Jew. Had a Jew prayed, the Gentile might not have felt right about it. And the Russians might not have cared for either. In short, that's the religious situation that confronts the "peace-makers"—and the world. None can "call upon the name of the Lord" for fear of stepping on the holy toes of others present. So—the Lord is left completely out of it.

Shall these so-called peace-makers, who are afraid to include God in their plans and conferences, "be called the children of God?" Can we ever have an enduring world peace under such circumstances?

Sadly, but frankly—so long as it is done in this way, there will always be a demand for cannon fodder.

A Conscientious Pastor Asks . . .

Which Way Out, Please?

By IRVING M. PRINCE
Pastor, Paragould

"Why stick my neck out?" is a common expression among Southern Baptists. It has a deeper and far more significant meaning than the average layman realizes. The average pastor is not considered capable of doing any constructive creative thinking. To cross a fixed course is to block all hopes of progress or promotion because the way up is by the way of the organization. It is not the popular thing to do, this sticking your neck out and refusing to have your thinking regimented; but in most every move forward the beginning is unpleasant.

Educational Policy Vague

In the decision of the Convention last fall Arkansas Baptists were left adrift where they had been at the beginning of the meeting, with no plans projected for the future. It was the general consensus of opinion in the Boards of Institutions that an educational committee would be appointed and that some policy for future progress could and would be mapped out. Even the children of Israel had an objective in their wanderings. But not so with Arkansas Baptists in their educational program. And one would doubt that they will ever have until their boards are able to sit down together and plan a progressive program that is geared to meet the need of tomorrow's world.

Arkansas Baptists cannot fulfill their part of the Great Commission unless they fortify the schools they now have and possibly broaden their scope of training by establishing other schools. But to do this, there must be some system and program to follow.

Work Should be Coordinated

Ouachita College must be made secure and made second to none. Her needs are urgent; her call must be heeded. Central College has filled a great place in Baptist history. Many of the younger men of the state feel that she should be made into a junior co-educational college. As she stands now, many men think what one has said, "A steward for the resources of God questions the wisdom of Central being continued as she now exists." Southern Baptist College, under the leadership of Rev. H. E. Williams, is rapidly extending her influence over Northeast Arkansas. Rev. Don Hook at Ozark has an educational missionary move that has gained recognition and approval of the Executive Board.

All of these institutions have great potential power and possibilities, but they cannot project a great program for Christ unless there is some coordination. Somewhere I read of a man standing by the side of a great lathe in a shop. He asked the man working at the lathe about the iron and steel filings around the lathe on the floor. "They are of little value or power as they exist, but," said he, "heat them, mould them into a great shaft, hitch an engine to one end of that shaft with a propeller at the other end, and you can send a great ship across the ocean."

It does seem to me that Arkansas Baptists need a Steering Committee or an Educational Commission to coordinate all our resources as we launch out into this new era.

Too Many Special Campaigns

In the second place, the question of finances must be met if any venture is to succeed. Every

institution that Arkansas Baptists have has either launched a special drive for funds or has one in the offing. Churches are standing with blueprints in hand ready to start a building program the moment materials become available. The Cooperative Program was inaugurated to prevent the eternal pressure of special campaigns. It saved the day for Baptists; it solved the problems of finances. Why cannot our State Convention put the needs of her institutions in the state budget over a period of years and meet every need of the institutions as presented by a fair, impartial educational commission?

Arkansas Bpatists today are not solidified on the present policy to assure any degree of success for any school or institution that may be sent afield by the convention. There have been heard for years the clamor for reforms in administration, moral, and economic procedure that have been unheeded. The reverberation, regardless of the significance of the charges, has so shaken the wall of the fortress that there is no solidarity among the leaders who must carry the burdens of progress if we go forward.

Rural Missions

A great ship, before she is sent out with any hope of victory, must be sent through a "shake down" where weaknesses are faced and where cooperation and coordination are planned for superb performance. Arkansas Baptists have laid the keel and started construction on the greatest program of their history for extending the gospel and reaching the people of every church in country, hamlet, or town through their great Rural Mission Program. It has strengthened every phase of our work. If Arkansas Baptists go forward, they will go by continuing this full program. The Superintendent of Rural Missions can make out of this state one of the South's greatest peoples.

Our major need today is a second step on this highway of progress. The Superintendent of Rural Missions must deal directly with the association and associational missionary. We doubt if there is a place in our convention for the District Missionary. A strong Superintendent of Missions as we had in Dr. Whittington does not need and could not use a middleman. The most convincing argument for the discarding of this part of our program is found in the fact that these men, one by one, have felt in their hearts the lack of challenge to their lives in this work and have gone into the pastorate.

New Policy Suggested

With the \$58,000 now being put into colleges and adding the \$25,000 cost of district missionaries, we could have a sum of 83 to 85 thousand dollars. Let us raise this amount to \$150,000 in our annual budget. If our schools were coordinated, \$75,000 would operate them, and \$75,000 could be assured for building and equipment year by year (these figures are only used as working basis).

No high pressure campaigns would be launched, here when every business man will tell you money in circulation is steadily decreasing. The church budget could continue to operate unhampered. No pastor or church would be intimidated because he could not raise his quota. Every church could put an item in its church budget for Christian Edu-

cation. As this is paid in, we will meet every need of today and build not for one year but for the future.

Considering the fact that we have drifted since the fall of 1945 and since there is a sense of no sure direction in our policies, therefore, I would recommend to the Brotherhood that the President of the Executive Board of the State Convention call a full board meeting to consider and place before this state the following:

1. THE SETTING up of an Educational Commission or Policy Committee to recommend a coordinated policy for our institutions.
2. THE RETENTION of the Superintendent of Rural Missions who, under the direction of the Executive Secretary, will continue our mission program through the Associations and Associational Missionaries.
3. THE INCLUSION of the needs of our institutions in our state budget.

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J. B. Tidwell Dies

Dr. J. B. Tidwell, until last year head of the Bible Department at Baylor University, and one of the last remaining of the old school of Bible expositors, died March 17, at his home in Waco, Texas.

Dr. Tidwell, teacher of Bible in Texas Baptist colleges since 1907, is the author of a whole shelf of Bible textbooks. He was a master teacher, both in the classroom and in his books. A splendid biography of the man is given in the recently published book, "J. B. Tidwell plus God," written by a former student, Robert A. Baker.

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Paul Bruce, Stuttgart, has been called as pastor of Immanuel Church, San Leandro, Calif., which was organized recently. The church grew out of the Bayview Church where Will Ed Langford, another Arkansan is pastor.

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State Missionary H. A. Zimmerman, Arkadelphia, is engaged in schools of missions this week and next at Paducah, Ky. The schools are directed by W. E. Hinds, superintendent of missions in West Union Association.

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Dr. J. D. Grey, First Church, New Orleans, has just led a ten-day revival at First Church, McAlester, Okla., Dr. Augie Henry, pastor, resulting in over seventy additions to the church. While there Dr. Grey preached to 700 inmates of the state penitentiary.

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The Sunday morning worship service of First Church, North Little Rock, will be broadcast over KXLR, a new station which is being installed in North Little Rock. R. O. Barker is pastor.

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Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, had an enrolment of 66 in a Training Union Study Course just completed. Fifty-three awards were given. Roy Jolly taught the "Adult Manual;" State Missionary James Fitzgerald, "Investments in Christian Living;" Mrs. O. H. Johnson, "The Meaning of Church Membership;" and Mrs. Fitzgerald, "Bible Heroes." Frank Waite is pastor; L. E. Rogers is Training Union director.

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"If you want to make your life felt after you are gone, invest it in some other person," Pastor Clyde Hart, Central Church, Hot Springs, told members of the Hot Springs Civitan club in a speech before that group on March 11.

Woman's Missionary Union

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

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Executive Secretary and Treasurer

MISS MARGARET HUTCHISON
Young People Secretary

ALVIN HATTON
Royal Ambassador Secretary

Important Notice!

We call your attention to a change in the name of the chairman of homes for the State WMU annual meeting in Pine Bluff, April 9-11, at First Church. Mrs. Harlow Sanders previously announced as chairman of homes will be unable to serve. Miss Scotty Winters, 817 West 6th St., Pine Bluff, will gladly receive all lists sent in advance of the meeting for home assignment.

State Royal Ambassador Recognition Service

A state RA Recognition service will be held Wednesday night, April 10, 7:30 at First Church, Pine Bluff. This recognition service will be for all boys who have advanced in rank and have not been previously recognized in a state recognition service. It will be for Pages, Squires, Knights, Ambassadors, and higher ranking Ambassadors.

All boys who are to be in this service should send name and rank to the State Royal Ambassador Secretary, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock, before April 1.

Higher Work On Ranks And Forward Steps

Many girls since the Coronation Service at the GA Conference have begun on their Queen-with-the-Scepter work. Every intermediate girl who is starting such work should contact the State Young People's Secretary, sending eleven cents in postage to care for the annuals and reports necessary for the research work to be done for these higher steps. All higher work must be approved by the state leaders, both the GA and the RA higher work. Honor will be given publicly by the state leaders when all work has been approved.

"To Be Continued," the 25-cent history of Southern WMU from our Baptist Book Store, is a valuable source for information required in the higher Forward Steps work. Let all intermediate GA counselors see that girls doing this advanced work study this little book.

State Young People's Secretary In out of State Meetings

It was the happy privilege of the young people's secretary to speak to the Shelby County Business Woman's Circle Federation earlier in the year in Memphis. Miss Ruth Ford presided at this meeting but since has sailed for

China where she serves as a medical missionary for Southern Baptists.

Recently the young people's Secretary was the invited guest speaker for two days in First Church, Dallas, for their season of prayer for home missions observance.

Southern WMU Delegates Elected at State Meeting

We remind you again that delegates to the annual meeting of Southern WMU in Miami, Fla., May 12-14, will be elected at the State WMU meeting in Pine Bluff. We are sure that every woman who plans to attend the meeting will be privileged to go as a delegate since the meeting is such a great distance from us. Please send your name to the Executive Secretary for listing with others who plan to go. We are allowed fifty delegates. Help us to have a full delegation.

Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions

The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is being received daily. Please try to complete your offering during March and April and remit same to the WMU Treasurer as soon as possible. The offering last year went beyond \$16,000. It would be splendid if we could repeat the record of last year in going far beyond our set goal. We are confidently looking forward to receiving the largest offering for this cause in the history of the Union. We can do it.

Royal Ambassador Secretary Busy On the Field

Alvin Hatton has been covering the state making engagements with Royal Ambassadors. Many meetings have been Father-Son affairs in the churches and associations. His testimony is that in every instance many more boys and men came than the church had made provision for. Our experience is that if we plan meetings for our young people, they will attend, no matter how far they have to come.

Make Reservations For Ridgcrest Now

We have just received a program folder announcing the conferences scheduled for Ridgcrest this summer. The WMU Conference will be held August 8-14, the

week between the conferences of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. During WMU week the members of Business Woman's Circles will have separate conferences daily.

Members of missionary societies and Business Woman's Circles should write this office or direct to Mr. Perry Morgan, Business Manager at Ridgcrest, N. C., for folder giving rates and make room reservations at once. Plan to go early and remain over a few days, thus, having the privilege of attending part of the conferences of the Home and the Foreign Mission Boards.

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We cannot decide what principles should guide us in the rearing of children unless we have faith, vision, and conviction concerning the human society into which they are born, whose destiny will so soon be in their hands.

—Miss Katharine F. Lenroot.

World Baptist Leader To Visit United States

Acceptance by Dr. James H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, London, England, of an invitation to speak at commencement exercises at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, May 2, has been announced by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, seminary president.

President of the Alliance of 13,000,000 Baptists throughout the world, Dr. Rushbrooke is known as an advocate of full religious liberty in all countries. He will address a graduating class of 165 theological students, largest number of graduates in any one year of the 87-year history of the Louisville institution.

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Any evangelism which does not magnify the church is doomed to ultimate failure.

—Rev. Oliver Cummings.

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There is Still Room

Although 1946 Assembly reservations are coming in with every mail, there is still room for many others. Especially do we urge church groups planning to stay in Assembly-owned dormitories to send in the names of those desiring reservations, with the \$2 reservation fee for each name.

Reservations are being made in the order in which they are received so churches should not wait too long to send in reservations. There are some single cabins that have not been reserved. These will be reserved for married couples and families only. Be sure to send a \$2 reservation fee for each person that will occupy the cabin.

There are also some dormitory rooms available. These also will be held as long as possible for married couples and families. As many as three or four can stay in the single cabins or dormitory rooms.

Do not wait too long. Send names with reservation fees as soon as possible to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock. All reservations accepted, for which receipts are given, will be guaranteed until 9 p. m., Tuesday, July 2, unless otherwise arranged.

For Churches Planning to Build

There is available, free of charge in the Religious Education Department office, two attractively mimeographed folders that should prove of interest to churches planning to build in the near future.

One is, "How to Organize the Church Building Committee." This folder gives valuable suggestions regarding three important building committees; the plans, finance and construction sub-committees to the building committee.

The other folder is entitled "Financing Your Building" and is by Frank Tripp. This is an eight-page folder containing very valuable suggestions regarding the definite plans of financing. Several good plans are discussed such as the, "Cash in the Bank Plan," the "Down Payment Plan," and the "Pay as you Build Plan." Dr. Tripp also discusses some sources from

CONFERENCE SPEAKER



J. Earl Mead, will appear on the program of the District Training Union Conferences to be held the latter part of April and the first part of May. Mr. Mead is the educational director of Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, Tex. This church holds the world's Training Union attendance record, with 2,219 people present on one Sunday evening.

which churches may borrow money.

Included in this folder is a two-page discussion by Dr. J. E. Dillard on sound plans for financing a building enterprise. Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor, First Church, Shreveport, discusses the building debt, how much and how financed. Included also is a definite outline for a safe financial program with suggested

materials to be used in special conferences during the financial campaign.

Either or both of these folders may be had on request to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

Friends of Arthur Flake

Word comes that Mr. Arthur Flake, so long secretary of the Sunday School Administration Department for the Sunday School Board, has recently moved to 1787 Peabody, Memphis 4, Tenn. Mr. Flake is always at home to his friends and will welcome every visitor cordially. His friends in Arkansas are invited to visit as often as they can when in Memphis.

Social Vice-President Of State BSU Speaks

This week we present Betty May, of the University of Arkansas who is from Rosebud. She was elected social vice-president of the State BSU for this year. She says:

"One of the most important phases of the Baptist Student Union program is the social life and fellowship promoted by the BSU on and between the local campuses. As Dean Inge says, 'The soul is dyed the color of its leisure thinking.' Therefore, it is the duty of the BSU through the social vice-president to provide uplifting social experiences for students while they are in college.

"Promoting fellowship not only

on individual campuses but also between nearby schools is always very profitable for the BSU's. Usually when students from different campuses meet, it is for competitive purposes—football, basketball, track, etc.—but the BSU provides a chance for Christian friends to meet and work together for the same purpose, and with the same goal in mind.

"We should go to state meetings not only with the idea of having a good time with 'our gang' but making many new friends, also. Since Ridgecrest trips, state conventions, etc., provide the best opportunities for BSU members to become acquainted with members from other campuses, the social vice presidents should see that their group takes advantage of these opportunities."

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The Christian faith must be expressed in a living language with fresh meaning and power for youth today. —Rev. Oliver Cummings.

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- 2 Lifeguards—1 for boys and men and the other for girls and women.

In return for this service, the Assembly will furnish bed and all meals during the Assembly session. Those accepted for this work will need to arrive at the Assembly some time during Monday, July 1, or early Tuesday, July 2.

Those desiring to apply for staff positions should write to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock. Applications should be sent in as soon as possible.

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T. L. HOLCOMB,
Executive Secretary, Baptist
Sunday School Board

April 1, 1946, will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the employment of Bernard W. Spilman as state Sunday school secretary in North Carolina, the beginning of a new era in teacher training work in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The recent report of the International Council of Religious Education on Christian education had this to say about the fruits of the program started fifty years ago: "Perhaps the most notable results in leadership education among all denominations have been achieved by the Southern Baptist churches. Through their regular leadership curriculum and through their Baptist Training Unions, they have reached hundreds of thousands of workers. The aggressive outreach of Christian education among Southern Baptists may be attributed in large part to this training program."

This is an interesting comment coming from an objective observer, but the spirit of the man who did not know the word "failure" plays an important part in the launching of this mighty teacher training program.

After the election of Mr. Spilman there were many discouragements to face him. He became quite ill and the doctors thought he would die. The state Sunday school committee was so certain that he would die that the money allocated for his salary was used to pay other debts. There was little interest in the work. But let Mr. Spilman tell the dramatic story:

"In the midst of discouragement a letter came from a friend urging me to get out of the field and quit. 'There is nothing but failure ahead for you. The folks are not ready for the type of work you are attempting,' he wrote.

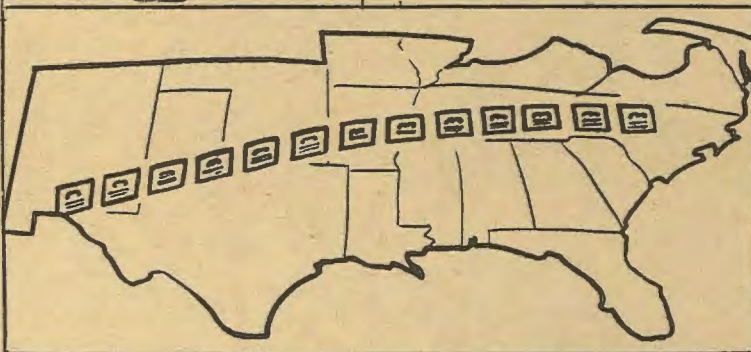
"About two o'clock that night I came into Raleigh on the Seaboard train, I went to my office, prayed a while, and thought long and earnestly. I pulled down my little dictionary, the only one I had, and with my pen I marked out the word "failure," and it is marked out to this day. About two days later I was off again on my campaign."

After five years of pioneer effort in working out a teacher training program and field promotion plan for the building of Sunday schools in North Carolina, Mr. Spilman agreed to accept the invitation of Dr. J. M. Frost to undertake a similar program for the Sunday School Board in the Southern Baptist Convention territory. The Normal Studies for Sunday School Workers was put in final form. A Southwide program was started.

Three Million Awards Issued in Fifty Years



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Fāil, *v. n.* To be deficient; solvent; to perish; to decline;—to miss.—2, *v.* desert; to disappoint; to —3, *n.* Failure.
Fāil'ing, *n.* Deficiency; i
Fāil'ure (fā'l'yūr), *n.* D
 omission; non-performance
Fāin, *a.* Glad; pleased.—
Fāint, *v. n.* To decay; t
 2, *a.* Languid; weak; c
 3, *n.* A fainting-fit; a s
Fāint'ish, *a.* Somewhat o
Fāint'ly, *ad.* Feebly; la
Fāint'ness, *n.* Languor;



If each teacher training award issued since 1896 were printed on a certificate twenty-four inches wide, it would make a path of awards from North Carolina to New Mexico.

More than three million teacher training awards have been issued Southern Baptist Sunday school teachers since Dr. B. W. Spilman (left) started the program in North Carolina in 1896. A section of the page of the old dictionary used by Dr. Spilman is shown as it has appeared since the word, "failure," was marked out after hours of prayer.

Mr. Spilman continued to work at the program until he retired in 1941. He is now living in Kinston, North Carolina.

On March 1, 1946, the total number of training awards earned by Southern Baptist teachers since 1896 was 3,096,049 and will probably climb above 3,121,000 by April 1, the fiftieth anniversary.

This large monument of training might well be dedicated on April 1 in "Launching a New Century with Christ." And in the dedication, mention should be made of the young man, Bernard W. Spilman, who fifty years ago removed the word "failure" from his vocabulary.

No boy or girl should complete the secondary school program without some knowledge of the religious institutions which are part of the community's life.

Dr. F. Ernest Johnson.

I do not believe that it is possible to develop the kind of character that can lead the world out of its present chaos without the religion of Jesus, not as lip service but as Christian personality.

—Ernest M. Ligon.

Chapels Frozen

Government-owned chapels, even when situated on Army and Navy posts which are being dismantled, have been "frozen" so far as their sale as surplus property is concerned, War Assets Corporation officials announced. They said, however, that they are working with the armed services in the formulation of a disposal policy.

President Truman has directed that all ecclesiastical items owned by the government, ranging from organs to hymn books, be withheld from sale and turned over to the chiefs of chaplains of the armed forces.



Every Father Owes His
Children a Christian
Environment

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Lt. Paul Geren Is Candidate

Lt. Paul Geren, formerly a Northern Baptist missionary to Burma and associate of the famed Dr. Gordon Seagrave, has filed his pledge as a candidate for congress from Arkansas' Seventh District. It is the first opposition filed against any member of the state's present delegation to Washington.

Geren, the son of the Rev. H. M. Geren, retired Baptist minister at El Dorado, is a graduate of Baylor University, with graduate degrees from Louisiana State University and Harvard University. He went to Burma for the Northern Baptist foreign mission group to teach in Judson College, and was there when the Japanese invaded Burma.

He left his teaching position to help in the evacuation of that country, recording many of his experiences in "Burma Diary," published by Harper Brothers. He was a first aid man as associate to Dr. Seagrave, and is mentioned in the widely publicized doctor's book, "Burma Surgeon." Returning to the United States he entered the army and has recently been discharged as a first lieutenant.

Arkansans Enroll At Southwestern

The number of Arkansans at Southwestern Seminary continues to grow. Among those who have enrolled in the seminary for the first time this semester are: C. S. White, Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Winton Mizell, Arkadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. (Edna Mae Pugsley) Ruben Franks, West Helena; Keith Serman, Little Rock; Mrs. Delbert McAtee (Clyta Vern Agee), Texarkana; and Felix Williams. This brings the Arkansas Club group well up over the sixty mark in numbers.

—Mrs. Robert Wells.

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—Dr. Luther A. Weigle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Radio Preaching, Good and Bad

Dear Editor:

The Radio Committee is about ready to begin a weekly broadcast. It should be interesting and good because some good speakers are slated to be on these programs. Even the writer is to have one period, that is if he can find time to write his essay. That should be excellent. Ha Ha!

Seriously, we do not think that will be excellent. So many programs like these are powerless and ineffective. We have heard many such broadcasts, even under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention arrangements. A few of them have really been excellent. However, on the average you can go to a small Baptist church and hear a preacher spontaneously proclaiming the gospel, and you will hear Christ more eloquently presented, the Baptist position more accurately and scripturally set forth than do one of these prearranged broadcasts. There are a few exceptions, to be sure.

If a Baptist preacher knows that he is looking into the faces of souls that need his message and recognizes in their prayerful expressions the needs of their hearts, there is a definite spiritual connection between his message and the people. There is a spiritual and mental relationship that gives power to the speaker and strength to the hearer. But when a preacher transcribes his message, not knowing who will hear it, and reads it into a piece of metal called the microphone, there is usually something lacking. Of course he can get letters and cards from a dozen pious people and begins to think he has turned the world upside down, and is not aware of the hundreds who change the radio dial when he begins to read his message.

It is different if a preacher is preaching to a group of yearning souls in a congregation where he can read their questions that silently come from them as he preaches, which enable him to argue his points with them, and in such cases, if a microphone sends out the message its effectiveness is great. But we think we have never heard many fifteen minute

sermonettes in a synthetic broadcast that really told the true story of a Baptist preacher's power in the pulpit. We hope we can make these broadcasts above the average, however. But there is usually a vast difference between broadcasting a church service, on the one hand, and reading a sermonette to the microphone, on the other hand.

—B. L. Bridges.

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French Use Drama To Spread Gospel

By Religious News Service

Reviving a custom of more than 400 years ago, the Reformed Church of France, through the Protestant Youth Council, is using the theater as a means of spreading the gospel.

The church began experimenting with the drama in 1943 when Pastor Marc Herubel formed a troop of young actors and took them to the towns and villages of central France. Their repertoire consisted of three humorous religious plays—Jeb, Noah, and Jonas.

To many audiences this light treatment of the Biblical stories was received with disapproval. But as the public became accustomed to accepting the Biblical characters as human beings the plays became more popular.

Last year Pastor Herubel directed a troop of 40 young people in the production of a play inspired by the Catholic drama, "The Visitors From Heaven." Divided into two groups, each playing different regions, the troop performed before a varied audience—peasants, industrial workers, middle class Protestant families, a large number of Roman Catholics, and many who normally were indifferent to religion.

Reaction was varied, but the reception on the whole was encouraging, leading the Protestant Council to plan for more experiments in religious drama.

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Religious education is a task involving a sympathetic and intelligent cooperation between church, home and school.

—Dr. F. Ernest Johnson.

PIONEER DIES



Mrs. W. D. Welch, 86 years of age, charter member of First Church, Searcy, and one of the oldest and most loved citizens of the town died February 10.

Mrs. Welch, who was before her marriage Miss Mary Elizabeth Gentry, contributed heavily to the building of the Searcy Church which was named Gentry Memorial in honor of her family.

She was born in Texas in 1860 and moved to Arkansas when a small child. Most of her life was spent in White County. She was married to the late Mr. Welch in 1900 and moved with him to Center Hill where she lived for a number of years before returning to Searcy.

Figures to Inspire

March 17, 1946

Church	Adns.	S.S.	T.U.
Alma, First	1	109	52
Arkadelphia, Second	8	261	161
Bauxite, First	—	326	106
Benton, First	4	497	107
Blytheville Churches:			
Clear Lake	—	128	80
New Liberty	2	143	92
Second	4	541	131
Including Mission	—	631	—
Camden, First	6	460	93
Conway, First	7	414	103
Crossett, Mt. Olive	—	91	59
Cullendale, First	2	277	122
Dumas, First	10	330	65
Dyess, Central	4	133	104
El Dorado Churches:			
First	2	802	194
Second	2	441	123
Eudora	1	179	52
Fordyce	—	377	81
Fort Smith, Immanuel	7	583	159
Fountain Hill, First	1	90	30
Hamburg, First	1	257	142
Harrison, First	1	330	138
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central	6	319	70
First	1	270	41
Park Place	5	450	137
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	—	274	64
Little Rock Churches:			
First	12	1259	392
South Highland	5	280	87
Tabernacle	3	447	151
Magnolia, Central	9	380	118
Malvern, First	1	294	73
Marmaduke, First	—	99	40
McGehee, First	—	409	111
Mena, First	—	302	87
Monticello, First	8	237	36
Norphet, First	1	236	133
Ozark	—	208	71
Including Mission	—	256	—
Paris, First	—	355	157
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	2	795	188
Including Mission	—	815	—
Matthews Memorial	—	129	61
Second	2	240	89
Including Mission	—	257	—
South Side	2	457	108
Including Mission	—	491	—
Plainview	—	100	74
Rogers, First	3	283	62
Siloam Springs	—	220	93
Springdale, First	—	353	135
Including Mission	—	399	—
Tuckerman, First	—	112	62
Warren, First	5	472	65
West Memphis, First	—	300	117
Including Mission	—	347	—

Important!

Beginning April 1 your Baptist Book Store will close at 12 o'clock noon, each Thursday. We believe this afternoon off will enable our employees to give you better service at other times. This policy will be followed the year around. Therefore, it will be necessary for out-of-town people to keep this change in mind when planning visits to the store.

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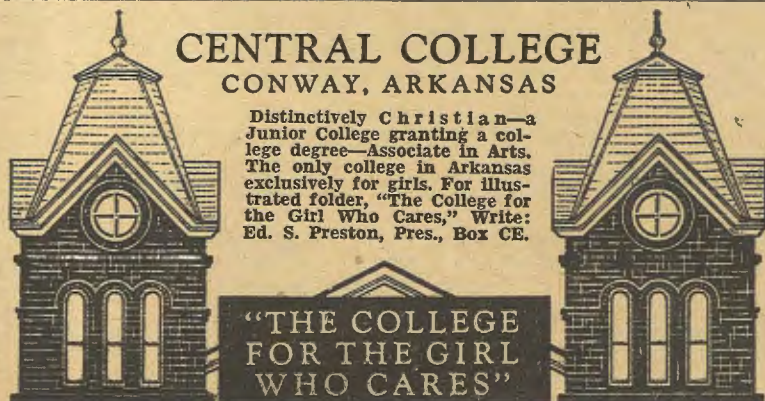
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Self-Censorship Recommended to Book Publishers

"The book publishers of America must establish industry-wide self-censorship if they are to avoid curbs by an outside agency as the result of the lewdness now being unloaded upon the American reading public," Dr. Daniel A. Poling declared at the first annual luncheon of the Protestant Motion Picture Council, an agency sponsored by the Christian Herald which he edits.

Foreseeing creation of a group "more universal than the Catholic Legion of Decency," Dr. Poling advised publishers to follow the example set by the movie makers who have "pointed the way to an infinitely more desirable conclusion than political censorship."

He proposed that churches of all faiths and the constituencies of all groups be provided with advance information about motion pictures, and with a constructive leadership that will direct the American community in making its reasonable desires known to the industry. He urged also that box-office support be organized behind good pictures.

Raymond Massey, stage and screen actor, asserted that "producers do not want to corrupt public morals, but once a picture has been produced, with perhaps \$2,000,000 invested, they've got to defend it." Let Hollywood know before production what might be found objectionable in a filmed story, he urged, instead of saying afterward, "There, you've done it again."

Massey suggested that more money be spent on Bible films, pointing out the cost to produce good films of this type would be one-quarter of the amount spent on documentary films during the war.

The luncheon was attended by more than 300 representatives of organizations operating among Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish groups.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I beg your pardon but I do not understand your article (back page, March 7), "He didn't Join—What a Tragedy." Surely the people of this world are wiser than the children of Light. Has God's Word failed? What is the matter with Phil. 4:13 and Rom. 8:32, Phil. 4:67; also Isa. 41:10 and Isa. 26:3 and Psalm 50:15, and many others, better than any Minister's Retirement Plan. It is faith that pleases him and proclaims to others that God is able to undertake for us as he promised to do.

Yours in His Name,

Mrs. Forrest L. Hall.
Judsonia, Ark.

I'M FREEZING!



★ Yes, ma'am . . . I'm so cold that I'm freezing . . . and everything inside of me is frozen, too! But don't get worried, because that's my job—keeping everything inside of me frozen to just the right degree that will keep it delicious—even months after it has been placed inside! Because I'm one of those brand new frozen food cabinets you've been hearing so much about!

★ Ladies—this unit is just one of the post-war marvels that electricity is bringing you. With it you can buy strawberries, for example, in May—pop them into the freezer cabinets, and have them fresh and luscious in December! Or you can freeze fresh vegetables in summer and eat them all winter—right out of your freezer cabinet.

★ Yes, the most modern things imaginable are on their way to market again—and most of them depend on electricity. We can't say just exactly when you can buy them, but we suggest you see your dealer right now and make sure he informs you when the electric appliances you want are available. Remember—with electricity so cheap, and so dependable, housekeeping with these new things is going to be extra fun . . . and extra economical!



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Christian Citizens Have Duty To Uphold Good Government

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

No one can look out upon our changing world without facing the grave responsibility that rests upon the people as a whole with reference to the type of government they employ. Here in America we have one form, in Russia another, in Britain still another. But in each instance the particular form of government exists because the people, as a whole, desire it.

This lesson, therefore, should be exceedingly fruitful because it affords one an intimate view of a nation in the midst of a crisis which involved a complete change in form of government.

The Curse of Conformity

When Samuel delivered unto Israel the message of Jehovah concerning the ruthless demands the king would make, they refused utterly to hear him and said, "Nay; but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles" (8:19-20). Here we have in its boldest form the curse of conformity. Israel wanted to be like the nations round about her. She wanted a king.

It is true that the sons of Samuel, who had been made judges over Israel, "walked not in his ways," and "turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted justice." Still, this in itself was no excuse for Israel's folly. After all, a king can be as corrupt as a judge and more so. The fault lay not in the nature of the office but in the character of the man who filled it. Israel failed to see this.

The plea of the Apostle Paul to his fellow Christians of Rome was that they "be not fashioned according to this world." The tendency of man throughout the centuries has been to "conform" to the patterns cut by others. We are creatures enslaved by the shackles of pattern.

Our own nation was founded because of the hardy resolves of pious men who refused to conform. That is why they were willing to brave the cold, barren shores of Plymouth and, without assistance, enduring the hardships of colonization. They wanted a land in which they could be transformed—a place where in they could worship God according to the leading of their own conscience. It is from such a holy resolve that much of the greatness of our nation stems.

The children of God were meant by him to be transformed, not conformed. His ways on earth are different. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah. For as the heavens are higher than the

Sunday School Lesson

For March 31

1 Samuel 8 to 10

earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8-9).

The Conscience of a Nation

When Israel made known to Samuel her desire for a king, Samuel immediately communed with Jehovah. He carried his burden to the Lord. It was in this way that he obtained the message which he, in turn, gave to the people—a message that predicted in no uncertain terms the evils that would befall them through a king.

It is to the message of the great religious leaders of a nation that we must turn for the enlightened conscience of the people. The people do not always respond favorably to the pleadings of that conscience any more than an individual does to the discipline of his own conscience at times, but, nevertheless, the voice is there, challenging, rebuking, comforting, enlightening.

"And Samuel told all the words of Jehovah unto the people that asked of him a king" (8:10). Without respect to his own popularity, he dared to warn them of the lamentable mistake they were about to make. Pitiful indeed would be the plight of our land were the voices of the prophets of God silenced. Should such happen, the nation would soon be without an enlightened conscience, and we would have a repetition of Nazi Germany.

You may not agree with the message of your minister at times; his piquant words of prophetic truth may wound for a season your sensitive spirit; but remember this: your minister is part and parcel of the enlightened conscience of your nation, without which message you, and all like you, would be doomed to a new dark age.

The Evils of a Dictatorship

Samuel sought with all his heart to warn the people of the dangers that inhere in a monarchy. In minute detail he pictured for them the

heartless demands of the oriental court:

"And he said, 'This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them unto him, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots . . . and he will appoint them unto him . . . and he will take your daughters . . . and he will take your fields . . . and he will take the tenth of your seed . . . He will take the tenth of your flocks; and ye shall be his servants. And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king whom ye shall have chosen you; and Jehovah will not answer you in that day'" (8:10-18).

One needs only to think on these words to recognize the tragedy that sooner or later will come under any dictatorship. It is the same old story wherever you go: "And he will take . . . and ye shall cry out!"

Under the dictatorship the individual exists for the state and not the state for the individual.

Unheeding Ears

"But the people refused to hearken unto the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay but we will have a king over us" (8:19). The people could not forego the lure of the pomp and ceremonial of the oriental court. Evidently Israel had a sort of inferiority complex as she compared her own form of government with that of her heathen neighbors. The feeling of isolation was too much for her. Why should she not indulge in the colorful ceremonials of her neighbors?

The message of Samuel, though it came directly from Jehovah, fell upon unheeding ears.

Constantly the voice of Jehovah may be heard as he seeks to call both individuals and nations back to the ways of God. Too often, that message is not heard while the nation plunges with reckless abandon down the road to ultimate destruction.

The events of the last decade, to say nothing of the theatre of world events prior to that time, should convince us of our need of God. Whatever message he has to offer we had better hear it and heed it quickly—if we want to live!

Southern Seminary Pastors' Conference Slated Next Week

The program for the annual Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to be held April 1-5, will be as follows:

Dr. W. O. Carver, professor emeritus of Comparative Religion and Missions, Southern Seminary, will speak each morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Tuesday through Friday, on the general theme, "The Function of Christianity in Building the World Order." His addresses, in order, will be: "To Present the Christian Philosophy of History," "To Declare the Christian Principles for the Social Order," "To Produce Kingdom Men through the Gospel of Christ Jesus," and "To Condition the Church for Its Function."

Dr. H. H. Farmer, professor of philosophy at Cambridge University, England, who is giving the Mullins lectures on preaching, will speak each morning, Monday through Friday, at the Crescent Hill church, 11:30 o'clock. His general theme will be, "The Sources and Setting of Preaching," and his topics: "Preaching and Worship," "The Preacher and Persons," "The Preacher and Books," "The Bible and Preaching (I)," and "The Bible and Preaching (II)."

Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., conference preacher, will preach each night at 8 o'clock at the Crescent Hill church, Monday through Friday. His sermon topics are "The One and Only Gospel," "Personal Religion and Social Service," "Ready—for What?" "To Athens—and Beyond," and "A Kingdom which Cannot Be Shaken."

Conferences will be held each afternoon at 3:15 o'clock.

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One of the major tasks of religion today is to give vocational guidance in terms of eternal purpose. We need to push back the paper walls of time and let God's eternal purposes break through.

—Bishop Charles W. Brashares.

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Are You Going?

The Southern Baptist Convention

We cannot begin to answer all questions that are being asked about the Southern Baptist Convention and the trip to Miami. Here is some information, however, that will be helpful.

1. **THE RAILROAD FARE.** On the back page of the Arkansas Baptist of March 7, we listed the authoritative figures on the cost of a round trip railroad ticket. Please refer to that issue of your Arkansas Baptist if you want any information about the railroad fare. Also on page four, this issue. If you buy a coach ticket you cannot ride in the sleeper; then too, your sleeping car privileges are charged for over and above your railroad ticket.

If you have a clergy permit your fare will be much less than the regular fare would be. You can buy a round trip clergy ticket if you have your "Western Clergy Permit." However, if you expect to buy any railroad tickets in Florida on the Clergy Permit you must also get a Southern Clergy Permit in addition to your Western Clergy Permit. If you do not have a Clergy Permit you should order one at once. Ask your railroad ticket agent for an application. We do not have them in our office. This clergy permit will cost you \$2.00. It is good for the entire year, or for the purchase of one hundred tickets. If you want the Southern Clergy Permit you will also have to get an application blank from your ticket agent or order it from the Southern Passenger Association, Clergy Permit Dept., Room 8, Terminal Station, Atlanta 3, Ga.

If you get the special car out of Little Rock it will leave Little Rock at 2:30 a. m., Monday, May 13, and will leave Miami on the return trip Sunday Evening, May 19. Many pastors coming from remote sections can come to Little Rock after their regular services. Others can come to Little Rock by dispensing with their evening services.

2. **RESERVE YOUR ROOM IN MIAMI.** On page 12 of the Arkansas Baptist of March 7, we listed the hotels in Miami and the charge they make for their rooms. At the bottom of the page we gave the name and address of the chairman of the Committee, who will reserve your room for you, if you write him and tell him what you want.

3. **DO NOT GO TO MIAMI WITHOUT A ROOM RESERVATION.** We advise our friends not to undertake this trip until they are sure of a place to sleep in Miami. Perhaps you have not traveled much recently. We who have had to do a lot of it have had to sit up sometimes because in many towns there are no available rooms. You would be greatly discommoded if you were to get to Miami and find yourself unable to get a place to sleep.

If you drive your car to Miami you should map out your trip right away and write to the Chamber of Commerce in the town where you

you expect to spend the night and have them reserve a room for you some place. Please take this matter seriously. In many towns you cannot find a place to stay all night. Railroad travel is not as congested as it was a year ago but we cannot tell any difference in the crowded conditions of hotels and tourist courts.

It is said the reason the Convention is meeting in a remote section of the territory this year is because the hotels in no other town thought they would have hotel space for the messengers to the Convention.

4. **ARE YOU GOING?** You can see, then, that it becomes necessary for you to determine whether you are going or not. If you want to go on the special car from Arkansas you should write us immediately and tell us whether you want a lower or upper berth.

Mt. Zion Association Doing Good Work

The Consecrated hard working young missionary, Meldon Lloyd, in Mt. Zion Association is bringing things to pass. A few years ago it was difficult to get a monthly Worker's Conference in operation in Mt. Zion Association, but it is going fine now. The missionary is always on the alert. He leads in planning the monthly program for the meeting, and all through the month he is busy with his work and the people in the churches know what is going on. Brother Lloyd is a good preacher and keeps revivals going, and does his best to see to it that all the small churches and mission points have the privilege of having revivals. He is likewise promoting all work of the Kingdom of God.

Did we tell you about the fine meeting of Mt. Zion Association last fall? That young moderator, Charles Duncan, is on the beam. When the annual meeting began Duncan was already on the ground and had his organization at work and a song service and a devotional were started even ahead of schedule time. While Duncan was in the chair nothing lagged or got behind the schedule. These young men have a lot of fine pastors backing them up in this work. Here they are, Jack Laffler, A. B. Jordan, A. S. Smith, M. M. Hinesly, H. E. Williams, B. R. Lindman, J. I. Cossey, J. H. Hughes, J. E. Ratliff, O. L. Powers, Frank Waite, O. S. Connley, Walter J. Phillips, W. E. Speed, J. A. Riherd, W. H. Horn, J. O. Miles, Carl Bunch, and Elmer McCall.

Our purpose must be firm, whether it be through our missionaries or political or trade representatives, to establish a world kingdom in which men may have confidence in each other because they have faith in a common God.

—Ralph W. Gwinn.

What I Owe My Pastor

I owe my pastor to pray for him each day, that God may bless him and make his service a blessing to every one with whom he comes in contact.

I owe my pastor the encouragement of my presence when he stands in the pulpit of my church to preach the word of God to a hungry-hearted people.

I owe my pastor the encouragement of my presence and prayerful support when he preaches the gospel to the lost who come to our church.

I owe my pastor my earnest efforts to bring the lost of our town to the services to hear the gospel preached, and then to help him to win these lost ones to Christ.

I owe my pastor to live in such a way every day that my life may not render ineffective the message that he tries to give to lost souls on Sunday.

—Selected.

Mrs. Austin Crouch Dies

Mrs. Austin Crouch, wife of the retiring Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, died in a hospital in Nashville, Tenn., March 24, following a paralytic stroke four days earlier. Mrs. Crouch was the former Miss Myrtle Oldham of Birmingham, where she lived until her marriage in 1911. Dr. and Mrs. Crouch formerly had lived at Dallas, Tex., Jonesboro, Ark., and Mufreesboro, Tenn., where he held pastorates and at Atlanta, Ga., where he was with the Baptist Home Mission Board. Funeral services were at Woodlawn Church, Birmingham, March 26.

Ministers Retirement Plan

All our preachers should keep their payments made on time for the Retirement Plan. If you miss a month that means that the Relief and Annuity Board is deprived of putting that month's money to work for you, and that means your final annuity will suffer some. The Relief and Annuity Board never gave us a plan that was rotten. It is a sound, well-devised Annuity Plan. If it was a "hokus pokus" proposition you might have the promise of an annuity whether you paid or not, but such promises would certainly fail. This plan calls for the cooperation and efforts of all of us, and if we all cooperate and pay our dues promptly the Plan is as good as gold, and all the promises can be fulfilled. Make your payments promptly, brethren. If your salary changes the amount of your payments change also. Notify us promptly when any changes are made. Then too, your church is supposed to be taking a part in the Cooperative Missionary Program if you are participating in the Ministers Retirement Plan.

A nationwide radio survey made by the Department of Agriculture reveals that farm and small town listeners prefer programs featuring religious hymns and sermons to most other programs.