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March Week Of Prayer for Home Missions

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Baptist Preacher Defies King Arrest, Investigation Ordered

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LONDON, July 10, 1612—(BP)—England was shocked today by the audacity of a Baptist preacher, Thomas Helwys, who boldly stood before the court of His Majesty King James I and reminded the sovereign that he "is not God."

The king promptly ordered the minister arrested and a full investigation made immediately. Helwys reportedly is the pastor of an illegal Baptist congregation which meets in Spitalfield, just north of London.

"The king is a mortal man," Helwys declared in his stinging attack, "and not God. Therefore he has no power over the immortal souls of his subjects to make laws and ordinances for them and to set spiritual lords over them."

The court, visibly stunned by the outspoken manner of the commoner, stood aghast as the preacher calmly charged that "if the king have authority to make spiritual lords and laws, then he is an immortal God, and not a mortal man."

The startling outburst grew out of Helwys presentation of his book, *A Short Declaration of the Mystery of Iniquity*, which Helwys had dedicated to the king. The charges actually were a part of the book dedication, which Helwys read to the court. The book itself is an attack on the ecclesiastical power of government. It boldly sets forth for the first time in this country the revolutionary idea of religious liberty and the doctrine of separation of church and state.

"O king, be not deceived by seducers to sin against God when you ought to obey," Helwys read, "nor against your loyal sub-

jects who ought to obey you with body, life and goods, or else let their lives be taken from the earth."

The preacher's concluding "God save the king!" sounded rather like an intercessory prayer for His Majesty.

The courageous assault on the crown by a lone intruder caught courtiers wholly unprepared. The chamber was packed for Helwys' appearance before the king. Dressed in austere black Puritan garb starkly outlined against white linen, the minister stood in sharp contrast to the colorful finery of the court.

Helwys presented a solemn and dignified appearance, and even the court agreed that his observance of protocol was flawless. The minister remained unperturbed as the king ordered his arrest.

The Baptist pastor comes from an old family of Nottinghamshire and was educated at Grey's Inn. A brother, Geoffrey Helwys, is a prominent London merchant and former sheriff. His nephew, Sir Gervase, is keeper of the Tower of London.

Helwys and his congregation returned to England from Amsterdam earlier this year. Disagreement over authority for baptism, a vital issue with Baptists, had divided their church. Helwys and his group came back to England from their safe retreat in Holland because they were convinced that they should bear their witness in England, even at the cost of their lives.

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—17th Century Baptist Press

Evil Always Demands We Don't Disturb It

By RICHARD N. OWEN

A Fort Worth tavern operator got sore the other day and complained to the city council that some preachers were harming her business. Some ministerial students had been preaching on the sidewalk before the tavern. The tavern operator, who was a woman, said that she did not think the churches should interfere with her business. Not as many people were pushing through the door of the tavern because of the sidewalk preachers. She believed in religion leaving her business alone.

"Leave us alone!" has always been the demand of those doing the devil's business. So it was with men tyrannized by evil when Jesus came to free them from its bondage. Sin will fight anybody who tries to break its grip on human life. After Jesus had cast out devils from two poor men the Gergesenes made a protest to Jesus. They asked Him to get out because they had lost some hogs while the men were healed (Matt. 8:34). Paul aroused the fury of men in Ephesus getting rich out of their idolatrous business. His preaching had put a crimp in their pocketbooks (Acts 18:24).

You can always count on it, the devil puts up a fight against those who are out to save human life. The liquor business, spawning suffering, sordidness and death wants nothing so much as it wants to be left alone. It wants to go along undisturbed in making dollars while destroying lives for time and eternity.

—Baptist and Reflector

Statewide Evangelistic Conference

By C. Y. DOSSEY

One of the most popular and inspirational meetings we have in each state is the statewide evangelistic conference. Twenty-five of these conferences have been held this year—two of these for the first time, namely, Colorado and Alaska.

The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board has received reports from all these conferences, and they all report record attendances on the part of the pastors and laymen in the various states.

It was felt and hoped that the 1955 Nationwide Crusade would be launched in these conferences. From the reports received by the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, this has been true. The writer has never seen such a seriousness nor heard such prayers as on the part of the pastors and the speakers taking part in these conferences.

It has been inspiring to see the teamwork on the part of the various departments in the different states. The Executive Secretaries in the states have attended all of the sessions of the conferences in their particular states.

Southern Baptists are committed as never before to this Convention-wide Crusade. They see its unlimited possibilities. "Southern Baptists have a magnificent opportunity to shake our beloved nation for God and the cause of righteousness during the Simultaneous Crusade in 1955," has been the theme of all our speakers in these conferences.

If our pastors and other leaders will not allow the inspiration received in these con-

What To Do With Jesus

A Devotion By The Editor

"What shall I do then with Jesus?"

We marvel that the question should be asked at all! Why should there be any confusion as to what one should do with Jesus? His purpose among men are redemptive; His appeals to men are gracious; He promises to men eternal life. Surely there must be something gravely wrong with the person when, in doubt and confusion, he asks, "What shall I do then with Jesus?"

Yet, we discover varied and contradictory reactions among men toward His presence, His teachings, His purposes, His claims, and His promises. Some are entirely indifferent toward Him; others follow the crowds, either for or against Him; still others are repelled by His presence and become hostile and rebellious; and some are drawn to Him as the iron filings are drawn to the magnet.

This question, "What shall I do with Jesus?" comes to each one of us with all its original force augmented by the centuries of Christian history which have intervened since it was first asked by Pilate.

The answer to this question involves one's character and one's eternal destiny. One cannot build character without Him; one cannot escape eternal death without Him. Human life in time and eternity depends upon the answer to this question.

He is pressed upon us by every circumstance of life, by every condition of the moral universe, by every need of our spiritual nature, and by the eternity which we must sooner or later meet.

The voices of the world may be loud, incessant, and insistent. The war drums may beat with a deafening din, the cannons may roar as they hurl their death-dealing tons of high explosion. But in the midst of the deafening din of the world there is a voice, persistent and appealing, ageless and eternal — "What shall I do with Jesus?"

That voice will not be hushed. It calls out to the maddened world, to wretched souls, to sin-sick hearts, the message of hope in Christ the Savior of men.

"Pilate said unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified" Matthew 27:22.

ferences to die in their hearts and will call our people to prayer, Southern Baptists can experience the greatest revival we have ever experienced.

This writer would urge that in every meeting held by any group of Baptists from now until the close of the crusade in Alaska, May 1, a special season of prayer be held for the crusade.

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From The Editor's Desk

A Comprehensive Church Program—

Shows No Favoritism

The woman's division of Christian service of the Methodist Board of Missions recently met in Nashville. The program of the conference dealt in part with rural church workers. The emphasis that interested us was the attention given to the "older adults" in the churches. It was said that, "Those who have served through the years need a special ministry from the church in order that their present abilities and talents may continue to contribute to the church program. Religious leaders should especially remember to meet the needs of the homebound."

This reference to the needs of the "older adults" calls to mind many expressions calling attention to the needs of special groups. We have heard it said that we have got to do something for the children. We must do something for the young people. We must have a program for the men. Not much concern has been voiced for the women. But the choir has come in for its claim for special favors.

Surely if any of these groups are neglected, such neglect is an indictment against any church. Yet it is often true that so much emphasis has been placed upon the ministry of the church to some special groups that all other groups are neglected. No group in the church has a right to expect special favors from the church to the neglect of its ministry to other groups. Yet that is sometimes the result of wellmeaning folk in the church singling out some group for special consideration.

A church program that is designed to show special favor to a certain classification of individuals or a certain church organization is a one-sided program with a one-sided emphasis which promotes a one-side enlistment. The church program should be a balanced program, designed for the equal instruction, enlistment, training, ministry, and spiritual growth of the entire church membership.

The church program should be so well balanced, so comprehensive and so efficiently administered that no particular group or individual in the church membership would be encouraged, much less allowed, to consider itself in a position to demand special treatment either from the church as a whole or from the pastor.

Of course the methods of ministering to the children are quite different from the methods of ministering to the "old adults." The young people require a variety of programs differing from adults. These varied programs for the various age groups should not be in conflict with each other, but should complement each other. They should all be harmonized with and integrated into the overall program of the church. The church program should be comprehensive enough to minister to all the people within its membership. The church should be as solicitous for the old people as it is for the children. As stated in this report from Nashville, "The ministry of the church extends from the cradle to the grave."

Parents Are Responsible—

For Juvenile Delinquency

According to Religious News Service, the Pennsylvania legislature has gone to the heart of the problem of juvenile delinquency. A bill has been introduced in the legislature "designed to pin responsibility for juvenile misdeeds on the parents." This bill "would place financial responsibility upon parents for acts of vandalism and robbery committed by their delinquent children," reports Religious News Service.

Speaking for the bill one senator said, "We feel sure that if you hit the parents where it hurts — the pocketbook — they will be more apt to curb junior."

It is obvious that juvenile delinquency is the result in the main of a lack of home discipline and training. Blame has been placed on comic books, on television, on radio shows for widespread juvenile delinquency. But this raises a question concerning the parents responsibility for guiding the child in its reading habits and its selection of television and radio shows.

There are two basic principles which the child must learn in the home in order to properly adjust its life to the social order as

it grows older. When these principles are not learned in the home, the child, as it advances in years, is likely to meet with such frustrations as to become a rebel in society, or a juvenile delinquent.

These two basic principles of life are: "Respect for constituted authority and respect for the rights of others, both in the realm of personal and property rights."

It is the failure to learn the principle of respect for constituted authority that both the teenager and the adult becomes a law unto himself and feels that he is justified in any violation of law and defiance of accepted social practices so long as he can get by without being caught. The child that learns respect for constituted authority in the home will eventually come to realize that such authority is for his protection rather than for the restriction of his rights and privileges.

Unless the child learns the difference between what belongs to him and what belongs to others, he is sure to meet the difficulties all along the way of life. When the child in the home discovers that by throwing a fit or

Home Mission Emphasis In March

Home missions will receive special emphasis throughout the Southern Baptist Convention during the month of March. It is the time for receiving the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions. For many years this offering has been sponsored by the WMU of the South. In later years it has come to be an allchurch offering.

We would remind our churches in Arkansas to participate liberally in this offering which means so much to our home mission work. The Home Mission Board has greatly expanded its ministry in recent years, since the western and what is known as pioneer states have come into the Southern Baptist Convention. The opportunities and challenges of the Home Mission Board have been multiplied greatly. Alaska has been added to the home mission territory in which missionary work is carried on by the Home Mission Board.

The work of the Home Mission Board through the years has been fundamental to our Southern Baptist work. The Board has pioneered in many fields of service which have come to be accepted by Southern Baptists as their responsibility.

The Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions is an integral part of our Southern Baptist program. It is recognized not only by the Southern Baptist Convention, but by each state convention and by the churches as an essential part of our support for home missions. We call your attention to this offering only that we may emphasize the needs which are beyond the capacity of the Home Mission Board to meet unless we greatly increase the amount of this special offering.

Needs must go unmet, calls must go unanswered, challenges must go without a response from the Home Mission Board unless we furnish the means with which to meet these needs and answer these calls and respond to these challenges.

The goal in Arkansas for the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions is \$35,000. This is a challenging goal, yet it is not out of the reach of Arkansas Baptists. If the work of home missions is properly presented and emphasized in each of our churches, there is no doubt but that this goal will be reached. Everyone who makes an offering in the interest of home missions will have a part in the great work that the Home Mission Board is promoting throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Let us answer this challenge and raise this goal. We can do it if we have a mind to.

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Think magazine lists five former Presidents of the United States who rate the title: "From Log Cabin to White House," William Henry Harrison; James Buchanan; Abe Lincoln; Andrew Jackson; and James A. Garfield were all born in a log cabin.

by an overbearing attitude it can take what it wants regardless of ownership, it is likely to grow into adulthood with the same attitude.

If parents are not held responsible for the delinquency of their children, then who is to bear the responsibility?

Kingdom Progress

California Pastor From Arkansas



W. W. DAVIS

W. W. Davis, a native of Arkansas, has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Quincy, California. Mr. Davis was reared at Magazine, and is the son of Mr. R. L. Davis.

He will graduate from the Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., this spring with the BD degree. He received his B. A. degree from the Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, in 1949. For the past three years, in conjunction with this seminary work, he has been the pastor of East Foot-hills Church, San Jose, Calif.

Mrs. Davis is the former Miss Pauline Moon. The Davises have four children, Paralee, Labon, Jerry, and Kathy.

Chaplain Charles W. Finch, State Sanatorium, says: "Brother Davis was converted while I was pastor of the Magazine church, and I know him to be a wonderful man."

New Church Organized

The Immanuel Baptist Church was organized in Paragould Sunday afternoon, February 20.

The church was organized from the South Side Chapel sponsored by the First Church of Paragould. Jarry Autrey is pastor of the First Church.

The new church adopted a budget of \$5,710 which includes ten percent for the Cooperative Program and \$120 per year for associational missions. One hundred twenty members were received into the fellowship of the church upon its organization. Emmett Pipkins, who was the mission pastor, was called to the pastorate of the new church.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, delivered the organization message in the afternoon. He also preached in the morning worship service.

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"A false witness shall not be unpunished." Prov. 19:9.

"Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, He shall save thee." Prov. 20:22.

University Church, Fayetteville, Progresses

University Church, Fayetteville, has shown considerable progress in the last few months under the leadership of Pastor Walter L. Johnson.

The increasing Sunday school attendance has made more space necessary and nine Sunday school classrooms are being added through folding doors and partitions. The present Sunday school enrolment is 325; Training Union, 199.

New office equipment has been purchased, and a 4x8 ft. sign is being installed on the church building. The approximate value of equipment has reached \$100,000 since the church was organized almost two years ago.

Plans are under way for the removal of two to three thousand cubic yards of dirt in preparing the church lot of almost two acres for future building and parking areas.

Pastor Johnson states: "According to the latest Year Book, the average Sunday school enrolment in Southern Baptist churches is a number equivalent to 73 per cent of the church membership. University Church has 123 per cent or one and two-thirds times the average. The average Training Union enrolment is 24 per cent of the church membership; the University Church has 76 per cent, over three times the average. Also, the average number of tithers in Southern Baptist churches is ten per cent; University Church has 43 per cent; the average per capita gifts in the Southland is approximately \$35; the University Church had \$102 the last associational year.

"The fellowship of the congregation is unusual. There has never been a contrary vote in a general business meeting of the church. Prospects are exceptionally bright for the future."

New Pastor At Mill Creek

Lonnie Simpson is the new pastor at the Mill Creek Church, Central Association. Under the leadership of Pastor Simpson the church has taken on new life with eight additions to the church, a new Sunday school class organized, and a Training Union Department organized.

Examining the records the church discovered that it had sent nothing to the Cooperative Program during the past two years. The church has voted now to send ten per cent of its budget to the Cooperative Program.

Bedford Jackson Becomes Associational Missionary

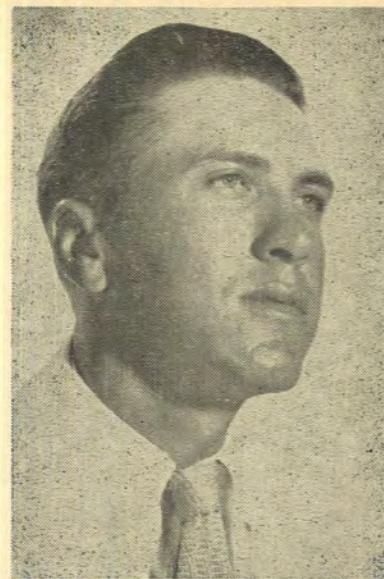
Bedford Jackson accepted the call of Carroll County Association to become associational missionary and assumed his responsibilities, February 1.

Mr. Jackson is a native of Arkansas and is a graduate of Ouachita College. He comes to his new position from Fort Worth, Texas, where he attended the Southwestern Seminary.

While a student in Ouachita College, Mr. Jackson served as pastor of the Beirne Church.

Mrs. Jackson is also a native of Arkansas and attended Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary.

Minister Ordained



ARTHUR MIDDLETON

On February 13, Arthur Middleton, a student at Ouachita College, was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Central Church, Bald Knob.

Pastor Reece Howard of the First Church, Beebe, conducted the examination; Pastor W. R. Woodell of the First Church, Judsonia, offered the ordination prayer; Pastor Allen McCurry of the Second Church, Searcy, delivered the ordination sermon.

Mr. Middleton delivered the sermon at the Sunday evening service at the Central Church, Bald Knob. He has been called to the pastorate of the church at Story for half time.

V. E. Defreece is pastor of the Bald Knob church.

New Church Organized

Neals Chapel Church near Osceola was organized Sunday afternoon, February 20.

Neals Chapel Church was formerly the Bondville Mission of the First Church, Osceola. The church covenant and declaration were included in the bylaws adopted by the new church. There were 24 charter members. It was agreed two weeks would be allowed for others who might become charter members. J. W. Gibbs of Keo, a student at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, is the pastor of the new church.

The organization council consisted of Dr. Percy F. Herring, pastor of First Church, Osceola, James E. Rihard, pastor at Luxora, Associational Missionary John Gearing, Mississippi County Association, Pastor Thomas Bray, Black Water Church, and Deacon D. R. Holmes of Lepanto.

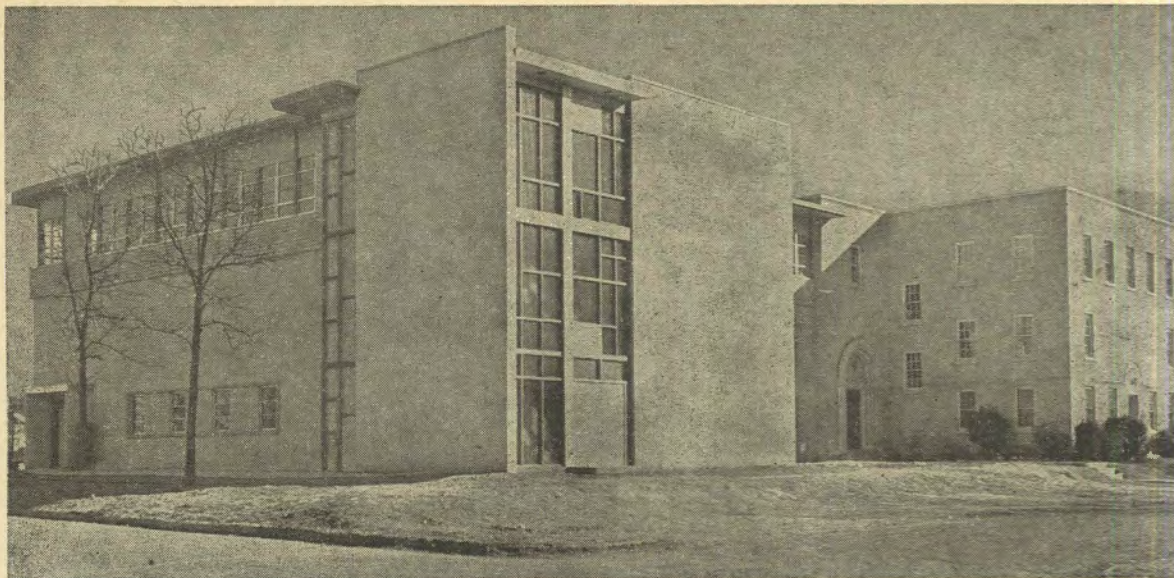
Wedding Bells

His friends in Arkansas will receive the news with appreciation — Pastor Joe Shaver of the Avondale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, will be married on May 14, to Miss Martha Jeanne Perkinson of Chattanooga.

Pastor Shaver is a graduate of Ouachita College and the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth. He has held many revival meetings in Arkansas and was at one time pastor of First Church, Batesville. He is beginning his third year as pastor of the Avondale Church.

Miss Perkinson is a graduate of the University of Chattanooga and attended graduate school at Peabody College, Nashville. At present she is a member of the John A. Pat-ten School, Chattanooga.

Seven Fruitful Years—Prologue to Radiant Future



Park Hill Church, North Little Rock



PASTOR R. L. SOUTH

The Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, observed the formal opening of their new building February 27. The new structure provides an auditorium and additional educational space. It is valued at \$150,000.

On March 25, 1947, a group of interested Baptists met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Satterfield, 321 Ark-Mo Highway, with the forethought of becoming a Baptist church. After much thought and planning and prayer, on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1947, some forty-seven Baptists met and organized a Baptist church in the Park Hill School. Thus was the very beginning of the Park Hill Church.

This original group of forty-seven worked long and hard showing much faith in the Lord and for His work. In May, 1947, this group called as their first pastor the one who had worked with them in organizing the church, Rev. Taylor Stanfill. Soon, lots at "D" and Pine Streets were purchased, and on these lots was established a little white building favorably called "The Prayer Room." It was from this room that much

work, thought, and prayer continued the progress of the Park Hill Church.

Since these first days the church's growth has been phenomenal. The original forty-seven have grown to nearly six hundred. The first budget of approximately \$17,000 has multiplied itself until the membership will give in excess of \$70,000 this year.

Strategically located in one of the most desirable housing areas of Greater Little Rock, the outreach of the church has greatly expanded. To meet its increasing responsibilities, the facilities have been enlarged. The first white frame building still stands snug against a three-story brick building completed in 1948 at a cost of \$84,217. A large two-story brick home and three additional lots were secured in 1950 at a cost of \$17,935. All this property and equipment were debt free until encumbered to build our present new building.

In January 1952, the church called as its second pastor, Rheubin L. South of Portales, New Mexico. Under his leadership the church has continued to grow. In the Spring of 1952, as the church continued its growth, a beauti-

ful new parsonage at 1613 East 31st Street, and valued at \$18,000 was built. With new homes being built by the dozens in Park Hill and Lakewood, the future of the church looks brighter than its glorious past. The new Little Rock Air Force Base is expected to add more families to the area. The realization came to the people of the church that the church staff and facilities should progress with the community. A full time church secretary was added and later came a part time church dietitian, and three part time nursery attendants. In May of 1952 a minister of education was called and added to the staff. He was Robert L. McKee of Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Then again came the need for more space, and in the spring of 1953 a building committee was appointed to study the need and recommend a building program. Thus on February 27, 1955, the church entered the new sanctuary and educational space valued at \$150,000.

With the addition of the new structure, the total church property is now valued at approximately \$300,000.

—Robert L. McKee

Message From Pusan, Korea

Missionary Rex Ray states that after March 31, 1955, American civilians in Pusan will no longer have the benefits of the Army post office. After that date mail addressed to Missionary Ray or other civilian personnel should be addressed APO 59, San Francisco, California. Postal rates are: Letters by ordinary mail, 8 cents; air mail letters, 25 cents; air letter sheets, 10 cents. These air letter sheets can be bought at the post office.

Missionary Ray says he has just finished delivering ten truckloads of relief clothing, driving over 5,000 miles to do so.

Last June saw the beginning of the erection of the Baptist hospital in Pusan, the first Baptist hospital in Korea. The hospital is still under construction at this time. He does not state when it is expected to be completed.

"That Book, Sir, is the rock on which this republic rests."

—Andrew Jackson.

Lepanto Church Makes Progress

February 13 marked the first anniversary for R. B. Crofts as pastor of the Lepanto Church, Trinity Association. During the year a new record system for Sunday school and Training Union was set in operation. A young people's department and two adult classes were added to the Sunday school.

New office furniture was purchased for the pastor's study. The church building was redecorated and a cooling system was installed in the church auditorium. The pastor's home was redecorated.

The Lepanto Church is now in a church Survey Program, directed by Amos Greer of Paragould.

—E. C. Cloud, Associational Missionary
Trinity Association.

You will never be more than second rate until God rates first in your life.

—Austin Ingram

Mission Stimulates Sponsoring Church

The First Church of Manila established a mission January 1, and called J. M. Wilkerson as associate pastor to Guy D. Magee.

The mission was started with 80 in attendance in Sunday school the first Sunday. It has grown to 104 in these few weeks. The Training Union has grown from 70 to 90 in attendance.

Pastor Magee states that "people are being saved at almost every service." He continues, "The spirit at the mission is so great that it has given new life to the home church, causing us to have from one to five additions and conversions at every service. Our people say, 'We never dreamed a mission would do so much for us at home.'"

"For believers in Christ, diseases and mental suffering do indeed still continue, but not as punishments, but to discipline them for their God."

—Broadus.



By Religious News Service

Quebec Legislature Defends Protestant Minority Rights

For the second time, the Quebec legislature rejected a bid by the Benedictines of St. Benoit du Lac to expropriate land surrounding their monastery. The land is owned mostly by Protestants.

Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec declared that the proposal of the Roman Catholic order to take over land in the adjoining municipality of St. Austin would "infringe on the rights of a minority."

"If this bill was approved," he said, "it would mean in effect that not only would some property be expropriated but other property would become part of the privately-operated municipality which is owned and governed by the Benedictine Fathers. These people would be subject to the rules and regulations laid down by the abbey.

"Such a situation would be intolerable and could not be sanctioned by the legislature.

"In the Province of Quebec we have a long-established tradition that here those of the minority are assured that their rights will be respected."

Soviet Zone Government Approves Atheism Program

East German Communist government leaders have approved a program to promote materialism and atheism among young people this year.

The program, adopted by the Ministers' Council of the Soviet Zone, calls for more lectures and discussion groups at youth centers under the auspices of the "Society for the Spreading of Scientific Knowledge," an agency for furthering atheism.

The Council also announced the publication of some 90 "popular-scientific" booklets of a materialistic and atheistic character.

The government program is in line with a new anti-religion drive of the Communist Free German Youth organization intended "to provide youth with a scientific picture of the world free of superstition and unscientific views."

Churchmen Differ On Dr. Peale's 'Positive Thinking' Emphasis

A Protestant educator said that he took a "negative" view of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's emphasis upon "positive thinking."

Dr. Paul Calvin Payne, chairman of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, criticized what he described as the "easy optimistic sentiments" expressed by Dr. Peale, author of the best seller "The Power of Positive Thinking."

According to Dr. Payne, who also is general secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., Christianity requires "heroic commitment to great causes and ideas."

Dr. Peale, who is pastor of Marble Collegiate Church in New York, also emphasizes "positive thinking" in his sermons to packed congregations, and in his weekly radio and television shows which are heard and seen by millions.

His thesis, essentially, is that a simple but sincere belief in the power of God and the efficacy of prayer can improve an individual's earthly lot.

Dr. Payne's criticism of Dr. Peale was

made during a press interview at the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education. It highlighted a controversy over Dr. Peale's ministry which has been growing in Protestant circles for some months.

A defense of this ministry was offered by Dr. S. Franklin Mack, executive director of the National Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission, which sponsors Dr. Peale's television program, "What's Your Trouble" and his radio network program, "The Art of Living."

Mackay Challenges Nixon Statement On Catholic Church

Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, challenged Vice President Richard M. Nixon's recent statement that the Roman Catholic Church was "one of the major bulwarks against Communism and totalitarian ideas."

"In charity, but with candor and at the risk of being termed a bigot," Dr. Mackay said, "I am compelled sorrowfully to say that the exact opposite is true."

Mr. Nixon made his observation on the Catholic Church in a conference in Guatemala City with Archbishop Mariano Rossell y Arellano of Guatemala.

Dr. Mackay's address was delivered to the meeting of the North American Area Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance of which he is president.

"Two decades ago," he said, "the Roman Catholic Church made concordats with the totalitarian rulers of Italy and Germany, Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler. Today the Roman Catholic Church has a concordat with, and is the chief supporter of, Francisco Franco, the totalitarian ruler of Spain and the most hated man in Spanish history."

"It also is a painful fact," Dr. Mackay continued, "that those Latin countries where the Roman Catholic Church has been the predominant religious influence have been breeding grounds for Communism. This is true of Italy; it is particularly true of lands in Latin America."

Graham Group Relays 'Conscience Money' to Store

Lou Oppenheim, member of a local family that has operated The Parisian Store in Jackson, Miss., for over a quarter century, has received \$990 in "conscience money" from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

The money had been sent to the Association's Minneapolis, Minn., headquarters in an envelope bearing a Jackson, Miss., postmark along with a pencilled note saying it had been taken years ago from The Parisian Store.

The Billy Graham evangelistic team conducted a religious revival campaign in Jackson in 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilson of Granite Falls, Minn., parents of the association's business manager George Wilson, delivered the money to Mr. Oppenheim in response to a request from their son who said it was the largest amount of "conscience money" ever received by the Billy Graham group.

Mr. Oppenheim announced he would turn half the sum back to the evangelistic organization and half to a local charity.

A Smile or Two

A soldier was in the hospital with a fractured thigh, and a weight had been attached to one leg to prevent its becoming shorter than the other. Under the doctor's direction, one orderly took the patient by the leg and another by the shoulders and pulled the fracture into position. With the cold sweat of agony on his brow, the sufferer looked up and remarked:

"If you can't decide which one is entitled to me, couldn't you draw straws for it?"

As the railroad train was stopping, an old lady, unaccustomed to traveling, hailing the passing conductor, asked:

"Conductor, what door shall I get out by?"

"Either door, ma'am," he graciously answered. "The car stops at both ends."

A man returned home one evening to find his wife somewhat perturbed, and, when he inquired the reason for her uneasiness, she told him she had lost their marriage certificate.

"Never mind," said the husband reassuringly, "any of those receipted millinery bills will do for substitute proof."

Mr. Diggs, having just purchased his first car, desired to obtain the services of a competent chauffeur. He rejected several applicants, but as the last man who presented himself seemed satisfactory, he engaged him and remarked:

"You understand, of course, that I want a chauffeur who is absolutely honest."

"You may think so now," said the man with a grin, "but you won't after you have paid a few fines."

They had just come from watching the Falls at Niagara and were returning to their hotel when the bride sighed and remarked:

"Just think of it, Henry dear! Fifty years from yesterday will be our golden anniversary!"

A member of the board of trustees was speaking to some school children in an Ohio town.

"My young friends," said he, "let me urge upon you the necessity not only of reading good books, but also of owning them, so that you may have access to them at all times. When I was a youth I used to frequently work all night to earn money to buy books, and then get up before daylight to read them!"

An attorney, in arguing a complicated case, had looked up authorities dating back to Julius Caesar and had consumed more than an hour in the most intricate part of his plea when he was pained to observe inattention of the bench. It was as he had feared, — His Honor was unable to appreciate the nice points of the argument.

"Begging Your Honor's pardon," said he, "but do you follow me?"

The judge shifted uneasily in his chair. "I have so far," he answered, "but I'll say frankly, Mr. Jones, if I thought I could find my way back, I'd quit right here."

REVELATION!

Someone has discovered the reason some children are spoiled; "You can't spank their Grandmother."

—Borrowed

James R. Bryant To Head Virginia Foundation

James R. Bryant, former executive secretary of Virginia Baptists, has accepted the position of executive secretary of the reorganized Virginia Baptist Foundation.

Newman Named Prexy Of Texas Baptist College

Guy D. Newman, Waco, Tex. will become president of Howard Payne College June 1, 1955. He will succeed Thomas H. Taylor who will retire in July. Newman is promotional vice-president of Baylor University in Waco.

Oklahoma Baptists Dedicate New Building

One new building will be dedicated and ground broken for another at Oklahoma Baptist University, during the second annual Oklahoma Christian Education Convention on February 22.

The recently completed \$600,000 Thurmond Science hall will be dedicated and ground breaking services will be held for the Mrs. W. S. Kerr Memorial dormitory for women.

Grand Canyon College President Named

Loyed R. Simmons, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz. was elected president of Grand Canyon College in Phoenix. Announcement of Simmons election was made by Vernon Shipp, chairman of the Baptist college's board of trustees. Simmons will assume his duties April 15.

Using Educational Workers In Simultaneous Crusade

Just ahead is one of the great events in our Southern Baptist calendar — the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. By now most of the churches have arranged for someone to do the preaching — the pastor or a visiting minister. Southern Seminary is omitting classes on April 9 and the week following in order that faculty and students may take part in the Crusade.

The availability and value of ministers of education and ministers of music should not be overlooked. The leader of music is almost as necessary to the success of a series of evangelistic meetings as is the preacher. The educational director is also an exceedingly important member of the evangelistic team. He knows how to organize and direct personal workers. He is skilled in the art of visitation. He understands the place of the Sunday school in evangelism and how to utilize it in bringing people to decision. He is himself an effective soul-winner.

Looking through the eyes of the educator, the educational director sees clearly the imperative necessity of following baptism with a constructive program of membership conservation. He can do much to meet the objection that revival evangelism sometimes adds numbers without adding faithful and fruitful members.

Men and women in the School of Religious Education of Southern Seminary are well equipped to render capable service as members of the evangelistic team in your church. A note of inquiry addressed to the dean of the School of Religious Education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will receive immediate attention and perhaps result in bringing to your church the services of these devoted and zealous young people who must not be left out.

—Gaines S. Dobbins

Change of Arizona Budget Will Be Recommended

Simplification of the percentage of division of the Cooperative Program funds for Arizona Baptists will be proposed for 1956, according to C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Ariz., chairman of the Executive Committee of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

The Executive Committee will recommend to the executive board that next year the state convention budget be divided on a straight percentage basis without any deductions or preferred items beforehand.

At present the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention receives 32 per cent of all undesignated money from the churches after the expenses of administration, Woman's Missionary Union, Relief and Annuity Board, and promotion expenses are deducted.

Also at present Grand Canyon College receives 27 per cent of all undesignated money from the churches after the expense of administration, the Baptist Beacon, and Baptist Foundation are deducted.

In making the announcement of the recommended change, Rock states that there has been a rising demand that the Convention return to a straight percentage division of Cooperative Program funds without any deductions before the division.

Executive Committeeman Named Man of Year

L. M. Smith, president of the Alabama Power Company, and member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention was named Birmingham's Man of the Year for 1954.

The power company head was chosen from a group of twenty-one nominees for the honor awarded each year by the Young Men's Business Club of Birmingham.

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Formosa Missionaries Undisturbed

Southern Baptist missionaries on Formosa report that their work is undisturbed by activities on the outer islands near by and that, among the missionaries, there is no tension about the situation. Opportunities were never better for mission work on Formosa than at present.

Dr. Cauthen says: "Missionaries in areas of unrest go right ahead with their work, even when there are disquieting developments on the national front where they work. Often the situation on the spot is very different from the impression left by newspaper reports."

Southern Baptists have 30 missionaries on Formosa. The 11 Baptist churches and 23 chapels are served by six missionary and two national pastors. The Baptist Seminary, Taipei, will graduate a class of 20 this spring.

Loan Fund Plans To Be Accelerated

A three-man committee from the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, met in Atlanta, Ga., February 11, with representatives from the Home Mission Board to discuss how the Home Board Church Loan Fund program can be accelerated and implemented.

The committee, appointed at the request of the Home Mission Board, is composed of M. H. Mabry, Tampa, Fla.; Charles Bowles, Birmingham, Ala.; and A. Barnum Hawkes, Waycross, Ga.



Denominational Calendar

March Emphases

Evangelism
Home Missions

March Activity:

Training Union Study Course

- 6-12: Baptist Hospital Revival, Little Rock
- 7-11: Religious Focus Week, Ouachita College
- 8- : Pastor's Conference, Southern Seminary
- 11-12: Training Union Convention, First Church, Little Rock
- 15-16: Annual Board meeting Southern Seminary
- 16-18: W.M.U. Annual Convention, Immanuel Church, Little Rock
- 20: Associational Music Rally for Revival Crusade, Central Zone
- 21-25: Regional Vacation Bible School Conferences
- 25-26: Youth and Junior Choir Festival, Immanuel Church, Little Rock
- 27: Sunday school offering for Home and Foreign Missions
- 27-April 10: Simultaneous Crusade, Central Zone
- 30-A. 1: Layne Lectures, New Orleans Seminary.

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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Mad Husband

Question: We are a family of five, my husband, my two daughters, my son and I. All of us are members of the church and work in the church. To everyone outside our home my husband is nice. But at home he is awful. He curses, nags, calls me names. Now the children are taking up the habit.

We have been married eighteen years and he says that he is trying to run me off, that he is tired of supporting me. What can I do? Should I divorce him? Several times he has rededicated his life but he has not changed.

Answer: No, I would not divorce him. Not unless the situation becomes entirely unbearable.

You and your husband ought to sit down with some pastor or marriage counselor and see why he is so threatened by you. A part of the trouble may be your fault. Do you try to dominate him? Do you make him feel guilty? Do you threaten his manhood? This man is suffering and needs help from some outsider who will help him to work through his hostility.

You would be surprised what goes on behind the closed doors of some so-called Christian homes. But it is wrong. If a man cannot be Christian at home he lacks something that a Christian ought to have.

However, I had rather have a husband who expresses his hostility through words than one who expresses it through drink, or immorality, or through coldness. At least, he is honest. He really hates you. Perhaps he is like the man who bragged that he had an even temper; he stayed mad all the time.

Love this man. Pray for him, like Christ said. Do not return his hate. You may win. (Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri)

An Open Letter to Arkansas Baptists

I want to register a friendly protest to a recent trend in the procedure of meetings of our Arkansas Baptist Executive Board. I refer to "executive sessions" or closed sessions of the board. I presume it is at least a "trend" when it has happened more than once recently and when some members say they think it would be a good thing to do regularly.

I know the board is competent to fulfill its own function and business without the presence of visitors. I doubt if it can properly function without the presence of the denominational and institutional leaders.

Naturally, there are reasons for closed sessions. Two reasons have been offered. First, it saves time. "Outsiders want to talk and they talk too long", is reasonable complaint. Yet, time saved could mean counsel lost. Time for visitors' speeches could be limited, much as it is in our conventions.

Second, "it offers more freedom and less embarrassment in discussion when department heads are not present". I am sure the presence of an individual being criticized with constructive criticism would "temper down" one's remarks. I think that is good. If it is not worthy of being offered face to face and in a spirit of love, it is not worthy.

Let me offer now some reasons why Baptist business meetings should always be open.

First, Baptist principles based on New Testament doctrine concerning democratic government and the competency and dignity of the individual are violated in closed meetings. The average Baptist doesn't care to attend executive board meetings, but tell him he can't and you'll have a storm of protest.

Second, Baptist government as well as its message on regeneration and righteousness should be a perfect example to the world. How can a preacher preach on freedom and against secret sessions in civil government if we practice closed sessions in our own business?

Third, Baptists have no secrets.

Fourth, closed sessions are not necessary.

Fifth, closed doors become open doors to criticism and suspicion.

Sixth, closed doors create uneasiness and unrest among the "paid workers". These men are more than "hired hands". They are men "called of God" to their tasks. They should be present to know how and why their policies and budgets are regulated.

Seventh: all churches have the same spiritual compulsion for giving money to cooperative missions. It seems "unethical" to close the meetings that handle that money.

I ask every pastor to reread this letter in the light of his body of deacons calling an executive session on him frequently, or even once!

In conclusion, we can find two good examples of "open meetings". Jesus seldom criticized. When he did, it was with an aim to be helpful, even if in harsh language. He never called a closed session of his disciples to criticize. Paul withstood Peter, not in a closed session, but to the face.

So again I repeat, this is a friendly protest. We need to learn how to criticize constructively — to give it, to take it, and to love God and our fellow workers in all our business.

Lawson Hatfield

Called To Preach

Recently my righteous indignation was aroused by an article I read in one of our leading southern newspapers. The article was written concerning the 20,000,000 dollars recently given by John D. Rockefeller Jr. to further the cause of education for Protestant ministers. This statement was made by the writer, "I take it, this means the end of the era when men preached if they felt 'the call'. Let us hope so."

Christian education is a wonderful thing, and no doubt the writer of this article was trying to emphasize the importance of it. We are never to disregard the admonition of Paul to young Timothy to, "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." This exhortation is just as timely today as it was 1900 years ago, but education will never make unnecessary the call of God. To me it would be infinitely better to have God-called, uneducated men preaching than great intellects that had not felt the hand of God on their lives. Peter and John were considered ignorant by some, but certainly made an impression on the hearts of those that heard them speak. "And when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

It seems to be rather old fashioned now a days to speak of the call to preach. But then a lot of biblical truths have become antiquated to some — such as the blood atonement and the second coming of Christ. When we speak of being called into God's work we may be old fashioned, but to the same degree the Bible is an old fashioned book. It is

exceedingly hard, in either the Old or New Testaments to find one who went forth to preach that did not feel that God was compelling him to do so. To Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, in fact all the prophets, the Lord's call was one of the most vivid realities of life. Amos described his call in this manner, "The lion hath roared . . . the Lord hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" Paul had but one explanation for a man going forth as a herald of the Good News — the Lord had sent him (Romans 10:15).

God has always taken the initiative. He does the selecting and calling of His ministers. My prayer is that the era, when men preached because they felt called of God to do so, is not coming to a close!

—James L. Pleitz

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Minister Ordained

Vincent C. Thacker was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Harmony Church, Charleston, February 13.

Pastor D. O. Stuckey served as moderator and conducted the examination; A. H. Manes, pastor at Magazine, served as clerk; T. M. McClain, pastor of Spradling Church, Fort Smith, delivered the charge; H. H. Combs, pastor of Fort Smith's East Side Church, presented the Bible; R. P. Davis, pastor at Bloomer, offered the ordination prayer; and the ordination sermon was delivered by Pastor Stuckey.

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Life is like any other trip. Half of the fun depends on the traveling companions.

—Quote

News From Ouachita

New Men's Dormitory

Preliminary approval by the lending agency of a \$300,000 loan to erect a new men's dormitory at Ouachita college has been given, according to word received by President R. A. Phelps, Jr.

Reservation of funds for the project has been announced by the Housing and Home Finance Agency's regional office in Fort Worth. This means that funds will be held in reserve until plans and legal exhibits are submitted for final approval, it was pointed out.

President Phelps indicated that the college plans to move forward as rapidly as possible now so that the building will be ready for occupancy sometime during the fall semester of 1955.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention, owner of the college, approved the project at the body's state convention in November.

The new dormitory will house 100 men and a resident counselor. It will be three stories high, of modern design, and will have a red brick exterior to match other buildings on the campus.

President Phelps stated that plans call for the building to be situated on the site of the old Wallis hall, recently razed. It will be located so that it will overlook the Ouachita river, which skirts the edge of the campus.

New Catalogue

The 1954-1955 issue of the Ouachita college catalogue is now in the final editing stages. Dr. H. Preston James has announced. The date of delivery is expected to be between March 15 and April 1.

The organization of the new catalogue will differ from that of previous catalogues and the cover will also be changed, Dr. James indicated.

Several course offerings have been opened allowing students to get areas of concentration in more departments such as journalism, economics, art and French. Also, more courses in philosophy will be offered.

Religious Emphasis Week

Religious Emphasis Week will be held at Ouachita college March 7-11.

Paul Ragland and John Floyd, co-chairmen of the planning committee, have announced that the visiting speakers will be ministers Browning Ware and Dr. Gerald Smith, and Dale Dunn, singer.

Religious Emphasis Week will be highlighted with five morning and four evening services. Committees have been appointed for all phases of work and are working on their various assignments.

Business Majors on Field Study

Twelve Ouachita college business majors and their sponsor will leave for a field study of several firms in the Houston, Texas area, it was announced by Miss Betty Orr, instructor of secretarial science.

Those making the trip include Jeanette Golden and Eugene Merritt of Arkadelphia, Lou Etta Smith of Brinkley, Elinor Sanderson of Mena, Mildred Glover, Duane James and Pete Fulford all from Little Rock, Carroll Hodges of San Lorenzo, Cal., Charles Baker of Gassville, James Cheshier of Monticello, Frank Burton of Norphlet and Billie Joe Hogue of Bauxite.

Those Rotten Southern Baptists

By B. J. MURRIE

Saying that Southern Baptists are "rotten to the core" is the method used to separate Baptist churches from their denomination. This was the charge made by Rev. Samuel H. W. Johnson against Southern Baptists in the North Rocky Mount Baptist Church, North Carolina. The church voted to withdraw from the Convention. The same statement, in substance, was made in Illinois, which resulted in the Holts Prairie Baptist Church withdrawing from the Nine Mile Association, the State Association, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Let's see how rotten Southern Baptists are.

This means that every class officer, Training Union Leader, and every person who goes to a Sunday school, or attends any Baptist church in any capacity is rotten. Southern Baptists are organized. They are organized down to every local church, department, and class. This is what makes them grow. They are so rotten that they are the "fastest growing denomination in the United States."

Honest Confession

They now have 8,182,305 persons who voluntarily made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, asked for church membership, and have been baptized. There is not a proxy baptism in the whole 8,000,000. They all claim to be rotten at the core, repented of their sins and made a profession of faith. Not one of them, so far as we have been able to find out, claims to be perfect or without sin.

Those rotten Southern Baptists won and baptized 396,757 persons to the Lord last year, which is a gain of 9.7 per cent. Last year, with all their rottenness, they increased their Sunday school enrolment more than 600,000 until it reached 6,372,318.

Those bad Southern Baptists gained 403 churches last year and the 29,899 churches gave \$305,573,654 of filthy lucre to the Lord, of which \$53,926,157 was given to preach the gospel outside the local churches. Their Vacation Bible Schools were so bad that they had 2,570,290 persons in them, of which 48,038 were led to the Lord. Those rotten Southern Baptists now have \$1,075,761,138 in church property, which is a gain of \$55,256,924 over last year.

Those Southern Baptists are so bad that they have spread like wild onions and have co-operating churches in 35 states, Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada. They have become worse since 1944 when they had 5,667,926 in their membership. That means that there are now 44 per cent more bad Southern Baptists than there were in 1944. The Sunday school is 89 per cent, and the Training Union 173 per cent worse off than they were in 1944 in number. Their badness sure is spreading.

Like Naughty Children

Those churches are so bad that they go out and call their own pastors without consulting any Bishop, Archbishop, Pope, or anybody else. Like naughty children, they do just as they please. They run their own business, decide how much money they will give to any cause, and where. They even elect their own members to go to the Local Association, State Association, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Their elected messengers carry on the business, and when they get back home the churches don't have to do a thing that their own messengers voted. The churches are so free that they can do as they please. This is a rotten set-up in the eyes of the world, some church groups, and all would-be church bosses and dictators. It keeps them

from running things.

Those rotten Southern Baptists took care of 5,588 homeless children in their orphanages last year at a cost of \$4,600,000. Their 29 rotten hospitals took care of 22,853 charity patients who couldn't take care of themselves. They spent \$2,760,723 on these poor, unfortunate people. More than 8,000 Negroes, 96,000 people from other denominations, and 23,000 non-church members were given treatment in the hospitals owned by these bad Southern Baptists. More than 55,000 young men and women attended schools which these bad Southern Baptists provided. Some 7,000 are preachers and missionaries who are going to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Cardinal Doctrine

All these Southern Baptists claimed to be sinners saved by grace. None of them claim they or the church saved them. They claim their sins are under the blood of Christ. The only perfection they claim is in the meritorious work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Their perfection is in Him. It is through His blood that they are saved from the punishment of sin, the power of sin, and eventually from the presence of sin.

Yes, Southern Baptists admit they are rotten to the core. That is one of their cardinal doctrines. Their only hope of perfection is in Christ Jesus. No real Southern Baptist will belittle our sins and imperfections. We would not magnify them either, but we would pray that we shall be more like Christ. With all our imperfections, we are still winning more people to Christ than anybody else, and pray that we shall do a better job in the years ahead than we have done in the past.

—The Illinois Baptist

Praise The Lord for Our Problems

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Southern Baptists face so many problems we should shout and praise the Lord. Most of the time when problems are mentioned it is time for sadness rather than rejoicing. But not so in our case!

Most of the problems facing Southern Baptists and many of our churches are caused because God is being so good to us. For one thing Southern Baptists constitute one of the fastest growing denominations in the history of the Christian religion. Rapid growth always produces "growing pains" and causes situations for adjustment to arise. Adjustment of plans and policies always is problematical.

We know of scarcely one church in the western part of the United States that does not face a serious building problem. There is only one thing that causes this problem and that is people. We thank God for the building programs facing our churches. We would have cause for alarm sure enough if we had half-filled churches and had to shut down churches as some other groups have been known to do.

God in honoring the Southern Baptist witness to His gospel in such a way as to cause us missionary and financial problems, building fund problems, leadership training problems, doctrinal problems, stewardship problems, Christian education problems, Christian life problems, fellowship problems, and others. We have no complaint. We would not

evade our problems, and we would not shift them to other shoulders. Rather we thank God for counting us worthy of His blessings, and we pray for His guidance as we seek solutions.

—Baptist Beacon

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Book Review

A Church Revival

Author, C. E. Matthews

Broadman Press

This book should be studied in every Baptist church prior to the Evangelistic Crusade in the spring. It is a Training Union study course book for which credit will be given. Following are the contents:

- I. The Origin of the Church
- II. Christ's Purpose for His Church
- III. Planning a Church revival
- IV. Preparation for a Church Revival
- V. Performance in a Revival
- VI. Using Church Organizations the First Week of the Revival
- VII. Using the Organizations the Second Week of the Revival
- VIII. Conserving the Results of Evangelism.

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"I do not ask to see the distant scene, one step is enough for me."

New Churches In Ohio

In January 1953, the First Baptist Church of Athens, Ohio, was organized with 21 members. Within a few months a mission was started under the sponsorship of the Athens church at Waverly, Ohio. At first having services on Sunday afternoon with the pastor going over from Athens, and later securing a mission pastor with full-time services. In February 1954, the mission was organized into the First Baptist Church of Waverly.

In June 1954, Waverly Church adopted a mission in Chillicothe, Ohio, which they had assisted the missionary in starting and in July, 1954, likewise adopted a mission which they had helped start in Piketon, Ohio. January 9, 1955, the mission at Piketon was organized into the Calvary Baptist Church. The mission in Chillicothe was organized into the Chillicothe Baptist Church four days later, on January 13, 1955.

The members at First Baptist Church in Athens and their pastor, John I. Snedden, swell with pride when they "show off" their healthy grandchildren, one with 160 members, the other with 70.

—Ray E. Roberts,
Executive Secretary of
State Convention of Baptists
in Ohio

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"Purity of life and motive is basic in world service. The pure in heart see God. It is the clean heart that creates a clear mind."

—Gordon Palmer.

Hear Outstanding Speakers

Among the attractive guest speakers for the Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union will be two young students who through God's providence were reached by the ministry of Southern Baptist missionaries in their native lands. One is Miss Camie Jay, born of Chinese parents in San Andres Island, now a student at Howard Payne College, Greenwood, Texas. The other is Mr. Ghazi Sakran of Nazareth. Their stories are fascinating, challenging, proof of the divine plan of reaching the unreached, and of His care of those who will prove His promises. They will both speak on the opening evening, Wednesday, March 16.



MISS CAMIE JAY

young people and adults will participate in this presentation.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. W. C. Tyler, esteemed by many to be the "golden hearted speaker

among Southern Baptist women," will challenge her listeners to personal soul-winning efforts. Mrs. Tyler is recording secretary of Southern Woman's Missionary Union and teacher of Bible at Blue Mountain College, Mississippi.

Other speakers will include Miss Margaret Bruce, convention-wide WMU secretary of Youth Work; Mrs. Ernest Lee Holloway (nee Ida Nelle Daily of Arkadelphia), Japan; Mrs. Ira Marks, missionary to Mormons of Utah; Dr. Clyde Hart, Director of Negro Work in Arkansas; Mrs. J. E. Berry, El Dorado; Mrs. James Street, Conway. Every session demands attendance of every member of Woman's Missionary Union. Remember the special meals and

that reservations for banquets must be sent to State WMU Office by March 10th; i.e. Young Woman's Auxiliary Banquet, March 16, and Business Woman's Circles Banquet, March 17. Both will be at Immanuel Church, will start at 5:30 o'clock, and will cost \$1.25 per plate.

On March 17 there will be three breakfasts at the Hotel Marion, 7:30 a.m.; cost \$1.12 per plate. They are for the following: Mission Study, Community Missions, workers with young people.

Remember!

ANNUAL MEETING ARKANSAS WMU

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Little Rock,
March 16-18

The Wagon's Leave Arkansas!

January 1st, 1953, marked the coming to Arkansas of two who left more than "footprints in the sands of time" when they moved from the "Wonder State" February 24, 1955. Only eternity can reveal the influence of the ministry of J. D. Wagon as he served more than two years as Associate Brotherhood Secretary in charge of Royal Ambassador work.

During his ministry and under his leadership the two organizations, Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union, pioneered in a cooperative effort to enlist boys in Kingdom service through Royal Ambassador work. The records speak for success, but the greatest victories cannot be measured by facts and figures — they never

can be in the Lord's work. Because he came lives have been enriched; ideals have been lifted; dedications have been made.

The work and life of J. D. Wagon cannot be considered apart from that of his fine wife, Marily, who not only is his help-meet, but shares as generously her talents and abilities. In addition to filling many places of responsibilities in her local church, Mrs. Wagon served on the Executive Board of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union as Member of the Advisory Board of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Arkansas has a peculiar claim on the Wagons for during their stay in our state little Miss Suzanne came to bless and brighten their home. So with them goes an "Arkansas Traveler" whom we hope will some day woo them back to her "native state."

Although their stay with us has been too brief, we wish them God-speed as Mr. Wagon becomes pastor of the Baptist Church at Taylor, Louisiana. He has been a genuine co-worker in all phases of Woman's Missionary Union, and we feel a keen loss in his going.

Woman's Missionary Union,
Nancy Cooper, Secretary.

Reflective Writing Trends

By LEWIS A. MYERS, Editor
Baptist New Mexican

It is an evil day when people quit writing in the deeper strains and become satisfied with the light and racy. Will you study these facts for a moment and in the light of what is reflected write the paper regarding your opinion on how to meet the situation?

- Articles submitted for publication, by daily average, run nine to one in favor of the field promotional type.
- Nine articles to one come from the pen of Southern Baptist secretaries.
- The one article of a non-promotional nature is usually a feature interpretive of some life factor, as for instance, "Sunlight and Shadows."
- Articles of an exegetical nature or those touching Bible interpretation run about one out of each twenty-five received.
- Of all the stories submitted voluntarily, pastors are the authors of about one out of fifty. If my New Mexico pastor-friends will permit this word, of the few preacher-written articles, less than 10 per cent are from the pens of local men.

What is reflected is multiple in its scope. Involved is the increasing difficulty of editing a balanced denominational magazine in this highly specialized age. Involved is the danger that a surfelting of the light and superficial may lead to a future generation of surface readers. Involved is the danger that there will ultimately be a minimized importance placed upon discussions of a scriptural and doctrinal nature.

Of course, we could be unduly

alarmed since direct effects are felt first and with constancy at the desk of an editor whose very "charge to keep" includes setting forth the truths, maintenance of the doctrines of our faith, defense of our liberties, definition of the spiritual in application to life, creation, and maintenance of unity, the propagation of truth and justice, and on ad finitum. These cannot be omitted and the future be the same with our denomination of tomorrow.

If we may suggest, there are too few religious leaders agreeable to assignments requiring researchful study. This attitude, we think, is due to the ever increasing organizational demands of the local fields, so far as ministers are concerned. When invitations for articles are addressed to them, they tell us that their activities are bounded by organization. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule and even the busiest of pastors and religious leaders find the time to produce Christian stories on request and without request.

In suggesting more stories of a researchful nature and more in a deeper strain of thought we do not depreciate the field stories. These we would like to receive in every mail. We appreciate the field secretaries and agency heads who take the time to prepare articles with care. We hope that they will keep up that good work. It isn't less of something that we are talking about as much as it is more of something. Intricacies of much organization and the neces-

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I walked up and down the aisle,
I notice your seat was vacant,"
Said the Master, with kindly smile.

"Yes, I was at home," I answered,
"Some folks from up Salem way
Drove down for a week-end visit,
So we stayed in the house all day."

Or, "I had an awful headache,"
"I had a roast in the pan,"
Or, "We overslept this morning,
But I go whenever I can."
The Master gazed at me sadly,
As He was about to speak,
"My child," He replied, "Are there

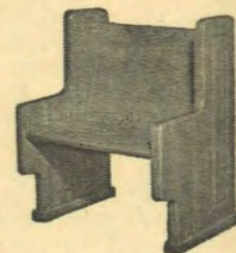
not
Six other days in the week?"
I saw I had grieved my Master,
As slowly He turned away,
And I vowed He'd not find me
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sities of much promotion demand much writing. The use of the printed page at this point is good. Finally, we would like to suggest that "Writer's cramps" is an imaginary ailment and there are plenty of leaders among us with adequate ability for writing, an ability for which an accounting should be made along the course of service, rather than at the great judgment day.

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The Forward Look

1955-'56 BSU Officers Installed



The Forward Look is taken by these members of the Rural Church Conference program committee. The group has made extensive plans for the second Rural Church Conference to be held at Ridgecrest June 2-8. Pictured are: Sam Scantlan, Supt. of Rural and City Missions for Oklahoma; W. A. Evans, rural pastor and state president of Oklahoma Baptists, Shawnee; S. F. Dowis, Secretary of Co-operative Missions, Home Mission Board, who will direct the conference; Chester Quarles, Executive Secretary for Mississippi Baptists; Garland Hendricks, Professor of Community Development, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Dr. Dowis notes that many churches will enable their pastor to attend by paying his expenses.

Enlarged Choir Program Begins At Central Baptist

By C. LAMAR ALEXANDER,
Minister of Music,
Magnolia, Arkansas

After several years in the field of church music I am convinced that a graded choir program is a "must" in the Baptist Church.

"Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God." (Psalm 147:1)

"Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints." (Psalm 149:1)

"Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee." (Psalm 67:3) The holy scriptures present a challenge and responsibility to the leaders of Church Music. The admonition is threefold: praises are to be sung unto the Lord; new songs are to be learned; and an opportunity provided in which all people in the church can participate.

The new plans in our church-wide music programs in which congregation singing is emphasized will provide a praise and worship opportunity for every individual member. Our enlargement calls for eight choirs beginning with the four year old children. The choirs are set up in this order:

Celestial Choir for boys and girls ages 4 and 5.

Cherubim Choir for boys ages 6 through 8.

Cherub Choir for girls ages 6 through 8.

Carillon Choir for boys ages 9 through 12.

Carol Choir for girls ages 7 through 12.

Concord Choir for boys and girls ages 13 through 16.

Church Choir for men and women ages 17 and up.

Crusader Choir for men ages 17 and up.

Someone has wisely said that only an organization that is growing will live. This statement, as it is applied to choirs, does not mean growth in number only but growth spiritually, mentally and technically.

In order to maintain a steady growth in our graded choir program, to enlarge our forces and to fill those vacancies which will occur the Minister of Music will be in the business of enlisting and selecting. We want the entire church membership of our church to be informed on the progress of Church Music Program.

Among other things Paul had a keen insight into what constitutes a well-balanced and comprehensive music program in the church. He knew there must be a variety and that all the people should participate.

In Colossians 3:16, he says, un-

Miss Naomia Clifton, student director, installed the new Baptist Student Union Executive and Greater Councils at Arkansas A. & M. College February 20 at Monticello. Outgoing president, John Deal Taylor spoke in response to the recognition of the retiring Council and Alice Fields, incoming president, gave the response to the recognition of the new Council. Main speaker for the installation service was Dr. Thomas J. Welch, pastor of First Church and local pastor advisor to the B. S. U., who presented the message, "First They gave Themselves."

The new Executive Council members are **President** — Alice Fields; **1st Vice-President**—Imie Noble; **2nd Vice-President**—Martha Trotter; **3rd Vice-President**—Martha Baugh; **Secretary**—Jane Ashcraft; **Treasurer** — John Deal Taylor; **Music Chairman** — Barbara Rawls; **Reporter** — Robert Carter; **Faculty Advisors** — John Decker and J. B. M. Holloway; **Pastor Advisor** — Dr. Thomas J. Welch; **Sunday School Representative** — Pat Boone and **Training Union Representative** — Ralph Coston.

These officers will serve as the respective chairmen of the committees named below, along with the following students, who compose the B.S.U. Greater Council:

Program—Martha Ann Gibson, James Breazeal and Johnny Ray Kindricks; **Membership** — Billy Joe Scott and Carolyn Crawley; **Social** — Gladys Holcomb, Joan Clark and Harold Jennings; **Devotional** — Margaret Wooley and Peggy Miles; **Statistical** — Gloria Faye Henderson and Betty Boyd;

der divine inspiration, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." The words of Paul are just as true today as during the time of his writing to the Christians at Colosse. By singing all three — psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, we are able to express adequately the full measure of Christian teaching and emotions which constitutes a varied musical program.

Translated into modern terms, we would express the trilogy of musical form as anthem, hymns, and gospel songs. Of each there is an abundant richness which has become our heritage. Churches are to use all three, and most churches do. We thank God that Christianity is a singing religion. Let us encourage our people to get into some choir organization in our churches and be a regular part of their work. Such activity counts for God and develops talents in His service. Our church activities become more meaningful when good music is a definite part of our program.

Financial — Sonny Kerr, Ronnie West and Jimmy Smith; **Music**— Leo Langston, Myrtle Ann Godfrey and Jean Noble; **Publicity**—Elizabeth Maxon, Tommie Nell Graves and Tommy Hooks; **Sunday School** —Bill Hartness and Mary Louise Britton; **Training Union** — Earl Kilgore and Bunk Tyndall.

Congratulations to Nonie Clifton and the Arkansas A. & M. Baptist Student Union on this fine roster of capable leaders for 1955-'56. Wonderful things are expected from this B.S.U. chapter as it seeks to promote Christian growth on its college campus.

Former Summer Missionary To Hawaii Speaks to Southern State Baptist Student Union

Mrs. Pat Rogers Soileau of Stamps, was a recent guest speaker at a regular meeting of the B.S.U. at Southern State College. Mrs. Soileau showed slides which she made in the summer of 1953, when she was one of twelve summer missionaries who were sent to Honolulu by the State B.S.U. Mrs. Soileau accepted a position with the Baptist Academy there where she taught the third grade and also Vacation Bible School. She is a home economics graduate of Ouachita College. Mr. Soileau is stationed near Japan with the United States Navy.

Vocational Emphasis Week At Arkansas Tech

Miss Maxine Woods, student director, reported a very successful Vocational Emphasis Week at Arkansas Tech, February 6-16. The five speakers during the week were: Frank McAnear of the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce; Jack Thompson, public accountant from Fort Smith; Joe Potts, cattle commissioner, Fort Smith; and Mrs. O. W. Hubbs, registered nurse from Russellville. Mrs. Dorothy Ladd Jones, Little Rock, was main speaker at the annual sweetheart banquet which closed the week's activities. Mrs. Betty Merrell was crowned B.S.U. Sweetheart and Mel Tompkins B.S.U. Beau by President Ron Merrell. Out-of-town guests for the banquet were Misses Sally Sullivan and Maeline Dutton of Little Rock.

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MR. AND MRS. DICK MILLER

Dick Miller and his recent bride, Opal Hammond Miller, home missionaries in Alaska, left the last of February for their field of serv-

ice in Kotzebue, a small Eskimo settlement north of the Arctic Circle.

Mr. Miller is from Myrtle, Mississippi, and Mrs. Miller is from Rotan, Texas. They are pictured in their Eskimo parkas.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the only Southern Baptist home missionaries serving beyond the Arctic Circle, Alaskan mission work has made much progress in the 10 years Southern Baptists have been in this "land of the midnight sun." There are now 25 Southern Baptist churches and missions with approximately 2,500 members.

Alaska is one of the Outposts served by the Home Mission Board. Others are Panama, Canal Zone, and Cuba, plus 38 states.

My Views and Yours

By W. B. O'NEAL

What if I, like Paul, hold forth that Mark is not worthy of a new commission while you contend, as did Barnabas, that he is? Should we, because of our disagreement, refuse each other fellowship? Should we leave each other out of our prayers? Should we go about preaching the follies, as we see them, of each other and telling all other brethren about the mistakes, as we understand them, that our foolish brother and co-laborer has made?

If we should be impelled, as was Paul on one occasion (Gal. 2:11-13) to withstand a brother face to face for playing policy, ought we thereafter to despise this brother and spend hours of precious time informing one and all of his weakness? Just how far should we go, and how much time should we give in our anxious efforts to bring everybody else to see as we see and to do as we do?

A fine young preacher speaking at a gathering in a great church, whose pastor was a user of tobacco, routed for ten minutes against the habit, asserting that no man could possibly be a soul-winner and go about smelling of the weed. We wondered if the young man would ever win as many persons to Christ as had that pastor.

Of course, that pastor, as every tobacco user, has not a leg to stand on in any kind of an argument for the using of tobacco. My point is that loving toleration and prayer constitute better tools than routing and raving. It is very possible, too, that the ranter has some faults or fogie notions that

rattle the bosoms of some of his brethren. One would do well to question himself upon this point.

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

"Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?"

"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye" Matthew 7:3-5.

A clear eye is required in the removal of motes. Not only so, but the operation being a delicate one, requires skill, a bit of know-how. Then, too, the tenderness of the eye calls for the gentlest of touch. Every movement must be guarded. One false move may cause exceeding pain and even destroy vision. Oh, how careful we should be when called upon to remove a mote! And how loathe we should be to push ourselves into such an operation!

If we should be called upon to perform such an operation, we should seek a good magnifying mirror first of all and see that there is not one speck in our own eye to blur our vision. Then we should pray for God's spirit to guide our every movement and to put every word into our mouth that we are to utter as we proceed.

Whosoever hath a beam - be-fouled eye, an unskilled hand, and an uncontrolled tongue is a butcher and a destroyer rather than a repairer.

Brochure On Work Of Board Distributed

A brochure on the organization and work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is being distributed by Board executives. It shows the new organizational line-up, which became effective Sept. 1, 1954. The brochure gives information concerning the administrative staff members, division directors, department secretaries and managers, and the 48 local and state Board members. Copies are available upon request.

Study Course Books Sales Show Increase

H. S. Simpson, manager, merchandise sales department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, reports a total of 259,905 Sunday school study course books were distributed through the Baptist Book Stores and the Board during the fourth quarter, 1954. This is an increase of 94,371 over the previous quarter.

The January Bible study book, *Studies in Hebrews*, by Herschel H. Hobbs, led with 180,359 copies, making a grand total of 235,000 copies distributed since the book was released.

Sunday School Board's Service to Southern Baptists Shown in Weight Report

The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, shipped 11,709,313 pounds of Uniform and Graded Sunday School and Training Union periodicals from Jan. 1, 1954, through Dec. 31, 1954.

Chester P. Ellis, supervisor of mailing and shipping in the business division of the Board, who made this report, said that 7,925 individual freight and express shipments of merchandise and promotional literature, totaling 2,471,950 pounds, were made. Third and fourth class promotional and advertising mail pieces totaled 2,292,269.

A Lesson From Ancient History

ROBERT A. PARKER,
Assistant Pastor,
Baring Cross, North Little Rock

Hamilcar Barca, the great general and dictator of the North African state of Carthage, was going to war. Before he set out to lead his army against the forces of Rome, he was making an offering before the altar of Baal-Moloch. Suddenly, he turned and spoke to Hannibal, his nine year old son.

"Would you like to come to war with me?" he asked the boy.

"Yes," came the eager answer.

"Then lay your hand upon this sacrifice and swear eternal hatred to the Roman name."

Taking the oath, the young Carthaginian was bound for life. Destined to become one of the world's greatest military leaders, Hannibal remained the implacable enemy of Rome.

This event from ancient history, be it fact or fiction, creates an analogy for Christian parents of today.

Believing Christian warfare against sin to be right, let us without hesitancy, urge our children to hate sin in every form.

Urge them to lay hold on the sacrifice of Jesus, joining with you in the struggle against sin while still young in years.

Those who encourage their children to delay are falling for one of the most terrible lies out of hell. Delay is often fatal for both children and parents!

If over 2,000 years ago, a nine year old child could be taught to hate, surely today's children can be led to love and follow Christ.

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"The heart of education is the education of the heart."

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"A million Baptists have moved and left no forwarding address!"

—Willis J. Ray.



New Intermediate Worker At Baptist Sunday School Board

Allen B. Comish, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Georgia, has been named superintendent of Intermediate Sunday School work at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. Comish assumed his duties on January 15. He succeeded Dr. E. Stanley Williamson who has been appointed secretary of Co-operative Field Promotion in the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board.

A native of Louisiana, Comish was formerly associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Georgia. He is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana College, has a M.R.E. degree from New Orleans Seminary, and has completed his work, except a thesis, for a doctorate in religious education.

"TAKE TIME TO PLAN"

The moving picture, "Take Time to Plan," is now available through the Book Store. It can be secured for only a service charge of a few dollars. This is a picture emphasizing the importance of taking time to plan the educational building and the entire church

program. It emphasizes the Planning and Survey Committee. We feel that it also encourages a church to go ahead with a building program. Any church or group in the church needing to build or planning to build would profit from seeing this picture.

FIRST CHURCH, MANILA

The First Church, Manila, recently applied for Standard Recognition for their Sunday school. During the past twelve months they have conducted thirteen Sunday school training schools. The books taught were *Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School*; *Personal Factors in Character Building*; *Teaching Adults in the Sunday School*; *Soul-Winning Doctrines*; *The Book We Teach*; *Studies in Ephesians*; *Studies in Psalms*; *A Church Using its Sunday School*; *Junior Vacation Bible School Book "A"*; *Primary Vacation Bible School Book "B"*; *Beginner Vacation Bible School Book "B"*; *Nursery Vacation Bible School Book "A"*; and *One to Eight*. Guy D. Magee is the pastor and William Edwards is the Sunday school superintendent of this fine church.

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT APPLY FOR CREDIT

First Church, Fort Smith, reported two hundred and thirty-eight persons applied for credit for the Sunday school study course book, *One to Eight*. J. Harold Smith is the pastor; Bill Lowry is the educational director; and Roy Gean, Jr. is the Sunday school superintendent.

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During the study of the book, *One to Eight*, the members of the First Church, Salem, was so inspired by references in the book to expanding their work that they worked out plans to establish a mission near Salem. Regular Sunday school and church services are held there each Sunday afternoon. At the first service forty people were present, twenty-six from the First Baptist Church, Salem. H. M. Dugger, associational missionary, helped in making a survey and taking a census in the territory. Their work in First Church has also increased as a result of the study of *One to Eight*. Wayne D. Gunther is the pastor and Paul Morton is the Sunday school superintendent.

ADVANCE AT MCKAY MISSION

On December 1, 1953, when W. Dawson King began his ministry at the McKay Mission, the membership was only 67. During the next twelve months 31 people joined by letter and 58 on profession of faith and by baptism.

On the average, 1.15 members won and baptized one person in the mission last year. The average for the Southern Baptist Convention is 20 members to win and baptize one person. It is evident that the workers of the mission are doing an outstanding job. It is also evident that new units of work reach people for Christ more rapidly than any other method.

In Sunday school, the mission made a gain in enrollment of 168 percent. The enrollment increased from 80 to 215. The goal for the churches of the Arkansas Baptist Convention was a 20 per cent increase.

McKay Mission is a mission of the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. W. Dawson King is the pastor and Marion Hill is the Sunday school superintendent.

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Secretary
Sunday School Department

You and Life's Liquor Ads

By JACK L. GRITZ

If your Baptist blood boils when you pick up a copy of *Life* magazine and find it loaded with liquor ads, you are going to have an opportunity to do something practical to show your protest.

Undoubtedly *Life* is a powerful influence in modern American civilization. It has a claimed readership of 25,000,000 weekly and we doubt that the figure is an exaggeration. Many of the readers, if turning the pages of a picture magazine can be called reading, are children and teen-agers. *Life* performs a tremendous educational function each week. Increasingly its editorial direction has been toward the education of its readers in history, art and literature.

Each week it has also been making considerable contribution to the idea that liquor is an accepted part of American life and that alcoholic beverages belong in every home. Because of the highly artistic nature of the advertisements and their amazing number in the magazine, it seems probable that the publication has had remarkable success along this line. For instance, *Life's* liquor advertising revenue last year was almost ten million dollars, the figure being \$9,945,320.

That is a pretty good sized bit of revenue for the publishers to turn loose of unless there is a volume and intensity of protest greater than any which has so far been forthcoming. Those hardy souls who have taken pen

in hand and declared their objections to the editor by personal letter have regularly received a neatly-worded little multilined note signed by some associate and printed for the purpose.

Now the leaders of the National Temperance League have designed a plan by which *Life's* editors can be made to realize the volume of protest which really does exist to their liquor advertisements. Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, is president of the league. It is the national organization with which most Baptist bodies co-operate.

During the month of May this year the full weight of public sentiment throughout the nation against liquor advertising is to be brought to bear upon this one magazine through the proposed plan.

Readers are asked to attach a gummed sticker with the words "I don't like this or any of the liquor ads in your publication" to a page torn from the magazine carrying one of these ads and send it to the editors. This is to be done daily throughout the month of May. The slogan is "A sticker a day for the month of May."

This will be the first time in temperance history that the full strength of the dry forces has been focused on one wet publication. It should be tremendously effective.

Information concerning the stickers can be secured from the

Committee Against Liquor Advertising, R. H. Martin, chairman, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Order some today.

Special concern was voiced over *Life's* policies in the hearings against liquor advertising before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committees of the House and Senate in Washington last summer.

Whiskey, wine and beer advertising are not essential to the financial success of a national weekly magazine. The *Saturday Evening Post* does not and never has carried liquor advertising and it is constantly growing in circulation and influence.

The planned campaign is not against *Life* magazine as such. It is directed at *Life's* liquor advertising, which menaces our national welfare and is the serious concern of every citizen who realizes the nature and magnitude of the alcohol problem.

By working together we can make our influence felt. This will be a nationwide and interdenominational campaign.

You can have a significant part in it.

—The Baptist Messenger

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People who have no charity for the faults of others are generally stone-blind to their own.

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It is the attention you give to the details that decide the quality of the finished job.

—Martin Vaubee.

RELIEF FUNDS LOW

Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the Southern Baptist relief committee reemphasizes the need for replenishing the relief fund. Almost all the money on hand was appropriated at a January meeting of the committee.

The relief program is financed by special gifts from individuals and churches. Money for this purpose should be addressed to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va., and should be clearly marked for relief.

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There are three classes of people: Those who do not do all their duty; those who do full duty; those who do more than their duty. The first lose their positions; the second hold them, and the third are promoted.

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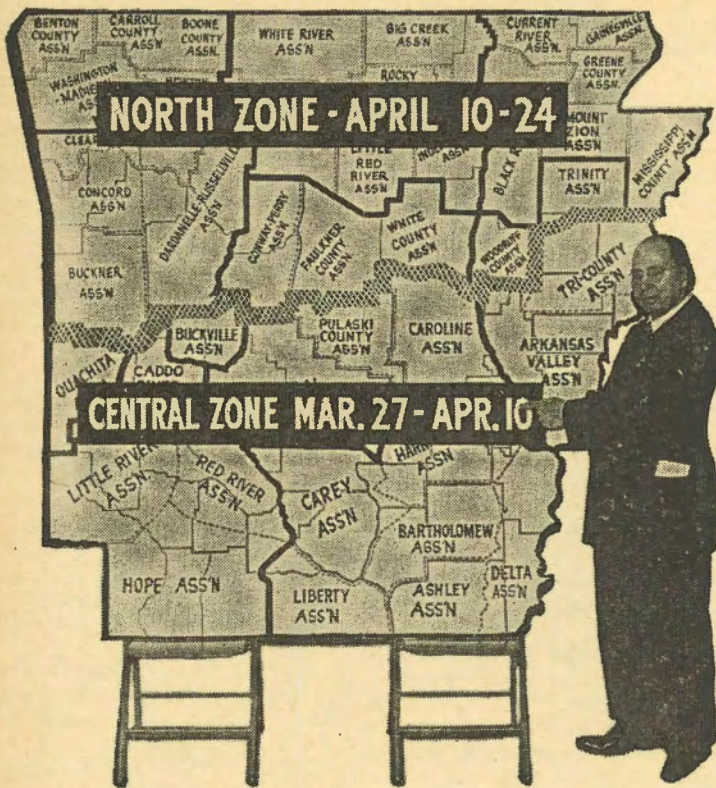
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With Christ After the Lost in Arkansas

A Plea for Change of Name

By BRUCE H. PRICE
Newport News, Va.



Secretary of Evangelism, Dr. I. L. Yearby, Points to Central Zone in which the Evangelistic Crusade Opens in Arkansas.

ONLY Christ can make life complete. There are more than a million people in Arkansas who do not possess Christ — therefore, do not have salvation. No greater tragedy can ever be experienced than to live and die and spend eternity without Christ.

Remember that within three weeks the churches in the Central Zone participating in the Nation-Wide Crusade will be in the midst of revival meetings. The objective of these meetings is to make Christ known, and to get everyone whom it is possible for us to reach, to accept Him as Saviour. This can only be done through the personal witnessing of individual Christians and the public preaching of the word.

Preparation. A "good ready" is assurance of victory. Churches in the Central Zone that have already taken the census, should utilize the week of March 6-11 for church-wide study of the soul-winning books and visitation.

Sunday afternoon, March 20, there should be a great associational-wide Music Rally.

March 21-26 is the Week of Prayer. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday there are to be Cottage Prayer Meetings in the homes of the members of each church. One prayer meeting for every fifteen resident members is the goal. On Wednesday of this week, work to make the mid-week service the greatest prayer meeting the church has ever experienced. Try to have as near 100% of resident members present as you can possibly reach. Make it a great hour of prayer for revival.

March 26 is the date for a great Youth Rally, to be held on Saturday evening. Many churches will hold an all-night prayer meeting through Saturday night.

All these features are important steps in the preparation for a victorious Crusade. Do not omit any of them.

Sunday, March 27, is the Opening Day of the Crusade in the Central Zone. It is thrilling to anticipate eighteen associations, with 481 churches, with a membership of 145,293, all engaged in one supreme effort to reach the lost through the preaching of the Word.

Oh, beloved Arkansas Baptists, remember the final statement of Jesus to His disciples, the ultimate mandate that He laid upon the lives of His followers for all time is, "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE."

Evangelism has been forever, and will be forever, the task of the church. We must not default in this supreme effort Baptists are making "TOGETHER" to effectively evangelize the lost in this Nation-Wide Crusade.

—I. L. Yearby, Secretary

The use of the term "south-wide" in reference to the "nation-wide" Southern Baptist Convention is deplored by Dr. C. E. Wilbanks of Mississippi in the Baptist and Reflector. He continues, "Southwide" cannot describe our territory with state conventions in 23 states, Home Mission Board work in 37 states, and one or more Southern Baptist churches in each state of the Union." Dr. Wilbanks makes this plea, "Brethren, we have enlarged our borders. Dare we enlarge our vocabulary?" Three names are suggested, "Continent-wide," "United States-wide," and "Convention-wide." The last comes as my first choice.

Editor W. Barry Garrett of the Arizona Baptist agrees that we should stop using "Southwide" in reference to our boards and agencies, and puts his finger on the heart of the problem by asking, "How are we going to get 'Southwide' out of our thinking when we continue to call our convention 'Southern'?"

The spreading of the convention over the West and North leads the editor to assert, "We are just fooling ourselves when we think we have a 'Southern' Baptist Convention."

The only answer is in a new name.

For several years some have felt a need of a more appropriate name for our rapidly expanding denomination. Considering the present boundaries of our habitation "Baptist World Convention" would not be a bad name, but

this would be confusing with the World Alliance.

Some of the other 24 Baptist denominations in the United States have selected names, a few of which might be desirable for our use. This limits our choice.

Among the names already taken by Baptist groups I shall mention: American, North American, National, Union, and General.

This leaves two appropriate names which come to my mind. I suppose both have been suggested previously. Reference is made to "United Baptist Convention," and "Cooperative Baptist Convention"; and the most fitting of these is "Cooperative."

"Cooperative" makes no reference to territory. It was the desire of churches to cooperate in mission work which united Baptists in the Triennial Convention during 1814 from which the churches of the South withdrew in 1845 to organize the Southern Baptist Convention. It is the desire to co-operate in mission work with us which leads some Baptist churches from many sections of the nation and a few outside the continental limits to ask for our fellowship. The Cooperative Program describes the method we use in supporting our agencies and institutions. The name "Cooperative Baptist Convention" describes our attitude, fellowship, and unity in effort without mentioning territory.

We are Cooperative Baptists. Why not accept the name?

Education Materials Available

The first order received from Arkansas by the S. B. C. Education Commission for materials to be used in the second annual Convention-wide April Emphasis on Christian Education April 10 came from Rev. D. O. Stuckey, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charleston.

Packets of sample materials were mailed to every Southern Baptist pastor in Arkansas on Monday, February 14 and Mr. Stuckey's order for enough materials for 20 Intermediates' use was received by return mail. Final shipments of more than 23,500 sample packets of materials and letters were mailed from Nashville, Tennessee on Friday, February 18 and were sent to pastors in 22 states and the District of Columbia.

"The number of orders we are receiving for more of these materials from various states is indicative of the great concern Southern Baptist church leaders have for the vocational future of their young people," Dr. Freeman H. Beets, assistant to the executive secretary of the Education Commission and writer of many of the

materials being used in the emphasis, stated.

The packets contained special materials which were designed to encourage high school students and other young people to make a systematic and careful study of their interests, aptitudes and abilities and to relate them to occupations which are worthy of their God-given talents and in which they can lead effective Christian lives. Theme of the 1955 Emphasis on Christian Education is "Finding a Worthy Career."

Dr. Beets explained that any church which has not received a sample packet of materials may secure one free by writing the Education Commission, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

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There are not many pastors in Chile, and laymen do much of the preaching. A deacon in the Chuquicamata Baptist Church told me, "We may have to arrange the schedule somewhat because we work in shifts here at the copper mine; but we never say no when we are asked to preach."—Marlin R. Hicks, missionary to Chile.

Fellowship In Christian Love

By BURTON A. MILEY

Fellowship is a natural product of love. Fellowship is living congenially in close association with others. Love prompts this close association and the sharing of one another's burdens and jobs. This fellowship is obtained through common beliefs and practices. One has it when he is under the load of common responsibilities. Christian fellowship is the result of those who love God working together. The Philippians were asked to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (2:12b).

SHARING IS THE BASIS

Acts 2:42-47

The disciples kept on in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship. One must remember this was before the days of writing and reading by the common people. That which people heard was eagerly devoured and repeated. The apostles' teachings went from mouth to ear among the people who had heard the gospel. There are five things revealed which were shared by all. First, they shared ideas. The apostles' teachings were never shelved, but shared by eager learners. The new way was so new that everyone wanted more. Opposition was keen enough to afford spice to learning. Next, they shared the practice of breaking bread. The question exists as to whether this was the Lord's Supper. There is evidence that the early disciples placed much significance on breaking bread in an ordinary meal. It was more than the common "grace" before meals in today's homes. Sometimes the meal was followed by the Lord's Supper. This led to the corruption mentioned in 1 Corinthians 11 and the separation of the love feast (agape) and the Lord's Supper. The main point here is the blessed fellowship through sharing.

Next, they shared the habit of prayer together. Fear came (kept on coming). This fear was not fright but awe, "reverence." More and more the group was united in spirit and appreciation for the power of God. They even shared economic responsibilities. They sold possessions, pooled their resources, and gave to each as needed. These early disciples had a sense of belonging. They were drawn together by their common beliefs.

The result of this sharing is nothing short of phenomenal. As they continued daily with one accord in the finest of fellowship they had gladness and singleness of heart. A loud note of praise arose from their actions and people held them in esteem. An atmosphere of this kind explains why the Lord added daily unto His church those that were saved. The church should be known for the finest fellowship of all the land. No lodge, fraternity or other

Sunday School Lesson

March 6, 1955

Acts 2:42-47;

Colossians 3:12-16;

1 John 4:7-8

fellowship should surpass that which the church offers under the love of God.

ATTITUDES INVITE FELLOWSHIP

Colossians 3:12-16

Paul wrote to the Colossians of attitudes which should be within the Christian. These certainly promote Christian fellowship. Some of the terms used are beyond present day understanding. There is the attitude and grace of compassion that is spoken of under the term "bowels of mercy." It actually means "having your heart in it." Compassion (to suffer with) is heart action. Kindness is consideration for another. Humility of mind is absence of arrogance and pride which separate. Meekness is not seeking one's own but another's good.

Love does all this. These are fruits of an existing love which promote greater fellowship. It is the bond of maturity whereby all things are held together. This bond of perfection operates in the realm of physical relationships when the mother and prodigal son are held together despite heartbreaks to the mother from the prodigality of the son. The peace of God should rule within the heart so that men are united with God foremost in every life. These attitudes within a Christian life will certainly promote fellowship.

THE BIRTH OF LOVE

1 John 4:7-8

Where is love born? Love is born within the heart of God, for "God is Love." From thence it is to man. "Everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." Truly God is the foundation for the finest in fellowship. This world has many examples of sharing where one has denied self to serve another. But behind all, and directly or indirectly responsible for it, is God's love and goodness. More strife is found in the field and dominion of sin than elsewhere. One who actually follows the Lord is relieved from the strife of life in the sense that he has principles to govern and hold him. He has relations that are tuned with others. Discord vanishes and love grows more while friction is less.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

One Should Define His Beliefs. Fellowship is sharing with others in close association. One is drawn to another by common beliefs and practices whereby two or more be-

come partners. Partners should know resources and be able to define them. All Baptist are partners in common beliefs. The hour is ill when Baptists cannot support each other. The ill is greater when all Christendom (not synonymous with Baptists) is unable to declare its beliefs due to lack of definition.

Practice Prayer For Each Other.

The fellowship of prayer is one of the greatest levelers we have. If there were not the power of prayer, social collisions would mount higher. It is impossible to sincerely pray for a person and stay at outs with him. Anyone who is having difficulty within the church can pray himself into the sweetest of fellowship, if he so desires. Christ said, "Pray for your enemy and those who despitefully use you." Prayer releases power.

Regular Church Attendance

Should Be Practiced. How can one know that he is following the best Christian culture unless he identifies himself with the group? The wayward or negligent Christian apart from church attendance is at a loss to identify himself with the body of Christ. He is equally at a loss to hold fellowship with the body of Christ. Therefore, constant church attendance is one thing required from any Christian.

Fellowship Promotes the Sense of Belonging.

Close fellowship gives to each individual that essential sense of belonging. This is desirable because of the attitudes it creates. The harsh criticisms come from those who fail to feel that they belong. The church becomes "they" instead of "we." This sense of oneness was enjoyed by the early disciples. The experiment of holding all things in common is testimony to the fact. This oneness should characterize Christians in all ages. Unanimity is the bond of the church and the goal for the future.

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Including missions	1433	690	
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Including missions	1295	409	
Little Rock, First	854	338	6
Including mission	886	358	10
El Dorado, First	820	205	
Including mission	874	238	
Little Rock, Second	783	220	1
Including mission	920	334	
El Dorado, Immanuel	567	211	
Warren, First	575	166	2
Pine Bluff, South Side	568	178	
Little Rock, Baptist			
Tabernacle	538	180	6
Camden, First	516	140	1
Including missions	595	206	
McGehee, First	515	180	8
Fayetteville, First	509	210	1
Including mission	560	244	
Little Rock, Pulaski			
Heights	487	137	2
Paragould, First	472	182	4
Including missions	657	280	
Springdale, First	457	224	1
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	446	193	1
West Helena	423	135	
Fordyce, First	416	91	
Including mission	526	154	1
Hope, First	402	154	3
Malvern, First	396	129	
Fort Smith, Calvary	385	187	6
No. Little Rock, Park			
Hill	385	94	1
Cullendale, First	375	162	
Little Rock, South			
Highland	371	152	1
Including mission	394		
Jacksonville, First	353	185	8
Including mission	414		
Siloam Springs, First	345	207	
Smackover, First	330	122	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	317	115	2
Including mission	325	138	
Fort Smith, Trinity	314	137	2
Hot Springs, Central	312	142	1
Including mission	361	169	5
Hot Springs, Park Place	311	125	
Stuttgart, First	311	101	1
Including mission	498	224	
Mena, First	310	111	
Including mission	352	146	
Searcy, First	309	108	
Jonesboro, Central	306	141	2
Hot Springs, First	304	124	
El Dorado, West Side	272	80	1
No. Little Rock, First	242	107	3
Springdale, Caudle			
Avenue	241	99	1
Cabot, First	236	107	
Dermott	232	49	2
Paragould, East Side	230	149	1
Hamburg, First	229	77	1
Alma, First	225	114	
No. Little Rock, Pike			
Avenue	223	87	
Fort Smith, Spradling	217	96	
Little Rock, Tyler			
Street	194	78	2
Berryville, First	180	128	
Including mission	219	153	
Smackover, Joyce City	167	80	2
Texarkana, Immanuel	161	95	
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Missions—Spiritual Lifeline of Any Church

A great artist was asked to portray a dying church. He placed on the canvas a fine, imposing building and a great number of fashionably dressed people going toward the entrance. In the lobby, where it could be seen by all who entered, was a box with a slit, and on the box was written in large letters — FOR MISSIONS. Over the opening of the box a spider had woven a web!

This was a true picture of many Baptist churches before the Cooperative Program was originated. If that same artist were to portray a decaying Baptist church of our day, no doubt he would picture a church auditorium filled with members, listening to the church treasurer read page after page for local expenditures with a mere pittance going through the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program enables the local church to keep the cobwebs swept clean from the mission treasury. While the church is asking the members to be good stewards by tithing, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come", the church is also to practice good stewardship. This can be done as the church gives of its increase regularly and proportionately. The great majority of our churches are doing this. But during January, the first month of this year, a small minority of our churches failed to share with the world through the Cooperative Program.

Two men, a Christian and a skeptic, were talking about the difference between a Christian and a non-Christian. The non-Christian abruptly and frankly said, "We might as well drop this whole matter, because I do not believe a word you say; and more than that you do not believe it. To my knowledge, you have not given as much for the spread of the Gospel through home and foreign missions as your last Jersey cow cost."

Paul, in writing to the church at Corinth (II Cor. 8:8), reminded the saints that their gifts to missions would prove the reality or genuineness of their love.

If anyone reads this who is a member of a church that did not give through the Cooperative Program last month, pray about it. Ask God to help you lead your church to extend its witness around the world. Ask that church to let you help support missionaries, native workers, sponsor revivals, and build churches and hospitals on this and other continents. Through the Cooperative Program try to get your church to do as the Kibler Church in Clear Creek Association has done. We recently received this letter from Mrs. J. O. Crabtree, Treasurer:

"Enclosed find check for \$159.43 for the Cooperative Program from the Kibler Baptist Church. We are now giving 15 per cent to the Cooperative Program. We were only giving 10 per cent heretofore. Murl Walker is pastor of the church. He began his pastorate here October 1, 1954."

This small church of 172 members is trying to share the Gospel with other people by giving generously through our Baptist program. Giving with this church is a privilege and an opportunity to share the "Good

News" through the best plan God has ever revealed to His people — "The Cooperative Program".

The church that is blessed with a pastor whose heart is aflame with a missionary zeal ought to thank God and follow his leadership, because he is God's man for this day. God honors the pastor who leads his flock to meet its full obligations in sending the Gospel to the wide world.

It is said that John Wesley always lifted his hat when he bestowed a gift or rendered a service, as though he were receiving instead of giving. No doubt he was remembering the words of the Bible which says, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Too, John Wesley believed what Jesus said when he reminded his disciples to "give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Religion and Politics

The nation's youngest Governor, 34-year-old Frank G. Clement of Tennessee, told the Rotary Club of New York, "If religion and politics cannot mix, there is something wrong with politics."

Recently in the Legislature there was an open hearing on House Bill 337, which would have opened "Cocktail Lounges" in cities above 9,000 population in Arkansas.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, president of our State Convention, the General Secretary and Associate Secretary, along with many other preachers and laymen attended the hearing. We were given a hearing and allowed to speak against the Bill.

The Bill would have legalized liquor by the drink in cities above 9,000 population. As usual it was "dressed up" in tax money for worthwhile endeavors, such as schools. Our Legislators were about to forget that alcoholism is many times more prevalent than cancer, tuberculosis, or polio; that the American people raise millions of dollars each year to fight the latter three, while in 1953, ten billion dollars were spent to spread the virus which causes alcoholism.

We did not need such legislation because there are approximately 484,000 saloons and liquor stores in the United States — almost twice as many as the number of churches of all denominations.

A few days later the Bill failed to pass the House — 15 voting for, and 74 voting against the Bill.

What's New —

According to Think magazine, the newest thing in hearing devices is a "built in" job, in the frames of one's glasses. The microphone is behind the ear, a battery the size of a dime lasts 180 hours, a one inch tube is the sound conductor. Special electronic circuitry controls sound to fit the individual's need like a governor on a car.

Cigarettes and Cancer

The powerful cigarette industry fears for its \$5,500,000 annual business because cancer authorities continue to state a connection between heavy smoking and lung cancer.

"Cigarettes cause cancer." This is the blazing start of the book by Dr. Alton Ochsner being published by Julian Messner, Inc., New York. "Tobacco is a loaded, often lethal weapon," Dr. Ochsner warns and "Time pulls the trigger." Dr. Ochsner is one of the top medical men of the United States, President of the American Cancer Society 1949-1950, President of the American College of Surgeons 1951-52, Professor of Surgery at Tulane University and author of over three hundred medical articles on malignant disease.

Dr. Ochsner rolls up massive proof concerning all the major findings here and abroad which confirm the relation of smoking to cancer and heart disease. He tops it all off with a startling report of the American Cancer Society, pointing to cigarettes as a causal factor in the increasing death rates from cancer and heart disease. He exposes the false claims made for filter-tip cigarettes: "The time is coming, I believe, when the legal responsibility of the tobacco companies to their customers will have to be clarified. For if it is an offense to produce foods which are harmful to the health of consumers, it is an offense to produce smoking products which are too often deadly to those who use them."

Do You Know About This?

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

Was there ever a time when we had as many sadistic profiteers as there appear to exist today? A well known psychiatrist, Dr. Frederic Wertham, before the Joint State Legislative Committee of New York, which is studying comic books, dramatically demonstrated a bullwhip which, he said, he had obtained through an advertisement published in a magazine bearing the seal of approval of a new Industry Code Authority.

Dr. Wertham cited the chip to bolster his contention that the comic books had not improved under the Code. He used it to support his belief that Brooklyn, New York's recently convicted, teen-age killers had been directly influenced by comic books. The psychiatrist, who examined Jack Koslow, one of the killers, said that there was not one crime they committed that was not described in detail in comic books. He cited the whipping, burning, drowning, and beating tortures used by the boys. He also produced a knife that he said he had obtained through a coupon in a comic book.

When will the Christian church wake up to the sadistic menace which commercialized wickedness presents? There will be no reform until we get a little angry with these purveyors of viciousness. When the American people begin to see the danger of this corruption of the young, their indignation may take extreme manifestations. Why cannot our people and our law enforcement agencies handle the problem? A man or woman who would corrupt the mind of a child is a murderer of souls far more dangerous than those who kill the body.

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