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Hiding the Aims of the Real Jesus

Some years back while teaching at the University of North Carolina, I ran onto an intriguing gadget in a fellow professor's yard: a sun dial.

The bronze, flat-surfaced fixture was carefully placed atop an aged stump where the rays of the sun could shine full upon it from early morn until nightfall.

I was about to pick it up when its owner yelled in an excited voice that he had worked hours placing it so it would record to the very minute of the time of day.

The sun dial was doing exactly the duties for which it had been built.

Philips Brooks tells of a missionary who, while on a furlough back in the states, bought a sun dial so his savages in deep Africa could always know what time of day it was.

He set the sun dial up in an elaborate fashion in the center of the village. The natives admired it greatly. They even began to perform certain native ceremonies around it. The ceremonies developed into a sort of religion.

One day the good missionary awoke to the fact that the natives had built a house around the sun dial with a roof over it to protect it from the sun and rain!

It is always a most curious thing to me how people succeed in thwarting purposes, aims, and dreams.

Our Master came into the world not to rule but to serve. He was crucified because he would not become a King.

He chose the needy, the suffering, the Publicans, the sinners—because they needed him. The self-sufficient, the rich, the powerful have tried ever since the Son of Man came to turn His teachings to their gain and profit.

Today, even, we place Him upon a pedestal for which he did not ask and of which he would not approve were He walking beside us.

We put into His mouth magnificent words; we fight for Him "Righteous" wars; we undertake "in His name" fabulous crusades.

It is really a marvel how we succeed so well in hiding the aims of the real Jesus.

Statisticians tell us that there 682,000,000 Christians living on the globe.

Some secular journalist recently wrote an article "wondering where they all lived."

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EDITORIAL

What Price Freedom!

CHAS. W. POPE

THE MOST EXPENSIVE HERITAGE of this generation is human freedom—freedom of speech—freedom of press—religious freedom! Freedom is also the most valuable right which we possess. It is the difference between a cringing race of slaves and a nation of free-born, free-thinking, God-fearing and democratic people. But the most precious and the most expensive of all forms of freedom is Religious Liberty.

The greatest battle ever fought—the longest, the cruelest, the bloodiest—is the battle for religious liberty. It reaches far back into the twilight of antiquity and it continues today. Every mile of religious progress across the centuries bears the bloody foot prints of men who gave their lives for religious freedom. The only light of the Dark Ages is the light of martyrs being burned at the stake for the cause of religious freedom.

For this great cause the prophets were stoned! John the Baptist was beheaded! Jesus Christ was crucified! Paul and Silas were beaten with stripes! Peter and John were imprisoned! John Huss burned to death in Bohemia! Ridley and Latimer burned at the stake in the streets of Oxford! John Bunyan imprisoned for twelve years in Bedford jail! Obadiah Holmes beaten with stripes and crawling out of the city on hands and feet! Roger Williams banished from Massachusetts! Quakers with their tongues bored through with hot irons! Daniel Marshall, arrested as he stepped from the pulpit in the old Kioka Church in Georgia! And countless thousands of others who died in fearful inquisitions—were hanged on trees, pulled to pieces on wheels of torture or rotted to death in foul dungeons.

The price of religious liberty was great, but it is worth all that it cost. We will pay it again if occasion demands.

Separation of Church and State

THE FOES OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY have been many and varied. Sometime it is a religious body which holds sway over a country and denies other religious bodies the rights and privileges which it assumes for itself. But more often it is a human government which acknowledges some form of religion as the state religion,

thus forming a union of church and state. One of the most sordid and disgraceful chapters in the history of Christianity is the story of certain religious bodies, united with human government to carry on inquisitions and fearful persecutions against other religious groups and individuals. Union of church and state is the greatest curse to free democratic government and the greatest foe to religious liberty.

It was a human government, influenced by religion, which beheaded John the Baptist, crucified Jesus, imprisoned the disciples, and burned the martyrs at the stake. Now it is a communistic Soviet Government of Russia which would destroy all forms of religion and eradicate the very conception of God from the earth.

Perhaps it is because the continent of North America became a haven for European peoples who suffered from religious persecution that there has grown up here the greatest nation of free-thinking, liberty-loving democratic people in the history of humanity. The Constitution of the United States, guaranteeing religious liberty and forbidding the establishment of a state church, is perhaps the greatest civil document ever written.

Eternal Vigilance the Price of Freedom

BUT FREEDOM IS NOT SOMETHING which may be purchased once and possessed forever. Eternal vigilance is the price we must pay for continual possession of freedom. Even in our liberty-loving country there are "fifth-column" foes of religious liberty at work, and sometimes there are the mistakes of well-meaning, but misguided, governmental bodies.

The trend toward governmental interference in religious affairs during the last two decades is significant and alarming. Our forefathers had seen so much of the horrors of union of church and state that when they wrote the amendment to the Constitution forbidding it, the favorable reaction of the people to it was spontaneous and universal. For practically one hundred and fifty years the affairs of church and state were kept completely separate. Tax money of the citizenry was not used to support church interest; and churches were not taxed to support the government.

The last few years have witnessed a gradual, but increasing departure from that policy. First, the President of the United States departed from a long established custom and appointed a representative to the Vatican at Rome.

Second, the Federal Government, during a war emergency, requested churches to collect and remit withholding income tax on individuals in their employ; this making the churches tax collecting agencies of the government.

Third, the United States Supreme Court renders a decision permitting public funds to be used to pay bus expenses for hauling children to Catholic schools; thus using public funds for sectarian purposes.

Fourth, the Tennessee Legislature levies an unemployment tax upon churches, religious and welfare organizations. The last offense is the most glaring and shocking of all, because it simply means that the government is levying a tax upon churches for funds to be used for governmental purposes.

Where are we going? Does this trend reflect the influence of communism on the thinking of our times, or does it show a revival of the influence of the advocates of union of church and state? Whatever it is, it is a dangerous departure from the American tradition of complete separation of government and religion. Let us keep them separate.

A Digest of Religious Thought

By RUSSELL BRADLEY JONES, Contributing Editor, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Neither the editor nor contributing editor necessarily concurs in the opinions expressed on this page unless so stated.

The Congregation's Bell-Boy

JOHN S. JURY in
The Christian Advocate

Granted, that we have not the ability or the business of judging others, we had better have our wits about us and judge what we ourselves are doing. When we stand in the light of truth we have no right to tell our people the untruth—that night is day, that black is white, that sin is good. We have the obligation and the God-given privilege of telling people the truth—pointing out the sun to those who have eyes, and sin in the lives of those who have offenses.

This is where our message begins: With the proclaiming of God's ability to give life to the lifeless, forgiveness to the sinful who repent, direction to the aimless and purpose to the purposeless. Real comfort can be found only in his abiding love for he is our heavenly Father.

(These are hard words. If they are to any degree true, then God pity us!—R. B. J.)

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Personnel Secretary

The Baptist Messenger

Our largest churches have many members with talent that could be put to kingdom use if only some-way could be found to enlist them. Many of these people are willing.

They are wistfully waiting to be found.

But how to find them?

Large churches could possibly profit in enlistment matters by employing an enlistment or personnel secretary, whose duties would be to draw out talents of people needed to do the work of the church.

The work of this personnel secretary would be two-fold. On the one hand he would keep in mind that the needs of the organization are grave as they are varied. He would have to know well every organization of the church. He would need to work glove-on-hand with the various department leaders. On the other hand he would keep in mind the need of the individual. Many earnest people are maladjusted in church work. His responsibility would be to bring the right people to the right tasks, and not simply people to tasks.

By theory this task belongs to the pastor or educational director, or both. But it is senseless to think that in a church with several hundred workers that two men can always keep the talent reservoir full. A special worker in this field might in time, through proper adjustment of individuals, eliminate need for two paid workers in another field.

(A splendid suggestion.—R. B. J.)

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Souls—Or Statistics?

Pentecostal Evangel

There is an error from which many need to be delivered; namely, that a preacher's ability can be gauged by the size of his crowd.

Every generation is blessed with gifted men to lead the throng. More power to them! But some streams have more fish than others; so why conclude that the struggling fellow with a meager audience is of lesser caliber?

The servant of God is quickly becoming the bell-boy of man! The prophet has vanished from the pulpit and in his place there stands a puppet on the platform who is worked by strings held by those who sit in the audience.

It may be he is at fault. It would be well for him to take an internal inventory. But if, after a careful search, he decides he is blameless, he need not follow Elijah's course to the juniper.

This is a day of high-sounding statistics. We are so accustomed to mass production and large figures that we are prone to ignore the small things.

It is true, Christ draws; but the rebellious sinner resists. How often we plead with the unsaved, our hearts concerned over their condition, only to be ignored or mocked.

"The Son of God trod this road. He had crowds at the beginning, but the closer He came to this cross, the thinner His crowd. And, perhaps, the closer we come to the cross and all it means, the fewer the people—but the better they are."

Let God's servant watch for souls and not for statistics. God keeps the books!

(We are sincerely afraid of statistics. Southern Baptists are on dangerous ground in their growing interest in statistical tables.—R. B. J.)

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The Primacy of Evangelism

FREDERICK S. PORTER in
The Christian Index

Evangelism is the primary work of the church in every age and every land. To this end was the church born and for this cause it came into the world. The church is something more than a center of worship, something bigger than a repository of Christian truth; it is more than an educational agency, a social and philanthropic institution. It is a fellowship of redeemed men and women united to Christ by living faith and pledged to the realization of His ideals and purposes. It is committed to the great enterprise of promoting His way of life; it is the construction company that has the contract for building the kingdom of God. As such, therefore, it cannot evade the responsibility of winning the lost to Jesus Christ. The urgency of this task in this great hour cannot be exaggerated. The church may cultivate an educational program, maintain a ministry of worship and training; it may acquire a social conscience sensitive to human need, an ecumenical outlook broad enough to embrace the world. But if the church fails to promote a vital program of evangelism it fails in its essential mission. And Ichabod will be written across its portals.

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A Likely Explanation

Our Sunday Visitor

We can tell our readers with absolute conviction that no priest has ever left his Church for another religion in order to improve either his faith or his morals. On the other hand, the hundreds of ministers who have become Catholics not only were of good reputation, for the most part highly intellectual, but always made great sacrifices to embrace the Catholic Faith. They gained nothing, but usually lost much in the material way in order to satisfy the honest desire of their souls.

(The Catholic paper, *Our Sunday Visitor*, professes to be serious in the above attempt to cover up the significance of the fact that so many priests have left Rome. Of course this explanation would put Martin Luther on the spot.—R. B. J.)

Yes . . . I Tithe

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

BEFORE ME LIES A LETTER from a young deacon in a country church. He writes:

"I see in our state Baptist paper that Southern Baptists are putting on an effort to enlist a million tithers. Do you tithe?"

I am answering this forthright and reasonable inquiry as follows:

"Yes, I tithe, and have tithed since the third Sunday in July, 1902, when I gave my heart and my life to Jesus. And I am very happy in an experience of forty-four years of faithfully tithing every dollar that God has entrusted to me. I am glad that Southern Baptists are turning seriously to this matter of enlisting our people in tithing. I am doing my best to get the young people of this church to adopt the tithe as the irreducible minimum of their schedule of stewardship."

DR. PICKARD'S TESTIMONY

Dr. W. L. Pickard was widely known as a preacher and educator in Georgia, serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Savannah, at the time he was called to the presidency of Mercer University, in 1914. After his retirement, he lived at Tifton, Georgia. One day, as I rode with one of my deacons across South Georgia, I suggested that we stop in Tifton and speak to Dr. Pickard.

When it was time to go, I asked Dr. Pickard this question:

"Doctor, what was that formula I heard you give the students at Mercer one morning at chapel about tithing?"

He replied:

"Give the first tenth to the Lord. Use the next eight-tenths for the obligations of life. Save the last tenth. And whoever follows that formula will always have something for love offerings, and he will have the high satisfaction of the respect of God and man."

As we drove away, my deacon said:

"Pastor, you have said many fine things to us about tithing—quite sufficient to convince me that it was right, and I have, as you know, been tithing for several years; but I want to say to you that Dr. Pickard gave us the most effective statement on tithing I have heard."

THE RIGHT MOOD FOR GIVING

Before we proceed further with this discussion of tithing, I want to take up the mood of giving, believing, as I most certainly do, that one must have the right motive in giving, else it becomes a mockery in the sight of God and of man.

And I have not found a better paragraph on that subject than this, from the pen of that beloved teacher, Dean Charles R. Brown, of Yale:

"The right mood for giving is one of great, glad privilege. When you sacrifice in order to give, be not of sad countenance. Anoint your head, and wash your face, and smile. . . . The Old Testament rule of giving, a tenth has stood the test of experience. The Jews were blessed in basket and in store, in heart and in soul, by their practice of tithing. Let people everywhere give as they pray and live. If they are compelled to live sparingly, let there be no reproach when their giving reflects their poverty. If they live bountifully, let them give also bountifully."

The right mood for giving is from a heart of love toward God. Men dare not give to be seen of men. God looketh upon the heart. It was the widow's motive, not the two mites, that caught the eye of Jesus. We love him because he first loved us, and we give gladly and cheerfully because he thus gave and gives to us.

WHY SHOULD I TITHE?

Let's face the question, Why should I tithe? Let the Bible answer: Leviticus 27:30-32; Genesis 28:22; Numbers 18:26; Deuteronomy 14: 22, 28-29; 2 Chronicles 31:5; Nehemiah 13:12; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23; Hebrews 7:4-9; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Proverbs 3:9-10.

Why should I tithe? Because it is the least a Christian can

afford to do. Because it puts giving on a systematic, proportionate basis. Because it is Scriptural.

It is not a question of raising money; it is a question of growing stewards of the manifold grace of God. It is not a question of securing tithes; it is a question of securing tithers. It is not a question of getting gifts; it is a question of getting consecrated givers.

WHAT WOULD IT MEAN?

What would it mean to get Southern Baptists to adopt tithing as the minimum basis of their giving? In the first place, it would mean some pleasant surprise. Any person who adopts the tithe as the minimum basis of his giving will be surprised at the amount of money he has for the Lord's work. He will be surprised at the deepening of his spiritual life. He will be surprised at the ease of meeting his own obligations with what is left after he gives the first tenth to the Lord.

What would it mean to our Co-operative Program? Dr. Ellis A. Fuller has recently estimated that if Southern Baptists would tithe their incomes, it would mean that we would give five times what we are now giving.

CAN IT BE DONE?

Certainly, it can be done. If some are now tithing, why shouldn't others tithe? All that is needed to enlist the first million tithers amongst Southern Baptists is for enough pastors to earnestly, persistently present it to the people.

THE STORY OF MR. ROCKEFELLER

When I was working my way through Columbia University as a reporter on the New York World, I interviewed the late Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Sr. I asked him if it was true that he was a tither. He answered:

"Yes, I tithe, and I would like to tell you how it all came about. I had to begin work as a small boy to help support my mother. My first wages amounted to \$1.50 per week. The first week after I went to work, I took the \$1.50 home to my mother, and she held the money in her lap, and explained to me that she would be happy if I would give a tenth of it to the Lord. I did. And from that week, I have tithed every dollar God has ever entrusted to me. And I want to say this to you, young man, if I had not tithed the first dollar I made, I wouldn't have tithed the first million dollars I made. Tell your readers to train the children to tithe, and they will grow up to be faithful stewards unto the Lord."

There I fully believe, is the key to the situation. We have got to begin with the boys and girls of today if we hope to have a generation of tithers tomorrow. Consequently, I stress tithing with every child that joins our church. I usually meet with this question. But how can I tithe when I do not earn any money? And I always come back with this suggestion, But you do have an allowance. Tithe that. And you could earn some money, if you would let your father and mother know that you wanted something to give. Invariably they find a way to begin tithing immediately.

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

When I became a Christian at age ten, my mother told me that I should honor the Lord with the first fruits of all his increase. I asked her how I could do that. She suggested that I pick up the eggs every afternoon, and that I might have one out of every ten eggs I brought into the house. She paid me at the rate of fifteen cents per dozen for my portion of eggs. That was the way I earned the money that I began tithing as a boy of ten. Later, when I was earning more money—picking cotton, cutting cord wood, raising hogs, pigeons, rabbits, etc., I had more money for the Lord. But the principle was established, and I never thought of forsaking what my mother taught me.

+ Baptist Press News +

By C. E. BRYANT

Tennessee Baptists Fight Separation of Church and State

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Threats of a last ditch fight by Baptists against inclusion of churches in a state 2.7 per cent employment security tax law enacted last February is making top political news in Tennessee and has already gained a concession from Gov. Jim McCord.

The tax is a pay roll levy, paid by employers, and is similar to the Federal Social Security laws from which churches and other religious organizations are exempt. In that the Tennessee tax is paid wholly by the employers, it becomes a direct tax upon the churches.

Opening gun in the fight was fired a month ago in Memphis when the Community Chest and Baptist Memorial Hospital there threatened to make a court test of the new law. Recent developments came from Baptist ranks in Nashville, and in rapid-fire order included:

1. A letter from Dr. Charles W. Pope, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, to the 1,432 pastors of the state's 2,396 Baptist churches, asking them to preach on separation of church and state, opposing the tax.

2. A petitionary letter from the presidents of four Tennessee Baptist colleges, asking Governor McCord to call a special session of the legislature to repeal the sections of the law applying to non-profit religious organizations.

3. A statement by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, charging "there is no more vicious example of a violation of the separation of church and state in the history of the United States, than this."

Following a special conference with Dr. Pope, Governor McCord instructed Att. Gen. Roy Beeler to study the new law to determine whether it can be interpreted as exempting nonprofit religious organizations from its unemployment insurance provisions.

The law's pointed inclusion of churches and welfare agencies apparently was aimed at the large denominational headquarters offices located in Nashville, namely the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, The Methodist Publishing House, and the Baptist Sunday School Board. Also liable are state denominational offices, church schools and orphanages, and all large churches with a paid staff of eight or more lay employees. An early ruling of the security tax commissioner exempted ordained ministers and choir directors.

In his letter to ministers, Dr. Pope declared:

"The law is a clear and shocking violation of the principle of the separation of church and state. If the government can tax a church for unemployment funds it can tax it for any purpose it desires. If it can tax one group of churches, it can tax all churches."

Pastor Counsels Every Couple Before Performing Ceremony

STILLWATER, Okla.—(BP)—If you want to get married in a hurry, don't come to Dr. C. DeWitt Matthews, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stillwater.

This pastor has made it an unyielding policy never to perform a ceremony without premarital counseling. He has a special counseling room adjacent to his study, and its comfortable chairs, soft rug, and indirect lighting encourage confidence and trust. He enters first with the bride, then with the groom, and for not less than an hour takes each on a journey into matrimony.

Dr. Matthews says people leave the conference room with tensions relieved, because they are able to approach marriage with a more intelligent understanding of the primary elements involved. And he believes this approach will result in happier homes in the years ahead.

Danish Baptists, Hosts to Baptist World Congress, Number Only 7,000 Members

COPENHAGEN, Denmark.—(BP)—The Baptists of Denmark, who this month play host to the Baptist World Alliance, number only 7,000 adult members, but they comprise the largest and oldest free church in the nation. Copenhagen itself has three Baptist churches with a membership of 1,350.

Denmark itself has a population of 4,000,000, a fourth of whom live in the capitol city of Copenhagen. Its state religion is Lutheran, claiming 97 per cent of the population. The nation was occupied early in the war by German troops and miraculously escaped being a battleground, thus accounting for its ability to entertain the world congress so soon after the war.

The first Baptist church in Denmark was founded in Copenhagen in 1839, when the Baptist message was brought to the land by a young Danish Hebrew who had been studying in Germany and was converted to Christianity there.

Fierce opposition from the Danish state church met the pioneer Baptist movement. Baptists were denied the right of assembly. Their leaders were fined and arrested. Police fetched children from Baptist homes to the state church where the priest sprinkled them. One early Baptist leader spent two years in prison. But in 1849 freedom of religion came to Denmark.

Danish Baptists now have 35 churches with 119 church buildings and 100 other meeting places.

Vitally active in foreign missions despite their small number, Danish Baptists have 10 missionaries and a flourishing mission station at Urundi, Africa. Their relief activities have been felt throughout Europe.

"Danish Baptists look forward with keen anticipation to the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, July 29-August 3, and expect it to be the most significant meeting ever held by the Alliance," says Bradahl Peterson, one of their leaders.

Alaskan Official Invites Baptists to Increase Activities

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Commissioner of Labor of Alaska has written Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, asking that Baptist "activities in the Territory be increased."

The commissioner, Henry A. Benson, states in his letter that hundreds of people from the South who came to Alaska during the war have remained and still others are coming in answer to the lure of high wages.

"Many of the people who come here are members of Baptist churches in the States, but they have been unable to attend a Baptist church here because none are available in their communities," Mr. Benson wrote. "We believe such people are entitled to services by the church of their choice and would like to recommend that your activities in the Territory be increased."

Baptist Giving Is Insufficient for Present Mission Opportunities

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here, revealed that the Board "has at the present time more volunteers for foreign mission work than we can support with our available funds."

Dr. Rankin estimated that "during the present year we shall decline not less than 25 volunteers who would be appointed if we had prospect of income from the Co-operative Program sufficient to support them. Unless our income is increased, I estimate that we shall have to decline not less than 50 appointees in 1948."

Twenty-Eight Million Messages of Salvation

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, President, Southern Baptist Convention

WHILE IN NASHVILLE, the other day, for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, I was talking with Dr. T. L. Holcomb and Dr. Clifton J. Allen, asking them about the details of printing and distributing the literature of the Sunday School Board.

"Walk downstairs with us," said Dr. Holcomb, "and see for yourself."

And there, in the mailing department, I saw something I shall never forget—long lines of packages of varying sizes, containing literature for Sunday Schools, Training Unions, and Christian homes from Maryland to California, and from Illinois to Florida. I asked Dr. Allen how many pieces of literature the Sunday School Board distributes annually, and he answered:

"Twenty-eight million."

I stood there and watched the capable, happy people, handling that moving line of packages, and I thought for a moment of the many, many people who had participated in the creation and production of that moving line of literature—messages of salvation to little children, young people and adults. I thought of the editors who planned it, of the writers, the printers, the wrappers, the postal clerks, the carriers.

And that set me thinking anew about this great agency of Southern Baptists—our Sunday School. I study constantly the literature of the other major denominations, and I say without hesitation that Southern Baptists have the best literature of any denomination in the world—best in content, best in technique.

These twenty-eight million messages of salvation are the result of unceasing prayer, unceasing work, unceasing study, unceasing blessing. They ring true to the Word of God. They deal with the deep spiritual needs of living men. They help Southern Baptists to come to grips with the critical issues of today's world.

I give thanks upon every remembrance of our Sunday School Board, and I rejoice to observe that our people are using these twenty-eight million messages of salvation in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God, at home and throughout the world.

Guidance

By FRANK A. CLARKE, Principal Magoffin Baptist Institute, Sky, Ky.

I AM SURE THERE is great need for instruction on the subject of Guidance, or, How God Leads His People. The recent article by Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins on, "When a Church Calls a Pastor," notes how often in important matters people say, "I feel led of the Lord." When a pastorless church in Kentucky received letters from a number of ministers, each saying he felt called of the Lord to serve Him in that particular field, the claim becomes pitiful as well as impossible.

That God will lead His people is certain. The promises are there, but all promises have conditions to be fulfilled. Such promises are found in John 10:3-4, "when He putteth forth His sheep He goeth before them, and they follow Him." James 1:5-6 says, "If any of you lack of wisdom let him ask of God." David in the Psalms speaks often of God's guidance and prays God to lead him. But fifty years in the ministry convinces me that too few believers understand how to find or interpret this leading. From the little we find written on this subject it seems to be taken for granted that anyone can easily know the will of God. The fact is that to know God's will at some crisis in life is not easy for the natural man, and more mature Christians need to observe certain principles carefully.

Before considering these let us note some common mistakes. One depends on inward impressions. But inward impressions may

come from our own minds, our own likes, our own emotions, from jealousy, from a sense of injury, from wordly ambition, desire to be known and praised, impatience, fretting at conditions, selfish ambition, ashamed of lowly tasks. Inward impressions may often come from without, from the suggestion of some spirit other than divine. The Christian needs to remember that such spirits are always watching for opportunity to introduce suggestions. And, like angels of light, they can make us think their voice is the voice of God. In I Timothy, and I Corinthians 12:10, and Ephesians 6:11-12, and I John 4:1, we are warned that we are contending with a mighty army of unseen foes, working everywhere among men to mislead and deceive God's people, and do hurt to any work for God. Inward whispers and suggestions need to be carefully checked. By them multitudes have been led into false steps, and some deadly errors and extravagancies.

Another depends on signs. True, we read of Gideon and the fleece (Judges 7:36-40). But Gideon had not our Bible nor was the Holy Ghost yet given. God saw Gideon's need and condescended to show by the signs that it was truly God who called him to a dangerous task. We live in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, and have a complete Bible filled with instructions and with accounts of the rises that came to other men and of God's leadings. God expects us to use the intelligence and faculties He has given us, and with the Scriptures before us, with enlightened consciences, with the Holy Spirit to guide and interpret, by these to seek to know His will for us.

Others go about asking one and another what to do. But the voice of a majority of our dear Christian friends may not be the voice of God for us. See Acts 21:12-14. Yet it may sometimes be right to consult with one known to be God-fearing and wise, and to take such advice into consideration.

Another may open the Bible at will and read the first verse that meets the eye. A helpful verse may be seen, for the Bible is full of them. But God did not mean His Book to be used as a lottery. The account of the election of Matthias in the first chapter of Acts gives no support to such a method. A correct translation says nothing about casting lots, but of giving their ballots, or votes. It was an orderly election, two men nominated, and one elected—and of that one we never read anything more.

Another follows "some providential circumstances." But this, if taken by itself, may easily be interpreted according to our desires. When taken with other indications it may help to guide.

Now let us go on the other side of the fence, and ask ourselves the question, How may we know God's will for us in a special case? I think there is a course to follow, wherein, having been honest with ourselves and honest with our God, we will find the way:

We should wait on the Lord. "Wait patiently for Him," meaning do not run ahead of God. Meanwhile, we should prepare ourselves. Be well informed on all of the facts. David was anointed to be King of Israel long before it came to pass, but he took not steps to force the way. Keep busy at the present duty until God leads to another.

The receptive attitude is one of a surrendered will. By prayer and self-examination any strong preference must be brought to the place where one's will is neutralized, ready to go or ready to stay; to labor here or there—wherever God wills. To such an one God can make his true will known, and He will lead for the best.

Impressions may or may not be from God. Any selfish motives must be firmly laid aside and rejected. Impressions must be checked by sound judgment and by Scripture, and the call of plain duty. All messages from God will fully agree and one confirm the other.

When God is ready He will open the way. Circumstances will fall into line, and there will be agreement of sanctified judgment, with inward peace, the Word of God, and pressing duties, we are walking then with God. Oh, would I had known these great and simple principles long years ago. All Christians need to know them.—*The News*.

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THE SURVEY BULLETIN

BY PORTER ROUTH

FACTS OF INTEREST

Employment in the United States has passed the 60,000,000 mark for the first time in history, with 60,055,000 civilians employed. This does not include the 1,398,000 in the armed forces.

About \$3,800,000,000 will be spent in the next three months by American business for plant construction and new equipment, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Total farm income during the first half of 1947 has been estimated at \$12,000,000,000 compared with \$9,600,000,000 in 1946.

Much of the increased income is reflected in higher prices. The Dun and Bradstreet wholesale food price index on July 8 was 31.3 per cent higher than the comparative 1946 index.

But Americans should be thankful they can obtain food. The International Cereals Conference, meeting in Paris, reported a world grain deficit of 18,000,000 tons.

Cotton prices climbed to 39.4 cents, the second highest figure since the Civil War.

The Radio Corporation of America has developed a new radio communication system that can send 1,000,000 words a minute. The new development, "ultrafax," is expected to hasten the broadcasting of electronic newspapers.

And television production is expected to exceed 250,000 in 1947, with 1,500,000 in 1948.

IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Methodists reported contributions of \$152,532,709 for all causes in 1946, a record high. However, the percentage of total income given dropped.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance will send out 120 new missionaries during 1947.

Dr. Anders Nygren, Lund, Sweden, has been elected president of the Lutheran World Federation.

The next nation-wide convention of the National Sunday School Association will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 8-10. The Association is planning to start a mobile unit to work in rural communities.

The International Bible Society reports that 24 million Bibles are needed annually to catch up on the world shortage.

The Omaha Council of Churches reports a survey shows that 5.5 Roman Catholics join the evangelical churches for every evangelical joining the Catholic Church.

The Seventh-day Adventists have opened a public relations office on the West Coast.

The salaries of Presbyterian pastors in the United States average \$3,130.

With the exception of Lhasa, Tibet; Mecca, Arabia; and Kabul, Afghanistan, there are now Christian churches in every capital city in the world.

BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

Northern Baptists have appointed a committee of seven men to confer on "common problems" with Southern Baptists. W. C. Coleman, Wichita, Kansas, is the chairman. Other members are B. C. Barrett, Joseph C. Hazen, C. O. Johnson, J. L. Kraft, H. D. Pickett, and E. B. Willingham. Members of the Southern Baptist Convention committee approved by the St. Louis convention are W. R. White, Austin, Texas, chairman, B. O. Herring, C. Roy Angell, George Ragland, I. E. Lee, R. C. Campbell, B. A. Pugh, and Ryland Knight.

Of the total \$12,016,445 given to the various state Co-operative Programs, 38.3 per cent, or \$4,602,212, was received by the Executive Committee for the Southwide causes.

Of the total \$27,240,704 given for missions and benevolences by Southern Baptists in 1946, \$9,388,210 was given by the 3,547,716 members of the 23,858 churches with less than 500 members. Per capita gifts for the churches under 500 members amounted to \$2.64 for missions and benevolences. Per capita gifts for the 389,553 members of the 106 churches with more than 2,500 members amounted to \$10.12.

There were 3,727 Vacation Bible Schools reported on July 10 for 1947, 519 more than reported on the same date in 1946.

Department of Student Work

ROGERS M. SMITH, Secretary

MARJORIE HOWARD, Office Secretary

Another Letter from Webster Carroll

Box 1900
Hilo, Hawaii

Dear Fellow B. S. U.'ers:

Greetings in Christ's name.

Along with my greetings come the kindest personal regards to you in the mainland from our brothers and sisters in Christ from here in the beautiful islands of Hawaii.

Our trip over from the mainland was a very pleasant and interesting one and our fellowship with each other, together with your abiding prayer, offered us added strength to face our summer's work. As we journeyed toward our destination high above the clouds, the fourteen in our party sang, prayed, worked and planned together looking forward with an enthusiastic anticipation of a glorious summer.

We landed at Hickam Field and were met with a glorious welcome from our missionaries and some of the native young people. Truly we felt like kings as they placed the Hawaiian leis of beautiful flowers around our necks. After the introductions, we were taken to the home of Rev. and Mrs. Victor Koon where we were treated with refreshments while they told us of the plans for the first two weeks of our stay in Hawaii. The first of those weeks was spent in sightseeing on the island of Oahu, interrupted many times by refreshing swims off the sandy beaches of the island.

The following week we went to Kokakahi (Little Ridgecrest) which means "one blood." There, with a registration of around one hundred and thirty, the Spirit of the living God lifted us as we attended each meeting planned similar to our Ridgecrest.

Toward the end of the week we were given our assignments for the remainder of the summer which we were eagerly waiting for. Miss Corrine Griffin, from Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, and I were appointed to Hilo, a city of 28,000 on the big island of Hawaii, so we boarded a plane for an hour and a half's flight to the "Orchid Island," two hundred and sixteen miles distance from Honolulu.

We had our Vacation Bible School last week with an enrollment of about ninety. The week was filled with excitement along with the joys that V. B. S. provides and we felt the climax come on the last morning in our consecration service when eight juniors and intermediates found Jesus as their personal Savior.

This week we are having a camp for the children here on the top of Volcano Mountain. We have about thirty here with a program similar to our Ridgecrest. All of our work here has provided us with many unforgettable experiences which I hope to share with you during the coming months. Truly, the Lord has blessed in a great way our coming to these beautiful islands.

During the week of July 20-27, we are planning to have a Youth Revival in the Hilo Baptist Church. Even though there are twenty-eight thousand people in Hilo, the church only has thirty-five members. The oldest man in the church is a fine boy eighteen years of age and is leading in a wonderful way. Please pray for us as we pray, plan and promote the first Youth Revival ever to be held on the island of Hawaii. The field is over-ripe and we are trusting Him for a rich harvest. Since God is supplying the desire of these Christians for a revival, we know that He will bless every effort.

May I now thank everyone of you who has had a part in my coming here. My prayer is that my work will be worthy of your gifts in sending me as your missionary for the summer. I hope all of you will be able to enjoy the moving pictures I am taking and I'll try to bring as much of my experience to you as I can.

Thanking you so much for the Cablegrams and letters and assuring you that every prayer has served to strengthen, and looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours to live Christ,

WEBB CARROLL

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

The Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for Sunday, August 3

By R. PAUL CAUDILL, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Topic: "PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN"
Lesson: Prov. 1:8-9; 6:20-23; 17:1; 22:6; 23:22-26

GARLANDS OF GRACE

The ancient writer assumes that good conduct "is an art that can be taught." There is one prerequisite, however: "The learner must be in sympathy with the subject; a right judgment concerning moral truth is obtainable only by those who hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Dummelow). That is why the writer makes the plea, "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, And forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto thy head, And chains about thy neck" (Prov. 1:8-9).

Here, and in the second passage of our lesson (6:20-23), the children of the home are enjoined to revere the instruction of their parents. Their words of wisdom and commandments are to be as "chaplets" or "garlands" of grace. The Proverbs abound in parables, figures, and vivid pictures. So do the recorded teachings of our Lord. Hence we have here the figure of the chaplet, a garland or wreath to be worn on the head. The teachings of parents are so to be regarded by their children. They are not to be forsaken. "Bind them continually upon thy heart; Tie them about thy neck" (6:21).

The counsel of parents is to give guidance to their children: "When thou walkest, it shall lead thee; When thou sleepest, it shall watch over thee; And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee" (6:22).

The proofs of instruction are not to be looked upon with disdain. There is to be no feeling of contempt and aversion on the part of children for the words of the parents as they offer counsel. Children are never to look with scorn upon or with haughty indifference toward the counsel of their elders. Such counsel, such reproof, is a part of the way of life.

This means that a tremendous responsibility rests upon fathers and mothers at all times. They should guard their words and their thoughts, taking care to give way to no utterance that might cause them subsequent regret. A child could hardly be expected to wear as a "garland of grace" the nagging reproofs of an inconsiderate parent. The responsibility rests upon the parent as well as upon the child. It is a mutual affair.

QUIETNESS OF STRIFE

"Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, Than a house full of feasting with strife" (17:1). What pleasure would there, or could there be in a festal meal if it is to be accompanied with a quarrel? "A little with quiet is the only diet," someone has well said.

God does not desire the sacrifices of strife. In other words, how can we manifest our devotion to deity when our hearts and minds are filled with carnal strife? This principle which calls for "quietness" rather than "strife" may well be carried over into every relation of family life. The father and mother, as well as the son or daughter, must decide as to whether they prefer "quietness" or "strife." Often in life households are all but given over to ill-tempered remarks and manifestations of unkind regard one for another. There can be little love in such a home.

The principal of a large girl's school told me of visiting in the lovely home (that is a home that was beautiful in material appointments) of one of the students. He called the student to his office one day and spoke to her appreciatively of her home. The young girl replied, "Yes, it's beautiful, all right, but there is hell there!" The father and mother in that home did not get along together at all. Instead of words of love and of kindness for each other, there were words of bitterness and of misunderstanding.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it" (22:6). Here we have expressed a doctrine to which thousands of parents have clung as they have brought their children into the world and sought to prepare them for the issues of life. It is one of the greatest promises ever made to man. It boldly declares that it is possible so to mould the life of a little one that in his older years he will never depart from the pattern that is given.

This is not an easy assignment for a parent—this training up a child in the way he should go. It means in the first place that the life of a father and a mother must represent ideally in the realm of upright living that which they would have their child to become. Training is more than fatherly fiat or motherly messages concerning the duties and responsibilities of life.

Before a father or mother can speak with commanding authority, they must first, in their own lives, manifest some of the idealism which they would see in their children.

REJOICING AND GLADNESS

Rejoicing and gladness will indeed be the portion of fathers and mothers when they behold their children, as they themselves come down to old age, walking in the paths of uprightness and loyalty to God.

"My son, give me thy heart; And let thine eyes delight in my ways." Fellowship with God and with His ways for human life constitutes the basis, and the only basis, of right relations between parents and children. Only as we look to deity can we find wisdom that is adequate to the needs of the staggering times that confront us in the matter of home building.

With more and more of our American homes going on the rocks of failure and disintegration, we ought to turn unto God and beseech, as never before, His divine guidance in all that we do as fathers and mothers and as sons and daughters.

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3 Tennessee

It's been a long time since I have had so many new word pictures to share with you. I think there are twenty-four in all. So let's begin right away looking at them together, so that we can see as many as possible today.

JOYCE ALLRIDGE, 324 Fairmont Avenue, Jackson, Tennessee, is almost fourteen. She is a Christian and goes to North Jackson Baptist Church. Joyce's interests are quite varied: she likes good music and good books; her favorite outdoor game is croquet. Besides, she has two collections—photographs of friends and picture postcards. Joyce has two pen pals, but wants more. The last sentence of her letter was, "I love to get mail." Usually when people feel that way about letters, they also like to write them. So Joyce should be a good pen pal.

BOBBIE JEAN BARRETT, Route 1, Oakfield, Tennessee, will be thirteen next month. It has been nearly five years since she wrote to Aunt Polly. Bobbie Jean is a member of Oakfield Baptist Church and especially enjoys her G. A. activities. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, Bobbie Jean's father, and mother, are active church members too. Bobbie Jean has started a scrapbook of her "favorite things." She wants pen pals and promises to answer all letters.

BILLIOTT BOLTON, Harrogate, Tennessee, did not give much information for his word picture. He only told that he was thirteen years old and wanted pen pals. We hope Billiott will write another letter to Aunt Polly soon, so that Young South friends may become better acquainted with him.

MARY ETNA BROWN, Route 2, (c/o Mr. John Frost), Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, also wants pen pals. She is fourteen years old and will be in the eighth grade this fall. She attends Allenville Baptist Church but is not yet a Christian. Unlike many boys and girls who write, Mary Etta did not say, "I hope to be a Christian soon." She stated simply that she "will be soon." Hope she will write and let us know about it when she makes up her mind to trust Jesus as Savior. Allenville Church has had a Vacation Bible School, which Mary Etta enjoyed. Baseball, basketball, reading, and collecting picture postcards are Mary Etta's hobbies, and she would like pen pals with similar interests.

CHRISTINA COX, Route 13, Ribble Range Road, Fountain City, Tennessee, is twelve and in the sixth grade at Halls School. She goes to Central Baptist Church and we hope she will soon be a Christian. Christina wants pen pals 10-13 years old.

RUBY COX, is, I think, Christina's younger sister. They have the same address. In fact, the letters came in the same mail. Ruby is in the fourth grade and she, too, wants pen pals.

There is another addition to IDA BELLE FARMER'S word picture. She wrote to tell of the revival services which were held at Little Hope Baptist Church, June 23-July 2. There were six people saved and eleven joined the church. Nine were baptized on Sunday, July 6. That's great news, and we appreciate Ida Belle's writing us about it. (Her address, you remember, is Route 2, Clarksville, Tenn.)

JO ANN HALL, Sullivan Gardens, Kingsport, Tennessee, will be a sophomore next year at Sullivan Gardens High School. She likes music—especially piano—and wants pen pals who also enjoy that instrument—but she'd like to meet some new friends with other interests, too. Collecting picture postcards and snapshots is one of Jo Ann's hobbies. I think writing letters must be a hobby too, because already she has ten pen pals: Lois Hickman, Shirley Worrell, Anita Coleman, Flonnie Vanderpool, Freddie Lee Kiestler, Annie Harrison, Betty Jo Hood, Ruth McCullough, and Joyce Hardesty.

WANDA HARRELL, whose address is also Sullivan Gardens, Kingsport, Tennessee, has five pen pals, and wants more. Wanda is fifteen and a sophomore in high school. She is a member of Sullivan Baptist Church. Wanda went to Ridgecrest last summer and plans to go again this year. Hope she will write and tell us all about her trip and the good times she has in Ridgecrest.

ANA LOIS HOLDENFIELD, Route 2, Dyer, Tennessee, will be eleven October 30. She is in the sixth grade. The last time Ana Lois wrote, she was not a Christian, but now she is and belongs to Clear Creek Baptist Church. We are glad for this good news. Ana Lois wants pen pals her age.

MAXINE HUNT, 800 Elliston Street, Old Hickory, Tennessee, is almost eighteen and has been a Christian for six years. She is a member of the First Baptist Church at Old Hickory. Wish we had a more complete picture of Maxine.

SUE JORDAN, 1642 Euclid Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, was nine years old May 11. She is in the fourth grade. "I hope to become a Christian some day," she said in her letter. Sue goes to Calvary Baptist Church and attended Vacation Bible School there the last of June. Sue had a good time at V. B. S. In telling of her experiences there, she said, "We learn about Jesus, and sing, and sew, and read. I have made a doll." Vacation Bible School is fun, and we wish every boy and girl everywhere could attend one.

Oh-oh—we're only half through the new cards, but space is giving out. Guess we'd better put a marker back of Sue's card, and begin there next time. Hope there'll be a lot more cards—either new ones or additions to some already in the file. Maybe you'll write this week. Hope so!

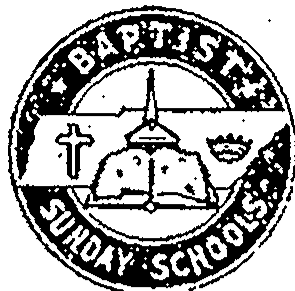
Love, Aunt Polly

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Antioch Baptist Church Enlarges Space

The Antioch Baptist Church in Gibson County Association is completing building of additional space which will be used for Sunday school and Training Union. The Church is adding five new rooms on the level of the auditorium which will make a total of 11 rooms that can be used for Sunday school classes. Also, a basement is providing additional space for kitchen and two class rooms. This basement is very attractive in that it is almost on the ground level. Plenty of light is furnished through large windows.

New classes are to be formed for Adults, Young People, and Juniors, as well as a Nursery. The Nursery room is large and situated on the southwest corner of the building which will be very attractive to the children of that age and very pleasing to the mothers and fathers who bring them.

The entire church has a spirit of progress and growth. This thriving community is making a great contribution to the Baptist life of the county. The pastor of this church is Rev. Lacy Freeman, and the Sunday school superintendent is Harris Nelson both of whom are leading in an excellent way.

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Applications being Received for Statewide Better Bible Teaching Clinic

Our department is receiving a number of applications for the Statewide Better Bible Teaching Clinic to be held at the First Baptist Church in Nashville during the week of September 7.

The purpose of the clinic is two-fold: (1) to develop and train teachers; and (2) to train a selected group of leaders from over the state who shall be able to promote the improvement of Bible teaching in their churches and associations.

The clinic is designed to offer the individual teachers and workers the most practical help possible in their task of teaching based upon general principles and the individual needs of each age-group. Guidance is offered in applying these principles in working with actually current lesson material. These conferences are concerned with lesson materials as a unit, selecting and stating of aims, selecting proper methods, developing lesson plans and working out teaching procedures.

The clinic is sponsored jointly by the State Department and the Baptist Sunday School Board, cooperating with the Nashville Association. If you desire to attend this clinic write our department immediately. The Nashville Association has graciously agreed to take care of 100 clinicians, offering them a home and breakfast. The Sunday School Department and Baptist Sunday School Board will provide the other two meals. Make your application at once.

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Closing the Old—Getting Ready for the New

There are just about two months before the Sunday school year closes—only two months in which to do all of those things that we planned to do this Sunday school year. Have you had a sufficient amount of training? Has your Sunday school reached the Standard? Are your departments Standard? How many Standard classes do you have? Have you had a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign? All of these questions are of concern to the Sunday school superintendent as he presses to round out a year full of activity and growth in Sunday school work. This is an excellent time of year to check your Sunday school and see if you have accomplished enough to reach the requirements for a Standard school. We have in our office a few more Standards than we had at this time last year. Let's spend every effort possible to make a better record this year.

It is time to be thinking about officers and teachers. Some churches have already appointed nominating committees to select a superintendent. Certainly he should be selected early and given an opportunity to join the committee in the selection of officers and teachers. Very soon the department superintendents for the coming year should be selected so they also may join with the committee in securing the very best force possible for teaching the word of God next year. Adequately planning now will assure your school of good results next year. Get your council together and make plans for the coming year. Include in it a program of training and achievement that will challenge every teacher and officer in the school. Plan more new classes. Sunday schools that grow are Sunday schools that have many new classes. On the average a class will put in attendance about ten pupils. If you expect to have a larger Sunday school attendance next year than you've had this year, add more classes.

Time is running out. The year will soon close. Let us do all that we can to make this a year of great accomplishment.

Better Speakers' Tournament



Left to right: Marie Whitby, Charlotte Thigpin, Patty Conn, Thelma Whitlock; and Ruby Janeway. Back row: Willis Wisecarver, James Kirby and Dick Freeman.

The State Better Speakers' Tournament was held on July 3 at 7:30 in the First Baptist Church of Nashville. Miss Charlotte Thigpin of Prescott Memorial Church, Memphis, was chosen to represent Tennessee in the Speakers' Tournament at Ridgecrest. All eight of the participants did a marvelous job. We trust that a large number of our Young People will participate in the Tournament next year. Listed below you will find rules and subjects for 1948:

1. All active members of Baptist Young People's Unions, general or associational officers, Story Hour, Junior or Intermediate leaders or sponsors, ages 17-24 inclusive, are eligible.

2. Each speaker must compose his own speech. It is not permissible to use a speech composed entirely by someone else. It is permissible to quote from materials gathered from any source, but proper credit must be given for all quoted material.

3. Helpful material will be found in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine* each month and in other Training Union periodicals.

4. The subjects to be used are listed below:

- "Follow Me"
- The Cost of Following Christ
- "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
- How to Be Happy
- The Adventure of Conquering Evil
- "Let Your Light So Shine"
- Youth and Missions
- Making Our Homes Christian
- Prayer—a Source of Spiritual Power
- "Learn of Me"
- "Are Ye Able?"
- Uniting the Nations Through Missions
- Youth and Materialism
- Becoming Fishers of Men
- Adventures in Christian Living
- Using All for Christ
- "So Send I You"
- The Contribution of Christian Education to Our Nation
- Beverage Alcohol Weakens Character
- Beverage Alcohol—a National Menace

5. Each speaker will have six minutes. Each speaker will be required to hand the typed manuscript of his address to the chairman preceding the tournament.

6. Speakers will be judged on content, composition, and delivery. Content will count 25 per cent, composition 25 per cent, and delivery 50 per cent.

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The Italian W. M. U. Secretary Writes

Piazza in Lucina, 35, Rome, Italy
June 9, 1947

I know that you have done much for us here in Italy. I know also that you would like some news of our missionary work.

The war is passed. The hard times of after-war have not yet passed but these are made lighter by your help which arrives by means of your gift parcels and your money. I have received many packages from various states of the Southern Baptist Convention and I have had thus the privilege of helping many Baptist women in Italy. Your precious packages not only have helped the persons to whom I have sent them in your name, but that which counts more, they have helped me in forwarding the work of the Lord among the Italian women. The main purpose of my letter is really this: to let you know, to the glory of God, that you and all the sisters in Faith have been a great blessing, material and spiritual, for Baptist Italy. Your fine example of fraternal love, of Christian solidarity, have warmed the hearts of many persons and have produced an awakening particularly among the women that surprised and gladdened very much our Missionary Alice Moore who returned to her work here the 15th of March. I am happy for her return because it is another great blessing for our work. She has come with new plans for us and we solicit your prayers also for the carrying out of these here in a missionary land—perhaps the most needy of all the world for the light of the Truth. Because here is centered the most formidable and militant opposition to the spread of the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

Italy is not Christian. Italy is not pagan. Italy is worse and for this reason she has a great need of the Truth. The representatives of this truth are actually few: 80,000 evangelicals among 46,000,000 people. Of this 80,000, four thousand are the propagators of the Baptist interpretation of the Gospel. When Italy has been almost won to Christ, the entire world will make great progress because if Italy is won to Christ it will signify that a death blow has been struck at organized opposition to Kingdom expansion which has its head here. Italian Baptists are true and ardent Christians. They are the most democratic and the best propagators of liberty and progress. Only in the Baptist work has arisen, after the war, the women's missionary activity initiated through missionary cooperation of Southern Baptists. At present the first year of real work after the war, there are enrolled 900 women in thirty Unions which are found in each of the thirty churches. In addition there are also small groups of Baptists scattered in the villages, without pastoral leadership, where the women are very active in the Lord's work in the midst of many obstacles and personal sacrifices. In this country there is still persecution and everywhere in Italy there is not religious liberty because the Opposition is afraid of losing its prestige. If this Opposition loses its prestige in Italy, it well knows it will lose it also in the world.

The 15th and 16th of April we held our first after-war Convention of Woman's Missionary Union, in Florence. There was a good representation from almost every Baptist group and the meeting was a real success—a historic event in the story of the Baptist Mission in this country. The sisters came from afar and sustained joyfully long and fatiguing trips because since the war traveling is very difficult in Italy.

The National WMU Treasury, which is contributed to by the local groups, provided one half of the general expenses of the meeting. The remainder necessary to meet the expenses came from the liberality of the Christian sisters of America because of their love for the world. After the Convention we see new doors open for our work. You, from afar, can not understand well enough how miraculous is our work for women in Italy, because there has never been such a thing; second, because the Italian men have never considered women capable for this type of work and third, because this is the only women's missionary work that exists in this country.

If I can be of service in any way with news or some special request, please know that I am at your disposition and will serve you with the same joy with which I serve Him.—MIRIAM ROSA.

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"My World Too"

The author is Porter Routh, Secretary of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention. He writes with a keen understanding of young people and their problems.

"My World Too" is the young people's book in the 1947 Foreign Mission Graded Series. Very fine for Y. W. A.'s. Intermediates will enjoy it also.

This is the story of Roy Southern and his call to the foreign mission field. Beginning with his graduation from college, the reader lives the experiences of this young man as he faces some very real and difficult problems.

Although "My World Too" is entirely fictional, it is true to life. A pleasing touch of romance is added in Roy's love for Ann Richards, the girl back home.

Throughout the book the challenge of the mission field is stressed and many practical suggestions for mission candidates are given. Price 50 cents.

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1947

Rapid Progress

We have just received from Brother Frank B. Kellogg, pastor of Una Baptist Church, a good report concerning the interest of the men of this church in completing the Brotherhood organization.

The Brotherhood officers were elected on June 11. Following the election of the officers, it was agreed that the newly elected officers would meet with the pastor on Monday night, June 16, to decide on the committees necessary to promote their work and to select committee chairmen.

After a study and discussion of the matter, it was agreed that in order to promote the aims and objectives of their church, a combination of the suggested committee activities would be advisable. Five committee chairmen with one co-chairman were named as follows:

Worship and Education..... Brother Ben Rice, Chairman
Evangelism and Extension.....
..... Brother Robert M. Merriweather, Chairman
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Nashville Association

Belmont Heights Baptist Church

REV. JAMES L. SULLIVAN, Pastor

A report from Mr. Rufus Pardue, newly elected president of the Brotherhood of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, advises that a committee of three has been appointed to nominate the officers necessary to lead in promoting the activities of a Brotherhood.

The committee is the Chairman of the Deacons, Brother J. R. Claypool, Jr.; The Sunday School Superintendent, Brother J. Chalmers Cowan; and the acting Training Union Director, Brother Theodore C. Chitwood.

At the next regular meeting date, which is scheduled for the last of July, the above named committee has been requested to submit names for the following officers: a membership vice-president, a program vice-president, an activities vice-president, and secretary-treasurer.

Following the election of these officers, the pastor, Brother Sullivan, with those elected to lead in the activities of the Brotherhood, will meet and select committee chairmen for such committees as deemed necessary for the promotion of their church and denominational program.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

Dover Baptist Church recently closed a Vacation Bible School in which the enrollment was 65 with an average attendance of 57. Mrs. Clay Groves served as principal, assisted by other faithful helpers. Following this school was a ten day revival in which Bro. Chas. A. Jolly of Portland did the preaching and Bro. W. H. Thweatt of Springfield directed the music. There were 8 additions to the church, 5 by baptism and 3 by letter. H. D. Lankford is pastor.

—B&R—

Recently Pastor Paul Hall and the First Baptist Church, Camden, held a revival in which Bro. B. Frank Collins, pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church did the preaching. Bro. R. K. Bennett, pastor of Decaturville Baptist Church, directed the music. There were 8 additions, 7 by baptism and 1 by letter.

—B&R—

Liberty church at Wartburg, S. D. Knisley, pastor, has just completed a two week's Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 137 and an average daily attendance of 122. The mission offering was \$13.79. Eight teachers assisted in the school.

—B&R—

The week of July 6-13 Pastor Marvin O. Wayland and the Leoma church conducted a revival in which Bro. Wayland did the preaching. There were 25 additions.

—B&R—

Pastor Bill Reeder and the Pleasant View Baptist Church in Stockton Valley Association recently held a revival in which the preaching was done by Bro. Dan Lawler, pastor of Harsh Chapel Baptist Church, Nashville. There were 11 professions of faith.

President J. W. Bill Marshall has announced that C. Eugene Colton will head the Bible department at Wayland College, Plainview, Texas. Bro. Colton has been pastor of North Temple Baptist Church in Dallas for the past eight years. During his pastorate 1,262 members have been added, of which 375 were by baptism. He is the author of a number of booklets on religious subjects and has taught in the extension department of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth.

—B&R—

Forty-eight students received diplomas and degrees in the Summer School Commencement of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, July 17. Dr. C. Frank Pittman, a Southwestern graduate, of Greenville, S. C., delivered the commencement address. President E. D. Head presided and delivered the diplomas.

—B&R—

Pastor Harry T. Copeland and Baker's Grove Baptist Church, Nashville Association, sponsored a Vacation Bible School at Bryant's Chapel (for Negroes). Bro. Copeland served as principal of the school with the following serving as teachers: Miss Bertye Jean Newman, Miss Mamie York and Mrs. Harvey Douglas.

—B&R—

Grubbs Memorial Baptist Church, Nashville, recently held a Vacation Bible School in which the enrollment was 104 with an average attendance of 85. On the closing day of the school Bro. Fred Dies brought a great evangelistic message and 15 boys and girls accepted Christ as their Saviour. Mrs. Almous Coggins served as principal of the school.

Mrs. Merle Pedigo who was recently injured in an automobile accident in Richmond, Va., is recuperating at the home of her mother in Cookeville. Mrs. Pedigo sustained a broken arm and numerous cuts and bruises in the accident. Her delay in recovering has been due to the necessity of resetting the arm. Bro. Pedigo was only slightly injured in the wreck. They were entering Richmond when the accident occurred and were struck by a bus. They were on their vacation and had gone to Richmond to visit Bro. Pedigo's parents.

—B&R—

Sunday, July 13, was the fifth anniversary of Slater A. Murphy as pastor of Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis. There were 958 in Sunday school and 370 in Training Union and 29 additions to the church. During Bro. Murphy's five years as pastor the church has had 1357 additions, 539 coming by baptism. The finances have grown from \$18,000.00 a year to more than \$75,000.00.

—B&R—

Bro. L. E. Barton, Montgomery, Ala., did the preaching in a recent revival at Blooming Grove Baptist Church fifteen miles from Clarksville in which there were 12 additions by baptism. Lloyd Ashby is pastor.

—B&R—

Pastor Joe Harting and the Carthage Baptist Church are studying the book of Revelation each Wednesday evening.

—B&R—

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiley of McKenzie are the proud parents of a baby girl born July 10. Edward is the son of E. K. Wiley, Brotherhood Secretary for Tennessee.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, JULY 20TH.

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo, First	251			Church Hill, McPheeter's Bend	195	79	4	Manchester	84		
Alcoa, Calvary	272	68		Oak Grove	160	66		Maryville, Oak Grove	132	50	
Alexandria	176	130		Cleveland, Big Spring	301	166	1	Mauzy City	97	77	
Andersonville	132	52		First	496	165	2	Medina	120	57	
Ardmore, Macedonia	73	70		Mission	115		2	Antioch	123	50	
Athens, East	289	89		New Friendship	124	84	2	Memphis, Bellevue	2089	639	12
First	442	72		South Cleveland	112	54	7	Boulevard	509	154	4
West End Mission	48			Cookeville, First	382	96	2	Central Avenue	450	143	
North	221	56		Fourth Street	44			Highland Heights	777	279	6
Calhoun	128	9		Steven's Street	92	48	2	LaBelle	647	206	3
Charleston	50			Crossville, Oak Hill	113			Levi	143	79	3
Clear Water	76	55		Dunlap, First	129	72		Louisiana Street	174	92	
Coghill	78			Elizabethton, Siam	207	108		McLean	262	74	3
Cotton Port	117			Fountain City, Central	753	167	3	Prescott Memorial	523	133	2
Etowah, East	65			Hines Valley Mission	60			Temple	1328	324	11
Etowah, First	336	54		Fowlkes	128			Milton	59	35	
Etowah, North	136	41		Gallatin, First	301	42		Morristown, First	508	105	1
Englewood	165	56		Greenbrier	127	59	2	Montvue	132	52	1
McMahan Calvary	106			Harriman, Walnut Hill	256	80		Murfreesboro, Powell's Chapel	132	88	
Mt. Harmony No. 1	79	39		Huntingdon, First	133	30		Taylor's Chapel	98		
New Bethel	42	21		Jackson, Bemis	259	68		Westvue	221	53	
New Zion	76			Bible Grove	90	72	4	Nashville, Antioch	78	48	
Niota, East	206	79		Calvary	672	105	5	Grace	694	130	
Niota, First	115	30		First	398	119	4	Harsh Chapel	125	72	
Riceville	127			West	801	244		Inglewood	457	91	
Wildwood	103	53		Jellico, First	254	83	4	Lockeland	434	141	2
Benton	144	19		Jonesboro, Oak Grove	163	67		Park Avenue	370	64	
Bluff City	238	142		Kingsport, First	609			Third	130		
Bradford	111			Lynn Garden	268	80	1	Una	115	65	1
Brighton	150	77		State Line	101	25		Woodmont	197	79	
Bristol, Calvary	339	80	1	Knoxville, Broadway	1032	235	11	Woodmont Baptist Center	35		
Carthage	147	37	2	Fifth Avenue	903		2	New Market, Dumplin	104	68	
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	81	68		First	883	159		Newport, First	255	65	
Chattanooga, Avondale	530	156		Glenwood	225	82		Oak Ridge, First	353	65	3
Brainerd	343	125		Immanuel	338	61	6	Highland View	225	62	6
Baptist Tabernacle	291	65		Lincoln Park	494	151	2	Robertsville	232	43	
Calvary	398			Lonsdale	330	77		Oakville Memorial	150	76	3
Clifton Hill	323	100	1	Smithwood	331	75		Portland	234	107	
East Ridge	205	62	1	Lawrenceburg	230	100		Rockwood, First	313	108	
Morris Hill	218	143	1	Lebanon, Barton's Creek	72	25		Mission	23		
Parkers Gap	88	75	1	Cedar Grove	128	55	3	Whites Creek	56	26	
Red Bank	435	145	1	Lexington, First	184	67		Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	130		
Signal Mountain	54	40		Liberty, Salem	93	49		Trenton, White Hall	108	60	
Woodland Park	789	250	1	Madison, First	344	109		Union City, First	552	126	

Walnut Hill Observes 15th Anniversary of Pastor

On July 13, Walnut Hill Baptist Church of Harriman conducted an anniversary service commemorating fifteen years of faithful service by the pastor, E. H. Howard. A large and appreciative audience was present. The church clerk, B. L. Yeary presented a review showing the progress of the church and O. C. Rainwater brought the inspirational message at the close of which the church gave a love offering to Bro. Howard that amounted to \$310.00. Walnut Hill has had a full-time program since 1935 and during Bro. Howard's pastorate, 244 members have been received by baptism and 110 have been received by letter. The church has given loyal support to the entire Baptist program. The pastor has not only led his people to many victories at home but has been very active in all our associational work. At present he is the chairman of our Executive Committee while Mrs. Howard is serving as the associational W. M. U. President. We wish for the Howards and for Walnut Hill church many more years of Christ-honoring service, we thank God for the past but we believe that even greater victories are yet to be won in the future.—C. L. LITTLE.

Kingsport, Tennessee
July 16, 1947

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

149 Sixth Ave., North
Nashville, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

We would like to express as a Committee, on the behalf of Holston Association, our keenest regrets in losing Rev. Eugene B. Roberts as Field Worker. He has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. These short years that he spent in our midst have been fruitful ones, and all have learned to love and respect his work and stand for the power of God.

We give him up regretfully; but, bow to God's calling and wish for him the best of everything, and pray that God may use him in a mighty way in the new field.

Respectfully,
CLAUDE GILSTRAP
JAMES M. GREGG
J. O. CARTER

—B&R—

A Southwestern Baptist Seminary picnic, Thursday, July 17, was the occasion that brought seventeen former and present seminary students and their families together at Harrison Bay Park near Chattanooga. The following, all of Chattanooga, were present: Rev. and Mrs. B. Frank Collins and sons, Benny and Jimmy; Rev. and Mrs. Carl Rogers; Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hester and son, Preston; Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Petty; Rev. and Mrs. Earl Stallings and son, James; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kerr; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh King; Rev. and Mrs. Broadus Marlow and children, Karen and Nick; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cheek and Miss Nellie Tallant.

—B&R—

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Black of Kingsport sailed on the Queen Elizabeth to attend the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen. Bro. Black is a deacon at First Baptist Church.

Lockeland Baptist Church Vacation Bible School



One of the most successful Vacation Bible Schools ever conducted at Lockeland Church was recently held with an enrollment of 235, and an average attendance of 190. Miss Allie Candler was principal of the school and a splendid faculty of 63 workers assisted. There were 15 conversions. An offering of \$97.31 was made and donated to the Camp Site fund. Dr. L. S. Sedberry is pastor of the church.

Inglewood Ordains Bro. DePriest

Bro. Robert DePriest of the Inglewood Baptist Church was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, July 20. Bro. DePriest was ordained at the request of the Hopewell Baptist Church of Sumner County of which he has been called as pastor. He is also serving as pastor of the Westmoreland Baptist Church. He will be a student this fall at Cumberland University. The ordaining council was composed of Moderator J. Harold Stephens, Clerk John M. Newton, Jr., and a number of visiting deacons from the Madison Baptist Church and deacons of the Inglewood Baptist Church. Dr. G. Allen West, pastor of the Woodmont Baptist Church delivered the ordaining sermon on the subject of "On This I Stand." The presentation of the Bible and the charge were made by Bro. A. F. Turbeville and the ordination prayer was led by Bro. Oscar Nelson, pastor of Madison Baptist Church. The benediction was given by Bro. Merle Pedigo, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church.

Grainger Enlargement Campaign

The Grainger County Association of Baptists has just completed a simultaneous Sunday School Study Course and Enlargement Campaign, in which twenty churches participated, with a total of 362 awards, and in some way touching the lives of over one thousand people.

Our people responded in a great way, both from the standpoint of churches and workers. Our workers or teachers included the Moderator and Assistant Moderator of our Association, our Associational Sunday School Superintendent and seven of our pastors, Mr. Arnold Roach, Trustee of Grainger County; W. I. Daniel, County Court

Clerk of Grainger County; Mary Maples Morgan, Assistant County Court Clerk and a large number of devoted laymen from our churches.

We feel that this will strengthen our churches and Sunday schools in our Association. Our Associational Sunday school superintendent, Roy G. Manley, and our Associational Sunday school superintendent of training, John M. Wenger, pastor of Rutledge Baptist Church, have led our Sunday school work in a great way during this Associational year.—LOWELL LAWSON, Associational Missionary.

Pastor Raymond Morgan has resigned as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Nashville, to resume his duties as Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. He will be stationed at the Naval Air Station, Key West, Fla. He served three years as naval Chaplain during the last war. During the eighteen months Bro. Morgan has been with the Calvary church there have been 104 additions.

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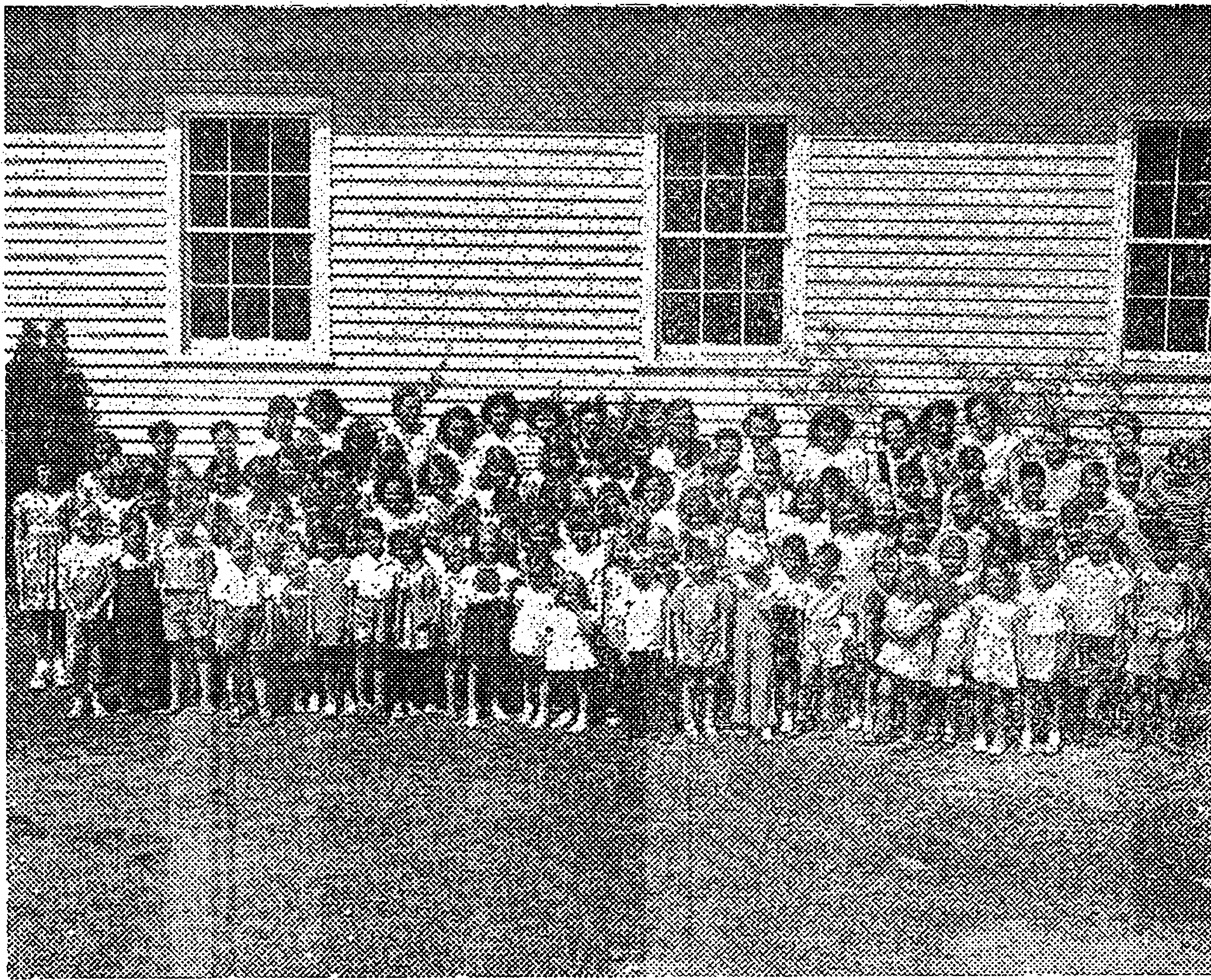
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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Oak Grove Vacation Bible School



Oak Grove Baptist Church, Holston Valley Association, closed their Vacation Bible School, June 27. The enrollment was 113. Miss Carrie Flanagan was director and in charge of Intermediates. Other workers were: Mrs. J. C. Dotson, Mrs. James Markham, Mrs. Kyle Maness, Mrs. W. G. Long, Mrs. Jess Russell, Mrs. George Markham, Mrs. Luther Dean and Mrs. Willie Smith. —Carl Swann, Photographers, Kingsport, Tenn.



S. G. POSEY of the Baptist Temple, San Antonio, Texas, has been secured to head the Department of Religious Education at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif. He was born in Mississippi and received his A.B. degree from Mississippi College. He served as Associate State Sunday School Secretary and then as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Durant and at the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Miss. Wherever Mr. Posey has served he has made a large contribution to all phases of denominational and institutional life.

Resolution of the Polk County Baptist Sunday School Association

Whereas, Rev. W. D. Arms, who has served as Associational Missionary for the Polk County Baptist Association since October, 1943, resigned effective June 1, 1947, to accept the full-time pastorate of the Fordtown Baptist Church, Fordtown, Tennessee, we the committee selected by the Sunday School Association wish to express our appreciation for him and his work, and that of his family, therefore, it is resolved:

FIRST: That under his leadership our Association has made great progress in the various phases of our denominational work. He having wholeheartedly promoted the B. T. U., W. M. S., BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, Carson-Newman College, and the Pastors' Schools. Having been elected as our first Associational Missionary, it was his task to open up the new work.

SECOND: We are grateful to God for his work. He has given himself faithfully and untiringly in the Lord's work, having visited and worked with every Church of need within the Association, often going the "second mile," and performing many duties not required of him without thought of compensation.

THIRD: Particularly for his promotion and participation in the work of the Sunday School Association, he having attended practically all of its monthly meetings, and appearing on the program on numerous occasions.

FOURTH: For the service rendered while serving as pastor, at various times, of the Shiloh, Ocoee, and Old Ocoee Baptist Churches.

FIFTH: That copies of this expression of grati-

tude be sent to Rev. W. D. Arms, the Fordtown Baptist Church, and the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

We commend Bro. Arms to the Fordtown Baptist Church, as a pastor worthy of their confidence and support. Also, we heartily recommend Mrs. Arms, who has diligently served as secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Association during the past two years.

We congratulate the Fordtown Baptist Church on their choice of a pastor, and the prayer of the Polk County Baptist Sunday School Association and its members is that the Lord will richly bless Bro. Arms, his family, and his work.

POLK COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION

July 13, 1947

Committee:

REV. I. J. FREEMAN

A. E. LYLE

ROY G. LILLARD

Egypt Annual Homecoming

Again Egypt Baptist Church, Memphis, will observe her annual homecoming, August 3rd with an all day program and dinner on the beautiful church lawn. There will be preaching, singing and interesting events throughout the day. At noon a love offering will be taken for the new church building which will be started in the early spring of 1948. This old church was organized the first Sunday in August, 1818, two years before the Indians left and two years before Shelby County was organized. This is more than likely

the first church ever organized in these parts. The public is invited to mingle with the hundreds, of people on this great event.—JAS. H. OAKLEY, pastor.

The sympathy of Tennessee Baptists goes out to the loved ones of Mrs. William Walter Warmath and Miss Betty Crisp. Mrs. Warmath, wife of the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, and Miss Crisp, were killed at 6:37 a. m. July 24, near Waverly, when the chartered bus occupied by Baptist young people from Jackson plunged off a 50-foot embankment. The bus was en route to Ridgecrest, N. C.

Bro. Lawrence Ray has resigned the pastorate of the Newbern Baptist Church, Dyer Association, to accept the call of the First Baptist Church of Bradford.

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JARMAN

There are some Christian lives so beautiful and their memory so lingering we do not think of them as gone.

Such is the life of Almatie Jarman, who on the morning of April 16, 1947, "slipped her moorings and sailed away" to her heavenly home, leaving behind her the loving testimony, she was right with God.

We mourn her going, not hopelessly, but as those who believe she is not dead, but gone on to a higher, richer life with loved ones who have gone on before.

The charm of her personality grew as friendship with her deepened through the years. In sincere appreciation of her splendid Christianity and her services to the church, especially to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Wartrace Baptist Church.

Be it resolved by the members of the Missionary Society that the above be adopted as an expression of our love and esteem for her.

And be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her brothers and sisters and be it further resolved that a copy be spread on the minutes of the W. M. U. Book.

MRS. J. L. WALKER

MRS. A. M. MCKNIGHT

MRS. V. C. WEBSTER

ANDERSON

Dr. J. M. Anderson passed to his final reward in his home at Morristown. He had turned into his eighty-fourth year. He had been in feeble health for some time, not able to preach or do much church work but he loved the churches.

We have known Brother Anderson for more than forty years. He knew what it was to have an experience of grace and believed the Bible to be the inspired word of God without raising any questions about the Bible, his theme was preach the word and don't be anything else but faithful to the Lord and His Church. He was the son of a Primitive Baptist minister. There were four ministers in the family and all made good preachers and good pastors. J. M. and his Brother Will graduated from Carson-Newman College and both went on to the Louisville Seminary. Carson-Newman College conferred the D.D. upon Bro. Anderson some years ago. He was the author of an excellent book, title, "The Haven of the Bible." He was an evangelist of the Home Mission Board and did an outstanding work. He visited the Holy Land and prepared a lecture on the Land of Jesus and delivered that lecture in many, many of our churches in East Tennessee. In his early days he taught school and preached to country churches.

Our Ex-Sheriff said to me at the death of Bro. Anderson, he was a good man, a good preacher and school teacher and will be greatly missed by all the people. He said, "Mr. Anderson is the only teacher that ever whipped me in school but said he, 'I guess I needed it for me and another boy had a fight in school.'" Bro. Anderson will be long remembered by the people of Morristown where he lived and all this section of country, he convinced the people that he loved the Lord, he had an experience of grace and knew it, loved to preach and loved the churches. He had a strong voice, a good personality and nothing satisfied him except being in the pulpit.

When Bro. Jake Sharp visited Jefferson City, we always visited Bro. Anderson in Morristown. We will not forget our last visit and before leaving we had prayer together, each one leading in prayer and shall never forget that last prayer of

Bro. Anderson, he was so submissive and so near to the Lord that we all felt that the Lord was there with us.

Indeed a great man has fallen in Israel.

S. M. MCCARTER,
Jefferson City, Tenn.

BROWNE

In the passing of Miss Emma B. Browne on May 30, 1947, founder and long-time teacher of the T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church at Memphis, Tenn., the class has lost a faithful and conscientious teacher and friend. During her many year's association with this organization, the Mother T. E. L. Class, organized classes have been formed in nearly all the twenty-state area of the Southern Baptist Convention and many honors have been paid her.

Her broad experience, wise counsel and good judgment proved valuable to the work of the class in its many varied activities and she won the love and admiration of all with whom she came in contact.

As principal of the old Leath High School in which she served for forty years she took ad-

vantage of every opportunity to witness for Christ.

Mindful of their long association with Miss Browne and the T. E. L. Class and her constructive work on behalf of this organization, the members gratefully record its appreciation by adopting the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, on behalf of the membership of the T. E. L. Class attest to the inspiration of her usefulness and leadership which Miss Browne brought to the deliberations of the class and the committees upon which she faithfully served:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this organization, and that a copy be sent to Miss Browne's family as a testimonial of our sincere appreciation of her usefulness, not only as a member and founder, but also as a citizen of Memphis, loved and respected and a consistent Christian.

Committee:

MRS. E. R. HARRIS

MRS. E. E. SWEET

MAY C. BOWEN

MRS. J. T. BOWEN, Chmn.

HOME MISSIONS IN THE SUMMER

By John Caylor

Summertime is the occasion for new emphasis in home missions. The 722 regular missionaries and the 285 special summer student worker are reaping a great harvest in evangelism during summer months.

Many of the missionaries are presenting the cause of missions in the homeland in various summer camps and assemblies throughout the Southland. Hundreds of Vacation Bible Schools are in session in mission centers. Evangelistic meetings are in progress. It is truly a time of soul-winning on the mission field.

Attending Baptist World Congress

Many of the state and domicile members of the Home Mission Board are in attendance upon the sessions of the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen. Three of the secretaries are in Europe. Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus is spending two months overseas visiting in Palestine and attending a conference of Christian Jews in Europe, as well as the Baptist World Alliance meeting.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, as a guest of Secretary of War Patterson, is making a tour of occupied zones in Europe.

Dr. John Caylor, editorial secretary, is representing the Board at the meeting of the Alliance.

New Missionaries Appointed

In order to keep the standard of missionary service up to par, it is necessary that the Board make new appointments to fill the places make vacant for various reasons and to meet commitments in the promotion of home missions. During the past three months a number of new missionaries have been designated.

Rev. A. V. Alvarado becomes pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

The Home Mission Board co-operates with the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas in the employment of Rev. Pablo Flores as evangelist in the central region of the Mexican convention.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who has been on leave to do further study, is actively engaged during the summer months in Good Will Center work in New Orleans.

Rev. and Mrs. Jose M. Sanchez have been elected to promote Sunday school and Training Union work in Cuba.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Gomez have been chosen to serve at Anthony, New Mexico, and near-by mission stations.

Rev. and Mrs. Isidoro Garza have been re-appointed to serve the Mexican church at Stamford, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. Isidro Garcia are to serve as missionaries in Williams County Association, Texas. Rev. Samuel Alonso has been elected as missionary at Edcouch, Texas; and Rev. and Mrs. M. E. O'Neill at Bonaldo and Nacogdoches, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Leech have been named missionaries to the Indians in Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Amelia Rappold, Miss Mary Hines, and Miss Marian Sanders have been designated as Good Will Center workers in New Orleans.

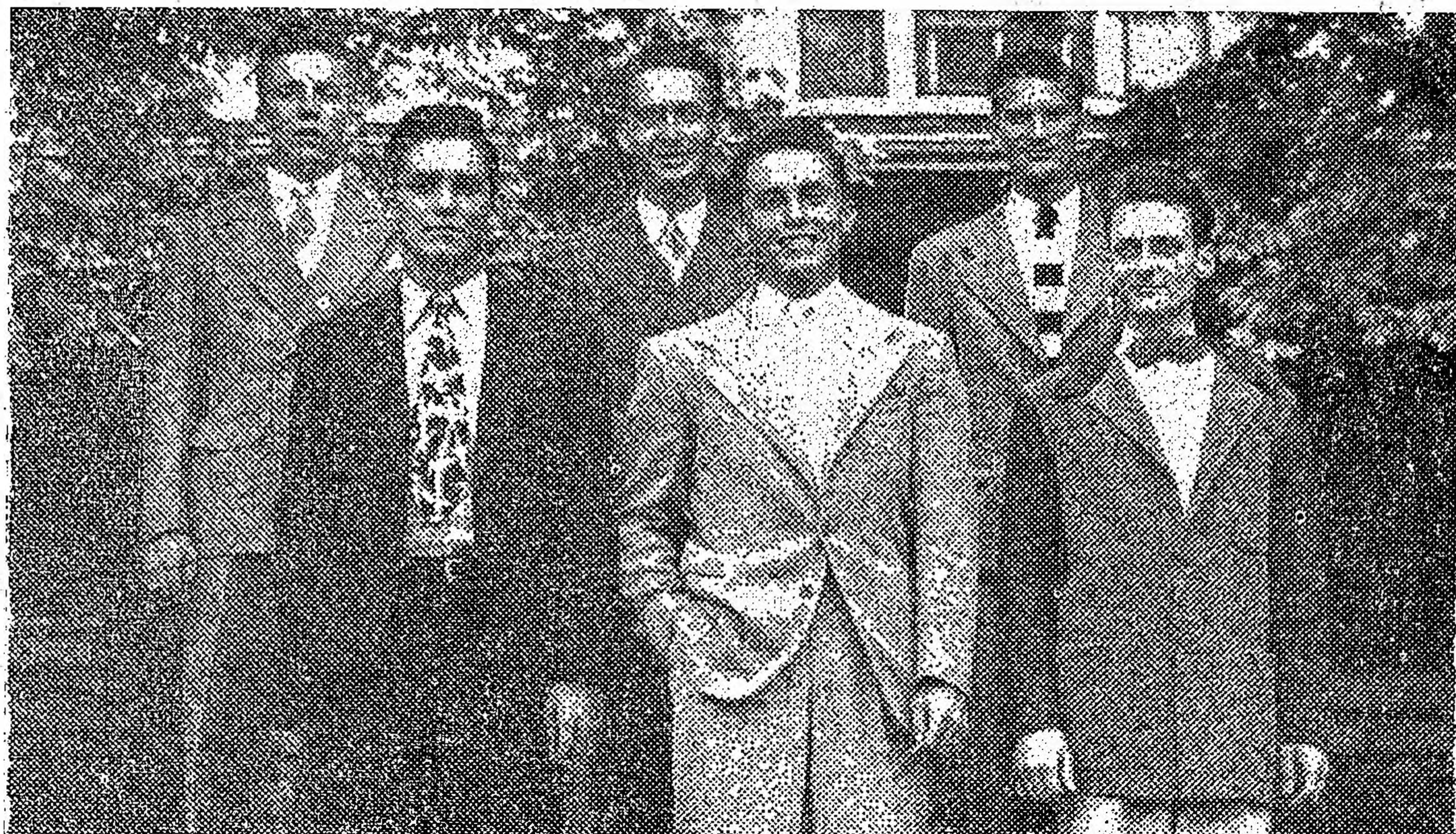
In the Negro work of the Home Mission Board, Rev. Harold Roland has been named superintendent of the mission center at Charleston, South Carolina; and Rev. James R. Holloway in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Hammock have been designated to work among the Mexicans at Brownfield, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee M. Roebuck have been named missionaries among the Indians on the Bernalillo field, New Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. Ewell Payne have been appointed to Indian work and are to move from Camp Hill, Alabama, to the Indian Center in Oklahoma City.

B. S. U. Leaders In Nashville Youth Revival - - - Theme: "Sufficient Is Jesus"



Front row (left to right)—James Kirby, Old Hickory First, speaking August 2-3; George Starke, Old Hickory First, song leader; Carr Suter, Nashville First, speaking July 31-August 1.

Second row (left to right)—Carl Stevens, Madison First, speaking August 6, 7, 8; Floyd North, Nashville Student Secretary; J. B. Haskins, Cookeville First, speaking August 4-5.

Country Preachers Honored

Country preachers are to have a big part at Ridgecrest, N. C. during Home Mission Week, July 31-August 6, according to a report from the office of S. F. Dowis, superintendent of the Home Board's department of Co-operative Missions.

A number of rural workers will have part on the program which will feature such serious questions as, "How have a full-time program for a church with part-time preaching?" "How have a good business plan and a successful monthly business meeting?" "How make a survey of a rural field?" "How provide adequate buildings for rural churches?" "How bring resident pastors to rural fields?" and thirteen others equally as important.

The Home Board is offering to help pay the expense of any rural pastor or missionary who will attend. One cent per mile each way will be paid on travel expense. If four or five arrange to use one car, the expense for travel will thus be met.

Anyone planning to attend this program should make immediate reservations by writing to Manager Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C., letting him know approximately what price accommodations you will need. A fine contribution to kingdom work will be made by a church or individual who will provide for meals and thus help further to enable some rural pastor to attend this great week.

—JOHN D. FREEMAN.

Miss Martha Allen died on July 15, at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, following an operation. For many years she has been active in W. M. U., Training Union and Vacation Bible School activities. The past two summers she was a special Vacation Bible School worker with our state Sunday school department, being assigned both summers to Grainger County. Funeral services were held at the Roan Mountain Baptist Church on July 17, with the pastor officiating.

Carroll W. Cate, clerk, writes: "The Dumplin Baptist Church of Route 3, New Market, Jefferson County, Tennessee will celebrate its 150th Anniversary of establishment with an all day program at the church on Sunday, August 3. Lunch will be spread together on the church grounds."

Youth from the churches of Nashville Association will sponsor and conduct a youth revival July 31 through August 8 at corner of 22nd and Church Street. The program is completely student planned and will be conducted by the young people themselves. Services are to begin each evening at 7:45.

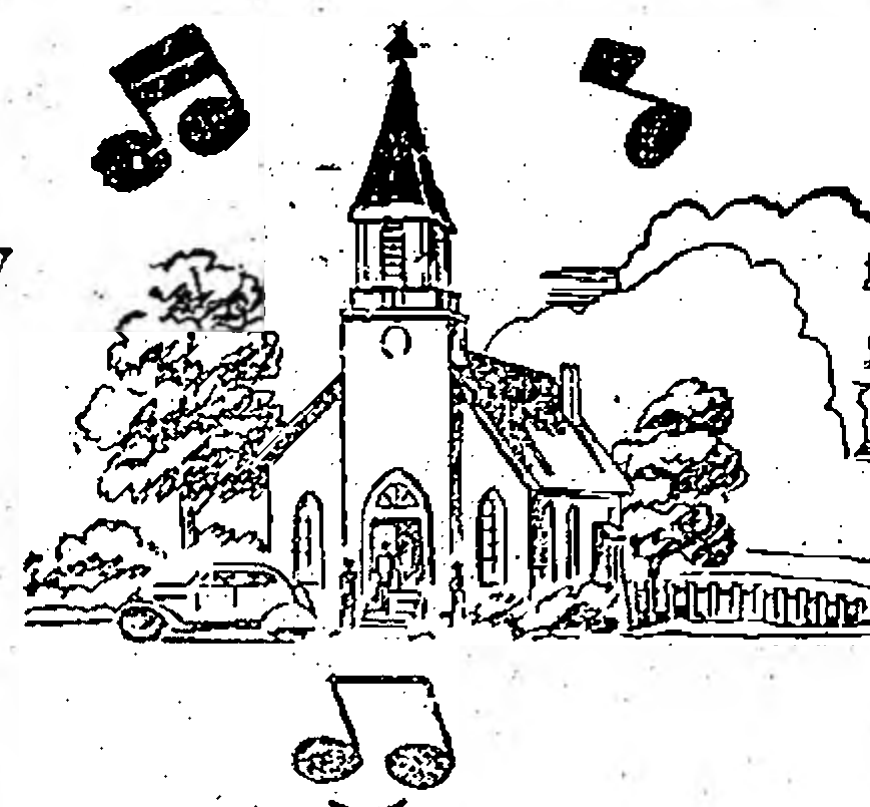
A vesper orchestra, instrumental and vocal special selections will constitute the music program. A tent of 400 seat capacity will be stretched in time for a Vacation Bible School to begin Monday, July 28 at 9 a. m. This part of the program will be under the direction of Betty Brush, approved summer Vacation Bible School worker of the Nashville Association.

A special chorus has been written by Mr. Genter Stephen who directed the 400 voice youth choir and led the group singing at the Baptist Student Union assembly at Ridgecrest this year. The title of the chorus will be used as the general theme for the meeting, "Sufficient Is Jesus."

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