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Chas. W. Pope

THE THANKSGIVING SEASON this year offers an opportunity for Tennessee Baptists to express their gratitude in a profitable and practical manner by making an offering for the benefit of orphan children. Thanksgiving and charitable giving have always been associated.

This is the only authorized special offering for the Orphan's Home throughout the Convention year. Heretofore two special offerings have been made to the orphanage each year: one on Mother's Day and the other at the Christmas Season. By the action of the Convention and approved by the Administration of the Orphanage both these special offerings have been dispensed with and in lieu of them-there will be the one special offering at Thanksgiving. This generous action of the Orphanage reduces the number of special offerings presented to Tennessee Baptists. It leaves the Spring months open for Christian Education and the Christmas Season is free for the Woman's Missionary special for Foreign Missions.

In appreciation of this fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the orphanage and our desire to provide a good home for orphan children, Tennessee Baptists should give the Orphanage at the Thanksgiving Season the greatest offering in the history of the institution. Remember the offering may be taken on any Sunday during the month of November. Send all contributions to Executive Secretary-Treasurer, 149 Sixth Ave. N., Nashville, Tennessee

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EDITORIAL

Time

REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evils days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

When as a child, I laughed and wept, Time crept;

When as a youth, I dreamed and talked, Time walked;

When I became a full grown man,

Time ran;

When older still I daily grew,

Time flew;

Soon I shall find in traveling on Time gone.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

—Now, Sept. 26, 1947

The Best Hope for a Prosperous World

PECENTLY THE DAILY PRESS carried an article a portion of which ran in part, as follows:

An exceedingly thoughtful article in a recent number of the "London Economist" illustrates how poorly Communism is already working in the satellites behind the iron curtain. In 1946, Czechoslovakia's trade with the Western nations, now included in the Marshall Plan, was five times as great as her trade with Russia. Poland and Finland likewise traded vigorously with the West. The foreign trade of Hungary with Russia, while under the domination of the Russian occupation, was less than half its total.

Perhaps it was this failure of Communism to provide the means of international exchange that turned Russian policy, in the years after the end of Trotskyism, to an attempt to make Communism succeed in one country alone as an example to other nations. Communism may succeed measurably in Russia alone, but as an international system it is a bust. Capitalism, despite its defects, is still the best hope for a prosperous world.

This means, of course, that capitalism is the best buman hope for a prosperous world. Communism, socialism, collectivism, or what have you, cannot hold a light to capitalism at this point, or elsewhere for that matter. And the way Russia, Britain and other foreign countries have drawn upon the United States for aid mightily emphasizes this fact.

However, as a deeper proposition, let it be remembered that sound and steady prosperity rests upon moral and spiritual considerations.

"I'll fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, When wealth accumulates and men decay."

Tax Law Gives Commissioner Power To Close Churches

(Guest Editorial by CHAS. W. POPE)

a brochure entitled, "Employment Compensation for Nonprofit Employment." The brochure attempts to answer certain criticism of that provision of the law providing for the taxation of churches and their non-profit institutions.

The language of the brochure is veiled, evasive and misleading in effect. For instance, the brochure lists a large number of individuals and groups who favor the Unemployment Compensation law, including the President of the United States. On this point the brochure might have included the Tennessee Baptist Convention and thousands of other critics in the State. It might have quoted from an editorial of the Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention: Baptists as a people and denomination are not opposed to the Government's Social Security and Unemployment Tax. They are opposed to that provision of the law which imposes a tax upon churches and their non-profit institutions." (BAPTIST AND REFLEC-TOR, July 17.) What the brochure did not state is that this is the only point at issue. It did not state that most of these individuals and groups listed as favoring an Unemployment Compensation Law have never heard of the drastic Tennessee version of the law which places a tax upon churches; for no other state in the Union has such a law!

On page 10 the brochure carries in capital letters and boxed-in the statement, "NO CHURCH COVERED BY LAW." This statement is misleading in that it would create the impression that the law does not apply to churches. As a matter of fact EVERY CHURCH IN THE STATE IS COVERED BY THE LAW. Churches are covered by the law in the same manner that business houses, service stations and others are covered by the law. The only difference is that ministers and choir members are exempt. If a business house has eight employees it must pay the tax, and if a church has eight employees, exclusive of the minister and choir members, it must also pay the tax. An insurance company may have a hundred field workers and pay no tax, because it is not covered by the law. But a church with eight employees, exclusive of the minister and choir, must pay the tax because the CHURCH IS COVERED. In July the Governor referred the law to the Attorney General to determine "Whether the law can be interpreted to exempt churches and their non-profit institutions." In September in the presence of Commissioner Hake and the writer the Attorney General rendered his opinion that "The language of the law is clear and cannot be interpreted to exempt churches and non-profit institutions." If they are not exempt, then THEY ARE COVERED!

Not only are churches covered by the law, but THE LAW GIVES THE COMMISSIONER POWER TO CLOSE CHURCHES. Section 14, paragraph D on page 35 of the Unemployment Security Act of 1947 reads in part: An employer liable for contributions under the provisions of this act, who fails to make and file his returns and reports as required or who fails to pay any contribution when due—shall forfeit his right to do business in this State until he complies with all the provisions in this act—and the Commissioner may proceed by injunction to prevent the continuance of said business upon such failure by the employer."

The law provides that a church having eight or more employees, exclusive of the minister and choir members, is an employer. The business of our churches is to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But if a church having the required number of employees should fail to pay the tax, then under this law THE COMMISSION-ER HAS THE POWER, AND IT WOULD BECOME HIS DUTY TO CLOSE SUCH CHURCH! We know of no other man in the world, except Joe Stalin, who has power to close churches! Does this look like "No abridgment of religious principles?" Or does it look like government control of churches and a long step toward communism? Is this the entrance of communism in its customary deceptive disguise?

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 Instated.

Vague Thinking Scored

New York Times

"The dearth of robust conviction at the present time in the church is unmistakable," the Rev. Dr. Robert James McCracken declared in his sermon at Riverside Church. "Where the fundamentals of the

Christian religion are concerned there is among its members an alarming amount of vague and woolly thinking. To great numbers of them it has come to mean hardly anything more than being kind and neighborly and doing good as opportunity arises—which is well enough in its way but it is certainly not basic Christianity. For Protestantism in America, despite a steady increase in church membership and vastly improved opportunities of religious education, religious illiteracy—the words are not too strong—constitutes a first-class problem: multitudes uninformed and misinformed, lost in a wilderness of laissez-faire thinking, having broken with the beliefs of an earlier day and with nothing to put in their place. What such vagueness means in respect to active, intelligent church membership is only too obvious. It turns out men and women who have no passionate attachment which wakens their enthusiasms, rouses their devotion and loyalty, and sweeps them off their feet."

. (I, for one, am glad to hear Harry Emerson Fosdick's successor say this.—R. B. J.)

Reverent Preachers

Moody Monthly

Just a passing thought: Why not change the designation of preachers from "Reverend" to "Reverent"? Reverend means "worthy of reverence," while reverent means "dis-

posed to revere." On a recent Sunday I was a guest preacher at a nearby church. During the day while I was being introduced repeatedly as "Reverend" the though occurred to me, "I wish, if they have to use a title, they would calle me Reverent." As Christians we should be known not for our eminence, but for our humility. In a day when men take sacred things so lightly, the distinguishing mark of every Christian, and especially those who have places of leadership in the things of God, should be a spirit of deep reverence toward God that is noticeable to all through their life and testimony.

(Well, here it is again. Instead of changing one letter in Reverend, we would substitute another word entirely: BROTHER.—R. B. J.)

Poisoning Movies-

Western Recorder

Mr. Roger Babson makes the following statement in Alliance Weekly: "Why the American people will continue to spend thousands of millions on schools and teachers

to train the children of our cities, and then permit a bunch of irresponsible men to exhibit each night crime breeding pictures within the shadow of the school building, just to make a few dollars is beyond my comprehension. Such pictures in one night uproot all the good seed which the schools can plant in a month. It is exactly like appropriating money for a fire department and then permitting every one to set the buildings on fire to collect the insurance."

(He's right!—R. B. J.)

The Crucial Point

United Evangelical Action

The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is in hot water. Its present trouble seems to arise chiefly from its unfortunate relationship with left-wing social and

political movements. Mr. Charles P. Taft, its liberal layman president, is spending most of his time in the role of apologist for irate capitalists who have hitherto been furnishing a considerable amount of the FCCCA's sinews of war. Most evangelicals deplore the pinkish cast of this big inter-church organization but their reason for refusal to seek co-operative action within its fellowship is primarily doctrinal. It is the saving faith in Jesus Christ and not adherence to some social theory that determins our position. The FCCCA minimizes evangelical Christian doctrine and maximizes liberal theological views; it minimizes personal evangelism and maximizes social revolution; it minimizes nationwide spiritual redemption and maximizes nationwide material peace and prosperity; it minimizes the necessity for true Christian unity and maximizes the development of a united super-church with effective political power. The shortcomings of the FCCCA are thus seen to grow out of its abandonment of a strictly Biblical and evangelical Christian viewpoint. Let us keep the spotlight here and attempt to solve the problem of Christian co-operation at the point of our basic disagreements.

We shall continue to view the FCCCA with disapproval as long as it refuses to take an unequivocal stand on the infallibility and authority of the Word of God, the deity and lordship of Christ, the saving power of His blood, the work and office of the Holy Spirit and the other fundamental doctrines of the evangelical Christian faith.

(Genuine Baptists would go this far in their demands—and a little farther—before approving the FCCCA.—R. B. J.)

Why We Fail to Win the Jew?

A. C. MILLER
in The Baptist Standard

We fail to win Jews to Christ because of the attitude we assume toward them. We are frank to admit our prejudice toward them and even to justify it on the basis of its popularity. We should remember that such an attitude leads to class

hatred which is unworthy of any true American and even more unworthy of any real Christian.

We fail in our witness to the Jew because of the difficulties we fear. Paul certainly had his difficulties in his service as a witness to Christ among all kinds of people, but Paul called the difficulties "Doors of opportunity." We fail in our witness to the Jews because we permit ourselves to be influenced by certain errors. One of these is the error of method. We have been told that the path of approach to the Jew is veiled in mystery which no one but the initiated should ever enter. In my opinion, this is all the sheerest nonsense. Another error which influences us lies in the theory that there are special gospel requirements for the Jew. Such an error grows out of certain forms of teaching in our day which seek to retain the Jew in the status of special provision and privilege as the favorites of God. Paul was averse to any semblance of a different gospel for any people. The message of salvation to the Jew is the same as it is to any other people in all the world, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. If the Jews within our community are not saved, it is not because they cannot be, but it is because we do not seek to give them the gospel.

(The writer migh have summed it up by saying: We fail to win the Jew because the vast majority of us does not try.—R. B. J.)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1947

Program-

Baptist Pastors' Conference of Tennessee

KINGSPORT, TENN., NOVEMBER 11, 1947

9:30 a.m.—Song service and prayer—Genter L. Stephens, Nashville. Appointment of Nominating Committee.

9:45 a.m.—Address, "How to Have Perennial Evangelism in Our Churches"—Walter Warmath, Jackson.

10:15 a.m.—Address, "Best Methods of Enlisting Our New Members in Kingdom Work"—J: G. Hughes, Memphis.

10:45 a m.—Report of Nominating Committee.

10:50 a.m.—Address, "Concerning Ministerial Ethics"—James Canaday, Lawrenceburg.

11:20 a.m.—Special Music.

11:25 a.m.—Address, "The Baptist Message to the Modern World"—F. F. Brown, Knoxville.

12:00 Noon—Adjourn.

JAMES L. SULLIVAN, C. M. PICKLER, KENNETH COMBS, Committee.

(Baptist and Reflector regrets that this program was not' received in time for earlier publication.)

He Preaches Comfort Amid Devastation

By O. K. ARMSTRONG, Baptist Layman and National Magazine Writer

to face with the awful meaning of modern war, it is comforting to know that a quiet, efficient man of God is director of religious activities among our occupation troops. He is Colonel Paul J. Maddox, chief of chaplains of the U. S. European Command.

Chaplain Maddox was born in Brazil, of the noted and beloved Southern Baptist missionary family. Feeling called to devote his life to the boys in military service, he was commissioned a chaplain—as first lieutenant—in 1937. Today, he occupies the most importaint chaplain's post in the entire armed services. He is called into consultation with generals and statesmen. He is directing head of the men of all faiths who minister to the spiritual needs of the armed personnel in Europe. But he still is the thoughtful, hardworking preacher and leader.

Maddox's job is to direct those of all beliefs who preach to the troops, who extend them spiritual comfort and hope, who try in every possible way to act toward them as a pastor would back home.

Colonel Maddox served in many of the far-flung areas of battle during the war. He wears the bronze star, the Legion of Merit, the European theater decoration with four battle stars, and numerous other ribbons for service with the troops that bore the brunt of European liberation.

I asked him about moral conditions. "Not as bad as some paint them," he said. "All we chaplains are working hard to maintain standards of morality, decency, and honor for the boys so far away from home."

Mrs. Maddox, and their two children, Sylvia and Victor, are here in Germany with him.

"What is your greatest need?" I asked. "More chaplains!" he answered. "More consecrated young ministers who are willing to undergo the sacrifices of life in a foreign field. We are short of chaplains now, and some units cannot be served. Our church leaders should take up this matter now. We must not neglect so important a mission."—Baptist Press.

Pastor-Host

DR. L. B. COBB

First Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn., pastor-host Tennessee Baptist Convention,
Nov. 11-13.

Let Me Think!

How and What Shall I Give This Year to and Through My Church?

If I give Nothing:

I cast a ballot in favor of closing my church.

I discourage others.

If I Give to Local Support and Not to Missions:

I vote to stop all missionary activity in this hour of the world's great need.

I break faith with the missionaries who have given their all and are dependent upon the church.

I refuse to obey the command to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

If I Give Grudgingly of Necessity:

I shall find no joy in my giving.

I shall not receive the Lord's richest blessing; for it is written that the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

If I refuse to Make a Subscription in Advance:

I make it difficult for my church to project plans for the year

If I Give Proportionately:

I shall give something. I shall not refuse to make any subscription if, because of necessity, mine must be small.

I shall be blessed in my giving, whether the gift be large or small. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what a man hath and not according to what he hath not."

I shall probably increase my gifts; I know the kingdom causes need increased support, and that I have not been giving in proportion. I must ask myself whether or not my giving has increased with my income.

If I Give Systematically:

I shall make it possible for my local church and for my denomination to plan work in advance and to live within income.

I shall make it much easier for myself. I know from past experience, that the accumulation of small obligations soon becomes burdensome.

If I Give Sacrifically:

I shall worship God in my giving.

I shall truly advance the cause of Christ over the forbidding barriers of cruelty and hate.

I shall testify to the high value I place upon Christ and the Church in ministering to the needs of suffering humanity.

I shall express my love to God and man in strengthening the bonds of Christian fellowship around the world.

How and what shall I give this year to and through my church?

LET ME THINK

-The Evangel, bulletin First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

By Mrs. J. M. Ernest, Jr.

(Delivered before Clinton Association Sept. 26, 1947)

Worship AND MUSIC are so correlative that it is difficult to conceive of either separately. Worship meets with universal response; go to any spot on the face of the earth and you will find people engaged in some sort of worship. A psychologist was asked why men worship, and his simple answer was "Because they must."

Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, in his book Deepening the Spiritual Life, says that worship is "the human soul in search for that which is supremely worthful." Similarly, music is the human soul in search for that which is expressive of its feelings. The idea of rhythm is as old as the human race itself; the primitive efforts of a savage to give musical expression to his feelings are rhythmical. The chants, masses, and oratorios were earlier forms of music used as aids to church services.

Dr. Dobbins also says, "The greatest single service that one person can render to another is to reveal to him the secret of true worship—that Christ is the way to God." Let us consider some ways in which properly selected music may help contribute to worship.

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Music gives a clearer conception of worship. What person would not respond to the Christian call to worship if it could only be understood? The Psalmist entreats,

Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands. Serve Jehovah with gladness:
Come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that Jehovah, he is God:
It is he that hath made us, and we are his.

To know and to trust Jesus as the way to God is the call to worship. Who could fail to see the plan of salvation in its simplicity after hearing such hymns as "Jesus Paid it All," "Nothing but the Blood," "Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed?" "Ye Must Be Born Again," "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," "Saved by His Wonderful Grace," and other such hymns?

Music is conducive to the right attitude of worship. The selection of preludes, interludes, and special music of a worship service is most important to such an attitude. The appeal of music is so elemental that even illiterate people are benefited by participation in the service, and very young children are capable of appreciation of the music before they learn to read. A group of children may be called to worship through music more quickly than by any other method, and music predominates in many of the children's services.

Music makes possible individual participation in a worship service. There is no truer saying than "You get out of anything exactly what you put into it." The singing of the hymns is the one way in which every member, young and old, may have an active part in the service. The hymnbook is next to the Bible in importance as a source of worshipful material; therefore, every church should be supplied with hymnbooks that meet with the approval of our denomination. Special attention should be given to the selection and use of the best hymns. Through such hymns as "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," "I Surrender All," and "My Jesus, I Love Thee," the Holy Spirit may speak directly to individuals.

II

Music brings definite outcomes. Some of the great musicians have realized that their talents came from God, and they have sought to be of use to God through their works. "Bach spoke through music as few have spoken." It has been said that "his music was not to him an end in itself, so much as an engine for the saving of men's souls. He sings his Maker's praise, not for the joy of

singing, but as an act of thankfulness due from man to God. He tells the story of the Passion not as the most tragic and moving episode in the world's history, but as the means of grace to lost sinners." Similarly, Handel, after receiving a compliment from a nobleman on the "entertainment" which a performance of "The Messiah" had given the town, replied, "My Lord, I should be sorry if I only entertained them—I wish to make them better."

Another illustration of the outcomes that may result from religious music is a story that Helen Welshimer, in her book Girlhood Today, gives of a London laundress:

"Her son had gone to sea. He didn't visit her. He didn't write. Whether or not his boat ever touched the British port, she did not know. Every day as she rubbed the shirts and petticoats and handkerchiefs of her patrons, she prayed that the boy she loved would become a Christian. She knew that all around the world, at the harbors where ships come in, there were mission stations. She prayed that some night her son might hear the music as the wind blew it to the edge of the wharf and follow its melody.

"One day the boy came home. 'Strange thing happened,' he told his mother. I was walking along the street one night when I heard a song in the mission. I went in and I began to remember things I had forgotten. I thought about you. I hadn't been thinking about becoming a Christian, but I came from the service having professed Christ. Now I want to preach.'

"The boy became a great London minister. One night the music of his song service drifted into the street, and a man, on his way to the river to drown himself, heard it. 'Death lasts forever,' he whispered to his hurt heart. 'I'll go in for a little while.'

"He came out a Christian and went home to write one of the greatest hymns of all time. His words went echoing around the world, bringing thousands to Christ."

In view of the great importance of music to a church, each church of the association should support the best music program possible, realizing that in music there is a vast reservoir of power for the uplifting of man.

A Walking Bible

A LITTLE GIRL in a Chinese village where a China inland missionary lived watched this man as he went about his Master's work. One day she went to another village, and followed some girls into a mission school. There she heard a lady talking to them, in Chinese, about someone full of gentleness and sympathy and kindness, someone to whom little children came. One of the little girls asked the visitor, "Do you know who it was?" "Yes," she replied, "she was talking about the missionary that lives in our village." She had never heard about Jesus Christ, and when the teacher described the beautiful life of Jesus Christ she thought that she was describing the missionary.

That missionary was a living witness for Christ, a walking Bible. Or, to change the figure, he was bearing the Christ-fruit, so the little girl knew he was a Christian. All who saw him knew he was a Christian because he acted like one.

It is the duty of every Christian to be a living witness for Christ. The testimony can be of two kinds, lip testimony and life testimony. We must both "by our lips and lives express the holy gospel we profess."—Alaska Baptist Messenger.

"Only a Dream"

By O. E. TURNER, Paris, Tenn.

ONLY A SHORT while ago as we looked forward to the post war era we were all saying that when the doors of missionary opportunity opened for us once more, we must not fail to enter those doors, and we must put forth an all out effort to make Christ known to the ends of the earth.

The post war era has come, and louder than ever before the call "Come over... and help us" is sounding in our ears. From China, Japan, various sections of Europe and the Near East, from Africa, Latin America, and the Islands of the Seven Seas the call comes. Says Dr. Sadler, "The doors of Spain and Italy are open as never before." Says Dr. Baker Cauthen, "We should send 60 missionaries to Japan by 1952 as a very minimum." And Dr. Gill reports that the response in Brazil and other sections of Latin America, is so favorable that even the least effort put forth in that direction produces amazing results. And so it goes, around the world. Our day of missionary opportunity has arrived—again.

What of our response? Well, we have done something. We have reoccupied the fields from which we were driven by the war. We have now a thriving work in Hawaii, which we did not have before the war. We have spent \$2,000,000 in the rebuilding of church-houses, hospitals, schools, missionaries' homes; and we have given a similar sum to provide bread for people who were hungry and facing starvation. Our missionaries tell us that this relief has brought hope and courage and a spirit of revival to millions of people in whose lives the light had all but gone out. Undoubtedly this has set our work forward immeasurably. We now have 616 missionaries in 25 different countries around the world.

In these tragic days of world reconstruction we have done something. We know we have not begun to answer all the calls—the call for bread, the call for Bibles, the call for teachers, doctors, and preachers of the Gospel. But the important question before us is have we done what we could have done? Are we doing what we ought to do? Are we making a serious, all out effort to make Christ known to the nations, as we did to win the war? Or, are we slipping back into our old ways? Let us see.

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Our gifts to world causes have reached an all time high, but commensurate with the total annual income of our people, we are giving less than before. The increase in our giving has not kept pace with the increase in our total income, and it is not keeping pace with the rise in the cost of our work.

At the close of World War II it was generally agreed in our denominational circles that six million Southern Baptist should be able to add 100 new missionaries each year until we have at least 1,000 missionaries on the foreign fields. In the light of world needs and in the light of our numerical and financial strength that would certainly be little enough for us to do. Some of the other denominations are already doing more than that. But as the months pass it is becoming increasingly evident that this was only a dream, a dream that is not coming true.

Recently when all missionaries were called upon to make an estimate of their budget needs for 1948 they were instructed to make it out on a "stand-still" basis. "Do not plan for any advances that will call for an extra outlay of money," they were told. And from the present outlook, our work for the next five years will have to be projected on a stand-still basis. In a time like this when the world is on fire, imagine that! With the doors open as never before, with the need more urgent than ever before, and with the forces of anti-Christ advancing as never before, we must send out the word to those who hold the thin lines on every front, "Make out your budget for 1948 on a stand still basis! Plan for no advances!"

That is one side of the picture. The other side is that we now have. Bible more often than any denomination.

in our colleges and seminaries 174 volunteers for the foreign fields, that at least 125 or 130 of these will qualify and be ready for appointment in 1948, but that for lack of funds the Board will be able to appoint not-more than 80 new missionaries in 1948. What will the 40 or 50 young men and women, whom God has called, and who will be prepared and ready to go, but who cannot be sent for lack of available funds, think of us? Is it possible that our young people who are willing and ready to go must be told again to get ready for another war instead? This is what we told them once before. They were ready in large numbers to go as missionaries. We did not send them as missionaries. Later they had to go as emissaries of destruction. Have we learned nothing by that experience?

The Survey Bulletin

By Porter Routh

IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Presbyterian Church of Washington as a national house of worship for all Presbyterians, President Truman said, "There never was a time in the history of the country when we needed more the backing of those people who believe in the Golden Rule and who believe in the teachings of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Roman Catholic Church in Spain has been given final veto power over all motion-pictures shown in that country.

The 13 Christian colleges in China associated with the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China report an enrollment of 13,000 students.

There are now 342,436 Protestants in Austria, according to a survey made by the Evangelical Church there.

The West Virginia attorney general has ruled that bingo games are illegal and that religious, charitable, and benevolent groups that conduct them are liable to criminal prosecution.

BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

Southern Baptists will report the largest number of baptisms in any one year in their history for the 1947 associational year, according to an estimate based on reports from more than one third of the associations. The Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board has estimated that the number of baptisms for 1947 will exceed 271,000. The previous high was reported in 1939 when 269,155 baptisms were reported. Baptisms for 1946 totaled 253,361.

Two large associations account for more than 7,500 of the baptisms. Union Association in Texas reports 5241 baptisms, and Shelby County in Tennessee-reports 2,398. Bellevue Church, R. G. Lee, pastor, reported 257 baptisms for the year. Ten churches in Union Association reported more than 100 baptisms. Highland Park Church Chattanooga, Tenn., Southwide leader for the past two years, reported 555 baptisms for the year. L. E. Roberson is the pastor.

The District of Columbia Baptists have purchased a \$100,000 building in Washington to be used by local, national, and international Baptist groups. The building is located at 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W.

H. H. McGinty, Cape Girardeau pastor, has been elected editor of the Missouri Word and Way to succeed Lewis A. Myers, going to New Mexico as editor.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry has enrolled in the University of North Carolina at the age of 71 to take a course in creative writing. Dr. Maddry served as secretary of the Foreign Mission Board for several years.

A recent survey by the Oxford University Press indicated that 88.8 per cent of the people owned Bibles, that Southerners own more Bibles per family than any other group, and Baptists read their Bible more often than any denomination.

It Needs Spiritual Guidance

By P. L. FRANKLIN

(Reprinted from October, 1947, Issue of National Republic Magazine)

United Nations was called to order in San Francisco every true Christian was shocked and disappointed to hear that the world-important gathering was opened without a prayer to the Almighty for Divine guidance in the deliberations which were to follow. As the days went by, general disappointment increased when this neglect was not remedied.

Since these meetings were held in the enlightened United States of America, we cannot escape our responsibility. Our own prestige and influence were greatest in the bringing forth of the new organization. American patriots had an historic precedent to follow. It is well remembered by all students of history that when the Constitutional Convention was called following the chaos subsequent to the Revolution, doubt, bickering and bitterness increased until the patriot Benjamin Franklin, with his ripened experience, called attention to the fact that the sessions were being held without prayer for Divine guidance.

This error of omission was remedied, and soon the doubts and bitterness began to disappear. There sprang forth in Philadelphia the document which, because we have cherished it and obeyed it, has made this the greatest nation in all history.

The reason given in San Francisco for the failure to seek Divine guidance was that so many creeds were represented in the conference. Yet the representatives of only one important power at the conference denied the existence of the Almighty, a power which has boasted of its atheism. Certainly this was a poor excuse why Divine assistance should not be invoked at the meeting.

Since that time, the experiences of the United Nations organization have not been happy. And curiously enough it is the representatives of the ideology which denies the blessings of Divine Faith that have caused most of the trouble.

In an effort to show that the United Nations is not entirely neglectful of the blessings of Divine guidance, Congressman Richard F. Harless, of Arizona, on February 26, 1947, introduced in the House of Representatives a bill which provides that "the President is authorized to enter into an agreement with the United Nations for the erection, at the expense of the United States, of a monument symbolizing peace, upon a site at the seat of the United Nations." And significantly the bill provides that "there shall be inscribed upon such monument the following lines from the poem New Roads to Rome,' by James Patrick McGovern: 'War Would Ever Be a Fugitive If Only Christ Among Us All Might Live.'"

In support of his bill, Congressman Harless said on the floor of the House:

"Mr. Speaker, as a symbol of the goal for world peace in this atomic age, I propose that a monument be erected at the seat of the United Nations; and that as a spiritual force to make effective this symbol, I propose further that the following words be inscribed upon such monument: 'War would ever be a fugitive if only Christ among us might live.' These lines are from a poem, 'New Roads to Rome,' by James Patrick McGovern. That poem, as the quoted words imply, presents, without distinctions of creed, or color, or race, the universal spiritual significance of Christ, whose life was conducive to peace, good will, and love among mankind. 'New Roads to Rome' was first published in the Congressional Record on August 3, 1944 (on motion of Cong. J. Glenn Beall of Md.); it was reprinted in the Notre Dame Shoolastic on the following day, and in The Christian Advocate on September 21, 1944; and it has since appeared in other religious, patriotic, fraternal and general publications."

The movement for a U. N. peace monument which recognizes the necessity for spiritual guidance has won the support of men of religion all over the nation. An editorial, August 28, 1947, pub-

lished in The Christian Advocate, official organ of the Methodist. Church, said:

"It is greatly to be hoped that the adjournment of Congress will not result in the permanent interment of a bill introduced by Congressman Harless of Arizona which calls for the erection of a monument upon a site at the seat of the United Nations, whereon shall be inscribed the lines by James Patrick McGovern, taken from his poem, 'New Roads to Rome,' originally published in *The Christian Advocate*, 'War Would Ever Be a Fugitive If Only Christ Among Us All Might Live.' The moral and spiritual effect of such a sentiment so displayed would be beyond estimate."

Mr. McGovern, author of the poem "New Roads to Home," is a well-known Washington, D. C. attorney.

The Prayer That Shook the World

ON APRIL, 16 1521, 425 years ago, Martin Luther rode into the city of Worms, having been promised a safe conduct from Wittenberg, by Charles the Fifth, the ruling emperor. His friends were trembling for his safety; his enemies were thirsting for his blood.

In a day or so he was to appear before the Diet of Worms, composed of all the high ranking prelates of the papal church, together with the emperor. The following prayer was uttered by the great reformer just before his appearance. According to Dr. D'Aubigne in this History of the Reformation from which this prayer is taken, this mighty supplication to God in such a crisis hour explains Luther and the Reformation. He calls it one of the most precious documents in all history.

Luther prayed as follows:

"O Almighty and everlasting God, how terrible is this world! Behold, it openeth its mouth to swallow me up, and I have so little trust in Thee . . . How weak is the flesh, and Satan how strong! If it is only in the strength of this world that I must put my trust, all is over . . . My last hour is come, my condemnation has been pronounced . . . O God, O God! . . . O God, do Thou help me against all the wisdom of the world. Do this: Thou shouldst do this . . . Thou alone . . . For this is not my work, but Thine. I have nothing to do here, nothing to contend for with these great ones of the world. I should desire to see my days flow on peaceful and happy. But the cause is Thine . . . And it is a righteous and eternal cause. O Lord, help me! Faithful and unchangeable God, in no man do I place my trust. It would be vain. All that is of man is uncertain; all that cometh of man fails . . . O God, my God, hearest Thou me not? . . . My God, art Thou dead? No, Thou canst not? die. Thou only hidest Thyself. Thou hast chosen me for this work. I know it well . . . Act, then, O God . . . Stand at my side, for the sake of Thy well-beloved Jesus Christ, who is my defense, my shield, and my strong tower."

After a moment of silent struggle, he thus continued:

"Lord, where stayest Thou? . . . O my God, where art Thou? . . . Come, come; I am ready . . I am ready to lay down my life for Thy truth . . . patient as a lamb. For it is the cause of justice—it is Thine . . I will never separate myself from Thee, neither now nor through eternity . . . And though the world should be filled with devils—though my body, which is still the work of Thy hands, should be slain, be stretched upon the payment, be cut in pieces . . reduced to ashes . . . my soul is Thine . . . Yes, ,Thy Word is my assurance of it. My soul belongs to Thee, it shall abide forever with Thee . . . Amen . . . O God, help me! . . Amen."

This prayer explains Luther and the Reformation.—Wealthy
Street Baptist Temple Bulletin.
—Moody Monthly, Oct. 1947

Committee Urges Family Life Education

By JOE W. BURTON, Editor Home Life

A CALL for a vigorous program of Christian family life education under church auspices has been sounded by the Committee on Social Service and Civic Righteousness of the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

The Committee's report, given pre-convention publication in the Biblical Recorder, contains a comprehensive section on "Home Relationships."

"The dissolution of the home, ending in divorce in one out of three marriages," the report points out, is the result of "the miseducation of our day." Misguided views of marriage, the committee adds, have resulted from the movies, radio stories, books on indecent living, and the current "one-and-only theory" of romance.

Recognizing that divorce is only symptomatic of a "dread disease," the committee suggests a positive attack on fundamental causes in a proposed three-point program of education for family living.

"A constructive treatment of the pre-marriage period is imperative," the report asserts in part. "All young people should have general preparation in their ideas and attitudes toward practices in marriage. This preparation should come under the auspices of the church, which should prepare the young people for a Christian attitude toward marriage and its responsibilities.

"In the second place, we suggest guidance of the growing relationship after marriage. This guidance should be given through the public schools, Baptist colleges, and the local church. It should be given through the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which should enlarge its department of 'Home Life' to be able to direct in the respective State Conventions a program of 'Guidance for the Christian Home.' Home Life, now published by this board, should be placed in every home of our Baptist people.

"Finally, we suggest active participation on the part of the local church to strengthen the new marital relationships. This active participation is to be over and above the guidance program suggested above, and its basic purpose should be to keep the new, tiny circle from closing in on the two within it by drawing them into a larger circle of group participation, and into some service to the church and the community. The church should plan some sort of follow-up which expresses the fellowship interest on the part of the church in their newly developing community, this follow-up to be rather close during the first year or two. In us all there should come a will to save the home."

The Committee's report will be considered by the Baptist State Convention in North Carolina in its annual session at Winston-Salem, November 10-12.

DO YOU KNOW... that in America today there are approximately 250,000 people with "unknown cases" of tuberculosis? . . that these "unknown cases"? are a major reason why TB still kills more Americans between 15 and 44 than any other disease as they unwittingly spread infection, maybe to you, yourself, or a loved one? . . that the surest means of discovering TB early, before it spreads, is the chest X-ray? . . that your Christmas Seal money buys X-ray units and makes possible mass examinations? PLEASE, send in your contribution today. Because of the importance of the above message, this space has been contributed

-Department of Student Work -

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State Student Convention

The annual State B. S. U. Convention held in Murfreesboro October 24-26 was very, very successful. Everyone who had a part on the program did a very splendid job and we feel that every person who attended any sessions of this Convention was greatly blessed because of it.

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for what was done by the following to help the Convention:

The pastor and people of the First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro;

The other citizens of Murfreesboro who opened their homes to our students;

Middle Tennessee State College for the use of its facilities on Saturday night;

The city manager, Col. McCullough, of Murfreesboro for making it possible for us to use the armory to house some of our students;

The newspapers and radio for the publicity given to our meeting;
The Boy Scout Officials of Nashville for loaning us blankets;
And the Tennessee Industrial School for loaning us beds.

Out-of-Town Registrations

	Baptist Memorial Hospital	. 7
	Carson Newman College	66
	Cumberland University	51
	East Tennessee State College	. 2
-	Harrison Chilhowee Academy	32
	Memphis State College	18
	Peabody College	20
	Tennessee Tech	16
	Union University	41
	University of Chattanooga	8
	University of Tennessee Junior College.	6
	University of Tennessee	25
7	Vanderbilt University	14
	Elizabethton College of Commerce	4
	Total	 310
	Middle Tennessee State College	35
	Visitors	29
	Total	374

-The Sunday School Lesson-

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

By R. PAUL CAUDILL, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.
Topic: "A CALL TO RIGHT LIVING"
Scripture Lesson: I Peter 1:13-16; 3:8-12; 4:1-5

THE AUTHOR of 1 Peter describes himself as "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ," and the Epistle is addressed to "the elect who are sojourners of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia" (1 Peter 1:1).

One does not read far in the Epistle without the realization that both the writer and the reader anticipate severe persecution. "But even ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed are ye: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled" (1 Peter 3:14).

The Epistle, therefore, presents a ringing call to right living. "Those whom the heathens scorn as 'Christians' must live, and, if need be, suffer, as men would who are like Christ, being holy, gentle, courteous, loyal, giving no occasion for real offense" (Dummelow).

THE GRACE OF CHRIST

Tradition tells us that both Paul and Peter were slain in the persecution that followed the great fire at Rome in 64 A. D.—the fire which Emperor Nero was suspected of having caused. At any rate, following the fire he is said to have put to death a very great number of Christians in the hope that he might quiet the people. It was in the persecution that followed, we are told, that Paul and Peter were put to death.

The role of the Christian in such a setting would therefore be a serious undertaking. That is why Peter admonishes "the elect" to gird up the loins of their mind, and to "be sober" and set their hope "perfectly on the grace that is to be brought under you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Christians are to understand that God's grace is sufficient unto every need, and that as the days may demand shall their strength ever be. Certain trials and continued persecutions are certain to be the lot of all who maintain a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ. But the inheritance of Christians is "incorruptible, and undefiled" and is one that fades not away, being reserved in the heavens (1 Peter 1:4). God's power is sufficient to guard "through faith" his own unto the consummation of the salvation which has been prepared for them through the ages.

CHILDREN OF OBEDIENCE

Peter impresses upon his readers the necessity of living lives of obedience. Jesus himself had set the example: "and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:7). Obedience is to be the ruling passion of the Christian's life, and the Christian is not to fashion his life according to the former lusts which prevailed in the time of "ignorance." And Peter adds, "like as he who calls you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15).

The chief problem today lies in the fact that too many so-called Christians are trying to take Christianity in their own hands and make of it what they will rather than what God's word declares it must be. That is why there are so many church members divided on moral issues. They have not brought their minds and hearts to the point of absolute obedience to the teachings of Christ. There is only one Christ, and only one set of Christ's teachings. These teachings do not present a double standard. And until Christians resolve to be obedient, just as was Christ, yea, "even unto death," they will hardly be able to resolve their differences on moral issues. Their implications of this truth are manifest as one thinks of the differences of opinions today with reference to beverage alcohol and many other prevailing social sins.

CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

In verses 8 through 12 Peter puts the issue squarely up to the Christian. If he would "love life, And see good days" then there are certain standards to which he must adhere. There is no alternative; "Finally, be ye all likeminded, compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, humbleminded: not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but contrariwise blessing; for hereunto were ye called."

In a word, the behavior of the body of Christians is to be such as to make them more considerate of others than of themselves. They are to hold fast together in the brotherhood whatever the cost, and to be patient "towards those without." Through this atiude of peacemaking hey are to fall heir to the inheritance promised them in the Psalm (34:12ff.) "The whole Psalm promises salvation in persecution, and describes just the situation which St. Peter's faith sees his readers place—in danger, but with the angel of the Lord encamping round about them, and always working out a blessing for them if they trust in him" (Dummelow).

Note especially that Peter enjoins the Christian to "turn away from" evil. He is, on the other hand, to do good." He is to seek peace and pursue it, remembering that the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, "And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil" (1 Peter 3:12). The new Israel is made of Christians who are both Gentiles and Jews (Robertson), and they are the spiritual descendants of Isaac (Gal. 4:22ff.)

The closing verses of the lesson (4:1-5) constitute a further exhortation to Christians that they may move in the circle of God's will. He reminds his readers that they have lived the heathen life long enough and should have learnt its wretchedness. Let suffering come, for in it there comes rest from sin. The only thing that matters is that the Christian be Christlike in the suffering. Through faith the Christian must remain steadfast unto the end,

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

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Perhaps you've already chosen yours. Have you written it on the November page of your calendar, so that you will see it often and remember to learn and use it? I like my new verse. If you haven't chosen one, maybe you'd like to learn it, too. God spoke the words through Moses many years ago to remind people to be glad and to say thank-you for God's good gifts. I need a reminder like this sometimes, too. So I want to make the verse my very own—not only for this Thanksgiving month, but for every month in the year. Would you like to learn the words with me?

Thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house. (Deut. 26:11.)

If we should try to make a list of "every good thing" which God has given to us and to our families and loved ones, it would be very, very long, wouldn't it? But I believe that near the top of almost everybody's list would be the word "friends."

Young South readers have many friends whom they have never seen. But they know a great deal about some of them, because of their word pictures. Here are some of those word pictures which we have not had opportunity to share.

EVALINE JETER, Route 1, Chapel Hill, Tennessee, is fourteen years old and in the ninth grade at school. Evaline is a member of First Baptist Church at Church Hill. The Vacation Bible School in her church had a total enrollment of 117 this summer. Evaline likes basketball and swimming; she wants pen pals about her age.

LORETTA KARNES, Route 13, Fountain City, Tennessee, is an old friend, but there is a change in her word picture, because she has become a Christian since her last letter to us was written. You remember, Loretta is eleven years old. When she wrote before, she said, "I am not a Christian, but hope to be soon." We are so glad to know that she is now trusting Jesus as her Saviour. Loretta has three pen pals—Janice Blake, Ollie Mae Price, and Marie Stout, but she wants more. Perhaps some of you would like to write and tell how glad you are that she has become a Christian.

RUBY LANNOM, Route 6, Box 18, Lebanon, Tennessee, is a ten-year-old girl who likes to sing. Ruby is not yet a Christian but maybe it won't be long until she can write her "good news" letter, like Loretta Karnes did. Ruby wants some pen pals.

HELEN MARSHALL, 2806 N. Broadway, Knoxville, Tennessee, wrote a bit of unusual information for her word picture. Helen is thirteen and in the ninth grade at Christenberry Junior High School. She has been a Christian for two years and goes to Arlington Baptist Church. Her hobbies are singing and collecting poems and Bible pictures. She wants pen pals. Helen went to G. A. Camp this summer and the unusual part of her word picture is an outcome of her camp experiences. Here is a little part of her letter: "I felt during my stay at camp that God was calling me to be a Medical Mission Nurse in some foreign field. I guess you have heard of Annie Rines. She is a great medical mission nurse in West Africa, Nigeria. And some day I want to be a nurse just like her. She was our nurse at camp. She is a wonderful person."

Miss Rines will be very happy to see Helen's tribute to her. And, of course, she will be even happier if Helen consecrates her life to special service for the Lord, wherever she can be most useful.

I think God often calls very young people to special service, so that they can have time to prepare themselves to do the job in the very best way. Certain preparation is, of course, needed for certain jobs. For that reason, the Foreign Mission Board has prepared a series of pamphlets explaining to mission volunteers the nature of different types of missionary work and outlining the requirements for each. There is one basic pamphlet called "If You Want to Be a Missionary Overseas." And there are six others on specific types of missionary service:

"If You Want to Be a Missionary Preacher"
"If You Want to Be a Missionary Teacher"
"If You Want to Be a Missionary Doctor"

"If You Want to Be a Missionary Nurse"

"If You Want to Be a Missionary Homemaker"

"If You Want to Be a Missionary Technician"

You may get this entire series of pamphlets, or any single one, free, by writing the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia. I hope Helen and other Young South friends will write for their copies now.

I hope, too, that next week you will look at more new word pictures with me. It's fun to share them!

Love, Aunt Polly

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The better way is to have your Will drawn NOW by your own Lawyer to meet your precise wishes. By naming the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as the beneficiary and administrative agent of your bequest in behalf of any of our colleges, hospitals, missionary enterprises, or our orphanage, you put the Will of Christ in your Will.

In England it is looked upon as a disgrace for anyone to die without a Will, and it is truly strange for a Christian to die without having something in his Will for the promotion of Christianity.

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- 1. Executive Board of Tennessee Baptist Convention (State Missions)
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We are also glad to administer funds left by donors to Southwide institutions and agencies. The legal names of these institutions will be furnished upon request.

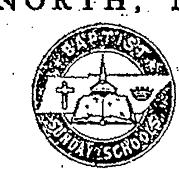
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Central Training School In Jackson Great Success

ADISON COUNTY Associational Training School was held at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee the week of October 19. In all respects it was very successful and far reaching. There were 865 workers enrolled during the week with 19 classes being offered.

The success of the school can be attributed to the faithful work of the Associational Superintendent, Rev. Ralph Kerley and Training Superintendent Rev. Walter Warmath. The faculty as well as all who participated in the school are grateful to Dr. W. Fred Kendall and his church for every courtesy extended the school. Also, we are grateful to the teachers and speakers for their invaluable contribution to the success of this school.

We give below the names of the teachers:

Book	
Building A Standard Sunday School	
The Book We Teach	
Studies in Romans	R. E. Guy
What Baptists Believe	E. E. Deusner
Soul Winning Doctrines	W. Fred Kendall
Jesus, The Teacher	
The Improvement of Teaching	Warren F. Jones
The Church Library Manual	Miss Laura Brumit
The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School.	Mrs. D. Chester Sparks
The Nursery Department of the Sunday School	Miss Oleta Meek
Beginner Sunday School Work	Mrs. A. M. Sutherland
Primary Sunday School Work	.Mrs. J. Smith Womack
Junior Sunday School Work	Mrs. W. G. Rutledge
Intermediate Sunday School Work	Miss Gladys Longley
The Young People's Department of the Sunday School	ol. Mrs. J. W. Senterfitt
The Adult Department of the Sunday School	Mrs. L. G. Frey
The Extension Department of the Sunday School	Wheeler Thompson
Tomorrow You Lead	J. W. Senterfitt
The Junior and His Church (Jr. Tr. Union)	Robert H. Mizell
Inspirational Speakers were: Dr. Allen West,	Rev. Hayward Highfill,
Mr. W. A. Harrell, Mr. J. N. Barnette.	
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We are grateful to these men for their inspiration at the close of each session.

More Space Added At Westover and Cotton Grove

While in the Central Training School at Jackson it was a pleasure to visit at Westover Baptist Church where the superintendent, Mr. R. R. Mc-Leavy and pastor C. L. Smith are leading their people in the construction of 12 additional classrooms. A new nursery is to be provided and the building is to be heated by gas. Pastor Smith says, "It took inspiration and blisters to do this work." The men of the church did much of the work. The R. A. boys cleared the grounds as the work progressed. A new baptistery is being built and a tower for a bell. The prospects are very bright for this Sunday school at this great church.

The Cotton Grove Baptist Church is adding 7 classrooms, making available places for nine classes. This building is likewise being carried on by the people of the church. Arrangements are being made to heat this building with gas and electric lights are being installed throughout the church. The inside is to be finished with fabric board and should be completed within a few weeks.

The superintendent is Mr. A. E. Belew and the pastor is Rev. P./E. Claybrook. These leaders are undertaking a program of work with great zeal and enthusiasm.

State Planning Meetings For Associational Officers

November 24, 10 A. M., First Baptist Church, Knoxville November 25, 10 A. M., Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis November 28, 10 A. M., First Baptist Church, Nashville

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ROBERTSON—	** **	Merton Avenue	6
Greenbrier	30	Millington	27
Springfield, First	42	Oaklawn	1
	72	Oakville	15
SEQUATCHIE VALLEY-	14	Oakville	15
Richard City	17	Prescott	14
		Riverside	8
SEVIER—	17	Seventh St	28
Gatlinburg	33	Speedway Terrace	10
Zion Grove		Temple	42
Oldham's Creek	•	Union Avenue	30
Shady Grove		Woodstock	. 11
Ollady Clove		Sylvan Heights	3
	81	Lamar Heights	40
SHELBY—	•	Leawood	5
Ardmore	•	Flynn Avenue	3
Arlington		Park Avenue Mission	1
Bartlett	•		
Bellevue	•;	SWEETWATER—	609
Berclair	-	Loudon, First	39
Big Creek'	•		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Boulevard	17	TENNESSEE VALLEY-	39
Calvary		Spring City	1
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Central Avenue	11	WATAUGA—	1
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Eudora	1	Doe River	•
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"Building Better Churches"

A new Broadman publication. Price, \$3.75. Author, Gaines S. Dobbins. Professor, Church Administration and Religious Education, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. This book should be in the library of every church.

- Woman's Missionary Union ---

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3 TENN.

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MISS MARY NORTHINGTON
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
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Office Secretary

Róyal Ambassador Week November 9-15

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

BET TOGETHER for special study on ranks.

Put on an Ambassador Life subscription drive. Goal . . . every member subscribing. Tennessee has a goal of 2,070. Help us reach this goal: Have charge of prayer meeting service on Wednesday night. Give a playlet, "The Value of a Boy." Order from 1111 Comer Building, Bir-

Organize a new R. A. Chapter in a nearby church or another Chapter

in your own church.

mingham, Ala.

Put on a community-wide or city wide campaign for collecting clothes and materials for relief of the people of the world. Set aside Friday afternoon for this, finishing Saturday morning if that much time is needed. Take the materials to the church or some central park, pack and ship to: Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanado, New Orleans, La.

Have a Father-Son Banquet.

Have mission movies.

Plan a mision study class to come later. Usually Focus Week is too full to have a good mission study class. Juniors, Lamplighters Across the Sea, 40c; Intermediates, Great is the Company, 75c; My World Too, 50c.

Pray for the Tennessee Baptist Convention being held at Kingsport, No-

vember 11-13. Attend some of the convention if possible.



Counselors Attention: Change in Charter Requirement

For several years leaders in promoting Royal Ambassador work have desired a better quality of work and some standard for recognizing a duly organized and functioning chapter. Heretofore the only thing necessary for obtaining a charter was to order it from Birmingham headquarters.

Beginning the first of January 1948 all charters previously issued will be void and new charters will be issued free to all chapters meeting the requirements. Only chartered chapters will be counted on reports to associational

and state offices.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTER

1. Chapter must be duly organized as set forth in Royal Ambassador manual.

2. Chapter must have met at least three times within the last three

months.

3. Counselor must indicate his purpose to carry out the Royal Ambassador program of activities as set forth in counselors guide and Royal Ambassador Manual.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW CHARTER

Question: How can I get my charter?

Answer: By filling out an application for a charter and sending it in with your yearly or fourth quarter report. The State Royal Ambassador Office will issue the charter free of charge. Applications for charter will be sent with the blanks for these reports. If you do not receive yours write your State Royal Ambassador leader.

Question: What if my chapter is not duly organized according to the

manual?

Answer: No charter will be issued until the chapter has a counselor, and officers elected as set forth in the manual.

Question: What if I do not have enough boys to have all the officers set forth in the manual?

Answer: Combine some of the officers such as Chapter Scribe and Chapter Recorder. In your Manual such combinations are already suggested with the note that it is a better plan to put on a membership drive.

Question: If a Chapter does not qualify by January. 1st how can it get a

charter later?

Answer: By meeting the requirements and making application. This can be done in three weeks by organizing and electing counselors and officers, meeting for three times and being ready to go right on working according to RA plans.

Question: How does a new chapter go about getting a charter?

Answer: In the same way, organizing and meeting charter requirements and making application to State Office.

Ouestion: When will my charter expire?

Answer: All charters expire the 31st of December following date of issue regardless of the date issued and a new one for the next year will be issued upon application.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1947

-Brotherhood Department-

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3 TENN.

B. K. WILBY Secretary



MARJORIE HOWARD
Office Secretary

Holston Association Calvary Baptist Church Bristol, Tennessee

At the meeting of this active Brotherhood on October 16, the following officers were elected to serve for 1947-48:

President	Dewey Allison
Membership Vice-president	Paul Combs
Program Vice-president	.H. G. Herring
Activities Vice-president	.C. R. Leonard
Secretary	O. T. Bryant
Treasurer	Gilmer Snapp
Pastor	James M. Gregg

Knox County Association McCalla Avenue Baptist Church Knoxville, Tennessee

REV. CHARLES C. BOWLES, Pastor

A Brotherhood was organized at the McCalla Avenue Baptist Church Monday, October 6, with the following officers being elected:

` President		
Membership V	ice-president	D. R. Mooney
Activities Vice-	president	
Secretary		J. C. Witt

The Brotherhood regular meetings will be the first Monday night of each month.

William Carey Association Lexie Cross Roads Baptist Church

REV. REEVES STEELMAN, Pastor

On October 16 Mr. Robert Taylor, president of the First Baptist Church Brotherhood, Fayetteville, Tennessee, and his pastor, Rev. U. W. Malcolm, organized the men of Lexie Cross Roads Baptist Church into the Brotherhood movement. Literature had been sent ten days before the meeting on the request of their pastor. There was definitely a great willingness and a desire to start doing greater things for the kingdom of God shown in this organization meeting.

The following officers were elected to serve:

President	Sam Hall
- Membership Vice-president	Marion Walker
Activities Vice-president	
Program Vice-president	Huston Soloman
Chorister	Leon Couch

AMONG THE BRETHREN-

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR regrets to hear of the sudden death on October 3 of S. S. Bussell, Pioneer Missionary in New Mexico and Arizona. He died while having his car serviced at Wickenburg, Ariz., as he was returning from Prescott where he had attended the Grand Canyon Association. In 1929, he became the first Executive Secretary of Arizona Southern Baptists and served until 1939 when he became a pastor. He was recalled to denominational work in 1944 as State Sunday School and Brotherhood Secretary which positions he held faithfully until his death. As the Arizona Baptist Beacon well says, "The churches of Arizona suffered the loss of one of their best loved and most faithful servants in the home going of S. S. Bussell." May the Lord comfort the sorrowing.

I. C. Frazier, former pastor of the Concord Baptist Church in East Brainerd, Chattanooga, has returned to this pastorate. He served as chaplain for three years overseas in the ETO. Upon his return in May he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and was placed on terminal leave October 9 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

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Pastor Charles A. Crawford and Pigeon Ford Baptist Church have been assisted in a wonderful revival by Millard Reed, pastor of Deupont Baptist Church. There were 40 conversions and 50 rededications and 37 additions to the church by

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baptism.

Hon. Hardin Conn, layman of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, recently supplied the pulpit on Sunday evening of the First Baptist Church at Knoxville, Henry J. Stokes, Jr., pastor.

Executive Secretary M. Theron Rankin, of the Foreign Mission Board, asked that the following statement be added to his article, "Shall Southern Baptists Peg Their Program of Foreign Missions?" which was published in BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, but it was not received in time for publication until now: "This statement, 'Shall Southern Baptists Peg Their Program of Foreign Missions?' is not intended to imply that the needs of other southwide agencies are any less urgent than those of the Foreign Mission Board. We cannot meet the problem by any method that would provide for the needs of one and leave the needs of the others unprovided. Surely Southern Baptists will find a way to provide the capital needs of southwide agencies without having to peg their program of foreign missions." —B&R—

Western Union telegram received by BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR said: "Duffel bags and barracks bags desperately needed in world relief program. Urgently request veterans to contribute theirs immediately. Send with or without clothing therein to Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, La.—CHARLES R. GAGE."

Pastor E. Pitt Woodroof and Seventh Street Baptist Church, Memphis, have been assisted in a revival by D. C. Applegate of Louisiana Street Baptist Church, Memphis. There were 46 additions, 29 by baptism, and 10 rededications.

The Housing Committee in Kingsport advises that enough rooms are available for the convention. Send your request to the First Baptist Church.—L. B. Cobb, Pastor.

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At the prayer meeting hour last Wednesday, Oct. 15th, Trenton Street had the ordination service for two young men to the Deaconship, Bros. J. C. Wilson and Fred F. Fennell. The pastor acted as Moderator for the meeting, with Robert Moody keeping the records for the meeting. Rev. Fred Laymance assisted in the ordination of these men, along with the other Deacons in the church. Recently in a business meeting, the church added Mr. St. George S. Jones, Fr., to the list of active Deacons. The church now has eighteen Deacons, and beginning Oct. 1st, the church accepted the Rotation Plan for Deacons.—O. C. RAINWATER, pastor, Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman, Tennessee.

Pastor L. G. Mosley and the Park View Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., were recently assisted in a revival by Guard Green, pastor, First Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, Tennessee, doing the preaching. There were 18 additions and several rededications and a fine uplift came to the church.

R. E. Guy, pastor, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, did the preaching in a revival with V. Wayne Tarpley of the St. Elmo Baptist Church, Chattanooga. The music was directed by J. C. Yelton. The meeting resulted in 26 additions and the church was greatly moved by messages of the visiting preacher.

W. Maxey Jarman is teacher of the Good News Bible Class of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, and Elbert Walker is president. The class is publishing a sprightly news sheet, with Cloyd Adcox and Joe C. Carr-as Co-Editors.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, OCT. 26, 1947

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BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

"The Baileyton Baptist Church wishes to share with you some of its activities of the summer. After having made a great improvement in our Sunday school and having a good revival and a wonderful mission emphasis week, our greatest joy comes from our Training Union. We have just completed a study course taught by the pastor with a new record of awards being given. The Director who has served a little over a year announced on Oct. 19 that we had a record attendance for the year. We do Praise God for his many challenges and blessings. Our prayers are that the Training Union will find a greater place in our rural churches where it has been shamefully neglected.—LESTER FERGUSON, pastor.

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Sunday, October 26, Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, celebrated its 33rd anniversary. The church was organized October 28, 1914, with 33 charter members, 9 of whom are still active in the church. The church roll has recently been revised and the members now stand at 1,278. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 1,096 and the average attendance of the school for the year September 30, was 734. We have a full graded W.M.U., an active Training Union, an excellent Choir and a Boy Scout Troop. Also we have extended an arm of our church across Black Oak Ridge in Hines Valley. They have purchased a lot and erected a building where we have Sunday school. The church has had BAPTIST AND RE-FLECTOR in the budget for many years.

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"Last Wednesday evening our church approved; the Annual Associational letter going to the Palm-Lake Association for the months October, 1946-September, 1947. We give you herewith some of the high-lights of this report:

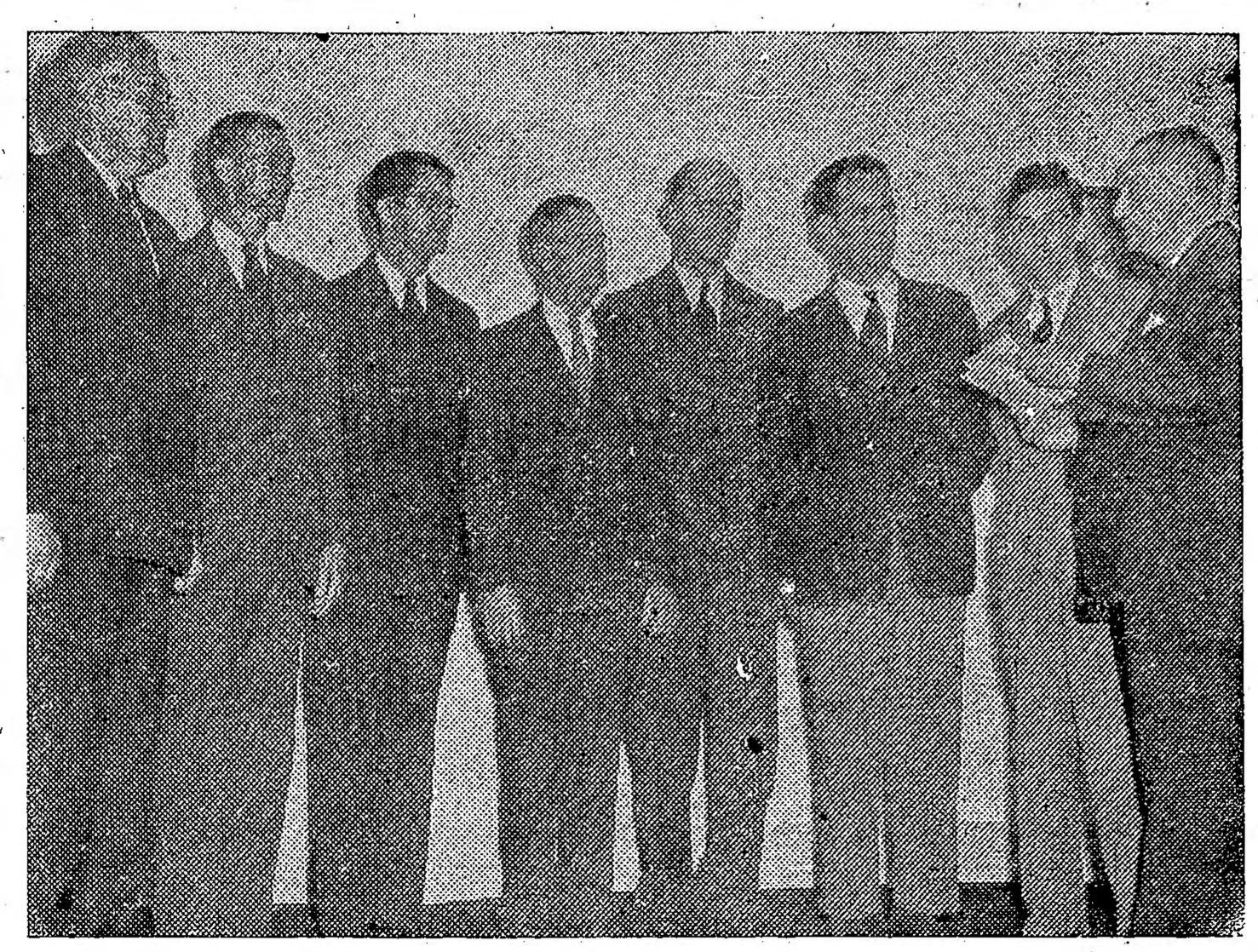
"Additions by baptism, 137; by letter, etc., 192; total additions 329; present membership, 2,093. Present Sunday school enrollment, 1,163; average attendance for year, 604; Vacation-Bible School enrollment, 236; average attendance, 204. Training Union enrollment, 210; average attendance, 135; enrollment of W. M. U. organizations, 304; total mission gifts by the W. M. U., \$10,033.45. Total given for LOCAL CHURCH through the Unified Budget, \$47,758.22; total mission gifts through Unified Budget, \$22,523.55; grand total of all contributions, \$70,281.77. Total all building and reserve funds on hand at end of September, \$27,965.71. Number of tithers reported, 352."—Bulletin First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., R. KELLY WHITE, pastor.

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Offerings at Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., here have been tripled since the beginning of Southern Baptists' three-month tithing campaign, Dr. John H. Buchanan reports. Dr. Buchanan, whose church launched the "Prove Me" period October 5, said that offerings the first two Sundays in October, 1947, were \$12,000, as compared with a total of \$4,000 for the same two Sundays in 1946.—Baptist Press.

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Kingsport's Baptist Pastors Complete Convention Plans

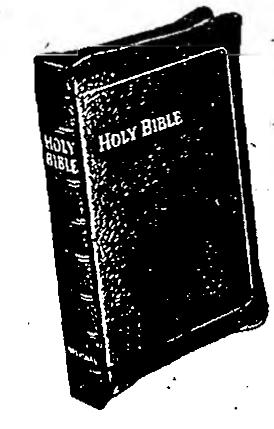


The Baptist pastors of Kingsport shown above have completed the plans for the State Convention meeting in the First Baptist Church of that city, November 11th. The above pastors comprise the following committees: Left to right, J. L. Trent, Lynn Garden, Hospitality; J. C. Blalock, Glenwood, Transportation; Dana Hood, Long Island, and Hugh Horne, Calvary (not shown in the picture), Publicity; G. C. Coldiron, West View, and Troy Jones, State Line, Reception; J. T. Richards, Bloomingdale, Equipment; Harold Polk, Litz Manor, Registration, and L. B. Cobb, First Baptist, Host Pastor.

The Committee advises that ample housing facilities are available to care for a large attendance. Sufficient rooms are on the waiting list for all who desire to make reservations.

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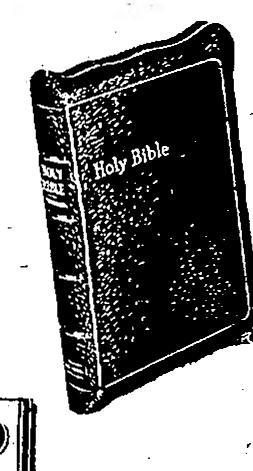




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Dear Brother Taylor:

Recently when our Home Demonstration Club house in the little village of Statesville, Wilson Co., was being wired for electricity, I found among the great accumulation of papers and letters (at one time this was Statesville's Post Office, and J. J. Jewell's dry goods store) a copy of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR dated Aug. 2, 1906. Edgar E. Folk was Editor, A. J. Holt, Associate Editor. How well I remember both of them.

It contains a little sketch from our beloved John T. Oakley telling of the revival then in progress at Round Lick, Watertown, Tennessee. Brother George W. Swope did the preaching.

Also a note from Brother Henry Oakley telling of his meeting at Parren Chapel. Brother Smalley was helping him, but Brother Oakley said Smalley was not small in his preaching.

It takes me back many years to sit down and read this paper 40 years old, and read the names of so many who have long since gone on.

Among other items of interest is a fine little song by J. C. Midgett: "When Tennessee Will Go Dry." I wonder "if" and "when."

You know Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt said: "Drink it." So it seems to me that so long as liquor runs freely through the White House, we are terribly crippled. And I am not a politician.—Respectfully, Mrs. Alfred Ricketts, Watertown, Tenn.

Baptist Hour Speakers

THE 1948 Baptist Hour speakers, as announced by the Radio Commission, S. B. C., S. F. Lowe, Director, Atlanta, Georgia, will be as follows:

Dr. Kyle M. Yates of Houston, Texas, and Dr. Duke K. McCall of Nashville, Tennessee, on four consecutive Sundays each; Dr. T. F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, and Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, North Carolina, on two Sundays each; and Mr. Charles Wellborn of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, on one Sunday. This series will be broadcast January through March over an independent network of 57 stations.

The Atlanta announcement further states that subjects and dates will be selected by a special committee to meet in Atlanta about the middle of this month. According to Mr. Lowe, a special feature in every program will be a favorite hymn to be selected by a poll of interested listeners.

The laymen have gone to bat for relief at First Baptist Church, Memphis. Announcement was made at the Sunday morning worship service that 100 duffel bags were available for use of the congregation in shipping used clothing to the needy of Europe this winter. Immediately the 100 bags were taken and it was necessary to telegraph to the Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans for more. Frank Scott, a layman who operates a cleaning establishment in the city, told Pastor R. Paul Caudill: "You collect the clothing. I'll clean and repair it. Then it'll be in really good shape for those who need it."-Baptist Press.

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VISS MARY FRANCES FREEMAN of Cadiz and Miss Nancy Richey of Central City were elected presidents of West and East Halls, Bethel Woman's College, respectively. Miss Richey is active in Baptist Student Union work, YWA, Life Service Band, and Training Union. Miss Freeman is a member of the Baptist Student Union, Hoofprint Club and Delta Phi Omega.

Editors and assistants of the Scroll, Bethel Woman's College yearbook which has been rated in first place in a national yearbook contest for the past few years, are Misses Lucy Board, West Point; Martha Cloud, Pembroke; Anna Faye Hooks, Hopkinsville; Margaret Neill, Chicago, III.; Peggy Gharst, Effingham, III.; Marjorie Voor, South Bend, Ind.; Carol Ryhmer, Cairo, Ill.; Bette Schonceit, New York, N. Y.; Rosaly Goldberg, Newark, N. J.; Ruth Engle, Lancaster; Joyce Binder, Ft. Thomas; Peggy Smith, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and Jean Sholar, Hopkinsville.

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Horace L. Smith, for the past five years pastor of Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, resigned October 19th to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Canton, N. C. He is a Vice-President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Ocoee Baptist Association, Trustee of Harrison Chilhowee Academy and a fine cooperative co-worker.

C. E. Myrick Ends Active Church Work

R. C. E. MYRICK, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, who has not missed a church service in the 20 years he has served the church, has resigned to become pastor emeritus.

One of the Shelby County Baptist pastors having the longest length of continuous service in one pulpit, members of Trinity have presented Dr. Myrick with an offering of about \$2,500. In addition, they have voted him a retirement salary of about \$50 a month for the remainder of his life.

Dr. Myrick is also being retired on the Ministers' Retirement Plan of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which is under the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Conven-"tion.

Dr. Myrick will continue to live in Memphis and will continue a Bible-teaching and Gospelwriting ministry.

Dr. Myrick has been active in the Baptist minis-

try for 40 years.

His leadership aslo is credited by the congregation in the building of a large open-air permanent tabernacle for special meetings, purchase of the pastor's home, extensive repairs and improvements to the church building proper, including the prayer room,

Until a permanent successor is named Dr. Myrick will continue to serve the church. L. A. Shaw, 1128 Greenwood, Memphis, heads a committee to choose a successor. Bro. Myrick will appreciated the privilege of serving as pulpit supply for those who may wish to use him. (Contributed).

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- Book Reviews -

HANDMAIDENS OF THE KING. By W. Thorburn Clark. Broadman Press.

Another book by the author of "Outriders for the King" and "Hymns That Endure," with an interesting introduction by Mrs. W. J. Cox. It is a book of brief but thrilling biographies of missionaries, vivid descriptions of needy mission fields and glowing testimonies to the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Chapters deal with Nannie Bland David, who, in death, cried, "Never Give Up Africa"; Lula F. Whilden and Julia K. Mackenzie, both of whom labored faithfully in China; Ida B. Hayes, who taught in Mexico, and the Missionary wife and mother, Susan Braxton Taylor, who served so diligently in Rome. This book should be read by every member of every W. M. U. society and auxiliary in the Southland.—PAUL A. WIELAND.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE BETTER. By Frederick Hall. W. A. Wilde Co. Price \$1.25.

If you enjoy testing your knowledge of the Word of God, here is another book for your library. In one hundred and four pages one thousand and one questions are offered, not to. stump the experts, but to challenge your memory and for your pleasure as an ordinary reader of the Bible. Printed in twenty "series" of fifty questions each, both the "series" and the individual questions have been numbered for the reader's convenience. Thirty-odd additional pages have been added to provide correct answers. The writer claims "all questions are rooted in the Bible, which our generation shows no signs of outgrowing." Adults, as well as Intermediates and Young People, will enjoy this volume.— PAUL A. WIELAND.

MARIANS BOOK OF BIBLE STORIES. By Marian Schoolland. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. Price, \$3.50.

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In the meeting held at Red Bank recently the Baptists of Ocoee Association launched the most ambitious program of their history which will be carried out under the direction of the Rev. E. L. Williams, their new moderator, it was announced. William C. Smedley, for 30 years the moderator of Ocoee, announced at the opening session that he was retiring from active denominational work because of advancing age. Almost every speaker during the convention paid some tribute to his work. A special committee was appointed to write resolutions and at the afternoon session Tuesday Mrs. Smedley was presented with an orchid and Mr. Smedley with a new watch and chain.

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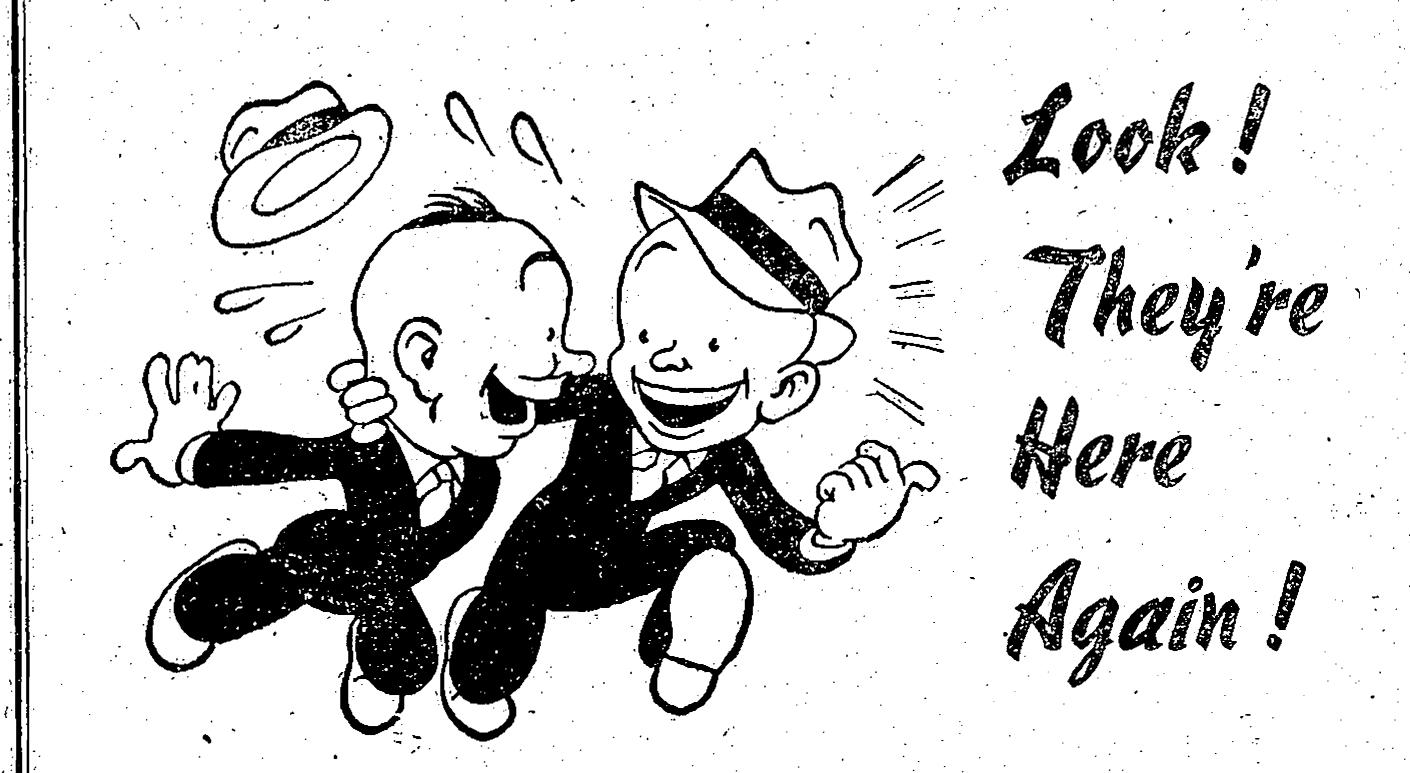
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By Louis J. Bristow, New Orleans

of daily food, and one of you say unto them, 'Depart in peace; be ye warmed and filled,' notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" So James presents a practical problem to Christians who professed to believe in Jesus as Saviour. Then he asks a question: "Can that faith save him?" That is, the type of faith such a person has, a mere intellectual conviction utterly inoperative in the face of dire need. James asserts it cannot.

I have just returned from a visit to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, which is located at 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans. I saw bundles and boxes of food and clothing ready to be shipped to Europe and Asia to feed the hungry and clothe those who are ill-clad. In conversation with Brother Charles R. Gage, Promotional Director of the work, I learned that gifts are being received from only a very small portion of our Southern Baptist constituency for this work. Brethren, this ought not so to be. I suppose all of us are ready to offer expressions of sympathy to those who are the victims of the after-effects of war; and sympathy is sweet if one has nothing more to give to those who are cold and starving. But sympathy alone from one who is able to give relief is a mockery. Generous words are a poor substitute for food and clothing.

Others have presented the conditions and made appeals more stirring than anything I can say; but I add my voice to the requests for help. This is a world-wide opportunity for service, albeit your individual gift may be small. Every garment, every shoe, every can of food helps; and we dispose of our second-hand clothes anyway. Why not send them where they will serve well in great need? Moreover, this is a Christian service, comparable to the gifts made by the Gentile churches of New Testament times for the relief of the Jewish sufferers in Jerusalem.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these... ye have done it unto me." Share what you can spare; send it today to Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

Highland View Baptist Church

Highland View School meeting place, Oak Ridge, Oct. 26 we celebrated our first anniversary by having Rev. J. E. Ledbetter, pastor of First Baptist Church, Crossville, Tenn., to bring a message on the Baptist World Alliance meeting held in Copenhagen.

One year ago we moved from the Gamble Valley School house to this location and started with 36 present of whom 14 were members of the First Baptist Church. On May 18 we organized into a church with 59 charter members and now have 177. Our Sunday school attendance was 601 yesterday and we had 675 in our preaching service.

The First Baptist Church in a large way made possible this work by furnishing workers and backing us financially until we were self-sustaining.

The Church called me as full time pastor and Miss Frances Rogers from McMinnville, Tennessee as Church Visitor and secretary. During the first year 62 have been baptized into our church and we have the finest group of personal workers and officers anyone could desire. The Lord's blessings and favors have been upon us and we are thankful for all who have helped make this work possible.—J. R. BLACK, pastor.

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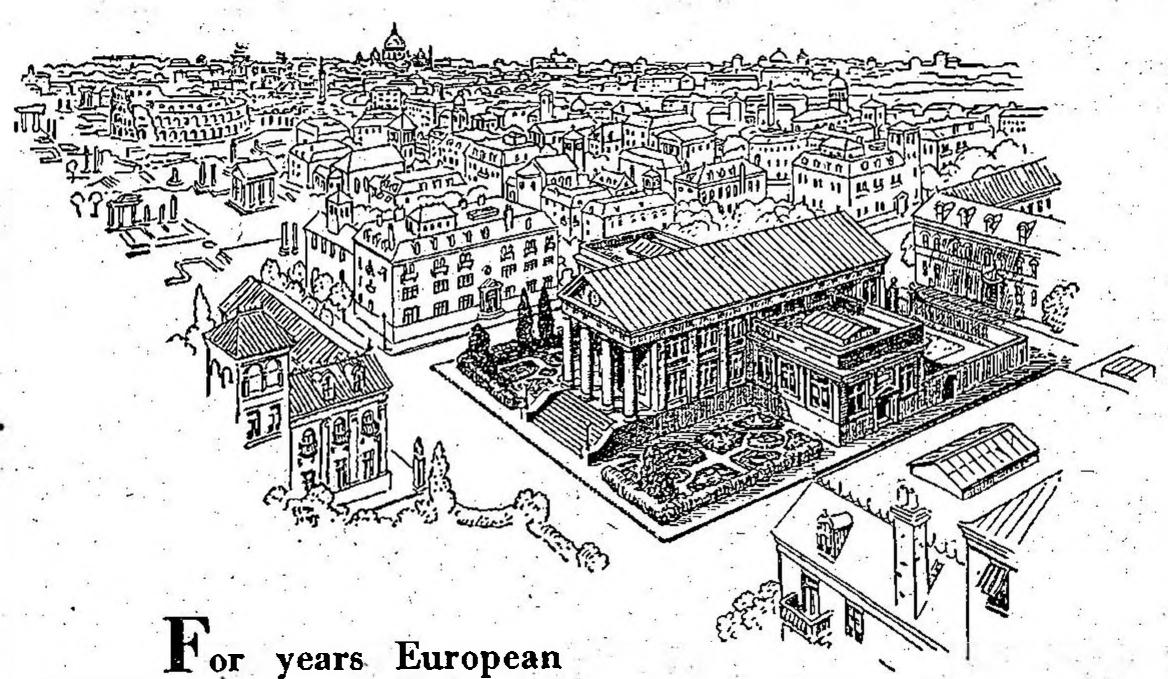
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THE OCOEB Association of Missionary Baptists at its regular annual session held Oct. 14 and 15, 1947 at the Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanoga, Tenn., adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, the last Legislature of Tennessee passed a bill which has become a law imposing a tax upon churches and non-profit and welfare organizations, and

This law is a direct violation of the guarantee of separation of Church and State, given in our Federal Constitution for which our forefathers fought, therefore it is resolved:

That we go on record as opposing the afore-said law, or any other law that might be passed giving the state the authority to collect taxes from churches and we pledge ourselves to use our influence to bring about the repeal of the above named law.

We urge that our Governor, Honorable Jim McCord, use his influence in every possible way to bring about the repeal of said law.

A copy of this resolution to be mailed to the following:

Governor Jim McCord, Nashville, Tennessee,
-The BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR,

The Ocoee Headlight,

Representatives of Hamilton County in House of Representatives, namely, Mr. Dayton Phillips, Mr. Robert E. Talley and Mr. Robert A. Morrison and, State Senator for Hamilton County, namely, Mr. Clifford J. Currey.

(Signed)

REV. E. L. WILLIAMS,
Moderator for Ocoee Association

RESOLUTIONS OF THE NASHVILLE ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES

The Honorable Jim McCord, Governor State of Tennessee State Capitol

Nashville, Tennessee Your Excellency:

In lieu of the law which is referred to below, we would like to commend you for your forthright stand in having the specific section which concerns us set aside until 1949, but

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Tennessee enacted a law known as the TENNESSEE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACT OF 1947 on February 14, 1947, the same being Chapter 29 of the Public Acts of 1947, and

WHEREAS, The interpretation of the law by the State Attorney General's Office is to the efficit that all churches and non-profit organizations are bound by the law, and

WHEREAS, Section 14, article "D" of above law specifically states that the Commissioner is empowered to close any "business" i.e. church, orphanage, school, hospital, church mission board, or other agency for failure to comply with said law, and

WHEREAS, Such powers invested in any representative of the state are extremely dangerous to the precious principle of separation of church and state;

We, the elected messengers from 55 Baptist churches representing 31,000 members meeting in annual session as the Nashville Baptist Association assembled on the 24th day of October, 1947, do most respectfully petition the Chief Executive of our great state to consider seriously the grave consequences that might result from the violation of the time-honored principle of the separation of church and state by the enforcement of the above law upon such institutions as rely upon their Godgiven convictions and upon their constitutional rights to absolute religious freedom;

Therefore, we most solemnly and respectfully request that your Excellency shall use his position and influence to have this most dangerous law to exempt churches, non-profit, religious and welfare organizations from coverage by the said act.

Most respectfully submitted,

C. H. ROBINSON
O. F. HUCCABA
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Committee

October 24, 1947

Mr. Hugh King, formerly educational director with Woodland Park Church and previous to that

associate in the Tennessee Training Union department will go to North Georgia Association as Associational Missionary on November 1st. His headquarters will be at Dalton, Ga.

"If I were young, I'd form good habits; I'd meet life's requirements; I'd avoid being half-baked; I'd learn to forgive; I'd be sensible; I'd have a good time; I'd grow up; I'd use my handicaps; I'd play to win."—CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL.

All men have their frailties; and whoever looks for a friend without imperfections will never find what he seeks. We love ourselves notwithstanding our faults, and we ought to love our friends in like manner.—CYRUS.

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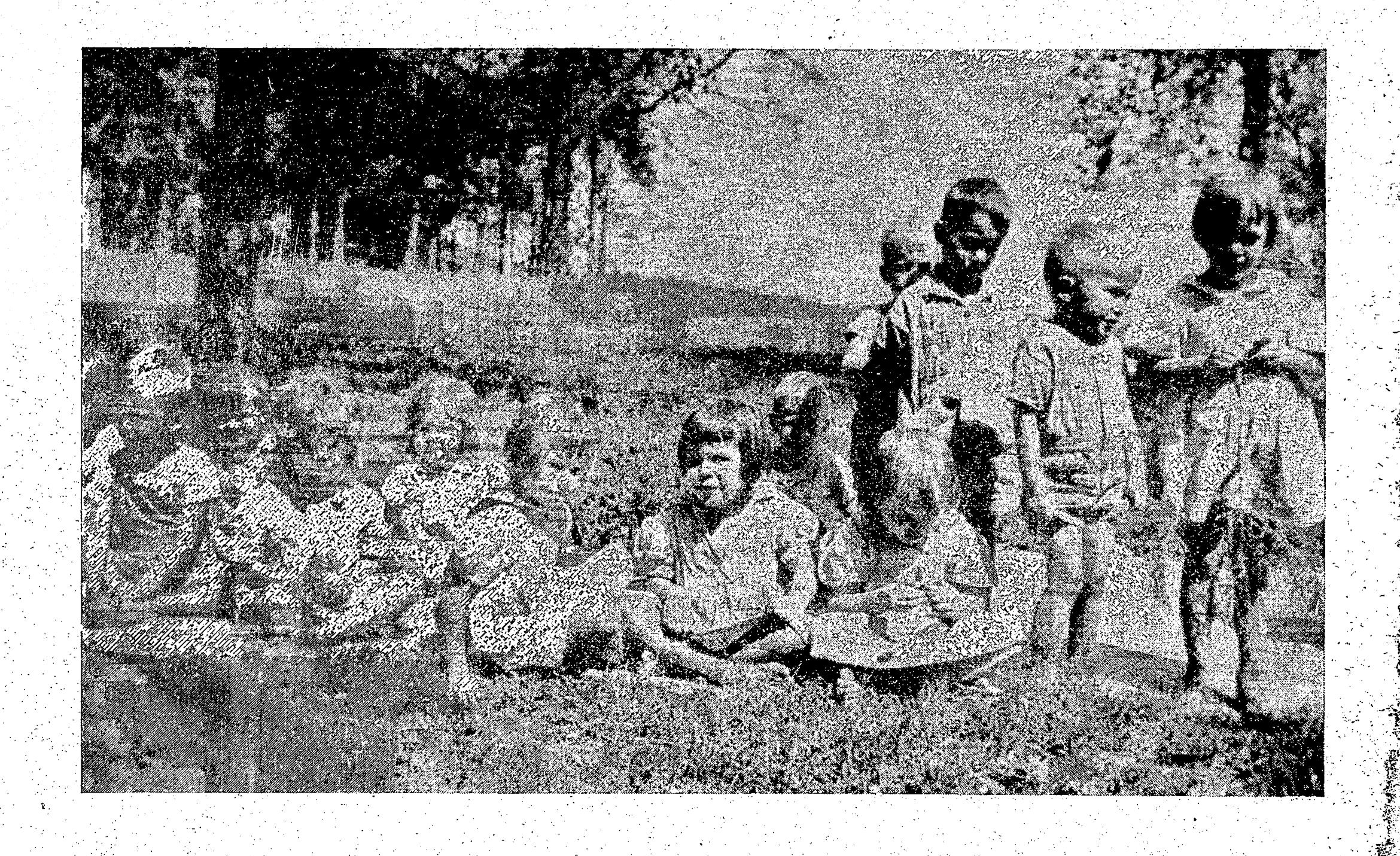
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