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EDITORIAL

A Faithful Servant at Rest

TUESDAY MORNING, July 18, at his home in Nashville, Noah B. Fetzer, faithful servant of the Lord, went to be with the Lord. Following a long period of failing health and much suffering, God "giveth his beloved sleep."

For thirty-eight years Mr. Fetzer had been the head book-keeper of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and statistical secretary of the Convention. In this position, as in all others, what he did was done well.

Someone who has known him and the family longer than the editor will no doubt send in a write-up of his life in more detail. We have known Mr. Fetzer since many years ago when as a pastor we became a member of the Executive Board and more especially during the seventeen years we have been editor. He and the editor invariably saw things alike. Many a time we have talked about spiritual matters, including the practical affairs of the kingdom. We felt free to unburden ourselves to each other when something bore upon our hearts. Our love and respect for him increased through the years. We have lost a personal friend.

Noah B. Fetzer knew and loved the Lord and the people and cause of the Lord. He was a man of God, solid, dependable, devoted to the master's work and to his loved ones and constrained by the love of Christ. The morning after Mr. Fetzer's death, Superintendent W. C. Creasman of the Orphanage, said: "Well, Bro. Taylor, Mr. Fetzer was a good man, a real Christian. I had the utmost confidence in him in every respect." That describes Noah B. Fetzer.

Through all the years, his equally faithful wife, Mrs. Daisy Fetzer, has stood by his side. And now she, together with the other loved ones, is left behind to sorrow, but not "as others who have no hope." But such sorrow makes the heart to ache inexpressibly from a natural viewpoint. These loved ones need and will have the prayers of our people whom our friend served so long and so faithfully.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, July 19, in Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, where he and Mrs. Fetzer had been members since its beginning. The serv-

Non-Union Encroachment Upon Churches?

THE PROPOSAL has been made by some that the Southern Baptist Convention should require non-affiliation with unionizing organizations of Convention committee, trustee and board members and of those in Convention official positions. Only a few among those in these groups engage in such affiliation. None should do so. However, the point in this discussion is not whether the proposal should or should not be adopted, but that if it should be the action would not be an encroachment upon the churches.

The Convention has made several unmistakable pronouncements against its affiliating with unionizing organizations. Non-affiliation with such is made a requirement by the body *for itself*. It has the right to make the same requirement of *all its parts*. There is no encroachment upon the churches when the Convention makes this requirement of itself as a whole. Neither would there be should the body require this of *all the parts of itself making up the whole*.

The anti-union sentiment of the Convention being what it is, to require non-union affiliation of its personnel would be logical. To see that the few who might be adversely affected shall honor the majority sentiment of the body by refraining from unionizing affiliation, would no more encroach upon the churches than for the Convention to announce anti-union sentiment and require non-union affiliation for itself. That is to say, there would be no encroachment at all.

The constitution of the Convention limits messengers to members of Baptist churches "co-operating with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work." All in the Convention personnel are subject to this. There is no encroachment upon the churches in it.

The cooperation in the case contemplates all the regular work of the Convention. But ought not the cooperation also to extend to *the anti-union sentiment, purposes and work of the body*? This would eliminate affiliation with unionizing organizations.

The Convention has the right to expect and require its personnel to cooperate sympathetically with the frequently pronounced anti-unionizing sentiment of the body. Sympathetic cooperation certainly presumes that there should be no affiliation contradictory to this sentiment. Affiliation with unionizing organizations is unmistakably thus contradictory.

Hence, there is in the constitution of the Convention a principle whose strict application would do away with unionizing affiliation on the part of any Convention personnel. The adoption of the proposal now under consideration would be but the expansion and expression of this principle. And since the *principle* does not encroach upon the churches, neither would the *expansion* thereof.

Should the Convention ever adopt this proposal, the action ought not to be taken until after fully adequate time before and in the Convention has been given for announcement, information and discussion. But if the Convention did adopt the proposal, there would be no encroachment upon the churches in it. The church which did not sympathetically cooperate with the anti-union sentiment of the body would exclude its own messengers from serving as Convention personnel.

ices were in charge of the pastor, Dr. James L. Sullivan, assisted by Secretary Chas. W. Pope, and burial followed in Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Fetzer, we shall see you again, and "that morn shall tearless be."

Their Works Do Follow Them

by P. B. Baldridge

"Their Works Do Follow Them." Dr. C. B. Williams in his *The New Testament—A Translation in the Language of the People*, translates this passage thus: "For the things they have done are going with them." This translation seems to express the writer's thought more accurately when we remember the purpose of the message of Revelation.

THE BACKGROUND

The members of the churches of Asia Minor were suffering some of the severest persecution imaginable. Some were being beheaded; some clothed in the skins of animals and left to be devoured by dogs; others were tied in sacks and thrown into the water to drown, and still others forced to fight with wild beasts for the entertainment of the crowds. It was a dark day indeed for faithful Christians.

Fox's Book of Martyrs, edited by Forbush, could be read with profit in connection with a study of the Book of Revelation. John is writing to encourage these weary, persecuted and discouraged Christians to continued loyalty to Christ in spite of even death. He tells them that the loyalty and Christian devotion displayed by their fellow Christians in the sacrifices which they had and were making were not in vain. Their works went along with them into the other life as a proof of the genuineness of their Christian profession and as a means of eternally glorious rewards. This makes the death of those, who die because they are Christians, "Blessed."

CONTINUING INFLUENCE

The other truth also is doubtless suggested by this verse of scripture, namely; that those who live for the glory of Christ, and even seal their loyalty to him by dying, leave behind them an influence which shall forever be a blessing to the world.

The wicked, the lawless, the perpetrators of evil, all leave an influence which shall forever curse humanity, while the good leave an influence which, like a pleasant odor, shall forever bless humanity.

The evil kings of Israel such as Jeroboam and Ahab, by their wicked devices, caused the people of that far-away day to walk in the ways of sin. Their wicked works cursed the people of God for many a day. Their works followed them. Rulers and leaders of men, too numerous to mention, have, by the influence they have exerted, left a blight and a curse upon the world which cannot be entirely erased. What an awful thing to live such a life as that the works which follow are a curse rather than a blessing! This in view of the fact that each life is capable of being a benediction rather than a blight.

On the other hand what a multitude of blessings have flowed down the stream of the years because a host of good and faithful men and women have so lived and served that humanity has been lifted a little nearer God. Men like Moses, Abraham, Paul, John, the Beloved Disciple; Luther, Knox, the Wesleys, Whitefield, Carey, Judson, Rice, Yates, Bagby, Carrie Nation, Jane Adams and a countless number of others, who in every age, who have influenced their own and succeeding generations for good. Their good works do follow and shall continue to follow them as long as time lasts. These are the hope of civilization for the present and the future. To achieve this end we may belong. To achieve this end we must be united by a personal and vital faith to Christ.

REMEMBERED WORKS

This statement of the writer also clearly indicates that the works done here go along with us to the world beyond. Not that God may be informed nor that the departing ones need to be advised of his destiny, but that it might be established for all concerned that such a one is entitled to the privileges and blessings of the glory world.

Then, too, one's works go along with him as a basis of his rewards, whether those works are good or bad. In this same book, the Book of Revelation, Jesus says, "Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me to reward every man ac-

cording as his work has been." In the eleventh chapter of Matthew Jesus teaches that the condemnation of certain cities was more severe than that of certain other cities because they had greater light and did not live up to the privileges of that light. Here is reward of an evil nature. Their evil works follow them into the next life and meet them at the Judgment. In the third chapter of First Corinthians, Paul tells us, "If any man's work abides, he shall receive a reward."

It is not clearly revealed in scripture as to what our rewards shall be in the after life, but in the Parable of the Talents, as recorded in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, the faithful servants were rewarded by commendation and promotion. The public commendation of our Savior and a larger task would seem to be reward sufficient for any of us. These rewards are according to our works.

What a privilege it is to live and serve our generation, knowing that our works not only bless those who live now, but also those who live after us. There comes a story from the recent global war. Some of our soldiers were forced to land on one of the islands of the southwest Pacific. They had been informed that this island was inhabited by a wild tribe of savages and they concluded that they would soon be tortured and killed by these island people. To their amazement, however, they were met by a kindly people of another race who rendered them every service, including food, dry clothing and many other necessities. Upon inquiry it was learned that many years ago a man of God had spent some time upon that far-away island and had preached and lived the Gospel of Christ. His works were following him.

The good works of fathers and mothers follow after them in the lives of their own and other children; the good example of Sunday school teachers, Training Union leaders, the sacrificial lives of preachers of the Gospel and the good deeds of all, however lowly or humble, go on and on like the constant flow of a beautiful stream to sweeten and bless a needy world.

Christian Worship

by Wm. R. Rigell

Christian worship might be defined as man's effort to respond to God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ. It is the creature, made in the image of God, offering adoration and praise to the Creator. It is the orderly and soulful expression of the worshipper's deepest devotion to his God. It springs simply and sincerely from the heart of the worshipper. And here is the pattern it follows:

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such doth the Father seek to be His worshippers. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23f).

Attitudes of the Worshipper

Generally, one would find in a place and hour of public worship many types of people, namely, the sick and the well, the rich and the poor, the ignorant and the educated, the weary and the worn, the joyful and the sorrowful. Evidently they have assembled to express their buried emotions and to get help for the needy inner life. To do this certain attitudes must be put in motion.

A reverential attitude is necessary to bring one into the sacred presence of God. This attitude does not grow on trees, nor does it come over night. It has come by a developmental process and takes time. In other words, an audience has to be trained for public worship, and often the distance to go is more than a long sea mile. Chattering like a drove of English starlings, discussion of current events, commenting on Sister Doodle's new hat, make no contribution to an atmosphere of worship. For example, I sat in a big "First" church some years ago where two well-dressed ladies were reading, in front of me, the morning newspaper during the choir's prepared anthem.

Of course, it is very difficult to get us fast traveling Americans to be quiet long enough for God to speak to us. We want action all the time. So the musician must do a prelude so we can come into the auditorium, a postlude to go out by—and

how many pay any attention to either?—and an offertory for passing the plates. Properly rendered and observed these aid tremendously in worship. In the meantime, if the worshippers had to sit perfectly still in dense silence during these periods we should almost go out doors and windows in search of movement. Yet the old saying is still vastly important, "Be still, and know that I am God."

A prayerful attitude, too, is significant for worship. Prayer could be offered before leaving home for worship. It could be made in the Sunday school classes and departments for morning worship, and in the Training Union for the evening hour of worship. Prayer in these places would fit the worshipper and the occasion for spiritual consequences. And no human being can overestimate the value of the "Pastoral Prayer." If the pastor has already been with God and stays with Him after he gets into the pulpit he can lift the audience into areas of rare Christian experience.

Again, a sacrificial attitude aids in worship. One cannot come completely into God's presence with a lot of besetting sins in the heart and cumbersome weights on his feet. "If, therefore, thou art offering thy gifts at the altar—first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift" (Matt. 5:23f). Worship is not primarily to get something, but to give as well. At worship one offers not only his money, but his talents, time, energy and influence. The gift of life is the supreme offering and moves into the center of sacrifice.

An expectant attitude re-enforces a period of worship. Great expectancy was one of the most powerful assets the early Christians had as they approached the day of Pentecost. They expected something unusual of God and got it. The preparation was made in the spirit of worship in "the upper room." Yet, so many moderns go to "church" with no great Christian expectancy. One young woman came away one Sunday morning saying, "When I go to church I want something I can't get anywhere else." She

was both right and critical. She was right in hinting at the purpose of worship, and critical in that she found fault. The late Dr. E. Y. Mullins is reported to have said, "I can get good from any preacher and hour of worship if I hear nothing but the reading of the scriptures." And one can well expect something from God's Word.

Means of Christian Worship

The place of worship makes a vast difference. In private a man can worship in his home, on a mountain side, in a valley, or on the river's bank. But does he? In public one can worship in a tent, tabernacle, brush arbor or a magnificent church auditorium. The last named place is built primarily for worship and all its arrangements and appointments are conducive to that purpose.

Scripture reading, when well done, inspires worship. So long as the Bible is the revelation of God to man, and man meets God in the Bible, so long will the reverential reading of the Scriptures be food for the soul. Some time ago a preacher friend read to a minister's conference Jesus' prayer in John, Chapter 17. And we shall not forget it so long as we live. The message of it was irresistible and was more impressive than mere talk.

Music, of the right sort, helps us in worship. It can be vocal or instrumental, congregational or by the choir. In either event it can be most enriching. And there is no substitute for the church's old hymns which have blest their millions. One could weep over some things called music commonly heard of some "quartets" and over radio. Some so-called song leaders put on a show in having the "old maids" to sing against the "old bachelors," and in having those who have teeth to chatter while the toothless "gum" it. This kind of performance is not only sacrilegious but fails at the privilege of worship.

The New Testament ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, are conducive to worship. These are sacred symbols and should have prayerful preparation and administration. There is an art in

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Apples of Gold

by J. Luther McAliley

APPLES OF GOLD in great abundance may be the everlasting possession of every person if he so desires. Like all other varieties of apples they come by skillful cultivation.

"Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in a network of silver." So every person may have even a basket of silver into which he may place his apples of gold.

Words fitly spoken may just as easily be words fitly written and thereby become many times more lasting. Such writing requires much thinking. "Think before you speak, think twice before you act, think a whole day before you write," contains much wisdom for all who would speak or set pen to paper.

"The pen is mightier than the sword" is true largely because millions more use former than the latter. But might is not always right, hence words may do vastly more wrong than many, many swords in proportion to its excellence in might over the sword. The sword may take physical life, but only words can strike death to the soul.

He who would send his words into the minds of men should count the cost. He should weigh the responsibility that enters into such a hazardous act. Themistocles, the great Grecian warrior, declared that he would that the gods might give him ten men like unto Nestor, rather than ten men such as Ajax. Homes wrote of Nestor: "Words sweeter than honey flowed from his lips." Ajax wielded the sword. Nestor hurled APPLES OF GOLD. Nestor's strength was spiritual; Ajax's physical. Ajax's prowess was temporal; Nestor's eternal. Words are electrical impulses which bear ideas on their swift wings. If one has ideas which are worthy of sending out to myriad minds, should not one choose the exact word to express the ideas and thereby make them apples of gold? If the words which will fit the ideas be vulgar, shameful, or indecent, why express them at all? But if the idea be high and noble, therefore ennobling, should it not have the minutest care bestowed upon the selec-

tion of that word which is to convey that idea to the characters of others? What a holy transformation would be wrought among peoples of the world if every person were to exert his best efforts to shape all his spoken and written words as fitly chosen words, hence APPLES OF GOLD.

Every person should be a printer. No other training is so potent to delete all useless words from what one writes or speaks as the skill of standing before the type cases and setting words into the composing stick. It is easy to sit at one's typewriter and spread numerous words on sheets of paper; it is just as easy to cut out many of those words or to let shorter words convey the ideas that were written in longer ones.

The writer-printer knows the value of

a hair space; he sees in a pair of quoins the secret of true friends; the more tightly they are pressed, the closer they cling; he sees the worth of squareness every time he locks a form; he knows that soft spots reveal that some little type somewhere isn't standing squarely with his pals and things must be rectified lest a pi result; then the moral for humankind flowers in his mind; he sees that the whole world is a printer's pi, made so because the types haven't been squarely standing with one another.

I want my ideals to be high and noble; my words fitly chosen and spoken. May my set forms all be square and tight; their surfaces level as the stone, as fascinating to the touch of my palm as smooth velvet. As the swift rollers of time flit across my words with a film of mystic ink, I want my impression to be so gentle that the kiss of the platen to the type will be as soft as the morning zephyr, leaving that thin inky film to lure the delight of all who read my thoughts. Then, they, too, will be led unconsciously to turn their ill-chosen words into APPLES OF GOLD.

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Christian Worship

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baptizing believers whether in a well designed baptistry or in a river, pond or pool. The administration can be done with grace and ease, and made to speak its message of the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Following baptism the Lord's Supper has a message for the worshipper. Special planning for those who administer and serve the elements is indispensable. To tack the supper onto a "regular" hour of worship is not enough. To make it the center of a period of worship, with well-chosen Scripture, carefully selected hymns and maybe the church covenant, the Lord's Supper can lift the worshipper into a vital relationship with Him in whose name we meet.

The leaders, too, of programs of worship make a difference. The leader is not to wear a Pharisaic expression. Calm dignity, utter sincerity, gentle deportment, and neat appearance have their meaning. How can people worship when their leader is not in a reverential attitude? The

very appearance of certain people in a class or congregation inspires a worshipful atmosphere.

Results of Christian Worship

Salvation is made more immediately possible in a place of Christian worship. This should always be kept in mind whether the order of worship is informal or liturgical. The converging of Christian experience in a well-planned hour of worship makes the gospel, indeed, "the power of God unto Salvation."

Edification comes to be fruitful in worship. Many shaky souls are given stability, the weak are made stronger, the indifferent are made lively again when and where people worship God "in spirit and reality."

Inspiration follows Christian worship. Temptations are thick, fast and powerful; burdens are heavy and crushing. Sickness takes its toll; sorrow does its work: Christian ethics needs a revival of practical application. To be victorious through all of these, and more, one needs to be inspired from above. Who can do this better than God through Christian worship?

Contact Each Candidate

COUNTY CHAIRMEN AND COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Brethren:

United Dry Forces of Tennessee, Inc. has set up a state-wide Legislative Committee, consisting of myself, Andrew D. Tanner, Herman L. King, C. Aubrey Hearn, and Dr. Alvis J. Davis.

No doubt dry leaders in most counties would take independent action anyway. But coordinating our activities is important. You may have planned some definite steps. If so, take them as planned. But write us, so we may be informed as to what is happening throughout the state.

Will you serve as the nucleus of a County Committee to interview candidates for the State Senate and State House of Representatives, and any other local candidates you may wish to interview? Then you could do this:

1. Get a written statement, if possible, from each candidate. Get him to sign a copy for you, and you send another copy to us.
2. This statement, it seems to us, should make it clear as to whether or not the candidate would vote for any bill which would weaken the present Liquor Law or Beer Law. As an example, we feel that a State Liquor Board Bill and a State Beer Board Bill, introduced but withdrawn in the last session of the Legislature, would have weakened the Liquor Law and the Beer Law. We feel that the passage of a state-owned liquor store bill would have been a step in the wrong direction. UDF helped defeat these three bills in 1949.
3. We particularly want to know if a candidate will support a Local Option Beer Bill—to give each county in the state the right to hold local option elections as to beer. Will the candidate vote for such a bill? Would he be willing to introduce such a bill? Would he push its passage? Would he be willing to serve on the Temperance or Liquor Traffic Committee, and do all possible to get such a bill out of committee, so that it may be voted on by both the House and Senate? The Senate Committee buried the Local Option Beer Bill in 1949.
4. There may be other statements which you will wish to get candidates to sign.

Will you accept the Chairmanship of your County Committee? Otherwise please write us the name of your Chairman. Will those getting copies of this letter serve on the County Committee? Will you expand the Committee and advise us as to the membership? We recommend that additional preachers and laymen be named to your committee, and that all of you visit the candidates.

The following eleven members of the Tennessee House of Representatives voted against our Local Option Beer Bill in 1949: BAILES; BROWN (of Hickman); BRYANT (of Sequatchie); CHAMBLISS; HEADDEN; MORAN; MOTLOW; McCARLEY; NICHOLS; NOLAN; OZIER. In other words these men did not want counties to have the privilege of voting on the legal sale of beer, as all counties have the right to vote on the legal sale of whiskey.

We understand that County Dry Organizations are so strong in Oklahoma that candidates voluntarily come before the county organizations and say where they stand on beverage alcohol. The county dry organization will not endorse a candidate who has not appeared before the committee. County organizations in Tennessee have not been that effective. But your committee can render a worth-while service this summer, even though your county may not have a county dry organization. *The time to get politicians committed is before they are elected.* Get them committed in writing; and then, will you do us the favor to write us?

Yours sincerely,

J. HAROLD STEPHENS, Chairman,
State Legislative Committee,
UDF OF TENNESSEE, INC."

QUESTIONNAIRE

(As to Laws Pertaining to "Beverage" Alcohol)
for Candidates for

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES & SENATE AND OTHER CANDIDATES

1. Do you think present liquor and beer laws should remain unchanged?
2. If you favor changes, specifically what changes?
3. Would you vote for a Local Option Beer Bill—to enable all the people of Tennessee to decide, by counties, whether or not they want "legal" beer?
4. If you favor Local Option on Beer, will you request that you be placed on the Temperance or Liquor Traffic Committee?
5. If placed on one of these committees, would you do all in your power to see that Bill is brought out of Committee, so that it may be voted on in both House and Senate?
6. "Wets" in a very few states have succeeded in extending Local Option on Whiskey to Towns, above a certain population, whereas in Tennessee it is by counties only. Would you favor or vote for a bill which would allow the vote by towns (separate from vote by counties)? We might say that this step would be vigorously opposed by all dry or temperance organizations, and by most church people.
7. Do you favor having a coordinator of alcohol education, paid by the state (in the schools), as many states have?

CIRCLE "YES" OR "NO" FOR FOLLOWING 4 QUESTIONS

8. Would you favor, support, or vote for a State Prohibition Bill?
Yes—No
(1) Eliminating legal sale of whiskey? Yes—No
(2) Eliminating legal sale of ALL alcoholic beverages? Yes—No
(3) I would oppose and vote against State Prohibition. Yes—No

Signed _____
Street _____
Address _____
Candidate for the office of:

Undeclared War in Korea

by the Editor

North Korean Communists, with the evident backing of Russia, invaded South Korea. The United States and other United Nations members went to the aid of South Korea. Thus war, so far undeclared, has been raging there.

Communists are a nasty enemy. They are avowed atheists, hence, have no real moral principles. Stalin has plainly said in his writings that an ultimate military clash between Communism and the capitalistic countries was inevitable. The fervent hope of millions is that the present conflict will not develop into another world war. Like numerous others, the editor lost a son in the last war and has a deep and sympathetic feeling about the matter.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR has been rather bitterly criticized by some for saying that in the light of Scripture and unregenerate human nature real and permanent peace will never be achieved by human planning and methods. Of course, a temporary peace is better than none and we should work for it. But *real and permanent* peace will not come until "the Prince of Peace" rules over all the world. Then it shall come to pass that "The whole earth is at rest, and quiet; they break forth into singing" (Isa. 14:7).

*"Morn of morns, haste thy glad appearing;
Day of days, speed on, speed on!"*

The Church Clerk Has an Important Job

by Porter Routh

The position of church clerk is of tremendous importance in the life of each Baptist church.

The church clerk keeps the records during the year, looks after the sending and receiving of church letters, records the new members, and notes those who have died or have become non-resident. These are but a few of the important functions of the church clerk.

Thousands of church clerks over the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention are now preparing the information

which goes to make up the "annual letter" to the association. This requires the co-operation of the pastor, church treasurer, and the secretaries of the Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, and W. M. U. In many churches, a meeting is now held by the church clerk with all of these officers present to discuss the records which go to make up the annual report.

Many churches are magnifying the office of the church clerk. When the time comes for the approval of the annual

report, it is not considered merely as a report to the association, but it is considered as inventory time by the church. Records for several years are compared, and each phase of church life is measured by past performance. Many church clerks now prepare graphic demonstrations showing where there have been gains and losses.

There are no "big" churches among Southern Baptists. Some have more members than others, but they all worship the same Lord and they all have the world to win. Encourage your church clerk. Give him a pat on the back. He is doing a good job.

A Digest of Religious Thought

By **RUSSELL BRADLEY JONES**, Contributing Editor, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

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

Membership Shift in Churches Urged

The New York Times

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam advocated withdrawal of some denominations in "over-churched" communities to avoid excessive denominational overlapping. He spoke as presiding officer at the ninety-third annual Newark Methodist Conference. Advancing proposals for eliminating "over-churching and denominational competition," he said:

"The over-all plan would involve, for instance, Methodists becoming Presbyterians in a community in which the Presbyterians outnumber the Methodists and, concurrently, the Presbyterians of another community becoming Methodists where the Methodists are in the majority." The Bishop said similar agreements might be worked out with all other denominations, thus leaving in each small community a strong denominational church. This would pave the way for releasing funds and personnel for services in communities now without churches, he suggested. "The New York area of Methodist Church has authorized its leaders to counsel with leaders of other Protestant denominations so that in each community there shall be a strong denominational church, thus keeping the ties with the world church, rather than becoming an isolated congregation," he added.

(Ain't that somethin'? Don't Methodists and Presbyterians have any convictions concerning their distinctive beliefs?—R.B.J.)

Liquor

The Christian Index

There are now 396,629 places where liquor is licensed to be sold in the United States, compared with 177,790 before the Eighteenth Amendment. If the American people would read history, they would know that we are taking the road to certain doom as we undertake to make drunkards of our young people. Please review the downfall of Nineveh, Babylon, Alexander the Great, Rome, Bonaparte, and France in World War I. General Petain, speaking of the crash through the

Maginot line in World War II, said "Our soldiers were drunk and could not fight. Alcoholism was the chief cause of the French Army's collapse and the worst of France's four greatest problems." Liquor destroys nations, because it destroys individuals and homes. How any country can debauch its citizenry by the shabby argument of revenue is too much for me. There is no other argument for the deadly traffic.—Louie D. Newton.

(Church members could prohibit the liquor traffic, if they would!—R.B.J.)

Where Does It Come From?

The Southern Presbyterian Journal

"If God is your Father then all men are your brothers."

Where do intelligent, trained and obviously sincere preachers get such ideas; a statement so completely at variance with what the Bible teaches? We have quoted the above from a sermon we just heard from an earnest young preacher. However, what is the truth? Of course, as Creator of all life all men as God's children. But, the tragedy of the ages intervened, sin came in and man became separated from God. This same Creator who made man had to come down into this world and redeem men back to God and this process of redemption He called being born again. All who are born again become children of the Father and form a brotherhood, the brotherhood of believers. To say that without the new birth we are God's children is to ignore God's Word. To so contend is also to nullify the necessity of Christ's redeeming work on the cross. Furthermore, to blandly call all men brothers is to ignore our Lord's own classification of unbelievers, for He said: "Ye are of your father the devil." A Christian is a son of God, through faith in Jesus Christ. Because of this wonderful thing which God has done for him it is his privilege and duty to try to bring others of his fellow men into a like precious relationship.

Again we ask the question: Where do men get such distortions of the truth? This question needs an answer.

(Keep this straight.—R.B.J.)

Catholics and Schools

Western Recorder

Catholics in the United States spend 350 million dollars annually on their parochial schools. They understand that if their young people are to remain Catholics they must be taught their doctrines, not just how to make a living; and they know that large sums of money must be given if their schools are to exist. Yet, there are Baptists who go right on, blindly, neglecting to indoctrinate their young people, refusing to contribute to their denominational schools. Denominational and church strength, in years to come, hinges directly on the teaching and indoctrinating program we carry on today!

(Support your Baptist schools.—R.B.J.)

Correction Concerning Y.M.C.A.

By H. W. Large

The Y.M.C.A. has never altered its historical position of faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ as evidenced by the Preamble to the Constitution of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.s of the U. S. A. and Canada. Also from Article I of the Constitution which states the qualifications of a local Y.M.C.A.: "The Y.M.C.A. we regard as being, in its essential genius, a world-wide fellowship of men and boys united by a common loyalty to Jesus Christ for the purpose of developing Christian personality and building a Christian society."

The article referred to on page eight of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, dated July 20, mentioned a recent International Convention. There has not been an International Convention since January, 1946. No International Convention would have the authority to eliminate the reference to Jesus Christ or make any other change in the Constitution. Only the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. could do this.

(Mr. Large is General Secretary of the Chattanooga Y.M.C.A. and a member of the National Council. Thank you, Mr. Large, for this correction.—R.B.J.)

Sunday School Lesson

By O. L. RIVES

Professor of Religious Education, Carson-Newman College

Lessons based on International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lesson for Christian Teaching, copyrighted by International Council of Religious Education

For August 6, 1950

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

TEXTS: I Kings 17 to 19; 21 (Larger)—I Kings 18:30-39 (Printed)—
I Kings 18:21 (Golden).

Elijah, A Courageous Prophet

It should be recalled that both Elijah and Moses appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-8; Matt. 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36). This fact, in itself, suggests the importance of these two Old Testament characters. While Elijah was indeed a great man, we are reminded that he "was a man subject to like passions as we are" (Jas. 5:17,18).

Baal worship was characterized by the most degrading practices, symbolizing as it did the reproductive powers of nature; which the Encyclopedia Britannica describes, in part, with these words: "On the summits of hills and mountains flourished the cult of the givers of increase, and under every green tree was practiced the licentiousness which in primitive thought was held to secure abundance of crops."

It was in a gigantic contest with these prophets of Baal and prophets of the groves (I Kings 18:19) that Elijah agreed to meet on Mount Carmel, one of the most dramatic and significant occasions that the Old Testament records. Elijah's courage, as demonstrated here on Carmel, excites our admiration in at least four directions.

I. HE SAW THE ISSUES AND DEFINED THEM: A MAN OF PROPHECY.

This is the highest function of the true spokesman for God. Upon such functioning men are able to see the error of their ways. For those who speak out solely from what they hear with their "ears to the ground" (thus currying favor from the multitude) are never qualified to see the issues involved and are therefore unable to define them. But not so with Elijah, and with those who follow in his train. The man of prophetic instincts, by the grace of God, sees the issues and possesses the courage to define them clearly. The world owes much to such men.

II. HE CALLED THE PEOPLE AND CHALLENGED THEM: A MAN OF PROCLAMATION.

The words of the Golden Text ring down through the ages ever since they were first uttered. Wm. M. Taylor paraphrases as follows: "How long leap ye between two opinions, as a bird leaps ever from twig to twig? If Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. No man can serve two masters. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Choose ye this day whom ye will serve!" One of the dangers in every age is half-hearted goodness or lukewarm Christianity.

III. HE FOUND THE PROMISES AND CLAIMED THEM: A MAN OF PRAYER.

Elijah had learned the secret of prevailing prayer long before the events that transpired on Mount Carmel. His first appearance before Ahab (I Kings 17:1) indicates something of his great stature in this regard, when he calmly announced that rain and dew would be withheld at his word (the drought lasted three and a half years). The heathen prophets had called on their god, but to no avail. It had been agreed that the answer to prayer should be by fire. Elijah then deliberately prepared the altar of the Lord, placed upon it the sacrifice, saturated all with water, and as the evening approached turned his heart toward God in simple faith. What a prayer in both brevity and comprehensiveness! In our version, it occupies less than two verses (vss. 36, 37). Read them for their marvelous scope. The prayer is utterly unselfish and looks toward the glory of God in the vindication of Himself and the restoration of His people. The writer of these lines thanks God for similar prayers of some of his teachers of other days.

IV. HE MET THE EVILS AND DESTROYED THEM: A MAN OF POWER.

The slaying of the heathen prophets was a bloody transaction and represents what should be the attitude of God's people towards evil thought and practice. There must be no compromise whatsoever. The way to pick up a nettle is to grasp it firmly, and thus it stings the least. The way to overcome temptation is to refuse to entertain it. When we play around with evil we are already on the road to active participation in it. But when we treat evil and sin like Elijah treated these evil prophets, we too become men of power. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (Jas. 4:7b).

Recently one of our Young South word pictures was from a four-year-old friend who sent a picture of her house to tell some of the nice things about the place she lived. In that little white house with a bright roof and shutters (if it really looks as Barbara Ann drew it) lives the Corley family. Besides Barbara Ann, there are two big sisters, June and Wilma, and two brothers. Would you like to meet one of the brothers?

He is CARL FRANKLIN CORLEY, eight years old and in the fourth grade at Kittrell School. Carl says their home is on a farm about six miles from Murfreesboro. There he likes to help his mother work in the garden. And he has fun playing with his little sister. The Corleys go regularly to Sunday school at the Woodbury Road Baptist Church. Carl wants some pen pals. If he prints his answers to pen-pal letters as neatly as he printed his letter to Aunt Polly, you'll enjoy every letter. I hope he will get lots of letters to answer—especially from boys who want to make new friends this summer. The address is Route 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

HAZEL FOSTER, Route 1, Petersburg, Tennessee, is also asking for pen pals. Hazel is twelve, ready for the eighth grade at school. She is a Christian and belongs to Hannah's Gap Baptist Church.

I'm especially interested in the name of Hazel's church. If it is simply named for its location, then I wonder how Hannah's Gap got its name! I hope Hazel will write and tell us. If you find out in one of your pen-pal letters to her, be sure to pass the information on to me.

BETTY JO HARDIN, Route 1, Box 261, is not a new friend, but she is a good one. Betty Jo is sixteen and in the tenth grade at Elizabethton High School. Her favorite subjects are history and English. Basketball and football are her favorite sports. Betty Jo is a Christian and goes to church regularly. She wants some new pen pals.

A word-picture letter from BUDDY MCCOY at Burns, Tennessee, Route 1, included a poem which he wrote and called "My Goat." I wish we had space to print it. Buddy is ten years old and in the fifth grade at school. He really has a goat named Bill, and according to his poem he rides the goat sometimes!

Buddy says he has fun trying to write poems. I hope he will keep on writing them. Maybe someday he will write a poem that will be printed in one of the leading magazines or papers. Some of the greatest poets started just as Buddy has begun, writing about things around them, and as they practiced writing poetry, their material became better and better. Some of them wrote very good poetry while they were still very young. I imagine Buddy has read many of Robert Louis Stevenson's poems, written while he was a boy. The book of Psalms, in the Bible, are good poems too. Reading good poems, and practicing actually writing poetry will help Buddy to develop his talent.

If you, too, like to write poetry, perhaps you and Buddy would like to share your poems and practice together. Write and suggest that to him, if you are interested.

JEAN McLEMORE, Route 3, Humboldt, Tennessee, is collecting Bible pictures. If you have a similar collection, you might enjoy exchanging pictures with Jean and thus adding to each collection. Jean is ten years old, in the fifth grade at Gibson school. She is a Christian and belongs to Eldad Baptist Church. She likes most sports. Jean already has one pen pal—Rosalyn McBee—but she wants more.

SHIRLEY ANN McLEMORE, Route 3, Humboldt, Tennessee, is Jean's eleven-year-old sister. You may remember her word picture which appeared in a recent column. She loves sports. She hasn't missed Sunday school in several months. She is trying to keep her good record. Shirley Ann still wants pen pals.

By the time today's column is printed in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, there will probably be several new word pictures, or revised ones, to share with you. But at the time of the writing—early in June—this brings us up to date. You see, our column has to be sent to the printer so far ahead of time, that even if you should send in your up-to-date word picture now, it would be August before we could pass it on. That's why it's so important for you to write soon and often. If you've been putting off your summertime letter, get it off right away, won't you? I'm getting mighty anxious to hear from you.

Love,
AUNT POLLY

Sunday School Department

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

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MISS DOROTHY CAMPBELL
Office Secretary

Flash! Flash! Flash!

CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

A state planning meeting will be held in each of the states sometime in September. Tennessee plans to hold eight planning meetings as scheduled below. All Sunday school leaders are urged to attend.

Date	Region	Place
September 1	North Central	Lebanon, First
September 5	South Eastern	Chattanooga, First
September 7	Northeastern	Morristown, First
September 8	Eastern	Knoxville, First
September 11	South Central	Lawrenceburg, First
September 12	Central	Clarksville, First
September 14	Northwestern	Milan, First
September 15	Southwestern	Bolivar, First

While these meetings are primarily for associational superintendents and selected leaders who will assist in the associational meetings, yet it will be most helpful to any pastor, educational director, or Sunday school superintendent, Department officers and teachers, who can attend. The filmstrip "Take Your Family to Sunday School"—presenting the 1950-51 Sunday School Program will be used in all the state meetings.

The associational planning meetings will be held in each associational sometime during September. Attend this meeting and urge all of your Sunday school workers to attend. We hope the filmstrip "Take Your Family to Sunday School"—presenting the 1950-51 Sunday school program will be used in the associational meetings. We suggest that the associational superintendent urge all the churches who can and will to purchase a copy of this filmstrip for use in their own planning meetings. The filmstrip is a vital part of the presentation, therefore arrangements should be made to have it used in all the churches. Associations may purchase from one to five copies of the filmstrip, arrange for screens and projectors so that each team may take them to the churches which are not equipped. If the association does not have the projection equipment, doubtless it can be borrowed or rented from churches or schools within the association. An excellent program will be prepared for those meetings. Let's help make them vital and helpful by personal participation.

A church planning meeting should be held immediately after the first of October. After the objectives have been adopted by the church on Promotion Day, the church planning meeting will be imperative and will provide a specific opportunity for each month during the year. Ask your associational superintendent for help. Show the filmstrip "Take Your Family to Sunday School"—presenting the 1950-51 Sunday School Program in this planning meeting.

October Training and Preparation Week is essential for making adequate preparation for the new year. Every church should extend the one-night planning meeting into a much more intensive preparation and training week. Where this week is observed, the church planning meeting is absorbed. Training and preparation week is the planning meeting plus.

Use the October Training and Preparation Week to prepare your workers for a great year.

Not Too Late Yet

No, it is not too late to get your reservation in for Camp Carson Springs, August 7-11. But you had better hurry.

Sure—you can drive up for one day and have a great time. We would be happy to see you. We want hundreds of people to visit this camp and get acquainted. We have a good program. See pastor and superintendent for program and details.

That Vacation Bible School Report

Tennessee is ahead of last year's record on Vacation Bible School reports to date. Keep those reports coming in. It is not too late to conduct a school in a church or community that needs help. Think of the good you will do the little children, boys and girls if you will provide a school for them.

Baptist Training Union

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

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Convention President

State Hymn Festival

It is with a great deal of joy that we list below the names of the choirs that participated in our fourth State Hymn Festival, which was held on July 7, in the First Baptist Church of Nashville. Grades made by each choir are indicated. We are sincerely grateful to the music directors over our state for the enthusiasm and interest shown toward the Hymn Festival. We look forward to an even greater Hymn Festival next year. We gratefully acknowledge the splendid leadership of Mr. Genter Stephens.

Junior Choirs

- A Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis—Thomas P. Lane, Director
- C Highland Baptist Church, Tullahoma—Mrs. Eugene England, Director
- B—Eastland Heights Baptist Church, Springfield—Miss Mildred Hancock, Director
- C Grace Baptist Church, Nashville—Mr. William Highbaugh, Director
- C Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville—Mr. J. B. Brew, Director
- B+First Baptist Church, Etowah—Mrs. L. B. Dickson, Director
- B+First Baptist Church, Sweetwater—Mrs. Marion Lloyd, Director
- A—Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga—Mr. Kenneth Cochrane, Director
- B—First, Baptist Church, Rogersville—Mr. B. H. McKay, Director
- B Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville—Mr. Gerald Scott, Director
- A—First Baptist Church, Maryville—Mr. J. Marvin Lindley, Director

Intermediate Choirs

- A—Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis—Mr. Thomas P. Lane, Director
- B—First Baptist Church, Tullahoma—Mrs. James M. King, Director
- C+Greenbrier Baptist Church, Greenbrier—Rev. Vern Powers, Director
- B First Baptist Church, Cleveland—Mrs. Arch Fitzgerald, Director
- B+Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga—Mr. Kenneth Cochrane, Director
- C Salem Baptist Church, Liberty—Mrs. N. T. Hancock, Director
- B+Central Baptist Church, Johnson City—Mr. Jack Fulks, Director
- A—Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville—Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Director
- B—Eastdale Baptist Church, Chattanooga—Mr. James Lowe, Director

Young People and Adult Choirs

- A Central Baptist Church, Fountain City—Mrs. Elsie Thomas, Director
- A—Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis—Mr. Thomas P. Lane, Director
- C+Highland Baptist Church, Tullahoma—Mrs. Eugene England, Director
- B Grace Baptist Church, Nashville—Mr. William Highbaugh, Director
- B+First Baptist Church, Springfield—Mrs. John A. Harris, Director
- B Calvary Baptist Church, Elizabethton—Mr. Melville Kelly, Director

Woman's Missionary Union

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Bob Wilson, R. A. Worker, Announces Home Mission Tour for Royal Ambassadors,

August 18-29

WHERE TO:

1. Visit R. A. Headquarters in Birmingham
2. Visit Mobile, Pensacola and beaches along the Gulf of Mexico, points of interest along Gulf Highway, Panama City and Tallahassee.
3. Five days in Camp Oleane, Florida R. A. came near Lake City.
4. Visit Home Mission Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.
5. Visit Home Mission work among the Indians in Cherokee, N. C. and see the famous Indian drama "Unto These Hills," the dramatic presentation of the history of the Cherokee nation, spend the night on the reservation.
6. A trip through the Great Smoky Mountains and Gatlinburg.

WHEN:

The tour begins and ends in Nashville. Leave Nashville, August 18 at 8:00 o'clock. Return to Nashville the evening of August 29.

COST:

\$56.50 per boy *plus* meals for seven days.

This pays for transportation, seven nights hotel bills and ticket to "Unto These Hills." Each boy will pay for his own meals the seven days he is not in camp. If interested, write at once to:

Bob Wilson

149 Sixth Ave., North

Nashville, Tenn.

Send \$10.00 for reservation and bring the remaining \$46.50 with boy. *Dead line for reservation, August 13.*

Sunbeam Focus Week

AUGUST 6-12

Sunbeam Focus Week is not a time set apart to demonstrate what the children have learned, or perhaps, "show off" some precocious child but it is the time when the attention of the church is focused on the organization as a whole. The fundamentals of the W.M.U. become the shining aims of the Sunbeams and Focus Week is a good time to stress these aims.

Sunday: Encourage the children to attend church with parents, if a number do this, they might sit together, sing the Sunbeam song, give the Rally Cry and Watchword.

Monday: The surest way to bring missions into the hearts of the children is through the programs found in World Comrades and in mission study classes. Plan to begin the study of a book on Monday. Learning about the children of the world will cause your Sunbeams to want to share with them. Pack a box of food or clothing to send across the seas.

Tuesday: Make this Visitation Day, one child can enlist another. Give Brought-One-Cards to those who bring new members.

Wednesday: Since this is prayer meeting night, the Sunbeams may have a part in this service by adapting the Thanksgiving Prayer on page 82 in the Sunbeam Manuel. Let one child tell something of the missionary for whom the band is named.

Thursday: Giving money to help spread the gospel. Use the Stewardship Stories provided for Sunbeams, and explain where our Cooperative Program money goes.

Friday: Helping others for Jesus's sake. Encourage the children to open their eyes to see the needy people right around them and to do something about it.

Saturday: A party for Sunbeams and their mothers should end the week in a joyful, happy way.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1950

News From South America

Barranquilla, Colombia

June 28, 1950

Dear Rogers:

It would be hard to describe our feelings at this point. We have dreamed of the mission field for so long and now it is so difficult to fully realize that we are actually here and are a part of the work. We arrived yesterday about 1:00 P.M. and Brother Shoemake met us at the airport. How good he did look to us— fine product of Texas, you know. The plane trip was fine, no air sickness.

Our stay in Colombia will last until we can get a boat out of Cartagena for San Andres. We missed the plane by two or three days. Brother McCullough is waiting for us in Cartagena. If that boat trip is as rough as we are all anticipating, we will be ever so grateful for our seasick pills! Boats are irregular, depending almost entirely upon whether there is wind or calm (sail boats). Of course we are praying for wind. In a way we are glad to be detained in Barranquilla since it is giving us an opportunity to see the churches, mission stations, clinic, site for the new hospital, and most of all to meet the missionaries and the Baptist people of the city. Bill is working today with Dr. McGlamery in the clinic and, of course, is quite thrilled.

Needless to say, the need in Colombia is almost indescribable. The conditions under which the people live are certainly no credit to the Catholic domination. There are little villages called pueblos where the people live. They are so dirty and so humble. The babies and young children are diseased and undernourished. This morning we went down to the marcado (market), and that I cannot describe. How the people remain alive and even in poor health is a miracle.

In His service,
Bill and Lois Norman

Cartagena, Colombia
July 7, 1950

Dear Rogers:

At last our boat leaves today! We have really been on our way for a long time, and we are anxious to get to work. It has been wonderful being here with the missionaries and seeing the mission work first hand. We stayed in Barranquilla for a week until we got word from Brother C. W. McCullough. Brother McCullough is here and we are going back with him. All the missionaries are wonderful, but especially Brother McCullough. We are really looking forward to working with him.

It has been a great blessing to us to be with Christians of another land and to see how earnest they are in the Lord's work. To see the great need these people have for Christ and for all that He can do to bring them more abundant living has already been a great experience for us.

We know that your prayers will continue for us that Christ might be magnified on San Andres this summer. We shall be eternally grateful for all the sacrifices of the students of Tennessee that we might be here.

In His Service,
Bill and Lois Norman

STATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

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August 30-September 6

Send Your \$1.00 Registration Fee

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ROGERS M. SMITH

149 Sixth Avenue, North

Nashville 3, Tennessee

AMONG THE BRETHREN

Hear the Baptist Hour

DATE: August 6, 1950

SPEAKER: Dr. Forrest C. Feezor

SUBJECT: "Concerning the Flock"

Consult your local radio log for the time and station.

Mrs. Mildred Dunlap has resigned as church secretary at First Baptist Church, Athens. Miss Nell Elder of Sevierville has been selected as the new secretary and she has already begun her new duties. F. M. Dowell, Jr., is pastor.

—B&R—

Wilbur F. Martin assumes his duties August 1 as head of the music department of Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Berkeley, Cal. Among his other ministries in the past, he was official organist at the World's Fair in 1939-40 and director of official Naval Choirs during World War II.

—B&R—

Prof. Ralph Donnell of Union University supplied for Pastor Henry J. Huey at the First Church, Milan, Sunday, July 16.

—B&R—

Holston Valley Association meets Sept. 21 at the Persia Baptist Church, Persia, Tenn., and on Sept. 22 at New Salem Baptist Church about six miles north of Rogersville instead of both days at Persia as previously announced upon the basis of information supplied to BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. Ralph R. DeBord of Rogersville is secretary of the body.

—B&R—

Since May 21, when Robert H. Dills came from the Ninth Street Church, Erwin, to the pastorate of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Dyersburg, the following are some of the reported results: A \$10,000 parsonage completed and now occupied by the pastor and his wife; 22 members added; progress in every department.

—B&R—

At the summer commencement of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on July 13, there were 90 graduates who received diplomas. Those from Tennessee were Dennis Lyle, Cleveland, M.R.E., and Thurman B. Prewett, Chattanooga, M.R.E.

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Regular Session September 11, 1950

Information on Request

H. D. BRUCE, President

Regional Director



F. M. DOWELL

We present Rev. F. M. Dowell, Jr., Regional Director for East Tennessee Evangelistic Crusade, March 25-April 8, 1951. Brother Dowell is a member of the State Committee for Evangelism. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Athens, Tennessee.

Bro. Dowell is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and holds the Master of Theology Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Sparta, when it was aided by the State Mission Board. He led in the erection of their present building. From Sparta he went to Monterey. The church building there had just been destroyed by fire, so he led in the erection of their beautiful building. While at Monterey he was married to Miss Eddith Gentry of Cookeville.

His next pastorate was the First Baptist Church, Madison; after serving there for three years he accepted the First Baptist Church, Cleveland. In November, 1948, he accepted his present pastorate, which has been marked by steady growth.

Bro. Dowell is an excellent evangelist and is much in demand for revivals. He has already planned the meeting for next year in his own church. In this, he is setting the pace for all of our churches. Churches in East Tennessee will find it a joy to follow his excellent leadership as Dr. Ramsey Pollard's Associate for that fine section of the State.

In its Fifth Annual Conference on Christian Living, the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will sponsor a study of the alcohol problem at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 21-23.

Those interested in attending should make their own reservations by writing to Mr. Robert Guy, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. They are also requested to inform the Secretary of the Social Service Commission of their plans to attend. He is Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Kentucky.

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Board Member Dies

Deacon Frank Graham of Decatur, Georgia, member of the executive committee of the Home Mission Board, passed away on July 1. His absence from board meetings will be felt by members and staff of the Home Mission Board who have grown accustomed to his valuable contribution in time and effort for home missions as he served on the Board.

J. E. Tanksley, pastor of Bartlett Baptist Church, has just concluded a very successful tent meeting at Ellendale, Tenn. There were 17 who came forward during the meeting. 5 by letter uniting with the Bartlett Church and 12 on profession of faith. There is no Baptist Church in the Ellendale community. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams were in charge of the music.

—B&R—

Miss Katherine Hines, formerly of Memphis, has served as assistant to the dean of women in Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., while working toward a Bachelor of Music degree, graduating Cum Laude. She has been awarded a graduate assistantship at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

—B&R—

Rev. and Mrs. Lyn Claybrook of Oneida, Ky., announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Martha Emily, to Mr. Robert Arthur Tidwell, son of Mrs. Silvester Arthur Tidwell and the late Mr. Tidwell of Memphis. The wedding will take place in the Oneida Baptist Church at six o'clock on August 15.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and of the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Mr. Tidwell is a student in Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. They will make their home in Jackson, Miss.

—B&R—

Pastor Dan Lawler and the Harsh Chapel Baptist Church, Nashville, held a Youth Revival, which was one of the best meetings in the church's history. Truman Skaggs, a senior in Baylor University, did the preaching in a wonderful way, with J. D. Taylor and Joyce Cayce playing the piano and the pastor's son, David, leading the singing. There were 15 for baptism, 5 of them mature people, 2 surrenders to be missionaries; 1 surrender to be a missionary or preacher and 1 surrender to the ministry, the pastor's son, David. Also the church has conducted a Vacation Bible school with 163 enrolled, 129 average attendances and 3 professions. Mrs. Odell Ellis was principal and she had 28 workers associated with her.

—B&R—

Pastor Dana E. Hood of Harmony Baptist Church, Jonesboro, led the singing in a recent revival there in which the preaching was done in the first part of the meeting by Horace Bingham, pastor of Telford Baptist Church, Telford, and in the remaining part by Clifford Haynes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Church Hill. There were 24 conversions and rededications, 19 additions by baptism and 1 by letter.

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

JULY 23, 1950

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	232	40	2	Jackson, First	618	73	
Allons Chapel	128			North	266	102	3
Athens, Antioch	122	26		West	708	204	1
East	364	145		Jefferson City, First	389	95	
First	534	204	2	Lynn Garden	404	100	4
West End Mission	74	46		Mission	64		
Calhoun	109	20		Knoxville, Alice Bell	90	22	
Coghill	77	48		Arlington	426	98	
Cotton Port	102	63		Bell Avenue	768	310	3
Eastanalle	74	30		Broadway	1252	322	5
Etowah, East	79	35		Fifth Avenue	894	197	2
Etowah, First	341	57		First	823		
Etowah, North	230	76		Lincoln Park	616	176	
Good Springs	110	80		McCalla Avenue	623	143	
Idlewild	87	70		N. Fifth Avenue	90	33	
New Hope	57	28		Sevier Heights	462	131	
New Zion	83	66		LaFollette, First	337	97	
Union Grove No. 2	87	68		Mission	90	40	
Auburntown, Prosperity	175	148		Lake City, First	166	30	
Benton, First	186	86		Lebanon, Barton's Creek	90	53	
Bristol, Calvary	360	110		Cedar Grove	68	78	
Brush Creek	136	77	3	Fairview	96	83	
Chattanooga, Avondale	580	90	1	First	349	107	
Brainerd	429	173		Immanuel	75	37	
Concord	271	112		Lewisburg, First	561	176	10
East Lake	463	213	4	Lexington, First	237	42	1
Haynes Chapel	62	29		Mt. Juliet	83	28	
East Ridge	309	112	3	Maryville, Broadway	327	140	
First	892	198	3	Everett Hills	304	116	
Chapel	67	33	5	First	655	163	
Highland Park	3124	675	67	Medina	138	117	
Lupton City	139	112	2	Lathams Chapel	65	51	
Ridgedale	608	231	2	Memphis, Bellevue	2208	872	5
St. Elmo	310	104		Boulevard	646	241	2
Signal Mountain	65	30		Central Avenue	651	172	1
Suck Creek	65	26	1	Highland Heights	892	428	3
Church Hill, Oak Grove	213	103		LaBelle		164	1
Cleveland, Big Spring	276	155		Levi	203	88	
Watinville	39	31		Barton Heights	112	69	
Rutledge Memorial	105	40		Prescott Memorial	620	228	8
Four Point Chapel	10	8		Seventh Street	443	233	4
Clinton, First	433	75	1	Rugby Mission	57		
Norris	82	20		Sylvan Heights	215	122	
Columbia, First	359	97		Milan, First	362	42	2
Godwin Chapel	32			Monterey, First	315	80	
Cookeville, First	426	84		Morley	89	44	
Steven Street	121	54		Morristown, First	525	100	1
West View	160	79		Buffalo Trail	75		
Covington, First	233	72	1	Murfreesboro, First	482	105	
Decatur, Goodfield	121	47		Walnut Street Mission	58		
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	129	83		Mt. Herman	119	101	
Eagleville	112	62		Powell's Chapel	102	70	
Elizabethton, First	569	140		Westvue	500	141	7
Immanuel	206	60		Woodbury Road	98	53	
Oak Street	133	69		Nashville, Eastland	359	93	3
Siam	229	129		Inglewood	614	166	
Fountain City, Central	936	223	1	Park Avenue	404	128	
Hines Valley Mission	56			Shelby Avenue	262	82	
Smithwood	451	160	2	Third	190	74	
Fowlkes	108	83		Oliver Springs, First	176	34	
Gallatin, First	207	83	1	Petersburg	129	106	17
Gladeville	130	52		Rockwood, First	312	130	
Harriman, South	283	123		Rogersville	129	112	1
Trenton Street	400	71	2	Rutledge, Oakland	102	46	
Humboldt, Antioch	197	67		Tullahoma, First	185	55	2
First	440	113	1	Union City, First	552	86	
Winchester, First	235	83	3	Watertown, Round Lick	184	121	1

Further Conferences to Be Held

The Home Mission Board is taking the initiative in setting up a conference between the Home Mission Board staff and state secretaries for a full discussion of interrelations in order that the two phases of denominational emphasis may be better integrated and more vigorously promoted in co-operation. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. John Maguire, president of the state secretaries, will jointly call the meeting and set up the agenda.

Salem Baptist Church, near Maryville in Chilhowee Association held an "Appreciation Day" service on a recent Sunday in honor of Pastor and Mrs. J. C. Reed. Since his coming to the pastorate there in February, 1946, there have been 121 additions, 80 of them by baptism. Sunday school attendance has tripled, Sunday school rooms have been added, new floor has been put down, new pews installed and other improvements in the building have been made. And the church has advanced from half to full time preaching.

—B&R—

Dr. Joe W. Burton, Department of Home Curriculum of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Editor of *Home Life*, made a wonderful contribution to student life on the campus of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., during his recent visit. He lectured to the students daily for several days. He also had private conferences with students who had special problems. Dr. Burton spoke in several of the churches in this section during his visit to Union's campus. Scores of young people are thankful to him for his wise counsel with them. Inspirations received during Dr. Joe's visit will live on for time to come in the hearts of Union's boys and girls.

—Reporter

—B&R—

After serving at Dandridge for fifteen months, Frank Waters has accepted the pastorate for the Churchwell Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville. He was the first full-time pastor at Dandridge. A pastorium was bought and a garage was added. A Sunday school room was added and a blower installed in the furnace. Seventy members were added, 41 by baptism. At a banquet on his leaving, the church presented him and Mrs. Waters a Rogers Silver tea set and the Junior Choir presented them with a salt and pepper set.

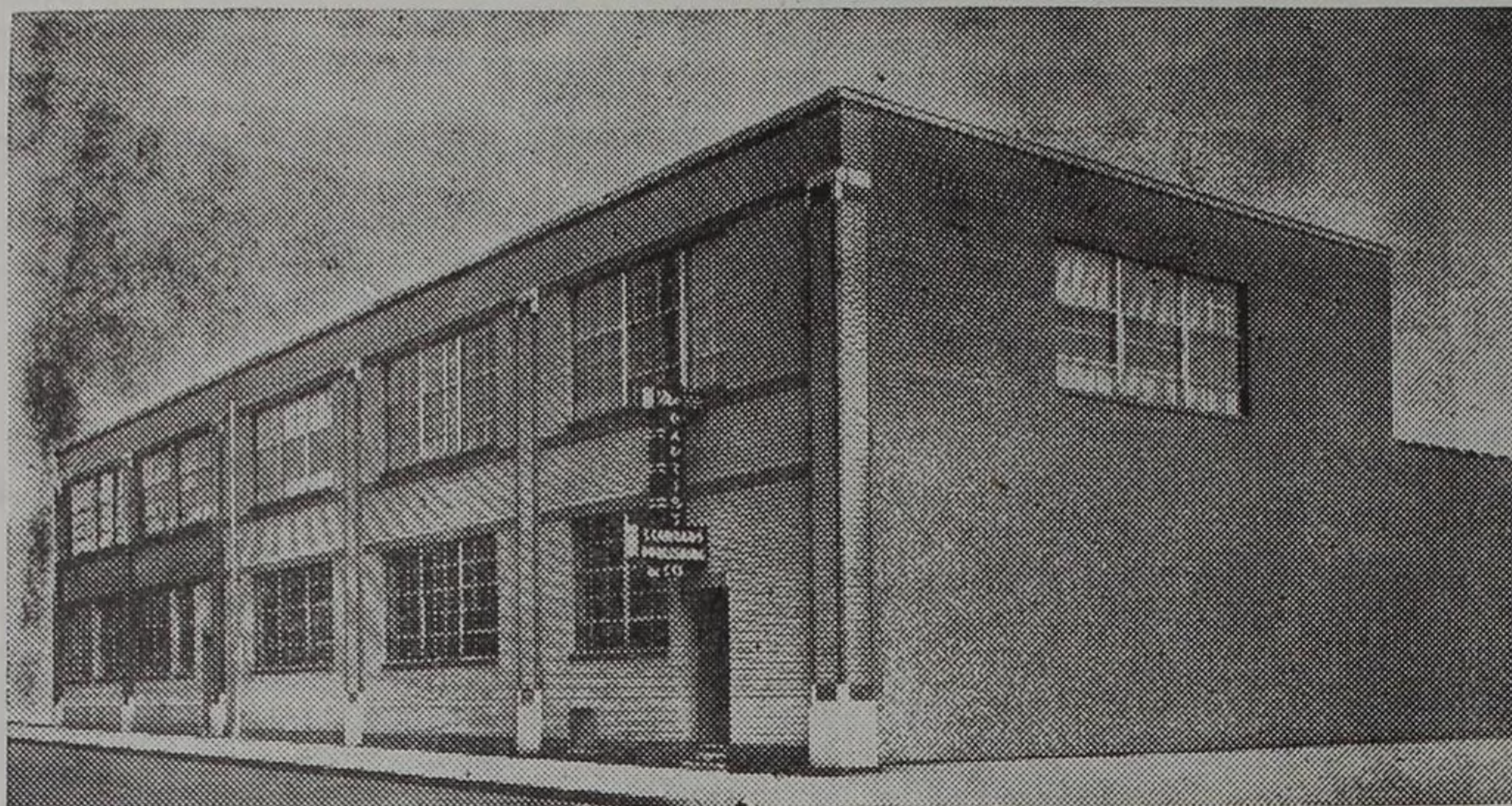
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Special Gideon Speaker

Dr. W. E. Denham, Dean of Baptist Bible Institute, Lakeland, Fla., is the special Bible lecturer for the International Gideon's meeting in Houston, Texas, this month. Dr. Denham is a recognized educator, and this is a well deserved honor which has come to him. He will continue teaching Bible and Christian Doctrine in the institute in addition to his new duties as dean.

Missionary M. W. Rankin, who with his wife after many years' faithful service in China is in the United States because communist conditions in China demanded it and has been living in the missionary apartments of the Seminary at Louisville, has moved to Memphis to be associated with Pastor R. Paul Caudill of the First Baptist Church to work with Chinese people in that area.

In years gone by, Mr. W. H. Payne, 624 Seventh Street, Lake Charles, La., heard the late Dr. J. M. Frost close a sermon with a poem, "The Deepdown Things." From Dr. Frost he learned where a certain book containing the poem could be found, and then lost this information. He desires to locate the poem. If any of our readers can tell him this, write him at the address given.

—B&R—

Jimmy T. Williams, student in the Golden Gate Seminary, is available to lead the music in revivals from now through September 10. Summer address: 20 Conger Street, Jackson, Tenn. Reference: Walter Warmath, pastor Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

—Adv.

—B&R—

Jack Robinson, all-American and Olympic basketball star, will speak at a great youth rally at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Sunday afternoon, August 20, at 3 p.m. Young people in the area around Ridgecrest are especially invited and hundreds from surrounding states are expected to attend.

Home Board Rural Worker



Rev. James T. Gillespie, city superintendent of missions of Greenville, South Carolina, has been transferred to the Home Mission Board's department of rural work to succeed Dr. John D. Freeman who is now secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Arkansas. Brother Gillespie is a native of North Carolina and graduated from Wake Forest and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and as professor of Bible and Greek in Oklahoma Baptist University and North Greenville Junior College. Since 1948 he has been in city mission work at Greenville.

The rural church program of the Home Mission Board in co-operation with state mission boards has revitalized many rural churches since the inauguration of the south-wide program. A recent conference of state secretaries and workers in the rural church program held in Atlanta re-emphasized the importance of serving the rural South.

Dr. Dodd to Retire

At the close of the Morning Worship Service July 9, Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., called Chairman Clare C. Clark of the Board of Deacons, and Dr. Grover C. Koffman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, to the platform to preside over a special matter of business for the church.

Mr. Clark, serving as moderator, asked Mr. Koffman to read a prepared statement from the pastor in which he requested retirement from the active pastorate of the First Baptist Church at a not too distant date.

Dr. Dodd's statement asking retirement because of "passing years and fading physical strength" was read. Mr. Clark led the congregation in prayer, after which the church voted to refer this matter to the Pastor's Cabinet for further consideration and formulation of details for it to be presented to the regular business session on Wednesday night, July 12.

This matter was again presented to the church on Wednesday night with the effective date for the retirement set for August 15, 1950.

During his 38 years as pastor at Shreveport recorded items of Dr. Dodd's ministry reveal, in round figures:

18,000 sermons preached; 25,000 members joined the church—15,000 at Shreveport; 500,000 miles traveled; 14 books written with a circulation of 42,700; 35 pamphlets written—circulation 4,250,000; 7 world mission tours; preached in 47 languages and dialects; baptized 7,300; performed 2,118 marriages; organized 8 churches direct—present membership of churches organized 17,600.

Dr. Dodd was president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention 1926-1927; President of the Southern Baptist Convention 1933-35; Member of Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance 1934-1950; Director of the Southern Baptist Evangelistic Crusade in 1945.

Dr. Dodd has expressed a desire to be useful to his church, community and denomination as his health and strength will permit. He and Mrs. Dodd will continue to live in Shreveport.

Dr. Hinson Honored

Rev. Arthur Hinson, superintendent of city missions in Augusta, received his doctor of theology degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at summer commencement. Dr. Hinson holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Mercer University and the Th. M. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

By HOMER A. CATE, Shelbyville, Tennessee

First Baptist Church, Lebanon, is meeting each Sunday for their services at Cumberland University while the church is in process of building their new building. Alvin H. Hopson is pastor.

Magness Memorial Baptist Church has just concluded a Youth Revival in which the preaching was done by Tommy Mosely, pastor of Bradley Creeks Church, Concord Association.

Victor Glass supplied the pulpit of the Inglewood Baptist Church, J. Harold Stephens, pastor, while the pastor was attending the Baptist World Alliance.

Victor Kaneubbe, student in Southwestern Seminary and editor of the *Oklahoma Indian Baptist*, spoke at the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Robert L. Palmer, pastor, July 19.

Bob Ramsey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cookeville, did the preaching in a revival meeting recently at the First Baptist Church, Sparta, during Union Association's simultaneous revival campaign.

Greenbrier Baptist Church, Vern B. Powers, pastor, had a special day, July 3, called "100 Club" Day, when 100 people were sought to give a dollar a month in over-and-above offerings to Cumberland University.

Richard N. Owen, for over 12 years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Clarksville, and our newly elected editor of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, will lead an enviable record for his ministry at Clarksville. During this time, 1031 members have been added to the church, 471 of these by baptism, \$386,159.30 has been raised for all purposes, \$136,602.14 for missions and benevolences. A reserve fund of \$60,000.00 has been set aside for a proposed educational annex.

New Bethel Baptist Church, New Duck River Baptist Association, has called H. J. Tallent, formerly pastor at Christiana, and he began his work July 9. The New Bethel Church is now engaged in revival services with Norman O. Baker, pastor at Cornersville, doing the preaching, and Pastor Tallent leading the singing.

A wonderful revival meeting is reported by the First Baptist Church, Mount Pleasant, in which the preaching was done by two Cumberland University students for the ministry, Jack Aultman, pastor at Midland, Concord Association, who did the preaching, and Billy Blankenship, pastor at Riddleton, Bledsoe Association, who led the singing. The meeting resulted in 26 professions of faith. L. G. Gatlin is the pastor at Mount Pleasant.

On Monday, July 17, the Honorable Harry Phillips spoke to the Associational Brotherhood in the Robertson Association at North Springfield Baptist Church, in the interest of Cumberland University.

Vern Powers did the preaching in a revival meeting at Hopewell Baptist Church, Robertson County Association, in which there were 11 additions to the church.

A very successful youth revival was recently held at the First Baptist Church, Centerville, Harry L. Winters, pastor, which resulted in 16 decisions for the Lord. The pastor writes that this was truly the greatest meeting enjoyed in Centerville for many years. Jimmy McCulla and W. C. Garland, served as preachers, Ray Lloyd and Harry Fritts furnished the music. These young men are students for the ministry at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Leonard Sanderson, pastor, entered their new sanctuary on July 23. They had open house on Sunday afternoon in which many friends visited the new building.

First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Homer A. Cate, pastor, has beautifully re-decorated the church auditorium. The church entered the newly painted sanctuary for services July 23.

State Secretaries Confer On Five-Year Crusade

Representatives from sixteen states, including ten executive secretaries of state boards, conferred with the Home Mission Board staff on the Five-Year Home Mission Crusade which is in operation. The first year of the Crusade is devoted to evangelism. The second year will be devoted both to evangelism and church extension. It is the conviction of those who were present that more mission stations and more churches are needed to serve many new converts and to enlist more Baptist people in the Southern Baptist Advance Program if the advance is to be continued. State superintendents of evangelism and co-operative missions joined the state secretaries in the conference and gave valuable support to the promotion of the Five-Year Crusade. In addition to the soul-winning emphasis and the establishing of more mission stations and churches the program has a goal of indoctrination and better witnessing for the Lord. More converts, more missions, more churches, more witnesses and better support for the Advance Program are all included in the Five-Year Crusade.

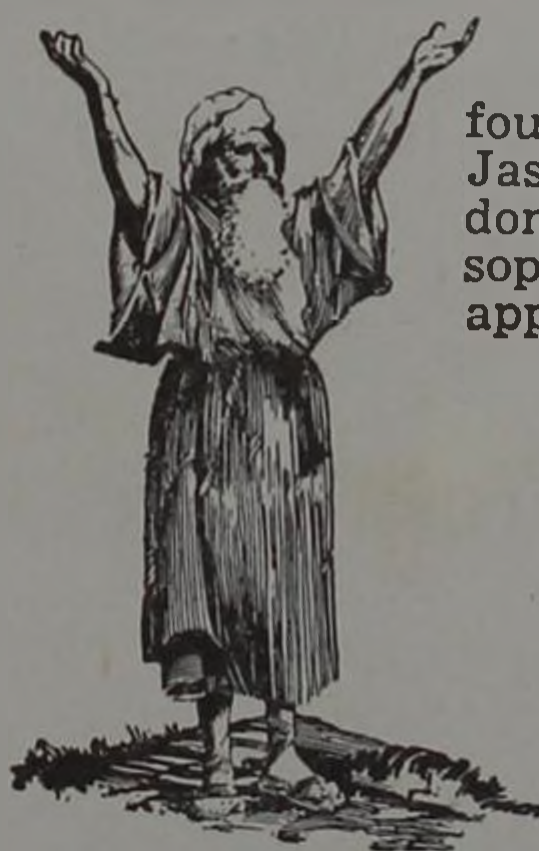
State and Home Mission Board representatives were agreed that world mission advance must be implemented and sustained by a strong home front united in promoting kingdom interests. The emphasis of the Crusade are the fundamentals of Baptist advance.

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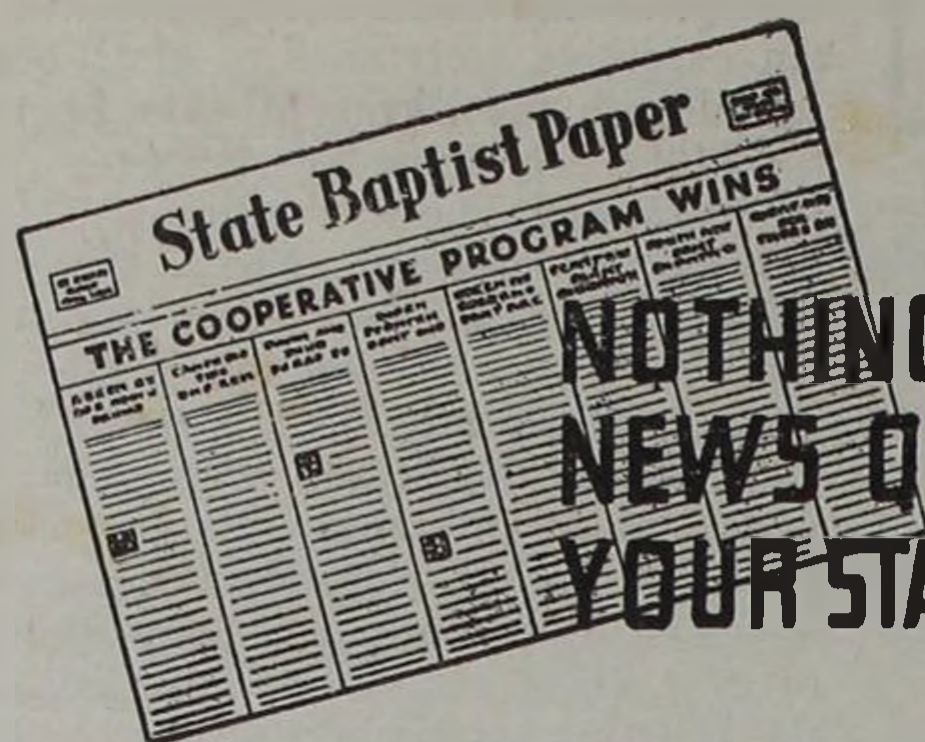
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