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Pastor E. L. Williams baptizing 92-year-old convert Bob Davis in
baptistry of Bell Avenue Baptist Church,
Knoxville, Tennessee



Read the story on page five of how Visitation Evangelism
starts a chain reaction in soul-winning,
reaching the unexpected and issuing in glorious results.

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Unhappy Proponents of United Church

Senator Brewster's story of a New England church appears apropos of the status of the move for one Protestant church. The Maine senator recently told the story of a church somewhat at odds about their pastor whom some of the members thought too far to the right while others considered him too far to the left. This trouble was to be resolved by getting a new pastor as one of the members put it, "one who's mediocre."

This seems about to apply to the unsatisfactory situation recently disclosed at Cincinnati where a conference was held of representatives of nine denominations looking toward a "United Church of Christ."

The two-day convocation ran into several hurdles it couldn't leap in attempting a decision on the setup of the proposed united church. The merger plan proved unsatisfactory to both right and left.

Being able to accomplish more through such a United Church than through existing denominations would be pretty difficult to "sell" to the rank and file of the members in the various churches proposed to come into this merger. That hurdle stopped some.

Legal barriers to organic union made their appearance. The Brooklyn Supreme Court decision recently accomplished the tying of the hands of the Congregational Christian General Council so far as joining in church union is concerned. The ecumenical proponents were much embarrassed by this legal decision.

Dr. Howell D. Davies of Chicago, who had opposed the merger of the Congregationalist Christian group with the Evangelical and Reformed Church (now legally prevented by the Brooklyn decision) voiced his disapproval of the more ambitious merger plan which was presented at Cincinnati. Said Dr. Davies:

"This union (the proposed comprehensive merger) would be contrary to the long and widely-practiced autonomy of the free churches whose fellowships constitute 40 per cent of our American Protestant denominations.

"These churches prize their freedom as a great Protestant heritage in line with 'the right of private judgment' of the Protestant Reformation—which two leading union proponents tended to deprecate as a bit anachronistic.

"The free churches are a standing protest against the strong totalitarian trend of today."

This shot at the "United Church" from the ranks of one who holds to the idea of a self-governing congregation was of course to be anticipated. The "one-big-church-idea" means the end of democratic church life.

But it was Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of N. Y., whose "Et tu Brute" blow

hurt the ecumenicists worst of all. Bishop Oxnam's attack upon the proposed "United Church" was unexpected and completely upsetting to the seasoned campaigners for church union.

Bishop Oxnam said he was "confused and disappointed" by the proposed organization, which he claimed was "not realistic" and further charged it would surrender Protestantism to the "anarchy" of "congregationalism."

The functions of the presbytery in the proposed plan would be so limited as to mean nothing, he added. He said the idea of a bishop, as conceived in the plan, "is a strange one."

"What under law are his (the bishop's) powers?" Bishop Oxnam asked. "What does he administer?"

The ecclesiastical machinery is too tight for some, too loose for others.

Cincinnati follows Cleveland! The formation of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America was followed in less than two months by the effort at Cincinnati to achieve *organic union* of nine of these denominations which came into the National Council at Cleveland. Neither right wing nor left wing elements are pleased in the proposed setup and what may eventuate as a compromise will probably be "mediocre."

Bibles Rationed

No, my fellow Baptist of Tennessee, the above caption *doesn't* apply to you. You can get a Bible if you don't have one already. For *you* the Bible is not rationed, but it is rationed for *most of the people* of the world. This is the sad plight of millions in nearly every country "around the globe.

The Bible is rationed through the limits God's people place upon its printing and distribution. Distribution of this essential missionary tool, a "must" for missionary advance, is only possible through the help of those who know its value and appreciate its effectiveness in evangelism. Most of the people in mission lands are so poor they cannot pay even the bare cost of the printed Scriptures.

The American Bible Society is seeking to answer the emergency calls from mission fields for Bibles, supplying them without profit and usually below cost, and even without any charge in cases of special need. An unusually heavy burden has fallen on this great non-profit Bible society since the war so tragically crippled the work of the Bible Societies in other nations. The American Bible Society has done and continues to do a great work in Bible translation, printing and distribution. Baptists are a people of the Book, and they are coming to an in-

creasing appreciation of the work of this great society in its distribution of the Bible. Increased gifts from Baptists will help to remedy the present situation which has imposed a rationing of the Bible to those hungry for it.

Orphanage Weathers Blizzard Miraculously

Keeping 220 children at Tennessee Baptist Orphan's Home for 117 hours with no cooking, no heating system, no water, and no lights, and coming out with no sickness, no suffering, and no disaster was nothing less than a miracle, says Dr. W. C. Creasman, Superintendent.

Suffering the effects of the snow and ice blizzard which hit Nashville and Davidson County along with most of West and Middle Tennessee, the Orphanage at Franklin was dealt a terrific blow when their entire electrical system went out, stopping their heating system, water system, cooking, and lighting. Heroic efforts on the part of the Orphanage staff and utilization of provisions and cover sent to the Orphanage by Tennessee Baptists averted what might have been a calamity.

All the children came through with no apparent ill effects, the weary and worn Superintendent reports, although the damage to buildings and pipelines cannot yet be estimated. Dr. Creasman, who has been going day and night during the emergency, immediately bought all the oil heating and cooking equipment, and all the lanterns, available in Nashville and Franklin. Some grates were unsealed and put into use.

"We had a good backlog of canned goods" Dr. Creasman said, "and we managed to keep food for all the children. I want to thank all the good people who have sent food stuffs to us; and everyone who has ever sent quilts or other covering to the Orphanage can be assured that they were put to good use during this time—we had enough cover to keep all the children warm."

Only after a complete thaw can the material damage to the plant be determined, but Supt. Creasman is elated that the children came through safely.

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IMPROVEMENT IN A.B.T. SEMINARY

Many needed repairs and forward steps marked the past year at the American Baptist Theological Seminary, according to the report recently submitted by Dr. Leland Sedberry to the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Commission on that seminary. It is a property of some fourteen buildings on a high hill above Cumberland river, in the White's Creek section just outside Nashville. This school is a joint venture of white and Negro Baptists for the education of Negro Baptist preachers. Southern Baptists are represented by the Commission on this school with Dr. Sedberry as its able Secretary since July, 1949, devoting full time to this work. The National Baptist Convention, Inc., has its Commission also which is made up of Negro Baptist leaders. The President of the Seminary is a Negro, Dr. Ralph Riley.

The improvements listed in detail by the secretary of the Commission for our Southern Baptist Convention show that attention has been given to needed repairs, removal of fire hazards, modernization in plumbing, redecoration, the setting up of a sound accounting system, and the closing out of the farm operations with proceeds from sale of farm products and equipment placed in the Building Fund, looking toward future building. All this together with the financial report reveal a year of sound management and progress that is very enheartening.

All possible economy has been practiced during 1950 cutting expenditures from the normal \$80,000 a year (previously allotted the Southern Baptist Commission for the seminary through 2% of Cooperative Program receipts) to approximately \$60,000. This has been done by necessity since this year Southern Baptists have cut in half their support of this school for training Negro Baptist preachers. The Commission wisely seeks to conserve its resources so as to tide operation of the seminary over the next two years. For it can now continue to operate only by drawing on its reserves to supplement the 1% allocation from the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists.

The cut in allocation beginning with 1951 and now proposed also for 1952 by action of the Executive Committee of the SBC last December will enforce further economies in the operation of this Negro school. It will mean that one dollar of white Baptist money for this seminary must now do the work of two dollars. And this at a time when one dollar does only the work of one half dollar!

The seminary is maintained through a working agreement between the two conventions representing both races. Title to all real estate is vested in a holding board, two thirds of whom are representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention, while conversely the direction and control of the school itself is determined by a two thirds representation from the National Baptist Convention, Inc., in the group who serve

as directors. Selection of faculty, requirement for degrees, etc., are matters determined by the representatives of this Negro Baptist body while control of the property is determined by representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This arrangement has not been too happy for us or for our colored brethren, and we believe that serious thought should be given by both conventions to its improvement. So long as the present working agreement continues neither group feels like according the seminary the financial support and cooperation which are essential to its full effectiveness. We believe it would be wise now for both groups to revise their relationship toward this seminary so that they would own and control the property equally and direct and control the administration of the school equally. Such a new relationship of the two groups of Baptists toward the American seminary would elicit more interest and support from both conventions and would bring a brighter day for the training of Negro Baptist preachers.

THE GREAT ICE TEST

The bitter cold gripping a large part of the U. S. A. as January skidded into February and drove the thermometer underground was one of the hardest winter experiences Tennesseans have ever known.

Scores of thousands of homes were without heat and isolated as power and telephone lines went down. The sheath of ice and sleet topped by a very heavy snow brought traffic to a standstill and closed down numerous businesses and industries.

This ice-test jolted our comfortable modern way of life which has become increasingly dependent on public utilities for light, heat, communication, transportation and operation of business itself. The sudden sheathing of everything with an armor of ice proved more than trees and lines could bear. The cracking of ice-laden trees sounded like pistol shots. Power lines snapped, telephones were rendered useless, radios were silent and multitudes of people found themselves plunged into record-breaking sub-zero cold without benefit of heat or food. The weird beauty of the polar regions was seen in ice lace hung from shrubs, trees turned to chandeliers, hoar frost twinkling in the air and the appearance of the awesome arctic lights.

We pay our tribute of appreciation to crews of linemen who worked desperately night and day to restore the thousandfold breaks in high-powered wires and telephone lines. We commend churches which opened to shelter those who could get to their warmth. The plight of sufferers awakened countless deeds of kindness. By and large

REFLECTIONS



The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up.—*J. M. Power*

A man buried in work is usually very much alive. *Quote*

An off-day is something that usually follows a day off. *Fifth Wheel*

A Birmingham, Ala., auto firm has this slogan: "It's the BRAKES in Life that Count." *Tide*

A good driver is one who obeys the traffic rules and is quick enough to dodge those who don't. *Brake Service*

Political economy: Two words that should be divorced on the grounds of incompatibility. *Air Conditioning and Refrigeration News.*

Self-government is weighted as heavily with obligations as it is with privileges. Our democracy is much like a tall stand of timber. We cannot cut from it more than we plant without periling its survival. And forests . . . cannot be bought. They must be cultivated by toil and nourished by the sweat of those who would keep them. *Omar N. Bradley*

No government ever financed anything that it did not get control of. You cannot separate responsibility and power. If the government hands out a dollar, with it goes the implied responsibility of how it shall be spent and some influence on the life of the recipient. Dr. Alfred P. Haake, chairman National Trade Executive's Committee against Government Competition with Business.

people met the ice-test with sobering realization that their discomfort was small alongside that of sons, fathers, brothers, friends fighting and dying for freedom in Korea's ice-clad hills.

Stop Blaming and Start Training

Only 4 per cent of the Negro ministers in 17 counties in the rural South are college and seminary graduates. The average training for the Negro rural pastor is the 9th grade, according to a survey by the Rural Church Department of Drew Seminary.

White ministers often loan books to their neighboring Negro pastor. Sometimes white churches provide scholarship funds to help a Negro ministerial student get proper training.

But the average Negro youth who is called to preach wastes 10 years after he quits school before he starts to preach because he has no one to help him through school.

We should stop blaming and start training our Negro pastors.

The Negro minister is more of a Sunday preacher than a weekday pastor. Out of 1388 Negro families in 17 southern counties, it was found that nearly half of these families had not received a pastoral call in over 12 months. Some white pastors not only preach occasionally for their Negro pastors but give them help in their pastoral program.

Three Negro rural ministers out of four are engaged in other occupations besides the ministry. As a result, they only spend two days a month in their parish other than Sunday.

Survey of Negro Education Shows Wide Appeal of American Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—There is not a single accredited Baptist theological school especially for Negroes in the United States. This was the announcement made by Ira de Reid, Haverford College professor of sociology, in his preliminary report on a survey he is directing to determine the status of Negro theological education in America. He also said that in all the schools of America there were only 150 Negroes with B.D. degrees available per year, an extremely low figure for a denomination with 30,000 churches. In twelve Negro colleges there are only 353 undergraduates who say they will enter the Baptist ministry and only 100 of these are expected to finish.

Dr. Reid was reporting to the Joint Conference Committee on Theological Education for Negroes set up by the Southern, American and National, Inc., Baptist conventions.

His preliminary findings also showed that the American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville had a wider student appeal for Negroes than any other theological school in America. He called it "the dynamic approach" to the education of Negroes for the ministry. However, he added, "It is a poor school." (*Editor's Note:* When this statement was challenged by authorities at the school, Editor Albert McClellan of the

Baptist Press called Dr. Reid about it so as to check exactly what he meant. Over long distance Dr. Reid replied with the qualification, "Poor in every way except spirit." He said that buildings, equipment, the library and academic standards prevented accreditation. Editor McClellan added, "Both in his conversation Monday and in the conference Wednesday, he (Dr. Reid) indicated his confidence in the school's future." He cited as the reason for its wide appeal is that the school offers a Th.B. degree for work of sub-seminary level. His findings, he said, seem to point to the potential of the school.

Dr. Reid, the son and grandson of Negro Baptist ministers, is professor of sociology at Haverford College in Haverford, Pennsylvania. He is regarded as one of the most eminent scientists in his field. The survey, involving thousands of interviews by trained personnel is to cost \$20,000 and is financed by the three conventions. Authorized three years ago the survey will be finished in June of this year. It is expected that the survey will become a major consideration in the planning for Negro theological education in the future.

The Southern Baptist group on the joint committee consists of E. A. McDowell, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Chairman; Ryland Knight, Apopka, Fla.; Mrs. Irvin Lawrence, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. DeWitt Matthews, Macon, Ga.; Robert L. Cousins, Atlanta, Ga.; H. Clayton Waddell, New Orleans, La.; S. A. Newman, Fort Worth, Texas; Victor Glass, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Newman is the chairman of the commission, dealing directly with Dr. Reid and his associates.

Warns Church Colleges in Danger

ST. PAUL, Minn.—(RNS)—Church-supported and other private institutions of higher learning in America are doomed unless their alumni and their friends increase their gifts, a conference of Evangelical Lutheran college and seminary faculties was warned here.

The warning came from Dr. Clemens M. Granskou, president of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., who opposed any suggestion that the colleges might look to the federal government for aid.

"The lure of federal aid is but the opening wedge to federal control," he declared.

Dr. Granskou explained how the war in Korea has created a new problem for colleges.

"Now the colleges are asked to fight on three fronts—inflation, loss of upperclassmen and loss of underclassmen," he said. "At best, most of our colleges will end the school year with a heavy loss of students and subsequent mounting deficits.

"Obviously the plight of our colleges today is no new experience. They have always been hard up . . . For this reason it is difficult to bring home to our people the acuteness of the present situation."

"Until Ye Be Endured . . ." Luke 24:49

by W. C. Kirk

Tennessee Baptists are at this moment exactly where the disciples stood at the occasion of the above Scripture. Great things were in store for them, and they were not spiritually prepared to receive them. They were unprepared to participate in these coming great events, and, therefore, those impending great events were endangered, because God uses human instrumentality to work out His will, and that human instrumentality was not capable at that time. *They needed special preparation.*

What the disciples of other days needed and had to have for what was in store for them, modern Tennessee Baptists need also. Jesus told His followers to get themselves together in a designated place and to get themselves spiritually prepared for the great days upon them. *What if they had not obeyed their Lord?* What if they had said one to another, "The revival is coming; stand still and see the salvation of the Lord"? True, there are times to let God lead, and there are times when we must lead *for Him*. Pentecost would have been impossible because the disciples would have had no power. How differently the New Testament would have read!

Let every regional, associational and church crusade director plan NOW for a ONE-DAY Associational Evangelistic Conference, either two or three sessions, as they think best. Pattern the Conferences after the great Conference held in Nashville last month. *Use every preacher in the Association* if possible. Let the fires burn and make it easy for the Holy Spirit to come upon all. This Associational Conference will be God's channel into your community, unto the farthest nook and corner of this great state. Let every word, whether song, prayer, conference or sermon, be charged with fervency and urgency. God knows that something must happen inside His people before something happens to others, but when it happens inside us, then it *will* happen inside others. Plan a Conference NOW.

Attention All Southern Baptists

Numerous inquiries arrive daily regarding Federal Social Security coverage for lay workers of our denomination. Beginning with this issue a series of short articles will begin, dealing with this matter as it regards Southern Baptists. As participation is not compulsory, but optional, we urge careful reading of these articles before reaching any decision in the matter.

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Visitation Program Pays

by Rev. E. L. Williams, Pastor Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville

The results of our Visitation Program at Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville, are too numerous to tell in a few paragraphs, and yet it is not what it should be when we think of the thousands who are unenlisted and lost. But God has blessed the faithful people in our church who come on Thursday evenings from 7:00—8:00 o'clock to go into the homes of our community and tell people about Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Mass evangelism has its place in our church and denomination life. We would make a grave mistake if the day ever came when Baptists should do away with the revival effort that God has so marvelously used down through the ages, but there is no substitute for personal soul winning or a perennial effort on the part of Christians to win the lost to Christ.

The picture on the front cover tells the result of a visit made by the Pastor together with the Chairman of our Deacons. But one contact led to another and here is the story:

Mr. A. B. Scott was 85 years of age and had never known the Savior. On this particular Thursday evening I asked Mr. J. C. Parker, Chairman of The Board of Deacons of our church, to go with me and talk to Mr. Scott about his soul. We found a warm reception at the Scott home and an interested listener. When I had finished telling him the wonderful plan of salvation, I noticed a deep interest and tears in his eyes and he said to me, "I have traveled around the world and for years I have longed and waited for someone to tell me personally how to become a Christian." At the close of our conversation we got on our knees and prayed. Mr. Scott prayed. There was silence, a sob and then he rose to his feet with his face lighted up with a heavenly light. You could tell that he had an assurance that God had come into his heart, and with outstretched hand he said, "Preacher, I have found the Savior." There was rejoicing as if we were in an old-fashioned tent meeting.

This joy cannot be excelled and is one that every Christian needs to experience. Mr. Scott, 85, was the oldest man I had baptized, but this was not the end of it. He had a friend, Mr. Bob Davis, who was 92 years of age, unsaved, without God and without hope. His first thought, he told me later, was, "I must win Bob Davis to Christ." Mr. Davis was hard of hearing and when Mr. Scott invited him to come hear his preacher he said it would do no good for he couldn't hear. Mr. Scott was so interested in his friend that he bought a hearing aid and gave it to Mr. Davis and it was a wonderful sight to see them coming in church together about two Sundays later. At the close of the message Mr. Davis, 92, walked down the aisle, lifted his feeble, wrinkled hand and said to me, "Preacher, I

come to accept Jesus Christ as my personal Savior."

What a joy; baptizing a 92-year-old man, but this was not the end. Mr. Davis had a son 70 years of age who was unsaved and suffering with tuberculosis. His first thought was for the salvation of his son. On another Thursday night Mr. Scott and I went to his home and won him to Christ and he also followed Christ in the beautiful ordinance of baptism.

All of this came about because of one visit and the winning of one soul. Someone may say that it is better to win a child for his whole life will be saved. With this statement I will agree, but the point I am stressing is the importance of personal soul winning and to leave a home with the joy in your heart of having won someone from darkness to light, from sin to saving grace in Christ. It pays to visit.

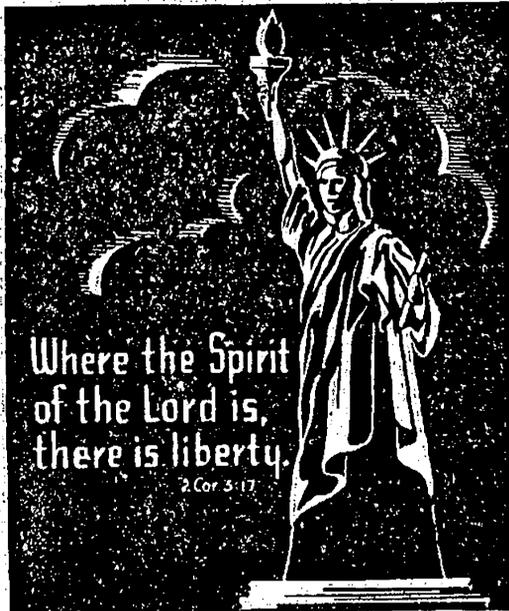
San Francisco Pastors Organize for Convention

BERKELEY, CALIF.—(BP)—Southern Baptist pastors in the San Francisco Bay area are beginning early preparations for the coming Convention in San Francisco June 20-24.

The Bay Area Ministers and Missionaries Conference met at Golden Gate Seminary, January 22, to formulate preliminary plans for the Convention. Over fifty pastors and missionaries were present in the meeting in which Dr. S. G. Posey, new state executive secretary, was the principal speaker.

The chairmen of local committees were also present at the conference and participated in the planning.

The Ministers and Missionaries Conference is tentatively planning a meeting in February with all the Baptist pastors in the San Francisco Bay area.



Southern Seminary Summer Conference

by G. S. Dobbins

Desiring to render maximum service not only to its students but to alumni and other Christian workers, Southern Seminary at Louisville will inaugurate its Summer Conference, to be held on its beautiful campus, July 23 to August 3.

The program arranged offers many attractive and valuable features. Intensive refresher courses will be given by members of the faculty in Old Testament, New Testament, theology, preaching, church administration, and pastoral counseling. Garland Hendricks and W. R. Pettigrew, outstanding pastors of country and city churches respectively, will conduct conferences on rural and urban church problems. Dr. J. B. McLaurin, secretary of foreign missions for Canadian Baptists, and Dr. Roland Bainton, professor of church history at Yale University, will bring addresses and conduct discussions on themes of vital importance. Dr. Duke McCall and Dr. Ralph Herring will preach each evening in the beautiful new Alumni Chapel. Inspiring music will be a special feature.

Accommodations may be had, including rooms and board, at very moderate expense. A limited number of families with children can be cared for, with provision for some one hundred couples and about two hundred men occupying single and double rooms. It would be difficult to find a place and occasion for a happier and more fruitful vacation.

Necessarily, reservations must be made on a "first come, first served" basis. Write for details to Mr. T. R. Allen, Business Manager, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

Charles Wellborn to Wed in March

WACO, TEXAS—(BP)—Charles Wellborn, Southern Baptist Radio Hour speaker, will marry Miss Mary Elizabeth Hood at Belzoni, Texas, on March 11.

The bride-elect attended Belhaven College, Jackson, Miss., and is now a student at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where she is a member of Alpha Omega, social club, and secretary of the Junior Class. She has been featured among the campus beauties for two years.

Mr. Wellborn was graduated from Kilgore Junior College, Kilgore, Texas, and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Baylor University. He attended a special course at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, during the summer of 1949, and is a graduate of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. During World War II he served in the Army's 10th Mountain Division in Italy. He is now an instructor in Bible at Baylor University, and featured speaker on the Baptist Hour, national radio program, the first six months of this year.

The Pope Takes a Slap at Rotary

by Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington, Tennessee

(Note: the author is a Past President of the Lexington Rotary Club and has appeared on several district programs. He is also a student of Freemasonry)

For many, many years the Popes have fulminated against Freemasonry. The earliest condemnation took place about 212 years ago, just 21 years after the organization of the first Grand Lodge. Since then nine different Popes, in seventeen different pronouncements, have spoken out against it with vitriolic language. Before me is a booklet written by one Jay MacEss and bearing the imprimatur of Patrick Cardinal Hayes, late Archbishop of New York. On page three is this statement: "She (the Catholic Church) declares herself the irreconcilable enemy of Masonry. Catholic women are warned not to marry Masons; Catholic men are told not to join the Masons; lodge members desiring to enter the Catholic Church are instructed to abandon Masonry; Catholics who have joined the Masons are refused a Catholic funeral." ("Why Blame the Masons?" page 3, The Paulist Press, New York, N. Y.)

Recently, the Vatican added the Rotary Club to its list of forbidden societies. Henceforth, no Catholic priest may be a member of Rotary or attend Rotary meetings. While laymen were not expressly forbidden to become, or remain, members they are admonished to keep in mind Article 684 of canon law. This law exhorts the faithful to guard against membership in societies which are secret, condemned, seditious, or which attempt to escape the legitimate vigilance of the church.

Strangely enough, the ban does not apply to any other civic club. Why is it that a priest may be a member (though even this is considered "worldly") of Kiwanis, Lions, Civitans, Exchange or the Junior Chamber of Commerce, but is forbidden to become a Rotarian? Ostensibly, Rotary is singled out because of its "alliance with Freemasonry." And the Catholic Church hates Masonry.

Actually, there is not one bit of connection between Rotary and Masonry. Many Rotarians are Masons, and vice versa, but aside from that there is absolutely nothing in common with the motives, organizational structure, and history of the two organizations. Many sincere Christians feel that Masonic membership is sinful, and we are not seeking to defend it in this article. However, we have yet to hear of any serious objection to the Christian's membership in a Rotary Club.

Rotary has four principal objects. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with these general aims I am quoting verbatim these four objects as they appear in a pamphlet from the secretariat of Rotary In-

ternational, 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago.

The Objects of Rotary are to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;

4. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

Whether one's reading of these aims is cursory or studied, surely nothing is contained therein that should prove offensive to Catholicism or any other religion.

Concerning membership, Rotary International says: "Rotary does not seek to supplant or to interfere with any religious or political organization. It assumes that its concepts are in accord with all religions and it does not concern itself with a Rotarian's politics. Rotary expects him to be faithful to his religion and loyal in his citizenship."

Is Rotary "secret?" No! There is no initiatory ceremony, no mysterious grip or password, and no awe-inspiring titles. All of the facts about Rotary are available to any who wants them.

Is Rotary a "condemned" organization? Again the answer is "no." The only condemnation we have heard is the recent one by the Vatican.

Is Rotary "seditious?" The question itself is an affront to the patriotism of thousands of Baptists and hundreds of Baptist preachers who are Rotarians. If Rotary were one bit seditious here is one who would get out of it pronto!

Does Rotary attempt to evade church vigilance? No! Its more than 325,000 members in more than 7,000 clubs in 83 nations are willing for it to be judged by any committee or panel of unbiased men or women.

Has the Vatican been misinformed as to the real purposes of Rotary? Some feel that the Pope has a mistaken notion of Rotary,—among them the President of Rotary International, Arthur Lagueux of Quebec, who, incidentally, is a Roman Catholic.

Others will feel that this is just another effort on the part of the Roman hierarchy to control its members,—body, mind and soul. It is the same old tactics of a totalitarian religio-political organization that is as un-American as it is un-democratic. Having already dictated the terms of marriage, home-life, faith, church membership, and education, it would seem that the next move is to move in and dictate the terms of one's private and community life. Rotary, because it is the oldest of the civic clubs, is the first to come under the ban. Others will doubtless be added.

The Pope has struck a pretty low blow. The general reaction will be unfavorable

Today I Took a Walk

Lorene Bean

Today I took a walk over Harrison-Chilhowee Academy's campus. As I viewed the need that existed, I wondered if Tennessee Baptists were aware of the condition of this Baptist school. Here are some of the things I saw:

An old worn-out auditorium and classroom building, a veritable fire-trap, unintentionally "air conditioned"—with floors little better than those in a barn loft—unsafe stairs—doors crudely patched with pieces of tin—window panes out—walls dirty, plaster fallen—the whole building trembling in a strong wind.

You get an "open welcome" when you enter the girls' dormitory, I mean the wide open cracks in the porch floor—Inside: the reception room with bare necessities of furniture—cans on room floors, catching water from leaky radiators and plumbing on floor above—sagging wallpaper—old beds with boxes under them to support sagging springs—creaky, well-worn stairs—open electric wiring, inviting disaster—five showers, five commodes, three lavatories for forty girls—closets the width of a door for two girls—a matron's suite, without a single connecting door between her three rooms, her bath, which is unheated, shared with kitchen employees.

If you like studies in contrast, visit the boys' dormitory, the newest building on the campus—hallway walls finished in beautiful marble, while a crude door, made of secondhand six-inch boards and fastened with an old-fashioned slideboard latch, closes the still unfinished entrance—one whole floor of rooms with crude doors made of secondhand boards, fastened with cheap padlocks.

An administration building never completed because of a shortage of funds.

In the kitchen—one stove, a minimum of utensils and equipment—In the dining room, naked laths where plaster has fallen.

Thirsty? You may have to wait until a faucet is turned off somewhere. The pressure is rather weak—the reservoir? Oh, that's that ancient looking concrete tank, buried in the ground on top of the hill—water squeezes through all-too-small supply pipes to the back side of the campus—not a fire hydrant anywhere—and the closest fire department fourteen miles away.

Telephone service?—Sure—One line with eight party phones on it!

This is just a small picture of the need that exists at our Baptist school. Won't you as a Tennessee Baptist do something about it?

Note: Miss Bean is the secretary and office manager for the 1951 Harrison-Chilhowee Academy Enlargement Campaign. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Maryville.

criticism of the Roman system. As for Rotary, it will go on. If the priests are denied membership, we will have to try to get along without them.

Southern Baptists and Social Security

by Walter R. Alexander

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, December 14, 1950, passed a resolution expressing it as their opinion that participation by groups, within our Southern Baptist life, in Federal Social Security as amended, did not seem to be in violation of the cherished principle of separation of Church and State.

That resolution also stated: "It is the opinion of the Executive Committee that participation in this plan on the part of our Baptist agencies and institutions makes its benefits available to all of their employees, particularly those in the lower income brackets not hitherto covered by retirement plans, without conflict or competition with our own Relief and Annuity Board plans of retirement.

"We respectfully urge all institutions and agencies that may participate in the Social Security Plan to continue their participation in the Relief and Annuity Board's retirement plans."

Recent correspondence indicates many of our Baptist people have misunderstood the intent or purport of this statement. It appears, also, that many have read into the statement far more than its originators said. Certainly, some of the articles recently appearing in denominational papers show the necessity of further clarification of the entire situation. In the interest, therefore, of a better understanding of all that is involved in this matter, the Executive Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board is publishing in all the denominational papers a series of five short articles, this being the first. His one purpose is that of clarification: that quotations made may be accurate, interpretations correct, actions taken intelligently made, and such conclusions reached as will further the work of our Saviour.

What the Executive Committee Did Not Say

Difficulties have arisen, and are increasing with each passing day, due not to the statement made by the Executive Committee in itself so much as they are due to a misreading and misinterpretation of the statement, with erroneous conclusions reached.

For instance, the Committee did not say that Social Security is more desirable than anything offered by our denominational Board. They did not deal in comparisons at all.

The Committee did not say they were commending Social Security to any and to all, particularly to local churches. They neither commended nor condemned.

The Committee did not even imply that churches should now look to the welfare of their workers as promptly as possible, urging that it be done through Federal Social Security. Their statement was not promotional in its purport or intent.

The Committee did not say they saw no unpleasant complications out in the future.

They dealt only with the present in the statement they made.

The Committee did not say they saw no objectionable features to Social Security as it now stands. They were expressing no opinion as to the desirability of Social Security, or otherwise.

What the Executive Committee Did Say

They said two things in their statement: (1). Participation being on a voluntary basis now, rather than mandatory (as the Bill was originally drawn), it was their opinion such participation might be enjoyed by either an individual or a group within our denominational life, without violating our cherished principle of the separation of Church and State.

(2). They urged that, wherever an individual or a group should elect to participate in Social Security, such participation should be supplemental to participation in the plans of the Relief and Annuity Board, rather than as a substitute for such plans.

For the consideration given the Relief and Annuity Board in the Committee's statement, Paragraph (2), the Board is deeply grateful. There are most excellent reasons why such participation in the plans of the denominational Board should be continued—reasons that are advantageous, both to the individual and to the Board. Evidently, these were apparent to the Executive Committee, although not stated, and they will be dealt with by this writer in articles that are to follow.

What the Committee did say under Paragraph (1), many of our Baptist people approve. We recognize the fact that the situation presented now is a new one, calling for clear thinking, and that there are many differences of opinion and many shades of thought among us on this subject. Certainly, a large number of our denominational leaders have reached the conclusion stated in the resolution: namely, that participation does not violate principle of separation of Church and State. It must be borne in mind, however, that many others do not find themselves in accord with it. This matter also will be discussed in an early article.

One thing is very clear: that is, decisions with regard to participation in Federal Social Security should be made after a full study of the many issues involved.

New Missionary Volunteers At N. O. Seminary

"I had rather you would not volunteer for foreign missions," said Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Foreign Mission Secretary for Latin America, "unless you really mean it—unless you are sure that God calls you."

He was speaking to the faculty and students of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Missionary Day, Jan. 25. The seminary holds three such days each school year, inviting missionaries and others to speak on missions. The service is always climaxed with an invitation for volunteers.

The first call was to those who had already made public at the seminary their intention to become missionaries, at home or abroad. At least 40—coming too fast to count—crowded to the front.

Then the new ones came, 19 in all, some smiling through their tears, to shake hands with Dr. Gill and the seminary president, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell.

Nine states were represented: From Louisiana, Rev. and Mrs. Bryan P. Bazer, Cullen; Rev. and Mrs. G. Clayton Bond, Melder; and Oliver W. Marson, Baton Rouge; South Carolina, John E. Dent, Columbia; Rev. and Mrs. Edwin R. Quattlebaum, Chester, and Thomas W. Hill, Lamar; Florida, Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Barrington, Hawthorne, and Melvin Moody, Jr., Miami.

From the other states: Rev. W. M. Schlichting, Del Norte, Colorado, and Mrs. Schlichting, Cullumburg, Alabama; Jean Hightower, Augusta, Georgia; James Hefley, Mt. Judea, Arkansas; Rev. and Mrs. John D. Stevens, McGhee, Mississippi; and Eldon K. Dunn, Bardwell, Kentucky.

"I had no idea there was such a missionary spirit at New Orleans," said Dr. Gill after the service, "until I saw the response—so many fine young people."

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TEXTS: Mark 7:24 to 9:1 (Larger)—Mk. 8:27-37 (Printed)—Matt. 16:16 (Golden).

Jesus The Christ

By way of introduction to the printed lesson text, upon which these notes center attention, it should be recalled that Jesus made three withdrawals in order to keep out of the territory of Herod Antipas, to stay away from the hot and humid shores of the sea of Galilee and to instruct His disciples. In these withdrawals, recorded in the larger lesson texts; He visited and healed in Tyre and Sidon; He fed the four thousand; He refused further signs to His opponents; He warned the disciples against the leaven of the Pharisees; and He healed the blind man in Bethsaida. Ultimately Jesus and the disciples come into the regions of Caesarea Philippi, located in the foothills of Mt. Hermon, and it is there that the Great Teacher conducts the examination among the "class" of students that had followed Him now for slightly more than two years. He has but one question, essentially. "Who am I?" He asks. So much will depend upon the answer that is made. Will they understand who He is and why He came to the earth?

The Christ Revealed and Confessed (Mk. 8:27-30)

God, the Father, reveals Him; and the disciple must confess Him. The physical environment is almost ideal for this testing. The air is cool and refreshing. The group is up in the lower altitudes of high and rugged mountains. They are relaxed and expectant. Jesus begins by inquiring, "Who do men say that I am?" The disciples reply with, "John the Baptist, or Elijah or one of the prophets." "But what do you say about Me?" He further asks. Peter responds, evidently speaking for the entire group. He says, "You are the Christ." To the devoted Jew this indicated everything of a desirable nature. The Christ, or the Messiah, was God's Anointed One, prophesied about and ministry described all the way through the Old Testament beginning with Gen. 3:15. The answer was perfect, and the "class" had made one hundred percent.

We depend upon Matthew for Jesus' comment upon this reply (see Matt. 16:17-19). The revelation had come from the Heavenly Father, not gained by "flesh and blood" or processes of human investigation and reasoning. It reminds of, "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (Jn. 1:13). It is this divine revelation that comes to a heart and soul of a person that constitutes the "rock" spoken of here, in the opinion of the writer of these notes. Out of such a revelation there will inevitably flow a confession, but the revelation is basic and fundamental. "For with the heart man believeth

unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10).

The Christ To Be Rejected and Exemplified (Mk. 8:31-37)

When Jesus, in this same situation and environment, began to tell His disciples the kind of Messiah He was to be, one who would suffer at the hands of men and be rejected by them, Peter spoke up again (perhaps, again, for the group) with rebuke and reproof. "No, not that kind of Messiah, but one triumphant and worldly successful," he seems to suggest. Jesus rebukes him in return. "You, and your suggestion, Simon, are the Devil's stumbling-blocks for me," He observes. "Get thee behind me, Satan." The group went all the way from a perfect score, previously made, to a complete "bust" in failing to comprehend the true Messiahship. But students are like that, and patient teachers soon must learn to take it into account. And Jesus was, and is, such a patient teacher. "He knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust" (Ps. 103:14). The Christ must be rejected before He can be exalted. Even in the process of rejection there will be exaltation. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (Jn. 12:32).

And then there fell from the lips of Jesus the most profound teaching that men have ever known, so far as human conduct is concerned. "The way for one to save one's life is to lose it for My sake," He taught. This teaching is both simple in its profundity and profound in its simplicity. As these notes have noted previously, this incorporates what might be called the Platinum Rule, more precious even than the Golden Rule. For this is the law of life in the realm of spirit. It is of the same type as the law of life in the realm of matter. New life can only come as the old dies. But we need to think carefully, here. It is not sacrifice of the self, as such, for therein may be concealed a subtle selfishness. It is to be a sacrifice of the self for Christ's sake. Thus we exemplify the Christ.

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Books Received

- 1950 "Directory" Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Erwin, L. McDonald, Editor
- 1950 "Student Handbook" Southwestern Theological Seminary, Ralph Churchill, Editor
- 1950 "Brotherhood Journal" (bound volume) Baptist Brotherhood of the South. Lawson H. Cooke, Editor
- Jan. 1951 issue of "The Chronicle," American Baptist Historical Society
- "European Baptists" pamphlet edited by J. D. Franks, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland
- "Tell the West," Jerzy Gliksman's abridgment of experiences as a slave laborer in Russia. Published by National Committee for a Free Europe, Inc., 350 Fifth Ave., N. Y. 1, N. Y.
- "The Seed of Abraham," Albertus Pieters, Wm. B. Eerdmans, \$2.50. Biblical studies of Israel and the doctrine of the church concerning the Jewish race; a critique of dispensationalism.
- "A Book of Pastoral Prayers," Ernest Fremont Tittle, Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1.50
- "Evangelism in Action through Christ-Centered Messages," C. B. Jackson, C. Wade Freeman, Frank Weedon and Jesse Yelvington; Van Kampen Press, \$1.50. Twelve sermons from the hearts of the four members of the headquarters staff of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.
- "Strength for Service to God and Country," Nygaard - Ward; Abingdon - Cokesbury Press, 90c. Daily devotions written by 370 outstanding religious leaders of various denominations, originally compiled during World War II for men in service by Dr. Norman E. Nygaard with more than a million copies distributed. The revised edition was compiled by Chaplain Arthur Sterling Ward.
- "The Church in the Purpose of God," Oliver S. Tomkins; World Council of Churches, 50c. An historical survey of the ecumenical movement since 1910, prepared for the forthcoming World Conference on Faith and Order meeting at Lund, Sweden, August, 1952.
- "Ladder of Light," Harold B. Walker, Fleming H. Revell Co., \$2.25. A consideration of the meaning of the beatitudes—"like a ladder of light" whose eight rungs lead upward in the divine life.
- "Does Science Support the Scriptures?" O. E. Sanden, Zondervan Publishing House, \$2.00. A clear affirmation that there is no true conflict between real scientific findings and the Bible. Evangelist Billy Graham, in his foreword, praises the author's qualifications and his work in showing the adequacy of the Bible for these times.
- "The Liberation of Life," Joseph M. Dawson, Broadman Press, \$1.50. A clear analysis of the factors in human bondage and an earnest call to make known the gospel which liberates, through faith in Jesus Christ.

February is sometimes called "Famous Americans" month, because so many great people were born in this month. You have probably discussed some of these famous Americans in school, or heard radio programs in their honor. Today, let's play a guessing game to see how many you can recognize.

There are five clues for each person. Give yourself 100 points if you guess his identity on the first clue, 80 if you guess on the second clue, 60 on the third, 40 on the fourth, and 20 on the last. Write in the margin your score for each person, then add these to get your total score.

You might like to try the clues on other members of your family. Who will make the highest score?

1. As a young man I was an expert rail-splitter.
2. I was born in a one-room log cabin in Kentucky.
3. As sixteenth President of the United States I helped to free the slaves.
4. My nickname was "Honest Abe."
5. Here is my name, spelled backwards:
NLOCNL MAHARBA.
Who am I? _____

1. I started to school when I was seven and was always "at the foot of the class." However, I liked to read, and while I was a "train boy" in Port Huron, Michigan, I decided to read all the books in the Port Huron Public Library. I did not give up until I had read "fifteen feet of books."

2. When I was fifteen, I started a weekly paper of my own, with a subscription list of 500, and sold 200 additional copies on the train. In four years I earned \$2,000 which I gave to my parents.

3. I worked for some time as a telegraph operator, and gained much valuable experience and knowledge there.

4. I am sometimes referred to as the "wizard of electricity."

5. Discover my name by skipping every other letter here, then beginning with the second letter and skipping again:
TEHDOIMSAOSN
Who am I? _____

1. I was born February 3, 1811.
2. I learned to read before I was three years old. When I was five years old, I was the best speller in my school.
3. I went to work in a printing plant when I was fifteen years old.
4. Soon I became a very good printer, and, in time, editor of a leading newspaper in New York City.
5. Here is my name, written upside down:
Horace Greeley
Who am I? _____

1. I was tall and strong and liked the outdoors.

2. Arithmetic was my favorite study.

3. My home was Mount Vernon.

4. I was the first President of the United States, and am sometimes referred to as "the Father of Our Country."

5. Fill in the missing vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to find my name:
G—RG— W—SH—NGT—N
Who am I? _____

1. I am not one person, but a group of people.

2. I was organized on February 8, 1910, by an American business man, named Boyce.

3. The President of the United States is honorary President of our group.

4. Our motto is "Be Prepared."

5. Have you guessed? Perhaps you are one of the six and half million members of our group. Can you unjumble these letters to find our full name?
OBY TUCOSS FO RACEAMI
Write it here. _____

Ridgeview church, Chattanooga, is holding all night prayer meetings on Saturday nights through February with people coming to pray in shifts and each prayer period in charge of a different deacon.

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Southwestern Enrollment High

Enrollment for the Spring semester at Southwestern Baptist Seminary Ft. Worth, Tex., now totals 1,455, Miss Katie Reed, registrar, has announced.

This is an increase of twenty over the last semester. One hundred seventy-nine students are registered for the first time.

Nineteen students list as home places outside the continental United States. Included in these are Julio Silvio Diaz and Annie V. Hawkins, Argentina; George Cowser, Brazil; James R. Leitch, British West Indies; Paul C. Bell Jr., Canal Zone.

Mr. and Mrs. Yung Kiang Chang, Finley M. Chu and Lucy Uii Lan, China; Al How Ching, Alfred Y. L. Chong, Betty C. K. Chong, David W. Petherbridge, Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Sanbei, Sam Choy and Aiko Taira, Hawaii; Anna Veneziano, Italy; and Finlay M. Graham, Scotland.

"Let's Stick Together As Baptists"

Now and then I meet Baptists who are not satisfied with everything in the Co-operative Program; as to how it spends its money, some of the objects which it supports, and, etc. As a result some feel that the best thing to do is to pull out of the cooperative effort and have nothing to do with it.

Such an attitude hurts the individual church; it helps kill its missionary vision, it focuses all of its attention on the fields in the immediate area, it helps cut down the gifts made through the church. Some quit giving as they did formerly, some quit giving altogether, the Bible fails to speak all of its message and the church fails in part of its task.

Such an attitude hurts the missionary effort at home. The associational missionary program suffers, the W. M. U. no longer makes its message meaningful, the pastor is hampered, and the soul-winning effort in the home church becomes slack. So the State- and South-wide programs suffer also.

Such an attitude fails to help anybody, anywhere. It fails to correct the supposed wrong in the program, and if the thing is wrong, the wrong keeps on until tremendous harm is done BECAUSE SOME BAPTIST FAILED TO MAKE KNOWN THE ERROR. The attitude seems generally to be, "what can I do? I am only John Doe. My letters would not be read, my conference with the leaders would be laughed at, who am I that I could withstand the Convention?" I think it is high time that sincere Baptists voiced what they see as wrong to those who could study and correct it. If individual Baptists would cooperate thus with our leaders it would save many misunderstandings and maybe many off-brand Baptists. I AM FOR KEEPING IN THE PROGRAM AND FIGHTING TO CLEAN IT UP IF IT IS NEEDED AND HELP MAKE IT WHAT IT OUGHT TO BE. Every letter that I have sent in about definite objects has received attention and a prompt and courteous reply. Let's stick together as Baptists, criticize in the spirit of love and MARCH ON.

—Wendell W. Price

April 22

Watch for a later announcement
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The Commission



Sunday School

JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

Reach More People

Yes, reach more people for Bible Study is the aim of all Sunday school workers for the next two months.

Every Sunday school is urged to reach three new people per Sunday for the next six Sundays — February 18-March 25. Many schools will go far, far beyond three a Sunday for this period. If you have not already done so, will you call the workers of your school together and challenge them to undertake a worthy goal?

Prove to the people in your church community that you really want them in Sunday school. Visit, visit, visit.

Camps—Linden and Carson

Two Sunday School Weeks—Camp Linden, July 30-August 4; Camp Carson, August 6-10. Which Camp will you attend. Have you included one of these dates in your church calendar. We want a capacity crowd at each Camp this summer. So make your reservation early. Talk it up in your church and association. Write Jesse Daniel, 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, for reservation.

Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly

Remember the four dates.

May 31-June 5—Special Associational Sunday School Officers' Conference

June 14-20; June 21-27; June 28-July 4.

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Order Vacation Bible School Books

Stay on schedule—*Book B* all the way through this year. Get the book early. Lead your Vacation Bible School workers to study the Vacation Bible School Manuals in the front part of the Vacation Bible School text and receive the award. *It will also mean improvement.* Lead all your workers in the study of the Vacation Bible School Guide.

Into Every Church

Every church in the state is urged to conduct a Vacation Bible School this year. *Will you help get on a school in a church that needs help.* Watch the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for dates for Associational Vacation Bible School Improvement Clinic.

Those Standard Units

Keep up the good work. Keep those standard applications coming in. Many schools, department classes and Extension groups have met the standard requirement and have made application for Standard recognition. Tennessee can do better on

standards if she will. Resolve to attain the standard. Grit your teeth, clench your fist and make *trial after trial* until standard results come. *You can do it.* Prove it. Standard units are better units.

That Census

Did bad weather or lack of preparation keep your church from taking a census, February 4? If so, set another date and reap the benefits of the census. If followed up it will mean an enlarged Sunday school. If followed up it will mean a better revival. Oh! there is no way to estimate the value of a census if properly taken and followed up. Let's make 1951 the best year ever in Sunday school work.



When Mrs. B. G. Bouchillon of Alexander City, Alabama, registered as "Number 600" at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, January 9, she not only set a record but also reached the goal set by President Roland Q. Leavell for the 1950-1951 session. This marks an increase from 394 in 1948-1949, to 543 last year, and now pushed to 609 by later January enrollments.

Rev. B. G. Bouchillon, a native of Louisville, Mississippi, and a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, entered the seminary last September.

Three factors have contributed to the growing enrollment, according to Dr. Leavell. Since the school reached the standard set for seminaries offering the highest degrees in theology, religious education and sacred music three years ago, more college graduates have been attracted to New Orleans.

Meanwhile, as always, a large place has been kept for men and women who entered religious work late in life, or for other good reason could not go to college. They still receive their theological training at the seminary and receive certificates upon completion of the course.

The \$4,000,000 building program on the Gentilly campus, located on Highway 90 and 11 in East New Orleans, where five large, modern apartment buildings for married students are completed, and a new library nearly ready for its dedication February 13, has brought much favorable publicity.

And the fact that large provision is made to house married students at rents they can pay, has attracted many. There is a waiting list for the apartments as they become available.

The seminary expects to move to the new campus by September, 1953, unless building restrictions prevent building the minimum of six more buildings required.



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A-1 Young People's Organizations

From January 1 to October 1 the following W. M. U. Young People's Organizations reported that they were A-1. If there is an omission or mistake write today to Laura Frances Snow, 149 Sixth Avenue., North, Nashville.

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- Dyer—Halls
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- Providence—First Ave.
- Salem—Liberty
- Shelby—Ardmore; Calvary; Central Avenue; Egypt; Highland Heights; Memphis First; Raleigh; Temple; Union Avenue
- Stone—Monterey
- Sweetwater—Sweetwater, First
- Tennessee Valley—Dayton; Spring City First
- Watauga—Siam
- Weakley—Central, Martin

Girls' Auxiliary

- Beech River—Parsons, Jr.
- Beulah—Ridgely, Jr.; Union City, Jr. and Int.
- Big Emory—Walnut Hill, Jr. and Int.
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- Lawrence—Lawrenceburg, Int.
- Madison—Parksburg, Jr.; Parkview, Jr. and Int.; Westover, Int.

- Maury—Rock Springs
- McMinn—Etowah First, Int.
- Nashville—Goodlettsville, Jr. and Int.; Harsh Chapel, Jr. and Int.; Judson, Jr.; Old Hickory, Int.; Park Ave. Jr. and Int.; Woodbine, Int.
- New Duck River—Cornersville; Lewisburg, Int.
- New Salem—Brush Creek; Carthage, Jr. and Int.
- Nolochucky—Bible Chapel; Morristown First, Jr. and Int.

- Polk—Mine City, Jr.
- Providence—First Ave.
- Shelby—Central Ave., Jr. and Int.; Colliersville, Jr.; Highland Heights, Int.; Lamar Heights, Jr. and Int.; Shirley Park, Int.; Temple, Jr.; Trinity, Jr.; Union Ave., Jr.
- Stone—Cookeville First, Jr.; Monterey, Jr. and Int.; West View, Jr.
- Stewart—Dover, Jr.
- Sweetwater—Sweetwater First, Jr. and Int.
- Tennessee Valley—Dayton, Jr.; Spring City First, Jr. and Int.
- Watauga—Roan Mt., Jr.
- Weakley—Martin Central, Jr. and Int.
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Evangelistic Crusade Beginning

March 25-April 8

Mark the calendar for these two weeks and give them Holy to the Lord and your church. The Visitation Committee of your Brotherhood should visit ever afternoon from five until seven. Every member of the Brotherhood should be on the Evangelistic Committee for this period of time.

Brotherhood Convention

The Brotherhood Convention has been held on Monday afternoon and night preceding the State Baptist Convention each year since its beginning in the state of Tennessee. This does not give the proper emphasis and time for our Convention. Beginning this year, the Brotherhood will have its Convention at a different time than the State Convention is held. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this meeting.

Time: June 1-2-3—Place: Camp Linden

Layman's Day in the Church

When: October 14

It is hoped that every pastor in our state will use this day to challenge the men of his church to greater efforts in the promotion of the Kingdom's work. Observe it in every church.

Ridgecrest Brotherhood Week

When: August 16-22—Where: Ridgecrest, N. C.

In 1950 the only state having more men to register at Brotherhood week at Ridgecrest than the state of Tennessee was South Carolina. Men let's beat South Carolina in attendance this year. Be sure to have at least one man to attend from your Brotherhood.



HARVEY T. GIBSON New Adult Worker



Training Union Department
Sunday School Board

We are very happy to announce to all of our Baptist people that Harvey T. Gibson of Raleigh, North Carolina, is the new director of Adult work in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He succeeds John H. Jeffers, who is now the pastor of First Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama.

Mr. Gibson is a native of South Carolina. He was graduated from Greenville Baptist Academy in 1924, and from Furman University with the A.B. degree in 1928. He holds the M.A. degree in English from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 1934. He also did some work on his doctorate at Duke in 1938 and '39.

Mr. Gibson was the teacher of English in Simpsonville High School in South Carolina from 1928 through 1931. He was principal of that school from 1929 to 1931. He taught English in the Durham, North Carolina, high school from 1931 to 1938.

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Following that he was English teacher in North Carolina State College in Raleigh from 1939 to 1944.

Mr. Gibson has had a rich experience in Training Union work as a worker in the churches of which he has been a member and as Training Union secretary of North Carolina from 1944 to 1951.

Mrs. Gibson is an accomplished musician, having taught music in the grammar grades in Springfield, South Carolina; West Columbia, South Carolina; and in Raleigh, North Carolina. This fine couple have two children, Taylor Gibson, age 3½, and Betty Gibson, age 2.

The Baptist workers throughout the South are receiving Mr. Gibson enthusiastically in his new work.

The Adult work of the Training Union is making phenomenal progress. Mr. Gibson comes into the leadership of this work in the day of its greatest opportunity. We predict a great future for the Adult work and for Mr. Gibson in this challenging field of service.

—J. E. Lambdin

PORTER ROUTH Reports

Baptist Highlights

... Northern Baptists reported a membership of 1,561,073 for 1950, a gain of 1,469 during the year. They reported 60,763 baptisms, a gain of 1,634 over the preceding year, and Sunday school enrolment of 937,472, a gain of 2,687.

... American Airlines will sponsor a special trip to Mexico City in connection with a trip to San Francisco for the Southern Baptist Convention in June. In connection with Delta, American goes from nearly all major Southern cities.

... Three new books for evangelism in the Training Union series have now come from the Broadman Press. Dr. Charles E. Matthews is the author of "Every Christian's Job," for Young People and Adults; Frank Burkhalter has prepared "Intermediate Fishers," and Mrs. Clifton J. Allen has prepared a book to assist Juniors, "Jesus Saves."

... Sam M. Smith, Connie Maxwell Children's Home, South Carolina, has been elected president of the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children. The 1952 meeting will be Feb. 5-7, in Louisville, Kentucky.

... The New Orleans Baptist Seminary has dedicated the new Eastland Apartments.

... Golden Gate Seminary now reports 205 students.

... The Second Quarter issue of *The Quarterly Review* will contain a copy of

all actions taken by the Southern Baptist Convention since 1845 having to do with other denominations. Copies may be ordered from the Sunday School Board.

In the World of Religion

... The President's Committee on Religion and Welfare in the Armed Forces will be dissolved February 26.

... Efforts may be made to locate the headquarters of the National Council of Churches in Indianapolis.

... The 500 Roman Catholic publications in the U. S. will observe Press Month in February. They report total circulation of more than 15 million.

... A survey in Wilmington, Del., indicates that only 51.3 per cent of the seating capacity of all churches was being utilized.

... The Joint Department of Stewardship of the National Council of Churches reports that 53 denominations in the U. S. reported total gifts of \$1,137,554,266 during 1949.

... The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York has announced a second \$25 million building program expected to be completed in 1952. The first program was started in 1947 and is now about completed.

... The World Council of Christian Education now reports 37,387,384 enrolled in Sunday school in 150 countries.

... The 1950 Norwegian census shows that the number of members outside the State Lutheran Church has climbed 33 per cent in the past 20 years. Largest gains have been made by Pentecostals, Roman Catholics, Free Lutherans and Baptists.

... Dr. Henry Allan Ironside, former Moody church pastor, died in New Zealand.

Facts of Interest

... Accidents took the lives of 89,000 in 1950.

... The consumers price index reached 178.4 on December 15, an all time high.

... Publishers Weekly reports 11,022 new books and editions in 1950. The new book total was 8,634.

... American colleges reached a new record by awarding nearly 500,000 degrees in 1949, 17.9 per cent more than the 1948-49 period.

... The 3,700,000 babies born in 1950 have a greater chance of surviving than those of any previous year. Infant mortality rate has dropped to 29 per 1,000.

... A total of 1,405,989 marriage licenses were issued for the first 10 months of 1950, compared with 1,347,085 in 1949.

... And despite increased taxes, Americans will still be "well heeled." Shoe manufacturers estimate 412,000,000 rubber heels will be produced in the U. S. in 1951.

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

FEBRUARY 4, 1951

Church	Sunday Training Additions		Church	Sunday Training Additions	
	School	Union		School	Union
Alamo	197	70	Jamestown, First	201	57
Athens, Antioch	83	35	Jefferson City, First	543	298
East	367	175	Kingsport, First	761	218
First	577	267	Fort Robinson	104	88
West End Mission	68	66	Glenwood	305	125
Coghill	46	38	Lynn Garden	416	124
Cotton Port	84	69	Knoxville, Alice Bell	108	41
Eastanalle	46	20	Bell Avenue	823	398
Englewood	110	25	Broadway	1270	369
Etowah, East	70	—	Fifth Avenue	863	309
Etowah, First	331	81	First	838	145
Etowah, North	258	100	Inskip	456	168
Good Springs	83	53	Lincoln Park	581	214
Idlewild	76	55	Sevier Heights	515	243
Lake View	80	68	Washington Pike	305	97
McMahan Calvary	67	29	LaFollette, East	110	29
Mt. Harmony No. 1	87	43	First	281	108
New Hope	55	47	Mission	57	24
New Zion	57	54	Lebanon, Rocky Grove	18	—
Niota, East	134	48	Lenoir City, First	374	148
Niota, First	138	45	Kingston Pike	33	—
Riceville	102	47	Nelson Street Mission	24	18
Union Grove No. 2	86	42	Lewisburg, First	384	152
Wild Wood	75	42	Lexington, First	207	41
Bemis, Herron Chapel	232	71	Madisonville, Chestnut	62	35
Benton, First	144	75	Maryville, Broadway	400	176
Brighton	152	97	Everett Hills	294	164
Bristol, Calvary	424	146	First	688	238
Brownsville, First	331	121	Maynardville	85	14
Camden, First	147	57	Medina, Latham's Chapel	57	27
Chattanooga, Avondale	534	205	Memphis, Bellevue	2120	—
Brainerd	481	193	Boulevard	605	194
Concord	259	104	Central Avenue	657	227
First	1075	352	Elliston Avenue	128	39
Red Bank	716	335	Gillespie Avenue	221	72
Ridgeview	244	124	Highland Heights	948	456
Signal Mountain	72	41	Kennedy	160	80
Soddy, Oak Street	159	86	LaBelle	575	186
White Oak	323	—	Levi	136	92
Woodland Heights	96	—	Barton Heights	97	63
Clarksville, First	279	135	Parkway	389	150
Cleveland, Big Spring	255	159	Sylvan Heights	177	100
Calvary	165	93	Temple	1010	276
North	154	78	Union Avenue	823	210
Clinton, First	392	105	Millington	199	126
Norris	48	21	Monterey, First	211	77
Columbia, First	259	98	Morristown, First	528	152
Second	125	80	Buffalo Trall	80	38
Corryton, Fairview	155	84	Northside	21	—
Crossville, Haley's Grove	85	22	Murfreesboro, First	393	107
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	145	131	Nashville, Eastland	268	—
First	550	297	Inglewood	362	87
Elizabethton, Immanuel	177	81	Lockeland	275	95
Oak Street	137	98	North End	93	59
Slam	202	168	Shelby Avenue	194	69
Fountain City, Central	870	202	Oak Ridge, First	604	92
Hines Valley Mission	29	—	Glenwood	352	142
Smithwood	498	220	Robertsville	347	86
Harriman, South	265	120	Philadelphia	208	47
Trenton Street	402	164	Rockwood, First	319	158
Walnut Hill	286	100	Rutledge	88	31
Hohenwald, First	99	55	Spencer	48	33
Humboldt, First	431	97	Tullahoma, First	198	59
Jackson, Calvary	392	148	Highland	89	75
First	603	140	Union City, First	947	228
North	204	95	Winchester, First	176	63
West	614	230			

N. C. Baptists Raise \$386,000 For Hospital Addition

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—(RNS)—Baptist churches of North Carolina have contributed \$386,000 toward a 150-bed addition to the Baptist Hospital here, the Rev. J. Roy Clifford, chairman of the hospital's board of trustees, announced at a board meeting.

Mr. Clifford said the amount raised was more than half the total needed to complete the project, work on which is expected to begin around March 15.

Special contributions were made necessary after the Baptist State Convention rejected \$697,356 in government funds for the project on the grounds that acceptance of the money would be a violation of the principle of Church-State separation. The Convention decided to raise the amount through contributions from Baptists of the state.

Someone has well said, "For 2000 years 'practical' men have rejected Christ's way of life as 'impractical, visionary, too idealistic.' Why not try His way now? It couldn't be more costly." Korea is an example. Plan to cooperate in Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade March 25-April 8.

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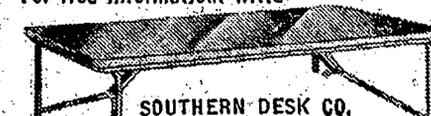
U. S. Army Chief of Chaplains Visits Southwestern Seminary

Major General Roy H. Parker, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., was chapel speaker at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Feb. 16.

Chaplain Parker has served as post chaplain at points in Texas, New York, Kansas, Georgia and New Jersey. In addition, he has served with the Armed Forces in the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, North Africa, and Japan. He is a native of Missouri and holds the B.A. and D.D. degrees from William Jewell College.

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Liquor Sponsors Motion Picture Attacking Temperance, Prohibition

Facts Expose "Temperance and Tolerance Association"

An extraordinary scheme financed by liquor and beer associations and supported by liquor stores and saloons is under way throughout the country, obviously intended to mislead church people and even to bribe their attention by offering to pay churches for individual showings of a cleverly-made and expensively prepared 52-minute-long motion picture, sententiously called "The Truth Shall Make You Free."

The film pretends to epitomize America's dealing with the alcohol problem through the past century. Its atmosphere, redolent with religious and moral purpose, close-ups of everyday American life, sensational flashes of gangsterism in National Prohibition years, affecting to visualize the "failure" of the Temperance Movement to stop drinking or dissipation—but chiefly its shrewd suppression of the size, the political and social menace of the legalized liquor power, make the film a complete distortion of the truth.

In appearance it seems to the uninformed a veracious historical picture. This motion picture, sponsored and paid for by the liquor crowd is advertised as the initial project of the "Temperance and Tolerance Assn."

The "Association's" headquarters are in Lincoln, Nebraska. It is advertised as the brain-child of one Mrs. Ida M. Thurber, who, it is claimed, is its "founder."

Mrs. Thurber is described as a "former WCTU leader of many years' standing." But a WCTU investigation reveals that the claim is false. An exhaustive search of records in Nebraska and in Arkansas where the "T. and T. Assn." figured conspicuously in an anti-prohibition campaign last Fall, fails to reveal any evidence of Mrs. Thurber's former temperance "leadership."

So far as learned, membership in the "T. and T. Assn." is for the most part made up of members of the liquor trade who have been directed to get behind the "Assn." and the motion picture by their trade spokesmen.

A letter from the Nebraska Beer Retailers' Assn. over the signatures of Steve Wayerman, "President," and Harry Schwid, "Secretary," says:

"The Temperance and Tolerance Association of America . . . is dedicated to the promotion of true temperance and moderation in the use of alcoholic beverages . . ." and "is opposed to statutory Prohibition, whether local, state or national . . . It has the active endorsement of all phases of the brewing industry including brewers, wholesalers, and union leaders. It is our judgment that if we provide the tools, the association will go a long way in removing the constant threat of national prohibition."

The Wisconsin Beverage News, the voice of beer makers and brewery workers in that state, urges that all leaders of the alcohol beverage industry join the association. It says:

"The T. and T. Assn. should be welcomed and supported by everyone in the alcoholic beverage industry . . . Membership in the T. and T. Assn. is only one dollar . . . and should be supported by everybody in the business. These contributions will be used to engage liberals drawn from the pulpits of this country and other organizations who are able and competent to challenge the claim that Prohibition is the answer to the problem . . . These dollar bills needed for this campaign, is the most reasonable insurance policy that you can buy to defeat your biggest enemy, Prohibition . . . The Wisconsin Tavern Keepers Association and the International Brewery Workers Union have already endorsed this movement . . ."

The above evidences the latest twist of wet propaganda.

The wet film, "The Truth Shall Make You Free," we are informed, cost the liquor men \$65,000 to make.

The Annie Armstrong Offering

by J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

"There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God."

We come to the March Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering with the anxious hope in our hearts that this offering will open up the floodgates and send the healing waters to the thirsty land in all our home mission fields.

Our needs have never been greater, our opportunities never more abundant. Home mission fields are wasting with an overripe harvest. The whole land groans with its burden of lost souls. Our missionaries are thronged by thirsty hearts seeking the water of life. They have never been more successful than now in leading lost men to Christ. We only need adequate support to evangelize the homeland and lead a sin-stricken host to Christ, who giveth the water of life freely to all who come to him.

A continuance of our work on its present basis, not to mention the possibility of enlargement, depends upon the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Our receipts from the Cooperative Program for this Convention year are fixed by the Southern Baptist Convention. We will receive \$640,000.00 out of the first four and one-half million raised. This is for current work. We will receive \$330,000.00 out of the next two and one-half million raised. This is for capital needs. After that we will not receive any more money from the Cooperative Program, no matter how much Southern Baptists give. The Annie Armstrong Offering is absolutely necessary to the continuance of our mission work as now projected.

Urges Churches to Speed Construction Work

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—(RNS)—Churches with building plans under way should start construction work as rapidly as possible, W. A. Harrell, secretary of the department of architecture of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said here.

He warned that a possible tightening of National Production Authority priorities, rising costs and scarcities of materials "raise a serious doubt" for church building programs beyond the next few months. Mr. Harrell spoke at a State Baptist Sunday School Clinic here.

"So far," he said, "churches are in the clear under National Production Authority provisions for religious and educational buildings," but "whether those provisions will be tightened as they were in World War II we don't know."

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I appeal to our women to hear the cry of the lost who need the healing waters of the river of life. It means so much to our work that I cannot refrain from urging with all my soul that every society, group, and individual give to this offering more than they have ever given before. We must supplement the receipts from the Cooperative Program for current work in order to keep our missionaries in the field. The Annie Armstrong Offering is our only hope.

And I would add as an incentive to give, the fact that the missionaries of the Home Mission Board reported last year, one conversion for every \$34.97 given to the current work of the Home Mission Board, including the overhead operating expense of the Board. The \$605,000.00 allocated for current work in the goal of the Annie Armstrong Offering will give an opportunity to 17,300 people to accept Christ. When you think of giving in the terms of souls saved, then it becomes a living thing; it integrates itself into the kingdom of God and becomes a vital element in the progress of the kingdom.

And let me say that the amount allocated for the building of chapels, repairing of mission property, and the building of homes for the missionaries is also a vital part of the mission work of the Board. Missionaries must have equipment; they must have a place to live; there must be a place for worship. These things are essential to the progress of the kingdom, and the Annie Armstrong offering is helping to provide these things.

Make strong and full the river of God's blessings by the tides of your giving to the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Dr. Cornett, Executive-Secretary, Southern Baptist Education Commission, Begins Duties

Dr. R. Orin Cornett undertook his duties and heavy responsibilities as Executive-Secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention on February 1. His office will be in the Sunday School Board Building in Nashville. All communications regarding the work of the Education Commission should be sent to the new office. Since the work of the Executive-Secretary will include the editorial management of *The Educator*, all manuscripts should be mailed to the new office. All news releases from our seminaries, colleges and universities, junior colleges and academies should be directed to Dr. Cornett. The office of the Chairman of the Commission has served for twenty years as the clearing house for educational information, and the Chairman, Dr. C. D. Johnson, has served as editor of the monthly educational journal and other Christian education publications through these years. These functions will be transferred from the office at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, to the new location. *The Educator* will be published in Nashville. For several years the work of the Education Commission has grown in volume and in importance so that a full-time secretary is required to carry on the work. The recommendation of Dr. C. D. Johnson, who remains Chairman of the Commission, was unanimously adopted by the Commission and voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The background of our new Executive-Secretary consists of a worthy list of educational achievements and professional successes.

Dr. Cornett was born on November 14, 1913, at Driftwood, Oklahoma. After graduating from the Shawnee High School, he registered in Oklahoma Baptist University for freshman work, and in record time received the Bachelor of Science degree. The Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma and the Ph.D. degree from the University constitute the admirable academic record of Dr. Cornett.

Dr. Cornett's professional positions have included instructor, associate professor, and professor at Oklahoma Baptist University, assistant supervisor of physics, Pennsylvania State Engineering Science Management War Training Program, 1941-1942. His duties included visiting and supervising instruction in 156 different centers, and preparation of textbook materials, employment, and counselling of instructors. Dr. Cornett was lecturer on electronics, Graduate School of Communication Engineering, Harvard University, 1942-45. Concurrently, he is senior lecturer in Officers Training Course (pre-radar), group leader, and special research associate, Division 13, Office of Scientific Research and Development, United States Government.

Dr. Cornett was assistant to President, Oklahoma Baptist University, 1945-46, in-

cluding responsibility for academic leadership and general on-campus administration. He has been Vice-President, 1946-50, and is giving up his position as Executive Vice-President to go to the new position in Nashville. Dr. Cornett's publications include: *Practical Physics* (co-author), McGraw-Hill, 1943; *Algebra: A Second Course*, McGraw-Hill, 1945; *Electronic Circuits and Tubes* (co-author), McGraw-Hill, 1947; and various items in educational and scientific journals. His technical specialties are electronics, musical acoustics, and astronomy. Dr. Cornett is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in American Education*, and *American Men of Science*.

Dr. Cornett is a Baptist deacon, a choir member, a Sunday school teacher, and a speaker on Christian education and on the relation between science and religion. He has been a member of the Education Commission since June, 1950, and has entered actively into the constructive work of the commission. Since his election early in December of last year, he has made a special study of the needs of our Baptist colleges and schools and is ready to dedicate his whole life to the great work which he envisions.

Dr. Nolan Howington, popular sociology professor at Carson-Newman college, has accepted the pastorate of South Knoxville church. He will serve as interim pastor until the close of the spring semester at Carson-Newman, after which he will assume full-time duties at the church.

Our Faith

Arouse! Arouse! our dormant faith
To deeds as yet undone
That we put on the armour
To thwart the evil one.

Too long have we been wavering
At the task so truly ours
As given by our Lord and Saviour
In His last earthly hours.

Many souls are awaiting
For a friendly word or deed
When given in His holy name
Will bring forth precious seed.

Now as we pray and work
In the month that is in store
May our faith be as great
As those who went before.

We thank you dear Father
For the ones who paved the way
That we may follow after
In this our glorious day.

Aroused to higher, nobler deeds
May God's work of fifty-one
Be in living, doing faith
And many sinners won.

—MRS. J. A. MAPLES
2542 4th Ave. Cts.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Protest Sunday As Civil Defense Day

SAGINAW, Mich.—(RNS)—A protest against the designation of Sunday, April 15, as "Michigan Civil Defense Day," was made by the Saginaw Ministerial Association.

"The choice of a Sunday for a large-scale testing of the state's defenses is altogether out of place," declared Dr. Don A. Morris, association president, in a letter to Gov. G. Mennen Williams.

An "enemy" air raid on Detroit and a mock bombing of the famed "Soo" locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., are among the tests scheduled.

Dr. Morris said the tests would have a tendency to detract from regular Sunday church attendance.

"Any defense test on the Sabbath would prove little," he said, "because any enemy bombing would be done on a weekday, when Michigan's vast army of industrial workers would be at their benches in the plants."

Dr. Morris said the association "feels that the first line of defense of our nation lies in holding the sacredness of the Sabbath day."

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Webster of Richard City a son, Paul Riley, January 26.

Mission Conference Scheduled

Six hundred high school, college and seminary students are expected to register for the annual Mission Volunteer Fellowship Conference to be held at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Feb. 23-24.

This conference, sponsored by the Seminary Mission Band, is for home and foreign mission volunteers and others interested in missions.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, Samuel E. Maddox, Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, and Dr. George W. Sadler of the Foreign Mission Board will be present to council with students. Returned missionaries will be on the program.

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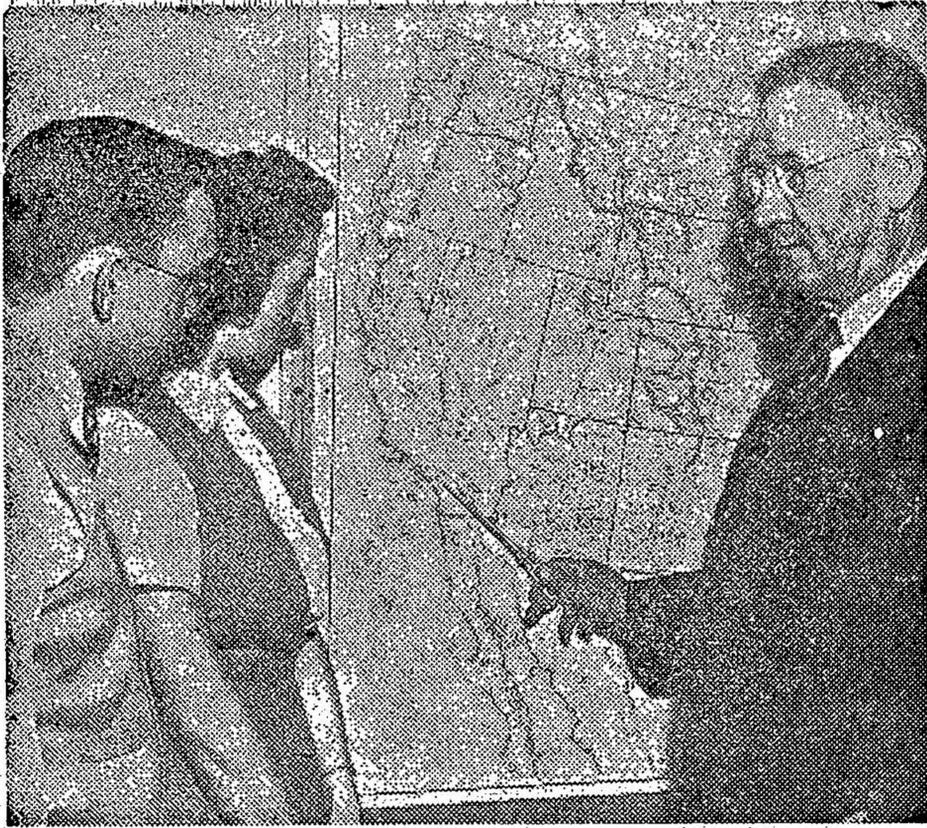
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CALIFORNIA IS a land of golden opportunity for Christian workers, Dr. S. F. Dowis, right, of the Home Mission Board, tells Southern Seminary couple, Rev. and Mrs. Lester T. Marsh, Lively, Va., on a visit recently to the Seminary campus.

LOUISVILLE, KY., January 29.—For Christians willing to do pioneer work, California offers unparalleled opportunities for service, Dr. S. F. Dowis, of the Home Mission Board, said in conferences with Southern Seminary students here recently.

With a population of 10,500,000, the state has only 2,500,000 residents with any religious affiliation whatever, Dr. Dowis said, including Catholic, Protestant and Oriental religions.

Warning of hardship incident to establishing new churches, Dr. Dowis said, "You will have to scratch ground, dig out the rocks and plant the roots, but then you will see your work sprout and grow."

Although established churches are still comparatively few in the West, the people are responding in large numbers to Christian leadership, he said. The average mission becomes a self-supporting church within a year to eighteen months of its establishment, he said.

For some time now the Home Mission Board has been enlisting college and seminary students to work during the summer under the Board's direction. Between 300 and 350 students will be sent out for work during the summer, principally to Western states, Dr. Dowis said.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan. 29.—Rural pastors and missionaries from ten states of the Southern Baptist Convention will be invited to attend a Rural Life Leadership conference here at Southern Seminary May 14-17. The conference will be sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Board and Southern Seminary and will feature Bible study, preaching, and addresses and forums on rural life and rural church problems.

Approximately 250 persons from the

states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois are expected to attend. Rooms will be provided by the Seminary and meals will be available in the Seminary cafeteria.

Carson-Newman Professor and Student Honored

Dr. Carl T. Bahner, well-known professor of chemistry at Carson-Newman college was honored recently by being elected president of the Tennessee Academy of Science for the year 1951, during the meeting held at East Tennessee State college in Johnson City. Dr. Samuel Myers of the University of Tennessee is the outgoing president.

Pete Neblett, outstanding science student at Carson-Newman was elected the first state president of the newly organized college division of the organization. Since his election, Pete has already traveled to Memphis for an interview with Dr. Arlo I. Smith of Southwestern concerning organization setup for the coming year.

The college division is an auxiliary organization made up of science and biology club members. Pete's home is at Morristown.

The Bright Side

If we noticed little pleasures
As we notice little pains,
If we quite forgot our losses
And remembered all our gains,
If we looked for people's virtues
And their faults refused to see,
What a comfortable, happy,
Cheerful place this world would be.
—From *The Days of Our Life*.

Every Baptist A Tither

An Open Letter to the Program Committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention

At a recent State Evangelistic Conference held in Nashville, a poll was taken, through uplifted hands of the number present, who pastored churches in rural areas, or in towns of less than 2500 in population. It was quite obvious that a large majority of those present were from the rural areas. Some have felt that the programs of our state meetings were not participated in by the pastors from the rural section of the state, on a par with the pastors from the larger churches. Perhaps we have been overlooking the rural pastors, small-town pastors, and the associational missionaries in planning our state programs.

I would like to suggest to the program committee of the State Convention to place emphasis upon the importance of our rural churches, rural pastors and associational missionaries for the next meeting of the State Convention. I believe that such will be a blessing to all of our people, and to our work in general.

It would be an inspiration to everyone of us to have one of our fine associational missionaries to give a keynote address in Chattanooga next fall, and it would be an inspiration to have one of our fine rural pastors to fill some prominent place on the program. It would prove a benediction to us all to have these brethren from the rural areas to read the Scripture and to lead in prayer at the beginning of the different sessions.

I trust that our program committee may be impressed, as I have been, to give increasing consideration to this large and blessed group in our Tennessee Baptist constituency.

Yours for a great Convention in Chattanooga next November.

J. HAROLD STEPHENS