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G A I N S

Evangelism continues its gains in reports from 27,788 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention with each previous year's all-time record surpassed:

1946-253,361 Baptisms

1947-285,152 Baptisms

1948-310,226 Baptisms

1949-334,862 Baptisms

1950-376,085 Baptisms

Other 1950 gains: In Sunday school enrolment, 380,903; in Training Union enrolment, 205,757; in Sunday school study course awards, 65,127; in Training Union awards, 58,147; new church libraries, 215; in churches reporting services every Sunday, (over 1933 report) gain of 10,871.

From the Editor's Desk

Caesar's Share, And God's

The obligations of citizenship are to be paid. Jesus said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's;" but at the same time he reminded of the obligation we owe to the Lord, "and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). Part of the duties of citizenship must be met in the payment of taxes. The danger lies in that the increasing load of taxation tempts people to forget or ignore the obligations to God—the obligation to Caesar, being as it is on the basis of compulsion while God sends no income tax collectors after us.

Just take a look at the federal budget for the fiscal year 1952 (July 1, 1951—June 30, 1952) amounting to \$71.6 billion of which \$41.4 billion or 58% will be required for military services (more for the military than since 1946.)

On the basis of present tax laws, \$55.1 billion are anticipated as income, leaving a deficit of \$16.5 billion unless taxes are increased or expenditures reduced somewhere. Direct taxes on individuals bring the largest income and are expected to be \$24.5 billion (44%) of the total. Taxes on corporations come second, \$19.6 billion or 36%, while excise taxes produce \$8.2 or 15%, of which \$2.5 billion will be taxes on liquor.

This means that in 1952 each man, woman and child will pay \$461 in federal taxes. And 58% of these payments or \$267 will be required for military services.

Now take note of what goes to God's cause. The Golden Rule Foundation points to the fact that, "the members of 48 Protestant denominations whose records are compiled annually by the United Stewardship Council, in 1950 averaged for all purposes \$30.58 per capita (voluntary contributions for benevolences). This average will not hold good for the entire population, since many millions are not identified with any religious body. The best estimate of benevolent per capita giving of living donors for our entire population is \$23.33."

What a contrast between Caesar's share and God's! When it comes down to actual figures on how we Americans are rendering to Caesar and rendering to God, Caesar comes out with \$461 and God with \$23.33! And of this \$461 to Caesar, \$267 goes for military services. And it should be noted that Americans pay in taxes on liquor alone (not the cost of the liquor but tax only) more than is given for the support of all churches and synagogues combined. Let us hope however we here contrast two entirely different groups of people. But all Americans will spend in 1952 for military purposes ten times what they are giving for church and charity while fully twenty times those gifts are paid in federal taxes, as the Golden Rule Foundation reminds us, and then asks, "Is this the way American citizens desire to lay the economic base for their future welfare?"

A Lantern in Her Hand

Hanging from a nail on the wall of the pastor's study in the Baptist Church at Franklin, Tennessee, a small lantern blackened with age attracted our attention. The wire loop handle covered with cord was worn through much usage. Behind this little eight-inch lantern my eye fell upon a small framed placard carrying a typed message now faded with time: "This lantern was used 50 years ago by Mrs. S. F. Begbie to light her way to and from the Baptist Church. There were no sidewalks nor street lights in Franklin."

Looking at that little relic of a day long gone by, and of the dark nights when it was brightening the way that led to the Lord's house, I tried to visualize Mrs. Begbie the faithful church member witnessing with her lantern in her hand. So many church members these Sunday nights and Wednesday nights are going here and there, but we wonder how much light they carry with them. We wonder how long after they are gone any impression will remain upon the next generation that they made their way to the Lord's house despite the hindrances that prevailed.

Reflections



"Some people use religion like a bus. They ride on it only when it is going their way."
Phi Delta Kappan

"Don't worry about finding your station in life; somebody will be sure to tell you where to get off."

"Don't let your pride get inflated—you may have to swallow it some day."—Harry W. Newton

Those who hope for no other life are dead even in this.

—Johann von Goethe

"Ours is an age which is proud of machines that think and suspicious of any man who tries to."—Howard Mumford Jones of Harvard

The reason they call our language the Mother Tongue is because Father so seldom gets a chance to use it. *American Farm Youth*

It doesn't appeal to my sense of fitness or humor to hear and see a small boy stick his toy revolver in the stomach of an adult and yell, "Stick 'em up!" I just don't like that. And I don't like the programs that inspire it. Angelo Patri

A wealthy old gentleman seeking to create an enduring memorial built a fine church for his community. "It is lovely" a daughter exclaimed, when finally the structure was completed. "But, Father, there are no lamps." "That is the way I planned it," the old man smiled. "Each family will be provided a small bronze lamp. They are to bring it with them and attach it to the pew. If they are faithful in attendance there will never be dark places in this little church." *Conquest*



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We Must Arm Ourselves With Spiritual Readiness

"Have I seen the end of the world?" was the question of F. Edward Herbert, Louisiana congressman, as he viewed the latest atomic bomb test at Eniwetok Atoll.

"I wonder, God, are we playing with things that belong only to YOU? Did I see a preview of the destruction of civilization?" the congressman mused. Witnessing the explosion at a distance of many miles through glasses so dark the sun appeared as a dim red orb, yet the brilliance of the blast dazzled him and the heat burned his face, representative Herbert said, "I stood at the gates of Hell and looked into eternity."

This was the reaction of one of our congressmen as he saw the latest "test shot" of atomic power and gazed on the hopeless desolation the bomb brought to the atoll in the Pacific.

Are men playing with things that belong only to God?

This was the question not only of this American congressman. He was simply echoing an American general also witnessing this latest atomic bomb test, "It looks as though we are playing with things that belong only to God."

The fact of the end of the world should be soberly pondered. The question of whether or not men are playing with what belongs only to God ought to give pause to men in their plans.

There is an end to this world. Christians count on it because the Word of God foretells it. Our hopes are not shut up to this world. In fact they center in One who creates a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. The awed questions roused by viewing the latest display of atomic power only serve the child of God to underline the truth of God's Book:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? But according to his promise we look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Are we getting a preview of the end of the world as atomic bombs become increasingly more fearful?

Whatever may lie ahead in the time that

remains, of one thing we can be sure—nothing that men can do can take God by surprise. He is Sovereign and his purpose and provision in Jesus Christ are secure.

We of today must arm ourselves with the same spiritual readiness possessed by the faithful of all the generations that have hoped in Christ, obeying the admonition of II Peter 3:14: *"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight."*



The Ten Books Most Helpful to You

The reading of good books is still an enriching experience and even with all the competition of radio, movies and television it's still being done. We hope the time will never come when we read less. We hope in fact that we can read more, and with more discrimination.

What are the most helpful books that you have read? We can assist one another by sharing our experience in reading. It might be beneficial to publish a few lists of *"Ten Books Most Helpful to Me,"* by taking a poll among the readers of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. We shall be glad to hear from you who may be interested in submitting your list. We want to hear from pulpit and pew—teachers, doctors, lawyers, architects, salesmen, housewives, parents, stenographers, farmers—various lines of work. What do you read? What have you read that you would like to suggest that others read?

We will take it for granted that coming ahead of and not included in such a list would be the Bible. It has a place all to itself and is not to be considered on a level with any list of books. It has its own rating above and beyond all works of men. Therefore we are asking that you, as you list your books, keep this in mind and give us the ten books in addition to the Bible which have been the most important to you. "What gets your attention, gets you." What are those books then? Name them for us.

Communism, Democracy And Catholic Power

That Catholics are disturbed over the impact of Mr. Paul Blanshard's recent book, "Communism, Democracy and Catholic Power" is putting it softly. Former Postmaster General James A. Farley addressing a communion breakfast for department store employees in New York city the other morning referred to Blanshard's book as marking a "resurgence in anti-Catholic feeling," according to Religious News Service, which stated that Mr. Farley observed that while "hostility" toward Roman Catholics in the past was "usually associated with backward areas and backward people," it is now "found in pseudo-intellectual circles," with Paul Blanshard as a spokesman.

"The vast majority of our fellow Americans are reasonable and unprejudiced men," Mr. Farley said. "They have forever resisted appeals to bigotry. We can be confident in this judgment provided we demonstrate to them historically and by our conduct the value of our ideals."

With this last statement of Mr. Farley, the prominent Catholic layman, we heartily agree. Most of the non-Catholic citizenry in the USA are reasonable, unprejudiced men who have resisted appeals to bigotry. But being reasonable men average citizens will not dismiss Mr. Blanshard's book as an appeal to bigotry. The blasts against this book recently issuing from the Catholic hierarchy will not demonstrate to non-Catholics the value of Catholic ideals.

What Worries Most

Town Meeting of the Air radio program recently sought to find just what gives people most concern. Five thousand replies to, "What worries you most at the present time?" were analyzed by the psychological consultant, Dr. Ernest Dichter, with the result that it was not worry about economic security or concern over the rise of "dangerous" political systems or fretting over loss of liberty or worry over "imminence of war" that showed up as the main worry. It was, strange as some people might regard it, quite another thing that really occasioned worry. It was the lack of faith and the sense of moral and ethical security and lack of adequate moral leadership, causing the most worry as revealed by 62 per cent of the responses. Much smaller percentages gave as their main worry, economic concern.

More than being worried about economic life, people are worried about what life itself means. What a summons this is for the man of God to faithfully proclaim the Word of God! Far more than concern for temporal security people are disturbed because they lack a sense of the meaning of life that will give them inner poise and power, priceless possessions which cannot be known apart from right relationship to God.

W. M. U. Convention in San Francisco

by MARY NORTHINGTON

On Tuesday evening, June 12, Mrs. C. D. Creasman and your secretary started on the journey to San Francisco, via Chicago. A day was spent in the "Windy City" where most of the hours were passed happily in Moody Bible Institute where we had lunch and viewed the many activities of this school.

Two nights and two days we were on the Vista Dometrain. Most of the daylight hours were spent in the dome, glassed in on top of the train. No words of mine could describe the beauties of the canyons, the Rocky Mountains covered with snow, the great prairies, even the deserts were enjoyed as we were riding in an air conditioned train! At Oakland the train stopped at the ferry, so all enjoyed a boat trip across the bay before reaching San Francisco. Mrs. Sam Holloway, my roommate, was ready to receive me at W. M. U. Headquarters, Hotel Whitcomb.

Saturday was spent in committee meetings. At nine o'clock the W. M. U. secretaries met in conference. At eleven, I was on the Week of Prayer for World-wide Mission committee meeting. What a joy it was to meet with Dr. Rankin and to discuss how best to use our "over and above." The W. M. U. gave over \$2,200,000 in the Lottie Moon Offering. Plans were made for the observance next December.

A beautiful luncheon at the hotel was given, honoring Miss Littlejohn who is retiring as president of the W. M. U. Training School. Orchids from Hawaii came by air for this luncheon sent by W. M. U. members over there. Each one had a lovely corsage. Your secretary had the privilege of representing all the secretaries in a brief word at the luncheon. Miss Doris DeVault, now of Arkansas, represented the young people's leaders.

The afternoon was spent in the Executive Meeting. Mrs. M. K. Cobble, our new president, was introduced. This is where all the plans are made for our advance program.

On Sunday we visited two of our small Baptist churches, Colma church with only eleven members welcomed us most cordially. In this small group was a couple formerly from Bellevue. She was Jackie McCutcheon, a niece of the W. M. U. secretary of California, Mrs. W. C. Howell, formerly of Alamo. To see her love and enthusiasm, one could share her faith in the future for her church. The evening service we attended at the Bay View church where Will Ed Langford is pastor. He was once pastor at Erin. The church of 135 members has given 35 to army service. The beautiful little church was packed to hear a sermon in music, using the Sunday school lessons of the last quarter as the base for the program. Mrs. Langford was in charge of the musical program which was given in an excellent way.

THE W. M. U. CONVENTION

Monday morning at 9:30 a splendid crowd was ready for the opening session of the W. M. U. Convention. Mrs. George Martin, president, called the meeting to order. "Jesus Calls Us" was the opening hymn, Mrs. John Casey, Ariz., led the Bible meditation and prayed. Mrs. Fred McCaulley, president of California W. M. U., brought a warm welcome and presented four nationals dressed in their native costumes, Chinese, Japanese, Philippino and Spanish, Baptist women, who also brought their welcome to this cosmopolitan city.

Miss Alma Hunt presented the report of the Executive Secretary. We now have more than a million members in 56,874 organizations. Tennessee has 66,048 members in 4,224 organizations. We are sixth in organizations and seventh in membership. There are 3,695 full-graded W. M. U. and 173 A-1 Unions. Of these Tennessee has 309 Unions and 15 A-1 Unions. We are fourth in full graded Unions and fifth in A-1 Unions. Total gifts, \$9,637,358.15. Tennessee gave \$674,000.79, which is fourth in gifts. The Lottie Moon offering was \$2,110,019.07. The Annie Armstrong gift to date is \$737,416. Miss Hunt told of how we had dreamed of a new building for our headquarters and how this dream had come true, as we purchased the Fidelity Trust Building.

Mrs. W. J. Cox, our treasurer, was absent for the first time in thirty years. A loving message was sent to her.

Miss Margaret Bruce, Young People's Secretary, reported 40,216 organizations with 447,999 members. Only one tenth of the organizations are A-1, and less than one half observed the Seasons of Prayer. Mr. J. I. Bishop, Royal Ambassador Leader, said that we now have 9,865 R. A. Chapters with 87,584 members. The need is *trained leaders*. Over 200 chapters were disbanded last year. If the leaders had been trained this would not have been true.

Miss Juliette Mather, Editorial Secretary, reported that we now have 362,585 subscriptions to our W. M. U. magazines. Tennessee reached its goal for each of the magazines. Miss Ethel Winfield urged all to be alert in sending in orders for the priced literature, to be accurate and specific.

Tennessee has a right to be proud that all the heads of the departments came from our state. We heard with joy the reports from Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Stewardship Director; Miss Edith Stokely, Community Missions Director; and Mrs. William McMurray, Mission Study Director. Mrs. Creasman said it was right to tithe. There are 315,581 tithers in our membership but two thirds do not tithe. It took six to win one. The might of the tithe would be realized if all Southern Baptists would tithe, \$600,000,000 would be given. In the delight of the tither she said the windows of heaven

would open to all. The ships all tithers would sail would be worship, fellowship, partnership, and joy-ship.

Miss Edith Stokely made the appeal for soul winning in Community Missions. There are 72% of W. M. S. doing Community Missions and 49% young people's organizations. There were 76,231 members doing soul winning, in all there were 412,606 doing directed Community Missions.

Mrs. McMurray presented graphically to us what mission study can do for one. It will broaden our horizons, remove racial prejudices, develop one's prayer life and give an incentive to our giving. We are proud of our Tennesseans who head these departments of our work. A season of prayer refreshed our spirits in the midst of the meeting. Silent prayer, then directed prayer led by our president.

Mrs. Edgar Bates, president of North American Baptist Union, brought a message on "The Larger Fellowship." She gave, in a most interesting way, the history of the Baptist Women of America. In April of this year the Baptist women of this continent organized; the first meeting will be held in April, 1953.

Monday Afternoon

Mrs. J. D. Williamson, of Kansas, led in the afternoon Bible meditation. The plan of work was presented by Miss Hunt. She called our attention to the fact that the Southern Union had changed its year from the calendar year to October-October. The watchword "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29b. The hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Enlistment will be stressed. October 5-10 will be W. M. S. Focus Week.

The Y. W. A. Standard point 8 is changed to read "At least two mission study classes during the year with a minimum of three hours of class work and an average of 50% of members attending the class and reading the textbooks."

Mrs. R. M. Wallis, Illinois, held the Memorial Service. Officers of our Tennessee W. M. U. who were recorded were Miss Margaret Buchanan and Mrs. Eva Hollis.

A Margaret Fund mother, Mrs. Frank Connelly of China, brought a heartfelt "thank you" for standing by her children while they were separated from her. She and her husband were interned two years in China during the last World War. Their two sons and a daughter were in the service and no word came to them during that time. She could only claim the promises of His care.

Next year we will have Betty Jean McCormick in one of our Tennessee Baptist hospitals. Her parents served in Africa and are now in Hawaii as missionaries.

Mrs. Dan Redd of Oklahoma stated that March 3-7 would be the dates for the Home Mission Season of Prayer. The theme "They Do Not Know," the goal is \$900,000.00.

Again we stopped for a season of prayer and penitence led by Mrs. Martin. Mrs. B. I. Carpenter of Ketchikan, Alaska, a mis-

sionary under the Home Mission Board, told of the six churches and three missions we now have in that last frontier.

Miss Darlene Hall, home missionary, located in the International Center, Berkeley, Calif., thanks us for buying the city with our Annie Armstrong offering. How well we felt repaid when we saw and heard the Japanese children from the Sunday school, and then we heard the students from the University of California at Berkeley tell of their experiences at this Center. Over 200 students from 40 countries visit this Center. They are taught English there but they also are introduced to the Lord in a way they have never known. A Chinese young man told of being saved at the Center and now he says "I belong to Jesus. I brought my friend there and I want to see him saved."

A girl from Syria told of her conversion. A very black man from Nigeria said he was reared in a Christian home in Africa where they had family prayers. This Center was a blessing to him where he could find fellowship with Christians. A young woman, a doctor from China, thanked us for the Sunday school. She said she had learned true Christianity in this Center. A student from Arabia said something wonderful happened to her when she took Christ instead of Mohammed. Miss Hall said the motto of the Center was "To make Christ known to all the world." This Annie Armstrong investment is bringing 100-fold returns. Dr. Merrill Moore dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Monday Evening

Mrs. Thomas Lane, of Bellevue, led us in singing "Marching to Zion" in the beginning of the evening service. The Bible meditation and prayer were led by Mrs. Sells, a home missionary.

Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn, president of the W. M. U. Training School, made her final report. Last year 189 were enrolled, 73 graduated this year. Eleven were appointed last year to the foreign fields. They have gone to the home fields and into many phases of work. There are now 3470 alumnae. For thirty years Miss Littlejohn has served faithfully.

Miss Ethel Winfield, fellow student, expressed her love, admiration and appreciation of Miss Littlejohn. Miss Ruth Provence, Secretary of North Carolina, spoke of Miss Littlejohn as principal while she was a student. She told of how Miss Littlejohn was always ready to talk with and advise the students. She has been an illustration of practical Christianity. For the alumnae she said "I thank my God for every remembrance of you."

Resolutions from the Training School Board were read by Mrs. W. C. Tyler, another alumna, expressing appreciation for her thirty years of service. Dr. Littlejohn presented the new president, Miss Emily Lansdell, a former student of the Training School, and who has served as a missionary to China. Dr. Redford introduced a number of home missionaries as "Ambassadors of Peace."

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Director of Chaplain Committee, S. B. C., stressed the need of spiritual guidance of our armed forces. Southern Baptists have 315 Chaplains now in service. He read reports from many Chaplains telling of hundreds of soldiers being saved. He says many Chaplains write that the men at the front know that they must really know the Lord and cannot depend on church membership. They are averaging ten thousand a year won to Christ. It was a Baptist Chaplain who was invited by McArthur to witness to the Japanese Emperor of the saving knowledge of the Christ. Chaplains started the work in Alaska. Recently 1100 Japanese soldiers were led to Christ by Chaplains in Japan.

Dr. Walter Binns, president of William Jewell College, Mo., brought the closing message, "The Ambiguous Present."

Tuesday Morning

Mrs. Roy Lassiter, Fla., led in the morning Bible meditation and prayer. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Texas, presented the plans for the 1951 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Goal is \$1,800,000, theme "Unto You a Saviour Is Born."

Miss Josephine Harris thanked us for the equipment in Hawaii made possible by the Lottie Moon offering. Miss Letha Saunders of Brazil, told the story of a Brazilian woman that will be included in the program.

Mrs. Mathis said a poster, invitations, a letter from Mrs. Martin and a recorded message from our president would be sent with the Lottie Moon literature.

A Season of Prayer and petition was again led by the president. The Brazilian W. M. U. Executive Secretary, Miss Minnie Landrum, said Brazil W. M. U. was organized in 1908 with 20 W. M. S. and 6 Sunbeam Bands. There were 14 present, 7 missionaries and seven natives in the organizations. Now, there are 30,000 members. Their watchword is Phil. 4:13, "I Can—through Christ." She thanked us for the Lottie Moon offering for it made possible printing the literature, the field work, the training of their workers and the Girl's Schools in Brazil.

Mrs. Finley Graham, Beirut-Syria, said there are 100,000,000 Moslems among the Arabs. Southern Baptists have only ten missionaries. Beirut, in Syria, has a population of 500,000. We have three churches, the largest in Beirut, with fifty members. All are tithers, all come to prayer meeting. The W. M. S. observed the Week of Prayer and out of great poverty gave to the Lottie Moon offering. She said the first convert was so persecuted he was afraid the Bible would be taken from him, so he memorized two of the Gospels, Romans, and some of the Epistles. It would be in his heart no matter what happened.

Miss Emily Lansdell told of her gratitude for the privilege of serving a brief time as a missionary in China.

Mrs. M'bola Ayorinde, president of W. M. U. of Nigeria, dressed in her native costume, brought her heartfelt thanks to us for giving her the gospel. She was reared

in a Christian home, educated in a Baptist school. She was the representative from Africa at our Golden Jubilee meeting. At that time she visited Tennessee and spoke at the W. M. U. Convention meeting in Union City. She said in their recent W. M. U. Convention the members pledged not to use tobacco or wine, or to sell it.

The W. M. U., Training Union and Sunday school all emphasize evangelism, yet, still there are millions who are lost. On her knees she closed with her thanks, and sang in her native tongue, "God Is Marching On."

Mrs. Edgar Bates of Canada, spoke on "Pushing Back Horizons." "Evangelism must be our consuming passion; we must combine evangelism and optimism. All the Communists are not on other continents. Baptist pastors and laymen have been stoned to death in Mexico this past year. So live, so pray, so give so all men can see Christ."

Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, N. C., led the Bible meditation and prayer. Greetings were sent to Miss Kathleen Mallory, Mrs. W. C. James, Miss Emma Leachman, Mrs. W. J. Cox, and absent vice-presidents.

A resolution was offered against putting the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offering in the church budget. Dr. Rankin spoke to the Resolution, saying it killed the spirit of the offering. It was carried unanimously. All general officers were re-elected. Mrs. M. K. Cobble was elected as our vice-president.

There were 828 delegates with 70 missionaries and 1142 visitors. Tennessee had 51 delegates. Many who had been appointed did not come and failed to report to the secretary they would not be present. California, North Carolina, Texas and Oklahoma had full delegations. Mrs. F. Townley Lord, London, wife of the president of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke on "European Baptist Women." She told of the hostel for business women in London and of the haven for unmarried mothers. Each church has a hospitality committee to welcome all guests. Deaconesses are trained to do missionary work in needy places. She told of the little groups behind the Iron Curtain who are persecuted. Some have had all the Bibles confiscated. Many tore up Bibles and kept scattered leaves, all memorized much of the Word so it could not be taken from them.

Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary of the South, told of her recent trip to South America. Her theme was "I Saw the Needs." She went down the West coast to Chile and back the East coast. She said what impressed her most was the second and third generation Christians who had made great progress. The second and third generation missionaries were doing a great work. They had no accent, they knew the customs and were accepted as one of the people. She spoke of her joy in seeing Franklin Fowler and the great work he is doing. Miss Hunt saw what Catholicism had done for a country and its people. The needs are great in South America.

(To be continued)

The Kicking Mule

by JOHN C. SEARCY, Pastor

Providence Church, Roxboro, N. C.

She was one of a pair; a good team they were until she got a kicking spell.

Then all activity ceased, no matter how important the work at hand. Time out for kicking! In time we came to accept her antics, but, of course, learned to be on guard all of the time. There were no times when kicking was not in order. Sometimes there was rumbling and thunder at the barn and "ol' Dine" was enjoying her favorite sport.

It was dangerous to approach her from any angle when she was not in harness. Kicking was her only defense and she employed it at every opportunity. Bridling time and moving out to labor often resulted in history-making bucking and stalling. Sometimes it was necessary to take up a board in the loft and lasso her from above. In time boards were kicked off and the feed trough and hay rack obliterated. Then at work: all is well and peace prevails when suddenly a spasm is on.

She would kick completely free from the plow, and at such times there was nothing to do but wait until she was ready to continue work. Strangely enough, her kicking ability increased with age. When she was 17 or 18, we traded her to a wagoning man. So, her waking moments during old age were spent in heavy, continuous work. How awful to come to old age and be sentenced to more strenuous labor than was required during youth!

In all fairness, in defense of the mule, she had been tampered with. Those whose names need not be mentioned aggravated that mule until a kicking life was more natural than trying to be at peace with the world.

Without having gone to college, one might observe that a "kicking mule can't pull and a pulling mule can't kick". I believe some mules know that. Possibly there are some amongst us who just take time out for kicking. We like it that way. It brings us to the attention of all present. We want to be seen and heard some way.

It seems natural for some to delay and buck and clamor to wait for "some more convenient day," when "today is the day of salvation." Kickers sometimes have to be accepted, granted a hearing, before it is possible to move on. The kicking church member does some damage and often delays progress, but most often there is "heap lightning, big thunder, and no rain."

Some very fine people just enjoy living in

the objective mood. Trouble arises when the church tries to pin them down and corner them on where they stand on matters like the Sunday school, Training Union, the building program. They paw up the dirt and in vague, sweeping generalities assert, "I'm for anything that is for the best interests of all." All of which means nothing when specific major matters are singled out.

There are communities where the very boards of the church have literally fallen off because over a long period of time there has been so much kicking where there should have been constructive activity calling for group cooperation.

By and by all is well and things are moving along when suddenly like a bolt out of the blue the lid flies off. Somehow kickers just don't ever grow up. The little things are kept in the center. Confusion over minor issues brings the whole program to a dead standstill. But kicking being the only defense known, it is called into action.

Kickers die hard. They seldom ever move their letters. They linger on and few are added to the church. Men complain, "The church is full of people who are not any better than I and I see no use calling myself a Christian when the leaders are worse than I."

Kickers always think others are as bad as they. They expose themselves in exposing their neighbors. They drag others down to their level, "I don't have any sure facts, but I'm sure they are guilty." They are saying, "If I were in their place, that's what I'd be doing; I assume they are guilty too."

Age comes on apace and delay tactics continue. Possibly someone has tampered with these good folk, but frankly, excuses are not in order. A kicker is a nuisance whether he be a church member or a mule. Jesus said it is quite likely that purged and clean, men will take unto themselves seven other spirits more wicked than the first. Such is the kicker at his best. ". . . And the last state of that man is worse than the first."

If there are those personally acquainted with anything worse than a kicking mule, I'd be glad to hear from them. This is not a contest in "whoppers," but the truth might as well be in circulation. Frankly, my father's kicking mule would take the blue ribbon at the show for "ornery varmints." But it is to "ol' Dine's" everlasting credit: she never tried to be anything but a mule.

—Biblical Recorder

What Can One Person Do?

A crowd of people gathered in England to watch the launching of a new ocean liner. The blocks and wedges were knocked way but the ship did not move. The spectators were disappointed and a man called out jokingly, "Somebody give it a shove." A boy ran forward and pushed with all his might. The crowd laughed to see such a small person trying to push such a big ship. But one shove happened to be all the vessel needed. To everyone's amazement, it started to glide into the water.

This is a day of bigness. We are awed by big enterprises and baffled by big issues. The individual seems so insignificant that he is often tempted to hide his light under a bushel and sit in the darkness of despair. Confronted with vast problems we are apt to shrug our shoulders and say, "What can one person do?"

But again and again amazing results have been produced by one man or woman of ordinary ability with superior dedication who uses the opportunity immediately before him.

Consider the janitor in a Washington orphan asylum who taught a Sunday class for the boys in the institution. He told them that God had a purpose for their lives and a crippled child by the name of James E. West determined to "fight his handicap and see what he could do for God." Later, as the executive of the Boy Scout movement, he exerted tremendous influence on American youth.

Or think of Monica, a mother whose wayward son had scorned her efforts to make him a Christian. What could she do? She followed him across the water with her prayers and letters, and Augustine became the bishop who organized the Christian church so effectively that it kept Christianity alive when the Roman Empire went to pieces.

Let no person lament there is nothing he can do to create a better world. Without even leaving his community, he can engage in the thrilling enterprise of touching lives for Christ and bringing them into a Christian Fellowship. Of all big business this is the biggest. What if you are only one person? You can help to launch the ship which will carry the Christian Gospel around the world.

—The Key

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Our Source of Power

by C. B. Jackson

Our denomination has a right to be proud of its progress along many lines. As rapidly as possible, each new development is brought to portray Christ in his greatness and glory.

While there are numerous church buildings which are not adequate to meet the needs of our day, there are multiplied thousands of buildings which have the latest modern touches to make them more useful in portraying Christ. The same can be said of our church schools, both colleges and seminaries.

Into these buildings there has been brought well-prepared and attractive literature on all phases of our work. This has been supplemented and made vivid through various types of visual aids. And through the radio their ministry has been broadened to include multiplied thousands who never enter the doors of these buildings.

Into our organization we have brought the best trained workers. If letters after the names of professors mean anything, we have profound scholars at the heads of all departments in our schools. This has been carried over into our churches until it is difficult to find pastors without some specialized training.

The scope of the work touches every phase of life. The material for study has been analyzed and subdivided until one may spend a life time in preparation for service. Then, people have been brought under the scope of study until we have them classified, pigeonholed, and labeled under a multitude of classifications. Along with the study of materials and people there has grown up the study of methods and plans. Our generation is well-mechanized for church work. Every pastor can verify this fact.

With so much money, time, and effort placed upon equipment, organization, and training, it appears that we would not neglect the source of power for all these. But that is exactly what we have done. We have taken it for granted that folk will realize their need of power and seek it at its true source: God. But Satan has hoodwinked us to lead us to depend upon our own powers.

I have read many articles from numerous writers about the excellent training given by our schools. I have yet to read of any of our institutions placing any emphasis upon the necessary preparation for receiving and transmitting the power of the Holy Spirit. Yet, all our work is dependent upon him. Every thought, plan, and advance in the New Testament is credited to the leadership and work of the Holy Spirit. He is in control whether they are selecting a church

official or launching a world-wide program of missions.

There cannot, and will not, be any great spiritual awakening apart from the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Any other way magnifies man and minimizes God. That never works in God's kingdom. Only the Spirit of God knows the deep things of God. He is the only one who can glorify the Father through magnifying the Son.

In the words of the late Doctor Truett, "Wisdom has fled from us" if we do not seek the infilling of the Spirit. Each of our colleges and seminaries can well afford (financially and spiritually) to place primary emphasis upon this major theme: God available to every man through the Holy Spirit.

Pastors, "Who knoweth whether thou are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Without a widespread Holy Spirit awakening, property, political freedom, and religious liberty are gone. Let no Christian think that he will escape. This being true, you will, living or dying, rally your people to a renewed asking, seeking, and knocking for Spirit-filled lives.

—Baptist Standard

Porter Routh Reports

Baptist Highlights

Of the 3,572 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention with preaching services only once a month, 62 per cent were organized before 1900. There are 45 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention organized before 1800 which have services only once per month.

A recent survey shows that 54.7 per cent of SBC churches now have one or more W. M. U. organizations. These churches report 79 per cent of the membership, 85.4 per cent of the Training Union enrolment, report 90.9 per cent of the total gifts and 94.7 per cent of the total gifts to missions.

Shelby County, Tenn., Baptists are in a campaign to raise \$50,000 to purchase the property of a Christian Church to use for a Baptist church and associational headquarters.

The Social Service Commission and the Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations will sponsor a joint conference at Ridgecrest, August 16-22 on "Church and State."

Trustees of Wayland College, Texas Baptist school, have voted to admit Negro students.

The Relief and Annuity Board has moved

temporarily to the Trinity University Building, 820 North Harwood, in Dallas. Their new building will be ready Jan. 1, 1952. Other Baptist offices in Dallas are expected to move before August 1.

Arizona Baptists have approved a \$250,000 bond issue to purchase a 78 acre campus at Phoenix and erect seven buildings. The college has been located at Prescott.

Dr. William Sims Allen, former Stetson president, died June 1 in Texas.

Wake Forest College awarded an honorary D. D. degree to a 93-year-old North Carolina rural minister, I. P. Hedgpeth.

Dr. J. L. Rayburn has been elected editor of the Texas Gulf Coast Baptist.

In the World of Religion

George Dugan, church editor of the New York Times, has been elected president of the Religious Newswriters Association. Casper Nannes of the Washington Star is vice-president.

The Pentecostal Church of God in America will locate their national headquarters in Joplin, Mo.

Roman Catholics report a population of 28,634,878 in the U. S., a gain of 868,737 during the year. This gain includes 973,544 infant baptisms during the year. They also reported 121,950 adult baptisms. They report 43,889 ordained priests in the U. S. A total of 152,178 sisters was reported.

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. reports 347 new churches in the U. S. since 1940.

Facts of Interest

Marriage licenses in major cities in the U. S. dropped below April 1950 this April.

Final figures for 1949 show that the divorce rate declined for the fourth straight year. The rate was 2.7 per 1,000 population compared with 4.3 in 1946. There was about one divorce for every four marriages in 1949.

Unemployment dropped in May to 1,609,000, the lowest since the end of World War II

Employment prospects for graduates in 1951 are the best since the end of World War II. Salaries are \$25 to \$75 above last year's averages for graduates.

The Ford Foundation has granted \$70,500 to the 4-H clubs for their International Farm Youth Exchange program.

Rotary International will spend \$750,000 in three years for graduate fellowships for outstanding foreign students. They now report 7,321 in 83 countries with 347,000 members.

W. Woodmore Harrison has resigned as pastor of First church, Carthage, after a two and half-year pastorate, during which time 94 members were received by baptism and 39 by letter. Resolutions have been sent BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR from First church, Carthage, expressive of the love and appreciation for Pastor and Mrs. Harrison, for the contributions they made to the church and community while they were among them.

Next Sunday's Lesson

by O. L. RIVES, Professor of Religious Education, Carson-Newman College

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TEXTS: Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 8:1-4; 12:9-13; 18:1-6, 12-14; I Peter 1:17-19 (Larger)—Mt. 8:1-4; 18:1-6, 12-12 (Printed)—Ps. 8:5 (Golden).

The Worth of the Individual

The theme for this quarter's lessons is, "Christian Teaching on Human Relations". A paragraph from the general introduction to the series is as follows. "This quarter has been worked out in a series of rather definite units. There is an introductory lesson setting forth the worth of the individual in the sight of God and in the light of Christ's redemption of men. This is followed by lessons of family relations, neighborhood and social life, economic relations, the relations of the Christian citizen to the state, and the missionary obligation. Scripture has been selected from the New Testament. Emphasis has been put upon the Christian's social obligations because of his relationship to God through Christ."

The Golden Text calls attention to man's high estate through the natural creation, God having made him but a little lower than Himself. The passages from the printed text show how man may achieve that for which He was originally created, namely, through faith in and following of Jesus Christ. As has been pointed out previously, "This lesson is a good antidote to humanistic, secular, racial, and totalitarian views of individual worth."

Man vs. Multitudes (Mt. 8:1-4)

Jesus had just finished his matchless Sermon on the Mount. The multitudes were following Him, anxious to hear further words from His lips. He was, for the moment at least, enjoying great acclaim and popularity. The people were all around Him in great numbers. Was He too busy and too popular to listen to the piteous cry for aid from a single person? He was not, even if that person was suffering from the loathsome disease of leprosy. He stopped, listened and healed the poor sufferer.

We are not following Christ if and when we get so taken up with the multitudes that we forget or neglect the individual man of the multitudes. When will present-day society learn the lesson that the Master taught in the long ago that the only way to minister to the multitudes is to minister to the particular persons that make up the multitudes? All kinds of socialistic schemes must fail because they fail to recognize this elementary principle. There is no way to have an improved human and social environment except to have it composed of regenerated persons, individually coming to God through Christ.

Humility vs. Haughtiness (Mt. 18:1-6)

The tendency to haughtiness continues

among men, even among regenerated men. Many still want the places of prominence and influence and power, and will not be content without them. Some even try to rise by pushing others down. Again, this is not Christlike. But this was the case while He was on the earth, as this passage illustrates.

What is greatness, as measured by Jesus' yardstick? The answer can be comprehended by one word, childlikeness (not to be confused with another word, childishness). We are to be like a child in our humility and dependence and simplicity and teachableness. We are not to be childish in our pettiness or in our whining or complaining. The normal child attracts all with his openmindedness, his trustfulness, his winsomeness, his friendliness, and his guilelessness. Those who are unable to win the love and confidence of children can never begin to understand what the Lord had in mind here. In our process of maturing, let us keep contact with little children; otherwise we shall find ourselves growing in the wrong direction. Let us, in our attitude toward God, be humble like a little child. This will spare us from a haughty and overbearing attitude toward those about us.

Compassion vs. Complacency (Mt. 18:12-14)

The teachings encompassed in these three verses have been embodied in song, in picture and in sermon. They are the gospel, in essence, for they reveal to us the anxious and loving heart of the Good Shepherd (See Jn. 10). They are introduced by, "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." If we overlook that statement, we have failed to see the gospel itself.

Our age has come to emphasize things, even men, in the mass. Some might even reason concerning this passage, "Why be concerned about the one sheep that is lost, so long as we have the ninety-nine safe in the fold?" But this was not the reasoning of the shepherd, nor is it the reasoning of the Shepherd of the souls of men. So long as there remains one outside the fold, His heart yearns. More than that, He goes out and seeks until He finds. When the soul is found and brought safely into the fold of salvation and security, there is great rejoicing. We cannot be complacent so long as a single soul is lost. We must have the heart of compassion that Jesus has, if we would be like Him. It is not God's will that any should perish. He loves all alike.

A Little Child Shall Lead Us

When Southern Baptists become "as little children" the people of the world will hear about the love of Jesus. The morning mail brought to the desk of Everett Deane, treasurer for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, a one dollar bill from little Libby Riley, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. M. S. Riley, Smithdale, Miss., with this note:

"Our little daughter heard Charles Wellborn last Sunday morning and she was so touched by his appeal to give for foreign missions that she sobbed and told her mother she wanted a dollar to send to tell other people of the world about Jesus. We send her dollar along with our prayers for all the work of our Foreign Mission Board and for our missionaries to the ends of the earth."

Libby will be six years old in September. Charles Wellborn, whose message touched her heart, is Southern Baptists' radio preacher.

Korean Baptists Find God Through Suffering

Amid all the suffering in Korea, a wonderful revival is taking place at Chilsen where Baptists, out of their suffering, have erected a new church building. The story of how this revival has come about was revealed in the May report of Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Here is the story:

A mine washed up on the bank of the river which runs through the town. Children playing in the sand were attracted by the strange object. More than fifty children gathered round and began to examine it. Suddenly it exploded, killing forty-one and wounding others.

Three of the children were from the same Baptist family. The parents were lukewarm Christians; but when this tragedy struck they were suddenly brought back to the Lord. They knew the church had longed for a building but had no money. Instead of becoming bitter, the father said, "I'll give one million won (about \$150 in U. S. money) on the new building."

Another man, who lost his son, spoke up and said, "I've been such a poor Christian. I've been unworthy to have such a son. Now I know the Lord is dealing with me and from now on I have determined to follow and serve him. I, too, want to give one million won to help build the church."

Dr. Cauthen wrote: "This is the kind of thing amid the tragedy of China and Korea that gives evidence of the indestructibility of the Lord's work. Christ has taken up his abode in the hearts of his people and no force can drive him out."

I have such an interesting letter to share with you today. It is from a grown-up friend who knows some of the friendly things Young South boys and girls do. She knows about our word pictures and the pen-pals who become good friends through our column. She knows, too, how much fun it is to do special nice things for people. Read the letter and you'll see what I mean—
Dear Aunt Polly:

Your page always interests me . . . I want to tell you about my little niece, Nancy Reep. She is twelve years old and is at present confined to her bed with nephritis. She has been in bed since the first of April. Her parents say she is a wonderful patient—never cross, never complaining, just sweet, good, and patient at all times.

She is a Christian and church member, sings lovely and is a really sweet girl. I am sure she would enjoy and appreciate any letter from pen pals. Her hobby is collecting postmarks. She has some from nearly every state, but there are so many, many post offices in each state and so many she could have. I just wondered if the friends who read your page would like to write to Nancy. It would help to pass the long hours in bed. She lived in and around Knoxville until about three years ago . . . Her name and address are:

Miss Nancy Reep
Laurelbrook Farm
Route 3
Hendersonville, North Carolina

I am sure this little sick girl will be delighted to hear from you and other pen pals. And I am sure God will add his blessings to all that you do.

Sincerely,
MRS. PAUL W. PLESS

Andersonville, Tennessee

Isn't that a thoughtful thing for Nancy's aunt to do? Aren't you glad she is giving us this opportunity to help Nancy spend her sick-a-bed days happily?

Perhaps some of Nancy's former school-mates or church friends in Knoxville will be especially glad to have this news. Of course, they will be sorry to learn of Nancy's illness, but they will probably know some news to share with her, or something special which she would enjoy.

The rest of us will just try to think of the nicest thing we can do to let Nancy know we want to help her get well soon. Maybe this will be:

A get-well card.

A picture postcard showing something of special interest in our town.

A note or get-well message on the back of a postal card.

A personal letter.

Perhaps your Vacation Bible school class

or Sunday school class or some other church group would like to send one card signed by all of you. This may be a bought card or one which you make and decorate yourselves.

Sometimes my Sunday school class buys empty capsules from the druggist. Each person writes a tiny message and folds it and sticks it inside a capsule. Then we put all the capsules into a medicine bottle or box and make a prescription label something like this—

For _____
From Dr. Get Well

Southern Baptist Advance Continues

Porter Routh, Secretary, Department of Survey, Statistics and Information, released the following data on gains made by Southern Baptists at their meeting in San Francisco, California.

Membership in the 27,788 churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention passed the seven million mark for the first time in 1950 to reach 7,079,889, a gain of 318,624 during the year, according to final tabulations released.

The gain in membership was made possible by a record-breaking number of conversions during 1950, 376,085, a gain of 41,193 over the preceding year.

Sunday school enrolment also hit a new record peak with 5,024,553 reported, a gain of 380,903 over 1949, or 8.2 per cent. It was reported that 26,678 of the churches had Sunday schools.

Training Union enrolment climbed 205,457 during the year to reach 1,440,195. The records show that 1,385 new churches started Training Union work during the year to make the total 15,835.

A total of 15,194 churches reported Woman's Missionary Union organization with an enrolment of 1,033,479.

Brotherhood enrolment reached 167,744 in the 5,076 churches which sponsor the men's organization.

The expanded building program of Southern Baptist churches was revealed by a gain of \$97,010,177 in the valuation of church property. The new church property figure was reported at \$645,271,741, a gain of 17.7 per cent during the year. Even with the large increase in building, there was a gain of only \$2,332,882 in the debts owed by Southern Baptist churches.

Gains in total gifts and gifts to missions were reported. Total gifts for all causes reached \$197,242,014. This amounted to \$27.86 per capita compared with \$26.38

Dose: 1 every two hours

It is nice to use pretty colored paper for these notes. That makes a box of attractive capsules.

If you do write to Nancy—or do anything to let her know you are thinking of her and wishing her well—be sure to give her your name and address. She will probably be unable to answer all her letters at once, but perhaps as she gets better she will want to write to you—and of course she will need your full address. Until she feels better, perhaps she will write one letter to everyone and send it to me. Then I can share it with you through your column.

Let's surprise Nancy this week with *hundreds* of get-well messages from Young South friends! Won't that be fun?

per capita in 1949. Gifts to missions and benevolences totaled \$33,402,124, a gain of \$2,085,306 over 1949. This amounted to \$4.72 per capita, compared with \$4.63 in 1949.

More Southern Baptist churches reported pastors in 1950. Although there were 503 additional churches reported for the year, the number of churches reporting pastors increased 1,105 with 25,093 of the 27,788 churches reporting ministers. Congregations also took note of the rising cost of living.

Southern Baptists' 21 orphanages reported 4,057 children assisted during the year, with \$3,282,423 expended for operation and \$1,147,770 expended for capital improvements. The total value is listed at \$14,024,320.

The 26 hospitals operated by Southern Baptist groups reported 201,024 patients during the year with receipts of \$28,464,575. The hospitals reported 2,692 nurses in training during the year. A total of 35,931 babies were born in Southern Baptist hospitals during the year. The hospitals are valued at \$57,015,746.

Southern Baptists' seminaries reported 3,846 enrolled with 2,813 ministerial students. The 31 senior colleges reported 44,058 students, with 3,724 ministerial students. The junior colleges reported 10,416 enrolled with 1,048 ministerial students. The academies reported 2,226 enrolled with 244 ministerial students. All of the schools report 8,829 ministerial students.

The seminaries report property valued at \$13,566,859, with \$4,539,702 endowment. The senior colleges report property valued at \$53,923,577, and endowment valued at \$33,600,187. The junior colleges have property valued at \$17,410,646 and endowment of \$3,010,374. The academies have property valued at \$5,186,288 and endowment of \$605,063.



Tennessee Associational Report Sunday School Training Course

From October 1, 1950, to May 1, 1951

Association	Church	Awards
Beech River	Lexington, First	26
	Parsons	43
	Rock Hill	18
	Sardis, Hinkle	9
Beulah	New Salem	21
	Sharon	19
	Troy	36
	Woodland Mills	23
Big Emory	Beech Park	29
	Crossville	39
	Liberty	2
	Middle Creek	18
	Oakdale	20
	Pine Orchard	19
	Pleasant Grove	30
	Pond Grove	22
	Rockwood	87
	Trenton Street	66
	Wartburg	19
	Westel	17
Harriman, First	1	
Big Hatchie	Brighton	67
	Brownsville	97
	Grace	30
	Liberty	40
Bledsoe	Fountain Head	8
	Gallatin	52
	Portland	25
Bradley County	Belle Fount	1
	Blue Spring	3
	Cedar Spring	3
	Charleston	14
	Cleveland, Big Spring	53
	East	16
Campbell		
Carroll-Benton		
Chilhowee		

Baptist Board Buys Cotton Mills

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills here has been sold to the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as an investment.

The board, which has headquarters here, handles retirement plans for Southern Baptist Convention workers.

The property, including a modern plant which was built about four years ago, was sold for \$450,000 to the Baptist agency, which then leased it to Fulton for a 25-year term.

Power Company Erects Big Call-to-Prayer Sign

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—(RNS)—A large sign near the center of St. Petersburg carrying a call to prayer was disclosed to have been donated by the Florida Power Corporation.

The sign, which is illuminated at night, shows a large cross with the message, "Prayer Changes Things—Prayer Changes You."

A local minister revealed the origin of the sign. The power company has received hundreds of appreciative letters. Each writer has received a reply, saying in part, "in this small way we hope to be of service to the work of the ministers and their churches."

Korean Pastor Faced Martyrdom Heroically

The heart-rending story of how Pastor Li, chairman of the Korean Baptist Convention, faced martyrdom at the hands of communists last fall, was revealed in the May report of Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

A group of communist soldiers called Pastor Li out of his house one night about 10:00 o'clock. He was accompanied by Mr. Kim, a young deacon. Both were tied and led toward the river. They knew that death was at hand, but quietly they talked about the wonderful peace which filled their hearts.

When they reached the bridge, some of the soldiers went down to the riverside to select a spot where their bodies would be carried away by the stream after they were killed. At that moment, Pastor Li whispered to the young deacon, "You are young and life is before you. Break away and run for your life! I am now an old man and it will not matter so much for me."

Deacon Kim dashed away into the darkness, but when he had gone only a few hundred feet he heard shots ring out and knew that the faithful old pastor had gone to be with Jesus. This is the personal testimony of Deacon Kim, who was successful in his escape.

(Continued next week)

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Regional Speakers' Tournament Participants—1951

Southwestern

Fayette—Miss Ellen Thompson, First, Somerville
 Madison-Chester—Miss Jean Butler, West Jackson (first place)
 Shelby—Miss Jane Kelly, Highland Heights, Memphis

Northwestern

Gibson—Miss Mildred Laster, Medina (first place)
 Weakley—Miss Doris Harris, Central, Martin; Miss June Dawson, Dresden

South Central

Duck River—Miss Alona Finney, First, Tullahoma
 Lawrence—Miss Ruby Collier, Loretta (second place)
 Maury—Miss Margaret Powell, Mt. Pleasant
 New Duck River—Miss Helen Vaughan, First, Shelbyville (first place)

Central

Cumberland—Miss Marie Seay, Second, Clarksville (second place)
 Nashville—Wallace McGill, Jr., Old Hickory (first place)
 Robertson—Miss Joyce Stanley, First, Springfield
 Stewart—Miss Mamie Pearl Ryker, Dover

North Central

Concord—Miss Martha Alice Adkerson, Powells' Chapel (first place)
 New Salem—Miss Helen Nash, Nash's Grove
 Stone—Miss Bobby Sue Carter, Caney Fork
 Wilson—Miss Edlyne Ligon, Gladeville; J. W. Patton, Round Lick (second place)

Southeastern

Bradley—Miss Bertha Hamilton, North Cleveland (second place)
 Hamilton—Miss Shirley Biggs, Kings Point, Chattanooga
 McMinn—Jimmie Johnson, First, Athens (first place)

Northeastern

East Tennessee—Miss Dorothy Williams, First, Newport
 Grainger—Miss Mabel Hodge, Blue Springs
 Holston—Miss Constance Dykes, First, Kingsport (first place)
 Jefferson—Mrs. Polly Johnson, Flat Gap
 Watauga—Miss Peggy Diddle, First, Elizabethton (second place)

Eastern

Big Emory—Miss Mary Tallett, First, Crossville
 Chilhowee—Miss Joan Thompson, First, Friendsville (second place)
 Clinton—Doyle Casteel, Robertsville, Oak Ridge
 Knox—Gale Gardner, Jr., First, Knoxville (first place)
 Midland—George Goins, Bells Camp Ground
 Providence—Miss Anne Monger, First Avenue, Lenoir City

The first place winners in each region will come to Nashville on July 6 to participate in the State Speakers' Tournament. This will be held at Belmont College at 1:30 P.M. The first place winner in that Tournament will represent Tennessee in the Southern Baptist Speakers' Tournament at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly on July 21.

It is gratifying to note the yearly increase in interest in the Speakers' Tournament, both from the standpoint of numbers participating and the quality of their speeches. Some one hundred and twenty young people participated in Associational Speakers' Tournaments in thirty-three associations. Two associations had participants for the first time. They were Midland and Stewart. We anticipate the day when young people in every church will take advantage of the opportunity of witnessing for Christ in this special project.

Baptists Oppose Church Council Creedal Statement

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—(RNS)—The board of managers of the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention voiced opposition to any creedal statement which would bar former Rhode Island Council of Churches members from holding membership in the new Rhode Island State Council of Churches.

At the same time, the board reaffirmed belief in the Deity of Christ as "a cardinal Baptist doctrine."

The lack of a creedal statement on the Divinity of Christ in the preamble to the State Council's constitution has been the subject of debate from Congregational, Unitarian and Episcopal pulpits.

It also caused enough disagreement among the Episcopal clergy of the state to prevent the Rhode Island Episcopal Convention from continuing its proposed affiliate membership in the council.

The task of informing, inspiring, indoctrinating, and enlisting our Southern Baptist constituency is one which challenges united effort. It merits the wisest denominational strategy, and it demands the combined resources of our denominational forces.

This task is a major function of the Southern Baptist agencies seeking to promote Bible teaching, the training of Christians, and missionary education. The purpose of these agencies is to serve the churches as they carry on their God-given task of evangelism, teaching, training, enlistment, and missions. God seems clearly to have set the seal of his approval upon the educational program of Southern Baptist churches.

The Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and Baptist Brotherhood have sought to carry on just such a ministry. They have continuously sought to cooperate with the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board in developing missionary insights and convictions. Thus they have united their energies and efforts to reinforce one another and to harmonize their appeal and service to the churches. A constant aim has been to reach every church with the materials and methods which would enable every church to reach every member with the call to faithful Christian discipleship and world-wide service.

All along these Southern Baptist agencies have been assisted and reinforced by the Baptist papers in the several states. For these papers have been the untiring advocates of Bible teaching, training, and missions. They, too, have sought to inform, indoctrinate, and enlist our people. And, all the while, the Southern Baptist agencies have been foremost exponents of the imperative values of the Baptist state papers. In every way the purpose and service of these agencies and these papers have been complementary and mutually helpful.

The Inter-Agency Council of Southern Baptist Agencies has voted its sincere and hearty appreciation to the Baptist papers for the highly significant service they have rendered in the promotion of the educational program fostered by these agencies. The representatives of these agencies feel that the time has come for united emphasis upon the educational mission of our churches as being indispensable to New Testament evangelism, vital Christian living, and sacrificial devotion to the kingdom of God.

Richard P. Oldham, a native of Louisville, Ky., has accepted the call to serve First church, Savannah, as part-time music and education director. Brother Oldham is a ministerial student at Union University and did mission work for the Home Mission Board in New Mexico last summer.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

M. THERON RANKIN
Executive Secretary

IONE GRAY
Press Representative

Excerpts from recent letters from Southern Baptist missionaries reveal progress on the front lines:

The World View: "Our *Convencion Femenil* had done good work this year, and the World Day of Prayer Offering was especially good. When we began it was 385 pesos; therefore, we are pleased with almost 9,000 pesos for 1950. Our convention voted to deduct ten per cent of this offering and send it to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond for some phase of world missions. This year we are asking that it be sent to help the work of our Training School in Rome. We believe this thinking of the world as our field will be most helpful to our native women. Our conventions met in May. We had a special day for spiritual preparation for the general convention."—Minnie D. McIlroy, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Prayer Helps: "We have just closed the annual meeting of the Argentine-Paraguayan Baptist Convention. There was not a jarring note and some very important and difficult matters were discussed. We believe this was due largely to the fact that the day before the convention was spent in prayer. There were 319 messengers, the largest number in our history. Four new churches were welcomed, bringing the total membership to nearly 10,000."—Erhardt S. Swenson, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Untouched Areas: "Parana is surrounded by an almost untouched missionary area in which are situated at least ten cities of more than 15,000 and up to 50,000 people. All of these cities are now connected by paved roads. We have no work in any of them."—Fay Askew, Parana, Argentina.

Time Alters: "Yesterday it was my privilege to visit one of the oldest churches in Pernambuco. Pioneer Missionary Solomon Ginsburg was showered by stones as he helped to start the church. It is located in the open country, and not more than a dozen houses can be seen from the little church house. But there are apparently many houses hidden away among those hills, for we had the opportunity to preach to a great crowd of people, many of whom heard a public address system for the first time."—Joseph B. Underwood, Recife, Brazil.

Delayed Traveler: "One of the mules got out of the pasture, so I decided to make several short trips round about Campos Belos, while hoping that he might be found. Accompanied by a young fellow from near Corrente, who wishes to teach school and do evangelistic work on week ends, I made four trips, preaching mostly in small towns and country communities."—Blonnye H. Foreman, Goias, Brazil.

Modern David: "The governor of this

state attended our church services at Siao Church on April 22. He had heard that there was to be a baptismal service so he was worried about where the babies were. He was charmed to the extent that when he got home his wife asked why he looked so happy. He replied that he had been in a wonderful environment, the like of which he did not know existed. The next day the governor's wife called me on the phone to ask if I would please come up to the palace and sing for her the solo her husband had heard me sing at church. I had sung "Jesus Whispers Peace."—Kate White, Bahia, Brazil.

No Anti-Climax: "The Nigerian Baptist Convention met recently with 999 messengers from 282 churches, an all-time record. Reported baptisms totaled 3,374, which also slightly exceeds our previous best.

"Many of us expected an anticlimax after the wonderful Centennial Convention last year. Except for the absence of visitors and the great historical interest of the celebration, this convention was up to the standard of any previous convention despite the fact only eight months lapsed between the two.

"The reports from our various phases of work were most interesting, the addresses and devotionals were well prepared, and attendance and interest continued to the very end of a full week. Our giving for the last eight months was approximately the same as for the sixteen months preceding the centennial session."—I. N. Patterson, Nigeria, West Africa.

Korea: "Only those who are here, or have been in Korea, can know what terrible havoc and destruction to life and property have been wrought by the war. You read in *Time* magazine each week the number of U. S. battle casualties—dead, so many; wounded, so many; missing, so many; captured, so many. But you do not read about the terrible loss of civilian life and destruction of property. Neither can you know of the heartaches, mental suffering, and sorrow among the people who live here. All through no fault of their own!"—John A. Abernathy, Korea.

Progress Costs Money

The Southern Baptist Convention last year approved two new seminaries. They will require substantial amounts this year for operating costs and capital needs.

This means that Southwide Cooperative Program receipts must be \$300,000 more this year to give the Foreign Mission Board as much income from this source as last year.

But progress in foreign missions costs

money, too. Advance cannot continue on the basis of last year's receipts. This means that continued foreign mission advance will require \$500,000 more income, in addition to the \$300,000 mentioned above.

Foreign Missions Conference

"Advance Through Storm" will be the theme of the Foreign Missions Conference to be held at Ridgecrest, N. C., August 2-8, 1951.

Southern Baptist missionaries who will participate in the conference include Frank H. Connely, missionary to China since 1916; W. L. Cooper, missionary to Argentina since 1939; Mrs. Burton de Wolfe Davis, missionary to Brazil since 1945; Zach Deal, Jr., missionary to Colombia since 1947; Eugene L. Hill, missionary to China since 1935; and Buford L. Nichols, missionary to China since 1936.

Convention leaders to appear on the program are J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor, Wake Forest Baptist Church, Wake Forest, N. C.; Rupert T. Coleman, pastor, Ginter Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; A. S. Gillespie, professor of missions, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Cal Guy, professor of missions, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.; C. E. Hereford, pastor, First Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Tex.; W. Plunkett Martin, School of Sacred Music, New Orleans Seminary; S. L. Stealey, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; and R. Kelly White, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Foreign Mission Board personnel who will take active parts on the program are M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary, Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America; Samuel E. Maddox, secretary for missionary personnel; George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East; and Bertha White, assistant to the visual aids director.

Mrs. Rankin will be hostess at a lawn party on Saturday afternoon, August 4.

Three Missionaries in China

Miss Addie Cox, who has served Southern Baptists in China since 1918, has arrived in Hong Kong from Shantan, Kansu, China. Southern Baptists now have only three missionaries left in China. They are Ruth Everley Hayes, Wuchow; Ruth Pettigrew, Kweiyang; and Pearl Johnson, Tsingtao.

June Appointees

Burley Edward Cader, Louisiana, and Ulene DeWeese Cader, Tennessee, to Brazil; Margie Estelle Davis, Louisiana, to Nigeria; and Virginia Katherine Terry, Tennessee, to Brazil.

Dr. and Mrs. George Jennings, Southern Baptist missionaries to Spain, have changed their address from Casanova, 270, 60, la., to Calle de Camp, 65, Barcelona, Spain. Both are natives of Tennessee.

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 1951

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	263	44	---	Kingsport, First	635	141	---
Athens, Antioch	87	---	---	Fort Robinson	133	76	---
East	388	---	---	Lynn Garden	318	104	2
First	451	195	---	Knoxville, Alice Bell	81	55	---
West End Mission	78	58	---	Arlington	443	117	---
Calhoun	140	40	---	Bell Avenue	773	323	2
Clearwater	51	20	---	Broadway	1014	198	2
Coghill	89	59	---	Fifth Avenue	778	204	---
Eastanalle	64	22	---	First	773	85	6
Englewood	126	38	---	Inskip	423	105	4
Etowah, East	64	---	---	Sevier Heights	503	192	---
Etowah, First	290	90	1	Lascassas	70	38	---
Etowah, North	253	120	---	Lebanon, Cedar Grove	96	59	---
Good Springs	90	54	---	Fairview	154	86	---
Idlewild	55	56	---	Rocky Grove	40	---	---
Lake View	101	60	---	Lenoir City, First	398	137	1
McMahan Calvary	53	41	---	Kingston Pike	28	---	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	75	63	---	Nelson Street Mission	25	---	---
New Bethel	49	---	---	Lewisburg, First	498	117	---
New Hope	32	20	---	Maryville, Broadway	356	154	2
New Zion	75	73	---	Everett Hills	241	101	2
Niota, East	150	55	---	First	647	219	1
Niota, First	125	48	---	Tabernacle	55	---	---
Riceville	45	42	---	Maynardville	110	16	---
Rocky Mount	36	19	---	Medina	145	98	---
Rodgers Creek	26	15	---	Lathams Chapel	96	46	---
Union Grove No. 2	68	47	---	Memphis, Boulevard	728	108	1
West View	63	43	---	Central Avenue	732	---	2
Wild Wood	86	---	---	Gillespie Avenue	183	54	---
Zion Hill	61	---	---	LaBelle	697	---	---
Bemis, Herron Chapel	266	50	---	Levi	248	85	2
Bristol, Calvary	413	171	17	Seventh Street	518	5	5
Brownsville	442	112	---	Speedway Terrace	737	---	3
Camden, First	186	71	---	Union Avenue	1068	185	3
Carthage, First	151	15	---	Winchester	264	125	2
Chattanooga, Avondale	503	143	---	Morristown, First	480	123	3
Concord	259	92	---	Buffalo Trail	88	52	---
First	839	266	2	Northside	13	---	---
Highland Park	3384	924	30	Murfreesboro, First	453	93	---
Red Bank	570	161	1	Walnut Street Mission	42	---	---
Signal Mountain	82	61	---	Mt. Herman	132	85	---
Soddy, Oak Street	191	73	12	Powell's Chapel	107	71	---
Clarksville, First	360	138	---	Taylor's Chapel	86	19	---
Gracey Avenue	180	40	1	Third	153	68	1
Cleveland, Big Spring	284	167	9	Whitsett Chapel	69	38	---
Lebanon	86	61	2	Woodbury Road	78	48	---
Rutledge Memorial	96	40	---	Nashville, Belmont Heights	1043	260	8
Clinton, First	413	100	3	Eastland	615	89	4
Columbia, First	390	139	2	First	1205	304	8
Godwin Chapel	32	---	---	Grace	728	207	---
Second	175	117	2	Inglewood	782	166	---
Crab Orchard, Hailey's Grove	91	37	---	State School	40	---	---
Crossville, First	194	94	---	Lockeland	561	104	---
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	147	124	---	Madison, First	345	86	1
First	574	142	---	Madison Heights	131	87	1
Southland	125	72	2	North End	175	59	---
Eagleville	104	62	---	Park Avenue	590	142	2
Elizabethton, Beck Mountain	99	95	3	Third	283	43	1
First	428	134	1	Woodmont	334	90	---
Oak Street	101	78	---	Woodmont Center	176	85	2
Siam	211	146	---	New Middleton	140	60	---
Fountain City, Central	800	183	---	Oak Ridge, Highland View	325	114	---
Hines Valley Mission	40	---	---	Old Hickory, First	546	194	---
First	369	120	---	Philadelphia	182	33	---
Smithwood	462	171	3	Pulaski, First	285	134	1
Fowlkes	149	115	---	Rockwood, First	274	100	---
Friendship	123	26	---	Rogersville, Hennard's Chapel	134	102	---
Gallatin, First	469	70	5	Rutledge	76	21	---
Gladeville	166	75	---	Savannah, First	142	58	2
Harriman, Trenton Street	343	126	---	Pickwick Road	24	---	---
Hohenwald, First	113	56	---	Sneedville	75	---	---
Humboldt, Antioch	260	91	---	Stantonville, West Shiloh	197	118	1
First	514	111	---	Tullahoma, Highland	81	55	---
Jackson, Calvary	503	137	2	Union City, First	563	88	5
First	752	74	---	Watertown, Round Lick	155	80	---
North	297	125	---	Winchester, First	214	59	5
West	735	230	1				
Jefferson City, First	366	121	2				



LAUGHS

From
Here and There

Chuzz: "Have you ever noticed that most successful men are bald?"

Guppy: "Naturally, they come out on top."

"You seem idle!"

"The boss likes to see me idle."

"Huh!"

"This is the complaint department."

Artist: "Do you require your portrait done in oil?"

Mr. Moneybags: "Done in oil! What d'yer take me for—a sardine?"

A little boy was sent with a note to the clinic doctor. The note ran:

"Please, will you do something to Willie's face. He's had it a long time and it's spreading."

Co-ed (sympathetically): "Did you get hurt when you were on the eleven?"

Haskel: "No, it happened while the eleven were on me."

Little Joy, seven years old, remarked as she helped herself to the last biscuit on the plate: "This won't matter to me, for I've been an old maid about all my life, anyhow."

Mitch: "Bill, has fortune ever knocked at your door?"

Bill: "He did once, but I was out. Ever since he has sent his daughter."

Mitch: "His daughter; who is she?"

Bill: "Why, misfortune, of course."

A lecturer, suspecting that publicity would lessen attendance at repeat performances, asked the reporter of a local newspaper not to publish his address.

The reporter's version was this: "Mr. Smith delivered an excellent lecture in the church hall. He told some very good stories, but unfortunately they cannot be published."

A dean of women at a coeducational college recently began an important announcement to the student body as follows:

"The president of the college and I have decided to stop necking on campus."

At the trial, the judge was questioning the prisoner.

"Have you ever been in trouble before?" he asked.

"No, sir," asserted the prisoner, vigorously. "And all I did this time was rob my kid brother's bank."

The judge was about to dismiss him, when the district attorney held up his hand.

"Your honor," he cautioned, "the prisoner forgot to explain that his kid brother is cashier of the Security National Bank."

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by Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville

Sunday, June 3, was observed as Family Day by First church, Kingsport, E. Gibson Davis, pastor.

During the week of June 10-17, Jackie Robinson, well-known youth evangelist from Texas, was the preacher in a youth revival in Calvary church, Bristol, Earl Ogg, pastor.

Lowell D. Milburn, pastor of First church, Newport, preached the baccalaureate sermon for Cocke county high school, Newport, on Sunday morning, May 20.

J. E. Ledbetter, pastor, First church, Lenoir City, is preaching a series of Sunday morning sermons based on the Ten Commandments.

Joe Poe, pastor of Sulphur Springs church, Jonesboro, was the guest preacher in a revival with Beulah church, Holston association. There were 31 additions to the church, 29 by baptism. This good church has completed a new home for the pastor and is about to complete an education building. Leonard Evans is the pastor of this growing church.

Senator Estes Kefauver, a member of First church, Chattanooga, has been selected as the Father of the year by the National Father's Day Committee.

Youth week was observed by East Lake church, Chattanooga, during the week of June 3-10. Miller Mikell, chalk artist and preacher was the guest evangelist.

Pastor Hugh Horne conducted a revival with First church, Bethany, Okla., which resulted in 52 additions to the church. East Lake church is building a new education plant. George Turney, a graduate of Union University and at present a student at New Orleans Seminary, is serving as the pastor's assistant during the summer months.

George Wadlington, a recent graduate of Union University, has been employed as music and education director during the summer months by First church, Maryville, James M. Windham, pastor. First church has recently taken over Tabernacle church, Maryville, as a mission. T. J. Walton is serving as mission pastor.

P. B. Baldrige, pastor of Pleasant Grove church, Maryville, was recently elected moderator of Chilhowee association to succeed Thomas V. Wells.

A. F. Mahan was supply preacher for Deaderick Avenue church on June 3. Bill Mynatt, a member of the church, preached on June 10. Pastor Lester E. Burnette was away for the Southern Baptist Convention.

The first two Sundays in June, T. G. Davis supplied the pulpit of Mount Olive church, Knoxville. Brother Davis was formerly pastor of this church, and since retiring recently is living in his own home directly across the street from the church. He is a great preacher of the Gospel.

Walter Warmath, pastor of Fifth Avenue church, Knoxville, preached the baccalaureate sermon for Halls High school, Knox county, Sunday night, May 27.

The week of May 20 was observed as Christian Home Week by Fifth Avenue church.

In preparation for Vacation Bible school, Lawrence Trivette, Knox county associational missionary, taught the Vacation Bible School Guide at Central church, Bearden. Thursday night a group of the workers gave a demonstration of various phases of the Bible school program. Henry Chiles is the energetic young pastor of this church.

O. M. Drinnen, pastor of Strawberry Plains church, has recently conducted a splendid revival at Calvary church, Hickory, N. C., W. W. Marr, pastor. The visible results were 13 professions of faith, 5 rededications, and 15 additions to the church.

First church, Roan Mountain, James R. Heifner, pastor, conducted a Vacation Bible school, June 4-15.

Fred F. Brown, pastor emeritus of First church, Knoxville, was the preacher of the commencement sermon at Lincoln-Memorial University, Harrogate, Sunday morning, June 3. The university conferred on him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities.

Frank W. Wood, formerly pastor of Fifth Avenue church, observed his third anniversary as pastor of Woodlawn church, Birmingham, June 3. During these three years there have been 897 additions to the church and the gifts for all causes have amounted to \$346,837.00. Total gifts to missions have been \$71,682.00.

Knox County association is planning to celebrate its 150th anniversary during October, 1952. The association was organized at Beaver Dam church, December 25, 1802. At present its membership is made up of 117 churches, making it the largest association in Tennessee.

Preachers School

Carson-Newman campus will be the headquarters for the East Tennessee Preachers School to be held July 9-13. Francis M. Warden, pastor of First church, Jefferson City, will be director of the school. The following subjects will be taught:

The Rural Church, taught by Joe Wells and Garland Hendricks; *Doctrines and Ethics*, by Lloyd Householder and A. E. Cate; *Sermon Preparation*, by David Livingston; the women's division will be taught by Mrs. M. K. Cobble, president, Woman's Missionary Union.

Those planning to attend should bring linens and blankets. Adequate space will be provided for the wives of those attending the school. The college regrets that there is little provision for accommodating children on the campus.

During the month of April, Sevier Heights church, Knoxville, broke all previous records for Sunday school attendance with an average of 711. Raymond DeArmond is the pastor of this good church.

J. Burch Cooper, for five years pastor of Lonsdale church, Knoxville, has accepted a hearty call to become pastor of Everette Hills church, Maryville. He will succeed Thomas V. Wells, who went to First church, Cairo, Ga., in April. Brother Cooper has served as moderator of Knox County association for two years. He is a splendid preacher and a loyal denominational man. We welcome him to Chilhowee association as well as to Everette Hills.

On Sunday night, May 27, Ramsey Polard preached the baccalaureate sermon for Morristown high school. John W. Sutherland supplied for Broadway church during the pastor's absence.

Sunday night, July 15, Broadway church, Knoxville, will conduct a Memorial Service for Dr. William Wallace, missionary to China who died at the hands of the Communists recently. Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, will be the speaker.

The graduating class of Central high school, Knoxville, worshipped with Central church, Fountain City, Sunday night, May 27, and Pastor Charles S. Bond preached the baccalaureate sermon for the class. Brother Bond was commencement speaker for Surgoinsville high school on Thursday night, May 17.

Sunday evening, June 24, White Pine church, Roland Hudlow, pastor, will have a service in which married couples present will be asked to renew their wedding vows and to rededicate their lives together in the service of the Lord. The pastor will preach a sermon on the subject of Marriage and traditional wedding music will have a place on the program. Sounds interesting to say the least of it, when so many people have forgotten the meaning of these sacred vows.

Middle Tennessee NEWS

by Homer A. Cate, Shelbyville

W. Edwin Richardson, past president of Cumberland University and now president of Bethel College of Hopkinsville, Ky., supplied the pulpit of the First church, Clarksville, Paul G. Kirkland, pastor, Sunday, June 24. This Sunday, significantly, was Christian Education day in Tennessee.

The thirtieth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Powell of the First church, Nashville, was celebrated in an all-church reception Friday night, June 1, in the church dining room. Mutual congratulations both to the church and to Dr. and Mrs. Powell.

Wedding bells rang Friday evening, June 8 in the sanctuary of the Belmont Heights church for Rebecca Ann Daniel and Leslie Edwards Stewart. Rebecca Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Daniel. Mr. Daniel is the State Sunday School Secretary for Tennessee.

Sunday, June 3, marked the second anniversary of the pastorate of Gaye McGlothlen with the Immanuel church, Nashville. It really could be called his third anniversary, since Brother McGlothlen served as supply pastor at Immanuel for a year.

Lewisburg church, Leonard Sanderson, pastor, has made great use of their church bus in transporting people to its services. The bus has been driven 7,000 miles in service of the church during the past year and every mile was put on in local use.

During the absence of Pastor B. Frank Collins the Goodlettsville church will have the following supplies: June 17, Cecil Lea, assistant pastor, Immanuel church; June 24, Fred Noe, business manager, Tennessee Baptist Convention, July 1; Harold Gregory, associational missionary of Nashville association.

Sunday school attendance at First church, Columbia, has steadily grown since 1945. There was an average attendance of 316 in May, 1945, whereas, in May, 1951, there was an average attendance of 444. And the growth has been steady and substantial. James F. Brewer is pastor.

A certain member of the First church, Murfreesboro, Robert L. Palmer, pastor, has given \$1000.00 with which to pay the salary of one foreign missionary. The pastor has challenged the church to continue this so that the church could designate its missionary and pay his salary each year.

During the absence of Pastor David Cooper, who attended the sessions of the Southern Baptist convention, the Pleasant Hill church had the following in the pulpit: Missionary and Mrs. Archie Dunnaway, Victor Glass, Aubrey Hearn and Judge West of Springfield.

Charles L. Norton, State Training Union director, was recently with the Magness Memorial church, E. L. Smothers, pastor. Pastor E. L. Smothers was away in revival services with the First church, Waynoka, Okla.

Third church, Murfreesboro, Wendell Price, pastor, is busy raising money for their new church building. Their first goal is \$10,000 to be raised by June 20. The report is that the money is coming in according to schedule.

First church, Pulaski, J. Clark Hensley, is making fine progress along all lines of work: financial, baptisms, Sunday school, Training Union, and vital concern manifested throughout the church life.

Sunday School attendance at First church, Nashville, W. F. Powell, pastor and whose educational director is Charles Ed Howell, continues to climb consistently. Attendance June 3 was 1471.

James C. Furman, executive secretary of United Dry Forces of Tennessee, recently spoke in the First church, Mt. Pleasant, L. G. Gatlin, pastor.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. M. Leonard Arbuckle, new pastor of Immanuel church, Lebanon, upon the recent birth of a son, Marion Leonard Arbuckle, Jr. This new assistant pastor weighed 8 pounds upon arrival.

First church, Tullahoma, John W. Outland, pastor, having only recently moved into their new church sanctuary, are now raising an extra \$1000 with which to improve their building and grounds thus removing the necessity of taking away from their church debt payments.

Big Springs chapel, Mission of the First church, Shelbyville, Homer A. Cate, pastor, has called Leslie Gann of Abilene, Texas, to be pastor and he has accepted and moved to the field. He began his work June 10.

In a revival sponsored by Shelbyville Mills church, Harold D. Kilpatrick, pastor, Jim Mercer, evangelist from Minneapolis, did the preaching in services held in the Central High school auditorium, Shelbyville, June 3-17. Warren Steward of Los Angeles, Calif., led the singing.

Books Received

Sermons for Special Days, Charles M. Crowe; Abingdon-Cokesbury; \$2; 171 pp.

Messages of faith, courage and love which come to grips with practical problems of daily life.

Bible Handbook, Henry H. Halley, Box 774 Chicago 90, Illinois; 724 pp.; \$2.00.

Handy, helpful array of facts, Biblical and historical, of practical value to the reader of the Bible.

Handbook of Denominations in the U. S., Frank S. Mead; Abingdon-Cokesbury; 207 pp.; \$2.75.

Compact account of 255 denominations with thumbnail historical sketches and past years statistical status.

Protestants Awake! Reuben H. Markham; American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Ave., Madison, Wisconsin; 50c; Third Edition.

Amidst the encircling gloom of materialism the author contends that hope lies in the spiritual quickening of Protestant churches.

The Meaning and Message of the Book of Revelation, Edward A. McDowell; Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn.; 224 pp.; \$2.75.

Basing his study upon its historical context, Dr. McDowell makes Revelation relevant to today as it was to first century Christians. Portraying Revelation as "the great drama of the sovereignty of God" in Jesus Christ over the world encouragement is given believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, who today are beset by world evils, to look for victory through Christ.

Richard N. Owen, editor, BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, supplied the pulpit of First church, Franklin, W. C. Summar, pastor, Sunday, June 3, at both services.

"A very happy pastor and wife"—that is the way we would describe Pastor and Mrs. Harry L. Winters of First church, Centerville. For at commencement night of their Vacation Bible school, the church presented them with a lovely "Lane cedar chest."

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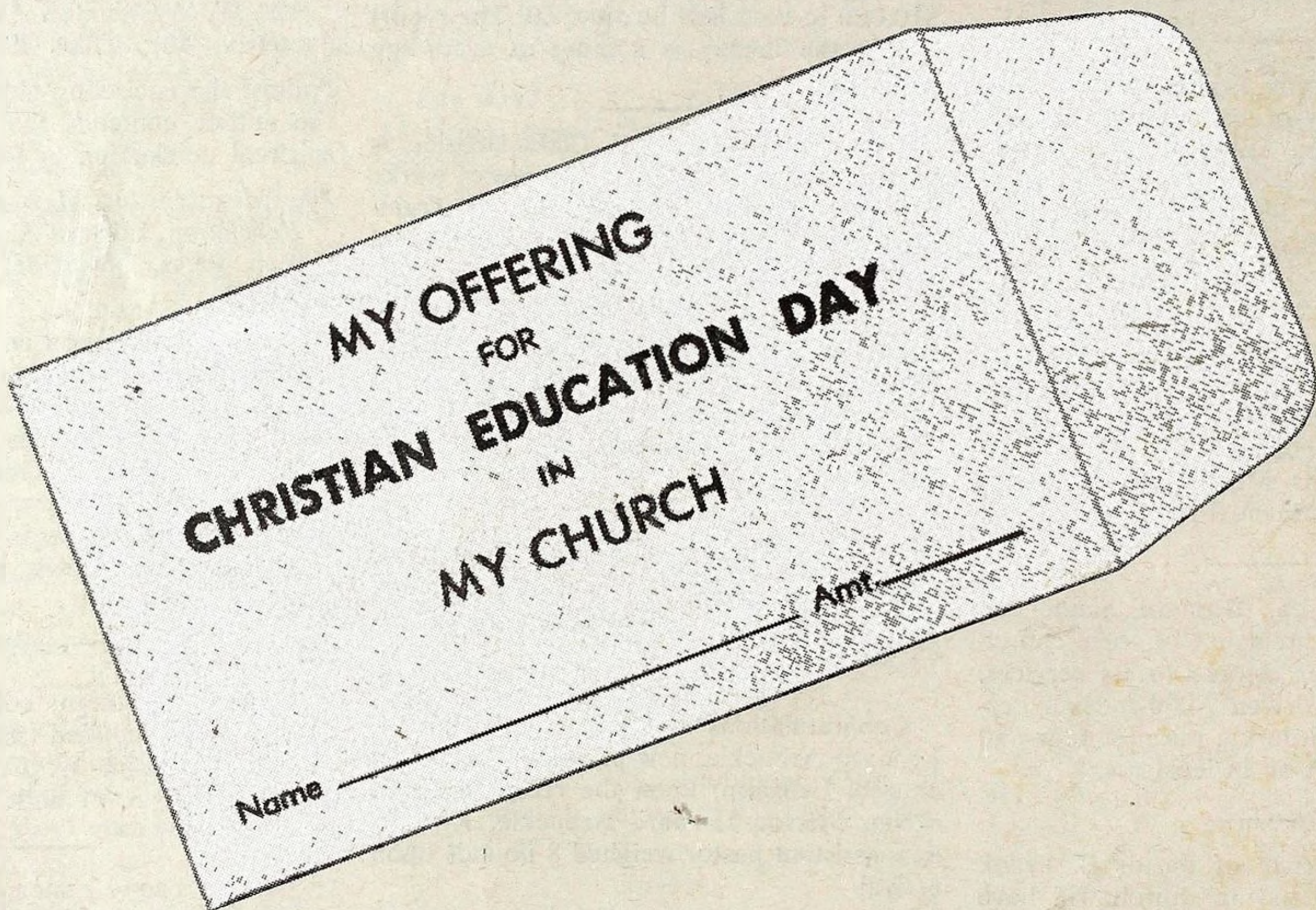
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