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Ponder the path of thy feet and let all thy ways be established.—Prov. 4:26



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Footlog, Ramsey cascade trail, Great Smoky Mountains Park, Tennessee.

The Fastest Growing Denomination

The outcome of a survey on membership in religious bodies made by the *Christian Herald* is of great significance to us. The figures released Wednesday, July 25, disclose Southern Baptists as being "the fastest growing denomination in the United States" with an increase during the year of 318,624 as compared with Methodism's gain of 143,078 according to these statistics reported by the *Christian Herald*. Southern Baptists now total 7,079,889 making them second to the total of 8,935,647 Methodists.

The survey which was based on figures submitted by 114 religious bodies reveals that membership increased 3.56 per cent last year to a new high of 85,705,280 church members in the continental United States.

This rate of gain in church membership is more than double the 1.67 per cent growth of the general population in America in 1950. Church membership now stands at a record of 55.9 per cent of the people in the United States. Of this total church population 58.5 was said to be Protestant, 33.2 Roman Catholic and 8.3 per cent belonging to other religious groups.

Protestant groups reported a net gain of 1,409,045 which was 2.89 per cent making for a total of 50,083,868 members in Protestant churches. Roman Catholics increased 3.1 per cent, or 859,784 upping their total to 28,470,092 at the year's end.

This figures a percentage-increase of Roman Catholics running slightly ahead of percentage-increase for Protestants.

But the basis of calculation is not the same. The *Christian Herald* pointed out that while Catholics count children in their membership totals, most Protestant denominations do not; certainly Baptists do not.

A fairer basis of comparison would be made if approximately 25 per cent should be deducted from the Catholic figures, or else 20 per cent added to the Protestant figures.

The *Christian Herald* also stated that "while the number of members was increasing, so was the number of congregations to accommodate them." Last year an all-time high of 278,479 congregations were reported, making an increase of 3,214. This increase, however, fell short of the previous year's gain in congregations reported as being 6,592.

With regard to the findings of this survey we make these observations. We are justifiably encouraged in the report's disclosure that Southern Baptists are "the fastest growing denomination in the United

States." We would venture an interpretation of the reason for this fact with the following:

Priority accorded by Baptists to evangelism in all their programs accounts for this in part.

Fidelity of Baptists to the New Testament message of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus and to the New Testament concept of the church accounts for this in part.

Clarity, and positiveness, of the doctrines proclaimed by Baptists find response today in human hearts hungering for a sense of spiritual direction.

Centrality of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose sovereignty is ever the sum and substance of Baptist faith, is the heart of that which the Holy Spirit is pleased to honor.

Humility, therefore, must be the mood of every Baptist in the welcome report of Baptists' numerical increase. Certainly "Baptist brag" is never called for. All of this Baptist advance has not happened in a day, nor because of us who are of today. "One

Special Edition August 9

Our next issue of *Baptist and Reflector* will be a special edition featuring BAPTIST WORK IN TENNESSEE. This 24 page edition of August 9 will give you briefly and pictorially a better understanding of the extensive work promoted by the Baptist churches through the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Look for the special edition next week!

soweth and another reapeth." We thank God for the faithfulness of our Baptist forefathers and of all the faithful of all generations who have sowed and planted. Nor are we to magnify over much human instrumentality. "What then is Apollos? and what is Paul? Ministers through whom ye believed; and each as the Lord gave him." The apostle reminds, "I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." (I Cor. 3:6)

If there is an increase *God gave it*. God only can grant true growth. Whatever the statistics may be, let us always proceed in the awareness that we are working together with Him, and dependent altogether on Him, for all vital and abiding results.

We Feel Especially Happy

To the Baptist Sunday School Board we extend heartiest congratulations on its 60th anniversary. This occasion was celebrated both at San Francisco June 22 and in Nashville July 18.

One of the greatest messages at the Southern Baptist Convention was that by Dr. Louie D. Newton commemorating this 60th anniversary by recounting God's favor on the faith and works of Broadus, Frost, Bell, Dunaway, Spilman, Leavell, Flake, Burroughs, Strickland, Dargan and Van Ness who have passed into the Beyond, and the present work of the many faithful men and women who continue to make this great agency a glorious ministry for our God.

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in the semiannual meeting of the Board highlighted by a special service at First church, Nashville July 18, interpreted the stabilizing, unifying effect of the Sunday School Board's historic ministry as one of the factors in Southern Baptists' amazing growth. The Board's leadership in adopting the best in pedagogy has made for Southern Baptists use of an "attractive vessel for the old truth."

The several hundred employees of the Board, members of the Board, together with many friends filled the auditorium of First church, Nashville, for this occasion when special recognition was given some sixty employees having served 25 years or more. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, the able Executive Secretary, was re-elected for the eighteenth time. Dr. W. F. Powell completed thirty years as president of the Board.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, noting the great accomplishments of this mighty agency, feels especially happy in the fact that Dr. J. M. Frost began his work sixty years ago as the first secretary of the Board in a little room provided by the late beloved Dr. E. E. Folk, editor of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. The first home of the Board was in the office of this paper, which extends to the Baptist Sunday School Board and the great host working with Dr. T. L. Holcomb heartiest congratulations and most cordial greetings, and assurance of unceasing interest in and prayers for God's continued blessings on their service for Him.

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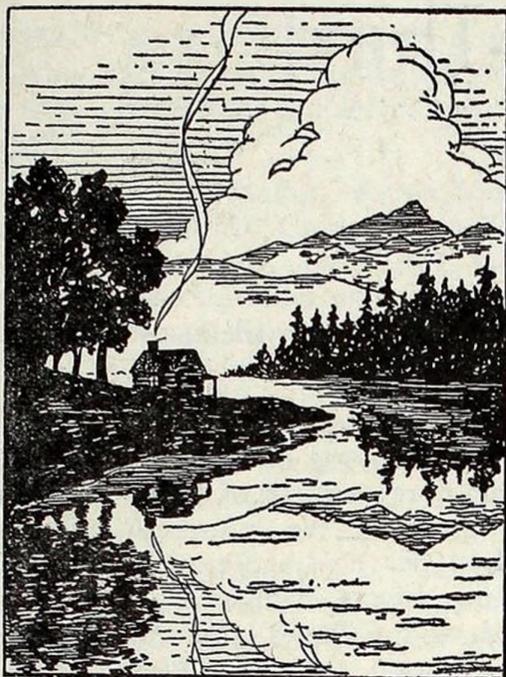
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A Prisoner of War Reports

(Note: A Baptist minister who was a prisoner of war in Southern Russia returned to Western Europe in 1949. He learned the Russian language and was in touch with Baptist and Orthodox churches where he was held as a prisoner. He has sent a report to the offices of the Baptist World Alliance. He admits that conditions may have been different in other parts of Russia. He reports on things as he saw them before he was freed. We are not in a position to check on the facts but we believe the reporter is intelligent and honest. We send out the substance of his report as a news item.)

after permission by the secret police. Priests could accompany the dead to the gates of the cemeteries and had then to leave the graveyard. In this way they were hindered from performing funeral rites. Priests were also taxed.

It looked as if the Soviets were determined to push the churches back into the position they occupied in 1941. During the war, restrictions were relaxed. But the churches expect more restrictions than ever in the future. The state did everything possible to prevent the churches from gaining an influence over young people. In the cities it was possible to prevent the youth from attending church but in the villages and in the country there never were as many young people attending both Orthodox and Baptist services. But the believers feared that the terrible "old times" were returning.

A person's temper improves the more he doesn't use it.—Gas Flame

Political difference is good democracy. It's political indifference that is harmful.—*Denver Post.*

To assume that people are bad simply because they are ignorant and will be good if given enough education is to be utterly ignorant concerning human nature. Education without regeneration may make shrewd devils out of dull devils.

The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.—E. G. White, *Signs of the Times.*

A man is successful when he does not expect to get paid for everything he does; when he does not wait until tomorrow to do the things he might do today; when he is loyal to his employer and to his associates; when he intelligently cooperates with others, and is tolerant in thought and deed; when he studies constantly to prepare himself for a higher position financially and to rise in the estimation of his fellows—*Try Square.*

A teacher walking through a forest with a pupil, singled out four plants ranging from a tender shoot to a small tree. "Pull them up!" she commanded. The pupil managed the first three with increasing difficulty but found the fourth wholly beyond his strength. "That," concluded the teacher, "is the way it is with our bad habits. When they are young we can easily cast them out; as they grow older they become more and more difficult to uproot." Carl Holmes, *Speaker's Magazine.*

Famine conditions prevailed in certain parts of Southern Russia in 1947. There was little rain in 1946. There were rumors that before the end of 1947 five million people starved to death. Many in Russia expected the Western powers would attack the Soviet Union in 1947. Some who were hostile to the Soviets inside Russia were prepared to help by sabotage the invaders they expected.

In 1948 the Soviets began to liquidate certain "sects." Preachers from Jehovah's Witnesses and from Pentecostal groups were arrested and thrown into prison. They were never seen afterwards. But Orthodox Churches had a legal standing and were not forbidden. The same was true of the Baptist-Evangelical Christian Churches. But some restrictions were laid upon the churches which were allowed to exist.

The Baptists were placed under the control of one Baptist leader in Moscow who had four men to help him direct Baptist affairs in the land. No person under eighteen years of age could be baptized, and then only after being investigated by the secret police for a year. Baptisms could be performed only inside places used for worship. Many churches had no baptistry. Once again taxes were imposed on churches. Halls used for worship were also used for political meetings. Baptists would like to get places of their own, but this is very difficult. Preachers and singers in choirs were taxed. If they paid, they were suspected of receiving money from America or England, or of belonging to the bourgeois class. If they did not pay, they were forbidden to preach or sing. Preachers were required to submit their sermons to the censor. Spies attended services in most of the churches. If preachers preached in such a way as to induce people to join church, this was called propaganda. And religious propaganda is not allowed.

Orthodox priests were placed under the same restrictions as the Baptist pastors. They were not allowed to baptize persons under eighteen years of age and then only

Recall It On Our Knees

Six years ago August 6 the atom bomb hit Hiroshima. We felt deeply the awful meaning of that first atom bomb's explosion from the instant news of it was released. We have felt all the more deeply the horror of this bomb's impact since meeting and talking with our fellow Christians from Japan. One year ago August 6 we sat at breakfast with Pastor Buntara Kimura of First Baptist Church, Hiroshima, while at Ridgecrest, N. C. August 6 is a day of Memorial and of Prayer for Peace in Hiroshima as the anniversary is observed when the city was flattened, literally wiped out with the loss of 200,000 people. The first prayer at the opening of the Baptist World Alliance at Cleveland, Ohio, last year was that offered by this Baptist pastor of Hiroshima.

A lot has happened in these six years. History's course felt the mighty shock and swung out of its channel. The war soon ended. Yet peace has not come. Today we have the dread prospect of bombs far outmoding the atom bomb of six years ago. Pandora's box has been opened. There has been let loose a frightening prospect that if World War III is not prevented there will be, not one, but many Hiroshimas around the world. We cannot expect to escape here in America what fell upon Japan.

This August 6 should not be passed over lightly here in America. It should be recalled on our knees with awareness of the fearful possibilities we have let loose in the world, and with humility before God in searching prayer that men will repent and submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. May God in His mercy break the powers of aggression and turn the hearts of men to establish righteousness and peace.

Drinking Involved in One-Third Of Traffic Deaths

LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA—(special)—An official of an automobile insurance company writing automobile insurance for non-drinkers only today told the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism in session here that fatal traffic accidents involving drinking totaled one-third of the number killed and missing in the Korean War during its first full year.

The speaker, Wm. N. Plymat, attorney and treasurer of the Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa, also told the Institute that studies conducted under college and safety organization direction last year in Stockholm, Sweden, with expert drivers showed that there was from 25% to 30% impairment in driving ability when drivers had only one-third as much alcohol in the blood as is normally required by enforcement officials in the United States for the filing of charges of driving while under the influence of liquor. He also said a similar conclusion followed a Toronto study of accident drivers who were given tests for alcohol in the blood in 1950. He urged an extensive safety education campaign to educate people that small amounts of alcohol can cause auto accidents and then the adoption of laws to establish an intermediate offense with lower penalties for "driving after drinking."

He states: "America needs to change her mental attitude about the use of alcohol by drivers. We have had the curious idea that only the 'drunk' driver should be punished. The 'drinking' driver is the greater menace, because he operates at great speeds, with a false sense of confidence and with a substantial impairment of driving ability. In the field of sanitation, we do not say that a restaurant is only in violation of health laws when it is so filthy that every patron is sure to become ill. We say that it should be so clean that no one will become ill. Yet, we seem to think that a driver should be punished only when he is so drunk that it is

certain that he is incapable of driving. We require the obtaining of a license to carry a gun, even though there are thousands whose personal reputations and character are such that they should not seem to require such licensing. We say there that individual liberty must yield to the protection of the public. In the field of alcohol and driving, the 'personal liberty' of those who apparently can drive better than others with 'twilight zone' alcohol concentrations should be restrained to protect the public against those who are substantially impaired with small quantities of liquor."

Plymat told the Institute that alcohol was principally a night time driving hazard with large totals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. He told listeners that one extensive study done in the State of Minnesota showed that 30% of accidents occurring between 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. involved liquor and that total accidents during the period ran far above estimated traffic flow during night hours. He produced a chart showing a comparison between hour of occurrence trends in the State of Iowa during 1950 as compared with accidents involving policyholders of his insurance company that writes only for abstainers from alcohol. His figures showed that the general population of Iowa during 1950 had 23% of total accidents between these hours contrasted with 16% of policyholders of his abstainers insurance company. He told the Institute that thousands of policyholders insured by the Preferred Risk Insurance Company of Des Moines had turned up with a better loss frequency pattern over the four years of the company's operation and that with generally lower rates of insurance, the company had prospered.

Among other recommendations Plymat made to reduce the drink-drive toll in America were: The requiring of all new auto licenses to be instructed and then examined on their knowledge of the relation of small amounts of alcohol to impairment of driving ability; Preparation of fact booklets approved by the medical and bar associations to instruct judges and juries on the importance of the problem and how to deal with it; The passage of laws to require consent in advance to the taking of chemical tests for proof of alcohol in the blood as a condition of issuance of driver's license, and the increase of enforcement staffs and improvement of their wage scales to encourage long tenure; The restriction of sales of alcohol in legal territory so as to eliminate sales on the open highway and late at night, and prohibition of the sales of alcohol where

public sentiment is adequate to make the policy effective.

Plymat pointed out that in Kansas there have been reports of sizeable increases occurring in revocations of drivers' licenses for "driving under the influence" and a one hundred per cent increase in numbers of drinking drivers involved in accidents since repeal of the States' prohibition law. He also reported that an independent study of drunk driving arrests for the first full fiscal year after repeal showed an 84% increase in such arrests as against Kansas' last dry year.

He cautioned listeners that blood tests of those killed in auto accidents indicated that in various places over the country from 40% to 50% had alcohol in the blood at time of the accidents so that the true situation could be assumed to be more severe than indicated by the usual accident statistics.

In conclusion, Plymat predicted that when and if chemical tests are given to all accident drivers, the nation will be shocked to find that alcohol is involved in from 35% to 40% of the severe accidents involving death, injury and extensive property damage and that this might result in a new attitude toward the problem. He said: "We are concerned about death from polio and we should be, yet usually fatal traffic accidents involve drinking far more frequently. We are concerned about the terrible effects of war and yet fatal traffic accidents involving drinking loom large in comparison. Surely the time has arrived for a new nationwide attitude on the part of the public that 'driving after drinking' is plainly anti-social, and action on the part of everyone from the citizen to the legislator is required."

Baptist Sunday School Board Reports Gains

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(RNS)—Sales of books, periodicals and supplies by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board during the first six months of 1951 were 18 per cent higher than in the same period last year, the Board learned at its annual meeting here.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, said in his annual report that the net income for the first half of this year was \$853,958, as compared with \$696,415 in the first six months of 1950.

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SBC Baptist Missionary Preaches to Red Prisoners

PUSAN, Korea—(BP)—What is it like preaching to Chinese communist prisoners of war in United Nations Korean internment camps?

Dr. John A. Abernathy, veteran Southern Baptist missionary to China, can tell you. He is now in Korea organizing mission work, administering relief and preaching to both Chinese and Koreans.

Here is his story:

"Each Monday afternoon the past three weeks I've enjoyed preaching to Chinese communist prisoners of war. There are many thousands of these people in camps near here. Of course there are large numbers of Korean prisoners of war too. GHQ Chaplain (Col.) Bennett asked me when in Tokyo if I could spare some time to preach to these Chinese war prisoners. The chaplains here have followed it up and Mr. and Mrs. David Ahn and I go out in our car each Monday afternoon, they to preach to the Koreans and I to the Chinese.

"I doubt that I have done any kind of missionary work where there was greater and more immediate response than this. I preached my first sermon in a Quonset ward of over 300 wounded soldiers. You should have seen them perk up when they realized I was speaking Chinese. Even the more seriously wounded propped themselves up on their elbows to hear what I was saying. 'Anybody here from Shantung?' I asked. About twenty hands went up. Then I told them that was my home for the past twenty-nine years. Then I asked if there were any from Tsinan and three held up their hands. In talking with them I found they (two of them) knew me.

"I asked if there were any Christians among them. Between twenty-five and thirty held up their hands on this proposition. One lad was the son of one of our Baptist preachers in Kwanghsi Province. I asked what they were doing as soldiers in the Communist army. Nearly all replied that they had been either captured while fighting in the Nationalist Army or drafted outright. Some said they had been drafted as late as February this year and didn't know where they were going until they found themselves at the front. They had no choice in the matter. I was glad I could tell many of them I had been in their province or home towns. Many of them seemed as thrilled as if their daddy had come. Many of them are children sixteen years old.

"They learned quickly the chorus I taught and sang with me several times. After preaching a warm gospel sermon I asked how many of them would dare believe on Christ and be saved. David Ahn was with me and said later at least forty of them shoved their hands into the air and said, 'I want to be a Christian and follow Jesus.' It has been the same at each service.

"Going from ward to ward and talking individually to these people is most profi-

able. Most of them are badly wounded with bullets, shrapnel or burns. I saw one lad with no skin on most of his lower body and legs. Most of them are homesick but most of them hope the communist regime will be overthrown before they return to their homes. The Ahns and I have UN Army passes to go into these POW enclosures and are given all the freedom one could wish."

Relief For Korea Needed Immediately

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—There is need for immediate relief funds for Korea, according to a letter received here from Dr. John A. Abernathy, Southern Baptist missionary who is now living in free Korea.

There are four urgent needs: (1) medical, (2) help for war orphans, (3) general relief and (4) additional missionary personnel.

Dr. Abernathy says that there is now only one missionary doctor for over one million Koreans. All the native doctors are serving with the army. "Thousands of poor refugees and others have no place to go when they get sick. Many are unable to buy medicine or call a doctor. We are urgently requesting as soon as possible at least two ex-China missionary doctors with clinical equipment and medicines."

Another urgent need is for orphans' homes. "We have many Baptist orphans, but there are tens of thousands of homeless children roaming around from all over Korea. This is one of the saddest pictures I have seen in my survey trips. An old people's home would be a good investment from relief funds. There are hundreds of old men and women who have been uprooted from their homes and left to wander and die. Something is being done, but not much."

Plenty of usable warm clothing is needed but no "high-heeled" shoes or other unusable articles. Facilities such as trucks and storehouses are needed for distribution of the relief materials. Other general relief items needed are food, money for school books and tuition, and funds for rebuilding of homes. Abernathy expressed hope that America could get organized to supply these needs. "I hope Southern Baptists and the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee will decide to launch a worthy relief program for Baptists and others in Korea. There is no limit to the need."

Also needed are additional missionary personnel. Abernathy says, "The last request we make is for more missionary personnel to help in the relief program and in general missionary work. There is no limit to the opportunities for all phases of our mission program of preaching, teaching and healing. The committee urgently requests the Foreign Mission Board to send two doctors and two evangelistic workers. There are many Koreans who speak Chinese and at least 3,000 Chinese living here with nothing being done for them in the way of religious work."

New Baptist Church Organized in Korea

PUSAN, Korea—(BP)—Christian work is again thriving in Korea and a Southern Baptist missionary is at the forefront. One evidence of progress is a new Baptist church organized in Pusan late in June. The missionary is John A. Abernathy who reports, "One deacon was ordained, four elected and a pastor called. David Ahn is the pastor of this infant church and I am the associate. I shall be happy to do anything I can to back David in helping and encouraging the brethren and sisters. It will be his first pastorate, but he has many fine plans for a program of growth now and in the future."

The young church is looking for suitable land on which to build. "We are on the trail of some fine property formerly owned by Japanese. We feel government authorities are cooperating with us and we have hopes of getting the place. If we succeed there will be room for a church, missionary residence, clinic and space to put up our two strong army tents."

Will the work in Pusan be permanent? Missionary Abernathy thinks so. "I feel that we would be safe in investing funds in Pusan for a church because no matter how long the war lasts, chances are the communist will never come as far south as Pusan. It is an important city in many respects and Baptists ought to have a strong work established here."

Storm Alabama Capitol To Protest Liquor Bills

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(RNS)—Protestant clergy, laymen, and young people from all over Alabama stormed the state Capitol here for a hearing of the Senate temperance committee on two liquor bills.

Following the hearing, the committee, by a 4-3 vote, killed one of the measures, introduced by Senator George Quarles, which would have let cities decide whether to legalize liquor sales. Under present law, counties make the decision.

By an identical vote, the committee referred to the Senate without recommendation a bill for a state-wide referendum on the prohibition of liquor sales.

Friendly Baptists Noticed

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(BP)—Baptists are friendly even at conventions. In fact, so considerate were messengers to the June meeting of the American Baptist Convention here, that a hotel parking lot attendant wrote the Convention president a letter from "sheer admiration."

"I have never dealt with a finer, more considerate group of people since I started here. . . . Many folks just came out to talk to me for a while," the attendant wrote Dr. E. H. Pruden, president of the Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Washington, D. C.

The attendant says he hopes American Baptists will come back to Buffalo next year.

This report not available in printed form to Convention messengers at San Francisco has been sent us by chairman T. C. Gardner for the committee whose report was adopted by the Convention on

Relations With Other Bodies

Southern Baptists Will Not Enter into Organic Union with other Religious Bodies

Southern Baptist Boards and Agencies are Free to Serve Anywhere in the United States

Baptist Doctrine Crusade to Continue Each Year

Your Committee comes, with a solemn sense of responsibility, to report upon the task that has been assigned to us. Happily and sincerely we acknowledge our place shoulder to shoulder with the vast army of regenerated and blood-bought men now waging the fight of faith under Jesus Christ, the great Captain of the hosts.

The doctrinal statements and recommendations presented in this report must in no sense be interpreted as vindictive and reactionary. They flow, rather, from the laver of love, a love that removes the sting from differences in conviction, that wishes for the best in behalf of others working in the same vineyard, and that prays constantly for unity of spirit. Without such all other external unities are meaningless.

It is a truism, however, that Southern Baptists could not be true to others were they not true to themselves. Deep convictions cannot and must not be disregarded or toned down. Were Southern Baptists to suppress or water down these convictions, they could not be true to themselves nor to others. These convictions were not born of external circumstances nor in a single day.

Our Baptist forefathers believed that man was made in the image of God, fell under dominion of sin and was redeemed by the vicarious sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

They believed, and, therefore, accepted the Bible as the sole authority for all our doctrine, church polity and rule of conduct. New Testament Baptists do not accept tradition, custom or man's opinion if contrary to the plain, simple statement of the Word of God. Baptists are a Bible reading, Bible believing, Bible loving, Bible preaching, Bible teaching, Bible obeying people. We must always point to a "Thus saith the Lord."

Dr. E. Y. Mullins said, "Baptists believe in a whole salvation. This means all that is locked up in the finished work of redemption, the vicarious atonement, the moving of the Spirit and the repentance and faith of the individual. In one sense, it is completed then but it takes in also the final completion of the character, even unto sanctification."

Our forefathers believed in the inspiration of the scriptures, in the deity of Christ, in separation of church and state, in salvation by grace, in the Lordship of Christ, in the church that Jesus established when he was here on earth, and, in brief, they believed in one Lord, one faith and one baptism. Their faith is our faith: their belief, our belief.

This report has been extracted from the spirit and context of historical principles imbedded deep in Baptist life. We have attempted to take the long look. Baptists of the future may become so engrossed with the problems of their own day that they may forget the immediate circumstances which provided the environment of what Baptists are doing today. But the principles which we follow today must look far beyond local circumstances and commend themselves to spirit-filled men endeavoring to follow the New Testament without reference to local problems. For that reason, these principles must neither grow out of expediency nor from a desire to please. Our appeal must be to the impartial judgment of history and in behalf of the inspired Word of God.

We therefore call your attention to some dangerous trends and movements.

Liberalism

It is well known that there is a great deal of diversity in the practices of churches in our Southern Baptist territory. Some of our churches have departed from some of the time-honored principles of New Testament Baptists: some by failing to give to missions, others by refusing to support the denominational plan, others by accepting alien immersion and by practicing open communion.

It is also a well known fact that a part of the program of the last Baptist World Alliance was a departure from our time-honored historic Baptist principles. We therefore look with misgiving at the increasing evidence of liberalism in the meetings of the Baptist World Alliance.

Your Committee believes that every influence should be set in action to keep our

churches, institutions, conventions, assemblies and denomination doctrinally sound.

While liberalism and modernism reject much of the New Testament as the solid foundation of Christianity, our Baptist faith to the contrary rests on the Bible and on the Bible alone.

Baptists believe that all Christians should be baptized; that baptism is the immersion of a believer in water upon authority of a New Testament church and that it is an act of obedience, but, in itself, has no saving power. Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12-13.

Baptists believe that the Lord's Supper is only for baptized believers. The Lord's Supper is a memorial. It has no saving efficacy. Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:18-26.

It is our conviction that looseness with the ordinances is as far from the teachings and practices of New Testament churches as is joining the World Council or any other unionizing movement. Your committee sees the danger, the fallacy and the perils of both, and, therefore, is opposed to both.

In the light of these considerations, we feel impelled to call to the attention of our constituency these practices and to recommend that this Convention authorize its Executive Committee to have prepared a list of suitable books and other materials for study on these questions.

Unionism

In a world which more and more seeks centralization of power in industry, in government and in religion, we are sensitive to the dangers of totalitarian trends which threaten the authority of our churches.

There is a growing and insistent effort on the part of many to bring about the union of all protestant denominations. The various religious groups are asked to lay aside the things in which they differ and come together in one great organization. Baptists cannot enter into such a movement without compromising their convictions, something which is more than any true Baptist is willing to do.

We do not desire to do anything that would hinder or imperil the growing spirit of cooperation on the part of our churches in the work of giving the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, as we believe it, to all people of all nations everywhere.

Baptists are ready to join with other denominations in certain forms of service, but further than that, they cannot go without violence to their convictions. Baptists can consider only one basis of union and that is absolute loyalty to the New Testament in all times and in all things.

In view of our unprecedented opportunities at home and abroad, it behooves Baptists everywhere to go forward unitedly and wholeheartedly under the leadership of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the light of this and former resolutions and recommendations adopted by this Convention, we recommend that we hereby reaffirm our conviction that Southern Baptists cannot enter into organic connection with the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches or any other unionizing organization which would compromise Baptist principles and doctrines as revealed in the inspired word of God.

The Ecumenical Movement

We call your attention to the merging of several interdenominational agencies into the National Council of Churches in meetings held at Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio. The Council's main concern seems to be to form a union of protestant churches.

Your Committee notes two dangerous tendencies in the ecumenical movement:

First, the tendency toward centralization which threatens the position of local, visible, sovereign, democratic, autonomous, authoritative, New Testament churches, a tendency which tends to place authority in the hands of erring men instead of the unerring Scriptures.

Second, the tendency to compromise the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ by recognizing as fellow Christian workers those who deny such scriptural truths as: the Virgin birth, the deity of Christ, and the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures.

The idea of a protestant ecumenical church has no scriptural authority, therefore, we recommend that Southern Baptists refuse to have anything to do with it. We further recommend that Southern Baptists begin now to prepare offensively and defensively to meet the challenge of the changing conditions in American Christianity.

Southern Baptist Territory

We believe that the people called Baptists have been commissioned of God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth. We believe also that the United States constitutes one of our greatest mission fields.

In the light of these dangerous trends and movements already pointed out in this re-

port and in view of our nation-wide responsibility we recommend that:

Whereas the Southern Baptist Convention has defined its territorial position in reports to the convention in 1944 and in 1949 by removing territorial limitations and whereas the Northern Baptist Convention has changed its name so that it is continental in scope, the Home Mission Board and all other Southern Baptist Boards and agencies be free to serve as a source of blessing to any community or any people anywhere in the United States.

Other Dangerous Trends

There are other dangerous trends in America such as intellectualism, formalism and socialism that we need to study; therefore we should exercise unusual care in preserving Baptist conviction in ecclesiology as well as in extensive long range plans of indoctrination through special bibliographies, articles in the literature we prepare, special emphasis on Baptist distinctives in state and Southwide assemblies and conventions, and by refraining from the use of men of unorthodox tendencies on our denominational programs.

Your Committee believes that the majority of Southern Baptists are too strong to be led away from our Baptist distinctives. We further believe that the majority of our Southern Baptist preachers and leaders are too wise, too alert and too intelligent to be influenced by liberal doctrines no matter how cleverly they may be presented.

Crusade to Indoctrinate

In view of these trends and whereas Southern Baptists are just returning from a vast crusade of evangelism, and whereas the great multitudes who have been won to Christ and received into church membership constitute an imperative demand that Southern Baptists shall seek to indoctrinate them in the basic tenets of our faith, therefore, we recommend the continuation of the crusade to indoctrinate all of our people in the fundamentals of our faith. We further recommend that a definite period be set apart each year by this Convention or the Executive Committee for special emphasis upon our Baptist Doctrines.

We beseech you, therefore, brethren, that we be of the same mind in doctrine, in spirit and in cooperation.

We intreat you also, dear fellow Christians, to continue in the faith once delivered to the Saints.

Respectfully submitted:

T. C. Gardner, Dallas, Chairman
B. L. Bridges, Little Rock, Arkansas
I. E. Lee, DuQuoin, Ill.
B. A. Pugh, Joplin, Mo.
Edgar Godbold, Pineville, La.
George Ragland, Lexington, Ky.
C. W. Pope, Nashville, Tenn.

Oklahoma College Centers Plan Simultaneous Revivals

Simultaneous youth-led revivals are scheduled for every college center in Oklahoma during the week of October 14-21, Ira Prosser, state student secretary, announces.

Arthur Driscoll, student secretary at the University of Oklahoma, in charge of all general arrangements for the state-wide effort, reports that plans are nearing completion on all of the twenty-two Oklahoma campuses for the first such student evangelistic campaign in that state.

Pioneer youth revival promoter, Bill Cody, student secretary at the University of Kentucky, introduced the simultaneous plan for college centers in Kentucky two years ago. Texas conducted a similar campaign last year. Cody will supervise groundwork plans for the Oklahoma City city-wide campaign.

Among the youth speakers and singers scheduled are Bob Denny, associate in the Department of Student Work, Nashville; Jackie Robinson, all-American athlete; Howard Butt, Texas layman and vice-president of a large wholesale grocery firm; Milton Ferguson, former Oklahoma BSU state president and well-known youth evangelist in Oklahoma; Frank Boggs, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary musician; and others.

Churches May Employ Social Security Beneficiaries

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A new administrative decision by the Federal Security Agency will make it easier for some churches and non-profit institutions to employ workers over 65 or widows with dependent children who are receiving social security benefits.

The FSA has determined that employment in jobs not covered by social security need not be counted as "gainful employment" by those who are receiving social security benefits. Under the new social security law passed by Congress in 1950, recipients must give up their social security benefits if they earn \$50.00 a month or more in "gainful employment."

While some churches and religious organizations have availed themselves of the opportunity to extend social security coverage to their employees under the new act, a majority of churches, especially those with only one or two staff members, still do not come under social security.

If the job is not covered by social security, effect of this regulation is to allow a worker to earn more than \$50 a month without losing his or her monthly benefits. Since many retired workers and widows with children under 18 are seeking part-time or full-time employment to supplement their monthly social security checks, this regulation gives churches an advantage in the employment market for custodial and clerical help.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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TEXTS: Luke 12:13-34; 18:18-24; Acts 16:11-15; I Thessalonians 4:10b-12; II Thessalonians 3:7-10 (Larger)—Lu. 12:13-21; II Thess. 3:7-10 (Printed)—Lu. 12:15 (Golden).

Christian Principles in Earning A Living

This is the first in a series of two lessons which is entitled, "Economic Relations." As the above topic indicates, the emphasis of this lesson is upon the earning side of living. The emphasis of next Sunday's lesson will be upon the spending side of living. For both of these lessons we will need to see how Christian principles are involved and how they can be applied.

Jesus found the Rich Young Ruler to be so in love with the things which he called his own that he would not give them up in order to make the Master supreme in his life (Luke 18:18-24). He had evidently allowed his possessions to become paramount in his living instead of making them subservient to the will of God and thus to his own best interests. In this case, the man was rich but one does not necessarily have to be rich for this to happen. A person may have very few possessions and yet develop in the same direction.

Paul won to Christ the first person in Europe, Lydia, who was a woman of some means and influence (Acts 16:11-15). It happened on a Sabbath day at a prayer meeting on the side of a river. Paul delivered his message, God opened her heart, and she responded. Lydia's method of earning a living, as a seller of purple, was likely honest and upright which made it easy for her to be brought to Christ. It is good business that makes it easy for the participants to know and to follow the Lord.

Paul admonishes the Thessalonian Christians to manifest a brotherly attitude toward one another and to engage in honest work (I Thess. 4:10b-12). This is to be done "so as to live worthy lives in relation to outsiders, and not be a burden to any one" (v. 12, Weymouth's Trans.). The three passages referred to above remind us that we are to earn our living in accord with the Bible. The printed text suggests two ways by which this may be done.

Avoid the Greedy Spirit (Lu. 12:13-21)

God had spoken through Moses on Mt. Sinai in one of the Ten Commandments saying, "Thou shalt not covet." It was with this background that Jesus warned against the spirit of covetousness and reminded that an abundance of things would always fail to satisfy. He illustrated His teaching with the parable of the man with a greedy spirit. What was there about this man that we should avoid as we earn a living?

First, he imagined that he could feed his soul upon the material things of life. But it could not be done then, nor can it be

done now. Man has been made in the image of God and has been made for the glory of God. The image has been marred but the thirst for God and the things of God remains. When he has been remade in the image of God, by faith in and surrender to Christ, he is able to satisfy this deep longing and aspiration for the spiritual. He should earn his living in such a manner that his soul will grow and thrive, instead of shrivel or shrink into useless inactivity.

Second, he forgot that his accumulation of things would in all probability disappear when the undertaker had finished in the disposal of his body at the cemetery. He had not learned what many Christians have not yet learned today, namely, that the only way to make such accumulation permanent is to give it to the ongoing of the Lord's work through sound financial channels that His people, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have established. And this is, after all, merely a form of changing the currency from earth to heaven such as a traveler does for instance when going from America to England or France.

Avail the Energetic Attitude (II Thess. 3:7-10)

Note, first, the example of a willing worker in the case of the Apostle Paul. None could or did ever accuse him of being lazy and trifling. He worked long and hard, at manual labor, so that he might be able to eat bread that his own efforts had earned. It is impossible to think of him as a recipient of income that was unearned, so familiar to us at present in governmental handouts of one sort or another. The followers of the Lord Jesus Christ are a sorry lot when they are willing to live off the earnings of others.

Note, second, the admonition for all to work if they are able to work. In this pointed admonition he is not being brutal or unkind when he says, "If any would not work, neither should he eat." The economic conditions of the world, of which we in this country are participants and parts, must sooner or later force us to assume what is involved. We may postpone for awhile the enactment of this fundamental law but it will finally be enforced. For the able-bodied, it will inevitably come to pass, "No work, no eat." A system of social security that ignores this is foredoomed to failure. And the sooner we learn this the better off we will find ourselves. Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, penned the formulation of this principle nearly two thousand years ago.

Applications Due August 10 For Southeastern Seminary

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—(BP)—Applications for admission to the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, for the fall semester must be in the office of the Seminary before August 10, Joseph R. Robinson, comptroller, announces.

The Seminary's policy of closing the application files thirty days before the matriculation date each semester is in line with the policy adopted last year by the other Southern Baptist seminaries. September 10 is the date set for matriculation for the 1951-52 session. Classes will begin September 12 with the opening convocation the same day, according to Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president.

Dr. Stealey reports seventy formal applications for entrance to the Seminary filed in the comptroller's office in mid-July. All Atlantic seaboard states except Maryland are represented. Inland states of Tennessee, West Virginia and Michigan are also listed.

Married students applying outnumber single ones eight to one, most of them with children. The majority have some previous pastoral experience.

Administrative offices of the new seminary have been established in the Music and Religion Building on the Wake Forest College campus. Members of the faculty are already on the campus and available for interviews with interested students.

Herbert M. Wyrick, pastor of First church, Barberton, Ohio, was recently the subject of an article in a Knoxville paper by E. E. Patton, entitled, "Tennessean Called Honor to His Church and State." Dr. Wyrick is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and Crozer Seminary. The article on Pastor Wyrick is one of a series on "home boy makes good," which have been written by Mr. Patton.

The W. M. U. and Brotherhood of First church, Madison, held a joint session Monday night, July 16, with L. S. Sedberry, secretary of the American Seminary as special speaker. A canned fruit shower produced over 30 cans of peaches for the Seminary table, ready to be served when school opens in September. Such programs with interest centered on the American Seminary have become regular with this good church. Pastor Oscar Nelson is also a member of the Commission on the American Seminary.

Pastor Carlyle Marney of First church, Austin, Texas, will be the evangelist Aug. 5-19 in special services sponsored by First church Ripley, Chesley L. Bowden, pastor, to be held in a tent on the public square at Ripley. James Berry, music director of Dr. Marney's church, will have charge of the music for these services which are expected to draw large attendances. The tent seats 1,500.

The Young South

For several weeks we have enjoyed looking together at new world pictures and making new friends. Let's try to catch up on word pictures today, by looking at the few which we have not had opportunity to share. Next week we will have a Bible game. In the meantime, you may find just the pen pal you are looking for by writing to one of these girls:

BETTY DAVIDSON, 1218 N. Hollywood, Memphis, Tennessee, sounds like an excellent pen pal for anyone twelve to fourteen years old, especially boys or girls who like to draw. For drawing is Betty's hobby.

Betty will be thirteen in October. She is in the eighth grade at school. She goes to Merton Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis.

She was one of the more than eighty-five friends who wrote to Nancy Reep who was ill at her home in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Why don't you draw a picture of something pretty you have seen this summer and send it to Betty as part of your get-acquainted note? Or perhaps you will decorate the paper on which your letter is written. That will be one way to share your hobby, and Betty promises, "I will write back to anyone who writes to me." Let's give her lots of opportunities to keep that promise. (I hope she will draw something for me when she writes to me again—and I hope that will be *real soon!*)

RETHA GLASCOCK, Route 1, Lewisburg, Tennessee, has never written to us before. I hope she will make up for lost time by writing often and adding to her word picture bits of news and information which will help us really to "see" her as one of our special friends. Retha is fourteen years old. She will go to Marshall County High School next term. She is a Christian and a member of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. Music and reading are her special interests. Both of those interests offer much for pen pals to write about.

Do you like to sing, or to play an instrument? Or do you just like to listen to pretty music? What is your favorite kind of music? The answers to these questions would make a good get-acquainted letter to Retha. You might ask her some of the same questions—and others which will help you know Retha better.

Or, if you share her hobby of reading, you may want to tell her about the best book you have read this summer. Tell her about your library—at home or school or church—and share with her some special story or information which you've learned from your reading.

It's fun writing to people who are interested in the same things you like.

NETTIE MARIE GRAVES, is an eleven-year-old friend who says, "I would like very much to have some pen pals. I will try my best to answer every letter I get." Nettie Marie's birthday is March 28. She goes to Fairview School and will be in the sixth grade when school reopens. Her favorite subjects are spelling and reading. At home she spends much of her time reading, riding a bicycle, or playing the piano. Those interests will certainly be attractive to Junior girls who are looking for pen pals. They will offer much to write about. Nettie Marie's address is Route 1, Medina, Tennessee.

There was good news in the letter from BETTY SUTTLE, Fountain Head, Tennessee. For she said, "I have written you once before. Then I was not a Christian, but I am now." Aren't you glad? Perhaps you would like to write and tell Betty so.

Ask her about the Vacation Bible school in her church. She was looking forward to it. I hope she will write and tell me all about it, too.

Betty has one pen pal already—Ruth Walker of Cookeville, Tennessee. But she wants more.

If you have written to Aunt Polly in the last two weeks, you will understand why it was not in the group printed in today's column. Your letter had not arrived when this material went to press. Keep watching the column. Your word picture will appear the very first opportunity. I hope there will be a stack of new cards in the file by the time this paper reaches you. And I certainly hope that one of those cards will be a word picture of YOU.

China Missionary Staff Being Redeployed in Southeast Asia

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has been called to Richmond to confer with the Board concerning the redeployment of missionaries of the China staff who are unable to return to their field because of communist control there. He arrived in Richmond July 2 by Northwestern Airlines from his headquarters in Hong Kong.

He will be in Richmond until the end of August, at which time he will return to Tokyo where his headquarters will be established. This move will enable him to give greater assistance to the rapidly expanding work of the Japan Mission where Southern Baptists already have 83 missionaries and are working toward a staff of 100. Mrs. Cauthen and their two children are already in Tokyo.

Southern Baptists now have in communist China only two missionaries. They are awaiting exit permits. There are seven missionaries in Hong Kong, four in Macao,

eleven in Formosa, seven in Siam, thirteen in the Philippine Islands, and one each in Malaya and Korea. All of these fields will be strengthened by the reassignment of the China missionary forces.

"Although we are unable to send funds to China and will soon have no missionaries in communist territory, it must not be assumed that Baptist work has ended there," Dr. Cauthen says. "Churches are heroically carrying on their work although the difficulties are increasing daily. Chinese Christians are demonstrating a great spirit of loyalty to Christ and many of them have suffered because of their Christian convictions.

"There has never been in the history of China such suffering as the people are facing right now. I think the greatest parallel is that of the grim days of the French Revolution. But the suffering in China so exceeds that of the French Revolution that there is little comparison. China is writing a record in blood unexcelled in the history of nations."

Dr. Cauthen said the people of China did not accept communism—it came upon them. The attitudes of the people of China, he said, are not with the communist movement. Power is exercised by a small, but closely knit, minority. Because of this power, 450,000,000 people answer the beck and call of communist leaders.

"Businessmen give up in hopeless despair. The scholar can no longer be an explorer of truth. He is reduced to the role of a parrot. The people of China do not even have the freedom of silence. A reactionary is one who is not enthusiastically supporting the communist regime."

Regarding the future of missionary service in the Orient, it is Dr. Cauthen's view that remarkable opportunities are found for missionary work in many lands there. "But these opportunities can be served only on the basis of running calculated risks," he added. "The entire Orient presents a picture of instability. But missionaries now in those countries are serving eagerly the opportunities around them and are calling for reinforcements."

Dr. Cauthen explained that because of the instability of the southeast Asia countries, Southern Baptists are keeping investments low, even where missionaries are entering. Bible schools are held without large investments. "Only where it is necessary are we building residences," he said.

Experienced missionaries of the China staff will work among the Chinese people now living in southeast Asia as a spearhead to a larger, general development among the people of the several countries being entered.

Miss Ruth Pettigrew, Southern Baptist missionary to China, has just reached Hong Kong from communist China, according to an announcement by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board. This leaves only two of the Board's missionaries in communist areas. They are Miss Ruth Evely Hayes and Miss Pearl Johnson.



Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. M. K. COBBLE, President
MISS LAURA FRANCES SNOW
Young People's Secretary

MISS MARY NORTHINGTON, Executive Sec'y Treas.
MRS. DOUGLAS GINN
Office Secretary

CAMP IN HAWAII

Thirty miles from Honolulu the Hawaiian Baptist own a lovely camp—the name Camp Puu Ka Hea. The Pacific Ocean is in front of the camp and beautiful mountains are near by. Palm trees with cocoanuts hanging underneath the leaves surround the lovely old home used as the dormitory.

The Lottie Moon Offering helped pay for this place that is used the year round for religious gatherings. A large tent is used for the assembly.

Mrs. Holloway and I were among the many guests from the mainland for their annual assembly, July 2-7. Dr. Kyle Yates, Houston, Texas, spoke at the Bible hour each morning and preached each evening. Versil Crenshaw from the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, led the conference on Training Union work.

I was asked to speak at the missionary hour and to address the W. M. U. conference on July 4th. It was a privilege and responsibility to speak to about 400 eager young people on the fourth. They gave the pledge to the flag with fervor. They are Americans.

We had a very happy visit in Hawaii. At eleven P.M. on the night of July 6th, we boarded our plane for the mainland. The next afternoon we were in Oakland, California on the way home. After three days and nights on the train, we were glad to see Nashville once more.

We are grateful that we had our vacation in Hawaii, for we have seen what the Lord has done in those beautiful islands.

"Extras" At W.M.U. Conference

W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest is always a thrilling week. This year the date is August 9-15. You are already planning to go but have you thought about the extra features for this year?

Every W.M.U. associational superintendent, chairman, or whatever you call her in your state, will find a special treat of real help in a conference led by Mrs. Harry P. Clause, president of Maryland W.M.U.

And every Good Will Center director, associate and helper will want to be in the Good Will Center Conference which is gathering up the best leadership from everywhere. Mrs. Noble Y. Beall, general field worker for Good Will Centers of our Home Mission Board, and Miss Edith Stokely, our convention-wide W.M.U. community missions director, have planned together. They have invited specialists to show how music and drama can be valuable in Good Will

Centers. Miss Jean Lowrey of Blue Mountain College, Mississippi, will lead in the use of drama and Miss Nora P. Emerson in the use of music in Good Will Centers.

There will be as always missionary inspiration, W.M.U. fellowship, plans and methods for better missionary education in the future, all the joys and blessings that can be crowded into one wonderful week. Be sure to make your reservation at once if you haven't already done so. Write to Mr. Willard Weeks, Baptist Assembly,



Sunday School

JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

We are printing a copy of a letter from Dr. R. Paul Caudill, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee:

"DEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER:

"So far as I know, this is my first time to address an urgent appeal specifically to the Sunday school constituency of Southern Baptists, and I do so now only because of the unanimous request of those attending the annual Convention-wide Sunday School Assembly at Ridgecrest where I served as assembly pastor the week of June 28 to July 4.

"The assembly, from beginning to end, seemed to kindle afresh the fires of evangelism. That is why those present resolved, following an address by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, to petition the churches throughout the Convention territory to strive as never before to make the most of the tremendous evangelistic opportunity that is perennially ours in the Sunday schools. Actually, in the Sunday schools the churches have the finest instrument of evangelism on earth. Nothing could surpass it if we would only use the channel worthily.

"As the record now stands, one out of every three lost people enrolled in our Sunday schools annually is baptized during the year. This means that if we go out after the lost and enroll them in Sunday school, at least one out of every three will be baptized before the year is out.

"But what of the other two? Shall we continue to leave them outside the fold? Can we be satisfied, in His sight, to win but one out of three who are lost and on our Sunday school rolls during a given year? Surely it is a crime before heaven for us to fail in the face of this unprecedented opportunity. If we were to become serious

Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Notice

Associational superintendents coming to W.M.U. Week, August 9-15, bring copies of programs, announcements, year books to show; bring ideas and plans you have found helpful to exchange.

August 27-29

The Efficiency School at Camp Carson, August 27-29 will have Mrs. Wm. McMurray, South-wide Mission Study Chairman as conference leader and speaker.

Each phase of the work will have a competent leader. Send your new officers to Camp Carson. Register today by sending five dollars to Miss Mary Northington, 149 6th Avenue, North, Nashville, which cares for all expenses from Monday evening through Wednesday.

about the matter, we could double our baptisms through our Sunday schools alone within a single year.

"I know not what course others may take, but as for me, I expect, under God, to comb the rolls of our Sunday school departments from 'A to Z' so as to locate every lost soul that is now enrolled and to set about as never before to win them. I know that it can be done, for it lies within the circle of the Father's will. Yea, it is rather our supreme task as believers—this winning of the lost.

"Furthermore, I am resolved, with the help of our heavenly Father and our faithful co-workers, to see that the enrolment of our Sunday school increases by leaps and bounds during the coming year. This, too, can come to pass—with God's help.

"May we not all see, my fellow Sunday school workers, that these challenging fields of opportunity are met in our Sunday schools now—this very year! God help us to lay hold on that for which we were laid hold on by Jesus Christ.

"This is my message to you, but is more than my message; it represents the deep yearnings of almost two thousand hearts gathered at Ridgecrest for the third week of the Convention-wide Sunday School Assembly.

Faithfully,
R. PAUL CAUDILL"

Isn't this a challenging message to our Sunday school forces? What will you do about the lost in your community and in your church? What will you do about the unenlisted in Sunday school. ". inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



GALE GARDNER, JR.

State Speakers' Tournament Winner

On July 6, Mr. Gale Gardner, Jr., of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, was chosen to represent Tennessee in the Southern Baptist Speakers' Tournament at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly on July 21. He represented Eastern Region.

Mr. Wallace McGill, of First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, was chosen as alternate, and represented Central Region.

The text of Gale's speech follows:

Standing Up for Jesus

Ninety years ago, in the year 1861, Abraham Lincoln had to choose between peace or probable civil war in America. Lincoln could have prevented war by merely approving the Crittenden Compromise to the slavery problem, which would have avoided war by limiting slavery to the Southern half of the country, but which would not have answered the real question of whether slavery was right or wrong. Although the country was overwhelmingly in favor of the compromise, Lincoln defeated it by choosing probable civil war rather than a peace that would have required sacrificing his conviction that personal liberty belongs to all people, by gift of God. In these days in which we live, days of war and threat of war, days of emphasis on material wealth, and days of moral laxity, people are needed who will stand up for Jesus, regardless of the cost, even as Lincoln did. The world needs Christians who dare to walk uprightly in all their dealings, who dare to be right regardless of whether they are successful, and above all, who dare to stand as witnesses for Jesus by reflecting His teachings in their daily lives.

Standing up for Jesus is not always the easy thing to do. For Lincoln it meant bitter unpopularity. Many times it involves personal sacrifice and shattered ambitions. Such was the case of Dudley Tyng, the pastor of one of Philadelphia's greatest churches shortly before the outbreak of the Civil War. Because his strong convictions against slavery ran counter to the compromising attitude of his congregation, who wished to avoid war at any cost, he was removed from his pastorate. Still he continued to speak out against the evils of slavery and of the necessity for Christians to stand up for Jesus with strong convictions. His dying words were "Stand up for Jesus," a challenge to the whole world. It was this message that inspired George Duffield to write the immortal hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," a symbol of Dudley Tyng's style of Christianity.

History has record of no man who stood more firmly for Jesus than did Paul, the apostle. Paul had no sympathy for weak convictions. He once wrote, "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" The trumpet has always signified an army charging against the foe. No other instrument can ring so clearly above the sounds of battle or inspire warriors to such heights of courage. Yet, if the sound of the trumpet is hesitant or faltering, if it gives evidence of a trembling lip or a fearful heart, its inspiration will be lost, and the charge will be repulsed. A hesitant, lukewarm, and compromising Christianity will likewise go for nought. We need as the basis for our Christianity certain active, challenging, and uncompromising convictions that we will hold to at any cost.

To stand for Jesus completely, we must stand for Him physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. To stand for Jesus physically, we must stand firm in the face of all the physical dangers that surround us today, dangers even more numerous than in Paul's day. To stand for Jesus mentally, we must have the wisdom to see Christ's will in our lives. To stand for Jesus socially often requires sacrifice of popularity. Yet it is far better to please Jesus than the world. The Bible says, "Woe unto you, when men shall speak well of you!" Instead of backing down on our convictions when others scoff at the stand we take, we should remember the words of Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

After all, "popularity comes from pleasing people, but greatness comes from pleasing God." To stand for Jesus spiritually, we must believe in Him with all our heart and soul. An incomplete spiritual life is not enough. The Bible says that if we are to stand, we must "put on the whole armour of God."

The world in which we live today needs men and women of conviction more than ever before. We need more Abraham Lincolns and more Dudley Tyngs who will stand up for what they believe is right. The very atmosphere in which we live is charged with tension, strain, and pressure. Conflicting ideas that seem to be at cross purposes lead us to situations in which we do not know where to turn next. It is here that unwavering faith in one's convictions will give stability and strength, and it is here that Christians must "Stand up for Jesus."

(Footnotes are omitted for lack of space.)

Condemns Religious Illiteracy of the Educated

ST. LOUIS—(RNS)—The religious illiteracy of persons otherwise well educated was condemned here by a St. Louis pastor, the Rev. Paul Stephan.

He addressed some 1,500 delegates attending the 59th annual convention of the International Walther League, youth organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

"The best educators of our land," he said, "lament the fact that students in colleges and universities pride themselves on their technical accomplishments and the number of degrees they have earned and are actually religious illiterates.

"They are ignorant of the simplest Biblical names, incidents, narratives, teachings and accounts. It should be our first and paramount obligation to spread with a holy zeal the blessed teachings of the Bible."

Though the Carthage church is without a pastor, the Church sponsored and conducted a very fine Vacation Bible school during June. There were 137 enrolled and Mrs. J. W. Evans served as principal.

Fred Bell, Chaplain, Mid-State hospital, supplied the pulpit of the Inglewood church, Harold Stephens, pastor, on a recent Sunday.

T. G. Davis, servant of the Lord for over 50 years, and who until recently, was pastor of Robertsville church, Oak Ridge, resigning the active pastorate at the age of 81, supplied the pulpit of the First church, Cookeville, James R. Sykes, pastor, recently.

Dr. F. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance, recently preached at the First church, Nashville, W. F. Powell, pastor. Dr. Lord is touring America in the interest of the great world-wide fellowship of Christians and their common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first big step in the building program of the Third church, Murfreesboro, has been hurdled, the first \$10,000 raised, and ground has been broken. What marvelous progress this church under the leadership of Wendell Price, has made in three short years! The cost of this unit under construction is approximately \$75,000.

Attention:

Associational Directors and Missionaries

We are offering free entertainment to any of our associational directors and missionaries who will enlist five people to come to either Camp Carson or Camp Linden. Remember the Training Union dates are:

Camp Linden
August 6-10

Camp Carson
August 13-17

Porter Routh Reports . . .

Baptist Highlights

. . . More than 2,500 registered for the first Training Union Week at Ridgecrest, with 391 making definite decisions for the first time in full Christian service at the Sunday night service under the direction of Dr. C. O. Johnson. George Smith, Chickasha, won the Speakers Tournament with Miss Janet Ann Matthews, also of Oklahoma, winning the Intermediate Sword Drill.

. . . California Baptists have elected Julian L. Stenstrom as Brotherhood secretary.

. . . Dr. Franklin Segler, Alexandria, La., has been elected to the faculty of the Southwestern Seminary.

. . . The Kentucky Baptist Association will be held in Bowling Green, November 13-15. It had been set last year for Middlesboro.

. . . Mrs. J. M. Dawson is in a critical condition in Washington, D. C.

. . . Periodical sales for the Sunday School Board for the second quarter reached 10,524,294, compared with 9,821,030 for the same period in 1950. Circulation of the Adult Sunday school quarterly reached 1,634,812.

. . . The Training Union Department reports 24,953 awards for June. Sunday school, 16,005.

. . . Eldred Taylor has succeeded R. B. Hooks as secretary of Evangelism in Kentucky. Brother Hooks will give his full time to rural work.

. . . Baylor University has announced a program leading to the granting of Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

. . . The First Baptist Church, Decatur, has moved into an entirely new church plant, costing \$1,000,000 and containing 72,000 square feet of floor space. Dick H. Hall is the pastor.

In the World of Religion

. . . Methodists report that new Laymen's Clubs are being organized in their denomination at the rate of 100 per month.

. . . Dr. Ernest R. Bryan has been re-elected president of the International Christian Endeavor.

. . . The National Council of Churches reports that only 17 per cent of the population of 11 West Virginia mining towns reported church membership. Of the 42 churches in the 11 towns, only eight had full-time pastors.

. . . Two sites in Cincinnati have been proposed for the national headquarters for the National Council of Churches. The headquarters are now in New York City.

. . . The New York State Court of Appeals has upheld the released time program of religious education sponsored by New York City schools. The children are excused one hour each week for classes off school premises.

. . . Dr. Robert A. Cook has been re-elected president of "Youth for Christ." Billy Graham has been elected vice-president.

. . . The Swiss Guards, colorful military organization of the Vatican, have asked for an increase over their \$50 per month salary. They rejected a \$1.50 per month increase offered by the Vatican.

. . . The Department of Labor reports that new starts in church construction amounting to \$221,000,000 have been made during the first six months of 1951. This is an increase of 23 per cent over the same period in 1950.

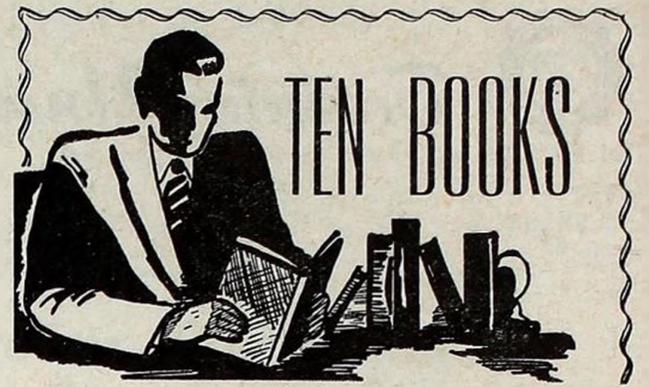
Schedule Evangelistic Crusade In Japan

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—Seven Southern Baptist leaders will conduct an evangelistic crusade in Japan, beginning September 15, it was announced at Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters here.

The group will comprise Dr. M. Ray McKay of Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. John L. Slaughter of Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. Norfleet Gardner of Henderson, N. C.; Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. E. D. Head, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.; Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. Clyde V. Hickerson of Richmond, Va.

The crusade is a follow-up of a special evangelistic effort conducted last fall by the Japan Baptist Convention and four Southern Baptist preachers. Last year's campaign, it was reported, resulted in a 29 per cent increase in the membership of the Baptist denomination in Japan.

In the Japan Baptist Convention there are 38 organized churches, 76 missions or preaching places, 40 pastors and evangelists, 83 missionaries and more than 4,200 church members.



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Sara Bradford Saunders, 5007 Gallatin Rd., Nashville 6, Tenn., names her ten favorite books (the Bible excepted) as:

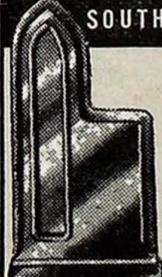
I'll Take My Stand—Twelve Southerners
Little Women—Louisa Mai Alcott
In His Steps—Charles Sheldon
Pilgrim's Progress—John Bunyan
Tale of Two Cities—Dickens
Penhally—Caroline Gordon Tate
Les Miserables—Victor Hugo
David Copperfield—Dickens
Julius Caesar—Shakespeare
Magnificent Obsession—Lloyd C. Douglass

Herron Chapel church, Bemis, sends us resolutions on the loss sustained in the death of Forrest W. Brooks, an active deacon for twenty years. Mr. Brooks died June 12. Church and community miss this faithful and upright man.

Forrest Short, Theo Campbell and W. H. Summerall were ordained as deacons by Elora church, William Carey association, June 17. The presbytery consisted of: Lawrence Wells, Cecil Ellis, Arthur Cleghorn, Carl Ellis, of Petersburg; Sam Hall, Lexi Cross Roads; F. G. Stovall, Clyde Jones, R. J. Hammon, Donelson Grove; Rev. C. W. Brown, Lee Mathis, Raymond Vann and Deimer Monks, Prospect; J. O. Owen, A. L. Caldwell, Elora; Rev. Howard McGeehee, Locust Grove. Joe L. Wells examined the candidates, Howard McGeehee administered the charge to candidates and church, Sam Hall presented the Bible and C. W. Brown led the ordination prayer.

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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, JULY 22, 1951

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	253	45	---	Knoxville, Alice Bell	95	34	---
Ashland City, First	57	---	---	Arlington	425	100	1
Athens, Antioch	137	---	2	Bell Avenue	700	290	---
East	438	123	1	Broadway	1139	332	7
First	497	160	2	Fifth Avenue	756	196	---
West End Mission	109	24	---	First	734	76	1
Calhoun	134	46	---	Gillespie Avenue	203	68	---
Clearwater	61	51	---	Inskip	434	111	---
Coghill	82	42	---	Lincoln Park	623	136	---
Conasauga	30	20	---	Sevier Heights	512	145	1
Cotton Port	95	83	---	LaFollette, First	289	73	---
Eastanalle	67	19	---	Mission	50	14	---
Englewood	146	38	---	West	201	64	---
Etowah, East	57	---	---	Lebanon, Cedar Grove	96	57	---
Etowah, First	358	65	---	Fairview	151	93	---
Etowah, North	267	106	---	Rocky Grove	26	---	---
Good Springs	119	58	3	Lenoir City, First	380	75	2
Idlewild	72	51	---	First Avenue	179	70	---
McMahan Calvary	76	39	2	Kingston Pike	24	---	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	101	---	---	Nelson Street Mission	11	---	---
New Hope	82	42	---	Lewisburg, First	522	136	---
New Zion	55	35	---	Lcxington, First	252	40	1
Niota, East	112	49	---	Madisonville, Chestua	69	35	---
Niota, First	122	33	---	Maryville, Broadway	375	128	---
Old Salem	51	---	---	Everett Hills	337	125	1
Riceville	133	52	---	First	850	259	4
Rocky Mount	28	28	---	Maynardville	107	15	---
Rodgers Creek	31	21	---	Medina	156	71	---
Union Grove No. 2	67	65	---	Lathams Chapel	112	45	---
Union McMinn	60	---	---	Memphis, Bellevue	2338	905	19
West View	77	24	---	Central Avenue	711	206	1
Wild Wood	84	63	---	Kennedy	245	97	---
Benton, First	156	63	---	LaBelle	688	211	1
Bemis, Herron Chapel	253	54	---	Levi	225	109	---
Bristol, Calvary	342	87	---	Parkway	436	145	---
Brownsville	369	106	---	Shirley Park	278	84	2
Camden, First	195	94	1	Southland	143	76	---
Carthage, First	198	30	2	Temple	1213	260	3
Charleston	59	19	---	Union Avenue	1047	253	5
Chattanooga, Avondale	611	235	3	Winchester	230	100	1
Concord	258	95	2	Monterey, First	272	---	---
First	966	234	5	Murfreesboro, First	459	115	---
Highland Park	3732	854	39	Mt. Herman	152	83	---
Red Bank	597	174	---	Powell's Chapel	123	94	---
Soddy, Oak Street	193	91	1	Taylor's Chapel	84	35	---
Clarksville, First	365	118	2	Third	156	44	---
Cleveland, Big Spring	295	146	---	Walnut Street Mission	42	---	---
Calvary	176	115	3	Westvue	398	141	---
Rutledge Memorial	64	36	---	Whitsett Chapel	77	56	---
Clinton, First	399	69	---	Woodbury Road	85	39	---
Columbia, First	416	128	1	Nashville, Belmont Heights	968	280	6
Godwin Chapel	36	---	---	Eastland	597	97	4
Second	173	98	---	Edgefield	462	134	---
Corryton, Fairview	150	79	---	First	1146	315	2
Crossville, First	170	71	---	Grace	747	259	1
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	158	92	---	Inglewood	762	159	1
First	600	206	---	Due West	46	32	1
Southside	125	50	6	State School	35	---	---
Elizabethton, Beck Mountain	123	94	---	Madison Heights	152	79	4
First	532	---	---	Radnor	319	120	---
Siam	214	126	---	Woodmont	380	119	8
Erwin, Ninth Steet	241	132	3	Woodmont Center	118	51	---
Fountain City, Central	865	197	---	New Middleton	150	45	---
Hmes Valley Mission	50	---	---	Paris, Fairview	79	28	---
First	320	111	---	Philadelphia	173	22	---
Friendship	124	35	---	Portland, First	234	58	2
Gallatin, First	416	74	---	Pulaski, First	282	102	---
Grand Junction, First	100	58	---	Rockwood, First	303	88	---
Harriman, Trenton Street	379	87	---	Whites Creek	98	30	---
Humboldt, Antioch	231	81	---	Rogersville, Hennard's Chapel	141	104	---
First	121	510	---	Rutledge	104	37	---
Jackson, Calvary	454	147	---	Savannah, First	132	70	---
First	704	101	---	Pickwick Road	27	---	---
West	719	202	1	Shelbyville, El Bethel	142	79	1
Jamestown, First	300	82	---	Stantonville, West Shiloh	202	118	---
Jefferson City, First	372	125	---	Statesville, Smith Fork	136	100	---
Kingsport, First	725	151	5	Tullahoma, First	222	54	---
Fort Robinson	118	68	---	Highland	92	47	---
Glenwood	301	133	6	Watertown, Round Lick	190	88	---



LAUGHS

From
Here and There

Civilization: an advancement from shoeless toes to toeless shoes.

Chief complaint against people who wear those loud hand-painted American neckties is that they never tie them tight enough.—Haolam Hazeh (Israel)

A suburban minister, during his discourse one Sunday morning, said: "In every blade of grass there is a sermon."

Next day, one of his elders found the good man mowing his lawn. "Well, sir," he said, "I am glad to see you engaged in cutting your sermons short."

The woman lion tamer had the lions under perfect control. At her summons the fiercest beast came meekly to her and took a lump of sugar from her mouth. The circus crowd marvelled—all except one man. "Anybody could do that," he called repeatedly until the ringmaster scornfully said, would you dare do it?" "Certainly," said the cocky customer, coming into the ring. "I can do it as well as the lion can."

A young Army recruit was feeling a little homesick and appalled at the great contrast between barracks life and his comfortable, cultural home life as the son of a Harvard professor. He wandered behind the barracks and slumped down on the steps to think. In a moment the top sergeant came around the corner and barked: "What are you doing here?"

The boy leaped to his feet. "I'm er—procrastinating, sir."

The sergeant looked dubious, then said: "Well OK, just so you keep busy."

A piece of paper, slipped under the windshield wiper of the brand-new convertible parked in the "No Parking" zone bore the words: "Attorney—am inside attending to business."

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East Tennessee NEWS

by LLOYD T. HOUSEHOLDER, Maryville

The newly elected officers of the Knoxville Baptist Pastors Conference are R. L. Hamby, president; Henry Chiles, vice-president; Ralph L. Murray, secretary-treasurer.

Gay Harris, pastor of Valley Grove church, is the new moderator of Knox county association. He succeeds J. Burch Cooper who has moved to Maryville as pastor of Everette Hills church.

After two and a half years of splendid work as pastor of First church, Cleveland, L. B. Cobb has resigned in order to accept a call to River Oaks church, Fort Worth, Texas. He will be greatly missed in the councils of Tennessee Baptists. The church presented Dr. and Mrs. Cobb with a television set at their farewell reception.

Russell Bradley Jones, pastor of Central church, Chattanooga, for more than nine years, has resigned and accepted the position as head of the Bible Department at Carson-Newman College. His decision to accept this important place will meet with hearty approval by East Tennessee Baptists.

T. G. Davis, until recently pastor of Robertsville church, Oak Ridge, will be supply pastor at First church, Alcoa, while the church seeks a successor to Lacy Basham who resigned recently to go to Florida.

Knox county association held its monthly associational day at Beaver Dam church on Monday, July 9. Pastors attending the Southern Baptist Convention gave reports of its sessions. At night the Sunday school work was emphasized. The association has just closed a successful school of music under the direction of Dr. Warren Angel, dean of the School of Music at Oklahoma Baptist University.

A Sunday school clinic was conducted by Smithwood church, Knoxville, Ralph L. Murray, pastor, Friday, July 13. It was described as a refresher course for all Sunday school workers in the church. Raymond DeArmond, superintendent of Sunday school work in Knox county association, was in charge of the program.

Sunday, June 25 and July 1, Dr. Ray Summers, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary was guest preacher at Fifth Avenue church, Knoxville.

Nurses from Knoxville General hospital were guests of honor at the evening service of Calvary church, Knoxville, July 8. Charles Lemons, pastor of the church, is pastor advisor for this group of young women from the hospital.

Broadway church, Knoxville, Ramsey Pollard, pastor, is conducting a summer school for Sunday school teachers. The school began July 16 and will continue until September 26. Each week during this period a different book dealing with Sunday school work will be taught.

Mrs. Freddie Clark, until recently secretary of First church, Rockmart, Ga., has assumed her new duties as secretary of First church, Kingsport. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College. E. Gibson Davis is the pastor of this progressive church.

Earl Ogg, pastor of Calvary church, Bristol, is preaching a series of sermons on the theme, "Vital R's of our Religion." The subjects include Repentance, Regeneration, Redemption, Reconciliation, Remission, Return of Christ. Here is plenty of room for some great preaching.

Dr. Harley Fite, president of Carson-Newman College, was guest speaker at First church, Newport, on Christian Education Day, June 24. Lowell D. Milburn is pastor.

Francis M. Warden, pastor of First church, Jefferson City, was director of the Preachers School held at Carson-Newman College during the week of July 9-13. Other members of the faculty were Joe Wells, David Livingstone, A. E. Cate, Garland Hendricks of North Carolina, and the writer.

Bill Scruggs of Oak Ridge and a student at New Orleans Seminary supplied the pulpit of First church, Loudon, Sunday, June 17. Pastor Paul Hall spoke at his home church, Round Lick near Watertown, on this date.

O. L. Rives, professor of Religious Education at Carson-Newman College, was guest preacher at First church, Lenoir City, Sunday, July 1. J. E. Ledbetter, pastor.

Hobart Ford, pastor of Rogersville church, is conducting a tent meeting at Grigsby's school near Rogersville. Clyde Long is leading the music. This fine church is exerting a mighty influence in all sections of Hawkins county.

A youth revival will be held in Chattanooga, August 9-18. Ralph Langley and Buckner Fanning, well known youth evangelists, will be the preachers and Dick Barker will conduct the music. Bill Cody, student secretary at the University of Kentucky will be the advance man. The local committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Otto Whittington, Howard Kerr, O. M. Mixson and John Dickinson.

During the week of July 8-13, Russell Bradley Jones assisted Wayne Alliston and the Briar Hill church, Rankin county, Miss., in a revival. This was a return engagement for Dr. Jones.

In his Wednesday evening services, Roland C. Hudlow, pastor of White Pine church, is leading his people in the study of First John. He is urging his people to memorize a few verses of this portion of scripture each week. Such Bible study should prove to be very profitable.

Sunday, July 1, First church, Gatlinburg, entered its new building. It is a thing of beauty within and without and will meet a great need for such a place of worship here in the heart of the Smokies. On the above date Dr. W. B. Feagins, pastor of Calvary church, Clearwater, Fla., began a revival. Stanley Armstrong of Gatlinburg was in charge of the music. J. O. Carter is the energetic and successful pastor of this good church.

Sneedville church, Mulberry Gap association, has concluded a most successful Vacation Bible school. It has also conducted a school at Simpson school for colored children. Recently Joe Wells conducted a Stewardship revival in the church which brought a blessing to the community.

J. Burch Cooper, new pastor of Everette Hills church, was the speaker at the associational Sunday school rally at First church, Maryville, Tuesday night, July 17.

Marcus Reed, a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, has been called as pastor of Cedar Grove church, Chilhowee association, and is already on the field. He succeeds S. C. Grigsby.

Calvary church, Alcoa, has called Bertis Fair, a native Tennessean, now pastor at Valdese, N. C. He has accepted and will move about August 15.

Sunday, July 15, was observed as Baby Day at Central church, Fountain City, Chas. S. Bond, pastor. A special service was conducted in honor of the babies and their parents.

During the week of August 20-24, Chilhowee association will conduct a school of music at Broadway church, Maryville. Edmond Keith of First church, West Monroe, La., will be director.

Pastor Wallace Carrier of First church, Rockwood, has compiled an interesting collection of material on the Church of Christ and has added his own interpretation to the material, thereby making an interesting tract on the subject. It is worth reading. On a recent Friday evening Dr. W. R. White of Baylor University, spoke to a large audience in the Rockwood church. He was visiting Mrs. White's relatives and accepted the invitation to speak.

C. A. McKenzie, First church, Fountain City, recently assisted Stony Point church, Knox county, in a good revival. W. C. Wells is pastor of the church.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt, Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil, are returning to the States on regular furlough. They will be located at Seymour, Tenn. Both are natives of Tennessee.

West Tennessee NEWS

by EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington

A. M. Vollmer, secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Kentucky, filled the pulpit of Bellevue church, Memphis, on July 15. Pastor R. G. Lee was out of town.

Mrs. Lucy McDearman Moore, of McKenzie, passed away on July 11. She was the daughter of the late Rev. C. C. McDearman, one of the pioneer Baptist preachers of that area. Pastor L. H. Hatcher conducted the funeral on the following day.

Pastor W. A. Boston, First church, Union City, will be the visiting preacher in a revival at McKenzie September 1-14.

Pastor J. T. Ford, First church, Huntsville, Ala., spoke at Brownsville, Joe Harting, pastor, in special services on a recent Sunday. He is a graduate of Union University.

Editor Richard N. Owen, of *Baptist and Reflector*, supplied the pulpit of Boulevard church, Memphis, on July 8 while pastor C. M. Pickler was in a revival, and at Highland Heights, Memphis, July 22 for pastor Slater A. Murphy.

Leonard Halbrook, Jackson, has enrolled in Baptist Bible Institute, Lakeland, Fla.

James Cotten has been added to the staff of Calvary church, Jackson, James Canada, pastor, as director of music and youth activities. A native of Mt. Pleasant, he was with Medina church, Clyde Burke, pastor, where he served in a similar capacity.

Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of Baptist Brotherhood, conducted a Layman's revival at Calvary church, Jackson, the week of July 15.

One of the greatest religious gatherings ever seen in Jackson was held recently when Evangelist Billy Graham spoke to a crowd of 5,000 (newspaper estimate,—NOT ministerially speaking), at Rothrock Field. The service was arranged by President Warren F. Jones of Union University. This was the only outside appointment Dr. Graham accepted during the Memphis meeting.

The marriage of Miss Christine Johnson and Rev. Mark Fairless took place at Ararat church near Jackson, on July 1. Pastor Fred M. Wood, Dresden, and Pastor R. C. Briggs, Ararat church, were the officiants. The groom is one of the promising young ministers of Gibson county and will be a student at Southern Seminary this fall.

The church at Selmer has called Pastor O. G. Lawless, of Albany, Ky., and he has accepted. The Selmer church has been without a pastor since Howard S. Kolb went to Pine Bluff several months ago. Bro. Lawless has been at Albany ten years.

Southside church, Dyer association, has a standard V. B. S. with 129 enrolled and an average attendance of 101. Thomas Drake is the pastor.

Eudora church, Memphis, W. O. Beaty, pastor, expects to occupy their new \$40,000 annex around September 1. This is the first unit in a building program which will cost about \$150,000. The church has enjoyed a 20% increase in membership during the past 90 days. Dale Palmer, Memphis, has been called as assistant pastor.

Prof. Ralph Donnell, Union University, supplied the pulpit of North Jackson church on July 15 while Pastor and Mrs. Waif Hamilton were in Jonesboro, Ark., attending the funeral of a close relative.

Robert Raiford, of Jackson, has accepted a call to become pastor of Oakland church in Fayette county association.

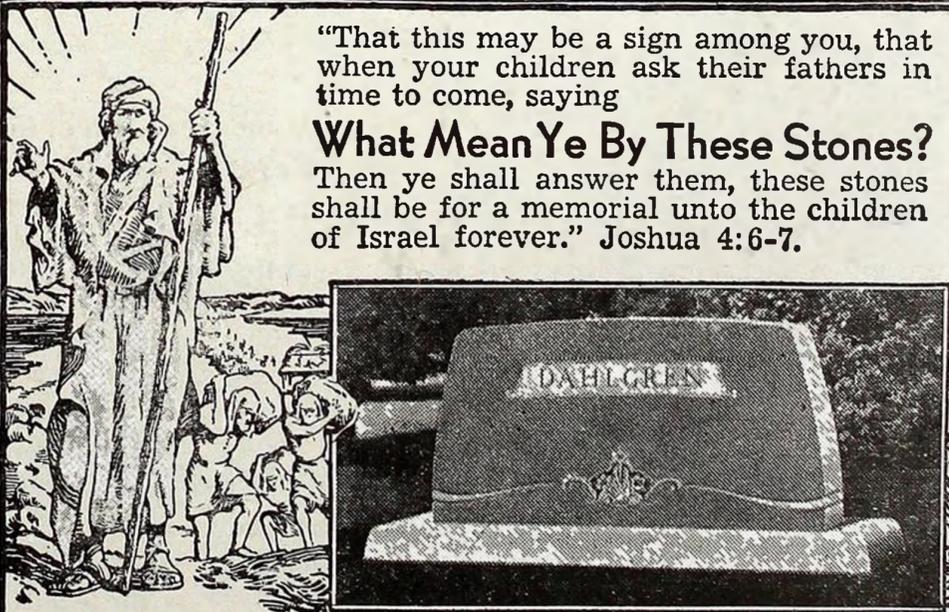
Pastor James H. Oakley and Egypt church, Memphis, had a week of inspiration July 22-29. Conducted on the chautauqua plan, it consisted of addresses, readings, music, magic, and surprise features. Services were held from 7:30 to 9 each night.

Highland Heights church, Memphis, observed the ninth anniversary of the pastorate of Slater A. Murphy on July 15.

Pastor Thomas W. Pope, First church, Martin, will assist Pastor J. H. Smothers and Wildersville church in a revival, August 5-10.

A cornerstone will be laid for the new education building at First church, Alamo, Floyd Cates, pastor, August 19. The church elected a committee composed of J. B. Avery, Jr., Miss Anna Worrell, Mrs. Ada Jones and the pastor and gave them the responsibility of working out the details for this service.

Mr. Wesley Essary passed away at Chesterfield, Tenn., July 22, at the ripe old age of 99 years and 11 months. Had he lived until August 22 he would have been 100 years old. Converted at the age of 17, he had been a member of Union Baptist church (Beech River association) for 83 years. Although totally deaf he seldom missed a service, always sitting in a special chair near the rostrum. He was an adept lip reader and always seemed to enjoy the services a great deal. In spite of his advanced years he was active until about 18 months ago. He had expressed a desire to live to observe his 100th birthday but was as ready to go as he was eager to stay. He was the oldest person in Henderson county.



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The July meeting of the Foreign Mission Board heard briefly of Southern Baptist progress in the Hawaiian Islands from its executive secretary, Dr. M. Theron Rankin, who has just returned from a business trip to that mission field.

Dr. Rankin reported, "Each time I go I am impressed anew with the rapid growth and the tremendous results of the undertaking in these islands. Anyone going to the islands today will have great difficulty in realizing that Southern Baptist work there is only eleven years old. In Honolulu we now have three well organized churches, two of which already have attractive church buildings and the third which expects to occupy its new sanctuary and educational building on November 1.

"The Wahiawa Church, about twenty miles out of Honolulu, recently completed its new building. Church buildings and educational plants are being erected on the other islands. A building is already under construction on the island of Maui, and a second is soon to be begun in the city of Hilo on the 'big' island of Hawaii.

"The Hawaii Baptist Convention is developing a consciousness of its own responsibility. The planning of our missionaries is directed toward the convention's ultimately assuming all responsibility and direction of Baptist work in the Hawaiian Islands.

"In pursuing this objective, however, we must keep in mind that most of the churches are still small and young, both as to age of organization and membership."

Mission Study Resources

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for missionary education and promotion, and Fon H. Scofield, Jr., director of audio-visual aids, are in the Orient accumulating mission study resources on the new areas into which the

Board has recently entered or expects to enter in the near future. Commenting on this trip, Dr. Rankin said, "Dr. Means is securing firsthand information about the program of world missions which the Foreign Mission Board employs him to promote through the Department of Missionary Education and Promotion. Mr. Scofield is taking pictures for use as audio-visual materials."

Also on this tour are Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Dr. H. C. Goerner, professor of missions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and Dr. W. Boyd Hunt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Dr. Sadler Returning

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Europe, Africa, and the Near East, who left Richmond late in May to transact mission business in England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Lebanon, Jordan, and Israel, is now on his way home by boat.

Latin America

Baptist churches in Latin America are now in the midst of their annual mission and convention meetings, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for that area, reports. The following paragraphs are taken from a letter from Miss Frances E. Roberts, missionary to Paraguay:

"The 43rd annual session of the Argentine-Paraguayan Baptist Convention was one of the best. There were 319 messengers from more than 100 churches. At least four language groups were represented: Spanish, German, Slavic, and Guarani (five counting the language spoken by the Indians). The day preceding the convention was given over to a one-day spiritual conference of short messages, personal testimonies, seasons of prayer, and singing.

"The convention voted to begin mission work in Tierra del Fuego. This year is the 100th anniversary of the death of the first evangelical missionary to that island, and there has been no evangelical work there since 1916. A strong evangelistic spirit was manifested. Simultaneous revivals are planned for the latter part of the year."

Mrs. Vivian Hickerson, wife of the late Dr. Julius R. Hickerson, who was killed in a plane crash, writes concerning the Central Baptist Church, Cartagena, Colombia: "There have been fifty professions here in the last three months and the work continues to go well."

In the Southern Baptist overseas mission program, Brazil leads all the world in baptisms and self-supporting churches, according to Dr. Gill.

There are 137 Baptist churches in Argen-

Training Union Speaker at Linden

Dr. James E. Coggin, pastor, Central Avenue church, Memphis, inspirational speaker,



Camp Linden, Training Union Week, August 6-10. Dr. Coggin will teach Romans, chapters 1-11. His messages will be on "Practical Expressions of Our Faith," based on Romans 12-16.

tina with a total of 8,995 members. The latest census reports 17,180,000 as the population of the Argentine Republic, writes Missionary Nella Dean Whitten.

In 1950 the Baptist Publishing House, Buenos Aires, Argentina, printed 27,000 volumes of eleven books, 21,800 folders, 1,390,000 tracts, 5,100 calendars, and 44,920 cards of various kinds. In addition to these publications, the Board published 2,100 copies of *Expositor Bautista*, the forty-page official organ of the convention; 9,000 copies of *Sendas de Luz*, weekly Sunday school paper, as well as several others.

The Orient

Missionary Olive Lawton writes from Taiwan: "In mission fields all over the world I've seen and read of open doors for the gospel; but I have never seen a reader response to the preaching of the Word than I see in Taiwan today. Nor have I ever met so many people hungry for the truth. Suffering and war have plowed deeply in this generation of Chinese. Taiwan is full of China's educated young men far from home with usually no means of contact with loved ones. Whenever you have opportunity to speak to Christian people, please call on them to pray that Christ may reach these people now."

At a recent Board meeting, money was appropriated for the purchase of a building in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, to be used for worship purposes. An additional appropriation was made for the purchase of land and the construction of a missionary residence in the Philippine Islands. Plans are being formulated for the relocation of missionaries who have left China.

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