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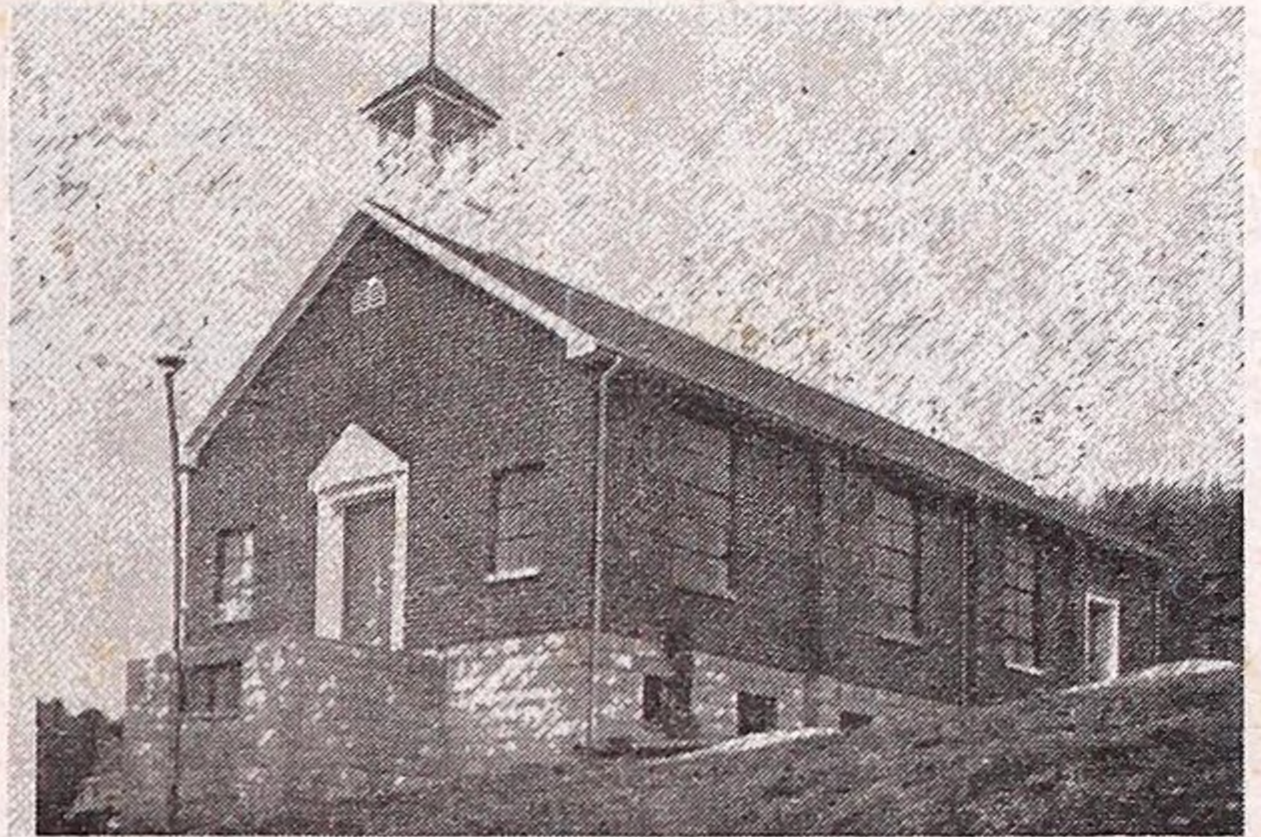
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## ROGERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH AND FOUR MISSIONS



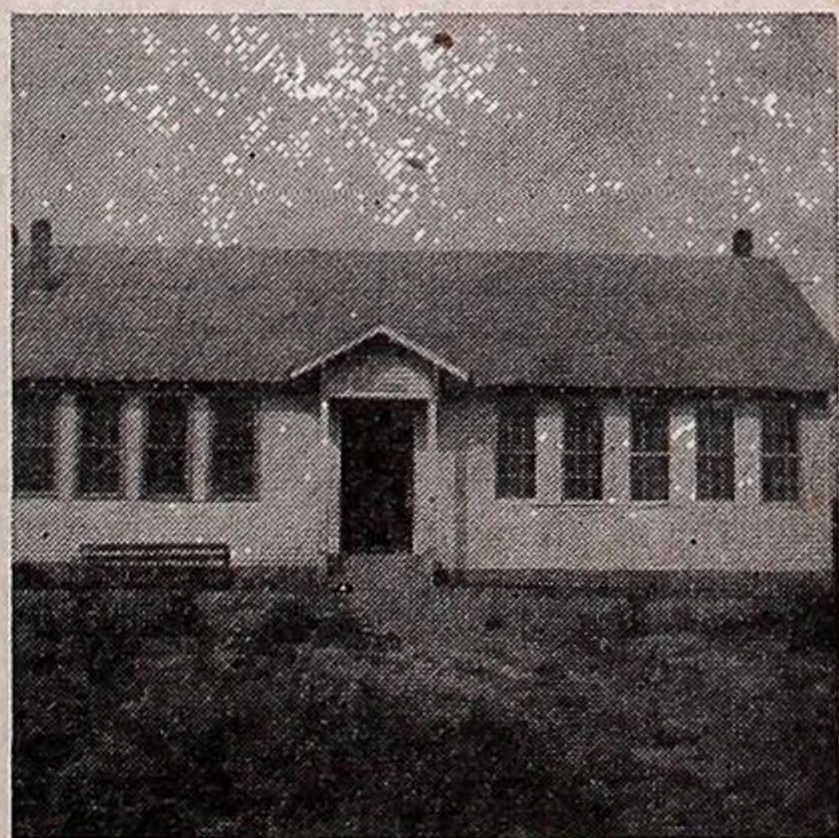
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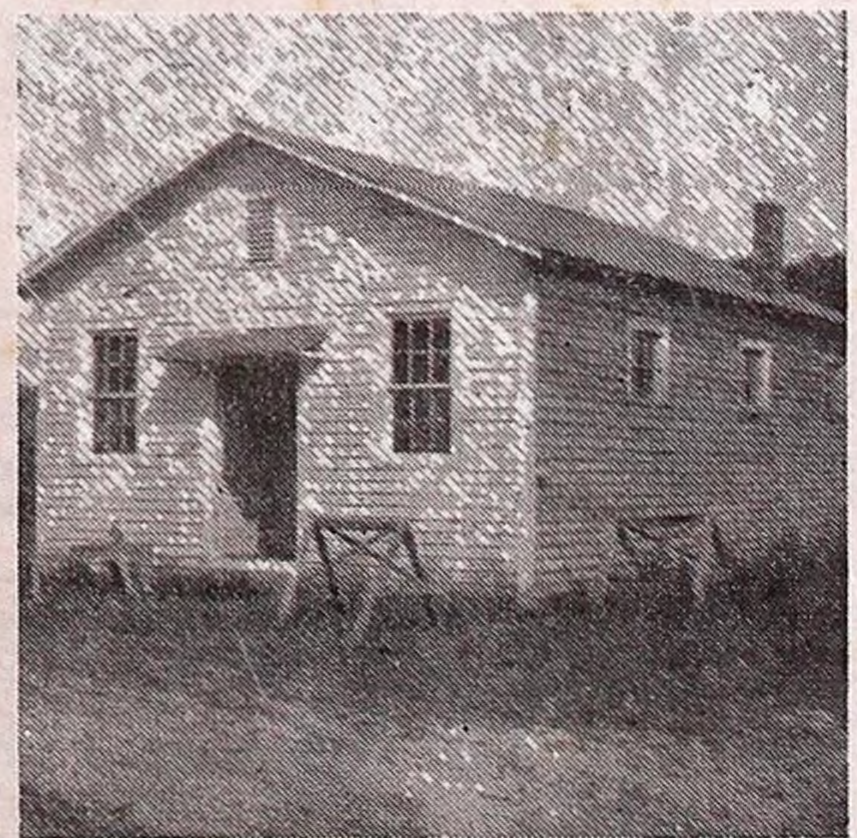
Rogersville Baptist Church  
Hobart B. Ford, Pastor



Kepler Mission  
Karl Smith—Mission Worker



In addition to these pictured, Rogersville Baptist Church under the leadership of former pastors, established missions which grew into the following Baptist churches: Big Creek, Henard's Chapel, McCloud's and Walker's.



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## The Bible Only Rule for Faith and Practice

The Executive Committee of the SBC has wisely refused to accept for itself the role of designating any book or group of books as containing the interpretation of our faith. The action of the Convention at San Francisco in adopting the report on "Baptist Relation with Other Bodies" did not necessarily order the executive committee to prepare a list of suitable books and other materials for studying doctrinal questions but did authorize such action.

The executive committee in its meeting at Nashville, September 12-13, adopted a resolution concerning this matter which called for stricter adherence to the Bible "as the only rule for faith and practice." The resolution said

"A Fundamental Baptist belief is that the Bible is our only rule of faith and practice. Because of this belief we as Baptists have always been reluctant to designate any other book or group of books as containing the interpretation of our faith.

"In keeping with this policy we urge our people to search the Scriptures in order to know what to believe and how to practice their Christian faith."

We feel that the executive committee fully carried out the real intent of the Convention when it took the above position. At the same time the resolution "commended" to Southern Baptists "the abundance of books and materials along doctrinal lines which have won a place of acceptance among us and which are listed in the manual of the Southern Baptist Convention and in the publications of our boards and institutions." The committee's resolution furthermore said, "We recognize the importance of the study of doctrines for all members of our churches and desire to encourage a continuing program of doctrinal instruction in the churches."

## BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

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This commendation included in the resolution by the executive committee is in order. Our boards and institutions have published many very fine helps, tracts and books which are worthy of the wide approval they enjoy among the brethren. But this commendation, even had it specifically named these publications would not mean thereby an authoritative definition of just what our faith is as Southern Baptists. No person, committee or group has been given a censor's imprimatur with which to affix a *nihil obstat* on any book. Nor is any one among us in a position to assume for another the right to blacklist any books on the other hand.

No committee, board, institution, group can exercise such authority except in direct violation of a basic Baptist principle—the right of private interpretation of God's Word under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. For Baptists, it is *personal faith* by experience not *prescribed faith* by ecclesiastics.

## We Have Moved!

Please address all mail for all departments at our new location: Belcourt at Sixteenth Ave., South, Nashville.

## Where Does Our Money Go?

Not much of it goes to the church according to the findings of the Golden Rule Foundation, 60 East 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y. Their statistics show that, taking Americans as a whole and analyzing the expenditures of their incomes, Americans are falling far short of previous standards of benevolences and of the generous provisions made by their government for credit on income taxes. It is not a tithe that is being given—in fact it amounts to less than 2%. A caution at once is in order. These figures are not of church people as a class by themselves but of the citizens as a whole.

Personal income is at its highest level. Individual incomes in '50 were higher than those of '49 in every state of the union according to the report of the US Department of Commerce. Nationally the total personal income increased from \$196 billion in '49 to \$217 billion in '50, a rise of 11%. In the southeast the next largest of all

regional gains was recorded as being 12%, one point above the national average. The agricultural northwest gained 14%, the highest.

If you had a personal income of \$1,436 in '50, you had the exact national average per capita. This was an increase of 8.8% over the previous year when the per capita average for the entire country was \$1,320. This contrasts with \$680 per capita income for the entire country in 1929 the last prosperous year before the depression. The lowest point was reached in 1933 with \$368 per capita income. With few exceptions it has steadily increased since that time till 1950, and the monthly totals now in for this present year would seem to indicate a further increase in 1951 of about 15%.

What about this increased income and the fulfillment of Christian Stewardship? According to the figures obtained by the United Stewardship Council compiled each year from the records of 48 denominations (Protestant) the average per capita gift for all the members of these churches for all purposes was \$30.58. This average will not hold for the entire population of course since many people are not identified with any religious group. The best estimate for our entire population is \$23.33 in benevolent per capita giving by living donors during 1950.

Had the American people given for benevolences in 1950 the percentage of income which they gave in 1933, the year of the deepest depression, the per capita giving would have been \$79.78 instead of \$23.33. If Americans had given the Biblical tithe in 1950 it would have been \$143.60 each. If Americans had taken full advantage of the government's offer to exempt from federal income tax 15% of their income, then the average gifts for the population would have been \$215.40—that is nearly ten times what it was in reality.

That money is not going to religion and benevolences is apparent from this analysis of America's highest level of income. Where does the money go? Robert M. Hopkins of the Golden Rule Foundation answers with the following figures concerning what Americans spent their money for in 1950: Food took 27%; housing and utilities, 14%; clothing, 11%; the cost and operation of a home and of an automobile require on the average about 10% each of the total income; recreation took 6%, and alcohol, 4%. In excise taxes alone on alcoholic drinks the federal government collects 2.5 billion annually. To this must be added the cost of the liquor itself making a total of \$8 billion which Americans squander on drink. Taking the American people as a whole their gifts to all religious and philanthropic purposes amounts to from 3.5 billion to \$4 billion a year.

Mr. "Average American" gives to religion and benevolence less of his *prosperity income* than he gave of his *depression income!* That is the way it figures out. How does it sound to you? Are you "Mr. Average?"

# THE IRON GATE

by Dr. F. W. BOREHAM

Peter never forgot the night of his miraculous escape from prison. There he lay, "sleeping between two soldiers, bound with chains, whilst the keepers before the door kept the prison." He expected that his next visitor would be the headsman; and whilst he waited for the executioner, there came an angel!

During the next few moments Peter scarcely knew whether he was in the body or out of the body. Was he alive or was he dead? Was he waking or was he dreaming? "He wist not that it was true which was done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision." He walked like a man with his head in the clouds. Doors were opening; chains were falling; he seemed to be living in a realm of enchantment, a world of magic.

Then, all at once, they came to the iron gate! An iron gate puts an end to all illusion. There it stands—chained and padlocked, barred and bolted—right across your path, and you can neither coax nor cow it into yielding. The iron gate represents a return to reality. After our most radiant spiritual experiences we come to the humdrum and the commonplace.

As long as Peter had an iron gate before him, he had an angel beside him. It was not until the iron gate had been safely negotiated that "forthwith the angel departed from him."

The converse, however, is true. As long as Peter had an angel beside him, he had an iron gate ahead of him. Angels do not walk by our sides for fun.

If there is an angel by my side depend upon it, there is work that only an angel can do in front of me.

But there is always this about it. Although the radiant vision is a premonition of the coming struggle, it is also an augury concerning that struggle. Opening doors are an earnest of opening gates. It is inconceivable that I shall be miraculously delivered from my dungeon with its guards and its chains and then be baulked by an iron gate out there in the darkness of the night.

It is part of the infinite pathos of life that we misinterpret our visions. Jacob beheld his staircase leading from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending upon it. And straightway, as he prepared to leave, he began to say good-bye to the angels. "Surely," he exclaimed, "the Lord is in this place! How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the House of God, and this is the gate of heaven! And he called the name of that place Bethel!" And thus he missed the whole meaning of the wondrous vision! The vision was to warn him of the perils that awaited him, and to assure him that "behold, I am with thee in all places whither thou goest."

"All places!" said the Vision.

"This place! this place!" said Jacob.

And so he journeyed on towards his iron gate, pitifully ignorant of the meaning of the golden dream. Life's ecstasies are warnings, premonitions, danger-signals. Even in the experience of the Holiest, the open heavens and the voice from the excellent glory immediately preceded the grim struggle with the tempter in the wilderness. Paul had his vision; he saw the Man of Macedonia; and he followed the gleam—to bonds, stripes and imprisonment. Bunyan knew what he was doing when he placed the Palace Beautiful with all its sweet hospitality and delightful ministries, immediately before that dark Valley of Humiliation in which Christian fought with Apollyon. When we hear angel's voices speaking, when we find our fetters falling, when we see our goal doors opening, be very sure that outside, outside, there is a dark night and an iron gate!

"The iron gate opened to them." Of course it did. Who could suppose that the prison doors had been opened by angel's hands, only that the prisoner might be caught like a rat in a trap outside? "The iron gate opened to them of its own accord." It did look like it. But a few minutes after the gates had opened, and the angel had vanished, Peter "came to the house of Mary, the mother of Mark, where many were gathered together praying." And then Peter understood by what power the iron gates had opened. When the angels visit prisons, and iron gates swing open of their own accord, there must be a driving-force at work somewhere. And Peter only discovered the secret and spiritual dynamic when he suddenly broke in upon a midnight prayer-meeting.

—*Australian Baptist*

## Southern Baptists Second In American Bible Society Gifts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Figures released by the American Bible Society Bible House in New York show that Southern Baptists are second in gifts to the Society during the first half of 1951 but that the \$41,389.69 given thus far is \$6,017 less than the amount contributed for the same period in 1950.

Of the forty-two denominations contributing, twenty-four show a let-down in 1951 giving. Total receipts through June from all denominations were \$384,175, an increase of \$26,077 over last year.

Contributions to the American Bible Society should be made through the local churches. Treasurers should send the gifts through the state mission offices in the regular manner.

A Testimonial on

## "The Advantages of Having The Baptist and Reflector In the Church Budget."

by J. HAROLD STEPHENS

Pastor, Inglewood Church, Nashville

I have always been an ardent believer in the budget plan for the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. I can truthfully say that every church which I have ever served as pastor has had the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in the budget, and I have been in the pastorate for seventeen years, however, I must add that I am in my second pastorate now.

The first meeting that I had with the pulpit committee of the church where I am now pastor I presented to the committee the request that we put our state paper in the budget. The committee readily approved the request, which was recommended to the church and approved unanimously.

Sometimes it is easier to get things done when we are about to accept a new pastorate than it is later along. My sincere advice to all prospective pastors for a new pastorate would be to mention putting the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in the budget. This is the most opportune time to do it, and most of the time the request will be granted without hesitation.

I believe that it is just as important to have our state paper in the budget as it is to have Sunday School and Training Union Literature in the budget.

An informed church membership is a cooperating church membership, a church membership with the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in the budget is a denominationally minded membership.

A church membership with the state Baptist paper in the budget is a missionary-minded membership.

A church membership with the Baptist state paper in the budget is a Stewardship-minded membership.

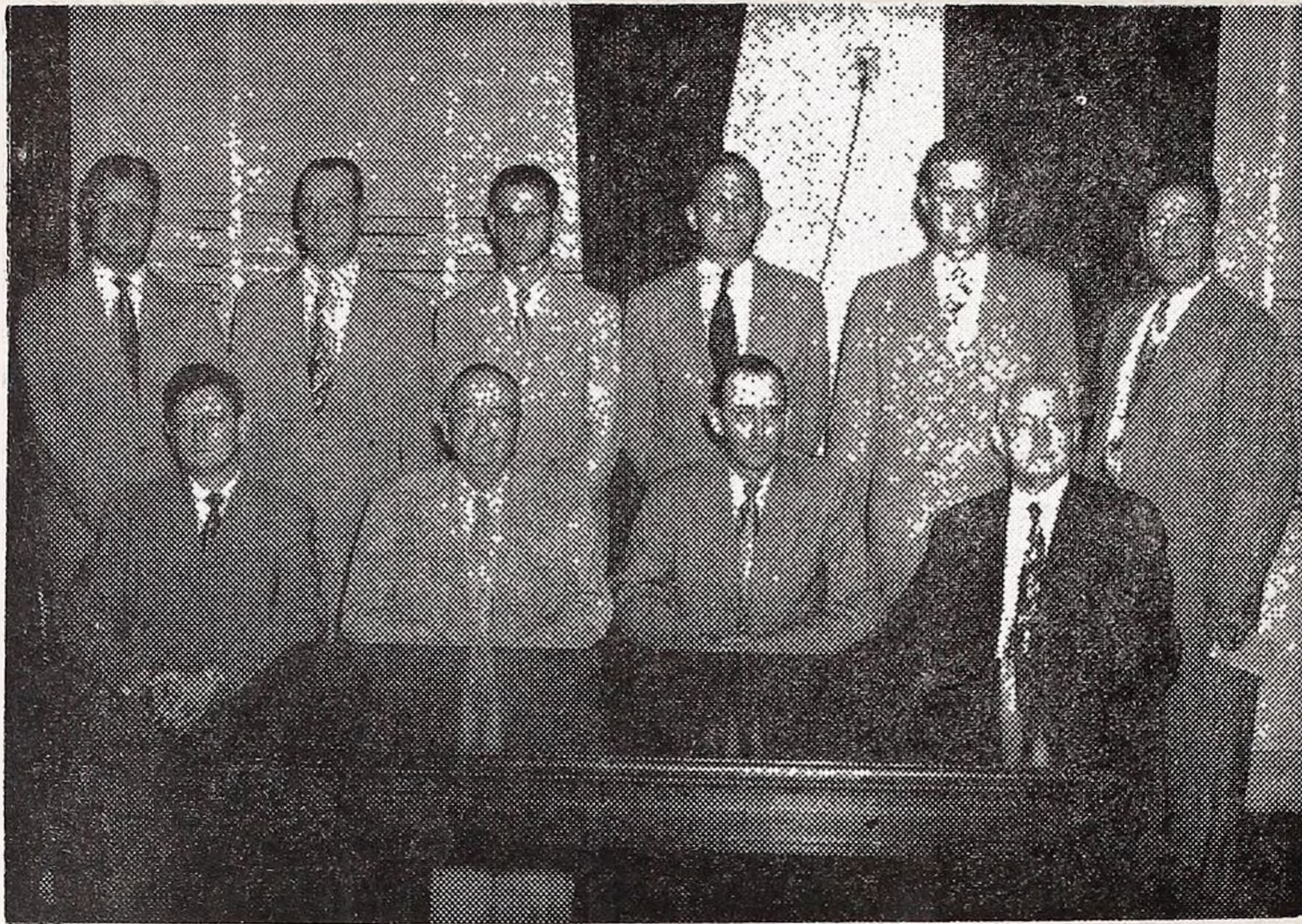
Our church has been blessed with a great many tithers and our offerings have been on a consistently high level for many years. I attribute some of this liberality to the fact that our people receive and read the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR each week.

As our people inform themselves about our great missionary program they are always willing to have an increasing part in the support of all of our endeavors for Christ, and His Kingdom.

The budget plan is the most economical and practical plan because the subscription rate in the budget plan is much lower than for individual subscriptions.

I am happy to commend the church budget arrangement for the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR to all of my brethren, and as you make your new church budget don't leave out the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

## Seminary Leaders Promote Extension Work



The above group represents the Seminary leaders who meet periodically to plan and guide the Extension and Correspondence program they have set up in Jackson, Mississippi.

Left to right, seated: Lee Gallman, director, Jackson, Miss.; Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president New Orleans Seminary; Dr. Stewart Newman, Southwestern Seminary and chairman of the Commission; Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, interm-president, Louisville Seminary; Dr. Chester A. Quarles, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, Miss.; Mr. Fred Purser, Jackson, Miss., treasurer of the department; Dr. E. N. Patterson, Southern Seminary; Mr. Ralph A. Churchill, Southwestern Seminary; and Dr. J. Wash Watts, New Orleans Seminary. Not shown in the picture is Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, Southern Seminary.

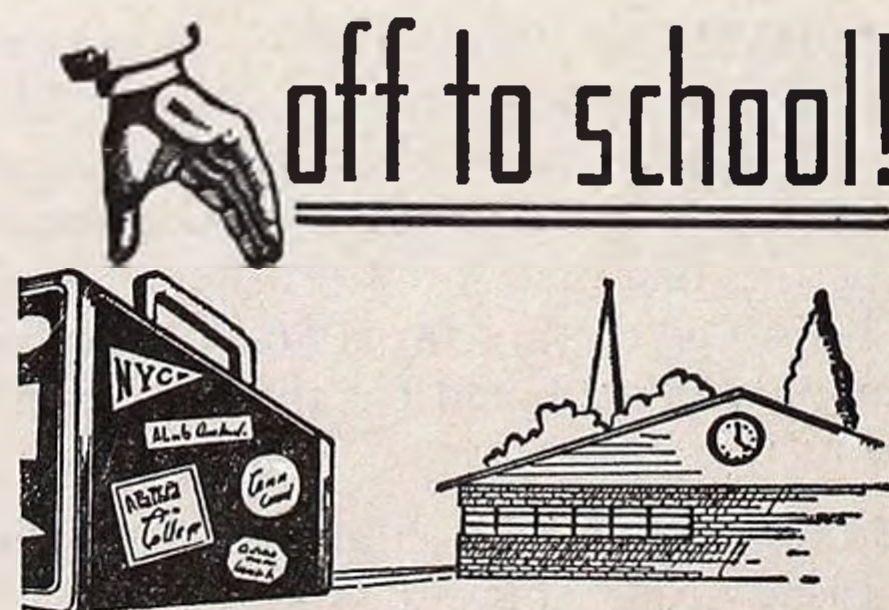
Beginning July 1 by opening offices without a textbook syllabus or student, the Seminary Extension Department now has above forty students enrolled and the mail continues to bring applications each day. The teachers of three of the older seminaries—Southern, Southwestern, and New Orleans—are preparing the syllabi and selecting the textbook for the courses which are offered through correspondence. The Extension Department has two series to offer the student. *Series M* is designed for the minister while *Series E* is planned for the educational workers of the church. The courses are grouped by fours and there are four groups to each series. The courses in *group one* are being sent out by the department now. These include Old Testament I, Preaching and Religious Education III. The last named course is one in church leadership.

The office of the department has been swamped with inquiries, many of which are enrolled at a later date. A number of men in the armed forces are taking the work, and shut-ins who expect to do Christian work when they return to normal life; and also Christian workers in the church. The largest group is that of pastors-on-the-field who for one reason or another are not able to get off to college or seminary.

The syllabi have been requested by other schools and colleges. But the Extension Department has not agreed for these schools to use the material so far.

While the Department has not inaugurated an extension program there are several extension classes already set up by interested pastors and teachers. These will continue to grow, it appears, even though the Department is not prepared to promote this phase of the program. It is expected that such a program will be promoted within a few months.

The Department has sent out to the associations wherever the address has been secured—sufficient materials to explain the work with application blanks in each folder. For additional information write Lee Gallman, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.



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Enlargement Campaign**

## Baptist Relief Committee Asks Cooperation with ARK

The only facilities which Southern Baptist have for getting much-needed clothing into Korea is through ARK (American Relief for Korea, Inc.), according to Dr. George W. Sadler, director of the relief committee of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. "As Americans and as Christians, Southern Baptists will do their part in this worthy enterprise," he said.

Dr. Sadler made the committee's report to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention which met in Nashville, Tenn., last week. He said the committee did not recommend a denominational campaign for clothing for Korea. "Southern Baptists are not prepared to collect, process, and forward clothing for the people of Korea," he explained. "Nor would it be possible for us, as a denomination, to distribute goods in Korea if we had the collecting, shipping, and distributing facilities."

He urged that Southern Baptists give their attention to the plight of suffering people of Korea and contribute funds to Korean relief through the Foreign Mission Board. This money will go directly from Board headquarters in Richmond to Southern Baptist missionaries in Korea. Dr. John A. Abernathy, the Board's missionary there, will soon be joined by Dr. N. A. Bryan and Rev. Rex Ray, both of whom have had rich missionary experience in China.

Relief funds in hand are likely to disappear quickly when these new missionary recruits reach Korea, Dr. Sadler said. Money now being used for relief in Korea was transferred from the China treasurer. A total of \$130,000 has been reallocated for that purpose due to withdrawal of missionaries from China and the inability to get money into that country.

In addition to contributing funds to be used by Southern Baptist missionaries in cooperation with the relief committee of the Korean Baptist Convention, the relief committee recommended that Southern Baptists use the services of American Relief for Korea, Inc. This organization made up of voluntary agencies, was officially approved by the President of the United States in a proclamation issued on August 31, 1951. In that deliverance, President Truman set aside September as a special period of "intensive effort during the course of which, as an additional sincere and tangible gesture of American friendship and sympathy, the clothing collection appeal of American Relief for Korea, Inc., may receive the utmost support of all Americans."

Clothing contributed through ARK will reach the suffering people of Korea, though it will not be handled through mission channels. The addresses to be used are: The ARK, 5215 Flushing Avenue, Maspeth, Long Island, New York, and The ARK, 10901 Russett Street, Oakland, California.

# Evangelize the Churches

A little more than a year ago Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden of Washington, D. C., had an article in the *Biblical Recorder* bearing the above title. I wrote Dr. Pruden at the time and told him that I had been thinking along the same line. The process of thinking on that line had been going on with me for many years, and with the permission of the editor I am going to say a word about it.

A month or two ago this paragraph appeared in a British paper: "The Church has suddenly become aware of the fact that she is living in a predominantly secular environment where the native language of the gospel is but vaguely apprehended or almost entirely unknown. A recent article in a German theological magazine bears the significant title 'The Church in a Missionary Situation,' by which is meant the contemporary European scene. This is indicative that both Continental and British society has become largely secularized and is outside the direct influence of the Christian Church." The same writer in the same communication says: "Is not a prime task the re-examination of our doctrinal foundations and re-discovery of our Biblical faith?"

If the secularism to which Dr. Thompson refers were confined to the churches of the continent and to those of Britain, it would be bad—in the extreme; but, alas, is not the same neutralizing and deadening situation equally true of our American churches? Look with me at one or two concrete cases and ask yourself as to what they suggest. One of the leading ministers of our state had the officers of his church in conference just before his worship service on Sunday morning. The matter of the midweek prayer service was under consideration. One group wanted this service to be changed to an earlier hour so that they could get home in time to see the women wrestle over the television! Another group wanted the service put later so that they could finish their golf game. As the minister walked into his pulpit his heart grew heavier and heavier. When he could bear it no longer he told the congregation what had taken place in the officers meeting just a little while ago, and then added this: "You have abolished your evening service; you are letting other things take precedence in your hearts over your prayer meeting service; I expect next to hear a motion to abolish the eleven o'clock Sunday morning worship service. There is no better time to do so than just now; you are dismissed!" With this announcement he picked up his hat and went home. When I heard this I said to my friend, "Dr. Blank has probably preached greater sermons than he preached on that morning, but I would wager anything that he never preached a more impressive one."

A family of seven moved from their old community to a new one a little less than a hundred miles away two or three years ago. I asked the key person in that group whether they had moved their membership to the church near their new home. "No," said she, "we went to that church a few times and no one seemed to care at all that we had come. And what was worse, they did not seem to care about anybody or anything in particular. They were simply going through the motion of worship in the most formal and perfunctory manner possible. I don't care to go to a church of that sort. We will leave our membership in our home church. We can go there occasionally, and when we do go the folks are glad to see us!"

Again I say, if these two cases were less symptomatic it would be serious enough; but when we consider as to how nearly they come to representing the churches about us, I think we can say with Saint Peter, "The time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God" (I Peter 4:17). Our Lord said to his people (Matt. 5:13, 14) "Ye are the salt of the earth; ye are the light of the world." Then he goes on to say, "but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted. It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men." There is here no mincing of words. On the contrary, our Lord speaks right from the shoulder, and in as plain terms as he can use. If the two cases that I have given do not designate groups that have "lost their savour," I must confess that I am not able to discern at all in such matters. Moreover, if these cases are even in the least degree symptomatic of the situation with our churches, I would press my question as strongly as possible; do not the churches themselves need evangelizing? Do they not need to be brought into a fresh sense of God's immediate presence, power, guidance, help and blessing that will fill the souls of their respective constituency with a joy that will be contagious? Is this not the kind of evangelism that is seen all through the New Testament period? Is this not the kind of evangelism that will meet and successfully deal with the challenge that confronts our churches at this moment? And will any other kind meet that challenge?

Some of those who read these words will recall that about two years ago that great Quaker prophet, Dr. David Elton Trueblood, of Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, spoke in Raleigh, N. C. I can never forget one thing that Dr. Trueblood told his congregation that evening, viz., that for the first time in history the world was divided into two fairly equal parts, with each part confronting the other with ideologies that

were exactly and directly opposed to each other. Hitherto we have had many divisions of the human race; it has never been united since the scattering from Babel (Genesis 11). But today those divisions have been merged into *two*. It was my privilege to hear Dr. Trueblood speak again about a month ago on *The Moral Challenge of Today's World*. He quoted a brilliant Japanese statesman as expressing his apprehension that the little group of forty communists would take his country. Dr. Trueblood asked the Japanese gentleman as to how could such a thing be. His reply was this: "They have three things which together will make any group to be a mighty army: (1) They have a *philosophy*; (2) they have a *program*; (3) they have a *passion*." These three cords twisted into one make a rope that is hard to break. Or, to change my figure of speech, they make an army that is hard to meet.

But my paper is long enough. What shall we do about the situation in which we find ourselves? Let us deal with this question in another paper.

## J. P. Edmunds New Statistics Secretary, BSSB



NASHVILLE—(BP)—Another layman received leadership recognition when J. P. (Jake) Edmunds, Nashville, was named secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board recently.

Active in Baptist denominational work since his graduation from Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, in 1926, Edmunds succeeds another layman, Dr. Porter Routh, who is now executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Edmunds has been with the Sunday School Board in Nashville since 1937 and came to his new post from the position of Secretary of Co-operative Field Promotion of the Sunday School Department and an associate editor of *The Sunday School Builder*.

Before coming to Nashville, he was a leader in state Sunday school and Training Union work in Florida, Tennessee and Arkansas. He served nine years as state secretary of the combined Sunday School Training Union Department of Arkansas.

## Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Genesis 11:27 to 13:18 (Larger)—Gen. 12:1-9; 13:14-17 (Printed)—Hebrews 11:10 (Golden).

### Abraham, God's Pioneer

During this quarter the lessons will be grouped under the general topic, "The Beginnings of the Hebrew Nation," concerning which one has written as follows. "These lessons seek to show the significance of God's selection of a chosen nation and his providential dealings in establishing his people in the Promised Land. The lessons afford opportunity to consider the meaning of God's covenant with Abraham, the purpose of God's laws, and the way in which God revealed himself to his people and established them as a nation."

Alexander Maclaren begins his studies of Abram (or Abraham as he comes to be called) with the following observation. "We stand here at the well-head of a great river—a narrow channel, across which a child can step, but which is to open out a broad bosom that will reflect the sky and refresh continents. The call of Abram is the most important event in the Old Testament, but it is also an eminent example of individual faith. For both reasons he is called the Father of the Faithful." It might be added, by way of introduction, that Abraham has the honor and distinction of being looked-up to by not one but three of the world's great religions: the Jewish, the Mohammedan, and the Christian. In what respects may he be thought of as God's pioneer?

#### The Call and the Response (Gen. 12:1-9)

First, God called then (as He calls now) to the unknown and the new. To Him, as to us if we are continuously in touch with Him, the opportunities for the new and the untried are infinite both in content and in extent. In the case of Abraham, it involved the going to a strange land and living among a strange people. With us, it may involve this and even more. Two elements or factors keep individuals, as well as civilizations, young and dynamic. One of these is knowledge and appreciation of the past, with a determination to preserve and pass on that which has been found to be good. We call this heritage. The other of these is a willingness to modify in the light of new conditions. We call this change. One of the most reliable signs of senescence is the inability to adjust to new and strange circumstances. Abraham, although he had reached the age of seventy-five years when God's call came, was young in spirit because he had cultivated the presence of God through the years.

Second, Abraham responded (as we may today) by following and exploring. Such a response started him on the road to earning the title, Father of the Faithful. "He went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb.

11:8b). Those who have joined Abraham, at least in part, understand something of what is suggested here. To follow the Lord's leading, without being able to see very much of the way that lies ahead, is a gloriously rewarding experience that needs to be shared by more of God's people. This is the essence of faith, in terms of life commitments as well as in terms of personal salvation. If we use the word, faith, as an acrostic and let it become, Forsaking All I Take Him, we come to the heart of this all important matter. To be able to explore and to develop the new for the glory of God, and of course under His guidance, is to qualify as a pioneer. It will be a sad day, indeed, if and when the spirit of adventure disappears from American life; for much of our progress in various areas can be traced to this healthy characteristic.

#### The Separation and the Promise (Gen. 13:14-17)

First, there was the leaving behind of the old that was inadequate. This was epitomized in Abraham's separation from Lot. The Lord still calls upon us to be a different and a peculiar people. "Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (II Cor. 6:17). By His very nature, fundamentally and eternally holy, God cannot use and bless us unless and until we withdraw from all that defiles. We need, then, to pray for daily cleansing if we would be blest ourselves and at the same time be a blessing to others.

Second, there was the looking forward to becoming a means of blessing. If the Bible teaches any doctrine more consistently than it does that of election, the writer of these notes has yet to discover the same. All the way from Genesis to Revelation this great doctrine is clearly set forth. The choice of Abraham is a classic example. God elected and selected him. But Abraham was elected for salvation and for service in order that through him all the nations of the earth might be blest. And so it has been, and still is, with those whom God elects. When His people have forgotten, or overlooked, the complement (service) to election; they have strayed away from His Word to that extent and have experienced His displeasure. It means much to be elected and selected by the Almighty. He might have, with all justice and righteousness, rejected us altogether from His plans and purposes. But we have found ourselves in those eternal designs. Let us increasingly find, in all details, ourselves in them. Let us bear in mind that He has chosen us to be a means of blessing to others. Let us serve others for His sake.

## Hear The Baptist Hour

CHARLES WELLBORN

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject:

THE PROBLEM OF PRIORITIES

Subject for next week:

MEN FOR THE MOMENT

The following stations in TENNESSEE carry the Baptist Hour Program: (The time is Sunday, unless otherwise stated).

WLAR—Athens	1:00 P.M.
WDOD—Chattanooga	7:45 A.M.
WEKR—Fayetteville	9:00 P.M.
WJHL—Johnson City	2:30 P.M.
WROL—Knoxville	1:30 P.M.
WLIL—Lenoir City	12:15 P.M.
WJJM—Lewisburg	1:30 P.M.
WGAP—Maryville	12:00 P.M.
WCRK—Morristown	3:30 P.M.
WGNS—Murfreesboro	6:30 P.M.
WLAC—Nashville	1:00 P.M.
WTPR—Paris	3:00 P.M.
WKSJ—Pulaski	7:00 A.M.
WHAL—Shelbyville	5:30 P.M. Sat.

New Middleton church ordained as deacons Dave Litchford and Odell Winfree, Sunday afternoon, September 16, with the following ministers participating: Thomas Height, pastor of the church, J. H. Ramsey of McMinnville, Dr. Alvin Hopson of First church, Lebanon, Pastor J. C. Parrish of Carthage and Pastor Enzoe Mathis of Brush Creek. The New Middleton church has recently gone to full-time status and has just closed one of the most successful revivals in its history with many professions of faith and additions to the church according to a report sent us by Mrs. Floyd Dawson. Pastor Height as preacher was assisted by Bro. and Mrs. Roy Dispayne of Belmont College as song leaders. Construction will begin soon on a \$6,500 pastor's home which the church has voted to build.

### New Orleans Seminary Matriculates 637

With an enrolment exactly 100 higher than this time last year the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary matriculated 637 on opening. Tennessee is represented by 28 students. In the absence of President Roland Q. Leavell on a preaching tour in Japan, Dr. J. Wash Watts, professor of O. T. Interpretation and Hebrew, is in charge of administrative duties.

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Here is today's letter to be filled in and mailed to me. I am glad that you are sending your letters week by week.

The small children in my Sunday school like this familiar finger play even though our church does not have a steeple! Somehow, we think of steeples when we think of churches, don't we? We think also of happy music, and friends, and quiet times when we listen to God's Word and talk to him together.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am glad you have given me an opportunity to tell you about my church. It is one of the happiest places I know. I have been going to the \_\_\_\_\_ Church for \_\_\_\_\_ years. I will check here the meetings which I usually attend:

- |                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday school           | Sunbeam Band      |
| Baptist Training Union  | Girl's Auxiliary  |
| Morning worship service | Royal Ambassadors |
| Evening worship service | Boy Scouts        |
| Midweek prayer service  | Girl Scouts       |

Special meetings like revival services

Our church is a (wooden, stone, brick) building with \_\_\_\_\_ rooms. We live \_\_\_\_\_ from the church and the way I usually get there is \_\_\_\_\_ (distance)

In Sunday school I am in the \_\_\_\_\_ (department, class). There are \_\_\_\_\_ others in our group and their ages are from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. The name of my Sunday school book is \_\_\_\_\_. My teacher's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Here are my special church jobs:

Sunday school: \_\_\_\_\_ R.A. or G.A.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Training Union: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I made a circle around the job which I enjoy most.

My pastor's name is \_\_\_\_\_. We have preaching (once, twice) a day this many Sundays each month: \_\_\_\_\_.

One of the nicest things about church is the music. We have (an organ, a piano), and one of our favorite hymns is \_\_\_\_\_.

We (did, did not) have a Vacation Bible school this summer. (Some, all) of my family go to church with me. These are members of the church: \_\_\_\_\_.

We (do, do not) sit together during the worship services.

When I grow up, I think I would like to do this special church job: \_\_\_\_\_.

One way I can help my church now is \_\_\_\_\_.

I wish you could visit our church some time, Aunt Polly. You would find many friendly people there. And I'm sure you would have a happy time!

Sincerely,

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_



by **AGNES GIBBS FORD**

Chickamauga Lake, formed by a \$38,000,000 dam, is 59 miles long.

National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee, has more than 15,000 graves of war dead.

Nashville, Tennessee, has ten hospitals: Central State, City View Sanitarium, Council Home for Convalescent Children, Davidson County T B Hospital, Madison Rural Sanitarium and Hospital, Mid State Baptist, Nashville General, St. Thomas, Thayer Veterans, and Vanderbilt.

Chickamauga National Military Park, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is the nation's largest battlefield memorial.

Pickwick Dam forms the dividing line between two tremendous lakes, that is, Pickwick Lake, 52 miles long and containing 42,800 acres, and Kentucky Lake, 184 miles long and containing 158,300 acres.

Origin of the name "Pickwick" dates back to the period of the War Between the States. It seems that the first local postmaster was very fond of hunting and fishing. He was also fond of the works of Charles Dickens and this prompted him to name the post office "Pickwick" in honor of the Charles Dickens "Pickwick Papers" which dealt with hunting and fishing.

The site of the famous Civil War "Battle above the Clouds," is now a U. S. Forest Preserve, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee.

Historic Blount Mansion, Knoxville, Tennessee, was the first frame house west of the Alleghenies and the home of William Blount, a signer of the Constitution and Governor of the Territory South of the Ohio River. It is still standing.

There were 313,388 telephones in service in Tennessee at the end of 1945, 576,500 in service April 30, 1951.

Though settled later than other sections of Tennessee, Memphis knew the foot of the first white man ever to look upon the lordly Mississippi.

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# Middle Tennessee NEWS

by HOMER A. CATE, Shelbyville

September 16th was "Victory Day" for Pleasant Hill church, Springfield, Robertson County association. Money was raised to pay the indebtedness on the \$11,000 annex built in 1949. Guest speakers at the morning worship hour were Cecil Jones, pastor Central church, Huntington, W. Va., and Homer G. Lindsey, First church, Jacksonville, Fla., a former pastor of the church.

After three and one half years' service as our only Southern Baptist missionaries to Spain, Dr. and Mrs. George Jennings are at home for furlough at McMinnville, Tennessee. We trust their time in the states will be pleasant and spiritually profitable.

Jacob Gartenhaus, president International Board of Jewish Missions, Inc., was the speaker September 9 and 10 at First church, Pulaski, J. Clark Hensley, pastor. His subject: "What I saw in the Land of Israel."

First church, Pulaski, J. Clark Hensley, pastor, has made great progress during the past year. Increases have been noted in every phase of the church life. A 50% net gain has been made in two years in church membership, a 30% gain in Sunday school enrollment and attendance over the past year, a 25% gain in Training Union, and a gain of \$5400.00 in total cash gifts over the preceding year.

Evangelist Ken Chapman, who is now affiliated with the Westvue church, Murfreesboro, Woodrow Medlock, pastor, was recently in a most successful revival meeting with the First church, Pleasant Plains, Ark., in which there were 43 additions, 28 by baptism, 18 family altars established and many rededications made.

A very successful youth revival was held recently at Lockeland church, James M. Gregg, pastor, in which the preaching was done by Webster Carroll with his brother, Dan, leading the singing. Webster is pastor of the Kessler Park church, Dallas, Texas, while Dan with his wife, the former Miss Betty Alice Cowan, from First church, Shelbyville, are students in the Seminary at Fort Worth.

Pastor B. Frank Collins of Goodlettsville has recently assisted Pastor Victor Glass and the Milton church, Concord association, in a successful revival meeting. The Sunday school enrollment at Milton was 78 before the meeting but on the Sunday of the meeting there were 151 in Sunday school, an all-time record.

A successful tent revival was recently conducted by the First church, Cookeville, John M. Sykes, pastor, in which the pastor did the preaching with Powell Bilyeu and Jim Massa leading in the music.

First church, Tullahoma, John W. Outland, pastor, has just completed a successful revival meeting in which the preaching was done by John Claypool, III.

Pastor and Mrs. Bunyan Smith observed their twenty-second anniversary as pastor of the Third church, Nashville, September 25. During these twenty-two years the Lord has added nearly 1100 souls to the membership of the church. God has been good to Brother Smith and the Third church during all the years.

Mt. Lebanon church, New Duck River association, reports a fine revival meeting in which 7 were received for baptism. Homer A. Cate, pastor, First church, Shelbyville, did the preaching. J. V. Higgins of Elkton, is pastor of the church. Mt. Lebanon suffered a disastrous fire about a year ago, but have gloriously rebuilt a much finer and more adequate church on the same site and are debt-free. The Lord is blessing this strong rural church in its service for Him.

With Associational Missionary Henry Atkeison doing the preaching a fine revival meeting was enjoyed at Allensville, Maury County association, in which six were received into the fellowship of the church by baptism. Missionary Atkeison has entered the Southern Seminary at Louisville to pursue his theological training.

Frank Kellogg, formerly pastor at Una, and student in the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, recently did the preaching in a revival meeting at Union Hill church, Robertson County association. Frank married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bradbury. Mrs. Bradbury is the church secretary at Lockeland church, Nashville.

Charles L. Norton, State Training Union director, recently supplied the pulpit of the First church, Pulaski, in the absence of Pastor J. Clark Hensley.

Glowing reports of the work at Barfield church, Concord association, J. V. Braswell, pastor, have come to the attention of the writer. A truly great revival meeting was experienced in August in which the preaching was done by Dale Godfrey, Sequatchie, Tennessee. There were 18 received into the church, 16 by baptism, making a total of 31 additions to the church since Brother Braswell became pastor last November. Many improvements have been made on the church building including re-decoration of the auditorium, purchase of 100 Broadman hymnals and the installation of a large exhaust fan. The church also operates a bus which brings in many people to the services, enabling the church to have almost as many in Training Union and Prayer meeting as in the Sunday school.

Our best wishes go to L. G. Gatlin who, for years has been pastor of churches in Tennessee, who has gone to serve as pastor of the First church, Carlyle, Ark.

Paul Tabor, for the past year pastor of Bell Buckle church, has been called to the Immanuel church, Gadsden, Ala., and has accepted. He moved onto the field September 1. We regret to see this fine young preacher leave Tennessee.

In impressive ceremony the First church, Lebanon, Alvin H. Hopson, pastor, dedicated their new, lovely, and adequate church building, which includes an adequate education building, to the services of the Lord. Dr. Homer Kirkpatrick did the preaching in a series of gloriously successful revival services on that day. Congratulations, Lebanon and Alvin Hopson!

Floyd W. Huckaba has resigned after fifteen years, as pastor of the Richland church, Nashville. These fifteen years have seen many things done to the glory of God at Richland!

P. B. Baldrige, pastor Pleasant Grove church, Chilhowee association, preached at Mt. Pleasant church, Maury association, Sunday, September 2, at both services.

A fine Youth revival was recently enjoyed by the Third church, Murfreesboro, Wendell Price, pastor, in which the preaching was done by Evangelist Curtis Erwin, Owensboro, Ky.

Missionary Archie Dunaway was the guest of First church, Hartsville, Henry B. Stokes, pastor, Sunday, September 9. Missionary Dunaway is home on furlough from Africa.

"Spiritual Emphasis Week" is being observed by the First church, Murfreesboro, Robert L. Palmer, pastor, in which the preaching is being done by Dr. Chester Swor, nationally known lecturer and conference leader. Emphasis is especially directed to the Youth during this great week. David Roddy is the educational director at First church, Murfreesboro.

Concord association, in keeping with the new program of music in the state, has elected David Roddy, director of music, First church, Murfreesboro as Associational director of music.

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## Central Training School Tennessee Valley Association

On September 17-21 an associational Central School was held in the Smyrna Church of Tennessee Valley Association. There was an average attendance of 94 with 15 churches represented. The faculty consisted of the following: Mr. J. Byron Taylor, Mr. O. O. Mixson, Mr. C. E. Luallen, Mr. James W. Gray, Mrs. Howard Kerr, Miss Corena Myers and Miss Frances Turner.

## Central Training School Shelby County

Approximately 2,875 were enrolled for the annual Central Training School for Shelby County Association held in Bellevue church on September 10-14. Under the capable leadership of Mr. Oliver Barbour, Associational Director, and Mr. Richard Sullivan, Associate, in charge of Training, another great school is history. We commend all who helped make the Central Training School a success.

## Polk County Training School

On September 17-21, Polk County Baptist Training Union held another successful Central Training School at First church, Benton. In addition to visitors from five churches from out of the association, there was an enrollment of some 165 from the following churches: Antioch, Benton, First, Benton Station, Old Ocoee, Pleasant Grove, Shiloh, Oak Grove, Cookson Creek, Boanerges, Wetmore and Zion.

A list of faculty members follows: Rev. Eldon Pack, North Etowah church, Miss Janette Lewis, General Missionary, Rev. Floyd Humphreys, Benton Station church, Mrs. Mary Barnes, First church, Benton, Mrs. John Tulloch, Wetmore, Mrs. Charles Talley, Old Ocoee, Mrs. Ira Bates, Zion church and Mrs. C. P. Price, First church, Benton.

The school was under the direction of Mr. James Evans, Oak Grove, who has been the faithful associational director for the past four years.

## Group Schools Held in Chilhowee Association

Chilhowee Associational Training Union sponsored eight group schools on September 17-21. Books were used on the theme, "Baptist Doctrines." These were the speakers: Mr. Charles Norton, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Rev. D. F. Ackland, Rev. T. Earl Ogg, Rev. Ralph Field, Rev. Joe Wells and Dr. Ralph Norton. The faculty of each group school consisted of pastors and laymen with children's workers.

Reports show over 1200 enrolled from 36 churches with an average attendance of 911.

"We feel that Chilhowee Association was fortunate to have the fine visiting speakers. We commend group schools to all associational officers whose desire it is to reach people and churches. We are convinced that our churches will be strengthened by the study and messages on Baptist Doctrines." (Joe Rorex is the splendid director of Chilhowee Association.)

## Second Associational Leadership School Lawrence County

The second associational-wide study course for Training Union was held during the week of September 17 in Lawrence County. The attendance was excellent, the spirit superb, the challenge for better work during this next year was accepted enthusiastically. There were 251 enrolled this year against 103 in the first school. The average attendance was 176 with 11 churches participating and 169 qualifying for awards. During the first school there were 7 churches enrolled with 76 awards.

The following were the teachers in this very successful school: Rev. James Brewer, Columbia; Rev. Marvin Wayland, Hohenwald; Mrs. Frank Boggs, Humboldt; Miss Lucille Aylesworth, Winchester, Miss Roxie Jacobs, Nashville, Rev. Bill Callahan, Rev. Bill Fowler, Mrs. A. M. Adair, Mrs. J. M. Dies, Rev. Claude Lewis, Lawrence County.

Pierce Hanson is the associational director, Rev. Steve Lewis, the associational moderator and Rev. Bernard Scates, pastor of First Church, Lawrenceburg, was the host pastor.

Revival services were held at First church, Monterey, September 9-19. There were approximately 100 decisions in all. Total additions to the church were 33 by baptism and one by letter. The remainder were rededications. Richard P. Oldham, brother of the pastor, directed the music. He is a ministerial student at Union University, Jackson, and serves as minister of music and education at the church at Savannah. Pastor Robert B. Oldham did the preaching. Since his coming to Monterey from Kentucky, July 1, there has been a total of 46 additions to the church. Highlights of the revival were the baptism of a 62-year-old woman, a crippled man who had to be baptized in a straight chair, and an eight-year-old girl. Another highlight was the baptism of six young married couples. Certainly God answered the prayers of many of his people who are members of this church.—Mrs. C. A. Collins

## Schweitzer Gets West German "Peace Prize"

FRANKFURT, Germany—(RNS)—A prize of 10,000 marks (\$2,380) for promoting peace has been awarded to Dr. Albert Schweitzer, 76, world famous missionary, by the West German Association of Book Publishers and Sellers.

The presentation was made here by West German President Theodor Heuss. He spoke of Dr. Schweitzer as being a symbol of French-German understanding, praising his work in promoting an "ethical" world society.

In accepting the prize, Dr. Schweitzer said that the only way out of today's "misery" was for people to become worthy of each other's trust.

For the last 38 years, Dr. Schweitzer has been a medical missionary in French Equatorial Africa, where he runs a hospital at Lambarene. In 1949 he visited the United States for the first time and lectured on Goethe, on whom he is considered to be the world's foremost authority.

## Small Loans to Small Churches

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—The establishment of a denominational loan agency which would lend a hand to small and new Baptist churches in Texas was approved in the recent meeting of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas.

Dr. A. B. White of Dallas, chairman of the committee presenting the plan, will work out the policy of the agency whereby a sum of \$250,000 will be available for a loan fund to aid churches without sufficient collateral to secure commercial loans.

"We do not need larger churches, but more churches," Dr. White told the executive board in the recent meeting. He referred to a recent survey showing that over 300 new Baptist churches are needed now in the twenty-five largest Texas cities.

Recent revival services of Theta church, Carter's Creek, Maury association, were spiritual blessings to the membership and added 13 to the church, 7 by profession of faith and baptism. Pastor Jerry Sadler was assisted by W. W. Stockman of Lawrenceburg as evangelist and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Skelley of Franklin as singer and pianist, reports Mrs. Will Hastings, church clerk.

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## Suggestions for Your Group Training Schools

The following information is copied from a double card used by Belmont Heights Baptist church, Nashville, last year for a training school. As you can see, part of the card gave information concerning the dates of the school, the classes offered, the teachers, and the time and place. The bottom portion of the card listed the books and teachers, and then a place was left for the signature of the person planning to attend, and the department he or she was interested in. You might like to try this same plan in your group training schools. This is called a commitment card and is as follows:

### Opportunity School

**Four Big Nights—April 10-13, 1950**

#### Opportunity for Young People and Adults—

OUTLINES OF BIBLE HISTORY, taught by Dr. Howard P. Colson  
THE PLAN OF SALVATION, doctrinal discussion group led by Dr. Austin Crouch  
TRUE FUNCTIONS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, taught by Mr. Harold E. Ingraham

#### Opportunity for Intermediates—

A FAITH TO LIVE BY, taught by Miss Marjorie Howard

#### Opportunity for Juniors—

MY FAMILY AND I, 11-12 year group taught by Mrs. Howard P. Colson  
MY FAMILY AND I, 9-10 year group taught by Mrs. J. T. Appleton

#### Opportunity for Primary, Beginner, and Nursery children—

PRIMARIES, Miss Lucille Cady  
BEGINNERS, Miss Ruth Owen  
NURSERY CHILDREN, Miss Furn Kelling

**THE TIME: 7:15 to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday**

**THE PLACE: Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville**

### Enrolment Card

I want to take advantage of the opportunity provided for me the week of April 10-13, and enrol in the class checked below:

- ( ) OUTLINES OF BIBLE HISTORY, taught by Dr. Colson
- ( ) THE PLAN OF SALVATION, discussion led by Dr. Crouch
- ( ) TRUE FUNCTIONS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, taught by Mr. Ingraham
- ( ) A FAITH TO LIVE BY, taught by Miss Howard
- ( ) MY FAMILY AND I, taught by Mrs. Colson
- ( ) MY FAMILY AND I, taught by Mrs. Appleton
- ( ) PRIMARY GROUP, led by Miss Cady
- ( ) BEGINNER GROUP, led by Miss Owen
- ( ) NURSERY, Miss Kelling

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Class in S. S. \_\_\_\_\_

### Stamp to Honor Bounty Bible

PITCAIRN ISLAND, South Pacific—(RNS)—The famous Bounty Bible is to be honored on a postage stamp issued by this remote British island.

The Bible was left aboard H.M.S. Bounty by the despotic Captain Bly when he and 18 other members of its crew were cast off the ship near Tahiti in 1789. Salvaged by the nine mutineers who ultimately settled on Pitcairn, it was for years the only book on the island.

Although the original mutineers quarreled and did not live according to the precepts of the Bible, it became the revered textbook of their descendants and resulted in the founding of a devout Christian colony.

Formal education was not introduced to the island until 1949 when a schoolhouse was opened. The new issue of stamps commemorates the inauguration of the school. The one penny value depicts the Bounty Bible, the original "school" of the islanders, and the two-penny value shows the new prefabricated school building.

### Another State Adds R.A. Secretary

JACKSON, Miss.—(BP)—New Royal Ambassador Secretary of the Mississippi W.M.U. is Rev. Joel Dillard Ray of Corinth who was elected recently to succeed Rev. Walter Bisbee. He has already begun his work in the state offices in Jackson.

Rev. Ray is a graduate of Mississippi College and has a B.D. degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville. He will work with 548 R.A. chapters in Mississippi.

### New Georgia Music Department to Be Headed By Dr. McCommon

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—A new Department of Music has been established by Georgia Baptists and will be headed by Dr. Paul McCommon, pastor of Jackson Hill Baptist Church in Atlanta, as secretary.

The Department was authorized last year by the Executive Committee of the Convention and Dr. McCommon was elected secretary at the September meeting of the Committee in Atlanta.

A graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary, Dr. McCommon has had extensive training in both choral music and instrumental work. For several months he has been a member and soloist of the Baptist Hour Choir.

He was choir director and director of young people in Waco churches while in Baylor and during seminary days was minister of music for four years at Fourth Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville.

He is expected to begin his work with the department in October.



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## Foreign Missionaries at the Divisional Meetings

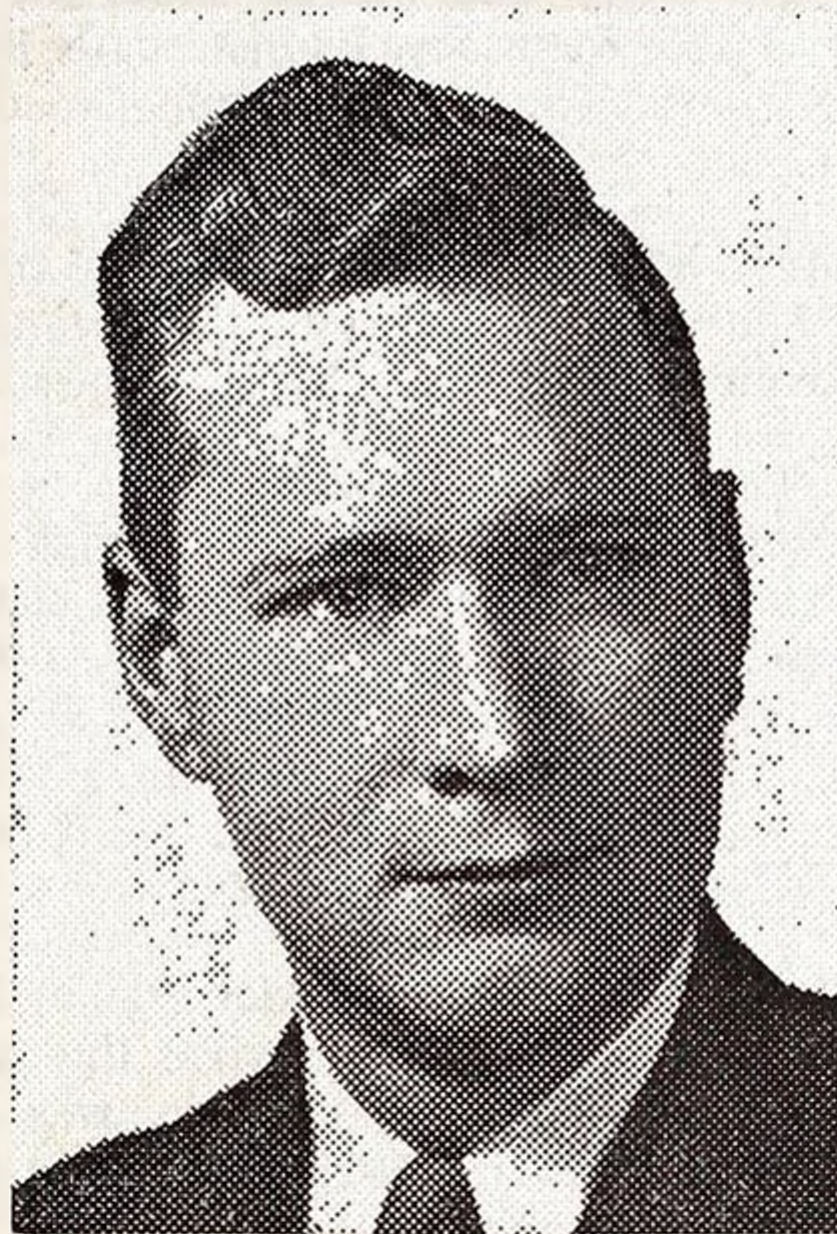
We are to have the privilege of having at least one foreign missionary at each of the Divisional Meetings. Miss Kathleen Manley will be with us for the first week beginning in McMinnville and closing in Dyersburg, from October 15-19. Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt will be in the meetings the second week beginning in Morristown on October 22nd. Then we are to have the privilege of hearing Dr. Franklin Fowler of Paraguay in Springfield on October 16th and in Murfreesboro October 26th. Mrs. Buford Cockrum of Africa will be with us in McMinnville on October 15-16.



MRS. J. E. LINGERFELT, Brazil



MRS. BUFORD COCKRUM, Africa



DR. FRANKLIN FOWLER, Paraguay

Mrs. Wm. McMurry, our Southwide Mission Study Chairman and the state officers will also be present.

## More Baptist Chaplains Needed by January 1

Alfred Carpenter, director Chaplains Commission, Home Mission Board, SBC, states that 105 additional Southern Baptist chaplains are needed by January 1, 1952. As of September 1, Southern Baptists had 353 chaplains on duty.

The army calls for 38 of the 105 needed. These are to be placed in a Reserve Pool, and this group may reasonably expect a call to active duty within one year after receiving a Reserve commission. Appointment must be made prior to 38th birthday.

The navy asks for 26 assignments to active duty now; each applicant must receive commission prior to 35th birthday.

The air force needs 41 for active duty now to meet its expansion program; all applicants must be commissioned prior to 36th birthday.

Educationally, all branches require the A.B. and B.D. degrees or their equivalent in standard credits. Address your correspondence to the Chaplains Commission, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

## Mercer University Extension Program Opens 20 Centers

MACON, Ga.—(BP)—Twenty centers for training of Baptist ministers and laymen in Georgia are being established this fall by the extension department of Mercer University in Macon.

A goal of thirty such educational centers is projected for the 1951-52 school year, according to Dr. Guy N. Atkinson, director of the extension program. He recently announced the location and faculty for the twenty centers already operating. One of the centers is for Negro students.

Last year twenty-nine centers enrolled 414 ministers and 571 laymen in their courses. The classes are taught at night.

## George Burnett Making Recovery

The thousands of friends of Mr. George J. Burnett, 1364 Vinton Ave., Memphis, will rejoice to know that the doctors assure him that he will be able to take up his work again in three or four months. In a letter from him to the editor of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR at the end of the 20th week since his near-fatal accident in his car near Nashville last April 21, he states that he spent 7 weeks in a Nashville hospital, then was transferred to Memphis where he reports "We set up a hospital in my home June 9. On July 13, Dr. Aycock made arrangements for me to go to Campbell's Clinic for X-ray pictures and observation. I was at Campbell's Clinic the second time from August 17-25. They let me come home August 25 with a pair of new crutches and some knowledge of how to use them. I am due back in early October for more X-ray pictures and for further observation. If my left leg is all right I am to walk without crutches. The doctors assure me now I can take up my work in three or four months. This means that I'll be able to attend the meeting of the Shelby association and later the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Chattanooga." Mr. Burnett closed his letter with warm appreciation for all the kindnesses shown him during this long ordeal as friends remembered him, "the miracle of prayer restoring me." "God be praised for his miracle! I give Him all the glory for my being here."

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Calvary Hill church, Dyersburg, John Dugard, pastor, had six for baptism and two by letter during revival services August 12-19 with pastor L. Gordon Sansing of Crestwood church, Jackson, Miss., as evangelist and the church's capable choir director, W. O. Criswell, conducting the music. Mrs. Carrie Belle Wilson, church secretary, reports the messages were "soul-stirring at both services daily; a revival was felt by all the members of the church and there were a number of rededications."

Berclair church, Memphis, had a big day on September 30 when their new \$100,000 building was used for the first time. It is a red brick structure and is located on Summer and Perkins Streets, just a short distance from the store building in which the church was organized 21 years ago. Pastor E. B. Bowen has served the church six years.

When Wells Station church, Memphis, ran out of money for their new building (an auditorium seating 225 people), thirty members of the church boarded a truck and set out to pick cotton to augment the church's building fund. Work on their new structure was begun in June and around \$2,000 is needed to complete it. Carroll Curtis is the pastor.

Wayne Maddox, of Appalachia, Va., has been called as minister of Music and Education at First church, Dyersburg, Robert L. Orr, pastor. A graduate of Carson-Newman and Southwestern Seminary, Mr. Maddox began at Dyersburg on September 15. He was formerly with First church, Burleson, Texas.

The church at Brownsville, Joe Harting, pastor, suffered a great loss in the passing of one of their deacons, Lloyd Wilson. Mr. Wilson was a former school superintendent of Haywood county, and at the time of his death was principal of Brownsville High School. Apparently in good health, he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while witnessing a football game at Halls between that school and Brownsville. He was 49 years of age. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Harting and former pastor, Robert L. Orr, on September 23.

The many friends of S. R. Woodson will rejoice to learn that he has recovered from a recent operation and is now back in his pulpit at First church, Columbus, Miss. He was in a Columbus hospital ten days. He is a former pastor at Whiteville and Humboldt.

Miss Margaret Gordon, for the past year educational secretary at First church, Milan, has resigned to accept a position as student secretary at Bowling Green, Ky. She will work with the students of Western State Teachers College and Bowling Green Business University, and will be under the employ of the Kentucky Baptist State Board of Missions. The change is effective October 1.

Poplar Springs church in Gibson county is without a pastor following the resignation of Kenneth Day. The church is now full-time.

Evangelist Homer E. Kirkpatrick and wife stopped to see us the other day enroute to their home in Hot Springs, Ark., following a great meeting at First church, Lebanon. Dr. Kirkpatrick is now in a revival at Second church, Macon, Ga. He is favorably known in West Tennessee.

While Pastor C. M. Pickler was at First church, Henderson, in a revival the pulpit of Boulevard church, Memphis, was supplied by Prof. R. C. Briggs, of Union University, on September 30.

Calvary church, Jackson, James A. Canada, pastor, had three days of Intermediate emphasis, September 25-27. Missionary Marshall Sams, of Argentina, assisted in the work.

According to an announcement in the daily paper, Pastor Dillard A. West, Dyer, has been appointed as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army. He has served the church at Dyer in a commendable way for the past three years.

While Pastor Slater A. Murphy was delivering a series of messages at the Baptist Assembly in California, the pulpit of Highland Heights church, Memphis, was supplied by Editor A. L. Goodrich, of *The Baptist Record*. In his column "Going Places" he wrote concerning this visit.

"This was our second visit. Since the first visit the beautiful new church plant, across the street from the old one has been constructed and occupied. It is a thing of beauty and convenience. And the acoustics are perfect.

"One of the many attractive things about this church is the pre-service deacons prayer meeting. Not all, but many of the deacons gather in a special prayer room before each service and really pray. All take part and do it on their knees.

"Anybody that doesn't feel closer to God after having a part in one of these prayer meetings lacks something.

"At our request the church secretary, Mrs. F. A. Tucker, and the financial secretary, Mrs. F. N. Angell prepared the following article concerning the church and its activities:

"Dr. Murphy came to Highland Heights Church on July 5, 1942 from Valence Street Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

"The Sunday School has grown from 1,184 to over 2,000 and the Training Union from 256 to 637. The WMU has increased from 345 to 456. The vacation Bible School was the largest in Tennessee in 1947 with an enrolment of 514. In 1949 a Brotherhood was organized with an enrolment of 110. The total church membership has grown from 1,749 to 3,273, total additions, 2,933—baptized 1,077. Offerings from October 1, 1949 to September 30, 1950 totaled \$119,412.68. There were 1,091 tithers, and 409 other pledges—total of 1,500 pledges.

"The new sanctuary was occupied November 19, 1950. Furnished and equipped it cost more than \$500,000. Since entering the new building there have been 384 total additions to the church and 167 baptized."

## Record Attendance of 18 Years Recognized at Carthage Church

Miss Mai Baugh received the gold bar September 30, in recognition of 18 years of consecutive attendance at Sunday school in the First church, Carthage. Concerning this most faithful Sunday school member Mrs. Glenn Sanderson writes the following: "Miss Mai joined the church around 1910 and was baptized with her mother, Frances Lack Baugh, and probably from that Christian mother received the incentive for her faithfulness to her Lord. Her Sunday school pin is beautiful as it hangs down nearly to her waist, and her smile is radiant as she walks the aisle to receive the next bar. Miss Mai said there had been a few times when she felt ill and unable to attend but she was compelled to walk on to worship the Lord who had been so good to her through the years. Mrs. Gordon Oldham, teacher of her class, is inspired by Miss Mai's record. Every Mother's Day Miss Mai is on hand with the first roses from her garden to pin on each Sunday school pupil, young and old alike. The Carthage church feels fortunate to have a member with this Sunday school record. Our new pastor, the Rev. J. C. Parrish, formerly of Tolar, Texas, is making a good leader and building the Church attendance in every way."

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# ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1951

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	274	70	5	Kingsport, First	766	168	2
Athens, Antioch	111	---	---	Fort Robinson	132	68	1
East	443	122	---	Glenwood	315	90	---
First	549	221	3	Lynn Garden	377	122	5
West End Mission	79	53	---	Knoxville, Alice Bell	109	54	1
Calhoun	111	---	48	Arlington	463	131	1
Clearwater	82	46	---	Bell Avenue	876	347	7
Coghill	87	54	---	Broadway	1328	415	18
Consauga	26	46	---	Fifth Avenue	919	271	24
Cotton Port	95	71	---	First	940	128	4
Eastanalle	63	24	---	Gillespie Avenue	238	104	3
Englewood	151	47	---	Inskip	440	161	---
Etowah, East	94	32	---	Lincoln Park	684	196	1
Etowah, First	332	87	---	Lonsdale	344	102	---
Etowah, North	329	132	---	Sevier Heights	557	189	1
Good Springs	93	75	---	Washington Pike	306	81	---
Lake View	95	59	---	LaFollette, First	294	89	---
McMahan Calvary	80	38	---	Mission	47	8	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	77	53	---	Lebanon, Cedar Grove	95	57	---
New Bethel	85	---	---	Fairview	186	105	---
New Hope	56	52	---	Immanuel	133	65	10
New Zion	64	52	---	Rocky Grove	39	---	---
Niota, East	155	75	---	Lenoir City, First	184	74	---
Niota, First	134	37	---	Pleasant Hill	158	113	---
Riceville	112	42	---	Lewisburg, First	527	163	3
Rocky Mount	42	24	---	Lexington, First	246	---	---
Union McMinn	48	---	---	Loudon, First	330	118	---
Union Grove No. 2	89	63	---	Madisonville, Chestua	55	33	---
Wild Wood	98	56	---	Maryville, Broadway	465	176	2
Zion Hill	48	---	---	Everett Hills	299	184	---
Auburntown, Auburn	148	83	---	First	840	308	3
Benton, First	164	50	---	Maynardville	83	---	---
Bemis, Herron Chapel	272	84	---	Medina, Lathams Chapel	102	51	---
Bristol, Calvary	383	132	1	Memphis, Bellevue	2458	971	21
Camden, First	223	110	---	Boulevard	763	206	---
Carthage, First	208	78	2	Central Avenue	790	233	---
Chattanooga, Avondale	654	184	3	Gillespie Avenue	238	---	---
Birchwood	94	60	---	LaBelle	770	210	---
Brainerd	585	226	9	Parkway	488	194	3
Concord	287	104	3	Poplar Avenue	321	122	5
East	347	44	2	Shirley Park	300	120	4
Eastdale	420	120	2	Southland	153	65	---
East Ridge	489	132	2	Speedway Terrace	843	175	3
First	1056	306	6	Sylvan Heights	350	152	5
Highland Park	3903	1193	41	Temple	1402	324	---
Lookout Mountain	80	25	2	Union Avenue	1198	340	2
Morris Hill	267	131	8	Winchester	267	135	2
Oakwood	164	78	9	Millington	390	157	---
Red Bank	681	187	5	Monterey, First	317	126	1
Ridgedale	650	205	---	Morristown, First	609	162	2
Soddy, Oak Street	155	91	3	Buffalo Trail	100	42	---
Suck Creek	77	21	---	Murfreesboro, Barfield	107	77	1
White Oak	392	96	3	First	525	134	---
Woodland Heights	794	276	---	Walnut Street Mission	54	---	---
Clarksville, First	471	157	5	Powell's Chapel	112	103	---
Gracey Avenue	163	56	2	Taylor's Chapel	87	---	---
Cleveland, Big Spring	279	167	---	Thrd	199	83	---
First	461	135	---	Wards Grove	118	52	---
Clinton, First	496	110	5	Westvue	442	125	---
Columbia, First	440	157	1	Whitsett Chapel	78	57	---
Godwin Chapel	35	---	---	Nashville, Belmont Heights	1137	360	18
Second	209	141	---	Eastland	668	104	7
Cookeville, West View	183	79	---	Edgefield	561	155	---
Corryton, Fairview	160	98	---	First	1387	372	10
Crab Orchard, Hailey's Grove	80	33	---	Grace	809	303	4
Cowan	164	51	---	Immanuel	383	---	---
Crossville, First	178	96	---	Lockeland	592	164	3
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	127	103	---	Third	292	54	1
First	626	256	4	Westwood	142	61	1
Elizabethton, First	599	176	---	Woodmont	451	139	2
Oak Street	157	89	3	Woodmont Center	161	61	---
Siam	201	144	---	Oak Ridge, Robertsville	428	124	8
Erwin, Ninth Street	228	134	6	Old Hickory, First	613	313	3
Fountain City, Central	921	236	---	Paris, Fairview	95	47	3
Hines Valley Mission	61	---	---	Philadelphia	172	24	---
First	342	156	---	Portland, First	270	64	---
Smithwood	453	162	4	Rockwood, First	374	117	2
Gladeville	110	39	---	Rogersville, Hennard's Chapel	147	96	---
Grand Junction, First	78	53	---	Rutledge	95	28	---
Harriman, South	345	122	---	Oakland	112	63	---
Trenton Street	425	125	---	Savannah, First	178	84	---
Hohenwald, First	110	76	---	Pickwick Road	19	---	---
Humboldt, Antioch	234	111	---	Somerville, First	184	119	1
First	568	156	---	Springfield, Pleasant Hill	181	50	1
Jackson, Calvary	558	173	17	Mission	17	---	---
First	852	152	3	Stantonville, West Shiloh	204	120	---
North	275	118	1	Tullahoma, First	204	51	---
West	789	273	17	Highland	81	58	---
Jamestown, First	304	74	---	Rutledge Falls	122	88	4
Jefferson City, First	643	360	---	Union City, First	581	85	2
Northside	208	138	1	Watertown, Round Lick	192	108	---
				Whites Creek	71	35	---
				Winchester, First	217	71	1



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Policeman: "Why didn't you stop when I yelled at you back there?"

Lady Driver: "Oh, were you the one who yelled? I thought it was someone I had run over."

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Plaintiff: "No, your Honor, I don't; but I do say he tried to put it further in."

A disgusted parent wrote a note of complaint to the teacher, and wound it up with this: "If all Herbert learns in school is to swear, I'll keep him home and teach him myself."

"Mrs. Smith, did you say, in the hearing of my little girl, that I was a great rusty cat?"

"No, my dear Mrs. Jones; I said you were a great aristocrat."

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once mistook an insane asylum for a college. Realizing his mistake, he explained to the gatekeeper, and commented humorously, "I suppose, after all, there is not a great deal difference."

"Oh, yes, there is," replied the guard. "In this place you must show some improvement before you get out."

Jimmy came home from school one day with a black eye.

"What have you been up to?" his mother demanded.

"I had a fight with Eddie Jones," Jimmy confessed.

"Well, take him some cake and make friends again," his mother said.

Jimmy did so, but in an hour he came home with another black eye.

"Good gracious!" cried his mother. "What's happened now?"

"He did it again," Jimmy said tearfully. "He wants more cake tomorrow."

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Harley Fite, president of Carson-Newman College, was the speaker at a Training Union Rally at White Oak church, Chattanooga, on Sunday afternoon, September 9.

Fred Brown, pastor emeritus of First church, Knoxville, will assist Pastor Ralph Murray and Smithwood church Knoxville, in a revival October 7-14. Recently Dr. Brown has assisted Beech Grove church, near Maryville, in a good revival. I. C. Petree was in charge of music in this meeting.

Raymond Coppenger of the Bible Department at Carson-Newman College was guest preacher at Smithwood, Knoxville, on September 9.

Griffin Henderson, who has been B.S.U. Secretary at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has resigned in order to accept a call to become pastor of First church, Marietta, Ga. This fine young servant of God and his wife, have made a very definite impression on the lives of many people all over East Tennessee. We regret that he is leaving but commend him heartily to the people to whom he goes.

Sunday, September 30, McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, launched its Fund-Raising Campaign for \$300,000.00 to be used in the construction of a new Auditorium. E. Warren Rust is pastor of this rapidly expanding church.

During the recent associational Youth revival held in Chattanooga, there were 38 conversions, 156 rededications, 44 who surrendered to full-time Christian work. Bill Cody, Dick Baker, Buckner Fanning and Ralph Langley were the members of the team leading in the services.

Red Bank church, Chattanooga, has opened a week-day nursery and kindergarten. More than 100 children were enrolled the first week. Ralph Norton is pastor.

T. W. Stanbury, pastor of Maple Grove church, Chattanooga, passed away on August 30.

The mother of Leslie R. Baumgartner, city missionary in Chattanooga, passed away on August 10. Our Christian sympathy to this brother beloved.

Evans T. Moseley, formerly pastor at Rogersville, and now pastor at Harrodsburg, Ky., assisted L. C. Roberts and Oakwood church, Knoxville, in a revival, beginning September 16.

J. G. Hipsher, Pastor of Piney Grove church near Maryville, did the preaching in a revival at Piney Level church, Chilhowee association, which resulted in 53 additions to the church, 47 by baptism, and 6 by letter. The Piney Grove church of which Brother Hipsher is pastor, ordained Tommie Williamson to the full work of the Ministry on September 2. Brother Williamson has been called as pastor of Centenary church, Blount county. He is a promising young preacher.

The Tennessee B.S.U. Convention will be held at First church, Maryville, October 19-21.

P. B. Baldrige, Pastor of Pleasant Grove church, Maryville, and Moderator of Chilhowee association, recently assisted Pastor John McGregor, and Stock Creek church, Knox County, in a good meeting.

An interesting meeting of the Knoxville Baptist Pastor's Conference was held on September 17. The Pastors brought their wives with them. The film "The Bible on the Table" was shown by Lawrence Trivette, after which Mrs. Lloyd T. Householder, spoke on the subject, "Ministers and Their Wives." After the program the conference adjourned to an up-town Cafeteria and had lunch together. "A good time was had by all."

The temporary address of W. C. Taggart, who recently left the pastorate of First church, Elizabethton, is c/o Mr. John de Peystor, Shady Lawn Farm, Route 2, Hudson, New York. We regret the loss of this good man from the ranks of East Tennessee Baptists.

Carson Newman College has begun the Fall Term with an enrollment of 860, which, according to President Fite, is only 5% less than it was a year ago. The Cafeteria which is a part of the new Baker Memorial Building, is being used and the remainder of the building is expected to be ready for occupancy in the very near future.

During the month of September, First church, Newport, Lowell D. Milburn, Pastor, is conducting a Bible reading crusade. Copies of the Gospel of John have been distributed among the people who attend the services, and the Pastor is using this Gospel as the basis for his messages at all the services during the month.

Sunday, September 23, was observed as Teacher Appreciation Day by First church, Clinton. Paul Turner is the very fine pastor of this good church.

In connection with the opening of a new Sunday school building, First church, Lake City, observed Home-coming Day on Sunday, September 23. Dr. Ramsey Pollard of Broadway, Knoxville, was the speaker at the Sunday afternoon service. M. W. Bodlien is the pastor.

Norris Baptist mission which is sponsored by First church, Clinton, broke ground on Sunday, September 9, for the Educational Unit of that which is to be the First Baptist church at Norris. This is the outgrowth of a Sunday school which began in July, 1946, with 20 children. At present there are 120 enrolled in Sunday school, and 44 in Training Union, 102 are enrolled as members of the Mother Church in Clinton. Since July, 1949, 100 have united with the church, 28 by baptism and 72 by letter. During the same period the mission has contributed to all causes, exclusive of Building Fund, \$5,079.20, of which amount, \$1,105.70 has gone for the Cooperative Program. Herman J. Ellis is the pastor in this strategic center. Baptists have had a difficult time getting a start at Norris. We congratulate pastor and people in connection with this inspiring achievement.

O. C. Rainwater, pastor of Trenton Street church, Harriman, has just closed a successful revival with First church, Whitley City, Ky. This was a return engagement for Brother Rainwater. John Gilliland is the pastor at Whitley City.

Trenton Street, Harriman, of which Brother O. C. Rainwater is pastor, is nearing the completion of its \$185,000.00 Building project. This is a three-story fire-proof building, with auditorium to seat 600 plus, with two lower floors to be used for educational purposes. Congratulations to this good church and excellent pastor.



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## W. H. Lodwick, New Pastor First, Alcoa



W. H. Lodwick is the new pastor of First church, Alcoa, coming from the church at Elsmere, Ky., where he has served since May 1944 during which time 380 new members were received, 240 by baptism. An educational plant was erected in 1949 and has been dedicated debt-free. Mr. Lodwick began his ministry with Calvary church, Deer Park, Cincinnati, February 1936, serving this church 8 years before going to Elsmere, Ky.

Sunday, September 16, was "Kick-off Day" in Chilhowee association in connection with the Harrison-Chilhowee Campaign. To date, reports indicate a growing interest in behalf of this most worthy cause.

The Training Union Department of Chilhowee association conducted a very fine series of Group Training Schools during the week of September 17-21. Eight of the nine groups cooperated, and splendid results were accomplished in each school. The attendance was very fine. There was an average attendance of 242 in the largest school which was held at Broadway Baptist church.

This scribe regrets very much that for some reason he has not reported the arrival of a fine baby boy in the home of Pastor and Mrs. T. Earl Ogg, Calvary, Bristol. We offer our apologies and delayed congratulations.

Luther Rule, Pastor of Inskip church, Knoxville, assisted Pastor W. H. Galyon in a good Revival at Galilee church, Chilhowee association, recently.

Dr. E. Gibson Davis, First church, Kingsport, has returned to his pulpit after a brief visit to his old home in Pennsylvania, and a week at Massanetta Springs Bible Conference, at Massanetta Springs, Va.

On Sunday, September 9, First church, Lenoir City, laid the cornerstone for its enlarged auditorium. J. E. Ledbetter is the pastor of this progressive church.

During the Associational year which has just closed, First church, Rockwood, Wallace Carrier, pastor, had 82 additions; total gifts amounted to \$31,734.13, of which amount, \$5,052.63 was given to the Co-operative Program. Recently a member of the church gave a refrigerator to be sent to the Baptist Hospital at Join-Krama, Nigeria, West Africa.

David N. Livingstone, for several years pastor of Mount Lebanon church, Maryville, has accepted the call of Mine City church at Ducktown and is already on the field. He is a good man anywhere.

Miss Margaret Duncan is the new B.S.U. Director in Chattanooga. She came from a similar position at U. T. Junior College at Martin. She is a graduate of Murray State College, and Southwestern Seminary. She began her work, August 1.

Beginning Sunday, September 23, Charles S. Bond, pastor of Central church, Fountain City, will assist James Tilley, and the Gayland Heights church, Knoxville, in a revival.

Dr. John A. Huff, Chattanooga, has been named interim pastor of First church, Cleveland in which capacity he has previously served. He is a former pastor of First church, Chattanooga.

During the week of September 9, David Walker, ministerial student at Carson-Newman College, conducted a Youth revival at Churchwell Avenue church, Knoxville, which resulted in six additions to the church, five by baptism and one by letter. On Sunday morning, September 16, a Sacrificial Offering was made by the church which amounted to \$3214.24. The money was raised to be applied on a \$3,000.00 note on the parsonage. Frank Waters is the pastor of this splendid church.

The recent revival conducted by Angel Martinez at Broadway, Knoxville, resulted in 65 additions to the church. Pastor Ramsey Pollard, speaks in glowing terms concerning the work of this great evangelist. Broadway showed its appreciation for his work by making a love offering which amounted to \$1,876.00.

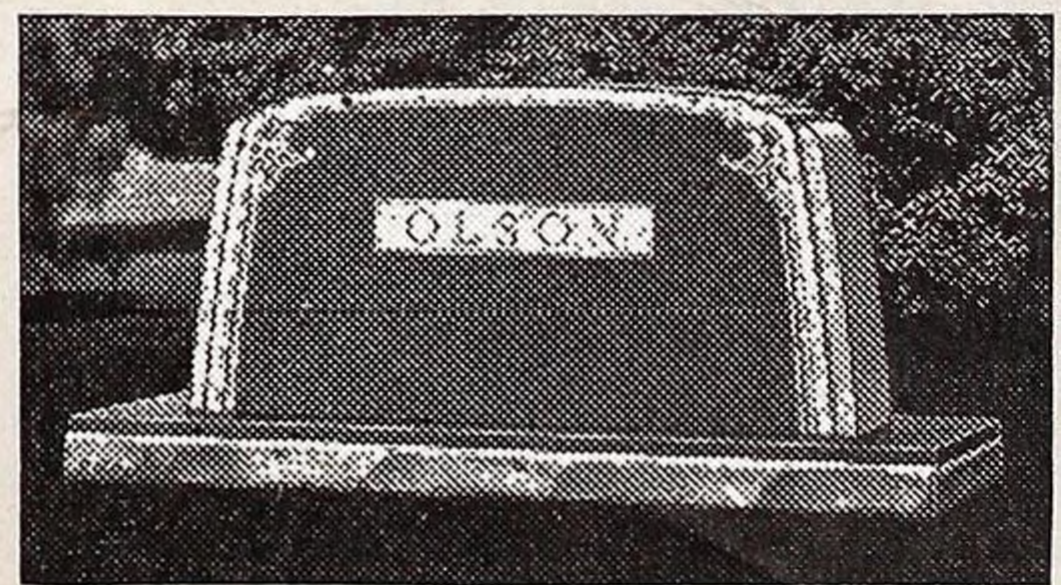
R. H. Bean has assumed his duties as pastor of Middlebrook church, Knoxville. He goes from Zion church, Anderson County and succeeds Gilbert H. Van Hoozier.

Andy H. Hardin of Sheffield, Ala., is assisting Liberty church, Knoxville in a revival, beginning Sunday, September 23. Alvin A. Harms is pastor.

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## Reports of Japan Baptists Read Like Supplement to Book of Acts

Japan Baptists have doubled their number within a twelve months' period which was climaxed by an epoch-making convention in early August. A report by Edwin B. Dozier, Southern Baptist missionary, on busy summer activities of the Japan Baptist Convention has been received by Frank K. Means, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for missionary education and promotion.

Total membership of the 43 Japan Baptist churches is 4,696. Eleven new churches were admitted to the convention, and there are more than 35 well-established mission points served by national ministers and seminary students.

A 25 per cent per capita increase in giving, bringing the total for the churches to more than \$10,000 for the first six months, was reported. The 1952 budget of the convention provides that the Japan convention and its agencies furnish two-thirds of their operational funds.

Sunday school workers were in a training conference from August 13-17 at Fukuoka. "Closer liaison between the editorial office and the teachers was made so as to gain hints which will help new teachers with their problems," Mr. Dozier reported. Effort was made to bring about greater appreciation of the worth of the Sunday school quarterlies published by the convention's own printing establishment, the *Jordan Press*.

Thirty-seven of the 43 churches had representatives at a Layman's Stewardship Conference sponsored by the Department of Evangelism. Detailed reports on stewardship of the churches was given by the treasurer-deacons.

A deacon of the Nagasaki Baptist Church, which has been self-supporting for several months, said: "I hadn't realized that giving is an expression of one's faith, nor did I understand that giving is evangelism." Tithing was strongly emphasized; and mimeographed booklets on building budgets, reports, the every-member canvass, and other financial problems were distributed.

Mr. Dozier commented on the conference: "The resultant impression is that all the churches that can rightfully be expected to become self-supporting will be added to the already 15 self-supporting churches before the end of the year." It was the first stewardship conference in the history of Baptists in Japan.

All but one of the churches were represented at the Annual Youth Conference at Gotemba the latter part of August. Fifty young people made their first decision to commit life to Christian service. Four regional Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador house parties or retreats were held.

"As we look back over the crowded months of July and August we can only

give thanks," Dr. Dozier added. "The work of Japan Baptists is moving forward phenomenally and with a healthy balance. This doesn't mean that there are no problems, but God is good in giving wisdom and strength to overcome them."

Missionary Dozier reported that preparations for the preaching mission now in progress in Japan were more extensive than last year. Dr. L. R. Scarborough's book, *Search for Souls*, has been adapted and translated and is being used by the membership of the churches in personal soul-winning preparation.

The preaching mission, which will continue through October, is under the direction of Orient Secretary Baker James Cauthen; and the visiting participants are Clyde V. Hickerson, Richmond; M. Ray McKay, Little Rock; E. D. Head, Fort Worth; Roland Q. Leavell, New Orleans; John L. Slaughter, Birmingham; Monroe F. Swilley, Atlanta; and E. Norfleet Gardner, Henderson, N. C.

Rev. Paul A. McCasland, secretary of evangelism for Oregon-Washington, was director of a simultaneous crusade in the Oregon-Washington Convention September 9-23 and sends the following TELEGRAM report:

Simultaneous crusade Oregon-Washington net 420 additions. 227 baptisms 178 letters 15 statements 21 other professions 7 special service. 38 churches and 4 missions. Many churches doubled membership. Large Sunday school and Training Union attendance throughout. All evangelists graciously received and marvelously ministered. Churches of Oregon-Washington Convention deeply grateful to churches and boards who supplied evangelists.

Paul A. McCasland,  
Secretary of Evangelism

## Books Received

"*The Genius of the Gospels*" by Merrill C. Tenney; Eerdmans; \$2.00; 124 pp. The author is Director of the Graduate School at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, and was awarded a Ph.D. in Biblical and Patristic Greek in 1944 by Harvard University. This is a stimulating presentation of the four gospels approached as: (1) historical documents, (2) biographical sketches, (3) homiletical treatises and (4) spiritual guides to certainty of faith and experience. Refreshing to Christian faith and helpful to those who have not yet arrived at a vital Christian faith.

"*The Bible Story*" by Marian M. Schoolland; William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids 3, Michigan; \$2.00; 124 pp. An easy reading, concise account which puts into one story what the child usually knows only as separate incidents in the Bible. Those from 9 to 15 years of age will find it easier through this to grasp the plan and purpose by which God chooses to save His people.

## Baptists Urged to Encourage Protection Clause in NSTC Law

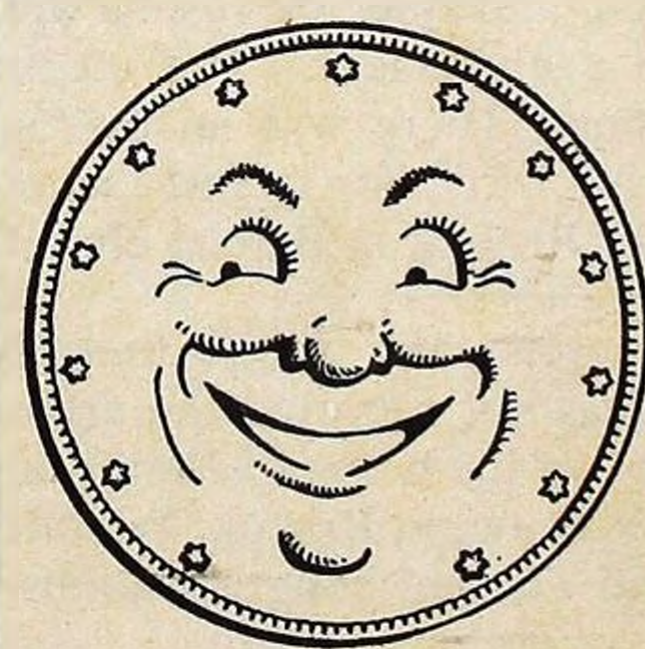
WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—Baptists are encouraged to urge their congressional representatives to demand the incorporation of a protection clause in the foreseen program for military training now being drawn up by the National Security Training Commission, according to Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in Washington recently.

According to the law setting up the Commission, the report is due by the last of October.

Among the instructions to the Commission were that their recommendations shall include "measures for the personal safety, health, welfare and morals of members of the National Security Training Corps." Most of the corpsmen will be eighteen-year-olds.

Dawson's recommendation is that a prerequisite to the approval of the training program be the inclusion of the following 1947 statement of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training, which recommends the following: "limitation of the opportunities for the purchase of trainees of any alcoholic beverages, including beer, through (a) prohibiting the sale thereof to them on any military, naval, or other camp reservation, or in any post exchange, ship's store, or canteen, (b) declaring 'off-limits' to trainees all taverns, tap-rooms, and similar facilities whose principal business is selling alcoholic beverages, and . . . (d) making it a federal crime knowingly to sell such beverages to any person in training."

"Congress has reserved to itself the right to take another look at this program, and amend it or reject it," Dr. Dawson reports.



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