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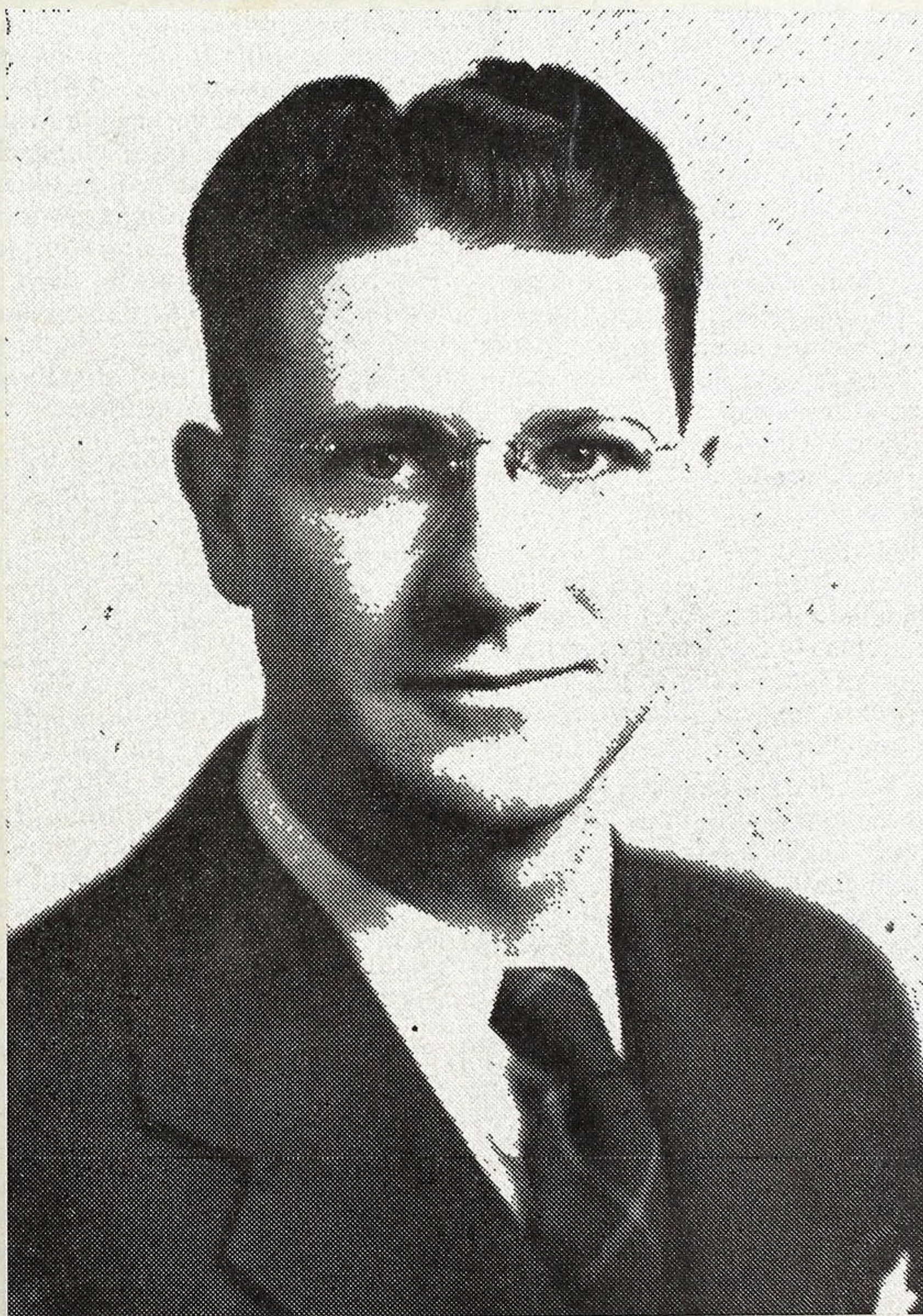
## AN APPEAL TO TENNESSEE BAPTISTS

The 77th meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held in the First Baptist church of Chattanooga November 13, 14 and 15. This is the most important meeting in all the year for our Baptist people of Tennessee because the State Convention comprehends every phase of our denominational program. We make an appeal to the heads of the organizations and to the secretaries and leaders of our organizations to join us in promoting a record-breaking attendance for this Convention.

We would suggest that the W. M. U. Secretary, the State Brotherhood Secretary, the State Training Union Secretary and the Sunday School State Secretary join us in calling upon all of these respective organizations to promote an enthusiastic attendance for this forthcoming Convention. Baptists have a great opportunity in this critical hour to assert themselves and make themselves felt in their renewed appeal for a free church in a free state.

Let us together face our opportunities and responsibilities in evangelizing the world. Let us covenant with one another to pray that God's Holy Spirit may be present in mighty power in each session of the Convention.

Yours in Christ,  
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## Let the Senate Reject Vatican Envoy

The President's appointment of a full-fledged ambassador to the Vatican on the day of congressional adjournment was a sorry political concession to the greatest political pressure group this country has ever known—the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The act stands condemned before the bar of historic American principle of separation of church and state despite all the attempted explanation put forth for this sudden appointment.

President Truman has violated American tradition. He has acted contrary to our historic principle of separation of church and state. Mr. Truman acted as the politician not as a statesman in this appointment. He seems concerned to have the votes of the big city machines, where Catholic power has been apparent.

We do not disapprove of the person of General Mark Clark whom the president names as the first to fill the post he suggests, but we do absolutely condemn the creation of such a post of ambassador to the Vatican and therefore are opposed to anyone named to such a position.

We believe every freedom-loving American should at once protest the President's appointment of any envoy from this country to the head of the Roman Catholic Church or to any other religious body and urge that the Senate refuse the confirmation of such an ambassador. The Senate received this surprise nomination in the closing hours of adjournment and did not have time to act upon it. Certainly in the brief hours it did not have time to get the shocked reaction of the American people who are dismayed at the President's proposal, and sharply disapprove of any ambassador to the Vatican.

If the Roman Catholic Church is a Church, let it be treated as a Church like other religious bodies none of whom according to the First Amendment to our Federal Constitution are to be accorded a favored position by the government of these United States of America. If on the other hand the Vatican is a political state to be accorded an ambassador as are other political states, then let it be treated as a foreign power. Those who give allegiance to it in the United States would be adherents of an alien power—a foreign government working as a state within our state.

Baptists by the millions urge the Senate to reject the proposal of an envoy to the Vatican. By refusing approval of this nomination made by the President the Senate will act to preserve the separation of church and state. It will preserve the principle which has effectively united peoples of varied beliefs into a strong nation.

## The Solemn Meaning Of Ordination

"To the deacons, no less than to the pastors, or ministers, most important interests are committed, upon their prompt, enlightened, and faithful attention to which depends, essentially, the prosperity of religion." Thus wrote Dr. R. B. C. Howell more than a century ago in his book on *The Deaconship* a copy of which, printed in 1846, I have just been reading, through the kindness of it having been forwarded to me by Rev. J. H. Sharp, Corryton, Rt. 1. The book's author was at the time Pastor of First Baptist church, Nashville, and founder of the *Baptist* and its first editor in 1835. This paper was the forerunner of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

Dr. Howell treats this matter thoroughly and in a manner to exalt the office. Near the close of this 154-page book, which went through six editions soon after its appearance and we understand has only recently been published again, Dr. Howell states, "The importance of fidelity on the part of the deacons, if they are in the proper exercise of religion, will be deeply impressed upon their minds by the fact that the vows of God are upon them. When they accepted the office, and when the hands of ordination were imposed, they bound themselves in the most solemn and fearful manner, to Christ and to his people, that they would, Jehovah aiding them, fulfill its duties. A noble and generous heart will stand by that pledge, even for its own sake, to the last hour."

"The hands of ordination . . . they bound themselves in the most solemn and fearful manner. . . ." We of today should think anew of the solemn meaning of the office and of the necessity that it be entered into reverently and fulfilled in loving faithfulness. Ordination, whether of ministers or deacons, should not be entered into lightly by either church or candidate. Perhaps this matter should receive much more care than is sometimes observed. "Lay hands hastily on no man." (I Tim. 5:22)

"The ministry has no right to ordain any man to the Deaconship, not previously elected by the church to that office. The consent of the church is positively necessary. On the other hand, though brethren may be elected by the church, they are still, unless ordained by the ministry, not deacons. There must be a concurrence between the church and the ministry to create the officer." This is a wise "check and balance" which safeguards the interests of the kingdom of Christ, as Dr. Howell points out in his book. Much trouble might be prevented through more care in ordination. It is not to be hurriedly done lest it be the occasion later of sorrow.

## Reflections



Human minds are like wagons. When they have a light load they are much noisier than when the load is heavy.—*Papyrus*

If you're right take the humble side, you'll help the other fellow; if you're wrong take the humble side, and you'll help yourself.—R. L. Erwin, *Way of Truth*.

It's a great pity the right of free speech isn't predicated upon the obligation to say something sensible.—*Grit*.

It's when we forget ourselves that we do things that are remembered.—*Arkansas Baptist*.

Few people study to discover the truth; most of us seek to confirm our errors and perpetuate our prejudices.—*Hawkesville, Ky., Herald*.

Bishop Wilson formerly of Singapore, reports that ". . . the greatest danger of the past 50 years is that every day thousands of Malays were learning to read but there were only two things available to satisfy their appetites—Communist literature and American comic strips." *Nelson W. Rightmeyer, Pulpit Digest*.

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# DOING ALL IN LOVE

by SEIDE B. JANSSEN

*Not what we do, but the spirit in which we do it.*

A few years ago, we frequently heard it said that a lost word in the preaching of the day was the word "repent." There is no doubt that this assertion by a number of zealous theologians was and probably still is true.

Is there not another word which needs to be recaptured? I well remember the first occasion on which I addressed a Sunday evening audience in the Temple Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. With great zeal, the seminary student delivered his message, and because a number of the members of the congregation complimented him, he felt that he had conducted himself well. Then came a gentleman who at that time was the director of the choir of this church. He said, "Seide, you brought us a fine message, but if we had not known you, we might have thought that you were mad at us or that you were scolding us, for you spoke to us almost the entire time with closed fists. Never speak to your congregation with clenched fists, for when you do so, you make the people uncomfortable, besides rearing a barrier between yourself and those whose attention you are seeking to hold. As you speak and as you gesture toward us with your hands, keep them open, and in this way you will warm us up to your message and invite our attention."

The counsel of this layman was excellent, but what made it so impressionable was his attitude, the spirit in which he gave the advice. He gave it in kindness and Christian love, with a warmth in his voice that demonstrated the very thing he was suggesting to the embryonic "preacher." Needless to say after seventeen years, this counsel given in love, has never been forgotten.

Another personality who added immeasurably to my ministerial life was my beloved English Bible professor, Dr. James A. Maxwell. Times without number, his students heard him say, "Brethren, love the people; love the people." I shall never forget these words.

## Love That Fails Not

This leads me again to ask: Is there not another lost word and spirit that we need to regain, both in our teaching and in our living; the word "love," and the spirit of love? When Dwight L. Moody, some years ago, entered Philadelphia for one of his evangelistic campaigns, he soon saw evidence that the ungodly were enmassed to make his ministry of love to the lost as fruitless and as miserable to himself as lay within their power. Jeers, tauntings, and ridicule against the evangelist and against the gospel were in abundance, but for weeks the evangelist poured forth the gospel of redeeming grace in great compassionate love, with the result that multitudes were converted. This

unlearned man, so far as a formal education is concerned, had won the hearts of sinners for Christ through preaching in love and through conducting himself in love toward the people, even his enemies.

During recent years, if only preachers and laymen alike had been willing to dwell together in love, to preach in love, to admonish and exhort in love, to labour for desired changes in denominational policy in love, how much farther the kingdom of God might have been advanced by our Baptist people, both in the pulpit and the pew. The love of Christ, when relived by you and me, will draw us together. Well might the apostle have said, "Love never divides, love unites, love builds, love solves all problems, and dissolves our apparent differences, love makes mole hills out of mountains." How we have injured and hindered the work of the kingdom and dismembered the body of Christ by speaking and acting in bitterness, by behaving ourselves like children, by casting suspicion upon our brethren, by being bearers of evil tidings rather than good tidings, by speaking evil of men instead of "speaking evil of no one." So did not the Lamb of God when He was led to the slaughter; so did not the prisoner Paul after many false accusations and many abuses upon himself; so did not John in exile; so did not Peter when about to become a martyr. These all conquered.

—The Australian Baptist

## King George Acknowledges Greetings from Southern Baptists

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—Sending getwell wishes to His Majesty George VI, King of Great Britain, is no simple matter but it can be done.

Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and senior secretary of the Convention, reports to messengers attending the San Francisco meeting of the Convention in June that the "message of Christian greetings" adopted as a resolution there has been forwarded to the King.

It took three months of correspondence and channeling through the Department of State in Washington to inform the King that Southern Baptists were concerned that he had been reported physically ill.

The private secretary to His Majesty has acknowledged receipt and appreciation of the greetings.

The resolution in San Francisco was proposed following the address of Dr. F. Townley Lord, editor of the *Baptist Times* of London and president of the Baptist World Alliance.

## President Truman Appoints Ambassador to Rome

by C. W. POPE

Millions of citizens throughout the United States were shocked by the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican at Rome by President Truman. This action jeopardizes the cherished American tradition of separation of church and state which our forefathers purchased for us with their blood and suffering.

If the Senate approves the appointment of an ambassador to Rome the United States Government will bear a relationship to the Roman Catholic Church which our Government has never sustained to any other religious body on earth. Our Government will have an ambassador at the headquarters a religious organization; and a powerful religious organization will have an ambassador at the headquarters of our Government. This relationship makes the Roman Catholic Church the privileged religious body in the United States of America. Exclusive recognition of a religious body by a civil government is the first step in the direction of union of church and state. Adoption of that religious body would establish it as the state church.

According to newspaper reports the motive ascribed by the President for this unprecedented action is, "Direct diplomatic relations will assist in coordinating the effort to combat the communist menace." However, any administrative or political advantage which the President may hope to achieve will be far more than off-set by the confusion, strife and disunity which his rash act will engender. With Catholic cardinals and priests applauding the decision, and with Protestant and Baptist leaders strongly condemning it, the President's action is certain to plunge the Nation into a long and bitter struggle which in itself will become a major blow to the cause of victory and peace.

## New Mexico Baptists Dedicate New Headquarters Building

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(BP)—Principle speaker for the formal dedication services of New Mexico Baptists' new headquarters building in Albuquerque recently was Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The new building, located at 612-618 East Central Avenue, will house all state offices of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

Others taking part in the dedication were former executive secretaries of New Mexico, Dr. Harry P. Stagg, present executive secretary, and T. J. Gamble, Jr., Alamogordo, president of the state convention.

On the same day as the dedication, Dr. Holcomb also spoke at a meeting launching the \$100,000 New Mexico building campaign for Glorieta Baptist Assembly near Santa Fe.



# BIBLE STUDY WEEK

by W. FRED KENDALL . . .

A writer in one of the national religious journals recently said that one of the contributing factors in the success of Southern Baptists as a dynamic power in the religious life of America today was the continued emphasis on teaching the Bible. Pastors, Sunday school teachers and officers, educational directors and denominational leaders all will agree with that statement.

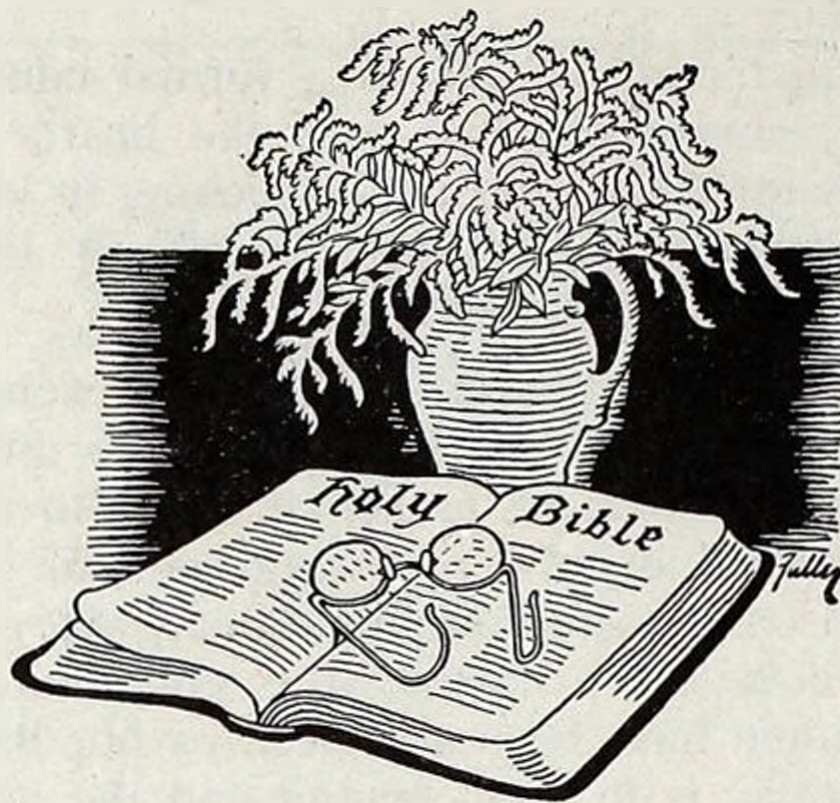
Baptists have always made the Bible their one guide and their one creed. It has been their authority for faith and practice. Since it has been so vital as the very foundation upon which we have built, it is very necessary that Bible teaching occupy a big place in the program of the church.

Many kinds of tests have revealed the amazing ignorance of the Bible in this generation. It is amazing how many people know so much about everything else and nothing about the Bible. Even those who have splendid educational backgrounds often lack any real knowledge of the Bible.

This lack of a true knowledge of the Bible has had many and varied results. It is a contributing cause to the low moral and ethical standards of our day. It is often a direct cause of juvenile delinquency. Broken homes, cold, indifferent and unenlisted church members, lack of soul-winning effort, and the death of missionary vision can all be traced to this deadly malady of ignorance of the Bible. When people don't know the Bible they cannot know God or Christ. Sin and wrong lose their darkness and being lost is an illusion to them. Christ's teaching on the new birth is unknown and the way of righteous living is missed. Standards of measurement for human conduct become that which is based on selfishness aided by the theory that to the victor belongs the spoils and that the ends justify the means. In these days of political corruption, bribery, favoritism, corruption in sports, cheating in educational institutions, gangsterism, and moral bankruptcy revealed all over the world, there is a dire need to bring the Bible to the masses and teach it as never before.

God has given great promises to His word. He promised that it "shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." These promises have been vindicated in church history. After the Reformation in Europe, during the early sixteenth century, there were a large number of Bible translations made, giving the Bible to the people in their own language. The Bible was studied by the common people and bore great spiritual fruit. A return to the Bible has always brought revivals and reforms.

Southern Baptists have been making an honest endeavor to take the Bible to the people and to teach them all its truth. The Sunday School has been a mighty power in Bible teaching. Despite the criticism that



some educational leaders have aimed at the Sunday school and despite all its weaknesses, it has performed a great work in systematically teaching the Bible to millions. Daily reading of the Bible has been encouraged by both the Sunday school and the Training Union. Bible study has been promoted by the W. M. U. Family altars have been promoted to bring the Bible into the very center of home life. Sunday school and Training Union study courses have taught the Bible to many of the teachers and leaders in the church.

During the past five years thousands of churches have added another very vital program of Bible teaching. It is the Bible week promoted during the first part of January. This Bible teaching is promoted by the whole church for the entire church membership. It is not just another study course. It is meant to instruct and inspire growing Christians. This program of Bible study has made wonderful strides of growth.

Last year thousands studied the book by Dr. Robert G. Lee, "The Bible and Prayer." For 1952 the Sunday School Board has prepared a very splendid book by Dr. J. Clyde Turner, "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church." This book will afford our churches an opportunity to meet two great needs, that of Bible study and also that of doctrinal enlightenment as to the New Testament teaching concerning the church. This is badly needed everywhere.

Southern Baptists should unite one hundred per cent in this Bible study effort this year. Pastors ought to plan now to present it. This writer has led his church to participate in the last five years. Each year has been a great blessing to our church and last year was best of all. The time ought to be chosen now if you cannot do it during the week suggested, which is the first week in January. The pastor should be the teacher. Every organization in the church ought to promote it. Attendance goals ought to be set by each of them. Widest publicity and advertising must be used to enlist the people. Rolls should be checked, visits made, phones used to make calls. Deacons and church officers ought to plan to attend one hundred per cent. In these critical days it is the time for the church to put forth the supreme effort to bring a great spiritual awakening and revival. A great week of Bible teaching will help to bring this about.

## Dr. Robert G. Lee Urges Study of Dr. Turner's Book In January

Highly commending the book chosen for next January's Bible Study Week, Dr. Robert G. Lee, Bellevue church, Memphis, says:

"What millions of Southern Baptists ought to read and study during the January Bible Study Week is Dr. J. Clyde Turner's book, 'The New Testament Doctrine of the Church.' Most excellent is this book—and what Dr. Turner has put on our denominational table, we ought to eat, thanking God for such palatable and strengthening food prepared by this faithful servant of Christ. Wide-spread study of this book in January among the thousands of churches by hundreds of thousands of Southern Baptists will be profitable beyond words. At this particular time in the life and work of our Baptist people, every pastor should be wise to study this book and to call his people together for the study of it.

"Let none of us fail or refuse to observe this January Week of Bible Study—lest the people be not enlightened and inspired as they would be by reading and studying this valuable and helpful book."

## City Detective by Night Theology Student by Day

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—Allen Kennedy leads a double life in Louisville that's not only unbelievable—it's ironical. And it leaves only three hours out of twenty-four to sleep.

A Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student by day, Kennedy is city detective assigned to murders, safecrackings, vice and other police work from 4:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. And seminary classes begin at 8 a.m. every morning.

And the 32-year-old student finds that seminary classes require some study. He does that each morning from 1 to 3:30 a.m. Time left for sleep? 3:30 to 6:30 each morning.

The six-foot detective and Sunday school teacher at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church explains his dual life with: "My eight years as a policeman made me see the need for more religious teaching in the world. . . . It seemed to me that if the world were Christian there would be little need for policemen."

Polk County Baptist Pastors' Conference at Zion Hill Baptist church, October 17, elected Hoyte C. Huddleston, pastor of the First Church, Benton as Moderator of the Conference for the coming year. Mr. Huddleston is a graduate of Cumberland University, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and holds degrees from Vanderbilt University and Scarritt College. He served overseas as a Chaplain during World War II.

Other officers elected were: Carl Duckett, pastor of the Mountain View Church, Assistant Moderator; Lester Lea, pastor of the Beech Springs church, Secretary.



# How We Spent Our Money In 1950

by ROBERT M. HOPKINS

The United States Department of Commerce reports that our total personal income in 1950 was \$224.72 billion. This income from wages, salaries and other personal sources was the largest we had ever received. What did we do with it?

We note first that we had to pay heavy federal, state and local taxes amounting to \$20.46 billion, an increase of \$1.82 billion, or about 10% over such taxes paid in 1949, though the 1950 taxes did not equal those paid in 1945.

Again the cost of living has gone up; the inflated dollar purchases less food, less clothing and provides fewer household operations than in former years. However many adjustments are made by most of us so that while we pay more for a given article, we buy less expensive articles and fewer of them. The actual increase in the basic cost of living, including expenditures for food, clothing, housing and household operations, was only 5.6% in 1950. The largest increase in these items was for household operations, 12.4%, chiefly because we bought more gadgets and paid for their operation.

The largest percentage of increase reported was for the purchase of television, radio and phonograph equipment and their repairs. These in 1950 cost \$3.12 billion and \$2.19 billion in 1949, an increase of a billion dollars, or 42%. In spite of considerable decreases in purchased local transportation on street cars and buses, and decreases for inter-city transportation on railways and pullman cars, we spent for all transportation purposes 12% more in 1949. The increases were for airline services, 15%, and the larger one of 30% in the purchase of new and used automobiles. For automobiles over ten billion dollars were spent in 1950; it was eight the year before and six billion in 1948.

With leisure time increasing and new facilities and activities multiplying, recreation is making larger demands upon our resources. The total spent in 1950 was \$11.29 billion, with \$10.26 billion the year before, an increase of a billion dollars, or 10%. For alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cosmetics, jewelry and such pastimes as professional baseball, college football, horse and dog races, parimutuel and nonvending coin machines, our expenditures for non-essential luxuries have grown to well over 10% of our total income, and they are increasing rapidly.

An encouraging feature is that in personal savings we put aside last year \$10.69 billion as compared with \$6.25 billion the year before. Nearly five cents out of every dollar

is now put in savings, an increase of 71%, over 1949. Doubtless scarcity of commodities and rising prices have led to larger personal savings. Including religious and welfare activities and the maintenance of private higher education, elementary and secondary schools, our total contributions

for tax-exempt religious, educational and welfare organizations and institutions, amounted to \$3.59 billion; it was \$3.41 billion in 1949. This is an increase of \$176 million, but proportionately we are now giving one cent and one mill out of the American Dollar for "Church and Charity," a half cent less than we gave in 1949.

These expenditures portray trends in American life that are certainly far from wholesome. The American dollar is the token which represents the richest nation the world has ever known. Our coins bear the inscription, "In God We Trust." But the picture revealed by the expenditure of our vast resources presents little indication of the trust we proclaim.

## Won to Christ, Japanese Hopes to Win His People



Dr. A. Hope Owen, pastor of the Plainview, First Baptist Church and member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, counsels with Hiroshi Tanamachi, Wayland Ministerial student from Japan.

Even when it means giving up family and friends in Japan, Hiroshi Tanamachi, now a student in Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, states, "I am proud to be called a Christian."

Hiroshi, who was born into a Buddhist family in the town of Fukuoka, Japan, was pilot of a small suicide submarine during the war. In speaking of his war-time experiences he says, "I was an enemy but today I can study with the American students who fought against me because we are now brothers and sisters in Christ."

The Japanese student came to the United States in January, 1950, to attend the University of Southern California. He had graduated from a private law and political science university in Tokyo in 1949 and was classified as a junior at the California university.

Because of the Christian influence of the university's Greek Language professor, Dr. Claude Douglas, and his wife, Hiroshi says that he decided to go to Wayland in September of 1950. In October he found Christ

as his Saviour and was baptized into the Plainview First Baptist Church. This September he was licensed to preach. He now plans to finish his education at Wayland, go to the Seminary and then return to his country to tell his people the story of the love of Christ and what He can do in the lives of Japan's millions.

In telling about his family, Hiroshi says that his father was an Army doctor for the Japanese during the war. His mother, sister and two brothers were in Manchuria with his father when Japan surrendered to the Allies. When the Russians marched into Manchuria, they captured the family and later put them to death. Hiroshi says, "I know that it is impossible to share my religion with my own family now, but I can go back to Japan and share my religion with my people. After I became a Christian I wrote a letter to my uncle and sister in Japan informing them of my baptism but they never gave an answer. They turned away but some day I hope I will be able to win these two for Christ. Because they are Buddhist they will not write to a Christian; nevertheless, I am proud to be called a Christian."



## Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Exodus 3 and 4 (Larger)—Exod. 3:1-7, 10, 13-15 (Printed)—  
Exod. 3:15 (Golden).

### God Reveals Himself to Moses

The Devotional Reading suggested for this lesson (Deuteronomy 32:1-9) is a part of the Song of Moses and constitutes a fitting introduction to its study. The Song was uttered by Moses in the hearing of the Israelites not long before his death in Mt. Nebo. It was a message in retrospect of the Lord's leadings and blessings concerning His people. Moses no doubt delivered it with the memories of the events of the Burning Bush fresh in his mind, although they had taken place around forty years previously. If we confine our particular study to the printed text, we may note the following, from the Burning-Bush Experience.

#### Curiosity (vv. 1-3)

For forty years Moses had served as a shepherd in the wilderness and had doubtless observed many strange happenings. But he had never witnessed anything so unusual as the bush that burned without being at the same time also consumed. Moses was a curious individual, and so he turned aside to investigate this remarkable phenomenon. Was it Plato who observed that learning begins in wonder? Moses was about to learn much about God, and thus it became possible because he had a sense of curiosity. The world will never have too many curious-minded persons, anxious to learn about the strange and the new. Let us, those who are older or more mature, do all we can to satisfy those who are asking why certain things are so or why certain events take place; for it is upon that basis that all real learning occurs. For our purpose, in this connection, this should be the case in matters of religion and morals.

#### Stupidity (vv. 4-5)

While Moses was genuinely curious, he was also dull of understanding and appreciation in what he had just seen with his eyes. His stupidity bordered upon irreverence. God had to tell him to take off his shoes in the presence of the Deity, manifested in the Burning Bush. Had Moses lost something of his religious sensitivity during those forty years as a shepherd in the wilderness? Probably so. When we recall that he had been superbly educated during the first forty years of his life as the adopted son of the daughter of Egypt's Pharaoh, and had spent the next forty years in a menial and obscure occupation; it may not be too difficult to explain this stupidity or irreverence. In modern phraseology, Moses seems to have been suffering from disappointment and frustration, long, drawn-out and tedious. Had God forgotten him and his oppressed people? Were the dreams of his youth just day-dreams, after all? Why should a man with

a Ph.D. degree be permitted to spend the rest of his life looking after a flock of sheep when he could be far more useful? His questions, if he asked them, had likely dulled his finer sensibilities.

#### Continuity (vv. 6-7)

The God who was speaking from the Burning Bush was the same One who had spoken at Ur to Abraham, at Beer-sheba to Isaac, and at Bethel to Jacob. The persons were different, as were the places, but the Speaker was the same. He was the God of the ancestors of Moses. His concern and presence were continuous. He was conscious of the great sorrows and hardships of His people. He had by no means forgotten either His promises concerning their deliverance or their pitiable plight. Now Moses overcomes his stupidity and learns, or relearns, the lesson of reverence by hiding his face in God's presence. One of the most momentous events that could occur would be for the present generation to dis-

cover the God of our fathers in as significant manner as our fathers did.

#### Certainty (v. 10)

Moses was looking for certainty, as do all of us in a time of trial or crisis, and he found it. He found it in receiving and accepting a Divine commission. "I will send thee," says God. Each Christian has been sent on a great and compelling mission (Mt. 28:18-20). In assuming and carrying out that Great Commission there is complete and satisfying certainty. Apart from it, there is indeed chaotic uncertainty. Obedience makes for inward peace, always.

#### Eternity (vv. 13-15)

In whose name was Moses to speak when he appeared before his oppressed people, the Israelites? Names are always important. In the Bible, they frequently indicate the nature or characteristics of the persons who bear them. This was the case with Moses, meaning "drawn out" (Exod. 2:10). What is God's name, that which indicates His essential nature? He answers this question for us just as He did for Moses. "I Am That I Am." This suggests His infinity in time or His eternity. This, in turn, suggests His infinity in space, in power, in knowledge, in righteousness, in love, in mercy, in compassion, and in all other worthy attributes of which we are capable of thinking. God is absolute in all of His characteristics. He is perfect. He is holy. He is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. He is the Eternal One.



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Hi, there! How are you today? I hope you are feeling good and ready to start a brand new month of happy times. First let me tell you how much I appreciate the letters which you have been writing to me. I am especially glad to get so many filled-in letters which you clipped from the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR last month. We will look at those letters together very soon. In the meantime, let's look at the other new word pictures which you haven't seen. These came in during the time that our fill-in letters were being printed, and it has taken a little time to catch up on our regular correspondence. Last week we looked at a few new pictures, but we had stop with George Lannom's, you remember.

The very next picture in our file shows George's sister, Katherine. I wish you could see some of Katherine's nice letters to me. They are neat and well written. Almost every time they are illustrated. This last letter has on an inside page a pretty flower picture which Katherine drew and colored.

Would you like to read the letter?

Dear Aunt Polly:

I have written to you twice before. I only got three pen pals, and I would like many, many more. Oh, yes, my address has changed. It is now 108 Walnut Hill Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

I go to Donelson Baptist Church and my pastor is Brother W. L. Baker. He is a very good preacher, as I have told you before.

I go to Donelson School and my teacher's name is Mrs. Brockett.

My pen pals names are Barbara White, Evelyn Ogle, and Jane Franks. My favorite hobbies are painting and drawing, playing the piano, and riding my bicycle. My birthday is April 30. I also like to cook and sew. I hope you like my letter. Don't forget that I would like to have lots and lots of pen pals. I love to write and will write back every time.

KATHERINE LANNOM

I do like her letter, don't you? Can you make a word picture of Katherine from the letter she wrote? Try it.

In case you have forgotten, Katherine is eleven years old. Does that make you wish even more to become one of her pen pals? I hope that my next news will be that you and Katherine have become special friends through your pen-pal letters. Let me know.

When boys and girls find out how much fun it is to write to pen pals, they naturally want to share that fun. That is the way nine-year-old Nancy Jane Lannom got interested. Her cousin Katherine told us about Nancy Jane and asked for pen pals for her. Very soon Nancy Jane received letters from Linda White and Laquita Flynn.

Nancy Jane will be ten years old on

December 8. She goes to Donelson Baptist church. She is in the fifth grade at Margaret Allen school. And she says, "I like to draw music."

Nancy Jane is asking for more pen pals. And she adds, "I would also like for my cousin to have some pen pals. She is seven years old. Her address is Box 235, Harri-man, Tennessee. Her name is Betty Jane Scandlyn." Nancy Jane's address is 1101 Lebanon Road, Nashville, Tennessee. Nine-and-ten-year-olds, would you like to write to her?

I wish you could see the pretty red and white scalloped stationery which our next new friend has. It is neat and gay and the paper alone makes me feel more cheerful.

The letter is as nice as the paper. It was written by Freda Lawrence, Brush Creek, Tennessee. Almost every word of the letter is necessary to complete our word picture of Freda. Read it and see:

Dear Aunt Polly:

I read the Young South column every week, but I have never written to you.

I am thirteen years old and in the eighth grade. I go to Gordonsville High School. My favorite subjects are English and Geography.

My hobbies are writing letters and playing the piano. I have been taking music lessons three and a half years. I have a new piano.

I am a Christian and go to the Brush Creek Baptist church. I am the Sunday school and Training Union pianist.

I have one sister and no brothers. My sister's name is Hazel. She was eleven years old on August 14. We enjoy playing the piano together.

I like to skate and play softball.

I would like to have some pen pals. I will try to answer every letter or card which I receive.

Your friend,

FREDA LAWRENCE

I am sure this letter with its invitation for pen pals is going to help Freda make many new friends. I should imagine every teenager who read the letter will want to know Freda better. She is talented, writes an unusually nice letter, has several interests, and wants new friends. I know she will get them.

I had hoped we could look at all of our new word pictures today. But space is gone already! So—let's put the place marker in behind Freda's card—and plan right now to spend our time together next week looking at word pictures and meeting more new friends! Would you like to do that?

Love,

AUNT POLLY

The chief lakes in Tennessee are, natural, Reelfoot; artificial, Norris Reservoir.

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Chief rivers are: Hatchie; Loosahatchie; Obion; Tennessee (main tributaries, Big Sandy, Buffalo, Clinch, Duck, Elk, French Broad, Hiwassee, Holston, Little Tennessee, Nolichucky, Powell, Sequatchie, Tellico); Cumberland (main tributaries, Harpeth, Red, Rocky, Stone); on western border, Mississippi.

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The average annual temperature in Tennessee is 58.8 degrees; average summer 76.3 degrees; average winter, 40.3 degrees; lowest on record, —32 degrees at Mountain City (Dec., 1917); highest on record, 113 degrees at Perryville (July, August, 1930).

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The average annual precipitation in Tennessee is 49.92 inches; average April 1 to September 30, 24.42 inches; average October 1 to March 31, 25.50 inches.

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The annual average snowfall in Tennessee is 9.3 inches.

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The length of Tennessee from north to south is slightly more than one quarter of its width from east to west.

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Tennessee is about one sixth the size of Texas, and more than five times as big as Rhode Island, Delaware, and Connecticut combined.

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Like Missouri, Tennessee has eight bordering states, more than have any other states.

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Tennessee is divided into six natural regions: The Mountain Region, the Great Valley, the Cumberland Plateau, the Highland Rim, the Central Basin, and the Mississippi Valley Plain.

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From Lookout Mountain on clear days may be seen seven states.

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Nashville is the second largest city in Tennessee.

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Tennessee has two large drainage systems—the Tennessee and the Cumberland.

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The greatest resources of Tennessee are its fertile lands and abundant water.

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The principal game fish in Tennessee waters are black bass, trout, and jack salmon.

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Tennessee, with Federal aid, maintains a quail farm at Buffalo Spring.

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A game preserve of 18,000 acres in Cheatham County has been set aside for deer and wild turkey.



# A World Missionary Undertaking Cannot be Projected in Terms of Small Measurements

by M. Theron Rankin

The Foreign Mission Board has 829 active missionaries located in 32 areas of the world. We are irrevocably committed to their personal support under political and economic conditions which can, and frequently do, change radically within a day's time.

We must provide annual appropriations, not only for the personal support of the 829 active and 117 emeritus missionaries, but for aid in the development of new churches, for schools of all kinds from kindergarten to college, for seminaries, training schools, hospitals, publication houses—not in just one country, but in 32 areas. All of this calls for hundreds of separate appropriations which have to be measured in terms of one another.

The estimated income for 1952 from recurring sources amounts to \$4,736,020. It is upon these dependable recurring sources that we build our operating budget, which consists largely of recurring expenditures. We expect to have income from other sources, but we must always scrutinize carefully the extent to which we depend on these additional sources of income to underwrite the current operating budget.

## Additional Sources of Income

1. We have a probable income at the end of 1951 of at least \$600,000 from Cooperative Program receipts over the Convention's budget of \$7,198,600. In 1952, funds over the Convention's budget will be divided 75 per cent to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board. In 1953, the Convention budget will be raised to \$7,500,000, plus Convention and Executive Committee expenses, if Executive Committee action is approved by the Convention next May. These facts reveal the fluctuating and relatively uncertain nature of receipts over the Convention's budget. For this reason we must exercise caution in using these funds to underwrite the operating budget.

2. Under the will of W. R. Spight, the Foreign Mission Board will receive one-half of his estate which must be used for the salaries and expenses of additional missionaries. Our share of the proceeds will amount to not less than \$500,000 and possibly as much as \$700,000. We plan to draw into our current account \$100,000 each year for the appointment and support of 25 missionaries until the funds are exhausted. Then the support of these missionaries will be absorbed by regular budget funds.

These two items bring the estimated total income to \$5,420,000. Therefore, we believe the Board was justified in adopting a budget of \$5,180,000 at its October meeting. We are depending on the additional sources of

income for \$240,000 to balance the operating budget.

## Margin of Safety

We must keep in mind the fact that our income is estimated and our appropriations are actual. Therefore, it would be most unsound to balance the income by the net appropriations. In past years we were able to allow a margin of ten per cent, but in 1951 we allowed only three per cent, which is too close for safety. For 1952 we are allowing a margin of slightly less than five per cent, or \$240,000. In order to balance the budget and provide this margin we must use the estimated income of at least \$600,000 from receipts above the Convention's budget.

If Cooperative Program receipts over the Convention's budget should exceed \$600,000, this balance will be appropriated early in 1952 for capital purposes.

The \$507,600 for capital expenditures in the budget comes far short of meeting the heavy calls for property, buildings, and equipment involved in an expanding program of foreign missions. It is our policy to depend largely on the over-and-above funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and Cooperative Program for these needs. The approved capital needs now being requested by the missions amount to \$2,630,000.

On the basis of the 1950 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we may expect \$900,000 from the December offering over the \$1,200,000 which has been included in the 1952 budget. Most of this money will be used for capital purposes. We will be compelled to use part of it, however, to take care of some of the requested appropriations which we have cut out of the operating budget.

## Are We Too Conservative?

The criticism comes from here and there that the Foreign Mission Board is piling up millions of dollars instead of using the money for mission work. Let us examine the funds we have in mind.

1. We have in trust funds, endowments, and other items, the principal of which cannot be used, approximately \$2,500,000.

2. We have \$3,000,000 in an emergency reserve fund which has been set up in keeping with a request by the Convention that its agencies seek to create emergency reserve funds equivalent to one year's operating budget. We need an additional \$1,500,000 to bring this fund up to our approximate operating or recurring budget.

Without this emergency fund the Foreign Mission Board would be indefensible in committing itself to the financial and moral

obligation which we assume. Let those who question this fund remember that our commitments amount to \$100,000 a week.

3. In addition to these two funds which account for approximately \$5,500,000 of the money we have in hand, we ordinarily have on hand between three and four million dollars which has been appropriated for buildings and is in the process of being used.

The Foreign Mission Board is the holding agency for building funds for dozens of institutions, seminaries, hospitals, colleges, churches, publication plants, and missionary homes. All of this money is held in banks in Richmond until payments on the fields are to be made.

Furthermore, the Board holds funds for operating purposes until they are drawn on the fields for use. All of these funds combined can easily amount to three or four million dollars at any given time.

## Accumulated Funds Are Necessary

I am puzzled to know what the basis of thinking is which leads one to think that the Foreign Mission Board is indefensible in having on hand three or four million dollars appropriated for building operations in perhaps forty to fifty institutions abroad, but which, at the same time, leads one to accept as normal and necessary the fact that an individual institution in the homeland frequently finds it necessary to accumulate a million dollars and more well in advance of calling on these funds for actual payments.

In making advance in a foreign missionary program involving expenditures of \$6,000,000 a year, we must lay our plans two and three years ahead. If we had not had in reserve a million and a half dollars, in addition to the appropriations provided in the annual budget, to put into Japan within a period of two years, our great advance in that country would have collapsed by the end of the first year. If we had not had \$300,000 ready to put into the European Theological Seminary in Zurich on short notice, we would not have had that institution in operation today.

During the past three years, the Board has appointed 306 missionaries. Many of them have gone to new areas where they have no buildings or equipment. If we are not allowed to build up funds to put behind these missionaries when they have completed their language study and get into active work, then we made a serious mistake in appointing them.

Further advance in our world program depends entirely on two sources of income: over-and-above receipts from the Cooperative Program and increased receipts in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## Guiding Principles

Several factors must be accepted as guiding principles in our thinking about further advance:

1. Each step of advance in our current

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# Sunday School

JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

MR. AND MRS. J. E. KAY OF HERMITAGE

ANNOUNCE THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR

DAUGHTER

GLORIA LOUISE

TO

BILLY EUGENE BARNETT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1951



Miss Kay has served well the Baptists of Tennessee during her brief stay in our Department as Sunday school associate. She came to us last April and has won a warm spot in the hearts of all she has come in contact with. It is a loss to our Department to see Miss Kay leave us, but we wish for Gloria and Billy every happiness and success in the world.

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## Baptist Diary—Sunday School Dates

Sunday School Bible Study week—Jan. 7-11

VBS conference—Jan. 28-30

VBS tours—Mar. 10-14

SS Home and Foreign Mission Day—Mar. 30

Middle Tenn., SS Convention—April 24-25

West Tenn., SS Convention—April 28-29

East Tenn., SS Convention—April 30-May 1

Christian Home Week—May 4-11

First SS week at Ridgecrest—June 20-26

Second SS week at Ridgecrest—June 26-July 2

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1951

Third SS week at Ridgecrest—July 3-9

Christian Education Day in the SS—June 29

Churches select SS Nominating Committee—July 6

SS week at Camp Linden—August 11-15

SS week at Camp Carson—August 18-22

SS regional planning meeting, N. Central—Sept. 5

SS regional planning meeting, S. Eastern—Sept. 6

SS regional planning meeting, N. Eastern—Sept. 8

SS regional planning meeting, Eastern—Sept. 9

SS regional planning meeting, S. Central—Sept. 12

SS regional planning meeting, Central—Sept. 13

SS regional planning meeting, N. Western—Sept. 15

SS regional planning meeting, S. Western—Sept. 16

Associational "B" night for planning Sunday school work for year—Sept. 16

Intermediate Emphasis Week—Sept. 8-14

State Mission Day in the SS—Oct. 26

Orphanage Day in the SS—Nov. 30

## Bell Avenue's Pastor Third Anniversary

As Bell Avenue church, Knoxville, observed the third anniversary of pastor E. L. Williams October 7 the progress of this period was noted. There have been 914 additions and the church during the past year surpassed all previous financial records with over \$86,000 raised. Both Sunday school and Training Union have shown remarkable growth, the latter being one of the largest in the city. Much in demand as an evangelist, Brother Williams directed two simultaneous crusades in Knox association and recently participated in the campaign in Oregon. He has been one of the leaders in the enlargement campaign for \$650,000 for Carson-Newman college, is a member of the Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and on its Administrative Committee, and is president of the State Baptist Pastors Conference. Brother Williams also served this past year on the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Committees.

Bell Avenue church October 3 gained five new deacons in the ordination of Dr. N. G. Riggins, Mr. Clyde Burnette, Mr. Floyd Keller, Mr. J. G. Halliburton and Mr. Walter Carpenter.

## World Missions

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program necessitates an equivalent advance in the recurring income of the Foreign Mission Board. This means that each time we add 100 missionaries to our staff, we must ask the Convention for an additional increase of \$500,000 in our recurring income.

2. *Advance in a world missionary undertaking cannot be projected in terms of small measurements.* The Foreign Mission Board's program of missionary work in 32 areas of the world is too often measured in terms of a single institution or agency in the homeland.

Several years ago we shocked many of our leaders when we announced a goal of \$10,000,000 a year for foreign missions. But we think with confidence and pride of \$191,000,000 contributed for all purposes at the home base by the same churches that contribute \$6,000,000 for all purposes in all the rest of the world.

3. We must maintain an effective tension between our churches and the goal we seek to achieve. We can make one of two mistakes, either of which would be fatal. We can level off, become satisfied with the advance we have made, and decide to take a rest while the world is on fire. Or we can heedlessly run so far out in front that we break the traces and pull nothing.

Let us not so minimize the things we have done that we lose confidence and courage. But let us not so magnify them that we fail to discern the must greater things which wait our doing.

## Night Classes for Negro Preachers

WACO, Tex.—(BP)—Negro preachers of the Waco area have special extension classes at night with full credit given by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Two members of the religion department of Baylor University are teaching courses in doctrine and church history for the current term. Tuition is free and books can be purchased for half price—the other half is paid by the Missions to Minorities Department of the Texas Baptist Convention.

The classes, now in their fourth year, are sponsored by the Seminary, Baylor University and the Texas Baptist Convention. Twenty students were enrolled last year.

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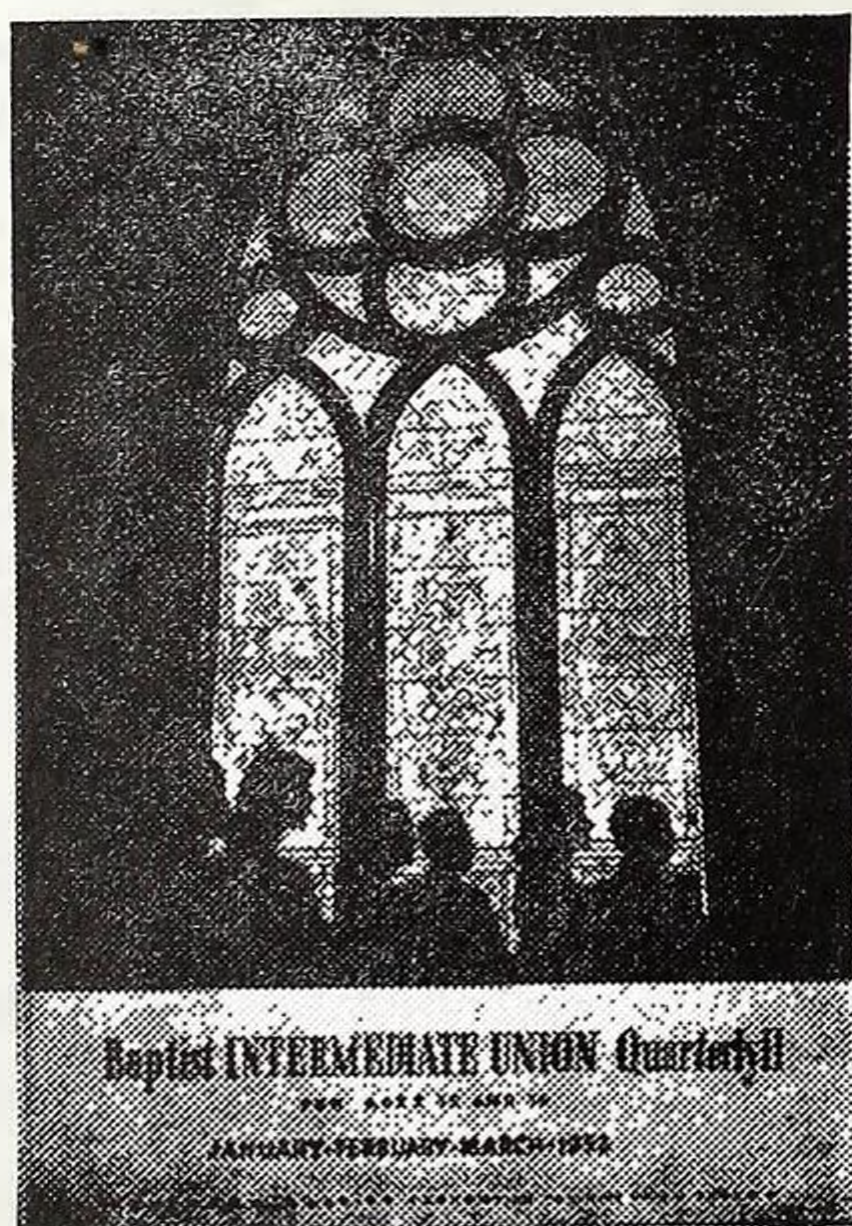
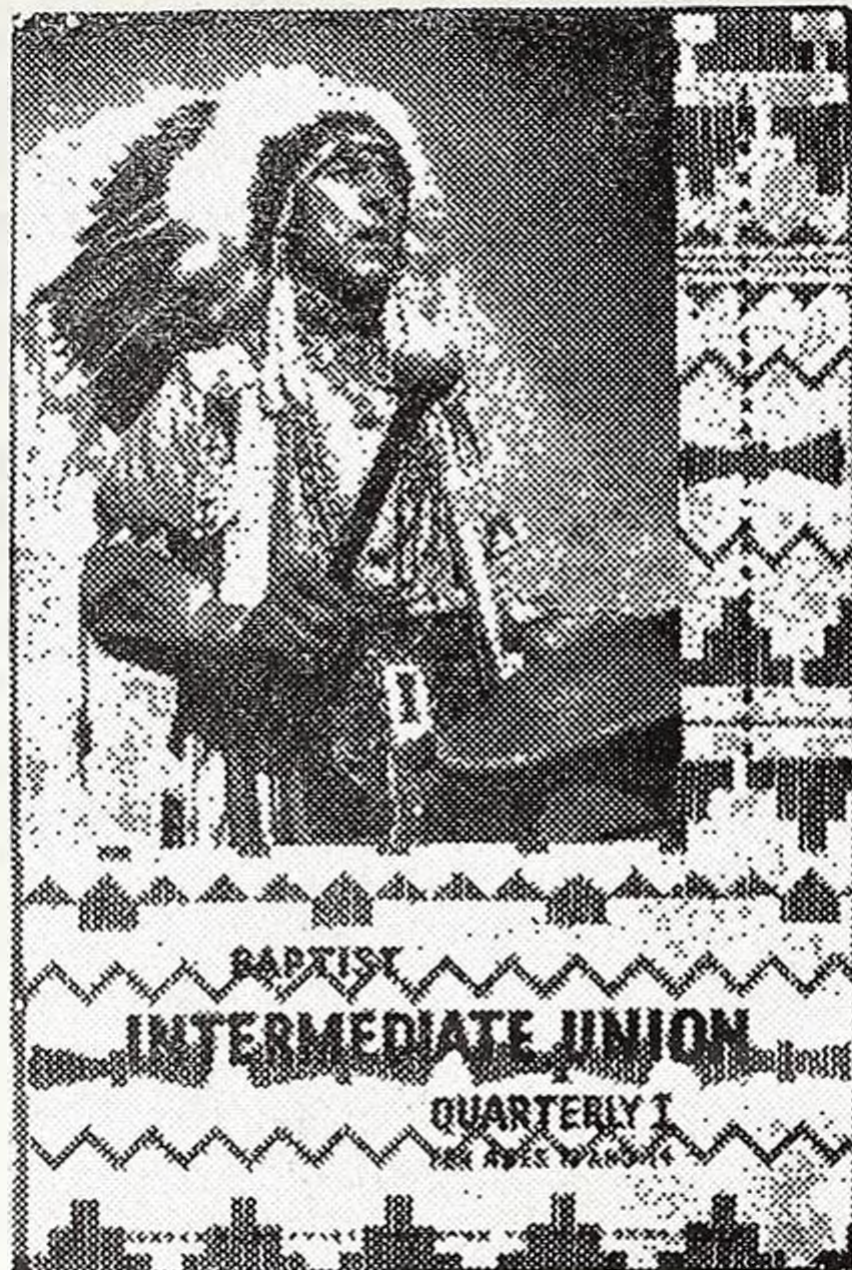


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## Graded Intermediate Union Quarterlies



Beginning with first quarter, 1952, two Intermediate quarterlies will replace the present *Baptist Intermediate Union Quarterly*.

*Baptist Intermediate Union Quarterly I* is written to meet the specific needs of thirteen-and-fourteen-year-old Intermediates.

*Baptist Intermediate Union Quarterly II* is planned for fifteen-and-sixteen-year-olds.

If a union is made up of mixed ages (13-16), order *Baptist Intermediate Union I* unless the majority of the members are fifteen and sixteen.

For the present, there will be only one

quarterly for the Intermediate worker. The *Intermediate Leader* will carry separate helps for the leaders of the two age groups.

## Tennessee Third in Training Union Members

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Tennessee Baptists ranked third among Southern Baptist states in Training Union membership in 1950 with nearly 17,000 new members bringing the total enrolment to 116,152, according to figures released by the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The Training Union, an organization for training both adults and young people in church membership, meets the hour preceding the Sunday evening worship service.

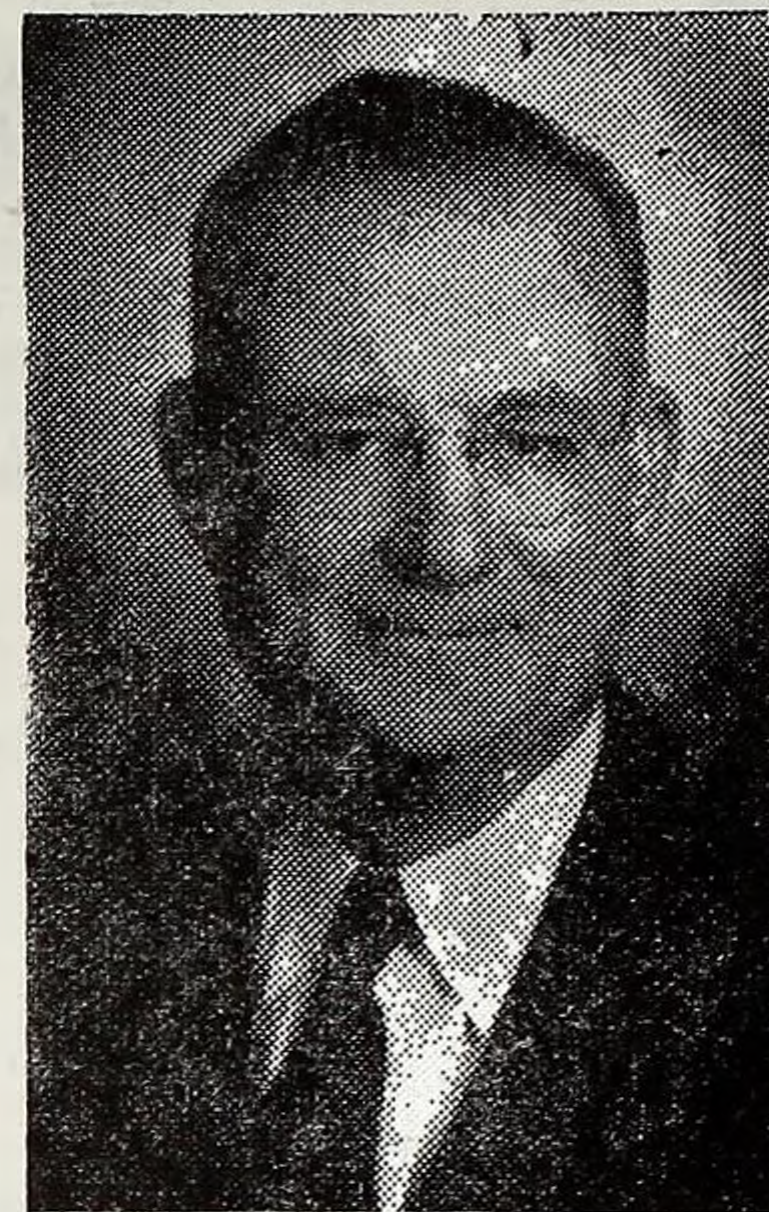
Training Unions in Tennessee's country churches grew most rapidly during the year with a 27.1 per cent increase.

Churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory reported 1,440,895 Training Union members in 1950, over 100,000 more than the 1949 enrolment.

Most rapid growth in Training Unions is shown in the country churches. At the end of the year, they reported total enrolment of 403,082, a 24.2 per cent gain over 1949.

City church organizations increased members by 14.4 per cent over 1949 figures, making the 1950 total 638,822. Growing almost as rapidly as city church unions were those in towns of 500 to 2500 population which grew 14 per cent in 1950 to bring total enrolment to 229,364.

Village church Training Unions grew 12 per cent during the year and reported total enrolment at the close of the year of 169,627.



DR. H. D. BRUCE

Pastor Marcus Reed and Cedar Grove church, Maryville, Rt. 3, will have Dr. H. D. Bruce, president of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, in revival services each evening of November 4-11. Pastor Reed, a recent graduate of Southwestern seminary, was assisted in a revival by Dr. Bruce in a pastorate near Athens, Texas, where splendid results were reported by Mr. Reed.

## Dr. Caudill Values Paper in Church Budget

Yes, the First Baptist Church of Memphis has the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in the budget. In fact, for more than six years First Baptist has been sending our state religious journal to her beloved membership. Of this we are proud.

It is obvious that the membership needs to be informed about all denominational matters whether from a state, southwide or foreign standpoint. Baptists, to cooperate intelligently in divine undertakings, must have information relating to the tasks and must be constantly inspired. It is at this point that the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR comes to the side of the pastor and those who share in the leadership of the local church. It serves to form a nexus that links the church up with all of the other churches of the world-wide fellowship of Baptists. What is more, it helps to inform the membership of what other believers are doing throughout the world in the realm of the Christian witness.

We are convinced that the presence of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in the homes of our members, week by week, has contributed in no small measure to whatever progress First Baptist of Memphis has made during the past seven years.

R. Paul Caudill, pastor

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

## The Critic

A little seed lay on the ground  
And soon began to sprout.  
"Now which of all the flowers around,"  
It mused, "shall I come out?  
The Lily's face is fair and proud,  
But just a trifle cold;  
The rose I think, is rather loud,  
And then its fashion's old.  
The violet is all very well,  
But not a flower I'd choose;  
Nor yet the Canterbury bell—  
I never cared for blues."  
And so it criticized each flower,  
This supercilious seed,  
Until it woke one summer hour,  
And found itself—a weed!

—King's Business.





# Woman's Missionary Union

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

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

## Stewardship Calendar for 1951-1952

### OCTOBER—

Check roll of tithers in all organizations. Urge new members to sign covenant cards. Set aside one day for clinic led by associational or divisional Stewardship chairman where duties of stewardship chairmen can be explained thoroughly. Explain points on Standard of Excellence that stewardship chairmen are responsible for. Discuss report blanks. Present goals for the year.

### NOVEMBER—

Cooperate in Stewardship Emphasis Week in your church. Observe Stewardship Church Night. Assist in Every Member Canvass. Exert influence to lift percentage of gifts through Cooperative Program 50-50 division.

### DECEMBER—

Observe Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions December 3-7 and make a worthy Lottie Moon Offering.

Encourage monthly presentation of Stewardship in circles. Read and use "Hints to Chairmen" in Royal Service.

### JANUARY—

Magnify Cooperative Program. Distribute tracts on Cooperative Program. See that quarterly reports are sent in ON TIME.

### FEBRUARY—

Familiarize women with stewardship slogans. Read stewardship book. Answer roll call with stewardship quotations.

### MARCH—

Present Home Missions through Season of Prayer program and urge each member to have a part in the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, March 3-7. Check points 3, 4 and 7 on Standard of Excellence to see if they were met the first six months.

Be faithful in presenting MONTHLY reports in attractive form using stories, songs, skits, etc.

### APRIL—

Have banquet or luncheon in connection with all day meeting of society and magnify stewardship chairman of the circles. Good time to make original posters, have them judged and give stewardship book for best one. Then place posters around in your church. Send quarterly reports ON TIME.

### MAY—

Make stewardship Honor Roll and challenge each member to have name there. Call attention to it month by month as new

names are added. Have tithing testimonies given. Distribute stewardship tracts. (Order from State WMU Office).

### JUNE—

Study Stewardship books at camp.

"Genny, Penny, and Kan"—Juniors.

"Success Is Now"—Intermediates.

Use stewardship chorus as theme song at camp.

Recognize tithers at camp and other meetings. Wear tag "I'm A Tither."

### JULY—

Stewardship of the Gospel. Youth Revivals. Emphasize stewardship of time and talents.

Send third quarterly reports ON TIME.

### AUGUST—

Feature stewardship mission study in every organization. Commit to memory at least one scripture on stewardship.

### SEPTEMBER—

Stewardship of Personality—"Ye are not your own" I Cor. 6:19, 20. Present State Missions through Day of Prayer program September 24 and make sacrificial offering.

Emphasize slogan "Every WMU member a Tither" and try to reach it. Send in three annual statistical reports to your superintendent and the quarterly financial report.

## New Field Worker in Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(BP)—L. A. Watson, Long Beach, California, is a new field worker for the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. He comes from a four-year pastorate at Truett Memorial Baptist Church of Long Beach.

A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Watson has served Oklahoma Baptists as general missionary and also in Texas as state superintendent of rural missions.

With headquarters in Phoenix, he will work with the mission program of Grand Canyon College students, Central association and the general mission territory from Phoenix to Yuma.

Deepest love and appreciation for the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. W. D. Burke is set forth in resolutions drawn up by the Eads church of Shelby association where Brother Burke has served during the past two years, and which he has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Lucy Baptist church in the same association.

## Send Names of Southern Baptists Living in Denver

"In Denver, Colorado, a new Baptist church was organized on August 19th, 1951," writes Dr. R. G. Lee of Bellevue church, Memphis. "When it was five weeks old it had 100 members. The pastor—Rev. D. A. Bryant—asks that all who have loved ones or friends who are Southern Baptists and living in Denver or vicinity write him and give him their names and addresses.

"A grand start this new Southern Baptist Church has made. Let us help by requesting our people to grant this pastor's request and send him the names and addresses. Write him at 778 Oneida Street, Denver, Colorado," urges Dr. Lee.



C. Eldon Wright has entered Vanderbilt University to work toward a Ph.D. degree resigning the pastorate after 44 months at First church, Watertown. Brother Wright holds the B.A. degree from Carson-Newman College and the Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Resolutions by First church, Watertown, setting forth the progress of the church under his faithful leadership have been received by the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, stating "he has placed evangelism first, the church recognized that he is a man called of God to preach the Gospel, and he has been a courageous leader in social, civic, and religious improvement."

## Church Construction Sets All-Time Record

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Despite government controls, church construction seems destined to set an all-time record this year, a survey by the Department of Commerce reveals.

New starts on church building projects totaled \$42,000,000 each in the months of August and September, an increase of about 8 per cent over the comparable 1950 level.

A 60-day ban on new building projects was in force during most of this period, but an exception was provided for those projects with materials already on hand or in sight. Apparently a good many churches were able to obtain exemption on this basis.

With church construction valued at \$348,000,000 started in the first nine months of 1951, a new record mark is apparently in sight, eclipsing that of \$409,000,000 worth of construction which was set in 1950. At the present rate, the old mark will be exceeded by nearly 20 per cent.



# West Tennessee NEWS

By Edwin E. Deusner

Pastor Fred M. Wood, Dresden, is doing the preaching at Boulevard church, Memphis, C. M. Pickler, pastor, the week of October 28. This is Pastor Wood's home church.

Pastor and Mrs. Don Reynolds, Atwood, have a new son named James Gary. The lad was born October 16 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

There were 13 additions to the membership of First church, Dresden, Fred M. Wood, pastor, during the Revival, October 15-21. Pastor Henry J. Huey, Milan, did the preaching and your reporter led the singing. Pastor Wood began his third year recently and during the Revival received his 99th new member.

Antioch church, Gibson County Association, will make an effort to retire its indebtedness on November 4. Pastor Walter M. Martin has challenged the membership to raise \$3,000 on that Sunday.

Pastor J. E. Tanksley, Bartlett, did the preaching in a Revival at Calvary Baptist church, Salina, Kansas, October 1-12. K. Arch Bolerjack is the pastor there. There were 20 additions. This church is also known as the First Southern church, inasmuch as it cooperates with the Southern Baptist Convention.

First church, Jackson, W. Fred Kendall, pastor, has adopted a budget of \$74,000 for 1952. More than one-third of the total is designated for missions.

In a beautiful and impressive service, First church, Lexington, ordained seven new Deacons on October 21. These are the first new Deacons our Church has had in more than thirteen years. Set apart to this office were: O. H. Austin, Horace E. Baker, E. R. Burruss, John L. Frizzell, Ollie D. Holmes, Eldridge Rhodes and Alfred R. Wallace, Jr.

Tom L. Maddux has resigned the care of Decaturville church effective November 1. He has served there about four years.

Pastor Joe Harting and the Brownsville church were assisted in a Revival the week of October 28 by Pastor Gordon Clinard, First church, Burleson, Texas, as evangelist, and Byron T. Sherbenou, music director at First church, Union City, as song leader.

Calvary church, Jackson, James Canaday, pastor, is considering the establishment of some type of mission work in the rapidly growing Holland Addition of the city. This territory is adjacent to the Calvary field.

Pastor Leonard Sanderson, First church, Lewisburg, spoke at a Sunday School banquet at First church, Humboldt, Hayward Highfill, pastor, on October 15.

Evangelist Homer Martinez, younger brother of Angel, led in a Revival effort at First church, Martin, Thomas W. Pope, pastor, October 21-28.

Pastor Joe Canzoneri, Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, assisted Pastor Archie L. Partain in a Revival at Parsons the week of October 21.

North Jackson church, Waif Hamilton, pastor, had the privilege of hearing Brotherhood Secretary E. N. Delzell on October 14, which was "Laymen's Day."

Pastor J. F. Rogers, Toone, assisted Walnut Grove church, Big Hatchie Association, Paul Burns, pastor, in a Revival September 10-20. There were 15 additions by baptism and 6 by letter.

Pastor W. Leonard Stigler, Grace church, Nashville, was the speaker at a Youth Rally for Big Hatchie Association at Brownsville on October 16.

November 10 will be "Homecoming Day" at Union University and a feature attraction will be a football game between Union and Georgetown.

## Sunday School Board Publishes Tract on Catholic Marriage Problem

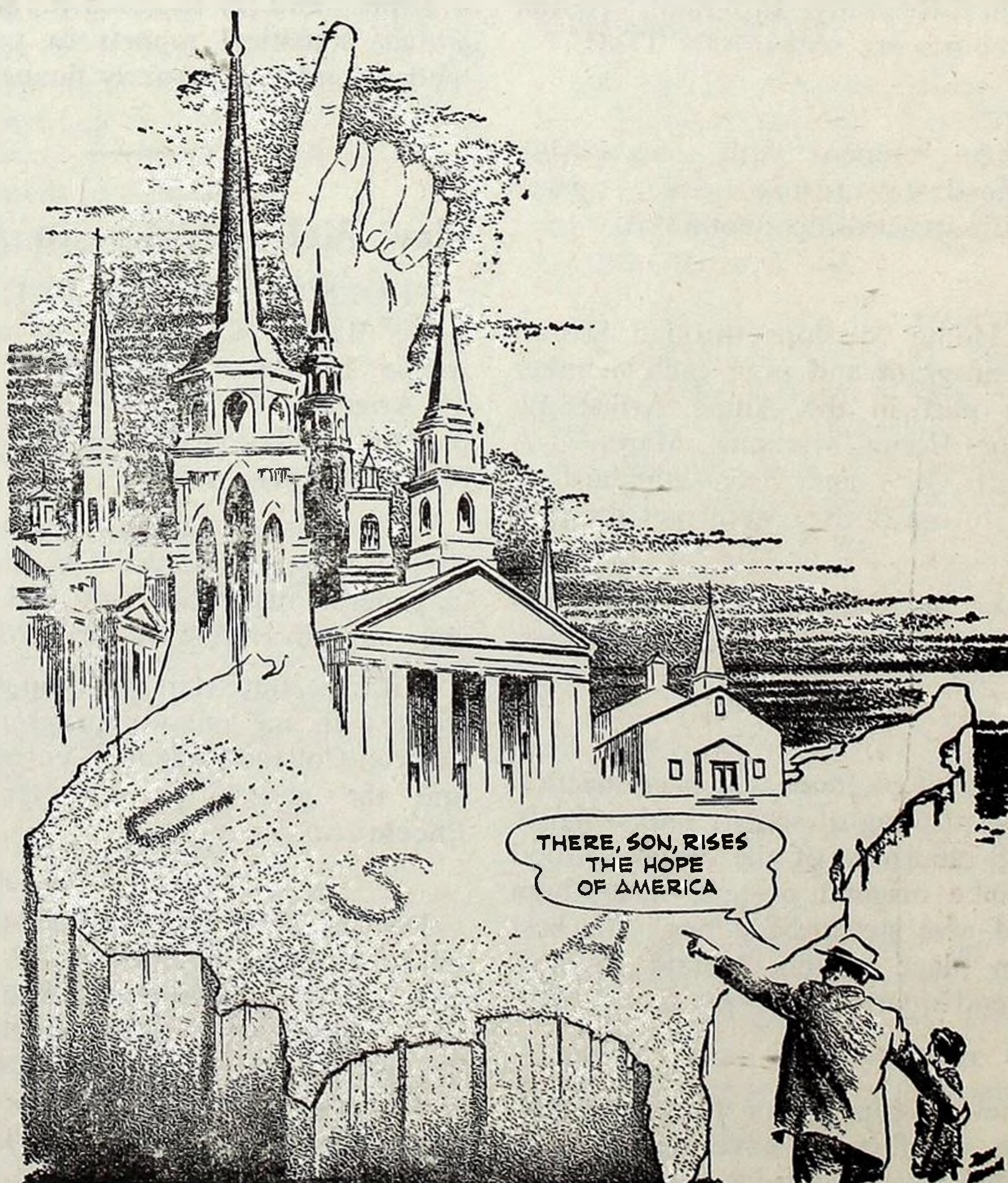
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — "Our Catholic-Protestant Marriage," an article in the April issue of *Home Life*, publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is being made available in tract form, announces the Home Curriculum Department of the Board.

The tract, a Baptist woman's description of a nineteen-year marriage to a Catholic husband, was printed in answer to the demand of Baptists throughout the Convention territory.

In the tract, both the Baptist wife and the Catholic husband admit that "the religious difference has been an ever-present insoluble problem" to the extent that if the marriage were to be repeated neither of them would think it wise.

The writer warns that "Two people who marry, who are deeply religious in sharply separate ways, are attempting a union that can never be complete and uninhibited."

The tract is available from the Sunday School Board.





# ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1951

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	250	69	—	Jefferson City, First	432	251	1
Antioch, Mt. View	180	93	—	Northside	170	100	—
Ashland City, First	68	20	7	Kingsport, First	789	166	5
Athens, Antioch	91	—	—	Fort Robinson	135	78	—
East	339	144	—	Glenwood	346	99	—
First	400	197	—	Lynn Garden	395	90	1
West End Mission	87	65	—	Knoxville, Alice Bell	108	43	—
Calhoun	82	45	2	Arlington	416	158	—
Clearwater	75	54	—	Bell Avenue	768	378	2
Coghill	79	63	—	Broadway	1062	434	3
Conasauga	18	16	—	Fifth Avenue	698	270	—
Cotton Port	80	58	—	First	681	135	5
Eastanalle	61	16	—	Inskip	422	158	3
Englewood	149	42	—	Lincoln Park	616	229	—
Etowah, East	70	35	—	LaFollette, First	241	73	—
Etowah, First	296	86	—	Mission	52	18	—
Etowah, North	263	129	—	Lawrenceburg, First	342	169	20
Good Field	86	48	—	Lebanon, Cedar Grove	128	57	—
Good Springs	106	62	—	Fairview	222	116	—
Idlewild	74	48	1	Immanuel	201	172	14
Lake View	93	48	—	Rocky Grove	36	—	—
McMahan Calvary	67	38	2	Rocky Valley	92	61	—
Mt. Harmony No. 1	79	28	—	Lenoir City, First	347	152	2
New Bethel	71	—	—	Kingston Pike	20	21	—
New Hope	36	28	—	Nelson Street Mission	19	20	—
New Zion	42	37	—	Pleasant Hill	133	77	—
Niota, East	92	52	—	Lewisburg, First	573	178	—
Niota, First	105	50	—	Lexington, First	290	48	—
Riceville	94	48	—	Loudon, First	247	108	—
Rocky Mount	28	37	—	Martin, First	370	128	2
Rodgers Creek	24	—	—	Malesus	124	74	1
Union Grove No. 2	94	107	2	Maryville, Broadway	354	178	2
West View	49	39	—	Everett Hills	295	181	—
Wild Wood	74	—	—	First	978	286	—
Zion Hill	48	—	—	Maynardville	67	—	3
Auburntown, Auburn	145	99	—	Medina	167	116	1
Bemis, Herron Chapel	270	81	—	Memphis, Barton Heights	200	94	2
Bristol, Calvary	437	129	—	Bellevue	2619	1129	17
Brownsville	426	133	4	Boulevard	888	291	4
Brush Creek	81	68	—	Central Avenue	884	313	6
Camden, First	252	130	3	LaBelle	824	233	1
Carthage, First	198	86	2	McLean	411	168	—
Chattanooga, Avondale	525	154	8	Chapel	95	63	—
Brainerd	505	217	—	Parkway	519	189	2
Brainerd Hills	100	49	1	Poplar Avenue	400	173	6
Concord	251	89	1	Shirley Park	425	164	10
East	301	88	—	Southland	202	84	7
East Brainerd	—	48	1	Speedway Terrace	910	209	3
East Lake	532	232	4	Sylvan Heights	380	169	2
East Ridge	430	160	5	Union Avenue	1302	385	7
First	854	282	7	Winchester	313	146	1
Lookout Mountain	79	46	2	Milan, First	398	92	—
Northside	495	158	7	Millington	283	137	2
Oak Grove	220	111	—	Monterey, First	294	122	—
Philadelphia	125	62	5	Morristown, First	577	218	—
Red Bank	638	237	—	Buffalo Trail	118	72	—
Ridgedale	580	200	2	Murfreesboro, First	544	149	4
Ridgeview	238	101	—	Walnut Street Mission	37	—	—
Silverdale	167	66	3	Mt. Herman	132	101	—
Woodland Park	718	254	1	Powell's Chapel	151	114	—
Clarksville, First	505	172	3	Taylor's Chapel	86	51	—
Gracey Avenue	178	79	—	Third	174	66	2
Cleveland, Big Spring	259	162	2	Westvue	480	178	5
Calvary	143	96	—	Nashville, Belmont Heights	1146	373	4
First	415	165	—	Eastland	705	123	4
Clinton, First	356	120	2	First	1428	395	3
Norris	66	31	—	Inglewood	953	283	4
Columbia, First	481	153	38	Due West	99	33	—
Rock Springs	100	52	—	State School	34	—	—
Second	183	126	—	Lockeland	643	160	2
Corryton, Fairview	159	84	—	North End	187	67	—
Crab Orchard, Hailey's Grove	87	38	—	Park Avenue	651	168	5
Cowan	175	79	—	Third	270	72	—
Crossville, First	201	83	—	Westwood	196	99	10
Dresden, First	180	67	—	Woodmont	446	146	2
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	160	122	—	Woodmont Center	182	87	—
First	696	313	—	New Middleton	125	41	—
Eagleville	99	54	—	Oak Ridge, Robertsville	304	127	—
Elizabethton, East Side	151	53	—	Paris, First	518	129	—
First	592	195	—	Philadelphia	160	24	—
Siam	230	156	—	Portland, First	252	74	—
Stony Creek	280	125	2	Rockwood, First	318	147	2
Erwin, Calvary	308	84	—	Rogersville, Hennard's Chapel	150	120	—
Ninth Street	250	98	—	Rutledge, Oakland	93	63	—
Fountain City, Central	791	244	2	Savannah, First	164	92	2
Hines Valley Mission	45	—	—	Pickwick Road	20	—	—
Smithwood	416	161	—	Shop Springs	106	43	—
Fowlkes	120	100	1	Sneedville	73	45	—
Friendship	116	30	—	Somerville, First	240	139	7
Gallatin, First	497	118	—	Springfield, Pleasant Hill	159	69	1
Grand Junction, First	103	62	—	Mission	41	—	—
Harriman, Trenton Street	397	117	—	Stantonville, West Shiloh	184	125	—
Humboldt, Antioch	238	90	—	Statesville, Smith Fork	70	47	—
First	541	150	1	Surgoinsville	100	45	1
Iron City	121	54	—	Tullahoma, First	248	66	5
Jackson, Calvary	606	214	7	Highland	98	57	4
First	890	184	2	Union City, First	609	107	—
North	286	123	2	Watertown, Round Lick	187	89	1
West	875	331	—	Winchester, First	290	92	—



Fumbel: "What are you doing with that red lantern?"

Dumbell: "I just found it. Some foolish person left it beside a hole in the road."

"The new baby has its father's nose and its mother's eyes."

"Yes, and if grandpop doesn't stop leaning over the crib, it's going to have his teeth."

A passer-by stopped to watch an old man in his garden weeding.

"Which weeds do you consider the easiest to kill?" he asked.

"Widow's weeds," answered the old man. "You only have to say, 'Wilt thou,' and they wilt."

A man went into the doctor's office and saw the doctor slumped down in his chair, groaning, "I've got to see a doctor!"

"But you're a doctor," said the man.

"I know, but I charge too much."

The collector for charity thought she would approach the well-dressed young man in the shiny convertible. "Pardon me sir," she asked, "but would you like to help the Poor Girls' Home?"

"And how!" he answered eagerly. "Where are they now?"

The most unfortunate letter in the alphabet, some say, is the letter "e," because it's always out of "cash," forever in "debt," and never out of "danger."

That's all true. Still, it's never in "war," always in "peace," and always in something to "eat." It is the beginning of "existence," the commencement of "ease," and the end of "trouble."

Willie: "Paw, what is the difference between capital and labor?"

Paw: "Well, the money you lend represents capital, and getting it back represents labor, my son."

"I try to think," said Benham, "that woman is the equal of man and as well qualified to take part in political life; but it sort of jars that belief to get the reply I did this morning from my wife when I remarked, on reading the returns, that Bingham ran ahead of his ticket, and she innocently inquired, 'What was his hurry?'"

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## With East Tennessee Associations

Hamilton association, Ralph Norton, moderator, met with White Oak church, Chattanooga, October 18-19, where the Rev. Ray F. Dykes is pastor. The vigor of the past year's work was reflected in the report of associational missionary L. R. Baumgartner and in the gains recorded by the churches.

Launching of Knox County association's 150th anniversary was the theme of sessions held by messengers from the 120 churches comprising the body meeting with Central church of Fountain City and New Hopewell church, October 16-17. A. R. Pedigo was elected moderator. A definite program of goals and objectives for the sesqui-centennial observance in 1952 includes: baptisms, 5,000; memberships, 65,000; Sunday school enrolment, 52,000; Training Union enrolment, 17,000; WMU enrolment, 12,000; Brotherhood enrolment, 2,000; Cooperative gifts, \$235,000; Associational mission gifts, \$24,000; new mission stations, 5.

Bradley association meeting with Philippi and Mount Carmel churches, October 16-17,

re-elected pastor Samuel Melton of Big Springs church, Cleveland, as moderator and voted to hold its first day session next year with that church on October 14 and the second day session with Candies Creek church, in Eureka community, where the Rev. Charles Runyan is pastor. Pastor Percy Maples of New Friendship church in Chatata Valley was elected vice-moderator, Associational missionary Horace Gennoe was re-elected clerk with Mrs. Gennoe as assistant; and Arch Fitzgerald of Cleveland as treasurer. It was the privilege of this scribe to meet with the body on the second day of its sessions and to enjoy the gracious hospitality accorded by the Mount Carmel church and pastor Leroy Tallent.

Hopewell Springs church was crowded to capacity in the first day's sessions of Sweetwater association meeting at that church, October 18. A night session was held with Notchey Creek church and the second day session with Chestua church. The digest of letters prepared by W. Paul Hall, clerk-treasurer, pastor of Loudon First church, tabulated a good year. The spirit of the body was to make the coming year a better one. E. H. Thomas of Sweetwater presided over the body.

## Baptist Hour Speaker Accepts Texas Pastorate

WACO, Tex. (BP)—Rev. Charles Wellborn, speaker for the Baptist Hour, weekly coast-to-coast broadcast of Southern Baptists, since October, 1950, has accepted the pastorate of the Seventh and James Street Baptist Church in Waco.

Wellborn, a professor in the Baylor University Department of Religion and student in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will assume full pastoral duties December 1, he told the church.

Seventh and James Church will not be a new experience for the 28-year-old former Baylor student. It is the church into which he was baptized only a little over five years ago, and the church in which he was ordained to the ministry a short time later.

He has the bachelor and master degrees from Baylor, a master of theology from Southwestern Seminary and is now working on his doctorate. In 1949 he spent a summer in Edinburg, Scotland, studying there.

Rev. Edgar Cheatham, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church was elected Moderator of the Polk County Baptist Association at the closing session of the 31st annual session.

Other officers elected were: Rev. John Tullock, pastor of the Wetmore Baptist Church; Roy G. Lillard, Benton, Clerk; Miss Mary Frances Lillard, Benton, Assistant Clerk; H. R. Cochran, Benton, Treasurer; A. E. Lyle, Old Ocoee Church, Assistant Treasurer; Rev. Hoyte C. Huddleston, pastor of First church, Benton, Superintendent of Evangelism; George Freeman, Ducktown, Superintendent of Music.

Department Heads: Mr. T. W. Davis, Turtletown, Sunday School Superintendent; D. H. Beckler, Ducktown, B. T. U. Director; Mrs. C. H. Goode, Postelle, W. M. U. Superintendent; Thomas Jones, Brotherhood President

The Association will meet with the Oak Grove Church and the Wetmore Church for its 1952 session. Rev. David Livingston, pastor of the Mine City Church will deliver the annual sermon, and Rev. G. W. Daniel will preach the doctrinal sermon.

### "Behold, This Stone Shall Be A Witness Unto Us:



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# Middle Tennessee NEWS

by Homer A. Cate, Shelbyville, Tennessee

First church, Cookeville, John M. Sykes, pastor, recently closed a week of Mission study in which the Brotherhood and the Woman's Missionary Union united in the study of "Pilgrimage to Spanish America" by Everette Gill, Jr.

Lewisburg Baptists rejoice over the "Open House" observance in connection with the new education building. Entrance for the "use of the Lord" of the Educational building marks the completion both of a lovely, adequate auditorium and a spacious, handy and well planned education building. Congratulations, Lewisburg Baptists and Pastor Leonard Sanderson!

L. G. Frey, Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism, Tennessee Convention, recently supplied the pulpit of Lockeland church, Nashville, James M. Gregg, pastor.

Charles L. Norton, Training Union director, Tennessee Baptist Convention, recently supplied the pulpit of the Third church, Murfreesboro, Wendell Price, pastor.

New officers of the Woman's Missionary Union of First church, Murfreesboro, Robert L. Palmer, pastor, had the privilege of being led in a Training school by Miss Mary Northington October 5.

In the observance of Youth Week at Belmont Heights church, Harold J. Purdy, pastor, Frank Calvin Ingraham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Ingraham, served as Youth Week pastor. Frank spent four years on the campus of Baylor University and was given a plaque for being the outstanding member of the student council for 1950-51.

Fred T. Moffatt, pastor, First church, Frankfort, Ky., assisted Pastor Gaye McGlothlen and the Immanuel church, Nashville, in a series of revival meetings October 14-21.

With Pastor James M. Gregg of Lockeland church preaching and Wallace Carrier, pastor, First church, Rockwood, leading the singing, Grandview church, Nashville, where J. R. Kyzar is pastor, recently concluded a very successful revival meeting.

Both the First church, Goodlettsville and Pastor B. Frank Collins rejoiced in the observance of Pastor Collins' fourth anniversary of service as their undershepherd. Remarkable records of the four years' work were revealed on that Sunday.

Successful revival services were enjoyed by the First church, Cookeville, John M. Sykes, pastor, in which the preaching was done by Dr. J. Clyde Turner, pastor emeritus, First church, Greensboro, N. C., and the singing was led by J. Roy Bethune, Minister of Music, Grace church, Nashville.

The Annual Bible conference of the Third church, Nashville, Bunyan Smith, pastor, was recently conducted by Dr. David L. Cooper, president Biblical Research Society of Los Angeles, Calif., and Editor of *Biblical Research Monthly*.

A very successful tent revival was recently enjoyed at Morrison, Tennessee, in which the preaching was done by James B. Dotson, student in Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., Fred Wilson and Charlie Wood led the singing and Mrs. Lloyd Julian played the piano. There were 22 additions to the church, 20 of them by baptism. The Mission at Morrison is under the sponsorship of Wilson Chapel church. Friends may recall that Brother Dotson did much mission work of this nature throughout that general section before going to the Seminary.

Bruce Whitaker, Head of the Bible Department, Belmont College, recently supplied the pulpits of Grandview church, J. R. Kyzar, pastor, and Magness Memorial church, McMinnville, E. L. Smothers, pastor. Dr. Whitaker has charge in contacting churches concerning the ministerial students at Belmont college. Many of our churches need the services of the student preachers and these student preachers need the experience and place of service these churches might afford. If anyone can help in this matter please notify Dr. Bruce Whitaker, Head Bible Department, Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Young Carl Price, Lebanon, was licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ by the First church, Lebanon, Alvin Hopson, pastor, Wednesday night, October 10, 1951. May God bless this young preacher and all others, for "the Lord hath need of thee."

Evangelist Ken Chapman, Murfreesboro, reports that he has recently been engaged in two successful revival meetings: Bethlehem church, Mulberry Grove, Illinois and First church, Ramey, Ill. The Lord blessed wonderfully and many were added to the churches.

Barren Plains church, Robertson County association, J. B. Holland, pastor, was recently blessed when one of the members gave a new Hammond organ to the church. Pastor Holland has recently undergone two serious operations but is reported to be improving rapidly.

Leslie Gann, for a few months pastor of the Big Springs Mission of the First church, Shelbyville, has resigned to enter school at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Algood Mission of the First church, Cookeville, has recently called W. F. Wright, faithful servant of the Lord in that section for long years, to be pastor and he has accepted.

Beginning with Layman's Day, Sunday, October 14 and continuing for four nights, the men of the First church, Columbia, led in a Layman's revival. James F. Brewer is pastor.

William L. Pope, active member of Belmont Heights choir and a student in Peabody, served as Minister of Music.

## BENEFITS TO MINISTERS NOW ENTERING RETIREMENT PLAN

The following illustrations show the benefits available to ministers in Tennessee entering the Ministers Retirement Plan now even though they may have delayed participation all these years since the plan was inaugurated.

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				Year	Month
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\$1,200.00	3.00	60	5	237.60	19.80
\$2,000.00	5.00	62	3	330.48	27.54
\$2,000.00	5.00	60	5	395.88	32.99
\$3,000.00	7.50	62	3	495.72	41.31
\$3,000.00	7.50	60	5	593.88	49.49

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