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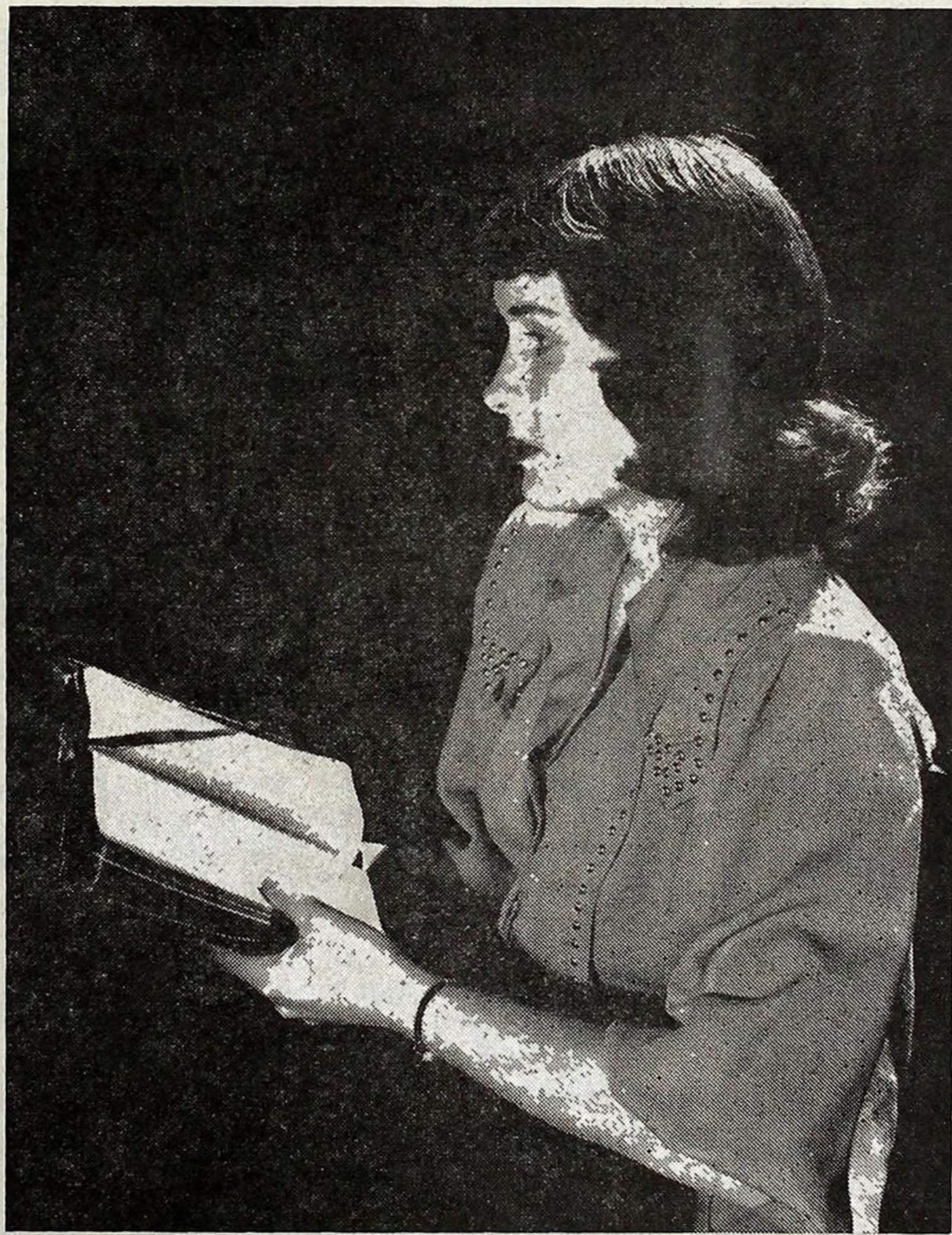
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I HAVE CHOSEN THE WAY OF FAITHFULNESS:
THINE ORDINANCES HAVE I SET BEFORE ME

—Psalm 119:30

LEBANON TENN

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"Quo Vadis?"

We have no reference here to the grandiose spectacle by this title or the book of fiction on which it is based, using legends and in some cases superstitions long fostered by the Roman Catholic church. For that matter it is not historically proven that Peter was ever in Rome, but the novel and the film are built on this legend that in the time of the cruel persecutions inflicted on Christians by Nero, Peter was fleeing Rome when confronted by the Master, with the arresting question, "Quo Vadis?", "Whither Goest Thou?"

This is a question, however, for everyone of us individually as we begin another year. A question calculated to check ourselves as to just *where* we really are headed, and *why*. Direction and objective in life are tremendously important yet we are living so fast that many of us fail to ponder where we are going and what awaits us when we arrive.

"Quo Vadis?" "Whither Goest Thou?" How many are trying to run away from the very situations which are but God-given opportunities to reveal the redemptive love of God in one's own life? How many are seeking to escape the very things which must be encountered and victoriously borne by the grace of God ere the world will ever know the power of the Gospel in our time to conquer?

"Whither Goest Thou?" What do you seek in life, and after life? If it is not likeness to Jesus Christ, then this life and the life to come are lost. God is seeking the fullness of Christ indwelling in us in the power of the Holy Spirit. This cannot be without conflict with the world as it is. None of us can run away from it. "For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed." (I Peter 2:21-24)

"Quo Vadis?" *Whither Are You Going in 1952?* If you have been born again through the grace of God *you are going to live unto righteousness* whatever of time God grants you, because that is the Divine reason for your being!

WON: One for Six

We have received from Dr. C. E. Matthews a report on the phenomenal increase of baptisms in the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. In 1940 there were 13 churches, 142 baptisms and mem-

bership was only 1039. In 1951 there were 301 churches, 5,111 baptisms and membership of 39,880. During 1951 these churches also had 6,834 additions by letter which together with the 5,111 baptisms totaled a gain of 11,945 in 1951. This represented a net gain in membership of 8,030. And it means that Southern Baptists in California averaged winning one for each six members. Had we attained this ratio in Tennessee we would have won 100,000 this year. California's record exceeds anything we know of anywhere among Southern Baptists east of the Rockies. California is operating on the basis of 100% cooperation with our Southern Baptist program not only in evangelism but in all other respects.

Add: Seeds For Salvation

A program to help the Philippine people raise their standards of living has been carried on under the sponsorship of the Committee for a Free Asia by which 30,000 individual packets of seeds for vegetables have been given as presents to the food-short Filipinos. Americans investing ten cents in vegetable seed packets are thereby presenting the people of the Philippines with \$10.00 worth of full-grown vegetables. This is called SEEDS FOR DEMOCRACY and it is a demonstration to Asians that the people of the United States are really interested in their problems by giving them assistance in a self-help program.

As an example of the dollar value of food represented by vegetable seeds Mr. George H. Greene, Jr., Committee president, points out that one packet of seeds for lettuce contain 1,000 to 2,000 seeds. "At 80% germination" Mr. Greene explains, "and a 50% cutting loss after germination, one packet of lettuce seeds will produce four or five hundred heads of lettuce. At an average of ten cents per head this is the equivalent of forty to fifty dollars worth of lettuce produced from one package of seeds." If you've done any gardening yourself your expectations from a packet of seeds may not be as optimistic as Mr. Greene's but the point is that this is needed tangible assistance where it will help a food-short people help themselves.

What we would like to add to such a campaign of SEEDS FOR DEMOCRACY is SEEDS FOR SALVATION through still further giving of the *Seed of the Word of God* to the spiritually hungry millions of the world. The potentialities in the Seed of the Gospel outrun anything that may be claimed for lettuce seed. Agencies like the American Bible Society are actively engaged in sowing the Seed of the Word of God through publication and distribution without profit.

Two cheers for democracy: one, because it admits variety and two, because it permits criticism.—E. M. Forster.

Total bill for World War II just reckoned comes to \$4 trillion—or \$1,708 for every man, woman and child on earth. Military outlays ran to \$1.1 trillion; civil destruction \$2.2 trillion and economic and personal losses \$650 billion. In terms of human flesh: total world casualties were about 40 million people.—*Library of Congress Report*.

Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles. The kind of religion that makes a man look sick can't be expected to cure the world.—*Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

A hot answer means a cool friend.—W. S. Bowden, *Present Truth Messenger*.

Local governments spent about 35% of their total income for education; State governments spent 26% of their income for education; but the Federal government paid out only 9% of its income for education.—*Journal of Business Education*.

Americans are spending \$20 billion a year on organized gambling, or four times as much as on education.—*Education Digest*.

The smear technique is a peril to our personal freedom. Men who cannot be silenced by authority are gagged by fear, for they know that oftentimes the penalty of forthrightness is character assassination, economic ruin and social ostracism.—Theo. R. McKeldin, Governor of Md.

Leadership involves remembering past mistakes, an analysis of today's achievements, and a well-grounded imagination in visualizing the problems of the future.—Stanley C. Allyn, *Forbes*.

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"A Land of Hills and Valleys"

J. D. Grey, President Southern Baptist Convention

"But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven" (Deuteronomy 11:11).

Standing at the gate of the New Year, we view the land stretching out before us. Looking back, we say with gladness and gratitude, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The achievements of our beloved Southern Baptist Convention should never make us arrogant, haughty and boastful. The strength and standing of our denomination imposes a greater obligation upon us. There is a certain spiritual "noblesse oblige" we must never forget. Let us remember, "Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall." And so, as we enter 1952 let us, every one, bow in humility before God, confessing our sins and ascribing all the glory for our victories to Him.

The year before us is truly "a land of hills and valleys." The road is not smooth. God never promises it will be. But as we go down into our valleys we have the blessed assurance that He will go with us. We face the New Year with the faith of one who said, "I do not know what the future holds, but, thank God, I know Him who holds the future." The oft-quoted words of James Russell Lowell encourage us, "Behind the dim unknown, standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own." But let us not view these as our exclusive

valleys of sorrow. Others are in those valleys, too. We have the high privilege and regal responsibility of ministering to them in our Master's name. Like Christ, we must reach down in compassion to bless them. Their sorrows must be our sorrows, their griefs our griefs, and their heartaches our very own. May our people and our churches never lose their compassionate concern for the souls of men. The passionless denomination becomes a passing denomination!

Across the hills and valleys in this land of the New Year comes God's clarion call to conquest. "But the land, whither ye go to possess it," is God's marching order for us. Conquest has always, and must ever characterize God's people! No luxury of self-satisfaction, no "living at ease in Zion" must be indulged. Every church with its every member must join in the conflict. None dare to be like Ephraim who "turned back in the day of battle." No limited land, provincial and small, lies out before us beckoning us to conquest. The whole wide world is the field of combat. The battle line reaches twenty-five thousand miles around the earth. Action is seen on every front. A total mobilization of all our forces, including men and means, is called for by Christ our commander. Let every single

one in our Southern Baptist host throw himself and his all into this conquest for Christ. We cannot, we must not, we dare not fail Him!

God grant that Southern Baptists, in all their churches, agencies and institutions, will have a glorious 1952. May we stay together in the fellowship of the gospel, keeping step with Christ our chief in spiritual conquest.

New Year's Message from the Baptist World Alliance

The New and the Old

From the President and Secretaries of the Baptist World Alliance to our Baptist churches throughout the world: greetings in the name of our Lord and Master.

Tennyson once described a journey of two people who were closely bound to each other in affection in these lines:

"And far across the hills they went
In that new world which is the old."

Baptists are bound together by ties of affection in the common cause, which is one of the reasons why our Alliance theme-song from 1905 has remained "Blest be the tie that binds." We link hands and hearts across the oceans as together we face the year that is new.

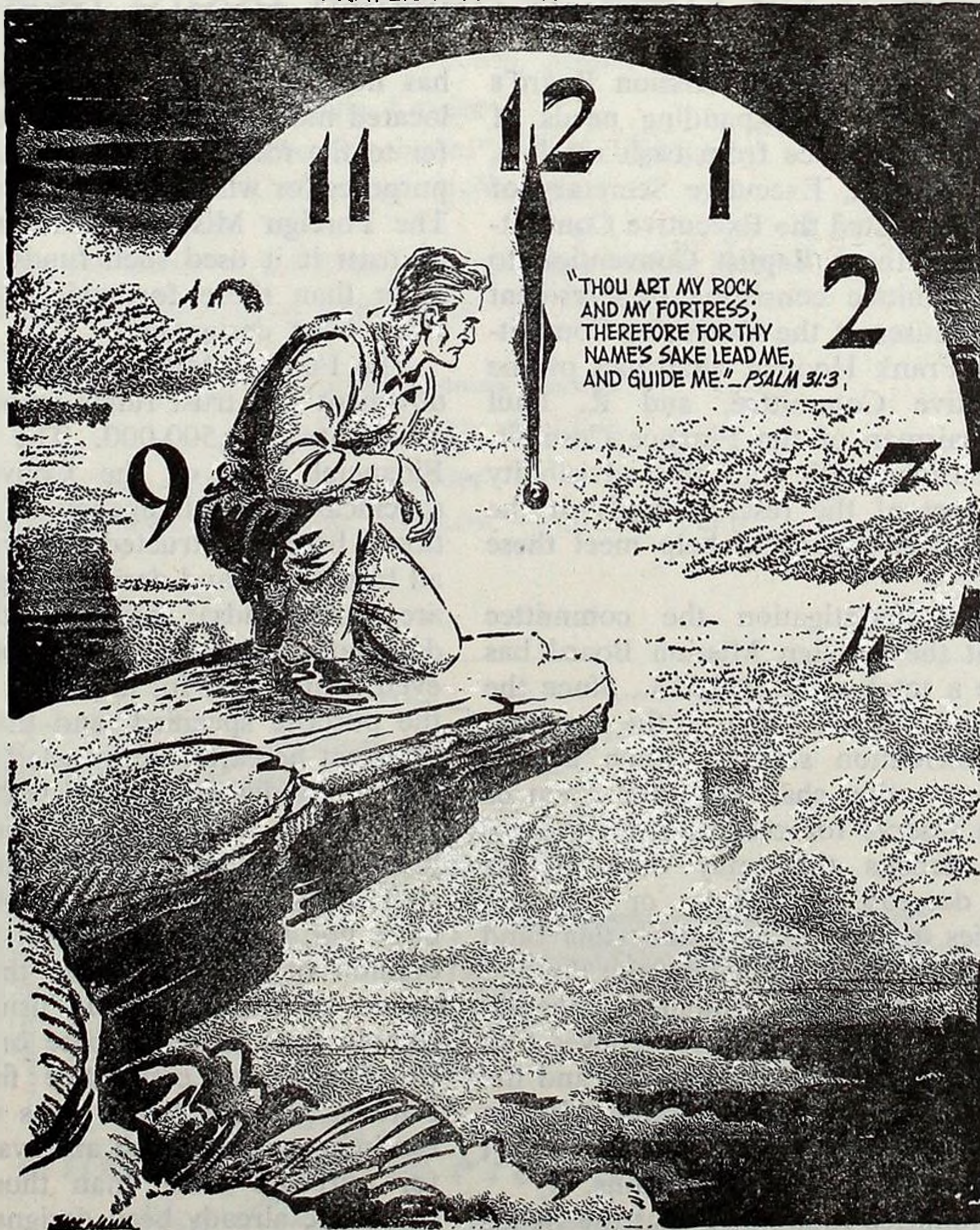
For some of us there are new opportunities for bearing our witness—what stirring stories come to us from fields ripe unto harvest like those in Japan! For some of us there may be new difficulties and perils; but as we face them it is surely with the strength which comes to men and women who are linked first of all to their Lord and then in fellowship to one another.

But if we face the new it is with the confidence we have derived from the old. Our world is indeed new in its methods and organizations, in the emergence of special problems; but it is old in its needs. The change from the last fleeing hours of a December to the gray dawn of a January still leaves us where we were as far as human minds and hearts are concerned. The world has not outgrown its need of a Saviour, nor of those who would declare Him faithfully, bearing in their voices the challenge of the Son of God and in their hands the compassion of the Son of Man. The finest greeting we can give to one another as a new year dawns is that which the Apostle Paul bequeathed to every generation of Christian men "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

So may our Heavenly Father make 1952 memorable for all our churches. May the old Gospel make the new year to be a year of blessing, crowned with revival and the honouring of that Name which is above every name.

F. Townley Lord, *President*
Arnold T. Ohrn, *General Secretary*
Walter O. Lewis, *Associate Secretary*
Joel Sorenson, *Youth Secretary*

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR



LONG RANGE PLANNING ENGAGES SBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee meeting in Nashville December 11-13 approved a ten million dollar budget for 1953 subject to the Miami convention's adoption next May 14-18.

This budget contains \$5 million for current needs (a raise of half a million over the 1952 budget) \$3 million for capital needs (same as 1952) and \$2 million in the advance program phase (in contrast to the 2½ million advance program phase of 1952 Cooperative Program receipts). This would mean that, in the \$10 million dollar budget, all receipts beyond \$8 million would go to Foreign Missions (75%) and Home Missions (25%).

Here is how the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention would share in the proposed budget for 1953, together with the increase indicated:

Agency	'53 Budget	Increase
Foreign Mission Board	\$2,500,000	\$ 250,000
Home Mission Board	700,000	40,000
Relief and Annuity Board	500,000	
Southern Seminary	230,000	30,000
Southwestern Seminary	230,000	30,000
New Orleans Seminary	230,000	30,000
Golden Gate Seminary	110,000	10,000
Southeastern Seminary	161,250	61,250
W.M.U. Training School	50,000	10,000
American Seminary	56,750	11,750
Southern Baptist Hospital	40,000	
Baptist Brotherhood	55,000	5,000
Radio Commission	125,000	35,000
Public Affairs Committee	12,000	500
TOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$ 513,500

The personnel of the Executive Committee together with State Secretaries and Editors of state papers conferred on ways and means of promoting October 18-25, 1953 as *Christian Stewardship Week* and agreed on a seven point program which would call for the following: (a) teach Bible stewardship, missions, and Cooperative Program, (b) plan church finances, (c) enlist tithers, (d) ask every member to give, (e) receive offerings weekly, (f) send mission offerings weekly, (g) increase percentage of the Cooperative Program each year.

To promote the 1953 Church Stewardship Week the following plan was adopted. (1) The state secretary or some one appointed by him to be the leader in the state. (2) Each association is to have a stewardship committee and chairman, elected or appointed by the association. (3) September 1953 each association will have leadership rallies. (4) Promotion of the plan will be by all church agencies. (5) State papers are invited to publicize the plan.

All agencies and papers are being asked by the Executive Committee to emphasize the doctrine of the Holy Spirit during the first half of 1953.

Looking ahead to 1954, a goal of 34 million dollars for state and Southern Convention Cooperative Program was set and the slogan, "34 in 54," accepted.

The Executive Committee issued a statement concerning the Foreign Mission Board's reserves, giving as their opinion that in the light of the present world situation it would be unwise for the Foreign Mission Board to spend on current operations the \$2,900,000 reserves now held by that board. The committee also stated that for the Foreign Mission Board to use any of the \$2,500,000 endowment and trust funds in hand or its \$3,000,000 designated funds in

hand for any purpose except those for which they were given would be a violation of

The SBC Executive Committee Adopted December 13, 1951 the following

Statement on Foreign Mission Board Reserves

In view of the Foreign Mission Board's inability to meet the expanding needs of its program of advance from cash receipts, Dr. M. T. Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Board, requested the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to name a committee consisting of President George B. Fraser of the Executive Committee, Judge Frank Hooper, chairman of the Administrative Committee, and R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Finance Committee, to consider with him the advisability of using part of the reserve funds of the Foreign Mission Board to help meet these needs.

After an investigation the committee found that the Foreign Mission Board has in reserve a total of \$2,968,553. Since the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention states: "Each agency of this Convention shall set up as soon as possible a reserve for contingencies to provide for deficits that may occur either through decreased receipts or through emergencies, or both," and since this fund amounts to less than one-half of the Foreign Mission Board's total estimated expenditures for 1952, the committee believes that in light of present world situations, and the expanded program of the Foreign Mission Board, it would be unwise to use any part of this fund for current operations.

The committee found also that the Board

trust. This is in answer to pressure from some quarters exerted upon the Foreign Mission Board to use these funds for current operations.

The Committee also adopted a proposed amendment to the Convention's Plan of Business and Finance that will restrict any agency or institution from borrowing money beyond what it can repay in three years out of its anticipated receipts. Also it reaffirmed that all gifts received by agencies or institutions will apply toward their respective capital needs goals. This means that when these goals are met then that agency or institutions ceases to share in the five year capital needs plan of the Southern Baptist Convention. It was ruled that gifts for endowment do not count against the capital needs goals.

St. Louis, June 2-6, will be recommended for the 1954 convention meeting to the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher at the Miami convention next May. The theme of the Miami convention, according to the Committee on Order of Business, will be, "the church," with major addresses on the subject planned for each session.

A "keener conscience" on the part of Baptists in the matter of enlisting non-resident members is asked by the Executive Committee. States are requested to set up committees to consider this problem.

has now in hand about \$3,000,000 of allocated money which is in process of transfer to the mission fields to be used for the purposes for which it has been appropriated. The Foreign Mission Board would violate its trust if it used such funds for purposes other than those for which they have already been designated.

The Foreign Mission Board has also endowment and trust funds amounting to approximately \$2,500,000. The Business and Financial Plan of the Convention states specifically, "Each agency of the Convention is hereby instructed and ordered to keep all trust funds and designated gifts (for they are trust funds) sacred to the trust and designation; that they are not to be used even temporarily for any other purpose than the purpose specified; and that such funds shall not hereafter be invested in the securities of any denominational body or agency."

Although the Foreign Mission Board has before it now approved requests from mission fields amounting to \$2,600,000 which have not yet been provided for, it is the opinion of this committee that the Board would be unjustifiable in using any of its reserve fund to meet these or other needs. In short, your committee finds that the Foreign Mission Board does not have any funds in reserve which are available for use for purposes other than those for which they have already been designated.

State-wide Evangelistic Conference

First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee—January 21-22, 1952

Monday Afternoon Session

J. G. HUGHES, *presiding*

LAUREN SPRUNGER, *Song Leader*

- 2:00 Song, Scripture, Prayer—Song Leader
2:15 Announcements
2:30 "Lessons from the Evangelistic Crusade in Tennessee"—Slater Murphy
3:10 Music
3:20 "Pentecost"—C. Y. Dossey
4:00 Adjournment

Monday Evening Session

E. L. WILLIAMS, *presiding*

- 7:00 Song, Scripture, Prayer—Song Leader
7:15 "The Pastor and Evangelist Personally Winning Souls"—Roy Hinchey
7:55 Music
8:05 "The Preacher and the Message"—Carlyle Marney
8:45 Adjournment

Tuesday Morning Session

L. G. FREY, *presiding*

- 9:30 Song, Scripture, Prayer—Song Leader
9:45 "The Pastor Directing the Revival"—E. Gibson Davis
(Eliminating interferences and distractions)
10:25 Conferences:
1. Making Ready for Revival—Jim Brewer
2. Evangelistic Music—Roy Bethune
3. Prayer Preparation for Revival—R. Paul Caudill
4. Publicity for Revival—Francis Warden
11:15 Music
11:25 "I Need That Lamb"—Carlyle Marney
12:05 Adjournment

Tuesday Afternoon Session

B. FRANK COLLINS, *presiding*

- 2:00 Song, Scripture, Prayer—Song Leader
2:15 "Utilization of Attendance Stimulants"—Paul Kirkland
(Special nights, etc.)
2:50 Music
3:00 "Pressing the Battle to the Gates in Preaching"—Bob Orr
3:40 "Conserving the Results of Evangelism"—C. Y. Dossey
4:10 Adjournment

Tuesday Evening Session

J. G. HUGHES, *presiding*

- 7:00 Song, Scripture, Prayer—Song Leader
7:15 "A Spiritual Compassion for the Lost"—Shields Webb
7:50 Music
8:00 Message—Robert G. Lee

Tennessee Baptists Increase In Mission Gifts Reported

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Tennessee Baptists gave a total of \$851,620 to world missions through the channel of the Southern Baptist Convention during the first eleven months of 1951. This is an increase of \$59,933 more than what was given for the same period last year.

Total Southern Baptist Convention contributions to world missions, including seminaries, home and foreign missions and other denominational beneficent projects was \$11,319,964, a gain of \$1,447,558 or 14.66 per cent over last year.

This year's total included \$3,959,890 in funds designated to definite objects, representing a gain of 23.87 per cent over last year. Regular undesignated funds were \$7,360,073 or \$684,355—10.25 per cent—over last year.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board received \$5,615,518 or nearly half of the \$11,319,964 total. The Home Mission Board received \$1,966,469.

Emphasizes Evangelistic Year Ahead

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Emphasizing the continuation of the biggest evangelistic program ever projected by Southern Baptists, the two-day meeting of the Convention's Over-all Planning Committee on Evangelism in Nashville, December 10-11, included speakers representing all phases and agencies of the denomination's work.

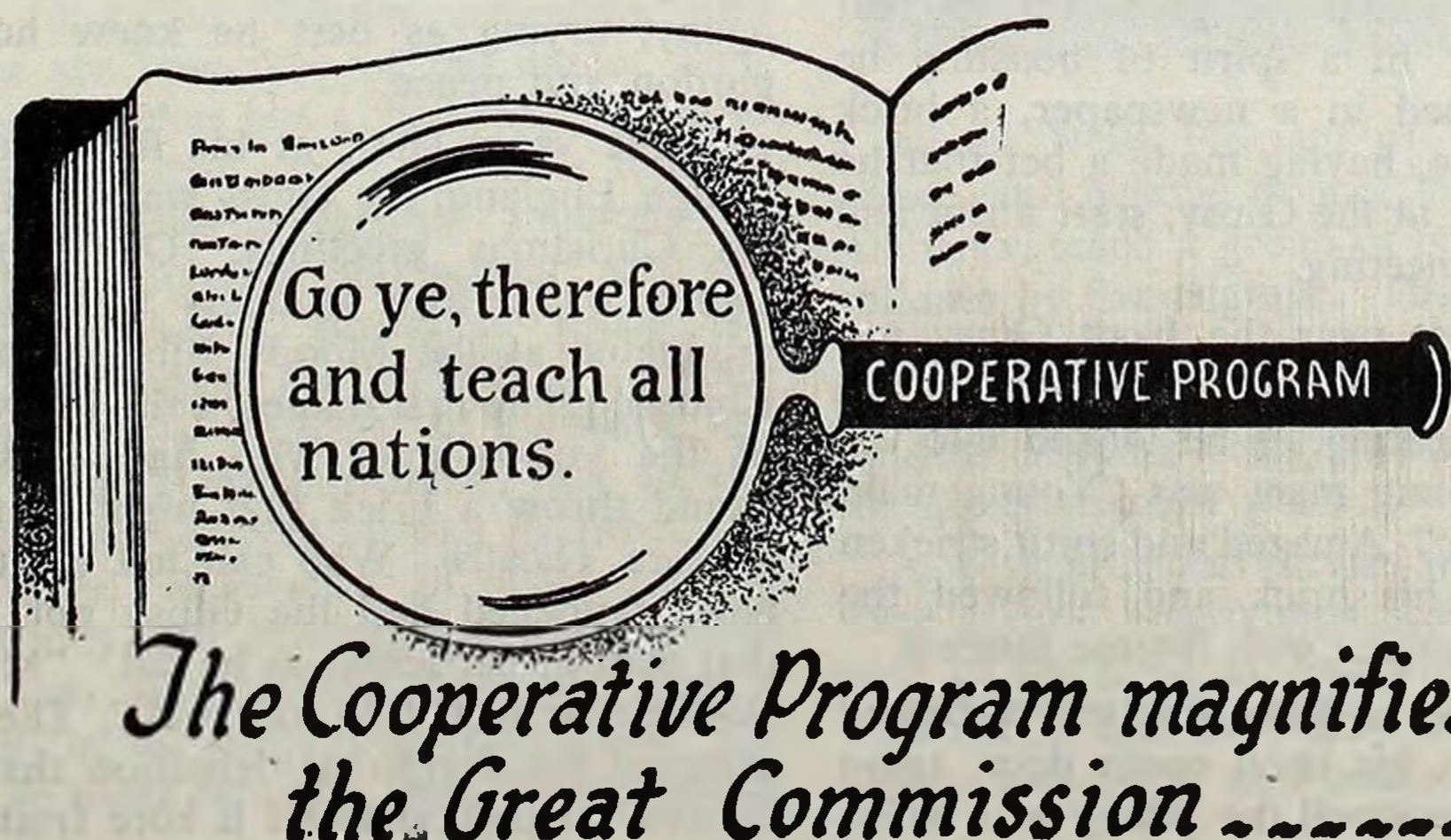
Dr. C. E. Matthews, Dallas, Texas, head of the department of evangelism of the Home Mission Board and director of the meeting, in his call to Baptists to continue in evangelism, emphasized that "our denomination has always meant for every pastor to be an evangelist. Now the aim is for every one of our church members to consider himself a soul-saver as well."

"Evangelism and Stewardship, Inseparable Companions" was the message Tuesday morning from Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Executive Committee in Nashville. "Stewardship grows out of evangelism and evangelism grows out of stewardship," he said, pointing out that one does not thrive long without the other.

Later Tuesday, Dr. John Maguire, executive secretary of Florida, emphasized to the group that as Baptists "we have been too lax in keeping our people together."

"Whatever our program is, Southern Baptists must stay together," he said. "I am alarmedly surprised at the success some forces are having in dividing us. A broken fellowship will wreck the program of the convention . . . because a broken fellowship will blight the future."

Present for the two-day conference, were state evangelistic and executive secretaries, editors of denominational publications, directors of the Convention agencies, presidents and professors of evangelism in the five theological seminaries, and pastors representing various sections of the Convention's territory.



God's Covenant of Redemption

His Enterprise of Creation and the Gift or Investment of His Son

by L. A. LAWLER, PARSONS

All married people know, or should know, that a covenant is a pledge or an agreement between two or more persons.

Without God's covenant of redemption there would be no gospel to proclaim.

Without God's enterprise of creation there would be no heavens or earth.

Without the gift, or investment of His son, there would be no Savior.

Without the Bible, man would know nothing about how he came to be here or how to live while he is here or where he will go when he leaves here.

These truths are important enough to demand our serious consideration.

What Was Involved in God's Covenant of Redemption?

First of all it was not made with man but was made with regard to man.

Second: It was made before God began His enterprise of creation.

Third: It was made with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Fourth: It involved the fact that God saw the end from the beginning.

Fifth: It involved the fact that God so loved His handiwork that He sent His Son to save it from being a total loss.

Sixth: It involved Jesus' willingness to give Himself to restore God's enterprise to its pristine beauty and loveliness.

Seventh: It included a people chosen of God at the time the covenant was made to be co-inheritors, joint heirs, with the Son for God's own glory.

Eighth: That people were not saved at the time the covenant was made, as the Hardshells claim, but were given to the Son to be saved through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth—gospel.

Ninth: It included a kingdom over which the Son shall rule for a thousand years.

Tenth: Jesus came to earth under strict covenant relations with the Father.

Eleventh: That covenant was not, cannot, will not, be broken.

Twelfth: He saved only those who were drawn to Him by the Father—those included in the covenant.

All the foregoing were included in the covenant before God began His enterprise of creation.

God's Enterprise of Creation

Webster says: "Enterprise is an undertaking of importance or risk."

God's undertaking in creation was all-important but it involved no risk; God knew what was in man before He created him.

Being the all-wise God that He is, God saw THE way to glorify Himself in His

handiwork.

By creating the heavens and the earth and by creating man in his own image—moral likeness—and giving him dominion over the creatures of earth, man would be put in a position of responsibility.

The entrance of evil into human experience is explained by the fact that man was made for moral government; was endowed with ability to reason, to choose for himself; was made the custodian of God's possessions; therefore he must be tested.

This testing resulted in man's downfall through unbelief. He separated man from God and man became a sinner; brought a sentence of death, a day of judgment for

the wicked and a burning hell to be prepared. These not mentioned in the covenant.

In order for man to be brought back into favor with God, man's life's blood must pay for his sin and transgression.

Man's blood could not pay that debt; therefore God intervened and sent His only Son, miraculously born of a woman, therefore possessing human blood.

God's Gift, or Investment, of His Son

The covenant referred to included the voluntary death of the Son to satisfy God's demand of divine justice. The Son took man's place and suffered the penalty so that through His death man might be justified and escape the wrath of God and be brought back into His favor.

Through repentance and faith man is made a child of God, an heir of God and joint heir to all God's possessions.

He Bet He Would Throw a Brick

ERNEST O. SELLERS

While I resided in Chicago, Gipsy Smith, Sr., held a largely attended evangelistic series of meetings in that city. The most spectacular event of his visit was a midnight parade, led by the Gipsy, through the old red-light section of the city and ending in the malodorous Alhambra Theatre.

Only his regular workers at the Armory meetings and those who had received invitations from house-to-house, in saloons and other resorts, were admitted to the theatre. It was my part along with Dr. A. C. Dixon, together with a Salvation Army band to lead an overflow to the near-by Immanuel Baptist church, and it too was overcrowded.

Among those who gathered before the Gipsy was a young man about 28 years of age, born out of wedlock and educated in every sort of evil indulged by the men and women with whom he grew up in that neighborhood. In a spirit of boasting he carried, wrapped in a newspaper, a brick into the theatre, having made a bet that he would throw it at the Gipsy, start a riot and break up the meeting.

Taking a seat near the front Gipsy nor anyone else could see his missel. The Gipsy's first greeting, as he looked into the face of the young man, was "Young man, Jesus loves you." Amazed and spirit stricken he held onto his brick and followed the events of the service with intense interest.

The next morning the Gipsy was disturbed by a knock on his hotel room door, upon opening it there stood the young man hold-

ing in his hand the brick. Under deepest emotion he told of his experience the night before. Never in his life had anyone ever told him that God loved him. In telling of his resolve to throw the brick he said, "Had there been one crook of your finger, I would have thrown it. I have lived in hell for years: jails I know only too well, so it would have made no difference to me what the results may have been."

Calling upon the Gipsy in that spirit it was not long before both men were upon their knees as the lost one received pardon from his Heavenly Father. In relating the incident to me the Gipsy said that such a mingling of profanity and almost obscenity in his prayer to the Almighty he had never heard fall from human lips and hoped never again to hear. Yet it was all the language the young man knew and he was honestly trying to find the light. His soul was in agony, crying as best he knew how, for pardon and peace.

Three years later, at his home in Cambridge, England, the Gipsy was looking over his Christmas greetings. One card was signed by sixteen students who had just graduated at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. The first name on the list was that of the young man who had boasted he would throw a brick that night in the Alhambra Theatre. Who can tell what might have happened had the Gipsy not greeted that man in particular as he did? "My word shall not return unto me void." The Gipsy directed the Scriptural definition that "God is love" at that soul and it bore fruit.

That Unnamed Denomination

by DR. W. ROSS EDWARDS

One of the most insidious and most dangerous movements in our Baptist fellowship today is either unnamed or improperly named. I refer to those people who pretend to be Baptists or pretend to preach the "whole Gospel," and boast of being "fundamental," but who have little or no appreciation for our Baptist heritage and fellowship.

The people that I refer to have great loyalty for kindred movements, that live at the expense of established denominations but who feel superior to all denominations and usually denounce denominational loyalties. They have radio programs, home and foreign mission societies, colleges, seminaries, youth work, mothers for Christ, Christian businessmen, independent evangelists, various publications, literature for Sunday schools, and many other causes, institutions and movements that appeal to our people for financial support.

All these movements take advantage of our Baptist desire and love for individual liberty. Our Cooperative Program, with our many loyal Baptist institutions refraining from canvassing the people and churches for operational costs, has left the field wide open for many unworthy and undeserving solicitors. They appeal to our people by air and by mail and by personal solicitation. They cultivate their ego, brag on them, give them some sort of personal recognition, and even make them members of boards of trustees in some instances. Of course, it is known by some through observation and others by experience that these boards do not own anything, but are merely sources of income and a front to fool the public. Some good men have allowed their names to be thus used.

The independent movements can only thrive where there is church and denominational democracy, where the people are allowed to decide for themselves as to what pastor they shall call, what literature they shall use, and what missions they shall support. Perhaps no denomination in America has more to fear from these people than Baptists. They have done great damage in the ranks of Northern (American) Baptists and are rapidly moving Southward.

Some so-called Baptist preachers and churches are unworthy of the name. Suppose one preacher has a "church," that also has a school, that also "allows" a number of small churches to become "missions" of the preacher's church and school, with the understanding that preachers from the school will supply the pulpits. One man thus becomes the "Bishop" of his work, not in the New Testament sense, but in the sense that a hierarchy works in other denominations. Regardless of what such a brother may call himself, he has violated one of our fundamental doctrines and is unworthy of the support of our people. We would be safer working with Presbyterians

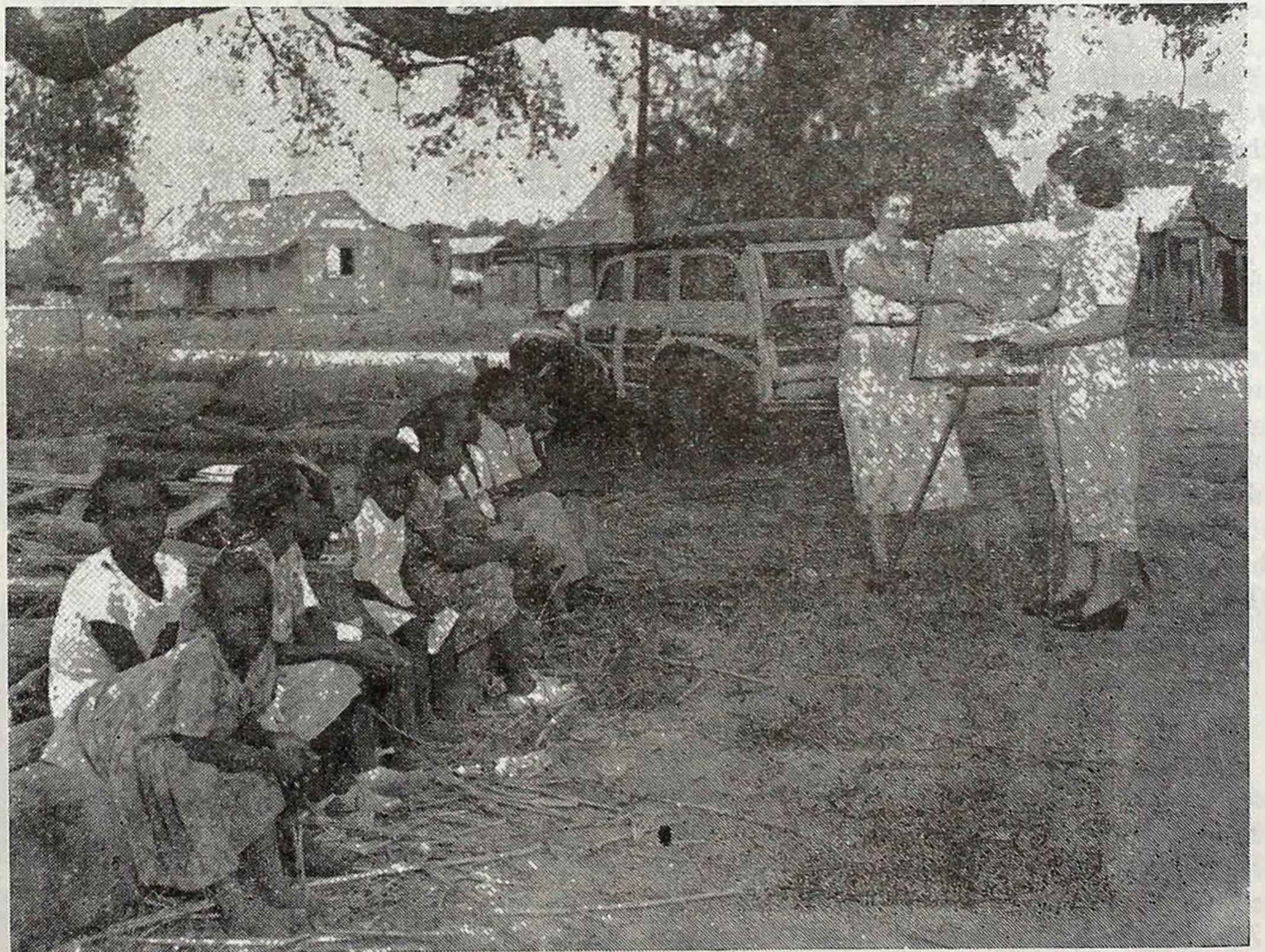
or Disciples or some other groups. One Negro "Baptist" in Jamaica has control over many people in the same manner that some are now working in our own country. That is the way the Roman Catholic Church developed. The time to stop this move is near the beginning; that time is swiftly passing.

What can we do? We can lead our people to rethink our whole Baptist program, taking nothing for granted. Even though we do not take special offerings for our Baptist schools and other institutions every few weeks, we can tell them in various ways about what is being done and how our money is spent that comes into the church from Sunday to Sunday. We can warn our people against giving financial support to the many independent and privately owned institutions and causes. We can talk our young people out of going to independent colleges, and direct them to good Baptist

schools. A pastor that attends one of these non-Baptist schools has little or no appreciation for our Baptist program. His denominational loyalty has been broken. Before he goes, we should point out to him that we will not help him to locate in our Baptist work when he comes out of an independent school. It's time for us to be frank about these matters.

"Other men labored and we have entered into their labors." We should not despise (lightly regard) our heritage. We can easily lose all that they have gained through the years, by remaining indifferent to the many movements all about us. We have little to fear from "modernists," but we have much to fear from these so-called "independent" brethren. Men who "make merchandise" of our people will resist any attempt to retard their progress, just as much as any other racketeer. If this is printed, some of them will attempt to discredit me, but I am able to take it, for I know whereof I speak. This I firmly resolve: I shall continue to speak and to write and to do all that I can to warn our people in time, so help me God!

—Arkansas Baptist



Misses Nelle Pleasant of Doeville, Tennessee, and Nannie Bonner, Alexander City, Alabama, teach a group of South Louisiana children by flannelgraph. They are part of a unit of preachers, singers, Sunday school teachers and other workers from the New Orleans Seminary that go out each Sunday for direct mission work.

A week after this picture was taken, there were several Negro men sitting on the log back of the children, listening to the lesson.

When it was over they had a question: "Who will come and teach us?"

It turned out they were not natives, but were from Jamaica, migrant sugar cane harvesters. One of the preachers began a Sunday school class and on his third Sunday eight of the 24 men made a public profession of faith. Since then there have been four more.

Dr. E. N. Patterson of the seminary faculty, who heads the Practical Activities Department, says: "The records we receive every week tell of great missionary activity on the part of our students and faculty."

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: John 1:35-49 (Larger and Printed)—Jn. 1:41 (Golden).

Finding the Christ

During this quarter our lessons will be based upon the general theme, "Early Followers of Jesus." This year's study will be the second in a six-year cycle, 1951-1956. The Golden Text of this lesson is the word of Andrew to his brother, Simon Peter, in which he exclaims with joy and wonder: "We have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted, the Christ." Would that each one of us might find, or re-find, Christ (the Anointed One) in our experiences at the very threshold of the New Year!

John's Salutation (vv. 35, 36)

"Behold the Lamb of God," is the salutation of John the Baptist as he watched Jesus as He walked on that day. On the day before, his acclaim had been, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Thus we see that on both days John had recognized Jesus in His true character, the Suffering Messiah, visualized by many of the Old Testament prophets but coming to sharp focus in Isaiah 52:13-53:12. The sacrificial lamb goes back to the original Passover, instituted among the Israelites upon their miraculous deliverance from the Egyptians. The salutation reminds us that Jesus came into the world for the specific purpose of giving His life as God's offering for our sins, assuming their penalties in our behalf. "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I Jn. 2:2). Let us see and salute Him as did John the Baptist.

Disciples' Following (vv. 37, 38)

These two verses, in simple language, tell of the very beginning of the Christian movement, so far as human committal is concerned. Was this also the beginning of the church? These notes think so. In any case, Andrew and John the Beloved had the honor of being the first two to follow Jesus. This is the essence of genuine Christianity, namely, following Jesus. It is just that simple. It is just that sublime. We, like these two, begin to follow Him by seeing Him as the "Lamb of God." We continue by living as He lived.

Jesus' Invitation (v. 39)

"Come and see," said Jesus with earnest winsomeness, in answer to their inquiry as to His dwelling-place. And today He says to all earnest inquirers, searching for One who will satisfy their deepest longings, "Come and see." Listen to the music of

that invitation. Feel the strong vibration of that personality. Yield to the love and understanding of that life. Thousands have done so and have never been sorry and regretful. For to find Him is to find life. To find Him is to find self. To find Him is to find the meaning of life for the self. The pragmatic test of Christianity, in the final analysis, is what the Lord Jesus Christ does for the person who trusts and follows Him. And when Christianity is measured upon this basis it is never found wanting.

Andrew's Bringing (vv. 40-42)

"And he brought him to Jesus." The writer of these notes recalls hearing Dr. John Jeter Hurt deliver a series of six sermons based upon these words. The impressions and contributions made by the messages have lasted now for more than twenty years. So far as the New Testament indicates, Andrew was not an outstanding preacher, but he brought one to Jesus who became one of the world's greatest when he brought his brother, Simon Peter. This could well have been Andrew's most significant contribution to Christ and his cause.

What Andrew did on that day, all are able to do, that is, bring a relative or friend to Jesus. We honor him when we form our "Andrew Bands."

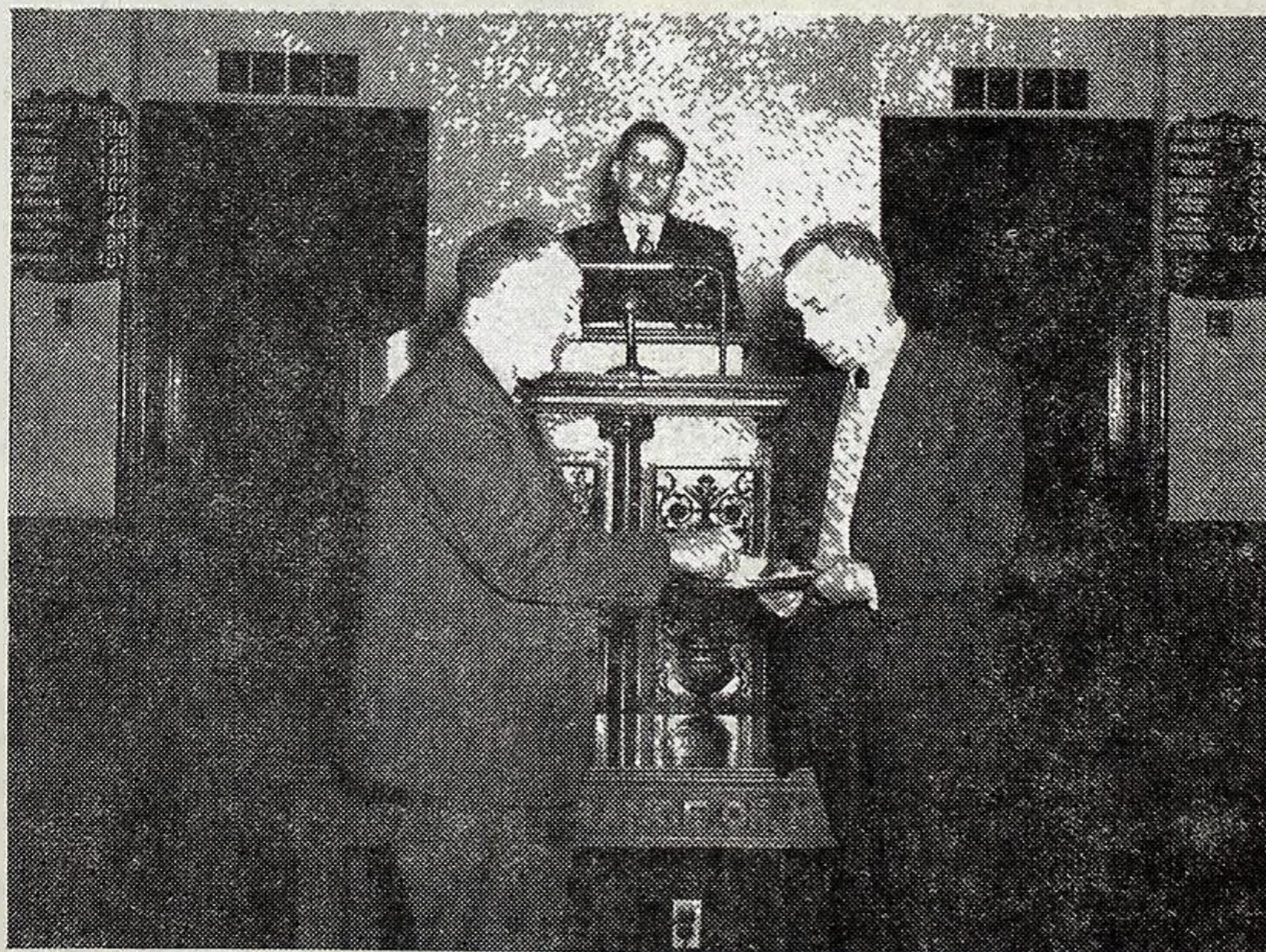
Group's Increasing (vv. 43-46)

The group grew by an application of the slogan, "Every One Win One." Jesus found Philip and then Philip found Nathanael. Philip used the identical words with Nathanael that Jesus had used with Andrew and John, "Come and see." And they worked, for Nathanael came and saw for himself. Personal evangelism, when led by the Holy Spirit, always works. This kind of evangelism wins the esteem and appreciation of the lost person. This kind of evangelism demands complete surrender to God's guidance. God honors this type of effort. We will experience a new day in our churches when more people engage in it.

Nathanael's Recognition (vv. 47-49)

Our Lord practiced what has been called the Finest of the Fine Arts or Seeing and Noting the Good in Others, as He dealt with Nathanael. And He did this with others, also. Two cases come readily to mind, Matthew and Zacchaeus. Jesus saw not only what was already present in a person but also what that person could become. We would do well to follow His inspiring example. For it is a principle of life that what we give out we always get back in return. Why do we not spend more time encouraging people and less time in berating them? Nathanael recognized Jesus as God's Son and Israel's King. He made the most startling and satisfying discovery one can make.

First Church, Loudon, Clears Debt on Annex



Taking part in the Note-Burning Service at First Church, Loudon, November 25, were John R. Hooker, chairman of the Building Committee; W. Paul Hall, pastor; and A. C. Dukes, Sr., chairman of the Finance Committee.



Happy New Year! Those three words are not just words—they are a real wish. I hope that every day of this new year will hold much happiness for you. And I hope something else—that you will find a way to share your happiness with someone else each day.

As a Young South friend, you have already learned what a happy thing it is to make new friends. At the beginning of this brand new year, how would you like to set a goal for the new Young South pen pals you will try to make during 1952? Would one new friend a month be a good goal? This, of course, does not include new friends which you will make at school, at church, and other places.

Each week, watch this column for word pictures of boys and girls who also want new friends. Find someone who shares your interests, someone whom you would like to know better. Then write that person a letter. Tell why you chose him or her for your pen pal. Tell some of your own interests, and invite your prospective pen pal to answer your letter so that you may become better friends. After that—you'll be surprised! Almost every day I get letters from friends telling how glad they are for the pen pals made through our Young South column. Write me about yours too, will you?

I know a thirteen-year-old friend in Benton, Tennessee, who would like to meet some Young South friends about her age. She is AUGUSTA LEWIS. Her birthday is February 16, so she is really almost fourteen! Augusta is in the eighth grade at Benton Grammar School. She is a member of Zion Baptist Church and is President of the Intermediate G.A. She has some interesting hobbies—playing the piano, playing basketball, collecting postcards and souvenirs of different places. She says, "I already have three pen pals and want many more. I will answer every letter I get."

Your first letter to Augusta will be an easy one to write. Do you also play the piano? Tell her about that. Tell about your last recital, or your favorite piece. Maybe you'll tell about your music teacher.

Do you, too, like basketball? Write Augusta about your most exciting game, or about the basketball team in your school.

And, of course, if you have a postcard collection, you will be glad for an oppor-

tunity to exchange cards with Augusta. Tell her of your collection and ask her for the kind of card you want from her town.

I heard recently of a business man who collects picture postcards showing churches. Right now he has them filed by locations, but he plans to arrange a display of them. I hope I will get to see that. That's a good idea, isn't it? There are many subjects to choose from, for a postcard collection—school buildings, courthouses, state capitol buildings, hotels, parks, and so on. Perhaps Augusta Lewis will have some other suggestions. Write her about it. The address is Benton, Tennessee.

CAROLYN TOWNSEND is another friend you'd like to know. She will be thirteen years old on March 28. She is an only child and lives with her mother and father at 311 East Main Street, Parsons, Tennessee. They live near the city limits and there are a lot of trees around their house. Carolyn's favorite job at home is cleaning and keeping her room. The job she finds hardest to do cheerfully is washing dishes. She is learning to play the piano and saxophone. I like something which Carolyn wrote in one of her letters. She said: "Our family has its best fun *when we are all together.*" They went to the Great Smoky Mountains last summer and had a wonderful vacation.

Carolyn attends Parsons High School where she is in the seventh grade. They have an almost new brick building with twenty-one rooms. Spelling, Reading, and Geography are Carolyn's favorite subjects. Arithmetic is her most difficult one. The thing she likes best about her school is her experiences in the band. She is also a member of the Cheering Squad.

Carolyn hopes some day to become organist of the First Baptist Church where she is a member. Now she serves as assistant pianist in her Training Union. That's a good beginning, isn't it?

Carolyn likes to read, especially funny stories. She also likes paper dolls. Her hobby is stamp collecting. Perhaps you can add to her collection.

With so much interesting information about this new friend, she's sure to get some pen pals. Perhaps you will choose her as your January friend. She will be glad to hear from you and I'm sure she will answer your letters, for she, too, wants new friends.

There will be more word pictures in your column this month. So if neither of today's friends shares your special interests, perhaps one of the others will. Keep watching. And by the way—I hope you resolved to keep your own word picture up to date. I'll be looking forward to your letters.

Love,

AUNT POLLY



They were discussing a silver butter dish which they planned to send to newly-married friends.

"What shall we put on the card?" asked the wife.

"Oh!" said the husband, preoccupied with his paper and coffee, "just the usual dope, I suppose; anything you like."

A few moments thought followed, and then she handed him the card. It was inscribed, "For butter—or worse."

"If Minnie in Indian means water, what does Minnesota mean?"

"Aw, that's easy! It means sota water."

My little boy had gone to Sunday school for the first time. When he returned I asked him, "What did you learn today, darling?"

"Oh, Mommie, I learned about the first man."

"What was his name, dear?"

"Adam."

"Did you learn anything else?"

"Yes, Mommie. I learned about the first woman."

"And what was her name?"

He thought for awhile, then his face lighted with recollection. "Madam!"

Teacher: Why was Columbus so anxious to discover a new world?

Bobby: I think he was looking for a place to park.

Two colored men were bragging about their wives' cooking. "Man, when Calline makes cawn pone," boasted the first, "hit is so good Ah thinks Ah is eating angel food cake."

"Oh, hesh up," retorted the other. "You ain't et nothin'. When mah Lillibel bakes up a mess o' beans, Ah jes feels lak goin' out an' huntin' a job."

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Training Union Report Introduction

Delivered to Tennessee Baptist Convention

by REV. D. M. RENICK, Pastor LaBelle Church, Memphis

The Baptist Training Union is committed to the task of developing the individual for Christ. This development begins very early. We may well say now that the program of training offered by the Training Union covers the entire span of life from the cradle to the grave. The Training Union is no static organization. Where there is a need for Christian training made manifest in the local church the Training Union rises to meet that need in an efficient and effective manner. It seems only a short time ago that we called our present known Baptist Training Union the Baptist Young People's Union or just the B.Y.P.U. Many of us dreamed of a day when there would be organized training for every age in the church, which we have now come to realize.

For some time it has been the writer's conviction that where people meet Sunday morning in Sunday school to study and be taught God's Word that they should come back that Sunday night to express their own feeling and emotions in response to their study. Our Baptist Training Union is now adapted to meet this need. We recently heard our Southwide Training Union Secretary announce that now we will have independent departments fully graded and staffed from the nursery through the adults. There is a close relationship between the Sunday school and Training Union and it is our conviction that the departments should correspond and one complement the other. Training Union has not reached its zenith—it has just now come into its own. Every step has been made effective as the need has arisen. You can count on the Training Union to meet the needs of the individual for Christ.

We have a corps of officers leading our Training Union work who are on the job. Tennessee should be thankful for a leadership so efficient and consecrated to the task (or opportunities) of training.

Central training schools have become very popular and most helpful. Local schools still hold their place. The sustained interest in Training Union work on the part of God's people is just another evidence that Baptist Training Union is from God.

There are many new fields for the trained workers to enter. We mention only one or two here. First, the field of soul-winning. We have not majored on that as a Training Union field and yet it is hard to separate a well-trained church member from the challenge to win the lost to Christ. Our training must be directed toward the main task and we believe that to be soul-winning. Hear Jesus as he says in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Then again in John 20:21—"As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." Then there is the wide open field of tithing. We are as a sleeping giant when it comes to financial strength. We need someone to awaken us to our responsibilities in this business of stewardship of possessions. We cannot shift all these responsibilities to the Sunday school because the follow-through organization so well adapted to do it is the Baptist Training Union. So let us cultivate the fields that have been planted that an abundant harvest may be reaped for the Lord.



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JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

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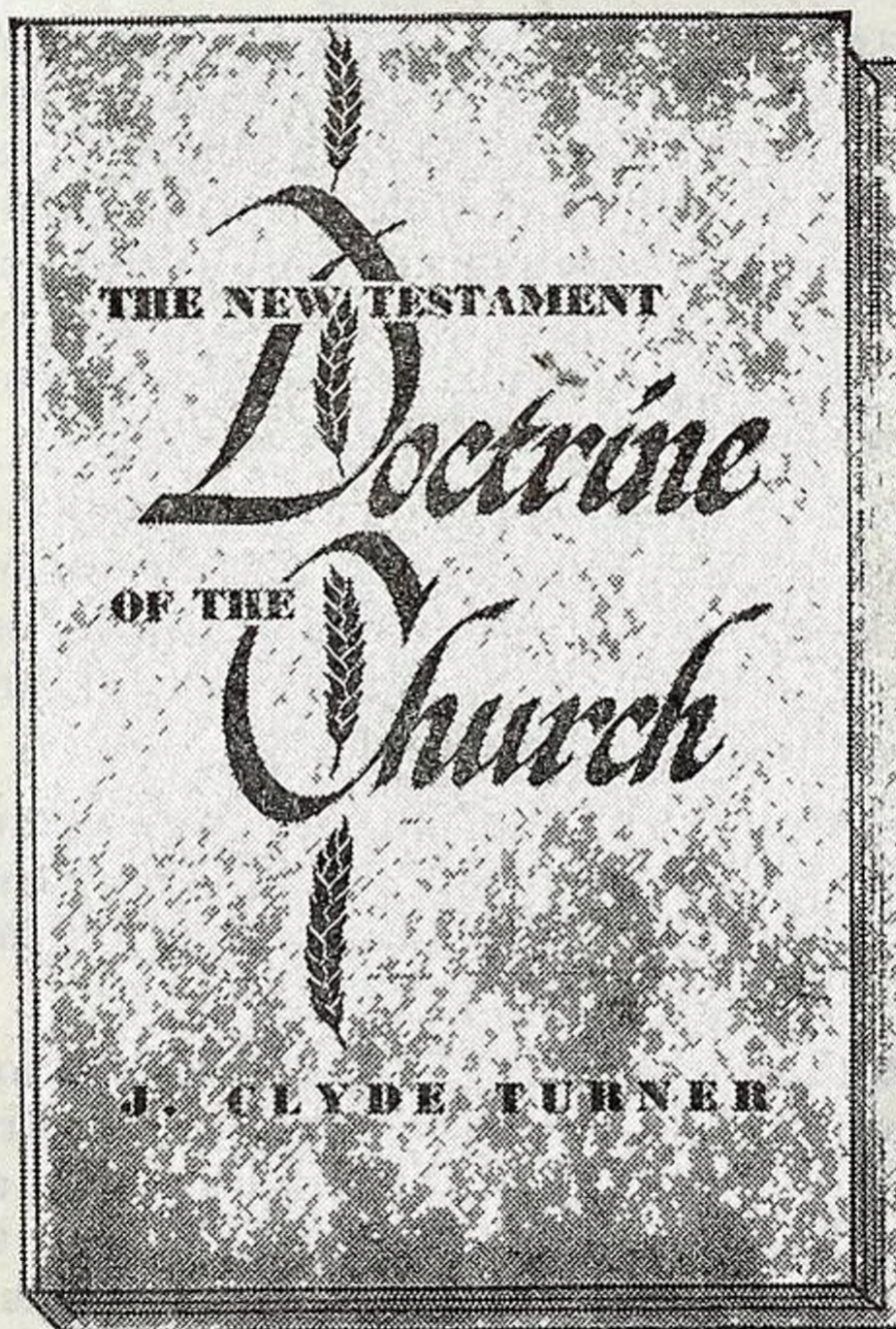
We also want class applications, and if your school is departmentalized, we want department applications. Yes, Standard units are better units—no better than other units, but better than they were before they became Standard.

Study the Standard carefully and prayerfully and resolve to attain. Application blanks will be sent to you upon request.

Happy New Year!

Do you always welcome the coming of January? It is the beginning of a new year. A time for a new beginning—a time for a new beginning in your Sunday school work—a time to lead the Sunday school to greater achievements.

Our responsibilities are too many to begin a new year, 1952, without making some high resolves. Good resolutions made and kept mean worth-while results throughout the year. Let's resolve to make the most of each week in the new Sunday school year!



January Bible Study Week

Don't fail to study the book "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church" by Dr. J. Clyde Turner. You still have time to enrol a large number of people in January Bible Study week. Go after every church member. Yes, go after the Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults. People everywhere ought to study this book.

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A-1 ASSOCIATIONS

The following have reported having reached the Associational Standard of Excellence from October 1950-October 1951.

Carroll-Benton Association, Mrs. Ellis West, Superintendent.

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Shelby County Association, Mrs. D. C. Shepard, Superintendent.

Western District Association, Mrs. M. H. Scholes.

Congratulations to these untiring workers. W.M.U. pins will be presented to them when the state W.M.U. convention meets in Memphis, March 25-27. We should have twice this number this year.

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A-1 Unions

The following churches have reported A-1 Unions which means W.M.S., Y.W.A., G.A., R.A., and Sunbeam Band were A-1 from October 1950-October 1951.

Chilhowie Association, Broadway, Maryville

Crockett, Friendship

Holston, Beulah; Johnson City, Central

Knox County, Gillispie Ave.; South Knoxville

Nashville, Goodlettsville

Shelby County, Central Avenue

Sweetwater, Sweetwater, First

Weakley County, Dresden; Central, Martin.

If we have made an error, please write today to Miss Mary Northington, Belcourt at 16th Ave., South, Nashville.

The New Home Mission Books

We are glad to report to you that books for young people in the 1952 Graded Series of Home Mission Studies are ready. They are:

SUNBEAM PICTURE STORY BOOKS:

Precious in His Sight, The Farmer Twins, Strawberry Road, Anthony Becomes Eagle Heart, Carmita of Cuba and Lilly May and Dan.

JUNIOR BOOKS: Everywhere Preaching the Word (revised and reprinted from 1946, fresh and new) by Josephine R. Medling, is a series of biographies of missionaries representing phases of transportation in service, missionaries traveling on foot, on horseback, by automobile, by train, by street car.

INTERMEDIATES: I, too, Can Be a Missionary, by W. Barry Garrett is a picture of home mission work as gathered from reports of summer student missionaries. This book gives a rather full picture of home mission work but from the youth angle.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS will be challenged by the study of *Tangled Threads* by Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., in which he discusses communism, labor, race, alcoholism and the underprivileged. The other Adult Book is not quite ready. It is *Crusade in Home Missions* by Courts Redford, and will be ready soon.

The resource book is *Home Missions Meeting Spiritual Needs*, by Mary Christian. It is ready, too. All the books in the Series are fifty cents. Order from your Baptist Book Store.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer, Southern Baptist missionaries, have changed their address from Rivoli to Piazza in Lucina 35, Rome, Italy. Mrs. Starmer, formerly Lillie Mae Hylton, is a native of Knoxville, Tenn.

Rev. and Mrs. Ruben I. Franks, Southern Baptist missionary appointees, have completed language study in San Jose, Costa Rica, and are in the States for six weeks before sailing for Chile, their permanent field of service. While in the States they will beat Sugar Tree, Tenn., or 721 Cleburne Avenue, West Helena, Ark. Mr. Franks is a native of Tennessee.

Miss Lorene Tilford, Southern Baptist missionary in Formosa, has requested that her mail be sent to Chang An Tung Road, Lane 11, House 1, Taipei, Formosa. Miss Tilford is a native of Tennessee.

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Usually the men of the church give their time and labor to drive the bus and keep it in repair.

In a recent study of 341 rural churches in 44 states, made by the Rural Church Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J. it was found that the men of the churches contributed 60 different kinds of labor to their church, such as driving a church bus. The report of this study of voluntary labor gifts is entitled, "Men Working."

Haley's Grove church, Crab Orchard, celebrated its 82nd anniversary December 4 with the church history read by pastor Glen Melton and a message brought by Pastor Shields Webb of First church, Crossville. Recognition was given to the deacons of the church and to the oldest and youngest members who were Mr. M. Y. Holloway, and Misses Carol Lee and Sedell Dyal.

Hospital to Receive New Class Next January



A class will be enrolled in the Mather School of Nursing January 8. Young women who are interested in making Nursing a Career and who are graduates of an accredited high school are invited to write for information regarding the training program and for the necessary forms with which to file their applications.

A limited number of scholarships are available to young women who can qualify.

For further information write

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NEW ORLEANS 15, LOUISIANA

University President Declares UMT Bill Morally Wrong

DeLand, Fla.—The Universal Military Training bill upon which the Congress must vote before February 20 is morally, politically and financially unwise, President J. Ollie Edmunds of Stetson University recently told educators assembled at the annual conference of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

"The greatest danger is that the bill will pass before its viciousness has become known, President Edmunds asserted, "passed under prodding of a powerful military lobby already top-heavy with brass."

President Edmunds declared the bill is morally wrong because it takes teen-agers away from home for a period of training in an army camp.

It is financially unwise because it will add a two billion dollar item to the budget each year from now on and will require one person for every two trainees to administer the program.

It is politically unwise because it abandons the policies set down by George Washington in keeping the military under civilian control.

"UMT in peace-time is morally wrong, because it would take every 18-year-old boy away from normal influences of home and the local community, and place them under military men in peace-time. Parents are not reassured of the competence of military instructors by the revelation of the Surgeon General that "the incidence of venereal disease was 37 times as great in our peace-time army as in similar age groups in colleges. The recent shameful disclosures in the Congress of the way the Air Force officers at Kessler Base at Biloxi, Mississippi, neglected their trainees is not a recommendation of military men for anything except military service.

"When it is suggested that the services use training establishments already in existence, such as the public schools and public colleges, the Pentagon answers that "military instruction cannot be given anywhere except in a military establishment." Then it is proposed, after new establishments are constructed, to permanently assign one soldier to every two boys—and spend \$500 per month on each trainee—more than two billions every year from now on.

"Public school administrators are happy when they have one staff member for every 15 students, and if the Congress would appropriate a small portion of the money proposed for UMT to allocate to these schools,

they would do a better job than the Army can do, and a whole lot cheaper. Necessary fundamental military training could be given by the Army in summer camps.

"The gravest threat of UMT is that it constitutes an abandonment of our traditional policy of keeping the military under control of the civilian authorities—a policy first announced by General Washington himself. When UMT starts taking 800,000 young men every year in peace-time and assigns them after training for eight years of reserve service, this country will be under a permanent militaristic regime.

"Business and labor leaders, churchmen, and educators will be faithless to their trusts if they neglect to join General Douglas MacArthur in urging the Congress "wait and get through the emergency that faces us now" before taking on a strange and new program of militarism to be permanently effective in peace-time.

Shirley Park church, Shelby association, has bought a 16½ acre site on the west side of the intersection of the old Millington road and Highway 51 north of Memphis for a proposed \$100,000 first unit in a long range program of development in this unincorporated community with more than 10,000 people. The name of the church has been changed to Frayser Baptist church under which name the church will incorporate. Work is expected to begin in the spring on the new unit. P. O. Davidson coming from First church, Yoakum, Texas, became pastor some six months ago and Thurman Prewett from Southwestern seminary became educational director.

Briefs on Upcoming Public Matters

by J. M. Dawson, Baptist Joint Com. on Public Affairs, Washington

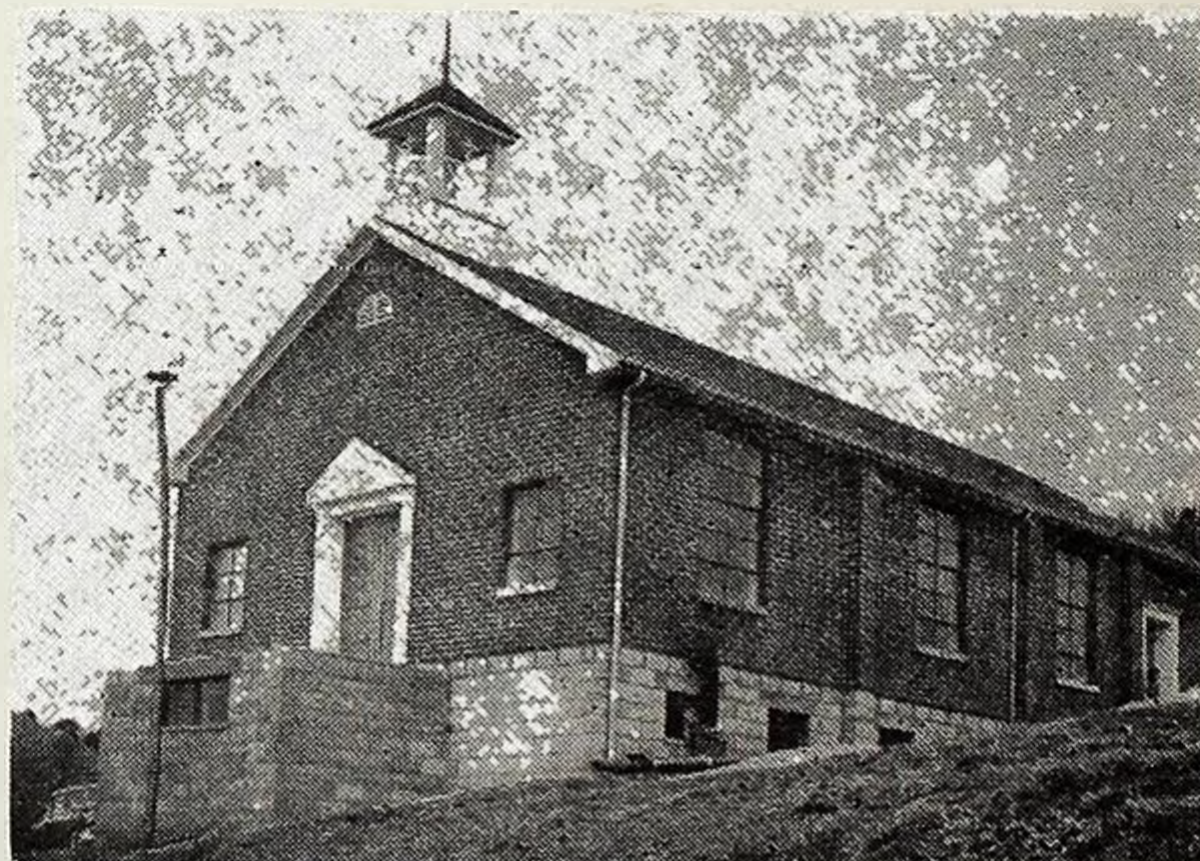
"Francis O. Wilcox, Chief of Staff for the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, writes: 'May I point out that the nomination of General Clark died with the closing session of the 82nd Congress. If the President desires, he may submit the nomination again to the Senate when the session convenes in January. In this event, the nomination would again be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee and hearings would be held if the decision of the Committee were to that effect.' Act now!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. J. M. Dawson's pamphlet on the Vatican appointment has been sent to all pastors urging that church members act now to protest any such appointment by means of personally written letters to Senators and Congressmen. We are glad that Senator Estes Kefauver has publicly stated his opposition to this appointment we have had no such stand as yet on the part of Senator Kenneth D. McKellar.

"We do not now have UMT, in spite of the efforts of the American Legion and the Defense Department to create the impression that UMT is now the law. The National Security Training Commission has made its first report, on October 29, including recommendations for legislation which Congressional Committees are supposed to act upon within 45 legislative days after the next session reconvenes January 8, 1952. Congress was assured of another look at UMT before it can become law. The churches, with practical unanimity, will oppose the enactment of this eight-year conscription proposal, which will add astronomical tax to our groaning war levies and probably do more to encourage war than all other measures."

MISSION PROGRESS EXEMPLIFIED

Two and a half years ago First church, Rogersville, Hobart B. Ford, pastor, established West View Mission (right) which partially completed cost \$15,035.00 including \$1,635 in free labor. The debt is now only \$7,500. Preaching has been full-time since January 1, 1951 and \$18,327.78 has been raised for all purposes. The Sunday school has averaged 110 in attendance, Training Union, 55 and VBS, 65 last year. The WMU has 29 enrolled. During the past year the church had 34 additions, 27 being by baptism. Total membership is 204. Rogersville is a good illustration of how a church through cooperation can do a worthwhile mission work. Robert Markham is the happy pastor of West View Mission. The Building and Grounds Committee is shown in the lower picture.



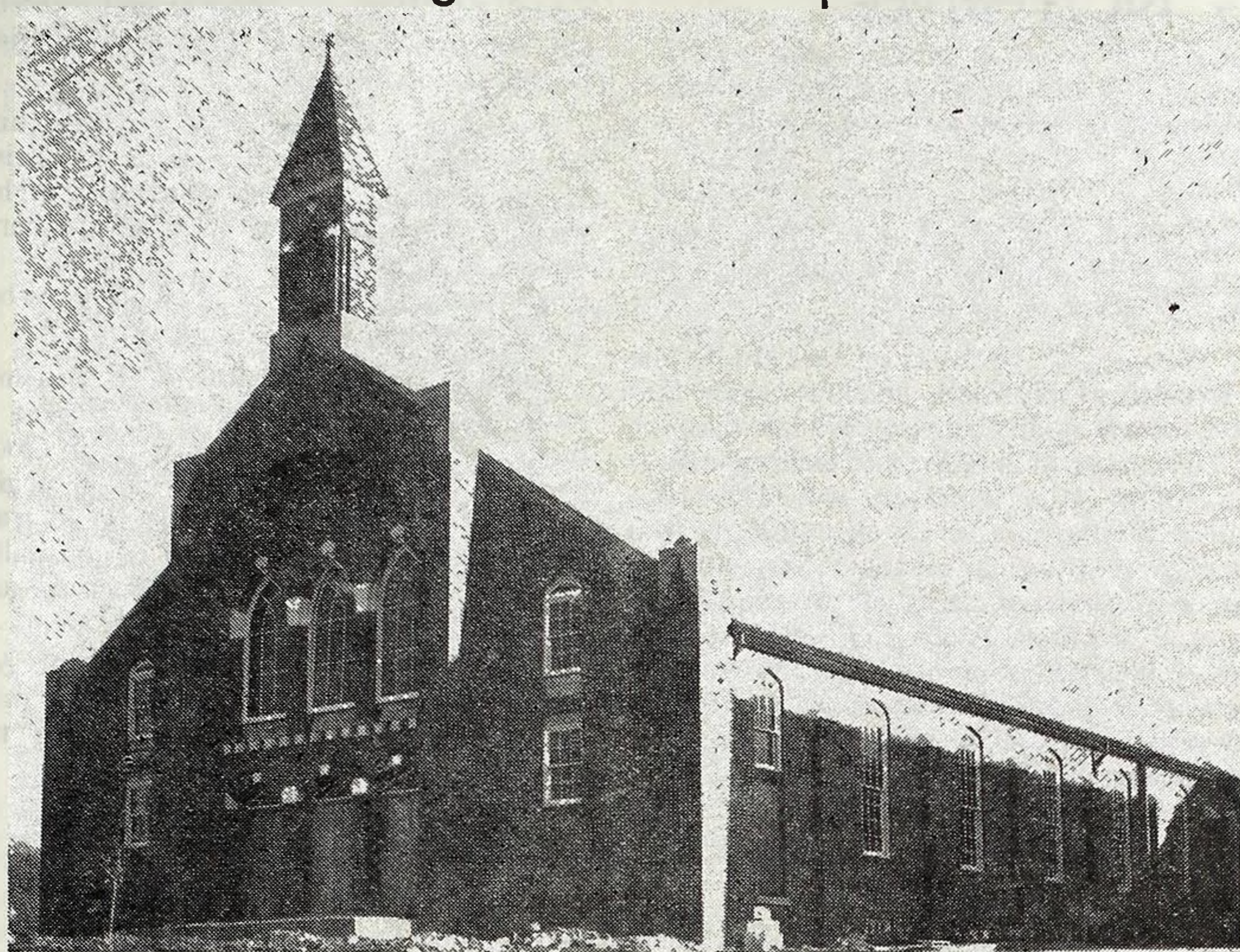
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Sevier Heights to Hold Open House



New Edifice Sevier Heights, Knoxville

—Photo by Harmon McLemore

From an embryo which developed following a revival in a tent led by Rev. Hubert Blair on Sevier Heights Road in the fall of 1936, the Sevier Heights church of Knoxville has enjoyed such phenomenal growth that it will hold "Open House" in one of Knoxville's largest church auditoriums January 13th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The new auditorium seats approximately 1100. There are rooms for about 20 Sunday School classes in the new edifice making approximately 100 rooms for that purpose now in the church.

Plans for the "Open House" include registration of visitors and refreshments. Rev. Raymond T. DeArmond is pastor of the church. Other officers are: Shirley Townsend, Sunday School Superintendent; David Gillenwater, Training Union Director; L. F. Collier, Chairman of Board of Deacons; Mrs. Irene Coleman, Women's Missionary Union President, and Alex Simpson, Brotherhood President.

Originally a band of only forty-seven charter members, the Sevier Heights Church had grown in five years to 271 members; in ten years had upped this figure to 689, and at present has 974 on its roll. Other organizations of the church have grown accordingly. The Sunday School starting with 105 members, now has 1029. The Training Union, starting slowly, had 89 members, had grown only to 96 in five years, then jumped to 248 in ten years and now has upped its membership to 435.

Following the tent revival in 1936, several Baptist citizens of the neighborhood felt the need of a new Baptist Church. So on October 26, 1936, they met at the home of Mrs. Fowler Knight on Lancaster Drive for the purpose of organization. Rev. C. L. Hammond, Rev. T. C. Wyatt and Rev. S. W. Rutledge formed a presbytery for the organization of the church. The New Hampshire Articles of Faith and the Baptist Church Covenant were adopted. The Rev. J. L. Helton was called as first pastor,

and he served until his resignation September 8, 1937.

The first deacons were Lawrence Williams, G. H. Ingle and D. W. Townsend. First Sunday School Superintendent was O. L. Townsend, and the first Training Union Director was Paul Lewis.

Rev. E. W. Knight was the first full-time pastor. He succeeded Rev. Helton and pastored the church until April 5, 1939. On May 14, 1939 Rev. Roy W. Hinchey was selected as pastor and assumed leadership. The basement and auditorium of the old building were completed under his guidance and the church was paid out of debt. During 1945-46 an educational building was erected. December 29, 1948, Rev. Hinchey resigned effective February 1, 1949.

The present pastor, Rev. Raymond T. DeArmond was called January 19, 1949 and took up his duties March 1, 1949.

On January 4, 1950, the present building program officially got under way as Lawrence Williams, chairman, J. E. Hollingsworth, Ottis Townsend, David Gillenwater, and J. J. Hill were elected to the Building Committee. Ground was broken for the new auditorium July 12, 1950.

Actually, this is the fourth building program for the church, excluding the par-

Shelby County Brotherhood Hears Grey

Five hundred men filled the banquet hall of Highland Heights church December 14 for the fourth annual banquet of Shelby county's associational Brotherhood featuring an inspiring address by Dr. J. D. Grey, President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Lawson Cooke, retiring Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, was presented a beautiful platform rocker. His successor, Mr. George Schroeder, installed the following as officers of Shelby county Brotherhood association: T. Robert Acklen of McLean church, president; W. W. Wood of Prescott Memorial church, attendance vice-president; Arthur E. Wright of Speedway Terrace church, program vice-president; J. H. Chambers of Highland Heights church, activities vice-president; C. P. Kidd of Trinity church, song leader. Also as a Pastor's Advisory Committee the following ministers were named: Rev. J. E. Tanksley of Bartlett, Dr. Herbert C. Gahart of McLean and Dr. C. M. Pickler of Boulevard church. Also sharing in the program of the evening were: Mrs. Otto Woolworth, WMU worker for Shelby county, making a plea for support of the Royal Ambassador work; Mr. Bob Lasseter, Union University student, with accordion selections and Mr. E. N. Delzel Brotherhood secretary for Tennessee, emphasizing the "Man and Boy Movement."

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BUSY DOING NOTHING

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It is said that a noted builder one day watched a group of men at work on a church building. He asked the first man, "What are you doing?" The reply was, "Laying bricks." The second man was asked, "What are you doing?" He replied, "Making ten dollars a day." The third worker was asked, "What are you doing?" He stated firmly, "I am helping build a magnificent church where thousands will find Christ and throngs will worship and serve God."

This brief illustration recalls the brief poem:

"We are all blind, unless, we see
That in the human plan—
That nothing is worth the making,
If it does not make the man.
Why build these cities glorious,
If man unbuilt goes?
In vain we build the world,
Unless the builder also grows."

In our day we are told that our society greatly resembles the time when Rome fell. In fact General Henri Giraud gave the following to explain why France fell. "The breakdown of family life, and the home; the uninterrupted pursuit of personal enjoyment and amusement; the universal disregard of the Sabbath; the negation of the people of everything spiritual, ideal or divine; the unwillingness to work or endure discipline; the urge to become rich through dishonesty or intrigue; the placing of the center of life in the corner cafe where alcohol flows freely."

A few weeks ago I sat in the audience at the First Baptist church in Chattanooga and heard Dr. W. F. Powell say that within the past ten years that crime had increased about 136 per cent; that insanity had increased over 800 per cent and that drunkenness had increased several thousand per cent.

We are living in a new day. There is no question about it. A day in which we are on the threshold of the greatest spiritual awakening in world history or we are fast approaching total annihilation. We cannot go on indefinitely insulting God and expect to be spared. Entirely too many people in the world are like the small boy who was "racing for the train, instead of training for a race." And too many are like the old negro woman who had been injured in an automobile accident. A person came up and said, "Auntie, you can get damages for this." She answered, "What I needs is not damages, I needs repairs." The world too has been damaged enough, we need repairs.

I do not mean that we need more alcohol to lull its users into an unreal state of temporary forgetfulness. We do not need more marriages of the unprepared that soon are on the rocks because of a failure to understand the obligations and responsibilities of this serious venture. We do not need to consult more pseudo-psychologists who give worthless advice and counsel. We do

not need to emphasize the worldly allurements that do not give us health, happiness, or an assurance of heaven.

We need to go back or forward to the eternal verities; those abiding values that are time-worn and properly validated; asking God to give us wisdom and the willingness to follow Him with our all. There are miracles happening every day to those who spend more time in prayer. Men are being healed, loved ones are being saved, unemployed are finding jobs and a multitude of marvelous things are occurring. We need to get better acquainted with God's word. The person who reads the Bible will find no time to read trash. When a person daily reads the

Bible every unworthy statement read from a book will create a painful wound whereby the reader will refrain from participating in this unholy practice.

We need more dedication of time and talents and money to the cause of Christ. Herein lies our only real happiness in this world and the hope of a rich reward hereafter. This matter of total surrender to Christ is difficult for the Christian to do but this is necessary to spiritual maturity.

We need to transfer our interests in material achievements to more time spent in the causes for the advancement of God's program. Our churches should not apologize for a full program but rather should train the members to assume more responsibility for greater participation in the enlarged and enriched program.

This all leads up to one question: Are we busy doing God's work? My firm conviction is that most of us are entirely too busy doing nothing.



Sanctuary and renovated education building of First church, Gallatin, which were dedicated debt-free Sunday, November 25, with Clyde C. Bryan of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, a former pastor preaching.



The Note burning ceremony featured in the service was presided over by Pastor John C. Huffman (center) when George W. Pardue, (left) many years treasurer of the church, presented the cancelled notes to the church which were received by Horace N. Parks (right), chairman of the deacons.

The edifice cost approximately \$120,000 and the last payment was made in the sum of \$1,500. The church had borrowed \$27,500 which was repaid within two years.

First Church, Gallatin, now plans to increase its gifts to the Cooperative Program and begin a branch Sunday school on the third Sunday of December.

Growth of Una Church Recounted Under New Pastor



"Eugene B. Roberts assumed his duties as pastor of the Una Baptist Church, June 1, 1951. Having been here only two weeks he attended the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco.

"Brother Roberts received his A.B. degree from Carson-Newman College, and the Th.M. from the Southern Seminary in Louisville.

"I first met Brother Roberts following an associational Sunday School meeting while he was Superintendent in the Nashville Association. I talked with him then about the possibility of coming to our church as pastor. It was not until almost two years later that we were able to get him to come and work with us.

"Since his coming the Lord has richly blessed his ministry and our fellowship together. Some of the visible results are a 25% increase in Sunday school attendance; the offerings have increased 85%. We have secured a Minister of Music, Roy Disspayne; a station wagon has been purchased; gifts to the Cooperative Program increased 50%. At the request of the church, Brother Roberts did the preaching in our fall revival with 19 additions, 11 by baptism. Fifteen families dedicated their homes to have family altars. Many reported this to be the best revival since 1916. There had been 31 additions before the revival making a total of 50 during the 5-month period. Growth is also reflected in the other organizations. Plans are now under way to build a sanctuary, and increase the educational space."—Ben B. Rice, Chairman of Deacons

Pastor J. Scott Blystone of First Baptist church, Waynesville, Mo., urges friends and relatives of men stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to send to him their names and addresses.

New Books

New 1952 Graded Series of Home Mission study books received include: *"Crusade in Home Missions"* by Courts Redford (Adults); *"Tangled Threads"* by Ralph Phelps, Jr. (Young People); *"I, too, Can Be a Missionary"* by W. Barry Garrett (Intermediates); *"Everywhere Preaching the Word"* by Josephine R. Medlin (Juniors). Price of each book is 50c.

"The Biblical Illustrator" (Matthew) edited by Joseph S. Exell; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. 688 pp. \$4.95. First volume in a 57-volume reprint project to cover the entire Bible. A compilation from centuries of sermonic material treating Matthew verse by verse. The 900 Bible students and preachers drawn on for contributions to this volume include some of the most famed in history. A few of the homiletic treatments may be chaff but for the most part good wheat will be found in this large volume of sermon outlines, notes, practical lessons on the text.

"Aren't You Ashamed?"

WACO, Texas—Only one hand went up when Dr. J. D. Bragg, history professor at Baylor University asked his class if anybody knew the subject nature of the Monroe Doctrine.

It was a question out of a clear sky, and the single answer, in itself, was not surprising; but the fact that the hand belonged to Miss Maria de la Luz Pangtay of Tampico, a Mexican student of Chinese ancestry, was surprising.

The student increased the surprise to actual shock when she quoted verbatim the textbook's full discussion of the doctrine.

Dr. Bragg reported that he marked down an "A" for the foreign student, then asked the rest of the class; "Aren't you ashamed?"

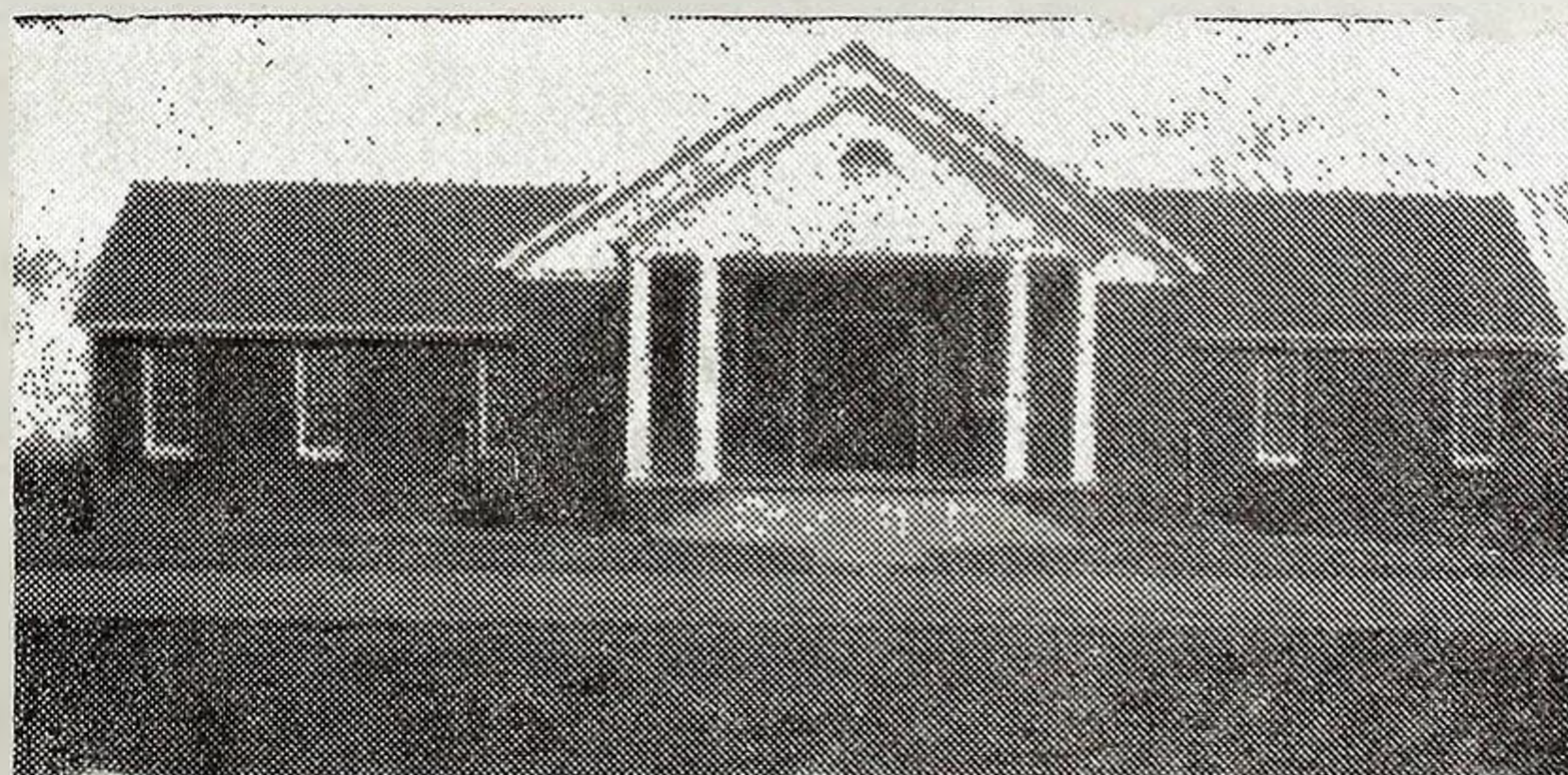
Bradleys Creek Church Moves Forward



FRANK EDWARDS

Bradley's Creek church, Concord association, is happy in the past year's work and the leadership of Pastor Frank Edwards. Brother Edwards conducted the spring revival and was assisted by Pastor Leonard Sanderson of Lewisburg in revival services in the summer. Fourteen were baptized. Two young men surrendered to full Christian service.

The Sunday school enrollment has increased greatly through the efforts of Superintendent Andrew Wrather. Men of the church have beautified the church grounds and church cemetery which has become one of the most beautiful in the area. Some of the men donated as much as ten days of work, some gave money and help in other ways on this project. The BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR has been put in the budget. A new floor is to be put in the auditorium. The W. M. U. along with other church organizations has had a commendable record, reports Thomas L. Craddock, church clerk.



CHARLESTON CHURCH : . . This attractive \$25,000 sanctuary was dedicated November 25. Many hours of labor were donated during construction of the building. R. B. Owens has been pastor since May, 1949. On December 9 he preached his last sermon before moving to Gates where he is pastoring two half-times churches, Gates and Enon.

Atomic Research Dates Bible Manuscript

Bible study has now been added to the growing list of peace-time uses for atomic energy. Nuclear scientists, using a Geiger counter, state they have established the approximate age of the Dead Sea scrolls found in a cave in Palestine four years ago. They date from the time of Christ, as archeologists have maintained, and not from the Middle Ages, as some language scholars have insisted. These ancient Hebrew scrolls of the Book of Isaiah thus have been verified as the oldest known Biblical manuscript.

Willard F. Libby, a radio chemist at the University of Chicago, devised the technique for dating by radioactivity. The December issue of *Popular Science Monthly* tells how Libby obtained fragments of the linen wrappings in which the scrolls were stored, burned them to pure carbon, then measured the radioactivity of the carbon-14 in a special Geiger counter, arriving at the conclusion that the flax from which the linen was made was alive and breathing 1,917 years ago.

This would date the scrolls in the year 34 A.D., approximate date of the Crucifixion, but Libby notes that allowance must be made for a margin of error of a century or two either way.

"When the atom bomb first mushroomed its message of death and destruction into the sky six years ago," says *Popular Science*, "there were many who speculated on the future uses of atomic energy. But few if any put Bible study on their list.

"Now, as Christmas of 1951 nears, we find science revealed as the handmaid of religion; radioactive carbon-14 and the Geiger counter casting new light on the accuracy of the Bible. Cosmic rays that bombarded the earth when Christ was born have left behind a coded message for nuclear physicists to decipher.

"It was strangely fitting that nuclear scientists, turning from war to peacetime research, should undertake the task of determining the age of an ancient transcript of the Book of Isaiah, usually considered the greatest of the Old Testament prophets.

"For it was Isaiah who envisioned a time when the weapons of war would be recon-verted into the tools of peace: 'They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' And it was Isaiah who asked: 'Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighted the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?'"

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Inter-agency Council Names Dr. Allen as New Chairman

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Inter-agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Nashville last month, named Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, as chairman.

The Council is composed of representatives from the ten or more agencies of the Convention and functions as a correlating educational channel for promoting the work of the agencies.

Other officers elected were Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C., vice-chairman; Dr. Frank K. Means, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, recording secretary; George W. Schroeder, Baptist Brotherhood, Memphis, Tennessee, assistant recording secretary; and Dr. J. O. Williams, education and promotion division of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, treasurer.

Dr. Allen was also named by a committee on home and foreign missions as writer of the suggested Sunday school assembly program for Home and Foreign Missions day, March 29, 1953.

Louisiana Executive Secretary Dies After Month-long Illness

ALEXANDRIA, La.—(BP)—Dr. W. H. Knight, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention since 1941, died early Thursday morning, December 13, in Alexandria, following a month-long illness. He had been in the Baptist Hospital since early November when he suffered a heart ailment.

Dr. Knight, a native of Louisiana, had been active in Baptist leadership since his student pastorates while in Louisiana College.

Serving on the Southwestern Seminary faculty as professor of missions from 1918 to 1923 and again in 1929-1932, he also earned the doctor of theology degree from the institution in 1919.

Prior to coming to Louisiana as head of the state work, his pastorates included Riverside Church, Fort Worth, Texas; First Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; First Church, El Dorado, Arkansas; Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Georgia; and First Church, Pineville, Louisiana.

Several churches while under his ministry were well-known for their high record of baptisms.

He served on many boards and committees for various institutions during his more than thirty-five years of service. Among them were the state executive boards of Louisiana, Georgia and Arkansas, in addition to the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and the Education Commission.