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Can a Child of God Become Lost?

"My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father who hath given them unto me is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." John 10:27-29. Read Romans 8:18-39, II Tim. 1:12; I Pet. 1:3-5.

A question that sometimes gives much concern to certain people is this, Can a saved person lose his salvation? When questioned about their spiritual condition some will answer, "I used to be a Christian, but not now." An answer like that reveals a mistaken idea concerning what it is to be a Christian, and from such false concepts much trouble has come.

I have no desire merely to rescue a certain theory taught by some but rather to help us see by the grace of God the nature of the salvation God provides in Jesus Christ our Lord.

There are two different ideas concerning Christian salvation. One of these is, plainly speaking, the idea that a person is saved and then is "on probation." He may later be lost, or as it is termed, "fall from grace." This is what is known as the Arminian view, from James Arminius, a theologian who taught that a person who has been saved may lose that salvation. The second idea which by contrast holds that a truly saved person will never lose that salvation is commonly termed the Calvinistic view from John Calvin another theologian who died about the time Arminius was born. These men lived four hundred years ago. But the different views concerning the nature of salvation did not begin with them. It came about however that their names were given to the two theologies inasmuch as the question we consider now was then in the center of their discussions. Can a saved person lose this salvation?

We must go back beyond James Arminius and John Calvin to answer this question. We must return to the Bible itself. And doing that, we find that in the light of its teaching we are led to answer this question in the negative. We hold that a person truly converted can never ultimately be lost. This doctrine is called, "The Perseverance of the Saints." Considered from the human side it is perseverance; from the divine side it is preservation. God's people persevere in grace. God preserves His people by grace.

The Person Who Has Been Truly Saved Will Not Lose That Salvation Because of the Nature of That Salvation

1. He has become a child of God.

By the new birth he is made partaker of God's nature.

When a child is born to a father and mother he can never cease to be their child. Though he wander away, he remains their child. So it is with God's children. They may be wayward, but still they are His children. If the parable of the prodigal teaches us anything it teaches us that the Father never disclaimed the wandering son though that son had gone into the far country and brought great sorrow to his parent. We are not children of our parents only so long as we behave, for that relationship is not based on conduct, but it is based on shared nature.

2. He has become united to Christ.

The believer comes into vital and lasting union with Jesus Christ. He is said to be "in Christ." He is described as being a member of the body of Christ (Eph. 5:30) Eph. 2:13. "But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ" (II Cor. 5:11). "If any man be in Christ. . ."

3. He has become partaker of eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Jn. 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him." Then Jesus promised in Jn. 5:24 "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life and cometh not into judgment but hath passed out of death into life."

Eternal life for the believer is not postponed till after this life, but is a present experience. It is eternal life, everlasting

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life. This has both a qualitative and a quantitative meaning. It is eternal in nature partaking of that which is timeless and imperishable. It has the essential quality of being also enduring and endless. The moment you trust in Christ to the saving of your soul you receive eternal life; and since it is eternal, it can have no end. The present tense is used, "He that believeth on the Son *hath* eternal life" (Jn. 3:36). Then note in Jn. 5:24 our Lord assures us that whoever believes Christ's word as God's message receives the life of God into his spirit and such a one 'does not come to trial'; he will not come under condemnation in judgment. He has as a present experience eternal life (not merely a right to it, nor merely a prospect of eternal life, but a present actual possession of eternal life). And since he has eternal life he has made transition from the realm of death to the realm of life; and the result of that transition continues. The tense used signifies an act of decisiveness and completeness. Judgment in the sense of condemnation is past, something no more to be faced. It was settled at the cross.

This experience of grace is in Christ. "By grace are ye saved through faith." This is God's gift. Our salvation is wrought in us of God. It is not a human achievement. Yet what God would work in us we must work out, cooperating with God. Phil. 2:12-13.

A Person May Be Deceived About His Salvation

He may think he has been saved when in truth he has not. He may have had a mere emotional experience. Jesus pictured such in the parable of the seeds. He may have mistaken the way of salvation: thinking that church membership, moral living, observing rules and regulations and rites justifies him with God. He may have presumed on God, not humbly penitently trusted God. He may erroneously think, "Now I'm a child of God, God has got

to take care of me no matter what I do."—a person with an idea like that has *shut his eyes to the Word of God*, and talks and acts like an unregenerate! Those who see the cross and know the price of their redemption hate sin, forsake sin, humbly obey God.

Here are two scriptures we should heed: II Cor. 13:5 "Try your own selves whether ye are in the faith" 2 Pet. 1:10. "Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things (add, add, add) ye shall never stumble: for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

There are some scriptures which seem to imply that one may be lost. A careful study of these will bring us to see that they do not necessarily refer to those who have actually been born again, but to those who draw near to the experience of salvation but never actually trust Christ for salvation.

Jn. 15:2 "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." Verse six refers to those who may profess Christ but do not possess the Spirit. "Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance," is God's demand. The fruit of the Spirit is given in Gal. 5:22-23.

II Pet. 2:21 refers to people whose natures have never been changed even as the dog remains a dog and returns to his vomit, and the sow because it is still a sow again wallows in the mire. So there are souls that turn back because their natures have never been changed. They still love the things they have always loved.

Heb. 6:4-6 with verse nine giving us the key to the interpretation, "We are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." The things described above do *not* accompany salvation—such people came near to being saved, but at the doorway of the kingdom they turned back, "fell away."

These scriptures warn men *not to presume on God*. God saves men on God's terms: **repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ**. We are not saved by works, but by grace. But having been saved by grace we are to work for God as a result of that salvation; not to secure it. One may be saved, yet miss the rewards of salvation. I Cor. 3:14-15, "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire."

The Person Who Trusts Christ to the Saving of His Soul Never Is Ultimately Lost Because

1. Of the Promise of Christ.

Jn. 10:27-29. The Good Shepherd speaks

of the Sheep. "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father who is greater than all hath given them unto me; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." The child of God is secure because of the promise of the Lord.

2. Of the Purpose of God in Christ.

Eph. 1:11. "In whom also we were made a heritage having been fore-ordained according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the council of his will."

All the great doctrines of grace hang together and all would fall if a single child of God should be permitted to go to hell. Rom. 8:29 tells us how God carries through his Divine purpose. "For whom he foreknew he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren; and whom he fore-ordained them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

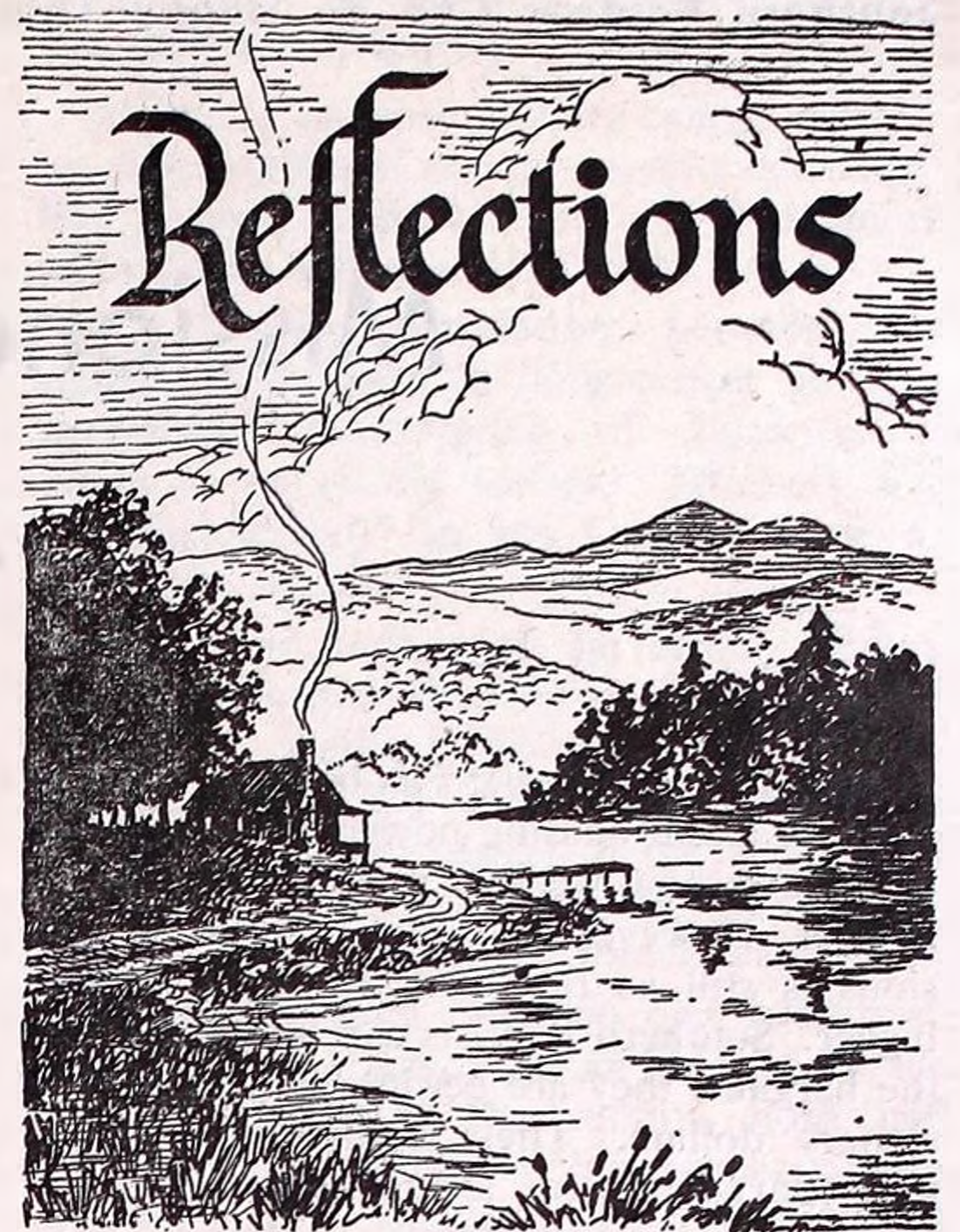
Then we note from Phil. 1:6 that God carries his intent to completion. Paul writes assuringly to his friends at Philippi, "Being confident of this very thing that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ." At conversion God *begins* a good work of saving the individual and God does not abandon his work. God does not tire nor lose heart nor make mistakes so that he needs cease what he initiated. Salvation begins not with us, but with God, and it is *completed also by God's activity* on our behalf.

3. Of the Power of God on our behalf through Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his ascension to the right hand of the Father and the coming in power of the Holy Spirit into the life of the believer mean that *God's power assures* the finality of our salvation.

I Pet. 1:3-5. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Can a saved person ever be lost? That depends on *who* does the saving! If man does his own saving by his good works then when he quits working he is lost. But if God does the saving, then of course if God fails the soul is lost, but if God is faithful and does what he promises, then the soul that trusts him will never be lost. Don't belittle God! Don't belittle what he did for you on the cross. Honor God!



He is greatest who is never defeated by his own defeats.—J. William Lloyd, "Serenity of Life," *New Outlook*.

From the end of World War I the federal tax per capita dropped from \$50.81 to \$12.89 in '33, when F. D. R. moved into the White House. Today it's \$326.82 per capita.—Neal O'Hara, *McNaught Syndicate*.

The present-day delusion is an attempt to enrich everyone at the expense of everyone else; to make plunder universal under the pretense of organizing it.—Frederic Bastiat, *The Law* (Foundation for Economic Education).

The dignified old lady, a pillar of the congregation, shook hands with the pastor after services. "Wonderful sermon!" she exclaimed. "Everything you said applies to somebody or other I know."—Rev. Brock T. Sutton, *Pageant*.

The first book on occupational diseases ever published was written in the early 1700's by Ramazzini, an Italian physician. A recent translation presents this fable with which he illustrated the relation between mind and body:

"The ox said to the camel, his fellow slave who refused to help him by sharing his load: 'very soon you will be carrying the whole of this load of mine.' Then the ox died and it happened as he said. That is what happens to the mind when it refuses to let the body relax awhile and rest as it demands; and presently it is attacked by some fever or vertigo, the books, disputations and studies are laid aside, and the mind is compelled to fall sick and suffer along with the body."—*Property*, syndicated by Cambridge Associations.

Missionary Dollars Are Still Big

by J. D. GREY, President, Southern Baptist Convention

The American dollar has become pitifully small in its purchasing power. The price index shows how weak it is on the consumer market. However the dollar invested in missions is still as big as it ever was, if not bigger. Southern Baptists can be happy over the bargains they are getting with their missionary dollars. Their dollars invested in missionary activities around the world are bringing glorious dividends!

This observation comes from a journey of 19,360 miles and brief visits to seventeen countries, including several Southern Baptist mission fields. In all of these places I saw American dollars at work. Industry has them working; world trade, world transportation and the military have them working. The Marshall Plan has our dollars working for the tremendous benefit of many nations. But nowhere did I see a dollar bringing as great and lasting benefits as the missionary dollar.

I saw the missionary dollar at work. I saw it on missions of mercy in war-devastated countries as it brought relief from famine, encouragement and hope to displaced persons. I saw it in the work of reconstruction as bombed-out churches were being repaired and as many small church buildings and chapels were being erected in areas wholly destitute of the evangelical faith. As a typical case I cite a chapel built by Southern Baptists at Salzburg, Austria, where the Baptist church already has 200 members and ministers to thousands who are swarming out of Communist-infested Eastern Europe. If every Southern Baptist could see just one situation like Salzburg, he would be happy over the return on his investment and sad because he had not given more.

Our missionary dollars are at work in medical missions. In just one field—Nigeria—I beheld scenes that would make the angels rejoice. Our Southern Baptist doctors and nurses there are truly “angels of mercy” and humble servants of Christ as the Lord uses them to place healing hands on diseased bodies and win to Christ those who are being healed. One missionary doctor just completing a major operation said to me, “God has saved the life of this pagan man; the operation seems to be a success. I must now seek to win him to Christ before he leaves the hospital. I feel God has helped me in ministering to his body so I may also minister to his soul.” I saw instances and heard of many more

where entire pagan communities have been turned to faith in Christ because of the efficient medical care and the humble Christian lives of the medical missionaries. But with a limited personnel and equally limited facilities they cannot begin to meet the needs. In hospitals, leper colonies, women’s dispensaries, and in homes for abandoned infants the missionaries are “making brick without straw.”

I saw also our missionary dollars hard at work in the field of education and evan-

for education in Nigeria. A new nation is being born. More and more the British are handing over the reins of Nigeria’s destiny to the natives. The extent to which these new leaders are Christian in their attitudes depends upon what we have done and will do in giving them Christian education. Every one of our schools is a focal point for intensive evangelistic activity. Our missionary dollars are hard at work through the Seminary at Ogbomosho. Here the native pastors and Baptist leaders are being well trained for their work. A strong spirit of evangelism emanates from the seminary. This is demonstrated by the fact that last year there was one baptism for every nine Baptists in Nigeria while here at home we had one baptism for every nineteen members.

What our missionary dollars are doing in education and evangelism elsewhere, they are doing also in Brazil. A brief visit at only one mission station—Recife—convinced me of this. The 47 Baptist churches of the city were in the midst of a Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. Both the Seminary and the Woman’s Training School had dismissed classes for the week to enable the students to work in the crusade. In addition to regular services in these churches and additional mission stations, other activities of such a crusade were being carried on. Numerous radio broadcasts were heard each day and, on the opening Sunday, fifteen open-air services were held and at five o’clock each afternoon an evangelistic service was held in a public square in the heart of the city. All of these services had tremendous crowds and a marvelous response. What I witnessed in Recife was happening, I was told, throughout Brazil and the rest of South America. I noted the same spirit in evangelistic fervor when I stopped briefly in Venezuela where our mission work is only a little over one year old.

The missionary dollar also gets us more than our money’s worth in the type of missionary personnel we have. In caliber, ability, consecration and spirit, our missionaries are among the finest Christian workers on earth. Most of them are doing the work of two or three men and they do it without complaining.

Southern Baptists, your missionary dollars are still the biggest in the world. The only trouble is we don’t have enough of these dollars at work.



gelism. Be assured on the mission field these two must always be inseparably linked together. The same ought to be the case on the home field as well. At Ruschlikon, our Seminary is training the leaders who will shape the destiny of Europe for a thousand years. In Nigeria in the elementary schools, high schools, colleges and seminary, we have Christian education indeed. It is active—not simply passive. Not only are our preachers being trained in our Baptist schools, but school teachers, businessmen, and public officials. A minister in the government at Lagos is a product of our Baptist schools. There is an insatiate thirst

The Southern Baptist Convention Calendar

Co-ordinated Denominational Activities for 1953

January

Cooperative Program Emphasis
Special Bible Study Week
Church Schools of Missions Emphasis
Student Life-Commitment Day, January 11
W. M. S. Focus Week, January 18-23

February

The Theological Seminaries
W. M. U. Training School
Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 1
Y. W. A. Focus Week, February 8-14

March

Home Missions
W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering, March 2-6*
Training Union Study Courses (avoiding Week of Prayer)
Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday school and Offering, March 29*

April

Doctrinal Emphasis
Christian Literature and Church Libraries
Youth Week in the churches, sponsored by the Training Union, April 5-12

May

Hospital Ministry
Christian Home Week, May 3-10
W. M. U. Annual Meeting, May 3-5
Southern Baptist Convention, May 6-10
G.A. Focus Week, May 10-16

June

Relief and Annuity Board (and Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers*)
Vacation Bible Schools
Ridgecrest, Glorieta, State Assemblies, and Camps
Christian Education Day, June 28

July

Ridgecrest, Glorieta, State Assemblies, and Camps
Volunteer Summer Service by Students
Summer Revivals

August

Ridgecrest, Glorieta, State Assemblies, and Camps
Summer Revivals
Sunbeam Focus Week, August 9-15
Off-to-College Day in the Home Churches

September

Associational Stewardship Meetings
Foundations: Southern Baptist and State
Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings
Training Union Planning Meetings (or in October or November)
W. M. U. Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering (as promoted by the state W. M. U.)
Student Join-the-Church Day (Sunday following college opening)
September 13-20, TRANSFER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WEEK

October

Sunday School Training Courses
State Papers and Missionary Magazines
Church Sunday School Planning Meetings
Layman's Day, October 11
Christian Stewardship Week, October 18-25
State Mission Day in the Sunday School and Offering, October 25 (as promoted by the states)

November

R.A. Focus Week, November 1-7
Pledge Day and Every-Member Canvass, November 15 (or nearest convenient Sunday)
Student Evangelistic Week (in college centers), November 15-22
Orphanage Day and Offering (as promoted by the states)

December

Foreign Missions
Every-Member Canvass (completed)
W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, November 30 to December 4*
Southwide Simultaneous Associational Training Union Meetings, December 7
Student Night at Christmas, December 27

*These offerings have been approved by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The special doctrinal emphasis for 1953 is the Holy Spirit and stewardship.

NOTE—At sometime during the year, emphasize the service to all types of Southern Baptist work, at home and abroad, which the American Bible Society renders by supplying the Scriptures, without profit and usually below cost, and explain its need for contributions from the churches.

Cigarette Smoking Linked To Rise in Lung Cancer

Alarming increase in lung cancer mortality plus significant rise in cigarette consumption prompt medical authorities to examine smoking as a major "suspect."

A startling correlation between the staggering increase in lung cancer and the ever-rising consumption of cigarettes is made in an article entitled "Smokers Are Getting Scared!" in the October issue of *Christian Herald*.

Ray Norr, author of the article, cites a recent study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* which reveals that in 1914 only 442 men and 166 women died from cancer of the larynx and lung. Now, however, the same disease kills 19,000 men and 5,000 women each year.

Norr points out that "no one questions" the effect of tobacco as an irritant to the mucous lining of the mouth, nose and throat, that it aggravates hoarseness, coughing, chronic bronchitis and tonsillitis, that it may be suicidal in cases of gastric and duodenal ulcers, that it interferes with normal digestion, contracts the blood vessels, increases the heart rate, raises the blood pressure. He adds: "In many involvements of heart disease—the greatest killer of modern times—the first order from the doctor is to cut out smoking immediately."

Recently, he continues, the role of cigarette smoking as a direct cause of cancer of the respiratory tract is getting more and more professional attention. An investigation by the Medical Research Council of England and Wales concludes that "above the age of 45, the risk of developing the disease (lung cancer) increases in simple proportion with the amount smoked, and may be 50 times as great among those who smoked 25 or more cigarettes daily as among non-smokers."

Cancer of the stomach, Norr, points out, had been the largest cause of cancer mortality for many years, but in 1949 over twice as many patients with cancer of the lung as with gastric cancer were admitted to the Memorial Hospital in New York. He quotes Dr. Alton Ochsner, former President of the American Cancer Society and director of the famous Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans as saying: "It is frightening to speculate on the possible number of bronchogenic (lung and larynx) cancers that might develop as the result of the tremendous number of cigarettes consumed in the two decades from 1930 to 1950."

After noting that other authorities make similar correlation between smoking and lung cancer, Norr proposes a four-point Prevent Cancer Campaign that will dramatize the perilous threat of tobacco. He would: Alert the public to the danger; stop the fake testimonials which help instill the habit in adolescents; rip off the mask from cigarette claims by publicizing, among other facts, that cigarettes contain chemicals both harmful and deadly; and, fourth, "break the stranglehold of the tobacco huckster" on television and radio.

Several of you have written me that you enjoy seeing the letters just as they come from Young South boys and girls. From them you are making your own word pictures and choosing pen pals. Would you like to meet six more new friends today? Here are their letters. Draw a line under words which tell you something about the friends. That will help you to choose a pen pal who will be interested in the same things you like, or who will have something interesting to share with you.

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am a girl thirteen years of age. I am five feet, three inches tall and have black hair.

I go to Shellsford Baptist Church where I am a member. I have been a member for almost two years. I am in the Intermediate class, both morning and night. Brother John S. Trent is my pastor.

My father drives the church bus.

I am in the seventh grade at school. I go to Brookside Grammar School.

I do not have a special hobby.

This is my first time to write to you. I hope I will get lots of pen pals. I will answer every letter I receive.

Thank you for putting my letter in the Young South column.

Love,

ALICE LANGFORD

Route 3

McMinnville, Tennessee

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am a girl fourteen years old. I have brown hair and blue eyes. I am a member of East Ridge Baptist Church and have been a Christian for six years. I am in the eighth grade at Central High School. I have no special hobby. I would like to have many pen pals. I will answer all letters promptly.

Love,

HELEN RIGHTINUE

5404 Oakdale Avenue

Chattanooga, Tennessee

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am eight years of age. I would like many pen pals. I go to Central Baptist Church in Fountain City. Our pastor is Brother Charles S. Bond. I am a Christian. I would like some Christian friends. My brother worked at Ridgecrest this summer. He was a cook.

Love,

CARRIE ANNA MILLARD

Fountain City, Tennessee

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am thirteen years old. I am in the eighth grade.

I go to New Lebanon Baptist Church. Rev. Moureback is our pastor. I am a Christian and a member of the church. I am in the Intermediate Class. I am Vice President of the G.A. Our leader is Mrs. Johnny Mitchell.

I go to Last Mountain School.

I have two brothers and no sisters.

I would like to have many pen pals and will answer every letter.

Sincerely yours,

JOYCE ANN WEEMS

Route 12

Greeneville, Tennessee

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am thirteen years old. My birthday was September 18. I am five feet and one-half inch tall. I am in the eighth grade.

I read the Young South column in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR each week and enjoy it very much.

I go to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Brother David Cooper is our pastor.

My parents are deaf and also cannot talk. I am a Christian and am willing to do whatever the Lord wants me to.

I hope to get lots of pen pals. Please put this letter in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

Love,

CARRIE EARLY

Route 1

Cross Plains, Tennessee

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am eight years old. I am in the fourth grade. I go to Loudon Grammar School and to Loudon Baptist Church. Our pastor is Brother Paul Hall. I have been a Christian since March 2.

My Sunbeam leader is Mrs. Joe M. Carter. I have only one pen pal. She lives at Sweetwater. I would like to have many others. I will answer every letter I receive. Thank you kindly.

MARY ESTHER MILLSAPS

930 Vable Street

Loudon, Tennessee

Did you have a pen pal among those new friends? I hope so. There are several more letters on hand and I will share them with you just as soon as possible. Thank you for being so patient.

Your friend,

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, South

Nashville, Tennessee



LAUGHS

From

Here and There

A Negro was brought into court for hitting another Negro with a brick.

"Why did you hit him?" he was asked.

"He called me an ape," said the Negro.

"When?"

"Three months ago."

"Why did you wait so long?"

"Because," said the colored man, "I ain't seen no ape 'til yisstidy."

Did anyone ever see a man who is so superstitious that he would rather receive two dollars a week than thirteen dollars a week?

"The thought of marrying a millionaire haunts me."

"No wonder, it's a ghost of a chance."

Nurse: "How would you like to go to heaven, and wear a golden crown?"

Patient: "Not if the dentist is going to put it on."

Lawyer: "Why are you suing the Railway?"

Farmer: "Because of my cows."

Lawyer: "You mean the trains go so fast that they killed a cow on the track?"

Farmer: "No, because their passengers are leaning out of the windows and milking them as the trains go by."

The question was asked a student, "What are the Epistles?" The student said, "Why, they are the wives of the apostles."

"I prescribed absolute quietness for your husband," said the Doctor. "Here is the sleeping pill." "When do I give it to him?" "You don't give it to him, you take it yourself."

The man put his hand in the horse's mouth to see how many teeth he had. The horse closed his mouth to see how many fingers the man had.

Both were satisfied—I think.

Mother: "What makes the baby cry so?"

Little Jenny: "Oh, he got fussy when I tried to open his mouth with Daddy's shoe-stretcher."

"That gorgeous girl mistook me for her brother and gave me a kiss."

"What did you do?"

"As it did not belong to me, I gave it back to her."

Murry: "I wonder if Jones meant anything by giving me a ticket to a lecture on Fools?"

Pitus: "Why do you ask?"

Murry: "Because the ticket said, Admit one."

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Matthew 3 and 4 (Larger)—Matt. 3:16 to 4:11, 17 (Printed)—Hebrews 10:7 (Golden).

JESUS DEDICATES HIS LIFE

Beginning with this lesson and continuing through the next two quarters the materials will be found in the book of Matthew. This should make for a better concentration of study for all concerned. "It is a study of the entire Gospel with particular emphasis upon passages that are characteristic of Matthew, such as the story of the Wise Men, the Sermon on the Mount, and the Parables of the Kingdom. One emphasis of the study is upon Jesus as the Great Teacher. Effort is made to discover the values in this Gospel for Christian living." These words have been given to introduce the series.

It will be observed that chapters one and two of Matthew will be studied during the Christmas season, so that the first lesson of the quarter begins with chapter three. It will also be seen that the account of the resurrection of Jesus will be studied on next Easter Sunday, the first Sunday of the April-June quarter of 1953.

John the Baptist was the fore-runner of Jesus. His preaching centered upon repentance. He called upon the people to get ready for the coming of the Lord who one day appeared on the banks of the Jordan asking to be baptized. This, according to the topic suggested above, was the beginning of Jesus' public dedication of His life. From this time onward, He would give Himself unreservedly to the service of those about Him. If we confine these notes to the printed texts, as above indicated, we see the following.

Baptized for Righteousness (3:16-17)

In answer to John's hesitancy to baptize Him, Jesus had said, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." This suggests that Jesus felt that it was right and proper for Him to be baptized. The context clearly shows that Jesus' own baptism was by immersion. The best scholarship has long since agreed that this is essentially what the word means. Later in His ministry, Jesus will give baptism to His church. Upon the basis of the Great Commission, it will follow becoming a disciple (Mt. 28:18-20). It will be recognized as one of the first acts of obedience of the new-born soul. It will become a symbol of the regenerated life as well as the sign of God's promise of the final resurrection of the body of the trusting person (Ro. 6:3-11). Baptism is not essential to salvation but it is important and therefore should not be neglected either by the church to whom it was given or by the person who receives it from her hands. Incidentally, why not let the one who actually administers the ordinance as the servant of the church keep this in mind in the service? He, for in-

stance, might say as he places the candidate beneath the water, "The church baptizes you, my brother (sister)." With Jesus, as with those who trust Him as personal Saviour, baptism indicates dedication of life to the glory of God and to the service of mankind.

Tempted for Triumph (4:1-11)

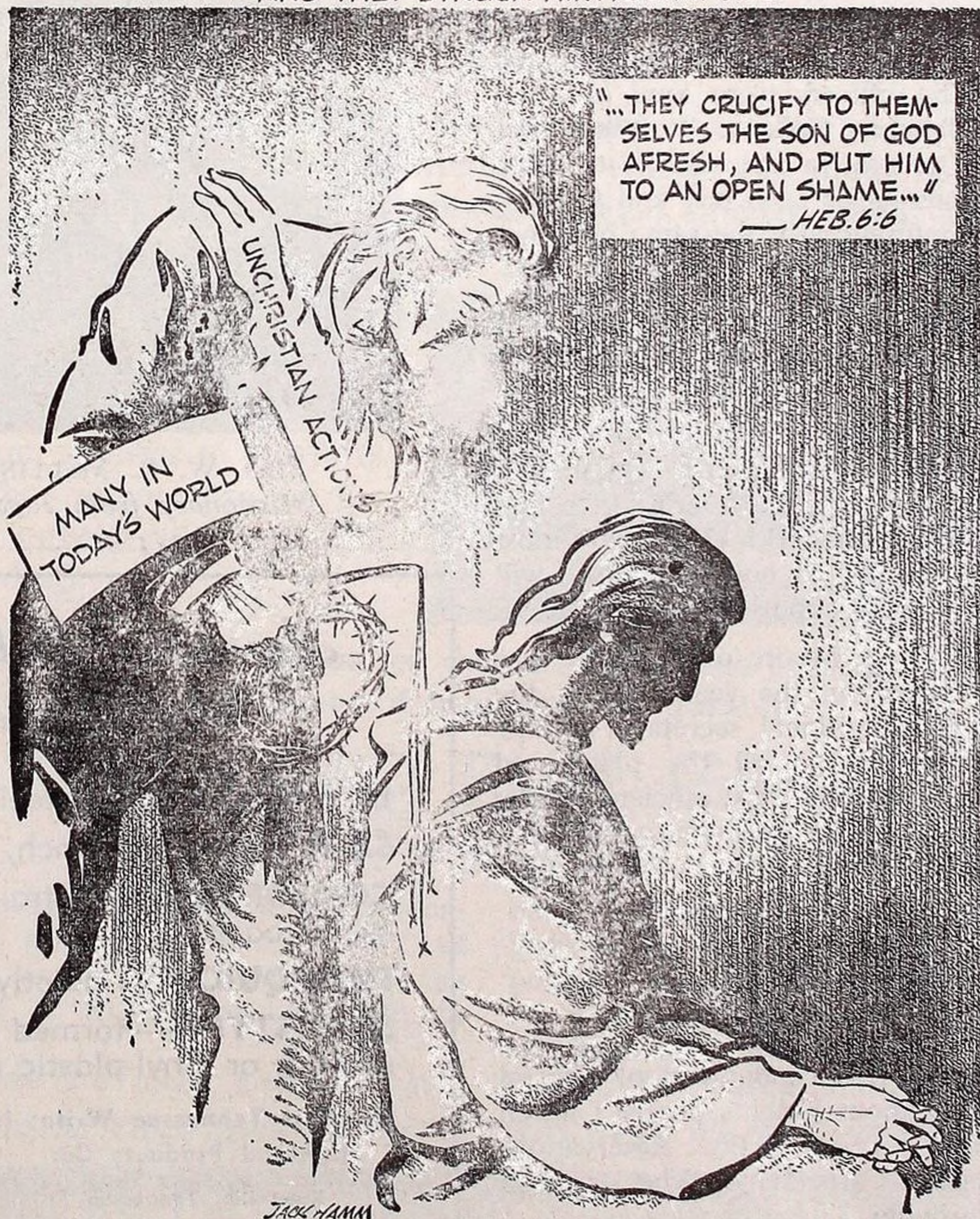
The time of testing came to our Lord, soon after the glories of the baptismal scene when the Father spoke in approval from heaven and the descent of the Spirit came. The Devil came with all subtlety and craftiness to try to overcome and defeat Him. His assaults were made through His appetites, ambitions and aesthetic make-up. The temptation was real and genuine and terrific but with no indication of yielding upon the part of Jesus. He met each deadly attack with a thrust of the Sword of the Spirit (as Paul calls it in Eph. 6:17b) by quoting from His Father's Word, which we call the Bible. What another example for us! If we knew and would use the Bible

like Jesus used it on this occasion, the Devil would be routed more than he now is in the temptations that he brings to us. The Evil One was strong but he was not strong enough to overcome the Son of God in this great conflict. Jesus met and mastered him, putting him to flight. Following this, the angels ministered unto Him. Why are we tempted? It must be in order to test us and thus to make us stronger once we have overcome. Read I Cor. 10:13.

Preaching for Repentance (4:17)

The burden of Jesus' preaching was the same as that of John the Baptist, namely, repentance and the immediacy of the kingdom of heaven. John wanted his hearers to get ready for the coming of the King of the Kingdom, while Jesus wanted His hearers actually to enter by repentance and faith (though the latter term is not found in this immediate connection, it is clearly implied here and specifically taught elsewhere). Who among us would not have rejoiced to hear our Lord preach? What a privilege for those who heard Him with the natural ear! For He was the world's greatest preacher. His messages were powerful and to the point. Throngs, at least up to a certain time in His ministry, listened to Him. A number responded to His earnest plea and invitation and left all and followed Him. They never regretted it. If Jesus magnified preaching, and He did, we should do the same.

"AND THEY STRUCK HIM" — JOHN 19:3





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Office Secretary

Officers Clinic a Success

Over two hundred associational officers from forty associations came to Belmont College, Nashville, September 18-19 for an intensive study of the tasks they had assumed for the coming year. Each group spent four hours and a half in conference talking over the plans. As most of the women slept in Belmont College, the discussions went on and we know we will have more intelligent leadership in our associations because of this meeting.

Our president presided over the open meetings. Addresses were made by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Miss Edith Stokely, Miss Mary Christian, Mrs. C. J. Allen, the author of the hymn of the year, Rev. L. G. Frey and your secretary.

The state director, Mrs. William Fallis led the mission study conferences, Mrs. Mary Boggs led the one on community missions, assisted by Miss Edith Stokely, Mrs. C. D. Creasman taught the stewardship chairmen. Mrs. Douglas Ginn led the secretary-treasurers, Miss Laura Frances Snow the young people's leaders and Miss Mary Northington the superintendents.

On Thursday afternoon we were guests of Nashville Association for a tea served in beautiful Acklen Hall. A tour of the grounds followed and the women were delightfully surprised to see the spacious grounds. The officers were loud in their praise of Belmont College. It was a joy to be able to stay in the school, to have three delicious meals each day and to have all of the conferences in the same building. We express our sincere gratitude to Belmont College for the use of their buildings.

Change in Leadership

Mrs. J. E. Williams, Memphis, our state stewardship director sent her resignation to the W.M.U. Executive Board which met in Nashville September 15-17. We are most grateful to her for all her work. She will receive the annual reports this quarter.

Mrs. Merrill D. Moore of Nashville was elected to finish out the year. She is the wife of the promotional secretary for the S.B.C. so she knows all the plans and we are sure will serve most efficiently. She resigned as state-vice-president. Her successor will be elected by the Administrative Committee.

B.W.C. Banquets at Divisional Meetings

October 16—B.W.C. Banquet of Central Division at Belmont Heights Baptist Church at 6:15 P.M. Price \$1.00. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. James Wheeler, 5205 Idaho, Nashville.

October 23, South Eastern Division, Sweetwater Baptist Church at 6:30. Price \$1.00. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. R. H. Scruggs, Sweetwater.

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October 24, North Central Division, Sparta, at 7 P.M., price of reservation \$1.00 to be sent to Mrs. S. S. Dibrell, Sparta.

Missionaries at Divisional Meetings

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Orvil Reid of Mexico will be in all of the divisional meetings.

Mrs. W. R. Medling of Japan will be in Kingsport, Sevierville and Sweetwater.

Miss Kate Ellen Gruver who served in Palestine will speak to the B.W.C. in Sparta and Lawrenceburg.

Other speakers will be announced later.



MRS. W. R. MEDLING
Missionary from Japan

Mission Obligation Not Altered by World Conditions, Says Dr. Rankin

"The obligation upon every Christian and every local church for missions is based in the redemptive nature of God himself and is not altered in any way by changing world conditions," Dr. M. Theron Rankin told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its September meeting.

In giving the Board some impressions gained from a recent visit to Baptists of Europe and the Near East, Dr. Rankin, executive secretary, said that "while methods and programs may be vitally affected by changing conditions from time to time, the basic obligation of missions never changes.

"It is an unchanging part of the very nature of God's redemptive plan in and through Jesus Christ. A church in any age that is not intensely and positively missionary is not a scriptural church. This is a point of orthodoxy which Southern Baptists seem to have forgotten and are urgently in need of emphasizing in this day."

Dr. Rankin spent a month in Europe, where he says that developments are taking place today among Baptists which will probably mark the beginning of a new area in the development and vitality of the Baptists of the continent.

He attended the first meeting of the Baptist Federation of Europe in Copenhagen, Denmark. "The formation of this organization marks a new day of co-operation among Baptists," he said. "A convincing witness through evangelism is giving new vitality in practically all of the churches."

He said there is among the Baptists of Europe "a spirit of devotion and tenacity that holds only under difficulty and adversity which are practically unknown in America.

"As I talked with many of these servants of God and comprehended a little of the cost of their discipleship, I found myself breathing a prayer that God would lift me up to their level of consecration and spiritual power."

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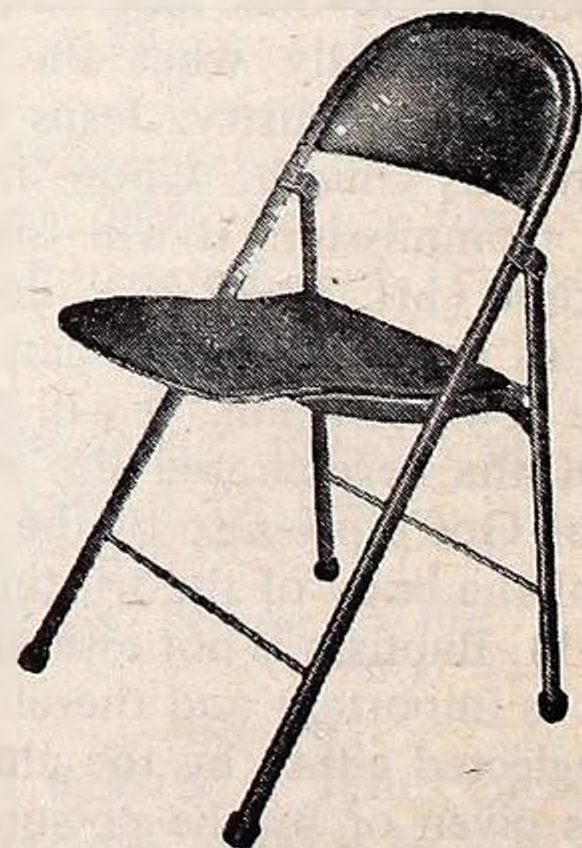
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Training Union

CHARLES L. NORTON, Secretary

News Flashes

POWELL's Chapel in Concord Association reached their goal of averaging 100 per Sunday. Their enrolment is 108. Rev. Harry F. Nichols—Pastor.

New Intermediate Worker's Plan Book

The new Intermediate Worker's Plan Book is now ready. This replaces the old Intermediate Leader's Plan Book. Order from your Baptist Book Store. The price for the complete filler is \$1.00. The three ring binder \$1.00 if needed. (Filler and binder complete \$2.00.)

Holston Valley Plans School

Associational Training School First Baptist Church Rogersville, October 6-9. Beginning each night at 7:00 o'clock and closing at 9:00 P.M. There will be classes for all age groups.

William Carey Plans School

Associational Training School for William Carey Association is to be held in the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, October 13-16. There will be classes for all age groups and special classes for Leaders.

Central Training School—Memphis

Over 2800 people were reached in the Central Training School for Shelby Association. One of the best schools ever held in that Association.

New Junior Workers Plan Book

All Junior Workers, Department Workers and Junior Leaders will welcome the information that the old Junior Leaders Plan Book is now replaced by a new Junior Plan Book. The Plan Book which is made to fit the three ring binder sells for \$1.00. This includes the part known as supplements in the old Plan Book as well as old information forms. The three ring binder if needed is also \$1.00. Order from your Baptist Book Store.

Training Union Enlargement Campaign

Robertson Baptist Church—

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

During the week ending September 20,

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1952

a very successful Enlargement Campaign was held in Robertsville Baptist Church. Rev. W. C. Summors, Pastor and Mr. R. B. Roseberry, Training Union Director.

Three new Departments and five new units of organizations were added. And attendance record of 240 was reached on Sunday night September 21. The following made-up the faculty. Ed Luallen—Knoxville, Mrs. E. E. Hale, Knoxville, Miss Willie Nell Garrett, Knoxville, Miss Mary Anderson, State Department, Nashville, Miss Roxie Jacobs, State Department, Nashville, Mrs. R. B. Ballenger—Oak Ridge, Miss Eras Anderson, Oak Ridge, Mr. Willard Norton, Oak Ridge.

Attention All Associational Officers

Watch the mail and the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for information concerning our annual Associational Planning Meetings, scheduled for October. These are meetings that no Associational Officer can afford to miss. Send to this office the names of any new Associational Officers you have elected.

Acheson Condemns Communists For Treatment of Missionaries

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—In the strongest denunciation yet made of the Chinese Communists by a high American official, Secretary of State Dean Acheson condemned the brutal treatment of American missionaries.

Acheson mentioned three missionaries who have died at the hands of the Communists—Bishop Francis X. Ford, Maryknoll missionary from Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gertrude Cone, London, Ohio, a Methodist; and Dr. William L. Wallace, of Knoxville, Tenn., a Southern Baptist medical missionary.

In his statement to the Communists concerning Dr. Wallace, Acheson said: "Dr. William Wallace, an American Baptist physician, superintendent of the Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China, was arrested by the Communists on December 19, 1950. He had spent much of his life in helping the Chinese people. But Dr. Wallace was grilled and tortured by his Communist jailers. He died in prison February 10, 1951. His only crime was the high esteem in which he was held by the people of Wuchow.

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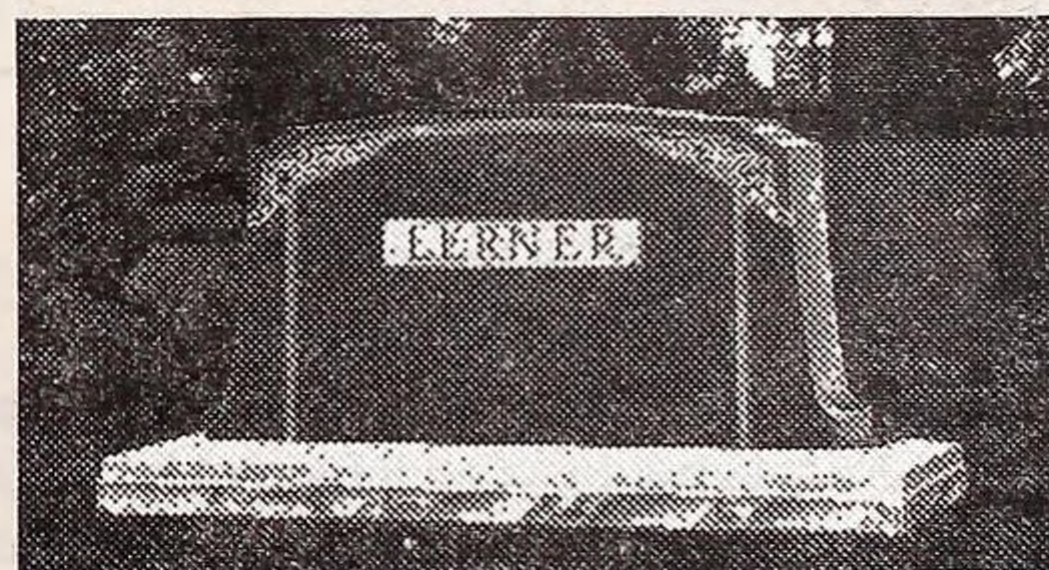
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Sunday School Program for Southern Baptist Churches

October 1952-October 1953

The items listed here show the direction of Southern Baptist Sunday school work. They likewise will give balance to a Sunday school program. Each church will decide what its program shall be.

500,000 net enrolment gain

3,000 new Sunday schools

3,000 additional churches reporting Training

200,000 additional complete families in Sunday school

2,000 additional churches with a full-time program of work

1,000 net gain in number of Vacation Bible schools

An Expanding Bible-Teaching Program, including:

—An enriched Sunday morning session of one hour and fifteen minutes each Sunday

—A Vacation Bible school for two weeks

—January Bible Study Week

—Using Bible books in the Sunday School Training Course for additional Bible study opportunities

—Working for daily family Bible study Participation in the Convention-wide Stewardship Week, October 18-25, 1953

All Sunday school efforts centered in winning people to Christ.

Tennessee Goals Set at State Planning Meeting for 1952-53

List Assn'l Goals

1. Increase in Sunday school enrolment.....	60,000	_____
2. Training awards	36,000	_____
3. Associations with training.....	66	_____
4. Churches with training	1,800	_____
5. Vacation Bible School.....	2,301	_____
6. Associations observing Planning Night	66	_____
7. At Ridgecrest	1,000	_____
8. At Camps Linden and Carson	500	_____
9. Church Planning Meetings	2,000	_____
10. Standard Sunday Schools	300	_____
11. Standard departments	200	_____
12. Standard classes	600	_____
13. Standard Extension Groups	300	_____
14. Associations organized and working	66	_____
15. Associations meeting regularly (Monthly).....	66	_____
16. Additional complete families in Sunday school.....	20,000	_____
17. Churches having January Bible Study Week.....	1,500	_____
18. Cooperate with Transfer Church Membership Week and Stewardship Week		_____

Every association is urged to set goals in keeping with State goals and then make a drive to reach them. The coming year should be the greatest in the history of Tennessee Baptist Sunday school work.

Not How Little, but HOW MUCH Will We Do This Year?

3,500,000 People, 20 Baptist Churches in One Mission Area

Thirty-five missionary appointees for Latin America have entered language school within the past month, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its September meeting.

Through the increased giving of Southern Baptists in recent years, construction programs have been inaugurated in many large centers. In Latin America, buildings are now under construction for the Baptist seminary in Torreon, Mexico; the church and theological center in Cali, Colombia; the Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia; the church and Baptist center in Santiago, Chile; the Baptist hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay; and the Baptist seminary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dr. Gill summarized the annual report of the Guatemalan Mission which consists of two missionary couples. The population of Guatemala is approximately 3,000,000; the geographical area and population approximates that of Virginia. There are 17 Baptist churches with a total membership of 1,000. A small Bible Institute trains pastors and teachers.

But out of the 14 political divisions of the country, Southern Baptists have work in only seven. The population of the divisions in which there is no Baptist work totals well over a million.

Included in the general responsibility of the small Guatemalan Mission is also the republic of Honduras with a population of over a half million. There are only three small, struggling Baptist churches in Honduras; but the Foreign Mission Board hopes to appoint two new couples to serve there within the coming year.

Dr. Gill said: "We get some idea of the needs and opportunities when we realize that the areas of Guatemala and Honduras represent only two per cent of the total population of Latin America."

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

by W. ALVIS STRICKLAND, Rt. 5, Nashville, Tennessee

The Baptist Student Union is establishing an on-the-campus library at Middle Tennessee State College, it was announced by M. M. Ayers, student secretary. The library will be operated by the college staff and will occupy a special section in the school library.

A beautiful pastor's home has recently been occupied by Brother Paul Kirkland and family at First Church, Clarksville.

Dee Wayne White, graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, is new minister of music and assistant to Pastor Allen West, Woodmont Church, Nashville.

Residential property is being purchased by Magness Memorial Church, McMinnville, according to Pastor H. C. Erwin, to be used as a Sunday school annex. This building will make possible new Nursery and Junior departments and Library.

Dedication and Home-coming services were observed at Rome Church, near Lebanon, September 14, with Alvin Hopson, Lebanon First Church, as guest preacher. Jack Kennedy is pastor.

Pastor R. W. Lashbrook, Radnor Church, Nashville, recently led in Throckmorton, Texas, revival.

Lockeland Church, Nashville, is planning a revival, October 12-22, to be led by Harold Purdy, Belmont Heights Church, and Singer Roy Bethune, Grace Church. James M. Gregg is Pastor.

Berry Field Church, Nashville, has reverted to the status of a mission sponsored by Judson Memorial Church. Its 51 members were received into the Judson Memorial fellowship on September 7. W. F. Patrick will continue to minister to the Berry Field Mission.

The bulletin of First Church, Goodlettsville, encloses a religious tract in each issue sent through the mail. B. F. Collins is pastor.

A new mission building is being planned for the Salem Pike Community, by the First Church, Murfreesboro, according to T. J. Slinkard. Construction, on recently purchased lots, will begin in the immediate future. It is hoped that the first unit of the building will be complete by January.

Mrs. J. Howard Young, Springfield, is the newly elected W.M.U. superintendent for Robertson Association.

Immanuel Church, Nashville, received an interesting letter from Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Germany, enclosing a \$50 check to be used for home missions. The gift was from the children in the Sunday school in which Mrs. Nelson teaches.

Former Pastor E. L. Smothers will be guest preacher, October 1-10, for fall revival at First Church, Fayetteville. Visitation for the meeting will be responsibility of Sunday school organization. D. D. Smothers is pastor.

William Carey Association is buying a home for its associational missionary.

New education secretary at Fayetteville, First Church, is Miss Romona Hall. She is native of Lincoln county and graduate of Union University.

Chaplain Fred Bell, Mid State Hospital, attending Chaplain's Clinic, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Clinic, sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Hospital, is bringing together for the first time chaplains of all Southern Baptist Hospitals to plan uniform program of work.

There were 28 additions during an eight day revival at Dickson. Pastor H. D. Burns did the preaching and William Hall Preston led the music.

First Baptist News reports a special offering to liquidate indebtedness on the Cookeville Church. John M. Sykes is pastor.

The Brotherhood of First Church, Franklin, conducted a mission revival, 15 miles southwest of Franklin, which resulted in seven baptisms and one profession of faith.

Church Clerk Mrs. R. E. Dunnaway reports a fine revival at Rocky Valley Church, Wilson Association, with Bob Mowery, Summerville, Georgia, and Singer Paul Sorick, Lebanon, leading. Among the 15 who professed faith were a 70-year-old man, his wife, three sons, two daughters, and two sons-in-law. Darwin Milligan is pastor.

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Baptist Hour Presents Laymen's Day Program

The nationwide Baptist Hour radio broadcast will feature a special Laymen's Day program on Sunday, October 12. Charles Wellborn will present a special message for laymen entitled, "Let's Open Up The Ministry." George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will also have a word of greeting for the million men listening to the Baptist Hour.

The Radio Commission and the Brotherhood Commission are promoting this special broadcast, and it is expected that more than a million men will be by their radios for this service, in addition to the regular Baptist Hour audience.

Mr. Wellborn will point up the need for consecrated Christian laymen in his message, and Mr. Schroeder will give a ringing challenge to the laymen for greater Christian service.

Sylvan Heights Church, Memphis, Holds First Services

First services to be held in the new \$100,000 auditorium of Sylvan Heights Church, Memphis, were Sunday, September 14.

Air-conditioned, with a seating capacity of 750, the new church building is of brick and steel structure with colonial-type front. Seats are operatype chairs.

The church began eight years ago with a 50 foot lot. Today it occupies an entire block, facing Chelsea. Membership 5½ years ago when Freeman W. Gillespie became their pastor was 60. Present membership is 700. Gifts to the Cooperative Program have increased 100% and BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR is in the church budget. Miss Patricia Parnell serves as church secretary and educational director.

Liberty Church, Wartburg, Observes Centennial

Liberty Church, Wartburg, celebrated its one hundredth anniversary August 31. It was also the nineteenth anniversary of Pastor S. D. Knisley.

In these 19 years the membership has more than doubled. A new church building, recently enlarged, was built and dedicated in 1939. New pews have been installed, new floor laid, and a pastor's home almost completed. The cemetery and grounds have been greatly improved and the large bank in front of the church building has been removed and a nice parking space added.

David Knisley, son of the pastor, has been licensed to preach.

Orient Secretary Surveys Progress

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has moved his headquarters from Tokyo, Japan, to Board headquarters in Richmond, Va. The following is gleaned from his report at the September meeting of the Board:

Japan: With the arrival of recent appointees for Japan, the mission staff in that land now numbers 96. These missionaries are in 22 locations, extending from Sapporo in Hokkaido to Kagoshima at the southern tip of Kyushu.

Korea: The best word to report from Korea is that permission has been secured for Mrs. John A. Abernathy, missionary of the Board, to join her husband there. She has resided in Manila, serving among the Chinese for 18 months, while her husband has been in Korea. Dr. N. A. Bryan, Southern Baptists' missionary doctor in Korea, did 6,879 treatments in August.

Formosa: The Formosa Mission has been strengthened by the arrival of additional missionaries. A new center has been opened at Tainan.

Philippine Islands: A good beginning has been made in Bible school work. Special stress is laid upon the urgency of expanding work among the Filipino people. Plans are under way in that area for the establishment of clinical work.

Indonesia: Three centers of work are becoming rapidly established: Djakarta, Bandung, and Soerabaja. The question of Bible school work will soon be carefully studied.

Malaya: The Malaya Mission, with five missionaries, is encouraged by the arrival of Miss Elizabeth Hale, who will go to Alor Star, to assist a church of about 100 members. There is urgent need for a strong mission couple in Penang and another in Kuala Lumpur.

Siam: The work in Bangkok is among Thai people as well as Chinese. The Siam Mission will be strengthened in the next few weeks by the arrival of a new couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hill.

Hong Kong-Macao: Baptists in the Hong Kong-Macao area have been blessed by the return of Dr. and Mrs. James D. Belote and Miss Jaxie Short. Graduates from the Bible school in Hong Kong have now taken up evangelistic work, and the school is looking forward to the beginning of a second year.

China: "Very little word comes from inside China," Dr. Cauthen said. "Every indication is that Christians there are continuing their service amid ever increasing pressure. We must remember them at all times in prayer. It is impossible for people in a land of liberty to measure adequately the extreme tension under which God's servants must work in a land like China."

Dr. Cauthen closed his report by saying that the strategy for advance in the Orient is

Missionary Notes

Mrs. N. A. Bryan, missionary of the China staff, has moved from 978 Peavy Road to 9332 West Lake Highland Drive, Dallas 18, Texas. Dr. Bryan is now serving in Korea where Mrs. Bryan will join him as soon as permission is granted for her to enter that country. Both Dr. and Mrs. Bryan are natives of Tennessee.

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Miss Lorene Tilford, Southern Baptist missionary to Formosa, has moved from Taipah to Kaohsiun. She may be addressed at 173 Chung Cheng, Fourth Road, Kaohsiung, Formosa. Miss Tilford is a native of Tennessee.

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Dr. and Mrs. William C. Gaventa, missionaries to Nigeria who are in the States on furlough, have moved to New Jersey where they may be addressed c/o Clinton Gaventa, Old Crown Point Road, Swedesboro. Dr. Gaventa plans to teach at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Gaventa, formerly Alice Price, is a native of Rogersville, Tennessee.

Southern Seminary Received \$22,869 Bequest

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—John A. Morris, Portsmouth, Va., left the residue of his estate, to be equally divided among "the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Incorporated, for ministerial education, at Louisville, Ky.," and four other institutions.

In the final settlement of the estate a check for \$22,869.75 was received by the seminary. The will was dated February 2, 1950.

Morris was connected with the Morris Company, Inc., Portsmouth, a mercantile establishment.

Every Baptist a Tither

now clear. "The Lord has led us in the great objective of placing 100 missionaries in Japan. This goal is nearing completion. We also are about to complete the task of redeploying the China staff who have been uprooted by disturbances in China. These missionaries have taken up assignments in many new fields. It is now highly urgent that new missionaries be appointed for those fields. Some day in God's time China will re-open. When that time comes, many of the China missionaries will return to their original field for urgently needed work. If we have placed new missionaries throughout the Orient, they will remain in the new fields we have entered, and thus we will find that the old work in China can be served while the new work will continue to advance."

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1952

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	245	54		First	803	149	2
Ashland City, First	110	45		Glenwood	346	114	3
Athens, Antioch	136	32		Lynn Garden	385	132	
Bethsadia	50	29		Knoxville, Arlington	606	120	1
East	413	125		Broadway	1399	599	30
First	547	214		Bell Avenue	1038	544	40
West End Mission	71			Fifth Avenue	965	224	1
Calhoun	89	40		First	904	119	4
Clearwater	106	66	2	Lincoln Park	829	224	5
Coghill	70	84		Inskip	506	171	
Conasauga	17	30		Sevier Heights	593	256	2
Cotton Port	91	58		South	668	192	2
Double Springs	57	59		LaFollette, First	312	77	
Eastanalle	46	34		Mission	36	10	
Englewood	59	42		Lascassas, Wards Grove	106	75	
Etowah, East	78			Lebanon, Cedar Grove	129	66	
Etowah, First	356	166	1	First	448	135	4
Etowah, North	347	178		South Side	65		
Etowah, West	50			Immanuel	203	106	3
Good Field	116	42		Rocky Grove	17		6
Good Springs	124	74		Rocky Valley	79	61	
Idlewild	65	53		Lenoir City, First	457	123	3
Lake View	94	78		Kingston Pike	32	18	
McMahan Calvary	89	20		Nelson Street Mission	20		
Mt. Harmony No. 1	86	41		First Avenue	197	60	2
Mt. Verd	44	39		Lewisburg, First	561	160	
New Bethel	76			Lexington, First	260	47	5
New Zion	99	87		Loudon, Blairland	201	133	10
Niota, East	123	63		Martin, First	398	109	1
Niota, First	146	35		McKenzie, First	263	101	
Oak Grove	85	40	1	Maryville, Broadway	439	153	8
Old Salem	50			First	813	310	
Pond Hill	144	45		Maury City	86	67	
Riceville	90	36		Maynardville	88	12	
Rocky Mount	42	37		Medina	157	78	
Rodgers Creek	56			Memphis, Ardmore	350	105	1
Shiloh	74	26		Bartlett	277	121	1
Union Grove, Meigs	68	36		Bellevue	2789	1057	20
West View	39	35		Berclair	442	184	3
Wild Wood	84			Boulevard	831	231	1
Zion Hill	53			Brunswick	118	52	
Bearden, Central	326	121		Calvary	305	98	
Bristol, Calvary	458	156	25	Charjean Mission	180	74	4
Tennessee Avenue	500	203	6	Eads	64	49	2
Bruceton, First	132	31		Egypt	127	91	
Carthage, First	227	129		Eudora	216	87	1
Chattanooga, Avondale	675	196	2	First	1123	243	28
Brainerd	874	245	26	Glenview	65	24	2
Brainerd Hills	122	57	3	Frayser	451	200	8
Calvary	378	103		Germantown	67	32	
Cedar Hill	207	45		Forest Hill	83	67	
Central	239	99		Highland Heights	1107	476	3
Concord	272	94	2	Kennedy	318	104	7
East	348	61		LaBelle	776	245	
East Lake	611	168	6	Leawood	400	117	3
First	1049	289	11	Longview Heights	314	107	2
Highland Park	3922	1393	48	Levi	187	50	3
Mt. Carmel	71	41		Mallory Heights	210	60	
Middle Valley	140	73	2	Malcomb Avenue	214	62	
Pleasant Grove	64			McLean	421	106	4
Red Bank	772	233	1	Chapel	66	40	
Ridgedale	633	246		Millington	350	180	4
St. Elmo	322	98	2	Mt. Pisgah	127	80	
Second	193	68	2	Oakville	181	67	
Silverdale	143	75	2	Park Avenue	445	112	
Soddy, Oak Street	166	56	1	Parkway	540	193	4
Spring Creek	278	148		Poplar Avenue	378	167	4
White Oak	394	84	1	Riverside	113	64	1
Whitwell	203	117		Rugby Hills	137	60	5
Woodland Park	578	179		Seventh Street	592	256	12
Clarksville, First	490	165	3	Southland	175	57	
Cleveland, Waterville	166	95	2	Speedway Terrace	830	161	4
First	539	185	4	Sylvan Heights	477	211	
North	179	116		Temple	1389	386	1
Clinton, First	143		2	Union Avenue	1222	335	28
Columbia, First	419	151	13	Wells Station	131	35	5
Godwin Chapel	43			Whitten Memorial	86	76	
Second	222	157		Winchester	319	151	6
Collierville, First	220	76		Colonial Chapel	47		
Cookeville, First	457	141	2	Cherokee Chapel	85	42	12
Steven Street	100	49		Milan, First	412	107	3
West View	158	94	1	Monterey, First	267	78	
Corrington, Fairview	162	55		Morrison, Wilson Chapel	79	100	3
Crab Orchard, Hailey's Grove	82	22		Murfreesboro, First	550	129	5
Crossville, First	176	74		Walnut Street Mission	34		
Antioch	50			Mt. View	202	106	3
Emmanuel	77		1	Powell's Chapel	118	99	
Laurel Grove	19			Westvue	464	163	16
Culleoka, Friendship	74	14		Nashville, Belmont Heights	1197	402	8
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	134	106	1	Bordeaux	171	69	
First	676	280	3	Immanuel	453	136	20
Elizabethton, First	539	126		Inglewood	931	216	11
Oak Street	167	103		Judson	681	183	
Siam	209	160		Due West	70	35	2
Elkton	88	27		Lockeland	608	131	2
Fountain City, Central	1006	271		Mill Creek	106	77	
Hines Valley Mission	65	40		Park Avenue	652	229	
First	339	157		Richland	106	46	
Friendship	148	31		Woodmont	479	173	6
Gallatin, First	501	97	5	Newport, First	397	159	21
Grand Junction, First	92	60		Second	172	59	
Harriman, South	357	176	2	Bethel	86		
Trenton Street	471	134	6	Cave Hill	152		
Walnut Hill	302	84		Denton	110		
Hendersonville, New Hope	101	61		English Creek Chapel	86		
Humboldt, Antioch	239	85		Forest Hill	53	33	
First	588	152	2	French Broad	74		
Jackson, Calvary	630	243	27	Holders Grove	62		
First	873	182	5	Mannings Chapel	105	78	
North	320	135		Pleasant Grove	90	41	
Westover	164	113	4	Shady Grove	50	30	
Jefferson City, First	912	324	52	West End	167		
Northside	226	131	10	New Middleton	124	46	
Johnson City, Antioch	180	114		Oak Ridge, Central	445	129	3
Fall Street	104	35	1	Robertsville	495	240	3
Kenton, Macedonia	84	82		Old Hickory, First	526	233	6
Kingsport, First	225	88		Rayon City	72	30	

Stevenson Hints He would Favor Personal Vatican Envoy

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (RNS) — Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson said here that he does not plan to nominate an ambassador to the Vatican if he is elected President.

The Democratic candidate said, however, that he saw no "special disadvantage" in the system used by Presidents Roosevelt and Truman when they sent Myron C. Taylor as a "personal representative" to the Vatican.

Gov. Stevenson said that he would like to take the fullest possible advantage of information available at the Vatican as in any other world capital. He made his views known in response to a question at his press conference here as to whether he would appoint an ambassador to the Vatican.

When the question was asked by a newsman Gov. Stevenson reflected for a moment and then said slowly:

"I think I will not propose the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. I think the matter in this country is that it constitutes official recognition of a religion, and that is highly incompatible with our belief in the separation of Church and State."

He then added it might be possible that he would consider some sort of personal representative at the Vatican in order to have the advantage of information available from that source.

New Orleans Seminary Approved for Korean Vets Cornerstone Set For De Ment Building

The Veterans Administration has approved New Orleans Seminary for training veterans of the Korean war, the registrar, Dr. James C. Taylor, has been informed. Effective date of approval was September 3, 1952, under Public Law 550.

Numerous veterans of World War II already were studying at the seminary under the old GI Bill.

The New Orleans Seminary will lay another cornerstone October 2. Mr. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., president of the seminary trustees, Dr. Louie Newton, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, are expected to be present and take part on the program. The seminary choir, directed by Dr. W. Plunkett Martin, will sing.

The ceremony will dedicate the new B. H. DeMent Administration Building. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, seminary president, will preside.

Paris, West	223	100	
Philadelphia	176	67	2
Portland, First	239	89	
Pulaski, First	287	85	
Ripley, First	328	75	
Rutledge, Oakland	118	50	
Sevierville	475	112	1
Shop Springs	119	48	
Sneedville, First	56	30	2
Somerville, First	180	123	
Stantonville, West Shiloh	150	92	
Tullahoma, First	238	31	
Missions	34		
Highland	97	70	1
Union City, First	556	106	2
Watertown, Round Lick	192	106	1
White Pine	196	81	3

The Survey Bulletin

Baptist Highlights

... Dr. Robert E. Naylor, pastor of First Church, Columbia, South Carolina, has accepted the call of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Texas, effective October 15. During his five-year Columbia pastorate there have been a total of 2,350 additions, 555 by baptism. Total gifts have been \$950,000, almost half of which were for missions.

... The time of the weekly radio broadcast of the Sunday school lesson over W.S.M. of Nashville (650 kilocycles), conducted by Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has been changed from 4:30 P.M. to 11:30 A.M. each Saturday. Pastors may wish to announce this in their church bulletins.

... Mrs. B. A. Copass, 80, widow of the late Dr. B. A. Copass, long time professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Seminary, died August 20 at Seattle. She was for 15 years president of Texas Woman's Missionary Union. She held an LL.D. degree from Baylor University.

... More than 300 churches are participating in the Billy Graham Pittsburg Campaign.

... Dr. T. J. DeLaughter, superintendent of Cooperative Missions of Louisiana, has accepted the call of the First Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi. He succeeds Dr. Charles McKay who recently joined the Sunday School Department staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

... Over 2,200 church musicians attended Music Week at Ridgecrest. Dr. T. L. Holcomb served as conference pastor and led the group in endorsing a greater program of music in evangelism and character training. Evangelism and character

training characterized the life of the late B. B. McKinney.

... Dr. Loren R. Williams, Minister of Music, First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, has assumed his duties as associate in the Department of Church Music, Baptist Sunday School Board.

... The Southern Baptist Convention *Annual* 1952, will be mailed free by the Executive Committee to all pastors, educational and music directors, and chaplains.

... Film Librarians representing Forty-five Baptist Book Stores met in Nashville, Tennessee, September 8-12 for a week of intensive training in serving the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention territory with audio-visual aids.

In the World of Religion

... The Methodist's new \$1,100,000 Board of Education Building, the nerve center for the church's vast educational program, has been completed. It will serve 41,000 churches, and 125 church-related institutions across the nation. This building marks a dozen years of activity in the Methodist educational program since three branches of Methodists united to form the Methodist Church in 1939. They report a membership of 9,065,727 in 1951.

... Industrialist Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., speaking to the 57th General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, meeting in Boston, September 12, said: "Our objective in 1953 will be to drive home to the men of our church the conviction that without Christ there is no hope for the world."

... By a vote of 119 to 106, the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada defeated the move to change the church's name to "the Anglican Church in Canada."

Facts of Interest

... Residential construction in the United States remained high during the first half of 1952. The number of housing starts totaled 568,000 for the period of January-June, 4 per cent below the first six months of 1951.

... The Federal Government ended the fiscal year of 1952 with a budget deficit of 4 billion dollars. Budget expenditures totaled 66.1 billion and receipts 62.1 billion.

... State and county fairs are big business today. It has been estimated that advertisers will spend \$115,000,000 to exhibit or promote their wares in the 3,000 fairs this fall, and one hundred million visitors will spend \$70,000,000 to view exhibits and midways. The largest fair in the country is the Texas State Fair, which attracted 2,500,000 visitors last year.

High School Football Team Holds Prayer Meetings

ANDALUSIA, Ala. — (BP) — Buddy Keen and Frank Beale, teen-age members of Baptist Church, Andalusia, Ala., returned from Shocco Springs, Alabama Baptist assembly, eager to "make their Christianity really count in their school."

Since both were on the high school football team, they decided to begin there and urged their coaches to have a team prayer meeting before practice and games. The coaches agreed that "it is not so important to win the games as it is to develop the character of these under their coaching."

Soon the entire team was participating in the prayer meetings.

Baptist Pastors Protest In Behalf of Churches Of Christ

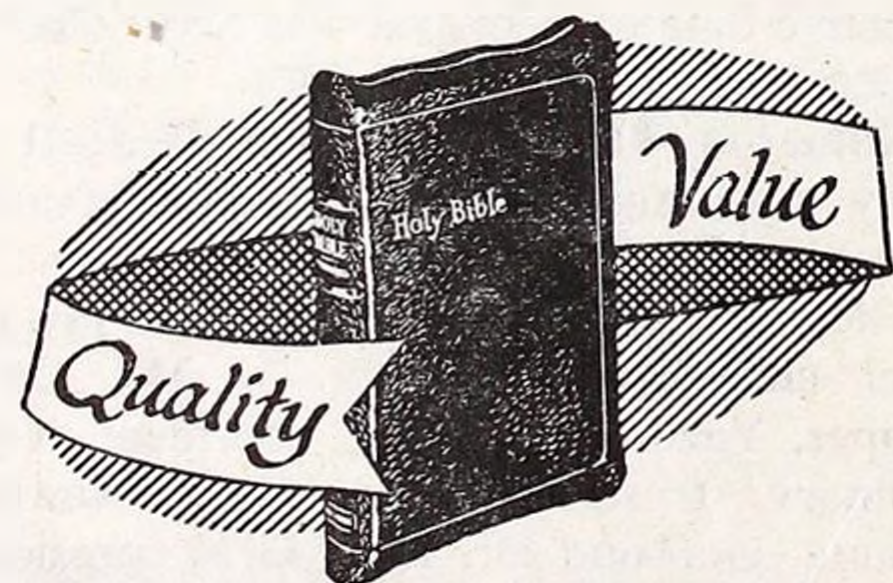
NASHVILLE—(BP)—The Nashville Baptist Pastor's Conference September 16 voted to enter a protest with the state department on behalf of the Churches of Christ ordered closed by the Italian government. A committee of three, headed by G. Allen West, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville, was appointed to prepare a formal resolution of protest to be forwarded to the state department.

Concerning the protest, West said: "Our church has a historic record in its stand for religious liberties and we want the same privileges extended the Church of Christ in Italy as to the other denominations."

Georgia Baptists Produce Film

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—Georgia Baptists have produced their first film given entirely to their state program. It is a twenty minute film strip, "The Story of State Missions," to be used primarily in connection with the Woman's Missionary Union Season of Prayer and offering for State Missions, September 24, and for State Missions Day in the Sunday schools in October.

The film strip has a music and a voice narrative but there is a printed script for use in churches where the sound equipment is not available. It is available to churches throughout the state without cost through the offices of James W. Merritt, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia.

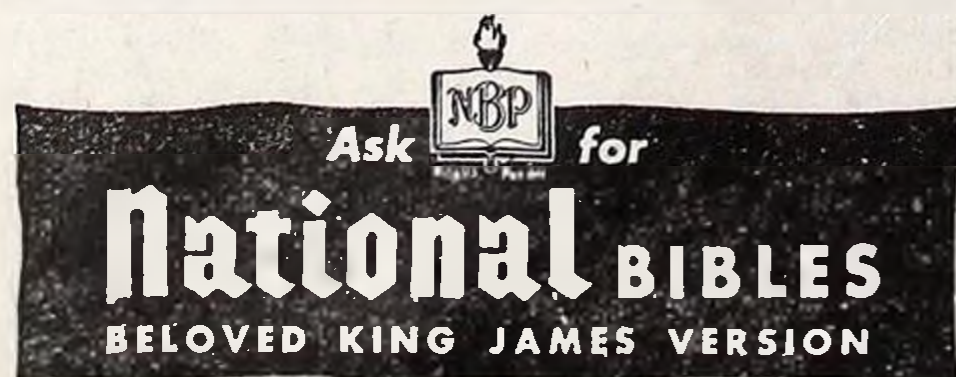


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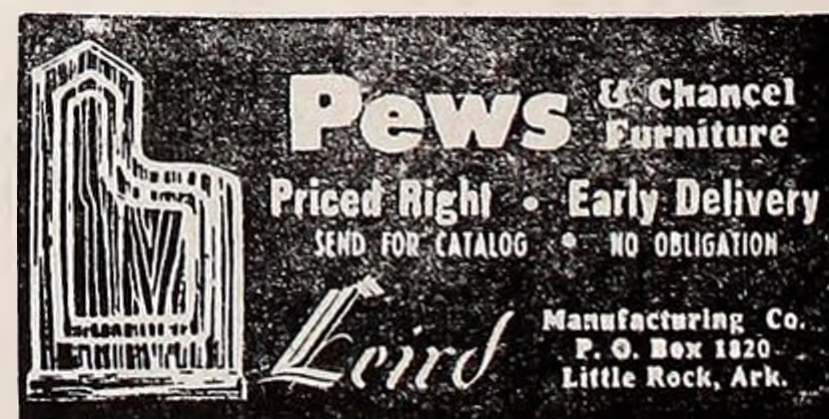
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Union's Opening Well Attended

JACKSON—Union University's opening convocation September 22 was held in the newly decorated chapel, packed with students and faculty numbering more than four hundred according to an announcement by President W. F. Jones. Local pastors were introduced, an annual custom. Mrs. Francis Bridges sang the "Twenty Third Psalm" after which Dr. D. A. Ellis, long-time Chairman of the Board of Trustees gave the opening address on, "Meeting God Face to Face." This was the eighth consecutive time Dr. Ellis has delivered the University's fall convocation message.

Four new faculty members have been added at Union: Dr. Allen Archer, (Ph.D. Mich.) as head of the Biology Department; Mr. Max Carrington (Masters Degree U. Tenn.) instructor in Business Administration; H. M. Gregory (now working on his Doctor's dissertation, Southern Seminary, Louisville) in the Department of Bible; and John Hughes (working on his Doctor's dissertation at New York University) in Organ and Theory.

Southwestern Seminary Registers 1,721

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has reached a new enrollment peak. Up to Friday noon of the first week, 1,721 students were registered, 546 of these enrolling for the first time.

The total enrollment for the fall period of 1951 was 1,679. Registration continued through September 22.

New teachers announced for the fall session are: In the School Theology, Dr. John P. Newport, Associate Professor of Religion, and Thomas M. Bennett, Jr., student teacher of Old Testament. The School of Sacred Music lists the following for its teaching staff: Miss Gladys Day, teacher of Organ; Miss Nettie Lou Crowder, student teacher of Church Music Education; and L. Sarle Brown, guest teacher of Voice for one year.

Professor Brown is Director of the School of Sacred Music, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Penna.

Books Received

We Go Fishing with Him by Pastor T. C. Hathorn, First Baptist Church, Gunnison, Colo.; booklet; paper; sample copies from author at 25c. Evangelist A. D. Muse, Box 505, Louisville, Ky., in reviewing, writes: "Sets forth soulwinning as being the richest of the outcomes of spiritual self-discipline, all centered around the local church and as being successfully accomplished only as it is carried on in its vital cooperative setting within the recognized framework of the local church."

India, a Missionary Color Book by Theodore Engstrom; illustrated by Paul Hubartt; Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. \$.35. For the beginner and primary child.

Priest Threatens Catholic Vote Against Public School Funds

BATAVIA, N. Y.—(RNS)—A priest threatened here to unite Batavia's Roman Catholics in voting down future school appropriations unless the Board of Education rescinds its ban on the use of a public school athletic field by Notre Dame (R. C.) high school students.

The Rev. Edward J. Ferger, rector of St. Mary's church, said he was "terribly sorry to hear of the board's decision."

"Batavia's 53.5 per cent Catholic population," he said, "will not take the opinion of thoughtless Board of Education officeholders or unthinking voters or unworthy state regulations. Time—and the voting booths—will demonstrate the answer."

The board ruling was issued after an opinion had been obtained from Wallace J. Stackel, attorney for the board. Mr. Stackel said it was based on his interpretation of the state constitution.

Father Ferger said he was "not satisfied"


that a correct opinion had been given.

"I intend to find out the proper interpretation of state law in the matter," he said. He added that, if the board's decision was proved in error, he would demand the resignation of all board members.

Told of the priest's views, Mr. Stackel said that "the constitution seems clear enough, but lawyers, in common with everyone else, can be wrong."

Ben A. Boyd, Jr., native of Chattanooga has recently entered the field of full-time evangelism. Mr. Byrd attended McCallie School for boys, graduated from Central High School, Chattanooga and from Furman University Greenville, South Carolina. He attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. For the past four years he has been pastor of the East Side Baptist Church of Thomasville, Georgia where more than 400 members were received under his ministry. He is now residing in Chattanooga, with his wife and two children at 2010 Union Avenue.

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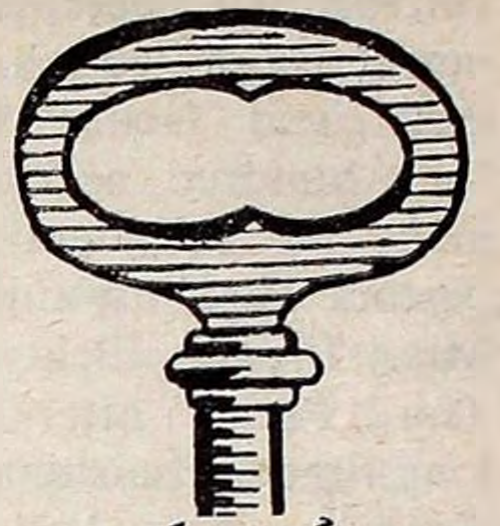
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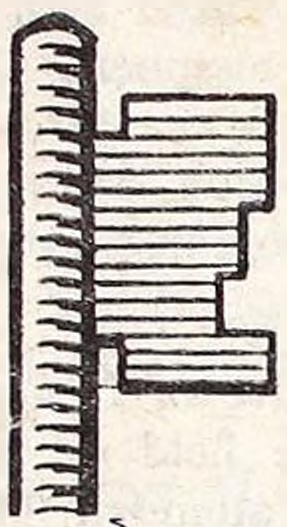
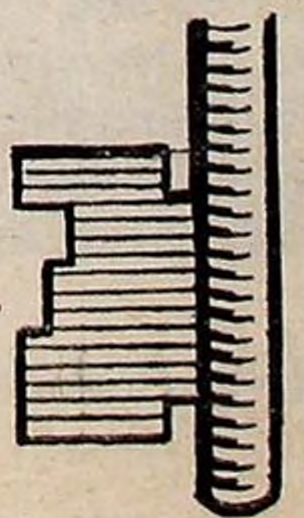
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