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MADRID SPAIN—The Spanish government seal was placed July 17 on the doors of the Second Baptist Church here. All efforts to get the church reopened have seemingly failed. The words above the sealed door are from Psalm 100:4, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving." Photo by Fon H. Scofield, Jr.

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Progress and the Printed Page

by RICHARD N. OWEN

The progress of the Gospel and the communication of the Word have from the beginning been bound up in one bundle. Tertullian, one of the early church fathers long ago foresaw the significance of the written word. Tertullian said, "The ink of writers bears the same importance as the blood of martyrs." We have long been familiar with that saying, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." But here is an opinion evaluating the ink of writers alongside the sacrifices of the martyrs.

Man's use of ink has through the ages been pivotal in the control of ideas and movements. The old saying, "Blood is thicker than water" might be revised into, "ink is thicker than blood"; for ink becomes an effective medium conveying ideas, particularly in the realm of the spiritual and moral.

Yet, nothing seems thinner than printers' inks spread upon the page. It is amazingly thin. It forms a film no more than twenty-five-one-hundred-thousandths of an inch. That, my friends, is pretty thin indeed. And yet, it builds a bridge thick enough to carry enlightenment, and ennoblement from mind to mind, from generation to generation. Over this bridge formed by printers' ink upon the page, ideas are

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brought to life, ideas are set marching through the highways of men's minds. Let us then realize the power of the printed page.

Let us realize also the purpose of the printed page, so far as our state paper is concerned. What is our philosophy of communication? Our design is to speak the truth in love. This means presenting facts. The paper's purpose is to inform. There can be no religious democracy without an informed membership. One of the great words of the New Testament is that beautiful, meaningful word "together." One of the greatest human factors in keeping a church together and in keeping churches working together is the information provided through the pages of the state paper.

The positive policy of the paper is to publish information, inspiration, indoctrination, together with promotional articles, items and material in such a manner that the truth is spoken in love. This involves portrayal of the truth; presenting the doctrines in accord with the word of God; promoting the common tasks; protest against error and evil; protecting against heresy; provoking one another to good deeds. The paper can be no mere denominational bulletin board; it can be no mere puppet to perform as Charlie Mc-Carthy for someone else's voice. It can be no partisan instrument for selfish interest. It must proclaim the truth in love.

This then is our ideal:

To hold high the torch of truth; to throw light on the dark, disturbing problems; to proclaim the way, and the truth and the life; to protect against evil and heresy; to publish only what passes these three tests: First, is it true? Second, is it written in the right spirit? Third, is it going to help the cause of Christ?

To humbly realize that everyone of us is important; that everyone of us counts; that everyone of us is needed; that everyone of us must be informed; that everyone of us needs to be enlisted; that our Baptist spirit is one of democracy; that our Baptist spirit recognizes that we are brethren; that our Baptist spirit recognizes that there is one Lord, one Faith, one baptism.

Your Baptist and Reflector comes holding high the torch of truth. It comes to herald a gospel of hope. It comes to

Why Didn't You Serve As a Messenger?

The Convention in Nashville had 809 registered messengers and an estimated 600 visitors. In our opinion this number of messengers is altogether inadequate to be a democratic expression of the thinking and purposes of Tennessee Baptists who number more than 600,000.

We have been informed by those at the registration desks that there were a number of pastors and preachers who came to the sessions but were not messengers. When asked to register and the question was put, "Are you a messenger?" their answer was "No."

Just how many of these brethren were present at the sessions as onlookers, even though interested onlookers, we do not know. But we would like to throw out the question just here: "Why did you not come as a messenger from your church and be prepared to vote on the proceedings of your Convention?"

Perhaps it was an oversight on the part of these brethren to get the necessary vote of their church to authorize them as messengers to the Convention. Such oversight on the part of one or two, can be understood. It is difficult, however, to explain it if there are a number. Brethren, it is your Convention, but at cannot remain your Convention without your voice in it.

Every church is entitled to representation at the Convention. Certainly every parter in the state should be authorized and sent by his church to serve as a messenger. Democracy depends upon all sharing in responsibility for shaping the course of the Convention.

Church Doors Sealed

One of the things for which we should be deeply grateful to God on this Thanksgiving Day is the privilege of freedom of worship here in America. Perhaps we take all too lightly this great blessing.

This comes home to us on seeing the plight of our brethren in other countries where the religious freedom we know is under ban because of a state church. On the Cover Page of this issue is a picture of Second Baptist Church in Madrid, Spain, closed the past several months by the government. The Spanish Government is largely under the dominance of the Roman Catholic Church. Through pressure of Komanism these Baptists and some other Evangelicals are denied use of their church building for assembly and worship.

It is a great evil if Church doors are sealed, either through religious intolerance as in Madrid, Spain, or through religious indifference and apathy, as may become the case in your community in America.

your door week by week to point you to the eternal verities. Its pages seek to voice just one cry, "Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

God Has Wonderfully Blessed

Thanksgiving Day is here again. Truly we have much for which we are grateful. God has wonderfully blessed his people. It is good to have one day a year marked on the calendar as Thanksgiving Day. It is better to let this one-stated-day of the year marked Thanksgiving lead us to gratitude throughout the year for God's constant goodness.

Despite all that disturbs and disappoints as we look about us in the world today, and despite all of the shortcomings that may be apparent near at hand, we here in America are still the most favored people in all the world.

And we here in Tennessee have enjoyed in untold fashion the goodness of God poured out upon us. As we look back upon the Convention year just closed we Tennessee Baptists are humble before God as we recognize His favors upon us. Let us thank God and take heart. "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope for His mercy; to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive. .." Recognizing the goodness of God's providence, let us trust in Him and use the blessings given us so as to promote His work here and to the ends of the earth.

An estimated 1,750,000,000 Christmas cards will soon be in the mails. The chances are that you'll be receiving more religious Christmas cards this time than heretofore. A definite nationwide trend is observable according to Christmas card publishers. Of the 30,000 different designs 20 per cent at least have a distinctly reverent theme according to these publishers. If it's the first Christmas that we are really celebrating, certainly Christmas cards ought to portray the true significance of Christmas and all that it stands for. We commend the publishers of Christmas cards in providing cards now that are more appropriate and meaningful. Religious leaders and Christmas card publishers have been working toward a common purpose of seeing that more religious Christmas cards are available.

Historic characters and incidents in religious history are depicted in a new nationally distributed picture-story magazine which has just made its appearance. We have just looked through a copy of, "Tales from the Great Book" with the story of young Daniel's faith. Along the lines of the comic strips, it is being presented as an opportunity for those who have a taste for the comics to become acquainted with some important Bible stories. It is drawn and edited by John Lehti. Perhaps such publications as "Tales from the Great Book" can help offset and drive from the markets and newsstands the crime comics contributing so much Juvenile to Delinquency.

Expansion Approved for Children's Homes Ministry

The ministry of Tennessee Baptist to homeless children is carried on through our Baptist Children's Homes with three fine homes located at Franklin, Memphis and the newest, opened this year, at Chattanooga. More than three hundred children have been ministered to in these three homes.

The Convention was informed that during the past year, the charter under which the children's work has been carried forward for a good many years was amended to comply with the improved practices and to clarify the program in the field of child care. Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Incorporated is the new corporate name of the institution, with each of the three homes being designated by the name and its location.

Though total receipts for this year are considerably less than the previous year due to some large special gifts and bequests that were made last year, still the financial condition of our children's homes is good. The receipts from the regular sources show a modest increase. The homes are operated within their income. There is no debt at present. Total assets amounted to, as of September 1954, \$1,748,902.32. This sum represents fixed assets and investment and surplus amounting to \$263,147.22.

The Min-Tom Home for colored children which has been owned and operated by Hamilton County Baptists was offered to and accepted by the State Convention.

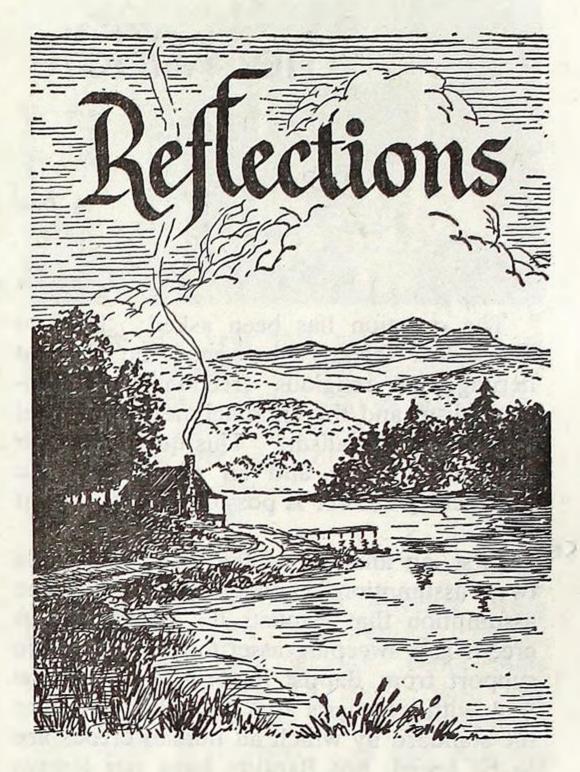
The proposal is that it be operated as are the other homes. It will, however, care for colored children and employ, as far as possible, colored workers.

SBC College Enrolment Up Over Nation Enrolment

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—College enrolments for the current school year throughout the nation will reach a total about 3.5 per cent above those of last year, it was estimated by the United States office of Education in October.

Meanwhile, fall enrolments of regular students in the fifty Southern Baptist colleges totaling 31,702 are 10.2 per cent above those of October, 1953, according to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission. This is an increase of 12.7 per cent in the twenty-one junior colleges and 9.6 per cent in the twenty-nine senior colleges. Enrolments in Southern Baptist seminaries increased 4.0 per cent, while those of the academies and Bible schools combined decreased 4.5 per cent.

"It is safe to say that one factor in this increase of enrolments (in Southern Baptist colleges) of almost three times the estimated national average was the first annual Convention-wide emphasis on Christian education, April, 1954," Cornett said.



In a great burst of false generosity Louis XI once made a solemn deed and covenant giving the entire province of Boulogne to the Virgin Mary in perpetuity. Louis reserved "all the revenues thereof" for himself. There are a great number of superficially pious people today who say, "We are living under grace and have given all that we have to God!" But you will notice that they still keep practically all of it for themselves. It seems reasonable that God would still prefer the tithe in cold cash. -W. E. Grindstaff in Developing A Giving Church (Fleming H. Revell Company).

We have great light, but what are we doing with it? We have more speed, but where is it carrying us? The method of news transmission is hundreds of times faster than it was a century ago, but what is the news that is being carried over these facilities? We have multiplied horsepower into atomic power, but in what state has this discovery of power left the world? The nations which were successful in perfecting it now recoil in horror from it. The other nations have nightmares day and night because of it. We thought that we were making progress. We made material things our god, but, behold, we have awakened to the realization that our home-made gods are not powerful enough to save us, but powerful enough to destroy us in short order. Thus many are beginning to retreat from the god they have made and to lift their eyes to the God who made them. Maybe we are approaching the time when men will fear their own gods and serve the true and living God.—R. C. Campbell in How Firm A Foundation (Fleming H. Revell Company).

The Middle of the Road

by Dale Moody

The question has been asked: "How to distinguish clearly between the Baptist heritage of religious freedom and non-creedalism and the encroachment of radical theological liberalism?" This question needs both an analysis and an answer, for no satisfactory answer is possible in the present form.

First, an analysis of the question reveals two assumptions poorly founded. The assumption that Baptists do not believe in creeds is a sweeping assertion that has little support from Baptist history. It should be said with emphasis that the Scriptures are the standard by which all human creeds are to be tested, but Baptists have not always concluded that all creeds are to be rejected. Creeds are to faith what banks are to a river: they are to contain the truth of Biblical revelation and to shut out the error of heresy. The so-called "Orthodox Creed" of 1678 reveals the Baptist attitude in the seventeenth century. Article XXXVII is "Of the three creeds" and declares:

"The three creeds, viz. Nicene creed, Athanasius's creed, and the Apostles creed, as they are commonly called, ought throughly to be received, and believed. For we believe, they may be proved, by most undoubted authority of Holy Scripture, and are necessary to be understood of all Christians; and to be instructed in the knowledge of them, by the ministers of Christ, according to the analogy of faith, recorded in sacred scriptures, upon which these creeds are grounded, and catechistically opened, and expounded in all Christian families, for the edification of young and old, which might be a means to prevent heresy in doctrine, and practice, these creeds containing all things in a brief manner, that are necessary to be known, fundamentally, in order to our salvation; to which end they may be considered, and better understood of all men, we have here printed them under their several titles as followeth, viz." And the three creeds do follow. (W. J.

As late as the twentieth century Baptists did not reject the use of creeds. In 1912, after warning of the wrong use of creeds, E. Y. Mullins concludes:

McGlothlin, Baptist Confessions of Faith,

"I think creeds perform a useful function in educating us to unity of faith and practice, so long as they are not worn as death masks for defunct religion, or employed as lashes to chastise others; so long as they do not arrest life and growth—in short, creeds help rather than hinder. A creed is like a ladder. On it you may climb up to a lofty outlook, a purer spiritual atmosphere, or you may climb down to the low platform of a barren orthodoxy." Baptist Beliefs (Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1912. 1951 p. 9f. It is the shallow creeds without the support of the Scriptures and lacking in historical orientation that has generated the holy dread of human creeds.

The second assumption of the question also lacks solid support. There is no doubt that radical theological liberalism should be soundly refuted and rejected, but this is not the great danger Southern Baptists face. Liberalism is rapidly becoming a waning

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force embraced by a "sweet and reasonable" minority, but the real threat to Southern Baptist unity comes from a resurgent landmarkism that not only disrupts cooperative work, but it often has the seeds of heresy hidden behind its militant noncreedalism. We mention two examples. J. R. Graves, the father of landmarkism, declared belief in "the Eternal Son of God" and "the Eternal Father" a belief "inadmissible" and of "human coinage." Several times the present writer has tested his discussion of the Trinity with people unaware of the source, and the beliefs of Graves have without exception been labeled Arianism and Unitarianism (See J. R. Graves, The Seven Dispensations, pp. 61f.) And so they are, and a solid knowledge of "the three creeds" would have condemned such teaching the day it was born. The popular prejudice against speaking of "the church" as well as "the churches" is also the outgrowth of landmarkism. It has neither the support of the Scriptures nor of historic Baptist confessions.

The answer to the question is both Biblical and historical. The Biblical side is a plea for more preaching and teaching on what the Bible actually says. It is not enough to read a text in the pulpit or a passage before a class and then decorate the Scriptures with all sorts of human speculations. It is not enough until the words of the Bible have been interpreted in a Biblical way to bring out the real meaning. This can be done only by preachers and teachers who know the Bible as a whole and not just in spots. When Baptists depart from the Bible they will be even more at sea than the more organized denominations. It is the basis of our unity and faith.

This historical side to the answer is a call to a factual knowledge of our own heritage. One frequently hears and reads the claim that "Baptist Succession" can be traced through certain schismatic and heretical groups in the history of Christianity. For example, the adoptionist Armenian sect known as Paulicians are singled out as Baptist progenitors simply because they believed in adult baptism. They did believe in adult baptism, but when one reads the statement of their faith in *The Key of Truth* (edited by F. C. Conybeare, Oxford, 1898) it becomes clear that they were Unitarian heretics who believed that Jesus was a mere

Henry Guy Jackson To Serve Stone and Riverside

"There is joy in Stone and Riverside Associations over the coming of Henry Guy Jackson to serve as our joint missionary," writes Guard Green.

This territory is composed of six counties, Clay, Pickett, Overton, Jackson, Fentress, and Putnam, offers a very difficult but challenging and promising field.

He is highly commended by Dyer County Association where he has been used of the Lord in the development of a remarkable associational program. His successes earned for him the love and appreciation of the good people of that County and the respect and commendation of denominational leaders. A native of Middle Tennessee, Brother Jackson is a graduate of Union University and Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Jackson, a native of Rogersville, was educated at Union University. The Jacksons have two sons, Henry, a medical missionary volunteer at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, and Dan. They will reside in Livingstone.

LATE BULLETIN

Henry Guy Jackson Injured In Highway Wreck

Henry Guy Jackson suffered major injuries in an auto wreck at 10 p.m., November 17, near Dyersburg, Tennessee. He was taken to a Memphis hospital with both legs reported broken. Brother Jackson, who has served as associational missionary in Dyer County, was returning from a service alone in his car and ran into a truck which had been left parked on the highway without any lights on it. The night was foggy. Brother Jackson suffered bad lacerations and is reported in a serious condition according to Dr. Robert Orr, pastor of First Church, Dyersburg. His car was a total wreck. Brother Jackson has just been elected to serve as associational missionary for Stone and Riverside Associations.

creature who became God's son when he received adult baptism at the age of thirty. This, then, is the basis for their believing in adult baptism (The Key of Truth, chapter 2). Such scientific studies of Baptist history as Robert G. Torbet, A History of the Baptists (Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1950) and W. W. Barnes, The Southern Baptist Convention (Nashville, Tennessee, The Broadman Press, 1954) are the type of writings that preachers and teachers should read for a true picture of the Baptist heritage and for a balanced approach to denominational apologetic. This approach with thorough Biblical knowledge will help protect Southern Baptists against liberalism and landmarkism alike.

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People and Places.

H. D. Jordan is the pastor of Colonial Church recently organized from a mission of Highland Church, Memphis. Bro. Jordan resigned the pastorate of Salem Church, Collins, Mississippi, November 14 to accept the call of this new church in Memphis. He has served twenty-nine years in Mississippi.

Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga has recently added to its staff, John M. Farris as minister of music and assistant to the pastor. Mr. Farris is a native of Lexington, Kentucky and comes to his Chattanooga position from First Church, Urbandale, Dallas, Texas. Miss Wanda Summers has joined the Ridgedale staff as youth director and promotional worker. Miss Summers is a graduate of Mary Hardin Baylor College of Belton, Texas and has taught in Oklahoma public schools the past two years.

Pastor Lowell Ledford of Ashland City writes, "Numerous rededications and the high-tone of spiritual life in the church testify to the value of the meeting recently led by Clarence N. Rue, pastor of First Church, Munfordville, Kentucky. During the ten days' meeting there were thirteen additions, twelve being by baptism. Every proved since the meeting.

After a six month's leave of absence serving as Executive assistant for Allied Youth in Washington, D. C., the Rev. James C. Furman has returned to his post in Nashville as Executive Secretary of the United Tennessee League, a statewide temperance organization which he has served for the past nine years.

President D. M. Aldridge of Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's School writes of the death, November 6 of Bro. J. C. Dance at the age of 78 in his Oneida, Kentucky, home. He was a graduate and former teacher at Union University. His wife, the former Maude Fulleton, also graduated from Union. For many years the Dances gave themselves unreservedly to the cause of Mountain missions. He was principal and teacher of Bible at Magoffin Institute and Treasurer and bookkeeper at Oneida Institute. For four years he was professor of Church History and Baptist Doctrines at Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's School near Pineville, Kentucky. Leaving that position he went to Harrogate, Tennessee where he helped organize the First Baptist Church and led in the erection of its beautiful building. "I feel that he is one of the greatest Christians that it has ever been my privilege to know," writes Dr. Aldridge. Bro. Dance is survived by his widow and three children and two sisters.

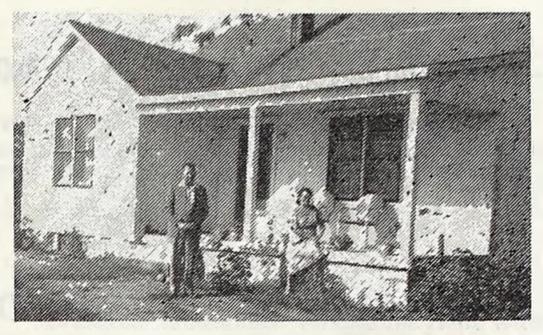
Bird's Creek Church, Whitlock, observed Pastor C. R. Owens' fifth anniversary, October 31, noting accomplishments of the past five years, during which a Training Union has been organized with 77 active members and a Brotherhood with 24. Improvements to the property have been made: church grounds renovated, the building painted, a weekly bulletin printed, a pastor's study with phone installed, church has moved up to full time, the budget practically doubled. The Sunday school has become a department school and there have been 69 baptisms and over one hundred additions to the church.

Buffalo Trail Church, Morristown, celebrated its first anniversary rejoicing that the charter membership of 154 has now increased to 210 and that an average attendance of 150 to 155 is maintained in the Sunday school, with around 90 in the Training Union. During the year, there have been 58 additions to the church. New classes have been organized and departments with plans made for an extension department. Pastor Jack H. Goodwin rejoices with his people in the blessings God has given them. This church began as a mission of First Church, Morristown. Brotherhood Secretary E. N. Delzell, Nashphase of the church's life has been im- ville, conducts a stewardship revival November 22-26.

> Pastor Joe Harris of First Church, Ridgley, will devote his time to the work of an evangelist feeling that God has called him to this service. The Executive Board of Beulah Baptist Association in resolutions praise Brother Harris. A committee composed of Dan Cameron, Kenneth Day, and H. B. Donnell state that he is qualified in education, experience, ability and organization to lead in a church, city, or associational-wide evangelistic crusade. His revivals are church-centered, and he is sound in Baptist doctrine and practice.

> Open House for the Memorial Nurses' Home at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, which was originally planned for December 12 has been postponed according to an announcement by Chaplain T. C. Wyatt.

> Dr. Wyatt stated that the adding of two floors to the W. M. U. Memorial Nurses' Home would not be completed in time for the Open House on December 12 as had been announced at several associational gatherings. The contractors find it impossible to finish their work by that time. In view of this delay BAPTIST AND RE-FLECTOR has been requested to state that the Open House for the Memorial Nurses' Home will be held at some time in the early part of 1955.



Within the year this pastor's home at Sylvia, Tennessee, with full basement, four rooms and bath costing approximately \$6,-000.00 has been completed. Nearly onethird of the cost was for a water system. Pastor L. L. Presson has been on the field about a year.

Pastor and Mrs. Joe Strother were honored November 7 by Temple Church, Johnson City, the occasion being their twelfth anniversary of work with the church. Appreciation was expressed for their work in a letter, and the progress of the church attributed largely to their efforts. "The stand you have taken on all moral issues has caused the influence of Temple Baptists to be felt throughout East Tennessee. We are for you 100 per cent in all these efforts," the letter stated. A beautiful gift of silver was presented to the Strothers on this occasion.

R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Church, Memphis, will lead Woodmont Church, Nashville, in a revival December 6-12. G. Allen West is the pastor at Woodmont.

A teacher of fifteen-year old girls found that her class wanted to learn more about the Baptist faith. Coming across a copy of "Basic Beliefs" by Editor Richard N. Owen, she felt that this book answered some of her own questions and began teaching it on Tuesday nights to her class of girls. These intermediate girls report finding this book helpful.

"Why should not men of the church take active part in its program?" asked Attorney Hardin Conn of Nashville in addressing the Tennessee Baptist Convention concerning the Brotherhood. "Men will brag about being members of almost any organization but often hum, haw and hesitate about mentioning their church affiliations."

Pastor John Huffman of Gallatin in a Wednesday afternoon address condemned the tyranny of "things," saying "We must be conscious that God was at the beginning, and is at the end, and that in between we work through the redemptive power of Christ." Huffman stated that men have been guilty of trying to leave God out, then reminded, "Tithing will be taken care of when men recognize they have in earthen vessels the treasure of Grace."

Next Sunday's Lesson-

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TEXTS: Psalms 46 and 142 (Larger)—Ps. 46:1-3, 10, 11; Ps. 142 (Printed)—Ps. 46:1 (Golden).

In Time of Trouble

Eliphaz the Temanite made an observation in the long ago that today has validity: "Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7). For who has not already known, or surely will know, the coming of trouble? The two psalms given for this lesson's study give guidance on how to meet trouble as well as indicating the sources of the same. These notes prefer to consider the two psalms in their entirety rather than in mutilating them by limiting as suggested by the above printed texts. The translation by Maclaren of the verse chosen for the Golden Text is: "God is a refuge and stronghold for us, a help in troubles most readily to be found." Martin Luther gave to the world his majestic hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," based upon this verse.

Disasters Out of Nature (Ps. 46:1-3)

In the inscrutable providences of God we notice how He permits the forces of nature to bring trouble and suffering to His creatures. In the coming of hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and floods much misery and hardship overtakes human beings. To say that such disasters are the results of certain natural laws of weather does not fully solve the problems that are involved, for the question yet remains as to why a loving and powerful God permits innocent creatures to suffer. But of this we may be certain, God never makes a mistake. His ways may be beyond human understanding but we instinctively feel and know that they must prove to be good in their completeness. Men have not learned to curb the forces of nature and must stand helplessly by and watch their fury. God alone directs them.

Disturbances Among Nations (Ps. 46:4-7)

The roaring of the nations and the moving of the kingdoms have been seen on an extended scale during the past quarter of a century so that political boundaries have in some instances shifted several times. The past two or three decades have been disturbed ones so far as the nations of the world are concerned. This has brought trouble to many human hearts. Families have been uprooted, fathers have been killed and children have been deserted by the thousands. Truly the age has been and is one of unparalleled tragedy. To contemplace it is to have the feeling that the world has been caught up in catastrophic forces both disturbing and destructive. Unless one is able to find comfort that the Lord of hosts is present in it all and through it all, despair is sure to come. But when it is recalled

that He knows all and rules over all, faith gives assurance.

Desolations in Wars (Ps. 46:8-11)

Against the black background of wars and their incredible desolations, accentuated by the events of more recent years, stands the glorious fact that "He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth." Some have imagined that men by military and diplomatic might have brought peace or what might be more accurately termed an extended truce. But the more observing have seen that such conditions are the gracious gifts of a merciful God. The frenzied cruelty inherent in making war finally reaches proportions that can be terminated only by divine intervention. Those who have witnessed and participated in two global conflicts, even in a limited manner, are convinced that the Psalmist must have been inspired when he formulated such a statement. War is a horrible game and gamble. Those best qualified to speak warn that those in the future will be of such gigantic dimensions and fought with such fantastically cruel weapons as to make it impossible for either side

to win. Mankind would do well to ponder and follow the other words of these verses, namely, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Declarations of Faith (Ps. 142:1-4)

This psalm is said to have been written by David when he was in the cave. If this is the case, its teachings are all the more significant for our own day. For we too now find ourselves in a sort of cave that is dark and gloomy. But with us, as with David, there are the overtones of an abiding faith in the goodness of God and His protecting care. The declarations of such faith are implicit rather than explicit but very real nevertheless.

Deliverances from Persecutions (Ps. 142:5-7)

These three verses are anticipatory in character. The Psalmist prays for such deliverances and believes that they shall come. The persecutors with their persecutions are stronger than is he, but God is stronger than all combined. In no place in the Bible are we told that we shall be spared from the troubles accompanying persecutions but we are promised always that God will be with us in such persecutions and will bring us out of them with a stronger faith. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 5:10). Some one has observed that it is not what happens to a man that counts but rather what he does with what happens to him. The Christian, with the help of God, can always do the right thing with what happens to him—even with his troubles.



Shepherd's Preparation

Jesus taught His disciples nearly three years, and only sent them out twice; and that by two's and two's on a mission tour. Paul admonished young Timothy to study that he might be an approved workman. A call to preach is a call to prepare according to the New Testament. For one to attempt to preach without preparing would appear to be rank presumption. "Chimney corner" gossip that God, without study on the preacher's part,

will fill the preacher's mouth with words, is still "chimney corner" gossip. God feeds the little birds, but they must scratch for the bugs and worms.

Four schools are available in Tennessee for preachers at any stage of training. Off-campus courses are being provided now in many cities and towns. Seminary extension courses are available also. Circulating libraries are ready to serve preachers these days free, except postage on books one way. Baptist Book Stores, when requested, are ready to suggest suitable books at reasonable prices. Preparation for the ministry is easy now, unless one is down-right lazy.

Nearly all the boys and girls are graduating from high schools these days, and preachers with less training may expect their judgment and leadership to be questioned entirely too much. Preachers today have no choice in this matter: either prepare to lead, or prepare to drop out. Churches are forced to exercise more choice now in view of a better educated membership. The educational level of rural and village church members is being raised consistently and persistently. Only the wilfully blind will ignore this stubborn fact.—David

The Young South

At the very beginning of this Thanks-giving column, I want to tell you how glad I am for your friendship. I am thankful for you and for all the letters I have had from you this year. I have heard from many new friends this year and am thankful for an opportunity to share their letters with all the boys and girls who read the Young South column. Here are some letters you will enjoy. Each friend asks for more new friends. Will you answer one of these letters?

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write. I was thirteen years old on July 30. I go to Bellevue Baptist Church and am an Intermediate.

I go to Bellevue Junior High School and am in the seventh grade. My hobby is reading. I would like to have pen pals between the ages of thirteen and fifteen. I will endeavor to answer every letter I receive. I like to make new friends.

MARGARET ANN FENDER

1040 Court Ave. Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I am in the fourth grade at Mt. Olive School. I am a member of the Mt. Olive Church. I am nine years old. I would like a lot of pen pals.

SUSIE TEMPLE

Route 3
Ginn Rd.
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I have no pen pals and would like to have some eleven to thirteen years of age. I am twelve years old. My birthday is August 14. I'm a Christian and a member of Trenton Street Baptist Church. The pastor of our church is Brother Branson C. Wiggins. I will answer every letter I receive.

SUE HUDDLESTON

425 Carter St. Harriman, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. My hair is brown. I have two brothers and one sister. I would like to have many pen pals. I will try to answer every letter.

RAMONA MARIE CHAPMAN

Bill Rice Ranch Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am ten years old and I go to Belle Morris School. I am in the fifth grade. I go to Broadway Baptist Church. I am a Christian. I also go to G. A. meetings and to Training Union.

My favorite sports are baseball and foot- Nashville, Tennessee

ball. I will answer every letter I receive.

CAROLE TURNER

1423 Coker Ave. Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven years old. This is my first time to write to you. I go to Schwab School and am in the sixth grade. I am a member of Grace Baptist Church. I enjoy writing to people very much. I would like to have pen pals between the ages of ten and fourteen.

JUDY CRECELIUS

1235 Joseph Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven years old. I go to Chilhowee Church. I am a Christian. I am in the seventh grade. I have a little brother. I would like to have some pen pals between the ages of ten and thirteen. I will try to answer every letter I get. My father is a minister.

JOYCE KEY

H. C. B. A. Box 191
Seymour, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I am fourteen years old. I go to Etowah High School. I am in the ninth grade. I am a member of the North Etowah Baptist Church. I play the piano and sing. I have one brother, eight years old. I will answer every letter I receive. I would like to have lots of pen pals.

JUDITH ANN STILLWELL

230 Penn Avenue Etowah, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl nine years old and in the fourth grade. I go to Rankin's Cove School. I would like to have many pen pals, all ages. I will answer every letter I get.

JUNE POE

Route 1 Jasper, Tenn.

Did you find a promise in all the letters today? Will you give these new friends an opportunity to keep that promise?

Love,

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Ave., S. Nashville, Tennessee



Shocked table-mate (watching man with his hands in a bowl of alphabet soup): "What on earth are you doing with your hands in the soup?"

Disturbed Soup-eater: "I'm groping for words."

Scientists report that it is now possible to kill insect pests by radio. The average program will do excellently for the purpose.

"Mary," said a mother to her quicktempered little girl, "you must not grow angry and say naughty things. You should always give a soft answer." When her brother provoked her an hour later, Mary clenched her little fist and snarled, "Mush!"

In a men's clothing store a tiny slip of a girl was waiting on a man who must have weighed at least 250 pounds. He wanted to buy a belt, but did not know the size, so the girl produced a tape measure. For a moment she stood eyeing her customer, a puzzled look on her face. Then she smiled in relief. "Here," she said brightly, "you hold this end while I run around."

A Los Angeles teacher training her class in the use of proverbs said, "Cleanliness is next to what?" A little boy exclaimed feelingly, "Impossible!"

Like refrigerators, people need defrosting occasionally.

At a dinner meeting, the speaker of the evening was introduced as a live wire. It developed that he was wired mostly for sound.

The trouble with burning the candle at both ends is that you always get caught in the middle.

These days, "a small service charge" is likely to refer to the service, not the charge.

Any car will last your lifetime if you're careless enough.



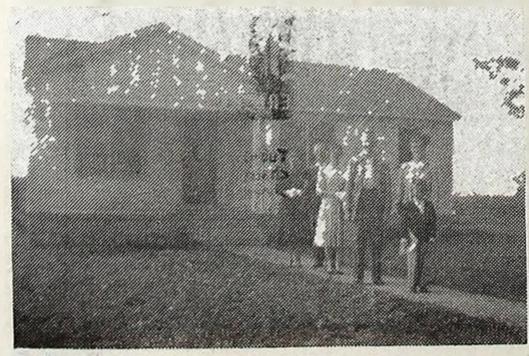
Knack for Tools and Work



Over at Phillippy in the northwestern corner of Tennessee lives a Baptist pastor with a hand for tools. With cash outlay of \$5.25, some discarded parts, and superb mechanical ability, Pastor C. L. Bray built the sturdy, efficient mower shown at the top. His young son is at the handles. Salvaging parts from a junk shop, adding \$33.94, together with his mechanical "know-how", Bro. Bray constructed the



heavy duty garden plow shown above. His mechanical skill enables him to "rate high" with his farmer church members who value their machinery. Hard by the church at Phillippy in Lake County is the pastor's home with a good garden that furnishes plenty of fresh vegetables in season for the Bray family. "By living and working, on the field, Brother Bray will do more 'accidently' for his church than an absentee pastor will do 'on purpose'," states L. G. Frey, superintendent of missions, Nashville.



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Baptist Briefs

November 14, following the evening service, the Training Union of First Church, Mt. Pleasant, surprised Pastor J. Lowell Knupp and family with a "This Is Your Life" program, depicting the three years of progress under his leadership. The Sunday school has grown from an average attendance of 123 to 242, Training Union from 71 to 96; there have been 78 additions to the church, offerings increased from \$800 to over \$1,700 per month, the first unit of a \$30,000 new building completed, Scottsville Mission established, with Deacon John L. Rewis, preaching. At the end of the program gifts were presented Pastor Knupp and family.

Mallory Heights Church, Memphis, ordained Warren G. Banks to the ministry and J. R. Scott and John Horner as deacons. Brother Banks is pastoring Hales Point Church.

First Church, Gatlinburg, and Pastor J. O. Carter were assisted in revival services by Ray F. Dykes of White Oak Church, Chattanooga. Dr. Honorio Espinosa, Southern Seminary classmate of Brother Dykes, and Lawrence Trivette supplied the White Oak Church.

Dr. Fred F. Brown recently assisted Pastor Charles E. Parker and First Church, New Bern, North Carolina. in a series of evangelistic meetings. Dr. Brown for more than a quarter of a century led First Church, Knoxville. As emeritus pastor he now makes his home at 3000 Woodbine, Knoxville, Tennessee.

During the second year of the pastorate of Joe Shaver at Avondale, Chattanooga, the church received 112 by baptism and 90 by letter and enjoyed the greatest year of its history with mission gifts above \$14,000. Through the Foreign Mission Board the church supports Miss Harriet King as a missionary in Malaya.

Why Our Church Gives 35% to World Missions Through the Cooperative Program

"We believe that the Great Commission is just as binding upon us as it was upon the eleven who heard the command from the lips of Jesus. The limitation of time, and size of the world, prohibits us from witnessing personally to "all the world," but when we place our offerings in the offering plate on Sunday we know we are witnessing in Knox Association, in Tennessee, in the United States and the whole world. We know the world is lost and we have the only message that will save it. That knowledge will not allow us to give less than 35% of all undesignated offerings to the Cooperative Program." Charles S. Bond, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, Tennessee

Elkton Clears Debt from Pastor's Home



Jack Jones, the happy pastor at Elkton is shown here with Mrs. Jones and their family. Since coming from Alabama about a year ago the Sunday School has increased its enrolment from 180 to 231, the church has added 69 members, inaugurated full-time preaching and removed the debt on the house shown above. The church contributes five percent of its receipts to associational missions and another five per cent to the Cooperative Program. Plans are being laid for an educational building in the near future. This church is an example of a well-rounded New Testament program.

Telling Them Off

We listened to a sermon and, after its delivery, we overheard one of the congregation saying, "He sure told them off tonight, didn't he." We have tried to trace where one finds authority for telling people off in the pulpit, or from the teaching platform in a Sunday school class. It is not our duty to "tell people off," for this is the best way we know of to run them off. We just do not like to stay in the company of people who are constantly telling us off and picking us to pieces.

The imparting of the truth from God is far more effective when it is in the spirit of teaching and inspiring people who, by nature, despise their sins and crave to be like God. People are not driven into the presence of God but are drawn into this fellowship through love and truth.

We do not draw people into our fellowship by spouting off at them and there are many people who make speeches which they would not escape the consequences of except for the fact of the reverence the public holds for the pulpit. "Fist and skull" preaching is not needed very often. People who sit in our pews are not compelled to be there by any kind of pressure and, therefore, they are free to leave. Telling them off is the best way to get them to stay away from hearing the Word of God. Editor Leon Macon, The Alabama Baptist.

Counselor's Corner

by Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

COAXING A HUSBAND

Question: I am a person who likes to go to church, and try very hard to live a Christian life.

My problem is this. When Sunday comes my husband always finds some kind of excuse to keep from going. I don't want to press him too far. What must I do about it?

Answer: You have a sensible attitude. Don't press him too far. Men don't like to be dominated by women. It makes us feel that we are not real men. And the more we fear our masculinity the more we have to throw our weight around.

No one method will work on all men but every smart woman learns how to work us. The following methods will usually work:

First, be very good and understanding to your husband. Never ridicule him nor make him feel inferior. Brag on him, feed him, love him, and ask his opinion.

Second, try to see why your husband does not like to go to church. If his reason is such that reasonable persuasion, prayer, and love cannot overcome it, give up. That is, accept the fact that if he changes, he and God must effect the change. Too many married people are trying to change each other.

Finally, love your husband as he is. Set him such an example of Christian living that when you die, he will want to spend eternity with you.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

Why Our Church Has Contributed 25% to The Cooperative Program

Several years ago Union Baptist Church decided the Unified Budget was the best way to handle its financial affairs with ten per cent going to the Cooperative Program. Offerings started to increase with the adoption of this program and we decided to "educate" our people to the purposes of the Cooperative Program and agencies served by this worthy organization. It was then our congregation felt that their church would be truly missionary by supporting the Cooperative Program to the utmost of their ability. We feel the main reason our church has contributed twenty-five per cent is because of their better understanding of the purposes and functions of Cooperative Program. This is a rural church with an average attendance of 48 for 1953-54.

Emmett F. Sawyer, Pastor Union Baptist Church Johnson City, Tennessee

Southern Seminary To Close For Simultaneous Revivals

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—For the first time in the history of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary the school will close for one week so that its students can devote the period to evangelism. The unprecedented closing will come during the simultaneous revival crusade and will mean that the students will not be charged for absences during the week. "They will be charged with absences beyond that week," President Duke K. McCall announced, "but at any rate, they can be in a two-week revival and be charged with only one week of absences."

"To me, this is the most unusual, as well as the greatest, appraisal of evangelism of any incident that has taken place in the Southern Baptist denomination in its history," C. E. Matthews, director of the great national crusade and secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Department of Evangelism, said. "When we think of all that great student body, and the emphasis that is placed on education being released for one week, it ought to encourage all of us. God is in this matter," Matthews stated in commenting on the decision of the Louisville school.

O. Baptists To Buy State Assembly Site

DAYTON, O.—(BP)—Ohio Baptists voted to buy 153 acre plot of land and house for state assembly grounds in the first annual session of the group. The land, located on Lake Seneca in Eastern Ohio, will cost \$15,000.

The Baptists adopted a total Cooperative Program goal of \$110,025 with 20 per cent or \$13,000 going to Southern Baptist causes and 80 per cent or \$97,025 going to state causes.

The 471 messengers present for the convention elected John Kurtz, pastor of Westwood Baptist Church, Dayton, to serve as next year's president.

First Baptist Church, Reading, O., was selected as next year's meeting place, November 3-4.

Tex. Children's Home To Have \$80,000 Chapel

ROUND ROCK, Tex.—(BP)—Construction of an \$80,000 chapel on the Texas Baptist Children's home property in Round Rock will get underway soon. Action was taken by the home's board of trustees in session recently.

The 300-seat chapel will be a gift of the William B. Flemings of Fort Worth and the Earl Hankamer family of Houston.



H. Franklin Paschall to Address Evangelistic Conference

Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, will address the Tennessee Evangelistic Conference at First Church, Nashville, January 17, 1955, at 8 p.m. His subject will be "Preaching to the Multitudes." Dr. Leonard Sanderson states, "Dr. Paschall is recognized as one of the most outstanding young preachers of the South." A pastor remarked, "After Dr. Paschall has spoken in one of Tennessee's state-wide meetings, he will be one of the most sought-after men in the South."

Tex. Baptists Go Over Top in '53-54 Mission Gift Receipts

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—Texas Baptists closed their 1953-54 convention year October 31 with a record-breaking Cooperative Program total of \$7,994,260.

R. A. Springer, Dallas, Baptist General Convention of Texas treasurer, reported that the 1953-54 figure tops last year's record by \$470,928 and is almost one million dollars above the 1953-54 budget goal of \$7,000,000.

Fifty per cent of the amount received through Treasurer Springer's office during the year was sent to the Southern Baptist Convention headquarters in Nashville for world missions. The other 50 per cent was designated for state causes.

Condemn Indecent Literature

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(BP)—The New York Baptist Missionary Convention in its 147th annual meeting adopted a resolution stating that the "Widespread sale of 'horror and sex comic books and other salacious and pornographic literature' is causing 'untold psychological harm' to the nation's children."

Condemning the dissemination of such material as "a traffic in vice and sensuality," the resolution lauded all recent efforts to restrain it on the local, state, and national levels.



Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY MILLS, Executive Sec'y-Treas.

Royal Ambassadors Still a Missionary Organization

Tennessee Baptist Convention in session in Nashville, November 9-11, took important action relative to Royal Ambassadors. Every person concerned with the missionary education of boys and young men should become familiar with this action. The following recommendations were adopted by the convention:

- 1. That Royal Ambassador work shall be under the direction of a Joint Committee composed of the president and executive secretary of the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union and three (3) members for each body appointed by the respective body. At the end of a three year period the transfer of Royal Ambassador work to Brotherhood sponsorship will be consumated.
- 2. That we request that the Convention allocate adequate funds for the promotion of this work.
- 3. That the Joint Committee be authorized to nominate the Royal Ambassador Secretary to the Executive Board of Tennessee Baptist Convention.
- 4. That this Joint Committee shall be charged with the duties of administration and promotion of Royal Ambassador work in Tennessee.
- 5. That the Royal Ambassador organization continue to be a missionary organization.

It is imperative that every church understand how this action of the convention will affect the local situation. Currently, the Royal Ambassador program will continue under its present sponsorship. Reports will still be made through the channels of Woman's Missionary Union whether your Royal Ambassador chapter is promoted by the local W. M. U. or the Brotherhood. Promotional materials will continue to come through the W. M. U. Office, consequently the name and address of your counselors should be reported to W. M. U. Headquarters.

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What About Your Young People?

Point 10 on the Standard of Excellence for Woman's Missionary Society reads, "Fostering a Sunbeam Band and at least one other of the graded W. M. U. organizations for young people in the church." Exactly what is meant by "fostering"? Surely it is more than a matter of pink lemonade and a few cookies. Webster defines "foster" as "To cherish, to sustain and promote." To Woman's Missionary Union it means a specific task of arganizing and maintaining the missionary activities for the young people in the church.

First in fostering, Woman's Missionary Union must provide the finest. most consecrated leadership available. This means an enthusiastic and capable Young People's Director as well as counselors and helpers for each organization. Is your YWA not functioning now because you do not have a leader for that group? Then call your Nominating Committee back into action for it is their duty to see that leader-

ship is provided. Should a counselor resign during the year it is again the foremost responsibility of the Nominating Committee, backed by the prayers and concern of the fostering unit, to see that a counselor is supplied.

Fostering also means providing the material needs of the young people's organizations in your church. Woman's Missionary Union will want to set up in their budget an adequate amount to cover the actual needs of each of the auxiliaries. This would include money for magazine subscription for the leader, maps, handwork materials, standard of excellence charts, membership record charts, materials for work on forward steps and ranks, and to send leaders to Workshops and help send young people to camp.

Look at that definition again—"cherish, sustain, promote." Surely, that implies that your young people need your personal interest and attention and concern. Members of the W. M. S. should visit the auxiliaries, help with transportation, open their homes for meetings. There are countless little activities involving a "personal touch" which can assure the young people and their leaders of your genuine concern.

Make "An Effective Program of Fostering" the aim of your Woman's Missionary Union this year.

GREATEST DEFENSE WEAPON

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Special Conference on Adults In the Sunday School

Two power-packed days of conferences focusing on Adults in Sunday School, December 30-31, 1954, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Opens 10:00 A. M. December 30 and closes 12:00 Noon, December 31.

Enlist Adults

"... and all these things shall be added"

Needed Workers
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Adepuate Buildings
Expanded Mission Program
Greater Evangelistic Results
More Children in Sunday School
Enlarge Financial Support
Stronger Churches

Come and let us learn together how better to enlist adults!

Purpose

The purpose of this conference is to study through testimonies, interviews, conferences, and messages how we may enlist more and more adults in Bible study. Successful Sunday school leaders will be brought from all sizes and types of churches to make their contribution to this study.

Program

Such questions as these will be answered. How can adult attitudes be changed? Does the adult graded Bible-teaching program work? What is the ideal size and age range for Adult classes? Can adults be won to Christ? What does it take to enlist adults? What are some results in enlisting adults? How can we do a better job of teaching adults?

Testimonies will be given by leaders of churches which have been successful in reaching adults including First Baptist Church, Dallas, and Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham.



Sectional conferences will be conducted for pastors, educational directors, general superintendents, department and class officers, and teachers.

Program Personnel

W. A. Criswell, James L. Sullivan, Wayne Dehoney, W. L. Howse, Homer G. Lindsay, Ernest J. Loessner, all Sunday School Board forces, state Sunday school secretaries, and others.

Who Attend?

You, Brother Pastor, Educational Director, Sunday School Superintendent, Adult Department Officer, Adult Teacher, Adult Class Officer, and anyone else who is interested in the enlistment of adults in Bible study are the ones for whom this program has been planned.

Come and bring a large group of your workers from your church.

Hotel Accommodations Available

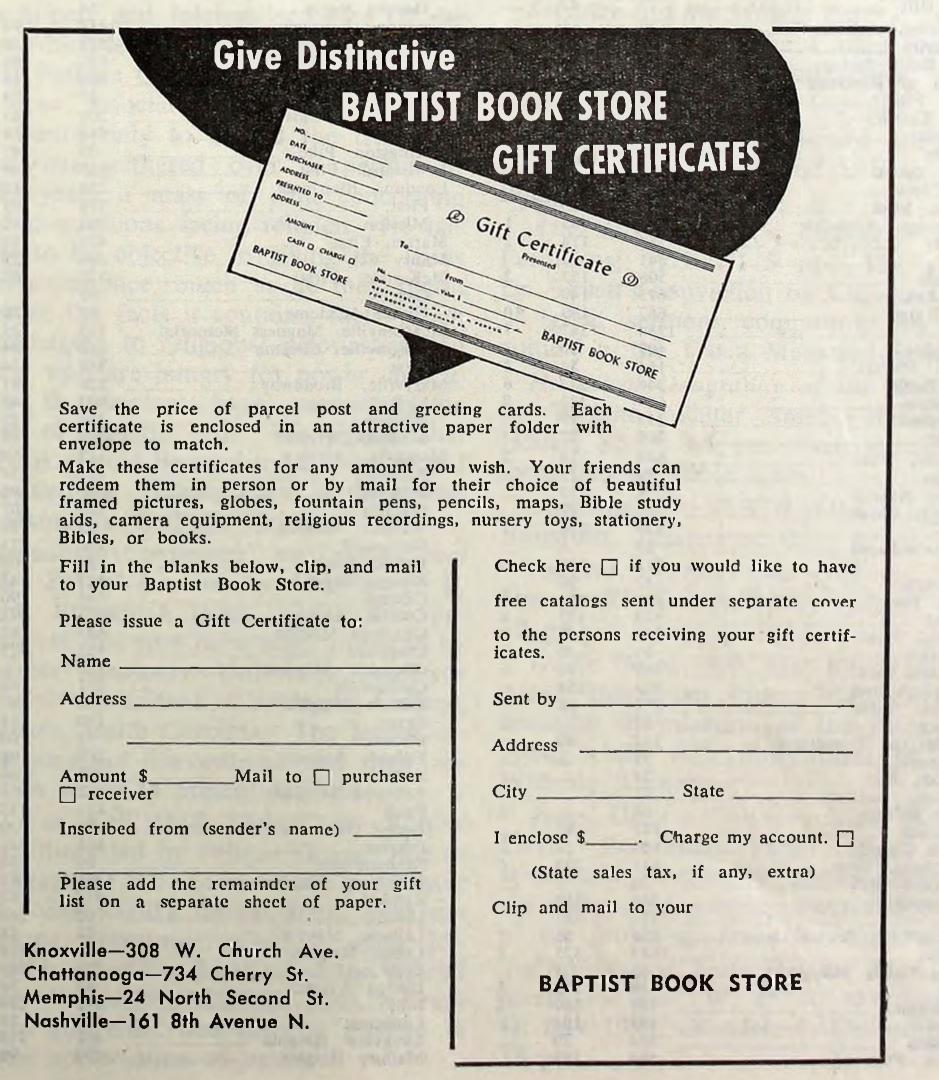
Each person attending the conference will make his own hotel reservation. Some of the hotels most conveniently located in relationship to the First Baptist Church are: Atlantan, Atlanta Biltmore, Briarcliff, Cherokee, Cox-Carlton, Dinkler Plaza, Georgia, Georgian Terrace, Henry Grady, Jefferson, Peachtree, Piedmont, and Robert Fulton.

Atlanta Invites You

Dr. T. W. Tippett, state Sunday school secretary for Georgia, says: "Atlanta and Georgia Baptists are eagerly anticipating your presence in the special Adult conferences. Because adults are the key to stronger churches, Christian homes, and a better society, we have been working and praying to the end that these special Adult conferences will thrust forward our great Adult Bible-teaching program so that millions of yet unenlisted adults will join us in Bible study. We are expecting you!"

To quote Harry P. Wootan, promotional secretary of Atlanta Baptist Sunday School Association and general conference chairman of arrangements: "The 130 churches of the Atlanta Association with their more than 100,000 members join the Sunday School Board and the Georgia State Board in extending to you a most cordial invitation to attend the great Adult leadership conferences."

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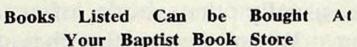


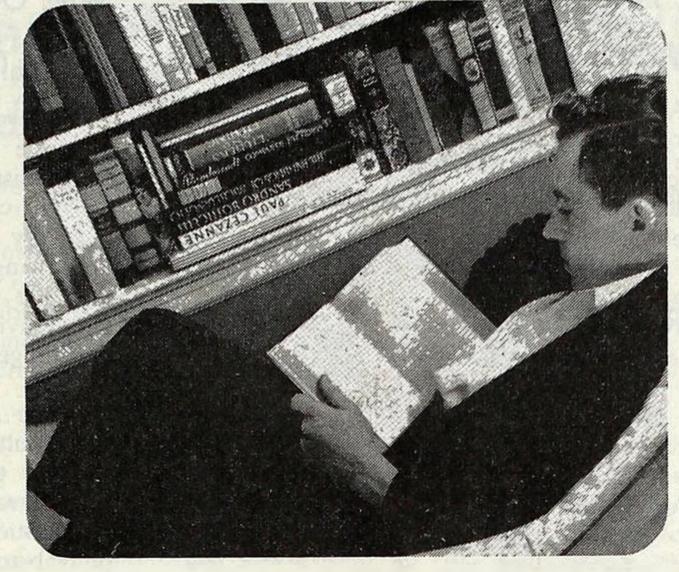
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New Books

Received for Our Shelf





Meditations from a Prison Cell by F. Olin Stockwell; The Upper Room; \$.35 a copy; 112 pages; Devotional talks by a missionary, bearing witness out of a communist prison in Chungking Chica.

The 1955 Ministers Manual by Heicher and Hallock; Harper and Brothers; \$2.75;

In Pastures Green, A Ramble Through the 23rd Psalm, by F. W. Boreham; Judson Press; 75¢; 48 pp. Beautifully illustrated with English pastoral scenes. Here are comments on this dearest of the psalms to inspire and delight the reader.

Douglass Sunday School Lessons for 1955, commentary on the International Sunday School lessons by Earl L. Douglass; Macmillan Co. \$2.95; 475 pp. Clear, partical expositions with strong evangelistic appeal. There are complete lesson plans together with audio-visual suggestions and hints to teachers. This book is the successor to the Snowden-Douglass Sunday School Lessons.

America's Spiritual Recovery by Edward L. R. Elson; with an introduction by J. Edgar Hoover; Revell; \$2.50; 189 pp. The author is pastor to President Eisenhower and the book is dedicated to him. Here is a careful analysis of our national shortcomings. The first chapter entitled The Moral Lapse is one of the most devastating condemnations of conditions in the United States that I have ever read. The author not only understands our times and our peril but he also knows and urges a return to those spiritual and moral truths which can bring recovery. This is a hardhitting book. In it there is a clear call to Americans to repent and return to God.

The Baptists by Frank S. Mead; Broadman Press; \$1.00; 55 pp. This brief account is thoroughly interesting in presenting the beginnings and the distinctive message of Baptists. Originally appearing in the book "See These Banners Go." This has been reprinted by Broadman Press in a very attractive form. It is enlivened with several pen sketches.

New Testament Commentary The Gospel of John; Vol. II by William Hendriksen; Baker Book House; \$4.50 subscription rate; \$6.50 single. This is a clear and thorough exposition of the Gospel ac-

cording to John, chapters 7-21. Dr. Hendriksen is a competent teacher, thoroughly versed in advanced scholarship and new discoveries in research and archeology. But he has so ably organized and presented these expositions that the volume serves the needs not only of the most advanced scholar but the layman as well. The book has 507 pages, is in very clear type on paperstock that is free from glare.

"A Priest Speaks His Mind" by the Rev. W. E. R. O'Gorman, Box 1053, Glendale 5, California; 192 pp.; \$2.25. This is the spiritual odyssey of the author, who was for a number of years a priest of the Roman Catholic Church but who returned to the Protestant faith of his fathers. The book is an honest and fearless exposure of the abuses which led to his resignation from the Paulist Fathers Community with which he had been associated twenty-three years. With desire only to record the truth the author has gathered over a period of twenty years a mass of data concerning the vital questions facing religion. He has sought to be objective in giving the fruits of his experience, much as he may regret to record the facts it contains, facts which are damaging to religious ecclesiastics and leaders, who are hungry for power, and to secure that power have permitted the growth of flagrant evils. We believe that this book should be read by all who would understand the disillusionment of those who are leaving the Catholic Church.

"Broadman Comments" on International Sunday School Lessons for 1955 by E. F. Haight; Broadman Press; \$2.50; 409 pp. Comments this year have been authored by a former Seminary University professor who is now president of Anderson College, Anderson, South Carolina. The lesson introductions are life-centered and their application made to present-day life.

"I Can Tell God Things" by Robbie Trent; illustrated by Pelagie Doane; Broadman Press; \$1.50. To meet the experience of a young child's development, here are thirty-one devotional readings, each followed by a familiar Bible verse and a brief prayer. We believe that this book will appeal to any child and help to awaken in him an appreciation of prayer.

Basic Beliefs, by Richard N. Owen, Executive Board, Tenn. Bapt. Conv., Belcourt at 16th Ave. S., Nashville, Tenn. \$1.50; 103 pp. Eighteen messages treating on the foundations of faith.

"When God Comes to Earth" by A. B. Muse, Box 505, Louisville, Kentucky; paper bound; 189 pp. A study of the dispensations. The author has endeavored to give a comprehensive view of the entire body of scriptures concerned with God's eternal redemptive plan and program. Looking at the distressing conditions in our world at the present time, and looking also at the scriptural assurances of what God has in store for his people, the author is confident it is "worth being a Christian just to be in God's future program for his people."

Points for Emphasis (1955) by Clifton J. Allen; Broadman Press; 75¢; 215 pp. This 38th annual volume with its clear instructive comments on the International Bible lessons for Christian teaching, Uniform Series, is both handy and helpful.

Prayers of the Middle Ages by J. Manning Potts; Upper Room; 50¢ per copy; 96 pp.

When the Family Prays by Hazen G. Werner; The Upper Room; 15¢ a copy; 32 pp.

Worship Time by Edward D. Staples: 50¢ a copy; Upper Room; 256 pp.

Saving Your Marriage by Evelyn and Sylvanus Duvall; Public Affairs Pamphlet No. 213; 25¢; 28 pp.

Security and the Middle East; A proposal to the President of the United States by twenty distinguished Americans; Ballantine; 35¢; paper bound; 169 pp.

The Far Called by Ernest L. Ackiss; Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board; 60 pp.

After His Likeness by George W. Truett; Eerdmans; \$2.50; 175 pp. The core of Dr. Truett's conviction on Christian life in 14 great sermons composing this eighth volume in the Truett Memorial Series.

Historical Geography of the Holy Land by William Walter Smith; Baker Book House; \$2.25; 65 pp. Concise, clear, information on Bible lands.

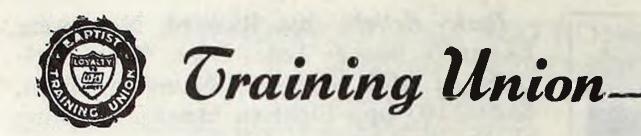
Christmas Program Handbook by Grace Ramquist; Zondervan; 35¢; 32 pp.

Prayers for Boys and Girls by Ava L. James; Zondervan; 25¢; paper bound; 30 pp.

God's Book for Me by Hattie Bell Allen; Broadman Press; 65¢; 27 pp. A beautiful introduction of the Bible to the young child with illustrations by Mariel Wilhoite Turner.

Jesus, Once a Child by Sadie Holcombe Davis; Broadman Press; 65ϕ ; 27 pp. Reverently imaginative stories about Jesus the Baby, and growing Boy, and the love of the grown-up Jesus for children.

Church and State for the Man in the Street by Rev. W. E. R. O'Gorman, P. O. Box 1053, Glendale 5, California; 55¢; 16 pp.



During the week of November 1-5, the second week of our Regional Planning Meetings was held. We are pleased with the enthusiasm shown and are listing below the goals set by associations for 1955.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Association	Stan. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Awards	Churches Reached with Study Course	Sword Drill	Youth Week	Speakers' Tournament
Concord	5	1	3	600	25	6	2	2
New Salem	2	1	2	300	10			
Riverside	1	1	2	200	10	5	2	2
Salem	2	1	4	300	8	3	3	2
Stone	2	1	5	300		3	4	3
Union	4	4	2	175	12	2	6	2
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Hiwassee		10	1	150	10	40	40	15
McMinn		2	8	1200	25	10	8	10
Polk		5	20	500	25	10	O	10
Sequatchie		2	4	350	16	12		
Sweetwater		2	4	700	20	6	4	6
Tenn. Valley		2	4	500	25		8	

NORTHEASTERN REGION

East Tennessee	5	1	2	500	18	2	5	2
Grainger	10	3	7	700	30			
Holston	65	15	10	3500	90	15	50	15
Holston Valley	5	2	3	600	20			
Jefferson	6	2	3	800	19	4	7	2
Mulberry Gap	1	1	1	100	6			
Nolachucky	4	2	2	1000	20	5	6	3
Watauga	44	5	10	1800	45	15	20	10

EASTERN REGION

Big Emory	3	1	2	1000	15	7	5	5
Campbell	5	2	5	500	8	2	2	2
Chilhowee	50	6	5	2500	50	10	20	10
Clinton	5	5	5	1000	20	5	5	5
Cumberland Gap	_ 1	1	2	250	15			
Knox	50	10	10	7000	100			
Midland	5	2	4	300	7	5	9	5
New River	1	1	5	150	15			
Northern	1	1	1	50	2			
Providence	2	2	5	500	10	6	5	5
Sevier	5	2	3	800	25	3	3	3
West Union	1	1	4	125	5			

Why Our Church Will Participate In the 1955 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade

It never entered our church's thinking that we would not engage in the 1955 Evangelistic Crusade. It is assumed that we will cooperate with our sister churches in every worthwhile endeavor. This isn't "following the flag;" it is simple recognition that the combined thinking and planning and praying of many people has a distinct advantage over the same things done by a few.

While some call for spontaneity instead of simultaneity I have known very few revivals that just spontaneously occurred. They are usually the result of careful preparation. When many churches "do" revival together they multiply evangelistic effectiveness. That's good spiritual arithmetic. Wm. Walter Warmath, Pastor, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

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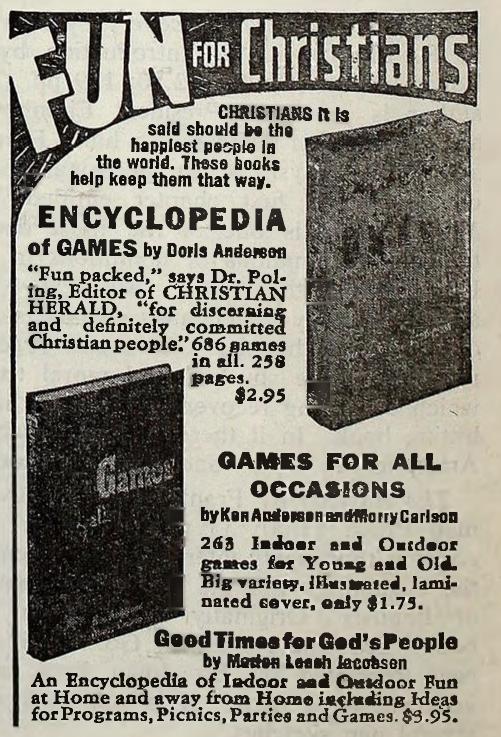
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Brotherhood Program, 1954—1955

Stewardship

October-November-December

At the writing of this article, almost one hundred Stewardship Revivals and Schools have been reported. The results can be measured in the increased contributions in years to come. A number of Pastors have written me that they would not have a Stewardship Revival but would preach on Stewardship throughout the month of November.

I am sure all of the Pastors who attended the convention that has just closed and heard the fine messages on Stewardship will have some good sermons to preach. It was noticeable at the number of messages in our convention that emphasized Stewardship. The Brotherhood will continue to emphasize Stewardship from time to time but especially this month and December. We pray that God will bless these efforts and that the results will be revealed in our report when the Convention convenes in Memphis, November of 1955.

Evangelism

January-February-March

Evangelistic Crusade

The first quarter of 1955 all the Brotherhoods are asked to emphasize the Evangelistic Crusade and assist in the preparations for this coming Crusade. Just off the press, "Men in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade," is a tract with seven specific suggestions how men can help:

- 1. Enlist Men To Help with Religious Census
- 2. Visitation
- 3. Soul-Winning Training School
- 4. Associational Men's Rally
- 5. Cottage Prayer Meetings
- 6. Men's Night During Revival
- 7. Advertising

We are sending one of these tracts to each Brotherhood president in the state. Every association should have a Men's Rally at a designated date about two weeks before the Crusade. Have Cottage Prayer Meetings in every church.

Royal Ambassadors

April-May-June

The Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting at the First Church, Nashville, November 9-11, 1954, voted without a dissenting voice to transfer the Royal Ambassadors from the Woman's Missionary Union to the Brotherhood. The Royal Ambassador work shall be under the direction of a Joint Committee composed of the president and executive secretary of the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union and three (3) members for each body appointed by the respective body. At the end of the three year period, the transfer of Royal Ambassador work to the Brotherhood sponsorship will be consummated.

This Joint Committee is authorized to nominate the Royal Ambassador Secretary to the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and shall be charged with the duties of administration and promotion of Royal Ambassador work in Ten-

nessee. The Royal Ambassador organization will continue to be a missionary organization.

We are pleading with the men of the Brotherhood to furnish more leadership for our boys. We urge the Pastors where we have Royal Ambassadors and have a Brotherhood to report their counselors to the Woman's Missionary Union so that these records will continue to come to the W.M.U. office as in the past. We also urge the Pastors who do not have a Brotherhood but have Royal Ambassadors to organize a Brotherhood and furnish counselors for the Royal Ambassadors and report these counselors in the same way. Mr. Jimmy Allen, who has been doing such a fine job with the Royal Ambassadors, will continue his work as usual. The only difference until the meeting of Committee is that Mr. Allen will be in the Brotherhood Department. We are looking forward with much anticipation to a tour of this entire state with Jimmy Allen, and probably some other help, bringing together the men and boys in conferences and great inspirational meetings.

Let me urge our Brotherhoods now to start preparing to fill our camps this summer with Junior and Intermediate Royal Ambassadors with the proper counselors to lead in counseling.

Cooperative Program

July-August-September

We will close our year of 1955 with emphases on the Cooperative Program. Though, we have time to plan details of this program we suggest our associational Brotherhood presidents and program vice-presidents get together and center their program around these four objectives:

- 1. The remainder of this year—Stewardship
- 2. January-February-March-Evangelism
- 3. April-May-June-Royal Ambassadors
- 4. July-August-September—Cooperative Program

Your secretary, supplying at a number of churches recently, has found an increased interest of men in our church and denominational life. We look forward to the greatest Evangelistic Crusade in the history of Christendom.

The Brotherhood Secretary, E. N. Delzell, and Royal Ambassador Secretary, Jimmy Allen, will attend the Brotherhood Secretaries meeting at Hot Springs, Arkansas, December 8-10. The Royal Ambassador work will have one complete session of this conference.

Records

If you have not sent us a full list of your Brotherhood officers for 1955, please do so immediately.

Important Dates

The Brotherhood Convention will be June 10-11-12 at Camp Carson instead of June 17-18-19 as printed in the Baptist Diary. The adjourned session, Brotherhood Convention, Camp Linden, August 26-27-28.

Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest—June 30-July 6
Brotherhood Week at Glorieta—July 28-August 3
Layman's Day—October 9

E. N. Delzell, Brotherhood Secretary

Committees Elected by Convention

Tennessee Baptist Convention in Nash-ville approved the following for service upon nomination Nov. 11 by the Committee on Committees, F. M. Dowell, chairman.

The SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY EDUCATIONAL NEEDS of Tennessee Baptist schools and advisability of inclusion of their capital needs in the framework of the Cooperative Program as proposed on motion of G. Allen West, Jr. is as follows:

The president of the four schools: Warren F. Jones, Union University; R. Kelly White, Belmont College; Harley Fite, Carson-Newman College; W. Stuart Rule, Harrison-Chilhowee Academy together with three members of the Executive Board: Fred Kendall, M. F. Egerton and Robert L. Orr; and five named at large: Charles Trentham, Porter W. Routh, James L. Sullivan, Orelle Ledbetter and James Cox. This committee is to report at the next Convention in Memphis, Tennessee.

The following compose the remainder of nominations submitted by the Committee on Committees and approved by the Convention.

COMMITTEE ON BOARDS

Three Years
Frank Collins, Goodlettsville, nominated by Com.
on Boards
Alvin Gilliand, Bruceton, Nominated by Special
Committee
J. Harold Stephens, Nashville, Nominated by
President
Two Years
Herbert C. Gabhart, Memphis
Hudson Hicks, Morristown
J. Burch Cooper, Maryville
One Year
W. Walter Warmath, Knoxville
Robert Sanders, Camden

PROGRAM

Three Years
Ralph Norton, Chattanooga
Don Pinson, Nashville
Thomas Pope, Martin
Two Years
Charles S. Bond, Fountain City
Hayward Highfill, Humboldt
Harold Gregory, Nashville
One Year
J. Howard Young, Springfield
D. M. Renick, Memphis
Truett Cox, Bluff City

James M. Gregg, Nashville

TENNESSEE BAPTIST PRESS

Three Years
Brown Hughes, Nashville
Charles Wingo, Memphis
Two Years
Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington
F. M. Warden, Jefferson City
One Year
Lloyd Householder, Maryville
J. R. Claypool, Nashville

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Three Years
James Canady, Jackson
Tom Madden, Greenbrier
Two Years
E. Gibson Davis, Kingsport
Floyd Cates, Bolivar
One Year
William M. Grogan, Greeneville
A. A. McClanahan, Mt. Juliet

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Three Years
Mrs. J. W. Neil, Athens
Mrs. C. B. Harrison, Milan
Two Years

Mrs. A. L. McGarr, Jr., Nashville Mrs. Fred V. Brown, Knoxville One Year Mrs. Thomas Drake, Dyersburg Mrs. Joe L. Wells, Fayetteville

ORPHANS

Three Years
Powers Smith, Henning
John G. Humphrey, Springfield
Two Years
C. A. Dabney, Chattanooga
J. L. Knupp, Mt. Pleasant
One Year
David Walker, Knoxville
L. H. Hatcher, McKenzie

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Three Years
Ernie Myers, Nashville
Lacy Freeman, Dresden
Two Years
William E. Crook, Nashville
A. L. Ferguson, Brownsville
One Year
Elmer Bailey, Knoxville
Ansell T. Baker, Chattanooga

TRAINING UNION

Three Years
John W. Bass, Memphis
Ed Luallen, Fountain City
Two Years
Erba Butler, Brighton
Harold Lee, Nashville
One Year
Paul Roberts, Nashville
Drewey Garner, Niota

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION
Three Years
Miss Peggy Hackler, Murfreesboro
Elmer Foust, Knoxville
Two Years
Fred Wood, Memphis
David Alexander, Nashville
One Year
Elbert Williams, Knoxville
Miss Clarice Thompson, Martin

RELIEF AND ANNUITY

Three Years
P. O. Davidson, Memphis
Morris Prince, Woodland Mills
Two Years
A. F. Mahan, Fountain City
L. S. Ewton, Nashville
One Year
Herman Cobb, Elizabethton
Hugh Myers, Franklin

RADIO

Three Years
Wayne Maddox, Nashville
J. E. Williams, Memphis
Two Years
Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville
John B. Holland, Eagleville
One Year
J. T. Cline, Athens
Paul Caudill, Memphis

MUSIC

Three Years
Doyle Chatham, Union City
Lauren Sprunger, Knoxville
Two Years
Frank Charton, Memphis
Neil Darnell, Nashville
One Year
Ed Hamilton, Knoxville
Jack Duvall, Cookeville

BROTHERHOOD

Three Years
Jack Cayce, Nashville
E. N. McCanse, Memphis
Two Years
T. L. Alexander, Trimble
Wilbur Webb, Kingsport
One Year
James P. Brown, Knoxville
Carl Allen, Lewisburg

SOCIAL SERVICE

Three Years
Cecil Frazier, Sevierville
P. F. Langston, Nashville

Two Years
Slater Murphy, Memphis
J. O. Carter, Gatlinburg
One Year
D. P. McFarland, Covington
Carl Daw, Nashville

MEMORIAL

Three Years
Gordon Greenwell, Fountain City
J. Victor Brown, Cookeville
Two Years
Gaye L. McGlothlen, Nashville
A. L. Bishop, Henderson
One Year
O. G. Lawless, Selmer
Vern Powers, LaFollette

CAMPS

Three Years
Herman Ellis, Springfield
Mrs. Hoyt Huddleston, Sparta
Two Years
Bernard Scates, Ripley
Mrs. M. K. Cobble, Knoxville
One Year
Lowell Milburn, Newport
Mrs. W. A. Farmer, Bradford

HOSPITAL COMMISSION

Three Years
Leonard Stigler, Nashville
W. L. Simon, Knoxville
Two Years
Paul Wieland, Trenton
Frank S. Groner, Memphis
One Year
C. A. McKenzie, Chattanooga
Gene Kidd, Nashville

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Three Years
Charles Trentham, Knoxville
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Two Years
Harold Purdy, Nashville
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One Year
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P. B. Stephens, Shelbyville

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Two Years
Pitt Woodroof, Shelbyville
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One Year
Wallace Carrier, Rockwood
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Three Years
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Henry Chiles, Bearden
Two Years
Gene Kerr, Nashville
Billy Turner, Memphis
One Year
Robert Palmer, Murfreesboro
M. W. Egerton, Knoxville

The above were submitted by Committee on Committees:

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