

# BIBLICAL RECORDER

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North Carolina Baptists have a "Flying Parson" in the person of Rev. R. H. Satterfield, Director of Public Relations, Meredith College. He is pictured above standing in front of the Two-Place Rearwin Monoplane which he purchased some months ago in order to travel more quickly and easily. The plane is Mr. Satterfield's private property and does not belong to the college. The girls in the picture are, left to right, Ruth Wyatt of Hobgood and Doris Carroll of Charlotte, both of whom were freshmen at Meredith during the term just past, and Betsy Watson of Fayetteville, a 1945 graduate.

Born at Stokesdale, N. C., Mr. Satterfield has an A.B. degree from Carson-Newman College and was a student at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Union Seminary, New York. For seven years he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Piqua, Ohio, and for six years pastor of Winter Park Church, Wilmington, N. C., before he became circulation manager of the BIBLICAL RECORDER in 1940, in which position he remained until 1942. Since the summer of 1942 he has been Director of Public Relations for Meredith College. He is also pastor of two churches near Raleigh—New Hope and Inwood.

Mr. Satterfield has been a flying enthusiast for some time. He was in the ground forces of aviation during World War I and has held a private pilot's license since 1930. So far as we know, he is the only Baptist preacher in North Carolina who owns an airplane and uses it in his work.

## Editorial Brevities

AT THE RECENT meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, North Carolina was well represented by our two members from this State: W. Perry Crouch of the First Church, Asheville, and Casper C. Warren of the First Church, Charlotte. Dr. Crouch belongs to the group of "nine members at large." Dr. Hight C Moore of Ridgecrest is an ex officio member by virtue of his position as senior secretary of the Convention.

JUDGE E. Y. WEBB, United States district judge for the Western District of North Carolina, who has been on the bench for 25 years this fall, has never charged a grand jury without indicting the liquor traffic. His advice to the youth of the country is: "Never take the first drink and you'll never get drunk. Liquor makes a fiend out of a good man. About 75 per cent of the criminal cases tried in my court involve liquor. Liquor is our country's Enemy No. One—the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy."—*The Allied Youth*.

WE EXTEND congratulations and hearty good wishes to Victor R. Johnson of Pittsboro on his election recently as commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Wake Forest College and a Baptist. He is superintendent of the Sunday school of the Pittsboro Church. The department also reiterated its endorsement of R. L. McMillan of Raleigh, former national vice-commander, for national commander. It means much to the welfare of the country to have men of character and ability at the head of such organizations as the American Legion.

A RECENT LETTER from Chaplain John D. McCready states that he is being transferred from Fort Meade, Fla., to 4th Regt. AGFRD No. 4, Camp Adair, Oregon. Chaplain McCready is on leave of absence from the pastorate of the First Church, Morganton, and while he is greatly interested in his work in the Army, he says that he and his family are looking forward eagerly to returning to Morganton at the end of the war. Rev. F. A. Bower is serving as interim pastor at the First Church, Morganton.

Chaplain McCready gives an interesting account of a method which is being used in his regiment for inviting the men to church services. He has more than 30 men engaged in "raiding" the barracks and day rooms on Sunday morning and night to invite the men found there to the services. The attendance has been increased, and several men have been won to Christ through this unique plan.

IN CONNECTION with the meetings of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee at Nashville, Tenn., June 13-14, the Baptist editors had a meeting, with Porter Routh of Oklahoma presiding. Various matters in connection with the publication of the papers were discussed. Editor O. W. Taylor of the *Baptist and Reflector* entertained the editors at a banquet at the Hermitage Hotel Thursday evening, with Mrs. Taylor and the ladies of the staff serving as hostesses, and it was a very delightful occasion, combining busi-

ness with pleasure. We asked Dr. Taylor where he got the abundant and delicious menu and he said he did not know, but passed the compliment on to the hotel. In any case, we thank these Tennesseans for their gracious hospitality.

THE PASTORS' SCHOOL at Gardner-Webb College was very successful, with 155 enrolled. Twenty-two of these were young people making preparation for summer work in the associations under the leadership of Sunday School Secretary L. L. Morgan. The attendance was about 70 per cent higher than last year.

The faculty and guest speakers were as follows: Dr. W. H. Davis, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. O. R. Mangum, First Church, Lenoir; Dr. S. L. Blanton, First Church, Wilmington; Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Editor of *BIBLICAL RECORDER*; Dr. Ralph Herring, First Church, Winston-Salem; Dr. F. O. Mixon, Tabernacle Church, Raleigh; Dr. V. Ward Barr, First Church, Gastonia; Dr. J. L. Jenkins, Boiling Springs; Rev. G. W. Bullard, Raleigh; and Mrs. John Wacaster, Cherryville.

Presiding at the night worship services were Dr. J. L. Jenkins, Dr. Zeno Wall, Dr. M. A. Huggins, and Dr. P. L. Elliott.

Director E. L. Spivey, of the Baptist State Convention, found the Gardner-Webb College authorities were very gracious and helpful.

MR. P. H. GWYNN, JR., of Davidson, director of the War Bond Drive for the North Carolina Council of Church-Related Colleges, sent out a leaflet recently entitled "Make Your Bonds for War Build Character for Peace," containing a reprint of an editorial in the *Charlotte Observer* on "Aiding Colleges with Bonds." The editorial contains the following strong statement of the case for Christian education:

"Our nation and our world will need nothing so much in the years ahead as they will need the leadership of men and women with the background of Christian experience and Christian culture.

"With all proper deference to our universities, created either by the state or by private fortunes, it is hardly less than a tragic fact that these will not be turning out the peculiar type of leadership in mind.

"If our miserable past and the days of our chaotic present have any lessons to teach us, none is more clearly being sounded forth than that civilization, not only in order to be saved but in order even to survive, calls for a spiritual interpretation to be placed upon all reality.

"The capacity for such interpretation is far more likely to be developed within young men and women who are trained in Christian colleges than by those who are educated in universities where the emphasis is largely placed upon scientific philosophies and mainly secularistic education."

DR. WALTER M. GILMORE deserves the gratitude of all Southern Baptists for his genial and faithful service for many years as recording secretary and publicity director of the Executive Committee. He does his job well, and there is no finer spirit among Southern Baptists than Walter Gilmore. He gets out *The Baptist Program*,

which shows an increase in circulation, and the Bulletin service which now has a circulation of more than a million copies each month and is constantly growing in favor and usefulness. Dr. Gilmore is a devoted son of this State, and North Carolina Baptists are proud of him and his fine service.

WE DO WELL to heed the challenge in the following paragraph from a recent release concerning the Evangelistic Crusade by Dr. M. E. Dodd:

"The season is now upon us for summer evangelism in the rural districts and in extension meetings. This has always been the most fruitful season for Baptist evangelism. Our goal is an evangelistic meeting in 15,000 rural churches with particular concern for the 6,600 which had no baptism last year. The associational organizations must promote and press this matter if anything is to be accomplished at it. Our goal is 15,000 extension meetings in halls, tents, brush arbors, open air, etc. Every Baptist pastor and church who has a non-church area anywhere near should feel a deep personal responsibility for taking the Gospel to that community."

REV. C. E. BAUCOM, First Church, Wilson, assisted Pastor C. E. Baker in revival services at the Tabernacle Church, Wilmington, the middle of June. In the absence of Pastor Baucum from his own church, June 17, the writer had the privilege of supplying the pulpit. The people of the church speak enthusiastically of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Baucum, who came to this pastorate from Concord nearly two years ago. The results of a revival held in April, with Dr. J. Clyde Turner of Greensboro as visiting preacher, continue to manifest themselves, with conversions taking place at many services. H. C. Moss is chairman of the Board of Deacons, and John Hough, superintendent of the Sunday school. James I. Miller, the genial and able teacher of the Baraca Class, is a leader in the church and in the Roanoke Association.

PASTOR EUGENE OLIVE of the Wake Forest Church sent out a letter to the Baptist pastors of the State a short time ago giving the endowment of 20 representative colleges and universities, including four leading Southern Baptist institutions—Baylor, Furman, Richmond and Wake Forest—in which he shows that the other institutions mentioned receive approximately four times as much from endowment and taxes per student as our Baptist institutions are receiving. The reasonable conclusion is, "In the light of this information the \$7,000,000 goal for the Wake Forest College Enlargement Program is essential."

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## Editorial Outlook

JESUS had more to say about the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven than any other one subject. In his warning against anxiety in the Sermon on the Mount, he uttered the well-known words, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." The kingdom of God means the rulership of God in human hearts and lives. When one is saved and yields his life to the will of God, he enters the kingdom of God; he becomes a member of the Kingdom. Putting the kingdom of God first means putting God and spiritual things first. Just to the extent to which the will of God is done in individual lives and in human society, the Kingdom is here now. Every true Christian is a member of the Kingdom now and will be forever. Being a member of the Kingdom is a present possession as well as a future hope and glory. And the Kingdom will come with power and great glory when Christ comes again. Then, "The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign forever and ever."

Just to the extent to which the individual loves God and is devoted to him and to his service, he is putting the Kingdom first. And then he will live the kingdom of God kind of life—characterized by love, joy, peace, kindness, long-suffering, unselfish service. As the Psalmist says, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

### General Eisenhower Comes Home

GENERAL Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, came home to a tumultuous welcome in Washington and New York, June 18 and 19. A million people greeted him in Washington and seven million in New York City, said to be the greatest welcome ever extended to a returning American hero. As it happened, the writer and his young bride on their wedding trip, in September, 1919, saw General John J. Pershing land at the Battery in New York City for a somewhat similar welcome. It was a great day for America then, and it is a great day now—provided we follow General Eisenhower's good advice when he said in Washington, "The unity, determination and mutual consideration which carried the Allies to victory in Europe must be maintained in building the peace."

General Eisenhower seems to be making a great impression on the people wherever he goes. He is cordial and friendly in disposition and has a becoming modesty. Also he is speaking earnestly some words of wisdom and hope for the world. He says, "You can't build peace on hate or with a club," and yet he says the German General Staff "must be utterly destroyed," and all war criminals must be punished, because "that's the only way to teach them that crime does not pay." And he urges that we must be strong ourselves if we would co-operate with others and win the peace. It should be added that this strength must be based on righteousness and justice, which means that it must

be according to the will of God. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!"

### Righteousness As An Activity

D. R. W. HERSEY DAVIS of the Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky., in one of his New Testament lectures at the Gardner-Webb Pastors' School gave a very illuminating interpretation of the idea of "righteousness of God" in Romans 1:17. This key word in Romans is an activity rather than an attribute of God, and so means "to cause to be righteous." Through the gospel, which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," God is delivering from sin, causing men to be righteous. This "righteousness of God from faith unto faith" means that it is "all of faith from beginning to end."

This idea of "righteousness" as an activity—cause to be right or righteous—makes the beatitude of Jesus in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled," more vital and meaningful. It has a richer social meaning and more ethical content than some of us have realized. Blessed are those people who are anxious to see righteousness prevail in human society and who will work to that end. The desire for personal piety alone may become a self-centered thing and may grow into self-righteousness, and thus become one of the most serious enemies to true religion and righteousness, but to "hunger and thirst after" seeing righteousness prevail in others and in human society may make one a hero or a martyr for some great, unselfish cause. Blessed is the man who earnestly desires righteousness in this high and holy sense.

## The High Road to Freedom

JULY 4 is Independence Day in the history of our Nation. The day should be observed in commemoration of a great day of the past and in solemn dedication to freedom and democracy in our day. Our fathers thought largely in terms of political freedom. We do well, as indeed we are doing, to broaden the concept to include economic freedom—"freedom from want"—and spiritual freedom.

The greatest pronouncement on true freedom ever uttered is found in the words of Jesus, "If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32). And the rest of this chapter (John 8) is devoted to an illuminating discussion of spiritual freedom. Here we find the high road to freedom and to life.

The discussion of Jesus was with the Jews, who thought they had freedom merely because they were children of Abraham—racial pride. They did not realize that they were spiritually

blind and slaves to sin, which is the worst slavery of all. Richard Lovelace many years ago (he lived 1618-1648) wrote,

"Stone walls do not a prison make,  
Nor iron bars a cage;  
Minds innocent and quiet take  
That for an hermitage;  
If I have freedom in my love,  
And in my soul am free,  
Angels alone that soar above  
Enjoy such liberty."

Well may it be said that this is poetry and not realistic fact, for stone walls do make real prisons for multitudes of people who under God ought to be free of physical shackles. Physical and economic slavery are very real to untold millions of earth's inhabitants, and we must work for their liberation. Man does not live by bread alone, but he must have bread if he is to live happily and satisfactorily in this world.

But the most meaningful freedom is that which a man must earn for himself; no one can give it to him. It comes through

knowing and being dedicated to the truth. A person must have sense enough and character enough to direct his own life, or else he will fall into many pitfalls of error and sin. To give a man freedom who does not have wisdom and character enough to direct his own life means merely to set him free to go to destruction. It would be a foolish disservice to a one-year-old child to let him play unguided around a dangerous pitfall or in the midst of poisonous serpents. A man can have only as much true freedom as he earns himself through knowing the truth and following the truth. This requires insight and self-discipline.

The truth is put clearly by Jesus: "Every one that committeth sin is the bond-servant of sin. And the bond-servant abideth not in the house for ever: the son abideth for ever. If therefore the son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The only true freedom is found in Christ, for he is "the way, the truth, and the life." Becoming his true disciples, we learn how to live. We do not become slaves to habits and dispositions which defeat us. Inner peace and freedom come only to those who practice love, good will, unselfish sharing, and proper self-discipline. Herein is the high road to true freedom.

## Hopes for Peace

J. M. Dawson

Dr. Dawson, discussing United Nations Conference, tells of progress made by diplomats. Pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Dr. Dawson is chairman of the Committee on World Peace of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**W**HETHER FAILURE of the United States in 1919 to enter the League of Nations might have prevented World War II will never be definitely known. Most people believe the United States' entry would have had that effect, but there are noteworthy authorities on world affairs who think otherwise. However, one thing is certain now; that is, if our country was most determined to stay out of the old league, it is now most eager to get into the new league. In short, the United States is leading the world into the security organization, and this time with reasonable assurance that the Senate will ratify the plan agreed upon by the United Nations.

### Two Considerations Make United States Anxious for World Organization

**T**HE HIGH RESOLVE of our government to lead in international world organization arises from two major considerations. The first is a selfish one springing from enforced realism—our security. The second is an altruistic one, springing from our irrepressible idealism. As to the realistic consideration, it is clear now that the United States is no longer safe from attack as hitherto believed.

Although we are separated from possible aggressors by two mighty oceans, there can be no question that we have at length lost immunity from attack, because the new war mechanisms will enable the most distant continents to destroy us. Again, we have waked up to the fact that while we are now the strongest nation of the world, possessing two-thirds of the war materials of the earth, we cannot hope long to continue this pre-eminence. Scientific authorities inform us that twenty-five years from now Russia will have an industrial outfit which will put her far ahead of us. And just behind Russia looms China. If China survives the war she can easily outstrip the United States in military munitions within twenty-five years. It

is not humanly possible that our country can defend itself alone against any combination of powers which might assail her. We must henceforth rely on collective security, international co-operation, instead of trying to stand alone. To project a rearmament race with a hope of surpassing the rest of the world is sheer folly and utter futility and will lead to the speedy extinction of our nation.

### Championship of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

**B**OWING to this unescapable development in the world situation with reference to the survival of single nations even as strong as we are at the present, the United States has none the less another powerful interest in international co-operation. That is championship of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Our history supports the claim. All our symbols indicate that we are the exponent of human justice and the promoter of democratic principles which underlie the building of what Josiah Royce of Harvard was pleased to call the Beloved Community, or a world of lawful and peaceful conduct. Our commitments obligate us. Certainly the Atlantic Charter does. And if we didn't mean it, we ought not to have said it.

Both the objective of security and the objective of human justice are incorporated in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals which form the basis of the San Francisco Conference. The first is embodied in the provisions of the Security Council and the second in the Economic and Social Council. It is significant that the Security Council comes first and the Economic and Social Council last in the order of items in the world charter. That means that in approaching the whole matter of international organization security constitutes the chief concern. It is felt that the nations must be first of all made safe, then they may undertake the normal development of life which belongs to stable peace.

Accordingly we must think of San Francisco as being primarily a conference on security. But far more than safety is desired. We might conceive of safety in a vacuum. Yet most certainly we do not hanker for an empty world. It therefore happened that the second phase of international organization, that which pertains to human welfare and fundamental freedoms, immediately leaped into prominence. I heard many at the Conference freely predict that the time will come when the Economic and Social Council will receive more attention than will the Security Council, the latter of which now undoubtedly is the major matter before the United Nations.

### Dumbarton Oaks Proposals Only a Beginning

**T**HIS OUTCOME would doubtless be most acceptable to the United States in its promulgation of the world plan. The plan, much of which originated with the Carnegie Peace Foundation, was worked on for three years by our State Department before being submitted to Britain, Russia, and China last summer at Dumbarton Oaks for their approval. It is frankly regarded as only a beginning. It contemplates steady improvement. In other words, no one can think of it as a perfect instrument, but as a basic document to be repeatedly amended over and over again. The portion which is likely to be most frequently amended will be the section of provisions in the Economic and Social Council, for that section is a bare outline.

On October 16, last year, I was among the representatives of some hundred national organizations invited to Washington by the State Department to hear from our Dumbarton Oaks delegates a full explanation of their proposals. Many of these organization people asked anxious questions there. Labor was particularly solicitous. So was the National Education Association, because in the latter case the representative discovered the



word "education" does not occur in the document. I, too, noted the word "religion" does not appear, and thereupon asked Mr. Stettinius to say what could be hoped for in respect to the inclusion of a guarantee of religious liberty. He replied that the clause "Human rights and fundamental freedoms" left the door open for subsequent treatment of that important matter.

You may well understand that every organization in our nation and many of the official delegates of the United Nations went to San Francisco deeply concerned about security but also about human rights and fundamental freedoms. I went out there with one hundred thousand petitions coming up from eleven million Baptists in the United States asking for the establishment of a commission on human rights and a guarantee of religious liberty. I had the honor with other Baptists of formally presenting the Baptist appeal to Secretary Hiss of the Conference and of obtaining his pledge that each delegate from the forty-nine nations would get a photostatic copy for study. We had previously obtained the assurance from Secretary Stettinius and Senator Connally that they would present our appeal for the delegates' consideration. To my very great delight I found that the Federal Council of the Churches representing all the other major Protestant denominations and the interfaith movement of Jews, Catholics and Protestants were also earnestly beseeching the same thing.

#### Status of Effort to Get Guarantee of Religious Freedom

**WHAT HAS BECOME** of this effort to get a guarantee of religious freedom? Here is a communication just received from the Core Committee of Organizations in San Francisco:

"The draft as it now stands provides for a Commission on Human Rights, and the protection of human rights is even stronger than had been anticipated with the important phrase, 'without distinction as to religion, language, race or sex.' The provision appears repeatedly in the charter, much to our satisfaction."

Out of nine amendments asked by the churches, seven have been adopted by the Conference.

Dwelling upon what the Conference did in respect to human rights, it is worthy of remark that the small nations uniformly insisted upon the inclusion of regard for justice and the answer of real needs. The most eloquent speaker of the entire delegation was Brig. General Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines who pleaded for a billion of the human race who are underfed and hungry.

In my church on a recent Sunday, Robert Dyer, just released from a Japanese prison in Manila by the Yanks after having been all but starved for three years, spoke on "The Power of Hunger." It was one of the most revealing messages any group of people ever heard, for he said just what President Truman said, that there is no possible way of building a peace among people where hunger persistently exists. Hunger destroys all regard for morality and observance of law. It is a fundamental primary demand and will assert itself against all the powers of the earth. One is reminded of Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind" who, after the burning of Atlanta and Sherman's desolate march to the sea, found her way through

the ruined and starving land to her home where, seizing upon a turnip to satisfy her gnawing hunger, she declared:

"As God is my witness, I will not let the Yanks lick me. I am not going hungry, no, nor any of my people! As God is my witness, I will steal, I will kill, but I am not going hungry."

Freedom from want, as well as the other three freedoms, must be dealt with in any international organization that will stand up.

The great questions have all been resolved, even the Conference settled the veto power in the Security Council. Here Russia held out against the nations. It was a critical moment. We do not understand Russia and Russia does not understand us. If the nations cannot agree on this point, it would seem almost certain that there will be a third world war between Russia on one side

and the Anglo-Americans on the other. Already Russia looks with alarm upon Britain's effort to hold Europe against communistic control, and looks with misgiving on what might be turning the Pacific Ocean into a United States lake with military bases close to Russia's border threatening her influence in the Far East.

I do not really believe that Russia wants war. She can ill afford it at present. We do not think she is right in insisting upon an absolute veto power in the Security Council. But everything possible should be done to work out this matter so that we can avoid the threatened clash leading to a third world war which all the delegates—Molotov, Eden, Stettinius, Soong, Bidault, and all the rest—asserted is something that the world cannot stand.

## Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Meets

By WALTER M. GILMORE

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** of the Southern Baptist Convention held its regular semiannual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 13-14. It adjourned to meet in called session, September 19-20, to formulate definite plans for launching a unified world program for 1946. Application will be made to government authorities for permission to hold a streamlined Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta the first of November, provided it will not hinder the war effort, to endorse the movement and the plans for promoting it.

With two exceptions, the entire membership of the committee was present, together with representatives from all the boards and institutions fostered by the Convention, a number of the state secretaries and editors of our state papers, and the secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. The executive heads of all the agencies and institutions, the state secretaries and editors are expected to attend the called meeting in September.

#### Dr. Crouch Asks To Be Retired

Perhaps the one feature that stood out above all the others in the recent meeting was the request of the Executive Secretary, Dr. Austin Crouch, that he be retired after September 30, 1945. A committee headed by President Pat M. Neff was appointed to try to dissuade him from taking this step. This committee recommended the re-election of Dr. Crouch at his same salary to serve until his successor can be found, at which time he will become secretary emeritus on terms to be arranged by the Administrative Committee satisfactory to all parties concerned. This action was taken.

The officers of the committee were re-elected as follows: Dr. J. Howard Williams, Oklahoma City, president; Dr. J. M. Dawson, Waco, vice-president; Walter M. Gilmore, Nashville, recording secretary, treasurer, publicity director and press representative; Dr. Austin Crouch, Nashville, executive secretary; Dr. J. E. Dillard, Nashville, director of promotion.

Dr. Hight C Moore, Ridgecrest, N. C.,

senior secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1914, announced to the committee that he would not stand for re-election to that position when the Convention meets next May. He and his distinguished predecessor, Dr. Lansing Burrows, have served in that important post exactly the same number of years. J. Henry Burnett, Hendersonville, N. C., has been Dr. Moore's associate since 1919.

#### Dr. Dodd Returns to His Church

Dr. M. E. Dodd, Shreveport, who has served as director of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade since last July, reported most gratifying results thus far. Dr. Dodd announced that he would return to his church July 1, which so graciously granted him a year's leave of absence, paying his salary, to render this special service for the denomination under the sponsorship of the Home Mission Board. The Evangelistic Crusade will continue under the direction of Dr. Fred Eastham, head of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Board.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In an editorial in last week's RECORDER the recommendations from the committee on Co-operation and Enlistment, which were adopted, were quoted, so we are not publishing them now.

Several other important resolutions were adopted, among them one introduced by Dr. Lovie D. Newton, of Atlanta, reaffirming the stand of Southern Baptists on the recall of Mr. Myron C. Taylor as the President's "personal representative" to the Vatican; another deploring the fact that our government has announced another liquor holiday in July, which involves the use of millions of bushels of grain and other essential food products; and third, an appropriate resolution on the death of Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, President of the W. M. U. of the South.

We do not make peace by merely overpowering our foes.—Clipped.

It is part of the cure to wish to be cured.—SENECA.

## REVIVAL SERVICES AT HAW RIVER

The Haw River Baptist Church held its spring revival meeting the week of April 8. In our effort to reach the unchurched, we tried some new methods. Conferences were held for the different age groups.

Rev. W. C. Adkinson, of Swepsonville, led the Adults in a study of "Worship and Soul-Winning." Rev. Tom M. Freeman, of Selma, led the Young People and Intermediates in a conference, studying "Commitments to Christ" and "Dedication for Service." Mrs. Nell Mora, our local Junior worker, led the conference for the Juniors. Rev. Guy S. Cain, of Graham, brought the evangelistic message at the close of the conference periods. Each one of these workers made a great contribution to the success of the meeting.

In this experience we believe that we have found a new approach to evangelism that works well in our local situation. During the revival period 25 people made profession of faith, and 21 were baptized. Since the close of the meeting, four others have been baptized into the fellowship of the church, giving us an increase of 25 by baptism in this Centennial year. We are truly grateful for the splendid help of these loyal workers in this evangelistic effort.—M. D. SMITH, Pastor.

## Another Appeal for Russian Kits

Responding to the cabled appeal from our Russian Baptist brethren, dated March 5, 1945, and signed by Chairman A. I. Zhidkov and other Baptist leaders of Moscow, that Southern Baptists send them more kits, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in session in Nashville, June 14, 1945, authorized another appeal to our people for 100,000 Kits for Russia, the time of the appeal to be the months of July, August and September, 1945.

The action of the Executive Committee was unanimous, and was endorsed by State secretaries, editors of State Baptist papers, and all southwide executives.

This second appeal for Russian Kits is made at this time for two reasons: First, we do not, at this time, have access to any other countries except Italy, and we have sent and are still sending aid to our brethren in Italy, and will send such aid as we may whenever doors of opportunity open in other war-stricken lands. Second, we know from messages received from Russian Baptist leaders that the 175,000 kits sent last year have been received, thus assuring us that what we do in this second appeal will go directly to the people who most need our help.

A folder will be in the mails within a few days explaining all the details of what is to be put in the kits. State, district association, and church leaders are urged to lay plans immediately to secure their quotas in this second appeal for Russian kits. The kits will be sent, without expense to Southern Baptists, through Russian War Relief, Inc.

Grateful for the first response to the appeal for Russian kits, your committee confidently makes this second appeal under the authority of the Executive Committee and in the belief that our people will promptly

## The Centennial Crusade in North Carolina



### THE CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO THE CENTENNIAL CRUSADE

By J. C. CANIPE

When one stands off and looks at the Centennial effort of Southern Baptists objectively, there is a sobering effect on one's whole Christian life. What, therefore, is the proper approach to this great crusade?

1. We should approach the task with a full comprehension of its magnitude. Millions of lost people are involved and millions of Christians, too, and even millions of dollars. When Jesus wanted his disciples to do a real big job, he confronted them with a humanly impossible task. He commanded his twelve disciples on one occasion to feed five thousand men, besides women and children. "You feed them" was the impossible command. And yet when they put their heads, their resources and their hands together under his divine help, that task was accomplished.

2. We need to approach this task with deep humility and sincere repentance. Before that little Philippi church gave the offering to the poor saints at Jerusalem, "They first gave themselves unto the Lord." Southern Baptists, North Carolina Baptists, all together we need to repent of all sins of omission and commission. Then we need to rededicate and reconsecrate ourselves wholly unto the Lord. Let's quit bragging and begin repenting and doing. Jonah repented for failing to do what God commanded him, then the people of Nineveh repented for their sins against God, and then God repented and saved Nineveh. We need to repent.

3. We need to approach this mighty crusade with unity of heart and purpose. That is the way we and our allies defeated powerful Germany and that is the way we will defeat Japan. The last speech that Dr. George MacDaniel made he climaxed with these words, "O Southern Baptists, walk together, work together, forward together under Christ." Let it be so now.

and graciously respond to the Christ-like appeal of our Russian Baptist neighbors.

LOUIE D. NEWTON, Chairman;

J. E. DILLARD,

MERRILL D. MOORE,

Committee.

### DR. T. C. JOHNSON ENTERS NEW WORK

On June 17 Dr. Talmage C. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kinston, offered his resignation to accept a position with the North Carolina State Board of

Health as Assistant Director of the Venereal Disease Education Institute. It was reluctantly accepted by the congregation and resolutions prepared by Dr. B. W. Spilman were unanimously adopted praising his record in the pastorate, his contributions to the work of the denomination in the State and elsewhere, his wide influence through his writings, and his leadership in civic affairs.

Dr. Johnson is the author of five religious books and has contributed numerous articles, sermons, and book reviews to national periodicals. For two years he was the writer of a Sunday school quarterly published by the American Baptist Publication Society. He has been widely in demand for addresses and sermons in other places. Before coming to Kinston he had had twelve years of teaching in leading Southern preparatory schools and colleges. In 1941, Furman University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Johnson and his family will make their home in Raleigh and he will be available for pulpit supply in all parts of the State. In his new position he will be writing and editing pamphlets and periodicals on health with special emphasis on the control of social diseases.

## Correspondence

TO THE EDITOR:

In the June 16 issue of *The Nation* appears the following distressing account: Pat M. Neff, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, thus addressed the graduating class at commencement exercises May 29, as quoted in the *Houston Chronicle*: "Baylor University has been a narrow-minded institution for 100 years, and as long as I'm connected with Baylor it will remain a narrow-minded institution. . . . I want to assure the trustees . . . that Baylor is stepping into its second century with no 'isms. . . . If anything is a threat today, it's broad-mindedness."

From what has recently happened at the University of Texas where democracy and what Mr. Neff would term "broad-mindedness" have apparently been liquidated, it is understandable, I am afraid, how Mr. Neff can remain head of Baylor and speak so brazenly of the virtues of the closed mind. It is to be hoped that not all Baylor alumni, several of whom I know personally, will take this lying down.

My primary concern, however, is with the fact that the president of Baylor University is also the President of the Southern Baptist Convention. In a day when the old order of economic injustice, class discrimination, denominational bigotry, sectional and national isolationism is changing, yielding place to the new, how far can we permit such outspoken apostles of reaction to be at the helm of the church? How far ought men who believe broad-mindedness a "threat" and narrow-mindedness a virtue lead those whose Master promised, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free?"

Baylor University is a long way from the Vatican, but such an attitude of intolerance and obscurantism is not so far from the kingdom of the papacy.

W. W. FINLATOR.

Weldon, N. C.,  
June 19, 1945.



## Man's Failures and God's Promises

Lesson for July 8  
Bible Material: Genesis 3-9

The theme of the present lesson, "Man's Failures and God's Promises," might well be assigned to an extended study of the entire Bible, for wherever we turn in God's Word we find a beneficent, loving God reaching out with merciful arms toward the frustrated heart of man who is beset continually with his failures.

In the opening chapters of Genesis, however, we come face to face with what may rightfully be called the beginnings of sin and the consequent attitude of God toward sinful man. The time element, as it relates to chapters 1 through 11 of Genesis, with reference to creation, is relatively unimportant from the standpoint of the present study. It is sufficient to say that in these opening chapters of biblical history there is unfolded before one's eyes a summary statement of God's dealings with man before 2000 B.C.

### Man's Failure

Soon after the creation of man God was confronted with the problem of man's failure. "And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). The story of the fall of man is recorded in Genesis 3:1-24. Here we have the appearance of Satan in the form of a serpent who, by placing doubt and unbelief in the mind of Eve, enticed her and her husband into an act of disobedience to God.

In creating man God made him in his own image with the right of choice—a free moral agent. He surrounded man with all of the necessary appointments of life for happiness, health, and moral and spiritual development. They were faced with but one restraint, namely, the command not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Satan, with his ingenious appeal to lust, pride, and fleshly satisfaction, led them to cast aside this restraint and to partake of the forbidden fruit, thereby setting themselves at enmity with God. In this manner man lost his primal state of purity and faithfulness to God.

Vividly indeed are the consequences of man's failure recorded. Immediately a feeling of shame swept like an ocean wave over the mind and heart of Adam. Moreover, a spirit of fear and distrust crept into their hearts as they hid themselves "from the presence of Jehovah God amongst the trees of the garden." Last of all, Jehovah God said unto the offenders "cursed is the ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and to dust shalt thou return."

Faithless in his relationship to Jehovah God, therefore, and manifestly disobedient

to divine commands, we see man driven from the Garden of Eden and sent forth to till the ground from whence he was taken.

### Divine Disappointment

Utterly incapable is the finite mind of man of comprehending the sorrowful disappointment that must have been Jehovah God's as he looked down from the windows of heaven upon the bewildering failures of mortal man. He said therefore, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man and beast, and creeping things, and birds of the heaven; for it repenteth me that I have made them." So complete had been man's failure, and so hopeless, that God decided literally to blot out civilization, so that there might be made a new beginning from the seed of the best which resided in Noah and his family, for we read that "Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah." Noah was a righteous man and "perfect in his generations." Moreover he walked with God.

The state of man's depravity at this time must have been beyond description by tongue or pen. The sacred writer tells us, "And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth."

"Violence and corruption," how strangely appropriately those descriptive terms apply to life today. When, since the dawn of recorded history, has there been an era of such widespread violence and corruption as the one through which we are now passing. Surely, if there were divine disappointment then, how much more disappointment there must be now as we think of man's blatant disregard of God's merciful blessings. As we behold, therefore, the boundless carnage of global war, let us ever be mindful that, hovering over it all, is the bleeding heart of a loving God, ever seeking for us something higher, something infinitely better, even as in the beginning, when he first looked down upon the tragic fall of man.

### The Goodness of God

In the story of God's dealings with Noah we have an unparalleled record of God's goodness, "And God remembered Noah, and all the beasts, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged . . . and the ark rested in the seventh month on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat . . . and Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, whatsoever moveth upon the earth, after their families, went forth out of the ark." Despite man's complete disregard of the purposes of God as manifested in the fall of man and in the wickedness of Cain and others like him, God made it possible for man to make a new beginning—to start life over again. In Noah and his posterity he implanted hope and gave humanity a golden opportunity to make a new beginning.

It is good to know that Noah, immediately upon his deliverance from the flood, "builted

an altar unto the Lord" and manifested his gratitude in appropriate offerings. God had blessed him and he was seeking, in return, to acknowledge his benefactor.

In the deliverance of Noah and his family we are reminded that even so today God stands ever ready to look upon his sinful creatures with loving assistance whenever and wherever they are willing to attempt to carry out his will and purpose. His ability to help is ever conditioned upon our willingness to co-operate—to do his holy will.

### The Promises of God

The lesson closes with a beautiful picture of the promises of God. "And Jehovah smelled the sweet savour; and Jehovah said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake, for that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more everything living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." God thereby assured man of his perennial blessings; no more would the devastating waters of an angry flood engulf the whole world. The blessings of nature would be his to enjoy until the end. Moreover (Genesis 3:15) he promised that one day One should come, in whom there would be perfect deliverance—perfect salvation.

### PASTOR AT ANNAPOLIS, MD., WISHES TO KNOW OF BAPTIST MIDSHIPMEN AT NAVAL ACADEMY

The pastor, W. C. Wood, of the College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, Maryland, requests that North Carolina pastors and parents having sons in the U. S. Naval Academy write the College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, of these young men and their address at the Naval Academy. The church and its Sunday school and Training Union organizations are eager to contact all Baptist young men in the Naval Academy and to extend to them all possible fellowship and Christian service. In addition, there are homes within the membership of the church which from time to time would welcome these young men as guests. It is not possible to secure the midshipmen's names and religious affiliation from the Academy officials. This is due to the desire of the Academy to protect the midshipmen from persistent self-seeking people. Please send this information now so that the new class of midshipmen may be contacted. If he wishes the privilege of joining the Baptist church party from the Academy each Sunday morning, the midshipman must formally make this request to Academy officials before the fall session begins.

Mr. Wood's address is 98 College Avenue; the church address is 90 College Avenue—just three short blocks from the Naval Academy grounds.

Not all poisons are labeled, so be careful.—*Exchange.*

Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.—*Er.*

# News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Corbett, of Fayetteville, were recent callers.

Southside Church, Wilmington, J. O. Walton, pastor, recently closed a successful Vacation Bible School, with an average attendance of 91.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Dodd have furnished cottages for rent at Ridgecrest, as will be noted from an advertisement in another part of this week's paper.

These changes of address have been requested: Rev. R. T. Smith from Mars Hill, N. C., to Box 821, Wake Forest, N. C.; Rev. R. F. Gardner from Kannapolis, N. C., to 205 Young St., Concord, N. C.

A series of revival services lasting a week began Sunday, June 24, at the First Church, Sanford, of which Yancey C. Elliott is pastor. Rev. J. W. Middleton of Atlanta, Ga., was the guest preacher.

The commencement of the Bible School in the First Church, Lumberton, took place Wednesday evening, June 20. An offering of \$50 was sent to the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. Enrollment of the school was 215 and the average attendance was 195.

Miss Martha Ellen Barr of Dyer, Tenn., arrived recently in Elizabeth City to begin her duties as educational director, choir director, and church secretary of the First Baptist Church there, we note from an item in the daily press.

Among recent visitors were Rev. and Mrs. J. Leonard Middleton. Mr. Middleton, who is a graduate of Crozer Seminary, has just received his M.A. degree from Columbia University, New York. Mrs. Middleton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Jackson of Raleigh.

Senator Clyde R. Hoey delivered the commencement address to the graduating class of Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College, June 17, in Reynolds Auditorium, Winston-Salem.

Pastor C. O. Greene of the Cary Church baptized fourteen persons in April, ten of them making profession of faith at the close of one of the regular Sunday morning services. Several others are awaiting baptism.

Miss Stella Austin of Lenoir, 1945 graduate of Mars Hill College, is working under the State Mission Board with the Jacksonville Church this summer, we learn from the church bulletin. Her principal work is with the Recreation Center and in visitation.

The *Religious Herald* of June 21 carries a picture of Miss Zubie Ingle, who has joined the staff of the Baptist Book Store in Richmond, Va., as a special worker in the field of church libraries. North Carolinians will be interested in this announcement since she is a native of this State and a graduate of Meredith College. This year she received

the Master of Religious Education degree from the Training School of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Joe E. Walker of Anderson, S. C., has been engaged as Christian Education director of the Calvary Church, Hendersonville, according to an announcement made by the pastor of Calvary, Rev. George Pennell. Mr. Walker will take up his duties in Henderson on September 1.

St. John's Church, Charlotte, sponsors a Little Theater which meets in the Community House. A recent bulletin of the church announced try-outs for a one-act play. The club is under the direction of Woodrow W. Wall, minister of music, and Mrs. Virginia Burkhead, director of youth activity.

Two new employees have come recently to work in Baptist headquarters, RECORDER Building. Miss Gaynelle Sparks of Belmont, who was a high school teacher the past two years, has joined the staff of the State Sunday School Department, and Miss Doris Starling of Dunn has joined the staff of the Baptist Book Store.

The enrollment and attendance for Vacation Bible School in St. John's Church, Charlotte, was exceedingly good at the end of the first week, the enrollment being 185 and average attendance 167. These figures did not include the 45 intermediates who were taken for a three-day camp. Dr. Claude U. Broach is pastor of this church.

In our June 13 issue, which stressed Christian Education, we inadvertently failed to make a note of the fact that Dr. Charles G. Smith, the author of the sonnet on the first page, "I Go to College," is professor of English in Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He is a native North Carolinian and a graduate of Wake Forest College.

Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, for the past six years, has been called to the Kirkwood Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, but has not yet given his decision. Under his leadership the Southside Church has experienced a most remarkable growth.

We learn from *The Watchman-Examiner* that the Northern Baptist Convention plans to appoint 18 missionaries to the Philippines during the next three years. They will succeed the 11 missionaries who were put to death on Panay in the Philippines, December 20, 1943. Rev. and Mrs. Harold H. Kuhlman, of Garden Grove, Calif., are the first of the 18 new missionaries to be appointed.

A "Crusade for Christ" began in the First Church, Roxboro, on Sunday, June 17, and continued through Friday evening, June 22. Leaders in this youth revival were Miss Josephine Hughes of Meredith College, Miss Clarine Johnson of East Carolina Teachers College, Mr. Lamar Brooks of Mars Hill College, and Mr. Bill Farrar of Baylor University. They had charge of the service Sunday morning, and the daily schedule during

the week was as follows: 10:00, Morning Worship (all ages invited); 3:00-5:30, Afternoon Visitation; 7:30 a. m., Young People's Discussion Groups; 8:30 p. m., Evening Worship Services (all ages invited); 9:20 a. m. Friendship Circle—Young People.

Dr. Howard M. Reaves, Nashville, Tennessee, who has been Editorial Associate of the Sunday School Board since December, 1943, has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, and will enter upon his new work July 1. Dr. Reaves was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hartsville, South Carolina, for thirteen years before coming to the Sunday School Board.

During the second week in June Rev. Clay R. Barnes, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Asheville, assisted in revival services at the East Hickory Baptist Church. There were twenty-seven additions to the church, twenty by baptism and seven by letter. Seventeen were baptized at the close of the meeting. The church has extended a call to Mr. Barnes to become its pastor.

A recent letter from Nathan C. Brooks Jr., pastor of the First Church, Waynesboro, Ga., and former Training Union secretary for North Carolina, indicates that he will spend his August vacation in this State, supplying the first two Sundays in August at Washington, the third Sunday at the Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, and participating in the Mecklenburg Youth Conference at Wingate. He and Mrs. Brooks have many friends in this State who will be glad to see them.

June 10 marked the completion of one year in the pastorate of O. Daulton Moore at Cliffside Church. Many things have been accomplished during this year: 85 persons have been received into the fellowship of the church, 49 by baptism and 36 by other relations. Total receipts for all purposes during the year from June 1, 1944, to June 1, 1945, amounted to \$14,294.94. The pastor has been active not only in church work, but also in civic affairs. We understand that the church has voted to build a parsonage and that one family is giving chimes to the church.

Mrs. Oscar Ketchie, church reporter for Trinity Church, Salisbury, sends news of commencement exercises on June 15 which climaxed a 10-day Vacation Bible School sponsored by the church. At the exercises some 34 of the 75 children enrolled received perfect attendance certificates. Average daily attendance was 60. A worship program, a demonstration of work of various departments, and a display of handicraft, notebooks and other work of the pupils featured the commencement.

Mrs. Smoot Baker served as general director of the school, and Rev. Smoot Baker was pastor. Beginners were under the supervision of Mrs. Frank Sides and Mrs. Curtis Crane; Mrs. H. M. Franklin, Mrs. W. A. Sebastian, and Mrs. L. L. Ashworth were in charge of the Primary children; Miss Garrybelle Windell, Mrs. C. M. Baker, Jr., and Mrs. Oscar Ketchie, Juniors; and Rev. Smoot



Baker and Mrs. F. E. Spear. Intermediates. Recreational activities during the school were held on property of E. H. Harrison of Salisbury, who kindly consented to its use by the school.

The summer term at Mars Hill College began the week of June 11 with 216 students enrolled from 61 counties of North Carolina, 11 states, the District of Columbia, and Guatemala. Others were expected to enroll before the period for registration closed.

The states represented are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.

Class work began Wednesday, June 13, and the first chapel service was held on Thursday morning, with President Hoyt Blackwell as the speaker. He spoke on the traditions of the college and emphasized the importance of being good citizens of the campus, the community, and the Kingdom of God.

Brother J. D. Hales, Jr., of Stem, sends us some interesting information about Almond Church in the Tennessee River Association. He writes that the process of the construction of the Fontana Dam has necessitated the destruction of the town of Almond and of the building occupied by the Almond Baptist Church, and that some people have moved away. However, some of the people who lived just above the water line have remained.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay have done a remarkable work in reorganizing the Almond Sunday School and in fostering the religious life of the community in general. The Sunday school meets in their home, and it has enrolled 100 per cent of the people in the community. There is an average attendance of 95 per cent or more. A B.T.U. has been organized, and prayer meetings are held regularly. The people in the community have co-operated splendidly with Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, and they have begun construction of a new church building, and great progress is being made. Mr. Lindsay and Mr. J. O. Freeman are giving their time to building the church, but some labor will have to be hired. Brother Hales says he feels that fellow Baptists will be interested in helping promote this work in a rural section where a small number of people are making a great effort. We suggest that any one who would like to help in this worthy undertaking get in touch with Mr. Hales.

Dr. Needham Y. Gulley, honored and revered for 50 years as a law teacher and a champion of public education, died at his home in Wake Forest on Sunday afternoon, June 24. He was in his 91st year. Just last week the RECORDER carried on page 13 a sketch about Dr. Gulley written by J. L. Memory, Jr., on the occasion of Dr. Gulley's ninetieth birthday. It is estimated that 40 per cent of the practicing attorneys in North Carolina "read law" under Dr. Gulley. He founded the Wake Forest College law school and taught in it from 1894 until his retirement in 1935 at the age of 80. In 1942 during the war emergency he was called back as an instructor and resumed his teaching of law for some time.

Funeral services were held from the Wake Forest Baptist Church at 11 a. m. Tuesday, June 26, with Pastor Eugene Olive in charge.

Surviving Dr. Gulley are two sons and a daughter: Judge Donald Gulley of Wake Forest, Thomas Gulley of Franklinton, and Mrs. Augustus Bonaud of Norfolk, Va.

Dr. James D. Rankin states in *The United Presbyterian*: "A question is asked in the French papers in capital letters: 'Is France a mission land?' The writers are a body of priests. They confess that millions of people are no longer being evangelized in France. Three items are mentioned. In a parish of 40,000 souls, not one Christian working man could be found. Among 70,000 French women carried into Germany, only 30 were religiously inclined, and of these only 10 belong to the Catholic Church. Of the young working men in Paris, one-half to one-third of one per cent continued in the church after confirmation." This ought to end the boastful claim that France is a Catholic country.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.



The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. L. B. Reavis by Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, at their annual commencement, May 22. Dr. Reavis is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest College. He has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Plainview, Texas, for the last six years. During these years the church has averaged more than three hundred additions annually, and the annual budget is more than \$5,000. The present membership is about 2,000.

Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, Dr. Marshall L. Mott, pastor, held a successful two-weeks Vacation Bible School in June. Mrs. James E. Transou was assisted in the work by the following helpers: Miss Lucille Proctor, Mrs. M. M. Chandler, Mrs. T. V. Hamrick, Mrs. Joe A. Renn, Jr., Miss Martha Stallings, Mrs. B. O. Clary, Mrs. Ralph G. Greene, Mrs. C. J. Hill, Mrs. L. W. McGraw, Mrs. Hal G. Transou, Mrs. Lee Salmons, Mrs. Grady Jenkins, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Miss Betty Jane Blalock, Mrs. T. S. Lawrence, Mrs. M. E. Luther, Mrs. B. T. Henderson, Miss Eunice Highsmith, Miss Colleen Brown, Mrs. W. H. Mabe, Mrs. R. M. McNeill, Mrs. Floyd Carter, Mrs. Marshall L. Mott, Miss Mary Louise Westbrook, Mrs. E. T. Phelps, and Miss Dorothy Jarvis. Rev. T. S. Law-

rence acted as pastor of the school during the first week.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was held at the Clyde Baptist Church from June 11 to June 22, being closed with a social hour on the church lawn following the last class period on the 22nd.

With a total enrollment of 110, the school had an average attendance of 88 during the two weeks. Classes from 9 a. m. to noon were held each day for Beginners, Primaries, Juniors, and Intermediates. Mrs. Roy Medford was acting superintendent for the school, with the following teachers serving with her: Mrs. Howard Hall, Mrs. Jo Sam Hardin, Miss Nell Collins, Mrs. Simon Downs, Mrs. Fred Medford, Mrs. Lewis Smith, Mrs. Pat Cole, Mrs. Otis Cole, and Mrs. P. C. Mann. Linda Collins was secretary; Mrs. E. M. Green, organist; and Dorothy Walker, director of the music hour.

Commencement exercises held on Sunday evening, June 24, consisted of a program which followed the daily schedule with numbers contributed by the various classes. Pastor T. H. Parris assisted with the work of the school, and was also director of hand work for the Intermediate boys.

The First Baptist Church of Waynesville has just closed a very successful two-weeks Daily Vacation Bible School. There were 125 enrolled and these were faithful in attendance all throughout the school. There was a spiritual attitude manifested in the classes, led by the faculty, that was good to behold. The pastor had charge of the devotional period and many souls came closer to God, with four accepting the Lord as their Saviour.

On the last day, at the close of the study period, a picnic dinner was served at the city park.—CLAUD GILSTRAP, *Educational Director*.

#### PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. R. T. Smith has recently become pastor of these churches in the Tar River Association—Middleburg and New Bethel.

Rev. W. T. Hewett of Wilmington, N. C., pastor of Cheerful Hope Church, Columbus, is moving to Rowlett, Texas. He will attend the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth.

Rev. Thomas E. Thompson, field worker of the Carolina Association for the past year, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Cornelius, Mecklenburg Association.

Carl G. Mauney, new pastor at Enka, preached his first sermon on June 17. Mrs. Mauney, now in a sanatorium at Black Mountain, is showing improvement and hopes to be able to join her husband in the late summer or fall.

Ray Linville is new pastor at Flat Creek, we learn from H. M. Hocutt, missionary in the Buncombe Association. Though they have been on the field only a few weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Linville have started off in a good way. They have organized a Brotherhood and a W. M. U., and the W. M. U. already sponsors a Y. W. A. and is planning other organizations for young people. The Linvilles live on Route 1, Weaverville.

## A Creed for Family Living

### Every One Is a Family Member

Every one needs to feel that he is loved, wanted and valued all his life for his own worth. Every one needs a measure of success. Every one needs to join with others for the achievement of goals he could not reach alone.

Every one needs practice as a family member according to his age and experience in democratic ways of managing and planning all phases of homework, family finance, and major family decisions.

Every one needs to live in physical home surroundings which are adequate to meet minimum standards of comfort, and which can be respected by those living there.

Every one needs an adequate supply of the seven basic foods to keep the body well nourished.

Every one needs help in finding his own rhythm of rest and activity, and ways of recreating himself as an individual and as a member of a group.

Every one needs faith in the spiritual universe of which he is a part and he needs help in finding individual and group ways of renewing that faith and poise.

Every family needs to feel a part of and a responsibility for the community in which it lives.—*Family Life Council.*

## The Legend of the Two Sacks

There is an ancient legend that tells of an old man who was in the habit of traveling from place to place, with a sack hanging behind his back and another in front of him.

What do you think these sacks were for? Well, I will tell you.

In the one behind him he tossed all the kind deeds of his friends, where they were quite hid from view; and he soon forgot all about them.

In the one hanging around his neck, under his chin, he popped all the sins which people he knew committed; and these he was in the habit of turning over and looking at as he walked along, day by day.

One day, to his surprise, he met a man wearing, just like himself, a sack in front and one behind. He went up to the man and began feeling his sack.

"What have you got here, my friend?" he asked, giving the sack in the front a good poke.

"Stop, don't do that!" cried the other, "you'll spoil my good things."

"What things?" asked number one.

"Why, my good deeds," answered number two. "I keep them all in front of me, where I can always see them, and take them out and air them. See, here is the half crown I put in the plate last Sunday; and the shawl I gave to the beggar girl; and the mittens I gave to the crippled boy; and the penny I gave to the organ-grinder; and here is even the benevolent smile I bestowed on the crossing-sweeper at my door and—"

"And what's in the sack behind you?" asked the first traveler, who thought his companion's good deeds would never come to an end.

"Tut, tut," said number two, "there is nothing I care to look at in there. That sack holds what I call my mistakes."

"It seems to me that your sack of mistakes is fuller than the other," said number one.

Number two frowned. He had never thought that though he had put what he called his "mistakes" out of sight, every one else could see them still. An angry reply was on his lips, when happily a third traveler, also carrying two sacks, as they were, overtook them.

The first two men at once pounced on the stranger.

"What cargo do you carry in your sack?" cried one.

"Let's see your goods," said the other.

"With all my heart," quoth the stranger; "for I have a goodly assortment and I like to show them. This sack," said he, pointing to the one hanging in front of him, "is full of the good deeds of others."

"Your sack is nearly touching the ground. It must be a heavy weight to carry," observed number one.

"There you are mistaken," replied the stranger; "the weight is only such as sails are to a ship, or wings are to an eagle. It helps me onwards."

"Well, your sack behind can be of little good to you," said number two, "for it appears to be empty; and I see it has a great hole in the bottom of it."

"I did it on purpose," said the stranger, "for all the evil I hear of people I put in there, and it falls through and is lost. So you see I have no weight to drag me down backward."—*The Friend.*

### If We Were Really Wise

I saw tomorrow marching by  
On little children's feet;  
Within their forms and faces read  
Her prophecy complete.  
I saw tomorrow look at me  
From little children's eyes,  
And thought how carefully we'd teach,  
If we were really wise.

*Selected.*

If you have love in your heart, you'll meet it down every highway and byway, smiling for you.—*Wesleyan Christian Advocate.*

A laugh is worth a hundred groans.—*LAMB.*

## Spice Box

Slippery ice—very thin,  
Pretty girl—tumbled in;  
Saw a boy—on a bank,  
Gave a shriek—then she sank;  
Boy on bank—heard her shout,  
Jumped right in—helped her out;  
Now he's hers—very nice,  
But she had—to break the ice.

—ANN COX, in  
*Progressive Farmer.*

CUSTOMER: I've brought these trousers to be re-seated. You know I sit a lot.

TAILOR: Yes, and I hope you've brought your bill to be receipted—you know I've stood a lot.—*Ex.*

You have to read this tongue-twister aloud to get your tongue twisted:

A flea and a fly flew up a flue.

Said the flea to the fly:

"Oh, what shall we do?"

"Let's fly," said the flea.

"Let's flee," said the fly.

So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

—*Clipped.*

JASPER (inspecting Joan's latest landscape): What a glorious painting. I wish I could take those lovely colors home with me!

JOAN: You will; you're sitting on my paint box!—*Ex.*

"Bobby, will you have some more ice cream?"

"No, thanks; mother says I don't want any more."—*Christian Science Monitor.*

DRIVING INSPECTOR: Now, lady, what is the white line in the middle of the road for?

NEW DRIVER: For bicycles!—*Ex.*

"So you were late to school, Bessie?"

"Yes, mamma."

"Why didn't you run, dear?"

"Because you told me never to deceive, Mamma."

"But how would that deceive, my child?"

"It might give some one who saw me running an idea I was anxious to get there, and I wasn't."—*Zion's Herald.*

Scotchman at railroad station: "You get the tickets, and I will get the time table."—*Clipped.*

"You know Shirley Temple, don't you?" an old lady asked the minister.

"Yes," he replied. Then, rubbing his chin, he asked, "Who is pastor there now?"—*Contributed.*

Triumphantly the new bride placed the dessert on the table. It was an oval-shaped piece of covered pastry, about 18 inches long and six inches wide.

"What is it?" her husband inquired.

"Why, darling, can't you see?—it's a pie."

"Rather long for a pie, isn't it?"

"Of course not, silly. It's rhubarb."—*Ex.*



# Woman's Missionary UNION

MRS. J. S. FARMER, Acting Executive Secretary

## A Message from Mrs. Turner

"Let us run with patience the race that is set before us." The Christian life is often pictured as a race to be run—a race in which we lay aside all that hinders speed, and with eyes fixed on the goal, all energy is devoted to reaching the goal. This should be true of all life and especially does it apply to this our Centennial year.

High goals have been set for us, goals in soul-winning, in enlistment, in giving. With the coming of July we are entering the second half of this important year. How far have you come during these six months just passed?

We hope soon to give a summary of the progress made according to reports received in the office. In the meantime examine your individual record. What hampering weights have you laid aside? Are you running with patience this difficult race? In our Southern Union and our State W. M. U. we have suffered loss and leadership. We have missed the inspiration of our great W. M. U. meetings. Because of these conditions we must put more effort and greater consecration into smaller gatherings, local society meetings and individual activity.

On July 15 many churches will be taking their special Centennial offering for the Co-operative Program. We want to have a worthy part in this offering. Giving money is the easiest form of service. But it should always be worship and many times the gifts of our women are indeed sacrificial offerings. May we each bring our best—an offering in grateful recognition of those who laid the foundation of our great denomination, an offering honoring our Lord in whose service we are enlisted—an offering for the promotion of his kingdom to the ends of the earth.

### W. M. U. EMPHASIS AT PREACHERS' SCHOOLS

Through the courteous co-operation of Mr. Huggins, classes for preachers' wives were held during the three Preachers' Schools. Splendid reports have come from all three. Mrs. Farmer had an enrollment of thirty-four; Mrs. W. D. Bostick of Wake Forest, thirty-two; Mrs. Wacaster of Boiling Springs, nineteen. We appreciate the opportunity afforded the W. M. U. by having these classes, and we feel that much good was accomplished.

### CORRECTION

Mrs. J. S. Burns, Valdese, is the new superintendent for the Catawba River Association, not Mrs. J. P. Crouch as formerly stated.

### YOUNG PEOPLE

#### SUMMER ROYAL AMBASSADOR FIELD WORKER

We are very fortunate to have Rev. B. W. Jackson as our summer Royal Ambassador

Field Worker. Mr. Jackson is from Stem, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and has completed his second year at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Already he has rendered valuable service in two of our Royal Ambassador camps. Throughout the summer he will be going into almost every section of our State in associational Royal Ambassador Conclaves and in leadership conferences.

### GIRLS' AUXILIARY RETREAT IN SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

An associational Girls' Auxiliary Retreat, held at the First Baptist Church in Lincolnton in April, began with a supper in the basement of the church.

After the supper, Miss Texie Sowers, associational missionary, led the girls in a recreational period on the church lawn. Miss Sarah Stephens of Hickory conducted a Coronation Service to which the public was invited. About thirty Juniors and Intermediates took part in this service. Joyce Bandy of Lincolnton, was recognized as Queen Regent.

Fifty-four Junior girls and several counselors spent the night and had breakfast in homes in Lincolnton. Rev. Henry Rogers, pastor of the host church, led the devotional Saturday morning. Then two mission study classes were held. Miss Sowers taught one and Miss Virginia Reynolds of Newton taught one. A brief period of recreation followed. Then the girls were divided into groups to work on forward steps, with counselors helping the girls. Mrs. Robert Boatwright, associational Young People's Leader, led a conference for counselors while mission study classes were held.

Miss Olive Lawton, missionary to China, spoke to the girls. Lunch was served at the church. Another period of mission study followed.

### ANOTHER LETTER FROM ITALY

Via Urbana No. 154  
Rome, Italy  
April 16, 1945

DEAR MRS. J. E. ERWIN

I have received a lovely parcel from you sent me on the first of March. Together with thread, needles, pins, hooks, buttons, tooth paste and toothbrush, soap, coffee, cocoa, I found the goods for a dress. Oh, you cannot imagine how surprised I was to find goods for a dress. I just needed a dress very badly and her God has inspired a good unknown friend to give me just what I needed. I think I can make a dress for my daughter Lea and one for me with the goods. I am a blond woman and Lea is just like her mother only a lot prettier, and the goods, I mean the color of it, is just fitted for us. When the dresses are made, we shall have a picture taken and shall send one to you as a sign of gratitude for your kind thoughts towards us. I see you have sent everything that is needed to make the dress. Very, very kind of you. All the other things, too, are

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Secretary  
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very much needed, for in Italy today you find very few things to eat and if you do find goods for dresses, they cost enormously, from 1,500 lira a yard to three, four thousand and even more than that.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kind deed and may the Lord repay you with all His many blessings. My husband too wishes to thank you for the parcel.

You will be wondering how I know how to write in English. Well I'll tell you. From the age of 5 to 17 I lived in America in the state of Pennsylvania. Aliquippa is the name of the town, near the city of Pittsburgh. At 15 years of age I married an Italian. (I am Italian, too.) At 17 we came back to Italy. My parents and brothers and sisters are living in Aliquippa, but three boys are in the Army now. Two are overseas and we communicate with one another.

I frequent the Baptist church of Via Urbana 154. I live right on the back of the church and as many soldiers of the Allied Forces come to our church I am the interpreter for them. I interpret the sermon on Sunday night and morning and on Wednesday and Saturday. I am glad I know the English language.

Well, now I shall say good-bye. Please write to me. I should like to communicate with you. Thanks again! God bless you, I remain your Christian friend,

MRS. FILOMENA ANTONELLI.

## Interracial Meetings

The Interracial meetings are planned for the following places and dates:

Spring Garden Baptist Church, Washington, Tuesday, July 24.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, Wednesday, July 25.

Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, Friday, July 27.

We are anticipating with pleasure the presence of Miss Nannie Burroughs, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. H. H. MacMillan, of Soochow, China; Mrs. Viola MacMillan and Mrs. J. Clyde Turner, as well as other officers of the North Carolina Woman's Convention, and of the W. M. U. Come if you can travel without infringing upon government regulations, and urge your Negro friends to attend. Bring a lunch, notebook and pencil. May we all be much in prayer for the Spirit's guidance in all the preparations for the important days.

The power of a new choice has transformed and saved many a life.—Clipped.

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### TRAINING UNION

#### Glimses from the Field

There was chatter chatter here, chatter chatter there, and chatter chatter all over the State Office of the Training Union Department on Saturday morning, June 24, as the Training Union summer workers stopped in for a brief "hello" on their way to the next week of work, which happened to be in and around Winston-Salem in the Pilot Mountain Association. Most of the workers had just completed a thrilling week of Training Union enlargement work in nine churches of the Tar River Association, of which Rev. Rex Campbell is the Training Union director. The churches participating were: Castalia; First Church, Henderson; West End Church, Henderson; Harris' Chapel; Cypress Chapel; Littleton; Mt. Zion; Norlina; and Duke Memorial. Reports for this week's work have not been compiled as yet, but they look encouraging. Truly, a good time was had by all in the Tar River Association!

In addition to the workers in the nine churches of the Tar River Association, there were four girls helping with an Enlargement Campaign in the First Church, Smithfield; one in the Corinth Church, Johnston Association; one in the Love's Creek Church, Sandy Creek Association; one at First Church, Clinton; and one at Wadesville Church.

You will be hearing more next week from the workers and their work in the Pilot Mountain Association. Continue to pray for these workers, as well as the Sunday school and student groups, as they strive to advance God's Kingdom in North Carolina this summer.—MARY LOU WALL, Office Secretary.

#### Attention, Intermediates

Mr. Versil Crenshaw, our Southwide Director of Intermediate Work, presents the following information indicative of progress in Intermediate work:

1. During the past year 845,821 copies of the *Baptist Intermediate Union Quarterly* and 68,546 copies of the *Intermediate Leader* were distributed. This is an all-time high record for circulation of these periodicals.
2. Intermediates earned 60,256 study course awards during the year.
3. There are 273 standard unions and 11 standard departments in the Southern Baptist

Convention. North Carolina had 16 standard unions and one standard department for at least one quarter during the year.

4. More than a thousand Intermediates attended the Southwide Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest. About 800 more Intermediates attended our State Assembly. Many of these dedicated lives to full-time Christian service.

5. Intermediates represented 15 states in the Southwide Sword Drill in 1944.

Congratulations to our fine Intermediates and their leaders in North Carolina. Let's continue to grow "in wisdom, in stature, and in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

—MARGARET SPARKS, Associate.

#### Other Contest Winners

Miss Margie V. Williams, director of the Stanly Associational Training Union, has sent us the following list of contest winners for her association:

Adult Scripture Reading—Mrs. A. D. McNeil, Norwood Church, Norwood, N. C.

Intermediate Sword Drill—Miss Kathryn Chappell, Centerview Church, Albemarle, N. C.

Alternate—Miss Desdie Lee Smith, West Albemarle Church, Albemarle, N. C.

Our hearty congratulations to Mrs. McNeil and Misses Chappell and Smith!

#### CERRO GORDO HAS DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Cerro Gordo Baptist Church, Cerro Gordo, N. C., held its Daily Vacation Bible School from June 4 to 8 inclusive. The enrollment was 87. The daily average attendance was 72. The officers and workers were as follows: Principal, Miss Ruth Meares; assistant principal, Miss Mary Williamson; secretary, Miss Ruby Inman; assistant secretary, Miss Theatus Nance; Beginner's Department, leader, Mrs. Emily Bullard; workers, Mrs. Charles Williamson, Jr., Miss Ruby Nance; Primary Department, leader, Mrs. Fred Bullock; workers, Mrs. Gleon Prince, Mrs. Myrtle Skipper, Miss Dorothy Stewart, Mrs. I. C. Thomas; Junior Department, leader, Mr. Bascom Hill; workers, Mr. Paul Sealey, Mrs. A. K. McLelland, Mrs. Fred Harilson, Mrs. Wade Mercer; Intermediate De-

partment, leader, Mrs. Charles Martin; workers, Mr. Archie McLelland, Mr. Forest Green, Mrs. Forest Green, Mrs. Curtis Jolly. Plans for the entire school, Miss Nancy Hammon.

Much interest was manifested in the work by the pupils, leaders, and members of the church and community. Some excellent work was done in each department throughout the entire school. Commencement exercises were held immediately after Sunday school, June 10, for the Bible School. The work of each department was placed on exhibition in the church auditorium for the Sunday school folks, church members, and visitors to see. At the close the pastor asked the church members to give the workers in the Bible School a rising vote of thanks for their great interest and fine work. This was done. It is hoped and believed that the church will have a bigger and better school next year.—B. B. HESTER, Pastor, Cerro Gordo Baptist Church

"Ah, my dear young lady!" exclaimed the attendant at the awesome entrance of the silken-hung room. "You wish to consult Madame Maharajah, the great mystic of the Orient?"

"Yep," replied the caller. "Tell her that her kid sister's here and ma wants her to get a couple pounds Hamburger steak on the way home."—*Ex.*

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Rev. R. J. Hall was born in Sampson County, April 19, 1890, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hall. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1917 and later attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was ordained in 1919 and began his ministry by serving a number of churches in Cumberland County for a short time, and after this he served Winter Park, Masonboro and Wrightsboro churches in Wilmington. He became pastor of the First Church, Bladenboro, January 1, 1931, in which position he held until his death, December 12, 1944.

Brother Hall married Miss Pearl Chadwick of New Bern, September 5, 1923, and of this union were born two sons, Robert James and Joseph Judson.

Brother Hall was a faithful pastor and preacher and a leader in denominational work. He was clerk of the Wilmington Association and directed the Seventy-five Million Campaign while pastor in that association. For eleven years he was moderator of the Bladen Association. He led in the development of fifth Sunday meetings of the Association and other programs of progress for the churches. Resolutions of appreciation for the ministry of Brother Hall have been passed by the Association and the Minutes for this year are to be dedicated to him.

The outstanding work of Brother Hall was in the First Church, Bladenboro. He was a good preacher, a faithful pastor, and promoted vigorously every phase of church work. One of the last things he did was to urge the adoption of a missionary for support by the church, Mrs. J. C. Powell being selected for this work. A committee of the church under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. C. Bridger has drawn up resolutions concerning the life and work of Brother Hall. These speak of his devotion to the Bible and its message, his prayer life and his sympathetic pastoral service. "Service to his fellow man held a large place in the heart and life of Brother Hall. His sympathetic understanding and kindly service to others blessed the church and community where he went about doing good."

Love is the ladder by which we climb up to the likeness of God.—SCHILLER.

## An Emphasis on Essentials

By JOE W. BURTON

Dr. W. O. Carver in a recent article points out that the Southern Baptist Convention was organized primarily for missions.

He cites the record that the Convention set up its work originally with only two boards, both assigned to missions; that its preamble stated the purpose to be to organize a plan "for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel"; and that membership was limited to Baptists with interest in its missionary work expressed in financial support.

This forceful emphasis on the fundamental purpose of Southern Baptists in the origin of their organization is needed today. First of all, it is demanded by history. The whole genius of the Baptist denomination in the South is revealed by this singleness of purpose. The simplest fact, clear on every page of their history and evident to the most casual student, is that Baptists banded themselves together to preach to the lost (whom they plainly called "heathen") at home and abroad. Whoever attempts to record their history without noting well this salient fact either reveals his ignorance or else does violence to the pronounced spirit of our forefathers in propagandizing a modern emphasis.

Second, Dr. Carver's emphasis on the primacy of missions is needed in the interest of the continued existence of the people called Baptists. A Christian denomination which forgets its first love in an enthusiasm for incidentals and by-products cannot long survive. The Christian witness, to be engaged in corporately and individually, was the motivating factor which brought Baptists together, and they must ever hearken to it as the requisite to their survival. Missions must always be their mission. They have no other reason for being.

Dr. Carver's point is well made, in the third place, because the ideal is not yet arrived at, for Southern Baptists have ever been in a state of becoming what they should be in their emphasis upon essentials. Southern Baptists, he shows, have never given more than ten cents of a dollar of their total gifts to the work of their two mission boards. We are now, he adds, devoting less than five per cent of our total gifts to the work for which the Convention was primarily founded.

### "TO HELP PATCH UP THE DAMAGE I CAUSED"

By C. E. BRYANT

Editor of Arkansas Baptist

Back in 1919 a Baptist woman made her pledge to the Southern Baptist Seventy-five Million Campaign, a great forward program launched to promote missionary, educational and benevolent causes.

But this woman, like thousands of others, soon found her purse greatly crippled by the post-World War I depression and was unable to meet her pledge. The inability of these thousands to pay threw Southern Baptist agencies some \$6,500,000 into debt with the various state boards suffering as much or more.

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W. G. STROUP

The First Baptist Church of Gastonia is fortunate indeed in securing Mr. W. G. Stroup as director of religious activities. Mr. Stroup is a native of Mecklenburg County, N. C. He was educated at Wingate Junior College, Furman University, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. While attending Southwestern, he was music director for Gambrell Street Baptist Church, which is the Seminary church. Since then he has served the following churches: Highland Avenue, Montgomery, Ala.; Highland Street, Shreveport, La.; First Baptist Church, Minden, La., and the First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas. He comes to us from Texarkana, where he is educational director. Mr. Stroup is recognized as one of the best men Southern Baptists have in the field of music and religious education.

Mrs. Stroup is a native of Louisiana, and is the daughter of "Daddy Flowers," for many years superintendent of Louisiana's Baptist Orphanage. She is a graduate of Louisiana College, and received her degree from Southwestern in Religious Education. The Stroups have two sons, Frank and Billy, ages ten and eight, respectively. Mr. Stroup arrived in time to assume his duties June 15th.

special state campaigns, Southern Baptists and many of the states became "Debt-Free in Forty-Three."

This particular Arkansas woman, however, has been unable to forget her pledge and the moral obligation it carried. Last month she sent a check for \$120 to State Secretary B. L. Bridges at Baptist State Headquarters in Little Rock with the notation: "This completes the payment of my pledge."

Secretary Bridges forwarded the payment to the Foreign Mission Board.

The woman has written a second letter, this one enclosing a check for \$180. She said: "It has been 25 years since I fell down on my pledge. That would make interest on the \$120, at 6 per cent, be \$180. That gives a glimpse of what we who fell down on our pledges cost our state and southern conventions, doesn't it? I am sorry. Here is my check to help patch up the damage I caused."

## OBITUARIES AND RESOLUTIONS

Obituaries and formal resolutions of one hundred words or less, will be published free of charge. Above one hundred words the rate will be three cents a word. We are compelled to make this charge because of the pressure on our news columns. Cash must accompany copy.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### MISS MOLLIE HAYNES

On April 11, 1945, Miss Mollie Haynes slipped quietly away into the presence of her Lord.

Miss Mollie was eighty-nine years of age, and in her going the Milton Baptist Church, Beulah Association, has lost a loyal and consecrated member, one who devoted much of her work and talent to her church. She was an active member of the W.M.S. and gave a large place in her heart to its work and progress. She lived graciously and unselfishly among her friends and associates.

Her sweet personality and character were manifest in her great delight in expressing herself in service for her Master. Her life in reality exemplified Paul's word: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

We who knew her shall miss her going, but we express our gratitude for her useful life and for the privilege of having her for a friend.

MRS. JAMES POWELL,  
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MRS. A. F. YARBROUGH,  
Committee.

A building which cost \$110,000 has been purchased by the Baptists of Mississippi to be used as Baptist headquarters for all organized State and Southern Convention enterprises.

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Recent surveys throughout the nation indicate that the religious leadership of the country, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish, is practically unanimous in its opposition to the proposed universal peacetime conscription plan on which hearings have been held recently in Washington.

An indication that religious leadership in North Carolina is no exception to the rule is seen in the widespread approval that has greeted the testimony of the Hon. Josephus Daniels when he vigorously opposed such conscription before the Postwar Military Affairs Committee. Both the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* (Methodist) and the *Christian Sun* (Congregational-Christian) carry strong editorials commenting favorably upon the testimony of the editor of the *Raleigh News and Observer*. The former Secretary of the Navy had declared that "weighed in the balance—in the acid test of war—that much-vaunted system (universal conscription) was found wanting."

The *Presbyterian Outlook*, journal of the Southern Presbyterian Church, publishes this week an article on the conscription issue by Dr. Walter Sikes of Berea College. Calling attention to the article editorially, the magazine declares that "no issue before us is fraught with greater consequences to the life and future of our nation."—*Church News Service*, Raleigh.

## INTERMEDIATES OF HILLIARD MEMORIAL CHURCH, HIGH POINT, ARE ACTIVE



Above are shown some of the Intermediates of Hilliard Memorial Church, High Point. They are:

Front row, left to right—Harold Metcalf, Group Captain; Mary Lou Plummer, Chorister; Betty Lou Underwood, President; Lorraine Wilson, Group Captain.

Second row—Betty Rae Grubb, Bible Readers' Leader; Martha Riggs; Mildred Lott; Don Elkins; Ervin Chatham, Secretary.

Third row—Helen Poole; Mary Riggs; Fred Farmer; Darrell French; Mr. P. E. Grubb, Leader.

These young people, under the leadership of Mr. Grubb, are very active. Intermediate Week, April 22-29, was an especially busy time for them. Monday night was Intermediate Forum; Tuesday night was visitation; Wednesday night prayer meeting was conducted by the Intermediates; Thursday and Friday evenings were spent in special practice for Saturday night's banquet, when the Intermediates entertained their parents. There were 62 present.

On Sunday an Intermediate boy acted as Sunday school superintendent, and there was an Intermediate choir in the morning and Intermediate ushers. Mr. Grover Jones, Moderator for the Piedmont Association, brought the message. On Sunday evening the Intermediates gave a play, after which there was the altar call and dedication. Three Intermediates accepted Christ as their Saviour, and seven made full dedication of their lives.

All in all, it was a glorious week for the Intermediates.

Jacksonville Church, L. Grady Burgiss, pastor, used a very practical mimeographed pamphlet in a recent visitation program. The same size as the four-page church bulletin, it carries on the first page the name and address of the church, the name and address of the pastor; a list of the organizations of the church, with the name of the superintendent, president, or leader in each; and a weekly, monthly and quarterly schedule of activities. The rest of the leaflet is given over to special announcements and to the statement of Baptist principles and beliefs, and to pertinent quotations from the Scriptures. The use of such material in visitation programs by other churches would be a good thing.

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## W. F. WEST, JR., ORDAINED

On Sunday, June 3, W. F. West, Jr., was ordained to the gospel ministry at the First Church, Roxboro, which he had attended since he was three years old except during the time he was away in college. He is the first minister who has gone out from this Roxboro church through its years of history.

It was most appropriate that his father, who was the beloved pastor of the church for eighteen years, should deliver the ordination sermon. He chose as his subject "An Ambassador of Christ," based on II Cor. 5:20. Rev. L. V. Coggins delivered the charge and Rev. J. B. Currin offered the ordination prayer, while J. Boyce Brooks, pastor of First Church, presented a lovely Bible from the church. Deacons of the church joined in the "laying on of hands."

Rev. W. F. West, Jr., has accepted the full-time pastorate of the church at Cropper, Ky. He and his wife will live in the parsonage during the summer months and will continue their studies at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.



It is strange that man who is satisfied with so little in himself demands so much in others.—*Ex.*

Most of us are much more sensitive on the subject of our prejudices than we are on the subjects of our real convictions.—*Ex.*

A profound and ever-prevailing sense of our need of divine help must ever lie at the foundation of all true prayer.—*Ex.*

What a quiet, pleasant world this would be if those who have nothing to say would refrain from saying it.—*Ex.*

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By JOYE FREEMAN WOODBURY

This day is God's and yours!  
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From whence light shines on higher land.  
Not yours alone, the climb!  
Through days of joy or pain,  
To His hand your fingers clung;  
You trusted in His righteous reign.  
Now from this mountain top  
Of God's achievement rest,  
Your hearts refrain tomorrow's climb  
And wish a tabernacle nest.  
Not long, not so, ye sons of God!  
For patient ears alert, aglow  
To valley needs are caught and held  
By cries below.  
So thus from craggy peaks,  
Blessings years have brought,  
We see our friends descend,  
And take again the cross—  
A peace Christ's blood has bought.  
(We are publishing the above because it was written in honor of the Golden Wedding of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore, of Mars Hill, which occurred on June 11. The author is from Morganton.)

One simple way to receive and give the greatest joy in life is always to be glad when others are glad.—*Ex.*

In and through ourselves are the sources of most of our misfortunes, our defeats, and our futility.—*Ex.*

You can do neither good nor evil without casting sunshine or shadow upon your fellow man.—*Ex.*



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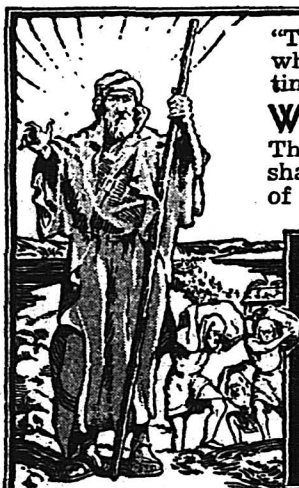
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## THE WHAT OF IT

1. There are about 15,000,000 unsaved and unchurched people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, perhaps about one-tenth of that number in North Carolina. Baptists are trying to win 1,000,000 of them in 1945.

2. The Centennial comes at a crucial time in world history. Mission's doors in all lands will be wide open. We may hear the Macedonian call if we listen. Missionaries, thousands of them, will be needed. Mission property must be repaired and rebuilt. Millions will be needed. A thank and love offering of \$2,000,000—\$225,000 given by North Carolina Baptists—will aid greatly. Baptists have the money. Let them make this offering in July, preferably on July 15.

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## THE HOW OF IT

Envelopes are being mailed to all pastors. Let thorough preparation for the offering be made. Let the envelopes be distributed among W. M. U. groups, among Sunday school classes, and among others. Let every child have the opportunity. Let every church member be urged to give at least one dollar. Many should give ten or twenty-five. Some should think in terms of a hundred or a thousand. One man last year gave \$42,000.

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## REMEMBER

This is the one and only Centennial Offering in which you and I may ever participate.

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**Let this be a VICTORY Year for North Carolina Baptists.**

M. A. HUGGINS, General Secretary,  
Baptist State Convention

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Centennial Crusade