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IT WOULD BE of great help to the RECORDER staff if our subscribers would always notify us promptly of any change of address. In fact, we should have notice of change of address two weeks in advance. If we do not get the notice from the subscriber, it causes delay in getting the paper as well as additional cost when the post office has to notify us that the paper has not been delivered. We urge most earnestly that anyone knowing in advance that his address is to be changed notify us promptly.

H. M. HOUTT, Buncombe Associational Missionary, has had printed a very interesting and valuable map for use in the work of the association. The map was secured from the County Board of Commissioners and the Associational Missionary arranged into churches, hospitals, etc., in place. It will be of great help in locating churches and other institutions of interest to the Baptist people of the association.

IT IS INTERESTING to note, and may be surprising to some, that most writers in preparing articles for religious papers misquote the Scriptures. It is not easy even for the average minister when quoting the Bible to get the exact quotation without looking it up, and the tendency is to get in the habit of quoting passages rather freely. We would urge both preachers and laymen when writing anything for the press that they look up in the Bible every passage quoted and check for accuracy. Any passage quoted from the Bible should be given exactly as it appears in the version which one is using.

WE ARE GLAD to present on the front cover of the RECORDER this week a picture of Claude F. Gaddy who begins his duties as executive secretary of the Council on Christian Education on July 1. It is appropriate to have this picture and article by him in this issue, because Christian Education Day comes the last of June; and he begins his important duties in July. The election of Mr. Gaddy to this position has met with popular acclaim everywhere, for he has been for a good many years not only an outstanding Christian layman but also a wise and able educational leader. We hope for him, and predict for him, a very successful career in this important position.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS are proud of Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, who has just completed his twenty-fifth year as president of the Baptist Sunday School Board and was elected for another year at the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Board which was held in Nashville the first week in June. Dr. Powell is a native of North Carolina and was pastor of the First Church, Asheville, for some years before going to Nashville. Dr. T. L. Holcomb was re-elected as executive secretary of the Sunday School Board.

Full-hearted approval and support of Southern Baptists' campaign for \$3,500,000 for relief and rehabilitation was voiced by Dr. Holcomb. Harold Ingraham, business manager, reported that periodical circulation

reached a new record figure of 26,193,273 for 1945. Approval was voted for completion of the 12-story building as soon as materials and labor are available. The first three stories have already been completed.

Plans for an enlarged visual education program were presented by Dr. J. O. Williams, head of the division of education and promotion. A 16mm sound picture on the life of Dr. George W. Truett is now being prepared. Plans to make other pictures will be considered during the year.

JAMES P. MORGAN, educational director, Mrs. Roy Giddings, Mrs. N. O. Reeves, and Miss Erleen Gaskin of the First Church, Durham, carried out a very interesting and worthwhile project for nineteen intermediate boys and girls of their Vacation Bible School by taking this group on a tour of Wake Forest College, Meredith College, and Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh. We were delighted to have this group visit the RECORDER office: Pat Ester, Cora Ines, Joyce Watkins, Bobby Horne, Irma Tilley, Frances Ballance, Connie Teague, Geraldine Hurst, Ann Reeves, Eleanor Lamb, Gayle Pickett, Betty Ballenger, Elnora Dixon, Margaret Ann Snuggs, Mary Doyette Lyon, Mooneyen Brown, Pauline Griffin, and Dorothy Hillard.

IN COMPANY WITH Secretary M. A. Huggins and L. L. Morgan, the writer visited Fruitland Institute, six miles from Hendersonville, recently. This school was founded in 1899 by A. I. Justice and rendered a great service for many years, but was closed in 1936 because of the depression and other changes in the educational field. The property, consisting of 13 acres and four buildings, is now owned by the Baptist State Convention and is to be converted into an assembly ground for our church people. With some improvements and development it will make an excellent site for such a training program. This is really a very valuable property, and we congratulate Secretary Huggins and the General Board on holding it for the purpose indicated. For instance, the main dormitory, which is only about twenty years old, has 68 rooms and with a little redecoration will become a very attractive rooming place for the assembly. Among others visiting Fruitland Institute, and who are working for its development, were Dr. O. M. Seigler, pastor of the First Church, Hendersonville; Erskine Plemmons, new missionary of the Carolina Association; and M. L. Walker, moderator of the Association.

PASTOR L. GRADY BURGESS of the Jacksonville Church, some weeks ago wrote asking that a year's subscription to the RECORDER be sent to Lt. Col. G. H. van der Spek of the Royal Netherlands Marine Corps, and also one to Mrs. van der Spek, Nijmegen, Holland.

The story behind the request is this: About a year ago a family of Dutch people, the van der Speks, moved to Jacksonville, N. C., the father then being a major in the Royal Netherlands Marines. While there, the father and mother were both converted and baptized into the Jacksonville Church. The

father left last November for the Pacific area and the last of February the mother and three children left. The family expressed great appreciation for this country, and the father desires that the eldest son, Hans, attend the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Therefore Mr. Burgess wanted them to have the RECORDER.

PASTOR P. ROWLAND WAGNER of the Central Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, was guest speaker at prayer meeting at the First Church, Raleigh, May 22. The subject of his unique talk, based on seeing a pelican at an oceanarium at Daytona Beach, Florida, was "By-Passing the Baptist Pelican." This pelican is a big sea bird which is drowsily by the oceanarium and waits to be fed fish from the pool. His beak rests on his back looking backward, and he spreads his wings when a visitor appears near by to take a picture. Hence the point made by Brother Wagner in his talk was that we should beware in our Baptist life of imitating the pelican, for (1) he is always looking backward, (2) he swallows whatever is thrown, (3) he sleeps in between, and (4) he spreads his wings (struts) when his picture is taken.

Mr. Wagner was on his way back to Norfolk from attendance at the Southern Baptist Convention, Miami, Florida, and was accompanied by Mrs. Wagner and Pastor M. Beecher L. Rhodes of the Berkley Avenue Baptist Church of Norfolk, and all four stopped in Raleigh to visit Dr. and Mrs. Broadus E. Jones of the First Church.

CLAUDE F. GADDY, the new executive secretary of the Council on Christian Education whose picture appears on the front cover of the RECORDER of this week, is a native of Anson County but spent most of his youth in Union County. He graduated from Wingate High School in 1918, Wake Forest College, 1921, and received M.A. degree from University of North Carolina, 1924. He has held the following positions: school work in Baptist Orphanage, 1921-25; principal of Marshville High School, 1925-27; superintendent of Union County Schools, 1927-31; assistant executive secretary, State School Commission, 1931-36; superintendent, Raleigh City Schools, 1936-42; administrator of Reidsville Hospital, 1942-46. He married Miss Nannie L. Sigmon of Wake Forest in 1923 and they have two daughters and one son. He has been a very active Baptist layman for many years, serving in such positions as deacon and superintendent of Sunday school as well as vice-president of the Baptist State Convention and chairman of the Council on Christian Education in recent years.

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## Congratulations to Baptist Pastors in Training

ONE OF THE MOST hopeful signs of the times among North Carolina Baptists is the hunger of our preachers for better training that they may be good ministers of Jesus Christ. Secretary M. A. Huggins and his staff put on four pastors' schools in the State during the month of June: Wake Forest, Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, and Wingate. There was a strong faculty at each place and a well planned program. At this writing we are reporting on two of these which we had the privilege of attending, Wake Forest and Mars Hill.

Wake Forest had an unusually strong faculty with Drs. Duke McCall, C. Oscar Johnson, and George A. Buttrick. These three men made an excellent combination. We were not able to attend the classes of Dr. McCall, but we understand he did an excellent job in discussing the prophets and their messages. Dr. Buttrick and Dr. Johnson were entirely different, but the combination made a strong team. Dr. Buttrick was thoughtful, serious-minded, discussing constantly the great issues facing the world today with Christian interpretation and application. Dr. Johnson was witty and humorous but emphasized the fundamentals in an inspirational way. "George" and "Oscar," as they call each other, made a strong team and worked together like brothers.

The enrollment at Wake Forest was about 175, which made it a very successful school from the standpoint of attendance, but on every hand we heard the remark that it was a pity more people did not take advantage of the opportunity to hear these outstanding leaders. No doubt the program next year will be equally as good, and we hereby promise that we are going to try to let the people know more about the program in advance and encourage more people to attend; and we feel sure that all others connected with the school will do likewise.

The enrollment at Mars Hill was about 200. Earle L. Bradley was the director at Wake Forest, but J. C. Pipes at Mars Hill. Our preachers from the western part of the State are hungry for better training and manifest great interest in the Mars Hill school. They not only attend the school in large numbers but also buy a great many books. This is a very healthy sign of the spirit and progress among our preachers.

The faculty at Mars Hill was made up of Drs. S. L. Stealey, W. H. Davis, and Inman Johnson, from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, the new dean of the Wake Forest School of Religion; and Dr. John D. Freeman, of the Home Mission Board. We regret to learn that Dr. Davis had to leave early in the week because of a serious illness of his father-in-law.

Dr. Stealey gave some interesting and helpful addresses on Baptist history. He gave a clear explanation of Baptist principles as they have grown and developed through the years; all going back, of course, to New Testament teachings and practices. Dr. Johnson taught the men a better appreciation of good music and how better to use their voices in preaching. Dr. Blanton brought several sermons of a thoughtful and stimulating nature. Among his themes we noted "The Dream That Failed," "The Lost Sense of Wonder," "Spiritual Reconversion," and "He Was Moved with Compassion."

Dr. Freeman discussed the problems and needs of the country church. We liked very much two things which he emphasized the day we heard him. One was, he warned against country churches going to full-time preaching without having adequate resources to take care of a pastor. He advocated rather the forming of fields of two or three churches and thus being able to support adequately a pastor and also give to missions and benevolences. In answer to a question, Dr. Freeman explained very clearly that when we are emphasizing the importance of wholesome social and recreational life in our church communities and also the application of the Gospel to social and economic life, we are not preaching the so-called "social Gospel" and falling into the error of preaching salvation by works. The Gospel in its true meaning and fullness is both individual and social: personal redemption first of all and then the application of the teachings of Christianity to social, economic, and political life.

The brethren at Mars Hill expressed special appreciation to the church and the college for their hospitality during the school. We are sure the same feeling was expressed also at Wake Forest and the other places where pastors' schools were held. We would offer hearty congratulations to every pastor who attended these schools. Each school offered a great opportunity for any man who attended, and the work done was of a very high order. We hope that these schools will be repeated next year with increasing interest and larger attendance.

## Special Session of Baptist State Convention To Be Called

THE GENERAL BOARD of the Baptist State Convention, meeting in semiannual session at the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, June 13, voted to call a special session of the Baptist State Convention to consider the offer of the Reynolds Foundation to Wake Forest College. The President, Recording Secretary, and General Secretary of the Convention have been authorized and directed to set the date, fix the place, and notify the churches to select and send messengers. The idea expressed was that the Convention will be held in some central city in July or September, the probability being that it will be called for the last week in July.

There was a great deal of earnest discussion by members of the General Board as to both the authority and the advisability of calling the Convention in special session. Nineteen members voted for the resolution and five against it, but it was made unanimous immediately following the original vote. The matter is of such great importance to Baptists of the State and the future of Wake Forest College that we are giving below the resolution in full as passed by the General Board:

"Be it Resolved by the General Board of the Baptist State Convention (1) that it is necessary in order to pass on the offer of the Reynolds Foundation to Wake Forest College that a ses-



sion of the Baptist State Convention be held prior to the time of the session now scheduled in Asheville in November, (2) that a session of said Convention be called and held at some central point as soon as practicable, (3) that the President, Recording Secretary, and General Secretary of the Convention be earnestly requested to join in the calling of said session of the Convention under the powers conferred upon them by Article VIII, section 5, of the Constitution, and (4) that they be authorized and directed to set the date, fix the place, and notify the churches to select and send messengers."

The reasons given for the request from the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College for this special session of the Convention were: (1) the enlargement program will be more or less at a standstill until it is known whether the college will be moved to Winston-Salem or not; (2) question as to what is to be done with the property of the college at Wake Forest cannot very well be considered until the Convention acts. This matter may affect not only Wake Forest College but other colleges and institutions. (3) The feeling was that it would be an encouragement to the Reynolds donors and other friends of the college for the Convention to act as quickly as possible in accepting the offer and showing appreciation for the big and generous gift to the college. C. J. Jackson spoke for the Board of Trustees of the college in giving these reasons. Ira T. Johnston, of Jefferson, presented the resolution and it was seconded by W. E. Stanley, of Durham. Among those discussing the matter were: J. B. Turner, Archie Ellis, C. J. Jackson, M. A. Huggins, and Sanford Martin.

Several other matters of great importance were brought before the General Board. Secretary M. A. Huggins reported very encouraging increases in gifts during the first five months of this year to the General Fund and other causes of the Convention, the total for the General Fund for this period being \$416,107.86. For the first six months of 1946 the appropriations to the schools amounted to \$106,753. Approval was given to the campaign to raise \$400,000 in North Carolina for Relief and Rehabilitation, this being our part of the Southwide goal of \$3,500,000.

The program to place young ministers and young women in the churches and associations, which program was begun last year, has been enlarged for the present summer. It appears now that there will be about 100 young people on the field this

summer. About 40 of the 69 associations now have full time associational missionaries.

A report was made that the Fruitland Institute property being prepared and put into condition to begin a pastors' school there about November 1 and plans are being made for building a Baptist assembly ground there for the coming summers.

Pastor J. W. Lambert, of Mt. Olive, reported for the committee appointed to make a study of college communities and their needs. The committee has visited the college centers in the State where Baptist colleges are located. An appropriation of \$300 for special student work at Chapel Hill and \$10,000 for the Memorial Church in Greenville was approved.

Pastor J. Roy Clifford, Lexington, made a report for a special committee on the Baptist Hospital, stating that the hospital needs many additional beds to take care of many waiting patients and provide additional beds necessary to enable the Bowman Gray School of Medicine to do its work. The Board and Administration of the hospital were highly commended for the great job which they are doing. Although our people are against debt for the Convention, Mr. Clifford stated that good business sense seemed to point to the wisdom of borrowing the necessary sum of money for the enlargement of the hospital.

It was voted that a committee be appointed to map out a program of town and country work, with the understanding that this committee will recommend to the Board, in the meeting to be held just prior to the Convention, a person to serve as secretary of a department of rural church work.

Pastor J. C. Canipe was elected as secretary of evangelism at a salary of \$4,200 plus the allowance for home, it being understood that he will give approximately one-half of his time to evangelism for rural churches, the other half to the program and training of ministers already in service.

The resignation of Mrs. Roger Marshall as manager of the Book Store was accepted and appreciation was expressed for her excellent service for almost twenty-one years in this position. Miss Mary Ayscue, who has been on the staff of the Book Store for several years, was elected as successor to Mrs. Marshall. Pastor Roger C. Gwaltney, of Harmony, South Yadkin Association, was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Harry Gamble as a member of the General Board; Dr. F. O. Mixon, of Raleigh, to take the place of the late George Beavers, of the Green Level community.

## Council Has Big Educational Program

By Claude F. Gaddy

### Executive Secretary, Council on Christian Education

**T**HE COUNCIL on Christian Education was first established by the Baptist State Convention in 1943, following a recommendation of a special Education Commission set up in the meeting of the Convention in 1942. Although the general organization of the Council has remained the same in most respects, certain changes in its duties have been made by succeeding sessions of the Convention.

As provided in the last meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the present Council on Christian Education is composed of the following members: The President of the Convention, the President of the Woman's Missionary Union, the President of the General Board, the General Secretary of the Convention, the twelve members of the Education Committee of the General Board, eight members at large named by the

Convention, and four representatives from each of the five colleges receiving support from the Convention, making a total of 44 members on the Council. The four members from each of the five colleges are: The President of the Board of Trustees, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Trustees, the President and the Dean of the college. It is provided that the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the General Board shall be Chairman of the Council, with the President of the Woman's Missionary Union as Secretary. A vice-chairman is selected by the Council.

**T**HE DUTIES of the Council on Christian Education as adopted by the Convention in its last meeting are as follows:

"The Council shall have charge and control of the entire program of education in the

colleges and schools of the Convention.

"It shall be the duty of the Council to meet at the call of the Chairman at least quarterly, and it shall perform, among others, the following duties:

"(1) It shall provide ways and means for bringing about whatever co-operation is necessary for the proper correlation of the work and programs in the various educational institutions supported by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, to the end that these institutions may be of the greatest possible service in the cause of Christian education.

"(2) It shall study the needs of the various educational institutions and their ability to meet these needs, and upon the basis of its findings it shall, subject to the approval of the General Board, allocate to the institutions such funds as may be made available by the Convention for Christian education. No member of the Council who receives his support from the Convention or from any educational institution of the Convention shall have a vote on matters pertaining to the division of and distribution of funds allocated for Christian education.

"(3) The Council may, in its discretion, out of funds provided for allocation, employ an Executive Secretary, and such other assistance as may be deemed necessary to carry



effectively the duties herein outlined, and other duties imposed upon the Council this resolution.

(4) The Council shall formulate and prepare plans for increasing the interest in and support of these various educational institutions, and make an annual report in detail to the Convention upon all the work and findings of the Council."

ACTING UPON THE AUTHORITY given it in section (3) of the above, the Council has elected me as its Executive Secretary, and I shall assume the responsibilities of the position beginning July 1, 1946. My deep interest in Christian education and the work of our Council is too well known to the Baptists of North Carolina for me to discuss it this time. My reluctance to accept this position was not due to any fears regarding the importance of the work to be done but

rather to a feeling that some of our Baptist people might question the propriety of my becoming officially connected with an undertaking with which I have been so closely associated from its beginning. Now that I have made the decision to give up a work in the ministry of healing and return to a new field in education, I am going into this work with our Council on Christian Education with the one purpose to give my best in the job that lies ahead for the Council. It is a new approach to a most interesting undertaking, and I have no fears about the outcome. Christian education is basic in all that Baptists are trying to do for the coming of the Kingdom of God among men; and the work of this Council must succeed or we shall fall short of our goal and responsibility.

THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION of North Carolina has named a board of

trustees for each of our colleges and this board is responsible to the Convention for this trusteeship. The same Convention has named a Council on Christian Education and has given this Council very definite responsibilities for assisting in this over-all program of education as represented in these various colleges; and these boards of trustees have a right to expect support and help from the Baptists of North Carolina through this unifying agency. Time alone will reveal how well we shall do our job. Each college is but a segment of a whole, the total of whose parts far exceeds the number of Baptist colleges we operate in North Carolina. Let us begin now as we visualize the functions and the scope of the work of our Council to see a program beyond our colleges and big enough and deep enough to vitalize every activity in the life of the people not only in North Carolina but throughout the world.

## Baccalaureate Address to Wake Forest College Seniors

JUNE 3, 1946

By Dr. Thurman Kitchin, President

MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS, you are receiving your diplomas on the first commencement since the close of World War II. You are going out from these college halls at a time heavy with the desires of future generations.

He is a wise man, and he will probably be a successful man in the highest sense of the word, who not only cultivates his faculties to their highest potentialities but who knows his times and therefore in what direction his efforts may be made to count for most.

These years that you have been with us we have sought to help you discover and develop your powers and to become acquainted with your world. We are happy in your progress and in the prospect of your ultimate achievements. But let me remind you of the character of these times in which you must work out your destiny. They are truly significant.

FIRST, these times are significant for their tremendous accomplishments. We can still hardly realize that the war is over, that the war is won! What a colossal achievement that was!—involving as it did the assembly of armed forces of more than twelve million men, the gearing of our whole industrial organization to the purposes of war, the construction of thousands upon thousands of ships, hundreds of thousands of tanks and airplanes, and millions upon millions of guns. These accomplishments would never have been possible without the exercise of the highest qualities of leadership, without daring adventure, without co-ordination and co-operation of the most far-reaching sort, without courage and heroism, without sacrifice and death. By so great an effort and at so great a price, the war has been won.

With this example of achievement before us, shall we dare to be purposeless or indifferent? Can we do less than our best?

The times that have seen so much accomplished afford the occasion for the achieve-

ment of that yet greater task, the establishment of permanent peace based upon the United Nations organization and a sense of world brotherhood.

SECOND, these times are significant for another reason: the opportunities they present. There was never offered to a generation a greater call for its services. How vast and incalculable are the needs of the world! Three-fourths of Europe lie in ruins. Uncounted millions both in Europe and in America are homeless. Famine and starvation are stalking the old world. The sharp and growing conflicts of national interests, the increasing tensions between capitalistic and communistic nations, the small results achieved in the recent meetings of foreign ministers all show us how far we are from having achieved one world, and yet reveal the absolute necessity of fusing the many worlds into one. The tragic antagonisms in industry here at home remind us daily of the deep-seated ailments in our own national life.

Mankind not only needs the services of men and women to rebuild the homes, its factories, its transportation systems, its schools, its churches, but the world also needs men and women of creative minds and statesmanship to rebuild many of its social and governmental structures and to solve the far-reaching problems that vex it.

In these times heroes of war have won signal honors. It will be for all of us to demonstrate that the opportunities of peace furnish the moral equivalent of war.

THIRD, these times are significant for still another reason. They offer a threat to civilization and to life itself upon this planet. The splitting of the atom has awakened the world to a realization of the extent to which science has perfected her techniques and extended her knowledge and demonstrated her power. But it also raises the sobering question as to where are to be found the moral and spiritual forces that will control the

incalculable power that may be released from the atom. It is quite obvious that man's physical strength has outgrown his sense of moral responsibility. Unless the moral and spiritual forces are developed in an unprecedented manner, our world may suffer a disaster beside which the Second World War would be insignificant; the third World War might mean the destruction of mankind.

In these significant times you go out of the seclusion of this little college community into a larger world to begin your life's work or to continue your studies in other institutions of higher learning. The communities in which you are to live as well as the world at large will need your greatest wisdom, your highest skill, and your most unselfish service.

To meet your obligations you will need an informed and discriminating mind, a grasp of world movements and a power to distinguish between the true currents and the eddies; you will need courage to venture into new experiments in building better communities and a better world; you will need the spirit of unselfishness and sacrifice, and above all the guidance and grace from our Lord. To these values we have sought to point you. In seeking them you will find an abundant life.

In the Wake Forest seal on your diploma you will observe the ancient Greek monogram for Jesus Christ and beneath this monogram the Latin words *Pro Humanitate*.

Look at that seal often and let it remind you of the man of Galilee, in whose name, and in whose spirit, and in whose power, Wake Forest bids you serve humanity.

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# One Hungry World

General Dwight D. Eisenhower said recently: "Without food there will be no peace."

Until the people can stop bending every effort toward mere existence, they will not be able to produce the right kind of leaders. The conquered countries lack leaders because their leaders were liquidated. If we had a real conception of what mere existence means in these countries we would appreciate that our greatest contribution now, and an individual one, is food. . . . If you have ever tried a 1,000-calorie balanced diet you may think it's not so bad. But these people have no reserve to go on, and the calories they get each day are neither "filling" nor nutritionally adequate. How would you like this menu: a hunk of bread and weak coffee for breakfast; thin soup with a potato base and another hunk of bread for your main meal; and soup and bread, same kind but less of it, for your evening meal? The entire menu is less than many a housewife wastes in a day. *IDA LEX KAIN, Newspaper Columnist, May 29*

No day is ever without its opportunity for ministry in Christ's name. Yet opportunity comes most surely to the church when man's need is greatest. Then we recall Isaiah's question as to what service is acceptable to the Lord: "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" Truly this is a day when we do not lack opportunity or incentive to express our faith in service and to translate our ideals into deeds of love and mercy. —*HERMANN N. MORSE, in "Our Times and National Missions."*

Missionary Agnes Graham of Chile writes: "Chilean Baptist churches have been taking a collection for Asia's and Europe's hungry millions. The First Church, Temuco, with the school and outstations, raised over 4,000 pesos (\$140)—excellent for people who are poor themselves, isn't it? All of the Chilean churches will probably contribute between \$2,500 and \$3,000."

Over-and-above gifts of canned food and used clothing, shipped to the Church World Service Centers (New Windsor, Maryland; St. Louis, Missouri; Modesto, California), will be carefully processed and delivered to Asia and Europe as fast as possible. Southern Baptists are urged to give cash first. It fights famine more effectively this summer. The goal for \$3,500,000 to be raised by September 30 is for cash only.

A student wants to know, "Can Baptists give birthday, anniversary, and other remembrances to friends by sending money to the Board for relief?" It can be tried.

Southern Baptists' campaign to send \$3,500,000 to famine fields this summer is in response to a similar appeal to all American Christians. Northern Baptists have an objective of \$1,000,000 additional; Disciples, \$1,500,000, covering a period of three years; Presbyterian U.S.A. (Northern), \$27,000,000

in a five-year program, but to be raised within two convention years; Methodists have already raised \$28,000,000.

The Texas state board in session June 3 adopted \$459,000 as Texas' share of the south-wide goal for relief and rehabilitation, and urged the churches to reach it in July.

July 21 has been designated by Virginia Baptists as a day of fasting and prayer: the money for food not eaten to be given through the church to relief, the time to be spent in sharing the suffering so common to the people of Asia and Europe today. The goal is a dollar from each member of each Baptist church in the state.

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The Commission.

## MEREDITH DEAN



DR. W. C. BURTS

Dr. Charles Watson Burts has been appointed dean of Meredith College and will come to Raleigh August 1, President Carlyle Campbell has announced. Dr. Burts comes to Raleigh from Furman University, where he has served as assistant professor, associate professor, junior dean, and as assistant dean since 1933.

Dr. Burts, a native of Anderson, S. C., attended schools in Columbia and at Peabody, Nashville, Tenn., and received degrees from Furman and Yale. He has pursued special study in psychology and general education at Columbia and the University of Chicago.

He served last year as liaison officer between Furman and the Veterans Guidance Center, and from May, 1942, to September, 1945, was an officer in the Navy.

At Meredith, he succeeds Dr. Joseph E. Burk, who came to Meredith last year as acting dean from Ward Belmont College in Tennessee.

## NORTH CAROLINA HAS NEW BAPTIST FAMILY

North Carolina Baptists are richer in having a new family move to the State recently. Chaplain (Captain) W. H. Rittenhouse and

his family have bought the Occoneechee Farm at Hillsboro and have settled there. Chaplain Rittenhouse himself has served in the wars—in World War I as an enlisted man in the Marine Corps, and as Chaplain in World War II. In the war just past he was with the 93rd General Hospital in England 10 years. He is a native of Minnesota and lived in Canada, but went to Georgia in 1917. It was there he met Mrs. Rittenhouse, a native of Columbus, Ga. Most of his pastorate have been in Georgia and Florida, and served as pastor of a church in Miami immediately before entering service.

The older son, W. H., Jr., is also preparing for the ministry, and for several months has been educational director of the Southside Baptist Church, Lakeland, Fla. He was a bomber pilot during the war, and received a decoration for bringing his plane in when it had 293 machine gun bullet holes in it. Later he was shot down behind enemy lines and was held prisoner in Roumania for three and a half months during the summer of 1944, and there he acted as chaplain of the American prisoners. He received decoration of Legion of Merit for work among the prisoners of war.

This acquaintance with Roumania made him decide to dedicate his wife to missionary work in that country, and when he completes his education, he intends to become a missionary to Roumania.

The younger son, J. C., was also a ministerial student before entering the Marine Corps. He saw service in the Pacific as an aerial photographer. He served as chaplain assistant and choir director on Guam and Iwo Jima.

The father and two sons will all study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the sons doing undergraduate work and Mr. Rittenhouse, Sr., working for the Ph.D. degree in education, as he expects to go into junior college work on completion of work for his degree.

The youngest child is a daughter, Florence, who is still in high school. She, too, plans to go into religious work as a missionary.

Captain Rittenhouse and both sons will be available for supply work, or for preaching regularly on Sundays. We note that W. H. Jr., recently assisted Pastor Charles B. McConnell in a Religious Institute at Franklinton Church.

We welcome this fine family to North Carolina and we hope that their talents will be used in denominational work.

Miss Thelma Drake of Hendersonville wrote us about her recent trip to the commencement and alumni exercises at Mars Hill College, from which she graduated in 1938. We wish we had space to publish her letter, for it pictures vividly the inspiration she received by visiting again the scenes of her school days and meeting again the members of the faculty. She speaks especially of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore, in whose home she spent the night, and she testifies that her faith and courage were renewed by her visit.

Mars Hill, she thinks, exemplifies the type of Christian education that can save a confused and discouraged world. There, she says, the things which are really important are emphasized, and she wishes everybody could have seen the pageant which depicted the founding, growth and preservation of the college through its 90 years of existence.



# Sunday School LESSON • • • • •

R. PAUL CAUDILL

## Jesus' Attitude Toward the Law

Lesson for Sunday, July 7

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 5:17-19; Mark 10:27-22

In our course of study during July, August, and September we shall examine the Ten Commandments and other basic Old Testament laws in the light of the teachings of Jesus.

With the coming of Jesus into the world, the enduring values that inhere in the basic principles within the Old Testament laws were brought into the fullness of light: "Think it," said Jesus, "that I came to destroy the law, or the prophets: I come not to destroy but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17). "In his teachings and example the righteousness of the old covenant found its fullness. The duty enjoined no longer depended upon external enforcement; it had the support of the heart and the will."

### The Old Testament Standard

"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up, and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house, and in thy gates" (Deut. 6:4-9). In these incisive words is a summary statement of the Old Testament standard as to moral law. It constitutes the basis for all moral and spiritual law. It cuts the Gordian knot of the problem of lawlessness that is in sin by demanding absolute fidelity to God.

God is to be the center of all our affection, the object and the end of all our devotion. Our allegiance to him is to make no place whatever for "other gods." The pantheistic concept of heathen nations is to find no comfort in us. Polytheism is to be given no quarter by the children of God.

"Human laws can only take cognizance of the outward conduct; the law of the heart-searching God requires Love, the seat of which is in the inmost soul. That love comprises a supreme valuation of his infinite

excellence and amiableness: an entire desire of the knowledge and enjoyment of him as our felicity; cordial delight in contemplating his manifested glories, and in worshipping and obeying him; lively gratitude for all his innumerable and invaluable mercies; zeal for his glory; and an ardent desire that all our fellow creatures, in conjunction with us, may thus know, love, worship, obey, and serve him" (Matthew Henry).

So powerful has been the effect of these words (Deut. 6:4-9) on the mind and heart of Jewry that to this day whenever and wherever the Jewish people gather in their temples for worship, these words form a basic part of the service.

### Relation of Christ's Mission to the Law

Beginning with verse 17 in chapter 5 of Matthew, our Lord sets forth the relation of his mission to the law of Moses. He boldly declares that instead of coming "to relax its (the law's) restraint or overthrow its authority, he came to complete it" (Broadus).

The one thing that Jesus wanted to impress upon his followers was the fact that the messianic reign would in many important respects be different from popular expectation. Many of the Jews expected Jesus to lead his people in a great political revolution. Some of them, no doubt, expected him to abrogate the law. The fact that he had eaten with publicans and sinners and referred to a new order of things (Luke 5:36-39) and had disregarded the traditional concept of the Sabbath led them all the more to expect, ultimately, revolutionary procedures. It is necessary, therefore, for Jesus to make it clear to the Jews that his mission is not that of a destroyer but a fulfiller, that his mission in the world is in no wise contrary to the real spirit and design of the Old Testament. The word "destroy" means in the physical sense "to loose, dissolve, pull to pieces (as a bridge, wall, house)" while the phrase "the law, or the prophets" was often used to denote the entire Scriptures. Jesus made it clear that he did not come to set aside any part of the existing Scripture. He came "to fulfill" (make full, complete). His teachings and work were to be considered as the completion of the law—as "the full reality to which they referred." In him all previous revelation would find its consummation.

Moreover, Jesus emphasizes the fact that we are not to attempt to weigh the commandments and regard some of them as less important than others. The righteousness of his followers must be personal and "it

must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees both in degree and in kind." It must be more spiritual, more complete. His standard of righteousness is to be sought by every follower. Whatever obligations the moral and spiritual laws of the Messiah have for one individual, they have for all others. Only one standard is to obtain, and that for all men everywhere.

### What We Lack

In the closing verses of our lesson we have the graphic presentation of a shortcoming that is common to would-be followers of Christ. "One thing thou lackest: Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up thy cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions."

The people of Jesus' day had become so enmeshed in the details of the law in their thinking and living that religion lacked vitality and spirituality. Much as Jesus honored and respected the law for its original purpose as a guide to righteous living, he would in no wise permit its observance to become a substitute for the pure heart and for a living experience with God.

The wealthy young man who came to Jesus desiring to "inherit eternal life" had been strict and zealous in his observance of the law. In his concern for humanity, however, and in the matter of cross bearing, he had fallen far short of the divine ideal. The kind of treasures that he had laid up were of the earth—material treasures; Jesus wanted him to lay up treasures in heaven and to take up the cross and follow him. Jesus did not rebuke him for his previous loyalty to the law. In fact, Mark tells us that Jesus "beholding him loved him." Evidently Jesus had great respect for the young man's fidelity to the law, but wanted him to go beyond the mere letter of the prescribed law. He wanted him to have a living experience of God and a greater concern for the needs of his fellow man.

It is not difficult to understand the words of John in the light of the experience of the rich young ruler: "But whosoever hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

"There's life alone in duty done, and rest alone in striving."

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# News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS • • •

RECORDER circulation, June 19—37,762.

The Mecklenburg Sunday School Association met at the Arlington Church June 9 at 3 p. m. The theme for the meeting was "Summertime Opportunities in the Sunday School."

Members of First Church, Rockingham, held an informal party on the church lawn on Friday evening, June 7, with friends and newcomers also invited to attend.

Pastor I. E. Enlow, Belle Glade, Florida, helped Pastor W. S. Caudle in revival services at Hephzibah Church, Raleigh Association, June 9-16.

Raynham Church, Robeson Association, had a record attendance at its Homecoming on Sunday, June 2. C. W. Britt, president of the Raynham Baptist Homecoming Association, presided, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. C. J. Ellis. There were many special features.

Rev. W. H. Davis, who has been sixty years in the ministry and is still preaching, delivered the sermon at Refuge Church, Dana, at 11 o'clock, June 9, the occasion being Homecoming Day. Mr. Davis, whose address is Hendersonville, Route 4, supplies churches in the Carolina Association.

Rev. Floyd Montgomery, 605 W. Market Street, Greensboro, N. C., has just closed a ten days revival meeting in Burlington with Calvary, Glenhope, Andrews Memorial and Riverside churches participating, and held a meeting with Rev. Nathan Brooks in Georgia the week of June 9.

The week of June 3 was observed as training week for the Sunday school workers of the Boonville Church, Yadkin Association.

Rev. John Kizer, a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, recently came to serve as pastor of the Boonville Church.

The Intermediate Department of the Sunday school of First Church, Lumberton, honored church members who were in the 1946 graduating class from Lumberton High School at a banquet in the basement of the church on Friday evening, May 3. Ninety-four young people, including guests from other churches, attended.

Miss Joyce Covington writes that the Ellerbe Church, Pee Dee Association, held its Vacation Bible School the first week of June, with Rev. Frank R. Moore, the pastor, as principal. The average attendance for the school was sixty-seven.

The commencement exercises were held Friday night, June 7.

We note from the Temple Church bulletin, Wilmington, W. J. Stephenson, pastor, that the church had about 120 enrolled in Vacation Bible School the first two weeks in June. Also, we note that total contributions of the church to all objects during the first five months of the year amounted to more than \$15,000.

In renewing his subscription to the RECORDER, Brother Paul Forsythe writes that although he regrets leaving North Carolina, he is looking forward to a happy pastorate at Ashland, Virginia, where he will have a chance to serve Baptist students at Randolph-Macon College.

Bulletin of the First Church, Lenoir, Oscar R. Mangum, pastor, reports that Miss Virginia Norment is home from Wake Forest College and has begun her work as educational director. Also, announcement is made that revival services will be held in the church October 14-20, with Dr. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, as visiting evangelist.

Registration in the summer term of Wake Forest College totals 844, Registrar Grady Patterson has announced.

Of these, 430 are veterans and 138 are incoming freshmen. Men outnumber the women about two to one.

The session began last Monday and will close August 10.

Among recent visitors have been Pastor John Knight of Bethesda Church, Mount Zion Association; Dr. A. Paul Bagby, Buie's Creek; Pastor E. B. Booker of Tabernacle Church, New South River Association, and Ephesus, Robeson Association; Clarence O. Vance, missionary in the Tuckasegee Association; F. H. Brown, deacon in the Aberdeen Church.

The following changes of address have been requested: Rev. Aaron M. Conn from Route 1, Dover, N. C., to Box 773, Wake Forest, N. C.; Rev. R. W. Bailes from Hayti, Mo., to 703 Walter Street, Annapolis, N. C.; Rev. Lawrence Miller from Route 1, Valdese, to Route 5, Lenoir; Rev. Clarence A. Williams from Warrenton, N. C., to Sanatorium, N. C.; Rev. L. M. Kanipe from Wake Forest, N. C., to Box 160-B, Route 7, Charlotte 5, N. C. Mr. Kanipe has become pastor of Independence Hill Church, Mecklenburg Association.

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ciation, and is on his new field.

The pastor, W. C. Wood, of the College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, Maryland, requests that North Carolina Baptist pastors and parents having sons in the Naval Academy write College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, Maryland, of the young men and their address at the 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 the 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, pestering 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 midshipmen must formally make this request to Academy officials before the fall session begins.

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

Rev. C. R. Pierce, of Mt. Rainier, Maryland, was a recent visitor. In July he will receive his B.A. degree from Mt. Vernon University, Washington, D. C., where he has been studying in connection with his pastorate at First Baptist Church, Mt. Rainier.

Mr. Pierce was ordained in 1941 at Greensboro and has held several pastorates in this State. It may be that some North Carolina church can persuade him to come back. During his recent visit to the State, he held a revival meeting at Davis, Atlantic Association, L. C. Chandler, pastor.

10,000,000 adults in the United States can neither read nor write, according to Dr. Stella S. Center of New York University. She estimated that one-third of the boys and girls in elementary and high schools fail to achieve the reading standards of their respective grades.

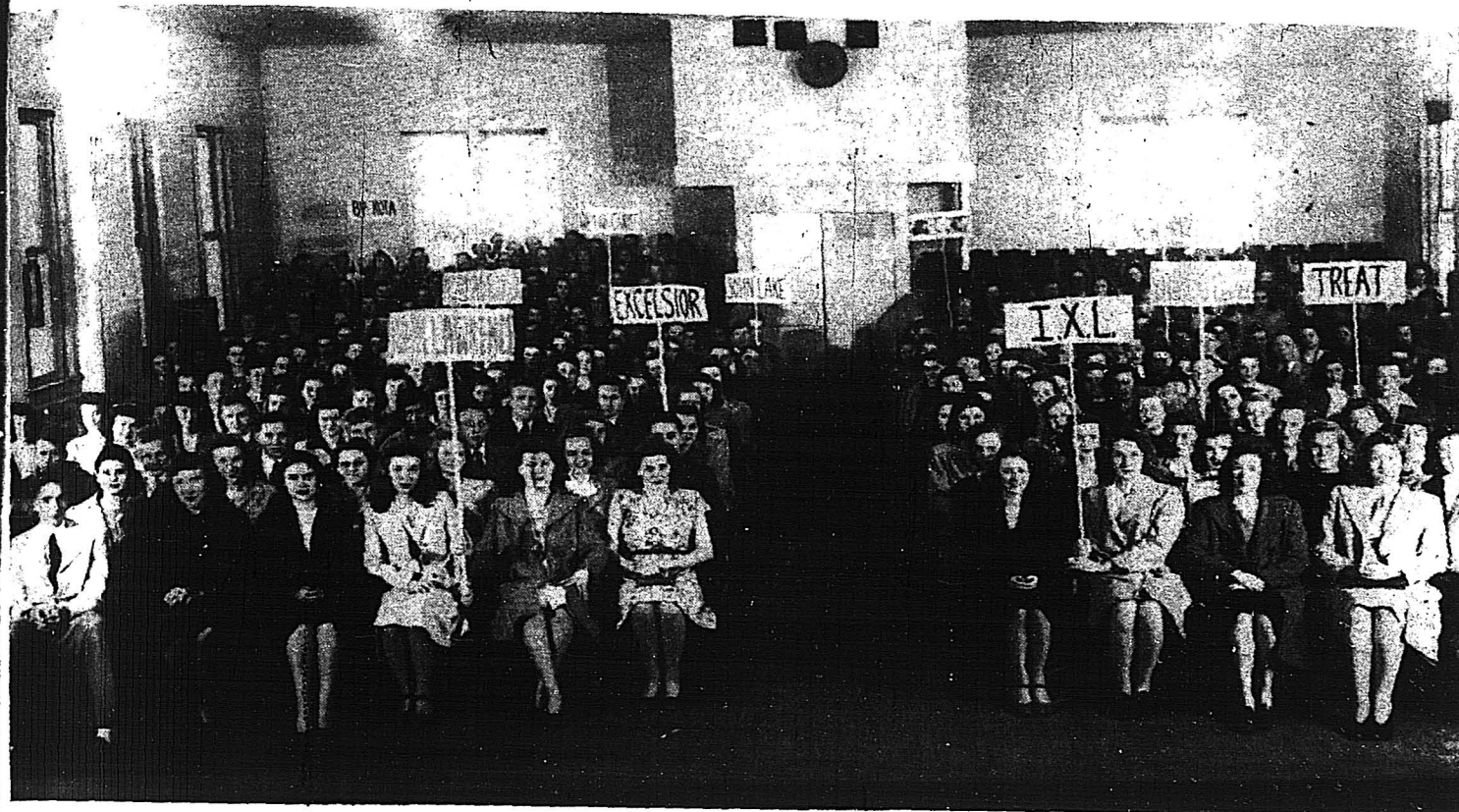
More than 4,500,000 children are carried daily by school busses.

In 1900 there was one servant for every 11 families. In 1944 there was one servant for every 20 families.

At the end of 1944, 506,346 persons were in mental hospitals.—*The Survey Bulletin*.

A Ministers' School for the Tuckasegee Association was held at the Scott's Creek Church, Sylva, with Pastor B. S. Hensley as host and director, May 27-31. The faculty was made up of J. C. Canipe and Dr. J. B. Mosley, with local pastors leading devotional periods each morning and afternoon. The program committee consisted of B. S. Hensley, W. N. Cook, C. N. Warren and J. C. Pipes. The meetings were said to be very interesting and successful, with an attendance of about twenty-five preachers.

## Largest Young People's Department in the South



Pictured is a general assembly of the College Young People's Union of Mars Hill Baptist Church, Mars Hill, N. C., which has an enrollment of 450, with an average attendance of 350 for the months of March and April. The organization is composed of students of Mars Hill College and includes 12 unions. Neal Ellis, the director for the school year 1945-1946, attributes the success of the department to loyalty and co-operation among the officers and the stimulated interest to varied and original programs. His co-workers, however, attribute the success largely to the enthusiasm, consecration, and persistent efforts of Neal himself.

Miss Leah Andrews writes that the Eller Memorial Church, Greensboro, closed a very successful revival the first of June with Rev. S. Hopkins, of High Point, assisting the pastor, R. Von King, in the meeting. There were 73 additions to the church, 65 for baptism and six by letter and two by statement. Miss Andrews writes that the church has been making much progress since Mr. and Mrs. King and their daughter, Jolene, came to the field 18 months ago. She says there is a great spirit of revival in the church and people are continuing to be saved.

On June 1 Miss Virginia Beall began work with the First Church, Tarboro, as educational director. Miss Beall is from Lynchburg, Va., and is a graduate of Lynchburg College and of the W.M.U. Training School at Louisville. Her experience includes secular and church secretarial work in Virginia. Other members of the church staff are Mrs. Bell Huggins, church visitor, and Mrs. Gattie Allom, choir director. J. D. Williams is the pastor.

In May the congregation voted to install Hammond organ, which it is hoped will be available in the fall. In May, also, six new deacons were elected and were ordained on Sunday, June 16. They are William A. Alexander, Sam Dean, Lynwood E. Pollard, Samuel Pollard, Leonard M. Raby, and Fred P. Laughan.

The Tarboro Church conducted its Vacation Bible School in conjunction with the Calvary Episcopal Church this year.



NEAL ELLIS, Director  
Young People's Department, Mars Hill Church

While in Washington Dr. Louie D. Newton, of Atlanta, Georgia, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced that President Truman has accepted an invitation to address the Southern Baptist Convention at its 1947 meeting in St. Louis "if official duties will at all permit."—*Religious News Service*.

The World Religious News says that a questionnaire sent to 18,000 high school students revealed that 16,000 of them could not name three prophets of the Old Testament; 12,000 could not name the four Gospels; and 10,000 could not name three of the Apostles. And this in Christian America!—*The Good News Broadcaster*.

We note from the bulletin of the First Church, Gastonia, that Dr. and Mrs. V. Ward Barr and family have just returned from a very successful revival in Winfield, Alabama. We also note that the Vacation Bible School the first of June had an attendance of 163.

Religious News Service reports that representatives of the three largest Baptist conventions—Southern, Northern and National—met in Washington recently in a one-day session and voted to set up a public relations office to work for religious freedom at home and abroad. It was voted also to invite the 20 Baptist denominations besides the three biggest denominations to send representatives to the next meeting of the Joint Conference Committee.

We are happy to announce that Miss Ruth Provance, who is the beloved and efficient Young People's Secretary in South Carolina, has accepted the Executive Secretaryship of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union. A more extended notice will be published soon.—*Foy J. Farmer*.

## Weeds and Creeds

You wear no mask.

How honest, frank you are, my much-loved friend,  
I would not argue, acquiesce, offend;  
You say: "I do not believe there is a God."  
You'll sit with me, upon the clean green sod,  
I only ask:  
And sitting there in quiet calm respect,  
Together, we shall open and inspect  
A near-ripe milk-weed pod, a common thing,  
Yet intricate as sea-bird's wondrous wing.  
This is our task.

And we shall think and think, and wordless be  
In presence of such wayside mystery,  
Where sun and rain, and night-wind's soft caress  
Have clothed a weed in shimmering silken dress  
Of countless shreds in packed symmetric weave  
No hand could shape or mortal mind conceive;  
And I'll not mention, ever, what I find,  
Nor yet to me of all that crossed your mind,  
But I'll hold hope, your fine intelligence  
At such a marvel will inquire "Ah! Whence?"  
Then, if no answer comes to change your creed,  
We shall still keep wondering—"Who made that Weed?"

You wear no mask.

— MERRILL H. COOK, in  
The Canadian Baptist.

## At Calvary

By PORTER ROUTH

He walked with a slight limp, and I noticed a scar on his cheek as he came down the church aisle. His wife walked by his side, radiant and beautiful. A smile had erased those lines of worry which appeared when the word first came her husband's ship had struck a mine, and he was near death on a hospital ship near Japan.

Friends nodded and smiled as the couple continued their walk down to the customary pew. This was his first service in two years back in the home church. The organ signaled the opening of the worship service. The congregation stood to sing the first song:

"Years I spent in vanity and pride,  
Caring not my Lord was crucified,  
Knowing not it was for me  
He died on Calvary."

As the great chorus swelled, his hand found hers by their side. I remember the night the news of the explosion came. Everybody in the church prayed for him.

"By God's Word at last my sin I learned;  
Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,  
Till my guilty soul imploring  
Turned to Calvary."

Their eyes met as they sang the chorus again. The glistening tears reflected not only the soft light of the church, but they also reflected a greater light, a light of love, of Godly joy and thanksgiving. Around them, heads bowed unashamed.

"Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!  
Oh, the grace that bro't it down to man!  
Oh, the mighty gulf that  
God did span at Calvary!"

The scar was gone now. It was covered by the glow of a Christian countenance. God had preserved him and he was back home for keeps.

"Mercy there was great, and grace was free;  
Pardon there was multiplied to me;  
There my burdened soul  
Found liberty, at Calvary."

Oh God! Must there be other young men go off to war? Must there be other anxious and worried wives? Must there be other children who know Daddy only as a picture? Perhaps, they cannot come back next time. There may be no place for them to return. Forgive our sins of selfishness. Remove the blinds of bigotry and unconcern from our eyes. Help us to see that peace can come, not merely when the leaders of the world gather at London, or Paris, or Moscow, or Rome, or Washington, or New York—but peace can come only when men know the Prince of Peace. Then we will gather, one world, at Calvary. Amen!

### Bible Reading at Its Best

The very best way to read the Bible is to read it daily with close attention and with prayer to see the light that shines from its pages, to meditate upon it, and to continue to read it until somehow it works itself, its words, its expressions, its teachings, its habits of thought, and its presentation of God and his Christ into the very warp and woof of one's being.—HOWARD A. KELLY.

## Spice Box

A Maine logger, fresh from the big woods, was watching a store clerk open a package of men's pajamas.

"What's them?" he asked.

"Pajamas."

"What are they for?"

"Why, you wear them nights," explained the clerk. "Do you want to buy a pair?"

"No," said the logger. "I don't go no nights—just to bed."—Copied.

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The young lady walked boldly up to an elderly woman whom she had mistaken for the matron of the hospital. "May I see tenant Barker, please?" she asked.

"May I ask who you are?"

"Certainly, I am his sister."

"Well, well! I'm glad to meet you, his mother."—Ex.

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SGT. KOPIWODA: I want a ticket for grandma.

TICKET AGENT: What part?

SGT. KOPIWODA: All of her, sir. That's by the suitcase.—Clipped.

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Willie put his baby brother

In the frosty Frigidaire.

When his mother found her baby,

He'd become a frigid heir.

—Young People

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"Do you know Poe's 'Raven'?"

"No, what's he mad about?"

—Young People

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"Which travels faster, heat or cold?"

"Heat."

"What makes you think so?"

"Well, you can catch cold."—Ex.

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A party of tourists had just come upon an Indian brave riding a fine pony, his heavy burdened squaw walking beside him.

"Why doesn't your wife ride?" one of the more impertinent tourists asked indignantly.

"Ugh," said the Indian, "she got no pony."—Young People.

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WALLY: Do you serve ladies at the counter?

WAITRESS: Oh, no, you have to bring your own.—Ex.

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JO: Why was the housewife embarrassed when she opened the refrigerator door?

MO: I don't know. Why?

JO: She saw a little Russian dressing.—Ex.

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EBENEZER: What are you taking for the cold of yours, Nathaniel?

NATHANIEL: Just Advice.—Shelby Hi On look.

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It has been said that everyone can give pleasure in some way. One person may do it by coming into a room and another by going out.—Watchman-Examiner.

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TEACHER: What do you call the last teeth we get?

JOHNNY: False teeth.—Copied.



# Woman's Missionary UNION

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MRS. JOHN WACASTER, Representative

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Week of Prayer for Community Missions. It was most successful and I think a wonderful idea. On Monday we had the "Guide for Community Missions." Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday were used in visiting the newcomers, the untaught and unsaved in the community. On Friday we met at the church for a message by the pastor on "The Christian's Obligation to His Community."

This week of prayer, study and visitation aided our revival meeting and I believe contributed a lot to its success, for 27 were added to the church at that time.

Another new thing that we are trying this year is to have mission study classes on each Wednesday night. The adult class is open to both men and women as it takes the place of the regular prayer service. Classes are held simultaneously for all the young people's organizations. I believe it is going to do for the men of our church a lot of good to say something about our missionary work.—JACK AKIN, *Monroe*.

## Associational Meetings

The week of May 21 was a great week for associations of Bryson City Division. Right and early on the 21st we journeyed to Holly Springs, near Franklin, Macon Association. The people kept coming from all over and nearly Mrs. Sam Gibson presided over everything moving along smoothly. Reports were good, and the young people's hour was fine. The basket of mountain ivy with lovely tint of pink added to the loveliness of the day.

May 22 found us in the Arlington Church at Bryson City, Tennessee River Association, where the lovely Mrs. W. C. Morgan presided. Arrangements of red and white were made things cheerful for everybody. People came in large numbers. One president stated that we get from W.M.U. just what we put in it. The young people's hour was splendid. Each young people's organization was well represented. Training young people was stressed.

May 23 found us enjoying the lovely drive to Hayesville, Western North Carolina Association, where the "gracious lady," Mrs. T. Almond, presided. Every minute of the day was filled, and there were good reports. Again we had a large group of young people. Contacts with them during the whole hour were wonderful.

May 24 we spent at Shoals Creek Church, West Liberty Association. Mrs. Rosa McWhorter is the interested and understanding president. While small in numbers, this association is willing and anxious to go forward. We greatly enjoyed the meeting. A special offering was given by this small association amounting to ten dollars (\$10.00) for China relief.

Every association had very carefully planned and worked out every detail. We were very grateful to the hostess churches.

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By MRS. B. Y. TYNER

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HORDES, where homes have been destroyed by war's desolation.

ABSENCE of any of life's necessities and comforts.

RUINS and poverty.

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"Through deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes." If fifteen cents a day keeps a man, woman, or child alive for that day, surely we shall not fail to share the wealth, the abundance of material blessings that are ours, even to the point of sacrifice.

SEE faces lifted to us in supplication.

HEAR voices pleading for bread.

ATTEND to these appeals with generosity.

REACH out hands filled with gifts to neighbors across the sea.

ECONOMIZE, that we may more richly share.

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

too, for the physical well being of all visitors. Everyone on program was present or represented by someone else. Everyone was bubbling over with joy. Even the men stated that they were delighted to see what the ladies were doing and wondered why we didn't have such meetings more often.

Camps were discussed in each meeting. People are very enthusiastic about divisional camps.

And now I wish to say, thank God for my traveling companion and friend, Miss Katie Murray, who has meant so much to me.

Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity. I thoroughly enjoyed each day. So glad I could arrange for these meetings. Again, I thank you.—MRS. C. M. WARREN.

## FROM AN ENGLISH FRIEND

The following note from Mrs. Farmer's dear friend, Mrs. Hind, who after nearly fifty years as a Church of England Missionary in Japan, sought refuge in Australia, will be read with interest. Mrs. Hind has recently returned to England, and is living with an older sister. All Southern Baptist missionaries who lived in North Kephu—the Rays, the Maynards, the Rows, the Willinghams, the Bouldins, Naomi Schell and Cecile Lancaster found in Mrs. Hind a sympathetic, helpful friend. Mrs. Farmer will never cease to be grateful for her kind attentions and nourishing beef tea when she was weary and ill.

At Crix,  
Binfield  
Berkshire,  
21st of March.

The news of dear little Naomi's Home Call was indeed joyful. "In His presence is fullness of joy," and entire absence of pain and weariness forevermore.

Dear, do take care of your precious self. You really must lead a less strenuous life. Thank you very much for "By Love, Impelled." It is very helpful. Everything by Mrs. Howard Taylor is really lovely. She was a daughter of Grattan Guinness and married a son of Hudson Taylor, who founded the China Inland Mission.

The RECORDER comes regularly, thank you.

I am writing this in bed, in the early morning. Since getting home, my heart has been "tired" and I am anaemic, but the doctor's medicine and much rest in bed are doing me a lot of good. The crowd on board was a noisy one and eight weeks out! I was very tired when I left Australia.

Dear Mary Lynch's greeting was greatly appreciated. I do hope you have quite got over the fall you had; that you have nothing damaged in your dear "karada."

The news of Japanese friends in Honolulu is encouraging. I don't mean my personal ones—but Christians. Mrs. Dozier is such a dear.

Your loving old

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, JUNE 9

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Charlotte, First .....     | 1,310 |
| Raleigh, Tabernacle .....  | 938   |
| Greensboro, First .....    | 914   |
| Winston-Salem, First ..... | 869   |
| High Point, First .....    | 737   |
| Gastonia, First .....      | 455   |

#### LOOK WHAT WILL HAPPEN

If every church in the Southern Baptist Convention should do its part in the following Intermediate Sunday school goals:

1. One new pupil per class.
2. One new class per Sunday school.
3. One new department per association.
4. Ten per cent increase in attendance.
5. One Standard class per Sunday school.
6. One Standard department per association.

Here approximately is what will happen:

60,000 new Intermediate pupils

24,968 new classes

915 new departments

60,000 increase in attendance

24,968 Standard classes

915 Standard departments

What church and association will be first and furthestest over?

### TRAINING UNION

## Additional Contest Winners

Below we give the regional winners of all the contests for regions 8-10. The winners for regions 1-7 were given at an earlier date. All of these are eligible to participate in the state finals at Ridgecrest during our North Carolina Training Union Assembly, June 20-26.

#### JUNIOR MEMORY WORK

REGION 8: Janett Sauls, Mary Ann McCalister, First Church, Shelby; Jack Ballard, Frank Brigman, Joe Butler, Lee Davenport, Harold Hawk, Crawford Neill, Keith Neill, Howard Neill, Bobby Owens, Bruce Riles, Gerald Taylor, Round Hill Church, Union Mills; Rachel Secrest, Phyllis Harris, Betty Lou Cline, Stanley Forester, Drexel Church, Drexel; Jimmy Colette, Genette Evitt, Carolyn Stephenson, Sara Graham, Loray Church, Gastonia; Tony Stafford, First Church, Belmont.

REGION 9: Julia Lea Britt, Mary Carolyn Grant, Judy Church, First Church, Asheville; Elaine Fox, Thelma Mayfield, Swannanoa Church, Swannanoa; Norma Jones, Nancy Rhinehart, Spring Hill Church, Canton; Hannah Blackwell, John Vance, Mars Hill Church, Mars Hill; Connie Parham, Lucille Ghent, Balfour Church, Balfour; Blanche Goldsmith, Oakley Church, Asheville.

REGION 10: None.

### INTERMEDIATE SWORD DRILL

REGION 8: Miss Gwynn Ramsey, Drexel Church, Drexel. Alternate, Lee Burke, Round Hill Church, Union Mills.

REGION 9: Jimmie Greene, First Church, Asheville. Alternate, Catherine Rhinehart, Spring Hill Church, Canton.

REGION 10: None.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S BETTER SPEAKERS

REGION 8: Miss Blanche Glover, Loray Church, Gastonia. Alternate, Miss Margaret Spencer, North Newton Church, Newton.

REGION 9: Lamar Brooks, Mars Hill Church, Mars Hill. Alternate, W. L. Pearson, Chunn's Cove Church, Asheville.

REGION 10: None.

### ADULT SCRIPTURE READING TOURNAMENT

REGION 8: Mrs. Edward Roustio, East Marion Church, Marion. Alternate, Miss Susie Danners, Catawba Church, Catawba.

REGION 9: Miss Louise Keeler, Merriman Avenue Church, Asheville. Alternate, Mr. Alfred Karling, First Church, Hendersonville.

REGION 10: None.

### HYMN FESTIVAL

REGION 8: Girls' Chorus, First Church, Belmont; Girls' Chorus, Valdese Church, Valdese; Intermediate Youth Chorus, First Church, Hickory.

REGION 9: First Baptist Church, Canton.

REGION 10: None.

## A Youth Week Report



YOUTH WEEK, BULL CREEK CHURCH

Youth Week was observed at the Bull Creek Church of Marshall, N. C., the week of March 17-24. There were four Intermediates holding offices and seven Young People. This was the first time this church had observed Youth Week, but they plan now to make it an annual event.

Mrs. C. R. Corn, the Training Union director, wrote in her evaluation of the week:

"We held Youth Week the week prior to our spring revival. It was really a spiritual lift for our church, and the blessings of the week are still being felt. It was truly a revelation to our church of the importance of young people in the church organization."

Intermediates and Young People held offices during the week were as follows: Warren McDavis, Usher; Walter Ward, Day School Superintendent; Hazel, Intermediate Union Leader; Jean, Pianist; Nellie Jo Clarke, Adult, Sunday School Teacher; Mary Ball, Training Union Director; Gilda Clarke, Choir Director; Wilma Brown, Intermediate Sunday School Teacher.

Also serving were: Ray D. Corn, Adult Men's Sunday School Teacher; Edwards, Youth Week Pastor; and Laura Buckner, Young Women's Sunday School Teacher. Mrs. C. R. Corn, the Training Union director, and Rev. Buckner, the regular pastor, served in advisory capacities during the week.

We are happy to have this report. We hope other churches have also had such weeks.—LAW M. MOBLEY.

### TRAINING UNION

## Baptist Student Retreat at Ridgecrest

Between June 5 and 12, 2,950 students from Maryland to California, from Florida to Mexico attended the most significant retreat ever held in the twenty-five years of B.S.U. history. Possibly the most significant result of the retreat was the dedication of 539 students for Christian service of some definite, long-time kind.

Many of these students will become home or foreign missionaries. Many will become ministers, educational directors, teachers. Many will become full-time Christian workers as homemakers, business men and women, doctors, lawyers, farmers, mechanics. Three hundred fifty-six of these students registered their decisions Sunday noon, June 9; 50 Sunday night, and 133 Wednesday noon, June 12. The latter group responded to an appeal for foreign mission volunteers.

Another outstanding result of the retreat was the discovery of almost unlimited generosity on the part of students in response to appeals for world relief. Voluntary offerings on Sunday amounted to \$1,785.05, Tuesday, \$1,592.79. Two thousand dollars was pledged to furnish the B.S.U. room at the University of Shanghai. Seven thousand three hundred and thirty dollars worth of books were purchased by students.

A very high moment in the history of the Baptist Student movement was reached when Dr. Frank H. Leavell, the inspiring and faithful father of the movement, presented a fine leather traveling bag with "whatever you find inside," which turned out to be 575 dollar bills and two cents.

mite." This gift of appreciation was made by students largely. Throughout the week the spirit of the gold guided the assembly. Several states cheered each day to eat at the second in the dining hall. The staff showed glorious industry and cheerfulness. North Carolina students giving their reception welcomed the other delegates last afternoon. About twelve girls representing several of our schools were dressed in white dresses to serve light refreshments to the weary students from western states, some of whom were served before they left the buses. A large sign overlooking the church proclaimed to everyone, "NORTH CAROLINA B.S.U. WELCOMES YOU."

Prominent inspirational speakers and preachers were Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, Dr. A. Fuller, Dr. Duke K. McCall, Senator J. C. Pepper, Congressman Brooks Hays, Marshall Craig, Dr. Baker James Caudwell, Dr. J. M. Dawson, Dr. Harold W. Tribble, Dr. Theodore Adams, Dr. Chester Swor, Dr. W. Marshall, Dr. Clarence E. Jordan, Rev. J. Winston Pearce, and Dr. Perry Phillips.—By DON SHROPSHIRE (N. C. Publicity Director) and R. T. HOWERTON.

#### OBITUARIES AND RESOLUTIONS

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### IN MEMORIAM

#### Mrs. Annie Caroline Varnam

The W.M.S. of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Brunswick Association, is grieved to announce the death of its oldest member, Mrs. Annie Caroline Varnam, on October 10, 1945 (aged 88 years old). She united with the church in early girlhood; therefore, gave of her best to the Master through life. We miss her in our work.

Therefore, be it resolved that—

First. That we bow in submission to God's will in our loss.

Second. That we carry on the work she left.

Third. A copy be sent the family, one be sent to our minutes, and one sent to BIBLICAL RECORDER for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JNO. LANCASTER,

MRS. CARL HEWETT,

Committee.

#### Resolution of Appreciation of Rev. Richard Lloyd

Whereas Rev. Richard Lloyd, after having faithfully and successfully served Potecasi Baptist Church for the past year, was forced to resign his pastorate on account of ill health, we, the members of Potecasi Baptist Church, offer the following resolutions:

First. That we express our love and appreciation to Mr. Lloyd for his loyalty and wholehearted devotion to this church, and the sacrifices he made, always spending untiring energy in Christian labor. He is a preacher of courage and power, standing against evils in every form and place. He lost and needy found a friend in him,

and his personal faith was a source of strength to himself and an inspiration to others.

Second. That we humbly bow in submission to God's divine will.

Third. That our prayers and best wishes shall continue for him; that God may bless him and his devoted wife who has been so attentive in his illness.

Fourth. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Lloyd, a copy to BIBLICAL RECORDER, and a copy placed in the minutes of our church.

R. A. CHAPPELL,

A. L. LASSITER,

MRS. A. J. HARRELL,

Committee.

The Ardmore Church, Dr. Marshall L. Mott, pastor, held revival services June 10-18

with J. Lester Lane, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Suffolk, Va., as visiting minister. The Ardmore Church also held a Vacation Bible School recently.

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On May 26 Charles C. Prince became pastor of the Lewisville Church, after having served thirteen months as a chaplain with the U. S. Army in Germany.

Before the new pastor's family moved on May 23, the church completely redecorated the interior of their lovely modern parsonage. And on May 31 the W.M.S. entertained in the parsonage with an open house reception for Mr. and Mrs. Prince, Catherine, Louanna, and Charles C. Prince, Jr. An interesting program was given at this time.

When we change our ideas we change our friends.—Ex.

# TRAGEDY

## A prominent layman in the Southern Baptist Convention has said:

"It would be indeed a tragedy beyond description if we did not receive the application blanks for 66⅔ per cent of our preachers who are eligible for the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan by July 1st.

"This would mean that we would have to wait another year before this Plan could even be inaugurated, and then we would have to wait another year before anyone could receive the benefits from the Plan.

"You have no doubt thought about this, and you are planning to send in your application blank. We appeal to you to do it immediately."

We believe this layman is right in the matter. Will you not act at once?

## BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

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# S.B.C. Executive Committee Meets

By WALTER M. GILMORE, Nashville, Tenn.

**T**HE MATTER of paramount importance before the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Nashville, Tennessee, June 11-12, was the World Relief and Rehabilitation Campaign, launched at the recent Miami Convention. Chairman Frank Tripp, Montgomery, of the Steering Committee, reported that the campaign is now well advanced.

"I have never seen the Southern Baptist Convention undertake an enterprise which has met with such enthusiastic response," said Dr. Tripp. All the state secretaries, the editors of our Baptist papers and the Foreign Mission Board are cooperating in a marvelous way in organizing the campaign in their respective states and in giving the widest publicity to it.

Substantial amounts were reported from the different states and from individual churches and associations. It was reported that Texas hoped to raise a million dollars for the campaign. Two churches were reported to have promised to raise \$50,000 each, and several other churches as much as \$25,000 each. Many smaller churches will give even more in proportion to numbers and ability.

However, Dr. George Sadler, of the Foreign Mission Board, warned against too much optimism over the first victories. It is going to require sustained efforts on the part of all our churches to raise \$3,500,000 during the next three months. The needs are tragic and widespread throughout the world, and what is done must be done quickly if we would save from starvation millions of human beings. It was urged that offerings be taken as soon as possible, consistent with adequate preparation.

## Officers of Committee

**D**R. JOHN H. BUCHANAN, Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, was elected president of the committee, succeeding Dr. J. M. Dawson, acting president, who has accepted the position of executive secretary of the joint Public Relations Committee of the Northern and Southern Conventions and the National Convention, Washington. Mr. George B. Fraser, a Washington City attorney, was elected vice-president.

Other officers re-elected were: Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary; Dr. J. E. Dillard, director of promotion; Walter M. Gilmore, recording secretary, treasurer, publicity director, and press representative. All of these live in Nashville.

Dr. Louis D. Newton, Atlanta, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced that Copenhagen had been selected as the meeting place of the next session of the Baptist World Alliance, July 29-August 3, 1947, by the Executive Committee of the Alliance at a recent meeting in Washington City. Dr. Newton also gave a graphic report of his recent visit to the White House in company with a number of leaders from other denominations. The purpose of the conference was to present to the President in person the resolution adopted at the Miami Convention protesting against the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as a personal representative of the President at the Vatican. Dr.

Newton reports that interview as being entirely satisfactory.

The Executive Committee passed a resolution thanking the President for his courteous treatment of Dr. Newton and those associated with him and assuring him of our prayers which the President had especially requested. The committee also heartily endorsed President Newton's invitation to the President to address the Southern Baptist Convention next May when it meets in his native state of Missouri.

The adoption of the new Constitution and By-Laws of the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent session in Miami has made necessary many changes in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Charters of the various agencies of the Convention. The president of the Executive Committee, Dr. Buchanan, the executive secretary of the committee, Dr. McCall, and Dr. R. C. Campbell, vice-president of the Convention, were appointed a committee to study the new constitution with a view to the necessary changes to be made and to report to the December meeting of the committee.

The following committee was appointed to confer with the Sunday School Board with reference to the resolution adopted by the Convention about the establishing of a summer assembly in the west corresponding to Ridgecrest, which resolution was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration:

Dr. C. H. Bolton, Miami, Fla.; Guy Shreveport, La.; and Dr. W. Perry Asheville, N. C.

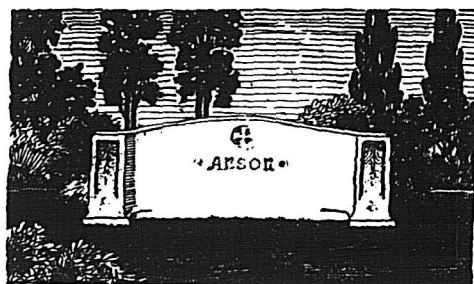
## Moore and Burnett Honored

**A**NNOUNCING himself as one who is proud of his job," Dr. Thomas J. Watt, the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, half of the Southern Baptist Convention, presented Dr. Hight C. Moore, Ridgecrest, and J. Henry Burnett (in absentia), Andersonville, N. C., with sterling silver shoes, appropriately inscribed, as a token of appreciation of their long and faithful services as recording secretaries of the Convention, from which they retired at the meeting.

Dr. J. Clifton Allen, successor to Dr. Watt as editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, delivered a most worthy and satisfactory appraisal of the lives and service of these two consecrated men of God, in virtue of being senior secretary of the Convention. Dr. Moore has been a most active member of the Executive Committee since its beginning in 1927.

Because of a conflict in dates which the St. Louis Committee on Conventions could not adjust, it became necessary for the Executive Committee to change the announced date of the meeting of the next Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis to May. This is just one week in advance of the date appointed by the Convention.

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## FACULTY MEMBERS OF WAKE FOREST

tions to the faculty of Wake Forest announced June 4 by President Thurston and elected by the board of trustees at an annual session, follow:

School Dr. Dale F. Stansbury, former of the Wake Forest College School of Law, now teaching at the University of North Carolina, will return to Wake Forest as professor of law. Albert R. Menard, Jr., of Maryland, who holds degrees from Georgia,

Columbia, and Harvard, will become instructor in law. Miss Elizabeth Holt, of Philadelphia and a graduate in library science, was made law librarian.

New dean of the law school, which will return to the Wake Forest campus at the beginning of summer session on June 11, is Dr. Robert E. Lee, originally of Kinston and 1928 Wake Forest graduate who has four other earned degrees from other institutions.

College of Liberal Arts—Carlton P. West, former history professor at Wake Forest, succeeds Mrs. Ethel Taylor Crittenden as col-

lege librarian. Mrs. Crittenden was put in charge of the Baptist Collection and Friends of the Library organization of the college.

Dr. Budd E. Smith of Benson, B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. of University of N. C., was made assistant professor of biology.

Dr. H. D. Parcell, for three years on military leave from Wake Forest, was elected full professor and made head of the department of French and Spanish.

J. C. Drake, of Washington, D. C., B.A. and M.A. of Wake Forest, becomes instructor in English, and Wesley M. Bagby, of Concord and M.A. of University of N. C., was made instructor in social science.

James M. Long, of Seattle, Wash., and M.A. in physical education of Northwestern University, was elected associate director of physical education.—J. L. MEMORY, JR.

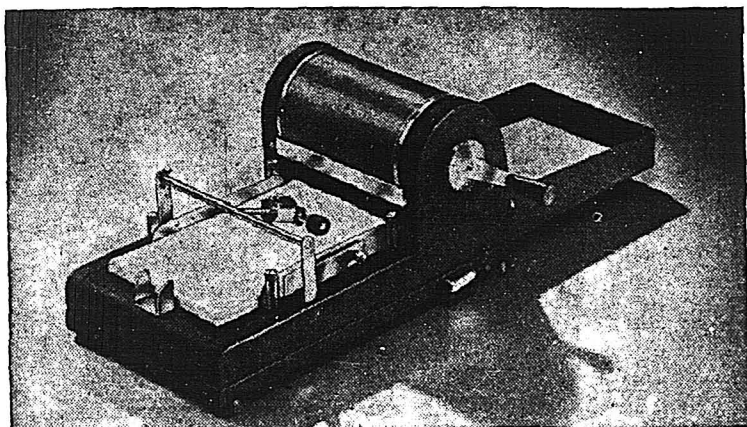
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## SOUTHERN BAPTIST YOUTH CAN HELP IN DESPERATE STRUGGLE WITH FAMINE

While in Washington, June 5, for conference with the President, I was invited to a conference with officials of the Department of Agriculture to discuss ways and means of meeting the desperate battle with hunger which reaches around the earth.

Secretary Clinton Anderson and his very able associate, Mr. W. F. Straub, wanted to know what Southern Baptist young people could and would do to help meet this acute shortage in food.

I was glad to assure them that they could confidently count upon Southern Baptist youth in this destiny-determining hour. I told them that our Southern Baptist young people, from Maryland to California and from Illinois to Florida, would pitch in and plant summer gardens, volunteer to help harvest crops in their neighbors' fields, and co-operate with community organizations in this united effort to whip the monster of famine that now stalks the world stage.

May I fraternally urge pastors and local leaders of our Baptist Youth to organize church committees for such co-operation, and report same through your state organizations? Prompt response to this appeal will greatly strengthen our nation in this hour of world ministry.

Permit me to suggest this teaching of Jesus as the watchword for our response to this appeal: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Matthew 5:7.

Thanks for your immediate response to this earnest and vital appeal.—LOUIE D. NEWTON, President, Southern Baptist Convention.

Sunday, June 18, was designated as Alda Grayson Day in the First Church, High Point, at which time a love offering was presented to Miss Grayson, a missionary to China sent out by the church. She is returning to her field in China in the very near future.

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Homecoming Day was observed at Reedy Creek Church, Warren County, on Sunday, June 16. Rev. E. M. Powell and Rev. Lee Pridgen had charge of the services, which were held both morning and afternoon. Special revival services closed at this church Sunday, June 9, with seven coming into membership of the church on profession of faith, and two by letter. Rev. Lee Pridgen, Associational Missionary, was the visiting minister.

## RECOMMENDING REV. W. H. RITTENHOUSE, JR.

I wish to recommend to all the churches and pastors of North Carolina Rev. W. H. Rittenhouse, Jr., who will be at Hillsboro, North Carolina, attending the summer school at the University of North Carolina. He will be available for supply work or Youth Revivals during June, July, and August.

Mr. Rittenhouse was a pilot in the Army Air Force with the rank of Captain. He was shot down over the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania and was a prisoner of war for nearly a year. During that time he felt the call of God to return to that country as a missionary. He will return to Rumania under the Baptist Foreign Mission Board as soon as conditions permit. In the meantime he will complete his A.B. at the University of North Carolina this summer and will enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, this fall.

Since his discharge he has been Educational Director at our church, Southside Baptist, Lakeland, Florida. He has done splendid work and I hope that he will be kept busy this summer. He has turned down a pressing offer from the Pan-American Airlines at \$1,000 per month in order to return to Rumania as a missionary.—JAMES S. DAY, Jr., Pastor, Southside Baptist Church, Lakeland, Fla.

## HOME MISSION WEEK AT RIDGECREST

The Ridgecrest conference on Home Missions will begin Thursday, August 1, with evening services led by Evangelist Fred C. Eastham of the Home Mission Board and Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

In addition to Dr. Eastham, the superintendents of the departments of Home Mission Board work will speak and conduct conferences during the week, and Dr. Lawrence, executive secretary, will speak.

Among the visiting speakers for the Ridgecrest meeting will be Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. W. H. Knight, state secretary of Louisiana; Dr. Duke K. McCall; Secretary Lawson H. Cooke; and Dr. T. L. Holcomb.

Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, outstanding layman, will deliver two addresses during the conference, morning and evening of Tuesday, August 6. Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will close the conference with an address Wednesday morning.—JOHN CAYLOR.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION MEETS

Southern Baptist Chaplains, past and present, held the first annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Chaplains Association, May 16, 1946, at Miami, Florida, in conjunction with the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Alfred Pullen, Ringgold, Ga., president of the temporary organization which had been formed at Ridgecrest Assembly in August, 1944, presided at the permanent organization session and presented, through a committee, a constitution, and following its adoption, Rev. George E. Simmons, 719 Windsor Ave., Norfolk 4, Va., was elected the new president.

Other officers elected were: Rev. Broadus E. Wall, vice-president, Chester, S. C., and Dr. Alfred Carpenter, secretary. An executive committee was also elected, composed of the above three officers and Alfred L. Pullen, Wm. C. Taggart, 2800 Toledo St., Coral Gables, Fla.; John V. Tinnin, 307 Palen Ave., Hilton Village, Va.; Daniel B. Weaver, Jr., 1922 Spurgeon St., Ft. Worth, Texas. All past and present chaplains of our Armed Forces are entitled to membership in this organization, and may secure same by applying to President Simmons or Secretary Carpenter.

To be fostered by the association are such matters as: First, seasons of good fellowship at all meetings. Second, mutual helpfulness between those chaplains who remain in the service and all former chaplains. Third, cultivation and maintenance of good will toward the chaplaincy by the denomination. Fourth, seeking to keep the chaplains remaining in the service in as close touch with the denominational life as possible.

Meetings of the association will be held annually in conjunction with the meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION DATES CHANGED

DUKE K. MCCALL, Executive Secretary

Faced with the fact that St. Louis could not entertain the Southern Baptist Convention on the date set in Miami, the Executive Committee voted to change the date of the Convention to May 7 to 11, 1947. The first session will begin at 10 a. m. Wednesday, and the last session will be Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th.

No other city was willing to act as host to the Convention. The only alternate date offered by St. Louis would have necessitated closing the Convention on Friday night, thus eliminating the possibility of any Sunday service. In addition, it would have been nec-

essary to begin the Convention so early the week as to preclude the possibility of other meetings, such as the Pastors' Conference or the Woman's Missionary Union Convention.

It is unfortunate that the dates had to be changed and that the concluding sessions have to be held on Mother's Day. It has been suggested, however, that it would be appropriate for the Sunday sessions to feature the Christian home.

Jesus was so human that he became tired and so divine that he gave rest for the weary. He was so human that he became thirsty but so divine that he gave the water of life.—PERRY F. WEBB.

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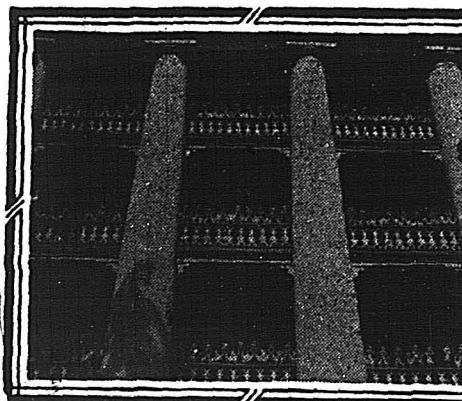
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