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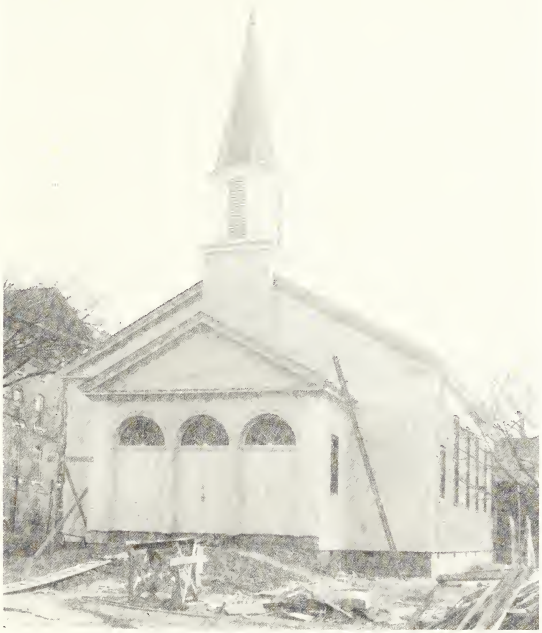

Above is a Church now being erected at Shaw University. The structure will be the first Church ever to be erected by a Negro Baptist College, according to reports.

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ALL TOGETHER NOW—GIVE IT THE AX!

Courtesy Institute for American Democracy, Inc.

An old farmer who had never been to a town of any size before, decided to accompany his son to a small city and see what the place looked like. An old model T Ford served as the medium of transportation.

Climbing out on one of the main streets, the old man appeared fascinated by the pavement. He scraped his feet on the hard surface and bent over and felt it with his fingers.

Amazement turned to scorn and the old man turned to his son and drawled: "I don't blame 'em for building a town here. This ground is too durn hard to plow." —*San. Sun.*

PROGRESS NOTED

During the month of February, the editor of the BAPTIST INFORMER had the pleasure of being with the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, and the Union Baptist Church in Durham. At both of these churches, significant progress was noted.

With the unqualified support of his large membership, the Rev. R. W. Underwood is doing a commendable job at Mt. Zion. The church has made several additions to its physical plant in recent years and has redecorated its edifice. It is debt free, according to information, and has a goodly sum in treasury for future expansion.

At Union, Dr. A. S. Croom, and his followers are in the midst of a five-years' campaign for $50,000 with which to erect a new structure. There is great enthusiasm among the membership in the effort, and indications are that the goal will be obtained according to schedule. Dr. Croom is a forceful and eloquent preacher and has the confidence and support of his members.

ANNUAL THEOLOGICAL DAY

Annual Theological Day will be observed at Shaw University, Wednesday, March 31 according to an announcement by the Rev. Paul H. Johnson, executive secretary of the Theological Alumni Association.

Dr. Vernon Johns, noted lecturer and ministry of Books of Farmville, Va. and New York City, will be the principal speaker. The Rev. Mr. Johns will preach a sermon at 11 a.m. and will give a special lecture to ministers at 3:15 p.m. Both services are scheduled to be held in Greenleaf Memorial Chapel.

Other activities arranged in connection with the observance include an executive board meeting, Tuesday night, March 30, and a luncheon—Wednesday the 31st at 2:00 p.m. in the University dining hall.

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Editorial Comments

The Real Question

It is indeed tragic that in an era when men are increasingly trying to understand life and the universe without reference to God, that several denominational groups, (including some Southern Baptists) are opposing the teaching of Bible in the public schools.

The late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Temple, is quoted as having said: "If you give to children an account of the world from which God is left out, you are teaching them to understand the world without reference to God."

It is one of the paradoxes of our time," Justice Robert Jackson, recently said, "that modern society needs to fear only the educated men . . . . the primitive peoples of the earth constitute no menace. The most serious crimes against civilization can be committed only by educated and technically competent people."

Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, noted author, has pointed out that the present world crisis can be contributed to secular education.

"In western civilization during the nineteenth century most nations," he writes, "entrusted to a secular system major responsibility for education in our society, and it is now recognized that secularized education is partly responsible for the progressive deterioration in moral integrity and religious faith which prepared the way for the crisis of our age. When religion and morality cease to give direction and control, their allies of science and technology take the wheel and the journey may become a joy ride headed for disaster."

To the many religious leaders who are opposing the teaching of the Bible in the public school—questioning the wisdom of abandoning certain denominational principles, we would suggest that they view the result of the omission of this most vital book from public education.

Without question, it would be better to have pupils understand the fact of religion in social life, the place of religion in culture, and fundamental truths on which the dominant religions in the United States are based, than to have them conclude by the absence of religion that there is nothing important about it.

Can church leaders contend that the Bible must not be taught in public schools because it violates the principles of the separation of Church and State, "in a time when man is born in a government hospital, introduced into the world by a doctor on the government payroll, educated by the state, employed under circumstances and the terms dictated by the law, retired on a government pension, buried by a government insurance, and mourned by a widow supported by social security?"

The real question is not whether church leaders *can afford* to support the teaching of religion (BIBLE) in the public school, but whether they *can afford not* to support it?

Segregation Must Go!!

It is paradoxical how the sectional minded white citizens of the south are protesting the civil rights program of President Truman under the "guise" of states rights and southern tradition.

Neither argument is based on sound logic or democratic principle.

As each state in America has obligations to its citizens, so has the Federal government. Citizens of states are citizens of the Federal government as well as of local governments. Not only are they taxed by state governments, but also, by the supreme government.

When state governments fail to protect the human rights of their citizens, it is the legal duty of the supreme government of the land to "step in" and fulfill its obligations.

To maintain any sectional tradition at the expense of progressive and vital democracy, is unquestionably undemocratic. The old "out-moded" pattern of segregation (and the numerous evil practices growing out of it) has no place in a democracy. It must go or the people who support its continuance will decay.

Led by courageous "Christian" church leaders, the fight for the elimination of segregation must be launched more vigorously in America. Its practice is increasingly weakening the influence of America in international affairs and is making the Christian Church a mockery.

Segregation must go—"hook, line, and sinker," and the church must pave the way!

Church Erected At Shaw

Baptist Urged By President to Support Effort

Shaw University is the first Baptist College, in the United States, for the training of Negroes to have a real church house on its campus. (Note photo on front cover.) This new building, in which only religious services will be held, fulfills a long felt need. Since the University family is made up of students who are in training, it would be a splendid thing if the various churches and their communities would make this house of Worship available to the students at Shaw.

The need for this project is recognized by a gift of $3,000 from the Northern Baptist through the General Education Board, $2,500 from the White Baptist State Convention of North Carolina through the W.M.U., and $1,000 from the National Baptist Convention, Inc. Now $20,000 is needed to complete the building. President Daniel says he can get gifts of $10,000 on this church house provided the Baptists of North Carolina raise $10,000. This will clear the church of indebtedness so that it can be dedicated this spring or early summer.

Dr. P. A. Bishop, President of the General Baptist State Convention, feels that the Baptist churches of North Carolina should meet this challenge. In that spirit he has sent out a letter asking each Baptist Church and their community to send in a contribution on this worthy project. Let each church and pastor in the state be included on the Convention's Honor Roll in providing this house of Worship for students who come to Shaw.

G. E. Cheek, Director of Public Relations

The Challenge Of The Christian Church

By G. RAYMOND GRIFFIN

The Christian Church today is faced with a serious challenge. Jesus Christ established His Church upon a principal, the basis of which is as strong and as immovable as the ages. In latter years, the influx of new worldly ideas on the part of men who are not Christ minded and their desire to seek the line of least resistance, Her walls have been crowded with corruption and pollution that has stagnated the aroma that stinches the nostrils of the true Christian believer; so that she is being challenged by the teachings of Him who said: "Upon this rock I build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

As Christians and as Stewards, we have a solemn and serious responsibility; and, I might add, that this responsibility is not confined or limited simply to the giving of money for the cause of Christ. The proper use of our Time, Talents, Opportunities, etc., are all challenged by the teachings of Jesus. As Christians and as Stewards, we are expected to exercise the utmost care in using of all these qualities, and more. We are to exercise oversight over ourselves and everything in our keeping, if we are to be true Stewards of Christ.

The sincere practice of Stewardship with ourselves will make the whole man what Jesus intends he should be. Our bodies, our families, and our homes would be secure from the onslaught of poverty and inconvenience. Our bills could be met without the least fear of embarrassment, and our storehouses would always have plenty.

Failure to practice Stewardship has resulted in many wrecked homes, and has helped to fill courts and reformatories. Jails and penitentiaries have been crowded because men and women have not been taught Christian Stewardship. Hospital beds have been occupied by people who had never learned the meaning of Stewardship. Mortuaries have been the receiving Station of many men, Women and Children who, had they learned, would probably have lived many years longer.

Our schools have suffered financially and otherwise, because of the failure of men who operate them to practice Christian Stewardship. Band Concerts, the circulation of various types of lottery, and the occasional presentation of noted or outstanding Artists would not be necessary to help finance the carrying on of the school, if men and women would inculcate the practice of Stewardship.

The Church is certainly most pronounced in its ineffective attempt to carry on, because of her failure to inject the Stewardship program. I shall take the courage to state that the reason for this situation is that the men who have had charge of them; the spiritual overseers; the ministers and pastors themselves have not known, nor tried to learn the lesson of Christian Stewardship. Then too, there are some who if they knew, would not put it into practice. The attitude that many of our ministers and pastors assume is a purely pecuniary one. I would term the cause in these two words—"Greed and Fear."

If the minister would become a student of Christian Stewardship from every angle, it wouldn't take a life time to establish a Stewardship Church. If ministers were not afraid of not receiving their salaries, and would throw their whole belief on the Scripture, it would be only a matter of time before he would get the confidence of his people, and they would gladly follow him, and gradually the church would develop into a "Stewardship Church." Our folk don't believe in this program of Christian Stewardship, because we who pastor them, don't believe in it, and they (the folk) know we don't. If we believed in it, we would practice it, regardless of salary. Jesus will see that we are paid if we believe Him.

The Scripture says: "The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." It says further, "The Silver is mine, and the gold is mine"—"The Cattle upon a thousand hills belong to God." The Psalmist says, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." These, and many other assurances are enough to guarantee any sure enough child of God that he meant what he said when He said: "And Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Christian Stewardship is demanding more considerate ministers, with LESS churches, who will have ample time to properly instruct the Christian what Jesus taught. A minister with four or five churches cannot possibly teach Christian Stewardship to His people, no matter how well he may be informed. There may be one or two exceptions to this rule where the Churches are rather close together. He simply doesn't have the time. If that is true about his churches, however, hardly has he the time to practice it himself.

Christian Stewardship is demanding a better prepared Ministry. I do not confine this preparedness to knowing how to preach; but to know what to preach as well. Know the Scripture so well that he can back up all his statements with "Thus saith the Lord." He must also be prepared to sacrifice. The Minister who is not willing to serve his people without a stipulated salary, is in a bad way to learn or teach Christian Stewardship. At least until it has been permanently and satisfactorily established in his churches.

Finally, it is all summed up in these closing words:—Chicken suppers, pig feet suppers, cake raffles, queen contests, begging cards, afternoon teas, bingo games, mock weddings, candle light rallies, and "Wise and Foolish Virgin plays," sponsored to aid the church financially, will go like the midst before the morning sun, when the Ministers themselves LEARN and PRACTICE Christian Stewardship at home and abroad.

Baptists: State And National

By C. F. GRAVES

On December 16th a special session of the General Convention at Raleigh, elected O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, with J. W. Wiley, Assistant, and approved of an Administrative Committee to handle its policies.

It is expected that this arrangement may give relief, since it is meant to reduce the overhead expenses of the Convention. The *Laymen's Movement* which had held a mass meeting before the Convention and organized a State set-up Auxiliary to the Convention with, W. H. Quarles, an unusually calm and clear headed layman of Raleigh, president, was endorsed. The State Convention moves forward in 1948 with four auxiliaries—The Woman's Auxiliary, The Sunday School, The B. T. U., and the Laymen's League.

O. L. Sherrill, a large, likable, and acceptable man will do the field work, preceded by that brilliant scholar, that clarion speaker, that imaginative organizer, that fervent gospel preacher, pastor and builder, who swayed hundreds of peoples in every section of mountain, plain, and coast line, —Thomas Kilgore; whose going to New York City will be a gain for the New York Baptists. His personality, his soul appeared to be aflamed for the Baptist work. However, we will carry on for the Convention as before.

Kenansville, N. C., capital of Duplin County, is a village of 8,000 people and over, but *Rev. J. M. Mallette* is a large and successful man there at the Baptist Church. His church building is a large one, his congregation is large and they are all happily well met, and suitably coordinated. He is a fine specimen of preacher with natural cultural pulpit decorum, literally trained for any church audience and he also upon occasion can "go through the woods" in his discourses. He is a successful pastor anywhere. He is the same at Warsaw, seven miles from Kenansville.

Warsaw, N. C., was the gathering place for the religious Training Institute of the 47 churches of Kenansville Baptist Association, J. M. Newkirk, moderator. R. I. Boone is a notable worker, organizer and pastor among them. It will be necessary to see him to catch the spirit of his personality at these institutes. The people follow him—ministers, laymen, women, S. School and B. T. U. leaders. Seventy-three persons throughout the area attended classes for certification while others attended to gain inspiration. The First Baptist Church was the host church for the Institute. The same genial, robust, scholarly Christian, J. M. Mallette, is pastor. The teaching staff was composed of Director Boone, C. F. Graves, Mrs. Luella Dickens Edwards, E. M. Saunders, and Mrs. Ellen Alston. Two weeks of this fellowship interspersed as it was, with other addresses of laymen and women. Good singing, sermons, and socializing brought the Institute to a close.

The Duplin, Sampson and New Hanover, Wayne and Pender Baptists who make up this Association have cause for pride because of their situation economically. They own land and grow a variety of truck—pepper, strawberries lead in quantity and value. Tobacco is an important revenue crop with the farming class. There are many enterprises in the different cities of Warsaw, Clinton, Wallace, Mt. Olive, Faison, Goldsboro, and Wilmington. The homes and schools and church buildings are attractive and they are yet expanding and improving.

The religious Training Program is "taking root" in various areas within our state and Baptist churches are becoming more conscious of this new virus in their localities.

Belhaven, N. C., was to have had a two week's Training Institute in January. We were there with Rev. R. I. Boone. Weather conditions were of such that a postponement was made for the second week. Moderator, A. B. Fulford is endeavoring to continue to point the way he desires his Hyde County Association to go. He deserves a hand.

The National Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress Executive Board held sessions in New Orleans, La., Feb. 3, 1948, to receive personnel recommendations for the Congress session which is scheduled to meet June 21-26, 1948, in Cleveland, Ohio, and to cooperate with the parent Convention in deciding upon the purchase of the Pythian Temple and Baths at Hot Springs, Ark., for the Benefit Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. J. A. Nimmo, Jr., pastor of Sycamore Baptist Church, Greenville, and C. F. Graves are members of this Board on behalf of N. C. young Baptists. Our approval was made and certified at the Oakland, California, meeting to which they went. Weather and transportation facilities were of such a nature that we did not attend, however, a list of speakers was sent to Dean A. F. Fisher of the National Congress to represent North Carolina on the program. A partial list sent to him at 586 Decatur Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., and behind whom N. C. is expected to rally at Cleveland are, J. F. Wertz, J. R. R. McRay, R. I. Boone, K. P. Williams, O. L. Sherrill, J. W. White, Mrs. Hattie G. Perry, and Mrs. Edna B. Taylor. It is expected that we carry a large N. C. delegation on special coaches via the N. and W. Ry. Let many go from our state to meet old acquaintances, to form new ones, to compare our wits, learning procedures, practices and get inspiration from the crowds, new scenes, speakers and finally to "get in there" and encourage our representatives on the program and assist in the selection and election of our state representatives by separate representation from our regular state representation fee is $25.00. Further information may be gained by writing C. F. Graves, 601 S. Road St., Elizabeth City, N. C. 165 instructors will be glad to greet you in the 37 courses.

Communications

On Civil Rights

To the Editor:

In nearly every city or hamlet that I visit these days, I hear much ado about President Truman's request for passage of The Civil Rights Bill. I am reluctant to say it, but must admit that I can't fairly well discuss the issue because of my very limited knowledge of politics. It seems to me, however, that in a nutshell, our President is displaying his Christian nature and is endeavoring to follow Christ's command, "As ye would that others do to you, do ye also unto them likewise." It appears to me that the President is seeking the only fair and sane method of obtaining world peace and that he is attempting to start at home and then spread his efforts abroad. I believe that he feels that there is no difference of a supreme degree between the races, that before God in the reckoning Day, every soul, being destitute of its enclosure of human flesh, will be as white as another.

A friend quoted the words of a prayer offered by a white minister. He said the minister prayed for the white man and for all humanity . . . "even the Negro." I have often wondered what have we, in this our Republic which we must admit is a "melting pot" of all races of the world, even the Negro. It seems to me that the Negro and money are the most important things in the world today. The world, and particularly our native southland, is raving mad about these two world factors.

How important is the Negro, that a party of southern governors and other statesmen must hurry to Washington to battle over him? I admire our Governor R. Gregg Cherry and am proud that my voting helped to open doors of the State mansion unto him and his family. He thinks that our State is a good place for the Negro evidently, for he favors better Negro educational opportunities; he has expressed himself as being strongly against lynching and mob violence, yet in *The Journal's* account of the Governor's recent Washington speech, Governor Cherry is reported to have said, "We have always treated our Negroes fairly." Much like the white minister's prayer, it appears that the Governor feels a deep seated claim of ownership of the Negroes of the State or maybe he implies that there is reality in white supremacy.

All in all, there is but one eternal hope for not only the Negroes but for all mankind: draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you. Seek the shelter of God's mercy and grace, praying without ceasing, "Father I stretch my hands to thee, no other help I know; if thou withdraw thyself from me, whither shall I go?"

W. Leroy Davis, Minister,
New Hope Baptist Church.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

"Aren't you ashamed," the judge asked the man, "to have your wife support you by taking in washing?"

"Yes, I am, your honor," he replied. "But what can I do? She's too ignorant to do anything better." —*Stanley News of Press.*

Conductor: "No smoking, Sir."
Passenger: "I'm not smoking."
Conductor: "You have a pipe in your mouth."
Passenger: "I have shoes on my feet, too, but I'm not walking." —*San. Sun.*

How Church Programs May Utilize Laymen

By R. W. UNDERWOOD

The agencies for bringing in the kingdom of God are the churches. Jesus established the church and gave it the task of representing him on earth. Jesus was very specific in what he wanted a church to do in the world. During the forty days from his resurrection to his ascension, it seemed that the burden of his heart was to get his followers to understand their mission in the world. In Matt. 28:19-20, he states definitely that they were to go into all the world and make disciples for him, baptize them, then teach them to observe all the things which he had commanded. Evidently this means evangelism in its fullest sense and not occasional revival meetings alone. In Acts 1:8 Jesus tells his followers to go into Jerusalem, then Judea, then Samaria, and then on to the uttermost parts of the earth. Theirs was to be an aggressive, continuous, ever-widening task. Salvation is a personal matter and each generation must be evangelized. The followers of Jesus in each generation should do their best to give the gospel of Christ to every creature on this earth. The Great Commission teaches that every Christian should go to the limit of his ability and make disciples for Christ Jesus, and then teach them to go and make other disciples. This is the method of Jesus and is his method for each succeeding generation of Christians until he comes again.

The principle of focused energy of power applies to our Church life. The resources of spiritual energy in our churches are practically unlimited. However, due to failure to enlist, induce and integrate, our laymen in the work and program of the church, a shameful dissipation of our talents with which laymen have been endowed by God has resulted. The Christian Church must more fully and thoroughly mobilize its men. There is a vast potential of man-power in our churches that we have not satisfactorily drawn upon.

Men and women are the spiritual assets of the Church for without discipleship there can be no leadership. The obligation that has been put in the hands of the church, the ends it seeks in ministering, the very purpose of its existence demand that the church gather these forces and utilize them profitably to the glory of God and the development of man. Forces to be made operative can only be effective through organization, coordination and cooperation of the whole people, in the whole program of the church.

First of all, we must provide a true basis for Christian fellowship within our churches. The story is told of a young man that went off to college a good church member, on returning home to settle down, one of this old friends asked him why you don't come to church. Said he, "I find better fellowship outside the church than in it." Those fellows in the church just want another member and another contributor. They are not interested in me. If the Church is more interested in using people than serving them, watch out!

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

We must first realize that the Christian laymen must accept personal responsibility for the building of the kingdom of God. "For we are workers together with God." Jesus, the Galilean preacher and teacher declares, "I am the True Vine. Ye are the Branches and my Father is the Husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." He further declares that his spirit must be manifest in us for in John 15:5 he speaks again in this vein. "He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me, you can do nothing."

A life must be Christ directed to serve the Church and be spiritually effective. Every tree is known by the fruit it bears. The regenerated Christian a product of a new creation in Christ Jesus is essential to make the church, mystical body of Christ, the Beacon light in the world for which it has been designed. We must harness the man before we can harness the mass. A dead Christian can not contribute to development of a live church. An idle church member is the devil's greatest joy and the church's greatest liability. It is better to put ten men to work than to do the work of ten men. "Use the man lest you lose the man," should be the theme of the dynamic, militant Church. The husbandman of the vineyard is still standing at the door of the church asking, "Why stand ye here idle?" Too many are rusting out in the Christian warfare rather than wearing out for God. Certainly the hymn challenges us today as we stand before the open door of the church.

"A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky
To serve this present age, My calling to fulfill,
O, may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

Give Men Vital Work To Do

But besides all this we must put the men of our Church to Work in the vital business of witnessing for Christ and the Faith they profess. The men of our churches should be doing far more than serving on deacon and trustee boards, as occasional Sunday School teachers, as ushers, choir members, and the like. They are to be, if our Christian heritage and way of life is to endure—out on the front lines of the Christian warfare, bearing a vital and life-giving witness in word and deed for their Master.

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WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
Auxiliary to the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina
MRS. VIOLA MCMILLAN, *President*
MRS. ELLEN S. ALSTON, *Executive Secretary*

From The Executive Office

Dear Sister and Co-worker:

The closing of the Third quarter finds us gratefully acknowledging your ready response to the plea to spread the gospel on the Home Fields and abroad.

Our hearts are lifted with Thanksgiving, our minds and plans are set on a new day. For during the months of January and February nearly every one of us were Shut-ins; unable to make many outside contacts, but not everything bids fair for a glorious time, to win more souls, save more lives, do more Kingdom expanding and become better stewards.

I know that each and all of us must and will seek to do our whole and full duty in sharing Christ in His fullness with others.

Our Third Quarter ends in March. Please do not fail to get your contributions into the office. Encourage all Missionary workers not only to enlarge their quarterly gifts, but to make a special pledge to Missions. In as much as God has so wonderfully blessed us and strengthened us for the task which we are undertaking, I think that at least one dollar ($1.00) is not too much to give as a SPECIAL GIFT. DO YOU?

Did you read the letter from our President in last month's INFORMER? If you have not—will you? If you have, please read again and study the paragraph on TITHING and answer the question for yourself.

From Our Field Director

Box 344
Maxton, North Carolina
February 2, 1948

My dear Co-worker:

During this quarter our Training Institutes are in full progress, and as I sit here in my room, I can visualize how enthusiastically you are attending the Institute in your Community or preparing to attend the one to be held near you in a few weeks. Every leader and interested worker should avail herself of this opportunity to gain new ideas and inspiration for her work.

This is the season for preparation in order to render better service when the winter is over. Now is the time to study your organization to see if it meets the standard requirements for an A-1 Missionary Department. What about your Junior Department? Do you have a standard department? Do you wish to make it a Standard of Excellence Department? YOU CAN.

Now is the time to check up on the weak points in your entire Missionary organization and begin working towards strengthening these weak points. What about Enlistment? Personal Service? Stewardship? Mission Study? Are the Young people of each age group in your Church organized? A lot of questions—yes. I am anxious about His work and I am thinking about you and praying for you as you work. I cannot come to you just yet, I can only sit here and write so that we may continue to think and work together for Him.

I feel sure that each circle and county Union is anxious to have its organizations junior and seniors, to receive one of the special awards for achievement that will be offered by the State Convention in August—read page 50 in the Manual. To receive either of these awards, the organization must have a quarterly record in the Woman's Missionary office, Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh.

If your County Union Chairman has not sent in your reports for the Third quarter, please see that she sends them in at once.

Send your report to the proper Chairman as follows: Mission Study, to State Mission Study Chairman, Personal Service, to State Personal Service Chairman; address each of these to Box 1818, Raleigh, North Carolina. If you do not have the report blanks, write the Executive Secretary for them at once.

May I suggest that we read, By-laws for a Missionary Circle and for a County Union. Section 2, pages 32 and 43, 44 in the Manual. Each chairman will understand just how and where to make her report. As you remember this is the first year that these awards have been offered by our State Convention to you for achievement in organization and work, in your church, your community and your county union. Let each of us do a big job for God this year, RIGHT WHERE WE ARE.

Yours in His Service,
MARTHA J. BROWN.

REMINDER

Please get your Third quarter's money in now. Our next quarter is the fourth and list before Convention time!!!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE and MISSIONARY SUMMER SCHOOL

I know that your thoughts are beginning to turn toward our great Leadership Training Conference and Missionary Summer School. Begin now to enlist every Missionary Officer and worker to attend.

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Helper Sales—Mrs. Julia Reed—Charlotte	3.00
Mt. Zion Circle—Winston-Salem—Mrs. Georgianna Harris	10.00
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Helper Sales Shallotte—Mrs. Henerita Hardie	5.14
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Helper Sales—Monroe—Mrs. J. A. Little	5.85
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Mrs. A. M. Hairston—Mud Creek Asso.—Asheville	11.00
Mrs. Susie P. Williams—First Baptist Cir.—Louisburg	2.00
Rev. W. L. Mason—Manual Sale—Rocky Mount	.25
Mrs. Bessie Lassiter—Johnson Piney Grove—Johnson Co.	1.50
Mrs. K. L. Thomas—Subs. Helper—Raleigh	1.00
Rev. C. E. McLester—Manual Sales	1.50
Nelson Chapel—Franklin Co., Mrs. Walter Edgerton	5.00
Mrs. Loolnla Mimo—Friendship Cir.—Southport	4.00
Mrs. Martha Wright—First Baptist—Franklinton	1.00
Mrs. Ollie Lucyado—Forest City—Helper Sales	2.75
Mrs. Rubie Stewart—Helper Sales—Roxboro	4.50
Mrs. Minnie C. Lyon—West Durham Cir.—Durham	13.21
Miss Minnie C. Lyon—Personal Scholarship—Durham	15.00
Fayetteville Street—Raleigh—Mrs. Effie Rogers	2.00
Mrs. Effie Rogers—Helper Sales—Raleigh	.10
Mrs. Sarah Humphrey—Helper Sales—St. Pauls	2.75
Helper Sales—Mrs. Leona M. Edwards—Charlotte	5.80
Wakefield Cir.—Zebulon—Mrs. Calonia High	2.00
Mrs. Bertha Penn—Holy Trinity Cir.—Winston-Salem	2.00
Pleasant Meadow—Wampee, S. C.—Mrs. Gussie Edge	3.00
Mrs. Gertrude Perry—Dawson St. Cir.—Raleigh	5.00
Mrs. Lucy Edwards—Wilson Co. Union	10.00
Mrs. Martha Cable—Mt. Vernon Cir.—High Point	3.00
Mrs. Evalena Baldwin—Bladen Co. Union	15.00
Mrs. Mary Stewart—Helper Sales—Subs.—Informer—Winston-Salem	3.20
Mrs. Flora Thomas—Louisburg—Helper Subs.	11.00
Mrs. Bessie Harris—Wilkes Co. Union	14.13
Mrs. Bessie E. Harris—Poplar Springs Cir. Roaring River	3.00
Mrs. Bessie E. Harris—Mt. Pleasant Cir.——Taylorsville	3.00
Mrs. Bessie E. Harris—Damascus Cir.—Wilkes Co.	2.00
Mrs. Bessie E. Harris—Pleasant Hill Cir.—Wilkes Co.	1.00
Mrs. Bessie E. Harris—First Baptist Cir.—N. Wilkesboro	1.00
Mrs. Bessie E. Harris—Mt. Valley Cir.—Wilkes Co.	1.00
Mrs. Bessie E. Harris—Helper Subs.—N. Wilkesboro	15.00
Mrs. Dollie Hammond—Anson Co. Union	29.00
Mrs. Maggie Younger—Durham City Union	10.00
First Baptist Cir.—Charlotte—Mrs. Willette Patterson	6.25
Helper Sales—Subs.—Mrs. Lela Browder—Hillsboro	8.15
Mrs. Ethel Malloy—Helper Sales—Stedman	6.53
Mrs. Atha Williams—Helper Sales—Warsaw	4.20
First Baptist Cir.—Southmont—Mrs. Beulah Hargraves	1.50
Mrs. Delia Sanders—First Baptist—Selma	4.00
Helper Sales—Subs.—Mrs. M. A. Horne—Winston-Salem	6.00
Mrs. Sarah Wright—N. End Cir.—Rocky Mount	2.50
JUNIORS	
Mrs. M. A. Horne—Forsythe Co. Jr. Union	5.00
Mrs. M. A. Horne—Mt. Zion Cir.—Winston-Salem	10.00
Mrs. M. J. Cabness—Jr. Calendar Sales—Gastonia	3.50
First Baptist—Winston-Salem—Mrs. Lottie Browning	1.00
Mrs. Wilhelmina Elmore—Mt. Calvary—Shelby	1.00
First Baptist—Castalia—Mrs. Annie P. Battle	1.00
Mrs. Ernestine Frink—Macedonia—Supply	2.00
Bethel Baptist Cir.—Morganton—Mrs. A. H. Pittman	2.00
Mrs. Mary Stewart—First Inst.—Winston-Salem	1.00
Mrs. Maggie L. Matthews—Mt. Zion—Rosehill	1.00
Mrs. Bessie E. Harris—Wilkes Co. Union	3.25
Mrs. Beulah Hargraves—First Baptist—Southmont	1.50
Mrs. J. H. Dunston—White Rock—Durham	3.00

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We extend sincere sympathy to Mr. Thompson and family of 222 Blount St., Fayetteville, in the passing of his wife, Mrs. Donnie Thompson.

Mrs. Thompson rendered excellent Christian service in her community and county. She was a loyal supporter of Missions in the State. She will be greatly missed but always remembered for her kind lovable deeds and her gracious ability as a leader and worker for the Expanding of Christ's Kingdom.

Junior Corner

Dear Juniors:

I have been so pleased to hear from a few of you assuring me that you will send your happenings to your corner. Let me have them.

The Leadership Training Conference will meet at Shaw University in June. Remember the grand time we had under our most interesting Instructor, Mrs. R. P. Daniels. Begin now to plan your weeks stay.

Our State Junior Supervisor has set up twelve goals in her JUNIOR OUTLOOK for US in the year 1948—We are listing them here for your convenience and study. Please go over them very carefully and see how many we can CARRY THROUGH by August—Convention time.

Ebenezer Junior Circle
Charlotte, N. C.

1. We are studying about Gandhi and how he had such faith in his country, India.

2. We meet as a Circle every Second Sunday in the month and study God's word and do business for Him. Pray for us.

Meet us next month in children's corner.

MRS. C. S. GILL, *Supervisor*
MISS JOHNSIE M. WRIGHT, *Pres.*

5. Don't forget to send your happenings to Jr. Corner!

Mozelle Alston,
Publicity Chairman, Box 1818
Raleigh, N. C.
Mrs. L. E. McGrier,
State Jr. Supervisor

JUNIOR OUTLOOK FOR 1947

First—We must keep before us as a brightly shining light the primary purpose of all our Missionary efforts—that of WINNING LOST SOULS TO CHRIST. This basic in everything we do. Without this, nothing can be achieved that will justify our Missionary undertaking.

Second—That we pledge our full support to our JUNIOR FIELD WORKER, Mrs. June Manley.

Third—That we send in material for the Junior corner in our BAPTIST INFORMER.

Fourth—That the Junior Supervisor will be permitted to call the Advisory Council of the Junior Department in a meeting to map out plans for a SPECIAL FINANCIAL effort and discuss plans for the year 1948. After having been passed upon by the Executive Board of our Convention, that mimeographed copies be sent to the Junior Supervisor and County Supervisor of each Church.

Fifth—That we subscribe to and use the Missionary Helper in our Worship of the Junior Meetings.

Sixth—That we continue to use the Junior Activity Calendar as outlined for program of work and Junior Organization.

Seventh—That for our financial Goal we strive to raise $3,000.00 for the year 1948. That we report regularly each Quarter to our Executive Secretary.

Eighth—That for our Mission Study Goal, we read at least one book on Missions each month and attend Mission Study Classes. (Consult approved Junior Book List.)

Ninth—That we strive to have a Junior Department in each Baptist Church in North Carolina.

Tenth—That a Banner be given by the State Convention to the County Union and for the Local Church, making the most financial achievement during the year 1948.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

LUELLA DICKENS EDWARDS, Director
Vacation Bible School Division

My dear little Friends:

Last year I wrote you about Easter later in the year because Easter came in April, but this year, it comes a month earlier. Just the same, whenever Easter rolls around, we expect "ole man winter" to bundle up his belongings and go to his summer home, because with Easter comes SPRING. And with spring the brown earth disappears and is replaced with fresh new grass, beautiful flowers, singing birds and a sweet smell in the air. Along with the earth, and nature, all of us want to change from our heavy dark clothes to light pretty colored ones; to forget about all the snow we have had, all the heavy rains and cold weather, and look for blue skies and warm sunny weather. All this brings a new feeling for all—happiness.

I wish for every one of you a very happy Easter. Happy because I do not want you to forget the true meaning of the change when Easter comes. Bible Story: JESUS IS RISEN.

After Jesus had died on the cross, a young man named Joseph went to Pilate and asked for the body. Pilate told Joseph that he could have the body of Jesus. Joseph went back to Jesus' friends and told them what Pilate had said.

Jesus' friends took him down from the cross. They wrapped his body in linen clothes, with sweet smelling spices, and laid him in a tomb cut from a large rock. Then, they rolled a large stone up to the door of the tomb.

The day Jesus died was the saddest day on earth, and Mary Magdalene was very sad. It was very early in the morning. The sun had not risen. You could not see the pretty flowers in the garden. The birds were still asleep.

Mary Magdalene with two of her friends hurried along. They were not afraid of the dark because they knew that the dark time was the best time for sleeping.

They could not sleep because their dear friend Jesus was dead, and his body had been placed in a tomb in this lonely garden. They were bringing sweet spices to anoint his body.

"Who shall roll away the stone?" they asked each other.

When they reached the place they were surprised to find that someone had already rolled it away.

"Who could have done this?" they wondered. They tip-toed in softly.

Another surprise! Jesus was not there, but instead, there was a shining angel. The light was so bright until they hid their faces and bowed themselves down on their knees.

The angel told them not to be afraid because he had brought them a wonderful message. It made them happier than they had ever been before.

This was the angel's message: "Be not afraid, ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen; He is not here: Behold the place where they laid Him. But go your way, tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: There shall ye see Him, as He told you."

Mary Magdalene ran away and told Simon Peter. Mary came back to the tomb. She stood by the tomb crying because she did not know where her Lord was. As Mary cried, she stepped down and looked into the tomb. Mary saw two angels dressed in white. One was at the head of the tomb, and the other one was at the foot of the tomb. "Why are you crying?" asked the angels.

"Some one has taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have taken him," answered Mary. As Mary turned away she saw a man. She thought he was the gardener. "If you have taken my Lord, tell me where you have laid him," Mary said to the man. Very softly the man said, "Mary." It was Jesus. Mary knew his voice. Mary said, "Master."

Then Mary ran quickly and told Jesus' friends that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Each year we celebrate Easter since Jesus died and rose again from the dead. All those who love and obey Him will not be afraid to die because Jesus is the life to all who love Him.

"Can you tell me what Easter morning is,
And why they have flowers here?
We always have lillies and Easter eggs
When Easter comes every year.
I know when Christmas and New Year come
With presents and all things nice.
But why we have Easter Day each year,
I never can tell when twice.

Oh, yes! It can tell you what Easter is:
A great many years ago,
Yes, thousands of years some wicked Jews
Nailed Christ to the cross, you know.
With a wreath of thorns they had crowned His head;
They mocked Him, and pierced His side,
Until He no longer could bear the pain,
And there on the cross He died.
And then they had placed him in Joseph's tomb
And left Him and gone away;

They had sealed the tomb, and He lay there till
The morning of Easter Day.
Yes flowers and eggs are emblems of life.
And Christ came to life that morn,
So we celebrate Easter, when He arose
And Christmas, when He was born."

—Selected

How Church Programs Utilize Laymen

(Continued from page 7)

In order to properly define the areas of service which comprise our task in the church, we must first consider the evangelizing task of the laymen. We must "go, teach all nations to observe what I have commanded you" is the imperative commission of the Prince of Heaven. In order to interest others in things of the spirit we must first be possessed with a deep, all absorbing spiritual life. Warm-hearted, transformed men are necessary to interpret the plan of a salvation to unbelievers. Some great authorities in the field of religion hold that only one man in three takes his religious life seriously, and only one in twenty realize have decided to "go in empty handed." The redemptive mission of the Church must originate in each one of us. We are powerless and fruitless until we have like Philip shown some passer by the way of life and the joy of salvation. For the two major functions of the church is to win the lost to Christ, and to develop them in Christian character. We should be thoughtful, resourceful, and above all, spiritual that the laymen may point out to those in whom they contact the highway to Heaven and the Christian pattern for dynamic living amidst the social pressure of this age. We must teach progressive living and the gospel of thrift and conservation of our resources. He must be a good strategist to deal with all levels of intellect and above all must feel a sense of romance in his task that he may help in ushering in the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. And so we are increasingly conscious of our unfulfilled tasks in the church, the institution bought with a price, the blood of Christ Jesus. For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid which is Christ Jesus. And this is his way. We count not ourselves to have apprehended but press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus. We live, yet not us, but Christ lives within us. Immersed in our work, we go at the marching orders of God, to minister to a lost world, crushed by the adversities of life, harassed by disappointment, weary worn, seeking for a heaven of rest that can come when after having weathered life's gales and the devastating onslaughts of forces of darkness we shall be joined together in the church triumphant when the crown Prince of Heaven shall be crowned and at His name every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Christ is Lord of all. Then shall the King say, Come, Ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Total Contributions Received THROUGH OFFICE of EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of N. C. for MISSIONS and CHRISTIAN EDUCATION During FEBRUARY, 1948

Rock Hill—Chapel Hill: Rev. J. R. Manley	$ 10.00
Piney Grove—Waxhaw: Rev. J. A. Little	6.00
Mt. Calvary—Shelby: Rev. J. A. White	19.00
Huntsville—Oxford: Rev. Ransom Thomas	25.00
First—Fayetteville: Rev. T. H. Dwelle	31.55
First—Laundale: Rev. W. L. Johnson	7.51
Oak Grove: Rev. J. M. Burchette	2.25
Timberlake Grove—Louisburg: Rev. Ned Jones	1.05
Zion Institute—Wadesboro: Rev. E. H. Martin	28.00
Penn Avenue: Rev. H. D. Eaton	6.00
Temple Memorial—High Point: Rev. F. R. Mason	10.00
South Main Street—Louisburg: Rev. D. P. Lewis	6.10
Haywood—Oxford: Rev. L. H. Johnson	1.00
Coley Springs: Rev. L. H. Johnson	1.00
Warrenton Colored Baptist—Warrenton	4.19
Mt. Pleasant: Rev. A. L. Thompson	3.00
Ellerbee Grove: Rev. G. W. Boone	1.35
First—Statesville: Rev. J. W. Croom	10.00
First—Winton: Rev. G. T. Rousin	4.81
Green Bethel—Rolling Springs	11.65
Pleasant Grove—St. Pauls: Rev. F. K. Patterson	12.00
Rio Grand: Rev. W. Moore	1.00
Star of Zion—New Bern: Rev. N. G. Moye	5.00
Union—Lexington: Rev. J. Leon Pridgen	9.09
Fayetteville Street—Raleigh: Rev. J. W. Jones	5.00
Rev. J. W. Jones—Raleigh	3.00
First—Concord: Rev. H. H. Hawkins	7.60
Lovely Hill—Macon: Rev. E. B. Suggs	5.00
First—Smithfield	20.59
Mt. Sinai—Catawba: Rev. W. S. Sherrill	1.82
Usher Board Convention: Mr. Truman Gant	10.00
Hyde County S. S. Convention, Rev. A. B. Fulford	35.00
Beulah Association: by Rev. R. W. Underwood:	
Jerusalem: Rev. H. H. Hart	50.00
Nebo Baptist	110.00
First—Severn: Rev. R. E. L. Brown	35.00
Cumbo: Rev. E. B. Suggs	25.00
Antioch: Rev. W. T. Edmonds	25.00
Chapel Hill: Rev. W. H. Davis	50.00
Branches' Chapel: Rev. O. M. James	37.00
Morning Offering—Beulah Association	27.00
Afternoon Offering—Beulah Association	12.35
New Light—Lenoir: Rev. V. C. Burns	1.00
First—Raleigh: Dr. O. S. Bullock	12.00
Beaver Dam: Rev. W. E. Beamon	2.50
Green Bethel—Rolling Springs: Rev. W. L. Johnson	10.05
Pee Dee—Lilesville: Rev. T. S. McIver	2.25
First—Warsaw: Rev. J. M. Mellette	1.35
Barnes Chapel—Goldsboro: Rev. D. M. Mitchell	5.00
First—Pine Level: Rev. N. L. Horton	1.00
First—Bowden: Rev. J. W. Boone	1.00
Best Grove—Goldsboro: Rev. U. S. Brown	5.50
Maiden Chapel—Maiden: Rev. F. C. Brewer	5.00
High Springs: Rev. J. A. White	11.00
Rev. J. A. Everette—Gastonia	1.00
St. John: Rev. W. S. Sherrill	8.00
Calvary: Rev. R. T. Hamilton	2.55
Mt. Calvary—Shelby: Rev. J. A. White	10.67
Pleasant Hill—N. Wilkesboro: Rev. Wm. Turner	3.75
Mt. Hope—Jackson: Rev. K. P. Battle	3.00
Hawkins Chapel: Rev. M. P. Davis	1.87
First—Raleigh: Dr. O. S. Bullock	700.00
Fayetteville Street—Raleigh: Rev. J. W. Jones	150.00
Oberlin—Raleigh: Rev. U. S. Brown	105.00
Martin Street—Raleigh: Rev. Paul Johnson	250.00
Tupper Memorial—Raleigh: Rev. C. C. Jones	75.00
First Calvary—Salisbury: Rev. S. R. Johnson, Jr.	29.13
New Zion—Jonesboro: Rev. J. W. Mason	3.15
St. John—Climax: Rev. J. W. Mason	3.25
Western Union Baptist Union Meeting: Rev. L. J. Peterson	7.20
Rev. T. H. Dwelle—Fayetteville	5.00
Mt. Moriah—Louisburg: Rev. A. L. Morgan	1.70
Original Shiloh Association: Rev. E. L. Brodie	277.89
South Main Street—Louisburg: Rev. D. P. Lewis	2.50
Mrs. Essie J. Brown—Marion	2.59
Other Sources	808.73
	$3,185.54

ASSOCIATIONAL CONFERENCES

DATE	ASSOCIATION	PLACE
March 18, 1948	Hyde County	Jobe Chapel, Swan Quarter, N. C.
March 19, 1948	Middle District	St. John No. 3, Freeman, N. C.
March 19, 1948	Eastern Pamlico	Triumph, Blounts Creek, N. C.
March 26, 1948	Rowan	Mt. Vernon, High Point, N. C.
April 2, 1948	Pee Dee Union	Saron, Ellerbee, N. C.
April 4, 1948	Wake	Union Grove, Youngsville, N. C.
April 4, 1948	Wilson	Cherry Grove, Wilson, N. C.
April 9, 1948	Western Union	Littlefield, Newton Grove, N. C.
April 13, 1948	Lane Creek	Gilfield, Charlotte, N. C.
April 15, 1948	Yadkin Valley	Mt. Pleasant, Jonesboro, N. C.
April 16, 1948	Mt. Peace	Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, N. C.
April 16, 1948	Friendship	
April 16, 1948	Tar River	Red Oak, Stanhope, N. C.
April 16, 1948	Cedar Grove	
April 16, 1948	Mountain and Catawba	Third Creek, Stony Point, N. C.
April 23, 1948	Pee Dee	Poplar Springs, Rockingham, N. C.
April 23-24, 1948	Brunswick-Waccamaw	Sandy Plain Baptist
May 7, 1948	Ocean View	St. James, Near Bolivia, N. C.
May 7, 1948	Lumber River	St. Stephen, Chadbourn, N. C.
May 14, 1948	Hammonds Creek	Sandy Hill, Abbottsburg, N. C.
May 11, 1948	Old Eastern	Jones Chapel, Hobgood, N. C.
May 14, 1948	Zion	Ebenezer, Wadesboro, N. C.
May 21, 1948	Union	First Baptist, Red Springs, N. C.
May 29, 1948	Deep River	
May 29, 1948	East Cedar Grove	Union Grove, Roxboro, N. C.
May 20, 1948	New Era	Butler Branch, Fair Bluff, N. C.
June 4, 1948	Gold Hill	
June 4, 1948	Yadkin-Davie	Cedar Creek, Farrington, N. C.

The following ministers have willingly sacrificed their time to help the General Baptist State Convention to hold the one day conferences throughout the various associations:

Reverends:

E. L. Brodie	J. F. Wertz	D. R. Hedgley	T. C. Graham
G. E. Cheek	R. J. Davidson	J. H. Moore	P. H. Johnson
J. M. Burchette	R. W. Underwood	R. I. Boone	T. H. Dwelle and
A. B. Johnson	R. M. Pitts	W. M. Fuller	H. L. Mitchell

I am sure that you will support these brethren wholeheartedly when they come to your association for this one day meeting. This type of cooperation from our pastors and churches in our convention, will enable us to meet our obligations more easily.

Executive Secretary.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN LINE WITH CHRISTIANITY

Elizabeth City, N. C.—Speaking on the topic Will You Vote for It? the Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of the First Baptist Church (white) at a regular Sunday Worship service stressed the need for individuals to take a stand for the principles of Christianity by voting for them and in connection with this line of thinking he pointed out that the civil rights proposal of President Truman is in keeping with the principles of democracy, the spirit of the New Testament and the constitution of the United States.

"I have thought about the governor's report on civil rights in connection with the constitution of the United States, the principles of Democracy and the spirit of the New Testament and no where can I find that the civil rights proposal is a violation of either.

"On the contrary the reports seem a courageous and prophetic effort to implement the ideals of democracy and Christian religion. On whatever other basis the gathering revolt is built, it is founded neither upon the constitution nor the principles of democracy not upon the gospel of our Lord," the pastor asserted.

"It is a Federal offense to counterfeit money. Should it not also be a Federal offense to take a life without due process of law? If we believe the New Testament ideal of human brotherhood should it not be a Federal offense to deprive someone of the opportunity to work for which he is trained and capable because of race or religion?"

Quoting from the Bible, the pastor closed his sermon with the verse, "Not everyone who saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father."

PRESIDENT DANIEL VISITS NEW YORK

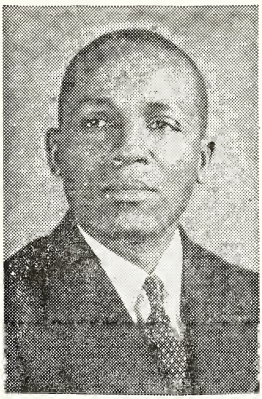
Dr. Robert P. Daniel, President of Shaw University, recently completed a series of visits to prominent Baptist churches of New York State, made under the auspices of the Northern Baptist Board of Education and the convention's Council of Finance and Promotion. Churches visited under this plan included the First Baptist churches of Fredonia, Batavia, Endicott, Glens Falls, and Troy and the Union Baptist Church of Endicott.

At Glens Falls, President Daniel was entertained by Dr. Joseph L. Peacock, third president of Shaw University, and a member of the First Church there. In New York City, the well known administrator spoke at both Abyssinia and Friendship Baptist churches at Sunday Services. The next day he was guest speaker at the Baptist Ministers Conference of Newark and vicinity.

SHAW MUSICIANS HEARD OVER WPTF

Miss Enola Laws and Harry Gil-Smythe of the Shaw University Music Department were heard over Radio Station WPTF in a half hour program Sunday from 9:30 to 10 o'clock and at the same hour Sunday, March 21. Miss Laws, a talented soprano soloist offered a group of vocal selections while Mr. Gil-Smythe, widely known as a concert pianist, furnished several instrumental numbers and accompanied Miss Laws. The invitation was extended the two artists following an audition given Miss Laws by station officials.

WESTBROOK ACCEPTS NORFOLK PASTORATE



The Rev. William B. Westbrook, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Henderson for the past seven years, recently resigned to accept the pastorate of the New Central Baptist Church, Berkley, Norfolk, Va.

In resigning from the 82-year-old Henderson Church, the Rev. Mr. Westbrook leaves an excellent pastoral record and ends seven years of outstanding community service.

According to reports from the Church, much has been accomplished spiritually, materially and in a civic manner during his pastorate.

The church is without debt and has a good sum on hand for a proposed new church building.

During his pastorate in Henderson, the Rev. Westbrook served as president of the Henderson Vance County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; president of the Citizens League; Chairman of the Interracial Committee of Vance County, and vicinity; chairman of Camping activity of the area Boys' Scout division; and chairman of the Red Cross Drive among the colored citizens of Henderson.

He was also a member of the executive committee of the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P., and was operator of a city-wide play ground during the summer months for children.

Before going to Henderson, the Rev. Westbrook pastored the First Baptist and Liberty Grove Baptist Churches in Trinity.

A native of Chester, S. C., he attended the graded schools in Chester. He later resided in High Point and attended the William Penn High School there. On completing his secondary training, he entered Shaw University and in 1940 was awarded the A.B. and B.D. degrees.

Mrs. Westbrook is the former Ruby Mae Woods of Raleigh. The Westbrooks have a three year old son, William B., Jr.

PRAYER MARCH ON WASHINGTON

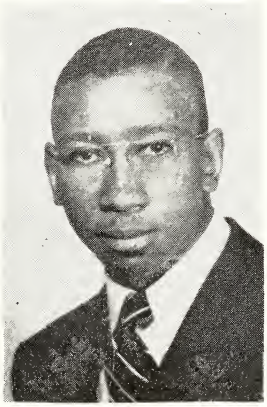
Dr. W. H. Jernagin, director of the Washington bureau of the Fraternity Council of Churches, characterized the pro-white supremacy resolution passed by the Southern Governors at Wakulla Springs, Florida, as "the most shameful display of un-Americanism by representatives of government this country has seen in many years."

The statement was made in connection with an announcement that the council would conduct a second prayer march on Washington as a reply to an assertion by Governor Fielding Wright of Mississippi that it was time for Southern governors to march on the Nation's capitol.

Dr. Jernagin said he had issued a call to council leaders throughout the country. "When they march on Washington, the church will march. While they are filibusting and creating race hate, we will be praying for them and their filibustering.

"We will exercise the right of militant prayer as the church's weapon against these false prophets who would destroy the right of colored citizens to win full citizenship and thus undermine the constitution and the bill of rights which they have sworn to uphold."

ACCEPTS PASTORATE



The Rev. Chancy R. Edwards of Elm City and Raleigh, advanced student in the School of Religion at Shaw University, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Spring Garden Baptist Church of Washington, N. C., and will assume duties immediately.

Rev. Edwards will continue studies at Shaw University, but is arranging to set up week-end residence in the church parsonage.

At Shaw University, Mr. Edwards is active in student life and has been associated with several worthwhile student activities. He is currently secretary of the Theological Fraternity and vice president of the Baptist Student Union. From September through December, Rev. Edwards served as supply pastor at the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Asheville.

He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Edwards of Elm City. His wife is the former Luella V. Dickens, editor of the Children's Page of the BAPTIST INFORMER.

HAD THE RIGHT PARTY

Agent: "I want to talk to the man of the house about insurance."

Lady of the House: "Young man you're talking to him."

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK HELD AT SHAW

The Rev. J. Quinton Jackson, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., directed the observance of Religious Emphasis Week at Shaw University March 9 to 12. Services were held during the four day period in Greenleaf Chapel. Rev. Mr. Jackson delivered the opening sermon Tuesday morning on the subject, "The Heroism of Faith."

Highlight of the series was the message Wednesday morning on the subject, "A Throne with Somebody On It." The speaker challenged his hearers to "put God into their philosophies." He averred that the lives of men must be ruled by one who "possesses the qualities of justice, power, patience, and mercy." The services were largely attended by students, faculty members, and friends in Raleigh who were moved by the potent messages of the dynamic minister.

"GREATEST STORY" GETS AWARD FROM CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Another notable award was added to the imposing list of honors given to the radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," during Brotherhood Week when the National Conference of Christians and Jews awarded a citation to this radio series for its initial program, "The Good Samaritan." The citation was given to Mr. Paul W. Litchfield, chairman of the board of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, at a luncheon at the Portage Country Club in Akron, Ohio. The American Broadcasting Company, over whose network this public service program is aired, also received a citation at the same time.

The award pointed out that the National Conference "publicly recognizes and acclaims those whose devotion and deep sense of public service have resulted in this notable contribution to brotherhood among men."

These two children are in Liberia, West Africa. The girl is Margaret Iowa Johnston. She is supported by Mrs. Iowa B. Johnston of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

The little boy is James Hargrave Northbound. He is supported by W. N. B. M. B. Association of N. C., of which Mrs. Iowa B. Johnston is president. She succeeds the late Mrs. M. A. Hargrave, formerly of Halifax, N. C. who was the president for more than fifty years.

The program, a dramatization of the teachings of Christ, aired over the ABC network every Sunday at 6:30 p.m.. Eastern Standard Time, is offered by Goodyear as a public service, without any commercial whatever. Only sponsor identification, as required by law, is used. It has just completed its first year on the air, and during that time has received more commendation from listeners and press alike, and more honors, than any program of its type.

Previous honors bestowed on it included the top award of the National Association of Public Relations Counsel to Mr. Litchfield for his company's sponsorship of the program; National Family Week citation; Father's Day; selection by "Sponsor Magazine," after a poll of the industry and the public, as the "sponsor of the year"; a special award from "Variety," the entertainment world's leading publication; selection by the State Department for broadcast to other parts of the world, and translation into Latin American languages; selection by the Armed Forces for broadcast to our service men all over the world; and many others.

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Where there is no vision a people perish. PROV. 29:18.

On Saturday night before Christmas, December 20, 1947, little Pauline Guest was blessed by having a vision from God. She dreamed of being sent out for chips at the woodpile. While there she heard sweet and strange music coming from the air, and looking up saw a band of beautiful Angels singing and circling to the ground. This sight thrilled and filled her with so much joy that she ran toward them, then suddenly, Jesus Christ came down and stood before her. Truly her heart was made happy indeed beyond control, so she grabbed him and hugged him. Then He told her that it would be a long time before she would see Him again. Then He and His holy band went away.

This has meant more than mere words can express to her mother. It has meant a spiritual and a physical healing. She was also shown through God's miracle where to find this scripture that bases all true visions. Read for yourself Joel 2:28. The entire chapter will give you the real message from God and Christ Jesus to us. It has meant much to the entire Guest family, so much that we are moved to pass it on. We feel that it is too broad just for one. It will be a great profit to all who can exercise proper faith in considering the miracles, power, love and unfailing mercy of Christ Jesus and God our Father.

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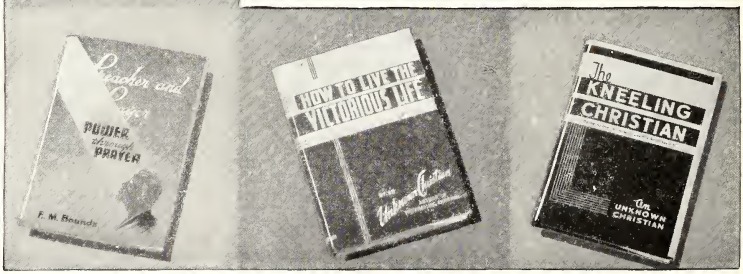

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