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Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to give it a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We, moreover, engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other Church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

ANNUAL REPORT

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR 1944

Inasmuch as the Annual Report for 1943 is carried in the following pages, in order to bring this little booklet up to date, we present a brief resume of what God has done for the Temple Baptist Church in the year 1944.

Total Church Additions: 1,235

Of this number, 833 came for Baptism, upon profession of faith in the Lord Jesus.

Total Offerings for the year: \$230,103.02

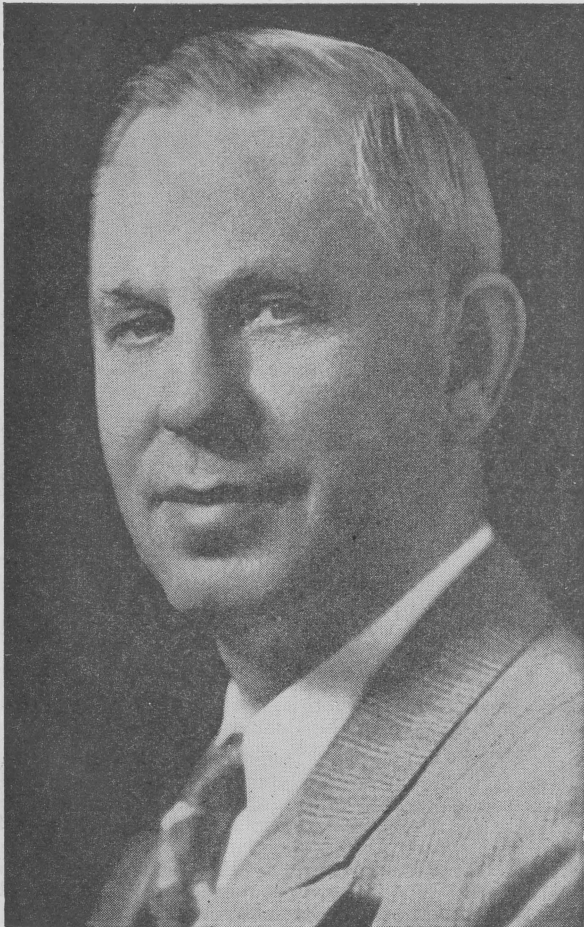
This is approximately \$27,000.00 more than any preceding year, or an increase of more than \$500.00 per Sunday.

Total for 10 Years of Dr. Norris' Pastorate

Total Number of Church Additions.....	10,872
Total Offerings for ten years.....	\$1,195,095.90

We are grateful to God for His overwhelming blessings upon our labors. The year just closed has witnessed a constant increase in preaching attendance and Sunday School. For instance, the Sunday before we go to press was no special Sunday, and yet the Sunday School attendance was 3,235.

"The Lord hath done wonderous things for us, whereof we are glad."



DR. J. FRANK NORRIS

First Baptist Church

Temple Baptist Church

Fort Worth

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Detroit

**A Shorter Statement of the Confessions of Faith
Is as Follows:**

(1) We believe the whole Bible from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, as the verbally inspired and infallible Word of God.

(2) We believe Jesus Christ was born of Mary the Virgin, and is the Son of God and God the Son.

(3) We believe that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, the Just for the unjust that He might bring us to God.

(4) We believe that He rose from the Grave the third day according to the Scriptures.

(5) We believe that He, only, is the great High Priest, and we need not the intercession of any man, but that Christ ever liveth to make intercession for us.

(6) We believe that Christ will come again in Person, bodily, visibly, to establish His Kingdom on the earth.

(7) We believe that in order to be saved, the soul must be born again—"Ye Must Be Born Again."

(8) We believe that every truly born again soul should declare his faith by the act of baptism (immersion in water) setting forth the Lord's death, burial and resurrection.

(9) We believe that the church is a body of baptized believers whose only mission is, not to "reform the world," but to preach and teach the Gospel of salvation to the individual soul.

Summing it all up, a Fundamental Baptist is one who believes in a supernatural Bible, which tells of a supernatural Christ, Who had a supernatural birth, Who spoke supernatural words, Who performed supernatural miracles, Who lived a supernatural life, Who died a supernatural death, Who rose in supernatural power, Who ascended in supernatural splendor, Who intercedes as a supernatural priest and Who will one day return in supernatural glory to establish a supernatural kingdom on the earth.



Mr. G. B. Vick, Superintendent of the Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, and President of the World Fundamental Baptist Missionary Fellowship.

Mr. Vick started his religious work in the First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 23 years ago.

A Testimony that Equals that of Eddie Rickenbacker and his Fellow Pilots

Below follows the most daring, challenging letter ever written:

"Santa Fe R. R. Station,
Fort Worth, Texas.
March 31, 1943.

Rev. George Norris,
First Baptist Church,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Dr. Norris:

I am a private in the U. S. Marines. Last summer I was passing through Fort Worth and met a member of your church. This member happened to be a very beautiful young lady. She appeared to be friendly and nice and during the course of the conversation I learned her name and that she was on her way to your church.

At the time I was an infidel and so I scorned her invitation to go to church. However, before she left, she said again, "I really want you to go." I was so touched that I later slipped into the back of the auditorium during the invitation. While I was standing there I heard you say, "If you'll just trust Him, you will be saved." At that time I wasn't particularly impressed, so I went my way.

Later, while crouched in a filthy foxhole on Guadalcanal, I began to think. It's not easy to think straight when pure hell is bursting all around you. Nevertheless, those two phrases kept running through my brain, "Only trust Him, and you will be saved," and "I really want you to go." Then at the height of the battle, I was saved—gloriously saved in the face of death.

Later I talked to my comrades about their souls and seven of those men accepted the Lord Jesus Christ there. It was a glorious hour.

Last week while I was home in Kentucky on leave, I related my experiences to my family. My father, an infidel all his life, was also saved.

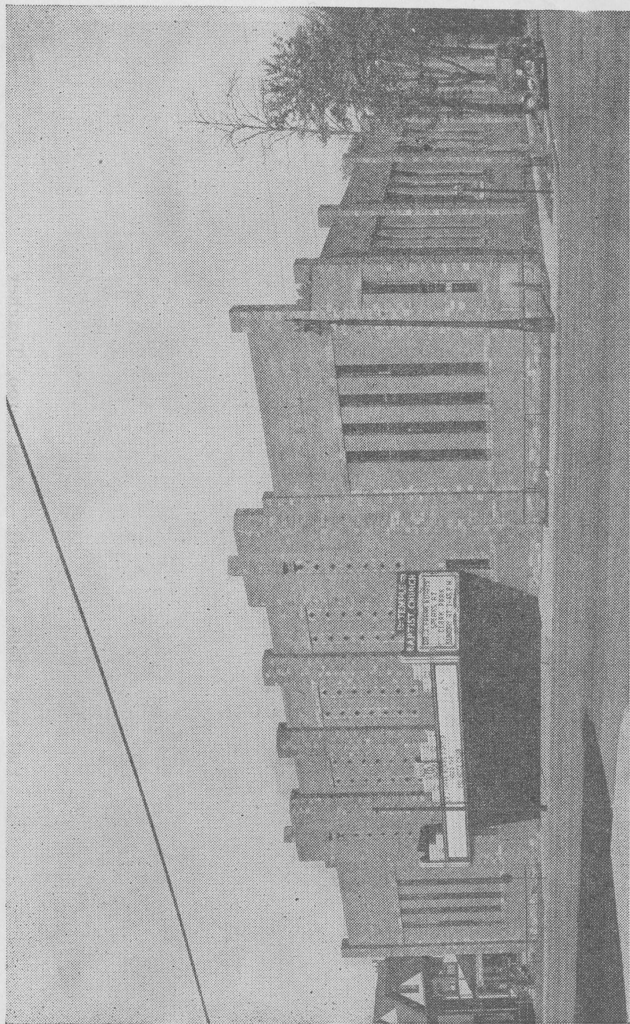
That is why I am writing you. I am on my way back to active service, and I would like to ask you to do two favors for me.

First, I would appreciate it if you would thank that girl for me. Her name, if I remember—and I'm sure I'll never forget it—is Miss Bonnie Osburne. I want you to tell her how grateful I am to her for leading me to church that Sunday. I feel that God used her as an instrument to save not only me, but my father, and those men on Guadalcanal.

Second, tell the people not to be afraid to ask service men to church. We appreciate it and it is a great opportunity for church members to win souls to Christ.

Gratefully yours,
(signed) Pvt. Jerry Smith, U. S. Marines.

P. S. You have my permission to read this letter, or any part of it, if you think it might inspire someone to greater zeal in their work."



The Temple Baptist Church Auditorium — Corner 14th and Marquette, Detroit



Calvary Class, Detroit — Paul Lupo, Teacher



**Young People's Department No. 2 — Gordon Bonner, Supt.
This Dept. has sent more than 300 young men and 4 young ladies into the Armed Services.**



Gideon Class, Detroit

The pastor of these two churches is the only American minister who has been the guest of the British Government and entertained by Prime Minister Churchill and five members of the British Cabinet; the guest of the Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Mayors of other cities in Great Britain; also guest of the British Parliament. He now has a standing invitation to conduct evangelistic meetings throughout Great Britain—a return engagement.

He is the only minister who, with his wife, was

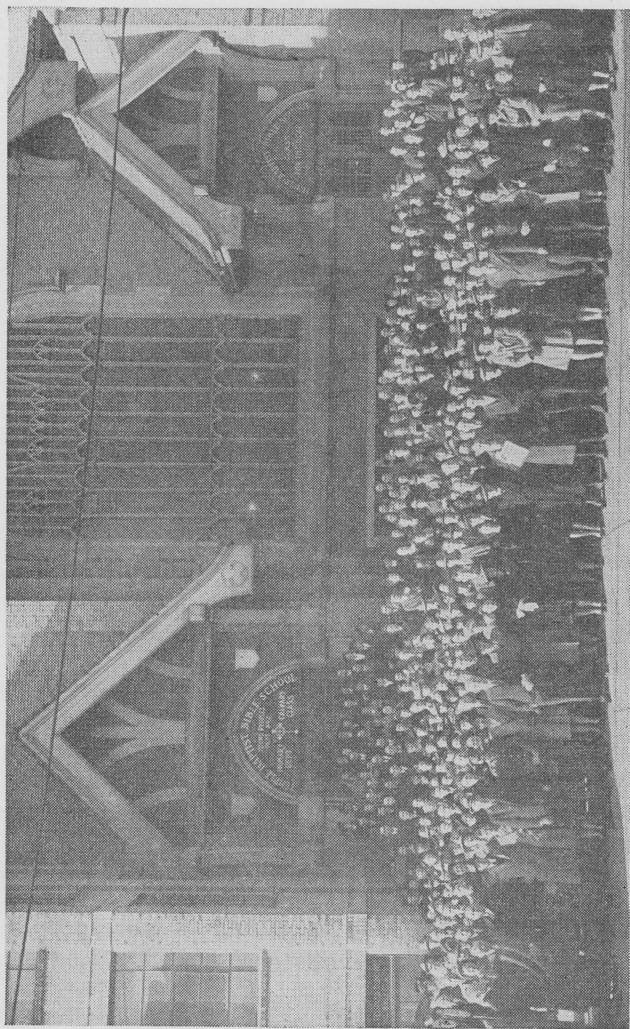


Tom Long, Teacher

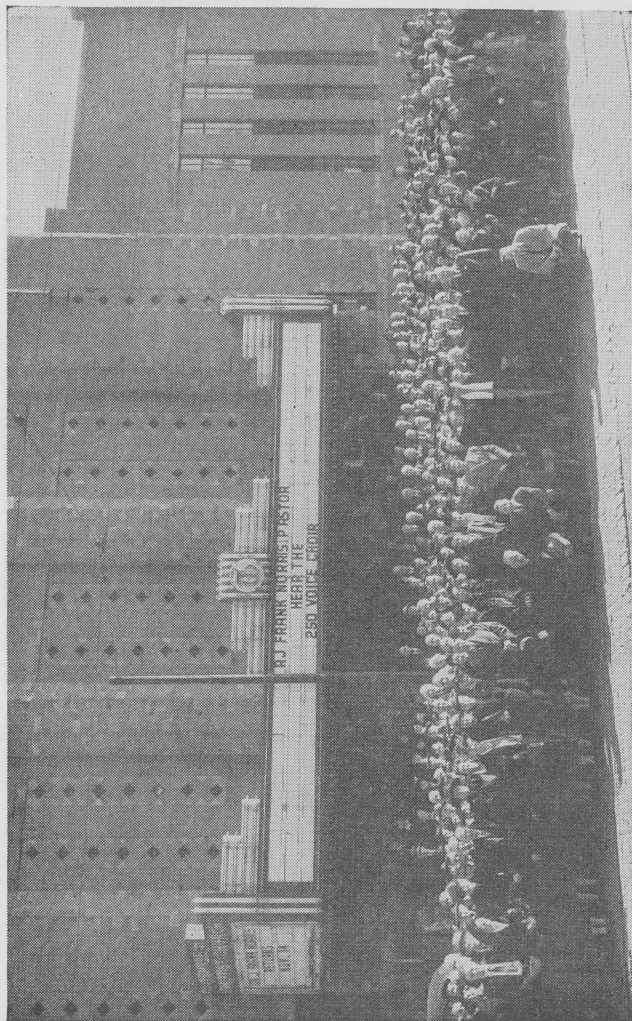
sent on two world tours by The Ford Motor Company furnishing cars, chauffeurs, and interpreters.

The Mayor of Detroit and City Council gave Dr. Norris permission, police aid, and set aside the law covering parks, for him to hold evangelistic meetings and for seven Summers the huge crowds have reached 40,000.

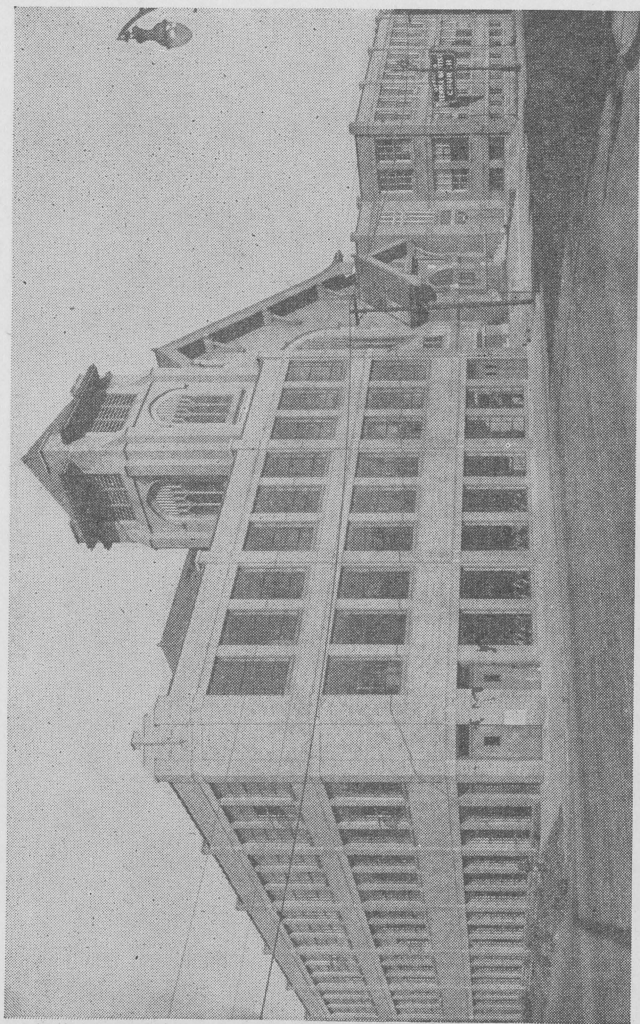
The late M. H. Wolfe published in his lifetime, "Dr. J. Frank Norris is preaching to more people than any other living minister."



Berean Class



Pastor's Class — Detroit



Temple Baptist Sunday School Buildings — Detroit

GLORIOUS VICTORIES AT TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH—ANNUAL REPORT

By G. B. Vick, Supt.

The year 1943 has been in many respects, the greatest year in the history of our church. Never was the spiritual fervor greater, the enthusiasm higher, and the consecration deeper. These things cannot be weighed on the scales or measured by a yard-stick, but they can be felt. They are spiritually discerned and they have much to do with the growth of a great soul-winning church.

During 1943 nine hundred and nineteen new members have come for church membership, the great majority of them coming for baptism upon profession of their faith in Christ.

In spite of gasoline and tire rationing, in spite of the seven-day-a-week war work, Dr. Norris has been preaching to much larger crowds Sunday mornings and Sunday nights than ever before.

Then, too, our Visitation has grown wonderfully. The largest number of personal workers have attended the Monday night Visitation, the Thursday morning Ladies' Visitation, and the Young People's Thursday night Visitation. There is no substitute for God's way as expressed in Acts 5:42:

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

Increase of Over \$800 per Sunday

And finally, what shall I say concerning the Finances? Let the record speak for itself. Our tithes and offerings for the year 1943 have totaled \$203,136.90. This is \$42,718.78 more than any previous year or \$821.51 more per Sunday.

The following will be of interest to every Pastor, Superintendent, Deacon and Finance Committee man in churches everywhere who have a deep interest and responsibility in the handling of the Financial and business affairs of their churches.

We begin with the year 1937 because that was when we inaugurated our larger Building Program.

Total Indebtedness as of Dec. 31, 1937—\$129,620.64

Total Indebtedness as of Dec. 31, 1938— 107,505.01

Total Indebtedness as of Dec. 31, 1939— 77,331.85

Total Indebtedness as of Dec. 31, 1940— 73,222.16

Total Indebtedness as of Dec. 31, 1941— 56,989.74

Total Indebtedness as of Dec. 31, 1942— Nothing

Our last item of indebtedness was paid in 1942.

You will notice that during the year 1940 we reduced our

net indebtedness only about four thousand dollars but during that year we paid out many times that amount in building improvements, finishing our church Auditorium and greatly enlarging the seating capacity by adding a large Balcony.

The growth of our offerings, year by year will, I am sure, be of particular interest.

1934— \$18,334.00 (This was the last year before Dr. Norris became pastor).

1935— \$34,586.99

1936— \$75,385.92

1937— \$91,165.09

1938— \$77,703.64 (Year of sit-down strikes)

1939— \$98,676.34

1940— \$93,361.58 (Recurrence of strikes)

1941— \$130,558.90

1942— \$160,418.12

1943— \$203,136.90

During the nine years of Dr. Norris' pastorate, the Temple Baptist Church offerings have totaled \$964,993.48 lacking only about thirty-five thousand dollars of reaching the Million Dollar mark.

During that time, we have paid out more than \$20,000.00 on an old debt against the old church building that was built about 1922. Besides paying off that mortgage of twenty years' standing, we have remodeled that building and built three additional buildings (the present church auditorium and two-three story Sunday School buildings) and bought another. All these buildings are free and clear of any indebtedness.

Our latest financial enterprise was the recent purchase of four and one-third acres on Grand River Avenue in the ten thousand block, for which we paid \$45,000.00 cash.

After the war, we plan to build the greatest church auditorium in America there, while still maintaining the work at Fourteenth and Marquette.

This word of comment—we believe that God has so abundantly blessed our church for two reasons particularly. First, because we depend upon God's way and not upon some man-made scheme. We teach and practice—bringing the tithes and offerings into His storehouse.

A Great Missionary Church

The second reason He has thus blessed us is because of our greatly increased giving to our World-Wide Mission enterprises. When we have given more and more to Missions, God has given us more and more to carry on our local work.

God Does Not Bless Selfishness

Many churches do not have the full blessings of God upon them and their finances simply because they are selfish and want to keep all their money at home, spending it on their own local work. This is not according to God's plan nor God's Will.

I do not wish to speak unkindly concerning them but I do believe they are spiritually and financially short-sighted. Brethren, when shall we learn that God's way is best, that it works, and that we cannot improve upon it?

Applied to an individual or to a church, Prov. 11:24 is just as true as John 3:16.

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

"The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

As Abraham Lincoln said, 'I'm not so much concerned about getting God on our side as I am that we shall get on God's side.'

So, in our churches, we should not be as concerned about asking God's blessings upon our little schemes and plans and programs as we are about fitting ourselves into His plan and program for getting His gospel to a whole lost world. Then His overflowing blessings will be outpoured upon our lives, our ministry and upon our churches so "that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Not boasting before men but rather by expressing our gratitude to God, do we give this resume of His blessings upon our church during the past year.

Typical of the year was the service on the last Sunday night of 1943. A great crowd came out through the cold winter drizzle to hear Dr. Norris speak on The Resurrection—Our Only Hope, and Baptism—the Only Picture of the Resurrection.

Numbers of fine young men and young ladies came in response to his invitation, middle aged men and elderly, gray haired people also. Altogether some twenty or more came, three-fourths of them gloriously, instantaneously saved, others coming to cast their lot with us because here they had found happy Christian fellowship in an old-fashioned, Fundamental Baptist Church that preaches the gospel of blood redemption and majors on the one business of winning souls here at home and to the ends of the Earth.

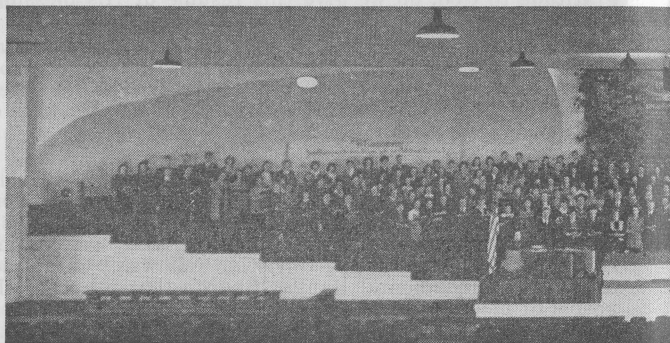
That is why we have His presence with us who promised "And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."



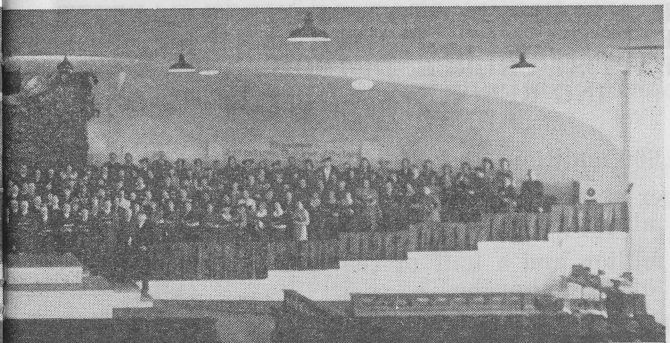
Morning Congregation of



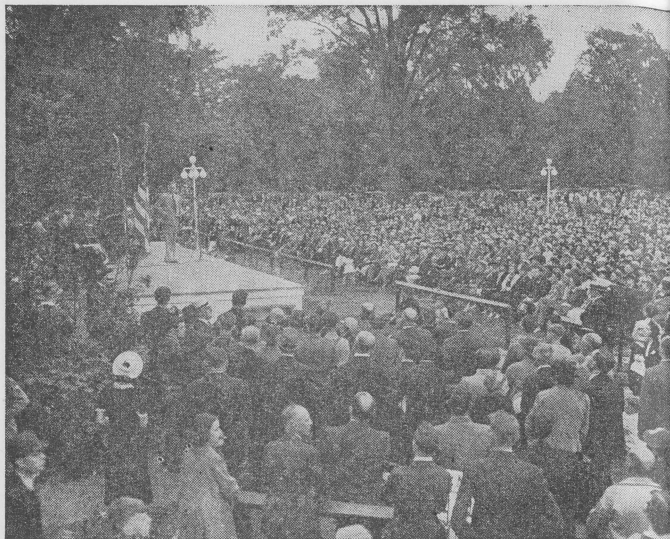
Temple Baptist Church



The Choir of



Temple Baptist Church



40,000 Listening to Dr. J. Frank

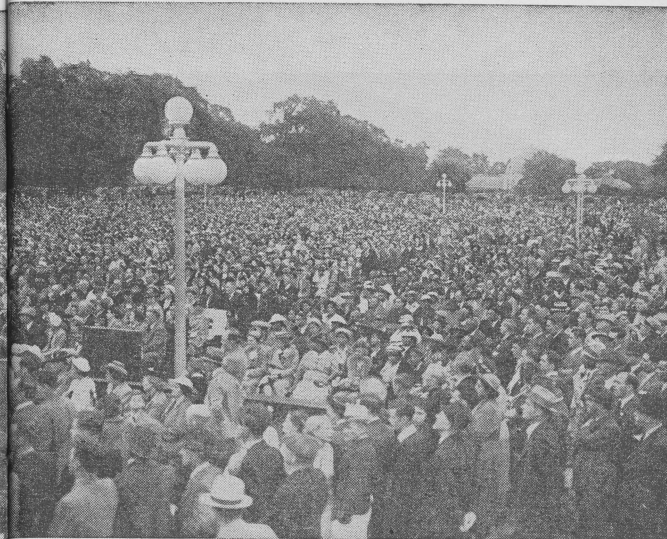
DR. NORRIS, PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FORT WORTH, AND TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, DETROIT... FOLLOWING REPORT OF EIGHT YEARS' JOINT PASTORATE:

16,600 additions to both churches.

Over sixteen hundred thousand dollars raised for all purposes.

A million and a half of real estate and buildings of both churches.

Fifteen million, twenty-two thousand copies of Fundamentalist, weekly paper, has carried the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.



Norris in Great Revival in Detroit

During the time, 34 years Fort Worth, 8 years Detroit, the pastor has traveled 654,000 miles.

Two largest Sunday Schools in the world judged by the average attendance.

Both Sunday Schools use Bible only as textbook in all classes instead of hop-skip International lesson series.

Both Churches support New Testament World Fundamental Baptist Missionary Fellowship, and have no part or lot in any ecclesiastical machine.



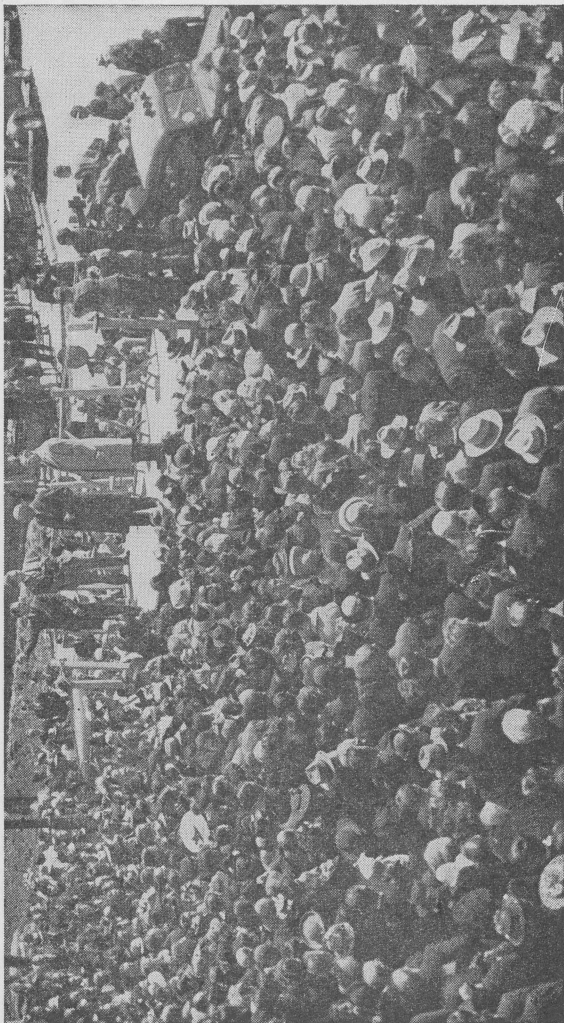
Great Overflow Crowds at Temple

The Temple Baptist Church now has two fine buildings on either side of the street.

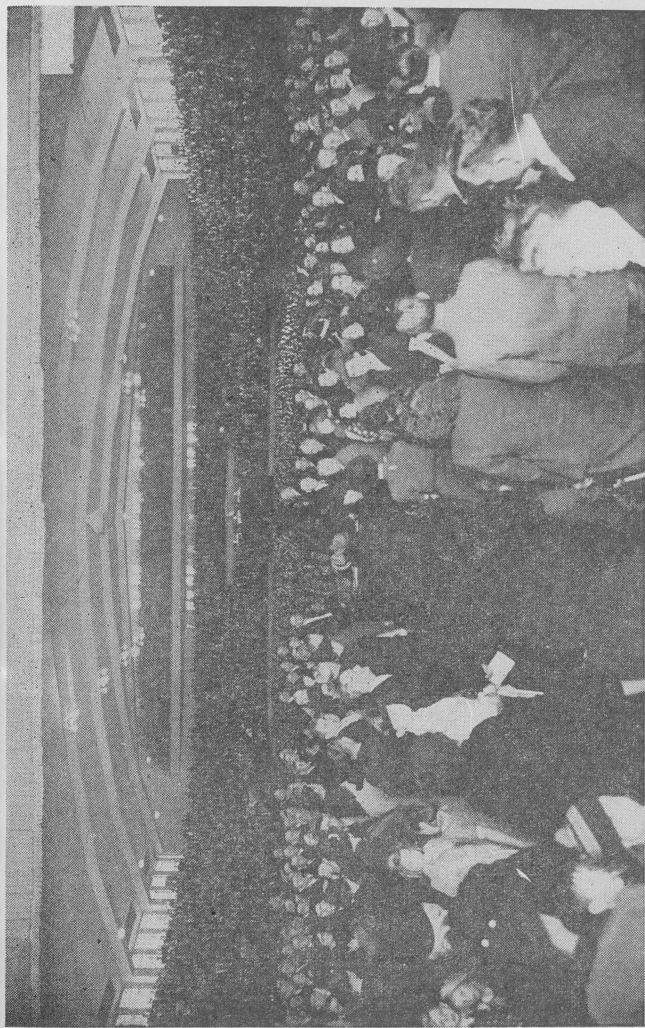


Baptist Church, Dr. Norris Speaking

Traffic Police are needed to handle crowds on Sunday mornings.



Dr. Norris speaking to a huge overflow crowd in the streets in front of the buildings of the Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.



Over 10,000 heard Dr. Norris in the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Alabama. The manager said, "There were over 10,000 inside and that many more on the outside trying to get in." Over 600 people were converted at this service in Birmingham.



Dr. Norris preaching to the joint session of the State Legislature of Georgia.

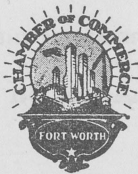
Dr. Norris appointed ambassador of good will by Chamber of Commerce,
Fort Worth

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February 17, 1938

Dr. J. Frank Norris
Pastor First Baptist Church
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dr. Norris:

As president of the Chamber of Commerce of this city, representing all the various business enterprises, factories, banks, and trades, I am appointing you and Mrs. Norris as ambassadors of good will of our city in your contemplated tour around the world.

While you are pastor of the great First Baptist Church, and have been for twenty-nine years yet you belong to the whole city, and we regard you as one of us. The whole citizenship rejoices in the opportunity that comes to us in that you will put the name of Fort Worth happily before all nations, citizens, peoples and rulers.

Yours very sincerely,

FORT WORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE


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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

August 29, 1941

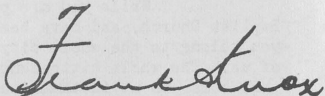
My dear Mr. Alexander:

This letter will serve to introduce to you Dr. J. Frank Norris, a ~~Protestant~~ ^{Protestant} clergyman who is the head of a very large congregation here in the United States.

Dr. Norris expects to spend about a month in England where an extensive speaking tour has already been arranged for him. Dr. Norris is a powerful orator and throughout the years has developed a very large radio audience. Upon his return to the United States, he expects to make a speaking tour of the entire country and will do much toward promoting the right kind of sentiment over here.

Anything you can do to promote the purpose of Dr. Norris' visit to England will be deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



The Right Honorable A. V. Alexander
First Lord of the Admiralty
London, England

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1941

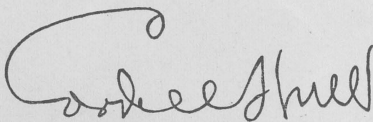
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My dear Mr. Churchill:

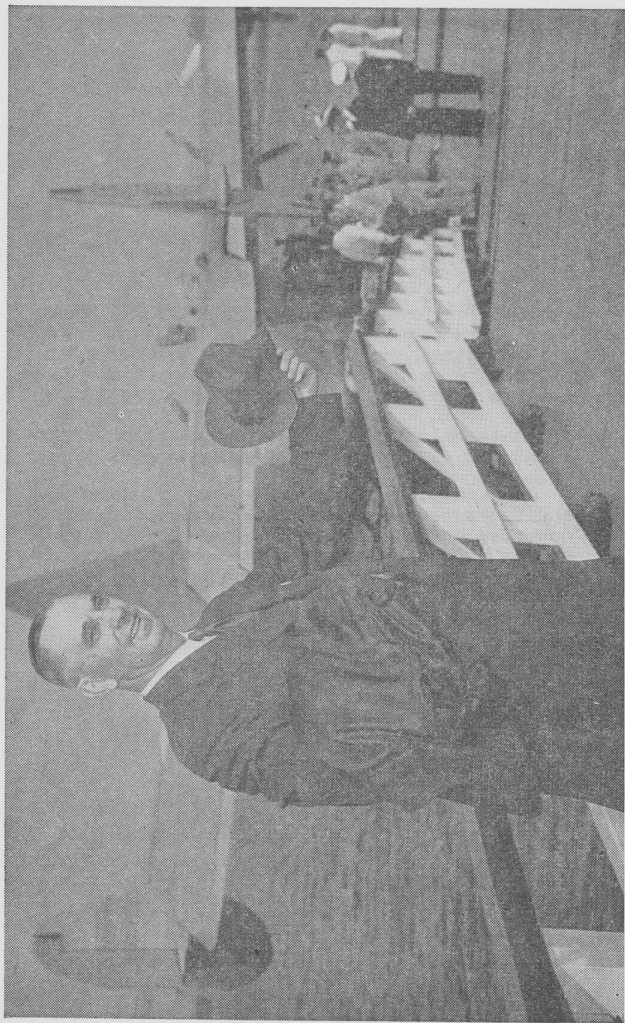
The bearer of this letter, Dr. J. Frank Norris, is one of the great pulpit speakers of this country. He is doing marvelous work to arouse the American people from their complacency and to develop a thorough understanding of the world war situation and of America's intimate relation to what Hitler and Hitlerism means for civilized countries.

I am glad thus to speak of Dr. Norris and to express my thanks in advance for such courtesy and cooperation as you may find it consistent to extend to him in connection with the great work he is carrying on.

Sincerely yours,



The Right Honorable
Winston Churchill,
Prime Minister,
London.



New York City—Dr. J. Frank Norris leaving on Pan American Clipper for Lisbon, bound for London.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1941.

Churchill, Norris Confer

By *International News Service.*

LONDON, Sept. 11. — A great worldwide "moral and spiritual reawakening" as a result of the war was predicted by Prime Minister Churchill Thursday.

The leader of Britain at war stated his beliefs regarding religion in a 45-minute interview with Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Detroit and the First Baptist Church of Fort Worth.

Rev. Mr. Norris, who arrived in London with a letter of introduction to Churchill from Secretary of State Hull, quoted the Prime Minister as saying:

"The whole issue is one of God or no God, faith or no faith, soul or no soul.

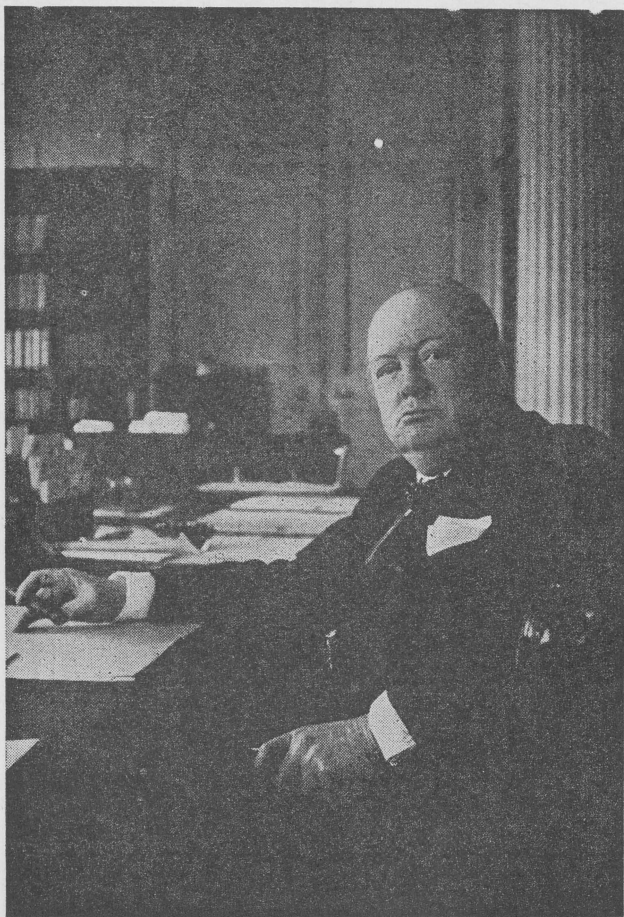
"One result of the war will be

a great moral and spiritual reawakening of the world. . . Religion is the hope of the world."

Churchill added that he had "clung to the same faith of my devoted American mother."

Norris will preach in English churches during a two-week tour of England. He is sending autographed photographs of Churchill to his churches in Detroit and Fort Worth.

When Dr. Norris was guest of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister was so interested in the two great churches, Temple and First Baptist, that he autographed one of his pictures for the churches. (Picture on opposite page.)



To First Baptist Church
Sept. 1941
Winston Churchill

(Reprinted from the Evening News, London, England)

WHO IS THIS AMERICAN?

"Who is this American, this country Baptist preacher? Why has he taken top headlines of the British press throughout the whole realm? What has he, in the most terrible war in the history of the Empire, that challenges our attention? He comes not as a special ambassador or official representative, not as an ecclesiastical dignitary.

"But he says things, and he hits straight from the shoulder. His language is unique, it is of the ranch, the farm, yet he has world events, of history and international events at his finger tips. He has made us laugh in these drab days. He captured the British press association, called in special meeting by the Ministry of Information to hear him.

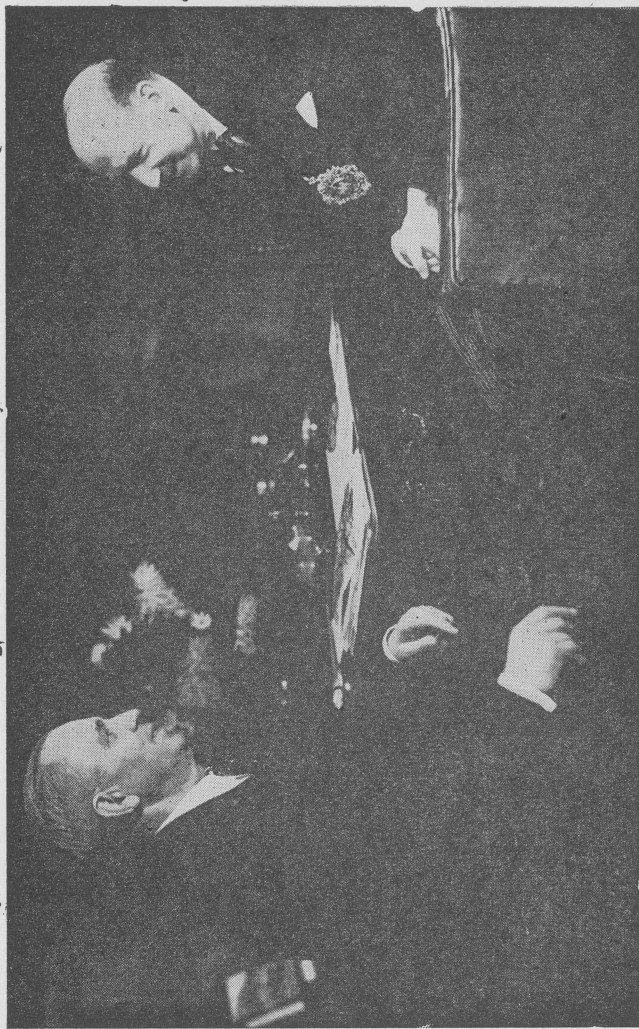
Preaches Hell Fire and Brimstone

"He is a Fundamentalist of the John Wesley order, and preaches hell fire and brimstone. One may not agree with his theology, but none can escape the contagious passion of his own conscious certainty of convictions on what he believes. Perhaps, we need again to hear the voice of no uncertain authority in matters religious.

"Sent and credentialed by the highest officials of his government, and immediately is the guest of the Prime Minister, the Right Honorable Winston Churchill. He is sponsored throughout Britain by the Ministry of Information, Honorable Brendan Bracken; and the guest of Honorable Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, and other Cabinet Ministers. He is received, entertained, and dined by the Lord Mayor of London in the Mansion House, and other Lord Mayors and by Lord Provosts of Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Pastor of Two Churches

"He preaches to overflowing crowds in the famous Spurgeon Church (Metropolitan Tabernacle) and to other large congregations. He was the guest of the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral for a day, and spoke to the large ball room of the Savoy Hotel, filled with clergymen of all faiths. What has he, this man, this plain everyday Texan, the pastor of the two largest congregations on the American Continent?"



Dr. Norris received by the Lord Mayor of London in the famous "Mansion House".

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Evening Standard

Flight to China

THE Reverend Dr. John Franklyn Norris, the American Baptist minister with the biggest pastorate in the world, leaves London to-night for Rome.

From there he will fly down the Empire line to the East. And his goal is Chungking war-time capital of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

After interviewing the Generalissimo, he is going on to Tokyo and from there home, where he intends to present a report on his journey to his friend, Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull. For Dr. Norris is a keen student of politics who holds vigorous views on international affairs.

He Fought Graft

Dr. Norris is 61, a man of powerful physique, with craggy features and a picturesquely violent vocabulary. He is known variously in his home town of Fort Worth as "The Fighting Parson" and the "Texas Cyclone."

To-day he is still hard at work in his pastorate of 7000 souls. His two principal churches are 1300 miles apart. But this does not deter the Doctor. He uses an airplane to carry him from one service to another.

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The Lord Mayor of London showing Dr. Norris the ruins of a church. He took him in his private car after giving him a reception in "The Mansion House."

An Interview with Dr. J. Frank Norris

BRITISH ^{THE} WEEKLY

PLAIN SPEAKING FROM AN AMERICAN

An Interview with Dr. J. Frank Norris

DR. J. FRANK NORRIS is the kind of American we like to have visit us, because he says what he means, and we can be sure that he will speak the same plain language when he returns home. He knows that it is not easy to show at the same time how terrible the menace of Hitlerism is and yet how it can be defeated—but the greatest danger, he says emphatically, lies in American speakers soft-pedalling the danger Britain is in. To finish the war quickly America must come in, and he welcomes the President's shoot first order, which the Navy will promptly obey.

It is his straight speaking that has won Dr. Norris his position in the States. He is pastor of two churches over a thousand miles apart, with 17,000 members between them and the two largest Sunday-schools in the world: but he is known far beyond his own Fundamental Baptist persuasion, and has preached to business men, to legislatures, to huge crowds all over the world. He preaches the Bible and only the Bible, he declares, and indeed it was never out of his hand during our interview.

The British Weekly on Dr. Norris' visit to Great Britain. The British Weekly, of London, England, is the most widely read religious publication in the world.



Dr. Norris speaking at
WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL COLISEUM, OCTOBER 1, 1939
Star-Telegram Monday, October 2nd, said:
"AN ESTIMATED 26,000 ATTENDED ALL SERVICES SUNDAY"



Congregation on the outside of
TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, DETROIT

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FAMOUS AMERICAN PREACHER VISITS BRITAIN

DR. J. FRANK NORRIS returned to the U.S. at last week, but at a special interview granted me at the Savoy Hotel, I learned that at the express desire of the Prime Minister and the Minister of

(The page referred to in the above)

In a Special Interview with our Representative

ing magistrates and so on at a luncheon. I said: "Do you want me to discuss?" He said: "Bring us down to earth. I am not a Roman Catholic." I said: "Well now, I can do

information, he hopes to return to Great Britain shortly for a further period of three months. The purpose of his visit to this country by arrangement with the Lord Mayors, and to preach the Gospel, pure and simple. Reports would go to the American Press, and thus the hearts of these two great democracies would be linked in a unique and vital way.

Those who have come in contact with Dr. Norris' Spirit-filled personality will know that his messages will be delivered with dynamic force and power. He said: "No man has found him 'intensely human.' This man of God from the States, who is Pastor of two churches 1,800 miles apart, with a combined membership of 7,600, is just that—intensely human."

During his morning sermon delivered in the ruined building of Spurgeon's Tabernacle, Dr. Norris told me that he had had a special interview with your Prime Minister whom we regard as one of the greatest statesmen of all time, and I said, "Mr. Churchill, my wife has your picture on the wall of her bedroom, and every night she says 'God bless you, Mr. Churchill.'" Dr. Norris bowed his head and closed his eyes, and then, with tears in his eyes, he said, "Tell me, Mr. Norris, I thank her; and keep on praying." I have the same faith that I received from my father.

"When I left him I said, 'I think this will be a suitable epitaph for the arch-enemy of this hour: Nahum 1: 14, 'I will make thy grave, for thou art as a stone, and as a wall of brick. It shall be written soon to suit me.'"

Dr. Norris feels for the women and the children, the babies and the old folk, in this war-stricken land, and he goes back to the other side to tell the world began as is now manifest in this little island.

Those of us who have seen and heard him will be able to conjure up in imagination the electrically-charged atmosphere as he addresses the listening multitudes, with the fire blazing from the eyes, and punching the truth home with that powerful last

Dr. J. FRANK NORRIS records his impressions—

has toured London's bomb damage, with the Lord Mayor. But this is not all. He said to me: "Conditions are a good deal worse than I thought. I shall take back a story that will break the hearts of our people. The number of people who have been killed or wounded or maimed in the terrible but, worse still, I learn that many of the old people have become mentally unbalanced."

"Even worse, I am told this very delicate thing, that many children have come prematurely, and even for those that are not, there is grave concern for their future. I think of those innocent babies! Thirty years hence? Criminologists now tell us that in most criminals there is some pre-natal influence. I believe that prophecy has more than come true. I think of the children who were concerned Matthew 24: 19: 'Who unto the day, end to them that give sack in those days.'"

Dr. Norris said: "Four years ago, when I was back in Germany, I saw this thing coming. I went over to see the people who were suffering in the war. But they struggled their shoulders. I said, 'Hitler speak. I never saw such a dynamic personality in my life. There were 140,000 people, and they were all there. I said, 'I will make thy grave.' But Hitler's epitaph is written: 'I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.' (Nahum 1: 14)."

"The other day when I got to Glasgow, the Lord Provost had a large group of military men, ship-

that. And the whole crowd of them were in tears in a few moments, and admitted that that is what I have seen several Cabinet Ministers, among others, Mr. A. V. Alexander, a cold, taciturn man, the most important man right now, I suppose, next to the Prime Minister, I said to Mr. Alexander, "I am glad to see you, and I am glad to see a great spiritual awakening?" He said: "When we look that way, and feel that way, I believe it will." Point No. 1. I said: "I am going to preach in Spurgeon's tabernacle on Sunday." He replied: "I will be glad to see you in this position like I once did. I must be on the job every minute." Point No. 2. He said "on the Lord's Day." The third thing, he said, "I am glad to see you, and I am glad to see Psalm and I never heard it quite in the same way. I made it a new song to me. I said to him, I am both amazed and pleased."

When he finished his eyes were filled with tears, and he said, "I am glad to see you, and I am glad to see the Atlantic to hear the First Lord of the Admiralty quote that Psalm."

I said to Lord Reith, your Minister for Reconstruction, who said the other day that planning was the only way to get out of this mess that we are in of all Britain: "It is a very strange experience, Lord Reith." He looked at me, and he said: "I don't think so. I believe profoundly that for America this war is a judgment of Almighty God."

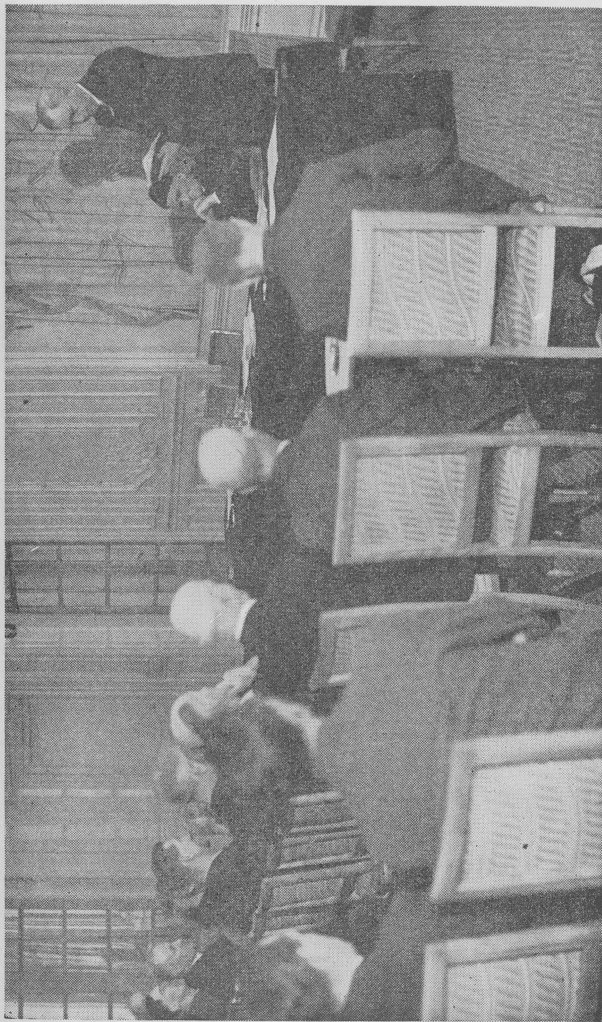
Speaking of his own work in America, Dr. Norris said: "Detroit is the biggest industrial place in the world, and the hardest place for preaching the Gospel. I said, 'I am going to put up the biggest tent ever.' I was told: 'You can't hold tent meetings here. People won't come. You just can't do it.'"

"But I did. I put up a tent, 272 feet long and 160 feet wide, and 1,012 people were converted and joined that church in three months. I said, 'I am glad to see you, and I am glad to see times were cold and dreary, shivering, but there was not a single service when people were not saved, for over three months. I said, 'I will make thy grave.' I said, 'I will make thy grave.' I said, 'I will make thy grave.' Both the churches, the one at time at Fort Worth and the one at





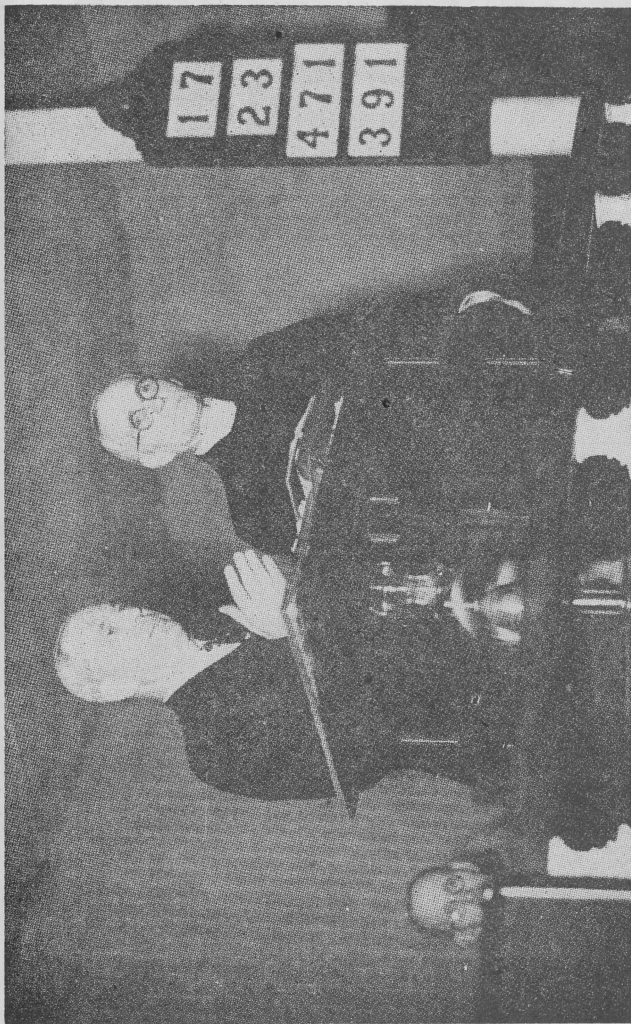
Dr. Norris in the private office of the Grand Mufti at Jerusalem.



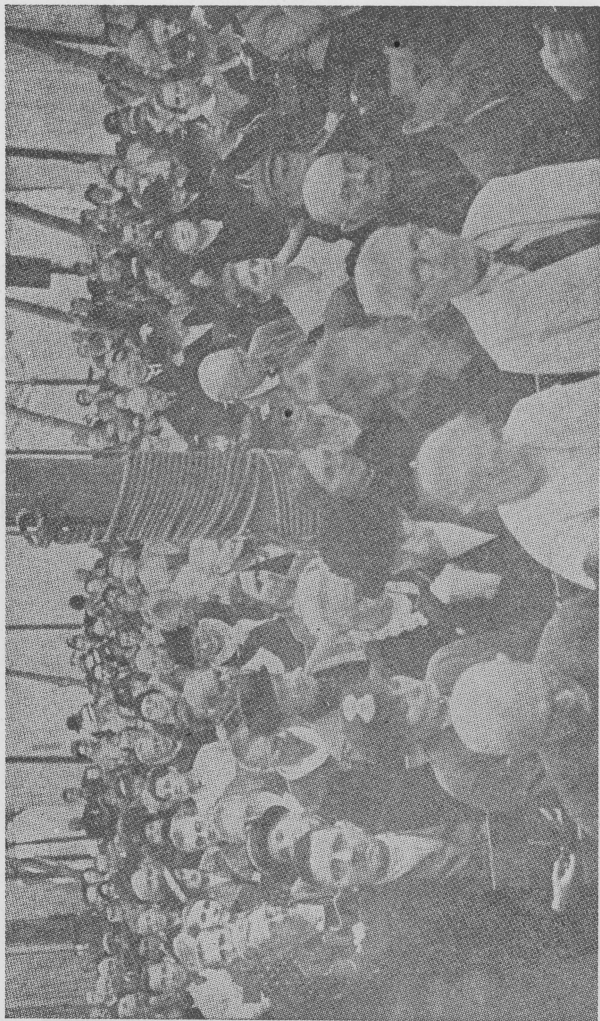
Dr. Norris speaking to a special called meeting of 200 ministers of all faiths in the ball room of the famous Savoy Hotel in London.
At the close of his address, there were many questions asked as to how he had great audiences, and the meeting closed with a season of earnest prayer, with the whole body of ministers kneeling on the ball room floor.



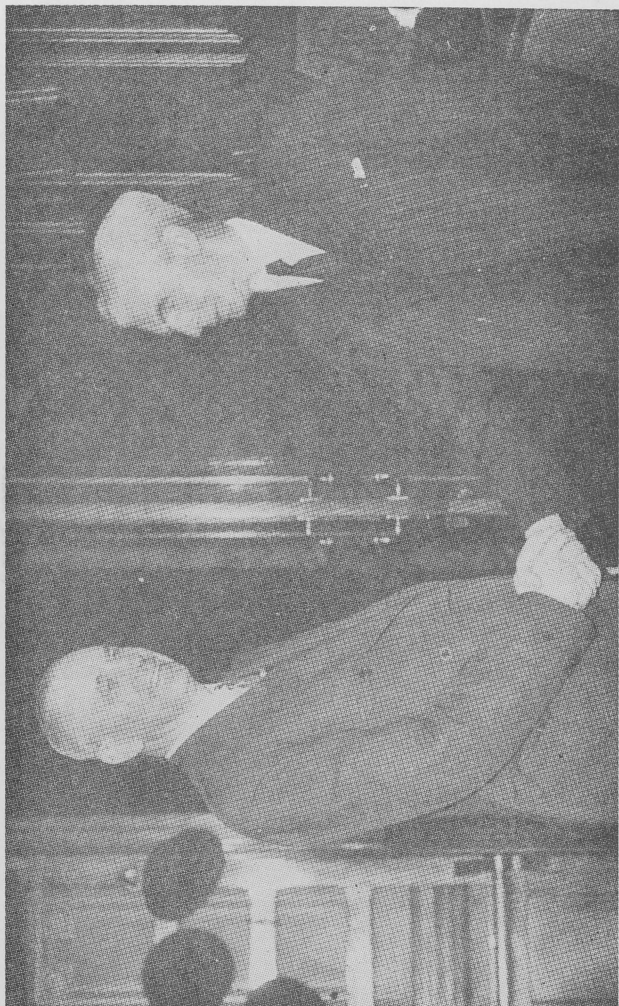
Dr. Norris preaching in the famous Spurgeon's Church, London.



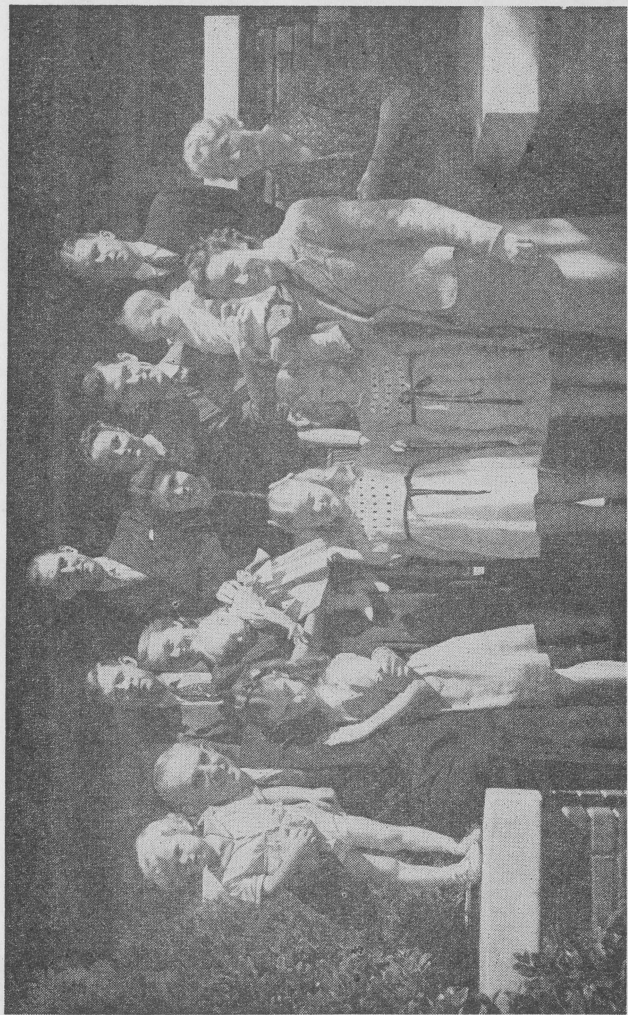
Dr. Norris and Dr. Graham Scroggie, Pastor Spurgeon's Church.



A Section of the Large Crowd That Heard Dr. Norris in Berlin in 1937.



Provost of Glasgow, Scotland, Welcoming Dr. Norris to the City.



The entire Norris family met in Fort Worth to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Norris back from their world tour.

**DR. T. T. SHIELDS OF TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA,
WRITES AS FOLLOWS ON THE FIRST BAP-
TIST CHURCH, FORT WORTH**

It is always a tonic for jaded spirits to come into the presence of Dr. Norris. He is always bubbling over like a mountain torrent, and radiates energy like the summer sun. We do not know much about the constitution of radium, but when it was discovered years ago by the Curies it was hailed as a new element. We understand, however, that one of the characteristics of radium is that it never diminishes, it never burns itself out. We have seen many human dynamos, many men of abounding energy, but almost invariably after a while their energy diminished, their pace slackened, they reached the crest of the hill and descended; and by and by they passed from public memory.

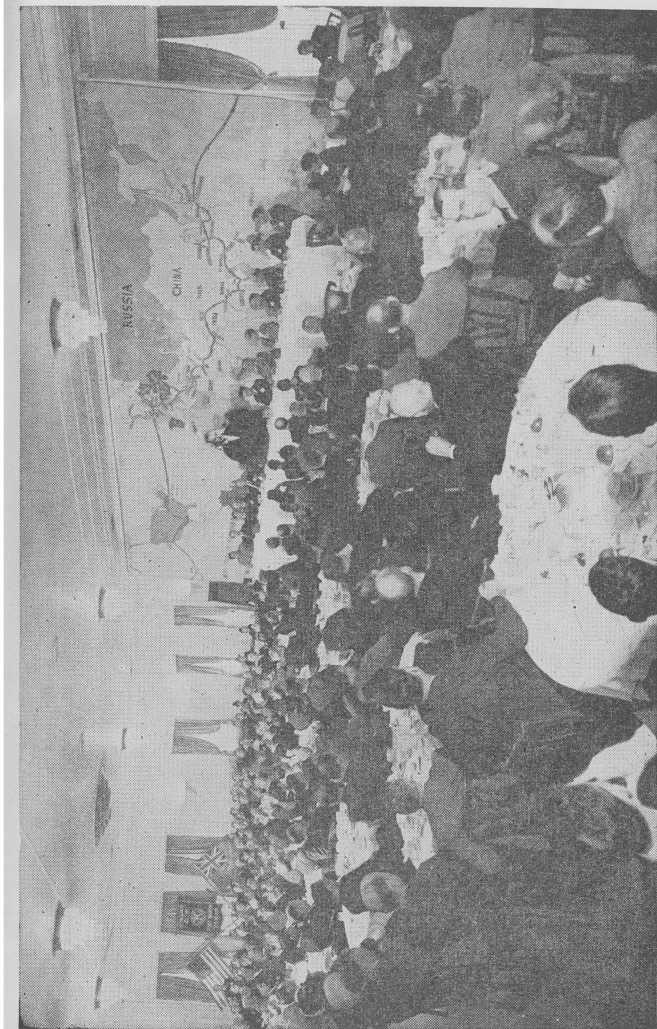
Dr. Norris is, of course, still a young man. It would therefore scarcely be appropriate to quote what is said of Moses in relation to him, that "his natural force was not abated." We have a suspicion that, were it possible chemically to analyze Dr. Norris' constitution it would be found to contain a large proportion of radium. At all events, we found it most refreshing to meet him again. It was like getting into a new atmosphere, electrically charged.

We were last in Fort Worth in 1926, when the old auditorium of the First Baptist Church was still standing. Dr. Norris and his people have seen strenuous times since then. Their building was destroyed by fire, and through failure of the insurance companies they received little insurance. For more than a year now they have been in their new auditorium. It has an enormous area. We shall not say what it will seat, although we know within fifty. The average estimate of a building's seating capacity is so far from being accurate that to give exact numbers would have the effect of misrepresenting things as they are to the popular mind. It is enough to say that from our count the First Baptist Church auditorium seats approximately the same as the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London. There is, however, this difference, Spurgeon's Tabernacle has two galleries, the Fort Worth auditorium has none; the people are seated on one ascending floor.

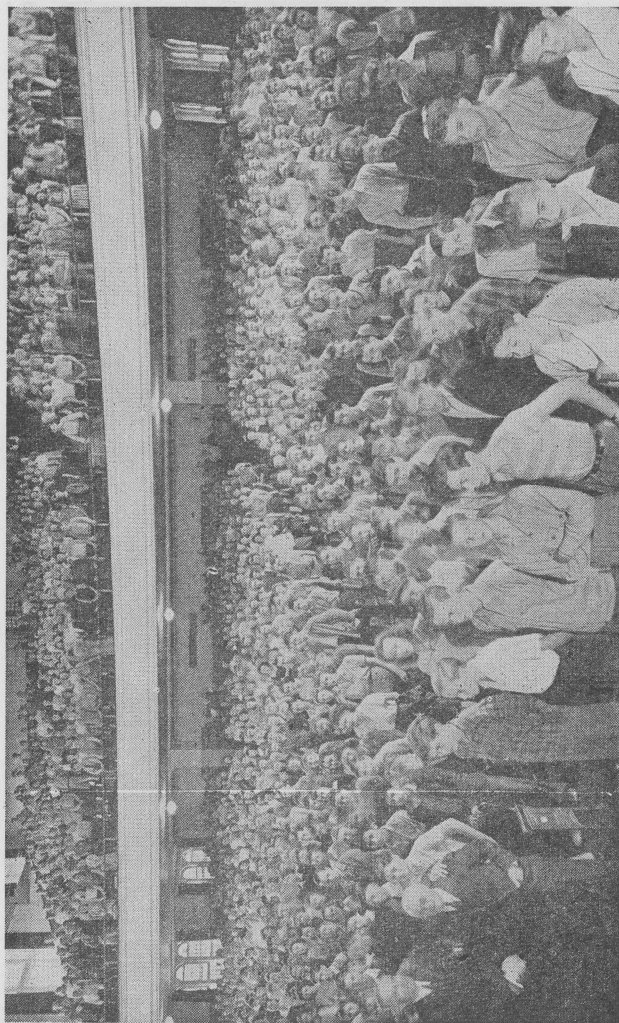
We have heard Dr. Norris many times, and in many places, under varying circumstances, but we were never more thrilled by his messages than we were when we heard him from his own platform in Fort Worth. Evidently he is a larger figure in Fort Worth than ever before. He enjoys a larger measure of public esteem, and is, therefore, more popular than ever before. In this, we greatly rejoice. There never was but one Dr. J. Frank Norris, and the passage of time serves only to endear him to the multitude, and more firmly to establish him in public confidence. May his bow long abide in strength.



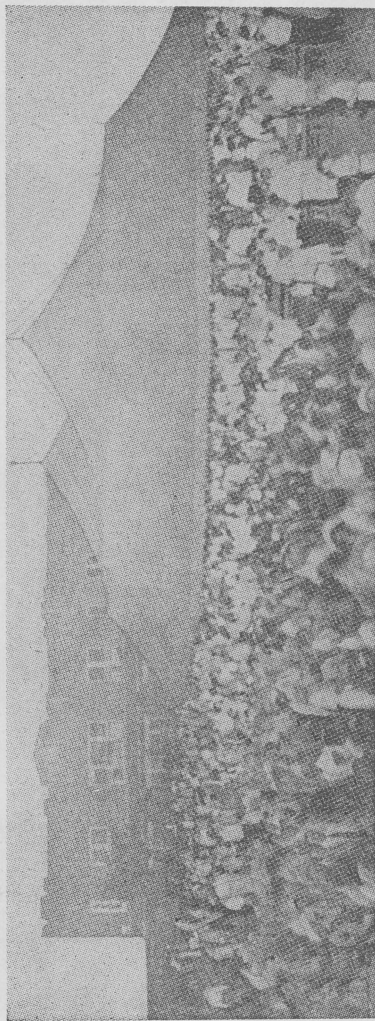
**25,000 Hear J. Frank Norris. Fort Worth Baseball Park, June 7th.
The Panoramic Picture Was So Large It Had to Be Cut in Three
Parts to Get On One Page.**



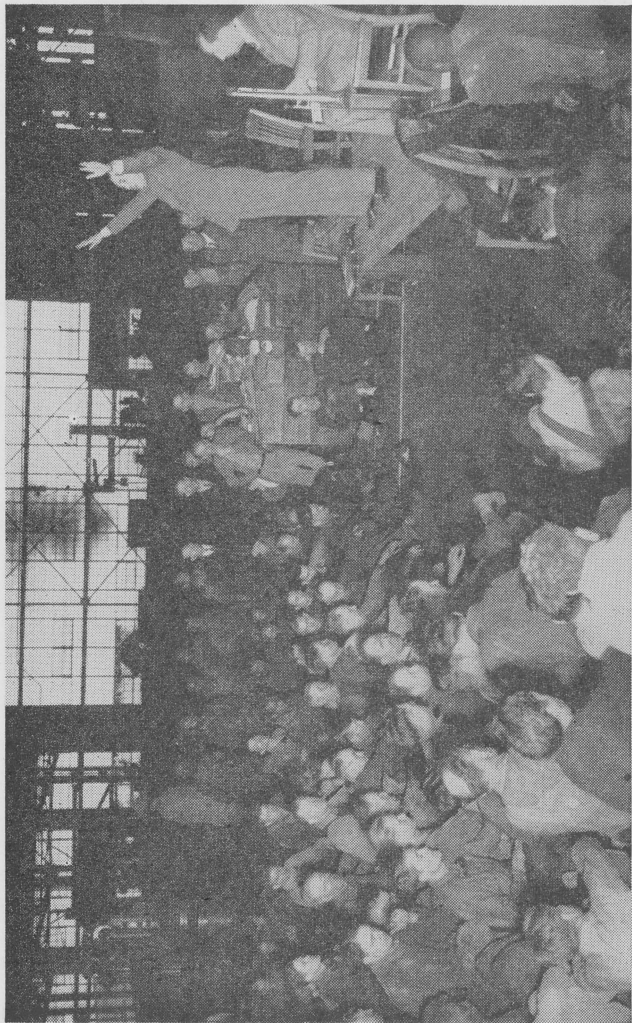
The business men of Fort Worth, representing all banks, corporations, business and professional men, honored Dr. J. Frank Norris in the Crystal Ball Room of the Texas Hotel on his return from tour around the world.



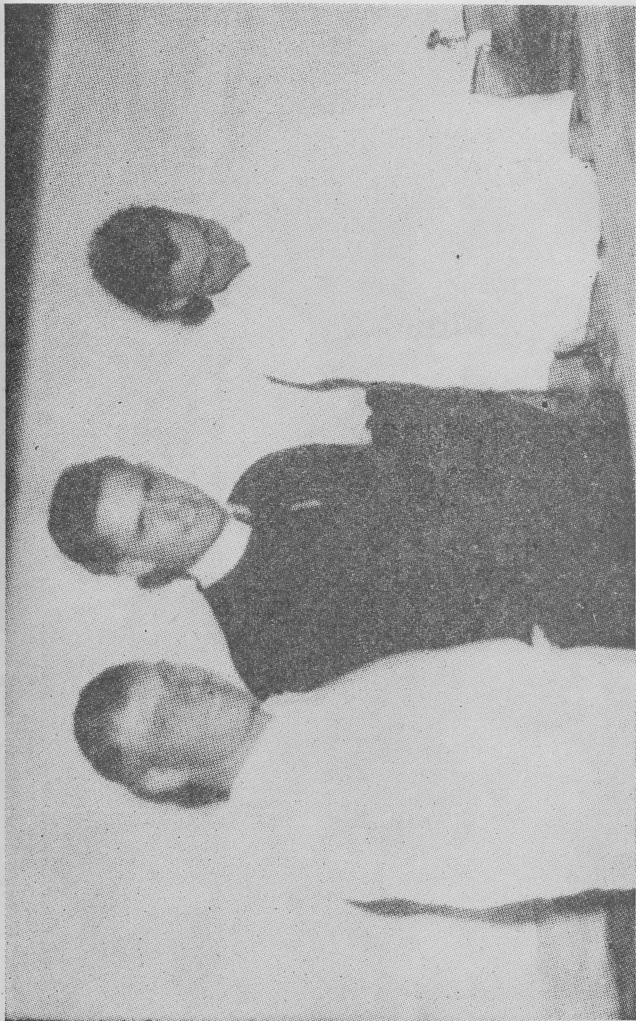
Dr. Norris speaking to students at Paschal High School, Fort Worth. Invited by school authorities, all classes adjourned to hear him. Packed auditorium shows his popularity with students.



During his 34 years in Fort Worth Dr. Norris conducted 104 tent or open air meetings. The above picture was taken of his meeting on East Weatherford Street, Fort Worth, 1934.



The above picture is one of the Meetings Dr. Norris holds for Railroad Shops. He goes to all shops, factories, packing houses, and all these places stop or shut down work in order to hear the Gospel by Dr. Norris.



Baptism of first soldier saved at Camp Wolters' Auditorium and a tent-mate whom he led to the Lord.



Rev. George Norris baptizing in the new Baptist Church, Fort Worth.



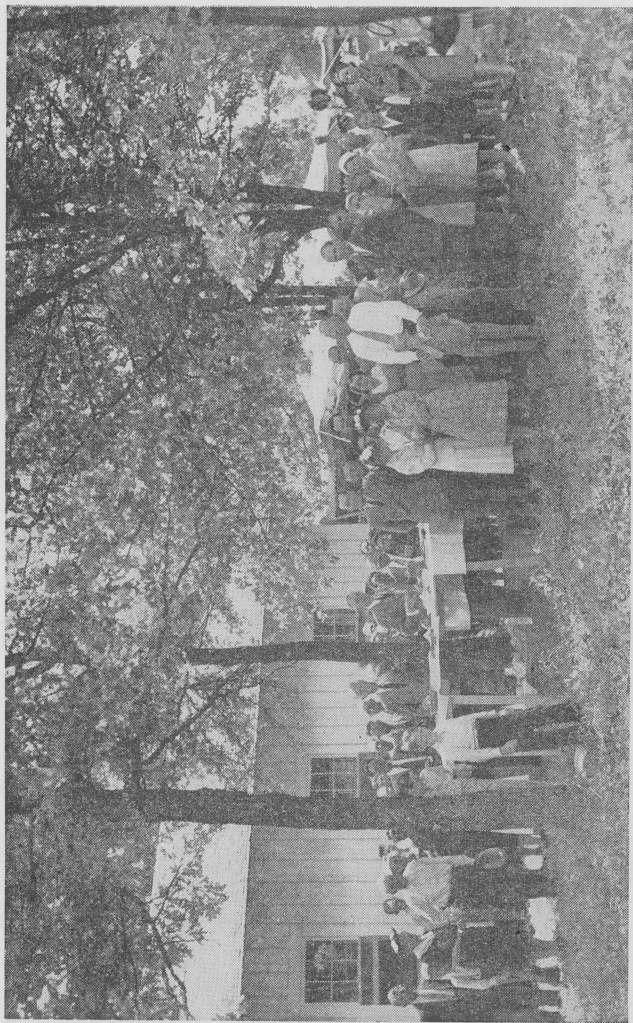
A part of the crowd assembled in the 17th District Court, Tarrant County, to hear Dr. Norris bring a gospel message. All courts assembled for this special message. It was in this same court room that the conspiracy against Dr. Norris was tried 30 years ago.



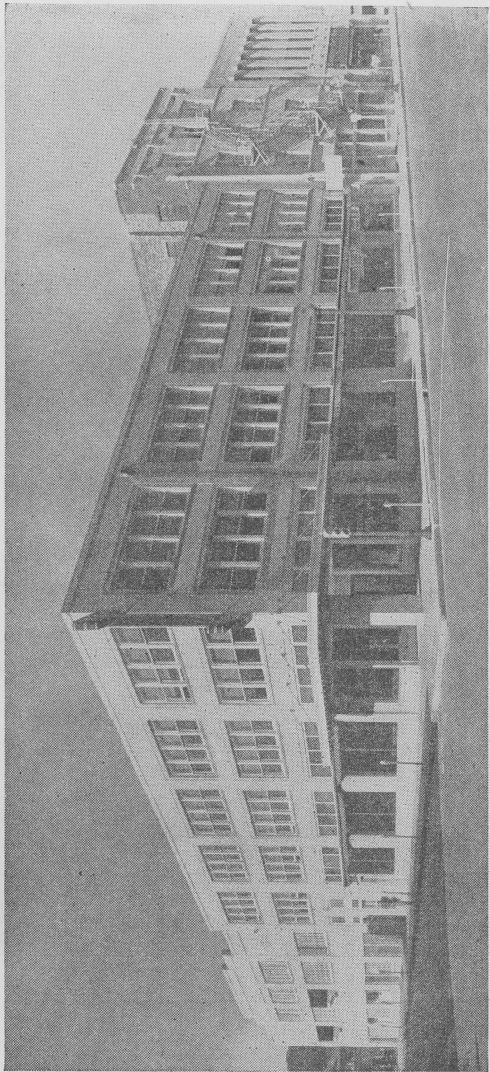
The leading stores closed their doors and called all their employees together to hear a Gospel message by Dr. Norris. The above picture is of the Monnig Dry Goods Company, several hundred employees listening to Dr. Norris.



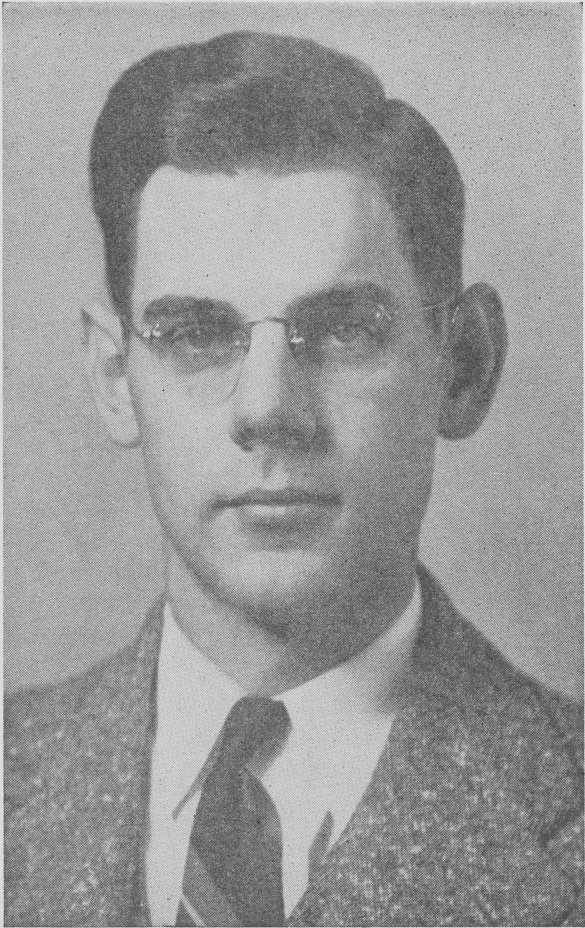
The above picture is Leonard Brothers employees listening to Dr. Norris preach. He has standing invitations from all places of business in Fort Worth.



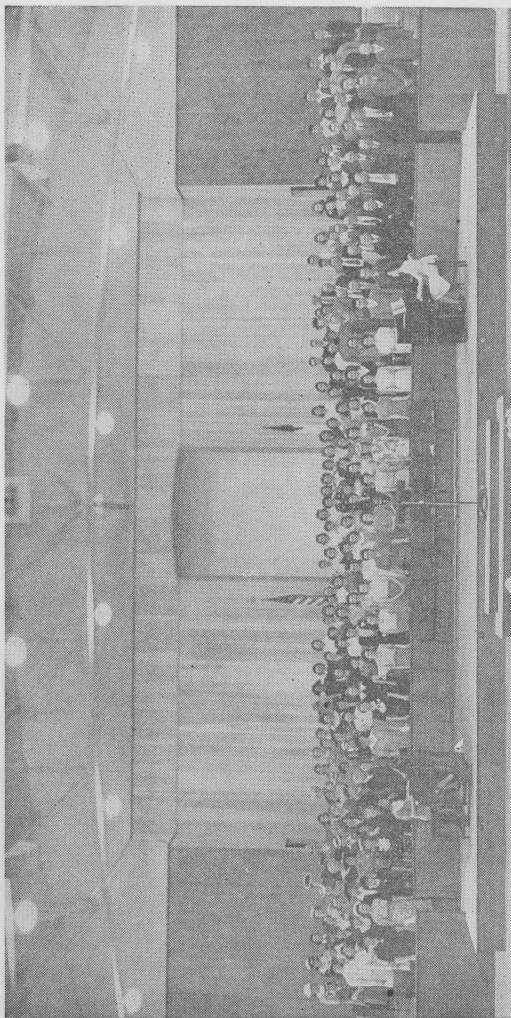
Dr. Norris gives large amount of time to country churches. This is Oak Grove Baptist Church, Oklahoma. There were over 50 ministers present. Dr. Norris to right of pecan tree from right.



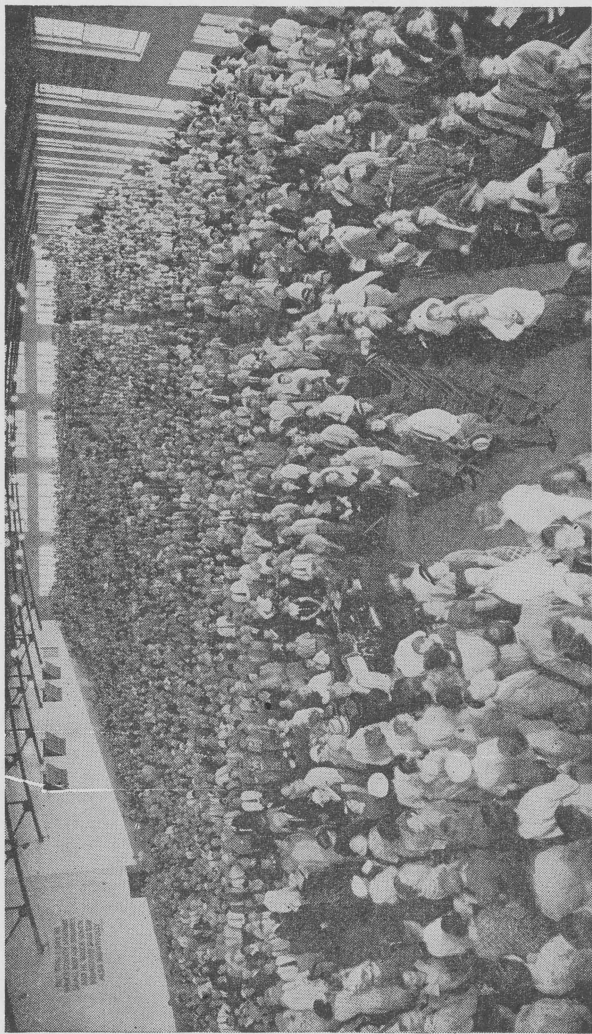
First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas



REV. GEORGE L. NORRIS, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas



The Choir First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas



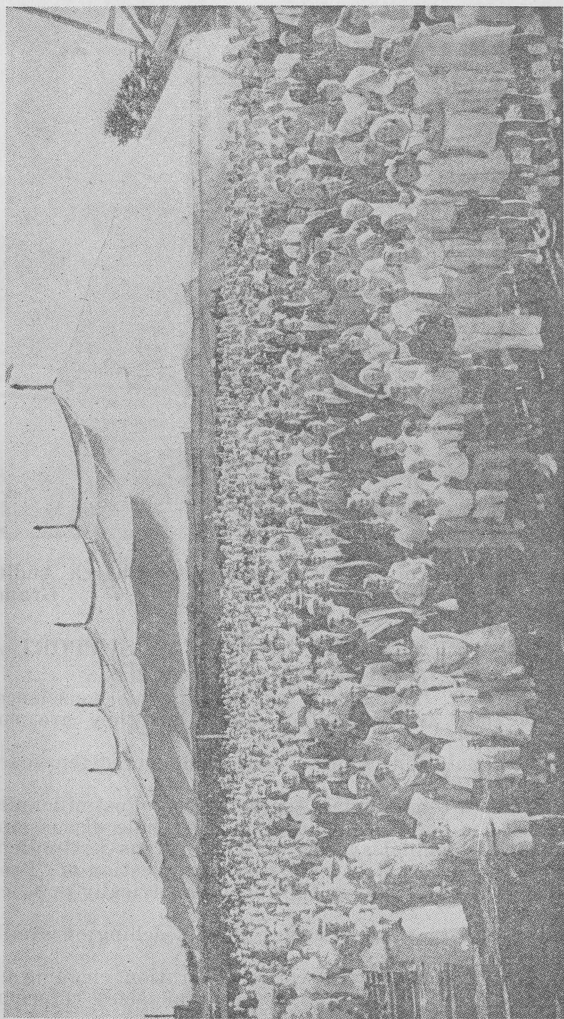
Sunday morning service, First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.



Our Missionaries — Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Wells and Baby (after landing from the Gripsholm)



**Our Missionaries — Rev. and Mrs. Fred Donnelson and Miss Lois Donnelson
(Snap taken after they landed from the Gripsholm)**



A part of the crowd attending revival led by Dr. J. Frank Norris in five-pole tent at Oakman Boulevard and Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. The tent covered 45,000 square feet and seating over 8,000.



Proposed Plan for New Temple Baptist Church Auditorium to be built after the war on four and one-third acre lot on Grand River Avenue — Detroit

NO HONEST PREMILLENNIALIST CAN SUPPORT A POSTMILLENNIAL PROGRAM

He may do it, but he has got to stifle his conscience. Some say they are Premillennialists, but they are not Premillennialists—"It is from the lips out."

Here is a quotation from an address delivered ten years ago.

The issue, Premillennial truth versus Postmillennial error, is at the bottom, underneath this whole discussion; it is the Premillennial system of truth versus postmillennial system of error. It is more than the question of "Pre" or "post", it is two systems that are diametrically opposed to each other.

Premillennial truth emphasizes Bible teaching; postmillennial error, education.

Premillennial truth emphasizes regeneration, cleaning up the individual, postmillennial error emphasizes reformation, cleaning up society.

Premillennial truth emphasizes divine leadership; postmillennial error emphasizes human leadership.

Premillennial truth emphasizes gospelizing; postmillennial error emphasizes institutionalizing.

Premillennial truth emphasizes the hastening of the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the coming of the King; postmillennial error emphasizes the gradual process of saving the world.

Premillennial truth emphasizes the freedom of the local church; postmillennial error emphasizes denominationalism.

Premillennial truth puts the emphasis on the independence of the local church; postmillennial error emphasizes headquarters of the local church.

Premillennial truth puts the emphasis on a Holy Spirit-led ministry; postmillennial error puts the emphasis on a machine-controlled ministry.

Premillennial truth puts the emphasis on sending out evangelistic missionaries; postmillennial error emphasizes

sending out enlisted men, to go out and get everybody to sign a pledge.

Premillennial truth emphasizes Spiritual motivation; postmillennial error emphasizes a worldly program.

Premillennial truth emphasizes uplifting the sinner by the New Birth; postmillennial error emphasizes uplifting society by social service.

Premillennial truth puts the emphasis on grace, postmillennial error puts the emphasis on works.

Premillennial truth puts the emphasis on witnessing for Christ to the whole world; postmillennial error on the tyranny of denominationalism to the whole.

Premillennial truth puts the emphasis on building Bible Institutions to train teachers in handling aright the Word of Truth and winning souls to Christ, postmillennial error on building secular institutions to train a ministry for an ecclesiastical program.

Premillennial truth has produced such preachers as Peter, Paul, John, nearly all the early church fathers, John Knox, the Wesleys, Finney, John Bunyan, Spurgeon, F. B. Meyer, Moody, and every other really great evangelist of this age; postmillennial error has produced the leaders for social reform and denominationalism.

Premillennial truth has produced the Fundamentalists of today; postmillennialism has produced the modernists.

Premillennial truth is destined to a glorious success; the postmillennial program is doomed to complete and utter failure.

Then—and Now



Rev. J. Frank Norris . . . thousands of miles between photos.

Rev. Mr. Norris Completes 34th Year as Pastor

Rev. J. Frank Norris, who has been a resident pastor in Fort Worth longer than any other pastor in the city, will celebrate his thirty-fourth anniversary in the First Baptist Church Sunday.

During this period Rev. Mr. Norris has held meetings in 45 of the 48 States and in Ireland, Wales, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Egypt, Palestine, Iraq, Iran and China.

He was the guest of the British government last Fall, of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and five members of the British cabinet. He delivered addresses under auspices of Lord Mayors of London, Bristol, Glasgow, Edinburgh and other cities. He now has invitations to return for evangelistic campaigns throughout Great Britain.

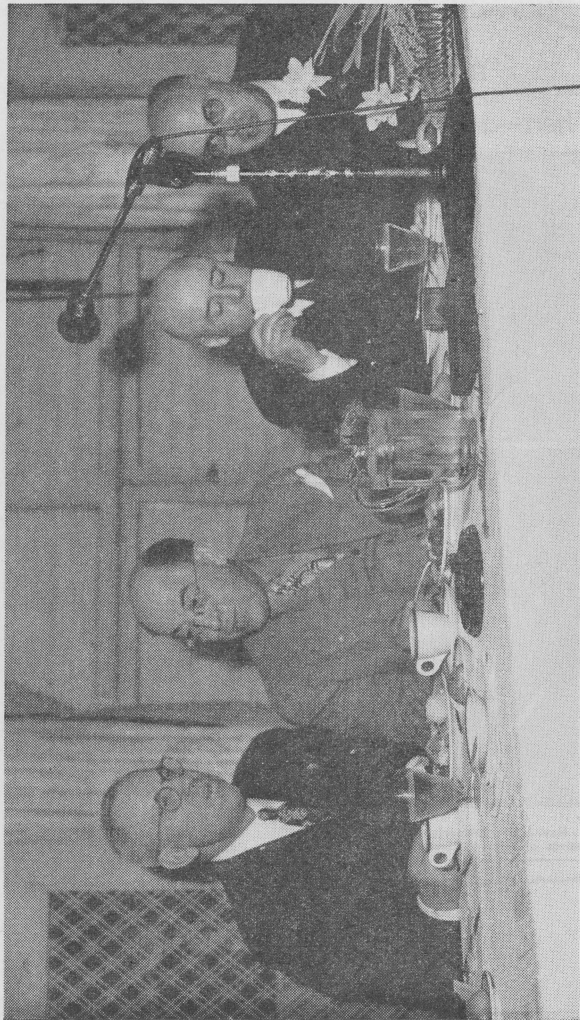
Rev. Mr. Norris has traveled more than 600,000 miles during his pastorate here. Included are two round-the-world trips on which Mrs. Norris accompanied him.

He is the joint-pastor of two of the largest congregations in America, First Baptist Church and the Temple Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., and two of the largest Sunday Schools on the American continent.

More than 200 pastors, missionaries and Christian workers have gone out from his ministry. Among them are Rev. John Birch, now a chaplain with the Army at Chungking, China, and Rev. Oscar Wells of Shanghai, China.

The Bible Institute, of which Rev. Mr. Norris is head, is only three years old and to date has enrolled more than 300 students from 35 States.

Funds totaling \$3,200,000 have been raised for all purposes during Rev. Mr. Norris' ministry. He has received invitations from churches in Detroit, New York, Atlanta, Ga., and Boston, Mass., to take their pulpits.



The above picture was the speaker's stand at the Economic Club where fifteen hundred industrialists gathered to hear Hon. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Reading from left to right, they are: Dr. J. Frank Norris, Malcolm W. Bingay, Editor of the Detroit Free Press; Hon. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Mr. B. E. Hutchinson, Executive Vice-President and Finance Committee Chairman of the Chrysler Corporation.



When Hon. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the American Congress, was the guest of Mr. K. T. Keller, President of the Chrysler Corporation, and Dr. J. Frank Norris, they went through the largest tank factory in the world, The Chrysler Tank Factory.

From right to left, Hon. Sam Rayburn, President K. T. Keller, and Dr. J. Frank Norris.

The Plan of Salvation

(1) Why is it necessary for a soul to be saved?

The Scriptures declare:

(1) "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." Rom. 3:10.

(2) "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Rom. 3:20.

(3) "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

(5) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

(5) "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:20.

(6) "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18.

(7) "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

(8) "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

(2) How to be saved?

The Scriptures answer:

(1) "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:30-31.

(2) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."—John 1:12.