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JUNE 23, 1960



## Maintaining Urgency In The Pulpit

A MEMBER of a pulpit committee said recently their committee had visited a number of our churches in quest of a prospective pastor to recommend to their church. This man went on to say that they had heard a number of good sermons, well organized, and rather carefully delivered. He observed that they would have been good messages for a service club or an after-dinner speech — in every instance, he remarked, they lacked fire.



DR. WHITLOW

This is a pretty serious observation. Extremes are usually best to be avoided. All of us deplore sermons when they are largely heat with but little light. On the other hand, messages that grip the hearts of people must first grip the heart of the messenger.

If this appraisal is indicative of a widespread condition it should concern every one of us — preachers and laymen. For us preachers to lose a sense of urgency from our preaching would be a sacrifice none of us would want to suffer.

How can the divine urgency be maintained and made to burn with-

in our hearts? Bible study, prayer, meditation and recurring experiences of personally talking with men about their salvation are some of the ingredients which kindle this fire. There is no substitute for baring our minds and hearts to God's message about the need, condition and destiny of men.

The laymen can do much to help provide the pastor with the opportunity to make this personal preparation by assuming more of the details of the administration of church affairs.

There is another thing also. What pastor has not come to his pulpit fired with a message only to look out over the congregation and see there is no one present to respond to the call of salvation. Every person present is a member of the church. This takes the fire out of the preacher's soul.

Our laymen could do much to "bring the lost" into the services. The laymen should be inspired, but every man among us should also realize his personal responsibility for getting the lost under the preaching of the gospel. This would go a long way in filling the heart of the pastor with a holy zeal.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

## Rural Church Uses Forward Program

PHILADELPHIA, a rural church in Mt. Zion Association, used the Forward Program of Church Finance this year.



DR. DOUGLAS

We received an unsolicited letter from Rev. Paul Stockemer, pastor, and we would like to share some of it with our readers.

"Thank you for your letter of last week advising me that the Forward Program report forms would be mailed to me as soon as you received some more of them.

of tithers, 94 (125 per cent increase from last year).

"Although the church had asked the people to make pledges before, the response was not like this year. On Victory Sunday we had three by letter and one on profession of faith.


"Yesterday the church treasurer gave me the financial report for April and it showed even greater blessings than I have described, as the church (the first month after the campaign — our campaign was February and March) averaged \$455 a Sunday. This represents a record in giving for any month in the entire history of the church.

"I cannot thank you and Dr. Whitlow enough for the inspiration that you gave to me those two days you were in our Association conducting the clinic in the spring of 1959. I want to thank you again for coming in December to speak to our people about the blessings of the Forward Program. This was also a real help to our people in seeing the blessings of the Program."

"However, I couldn't wait to record the information on the necessary forms as we have such a glowing report to make to you. Surely, the Lord has blessed us more than we ever anticipated. One of my fine men expressed only one regret about the campaign and this was it: 'I am sorry that I did not put more into the campaign as it is certainly worthy of our best.'

"This fine man had just heard of the giving record set by our church in the first month after our campaign. Here are the results of our campaign: Church membership, 300; Sunday School Enrollment, 238; 1959 Budget, \$14,924; 1960 Budget, \$21,424 (50 per cent increase); Number

It would have cost this rural church about \$7,000 in money plus about one hundred tithers, if the pastor had not led the people to use the Forward Program of Church Finance.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.



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## Kentucky Newspaperwoman Is Named Managing Editor of 'Arkansas Baptist'



MISS WILLIS

COMING to Arkansas soon to be a member of the editorial staff of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* will be Miss Joan Willis, for the past several years a member of the staff of the Owensboro (Ky.) *Messenger and Inquirer*.

Miss Willis was recently elected to the position of managing editor by the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and will begin her new duties July 1. She will succeed Miss Shirley Johnson, of Little Rock and DeWitt, who resigned recently as assistant to the editor, to continue her education at Columbia University, New York City.

Born in Owensboro, Ky., Miss Willis received her secondary education in the Owensboro High School. She received the A.B. degree from Georgetown College, Baptist senior college at Georgetown, Ky., in 1953 with a major in History and Political Science and a minor in English.

For two years she taught in the Beaver Dam (Kv.) High School. She has been with the *Messenger and Inquirer* since 1955, serving as a reporter, a general news and feature writer and, for some time now, as woman's editor. Her reporting has been in such varying fields as the night police beat, religious news and serving as farm editor. She is a news photographer, often making photographs to illustrate her articles.

She is a Baptist and has been active in 1st Baptist Church, Owensboro, where Dr. Jess Moody is pastor. One summer she served as a student missionary for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, working with Spanish-speaking people in the San Antonio, Tex., area.

She has been one of a group of 200 newspaper people from the nation to cover the New York Couture Group for the past two summers, and will make this assignment, as previously scheduled, this summer.

In addition to her newspaper duties Miss Willis has served as public relations director for the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association in Kentucky and as a campaign chairman for a Georgetown College financial drive.

Miss Willis is a member of Religious Newswriters Association of America, Kentucky Farm Press and Radio Association, Owensboro Junior Woman's Club, and she is an honorary member of the Owensboro Business and Professional Woman's Club. ■

## Crime Record

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has announced that the first three months of 1960 constitute the worst period in the nation's history for crimes. He said that a seven per cent increase in the total number of crimes reported by cities over 25,000 includes an 11 per cent increase in murders, a 10 per cent jump in burglaries and a seven per cent rise in robberies.

Forcible rapes and felonious assaults showed a five per cent increase over the 1959 rate, while auto theft increased six per cent and larcenies increased five per cent.

The material is based on preliminary statistics supplied by municipal police forces.

## On 'Church of Air'

FT. WORTH, TEX.—Dr. Edgar M. Arendall, pastor of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., will represent the Southern Baptist Convention on CBS "Church of the Air," Sunday, July 10, according to Dr. Paul M. Stevens.



**BREAKING** ground June 12 for construction of a new parsonage for 1st Church, England, were, left to right: Mrs. George Yarbrough, secretary of the Building committee; Pastor Harold White; Pat Henderson, chairman of the committee, and Ralph F. Houser, Little Rock, contractor. Estimated cost is \$24,769.

Members of the Building committee not pictured are: Charles D. McKenzie, Henry Good, John Hicks, Don Majors, Herman Perry, Mrs. J. E. Swaim, Mrs. Paul Godsey, Mrs. Foster White and Miss Hazel Poe.



**T**HE lawless mobs of Japan have, for the moment, had their way. They have achieved their immediate objective of pulling in the welcome mat and closing the door in the face of President Eisenhower. Whether or not the mobs will achieve their long-range goal of rejecting the proposed United States-Japan defense pact remains to be seen. That they have chosen a foolish way to assert themselves, the way of godless anarchy, there can be no doubt. Mobism is far more destructive among those who participate in it than for those whose stand for law and its due processes is assaulted.

**Good Can Come From Japanese Debacle**

The tragic thing about lawless mobs is that many of the people who form them are well-meaning. Like those who gloried in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, "they know not what they do." Many of the foulest crimes in history have been perpetrated in the name of religion. Men moved by their depravity have thought they were doing the will of God, that they had been ordained of God to wreak his vengeance on their fellow men.

Thomas Jefferson declared:

The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

**B**UT mere knowledge, as acquired from the daily press, is not sufficient, for it has no power to regenerate mankind, it cannot make men new creatures in Christ. If we would have the proper perspective in our world, we must read and heed our Bibles as well as our newspapers.

Wendell Phillips, who declared "One on God's side is a majority," said:

Truth is one forever absolute, but opinion is truth filtered through the moods, the blood, the disposition of the spectator.

God, through the power of his Word, makes the filter what it must be if opinion is to be close to the truth. The knowledge the people of the world need desperately is contained in the words of Jesus:

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh to the father but by me."

**D**EMONSTRATIONS such as the world has just witnessed in Japan are not restricted to any one locale or to any nation or group of nations. The tendency of people to thumb their noses at all authority, including that of civil government itself, and to go on the false assumption that might makes right, even if it is the might of a mob, seems to be spreading. This places a tremendous responsibility on Christians, those to whom God has given the great treasure of the Gospel of Christ. Some good will come even from the Japanese debacle and others like it if we Christians can be brought to repentance and rededication to our world task.

Let us confess to our shame that card-carrying, mob-inciting, self-sacrificing Communists are often far more zealous in their efforts to ensnare the souls of the people to their godless religion than we Christians are to lead the people of the world to Christ.—ELM ■

*Our Only Refuge*

**G**EOGRAPHY never was one of my favorite subjects in school. I always got lost in the maze of facts about so many places that were so far away from Lone Gum. But there were a lot of interesting pictures to look at in those big geography books that were in use 40 years ago.



ELM

One of the most fascinating things to us children who used to have to help mend the fences to keep the cows out of the corn were pictures of the Great Wall of China—a wall 25 feet wide at the base, 25 feet high and 1,500 miles long!

What a wall! And they say it was started about 200 years before the birth of Christ.

It seems that from the earliest times men have had cause to be afraid of fellow men. The China Wall was built to keep out the enemy tribes of Northern Asia. All the way across it, every 200 to 300 yards, is a watchman's tower. For hundreds of years, the wall withstood assault after assault from the enemy.

Then, we are told, one day a man who had the innocent appearance of a simple shepherd approached the wall and engaged one of the guards in conversation. The guard had been drinking intoxicants and his own wall was down. Soon the "shepherd" was successful in bribing him to open a gate just for a few minutes.

No sooner was the gate open than hordes of marauders from everywhere were swarming in. The wall that had been a wall of defense for a thousand years did not fall—it is still standing. But one watchman failed. And the wall was no stronger than its weakest watchman.

As recent as World War II, a nation of people, the French, were counting on a great defense line, the Maginot Line, to keep the enemy out. But Hitler's Panzer units scarcely slowed down, in driving across the Maginot Line to take France.

Today we are more concerned than ever about an adequate defense. The oceans that used to serve as protective barriers are now open highways to enemy submarines. Our cities are in the sights of Russian missile-launching devices. There literally are no places to hide.

God is the world's only refuge:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Psalm 127:1).

*Erwin L. McDonald*



**THE PEOPLE SPEAK**

**THE ACCUSERS**

**Methodist Friends**

WHEN I read "Is This My Room?" in your personally speaking column [May 26 issue] I thought it so good that I took it over for my daughter to read. She enjoyed it so much that she asked permission to keep it. She and her children are Methodists . . . So this morning the 16-year-old daughter was asked unexpectedly to have the opening in Young People's department at Sunday School. She asked her mother about some material to use. "I have the very thing," the mother said and she brought out your article which the daughter gladly used.

Thank you so much for such a fine paper.—Mrs. Grace B. Mabrey, Heber Springs

**Reply:** Thanks so much, Mrs. Mabrey, for your kind words and for this "mission work" among the Methodists. We appreciate the fact that we have many wonderful Methodist friends. One of the latest subscribers to our paper is Methodist layman W. Q. Hall, Huntsville attorney, who subscribed after reading our column on "Frustrated Fishermen," issue of June 16.—ELM

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**No Adult Camp**

DUE to so many camps, assemblies, and other meetings, I have been forced to call off the general assembly of Ravenenden Springs. This is the Adult week I am calling off. I believe that date is July 11-15. I would like for you to run this in the paper . . . so that people will know that it has been called off, please.

We hope to have some kind of plans soon for the coming year in regards to the Adult assembly. We will let you know in plenty of time to give us plenty of publicity for the next summer.—Lawrence Ray, Pastor, 1st Church, Pocahontas

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**Whittington Recording**

I AM wanting to borrow the tape recording of the sermon my husband, the late Dr. Otto Whittington, preached at the Centennial Celebration of the organization of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at Tulip. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this recording, please contact the editor of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 401 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, or get in touch with me directly. It is needed for some records we are wanting to make.—Mrs. Otto Whittington, 1609 W. 8th Street, Little Rock



... EVEN AS CHRIST FORGAVE YOU, SO ALSO DO YE"  
—COL. 3:13

**Facts of Interest**

. . . Based on past statistics, only 55 per cent of the pupils now in the fifth grade will graduate from high school in 1967. The remainder will drop out of school. In some sections of the country, the percentage is even higher. A recent survey in Indianapolis has revealed the principal causes of the drop-outs as follows: dislike of school (18.5 per cent), going to work (14.2 per cent), expulsion (11.6 per cent), and reaching the legal leaving age of 16 (11.4 per cent).

. . . The little red schoolhouse still exists in the United States, according to a recent survey made by the National Education Association. During 1959, 23,695 one-teacher schools were operated—20 per cent of all public schools. The typical teacher in these schools is a married woman, 45, with two children, who has taught for eleven years, works fifty-four hours a week, makes \$2,923 a year, and attended college for less than four years.

. . . The Tax Foundation, Inc., recently calculated that the average American toils two hours and sixteen minutes out of each eight hours he spends at work just to meet his tax bills—four minutes longer than it took in 1958. The foundation divides the rest of the proceeds of an eight-hour working day as follows: Food and tobacco, one hour and twenty-eight minutes; housing and household operations, one hour and twenty-four minutes; transportation, thirty-six minutes; clothing and accessories, thirty-four minutes; medical care, nineteen minutes; recreation, eighteen minutes; all other, one hour and five minutes.

. . . QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The man who drinks now and then usually drinks more now than then."—The Survey Bulletin



## Arkansas All Over

### Current River, Gainesville

OPEN house was held June 12 for the new office and remodeled home of Missionary and Mrs. Dale Maddux, of the Current River and Gainesville Associations, Corning. The recent building program included addition of the office space and a new bedroom. Fifty people attended.

FIRST Church, Corning, Rev. W. R. Vestal, Jr., pastor, reached the Vacation Bible School Standard for 1960. Average attendance of the school this year was 76. A mission offering of \$32.97 was given for the Cooperative Program.

ORDAINED recently as deacons of 1st Church, Ravenden Springs, were: John Neighbors and Rimel James. Rev. Lawrence Ray served as moderator, Missionary Dale Maddux led the examination and Rev. Jack Sharbut preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Billy Cartwright, a recent graduate of Southern College, is pastor.

NEW HOPE Church, Pollard, held their first Standard Vacation Bible School in 20 years. Total enrollment was 96 with an average attendance of 77. An offering of \$30.01 was given for the Cooperative Program. Rev. Edgar Griffin is pastor.

REV. W. E. Clyde, formerly of Belton, Tex., has moved on the field as pastor of 1st Church, Hector. He is a graduate of Mercer University and of Southwestern Seminary. The Clydes have seven children, three of whom are married. They have a son in military service. The church is building a four-bedroom parsonage.—Dale Maddux, Superintendent of Missions ■

## Says Obscenity Great Moral Problem

PINE BLUFF — The illicit exploitation of sex by purveyors of obscene pictures and printed materials constitutes one of the great moral problems of today, Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, Little Rock, said here at the annual luncheon of the Pine Bluff Ministerial Association meeting at 1st Baptist Church.

McDonald lauded Postmaster General Summerfield for his campaign to rid the mails of obscenity and called on the ministers to lend their support in their church communities. He described as "one of the most encouraging developments in the nation's war on obscenity" the policy established by Mr. Summerfield to prosecute persons violating postal regulations which prohibit the use of the mails for distribution of obscene materials.

Editor McDonald reported that he and a group of other editors attending the national convention of the Associated Church Press in Washington, D. C., recently were permitted to visit a special room of obscene materials which the Post Office Department has set up from confiscated mail.

"Contained in that one room in the Post Office Department building is perhaps the greatest cesspool of filthy photography in all the world," McDonald stated. "The shock from viewing such materials is beyond words to describe, but the limited number of people allowed to see the exhibit go out as crusaders against obscenity.

"When you see first-hand the sort of trashy, character-undermining materials the filth peddlers are sending through the mails, primarily to our teen-age children, you realize the seriousness of this racket," he concluded.

One of the greatest problems the Postmaster General has run into is making the distinction between what is "art" and what is "obscene" in the sense that it can be barred from the mails, McDonald said. In line with decisions handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court, mere nudity is

not sufficient to bar pictures from the mails, he said. But any suggestion of a sex act or pure exhibitionism falls easily within the scope of materials which can be banned.

Persons receiving such materials are requested by the Postmaster General to deliver them, with the mailing envelope or wrapper, to their postmasters, Dr. McDonald reminded.

No less wholesome than the obscene photographs are the illicit sex accounts found in many of the slick-paper magazines available on most newsstands, McDonald warned. Only the citizens of a given community can cope with this problem, he said. By organizing to clear the newsstands of filthy literature, community groups can deal directly with the operators of the stands, who are the key to the local situations, he said.

McDonald was speaking as a representative of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, which he serves as a member of the executive committee. He said that obscene literature is one of the threats to wholesome community life which the Christian Civic Foundation, through its county organizations, is seeking to eliminate. ■

### The Cover



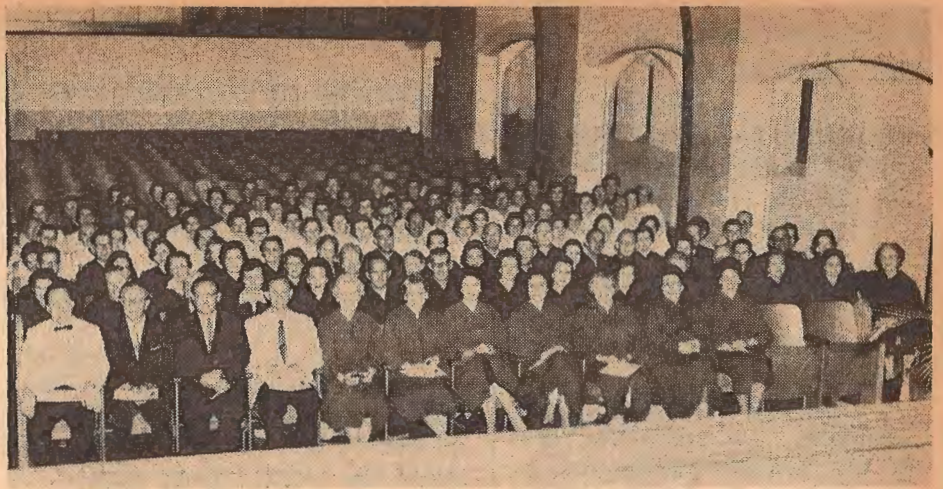


## Forest Highlands To Open Kindergarten

MRS. DARRELL S. Ross has been appointed to serve as director of the kindergarten which Forest Highlands Church will open September 6. Mrs. Ross is a graduate of Ouachita College and organized and has served as superintendent of the Beginner Sunday School department at Forest Highlands for the past two years. She states that the church feels that a definite need exists for a kindergarten which will provide a happy Christian environment in which the child can grow as well as bridging the gap between home and public school.

The kindergarten will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each weekday in the church's elementary departments at 1717 North Mississippi, and will provide opportunities for self-expression and participation in group activities. Registration is now open for children five years of age, who will attend either a city or county school in September of 1961. Enrollment information can be obtained from the church office.

Plans are now being made to enroll a four-year-old group at a later time.



## Central, Magnolia, Commencement

CENTRAL Church, Magnolia, recently observed its 2nd annual commencement service for workers in training.

Presiding in the brief but impressive service was minister of education, Earl Bailey. Dr. Loyd Hunnicut, pastor, and Don Edmondson, minister of music, participated in the service. Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School secretary, brought a short message to the host of graduates.

One hundred and ninety-one people received awards. Receiving the Christian Training Diploma were 87, with 35 earning the diploma with a red seal. Sixty-nine

received the Christian Training Diploma with red and blue seals.

This church observes at least seven methods of promoting book study. There are special weeks of study such as January Bible study, departmental studies, mission studies, Vacation Bible School studies, a Thursday morning class, Wednesday night Bible study and individual or private studies.

Thirty books selected from categories in the New Church Study Course for Teaching and Training have been taught during the past nine months. Members have earned 869 awards since October, 1959.—Lawson Hatfield, secretary

## Baptist Deacon of Arkansas City Heads National Sheriffs Association

DEACON Robert S. Moore, of 1st Church, Arkansas City, obviously is one Christian who does not believe that "religion and politics do not mix." As sheriff of Desha County, Moore was elected president of the National Sheriffs' Association, at the annual convention of the association in Colorado Springs last week.

At the same meeting, the NSA voted to hold its next annual convention in Little Rock, June 11-14, 1961.

Moore is the second Arkansan to head the organization, former Pulaski County Sheriff Gus Cale, Little Rock, having headed it several years ago.

A native of Dumas, Sheriff Moore has been in the Desha County sher-



SHERIFF MOORE

iff's office almost as long as he has been old enough to vote, with the exception of time out for police duty during World War II.

He served as a deputy under the late Sheriff Howard Clayton and succeeded him, after the war. He has been president of the Arkansas Peace Officers Association, the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association, and vice president of the National Sheriffs' Association. For several years he has served as secretary of the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association.

Sheriff Moore's pastor, Rev. Theo James, describes him as one of the outstanding leaders in his congregation. Currently the Sheriff is serving as chairman of the deacons, chairman of the Finance committee, superintendent of the Adult department of the Sunday School and is active in the Training Union.—ELM



## Arkansas Baptist Hits 'Pay Dirt'

THE "miscellaneous" section of the budget of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* is better off by \$25 because *The Reader's Digest* is reproducing, in its issue of July, the following from our "Smile or Two" column:

A TRAVELER was telling of an adventure in New Mexico. "It was harrowing," he declared. "Indians to the right of me, Indians to the left of me, Indians in front, Indians everywhere."

"Whew!" exclaimed a listener. "What did you do?"

"What *could* I do? I bought a blanket."

REV. ALEX Kenworthy was the guest speaker at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, June 12. Mr. Kenworthy is the fraternal messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention from the Australian Baptist Convention. He has served as a pastor in Melbourne, Australia, and for the last two years has been in this country doing graduate study at the University of Chicago and South-eastern Seminary. (CB)

LEE I. Dance, superintendent of missions for Pulaski County Association, was the guest speaker at Beech Street Church, Texarkana, June 12. (CB)

REV. Bob Lindsey, pastor of 1st Church, Jerusalem, Israel, spoke at Spradling Church, Ft. Smith, June 18 in the evening service. (CB)

S. J. MEADOR has accepted the call of New Harmony Church, Mississippi County Association. He comes from the pastorate of the Cash Church. While he was at Cash, the church erected an educational building, redecorated the auditorium and the pastor's home, and departmentalized the Sunday School. There were 84 additions to the church, with 72 by baptism, during his four and a half years there. Mr. Meador was formerly pastor at Shell Lake, Gladden, Brookland and Brown's Chapel. He has also served as missionary in Trinity Association.

## Dr. Whitlow Official Delegate To Meeting of Baptist World Alliance

REPRESENTING the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at the 10th Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3 will be Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the convention's Executive Committee.

Dr. Whitlow, who previously attended a world meeting of Baptist youth in Rio, while serving as pastor of 1st Church, Hope, will make the round trip by plane.

He left Houston Tuesday, via Pan American Airways. His itinerary and mail schedule will include:

June 21-22, Mexico City, Mexico; June 23, enroute; June 24-26, Lima, Peru, at Bolivar Hotel; June 27-July 3, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, c-o Baptist World Congress, Caixa Postal 1770, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

July 4-7, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Alvear Palace Hotel; July 8, Santiago, Chile, Carrera Hotel; July 9-10, Panama, R. P., El Panama Hotel; July 11, San Jose, Costa Rica, Gran Hotel; July 12, San Salvador, El Salvador, El Salvador Hotel; July 13-15, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Guatemala Biltmore Hotel; July 16, leave Guatemala City via Taca Airlines for New Orleans.

Mail may be addressed to Dr. Whitlow according to this schedule, and should be sent c-o Brownell Baptist Tour 50-621-5, including the name of hotel, city and country, and date of arrival.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, is directing the tour.

Acting as executive secretary while Dr. Whitlow is away will be his associate, Dr. Ralph Douglas.

Baptist leaders from all the continents of the world, numbering 20,000 are expected for the Rio meeting. A total of 67 different countries are represented among those who have registered. They represent Baptist churches with a total membership of 23,000,000 in 107 countries.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, of Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance, has an-

nounced the Congress theme as: "Jesus Christ Is Lord" (Phil. 2:11).

Next meeting of the BWA, in 1965, is expected to be in Miami Beach, Fla. ■

EAST SIDE Church, White River Association, Rev. O. I. Ford, pastor, has sent in its list of names to receive the *Arkansas Baptist* free for three months, as a newly organized church.

PLEASANT VIEW Church, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, Rev. Lloyd M. Wade, pastor, has put the paper in their budget after a one-month free trial.

THREE PROFESSIONS of faith and four decisions for special service were recorded at the Vacation Bible School of East Side Church of Paragould. Enrollment totaled 168 and attendance averaged 136.

FORMER Arkansan Rev. Bob McPherson, pastor of North Side Baptist Church, Weatherford,



Tex., has been named by Texas Governor Price Daniel to the governor's Advisory Board and the White House Conference for the Aging. Mr. McPherson is a na-

tive of Lake Village and a graduate of Ouachita College. He received the B.D. and M.R.E. degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

### Old-Time Dad

A COLLEGE boy sent a telegram home saying, "Mom! Have failed everything. Prepare Pop."

The reply came the next day, "Pop prepared — prepare yourself."

### Short Changed

UNCLE: "You boys of today want too much money. Do you know what I was getting when I married your aunt?"

NEWPHEW: "No, and I'll bet you didn't either."



## Mission Committees For Associations

ATLANTA, GA. (BP)— Missions committees in associations are vital to the acceleration of mission services in institutions, according to Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, chairman of the 1962 emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance on Church Extension.

Some associations have appointed a committee within the missions committee to give special attention to getting churches and pastors interested in this work, he reports.

"In addition to our associational committee, I am suggesting that the local churches designate some person in the missions committee of the local church to be responsible for the promotion of institutional work," said William I. Barkley, superintendent of city missions in Baltimore, Maryland.

"We have 28 churches serving in 25 institutions (in Baltimore)," said Barkley. "The work in institutions is on a purely voluntary basis. I took a list of institutions and gave to each church one or more institutions asking that they assume responsibility for them. Some churches responded; some did not."

A letter from another Maryland pastor, Elmer H. Pryor, of 1st Baptist Church, Girdletree, reveals that holding services in the county jail has been a project of the young people for two years.

"I am present to advise, encourage, and help with the personal work," says Pryor. "The services are strictly a young people's project."

The Brotherhood sponsors jail services two Sundays a month in Refugio, Tex., says Pastor Randolph Acrea. The men meet at the church for prayer, then go to the jail and divide into as many groups as they have sections of people. Acrea reports that several people have accepted Christ through these efforts.

An account of the ministry of the Laurel River Baptist Associa-



*SIGNING* the document as a charter member of the new Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission is George M. Tharel, laymen, Fayetteville, Ark. The new agency becomes operative Jan. 1.— (BP) Photo. ■

tion in Kentucky to the patients of the state tuberculosis hospital near London, Ky., by associational missionary Verner Barnett reveals the co-operation of the churches in this project. Interest in a ministry at the hospital started at the associational pastors' conference. The pastors now alternate at a weekly preaching service. The Woman's Missionary Societies in the association meet material needs of the patients and conduct an active visitation program. ■

## Permanence Uncertain

RICHMOND, VA. —(BWA)— Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has revealed that the government of the Republic of Guinea has declined to give permanent residence visas to Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Poe, Southern Baptist missionaries who arrived in that country early this year.

"The situation is uncertain; and definite and sustained prayer that the door may be kept open in Guinea is requested of all Baptists," Dr. Goerner said.



# Weeks Begins 10th Summer As Ridgecrest Manger

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — As Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly opens the doors for its fifty-third season Willard K. Weeks is at the helm of the total program in his tenth summer at Ridgecrest.

It was in November, 1950, that Mr. Weeks went to Ridgecrest as manager.

Under his leadership the Center Building at Ridgecrest was built, which houses the Assembly, Nibble Nook, Baptist Book Store, barber and beauty shops. Spilman Auditorium was enlarged in 1953.

In 1954 the Sunday School Board approved an expansion of the Ridgecrest water system. Likewise, the building of the first of a series of efficiency apartments was approved, and the Florida apartment unit of eight efficiency apartments — each to accommodate six people — was constructed and used for the 1955 season. A second floor of eight additional apartments is ready for occupancy at Florida apartments this year.

Also between 1954-55 Camp Crestridge for girls was laid out and major buildings were constructed in addition to a lake, horse ring, tennis courts and playing field. The camp was ready for operation for the first time in the summer of 1955.

Again, under Mr. Weeks' direction, major steps were taken and fulfilled in the completion of the Children's Building, and a laboratory school in 1956; White Oak Lodge, guest house with accommodations for 88 persons, in 1958; Crystal Springs Annex classroom building, and the Chapel and gymnasium at Camp Crestridge, in 1959; and a new guest house, Woodland Lodge, accommodating 88 persons, this year.

A native of Massachusetts, Mr. Weeks studied business administration and engineering and joined his father as a building contractor in the firm of E. W. Weeks and Son, contractors, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

When he was called into religious

education work in 1928, he served with 1st Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, for nine years. He served Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., for seven years and 2nd Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., for six years.

As manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly Mr. Weeks supervises the work of 27 permanent employees throughout the year, including the work of Miss Arvine Bell, director of Camp Crestridge, and Wayne L. Chastain, director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys.

But the staff "family" greatly increases in the summer season when 500 college-age young people

## Student Retreat Set at Glorieta

NASHVILLE, TENN. — (BS-SB) — The Eighth Annual Southern Baptist Student Retreat at Glorieta, N. M., is set for Aug. 25-31. "With Christ in an Expanding Universe" is the theme of the week-long meeting.

The program includes messages on this contemporary theme, Bible discussion groups, evangelism and vocational guidance workshops, and conferences centered on questions the world is asking.

The retreat, for high school graduates and college students, will again be sponsored by the Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Program personalities include: James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Sunday School Board; Joseph Coleman, architect-engineer, Tulsa, Okla.; Adiel J. Moncrief, pastor, 1st Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo.; T. B. Maston, professor of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Charles W. Fox, graduate student, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; and Glendon McCullough, secretary of missionary personnel, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. ■

serve directly under Mr. Weeks on the Ridgecrest staff and another 110 serve on Miss Bell's and Mr. Chastain's staffs. This summer these students represent more than 150 colleges and universities throughout the nation, and come from almost every state in the Union and from several foreign countries.

Each winter Mr. and Mrs. Weeks visit college campuses from Virginia to Texas in the interest of securing the choicest Southern Baptist young people to serve on the summer staff. More than 1200 students make application to serve at Ridgecrest each summer. ■

## Evangelism Plans Suggested by Autrey

DALLAS, TEX. — (BP) — The Baptist Jubilee Revival Plan and an increased emphasis on soul-winning will implement world evangelism and can be achieved by every association adopting the program and setting annual dates through 1964, according to C. E. Autrey, of Dallas, director of the Division of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Southern Baptists were challenged to "a greater stewardship of time, talent, and money" to proclaim the gospel, at the recent meeting of the SBC in Miami.

A world evangelism resolution asked renewed dedication to specific programs of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a five-year program culminating in 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in North America.

"The division of evangelism welcomes this resolution," Autrey said. "It re-inforces our program of evangelism."

The Baptist Jubilee Revival Plan is an associational evangelistic emphasis through 1964. It differs from other revivals in that it is a clearly defined evangelistic program for an association and the churches in the association.

The programs of the Baptist Jubilee Advance are: Stewardship and Enlistment, in 1961; Church Extension in 1962; World Missions, in 1963; and the Third Jubilee Year Celebration, in 1964. ■



## Facts Of Interest

### 85,543 Decisions

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (EP) — Figures released at the 47th annual meeting of the International Union of Gospel Missions recently . . . revealed that a total of 85,543 decisions for Christ were recorded last year by the organization's 272 units in the U.S. and 17 other countries.

### Catholic Families Bigger

NEW YORK (EP) — The *Catholic Digest* reports that the average Roman Catholic household has 4.04 members, compared with the national average family size of 3.35 persons.

### Unitarians Favor Red China

BOSTON (EP) — A modified approval of the recognition of Communist China by this country and its admission to the United Nations was voted by the American Unitarian Association in a resolution adopted at its annual meeting here.

Stressing that recognition does not imply approval of a government's policies, and that such recognition should be achieved without prejudicing the rights of the people of Formosa and their future self-determination, the resolution pointed out: "There cannot be an effective world organization without the participation of at least all the significant nations. Disarmament negotiations can be neither realistic nor effective without the participation of the great powers."

### Christ in Christmas

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (Dem.; Conn.) has introduced legislation which would have the Post Office stamp "Keep Christ in Christmas" on all mail during the Christmas season.

This would be a "small but effective way to remind people of the true significance of Christmas," he said.

. . . According to a survey made by *Southern School News*, 6 per cent of the 3,039,133 Negroes enrolled in public schools in the South, or 182,104 boys and girls, are now attending integrated classes. An estimated 524,425 Negro students are enrolled in integrated school districts, although they are not all in mixed classes.

. . . A survey made by Benson and Benson, Inc., for General Foods Corporation and the National Restaurant Association, has revealed that approximately 43 per cent of all Adult Americans eat out. About 80 per cent of the women said they enjoy it, compared with 65 per cent of the men. Seventy-eight per cent mentioned the food—the quality, taste, and variety—as the making of a good restaurant; atmosphere and appearance counted with 75 per cent; service was mentioned by 57 per cent.

. . . Engineers of the Bell Helicopter Corporation have proposed a helicopter-like system which could be added to the main stage of a rocket and would permit the rocket engine to glide back to earth for re-use. This would save millions of dollars. A control system would automatically activate rotor blades once the first stage is free of the rest of the rocket so it could float to earth while buoyed by auto-rotating helicopter blades.

. . . QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Be careful with half-truths; you might have told the wrong half."—*The Survey Bulletin*

### Death Penalty Necessary?

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has declared that the death penalty is a necessary deterrent to "atrocious crimes" such as murder and treason.

Writing in the monthly FBI law enforcement bulletin, Hoover cited the Rosenberg atom spy case and that of plane bomber Jack Graham as examples of crimes which clearly warranted the death penalty.

"To abolish the death penalty would absolve other Rosenbergs and Grahams from fear of the consequences for committing atrocious crimes," he declared.

### One Million Mark

CHICAGO, Ill (EP) — Dr. Henry H. Halley, 86, has received the millionth copy of *Halley's Bible Handbook* from his printer.

Author and publisher of the sourcebook that grew from a 16-page leaflet in 1924 to the present 968-page volume, Dr. Halley, declares, "I'm getting to feel that the book is about complete." The work of nearly half a lifetime, the Handbook is an encyclopaedic commentary on the Old and New Testaments, with information about archaeological discoveries in the Holy Land and church history facts. It has been revised 22

times by Halley and is now in its 33rd printing. It has also been translated into Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

### Foresee Catholic Growth in Nigeria

NEW YORK (EP) — An expert on international relations, just returned from a visit to Nigeria, foresees a period of intensive growth in the Roman Catholic church in the West African nation.

Dr. Thomas Patrick Melady, president of Consultants for Overseas Relations, Inc., says that the Roman Catholic church is expanding its efforts to bring its message to the millions of Nigerians who still are not members of any formal religious group.

The Catholic Church in Nigeria has a membership of some 1,250,000 out of a total population of more than 35 million people, he said. This compares with a total Protestant population of 275,000 in the predominantly Moslem territory.

Since 1900, Dr. Melady noted, the Catholic Church has developed from a small missionary operation to an establishment that includes three archdioceses, with 634 priests (including 31 Nigerians) carrying out the Church's activities.



## Russia and Religion

MOSCOW (EP) — Replying to a letter from a young mother whose atheist husband was opposed to christening their newborn child, Moscow Radio declared that the ceremony was "dangerous" for children because "recently a number have been drowned while being immersed in Holy Water."

"Other children," the broadcast continued, "have contracted severe illnesses from unhygienic conditions in churches."

The mother, who had insisted on having the child christened, was one of numerous listeners, Moscow Radio said, from whom it has received letters containing questions on religious matters.

Many people, the broadcast claimed, have asked the question: "Why does our state ensure complete freedom for the celebration of religious cults?"

In reply, Moscow Radio said: "It would be the biggest mistake to attempt to exterminate religion by force or administrative means or to begin to persecute people for their religious convictions."

This could only lead to the opposite result — a strengthening of religious beliefs, the broadcast said. "The best and only way to overcome religious prejudice in a nation in which the exploiting classes have been liquidated is by carrying out educational work in scientific atheist propaganda."

"In our country, scientific atheist propaganda is conducted under the direct supervision of the Communist Party. The effect may not be instantaneous, but in the long run it will be completely successful."

## Bishop Packs Pistol

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (EP) — Roman Catholic Bishop James E. McManus of Ponce has been given a permit to carry a pistol throughout his parish. Neither the 59-year-old bishop nor Police Superintendent Ramon Torres, who signed the permit, would say when or why the churchman would carry the gun.

## Film Awards

HAMBURG, Germany (EP) — A European Protestant Film Prize will be awarded annually to the best Biblical film in Europe by the International Evangelical Film Center, its officials announced recently.

Value of the prize and details of the awarding procedure are to be decided this fall at a conference of the German organization called "Interfilm." The organization was founded in 1955 and comprises all Protestant organizations in Europe active in film work, including the World Council of Churches and World Council for Christian Education.

## 'Safety Sabbath'

ST. PAUL, Minn. (EP) — At the request of Gov. Orville Freeman, Minnesota churches and synagogues throughout the state observed Minnesota "Safety Sabbath."

Purpose of the drive was "to awaken in the conscience and mind of every driver the realization that negligence at the wheel of an automobile is a transgression of God's command, 'Thou Shalt Not Kill.'"

Drivers were urged by the governor "to keep this commandment and to practice the Golden Rule by 'doing unto others as you would have them do unto you,' not only on Safety Sabbath, but throughout the year."

Stickers distributed for the observance promised:

"As I drive, my religion can help me to:

"Know my responsibility.

"Deepen my reverence for life.

"Show courtesy and kindness.

"Obey the rules of the road.

"Help others by my example.

"I will drive as I expect others to drive."

## A Little One-Sided

THEN there was the Scotsman who bought only one spur; he figured if one side of the horse would go, the other side would go also.

## Postage Increase

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Religious publications and publishing firms across the country are hailing the move of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, who has withdrawn, on behalf of the administration, proposed rate increases for religious and other non-profit organizations using second or third class mail.

As the House Post Office and Civil Service committee was about to open a public hearing to consider arguments of both Roman Catholic and Protestant periodicals against the proposed increase, Chairman Tom Murray (Dem.-Tenn.) read a letter from the Postmaster General officially withdrawing the requested increases.

Earlier, in conferences behind closed doors, a number of religious leaders had told the postal official that his proposals would result in an increase of as much as 400 per cent in the mailing costs of some religious periodicals.

The Post Office Department has proposed that non-profit periodicals in second class mail circulate at a rate 50 per cent of that established for profit-making newspapers and magazines. This would have affected individual publications in varying amounts, depending upon how centrally located they are with respect to their subscribers and how much advertising matter they carry.

If Congress agrees — and all indications are that it will — the mailing rate for these periodicals will now remain at the present one and one-half cents a pound, with a one-eighth of a cent per piece minimum.

The Post Office Department had also asked for an increase in third class (bulk mail) rate for non-profit organizations which would have increased their rate to a cent and a half per piece. The rate, now one cent, will go to one and one-quarter cents on July 1 as a result of 1958 postal rate legislation passed by Congress.

Religious organizations will still be subject, of course, to other increases in the bill if Congress approves it, including five cents for first class postage, eight cents for air mail, and four cents for postcards.



## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.  
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

### Witchcraft

Baptists were instrumental in breaking the backbone of witchcraft which swept Massachusetts in 1692.



DR. SELPH

New England citizens were alarmed about many calamities which came upon 1690. Pirates infested their coasts . . . they had

lost their charter . . . savages attacked the frontier . . . the country was involved in a heavy debt . . . money was scarce, and paper money was first printed with bad effects on the economy.

Minds were divided as to the cause of these calamities. They were amazed and confounded. They feared that the powers of hell had come upon them.

This set a perfect stage for the witchcraft craze.

Three young girls of Salem, Mass., complained of injuries inflicted upon their bodies. A physician pronounced them bewitched.

An Indian woman was accused of being the witch. The girls claimed that she had appeared to them pricking, pinching, and tormenting them.

In alarm, Samuel Parriss, minister and father of one of the girls, began to fast and pray for removal of the witch. Soon other ministers, teachers, public officials, and others joined in fasting and praying. Then it spread throughout the colony. When the children saw such attention given them they increased their complaints, accusing the Indian woman woman and two other old women of bewitching them. These three were imprisoned, March 1, 1692.

Accusations increased and in a short while more than 100 people had been placed in prison.

Legally, only the Legislature had power to constitute courts of justice; but the Governor and



AN ARKANŠAN, Missionary Martha Hairston (right), is director of the Seminary of Christian Educators (North Brazil Baptist Training School), Recife, Brazil. With her is Dona Ruth Meneses, dean. ■

Council did not wait for it to act. They constituted a court themselves.

Lieutenant Governor Stoughton was made president of the court and it sentenced a woman to be hanged, June 10. By September 22, seven men and 13 women had been hanged. This court was dismissed and by the time a court could be properly constituted everyone was convinced wrong had been done and the accused were freed.

Baptists had nothing to do with the bloody proceedings but the same were held against them. It was claimed that witches, and those who held communication, were "solicited to renounce their baptism, even though received in infancy."

Certain ones confessed that they were carried bodily through the air and forcibly dipped in the water. They said the devil made them renounce their baptism. Later, these said they had been lying about the claims. It developed that some men had scared them into making these statements.

Robert Calef, a Baptist, wrote a book at this time declaring that there was no such thing as witches. This caused a great sensation. Increase Mather, president of Harvard University, believed so

strongly in witchcraft and held such hatred for Baptists, that he burned several copies of the book in front of the university. However, Calef's book was so convincing and threw such light on witchcraft that Mr. Mather lost his presidency, and belief in witchcraft died.

### Public Relations Post Created

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BPN) — Wilmer C. (Bill) Surber, of Nashville, has accepted a newly-created position with the Baptist Sunday School Board as Broadman Press Public Relations Representative. His work will be centered in the Service Division director's office.

Surber comes to the Board from the position of director of public relations at Belmont College, Nashville. Before that he was for three and a half years night city editor for *The Nashville Banner*. Earlier he served the *Banner* as copy editor and rewrite man.

Surber's new work will be the creation of a public relations program for Broadman Press, the publishing press of the Sunday School Board. ■



## An Air Car

SCIENTISTS have invented a car which travels on a cushion of air. These machines do not need wheels, they are held in the air just a foot or two from the ground by a cushion of air. This cushion is made by forcing air downward from a giant fan propelled by air jets. These machines are already in operation in Britain and the United States. Although they are in their initial stages, it is predicted that in the future, scooters, automobiles, trains, ocean-going ships, and helicopters will be traveling by this new method. No tracks or roads are necessary, only a solid surface like the ground or water.

These amazing discoveries are made possible by the constant search of the scientists for more of nature's secrets. They fully justify the fact that "if ye seek ye shall find." God has contained much of His truth in creation which can only be known through seeking (research). He meant for man to discover these truths, for He declared to man that he "dominate the earth," but man has to seek these truths, for all truth is not self-evident.

Spiritual truth is also available to man, but like physical verities, he has to seek it to find it. It was not idle talk when God instructed man "to seek the Lord." He guarantees that if one "seeks he will find" the Lord.

Everyone can't give himself to scientific research, so most of us are the recipients of other peoples' seeking. In the same manner most people can't give themselves to finding out spiritual truth, but they are the recipients of the preacher's studies. People who attend the church services have a right to hear the truth of God set forth so they can accept it and apply it to their practical living. They go to the stores to buy the things made possible by the scientists in order to make these findings practical in their lives. Even so, the churchgoer has a right to hear God's truth, discovered by the preacher, in order to apply it to his living. "Study to show thyself an approved worker" was advice given to a young preacher.—Editor Leon Macon, in *The Alabama Baptist*

## Preachers and Laymen

A distinctive of Baptists throughout their history has been the fact that ordained and unordained men have worked together in a common task without any effort on the part of either group to set itself upon a pedestal. They have seemed to realize that each is as important as the other in Christian service and that each must give of his best ability if the Christian goal is to be achieved. Most preachers have expressed delight that good laymen were willing to give so much of their time and talent to the Lord's work, and most laymen have been grateful for the spiritual leadership of the ministers.

It is evident to thinking men that the business and professional ability of laymen best qualifies them for some places of service, and it is equally evident that the spiritual insight of Gospel preachers gives them a peculiar fitness for other places. Whether in the local church or in the denomination, it has been found that the work prospers most when both groups are properly represented.—Editor E. S. James, in *Baptist Standard* (Texas)

## The Bookshelf

**Backgrounds to Dispensationalism**, by Clarence B. Bass, Eerdmans, 1960, \$3.50

The purpose of this book is to describe the historical setting out of which dispensationalism has grown and to establish what it is and point out its implications for contemporary church life. It surveys the major features of dispensationalism as contrasted with the historic beliefs of the church and then turns to study the origins of dispensationalism in the thought and practice of John Nelson Darby. The author is associate professor of Systematic Theology at Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

**A Treasury of Funeral Messages**, by John R. Chiles, Baker, 1960, \$2.50

The author, pastor of a Baptist church at Lockhart, Fla., shares his experience of many years in the ministry in this volume of funeral addresses or sermons.

**He Sent Leanness**, by David Head, The Macmillan Company, 1959, \$1.25

What can we do about the feeling of our inadequacy in the prayers we pray? One thing, suggests Author Head, is to look at the prayers we actually pray—"whether confidently with our lips or hesitantly in our hearts." "Our prayers will show us which kind of religion is ours, for they will reveal to us what we are," he continues. "When we examine them, we may find what we need is not so much help with our prayers as help with ourselves."

**The Dive That Changed My Life**, by Wajih Aziz Siman, Pageant, 1960, \$2.75

An accident in his sophomore year at college left Wajih Aziz Siman, a native of Lebanon, a hopeless invalid for the rest of his life. Here he tells how he adjusted to the strange new world that is his and how through the acceptance of Christ as his Savior he now knows that his loss is a profit. His purpose in this story of his life is to witness that no calamity is too great if it is properly faced, and that what in our limited view may appear as a misfortune may be otherwise in the sight of God.

**Chart and Compass for Christian Laymen**, by Randall E. Burchett, Eerdmans, 1960, \$3.50

"Written for laymen by a layman," this book provides material to meet the needs of the young Christian and the layman "on their level and written in their language." The author is a banker and is active in the nation-wide Christian Business Men's Committee. ■



## Twelve Arkansas Students Given Home Mission Places

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — Arkansas supplied 12 of the 525 student summer missionaries who have recently gone to mission stations. This is the largest group ever used by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The students are at work in areas from Florida to Alaska and from California to New York. They are supported by the Home Mission Board and state Baptist Student Unions. All are directed by the mission board.

Besides students from most of the United States there are others from the Philippines, the British West Indies, the Bahamas, Hong Kong, Japan, Cuba, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, South America, and Jordan.

"This program provides the student an opportunity for in-service mission training and at the same time greatly augments the ministries of our regular missionaries during the summer months; it is of great importance to all of our mission causes," Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, said.

The students must have two years of college or one year of seminary and be 18 years of age. They are paid \$25 a week for their services and transportation and most expenses are provided.

The work includes 10 weeks of religious surveys, personal visitation, starting churches and missions, all phases of church organizational work, good will centers, Vacation Bible schools, and similar projects.

Appointed by the Home Mission Board from Arkansas are the following:

Louise Bequett, Eureka Springs, to Alabama;

Patsy Sue Burrow, Walnut Ridge, to Florida (Indians);

Louise Crutcher, Rosie, to New Mexico (Indians and Spanish);

Marian D. Glover, Dermott to Oklahoma;

Connie Sue Haire, Marianna, to New Mexico;

Faye E. McMahan, Magnolia, to

Oregon-Washington;

Sandra Lee Pierce, Clarksville, to Colorado;

Don Wayne Reed, Valley Springs, to Oklahoma;

Wanda June Stephens, Norfolk, to Oklahoma;

Sammye Lee Woods, El Dorado, to Illinois.

Appointed by the Baptist Student Union from Arkansas are the following:

Marsha Gail Shoppach, Arsenal, to New Orleans, La.;

Norma Jean West, Maysville, to Arizona. ■

### Wholesome Literature

SALEM, Ore. (EP) — A public committee to encourage the distribution and reading of wholesome literature has been formed here in answer to growing agitation in Salem and elsewhere in Oregon to curb indecent literature sales.

The committee "will in no sense act as a censoring board," said Circuit Judge Joseph Felton of the Marion County Court of Domestic Relations, head of the group.

Comprising members of Salem parent, school, religious and civic organizations, the group will conduct an inventory of local newsstands, urge various groups to take a "stand" against unwholesome literature, report obscene literature sales by mail or "under the counter," and improve local library facilities.

### Construction Increases

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Month after month the story is the same — and May was no exception.

Church construction, estimated at \$77 million, was the highest on record for May, exceeding the 1959 May record by \$6 million, or 11 per cent.

This brought total church construction for the first five months of 1960 to \$381 million, an increase of 9 per cent over the \$348 million recorded in the same period last year.

## Mrs. Lambdin on Teaching Mission

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, widow of Dr. Lambdin, long-time secretary of the Training Union department of the Southern Baptist Convention, will teach a class in Christian Journalism at Southern Seminary during the fall term.

Mrs. Lambdin is the author of eight books and for many years has been the editor of Training Union materials for the Baptist Sunday School Board. She is taking leave from her position as instructor in Religious Journalism at Belmont College, Nashville, to accept the Louisville assignment. She will return to Belmont for the spring session next year.

### Reformed Church Gains

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa. (EP) — At its 154th General Synod here, the Reformed Church in America heard reports that:

Its membership reached 222,523 communicants last year, a gain of 3,163;

Giving for all causes reached \$23,138,628 last year, an increase of \$1,391,497 more than in 1958;

Circulation of *Church Herald*, weekly denominational organ, reached 65,125 in 1959, a gain of 2,024 over the previous year.

The General Synod also acted to tighten its ministry requirements, charging a committee to conduct studies concerning establishment of "minimum standards" of academic requirements and institutional accreditation for candidates from other than Reformed Church colleges and seminaries . . . rejected an invitation to merge with the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. . . . approved a resolution declaring that the Reformed Church is "unsympathetic and opposed to apartheid and the various social or theological apologetics used to buttress this practice" in South Africa . . . reaffirmed its position that "voluntary abstinence is the preferred Christian behavior" . . . and elected as its new president Dr. Henry Bast, former Reformed Church vice president and speaker on the denomination's weekly Temple Time radio broadcast since 1952.



## Spring Lake Meet 'One of the Best'

MORE than a hundred preachers, missionaries and professors attended the 11th Annual Rural Church Conference last week at Spring Lake Assembly. Said Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of Missions and Evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, who directed the conference, "not the biggest but one of the best."

Several factors entered into the comparatively light attendance, in the judgment of Dr. Caldwell. Chief of these were the delayed closings of public schools because of last winter's snows. This caused many churches to be later in concluding their Vacation Bible Schools than usual, making it impossible for some pastors to attend the conference.

Total attendance reached 103.

Among the program speakers and leaders were Dr. Willis Bennett, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, who was himself the pastor of rural churches for a number of years; Lavonn Brown, a graduate student from Southwestern Seminary, who lectured on Preaching; Dr. Bernis K. Selph, pastor of 1st Church, Benton, and president of the Arkansas State Convention, who taught Bible and dealt with extreme views among religious bodies; Dr. Paul Roberts, pastor of 1st Church, Little Rock, who spoke on "Power for Service"; Dr. Robert J. Hastings, assistant director of Church Finance, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., who led two sessions on Stewardship; and Dr. S. A. Whitlow, who conducted a roundtable discussion of Baptist work in Arkansas.

Preachers for the sessions included Rev. Leo Hughes, of Texarkana, and Rev. Amos Greer, superintendent of missions for Harmony Association.

The dates for the conference next year are June 19-22. The place for the conference is yet to be determined.



**RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE.**—Top, left to right, program personalities Dr. Willis Bennett, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville; Lavonn Brown, graduate student, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth; Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions and evangelism; Dr. Bernes K. Selph, president of Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and Dr. Paul Roberts, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Little Rock;

Middle, "Coke Break";

Bottom, Mr. Brown lectures on Preaching.



## Pornography 'Gift'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The House Post Office subcommittee on Postal Operations has received an unusual "gift" — more than half a ton of pornographic books and magazines.

Collected by religious and civic organizations throughout the nation, the material was presented by Charles H. Keating, Jr., of Cincinnati, O., chief counsel for the Citizens for Decent Literature.

"There is a real, present, and serious problem of obscenity and pornography in the United States," he told the subcommittee headed by Rep. Kathryn E. Granahan, (Dem.,-Pa.).

Mr. Keating told the legislators that "men's adventure" magazines which have become prevalent on newsstands "dwell on sadism, homosexuality, violence, cutting, whipping, bondage, cannibalism, and intimations of worse."

He also displayed numerous books glorifying prostitution as a glamorous and profitable profession.

## Sunday Evening Services

FARGO, N. D. (EP) — Dr. John M. Stensvaag of Minneapolis, president of the Lutheran Free Church, has called for a return to Sunday evening services with "lively singing and strong expository preaching, rich in food for the believer and with a clear evangelistic tone."

In his message to the 83,000-member body at its 64th annual conference here, Dr. Stensvaag declared: "It is not comfortable to see our Lutheran churches dark and empty while others are open on Sunday evenings."

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## Why Pastors Cannot Go Back

By W. C. Fields

OCCASIONALLY people do not see why a minister who has moved to another church ought not to be invited back to funerals, a wedding, or baptism.

Laurence L. Hucksoll explains in the *Cincinnati Presbyterian*. The answer may be given in both ethical and professional terms. A pastor should stay out of his previous parish because his return interferes with the proper development of loyalty and devotion of the laymen to their new ministry. Any such return is very embarrassing to the resident pastor and is a serious breach of professional ethics. Laymen should not ask it and pastors should properly refuse.

The *Presbyterian Digest*, page 891, states, "It shall be understood that when any minister resigns from a pastorate or retires from service and becomes 'pastor emeritus,' he should cease to perform such functions of a pastor as funerals, weddings and baptisms."

There is no "Baptist Digest" of canon laws, but if there were such, somewhere around page 891 our own concern for the proprieties would call for identical sentiments.—Baptist Program.

## Lutheran Autonomy

WINNIPEG, Man. (EP) — The Lutheran Church, Canada, which was formed in 1958 by congregations in this country of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, has reaffirmed its intention of becoming a self-governing body by 1962.

Some 30 delegates at a meeting here adopted a resolution declaring that the Canadian group will "continue plans to organize administratively as a Canadian Church in the status of a sister Church of the Missouri Synod."

## Rockefeller in Seminary

NEW YORK (EP) — Steven Rockefeller, 24, son of Gov. Rockefeller, has enrolled at Union Theological Seminary.

A Princeton graduate who married his family's Norwegian housemaid, young Rockefeller "has indicated he would like to become a minister but he is anxious to learn more about the faith and the ministry" before he makes a definite commitment, according to Dr. Robert J. Handy, chairman of admissions at the seminary.

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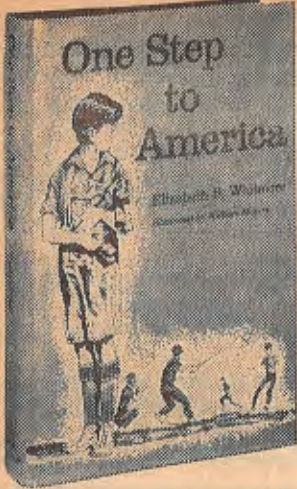
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REV. WALTER L. Yeldell, pastor of 1st Church, West Memphis, is on a tour of Europe and the Bible lands, traveling with a group directed by Dr. J. Leo Green of the faculty of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. They will visit England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Israel. A former Arkansas pastor, Rev. Othar Smith, Lebanon, Tenn., is also a member of the party. They will be gone five weeks.

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## Layman Elected ABC President

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — (BP) — A layman, a pastor and a Negro pastor's wife were elected officers of the American Baptist Convention here.

C. Stanton Gallup, president of the Gallup Lumber Co., Plainfield, Conn., was elected to succeed Herbert J. Gezork, of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, as president of the convention.

First vice president is Roger Fredrikson of Sioux Falls, S. D., pastor of 1st Baptist Church there.

For the first time in American Baptist history a Negro was elected to a top-level post in the convention. Mrs. Ruth Mc Kinney, of Cleveland, was named second vice president. She is the wife of Wade H. Mc Kinney, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, one of the largest Negro churches in the nation.

Gallup has been active in denominational affairs as president of the Connecticut Baptist Men, and president of the National Council of American Baptist Men, and two years as president of the Connecticut Baptist Convention.

Also active in civic affairs, Gallup has served as governor of District 789 of Rotary International. He has taken an active part in Boy Scout work and has traveled around the world visiting mission fields. ■

## Attendance Report

June 12, 1960

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton, 1st	580	124	2
Camden, Cullendale, 1st	425	210	1
El Dorado, 1st	868	205	6
El Dorado, Immanuel	665	318	2
Faith Mission	11		
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave. Mission	601	253	10
Fountain Hill, 1st	64	29	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	467	157	1
Huntsville, 1st	117	48	4
Mission	22	15	
Jacksonville, 1st	481	178	
Magnolia, Central	680	241	7
McGehee, 1st	435	179	3
Mission	51	28	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	699	200	
Springdale, 1st	468	137	
West Memphis, Calvary	253	124	7

## Missions-Evangelism

### Arkansas and Brazil

DID YOU know that the 163,000 Baptists in Brazil reported 13,900 baptisms last year, while 296,945 Arkansas Baptists won and baptized 12,681? This means that Brazilian Baptists had a ratio of one baptism for each 13 members, while the ratio in Arkansas was one for 23 members.



DR. CALDWELL

Yes, with over 100,000 fewer members than we have, they baptized over 1,000 more people. What made the difference?

Well, it was not because they have more pastors for there is only one pastor for each three churches and missions. There is probably not more than one full-time pastor to each 10 churches and missions.

Neither was their success due to better organizations and church equipment. Their church buildings are small, inadequately furnished, with little space for religious instruction. Few trained leaders are available.

And it was not because the people are better equipped for visitations. Their traveling in the city is on street cars, and in the country on foot or oxcart. There are no parking problems for Brazilian Baptists.

Yes, they have more prospects. Naturally the more prospects the more converts. That is the only advantage they have over us. We have well educated preachers; a great teaching and training program for all the members; we have buildings with almost unbelievable facilities — air conditioned; we have enlarged church staffs and graded choirs; we have Brotherhoods, Women Missionary Societies, and youth programs; and we still have prospects.

There are two reasons, however, for the marvelous success of the Brazilian Baptists: First, they are zealous evangelists. They give their time to witnessing and winning. We spend our time in meetings and conferences.

Second, the churches sponsor missions and preaching points. Each church has an average of one mission and two preaching points. Some churches support as many as 12 missions.

These two things are our greatest need in Arkansas—witnessing and winning by individual Baptists, and sponsoring of missions and preaching points by the churches.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent ■

JAMES TAYLOR is the new associate pastor at 1st Church, Newport. He began his duties May 15. Mr. Taylor was formerly minister of music at 1st Church, Jacksonville. ■

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**Infatuation**

**QUESTION:** I have been married almost 40 years. My husband is infatuated with a young woman



who is young enough to be his daughter. He does not want a divorce but says he loves her. Naturally, this is disturbing and distressing to me. I realize that age sometimes affects people in strange ways, and, perhaps, he is trying to prove that he is young. What should I do?

**ANSWER:** I will answer you by telling you a story.

A woman had a husband above

sixty who eyed every pretty girl he saw. She asked advice from a friend. Here was his answer:

"Oh, don't worry about that. I have a dog who is always chasing cars but I don't bother about it. If he caught one he wouldn't know what to do with it."

Your husband is very unkind. You probably have him figured out pretty well. He seems to be proving something. But to tell you about these unrealistic obsessions is a dirty trick. Accept his feelings if you can. Ignore them if you cannot accept them. In any case, be as good a wife as you can. He may wake up and act his age.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th St., Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

*Student Union*

**Center at Med School**

CONSTRUCTION HAS begun on the new Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas



Medical School. Located on Elm Street immediately in front of the new research wing of the University Hospital, the center will contain 3,000 square feet. Constructed of brick matching that of the new medical center, the new Baptist Student Center will be of modern design and will contain large sections of glass on the front and south side of the building.

The building will contain a lounge area, office space, work-room space, chapel, restroom facilities, kitchen, library and conference rooms, recreational area, and storage space.

The center in Little Rock will become the seventh Baptist Student Center owned by the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The center is being constructed on a corner lot at Elm and Fourth, purchased six years ago by the Pulaski County Baptist Association and deeded recently to the Convention. The construction costs of approximately \$30,000 are being provided by equal amounts from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Pulaski County Baptist Association. The Association is financing its half of the costs, \$15,000, by a loan at the Worthen Bank & Trust Co., which is guaranteed by the following churches: 2nd Church, Pulaski Heights Church, 1st Church, Barings Cross, and Park Hill.

The center is to be completed in time for the 1960-61 school year. Jim Boyd, Baptist Student Director for Little Rock, is director of Baptist Student Union activities at the Medical Center.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary

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# Last Call For Training Union Assemblies

## SILOAM SPRINGS

Ralph W. Davis, Director

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Second Assembly — July 11-16

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### WHAT TO BRING

#### 1. For Recreation—

All tennis equipment except nets. Assembly will furnish ping pong balls and badminton birds on a replacement basis. Tennis shoes must be worn on tennis court. For arts and crafts come prepared to buy materials that you will need to use in making things.

#### 2. For Your Room or Dormitory—

This is an encampment. Cot, mattress, and meals will be furnished according to rates already published. There will be buckets, dippers, and wash basins in dormitories and cabins. TAKE pillow, sheet, blankets (at least two), towels, and toilet articles. There is no hot water except in Deluxe and Faculty Buildings.

#### 3. For Training Union Workshops—

Bring your Training Union manuals (1952 edition or later). All union manuals and all leadership manuals will be taught by experienced workers. Books may be purchased at the assembly (36 cents for Juniors and Intermediates; 62 cents for Young People, adults and leadership books).

#### 4. For Personal Interest Groups—

Bring a notebook and pencil. Notebooks will be used in this conference each morning. Conference for Intermediates — "I Am a Baptist and I Believe." Conference for Juniors — "My Bible Answers This for Me." Conference for Young People — "Are Christians Different?" Adults — Studies in Hebrews with Dr. Stanley Wilkes.

### AGE GROUPINGS:

- 9 (Those who are 9 or will be by April 1)
- 10 (Those who are 10 or will be by April 1)
- 11 (Those who are 11 or will be by April 1)
- 12 A (those who are 12 now)
- 12 B (Those who will be 12 between now and April 1)
- 13 A (Those who are 13 now)
- 13 B (Those who will be 13 between now and April 1)
- 14 A (Those who are 14 now)
- 14 B (Those who will be 14 between now and April 1)
- 15 A (Those who are now 15)
- 15 B (Those who will be 15 between now and April 1)
- 16 A (Those who are 16 now)
- 16 B (Those who will be 16 between now and April 1)
- Young People (17-24) — Includes those who will be 17 by April 1



MR. DAVIS

### DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Get Up
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:10 Bible Hour—Dr. Stanley Wilkes
- 8:55 Training Union Workshop
- 10:25 Recess
- 10:45 Personal Interest Groups
- 11:40 Tabernacle Service
- 12:15 Lunch
- 12:45-1:45 Choir
- 1:00-5:15 Recreation—Mrs. W. S. Gilmer, Rhine McMurry and others
- 6:00 Supper
- 6:45 Counselors' meeting—Pavilion 3
- 6:45-7:30 Fellowship Hour in Tabernacle—Mrs. Gilmer
- 7:30 Evening Service—C. E. Autrey, First week; Dr. Marshall Craig, Second week
- 9:00 Film (Everyone must stay in area until 9:30 except parents with small children)
- 9:30 Snack Shack
- 10:00 Campus Clear
- 10:30 Lights Out

### SATURDAY MORNING

- 7:00 Get Up
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:10 Bible Hour
- 8:55 Workshop
- 10:25 Recess
- 10:45 Tabernacle Service, Awards and Recognition
- Noon day service
- 12:15 Dinner

### WHEN TO ARRIVE

Each assembly begins Monday night and closes Saturday noon. First meal will be served Monday evening at 6:00. The last meal will be served at 12:15 on Saturday. Come any time Monday, July 4 or July 11.

### WHAT TO WEAR

Shorts of any kind are not to be worn by anybody at any time. Women and girls taking slacks are requested to wear them only in the afternoons for recreation. Take raincoat and wrap. At times it may be cool, and it may rain.

### WHAT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD

No one will leave the grounds between 6 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. of the next day without individual emergency permission obtainable at the Business Office. Young People leaving the grounds during the afternoon should be properly chaperoned and have the consent of their pastors or dormitory counselors.

### LIGHTS OUT

Lights in all cottages and dormitories must be out at 10:30 p.m. Many come to the encampment for their vacations and have a right to expect to rest during the night hours. These should be considered. Any unnecessary noise or disturbance after 10:30 p.m. will be investigated and those guilty will be asked to leave the grounds. This procedure has been voted by the encampment. NOTICE: It is understood that those who register for the encampment agree to abide by these suggestions.

### ASSEMBLY PERSONALITIES

- C. E. Autrey, Director of Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board — Speaker first week
- W. Marshall Craig, Evangelist and former pastor of Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas—Speaker second week
- Stanley Wilkes, Pastor of Union Avenue Church, Memphis, Tennessee—Bible Hour Speaker and Bible Teacher
- LeRoy McClard, Secretary of Arkansas Music Department—Music Director both weeks
- Sidney C. Reber, Member of Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Featured Soloist both weeks
- Mrs. W. S. Gilmer, Atlanta, Georgia—Recreational Director both weeks
- Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudley, Training Union Department of Ohio—Conference leaders
- Harrison Johns, Associational Missionary, Independence Association—Assistant Director first week
- Jim Sparks, Educational Director, First Church, North Little Rock—Assistant Director second week
- R. V. Haygood, Associate, Training Union Department—Conference leader



# The Lighthouse of the Mediterranean

By Dana Stanton

ANCIENT navigators made use of many of God's wonders to guide their travels across the seas. A strange light in the Mediterranean Sea was thought of as a warning and a directing light. It served as a lighthouse.

The guiding light was caused by a volcano and the gases and steam rising above it. The steam was visible at night because it reflected the incandescent or white, glowing light from the boiling lava within the volcano. It appeared as a shining cloud in the sky.

Stromboli is the name of the volcano. It is located north of the island of Sicily, which is near the toe of the boot that is formed by the Italian peninsula.

When sailors from Italy approached God's natural lighthouse, they rejoiced, knowing that their homeland was not far beyond. We can well imagine the thanks they gave when they observed the glorious and friendly sight.

Today the Stromboli Volcano is one of about four hundred and fifty active volcanoes. It erupts every ten or fifteen minutes, hurling small masses of lava into the air.

Lava is molten or liquid rock. The lava is thrown up by great pressures within the earth. Lava from an active volcano is very hot. The temperature ranges between six hundred and twelve hundred degrees on the centigrade scale.

The exact reason for the intense heat of the earth is not known.

But the extreme pressure of its own weight, the radioactive material in the rocks, and the heat from the sun must all be considered. Holes have been drilled far into the earth and the temperature measured at different levels. It has been found that for every 60 feet in depth, the temperature rises one degree Fahrenheit. This indicates the high temperature of the earth's center.

Stromboli, the volcano which has been the lighthouse of the Mediterranean, is but one of the guiding lights God has given us. There are the millions of stars, the sun, the moon, and the northern lights. Each of these serves as a guide to men who travel whether on land or sea.



### BIBLE BOOK LABYRINTH

By Reuben S. De Long

Hidden in the labyrinth are the names of five New Testament books. How soon can you find them?

#### ANSWERS

Mark, Luke, Acts, Jude, Romans  
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### Matter of Semantics

AN ADVERTISING executive who was swamped with work called the office switchboard operator. "Look, Miss Smith," he said, "don't put through any calls to me this morning. I'll be in-communicado."

"Well, all right," the girl replied doubtfully. "But in case anything very important comes up, hadn't you better let me have your 'phone number there?"

### A New Angle

HIGHWAY patrol cars in some states carry big signs in back showing the traffic fatality toll in the state for the current year: for instance "195 in 1959."

One day, when a patrolman stopped at a traffic light in a village in one of these states, two small boys walked toward the rear of his car. The officer was taken a little aback when he heard one of the youngsters say, "Let's see how many this one's killed!"

### We've Heard This One

THE PROFESSOR was about to leave the university when a student noticed that there was something wrong with his headgear.

He called out, but the professor carried sublimely on. The student rushed after him and caught him at the gates.

"Excuse me, but you've got your hat on back to front, Prof," he said.

"Nonsense," replied the learned one. "How do you know in which direction I am going to walk?"

### Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I suggest we just leave this budget deficit up to our 'big givers'. I'm always hearing about. Incidentally, does anyone know who they are?"

Every church has them. They're usually vague and nameless—this group of 'big givers'—but always tremendously wealthy and generous beyond words. Too bad they exist mostly in our imagination.

### Always Thankful

Be thankful, oh, be thankful  
For sunshine and for rain.  
For all the birds, their happy songs  
Be thankful once again.

For Mother and for Father  
And others who are dear  
Be thankful, not just one lone day

But thankful all the year.

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## Life's Firm Foundation

By Rev. William R. Woodell  
Pastor, 1st Church, Prescott  
June 26, 1960

Matthew 7:24-29;  
Matthew 21:28-32

**A**N earthquake struck San Francisco, Calif., on April 18, 1906. It began about 5:12 a.m. and lasted less than two minutes. The destructive effect of the shock was severest on "made" ground, and on alluvial bottom lands where the deposits were unconsolidated. Gas pipes were broken and furnaces and stoves upset. Many fires suddenly sprang up. The water-mains were found to be shattered, and it became impossible to check the progress of the flames. Nearly every business and public building was demolished by the fire or badly damaged.

Some streets on made ground were split and buckled, and the surface railway lines were rendered unfit for service. Not only water-mains and gas-pipes, but sewers and wires were useless. Darkness prevailed at night; an epidemic was feared. About 300,000 people were made homeless, and of these, many were destitute.

On Sunday, April 22, the fire had burned itself out. An area of seven square miles, or 4,480 acres in extent, and 26 miles in circumference — 75 per cent of San Francisco had been destroyed. More than a thousand people were killed, and there was approximately 300,000,000 dollars in property loss.

The entire chain of devastating events were set off by the quake that lasted less than two minutes! The greatest single contributing cause for the tremendous loss of lives and property was due to the hasty construction of buildings and homes without a firm founda-

tion. They had failed to "dig deep" and build upon a firm rock foundation.

### Christian and Others

This Sunday's lesson concludes our study of the Sermon on the Mount along with various parables illustrating its truths. This month we have been studying the warnings and promises of Jesus. We have continued the consideration of the conduct of the Kingdom man by noting:

(1) The judgment of the righteous, or the Christian relation to the conduct of others (Matthew 7:1-12). This was shown:

In refusing to judge one's brethren (7:1-5);

In carefully exercising moral discrimination (7:6);

In seeking help for those from the Father's bounty (7:7-11);

In observing the principle of reciprocal duty, the "Golden Rule" (7:12).

(2) The dangers to the righteous (7:13-23):

Lack of effort (7:13-14);

False Teachers (7:15-20);

Profession without Practice (7:21-23).

Now, in conclusion, we think with Jesus in regard to destiny (7:24-27). This is determined by one's relation, or attitude, to the words of the Sermon on the Mount. This teaching is illustrated by the wise man who built his house upon a rock (7:24-25) in contrast to the foolish man who built his house upon the sand (7:26-27).

Man's destiny is determined by his relation to the words of this sermon. If the words of this message are taken as God's truth, and one's life is made to conform to them, a new character is received that stands in eternity. But, if a man does not try, or desire, to be the character pictured by Jesus

in the Sermon, if he refuses to receive it as God's truth for himself, he will not receive that character that stands in eternity. He is like the foolish man who built his house upon the sand.

### Teaching in Contrast

To emphasize these truths, Jesus has used three pairs of contrasts: The Two Roads, The Two Trees, and now, The Two Houses.

The houses may well have been identical in outward appearance. The tests sent upon both were also identical. The results were entirely different for one "fell not" and the other "fell, and great was the fall of it." The difference in the results of the similar tests lay in the different foundations — "rock" and "sand."

If we seek to build our lives upon any foundation other than the shed blood of the Saviour, we are doomed to destruction when the testing time comes. Isaiah had prophesied, "Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tested stone, a precious corner-stone, of a sure foundation (RSV 28:16).

The Apostle Paul stated, "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ . . . each man's work will become manifest for the day will disclose it" (RSV I Cor. 3:11, 13).

We are all building consciously, or unconsciously, toward our destiny.

"And yourselves, like living stones be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ . . . but for those who do not believe, 'a stone which the builders rejected, the same has become the head stone of the corner,' and 'a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.' They stumble at it because they are disobeying God's word" (Montgomery, I Peter 2:7-8).

The only true foundation upon which we can build our faith in the facts of the incarnation, earthly life, death, resurrection, ascension and present sovereignty of the love and goodness of God, is Jesus

(Continued on page 24)



the Lord.

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word."

But we must each dig, and dig deep, for ourselves. When we have made the personal discovery of the Saviour, we can build with boldness and confidence that our "spiritual building" shall stand eternally.

What kind of a life are you building? Is it a shop, a pleasure house, a prison, or a temple? Will it stand when the storms come? The rains, the floods, the wind — we all know what they stand for! They stand for temptation, sickness, sorrow, misfortune; for the great judgment. You can build your house on the beach in fair weather, but when the sea comes alive with the November gales and thunders in to shore, unless something underneath is better than sand, the story will be a very short one.

Many set about to establish their own righteousness in various ways. When I think of the seclusion of the dervish, the incarceration of the monk, the solitude of the nun, the pilgrimage of the Moslem, the prayers of the Jews, the penances of the Romanist, and the self-righteous observances of the Pharisee who thinks he can be saved by his alms deeds, by bequeathing his property to the poor and leaving his name high on the corner-stone of a hospital — I think of a man who builds his house upon the sand. Its fall shall be great, irrevocable, and ruinous. How dreadful to think of one who has departed, having built upon the sand!

### Hearing and Doing

It is not necessarily the same thing to hear and do the sayings of Christ. This point is illustrated by the parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32). "Which one of the two did the will of his father?" This is the question upon which hangs destiny! Observe the emphatic word "did," suggesting without saying it, that it made little difference what they "said."

So far as profession went, the Pharisees were all that could be desired. They were the representatives of religion in the land.

## Half Of All Crime Alcohol-Related

MORE than 57 per cent of all arrests in 1,586 American cities last year were related to alcohol, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Out of 2,340,004 arrests for all crimes in these cities, 1,345,880 were for liquor law violations, driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct, or drunkenness. The following table shows total arrests for each crime:

Liquor laws .....	52,707
Driving while intoxicated .....	102,219
Disorderly conduct .....	281,997
Drunkenness .....	908,957

Only 8 per cent of these alcohol-related arrests were women, 92 per cent being men.

These figures are from cities which include about one third of the population of the United States, and cannot be projected to a nation-wide basis. However, they indicate that police forces spend a major portion of their time taking care of the results of drinking.

During 1958 police also arrested 61,545 persons for gambling violations, 9,863 persons for narcotics violations, and 45,679 for sex crimes.—Dr. Wm. E. Brown, Executive Director, Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas

Their whole attitude corresponded to the attitude of the second son's answer, "I go, Sir."

When John, whom they admitted to be a prophet of the Lord, came to them, they set his word aside and refused to obey him. On the other hand, many of those whose lives seemed to say, "I will not," when they heard the word of John, repented and began to do the works of God.

Jesus pointed out that the Publican, sinners, and harlots went into the Kingdom of God before them. Jesus did not shut the door to His hearers by this statement. He simply stated that the Publican and harlots went in "before" the self-righteous, and inferred that these may still enter after them.

But to do so, they must become "doers" of the Word and not merely "hearers." If they will repent of their hypocrisy and insincerity; if they will believe and trust as these Publicans and harlots, they, too, may enter the Kingdom.

"Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them" included all. The same teaching is found in John 5:24, "I say to you, he who hears my word and believes Him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death unto life" (RSV). ■

### 'All Out for Atkins'

WELL, it looks like our passenger trains have gone the way of celluloid collars, red flannel underwear, corsets, and sock supporters, never to return.

I can remember when one of the daily events down at Atkins was to gather at the depot some six times a day to watch the "Dinky" and other passenger trains go by. Remember how "Uncle Bob" Bradley timed his watch to meet and greet all the trainmen as they passed thru and how Uncle "Amey" Fingler met the trains daily to supply his regular butter and egg customers among the crewmen.—Farmer Ardis Tyson, in *The Atkins Chronicle*

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