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More Duties of New Committees

WE CONTINUE this week with the plan of reorganization of the Executive Board adopted in its pre-convention meeting. This plan calls for six committees of the board. We discussed two of these committees last week — the Operating and Program committees. The other four committees are: Finance, Nominating, Executive and Advisory.

The Finance Committee

The Finance committee is concerned with the financial policies and procedures followed in performing the program of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. It is to propose broad financial policies to be observed by the institutions and the Executive Board in the conduct of their programs, and recommend any corrective actions needed.

This committee will also review and evaluate the financial practices of the Convention institutions and the Executive Board as reflected in their reports and financial statements. It will review estimates of future cooperative giving and advise the Board on its recommendation concerning the goal for cooperative giving.

The Finance committee should meet at least twice each year and the membership should consist of about 25 members.

The Nominating Committee

The function of this committee is to nominate members to all of the committees of the Executive Board. Each member of the Board should be assigned to at least one committee, but to not more than two committees. The

chairman of a committee or subcommittee of the Executive Board should have at least one year's service on the committee of which he is chairman. This fact will lend itself to a continuity of planning.

The Nominating committee should also nominate, for the election by the Board, Convention officers and members of Convention committees, the Executive Board and Boards of Trustees, wherever this is required to fill vacancies that occur between Convention sessions except as otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-laws of the Convention.

The Executive Committee

The membership of this committee should consist of the president of the Executive Board, as chairman, and the chairmen of the other five committees.

The responsibility of this committee is to call a special session of the Executive Board when the committee deems it necessary; to recommend to the Executive Board action it is authorized to take on any matter as an ad interim body; to suggest to Convention institutions actions that should be taken to make more effective their programs or financial resources.

The Advisory Committee

The function of this committee is solely advisory. The Executive Secretary will advise with this committee on any and all matters he deems advisable. This committee is to be composed of four members, all living in the vicinity of Little Rock. Two of these members shall be pastors and two laymen—one of whom shall be a lawyer. The members shall not necessarily be members of the Executive Board.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

Forward Program

THE FORWARD Program of Church Finance campaign reports have started coming into our office.

Each church that ordered the Forward Program of Church Finance material from the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Services has received four report sheets. These sheets are to be filled out with every question answered. After completing the four copies, the white one is to be kept for the church files; the green one is to be mailed to the associational missionary; and the two pink copies are to be mailed to the office of Ralph Douglas, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock.

Cooperation on the part of every participating church on this project will make it possible for us to get a complete analysis of the use and effectiveness of the Forward Program. We will be able to take the information and help other churches win a victory. Therefore, we are hoping that each church will give a complete report.

We plan to attend a convention-wide planning meeting in Nashville, Tenn., December 15-17. In this meeting we will study the reports from all the state conventions and make plans for another year.

Now, brethren, you have done a good job and the people have been able to win a victory for Christ and His church, so please let us know about it.

Finance Conferences

There will be a Forward Program of Church Finance conference in each of the eight state convention districts in 1959. Four of these meetings will be conducted the week of January 12-16. The meeting place of each conference will be announced in the next issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*. Please get your 1959 Baptist Diary and check the date for the conference in your district.

We plan to make these conferences well worth your time. So clear the date and plan to be with us.

This has been a good year in every phase of our Arkansas Baptist life. We want to do our best to make next year the greatest year for our Master in the history of our Convention. To do this will take prayerful consideration and voluntary cooperation on the part of all. Get a good start by attending the Finance Conference in your district in 1959.

When our Baptist people give only one-third of the tithe through the churches, it means that money and lives are being wasted on that which is not bread and meat. These Baptists need help, because Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let's resolve now that we will go "all-out" next year in helping these people to surrender themselves and all that they have to our Lord.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary. ■

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Legs--Ego

ABRAHAM LINCOLN is credited with the statement that a man's legs should be long enough to reach from his body to the ground. A man's estimate of himself should never fail to touch common soil, nor should it tend to keep his ego in the stratosphere. But a man's legs should be strong enough to support and to carry him about. So should his personal attitude toward himself. One without self-confidence is as handicapped as a legless person.

The advice, "Hitch your wagon to a star," is well indeed; but a wagon's service has ever been found in contact with the earth. One should see to it that at least one foot is on the ground all the time, or that none of his wheels are in the air any of the time. The latter could save a lot of lives and many a broken home.—W. B. O'Neal, Jacksonville ■

Eddleman New Seminary President

NEW ORLEANS — Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., was elected president of New Orleans Seminary, Nov. 25, according to T. O. Winn, president of the seminary board.

Dr. Eddleman will assume his new duties Feb. 1.

Following his election, Dr. Eddleman issued the following statement:

"Realizing in some measure the far-reaching significance of such a decision, I hereby accept the responsibilities as president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary. To be offered such a task is an humbling experience. The quality of training of many dedicated young people is involved as well as the life and faith of many people upon whom they shall exert influence.

"With deep appreciation for the confidence expressed by the trustees and a renewal of devotion to the Lord of our redemption upon whose strength and wisdom we must constantly depend, this acceptance is made."

Dr. Eddleman becomes the fifth president of the seminary, succeeding Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, who was named president emeritus last April and now resides in Jackson, Miss.

Other presidents of the seminary were the late Dr. Byron Hoover Dement, 1917-27; Dr. W. W. Hamilton, chaplain emeritus of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, 1928-43; Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., 1943-46; and Dr. Leavell, who served 1946-58.

A native of Marion County, Miss., Dr. Eddleman has served for the past four and one-half years as president of Georgetown College.

During 1941-42 he taught Old Testament and Hebrew at New Orleans Seminary and prior to that served six years in Palestine as a missionary of the Foreign Mission Board.

While a missionary he lived in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Nazareth devoting his time to educational, evangelistic and pastoral duties among the Hebrews and Arabs, employing both the Arabic and Hebrew languages.

He was pastor of Parkland Church, Louisville, 1942-1952, the latter two years teaching Old Testament and Hebrew at Southern Seminary.

In 1952 he resigned the pastorate to devote full time to his teaching duties at Southern, and was promoted to full professor in 1953.

That same year he was awarded a scholarship through the American Association of Hebrew Professors and New York University enabling him to spend six weeks attending Israeli government lectures and studies.

Dr. Eddleman received his seminary training at Southern Seminary where he was awarded the master-of-theology and doctor-of-philosophy degrees. Additional study was done at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1936-37. In 1949

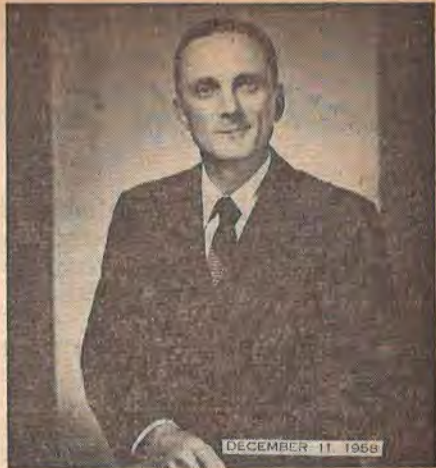
he was honored by Georgetown College with the doctor-of-divinity degree.

Active in Baptist work in Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Eddleman has served as Kentucky member of the Foreign Mission Board and is currently a trustee of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, and president of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges.

Dr. Eddleman has written two books, **To Make Men Free and The Teachings of Jesus.**

His civic activities include work in the YMCA, Volunteers of America, Christian Civic League and Citizens Ballot League Board.

Dr. Eddleman is married to the former Miss Sarah Fox, Morristown, Tenn. The Eddlemans have two



daughters, Evelyn Lucille, who was born in New Orleans, and Sarah Enfield, who was born in Tiberias, Palestine, while Dr. Eddleman was serving as a missionary. ■

New Orleans Seminary Draws Students From Almost Every State in Nation

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Seminary has students from nearly every state in the nation. Because of its cosmopolitan atmosphere it has attracted students from many foreign countries.

A record student body attended the Seminary during the 1957-58 session when 1,142 enrolled. The present enrollment stands at 825, with two more regular terms and two summer terms remaining.

Last year's enrollment represents an increase of 811 over the enrollment in 1946, the year the institution was changed from Baptist Bible Institute. The faculty has increased during this

same period from 15 to the present 40.

New Orleans Seminary was founded in 1917 and classes began in the following year on the site of the old Sophie Newcomb College.

In 1953, under the leadership of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, the seminary moved from the Newcomb College site in the Garden District of the city to the present 75-acre tract on Gentilly Boulevard, which is a part of the historic Old Spanish Trail.

With the completion of the \$780,000 chapel, the investment of Southern Baptists and friends of the seminary in the seminary facilities will reach over \$7 million.



EARLY LOUISIANA ARCHITECTURE prevails at New Orleans Seminary as revealed by Mississippi Alumni Garden and the J. M. Frost Religious Education Building.

Death of the Innocents

SKID MARKS indicated the truck was on the wrong side of the road."

This significant statement was buried far down in the newspaper story the other day reporting the snuffing out of the lives of an entire family of five in an "accident" on Highway 71 a few miles north of Mountainburg.

According to the news story, the driver who with his family was wiped out by a huge trailer, was guilty of nothing but being in the wrong place when a roadhog rounded a curve.

Why will drivers take the wrong side of the road? It is either that they do not realize what they are doing or they don't care. In either case, every one who does this is as much a threat to the life and limb of the traveling public as the fiend who takes his lethal weapon and deliberately assaults his fellow man. God's commandment "Thou shalt not kill" is just as applicable to one of these as to the other.

Why do drivers drive on the wrong side of the road? Sometimes they do it because they are just reckless. They are fatalists, like the fools who play Russian roulette with a revolver having only one load in its chambers. "If your number is on it," they say, "nothing can save you; if it is not, nothing can hurt you."

Sometimes, no doubt, they just don't care. They are in a bad mood for some reason or other and they do not mind hazarding their own life and the lives of others. A driver with much of an emotional upset should not be loose on the highways.

But there is another reason for the recklessness and carelessness of many a driver. It is that dirty word—liquor. Liquor, which lifts the restraint the normal, average driver has when driving and makes him think he is a better driver than he is, or just makes him unthinking as he starts to pass a car out front or starts around a curve.

Eating too much and then taking to the road, because it makes one drowsy, likewise can prove fatal, as can driving too fast and too hard.

Driving at best is dangerous. But the most of the so-called "accidents" really are not accidents. When someone fails to negotiate a curve at 90 miles an hour, or when a driver takes the wrong side of the road and there is a collision, this is no accident!

What can be done about it? Do the regulations for issuance of drivers' licenses need to be made more rigid, or to be more carefully enforced? Certainly it would seem that the penalty for reckless driving should be commensurate with the threat of life it entails. There simply is no excuse for driving on the wrong side of the road, whether the offending driver is a person of little or great prominence, and whether he is emotionally maladjusted, drunk, or just drowsy or tired. Something must be done to make drivers shoulder their responsibility, or give up the privilege of driving.—ELM

Catholic Press

"Where the Majority are Catholic"

THE ROMAN Catholic Church, convinced through its divine prerogatives of being the only true church, must demand the right of freedom for herself alone, because such a right can only be possessed by truth, never by error. As for other religions, the Church will certainly never draw the sword, but she will require that by legitimate means they shall not be allowed to propagate false doctrine.

Consequently, in a state where the majority of the people are Catholic, the Church will require that legal existence be denied to error, and that if religious minorities actually exist, they shall have only a *de facto* existence without opportunity to spread their beliefs . . . In some countries, Catholics will be obliged to ask full religious freedom for all, resigned at being forced to cohabitate where they alone should rightfully be allowed to live. But in doing this the Church does not renounce her thesis which remains the most imperative of her laws, but merely adapts herself to *de facto* conditions which must be taken into account in practical affairs . . . The Church cannot blush for her own want of tolerance as she asserts it in principle and applies it in practice.—*Civiltà Cattolica*, Rome, Italy, April-1948.

Personally Speaking . . .

Our Loyalty Needed

BY STRANGE coincidence, Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1958, will go down in Southern Baptist Convention history as a red-letter day on the campuses of two of the convention's six seminaries.

On that day Robert Ernest Naylor was duly installed as the 5th president of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., while the trustees of New Orleans (La.) Seminary were meeting at New Orleans to elect H. Leo Eddleman as 5th president of that institution.

I have counted it a blessing to number both of these men among my good friends for many years. Nothing but the fact I was myself a pastor while a student and, later, a faculty member, at Ouachita College kept Dr. Naylor from being the pastor of my family and me for three years of the time he was pastor of 1st Church, Arkadelphia. He and Mrs. Naylor were as pastor and pastor's wife to our family during some very trying times. For this we shall always be grateful. It was a joy to represent the Arkansas State Convention at Dr. Naylor's inauguration.

My acquaintance with President-elect Eddleman dates back to my seminary days at Louisville, at which time he was pastor of Parkland Church, Louisville, and filling preaching and lecture engagements by popular demand all across the country. It was during my three-year tenure as secretary of education for Kentucky Baptists, 1954-57, by which time he was president of Georgetown College, that I came to know Dr. Eddleman and his family intimately. Here is one of the most talented and most consecrated families among Southern Baptists.

We Baptists are most fortunate to have these two men, both of them at the prime of life, in the difficult and vital places to which they must now aspire. If you think being pastor of a church is a difficult place, imagine what it would be like if you were the pastor of a church the membership of which was composed entirely of seminary professors, preachers, church musicians, religious education directors, church secretaries, youth directors, evangelists, religious journalists, and denominational workers — or those in the process of coming into these positions. That's the row a seminary president must hoe.

This is just another way of saying that these friends will now stand daily in need of the prayers and support of our people as perhaps they never have up to this time. With their rich endowments as preachers, teachers, writers, and administrators, and with God's direction and the loyalty of our people, both on their campuses and off, they can each be worth their weight in diamonds of God's grace to our denomination and the cause of Christ.

—ELM

Hospital Plan

Dear Editor:

Sometime ago the Baptist Convention Headquarters and the Arkansas Baptist Hospital operated by our Convention presented a plan whereby Arkansas Baptist ministers could be provided with hospitalization benefits through the Blue Cross organization of Arkansas. It has come to our attention that the information which we directed to our pastors was not at all inclusive to the extent of being completely understood. We would therefore like to clarify the whole matter of Baptist ministerial hospitalization in our state.

Some 13 years ago the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees voted to give 100 per cent hospitalization to all Baptist ministers. This has been a privilege which the Administration and Board has enjoyed and it is our opinion that many ministers have been hospitalized here due to this courtesy when they might have taken advantage of other facilities nearer their residence. This has resulted in a more informed group of Baptist ministers in our state as far as Arkansas Baptist Hospital is concerned.

Approximately a year ago it became evident that the Hospital's income was not sufficient to meet its costs. Our financial statements reflected a cost of \$4,000,000 per year to operate the institution. Our charity was increasing and necessitated our spending over \$200,000 per year. We were faced with the necessity of either raising rates to our pay patients or curtailing to some degree some of the free hospitalization and discounts which had been given in the past. Our Board felt that there should be a curtailment of free service rather than an additional rate increase to our pay patients. They, therefore, asked our Baptist ministers to pay 25 per cent of their bills and this policy is still in effect.

Due to the fact that our ministerial hospitalization now amounts to well over \$30,000 per year, we felt that it might be possible for a great number of them to prepay their hospitalization and therefore worked with Blue Cross in order that this service might be available.

We urge you to consider this hospitalization plan, but hasten to reassure our ministers that if they enter Arkansas Baptist Hospital and do not have such a plan, they will still be charged only 25 per cent of their bill.

We call your attention to the fact that in most Baptist hospitals over the south Baptist ministers are given a 25 per cent discount.—J. A. Gilbreath, administrator, Arkansas Baptist Hospital

PIONEERS OF THE FAITH
JOHN YOUNG LINDSEY...



From Providence

Dear Sir:

I often think to myself that I should write to tell you what I think about the opinions you express about various things.

I often find occasion to thank God for one who is in a position to express truly Christian opinions to many people in a "modern" way while still clinging strongly to the teachings of the Master Teacher.—Hugh E. Martin, Providence Church, Rt. 4, Fayetteville.

Likes BAPTIST

Dear Sir:

I always enjoyed my Arkansas Baptist, but never fully appreciated it until I moved away. Now it's just like a letter from home.

A recent letter I received from my son, A-2c Larry Don Smith, stationed in Formosa, might be of interest to

your readers:

"Dear mom, I really feel good tonight. I have found me a home away from home. We found a small Baptist mission up on the mountain and went up there for services.

"The preacher is a missionary from North Carolina. He and his wife are young people — about 26. They've been here for five years.

"We sang the old hymns like we used to sing at Remount (Pulaski Association), and he is really a good preacher. His name is Carl Hix.

"Al and I are going to preacher's house Friday evening for Bible study and fellowship. I'm really glad we found it as it almost makes me feel like I'm home again to be around that kind of people."

Mr. McDonald, I feel as if my prayers have been answered as I've prayed he would meet the right people and not get in with the wrong fellowship. — Mrs. J. R. Utley, Rt. 3, Marshall, Tex.

Arkansas All Over

● **REV. AND Mrs. W. L. (Wimpy) Smith**, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Argentina who have been in the States following completion of language study in Costa Rica, have sailed for their permanent field of service. Their address is Campichuelo 147, Piso 6, Dpto. "D," Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mrs. Smith is the former Beverly Hefley, a native of Ft. Smith.

● **REV. AND Mrs. Ross B. Fryer**, Southern Baptist missionaries to Indonesia, are returning to the States for furlough. They may be addressed, c-o Mrs. E. F. Sharp, 2323 McKenzie, Waco, Tex. Mrs. Fryer is the former Mary Lynn Baker, a native of Warren.

● **WMU OFFICERS** for Greene County Association include: Mrs. George Collier, president; Mrs. Henry Blair, vice president; Mrs. John J. McCollum, secretary; Mrs. L. C. Rogers, treasurer; Mrs. W. C. Swink, prayer director; Mrs. Maurice Walden, stewardship; Mrs. Baxter Walden, community missions; Mrs. Everett Crites, mission study; Mrs. Donald Herren, YWA director; Mrs. Morley Emmert, GA director; Mrs. A. D. Wheeler, Sunbeam director; Mrs. Marvin May, music director, and Mrs. George Waldey, pianist.

● **DR. R. B. ABINGTON**, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. Butler Abington, Earle, has been invited to speak before the American College of Physicians next April. He is reportedly the youngest doctor ever invited to speak before the college. He and two other doctors have done research on meningitis.

● **LLOYD OWENS**, minister of music and education, 1st Church, Blytheville, has resigned to accept a position with 1st Southern Church, Colorado Springs. His resignation is effective Dec. 22. (CB)

Ouachita Professor Plans Tour of Holy Land, Europe

A SIX-WEEK tour of Europe and the Holy Land will be conducted next summer from July 15 to Sept. 1 by Dr. Cecil Sutley, professor in the Religion Department, Ouachita College.

The tour will include visits to Damascus, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, the Mount of Beatitudes, the Pool of Bethesda, temple area, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, and other places of interest in Palestine and ten other countries. Some of the major cities of the tour will be Jerusalem, Athens, Rome, Basel, Heidelberg, Amsterdam, Paris and London.

Dr. Sutley indicates that the cost of this tour is much less than is usually required. He asks all persons interested in making the tour to contact him within the next few weeks. ■



BAPTIST STUDENT Union float at Arkansas State College's homecoming celebration. Focusing attention on the 50th anniversary of the college, the float produced music as it turned in a circular fashion. The Baptist Student Union at ASC was presented a trophy for placing second in the homecoming competition. Other prize winning floats sponsored by local BSU's were: first place in beauty, Baptist Student Union at the College of the Ozarks; third place, at Ouachita, and honorable mention at Arkansas Tech.—Tom Logue

Revival Reports

SOUTH SIDE, Pine Bluff: Vincent Cervera, Greenville, S. C., evangelist; Roy A. Lambert, pastor; 19 by baptism; 13 by letter.

SOUTH TEXARKANA: Paul Shipman, Mena, evangelist; Leon F. Westbury, pastor; 16 professions; 11 by letter. The church has had 36 additions since moving into a new building the second Sunday in September. Five more are awaiting baptism. A 15-year-old girl has surrendered for mission service.

CEDAR HEIGHTS: Nelson Tull, evangelist; Faber Irby, singer; Ralph Dodd, interim pastor; 13 by baptism; four by letter.

WILLIAM B. SAWYER, Calvary Church, W. Memphis, recently led in a revival in Red Springs Church, Texarkana, Tex., in which there were 11 additions, 10 by baptism; 100 rededications and 25 pledging to begin family altars.

SOUTH HIGHLAND, Little Rock: Paul Shipman, Mena, evangelist; Joe Bondurant, singer; Ray Branscum, pastor; 13 by profession; four by letter and one by statement.

● **WEINER CHURCH**, Trinity Association, has enlarged the church auditorium and added 12 Sunday School rooms.

● **JIM E. TILLMAN** has resigned as pastor of Linwood Church, Moscow, effective Dec. 7, to accept the call of 1st Church, Mansfield, Tex. During his seven-year pastorate, the church has reported 120 baptisms, the Sunday School has grown from 73 to 217 and the church membership from 55 to 169. Mr. Tillman was the first pastor of the church, begun as a mission by South Side, Pine Bluff. During his service at Moscow, he has graduated from Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary.

● **TWO ARKANSAS students**, Mrs. Bob Wright, Texarkana, and James



MR. GREEN

Raymick, Pine Bluff, are members of Southwestern Seminary's Southwestern Singers who are making their annual tour that takes them through Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida and Texas. Directed by R. Paul Green of the School of Church Music, the Singers are composed of students from the schools of theology, church music, and religious education at Southwestern.

● **HARRISBURG MISSION**, Trinity Association, is now full time. Lafry Taylor is pastor.

Hays Suggested

The editor of a Baptist publication has suggested that the Democratic party seriously consider Rep. Brooks Hays of Arkansas for its 1960 vice president nomination.

The Rev. James O. Duncan drew a parallel between Hays, whose moderate views on segregation contributed to his defeat by a write-in candidate last month, and Abraham Lincoln.

Duncan noted that Lincoln lost a U. S. Senate race to Stephen Douglas in 1858, just 100 years ago, "because he dared to stand on principle rather than on what was popular." Two years later Lincoln was elected president, Mr. Duncan said, and added:

"Since it is very unlikely that a Southerner would be considered as a presidential candidate, would it not be wise to have the next highest office filled by a man who knows and loves the South — a man who understands the problems that exist there — yet one who has complete devotion and allegiance to the whole nation?"

Not Candidate.

Asked for comment, Hays replied: "I am not a candidate for vice president or any other office."

As he has before, he said that he has no political ambitions and plans to devote his current energies to his work as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Hays said that although he appreciates the churchman's sentiments, political thoughts would disrupt his current activities.

Hays, a House member for 16 years, lost his seat last month to Dr. Dale Alford, segregationist member of the Little Rock School Board.

Mr. Duncan wrote in the current issue of the *Capital Baptist*, weekly official organ of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. He is pastor of a church in nearby Hillandale, Md.

The minister said he made the suggestion not because of Hays' church connections, but because he thinks Hays "can give moral and constructive leadership to the present problem."

He said Hays, like Lincoln, has found fault with decisions of the Supreme Court, but like Lincoln has emphasized "the supremacy of the union and the need for national loyalty at all cost." (DP) ■

South Re-elected

THE NAME of R. L. South, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, was inadvertently omitted last week from the Ouachita College Board chosen at the recent meeting of the State Convention. Mr. South was re-elected for a term which will expire in 1961.

● RAYMOND LINDSEY, Little Rock layman, preached at the morning service Nov. 23, in Central Park Church, Birmingham, Ala. The church recently oversubscribed its budget with pledges totalling \$348,541.

Pastoral Changes

FIRST CHURCH, Bentonville, has called Floyd Timothy Nash as pastor of the Park Street Chapel. He attended the Oklahoma Baptist University and is now completing his BA Degree at John Brown University. Mrs. Nash is teaching the 5th grade in the public school system of Bentonville. Brother and Mrs. Nash have one son. The chapel, organized two years ago,



MR. NASH

has grown to an average attendance of 38 in Sunday School and 36 in Training Union. There have been 14 professions in this past year.

JOHN MC COLLUM is the new pastor at New Friendship, and J. Bob Woodiel at Center Hill, both in Greené County Association. (CB)

A. ERMON WEBB, 1st Church, Stuttgart, has resigned effective Dec. 15, to accept the call of Calvary Church, Ventura, Calif. He has served the Stuttgart church for the last 15 months. (CB)

CHARLES THOMPSON has begun his ministry as pastor of Gravel Ridge Church, Pulaski Association. A student in New Orleans Seminary, he commutes to his new pastorate. His family is residing on the field. Mr. Thompson will be graduated in January.

● DR. TOMMY HALSELL, missionary to Brazil, has the following speaking engagements in Arkansas: Dec. 16, 1st Church, West Helena, Wilson Deese, pastor; Dec. 17, 1st Church, Tyrone, E. C. Edwards, pastor; Dec. 18, district WMU quarterly meeting at 1st Church, Paragould, James Yates, pastor; Dec. 18-21, week-end revival at 1st Church,



P. J. Crowder

P. J. CROWDER, active in the pastorate in Arkansas for more than 38 years, has retired from active pastoral work. Since graduating from Ouachita in 1930, he served Calvary, Ft. Smith; Beech Street, Gurdon; Calvary, Little Rock; Trinity, Ft. Smith; Central, Pine Bluff; Oak Grove, Van Buren; and Walnut Valley, Hot Springs. Baptisms averaged more than 25 each year.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowder have bought a home in Sparkman and will move there Dec. 15. He will be available for supply, evangelist work or teacher, and may be contacted at Box 114, Sparkman, or by phone.

Piggott, Clay Polk, pastor. Dr. Halsell and his family will return to Brazil Feb. 1. He will be in Dallas, Jan. 11-14, for the Texas Evangelistic Conference. He indicates that this will be the only one of the evangelistic conferences he will be in a position to attend.

● REV. AND MRS. A. L. Leake have recently completed three schools of missions in Snyder, Tex. They have returned to Fayetteville to continue their ministry to the underprivileged in the Ozarks.



THIS IS the architect's conception of the new administration building at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City. The building, together with three others, is under construction there. These first four buildings are expected to be ready to occupy next September.—Baptist Press.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Denominational Leaders Attend Naylor's Inaugural

THE CARPET of Christian friendship and welcome was rolled out by Southwestern Seminary to visitors from far and near as the seminary officially inaugurated Dr. Robert Ernest Naylor as its 5th president, on Nov. 25.

(Editor's Note: For a biographic sketch of Southwestern's new prexy, see the ARKANSAS BAPTIST of Oct. 23.)

The day's agenda included chapel at 10 a. m., Dean Jesse Northcutt, of the School of Theology, presiding, and with Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, as

speaker; an inaugural luncheon at noon, with Dean James C. McKinney, of the seminary's School of Church Music, presiding; an inaugural dinner, at which Dean Joe Davis Heacock, of the School of Religious Education, presided; and the inaugural ceremonies, in George W. Truett Auditorium at 7:30 p. m., with Dr. William Fleming, president of the seminary board of trustees, presiding, and with President Naylor as speaker.

—Among the Southern Baptist Convention Agencies and Affiliated Bodies

represented, Arkansas Baptist Convention, represented by the editor of **Arkansas Baptist**, came third on the list, arranged chronologically, the Arkansas Convention dating back to 1848.

Preceding Arkansas was Mississippi Baptist Convention, 1836, represented by Kermit Stokley King, state Training Union Secretary; and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1845, represented by Rogers Makeig Smith, administrative associate.

Louisiana Convention, 1848, was represented by Editor James F. Cole, of **The Baptist Message**; Southern Seminary, 1859, Wm. Peyton Thurman, dean of students; the WMU of SBC, 1888, was represented by its president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis; the Sunday School Board, 1891, by its executive secretary-treasurer, James L. Sullivan; the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, 1906, by Editor Jack L. Gritz of **Baptist Messenger**.

Education Commission of SBC, 1915, Evan A. Reiff, president of Hardin-Simmons University; New Orleans Seminary, 1917, Clyde Penrose St. Amant, professor of church history; Relief and Annuity Board of SBC, 1918, Floyd B. Chaffin, associate executive secretary; Radio and Television Commission of SBC, 1938, Paul M. Stevens, director; Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Seminary, 1940, Foy Dan Valentine, director, Christian Life Commission of Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 1941, Joseph M. Dawson, emeritus executive secretary; Southern Baptist Foundation, 1947, James W. Storer, executive secretary-treasurer; and Midwestern Seminary, 1957, Milard J. Berquist, president.

Seminaries, universities and colleges, too numerous to mention here, ranged from Princeton, 1812, to Episcopal Theology Seminary of the Southwest, 1951.

In his address at the morning assembly, Mr. Hays paid tribute to President Naylor as "a great man, a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, an eloquent preacher and proclaimer of Baptist doctrine."



DR. AND MRS. Robert Ernest Naylor, photographed in the living room of the president's home on the Southwestern campus shortly after Dr. Naylor became president.

New President Says 'Gospel' Tie That Binds Christian Fellowship

THE SINGLE word that ties together the first year of Southwestern Seminary's life with this year and the final year is the word "gospel," Dr. Robert Ernest Naylor declared in his inaugural address as he was installed as the 5th president of the seminary on Nov. 25.

The gospel of Christ is the least common denominator for all believers and is the common ground on which Christians stand, the point at which our ministries are met, Dr. Naylor said.

"Our fellowship lies in the fact that we are all forgiven sinners," Dr. Naylor continued. "We stand on even ground. There are no ruling classes; there is no superior race; there is no room for individual boasting; but we are all alike men and women of grace, saved by our Lord Jesus.

"There is a wonderful result of this new life. We now have the fellowship of identification with the gospel enterprise by our acceptance of it. We face the supreme crisis of our sin when we hear the gospel and resolve it when we accept Jesus.

"With the acceptance of Christ the crisis has become a compulsion. The gospel immediately 'puts you in business' when you receive it. You become a man or woman responsible with a new demand living within you . . .

"There is a fellowship of transformation found in our proclamation of this gospel. To handle the gospel, to teach the gospel, to preach the gospel, to participate in the preaching of the gospel, is to partake of the gospel qualities. You cannot handle the Word of Life and ever be the same again. The dimensions of the gospel will become the dimensions of your own life . . .

"If we are faithful in this gospel, it will transform us. If we share in its furtherance, if we give ourselves to its handling, it will work a miracle in our own lives in terms of Christian

AERIAL VIEW of Southwestern Seminary, Southern Baptist Convention's \$6,000,000 training center where more than 2,000 students constitute the largest student body of its kind in the world.

Baptists have taken to the world the message of God's great concern for men, Mr. Hays said. The big event in the Christian experience is not the erection of cathedrals as ends in themselves, but the thrust of God into human souls, helping men to become properly related to God and to their fellow men, he continued.

Emphasizing the importance of the local church in God's plan of redeeming the world, President Hays said to the student body:

"Do not despise the day of little things. Do not think that great service is to be rendered only in the large churches. Some of the greatest preaching has been to small congregations. Wherever you are, as you give your best, you will be a part of the cosmos."

Of the Christian's responsibility as a citizen of this world, Mr. Hays quoted 1 Pet. 2:20, "For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God."

"Christians must accept the experience of suffering," he said. "We must fit our methods and our technique to the changing world, but our message has not changed." ■





Calvary, W. Memphis In Groundbreaking

GROUNDBREAKING ceremonies for a new \$100,000 educational building for Calvary Church, West Memphis, William B. Sawyer, pastor, will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, at 3 o'clock at the church with Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, as guest speaker.

The Manning Lumber Co. was recently awarded the building contract on their bid of \$81,949.59. The remainder of the \$100,000 total will go for furnishings and for blacktopping additional parking area to accommodate an additional 100 automobiles.

The new unit, as is the case with the auditorium, which was first occupied in May, 1957, will be air-conditioned throughout. It will be a two-story structure, 50 by 90 feet, and will house seven departments, including 30 classrooms, making it possible for the church to accommodate an additional 350 persons in Sunday School.

The building is expected to be completed by next September. It is being financed through Baptist Building Bonds available to the public in denominations ranging from \$50 to \$1,000.

Members of the Building committee are C. E. (Jack) Briggs, chairman; D. W. Rodgers, chairman of finances; S. D. Chambers, chairman of planning; J. E. Neal, Jr., A. C. Holt, C. L. Griffin, Joe Pickett, E. D. McElroy, and Joe Rodgers.

THE BOOKSHELF

Peloubet's Select Notes for 1959, by Wilbur M. Smith, W. A. Wilde Company, 1958, \$2.95.

For 85 years, this popular commentary on the Sunday School lessons has been a ready help to Sunday School teachers and ministers across the country. For 25 years now the annual has been prepared by Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, the possessor of "an alert mind equipped with a rich reserve of background and interpretative material." It can be secured from the Baptist Book Store.

The following new books have just come from the presses of Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich.:

The New Testament, a Book-by-Book Survey, by Mark G. Cambron, \$5.95.

Sermon Outlines on Bible Characters (Old Testament), compiled by Al Bryant, \$1.

Christmas for Christ Gets National Attention

WASHINGTON — "Christmas for Christ" will again be emphasized by the National Temperance League, according to Clayton M. Wallace, executive director. A special stamp with an effective religious theme but with the liquor bottle and cocktail glass, symbols of Christmas revelry, X-ed out, is being made available by the League.

The promotion of these stamps began six years ago as a part of the Christmas safety campaign. They are used in many states where an emphasis is being made on "spiritsless" Christmas parties. The League has also worked with national and state governments to encourage them to keep Christmas office parties free from alcoholic beverages.

Special emphasis is made by the League on highway safety, especially at Christmas time when the fatality figures show that 40 per cent or more of the drivers have been drinking. ■

NEW PASTORS in Trinity Association include: Bobby Wright, Ouachita student, at Waldenburg; Frank Buford, Trumann, at Maple Grove; E. E. "Doc" Parrish, Trumann, to Hurd's Chapel; H. B. Stone, Jonesboro, East Side Church. (CB)

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● **CHURCHES ADDING** the Arkansas Baptist under the budget plan after a one month trial offer include: New Providence, Hackett, Buckner Association, O. N. Wehunt, pastor, and Gum Springs, Siloam Springs, Ray Barnett, pastor. Pleasant Hill Church, Mabelvale, is receiving the paper under the club plan.

growth . . .

"What a priceless privilege is this Seminary ministry of ours, this thing we share in this inaugural service. In every degree that you participate in the training of these men and women called of God you participate in the spreading of the gospel and its proclamation. To share in such proclamation is to become immortal under the promise of God.

"There is a sober consideration in the conclusion of this message. Men have died in the proclamation of this gospel. They have been beaten with many stripes, stoned with many stones, suffered unspeakable indignities, paid an unbelievable price that they might be faithful to the gospel.

"From these very halls there have gone out men and women to die in strange lands and to be buried in foreign soil. They have fallen victim to disease, to tragedy, to accident, and even to martyrdom.

"Yet you will not find in the lives of these or any who have been called upon to pay such a price any note of complaint. Rather is there a note of joy, a note of compulsion . . .

"Let us not be afraid of the price that is demanded. Let us be sure that the rewards are beyond our computation. The diversities of our ministries are evident. More remarkable is the unity of our devotion. This Seminary has no right to live without the gospel. The teachers' ambition is meaningless without the gospel. The staunch friends and stewards of this cause are but mourners at the bier of a dead hope if there be no gospel. The administrator leads a forlorn and lost cause without the gospel.

"But we have a tie, a Oneness that is strange as the mystery of the identity with Christ, the vine and its branches. It is the gospel. To train those called of God, to proclaim it, we will commit our lives, make investment of our money, provide our facilities, knowing that the kingdom of God is come.

"The gospel brings hope, creates a fellowship, explains a church, defines a ministry, constructs an institution, demands a Seminary, and promises a victory." ■

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Dr. Frank Tripp Announces Retirement

NEW ORLEANS —(BP)— The man who directed the Southern Baptist Convention in its successful effort to pay off indebtedness during depression years, and who more recently has been executive secretary of its Hospital Board, plans to retire. Dr. Frank Tripp, New Orleans, said: "I have requested the board of directors of Southern Baptist Hospitals to relieve me of my responsibilities June 1." He has been executive secretary of the Hospital Board — which carries with it the office of superintendent of hospitals — since May 1, 1947. During that time the agency's assets have increased from \$2 million to \$10 million. ■

Camp Catalogs Ready

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Thinking of sending that boy or girl to camp next summer?

Catalogs for Camp Crestridge for Girls and Ridgecrest Camp for Boys, both at Ridgecrest, N. C., are now ready.

Both camps are accredited by the American Camping Association, and have a grade "A" rating from the North Carolina Board of Health. Dates for the 1959 season are: First session, June 11-July 16; second session, July 20-August 24.

Write Miss Arvine Bell, director, Camp Crestridge for Girls, and Wayne Chastain, director, Ridgecrest Camp for Boys, for catalogs. ■

New Church Formed In Boone Association

WOODLAND HEIGHTS, a mission of the Eagle Heights Church, Harrison, was constituted as a church, Sunday, Nov. 23.

This new church promises to fill a great spiritual need in this part of Harrison and the surrounding territory.

Thirty-nine charter members were transferred from the Eagle Heights Church. ■



Woodland Heights Church



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The World in a Word

"AND NOW," said the chairman of the meeting, "we'll call on Larry Ward for a word about his trip."

I doubt, really, that he expected me to take him quite so literally. At least, he looked somewhat surprised when I arose to give him that "word" about my trip. For I said just one word — and then sat down.

Honesty compels me to admit that I stood up again and talked some more . . . and yet the fact remains that much of what I saw in two-months-plus of steady travel around the globe could be summed up in that one word: the word "now."

Over and over again, in literally dozens of interviews with missionary and National leaders, I was impressed with a driving sense of urgency . . . and over and over again, faithful servants of Christ told me (often in the same words) of their conviction that what is to be done for Christ must be done now.

With photographer Roy Wolfe, I left the beaten track in seventeen countries to go up in the mountains and out in the jungles and back into remote areas.

Most of the people who sounded that urgent "now" didn't seem to realize they were giving voice to a current trend. Their focus, understandably, was upon themselves and their own work — and yet again and again I

heard it: "What is to be done for Christ here must be done now."

Sometimes it was the dark spectre of Communism, threatening to drop another heart-breaking curtain in the face of the gospel . . . sometimes it was the welcomed-yet-worrisome sight of a National church crowding out the missionary or "fraternal delegate" — and giving rise to the concern that this new and indigenous church properly reflect the evangelistic passion that had given it birth . . . sometimes it was the hopeful, "Perhaps the Lord is coming soon!" and more than once . . . it was the personal, "Perhaps I don't have long to live, and that's why I feel this way . . ."

In Berlin it may have grown out of the first nagging sense of a new tension . . .

In Formosa it may have arisen from the almost-audible strife in the straits . . .

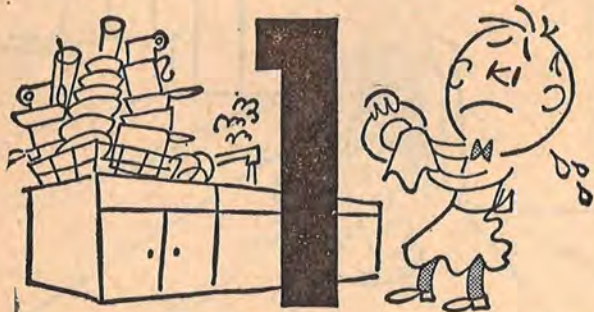
In Hong Kong, where veteran missionaries have encountered a ready response to their message such as they have never seen before, it probably stemmed from a desperate desire to do all that can be done now while it is day, while the door of opportunity is open . . .

But everywhere, whatever the impetus, the drive was the same.

The world in a word.

And the word is now.—Larry Ward ■

Three ways to get your husband to help with the housework



Ask the man in your life to help with the dinner dishes. Chances are he'll decline with thanks. But he may suggest that an electric dishwasher will do the job easier and better for only a few pennies a day.



Try to get your husband to hang out the wet clothes. Of course, he'll find some way to get out of it—maybe by reminding you that low-price electricity can dry your clothes the work-free, all-weather way.



When your man's about to settle into a chair after dinner, ask him to take out the garbage. The odds are against his forsaking his chair. But he may say that electricity is so cheap you should let an electric garbage disposer do it.

What an ordeal housework would be without the help of husbands—and low-price electricity!



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BROTHERHOOD

By Nelson Tull

On Spiritual Level

THE LEVEL on which a Brotherhood is cast at its beginning is generally reflected in the quality of work that the Brotherhood is able to do. Getting a right start is a prime necessity.

It is very easy for a group of men to aim too low as they think of the objectives and the desired outcomes of Brotherhood work. Strong spiritual leadership is a must in helping to lift the thinking of Brotherhood men to the level of the spiritual; for men are prone to settle for less than the best in God's work.

A Brotherhood operated on the civic level, or on the social (fellowship) level, or on the entertainment level, cannot justify its existence as a church organization. Unless the men of the Brotherhood are led to see that their organization is set up for the high purpose of working to set forward all that their church is endeavoring to do, unless they are led into a continuing program of work at the God-given tasks of their church, the Brotherhood will resolve itself, invariably, into an organization without spiritual purpose or spiritual accomplishment.

And now, at a time of year when new Brotherhood officers are beginning to take hold of their responsibilities, it is well for them to examine carefully and prayerfully their responsibilities, to study their work thoroughly in order that they may serve and lead effectively; and above all to know and to remember that God's work is a spiritual work, done only on the spiritual level through God's children who live on the spiritual level and are thus empowered by the Spirit of God:

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Zech. 4:6b).

We Christian men serve God on the level on which we live. It cannot be otherwise. We cannot challenge other men to live on a level higher than the level on which we live. We cannot lead others to a higher level unless we rise to a higher level ourselves.

May God help the Baptist men of Arkansas to look to the Holy Spirit as their Guide, Teacher, and Friend, as they seek to make the coming year the best of all the years in their service to their Lord and to their church. ■

Self-Starters

A CHURCH in Columbus, Ohio has the distinction of being the first church in the United States to be equipped with self-opening doors which open automatically as one approaches.

Now all that is needed is for someone to develop the self-starting church member who, come Sunday morning, will automatically find himself in front of the self-opening church door.—Jim Griffith.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

● PASTORS, WE urge you to study carefully "The Revival Plan Book" prepared by Vernon Yearby. Take notice of the publicity material suggested. Observe the schedule of promotion. Make use of the suggested letters and attendance plans. This little booklet is a "gold mine" for the busy pastor. Watch your mail! It's on the way.

● The state wide evangelistic conference to be in Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Jan. 28-28, will be the most inspirational meeting held among Baptists in Arkansas in 1959. Every church should see that the pastor attends. It will be a good investment to pay his expenses. He will return as a flame of fire in the pulpit.

● Owensville Church, Central Association, is sponsoring services in the "Rest Home" for old people. Such service as this is counted as one of 30,000 new missions. Does your church sponsor any sort of mission service?

● The following report is taken from the Little Red River associational bulletin, H. M. Dugger, missionary:

A door has opened to your missionary in the CROSS ROADS SOUTH community. We have started a mission there and have had three services to date. About two thirds of the people that attend our services are unsaved. There are whole families of unsaved people in that community. We have the promise of First Church, Heber Springs, to sponsor this mission and start a new Sunday School. Please pray for us as we go into this un-churched community.

● Report has reached us that C. E. McDonald has resigned as missionary in White River Association to accept a pastorate in Oklahoma.

● First Church, Stuttgart, is sponsoring a very promising mission in Aberdeen Community. They report 60 in attendance and 150 possibilities. Three have been baptized already.

● An Associational evangelistic clinic is almost essential in promoting a successful simultaneous crusade. The results are meager when a crusade is put on in a slip-shod, half-hearted way. The steering committee should be trained. The plans should be understood. The pastors and churches should move together. ■

It's Check Up Time

THE FIRST quarter of 1958-59 will close with December activities, and check and record should be made of accomplishments. Records are important! Reports are vital! (Too few realize this judging from annual reports!)

Report books for the year were sent to each WMU organization recorded at the State WMU Office. After the last activity of the month (quarter ending December 31) quarterly reports should be completed.

1. Each youth organization should



FOR THE second time in the history of the Arkansas Baptist Convention a church has received the Standard of Excellence Award for the music ministry for a period of one year. Above is the music ministry of 1st Church, Smackover, including choristers from the Church Choir, Youth Choir, Crusader Choir of junior boys, Carol Choir of junior girls, Cherub Choir of primaries; Music Men, young ladies vocal ensemble, instrumental ensemble, leaders and sponsors of all choirs, song leaders and pianists of all departments of the various organizations. Dale Taylor is pastor, and E. L. Crosby, minister of music.

give two copies of its report to the director by the last day of December.

2. YWA, GA and Sunbeam Band directors should immediately pass one copy to the WMU Recording Secretary and keep one for information.

3. WMU Recording Secretary should make two copies of the WMS report and send one to the associational president along with other reports.

4. WMU Recording Secretary should compile two copies of WMU report from reports of the WMS and youth organizations. By January 5, send copy of this compilation along with copies of reports from the WMS and youth organizations to the associational WMU president. One copy of each should be kept for information.

All organizations should check carefully and regularly on attainments on Aims for Advancement. Record sheets for use of WMU Executive Committee are available without cost from state WMU office. One is needed for each member of the committee.

Our Attainment Record

The following figures indicate the total number of organizations meriting recognition for attainment on Aims for Advancement.

	Honor	Advanced	Approved
WMS	14	95	11
YWA	10	8	
GA	63	41	
Sunbeam Band	10		17

Fifty-seven WMU's met requirements of the Mission Study Achievement Chart. ■

● REV. AND Mrs. Alex F. Garner, Southern Baptist Missionaries to Argentina who are now in the States on furlough, have recently moved from Ft. Smith, to Tulsa, where their address is 402 W. 2nd, Tulsa 14, Okla. They plan to stay in Tulsa through December; after the first of the year they will be at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. Both are natives of Arkansas, he of Ft. Smith and she, the former Charleta Alma Beindorf, Pope county.



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The Christmas Inn

By T. H. Stillwell

THE CHRISTMAS story tells how Mary laid the Christ child in a manger because there was no room for the little family at the inn in Bethlehem. Some think the manger was in a cave cut into a stony hillside, such as can be found in the rocky hills of Judea. Perhaps it was a little stone building, part of the inn. Whatever it was, it is interesting to think how the inn may have appeared almost two thousand years ago.

Of course, there are no remains of the old inns to be seen today, that is, the very ancient ones. But the ways of the Middle East and the East have been slow to change from those of their ancestors. Because of that, we are able to understand how the old inn at Bethlehem probably appeared on that night when the shepherds visited the newborn baby.

When the Mohammedans once controlled the Holy Land, their rulers had many inns built along the great cavern routes for the aid of travelers and merchants. The remains of these can be seen today. They are believed to have been made much like the older inns.

The old inns usually had surrounding walls for protection from robbers and thieves. These walls were made from brick or stone and built high enough to be almost impossible to climb over. They were made in the form of a square or a rectangle. Usually there was only one entrance or gateway into the open courtyard.

A wall around an inn in a town may seem strange to us. But we must remember that policemen were not in evidence in those ancient times. Streets became dangerous places during the night hours, with no lights to break up the darkness. Most people kept to their homes after night had fallen.

Along the inside of the walls were little chambers for storing goods that had been carried by the camels. Often a second floor was built over the storage chambers, with rooms in which the members of the caravan could sleep.

Meals were often furnished by the keeper of the inn and his wife or other members of his family. He also furnished grain or hay for the animals of the caravan. The keeper had to collect the fees for the owner of the inn or for the government which controlled it.

Once an evening meal was over, the members of a caravan often built a fire in the center of the courtyard of the inn and gathered around it to tell stories, exchange information about

routes, and sing songs. The campfire became the center of life during the evening hours.

As the night grew late, weather permitting, a guard was usually posted on the wall of the inn, if in a bad region. The travelers wrapped themselves in their robes, with their feet toward the dying campfire. The gate to the courtyard was bolted, and everyone settled down for the night.

It seems likely that the inn at Bethlehem was much like this. It may have had a place for animals cut into the stony hillside. Such a stable, with its stone manger, may have served as room for the Christ child so many centuries ago when the excited shepherds came hurrying to pay homage to the Saviour. ■

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Birthday Reminders

By Thelma C. Carter

DO YOU know why we decorate our Christmas trees? Why we string tinsel from branch to branch? Why we place balls of gold, silver, and bright colors on evergreen trees? It not only has to do with the birthday of Jesus, but also with some other customs and events of long ago.

People used to put a big star along with candles on Christmas trees to remind them of the heavenly light that guided the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. Carved angels were placed on fireplace mantels to remind them of the sweet songs the angels sang at the birth of Christ. People of ancient times placed glittering, colored balls of red, blue, gold, and silver on trees to represent the perfect goodness of God and the beauty of his good gifts to all people.

Tinsel streamers were once referred to as "silver rain." People were so grateful for rain in the desert regions of the eastern countries, especially the Holy Land, that they made sparkling streamers of tinsel to show their gratefulness for life-giving rainfall for their crops and animals. Colored baubles and glittering tinsel were reminders and expressions of gratitude.

The strong, hardy evergreen tree, that grows in spite of bitter cold, was adopted by people as a reminder of God's wonderful strength and presence in times of need.

This year, as you decorate with tinsel and sparkling balls, think for a moment. Do they remind you of a birthday, a special birthday of Someone very dear to all people? Will you let them remind you of the meaning of John 3:16? ■

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CANDIDATE: "What I want is reform. I want tax reform. I want judicial reform. I want high price reform. I want — I want —"

BORED LISTENER then cried out: "What you want is chloroform."

"WILL THE operation be dangerous, Doctor?"

"Of course not. You can't buy a dangerous operation for \$50 these days."

COP: "Hey, lady, you can't park by the hydrant."

LADY: "Why not? The sign says 'Fine for parking.'"

HAVE YOU heard about the visiting Texan who tipped a waiter \$100?

"I beg your pardon, sir," gasped the waiter. "Do you realize how much you just gave me."

"That's to teach you a lesson, son," growled the Texan. "I did not leave my usual tip because I wasn't too satisfied with your service."

WOMAN'S VOICE: "Is this the missing persons bureau?"

"Yes."

"My husband's disappeared. Can you find him?"

"We'll try, madam. Can you describe him?"

"Well, he's very short, fat, bald, wears thick glasses, has a high squeaky voice . . . uh . . . a mole on the tip of his nose and . . . uh . . . oh, never mind!"

And she hung up.

DID YOU hear about the couple that had to leave a party because the wife was so tired she could hardly keep her mouth open?

AWAKENING IN the middle of the night to see the shadowy figure of an intruder going through her jewel box, Mrs. Porter aroused her husband and excitedly whispered, "There's a burglar after my jewelry. Stop him!"

"Stop him?" choked the apprehensive Mr. Porter, "Suppose he's armed?"

"Don't be silly," implored the worried spouse. "You're insured — the jewelry's not!"

LARGE LADY: "Little boy, can you tell me if I can get to the park through this gate?"

"Little Boy: "I guess so, lady. A load of hay just went through."

THE SECOND floor tenant called the party below and shouted, "If you don't stop playing that blasted saxophone, I'll go crazy."

"I guess it's too late," came the reply. "I stopped an hour ago."

THEN THERE was the Texan who bought two Cadillacs and took his change in Volkswagens.

Jesus Works through Disciples

By RAY S. NELSON

Pastor, 1st Church, Heber Springs

December 14

Mark 6:6-13

THE SUPREME glory of the teaching profession consists in the fact that when Jesus Christ faced His life work — He chose to be a teacher. This was to prepare His disciples to carry to consumption that for which He came.



MR. NELSON

It was in teaching that He saw the supreme opportunity for shaping the ideals, attitudes, and conduct of these men. He was not primarily an orator, reformer or ruler but teacher. At least 45 times in the four Gospels He was called teacher, but never preacher. L. J. Sherrill says that by including all of the terms equivalent to teacher we have a total of 61.

He was in no sense a "rabble-rouser." He did not trust His cause to mass meeting appeals, ritualistic procedure, or political maneuvering, but rather to the long, drawn-out process of teaching and training. He taught and left to the disciples to preach and author what He taught.

His teaching once let loose upon the earth would make its way by its own inherent power and march deathlessly across the ages.

Transformed For Service

T. R. Glover says: "The greatest miracle in history seems to be the transformation that Jesus effected in those men." We see them later, transformed to His likeness, developed from this beginning, strengthened by His teaching, His resurrection, and the Spirit, transforming the world, ten of them giving even their own lives in carrying on His work.

Their Training

It was His purpose to train these men "by fellowship with Himself." Living with Him every day, watching Him in all situations, listening to His private talk, being admitted to His dreams and aspirations and hopes, they would end by sharing His very Spirit — would gradually come to see things with His eyes, and understand with His wonderfully understanding heart and be fired with His own authentic fire. In short, the fellowship would make them real men of God. Is

it not so today! D. L. Moody has said, "He who prays well studies well."

Their Work

We read in the scripture, "That he might send them forth to preach." Yes, they must learn by doing but more than this. Jesus saw the multitudes hungry for spiritual food that they were not receiving from the religious leaders of that day. They were like sheep without a shepherd, like grain that was ripe and ready for the harvest. But the labourers were few — the work in Galilee was growing so rapidly, and the opportunity was so great, and the need of perishing souls so desperate that Jesus could not keep the work of evangelization in His own hands. The twelve were chosen to carry, then to pass on, the torch to succeeding generations.

Concerning the Call

Indeed, there were probably three stages on the road to full apostleship. To begin with, they were simply His friends, remaining in their own homes and at their various secular activities, but seeing Him and speaking with Him from time to time. The second stage came with surrendering home ties and the relinquishing of ordinary occupations. Finally, there came the day when from the main body of the followers who had gathered round him, twelve who were set apart for the closest intimacy and the most vital work.

The call to apostleship was then complete. Really a three-fold call — first, the call to friendship; then the call to following; and, finally, the call to the full ministry.

"As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The Gospels reveal seemingly contradictory accountings of these men but they are simply distinct stages of development toward maturity of apostleship in their lives.

Two by Two Sent

A continuation of this missionary work is seen in the Book of Acts, two by two. Notice the pairing off: Peter and Andrew; Philip accompanied by Bartholomew; James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Thomas with the business man, Matthew; Simon the Canaanite with Judas Iscariot.

Someone has said, "no man can be a true disciple (follower) who is not prepared to be an apostle (one sent forth)." Martin Luther has said, "Let no man lose the faith that God will eth to do a great work through him."

They with the Lord's instructions (verses 8-11) preached with such conviction and appeal that men were led

to repent. The campaign probably lasted several weeks. Theirs was a work of God to be done in the power of God. They were to trust the Lord to provide for their needs through those to whom they ministered. Theirs was the "out-living of the indwelling Christ." ■

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

'One for One' Campaign

(Continued from last week's issue of The ARKANSAS BAPTIST)

A Workable Plan

A PATTERN and calendar have been worked out and suggested to all of the churches:

Sunday, February 1 — Take a complete religious census in every church community, or bring up-to-date the one taken last September.

The week of Feb. 2-7 — Process the census cards according to the suggestions found in the leaflet "Taking and Using a Religious Census." These leaflets have been mailed to all of the Sunday School superintendents and pastors. Other copies may be had by writing your state Sunday School secretary or the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Sunday, Feb. 8 — Complete the census and make a study of pages 12 ff. in the leaflet "Taking and Using a Religious Census."

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 9-10 — Consider any additional Sunday school classes or departments needed. Secure needed new workers, and accomplish whatever enlargement of the Sunday school organization is needed and possible. Prepare four copies of the Prospect Visitation Assignment and Report Slip Form 120 for every prospect discovered in the census or previously held in the prospect file. Hold these copies for assignments later on.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — At the weekly officers and teachers' meeting, all Sunday school workers should be challenged to full participation in the "One for One" campaign. A goal board should be prepared for use in the church auditorium during the enrolment campaign. This board should contain at least the following information for each department or class: Enrolment goal per week; enrolment 2-15-59; enrolment 2-22-59; enrolment 3-1-59; and enrolment 3-8-59.

The young people's and adult classes should be listed as classes. In churches that have the revivals the latter part of April, the campaign should continue through March 15, 22, 29, and April 5. Splendid use may be made of this board each Sunday to show the church the progress of the enrolment campaign. ■

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Blames Preacher for Marriage

QUESTION: What is your opinion of a Baptist preacher that would perform the marriage ceremony of a know-



DR. HUDSON ingly secret marriage of a couple, both of whom have not finished high school? The girl graduates from high school in three months and the boy will then go into the army. Don't you think that he should have coun-

selled these children or advised their parents, as all live in the same neighborhood?

ANSWER: It sounds to me as if you are picking on this preacher. Have you heard his side of the story? How do you know that he did not counsel the "children," as you call them? Most preachers do.

As for advising the parents, I can imagine what that would have brought about. These young people would have taken off to the adjoining county, been married by a justice of the peace,

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Bible Study Week

DURING BIBLE Study Week in January, young people and adults may receive Training Union credit, but juniors and intermediates cannot receive Training Union credit by taking the book. Fifteen and sixteen year intermediates, as well as other intermedi-

ates cannot get credit for the book.

and never confided in a preacher again as long as they lived.

Counseling people does not mean telling them what they ought or ought not to do. It means to help individuals to understand what they are doing, and why they are doing it, so that they may make more intelligent decisions. Preachers who play God are just as wrong as psychiatrists or parents or judges who play God.

It sounds as if the couple getting married started out with two strikes against them. Perhaps you, the community, and the preacher combined, may help them grow a good marriage in spite of the handicaps.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

We suggest that graded Training Union study courses in the area of the Bible be used for juniors and intermediates. Write to your Training Union Department for a study course tract and for request for award blanks.

Feb. 15-20 is the suggested date for every church in the Southern Baptist Convention to observe "Soul-winning Week" by teaching the following soul-winning study course books:

Adults — "Personal Soul-Winning"
Young People — "Winning Others to Christ"

Intermediates — "Intermediate Fishers"

Juniors — "Jesus Saves"

If you have already used some of these books, then you should study other soul winning books. The entire list of study courses may be found in the study course tract. ■

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