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## Another Successful Forward Program

FIRST CHURCH, Leachville, Rev. Harold Presley, pastor, has completed a Forward Program of



Finance Church We campaign. want to pass along to our readers some of the highlights of the report.

Last year the church had a budget goal of \$17,233. With the

DR. DOUGLAS help of the Forward Program a budget of \$33,757 was adopted for this year. Although the church had not been asking the members to make commitments, 244 members pledged \$27,309 to the budget. Of the 244 pledgers, 174 covenanted to tithe.

Here is another average church with a good over-all program, doing a good job in all phases of our Baptist life, but still it needed "a shot-in-the-arm" in order to reach just a little farther toward its maximum service in the Kingdom.

Of course the Program helped the church do more than adopt a budget goal of \$33,757, which was \$16,524 more than last year. The people had a mind to work and cooperate in promoting a worth-

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while endeavor. This helped the church leaders grow and at the same time the church leaders helped some uninterested, unenlisted, misinformed, misplaced, disgruntled, and discouraged church members to find a time and place to do something tangible for Kingdom causes, and I do not know of a Baptist church anywhere that does not have a few of the above named members.

If this report sounds like preaching on my part, I plead guilty, because the average Baptist Church member is keeping two-thirds of God's tithe in his pocket. In the words of Dr. Warren C. Hultgren, pastor, 1st Church, Tulsa, Okla., "Faithful stewardship means: bricks for schools, churches and orphanages; stethoscopes and scalpels for broken bodies; food and clothing for hungry children; the Bread of Life for the lost at home and abroad. Everything the New Testament teaches is encompassed and embraced by the words 'Stewardship and enrollment."

On every hand, in almost every meeting, we hear something said about powerless churches, etc. At the recent Convention in Miami Beach, Herbert Gezork said. "I am frankly and deeply worried about our church. I am afraid that so much of our American Christianity has become the kind of popular, tepid, spiritually thin and morally powerless Christianity with which those of us who have lived in Europe are only too well acquainted . . . Is this perhaps one cause of our trouble: that we have made Christian discipleship too cheap? That belonging to the Body of Christ, his church, has actually come to mean less than belonging to a fraternal order, to a service club, to a labor union, to a political party?" When a church member fails to become a good steward, he automatically becomes a liability. When he becomes a liability he is hypersensitive and finally comes severely critical. Let

### Responsibility

Honor is never given apart from responsibility. When one is placed in the role of leadership he is responsible for many duties. Sometimes he will be faced with duties for which he has not had previous training. Some information is essential. Hence if he does well as a leader, he will inform himself. He is responsible for securing information necessary to the fulfillment of his task, be it ever so honorary.

It is almost unforgivable that one should flagrantly disregard this and act without information. Sometimes we speak hastily assuming that the "tip-off" is authentic. Then one is faced with the necessity of back-tracking, apologizing, or blaming the informant. How important it is, therefore, that one accept the responsibility of securing accurate information before he speaks or acts.

One in an honorable position is, also responsible for maintaining a humble and dignified position. realizing that he represents those who exalted him. Here again, he may not know how. The resources for learning and knowing are at his command. He can know and is responsible for his knowledge.

Hardly an office exists that does not demand that the elected be conscious that he represents a people who want to be represented with dignity and poise. How easy it is to forget and act without recognizing this,

Name-calling, accusations, and bullying are unworthy of honorable officers. The leader is a responsible person whether he recognizes it or not.—Lee Gallman, Director, Seminary Extension Department, Jackson, Miss.

covenant that we'll have no part in producing liabilities.

This article wound up "away out yonder" from the Leachville report, but we want our readers to know about another successful Forward Program campaign.— Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.

## Relief Funds Being Sent to Chile; Seventeen New Missionaries Named

By Ione Gray

UNLESS otherwise designated, all relief money which the Foreign Mission Board receives through July 15 will be sent to the Baptist Mission of Chile to be used in relieving suffering and repairing damage resulting from the recent earthquakes, tidal waves, fires, and floods. The Board at its June meeting authorized its treasurer to send to Chile on June 30 and again on July 15 all relief funds in hand.

In his report, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen said the Board has been in contact with Southern Baptist missionaries in Chile by cable and letter. None of the missionaries were injured and there have been no reports of loss of life among the national Baptist pastors and other leaders, though some of the pastors are homeless. In Concepcion the auditorium of First Baptist Church was destroyed and one side of the building of Second Baptist Church fell.

The area of acute damage is south of Santiago, the cities of Concepcion and Valdivia having suffered severely.

Reports from the Mission and Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, who met with the Mission on June 1, indicate that \$100,000 will be needed to relieve human suffering, repair damages, and restore buildings.

The Foreign Mission Board sent \$7,500 in relief funds to Chile on June 3 after receiving the recommendation of the Chilican Mission. This left only \$200 in relief money in the hands of the Board.

"Many Southern Baptists are inquiring how they can make gifts for Chile relief," Dr. Cauthen said. "The Foreign Mission Board has for many years served as the channel for Southern Baptist relief. All funds designated for that purpose are used to minister to suffering and distress throughout the world.

"This channel for relief remains open at all times, and needs are continuous. Practically every month appropriations are made for relief out of the limited funds on hand. When disasters, such as this one in Chile, occur many people respond with gifts of love.

"All relief money for Chile is being remitted to the treasurer of the Chilean Baptist Mission and is being utilized through the Baptist organization."

Clothing for Chile

THE Foreign Mission Board is receiving inquiries about sending clothing to Chile. The following instructions should be followed:

Clothing sent through the mail should be addressed to Dr. H. Cecil McConnell, Baptist Theological Seminary, Miguel Claro 614, Santiago, Chile. Cost of postage and instructions for mailing can be received from local post offices.

Churches and associations desiring to send larger quantities of clothing by freight may ship it to the W. R. Keating Company, 90 Broad Street, New York, N. Y., with instructions to forward the shipment to Dr. McConnell. Contact the Keating Company regarding cost of freight shipments.

All packages, whether sent by mail or by freight, should be clearly marked as gifts for relief of earthquate sufferers. This should be helpful in reducing the amount of customs charges.

African Expansion

IMMEDIATELY after the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, Dr. Cauthen and Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will go to Africa to continue a survey of expansion possibilities which they began last summer. They will be in Guinea July 7-9 for conferences with high public officials regarding permission to begin Baptist work in the country. "Definite prayer is being requested that the door

may remain open in this strategic new nation in West Africa," Dr. Goerner said.

17 Missionaries Appointed

The Board appointed 17 missionaries at its June meeting: Clarence A. Allison, Arkansas, and Alta Brasell Allison, Louisiana, appointed for East Africa; Roy A. Fowler, Georgia, and Patricia Ross Fowler, Kentucky, for Brazil; A. Amelio Giannetta and Lidia Acacia Giannetta, both of Italy, for South Brazil; Wesley A. Hardison and Frances Leathers Hardison, both of Kentucky, for the Philippines;

Marian Phillips, North Carolina, appointed for Nigeria; Donald E. Smith, Illinois, and Betty Ann Baker Smith, Missouri, for Nigeria; Robert E. Smith, Oklahoma, and Eulene Smith Smith, Missouri, for South Brazil; William R. Wakefield, Missouri, and Delcie Musgrave Wakefield, New York, for the Philippines; and Travis E. Wiginton and LaMoyne Harris Wiginton, both of Oklahoma, for Korea.

The new missionaries bring the total active missionary staff to 1,-447.

Nigeria Honors Missionaries

Two former Southern Baptist missionaries, two emeritus missionaries, and one soon to be retired have been invited by the Government of the western Region of Nigeria to join in national independence celebrations, September 28-October 10. They are Dr. and Mrs. George W. Sadler, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, and Miss May Perry.

The Government of Nigeria will pay all expenses in connection with this visit. The Premier of the Western Region was trained in

Baptist schools.

Religious Liberty Victory

A RECENT court decision has brought additional evidence of a new day of religious liberty for evangelicals in Italy, reported Dr. Goerner. The highest court of the land decided in favor of the Baptist congregation at Sant'Angelo in Villa and against the local priest, the town mayor, and other officials who had interfered with the construction of a new Baptist chapel.

ARE Southern Baptists too wrapped up in themselves for their own good and for the best interests of the Kingdom of God? Editor John W. Bradbury, of The Watchman-Examiner, an American (Northern)

## Are Southern Baptists Too Much Apart?

Baptist, who attended the recent sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, indicates that he thinks so.

Concluding an excellent and detailed account of our convention proceedings, Dr. Bradbury declares, in his combined issue of June 9

... there is one direction in which it [Southern Baptist Convention] does not seem to make progress. That relates to its responsible witness to the Christian church at large. There is no doubt as to its witness to the world, or, at least, to that part of the world which it is competent to reach. But as a New Testament body-if I have read the New Testament aright-the duty of the church is to witness to itself, as well as to the unsaved world.

It is the corrective the churches needed that caused much of the New Testament to be written. The passion of Paul, Peter, John, James and other writers was a constant affirmation of the true church and the corrective churches need to get them to be true. In the light of revelation and also in the light of sacred history can any church justify a spirit of isolation, as if one part of the body of Christ can think itself healthy, while other parts of that body are believed to be diseased?

Have Southern Baptists no responsibility regarding the state of the church as a whole? Why is it a subject to be avoided? Why should it be tacit, in attitude at least, that other church bodies are mixed with evil and therefore must be let alone? . . .

This view of an "outsider" should serve to cause us Southern Baptists to search our souls in the realm of our attitude toward and concern for Christians of all faiths as well as our own. But the most of us do not see that any kind of organic union, such as uniting with American Baptists and others in the National Council of Churches, is indicated by a study of the New Testament church. Nor do we see the world conceivably to be divided by any comity agreements among the denominations. So long as we differ in our views of the scriptures and the New Testament church, there must necessarily be a "going it alone" in many regards. This need not hurt our Christian fellowship and service.

IF ANYBODY ever had any doubts about the Roman Catholic Church seeking to dominate its members in civic as well as in church affairs, all doubts have been removed once and for all. In a recent editorial in the Catholic official newspaper, Osservatore Romano, Editor Raimondo Manzini declared that Catholics should allow no division

## In Civic Affairs

within themselves "between the be-Catholic Domination liever and the citizen." The editorial declared that the Catholic Church has "full moral jurisdiction over the life of

the faithful in every moment of private and public activity" and that the Catholic religion "inspires and regulates all of each citizen's [individual] and social activity."

The Roman Catholic Church today, as across the centuries, claims supreme authority over the minds and hearts of its members, an authority God has never delegated to any mere ecclesiastical group of human beings, including the pope. For one who continues to hold membership in good standing as a Roman Catholic to declare Catholicism would have no bearing whatever on his decisions should he be elected President of the United States is to part with the truth or with the church to which he is looking for his eternal salvation. We think we know which it would be.

### Frustrated Fishermen

WHILE fishing in Lakewood Lake No. 2 the other afternoon, I hooked a fish that set my bream line zinging. I thought it was an-



other bluegill. But it turned out to be a frisky bass. My salivary glands became active as I visualized the bass sizzling in Mrs. Mc-Donald's frying pan. But about that. time he gave a big lurch, spit my small

bream hook in my face, and darted away to wherever they go when they part company with you.

My friend Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., editor of The Maryland Baptist, witnessed an even more frustrating event as he fished from a Miami Beach pier the afternoon before the Southern Baptist Convention got underway this spring.

A fellow fisherman, fishing from the same pier, hooked a fish that gave several minutes of real battle. When the catch finally surfaced, everyone present saw it " was a big, blue fish that would have weighed several pounds. The happy fisherman drew the fish in for a landing. Just as he was about to pull it out of the water there was a boiling of the sea, a terrific crash, and all that remained on the hook was the bloody head of the fish. A savage barracuda had made a meal!

Well, the best laid plans of men-and fishermen-often go awry. And if you cannot stand to lose a dandy once in a while, better not go fishing.

These experiences remind me of one the Intermediates of my home church, Central, North Little Rock, and I studied together the other day in Vacation Bible School,

During a great sorrow a man had said, "I go fishing." Six of his friends had said, "We go too." But they fished all night and caught nothing.

At daybreak they were coming in to shore when they discovered a person standing by a fire, on the edge of the lake.

"Catch anything?" the man asked.

"No," said the fishermen. "We have fished all night and have not caught a

"Try it on the other side of the boat," suggested the stranger.

They did, reluctantly, perhaps, and soon found their nets bulging with big

In their frustration they had turned to the risen 'Lord.

Erwin L. M. Donald

Letters to the Editor

### THE PEOPLE SPEAK

### Lunsford Furlough

REV. JAMES LUNSFORD, and his wife, missionaries to Brazil, will be returning to the United States the last of July. Mr. Lunsford will be available for mission schools, revivals, and other meetings.

Anyone wishing to have him for a meeting such as these may contact him at the home of his mother, Mrs. Essie Lunsford, 719 Creath Avenue, Jonesboro, Ark.—Mrs. Doc Willey, Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro

### **Pastors Available**

TWO of our Arkansas men here at Southern Seminary are graduating this summer—Robert N. Holland, of Heber Springs, and William Clyde (Bill) Huddleston, of Newport. Both have served as pastors and have gained extensive experience during college and seminary days.

They have been good students in the seminary and they have much more experience than the average students... It seems to me that some good church in Arkansas would be very fortunate to have either of these men.

.Following is their biographical infor-

Holland: Native of Heber Springs, graduate of Heber Springs High School, Ouachita College; ordained to ministry by 1st Church, Heber Springs; married to the former Miss Joyce K. Nelson of Frankfort, Ky., a graduate of Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing; one daughter, May Denise, age 1; served as pastor of two half-time churches, Mt. Olive and Shiloh.

Huddleston: Native of Newport; graduate of Newport High School and Baylor University; ordained to ministry by 1st Church, Newport; married to the former Miss Veiva Nell Vest, of Batesville, who is a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College; served for some time as associate pastor of ist Church, Newport; pastor of Mt. Elmira Church, Brooks, Ky.; presently pastor of Minors Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; expecting first child in August.—Wayne E. Ward, Professor of Theology, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

Reply: We appreciate this information from Professor Ward, himself a native of Arkansas, and are glad to make it available to churches seeking pastors.—ELM

### 'Is This My Room?'

I WANT to compliment you on the excellent application of your reaction to your room in the Saxony. I refer to your "personally speaking" in the May 26th issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

I, too, was ushered in similar manner and was impressed with the view of the ocean as the bell boy dramatically opened the drapes. You have capitalized on this experience and made it a blessing to your readers. Thank-you for it.—Editor R. G. Puckett, Ohio Baptist Messenger, 1680 East Broad Street, Columbus 3, O.

I always enjoy your magazine. Your article, "Is This My Room?" of May 26 was really a prize. Thanks.—Merrill Aldridge, President, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky.

Reply: These are two of many thoughtful comments we have had on this particular column. Needless to say we are always happy to know that something we have written or said is helpful to others.

—ELM

### Likes Evangelist

BRO. EDWARD C. Williams, pastor of Sage Ave. Church, Mobile, Ala., has resigned his church effective July 1, to enter full-time evangelism. I had the pleasure of working with him this past spring in a revival (Montrose). Seldom have I seen the passion for souls this man has. He knows the pastor's problems, eight years a pastor himself. He is completely Southern Baptist. A native of Louisiana, he attended Louisiana College, and New Orleans Seminary. His address is 178 Rhea Ave., Mobile, Ala.—Raymond Carpenter, pastor, Fellowship Church, Hamburg.

### 'Certain Women'

PLEASE accept my sincere thanks for the announcement of my book, "Certain Women," which appeared in the issue June 2 of your magazine.

This gracious kindness gives you a part in the success of the book in Arkansas, and wherever your magazine finds read-

My good wishes are with you in the

Graham Prepares
for Washington Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6— Evangelist Billy Graham returned to Washington Monday to take part in a series of pre-crusade special events which will launch his eightday crusade in Griffith Stadium beginning Sunday afternoon, June

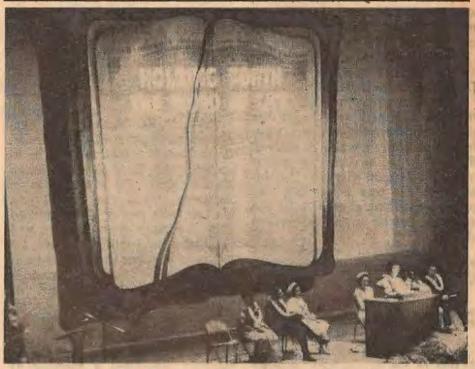
The famed American evangelist last conducted evangelistic meetings here in January and February of 1952. Since then his reputation as a spokesman for evangelical Christianity has leaped several oceans, with successful crusades conducted in Great Britain, Western Europe, India and the Orient, Central America, Australia and New Zealand, and, earlier this year, Africa.

His return to Washington is with the approval, endorsement and assistance of the Council of Churches of the National Capital Area. Heading the Executive Committee is Boyd Leedom, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board.

Evangelist Graham, comes to Washington from a period of rest at his home in Montreat, N. C.

great work you are doing for the Master.

—Zona Bays Marshall, Truman



BACKDROP for the Miami Beach Woman's Missionary Union sessions was this huge portrayal of an open Bible. Theme for this year's meeting, attended by more than 5,000 women, was: "Holding Forth the Word of Life."

### Arkansas All Over



MR. GASH

### **Forrest City Pastor**

REV. SAM C. Gash, former associate pastor of 1st Church, Owensboro, Ky., has accepted the pastorate of 1st Church, Forrest City. He preached his first sermon as pastor, April 17.

He is a native of Kentucky and the son of the late Rev. E. M. Gash, a Kentucky pastor for thirty years, and Mrs. Verna Gash, of Harrodsburg.

He is a graduate of Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School, Georgetown College, and Southern Seminary.

He-began preaching his sophomore year in high school and was pastor of two mission chapels for his home church while in college. For four years he served as pastor of Union Baptist Church, Cynthiana, Ky. He was called from the pastorate of this church to be the associate pastor of the Owensboro church.

He is married to the former Miss Jayne Hagerman, of Owensboro, Ky.

### Central Ass'n Notes

1ST CHURCH, Benton voted in the May business meeting to give \$1,000 to the Springlake building fund. This will be used in the construction of the boy's area and in building the miniature golf course.

HIGHLAND CHAPEL Church of Benton ordained five men. as deacons recently. Dr. B. K. Selph was moderator of the council, J. W. Royal, clerk. Hugh Owen led the questioning, L. G. Miller led the ordination prayer, and Dr. H. E. Kirkpatrick brought the message. Those ordained were: Lester Cantrell, Ralph Turner, Victor Ledbetter, Lynn Whitlock, Woodrow Corbin.

THE EXECUTIVE Committee of Central Association elected Loy Garner, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, to the Missions Committee to succeed Phil Beach who has moved from the association.

LEONARD ST. Church has purchased a new piano and organ for their sanctuary. The baptistry has been completed and floor covering put on the floor of the entire building.

GRAND AVE. Church has purchased two lots joining their property on Benton Street. These lots are 45 by 140 feet each, giving them 90 foot frontage. This property includes a five-room frame house which is to be used as a nursery and for a Beginner Department.

OLD UNION church has called Douglass Cheatham as pastor. He is a student at Ouachita College and lives in Malvern.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS Church, Benton, has called Dewey Green as pastor. Bro. Green has been pastor at Salem in Big Creek Association.

REV. D. O. Stuckey has resigned as pastor of Shorewood Hills Church effective June 1, to go with the Billy Graham team. Bro. Stuckey will show films in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. He has been pastor of Shorewood Hills for more than 2 years and has had a good ministry there. He has been president of the Associational Brotherhood this year.—Hugh Owen, Superintendent of Missions

### Revivals

BILLY WALKER, evangelist, recently completed a meeting at 1st Church, North Little Rock. Allen "Tubby" Meeks of Pascagoula, Miss. was the singer. There were 11 professions of faith, three

by letter and two for full time service. Rev. H. W. Ryan is serving as interim pastor.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Ft. Smith, recently had Rev. Ernie Habecker, Tampa, Fla., as evangelist for a revival. There were 17 professions of faith, six by letter and many rededications. Rev. Richard J. Beam is pastor.

### Changes

CENTRAL Church, Hot Springs, has called Bill Hunter as minister of education and youth. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter moved to Hot Springs June 11.

REV. R. T. Strange has resigned as pastor of 1st Church, Kensett, to accept a pastorate in Los Angeles, Calif.

SMYRNA Church, White County Association, has called Rev. E. F. Simmons as pastor.

JACK A. Reed of New Orleans, La., has accepted the call of 1st Church, Warren, to serve as minister of music and education.

### The Cover



SUNDAY will be observed as Father's Day throughout the United States and Canada. As Dennis the Menace has said, "Father's Day is like Mother's Day—only you buy cheaper presents." The originator of the day was Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash. It was first observed in 1910.

### **Concord Notes**

CLAYTON PEOPLES, who has served Danieldale Church, Daiias, Texas, the past four years as



MR. PEOPLES near Lonoke.

pastor, has accepted the pastorate of Bluff Church, Avenue Ft. Smith.

Peoples succeeds Rev. A. L. Escott, who resigned to accept the pastorate of the Coy Church,

The 30-year-old minister is a graduate of Greenwood High High School, Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

He served the Brumley Chapel church near Conway while a student in Teachers College and after receiving his degree in the Conway college served three years as pastor of 1st Church, Lavaca.

There were 421 additions to the Danieldale church and a new church plant, educational building and auditorium were constructed.

THREE DEACONS have been ordained by the Jenny Lind Church, Elva Adams, pastor: Nual Peoples, Melvin Thames and John. Jones. Pastor Adams preached the sermon, Missionary Moore interrogated the men and Edgar LeRoy offered the ordination prayer.

ALFRED DUNCAN, first-year student in Concord Seminary Center, has been ordained to the min-



istry by Kelley Height Church, Ft. Smith. Pastor Murl Walker served as moderator; M. E. Wiles, interrogated Mr. Duncan: Paul pastor Graham, of the Spradling

church, preached MR. DUNCAN the sermon; Paul Wilhelm, superintendent of missions for Clear Creek Association, presented the Bible; Robert Kendig served as clerk.

Mr. Duncan has accepted the pastorate of Concord Church, be-

### New Southern College Gymnasium



THE gymnasium at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, was officially named and dedicated to Fred Carter of Jonesboro, recently. Mr. Carter has been a substantial supporter of Southern Baptist College during the lifetime of the college, and is the founder of the Fred Carter Mission Fund, which gives aid to students and also supports mission points in weak churches through ministerial aid. President H. E. Williams states that the contribution of this gymnasium will make the entire college life more wholesome.

tween Alma and Van Buren. He succeeds L. E. Hatfield.

TEMPLE CHURCH had evangelist Ernie Habecker of Oklahoma City for a recent revival. There were 21 conversions, 17 additions by baptism and 6 by letter. C. A. Railey, Jr., led the singing. Richard Beam is the pastor.

Church. THE BOONEVILLE Norman Lerch, pastor, has ordained seven men as deacons: E. W. Savage, Allen Tidwell, ter Vaught, Joe Hawkins, Paul Williams, Lonnie Bangs and Pat Yandell. The church has voted to practice the rotation system of deacons.

FLOYD SHEEKS, who resigned the Hackett Church a month ago, has been recalled by the church. On a recent Sunday he baptized grandfather, and a grandson, a mother and her daughter, a young mother and a Junior girl. Seventy-six were enrolled in the VBS with two professions of faith and 14 rededications.—Jay W. Moore, Superintendent of Missions

### Miscellaneous

MR. AND Mrs. Jack. Cowling announce the arrival of a son, John Barak, May 28. Mr. Cowling is minister of music and education at 1st Church, Crossett,

REV. ELLIS W. Hollon, Jr., has been awarded a pre-doctoral fellowship to Emory University, Atlanta,



Ga. Rev. Hollon has his A.B. degree from Ouachita and B.D. from Southeastern Seminary, and in May he received his Th.M. from Southeastern and also a Master of Arts

from Duke Uni-MR. HOLLON

versity, Durham, N. C.

Rev. Hollon has served as pastor of Rock Spring and Bethlehem Churches of Franklin County, N. C. A native of DeValls Bluff, he was licensed and ordained by 1st Church there. He is married to the former Gurtha Faye DePriest of Berryville. She is a graduate of Quachita and will receive her Master of Education degree from Duke University in August.

BEECH STREET Church, Texarkana, has called Rev. C. N. Rue as pastor. He comes from 1st Church, Phillips, Tex., and will begin his work in Texarkana June 26.

PISGAH Church, Hope Association, has called Rev. James Duncan as pastor. He began his work with them on June 12. He has been pastor of the Harmony Grove Church.



CHARTER members of Emmanuel church.

### Harrison Mission Becomes Church

THE GORDON Street Mission of the 1st Church, Harrison, was organized into an independent church May 15.

The mission was begun in 1954 under the sponsorship of the 1st Church. During the following years a new building was erected with facilities to accommodate some 150 people. A building on the property was remodeled into a modern dwelling for the pastor.

The mission was organized into an independent church upon the recommendation of a council composed of pastors and deacons of the churches of Boone County Association.

B. H. Beene, chairman of the missions committee of the 1st Church, served as moderator for the organization meeting. Rev. Roy Hilton, pastor of the 1st Church, brought the organization message.

The new church adopted the name Emmanuel Baptist Church and called Lawrence M. Hammond as pastor.

The week following the organization a revival meeting was held with Rev. W. L. Poole, pastor of the 1st Church, Thornton, as the evangelist. There were two professions of faith.

### **Tipton Moves**

REV. HARRY W. Tipton has resigned as pastor of Fitzgerald Crossing Church, Tri-County Associaton, to accept the pastorate of Corner's Chapel Church, Trinity Association.

### Deaths

MRS. MIRANDA Sheppard died in a Conway hospital June 2. She was the widow of Rev. A. M. Sheppard, a Baptist minister in Mississippi. Mrs. Sheppard is survived by her daughter, Mrs. James H. Street, wife of the pastor of 1st Church, Conway.

**New Budgets** 

MCRAE Church, White County Association, Rev. Horace Boyd, pastor, and Bethel Church, Little Rock, Rev. Harold Taylor, pastor, have put the *Arkansas Baptist* in the church budget recently.

## Lewis E. Rhodes To Knoxville Church

KNOXVILLE, TENN. — (BP) — Broadway Baptist Church here has called Lewis E. Rhodes, of Jackson, Miss., to be pastor.

Rhodes ends a seven-year pastorate of the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson. He will assume his new duties on July 3.

Ramsey Pollard, recently reelected to a second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the previous pastor of the Knoxville church. In April he became pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Rhodes is a 1945 graduate of Mississippi College. He received the Doctor of Theology degree from New Orleans seminary in 1953.

### Attendance Report

June 5, 1960				
Church	Sunday	Training Union	Add	
Benton, 1st	652	125	1	
Berryville,			_	
Freeman Heights	177	97		
Camden, Cullendale, 1st		204	2	
Crossett, 1st	615	205	13	
El Dorado, 1st	837	222	3	
El Dorado, Immanuel	597	293	1	
Faith Mission	12			
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	642	280	5	
Mission	20			
Fountain Hill, 1st	63	29		
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	445	180	4	
Huntsville, 1st	106	45		
Jacksonville, 1st	532	211	2	
Magnolia, Central	688	265	3	
McGehee, 1st	438	169	2	
Mission	67	27		
North Little Rock,				
Baring Cross	795	282	8	
· North Little Rock,				
Levy	528	189	3	
Springdale, 1st	455	126	1	
West Memphis, Calvary	216	125	2	

### Films on Drink Available Free

THE following film-strips, with records, are available from the Christian Civic Foundation office, Waldon Building, Little Rock:

"Let's Talk It Over" — for Junors.

"Why Do We Drink and Why Do We Abstain?" — for Youth.

"How Free Are You?" — for Youth and Adults."

"Of Cats and People" — for Primaries.

The following 16 mm films are also available:

"The Accused" (Loretta Young film, dealing with the problem of salacious literature — time, 26 minutes)

"Pay the Piper" (26 minutes)
"Far from Alone" (31 min-

utes)

"To Your Health" (11 minutes)

### Tennessee Staffer

MISS Nancy L. Dill, Lebanon, Tenn., is joining the staff of the Training Union department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville.

Miss Dill became state director of Junior and Intermediate work on June 15. She replaces Miss Betty Jo Corum, who has accepted the position of editor of Intermediate lesson courses in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

## Arkansas Couple To Serve In East Africa

PASTOR and Mrs. Clarence A. Allison, of 1st Baptist Church, Junction City, were among the 17 new missionaries commissioned by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its June meeting. They will serve in East Africa.

"We feel God has given us definite direction for the remainder of our lives," Mr. Allison said. "We believe that our lives will have a greater significance and a deeper fulfillment on the mission field than they could have in any other circumstances."

He said that when he was preparing for the ministry he studied missions with the idea that as a pastor he would need to be informed on the subject. However, the possibility that he might himself serve as a missionary soon occurred to him, and his feelings about the matter grew stronger as time passed. He and his wife initiated procedure toward appointment early in 1959.

The son of a Baptist minister, he said that as a boy he used to dream of becoming a preacher while he plowed the cotton fields of his father's farm. He was born and reared near Walnut Ridge and received the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Before coming to the Junction City church three and a half years ago he was pastor of 1st Church, Fountain Hill, and Gideon Church, Rison, and teacher and principal of Wing School, Pine Bluff. He also served in the U.S. Navy for 18 months.

Mrs. Allison, the former Alta Brasell, was born in Monroe, La., but moved with her family to Pine-Bluff as a young child. She attended Ouachita College, Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, and Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston. She taught school in Fountain Hill for one year and did secretarial work in Pine Bluff and Crossett, Ark., and Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Allison said she was impressed with the idea of mission service when she was a member of Girl's Auxiliary and that she committed herself to seek and follow God's purpose for her life while attending an encampment at Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs.



REV. and Mrs. Clarence A. Allison, newly-appointed missionaries to East Africa, look over mission materials at Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters, Richmond, Va.

### Cooperative Receipts Up only 2.14%

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Cooperative Program receipts at the Southern Baptist Convention office here reached \$1,377,038 during May, bringing the total for five months to \$7,190,184.

Treasurer Porter Routh, Nashville, said designations to convention agencies amounted to another \$1,-282,430. Total receipts through both means of giving were \$2,699,468 for May.

Cooperative Program receipts are running only 2.14 per cent ahead of the same period for 1959, Routh reported. On the other hand, designations are running 9.23 per cent ahead of the January-May span a year ago.

For the year to date, \$9,864,241 has come in by designations. The combined total of Cooperative Pro-

gram gifts and designations has reached \$17,054,426.

The heavy May designations continued to reflect support of the Annie Armstrong offering for Home Missions in the convention's 31,500 churches every spring. Disbursements to the Home Missions Board for May included \$1,148,046 in designations—in which category special missionary offerings fall.

So far in 1960, the Foreign Mission Board has received a total of \$11,310,360 through designations and through the Cooperative Program. The Home Mission Board has received a combined total of \$2,945,003,

nearly half of it coming in May alone.

Cooperative Program gifts of churches support both state and Southern Baptist agencies. The totals reported here do not include funds retained at state Baptist offices nor funds given for local church programs.

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### 71me 70 Re-Charge

By Arnold T. Ohrn

General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance A few years ago I heard Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare - son off Dr. J. H. Shakespeare, who organized the First Baptist World Congress in 1905 - make use of a striking simile to illustrate the importance of our world meetings. Sir Geoffrey told about a London hospital where he happened to be a director. At this hospital the use of radium had been discarded as a therapeutic means in favor of radiated cobalt. But, he explained, the cobalt has to be sent back every five years to an atomic pile where it can be recharged.

I felt at once that the speaker had hit upon a splendid way of illustrating the essential function of a Baptist World Congress. We all know that as the years go by our memories of each other grow dim, our sense of belonging together becomes weaker, and the distances and differences loom larger. We need re-charging every five years or so. As we go back from the radiating power of a world meeting, we can each of us help to revitalize in our churches and our conventions that sense of oneness which our people possess but do not always realize in its potency and glory.

8,000 Expected at Rio

WASHINGTON, D. C.—
(BWA) — Advance registration for the tenth Baptist World Congress, meeting at Rio de Janeiro June 26-July 3, stood at 7,937 on May 31, four weeks before the Congress opening.

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance which sponsors the every-five-year Congress, said that 5,824 of the registrations are from Bra-

zilian Baptists.

Sixty-six countries on six continents will be represented at the

Congress.

There are 1,513 registrations from the United States, 162 from Canada, 298 from Latin American countries excepting Brazil, 140 from Asia, Africa, Europe and Australia, and 5,842 from Brazil.

FT. WORTH — Floyd Allen Craig has been named superintendent of Photographic and Printing Services, Public Relations Department, Southwestern Seminary. He has served the Public Relations Department at the Seminary for the past two years as photographer.



### **Prayers for Rio Meet**

RICHMOND, VA.—(BWA)—A call to prayer that Baptists around the world may plead for God's-blessings on sessions of the Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, has been issued by Alliance President Theodore F. Adams.

Dr. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond and president of the Alliance, 1955-60, said that Baptist leaders in Rio had suggested special prayers in the churches June 26 and July 3 and in individual devotions throughout the week.

Dr. Adams' Call to Prayer especially recognizes evangelistic opportunities in the Congress sessions.

Meeting for the first time in mission territory, the Congress can be both missionary and evangelistic as delegates witness to those they meet and as Brazilian people come to the sessions as visitors. A crowd of 150,000 may attend the closing session in Maracana Stadium, when Evangelist Billy Graham will speak.

Counselor's Corner

### 'Controlling Wife'

QUESTION: My husband goes to town two or three times a week to drink a can of beer. He is



never gone over an hour and sometimes less. He tells me that he had rather buy a can of beer and bring it home, but I have never let him bring it home because I cannot bear to

DR. HUDSON cannot bear to see him drink. Should I let him bring it home? I'm afraid that some day he may meet another woman and do things he has never done before.

ANSWER: What do you mean by "let him bring it home?"

When did a wife have the right to tell her husband what he could

or could not do? I thought marriage was a partnership between two people who were free and loyal to each other. Your letter sounds like you wear the pants in your house. You are a wife to your husband, not a mother. Quit supervising him.

Of course your home would be better without beer in your ice box. At least, I think so. But half of that ice box belongs to your husband

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

FOUR graduate students at Southern Seminary, Louisville, have been awarded \$1,250 Lilly Foundation Graduate Scholarships for the year 1960-61: Frederick C. Mallory, Richmond, Va.; Floyd Dale Crenshaw, St. Louis, Mo.; Gaylord L. Lehman, Louisville; and Chester A. Raber, Goshen, Ind.

## Local Church Theme For 1961 Emphasis

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — (BP)— The American Baptist Convention will emphasize the mission in the local church during the next 12 months.

This is part of its participation with six other Baptist bodies in North America in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

During the year of local church emphasis, the denomination's 6,-500 churches and more than one and a half million members will be urged to increased visitation, special Bible study, and renewed consecration.

In its 1860 session here, convention president Herbert J. Gezork of Newton Centre, Mass., set the stage for the new Baptist Jubilee Advance annual emphasis in his address. He said:

"All evangelism today, as it has always been in the past, must begin with the renewal of the church...let this then be the prayer in our hearts as we begin this convention: 'Come, Holy Spirit, revive, renew thy church, beginning with us.'"

Kenneth L. Cober, Philadelphia, executive director of the Division of Christian Education for the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication, outlined the seven objectives for the year of church renewal as:

- 1. "An honest coming to grips with the Bible by pastor and people in home and church, using the resources of contemporary Biblical scholarship.
- 2. "A soul-searching study of the nature of the church.
- 3. "A deepening of the positive disciplines of the Christian life in both personal and group experience.
- 4. "A vital experience of faceto-face Christian fellowship characterized by personal freedom, acceptance of others, and concern for the group and each of its members.
- 5. "A meaningful awareness of the significance of being an American Baptist today.
- 6. "An intensive program of education for church membership

and responsible leadership.

7. "A forthright sharing of Christian faith and experience with those who are out of fellowship with Christ and his church."

The American Convention has just closed its year of "Mission to the Academic Community." The purpose of this year was to give college students a sense of their duty to Christ during their college days and in future service to him in their life vocations.

The Southern Baptist Convention also takes part in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, but on a slightly different calendar-year basis than the American Convention.

Southern Baptists have since Jan. 1 been stressing Bible teaching and training. The Southern Convention has used study courses and a goal for every Southern Baptist to read the Bible through in 1960 as a means to attain-the 1960 Jubilee Year goal.

Southern Convention emphases follow the calendar years, while the American Convention emphases follow from convention to convention — or from June of one year to June of the following year.

Affirm New Site

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — (BP) — The American Baptist Convention overwhelmingly gave its reapproval to consolidating convention agencies in a \$8½ million circular building at Valley Forge, Pa.

At its 1960 session here, the convention faced the problem of the project's costing at least \$300,000 a year more over a 24-year period than some previous estimates.

Some of the convention's missions leaders believed this would curtail its missions efforts for 40 years.

When the test came, however, the 10,000 delegates were clearly and strongly in favor of continuing the Valley Forge program.

After the vote, a convention observer predicted construction on the building, 25 miles from Philadelphia, will begin in the near future. A contract is expected to be signed June 20.

The new building will draw together offices now located in Philadelphia and New York City, about 100 miles away.



RAIN AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION came together recently when Robert L. Bishop, left, received the first doctor-of-religious education degree granted by Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. With him are Inez LaRue Haulk, Atlanta, Ga., who received a master-of-religious education degree, and Dr. Allen W. Graves, dean of the seminary's School of Religious Education. Bishop, director of publications at Oklahoma Baptist university, received the first doctor's degree given in any field but theology from the seminary.

### European Baptist Editors Meet

THE beginning of a European Baptist news service may be one of several significant developments to result from a recent conference of European Baptist writers, editors, and publishers.

The conference, held at Baptist Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, was attended by representatives from nine countries. Among them were two printers and two professional journalists on the staffs of secular newspapers and members of the seminary staff.

Approval was given to the forming of an Association of European Baptist Book Publishers which will provide ways and means for furnishing information to its members concerning publications and material available on loan. The Carey Kingsgate Press of London was requested to take the initiative in organizing the association.

Another conference is tentatively scheduled for May, 1963. It will probably extend over two weeks, the second being devoted in the main to instruction and practical work for writers.

National Lottery Proposed Again

WASHINGTON — (BP) — The 99th Irish Sweepstakes on June 1 afforded Rep. Paul A. Fino (R., N. Y.) another opportunity to ask Congress to provide a national lottery in the United States.

Fino told the House of Representatives that "it is difficult for most of our American taxpayers to understand the double role played by our government." He said that "we assume a sanctimonious attitude about gambling by refusing to have a national lottery, yet at the same time collecting taxes on gambling winnings, requiring the purchase of tax stamps and charging taxes on gambling receipts."

Earlier in the year Congressman Fino kept up a weekly reminder to Congress about his bills proposing a national lottery. His remarks have been absent from the Congressional Record for some time. This new speech may sig-



GRAHAM ROOM DEDICATED — Dr. Billy Graham, second from right, took part in dedication aeremonies recently at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, of the Billy Graham Room in the new James P. Boyce Centennial Library. The room will house Dr. Graham's materials for future study of the evangelist's method of mass evangelism. The room was made possible by a \$50,000 gift of J. Boone Aiken, Florence, S. C. Left to right in the photo: Grady Wilson, a member of the Graham team; James C. Austin, special assistant to the President of Southern Seminary; Dr. Graham; and Dr. Leo Crismon, Seminary librarian. The picture on the wall was taken during Dr. Graham's Australian Crusade in Melbourne.

nal a resumption of his efforts.

Fino's recurring theme is that a national lottery would satisfy the people's appetite to gamble and would provide \$10 billion a year in additional federal revenue.

Baptists in Military Hold German Retreat

BERCHTESGADEN, GER-MANY—(BP)— Baptists stationed with the Army and Air Force in Germany met recently for a week of study, worship, and fellowship, according to Chaplain Michael E. Reynolds, of the 24th Infantry Division.

More than 500 attended the assembly in the General Walker hotel at Berchtesgaden. Forty-two states including Hawaii were represented. Texas had the highest number with 68; Georgia was second with 35, and Mississippi third with 34.

Baptist chaplains taught eight study courses, including a daily seminar for chaplains. A vacation Bible School was conducted for the children, Harleigh M. Rosenberger, of Detroit, Mich., pastor of the Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church, was assembly preacher.

The assembly elected Southern Baptist Chaplain Lonnie W. Knight, a Mississippian, president and set June 12-16, as the date for next year's assembly.

### **Folks and Facts**

Howard E. Butt, Texas, supermarket executive and lay pracher, gave two major addresses at the 59th Annual Scottish Christian Endeavor Convention in Glasdow and Edinburgh, Scotland, June 6-7. The Scottish Union is one of the strongest branches of the World Christian Endeavor Movement, with affiliated groups in more than 80 church denominations.

**Buckner Manager Dies** 

DALLAS — (BP) — Louis M. Stickney, 56, vice president and business manager of Buckner Orphans Home for the past six years, died suddenly at his home here recently. Funeral services were conducted June 2 with W. A. Criswell, pastor of 1st Church, Dallas, officiating.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB)
— Principal program leaders for
Southern Baptists' five Sunday
School Conferences this summer at
Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest
(N. C.) Baptist Assemblies are
shown here. Speakers appear in the

## American Baptist Convention Upholds National Council Tie

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — (BP) — The American Baptist Convention, taking the cue from its general council, reaffirmed here its affiliation with the National Council of Churches.

The 5,000 delegates overrode a substitute resolution from Argentine Baptist Church of Kansas City, Kans. The substitute would have instructed editors of convention publications to quit promoting ecumenicism (church union) in their literature.

The vote was one-sided. After it, a deacon from 1st Baptist Church, Wichita, Kans., said the convention's action places his church's connection with the convention "in jeopardy."

But Preston Huston, who heads a Wichita advertising and public relations firm, refused to predict the future course of the Wichita congregation.

The church voted 1,170 to 285 last February to ask severance of all American Convention ties with the National Council of Churches. This vote set off the convention's restudy of its ecumenical position.

The National Council issue had been expected to be bitter. Actually the die was cast after the convention had been in session only a short time. Sentiment continued to mount in favor of continuing council ties.

Only a small segment of the del-, egates here opposed the general council resolution to continue the affiliation. (The general council of American Baptists compares with the Executive Committee of Southern Baptists.)

column on the left and Bible leaders are shown in the right column. Together by weeks they are, top row: Fred L. Fisher and Donald F. Ackland, June 30-July 6, Glorieta; second row: Leonard Sanderson and Elwin L. Skiles, July 7-13 Glorieta; third row: W. Morris Ford and Gaye L. McGlothlen, July 14-20, Glorieta; fourth row: Carl E. Bates and Howard P. Colson, July 28-August 3, Ridgecrest; last row: James E. Coggins and W. Ramsey Pollard, August 4-10, Ridgecrest.

Granting a point to ecumenical foes, the general council resolution held this statement which carried unchanged: "In keeping with our basic Baptist principle of the autonomy of the individual church, we also reaffirm the right of any local church to express dissent and to withhold its financial support from the National Council of Churches. Provison shall be made whereby individual churches, if they so desire, may indicate that they are not affiliated with the National Council of Churches through the American Baptist Convention and that such churches shall be so listed in the annual year book of the American Baptist Convention."

Huston, in a conference with reporters after the vote, expressed hope the Wichita church, one of the largest in the American Convention with 4,300 members, would retain affiliation with some Baptist body.

There was no evidence it would seek affiliation with the Southern Convention, although Huston said teachers in the adult department—of which he is superintendent—use Southern Baptist Sunday School quarterlies.

He complained to the convention meeting in Rochester that its ties with the National Council of Churches make for "watered-down evangelism."

In a meeting prior to the American Convention itself, the women of the convention said American Baptists "should continue to play a leading role within the National Council of Churches."

On opening night, Convention President Herbert J. Gezork of Newton Centre, Mass., defended the convention's fellowship with other Christian bodies.

The convention's resolutions committee presented a separate resolution urging continued co-operation with the National Council.

Supporters of the ecumenical connection said any ban on ecumenical promotion through convention literature would amount to "censorship."

## **Baptist Crosscurrents**

### All Doubt Removed

Now we know the truth. What many of us have known to be the historic position of Roman Catholicism, but which has been vigorously denied by politically minded and naive American Catholics, has been clearly and emphatically voiced by the Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano,

This newspaper is considered to represent the official position of the Roman hierarchy. In a recent article dealing with the church and its authority in the field of civil matters, it was clearly stated that the Catholic hierarchy had "the right and the duty to intervene" in the political field to guide its flock. In other words, the Catholic hierarchy has the right to tell all Catholics how to vote.

The article rejected what it called "the absurd split of conscience between the believer and the citizen." It went on to deplore "the great confusion of ideas that is spreading, especially in some nations and also among Catholics, with regard to the relationship between Catholic doctrine and social and political activities, and between the ecclesiastical hierarchy and the lay faithful in this civil field."

The article specifically referred to the political situation in Italy, but made it clear that its stern pronouncement was valid for Roman Catholic laymen everywhere. As usual the Vatican sources are uncommunicative as to whether the editorial is directed to the United States, where John F. Kennedy has repeatedly expressed his political independence from the Roman hierarchy.

The article, which was a front page editorial, described as "authoritative" and which was printed in a special make-up usually reserved by the paper for semi-official Vatican statements, left no doubt as to the claim of absolute control of the church over its members and their entire conduct. The Catholic religion "commits and guides the entire existence of men," and the Catholic "may never disregard the teaching and direction of the church, but must inspire his private and public conduct in every sphere of his activity by the laws, instructions, and teachings of the hierarchy."

What does this statement, coming straight from Rome, mean in the light of the current political scene in the United States? It means simply this: The official Catholic position is one thing; John F. Kennedy's public statements are another, and a far different thing. Which are we to believe—the voice of Rome or the statements of a politically ambitious American Catholic? As has been said before in this column, either John Kennedy is not a true Roman Catholic, he doesn't understand the teaching of his own church, or he is saying one thing and believing another.

In light of this recent editorial from Rome as well as the history of Romanism, the resolution passed by messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention is appropriate. John Kennedy or any other Roman Catholic must sincerely renounce the Pope's authority over his soul before he can be safely trusted as president of the United States. Such a renunciation is impossible for a true Catholic.

-Editor C. R. Daley, Western Recorder (Ky.)

## The Bookshelf

What Shall We say about Alcohol? by Caradine R. Hooton, Abingdon Press, 1960, \$2

"Why shouldn't I take a drink if I want to?"

"Demon rum" and many other terms that used to be associated with those who oppose the use of alcoholic beverages are out of date in the fight for sobriety today. What can Christians say to the one who claims a right to drink? Dr. Hooton outlines here a positive approach and takes his stand unequivocably for total abstinence.

Receiving God's Fullness, by Wallace D. Chappell, Abingdon, 1960, \$2

The author is a young Methodist minister who began his ministry in Nolichuckey Circuit, Chuckey, Tenn., and is now pastor of Buchanan Street Methodist Church, Nashville. In a homey and colloquial manner, he discusses Christ's coming and his call to discipleship, repentance, forgiveness, and conversion.

Bible Highways, by Ivor Powell, Zondervan, 1959, \$2.50

Mr. Powell, who has done extensive evangelistic preaching in Canada under the auspices of the Baptist Federation of Canada, is recognized as a gifted expositor and an evangelist of impassioned zeal, balanced by a fine sanity of utterance and technique. He possesses a rare gift for making the Bible live for his hearers and readers.

What's New about Alcohol and Us? by the American Business Men's Research Foundation, 1956, \$2.50

This is an attempt of the American Business Men's Research Foundation to make available in one volume a searching look at alcohol and its effect upon men in the mainstream of their daily lives. "It tries to take man out of the specimen Jar and study him in his natural environment as a living human being who works, plays, lives, dies in a more or less free world and in so doing casts his shadow on society and his fellow man." It deals in an interesting and informative way with "old" and "new" attitudes of Americans to the problem of alcohol.

How to Get Along with People in the Church, by A. Donald Bell, Zondervan, 1960, \$2.50

The author, director of graduate studies and professor of Psychology at Southwestern Seminary, deals here with one of the greatest causes of ineffectiveness in the local church—failure to get along with people. This should be a helpful book particularly for pastors and other church leaders,



Jordan Parliament

AMMAN, Jordan (EP) — A political forecast for Jordan's next Parliament, to convene this fall, shows that Christians will have nine reserved seats out of 58, compared with seven among the present 40 seats.

In making the announcement for King Hussein, Premier Hazza' al-Majali said that although the Christians' "percentage" of the total number of members will decrease somewhat, their representation will still be generous since only about 10 per cent of the 1,600,000 Jordanians are Christians. This is the total census for Greek Orthodox, Greek and Latin Rite Catholics, Protestants and Armenian and Syrian Orthodox.

Korean Active Christian

SEOUL, Korea (EP) Like his precedessor, Korea's acting president, Chung Huh is a Methodist Christian trained in youth at a missionary school.

The mild-mannered, ex-foreign minister is particularly respected by Koreans for his outspoken advocacy of thorough political reform, even-handed justice and integrity in public office.

Mr. Huh and his wife are members of the Ehwa University Methodist Church in Seoul and are active in interdenominational affairs. He serves as vice chairman of the Seoul WMCA's board of directors and chairman of its reconstruction committee. While in America as a student, he helped found the Korean Methodist Church in New York,

His role as head of the Republic of Korea is a transitional one, for he reportedly has no ambition to become President. New elections are scheduled to be held after the present General Assembly amends the Constitution to limit presidential powers.

Would Give Up Formosa

LONDON (EP) — On his return from Red China, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery has advocated that the Communists be given Formosa.

"I believe there should be one China and not two," he said, "and that China is the one which has its government in Peiping."

Rise and Shine

BILSTON, England (EP) — Usually confirmation candidates at St. Leonard's (Church of England) receive prayer books, but this year the church gave them something different— alarm clocks to help them wake up in time for Sunday services.

**Ban Commie Comics** 

TAIPEI, Formosa (EP) — The Formosan Garrison Command has threatened severe punishment for publishers in Nationalist China printing comics originating in Red China. The comics have been found to contain subtle Communist propaganda.

East German Refugees

BONN, Germany (EP) — In the heaviest wave of refugees since August, 1958, more than 20;000 East Germans fled out from under the shadow of Communist oppression during May. According to the Refugee Ministry, 20,-275 persons sought asylum in West Germany.

Converts from Catholicism

LONDON (EP) — Some 10,-440 converts from Roman Catholicism were admitted to the Church of England in a two-year period, according to the latest Anglican yearbook.

**Moscow Police Action** 

MOSCOW (EP) — According to the newspaper *Evening Moscow*, police here have smashed a secret ring turning out thousands of religious items.

A woman, Yevdokia Tergrigoriova, was seen to receive two packages from a man, Valerian Labzin. Her suspicious movements attracted attention of the police, who confiscated the packages and found them to contain 1,000 icons, 2,500 crosses and thousands of leaflets with prayers.

Raiding Labzin's apartment, police found the man and his wife trying to destroy thousands of religious leaflets which the paper said proved that there are still many Soviet people who "fall" for religion.

Persons from all over the country were pouring in money for the religious items, the paper said.

Ecumenical Council

VATICAN CITY (EP) — Start of definite preparations for the Roman Catholic Church's proposed "ecumenical council" have been announced by Pope John XXIII. The event would be the first such within the Catholic Church in nearly 100 years.

Reported aims of the council: unification of the world's Christian forces and reaffirmation of the Roman Catholic opposition to Communism and the doctrines of Marx.

It is expected that nearly two years will be required to prepare for the assembly which will convene bishops, archbishops and other prelates here from all corners

of the globe.

The last ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church began in 1869 in Rome. It is remembered for its proclamation of the dogma of papal infallibility — the Roman Catholic belief that the Pope cannot err when dealing with his full authority on matters of faith or of morals.

In January, 1959, Pope John announced his plan to hold this new ecumenical council.

Zhivago Author Buried

MOSCOW (EP) — At the age of 70, Boris Pasternak died in his sleep, and was laid to rest in the graveyard of the Russian Orthodox Church near his country home outside Moscow.

Author of *Doctor Zhivago*, and noted poet and translator, Pasternak was an Orthodox convert of Jewish origin, converted to the Orthodox church before the 1917 revolution.

According to his brother Alexander, an architect, Pasternak was a deeply religious man, and "it was always his dream to be buried there."

The Moscow press and radio ignored the author's death.

40,871,302 Roman Catholics

NEW YORK (EP) — According to the 1960 Catholic Directory, the Roman Catholic population of the United States — including Alaska and Hawaii — now stands at 40,871,302.

This new figure reflects an increase of 1,865,827 from last year and a climb of 47.2 per cent from the 1950 population of 27,766,141.

Students at Ridgecrest

SEVENTY-THREE ARKAN-SAS students are attending Student Week at Ridgecrest.



DR. LOGUE

Thirty - four left Little Rock June 8, stopping for the night at Belmont College in Nashville, Rethe turning, group will be stopping at the Drake Motel in Chattanooga.

Thirty-nine students in the Arkansas BSU choir gathered at Southern College June 1 to begin practice for a concert before and after Student Week at Ridgecrest. The choir sang at 1st Church, Jonesboro, Childress Church, Monette, Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, 1st Church, Osceola, Judson Memorial Church, Nash-Tenn., and East Lake Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The choir, which has developed a tradition of fine singing in its five-year history, sang in the Ridgecrest program Sunday and Monday. Returning from Ridgecrest, the choir will stop at 1st Church, Columbia, Tenn.: 1st Church, Bolivar, Tenn.; and 1st Church, West Memphis. Friends of the choir in Eastern Arkansas are invited to hear the choir conclude its concert at West Memphis at 7:30 on Friday, June 17. George Amos, graduate student at the University of Arkansas, directs the choir.—Tom J. Logue

### **Graham Accepts Texas Invitation**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS - Billy Graham, internationally famous evangelist from Montreat, N. C., has accepted an invitation from Dr. Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary, to conduct a two-day emphasis on evangelism during the fall semester.

Graham will speak to the students and their families both morning and evening each day.

Registration begins on Sept. 8 and a record enrollment is anticipated. The accumulative enrollment for 1959-60 was 2,394.

Asks VBS Offering Not Be Designated

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP)—
"Undesignated Vacation Bible Bible School offerings are best," Charles F. Treadway, editor of Vacation Bible School materials for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Since its beginning, Vacation Bible School has emphasized the teaching opportunity of the mission offering rather than the amount. Within the next few weeks, three million children and workers will bring their offerings, thus learning to share Christ with the whole world through the Cooperative Program.

Word has recently come, Treadway says, that appeals are being made to churches throughout the convention to designate these offerings to special causes. He pointed out that such a practice would nullify the teaching opportunity provided by Vacation Bible School in helping those who attend to share Christ with the whole world.

"Don't sidetrack the children's gifts," pleads Treadway. preserve this great teaching opportunity."

### Swear Not

Hang your pride upon a willow, Bow your head and weep and tremble

vainly taken God's Who have name.

Who have cursed and sworn in

God will not forget your language Nor your black desires and long-

And the insult you have given Shall abide with him forever. Swear not then, oh, fellow mortal, Smother quick the rage within you;

Bow your head before Jehovah, Reverence God in solemn meekness.

Blood alone your sin can cover. Blood and Holy Spirit cleansing Fit you for His gracious favor And for peace of heart eternal.

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BROWNWOOD, TEX. —(BP)

— Two teachers received special recognition at Howard Payne College's commencement-eve faculty awards banquet.

Tribute to a third had to be delayed until commencement exercises the following day when lightning struck Brownwood's Memorial Hall just across the street during the awards ceremony. The

structure burned.

Chris Jordan, head of the Howard Payne Biology department since 1956, received the Third Annual Faculty-Member-of-the-Year Award for creative work in the field of trichiniasis.

Earlier Jordan had received a \$12,716 National Institution of Health individual research grant for a three-year study of the disease, which is caused by a parasite invading the voluntary muscles.

Lola B. Covey, associate professor of education, was the winner of the 1960 Faculty Democracy-in-Action Award.

At commencement exercises, B. O. Herring, head of the Department of Bible who retired in May, received tribute for a lifetime of service and leadership to Baptist schools and to the Baptist denomination.

Before he came to Howard Payne in 1955, Herring served as president of Golden Gate Seminary in California, and Grand Canyon (Baptist) College, Phoenix, Ariz.

### Spying 'Essentially Immoral'

NEW YORK (EP) — "Spying, like war itself, is essentially immoral and can be justified only to the degree that it helps to prevent a greater evil." So says Dr. Franklin Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Dr. Fry, who is also chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, issued the statement as his comment on the moral aspects of espionage.

"Spying has to be seen in the same light as war — of which it is really one outcropping and activity," he said.

Missions-Evangelism

## Neighborhood Revivals

WILBUR HERRING, a good Arkansan, now pastor in Jacksonville, Fla., has formulated some interesting plans for Neighborhood Revivals during the summer. We have clipped from his church



DR. CALDWELL

during the summer. We have clipped from his church bulletin the outline of the plans and give them below for your consideration. There is no copyright, so you might use the plan on your church field.

What We're Going To Do-

The first week of June the young people of our church will begin a summer missions program of Neighborhood Revivals. Every Friday evening two or more revival teams will go into the neighborhoods in which our church ministers in an effort to take the gospel to those who will not seek it on their own initiative.

How We're Going To Do It-

Teams will conduct door-to-door visitation throughout the neighborhood during the afternoon. All the neighbors will be personally invited to attend a youth-led service of preaching, singing, prayer, and testimonies. The service will be held in the home of one of our church members in the area.

What We Hope to Accomplish --

In this way we hope to reach a larger number of lost and inactive people for Christ. All of us will find that this program offers the opportunity for service for which we have prayed. We hope to have from fifty to one hundred young people enrolled in this weekly program. We certainly hope to enlist all of our college students who will be home for the summer.

Join With Us-

We in the church must not selfishly enjoy the benefits of the Lord and the fellowship of the church. We must go out and witness to our lost and indifferent neighbors. The greatest joy of our salvation results when we share our Christian testimony with others.

We're asking that every member of our church support and reinforce this project with prayer. Every high school and college student can find an active place of service in the program. Anyone this age who is interested in working with us should contact Bobby Reed, chairman in charge of personnel. Join with us as we seek God's leadership in this project which we shall attempt in His name.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

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# Beacon Lights of Baptist History By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D. Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

### **New England Revivals**

MANY young people were converted in New England in the revival that swept through the Bap-

tist Churches beginning 1721. Spiritual de-



Spiritual declension and ignorance had long prevailed among the churches. But due to revived interest 80 members were added

Mass. under the ministry of the Rev. Samuel Whiting. A day of special thanksgiving for God's blessing was observed.

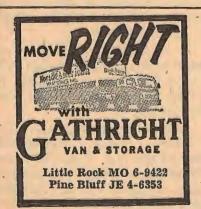
The word was preached with power. One hearer, under its influence, went to Mr. Whiting and said, "I'm sorry that so good a minister as you would transgress the divine rule and tell one his faults before all the congregation. You should have labored with me in private."

Mr. Whiting smiled with sympathy and said, "I'm glad the truth found you out. But I had no particular thought of you in the sermon."

The mother of Isaac Backus, evangelist and Baptist historian dated her conversion in this year.

One of the young men who turned to religion was John Comer. For several years he had been concerned about his soul. Afflicted with small-pox, this interest increased for 17 days.

"Nothing," said he, "but the



ghostly countenance of death unprepared for, was before me. I had no sight of a reconciled God, nor any sense of the application of the soul-cleansing blood of Christ to my distressed soul. I remained in extreme terror until November 22. All the interval of that time I spent in looking over the affairs of my soul; and on that day I was taken sick.

"As soon as it was told me that the distemper appeared, all my fears entirely vanished, and a beam of comfort darted into my soul, and with it satisfaction from those words, "Thou shalt not die but live and declare the work of the Lord."

He recovered and afterwards became a Baptist minister. His diary and papers have been used as source material for the Baptist history of that day.

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### Facts For The Record

A FEW months ago, G. C. Hilton, able and consecrated president of the Arkansas Baptist Bro-



therhood Convention. conceived the idea of locating a good piece of land in Northwest Arkansas. to be purchased privately by a few interested Arkansas men

MR. TULL and to be presented as a gift to the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and to be developed and operated by the Commission as a campground with adequate facilities for training Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador leadership from all over the Southern Baptist Convention.

It was considered that the Brotherhood Commission, in turn, would offer the land as a gift to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, asking them for their approval of the project, and for their acceptance of the land to become Southern Baptist Convention property.

It has long been our deep conviction that the Brotherhood Commission needs such a facility. The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has both Ridgecrest and Glorieta Assemblies for every phase of its work. And while the Brotherhood Commission has been accorded one week each year at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta, and has taken every advantage of the opportunities offered at these Assemblies, attendance has of necessity been limited to the facilities available, and the program necessarily built within the frame-work of the Assembly pattern.

For years, many of the State Brotherhood secretaries have been realizing the necessity of a Convention-wide training center for Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador leaders. We have been thinking of a camp — not an assembly; not in any way to compete with Ridgecrest and Glorieta: for something which would meet the need for training Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador workers, with facilities on a par with those of our Sunday School Board Assemblies, and with opportunities to conduct a year-round program of training.

The offer by the Arkansas brethren of the land for the proposed camp was rejected at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on the grounds that "the proposed plan conflicts with the policy of the Convention directing the Sunday School Board to provide and maintain assembly facilities." However, the land was offered for the development of a camp, not for another assembly. A camp and an assembly are two totally different operations.

Mr. Hilton and his co-laborers took the matter through proper procedure as far as they could take it. The rejection of the offer by the Executive Committee is no reflection upon the wisdom and the sincerity of those who were promoting the project, nor of their methods which were entirely altruistic and honest.

We hope that this initial effort to provide a Convention-wide facility for the training of Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador leadership, even though seemingly set back for awhile, will serve as an entering wedge for a continuing labor of love on the part of many to bring into being a Conventionwide campground for the uses set out in this article. May God bring it to pass!-Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary



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### **Texas Baptists** Name New Workers

DALLAS — (BP) — Five Baptist leaders have been elected to key administrative posts within the Baptist General Convention of Texas by the convention's 191member executive board.

The board named E. N. Jones. dean of instruction and graduate studies at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Tex., as the secretary of the Christian Education Commission.

James Basden, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Brownwood, Tex., was elected secretary of the Texas Baptist Human Welfare Commission.

The positions are two of the top three executive posts within the reorganized administrative framework of the state convention.

As education secretary, Jones will coordinate the institutional programs of eight Texas Baptist colleges and universities, one academy, and will offer administrative assistance in directing the Baptist Student Union program in Texas. Jones is the former president of Texas Tech, Lubbock, Tex., and Texas College of Arts and Industries in Kingsville, Tex.

Basden will coordinate the benevolent work of eight Texas Baptist hospitals, four children's homes, two homes for the aged, and a home for unwed mothers.

The board also elected Jimmy Allen, pastor of Cockrell Hill Baptist Church, Dallas, as director of the state's Christian Life Commission. He succeeds Foy Valentine, newly elected director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

W. R. "Bill" Bumpas, minister of education for the 1st Baptist Church, Midland, Tex., was elected secretary of the state Sunday School Department, succeeding the late Andrew Q. Allen.

Named as secretary of the Language Missions Department was Dallas P. Lee, Texas Baptist District 6 Missions secretary in San Antonio for the past seven years. Lee follows L. D. Wood, who is now superintendent of missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission work in the Panama area.

Sunday School

## Attendance Campaigns - Good or Bad?

HAS YOUR Sunday School ever engaged in a contest to stimulate higher attendance? Have you had high attendance rally days or cam-

paigns? An Ivory Soap percentage of us would say, "Yes, we have participated in attendance campaigns. Is that bad?"



High attendance campaigns, contests and rally days come in at least 57 varieties. Some of these are "thoughtup" by concerned and sincere leaders. Some are carbon copies of high pressure promotional campaigns used by secular organizations. We still have contests between "the reds and the blues," the "Fords and the Chevrolets," the "rockets and the missiles."

MR. HATFIELD We have posters, charts, bulletins, points, ribbons, pins, buttons, medals, statues, stars, seals, candy, gum, airplane rides, steaks and beans, and pictures (movie with sound in stereophonic and hifi) as gimmicks used to help reach people.

You can buy "attendance plans" including banners, streamers, posters, "lickem and stickem" seals and a booklet of do-it-yourself instructions.

Some leaders have learned that attendance campaigns, used season after season, at best lift the level of attendance for the short duration of the campaign itself. Attendance falls back fast to the level from which it was lifted boot-strap method. Too, leaders, have learned that season after season the campaigns must become more glamorous, more spectacular. Newer and finer gimmicks must be dreamed up. A church can quickly run its course on this kind of promotional diet.

Attendance campaigns are not all bad, but there is a better way to increase attendance. Many good things can come out of the "shot-in-thearm" attendance boosters. The fact that a church can get interested in a campaign for better attendance is good, even if the lift is for a short period. If one person forms a more regular attendance pattern, this is good. If one person is converted as a result of an attendance campaign, this is good. There are other values which could be mentioned.

Perhaps the greatest value of attendance campaigns is the lesson learned that a church cannot really increase its attendance on a static or declining enrollment. The only way to increase attendance is to increase enrollment. The best way to increase enrollment is to take a census, provide more space, organize more classes, train more workers and make more visits. This five-point formula is the best attendance campaign available. Use it.—Lawson Hatfield

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We have been making a study of what we can do, from the state level, to assist the smaller churches in their music program. As we visited from church to church some thoughts became crystal clear in our minds relative to the music program. We share these with you.

First of all we discovered that most of the churches are doing exceedingly well considering the limitations of budget, trained leadership, and personnel enlisted in the program of the churches.

There is a wonderful bond of fellowship in believers that exceeds the bounds of our own local We thoroughly enjoyed these visits and felt a warm welcome from the people.

The fine Gospel preaching in every place was heart-warming, inspiring and caused a renewed dedication of heart and life to Christ. Everywhere we heard about Jesus. Most services were predominately evangelistic.

We noticed that the percentage of attendance in Training Union and the Sunday evening service seems to be higher in the small churches than in the large.

The people sing more heartily in the small churches. You hear an abundance of bass, alto and tenor and everyone sings with a full voice.

There was a fine choice of

hymns and Gospel songs in most instances.

Accompanists were much better than we thought they would Surprisingly most of the churches we visited had some type of organ.

In all of our visits, not once did we hear a jazz-type pianist. Hymn introductions were mostly correct. The style and technique of the accompanist demonstrated fine training and good taste. were many other good features about these churches, but let us share some of the needs and points that could stand improvement.

Most directors need some help conducting. Patterns were difficult to follow in a few instances and in almost every instance the director seemed somewhat apologetic.

We felt that most choirs were singing far below their potential. Not so much in the difficulty of music but in the presentation of a message with fervor, intensity, and beauty that will draw men to Christ. Obviously, we discovered that there is as much talent in a small church as in the large, on a percentage basis.

There was general agreement in music and sermon but not much continuity and purpose in the song service itself. Parts of the services seemed disconnected and separate.

There was little evidence of a well-rounded music ministry. We realize there are certain limitations of budget, trained leadership and yet we noted that not a church we attended was too small to have two or three choirs, a ladies' trio, a men's quartet, a ladies' sextet, several soloists and duets. Perhaps these churches do utilize all of the talents of the people but we did not see too much evidence of this fact.

Our business is to help all of our churches develop a comprehensive program of church music that will draw men to Christ, help them to grow into His likeness and cause them to be soul winners in his kingdom. We feel that we have a rare medium in music through which we can accomplish these tasks. We feel that we can give real help to our churches through our state music conferences that will be held on Ouachita College campus June 20-25 and Siloam Springs Assembly June 27-July 2.

These conferences are designed to help your music director, organist, pianist, choir members and young people to realize the importance of serving our Christ, to develop talents for the glory of God and be inspired to project the music ministry in your church that will be a blessing to all of your people. We encourage you to send these people to our state music conferences.-LeRoy Mc-Clard, secretary.

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Sing a song of welcome
To playdays just begun!
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### Bible Step-O-Gram By Louise Darcy

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- 1. Bird sent out of the ark by Noah (Genesis 8:6-7)
- 2. "What is —r—?" question asked by Pilate (John 18:38)

- 3. Abraham's wife (Genesis 18:9)
- 4. Jewel mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 13:46
- 5. Mother of Ishmael (Genesis 16:15)

### ANSWERS

5. Hagar

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WHETHER curfew should or should not ring was causing a clamor in the community and a committee had been appointed to see what the neighboring towns were doing about the evening bell. In a much smaller community, the lady in charge of the curfew canvass said to the mayor, "I understand you have a curfew law here."

"Nope," the mayor answered. "Had one once. Had to give it up."

"And why did you have to give

it up?"

"Well, you see lady, we rung the bell at 10 o'clock for a few nights and everybody complained it woke 'em up."

God's Wondrous World

### **Small Beginnings**

SMALL beginnings are everywhere in our natural world. Beautiful flowers, the biggest trees on earth, and many of nature's wild creatures start in a small way.

From a tiny dustlike seed comes the beautiful orchid. One lone orchid seed pod may contain as many as a million seed. The thought of so much beauty in such a small seed causes us to say with the psalmist, "The works of the Lord are great" (Psalm 111:2).

The giant desert cactus called saguaro, with its big creamywhite blossoms, starts out as a small seed. From a small seed this cactus grows fifty to sixty feet high and lives up to three hundred years.

An apple tree grows from a small seed. Giant sequoia trees, which weigh several thousand tons, grow from small seed. It takes about three thousand of the seed to weigh one ounce.

Many wild creatures of our natural world have small beginnings. The baby opossum is smaller than an acorn when it is born. It takes two hundred baby opossums to weigh one ounce. The baby kangaroo is less than one inch long when it is born, yet it may grow into a robust animal weighing around two hundred pounds.

The three hundred pound black bear starts life as a cub weighing about a half pound. Imagine The ocean sunfish which grows to ten or more feet long, begins life in the ocean as a one-tenthof-an-inch baby fish.

### A Smile or Two

A TINY but dignified old lady was among a group looking at an art exhibition in a newly opened gallery recently. Suddenly one contemporary painting caught her eve.

"What on earth," she inquired of the artist standing nearby, "is that?"

He smiled condescendingly, "That, my dear lady, is supposed to be a mother and her child."

"Well, then," snapped the little old lady, "why isn't it?"

"WHY do you always type your employer's speeches from dictation instead of using shorthand?"

"Because," answered the typist of a long-winded member of congress, "I need the noise of the machine to keep me awake."

Lance: "What's the difference between a taxi and a bus?"

Sarah: "I don't know."

Lance: "Good! We'll take the bus."

## Church Chuckles



"— till death do you part and crossed fingers don't count."

With the increasing laxity of divorce laws, 'til death do you part' has less and less meaning. As Christians it is not our place to judge the individual. But we should be concerned about a national attitude toward Holy Matrimony that calls forth amusing front page news stories whenever some 'playboy' marries for the fourth or sixth or eighth time!

## Sunday School Lesson

## The Test Of A Christian

By Rev. William R. Woodell Pastor, 1st Church, Prescott June 19, 1960

Matthew 7:15-23; 25:31-46 Luke 13:6-9

THE INVITATION of Jesus to 'enter by the narrow gate" is folowed by words of solemn warn-



who wish to "enter." First, Jesus warned against the danger of false guidance. "Beware of false prophets"

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MR. WOODELL fall is the admonition.

There were false prophets on hand when Jesus spoke on this occasion. He predicted this danger as a threat in the future. came in due time, posing as angels of light, like Satan; Judaizers (2 Cor. 11:13 ff) and Gnostics (1 John 4:1; 1 Tim. 4:1). He anticipated the time when there will be those claiming to speak in the name of God, or even in his own name, whose doctrines will be bent on the destruction of the Truth. He warns that they will be difficult to detect, for in outward appearance they will look like sheep in the sheep's clothing which they wear, but within they are "ravening wolves," greedy for power, gain and self.

They may seem to be good in deportment, and may seem to be equally plausible in word. Jesus has no reference to such differences of opinion as divide real Christians from each other in these days. His emphasis is upon those teachers whose doctrines immediately and powerfully affect the life of the hearer so as to cause him to miss the "narrow way."

### I. Testing Teachers

To offset this danger, Jesus gave a criterion for the detection of such false teachers. He pointed out that "by their fruits ye

shall know them." Men who have not the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts and the truth of Jesus Christ in their minds can no more secure good results from their efforts than one can gather good fruit from bad trees in the natural realm.

The Master has in mind, especially, those teachers who lead their disciples astray as to the way of Life. He has in mind those who would make the way "broad," which he has shown to be "narrow." This is a modern danger. There are those who present an easy-going representation of the Christian life which leads to a total abolition of the straight gate and narrow way. They encourage those on the broad way to believe that they shall find life eternal at the end,

They are tampering with truth in the guise of broad-mindedness and are playing the wolf in sheep's clothing. Jesus knew that there would be those false teachers who could so twist any words that might be spoken on the way of life as to lay snares for the unwary. The practical test, as suggested by Jesus, for the detection and revelation of all such false teachers and doctrines is necessarily slow but perfectly sure in exposing all shams.

He enlarged upon the application of false teachers to include all his disciples. His thought now includes the Day of Judgment. He foretells that many on that great day will discover, too late, that they have allowed themselves to be deceived; that they have not been careful enough to test their spiritual guides. Now, they will realize that they have neglected to test their fruits in the light of the true teachings of the Word.

Passing from the role of Teacher to the role of Judge, with the judgment scene before Him, Jesus warned: "Not everyone that

saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

Now let us observe the form the warning of Christ takes: To depart from Him meant doom! They will claim in that hour to have prophesied (preached) in His name and to have done many miracles. But Jesus will tear off the sheep-skin and expose the ravening wolf by declaring, "I never knew you."

This suggests experimental knowledge, "I was never acquainted with you," "I will profess unto them" (the same word used of profession of Christ before men in Matthew 10:32) "depart from me!"

II. Repentance and Faith

The solemn warning of Jesus is against trusting in any experience short of the surrender of the life, through repentance and faith, to do the will of God as set forth in the words of Christ His Son. He seeks not mere "talkers" but doers of God's will. In that day of days, the judgment, it will be sad for many "hearers" of the Word and for many admirers of the Sermon on the Mount! What will be their defense when everything turns on the question, "Were you a doer of the Word?"

The Parable of the Fig Tree is a vivid illustration of the way God shall treat those who do not His will and fail to bear acceptable fruit for Him, The larger context of this story goes back to verse 49 of the 12th chapter of Luke. He said in effect: "You can readily discern the relationship between cause and effect in the physical realm, for when you see a cloud in the west you predict a shower and it comes to pass; when you feel the hot air blowing in from the desert on the south you predict hot weather for the day, and so it is. How is it that you cannot discern the relationship between cause and effect in the spiritual realm? You think you are going to get by, but you will not."

They told Jesus about two tragedies that had happened to (Continued on page 24)

some of their people: the Galileans whom Pilate had ordered murdered as they pretended to worship in the temple, and the 19 which had been killed when the tower at Siloam fell. The Jews thought that when such tragedies occurred, it was a sign of God's disapproval with the victims.

Jesus attempted to correct this erroneous view by asking, "Do you suppose that they were worse offenders than the rest of those who live in Jerusalem?" (Montgomery Translation).

Then Jesus added, "I tell you, no; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did."

How did these perish? It was by violence. Jesus prophesied that if the Jewish nation continued their rebellious attitude toward the Father and Him and if they persisted in their antagonistic attitude toward the Roman government, they would all perish by violence.

### III. The Barren Tree

Why could they not discern this? They could read and rightly interpret the signs in nature; why are they so blind to the signs

in the spiritual realm?

Then, Jesus told the story of the barren tree to picture what would eventually happen if they did not repent (immediate repentance in contrast to continued repentance). Immediately, they must change their mind, their will, and their conduct toward God. The parable points out that the the owner of the vineyard had come three successive years, since the tree was mature enough to bear fruit, expecting a harvest from it, only to be disappointed (Luke 13:6). He ordered the gardener to cut it down; to destroy it. He pointed out that it were merely taking up space, and was useless to him. The vine-dresser interceded. "Give it one more chance, and I will do everything possible to cause it to bear fruit. Then, next season, when you come we will cut it down if it has not proved itself profitable."

The shortest possible time is suggested here — one season in which to prove its usefulness. The application is apparent to The Jews are being offered their last chance to repent. They de-

(Continued from page 23) | Clined. The Roman legions, under Emperor Titus, marched upon Jerusalem in 70 A. D. and the Jews, as a nation, perished by violence. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewen down, and cast into the fire."

> The tree was cut down for it was not what it seemed to be. The pretense of religion without the power of God is not only fruitless, but a definite hindrance to others. There is a limit to the patience of God. "My soul will not always strive with man" is a preachment of God, "Ephraim is joined to his idols; let him alone." May God never say that about you. There is still time to bear acceptable fruit. The parable suggests mercy offered. "This year also." What a blessing is even a year of time, in which to serve God and prepare for eternity.

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