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Population Shift Affects Churches

THE POPULATION loss in our state during the past decade is a matter of concern to all of us.



DR. WHITLOW

However, this is not a primary responsibility of our churches and denomination. The population shift from the rural to the urban areas within our state is a problem which has vitally affected our churches and denomination and is one which demands our most prayerful attention.

Our steady decline in number of baptisms reported by our churches during the past decade is related to this shift in population. A study covering the ten year span of 1948-57 indicates we baptized 5,165 less

people during the last five years of this period than the first five years of this period. This study also reveals that the ten associations in which we have experienced our largest population gains occasioned by the shift in population has likewise had 2,482 less baptisms during this last five year period than the first five years — or 48 per cent of the loss has been experienced in the areas that have had population gains the past ten years.

Thus the population shift within our state has created two areas of critical need. In the rural areas we have suffered the loss of a number of churches. This has left pockets of population not sufficiently strong to maintain the churches. We need to strengthen our mission approach in these areas so that more missions might

be established where the churches have ceased to exist, and to establish more preaching points where the population is too small for the work of a mission Sunday School. We need to provide a ministry for these people.

On the other hand, the urban areas into which the people have moved constitutes the other point of critical need. As a result of this population shift we have many large residential sections in our larger urban areas in which we have no Baptist churches. Our denomination needs to cooperate with our associations in providing sites in these areas as the people move in so that a Baptist work might be established. We need to provide a substantial sum in our state budget to help purchase these building sites in the early period of the formation of these residential sections, otherwise, we find it often difficult and sometimes impossible to move into these areas later with a Baptist witness.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

Kensett Dedication

IT WAS our privilege to visit in 1st Church, Kensett, Sunday, May 29, to help them dedicate a new educational building.



DR. DOUGLAS

This church, under the leadership of Rev. R. T. Strange, has had a marvelous growth. He led the church to use the Forward Program of Church Finance in 1958. The campaign helped revive the church and the attendance and offerings both show steady, substantial increases.

In the 1957 annual of the State Convention the church reported a total income of \$4,234. Then in 1958 the church adopted and used all of the Forward Program of Church Finance. Although the church had never asked the members to make pledges and had never used an every member canvass, the members signed 144 pledge cards and pledged \$13,713. According to the 1959 Convention Annual Report the people gave more than they

pledged. The total income of the church was \$15,115.

The church adopted and used the complete Forward Program of Church Finance again in 1959. A \$14,972 budget was adopted and 174 church members pledged \$15,818.40.


Now the church has erected a new educational building that is modern in every respect, with central heat and air-conditioning. Plans are complete and the congregation is ready to erect a new church auditorium. The brick for the project has been bought and delivered. Believe it or not, the church paid cash for the brick.

At the Sunday morning service, the ushers put chairs in every available space in the auditorium and the building was crowded. At the 2 P.M. dedication service in the new educational building, there was a large crowd, and everyone was happy, grateful and complimentary. Again and again the people said, "We are so glad that our pastor led us into this wonderful Forward Program of Church Finance."

After spending another day in one of our churches that has been blessed by the Forward Program of

Church Finance, we said again, "Thank you, Lord, for giving Southern Baptists such a wonderful program."

As we drove back to our home here in Little Rock, we rededicated our life and asked God to help us do a better job in presenting this Program to our people.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.



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Late Bulletins...

Appleby to Southwestern

FT. WORTH, TEX. — David P. Appleby has resigned as assistant professor Church Music at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., to become professor of Church Music at Southwestern Seminary effective Aug. 1. Dr. Appleby received the B.A. degree at University of North Carolina, the B.M. and M.A. degrees from Southern Methodist University, the M.S.M. degree from Southwestern Seminary, and the Ph.D. in Music from Indiana University.

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Missouri Baptists Hurt

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—Three Missouri Baptist staff members were injured, none critically, in a head-on automobile collision here last Thursday afternoon: Dr. Earl Harding, executive secretary of the Missouri Convention; Harry L. Cameron, executive secretary-treasurer of the Missouri Baptist Foundation; and Rev. W. D. Baker, church building consultant for the Missouri Convention. All three suffered varying degrees of cuts and bruises with Baker having a possible hip fracture.

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Relief Funds to Chile

RICHMOND, VA.—The Foreign Mission Board has sent \$7,500 in relief funds to Chile to relieve the hunger and misery of survivors of two weeks of disaster in the southern part of the country. Baptists will need \$100,000 to relieve human suffering, repair damage and replace buildings destroyed in recent earthquakes and tidal waves, missionaries of that area estimate.

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New Student Work

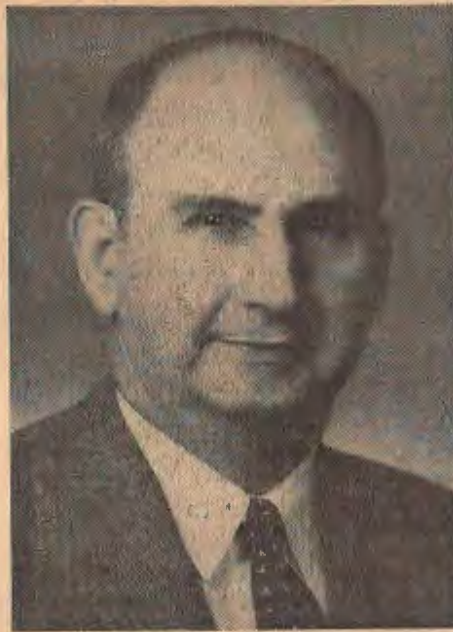
ATLANTA, GA. — The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has named Nathan Johnson Porter, of Tulsa, Okla., as an associate in the Department of Missionary Personnel to work with college students. Porter, who will be associated with the department head, Glendon McCullough, will begin his work July 1.

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Mrs. DoCarmo Dies

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mrs. Daniel DoCarmo, president of the Woman's Baptist Missionary As-

Peacemaking — Greatest Challenge



DR. PRICE

FAYETTEVILLE. — The greatest challenge for 1960 college graduates is to be peacemakers in a world "balanced on a hydrogen bomb" and in which hatred, envy, strife and greed are present on every hand." Dr. Bruce H. Price said here last Friday night, in his baccalaureate address to the University of Arkansas graduating class.

Dr. Price, a native of Pope county, Arkansas, who is now pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., cited racial, class and religious prejudice as "the greatest enemy of peace among us."

Declaring that parents are the source of "most prejudice which

sociation of the District of Columbia, died unexpectedly June 1.

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Heads New Commission

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Merrill D. Moore has been named executive secretary of the newly created Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. For many years he has served as stewardship promotion secretary with the convention's Executive Committee. Harold Sanders, pastor of 1st Church, Tallahassee, Fla., was elected chairman of the new commission; James C. Franks, an insurance executive of Kansas City, Mo., vice chairman; and Marion Hayes, minister of education at 1st Church, Nashville, Tenn., secretary.

casts a shadow over their children," he said:

"It is a sad day when mothers and fathers teach their children to hate those who have names with foreign origin and worship God in a different manner. It is even a greater tragedy when parents by precept and example lead their children to believe they are superior to other races, especially the Negro, Chinese, Japanese and Mexican races."

"We live in one world. But it is not a white man's world and never will be. It is not a colored man's world and never will be. It is everybody's world—very small, too small for little men, but big enough for big men with big hearts—hearts large enough to encircle all mankind with a spirit of friendship, goodwill and equality."

Referring to declarations of some to the effect that coexistence with Russia is impossible, Dr. Price declared that "the only possible existence is coexistence, but an active coexistence."

"In the lifetime of you young people the nations must choose to live together in peace or die together in war," he continued.

No person can be happy and qualified to serve as a peacemaker in the world until he has made his peace in his own heart with God, Dr. Price concluded. ■

'Distinguished'

HOW does it feel to be Distinguished Alumnus? Seems to me that for an ole country boy from the hills of Arkansas, you are doing right well.

All of us are proud of you. What you really ought to do is run for governor of our fair state. Is it too late to get into the race for this year? — James L. Pleitz, Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.

Reply: The Ouachita College honor comes many years after my days as a student there and after my professors have had time to forget a lot of things they used to know about me. It is deeply appreciated, but not worth a great deal among the folks who really know me.

As for the governor's race, a lot of us feel there are enough Baptists in this race already.—ELM

Greatest Sayings

ACCORDING to Dr. Theodore Henry Palmquist, pastor of Foundry Church, Washington, D. C., the following are "The Ten Greatest Sayings of Men":



ELM

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."—Jesus

"Know thyself."—Socrates

"Hatred ceases not by hatred. Hatred ceases by love."—Confucius

"What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?"—Micah

"He that findeth his life shall lose it; but he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."—Jesus

"There are many members, but one body; therefore, there should be no division in the body, but members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it—or one member prosper all the members rejoice with it. For the body is not one member but many."—Paul

"Act according to laws which can at the same time be made a universal law of conduct."—Emmanuel Kant

"My country is the world and my religion is to do good."—Thomas Paine

"I do not know the method of drawing up an indictment against a whole people."—Edmund Burke

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in—to bind up the nation's wounds—to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan; and to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with the nations."—Abraham Lincoln

(See Personally Speaking, page 5)

DESTRUCTION wrought by nature and by man has left untold thousands of our Baptist people in destitute and perilous circumstances in two widely separated parts of the world. Earthquakes and tidal waves in Chile, South America, and terrorist activities of lawless mobs in French Cameroun, Africa, have taken large tolls of lives and property, according to the Baptist World Alliance.

Thousands of Baptists Facing Destitution

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, is urging Baptists throughout the world to send money for relief in these areas. The contributions may be sent to the Baptist World Alliance at either of two addresses: 1628 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C., or 4 Southampton Row, London, England, or to the mission boards working in the trouble areas.

In addition to the Baptist World Alliance, relief will be administered in Cameroun by the European Baptist Missionary Society, and in Chile by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Missionaries in Chile have reported heavy but uncalculated property damage to churches in Concepcion and other cities in Southern Chile from the series of earthquakes that have rocked that area over a two-week period.

In Cameroun, Rev. Paul Mbende, president of the Cameroun Baptist Union, reports from Duala that the reign of terrorists has resulted in the plundering and destruction of church buildings and in injuries to many Baptist leaders and death to some. At least 80 of the 165 churches in the Union have been damaged, with only ten chapels now operating, according to official reports. The terrorists movement has followed the assumption of national independence by Cameroun.

The needs of Chile and Cameroun provide all of us an opportunity as well as a challenge. We American Christians cannot afford, in the midst of our multitudinous blessings, to turn a deaf ear to these appeals. ■

THE decision of Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield to drop a request he was making of Congress that postal rates for religious and other non-profit publications be hiked, is a welcome respite to

Low-Cost Mailing Is Subsidization

editors already plagued with constantly mounting costs of producing and circulating their publications. But the below-cost, second-class-mail rates which our paper and other such periodicals enjoy is another example of government subsidization, whether we like to admit it or not. This serves to remind us of how difficult it is, even for Southern Baptists, to be consistently for separation of church and state, as far as the use of tax monies is concerned. ■

Says Renewed Church Imperative

By Theo Sommerkamp

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — (BP) — An exile from Nazi Germany who has seen what the ravages of two world wars can do, the president of the American Baptist Convention, in his address here, asked that the quest for peace be led by a purified church.

Herbert J. Gezork, president of Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass., said that Communism, the worldwide race problem, and the divisions of Christianity cause disturbances of the peace. These are disturbances needing Christian attention, he said.

But, he went on, the most important point of all is that Christians "are called to the high and holy task to be peacemakers between God and man."

Gezork told the 1960 convention that evangelism must start with renewal of the church—a church "broken on the anvil of the Word of God, purified in the searing fires of deep self-searching and repentance, vitalized by the spirit of the living God . . ."

On the threat imposed by Communism, he said, "None of us likes coexistence in the world with the openly Godless Communist power. But let us remember: it may be coexistence or non-existence."

The theologian recounted his experiences during the first and second world wars. His parents, he explained, "died a lonely death between the fighting lines of Germans and Russians" near the end of the last war. They were buried in an unknown mass grave.

Gezork pointed to South Africa as well as to the United States in talking of the race issue. He said some Christians "are using the same arguments for inequality and discrimination that I heard often used by Hitler and his followers . . ."

Non-whites are no longer willing to be content with second-class citizenship, he said.

He pleaded for continuation of a strong bond of peace between American Baptists and other Christian denominations.

"The diversity among us, manifest in the existence of so many denominations, is basically a result of the inexhaustible richness of the gospel; but it is partly also a result of our human imperfection and sinfulness.

"I have come to believe that there will always be this diversity as long as we are on earth; and as much as we deplore the evils of our dividedness, the evils of a super-church might well be much greater," Gezork added.

"I cannot agree with some of the things our Southern Baptist brethren are doing; but they are still my brethren although I may not agree but I can not renounce the deep and strong bond which I have with them in Christ," Gezork declared.

He did not enumerate the differences in his address.

The "most important" area

where peace is disturbed is between man and God, he said. The church is charged with proclaiming the gospel which offers salvation to man in all his relationships, he continued.

Only a purified church "will be ready to go forth and proclaim the good news with authority and power and persuasiveness," he concluded. ■

Personally Speaking

(Continued from page 4)

Someone has said: "For a man's words to carry any weight, the man himself must weigh at least a ton."

Jesus emphasized that great professions must be backed up with great deeds:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

Erwin L. McDonald



DAN KONG is pastor of the largest church in the newest of the United States. As you may guess from the name, he is Chinese. A third generation Christian, Kong is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His parents were Episcopalians, but during the war—when gas was rationed—he attended the Baptist church because it was in walking distance. Although his family had a career in business charted for him, Kong was called to the ministry. He serves Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu. With him are the Kong family members—wife, former Mary Eleanor Braddock of Ripley, Miss.; Betty Jo, born in April; Danette, 5½; Edna, 2½, and Verdine, 4.—(BP) Photo.

Arkansas All Over



New Pastor at Atkins

JOHN R. Hagan is the new pastor of 1st Church, Atkins. A native of Stuttgart, he is a graduate of Ouachita and just received his degree from Southwestern Seminary in May.

Mr. Hagan served as pastor of Acklan Gap Church, Faulkner Association, while he was a student at Ouachita. He has also served as youth director of 1st Church, Van Buren; 2nd Church, Little Rock, and 1st Church, Walnut Hill, Dallas, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagan have one little girl, Cassandra Joy.

Hospital Auxiliary Installs Officers

MRS. S. A. Whitlow was installed as the new president of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Auxiliary at a meeting May 19 in the Hospital Chapel.

Mrs. J. C. Fuller, the Auxiliary's first president, was in charge of the installation service. Mrs. Whitlow succeeds Mrs. J. W. Littleton, who has been president for the past two years.

Other new Auxiliary officers are: Mrs. Irving Spitzberg, first vice president; Mrs. Carl Wenger, second vice president; Mrs. Willie Merle Snow, recording secretary; Mrs. John Robert Farrell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Rose, treasurer; and Mrs. O. B. Holeman, historian.

Two volunteer workers in the Auxiliary received certificates for 1,000 hours of service. They were Mrs. A. C. Kolb and Mrs. George Rose. Mrs. Knight Cashion received a 100-hour star and Mrs. James Low a star for 300 hours.

Loan Fund For Ouachita Students

CHILDREN of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Shaver of El Dorado have established a student loan fund at Ouachita Baptist College in memory of their parents, President Ralph A. Phelps Jr. has announced.

All six of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Shaver graduated from Ouachita. Mr. and Mrs. Shaver formerly lived in Arkadelphia, but were residing in El Dorado at the time of their death.

Those contributing are Mrs. Harry L. Charles, Mrs. W. M. Pendleton, and Mrs. J. R. Hopper, all of El Dorado; and Mrs. Hugh C. Mean and Mrs. Pearle S. Dick of Baton Rouge, La. Mrs. Hopper made the arrangements.

Revivals

BILLY WALKER was the evangelist for a recent revival at Trinity Church, Ft. Smith. Rev. Mason Bondurant, pastor, led the singing. There were 31 for baptism, five by letter, two for special service, and 72 rededications.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, Waldo, had Rev. Eddie L. McCord, pastor, 1st Church, Bauxite, as evangelist for a recent revival. Dan Light, music director at the church, led the singing. There were eight for baptism and two by letter. Rev. Jack J. Bledsoe is pastor.

Ordinations

THREE DEACONS, Nual Peoples, Melvin Thames, and John Jones, were ordained by the Jenny Lind Church on a recent Sunday morning. Pastor Elva Adams preached the sermon; Jay W. C. Moore interrogated the men, and Edgar LeRoy, chairman of the deacons, offered the ordination prayer.

1ST CHURCH, Black Rock, ordained Ceburn Christopher as a deacon recently. Rev. Ralph M. Cadwell, pastor, Hoxie Church, brought the message; Rev. W. K. Wharton, pastor, College City Church, led the ordination prayer; Dr. Woodrow Behannon, dean of

Attendance Report

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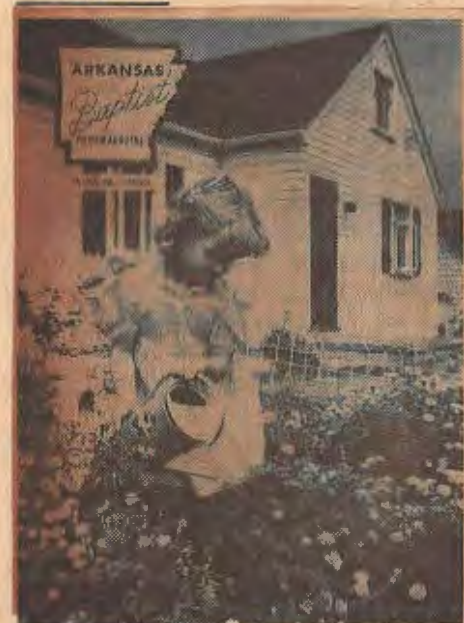
Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton, 1st	677	132	9
Camden, Cullendale 1st	432	251	6
Crossett, 1st	560	198	11
El Dorado, 1st	857	248	7
Fountain Hill, 1st	63	26	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	482	151	
Huntsville, 1st	102	45	
Mission	22	18	
Magnolia, Central	684	242	4
McGehee, 1st	402	156	4
Mission	52	30	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	770	237	5
North Little Rock, Levy	531	187	1
Springdale, 1st	389	108	3
West Memphis, Calvary	209	108	3

Southern College, presented the Bible; Rev. J. C. Smith, pastor, Imboden Church, conducted the examination; W. R. Wells, Southern College, led the prayer service; James Wells, deacon of Poca-hontas, served as clerk; Rev. Carl H. Johnson, pastor, Black Rock Church, acted as moderator.

New Budgets

GENOA Church, Hope Association, put the *Arkansas Baptist* in the church budget after a one-month free trial. Rev. Jerry Powers is pastor and Loy Morton is treasurer. Cabanal Church, Carroll County Association, has voted to receive the one month free trial. Rev. W. H. Lively is pastor.

The Cover



Baptist Hospital 'Moves' to Camps

WHEN campers at Siloam Springs need first aid this summer they will be cared for in a small branch of Arkansas Baptist Hospital right on the Assembly grounds.

The infirmary and dispensary are owned by Arkansas Baptist Hospital and staffed by ABH nurses. In charge for the four weeks of assemblies this summer will be Miss Mena Fleming, R.N., and ABH graduate who is a head nurse on the Hospital staff.

Assisting her will be student nurses who will be on professional leave. From June 27 to July 2, for the Music Assembly, will be students Jennie and Frances Fortner. For the first Training Union Assembly, July 4-9, will be Jeannine Whitlock and Beth Guthrie. Alice Wagner and Helen Finney will be camp nurses for the second Training Union Assembly, July 11-16. Students for the Sunday School Assembly, August 8-13, have not been assigned.

The infirmary, besides furnishing on-the-spot medical aid for campers, also gives student nurses valuable experience and helps to recruit students into nursing, hospital officials state. Several ABH students have said that they made their decisions to become nurses while at Siloam Springs. ■

Miscellaneous

EAST SIDE Baptist Church, Mountain Home, recently voted to cooperate with the White River Association and the Arkansas State Convention. They voted to give ten percent to the State Convention and five percent to the association. Rev. O. I. Ford is pastor. Mrs. Mildred Parnell is clerk.

"The World In Our Hearts" was the theme of the recent GA Coronation service of 1st Church, Brinkley. Norma Glover was crowned as Queen. Other girls receiving recognition were: princesses, Sandra Morgan, Paulette Chatham, Mary Lynn Etheridge, Kathy Hughes, Ginger Holland, and Kay McCormick; ladies-in-waiting, Betty Roberts, Patricia Fortune, Edna Warren, Linda Sullivan, Mary Jack Sturgeon, Mary Evelyn Ellis, Paul-



THESE three Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing seniors captured top honors at graduation May 23. They are, from left: Jeannine Whitlock, BSU award and Senior II merit award winner; Joan Hall, Senior I merit award winner; and Alice Wagner, scholarship award winner for the Senior I class.

lette Volner, Mel Williford, Alice Haggar, Audie Medford, and Brenda Haggar; maidens, Judy Weatherly, Paula Watts, Ann Story, Diane McMillion, Gay Henley, Robbie Mason, Marilyn Rose, Vernie Parchman, Barbara Snead, Brenda Volner, Edith Ann Henley, Janice White, Sherry Wright, Jerry Sue Alexander, Sharon Chatham, Charlotte Compton, Janice Crow, Frankie Eubanks, Audrey Hamm and Donna Johnson.

BILLY KIMBROUGH has resigned as pastor of Sidney Church, Rocky Bayou Association, and Rosie Church, Independence Association, to study at Southwestern Seminary.

FIVE student nurses from Arkansas Baptist Hospital will be among the hundreds of young people who will attend the Baptist Student Union Retreat at Ridgecrest, N. C., the week of June 8: Linda Vail, Little Rock; Julia Harp, Amity; Donna W o m b l e, Warren; Lulu Hillman, Fordyce; and Jim O'Lee Newton, North Little Rock. They will be accompanied by faculty members Miss Rita Williams and Miss Juanita Straubie. Lavelle Goatcher, student from West Helena, will attend the YWA Convention June 16-23, also at Ridgecrest.

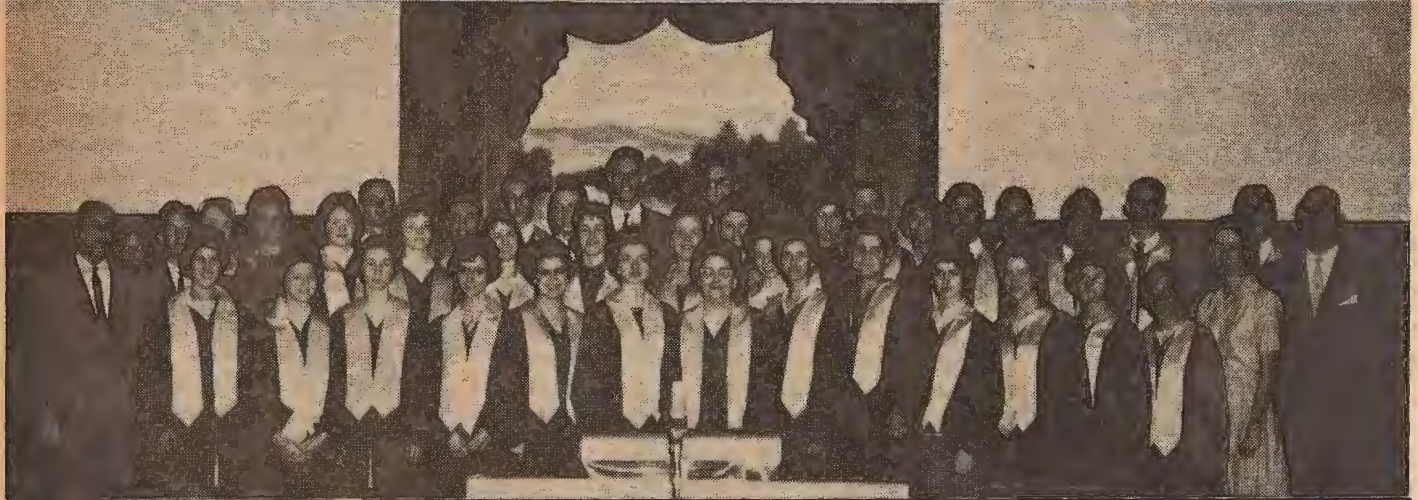
Former ABH Patient in Appreciation

A Monticello lady who was enthusiastic about the nursing care she received at Arkansas Baptist Hospital sent a contribution to the Summer Missions Program which will send a student nurse to Nigeria this summer.

The contributor was Miss Mae Seefeldt, who was a patient at the Hospital two months ago, and who wanted to do something for the students in return for the interest which they showed her while she was here.

Miss Seefeldt saw a picture of Dell Christy, the ABH student nurse who will work in a missions hospital in Nigeria this summer, in *The Buzzer*, the Hospital's publication, and contributed toward making the trip possible. ■

A REPORT in *The Times*, North Little Rock weekly tabloid, states that 92% of the members of 65 North Little Rock churches engaging in a recent attendance campaign were present for worship services on Easter Sunday. The figure was attributable to the Ministerial Alliance of NLR, which reported total attendance for Easter at 20,150.



(Top) THE CONCORD Choir of 1st Church, McGehee, is shown wearing their new choir robes which were recently purchased by the church. Rev. Mason Craig is pastor and Sammy David is music director.

(Second) THE YOUTH Choir of Southside Church, Ft. Smith, was featured during a recent Youth Week at the church. Rev. Marvin Gennings is pastor and Ken Huffman is music director.

(Bottom) Pictured above is the Chapel (Youth) Choir of 2nd Church, Little Rock. Dale Cowling, pastor, and Archie Y. McMillan, minister of music. The choir is composed of Intermediates through High School ages. The choir (47 enrolled) sings each Wednesday evening for the Hour of Power and averages 30 singers each service. Recently, at the State Youth Choir Festival, the choir was awarded a rating of "Superior".

SBC News & Notes

Reynolds Receives Award

NASHVILLE, TENN. — (BSSB) — William J. Reynolds, music editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, has received the annual B. B. McKinney Foundation Award.

The award was presented to Mr. Reynolds "in recognition of outstanding service to Southern Baptist Church Music, awarded by the Bison Glee Club, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., May, 1960."

Folks and Facts

A. C. MILLER of Sedona, Ariz., retired executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission, delivered the commencement address at Grand Canyon College in Phoenix. The college is operated by the Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

Rio Registrations

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Advance registration for the Tenth Baptist World Congress, meeting at Rio de Janeiro, June 26-July 3, stood at 7,987 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 Brazilian 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 the 5,824 from Brazil.

Brotherhood at Rio

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Two leaders of Southern Baptist men will play prominent roles in an effort to establish a men's department of the Baptist World Alliance at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Making program appearances at the Tenth Baptist World Congress, which opens a seven-day

run June 26, will be Dr. George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, and the agency's director of promotion, James M. Sapp.

Dr. Schroeder will preside over a sectional meeting which has the theme, "The Christian Layman and His Vocation."

Sapp is part of a four-man panel which includes speakers from Austria, South America, and Australia. He will speak on "Glimpses of Men's Work." ■

Denver Crusade

DO you know the name and address of a Southern Baptist individual or family who has moved to the Denver, Colo., area and who is not now affiliated with a Southern Baptist church?

If so, this information is wanted and needed by the group of 40 Mississippi Baptist laymen who will be conducting a crusade in the Southern Baptist churches in the Denver area July 27-31. Please provide this information by card or letter addressed to: Owen Cooper, Box 563, Yazoo City, Miss.

Long Pastorate

ANDERSON, S. C. — (BP) — E. C. White will soon begin his 44th year as pastor of Oakwood Baptist Church here.

His service with the local church is one of the longest of any active pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention. White was ordained by Oakwood Church when he entered the ministry.

He has invested all of his ministry in the Oakwood pastorate.

Pastors' Conference

FORT WORTH — "Doctrinal Preaching in Our Times" will be the theme for the Fourth Annual Pastors' Conference meeting at Southwestern, June 20-24. Pastors from over the nation are invited to come to the seminary campus for the week of study and fellowship.

Dr. Jesse J. Northcutt, dean of the School of Theology, will preside at all sessions, beginning Monday night and closing Friday noon. Charles Williamson, voice professor, will direct the music for the conference.

Dr. W. W. Adams, professor of Theology at Southern Seminary, will present daily Bible study and Dr. John P. Newport, professor of Philosophy of Religion at Southwestern, will deliver doctrinal sermons each evening. Dr. James A. Langley, pastor of the Pennsylvania Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., will deliver inspirational messages each morning.

Other program personnel are Dr. Glenn E. Bryant, pastor of Immanuel Church, Alexandria, La.; and Southwestern professors: Dr. T. M. Bennett, Dr. T. B. Maston, Dr. H. C. Brown, Jr., Dr. Leon Marsh and James C. McKinney.

Room reservations can be secured by writing to the School of Theology, Box 22000, Ft. Worth, Texas. The rate for rooms in Ft. Worth Hall is \$1.50 per day with a 25-cent linen charge. Meals are served in the seminary cafeteria.

All afternoons are open for study in Fleming Library or for recreation. ■

Convention on Tape

SIX million feet, or nearly 1200 miles, of tape-recorded messages from the recent Southern Baptist Convention have been ordered by lay messengers and pastors, according to Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission.

The special offer of a package of five 1200-foot tapes with 10 hours of the convention's most popular addresses has been in greatest demand, 1000 of the five-reel packages having been ordered at Miami Beach and by mail.

It is apparent that more Southern Baptists than ever before in the history of the convention will have an opportunity to hear a portion of the annual meeting. Registration topped all previous figures with over 13,000 messengers, and a record number of recordings are being requested for the folks back home who couldn't attend.

Tape recordings of the Woman's Missionary Union meeting, the Pastors' Conference and the convention proper is an annual service of the denomination provided by Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission.

Should You Go Ahead And Say It?

By ELIZABETH MORGAN in Baptist Standard

AS BAPTISTS, we boast of our democratic church government with individual control and freedom. Our Baptist fathers endured persecution for these freedoms which are so basic to our Baptist life today. We guard them and preserve them as a sacred responsibility.

Yet one of the most abused freedoms of our Baptist churches today is our right to speak our opinions, our right to object. As with all Christian freedoms, they are ours on condition—the condition that they be used for the glory of God. Paul wrote, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient."

I am free to drive 60 miles per hour on Texas highways, but this does not mean that I should always drive 60 miles per hour, as during a snowstorm when I might possibly endanger the lives of others as well as my own. Just because I have the right to object or express my opinions in church business meetings does not mean that it is always wise for me to do so. Yet how often does a well-meaning member stand and piously proclaim his divisive opinions under the guise that we must all say what we think! Must we?—when what we say achieves no Christian good? when we just want to get it off our chest?

Choosing the Right

We have the privilege to choose right or wrong, or as some say the right to be wrong. But as Christians we have committed ourselves to choose right. We are dedicated to the pursuit of all righteousness, not merely freedom, for our righteous convictions may indeed curtail our personal freedom. It made Paul a prisoner.

As a teenager I was a member of a church which was dominated by this "say it" philosophy. It didn't matter whether the issue was vitally concerned with moral truth or the janitor's supplies. Everybody had his say and the business meetings were big free-for-alls resulting in hurt feelings and bad fellowship. As an impressionable young person I lost respect for my church and its leaders, and a number of the young people joined other churches. A few years ago the church split in a dis-

graceful row over whether to use colonial or contemporary architecture on the proposed new sanctuary. Since then I have seen two other churches split in a similar way. In every case the situation brewed and came to a head in church business meetings where Christians abused their freedom to speak.

Few Baptist churches need to encourage their members to exercise this prerogative. The church business meeting which ought to be conducted with dignity and order becomes a licensed battleground.

Committee Reports

For example, the kitchen committee makes a report on some badly needed new kitchen equipment. They have carefully surveyed the needs, including a complete inventory of the equipment on hand, visits to four other Baptist churches with kitchens, and price lists from three dealers. Among their recommendations are 100 cups and saucers made of plastic. But when the report is made Mrs. Cookup, who has helped in the kitchen for years but wasn't on the committee, rises and objects to plastic cups and saucers because they "look so awful" when the W.M.U. serves tea. Several other people had no opinion up to now but they like Mrs. Cookup and she does a lot in that kitchen, so they begin to speak with Mrs. Cookup. Finally, Deacon Squeakin, who hasn't been inside the kitchen for 20 years, says he doesn't think we need new cups and saucers anyhow; and he moves that we refer it to the committee again for further study. It's late, we want to go home, motion carries, and we adjourn. "You betcha," everybody has his say! We were democratic but were we Christian? The committee, composed of busy people, has performed a time-consuming efficient service already. Now what? Moreover, where is that confidence which the church expressed when they selected the committee?

Baptist Business

A young business man who recently became a Christian attends his first business meeting. It turned out to be somewhat of a ball; and afterwards he turns to a friend in amazement, "I

don't understand all this. I thought Christians could trust each other and were supposed to love each other. But everybody seemed to question everyone else. I don't get it."

"Ha," replied the friend. "This was mild tonight. You oughta see 'em when they really get wound up. You know us Baptists. Everybody has a right to his say!" (In other words, we made a mess of the Lord's business, but we were democratic about it. So it's O.K.)

The young Christian turns away, confused and embarrassed. He doesn't feel very responsible about attending another of these sessions; moreover, they won't get him on any of these committees where he can be made a public spectacle regardless of how hard he tries.

It was said of Jesus that "He stirs up the people," but He stirred them up about the great moral issues at hand, not about whether the synagogue should have red or gray tile roof. In fact, he condemned the Pharisees for their hair-splitting argument.

Most local church business meetings are business sessions. They seldom involve doctrinal or moral issues which demand careful preservation of personal conviction. To say that everybody ought to make a speech of his opinion is to invite anarchy.

We do not minimize the importance of church business. God's business is the most important in the world and should be carried out with dignity and reverence and intelligent efficiency. It can be accomplished without a lot of "popping off." A lot of this talk is not based on conviction at all but half-baked thinking. Our most capable church leaders tend to shy away from responsibility or even attendance at business meetings when such an atmosphere prevails.

Motive Search

Do you really have the right to speak in business meeting when what you say is based on personal desire rather than the welfare of the congregation?

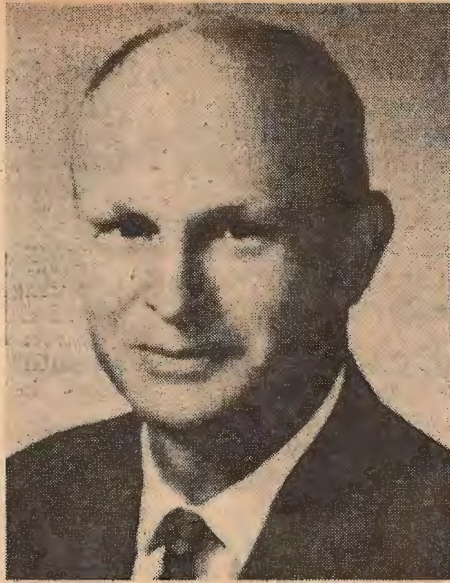
Do you really have the right to speak when you question or oppose something which you have not prayed about?

Do you really have the right to speak when you oppose the report of a committee who has given weeks of careful study to an issue that you had not really thought much about until you came to business meeting, and somehow it just "struck you wrong"?

Do you really have the right to question an issue for the sake of displaying your right to question — not because you really oppose it, but they'll know "I'm really a thinker — they can't put anything over on me!"?

Do you really have the right to speak when what you say will cause bad feelings and disunity over an issue which involves no basic moral or doctrinal principles?

Let your speech be "yea, yea" or "nay, nay" but not "yak, yak"!



JAMIE JONES, Baptist Student Director at the University of Arkansas, recently began his tenth year in that position. There are over 1,500 Baptist students attending the University.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary

Gruesome Sight

DOES A CHURCH ever deliberately cut its connections with Christ? Perhaps not, just as no one ever deliberately sets out to have a disease. But the process of losing connection with our Head (which . . . is just as bad, practically, as if Christ himself deteriorated), can be traced sometimes to definite causes.

A church can center its attention on itself, a church can let comparative trifles take up most of its time; the pulpit can deal with trivia, or become an outlet for un-Christlike emotionalism, a haven for cranks.

A church can take its cue and its color, in more ways than one, from local notions and customs rather than be (as Paul put it, Phil. 2) a colony of heaven. A church can take the word of the state above the Word of God.

These are danger signs. . . . But already someone may be complaining, Isn't this gruesome, all this talk about disease and death? Well, it is; but isn't a dying church a grue-



Apostles Unlimited

THERE were more apostles than twelve. After Judas defected, Mattathias became a thirteenth. There is no evidence, however, that replacement *as such* occurred again beyond this point in the history of the early church.

Yet Paul (1 Cor. 9:1 and many others) surely was a fourteenth, and Barnabas (Acts 14:14) was a fifteenth. James the Lord's brother (Gal. 1:19) was number sixteen. Numbers seventeen and eighteen were Andronicus and Junias (Rom. 16:7). *False* apostles are mentioned in Rev. 2:2 and II Cor. 11:13. And Heb. 3:1 informs us that even *Jesus* was an apostle.

An apostle, of course, was "one sent." According to Mk. 3:4, Jesus "appointed twelve that . . . he might *send them forth*." Hence, an apostle was approximately equivalent to the modern missionary.

So, the apostles were more than twelve, many more. They were missionaries sent forth with the good news from God. Jesus, then, in this sense, was the original missionary.

Churchmen today are tossing around a term that is fraught with significance: *apostolate of the laity*. The point is that not just preachers are apostles. But according to this view, *every* Christian ought to be in some sense an apostle too.

(Dr. Barton is a member of the faculty of New Orleans Seminary. This feature is copyrighted by him, 1959.)

some sight?—Kenneth J. Foreman, in *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

Bible School Prexy

GRACEVILLE, FLA.—(BP)—D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky., was elected president of the Association of Southern Baptist Bible Institutes, at a meeting at Baptist Bible Institute here.

"Members of the association are Bible institutes recognized by the Baptist state convention in which they are located," according to Aldridge.

He further stated, "These Bible schools are all three-year theological schools offering the same basic work in Bible, Theology, and other subjects that theological seminaries offer, with Bible institute enrollment limited to non-college graduates."

The outgoing president of the

association is J. O. Carter, retiring president of the Mexican Bible Institute, San Antonio, Tex. ■

IN ADDITION to the Arkansans listed in our issue of May 12, the following are now registered for the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, according to Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C.: Mrs. Martha T. Bassano, Marianna; Mrs. Eunie S. Stayton, Little Rock; and Rev. William Heard, pastor, 1st Church, Walnut Ridge.

THE self-made millionaire was addressing a graduating class. "All my success in life," he said, "I owe to one thing — pluck, pluck, pluck."

"That's great, sir," spoke up a voice from the rear, but will you please tell us something about how and whom to pluck?"

God's Call — Not Man's

By Rev. Bill Hickem, Pastor
1st Church, Crossett

DURING Religious Emphasis Week in one of our colleges a young man came to me disturbed and concerned because friends and relatives had pushed him into the ministry in an effort to interpret his call. He had gone as far as to be licensed and ordained and served a small church, realizing that behind it all his call was not in the direction of the preaching ministry.

How tragic is the life of one who has been coerced into a field of work that is not compatible with his experience and contact with his Saviour. On the other hand how happy and rewarding is the life that recognizes God's call in a so-called "secular ministry."

One of the happiest Christian women that I have ever known was a middle aged lady who served as a dietitian in a cottage for senior girls at the Glendale Baptist Children's Home. Many times she would speak of her job as the place Christ had called her to fill in carrying out the great commission. Her working hours and leisure hours were used to display God's call in an ordinary task but with an extraordinary mission. In the day of judgment many young women will "rise up and call her blessed . . .", because she fulfilled God's call in a children's home.

This idea of a call in "secular" work came even closer to me when a business man in one of my pastorates shared with me the experience of selling men's clothes. He was emphatic in stating that God led him into entering this business field and had done so for the purpose of not only making a living, but to use his store as a place of witnessing and his tithes and offerings as a means of sharing the gospel through the cooperative program. His call is definite, his ministry is a business directed by his Lord.

All of us would agree that the call of the Lord is serious business in the life of any individual, but most of us fail to realize that there is a price to pay to know

definitely the field of calling. It is high time that we grow beyond the superficial statement "called to special service," and spend time listening and analyzing God's call to "specific special service." Some people have spent as high as 5 to 10 years talking about a "call to special service," but never take the time to use prayer and dedication to answer the call, "to what service?" Law? Business? Preaching? Education? Medicine? etc.

One individual stands out in my mind as an excellent example of a young man who felt that God calls personally and also specifically. He was doing an excellent job as BSU president in the University he attended. Many felt that he would make a wonderful preacher. To add to his frustration, he had the very real experience of feeling that God was calling him. From all outside sources it seemed that the ministry would be the natural place for him to place himself, but being the sincere Christian that he was he removed himself to the place of prayer. To be sure many hours of thoughtful consideration preceded his final decision, but it was around 4 a.m. one morning that the final answer came. He was to be a medical doctor. The city in which he now practices has every reason to thank God for the physician true to his call.

My second year in seminary my attention was turned again to the sacredness of the call when a friend who was a senior in the school of theology confronted me with the startling phrase, "I am not called to preach." He was only months away from graduation and the opportunity to serve in the ministry, but he knew definitely that God had not called him. My heart was not saddened, but literally thrilled as I saw the courage of a young man and his wife who withdrew from the seminary and entered business in the city of Atlanta, Georgia. Today they are happy and convinced that their place in life is the answer to God's call.

Let us remember once again the words of, 2 Timothy; 1:9 "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his

own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. ■

A BAPTIST minister, Harles N. Earnest, of Cairo, Ga., has been named Rural Minister of the Year for his state, by *The Progressive Farmer* and Emory University School of Theology. Pastor of Midway Baptist Church, Earnest is one of 14 to receive this honor from the South this year.

A CROWD of 5,000 was attracted for the opening performance recently of the world-famous Passion Play in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau. The eight-hour spectacle has been performed by the Oberammergau villagers every ten years since 1634, with only a few interruptions.

BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS

JUNE, 1960

Arkansas

Theme: **God and Man**

Preacher: Dr. Grady C. Cothen

June 5 "How Big Is Your God"

12 "God's Plan For Man"

19 "How God Looks at You"

26 "Aliens Find A Home"

City	Station	Time
Arkadelphia	KVRC	3:00 p.m.
Conway	KCON	7:00 a.m.
Corning	KCCB	1:00 p.m.
De Queen	KDQN	1:00 p.m.
El Dorado	KELD	2:30 p.m.
Fordyce	KBJT	4:00 p.m.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hope	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
Jonesboro	KNEA	9:30 a.m.
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.
Monticello	KHBM	3:30 p.m.
Paragould	KDRS	8:30 p.m.
Paris	KCCL	—
Prescott	KTPA	1:00 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	7:30 p.m.
Van Buren	KDFD	10:00 a.m.
Wynne	KWYN	6:30 p.m., Sat.

THE ANSWER

Arkansas

Fort Smith KFSA-TV 12:00 Noon

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Arkansas

Corning	KCCB	10:30 a.m., Sun.
Forrest City	KXJK	10:00 a.m.
Fort Smith	KWHN	12:30 p.m.
Little Rock	KTHS	5:00 p.m.
Paris	KCCL	4:00 p.m.
Prescott	KTPA	3:00 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	10:00 a.m., Sat.
International Sunday School Lessons		
Paragould	KDRS	10:15 a.m.
Prescott	KTPA	—
Rogers	KAMO	8:05 - Sun.
Stuttgart	KWAK	6:30 p.m., Fri.
Wynne	KWYN	9:15 a.m.

'Don't Live in Hell'

QUESTION: Does God ever release one from matrimonial obligations? I am middle age, considered intelligent, and have respect from most people as a Christian person. My husband doesn't respect me, is an atheist, and has been mean to me for years. My life



DR. HUDSON

is a hell on earth and I would commit suicide if it were not for my children who are all Christians. I am getting weaker in my Christian life and am a nervous wreck. Do I have a right to divorce?

ANSWER: All groups believe that divorce is possible, and right, under some circumstances. Many do not believe that a divorced person has a right to remarry.

I do not know what you are saying by your husband being mean to you. How mean is he?

Of course, God does not expect you to live in "a hell on earth." If you cannot make a choice, you should grow up. Every human being is a "creator" under God. If you live in an intolerable situation, that is your fault.

Suicide? Don't be silly. The reason for not committing suicide is not your children, but because in doing so you would be playing God by taking your life in your own hands. Put your life in God's hands. He will call for you when your time comes.

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

Pastors Receive Degrees

ATLANTA, GA.—Four Southern Baptist pastors received honorary degrees from Atlanta Law School, June 1-2.

They were: Charles C. Bowles, pastor of the Hunter Street Church, Birmingham, Ala.; H. Horace Harwell, pastor of Leroy, Ala., Church; Robert C. Foster, pastor of 1st Church, Whiteville, N. C.; and J. B. Caston, retired former pastor of 1st Church, Camden, S. C.

The Atlanta school also awarded



MRS. JAMES Low, a volunteer at the hospital, is shown with a "patient", Mrs. Frances Doyle, secretary in the nursing office.

Volunteers Busy At Baptist Hospital

MORE than 100 Baptist Hospital volunteers have worked 8,912 hours to provide additional services to ABH patients, the 1959-60 annual report of the ABH Auxiliary revealed.

Three of these volunteers had worked 1,000 hours or more and one had worked more than 2,000 hours. Forty Candy-strippers (teen-aged volunteer workers) worked in the evenings and weekends throughout the year and 50 more took orientation May 21 and 28 to join the summer volunteer force.

The Auxiliary has a paid membership of 249. Besides its vol-

unteer work, the Auxiliary has built a patient library of approximately 1,300 books. Approximately 65 of these books stay in circulation at all times.

Other Auxiliary accomplishments: Church groups and individuals have made 19 pairs of pajamas, 72 hospital gowns and six dozen terry-cloth shoes.

A total of \$1,260.10 was contributed to the Charity Fund.

The Auxiliary has added a book each month to the Student Library.

Approximately 22 student nurses have been "adopted" by Auxiliary members and their families. ■

an honorary degree to layman Hubert L. Dyar, former Royston, Ga., newspaperman, now executive secretary of the Georgia Literature Commission.

Brown Heads Alumni

FT. WORTH. — E. C. Brown, pastor of the Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C., was elected president of the Southwestern Seminary Alumni Association, during the annual luncheon, at Miami Beach.

Homer G. Lindsay, Sr., pastor of 1st Church, Jacksonville, Fla., was elected vice president; Nane Starnes, pastor of West Asheville Church, Asheville, N. C., was

elected a member of the Program committee; and John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president, Southwestern Seminary, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The 1961 luncheon meeting will be May 24, 1 p.m., at the Statler Hilton Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. ■

Nashville, Tenn.—(BSSB)—The first request for the Bible Survey Plan recognition certificate has been received by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department from a Texas church. 1st Baptist Church, Daisetta, has made the initial request. Kenneth W. Lee, pastor, was the teacher of the Bible Survey Plan in the church.

Institutionalized Church

Getting In Way of Gospel?

A CONSCIENTIOUS PERSON cannot return from a session of the Southern Baptist Convention without having some apprehension about the growth of "institutionalism" in our midst. For fear we are misunderstood, we want to make it clear that we believe the church as an institution is a necessity. When its "institutional" aspect gets in the way of the Gospel it was established to proclaim, then it's time for serious study and a change of direction.

Institutionalism not only deceives some church members, but in some cases the pastor, according to Dr. Gerald J. Jud, evangelism secretary of the United Church of Christ. "So busy is he shoring up the institutional church or so busy operating under the compulsion to make it a successful church, that he scarcely has time to study, to pray or to counsel in depth with his people walking in hell."

Among hopeful signs, Dr. Jud cited small "redemptive" discussion groups within the church, renewed lay interest in the meaning of the Gospel and nature and function of the church, and renewed pastoral desire to preach and communicate a "particular" Gospel.

One of the greatest dangers we see in institutionalism is the lack of depth in the lives of church members. As we heard a mountain preacher colorfully describe it in an associational sermon a few years ago, many Baptists are so shallow they won't even splatter. Until Southern Baptists take steps to achieve more depth in all that they do, we are not going to make the impact on America and the world that a denomination of nearly 10 million members should be making.

Establishment of more departments and programs will not bring about this sorely-needed depth. In fact, we have been fooling ourselves in thinking that this was the way to achieve depth. We make a grave error when we assume that the "institution" is the reason for the church's existence.—Editor J. Marse Grant, in *Biblical Recorder* (N. C.)

The Small Church

SOUTHERN Baptists may sometimes get the impression that they are a people of "big churches." Recent statistics released by the Sunday School Board's Department of Statistics reveal just the opposite. We are still a people with many small churches—in fact 25,000 of our 31,000 plus churches have 400 or fewer members. It is true that a half dozen or so of the 31,000 are among the largest evangelical churches in the world—but for the most part we are still "small" church people.

The importance of this fact ought not to be lost on denominational leaders. If promotional programs are to be effective, they must be kept at such levels that the small church can use them effectively.

We must also keep ever in mind that the size of a church is not the criteria of its usefulness nor its contribution to the cause of Christ.—Editor L. H. Moore, in *Illinois Baptist*

The Bookshelf

Romance at Red Pines, by Elizabeth Handford, Zondervan, 1960, \$2.50

Mrs. Handford is an honor graduate of Wheaton College, where she majored in English Literature, and is one of the six daughters of John R. Rice. Hers is a novel about a young Christian by the name of Nathan Wilson and his crusade to defeat organized vice in the town of Red Pines.

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The Story of the Scottish Reformation, a paperback by A. M. Renwick, Eerdmans, 1960, \$1.25

The fourth centenary of the Reformation in Scotland is being celebrated this year and this book recalls some of the stirring events in this turning point in the history of the nation.

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The Growth of Modern Thought and Culture, by Herbert Wender, 1959, \$3.75

A concise, comprehensive account of the intellectual and cultural history of the Western world from the Renaissance to the present, this book contains comments on the most significant contributions in the fields of art, literature, science and philosophy of the past 500 years.

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Primer on Roman Catholicism for Protestants, New Revised Edition, by Stanley I. Stuber, Association Press, 1960, \$3.50

The aims of this book, as found in the preface, are:

To explain in as factual, objective, and simple a way as possible the basic beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church;

To let the reader view these beliefs and practices as Roman Catholics themselves view them;

To present the author's interpretation of the general Protestant point of view;

To provide basic information that can encourage intelligent cooperation and equally intelligent but unemotional disagreement within a spirit of Christian love and understanding.

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"Certain Women" is a study of the women of the Bible. Included are Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Jochebed, Deborah, Ruth, Hannah, Bathsheba, Vashti, all of the Old Testament, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, the woman at Jacob's well, a woman with the touch of faith, a woman who kissed Jesus' feet, Mary and Martha, the woman who anointed the Master's head, and other women, all of the New Testament. ■

WE HAVE a friend who just traded in his tiny sports car.

"It got too embarrassing," he said. "Whenever I drove through the park people tried to feed it."

America-Japan Centennial

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Americans have been urged by President Eisenhower to join in observing the America-Japan Centennial Year in 1960.

The observance is in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the first exchange of diplomatic relations between the two nations. In 1859, a Japanese delegation came to the United States to visit President Buchanan and exchange ratifications of the treaty of friendship and commerce which had followed the historic visit of Admiral Perry in Japan in 1855.

Christ on Mt. Olives

JERUSALEM (EP)—The Jordanian government has approved plans to erect a large statue of Christ on the Mount of Olives, at the spot marked by tradition as the place where He returned to Heaven. The site commands a view of Jerusalem and overlooks the Jericho Road. Originator of the idea for the statue is American sculptor Avard Fairbanks, creator of public monuments and fountains in many U.S. cities. Dr. Fairbanks, born in Utah 63 years ago, will start a fund drive to cover costs of the project.

'Lutheran Man of Year'

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (EP)—The Federation of Lutheran Clubs, meeting for its 15th annual convention here, has named its president, Martin A. McGrory of Washington, D. C., to receive its "Lutheran Man of the Year" award. He also was re-elected president of the inter-synodical organization, formed in 1946 for fellowship and cooperation among Lutherans.

Comments on Vatican Stand

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The recent policy statement from the Vatican will greatly increase Protestant fears concerning the influence of the Roman Catholic Church in American politics, according to a prominent Protestant spokesman.

Dr. James DeForest Murch, chairman of the Commission on Evangelical Action of the Nation-

al Association of Evangelicals and managing editor of *Christianity Today*, said that "all Protestants will now be more hesitant than ever to support a Roman Catholic nominee for the Presidency."

Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, on May 17, 1960, carried an "authoritative" editorial stating that the Church has a duty to intervene in the political field and that its laymen "must never disregard the teachings and directions of the Church" in any area of life. This was interpreted in some quarters as an indication that ecclesiastical pressures might be exerted on any member of the Roman Catholic Church to be elected as President.

"The Roman Church is completely committed to the doctrine of the Union of Church and State, as its canon law, papal bulls, encyclicals and historic practice abundantly testify," Murch said. "This doctrine is taught in their schools and loyal Catholics must believe it.

"While it is true, as some Protestant and Romanist leaders have recently pointed out, that there is now and has been for some time a school of thought in American Catholicism which questions this doctrine, we must remember that the Roman Church is a totalitarian system and that official doctrine is changed only when its supreme authority, the Pope, announces ex-cathedra that a new doctrine has been approved. Members of the hierarchy or distinguished Romanist laymen might express views contrary to traditional doctrine but these pronouncements would be meaningless so far as the Vatican is concerned."

Murch added: "That is why American Protestants have been hoping that the Pope or the College of Cardinals would speak up in the midst of the current politico-religious controversy in America and clarify the issues. This statement from the Vatican is most enlightening, because it removes all doubt that sooner or later intense ecclesiastical pressures could be applied to any Roman Catholic who might be elected President of the United States."

300 New Missionaries

The Evangelical Alliance Mis-

sion (commonly known as TEAM) has issued a call for 300 new missionary candidates to join the 807 missionaries now in active service.

Reports presented at TEAM'S 70th anniversary conference indicate that although 39 new missionaries were sent out during the last year, every one of TEAM'S 15 mission fields is still in need of more workers. (EP)

WGM 50th Anniversary

FIFTIETH anniversary commemoration services will be held by World Gospel Mission on July 8 in the Iowa State Holiness Camp-meeting at University Park, Iowa. The mission was begun at University Park, Iowa, in June, 1910.

Dr. George R. Warner, president of the mission, Miss L. Leona Aggola, superintendent of the organization's more-than-850 Prayer Bands, and the Rev. William Smith, missionary on furlough from India, will be the principal speakers. (EP)

CBFMS to Hold Boston Meet

The Conservative Baptist For-eight Mission Society will meet in annual sessions in the Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston, Mass., June 23-28, to appoint over 20 new missionaries for service on various of the 14 mission fields of the Society around the world. The society will hold its meeting concurrently with other Conservative Baptist organizations, The Conservative Baptist Association of America and the Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society. (EP)

Education

Conwell School Names Dean

PHILADELPHIA (EP) — Dr. Aaron E. Gast, 33, has been named dean of the new Conwell School of Theology to open this fall.

Minister of the Cedar Park United Presbyterian Church here since 1855, Dr. Gast is a graduate of Wheaton College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Named after the late Dr. Russell H. Conwell, a Baptist pastor and founder of Temple University here, the school will replace the university's School of Theology, which was closed after losing accreditation in the American Association of Theological Schools.

Bible Teaching, Membership Training Spotlights

By **Gaines S. Dobbins**

Distinguished Professor of Church Administration
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

FOR the first time in its more than 50 years of history, the Baptist World Alliance will concentrate attention on Bible teaching and membership training during the approaching Congress at Rio de Janeiro, June 26-July 3.

Meetings under direction of the Commission on Bible Teaching and Membership Training will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the 1st Baptist Church. This is the outstanding Baptist church of Rio, of which Dr. John Soren is pastor. Taxi service and other transportation will be available for the 15-minute ride from the Maracanao Stadium.

Brief addresses will be made, from which mimeographed digests will be provided in English and in Spanish. On Monday afternoon the discussions will present "Our Teaching and Training Mission"; on Wednesday, attention will be concentrated on "Methods that Implement Our Teaching and Training Ministries"; and on Friday the conferences will be brought to a climax in proposals of "Advance through the Strategy of Teaching and Training."

A special feature of each afternoon program will be the presentation of the story of teaching and training as it is developing on the major fields occupied by Baptists. There will be "The South American Story," "The Australian-New Zealand Story," "The African Story," "The Orient Story," "The European Story," "The North American Story."

As these stories unfold, plans and purposes will be shared for worldwide advance during the next five-year period by Baptist bodies of the six continents represented.

On Monday and Tuesday following adjournment of the Congress, at 1st Church, a "workshop" will be held by representatives of a number of Baptist bodies for the purpose of sharing in plans to promote this advance in Bible

teaching and membership training for all ages.

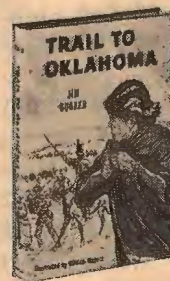
Difficult problems will be confronted and discussed—literature for Bible study and training, a unified curriculum, preparation and translation of materials, adapted buildings and equipment, the Sunday school as the instrumentality of the churches in outreach, the Training Union as a pattern of membership and leadership training, the relation of Bible study and training to evangelism and stewardship, and the like. ■

Mercer Owns Manuscript

MERCER University, Georgia Baptist senior college, Macon, is now the owner of the Yonan Codex, a manuscript of the New Testament believed to be more than a thousand years old. The document has been given to the university by Norman Malek Yonan, formerly an importer with offices in Washington, who now makes his home in Lawrenceville, Ga. The manuscript is believed to be one of the oldest in existence. It consists of the four Gospels and 18 epistles of the New Testament in accordance with the Eastern Canon. It excludes Revelation, 2nd Peter, 2nd and 3rd John and Jude. It is written in Christian Aramaic, or Syriac, similar to the language of Jesus and is apparently the work of a single scribe. It was exhibited in Library of Congress for several months in 1955.

A PRESBYTERIAN minister of Evanston, Ill., has been "counseled" by the Chicago Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. for preaching a sermon reported by Columnist Jack Mabley of the Chicago *Daily News* as "bitterly critical of Catholics, Jews and Negroes." The report of the Presbytery recommended that the minister, Rev. David H. Pottie, pastor of Evanston's 2nd Presbyterian Church, "work earnestly to communicate more effectively the Christian message of brotherhood."

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Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th. D.
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Methodist Revivals

The Wesleyan movement proved a tremendous influence on Baptists in England and America.



DR. SELPH

This was especially true of the General Baptists of that day, and through their connection seeped out into Baptist life.

The zeal and warmth of the Methodists brought persecution from their fellowcitizens in Leicestershire, England. In November 1755, some 70 persons adopted believers baptism led by Joseph Donisthrope and William Kendrick.

Mr. Donisthrope baptized Mr. Kendrick who in turn baptized Mr. Donisthrope. Together they baptized the rest of the believers. If this seems strange to us, we must remember the day in which they lived. Properly ordained ministers, as we think of them, weren't always available. Too, they felt the Bible gave them authority to baptize.

By 1760, five Baptist churches had been formed. Ten years later over 900 members constituted 6 churches with 10 ordained ministers. These were spread over 4 counties.

Pastors showed evangelistic zeal, and attention was given to building houses of worship for their growing congregations. They emphasized exhortation, prayer, and testimony in their weekly meetings. Like the Methodists, from whom they came, they put the new members on a 6 months probation period. Too, a certificate was given every 6 months for good standing.

These leaders were laboring men, supporting large families by secular work but loyal to their flock. They were missionaries. Samuel Deacon frequently travelled 20 to 40 miles on foot each Lord's day to preach two and three

times. Their sermons dealt chiefly with sin and salvation through faith.

Farther north, in the vicinity of Halifax, five Methodist converts, four men and one woman, became Baptists as the result of Bible study. One of these, Dan Taylor, became a leader among General Baptists.

When these new converts approached the Particular Baptists about baptism, they were refused because of their view on the atonement. They were referred to the General Baptists who baptized them.

Dean Given Award

FORT WORTH—Talmadge W. Dean, professor of Theory and chairman of graduate studies, School of Church Music, Southwestern Seminary, received a special achievement award for his work in the Department of Music History and Literature at the annual honors convocation of the School of Music, University of Southern California. He received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Musicology in graduation ceremonies last week.

New Dean Named

PINEVILLE, LA. —(BP)— F. Jay Taylor, History department chairman for the past eight years, has been appointed academic dean at Louisiana College here, according to President G. Earl Guinn.

He will replace John R. Timmerman, who resigned recently to accept a similar post at Berry Col-

lege, Rome, Ga.

The Taylor appointment was effective June 1.

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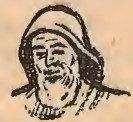
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Plan for New Mission

M. E. WILES and J. D. Seymour have recently surveyed the Alread Community twenty miles west of Clinton. It was not a complete survey since many people were away in fruit harvest and other types of labor. The partial census showed the following:



DR. CALDWELL

People living in the Alread community, 184; Baptists and Baptist preference, 64; No preference of any kind, 30; Holiness groups: (Assemblies, Pentecosts, etc.), 45; Other denomination beliefs, 12; Lost people above seven years old, 51; Saved, with no church membership of any kind, 46.

The nearest Convention Church is at Scotland, twelve miles across rough mountain roads. Plans have been made for a Vacation Bible School to be conducted by the missionary with the help of two student missionaries the first week of July. It is hoped that a permanent work may be established.

MARVIN KEENEN, pastor at Tinsman writes: "Just another line to give you the latest on our mission work. I do not remember when last I reported, but last Sunday, May 22, we had 26 at the mission, and the Sunday before we had 19, and the Sunday before that 25."

Missionary Alexander Best, Washington-Madison reports on mission work as follows: "The new mission work at Kingston is making progress. 1st Church, Springdale, is constructing a new mission building, which should be ready for occupancy in a couple of months. The date for the opening of the new work has not yet been decided on.

We are furnishing preaching services for two other points which we believe will grow into regular missions in the near future. Both of these situations were and are still operating community Sunday Schools but are now getting Baptist preaching. We are hopeful that these stations will become a part of our associational work later on."

—C. W. Caldwell—Superintendent

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Needed: Several young people (ages 16 and above) to work in the dining hall at each assembly. Room and meals will be furnished these young people. Also needed: a few counselors for boys' dormitories, and a few counselors for girls' dormitories. Write to your State Training Union Department if you can serve.

If your church has not received a Training Union Assembly poster, write to us immediately. The poster contains important information such as assembly rates.—Ralph W. Davis, secretary.

Starts Missions Ahead of Building

CLEVELAND, OHIO—(BP)—Starting missions is more important to a Southern Baptist Church in Ohio than a new building.

The five-year-old Harmony Baptist Church in Cleveland has just started construction on the first unit of their building; but they have sponsored four missions and give 17 per cent of their total offerings to world missions through Southern Baptists' Cooperative Program, according to Pastor James A. McCamish.

The 200-member church once had a membership of more than 300. They shared members as well as financial resources with the missions they sponsored, three of which are already self-supporting churches. The remaining mission is Hungarian. ■

A FORMER Texas Governor, Will Hobby, has been named by the Alumnae Association of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex., as "Favorite Son-in-Law."

The award is made annually by the association of this Baptist woman's college to a husband of a graduate or former student "who has demonstrated unusual loyalty and support to the college." Hobby's wife, the former Oveta Culp, is a former student of Mary Hardin-Baylor and the recipient of the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the college in 1958.

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MR. HATFIELD

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The needy area may be in an upgraded neighborhood or some destitute place where boys and girls will not attend Vacation Bible School unless you conduct one for them near their home. You could meet in a church, a community building, a vacant house or in a yard under a tree.

It is important for your school to be reported too. These reports help those who prepare materials for future schools.

A special two color citation is waiting for you. It is an award given, jointly by the State Sunday School Department and the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The citation is granted to every church in Arkansas which reports its school to our office. One to three red seals are attached for re-

porting preparation day; 10 days and 3 hours daily; and standard. Every church having a school should report the school and earn the citation, many churches will earn from one to three red seals.

This citation could be used as a special recognition feature in some church service. It makes an attractive framed certificate or item for the bulletin board.

While you plan to report your school, keep these meetings and dates in mind.

This summer there are three Sunday School weeks at Glorieta. They are June 30-July 6; July 7-July 13; July 14-20. The two Sunday School weeks at Ridgecrest are July 28-August 3, and August 4-10.

Two important Sunday School meetings in Arkansas this summer are, Siloam Springs Assembly, August 8-13, for all local church Sunday School workers, and the Associational Sunday School Conference (a S.B.C. regional meeting) at Ouachita Baptist College, August 23-24.—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary.

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The Brotherhood Department is planning the following camps for this summer:

June 13-17, First Intermediate Camp; June 20-24, First Junior Camp; June 27-July 1, Second Junior Camp; July 11-15, Third Junior Camp; July 18-22, Second Intermediate Camp.

Camp Posters, Camp Information Sheets, and Camp Registration Sheets are in the hands of pastors and counselors throughout the state. We hope that every pastor and every Royal Ambassador leader and every Brotherhood man will give prayerful consideration to the value of summer camps for boys. We of the Brotherhood Department have been contending for years for an adequate and worthy camp program for Arkansas Baptist boys. Some day we trust that in the power of God we shall have facilities and equipment for a great host of boys every summer.

Right now, we are doing what we can with what has been put in our hands. We are equipped to handle up to about 110 boys per camp. This year we have some temporary wooden hutments to serve as living quarters rather than the tents which we have used for the past three years.

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Flag Day Around The World

By Kathryn W. Meals

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We salute the flag because it is a symbol of our country, the land of the free. It is a symbol of American history, American ideas, and American feelings. It is the emblem of the soul and spirit of the land we love. It is appropriate that we have set aside a day to honor the Stars and Stripes.

We know how the American flag came into existence in 1777 with thirteen stripes and thirteen stars to represent the thirteen colonies. We know that new stars have been added to represent new states until next month there will be fifty stars in all.

The first Flag Day in America was observed on June 14, 1877, one hundred years after the adoption of the first American flag. Since then Flag Day has been observed by cities and by public officials. In 1893 Flag Day was first observed in the schools of Philadelphia, and soon the practice was adopted by other schools.

The story of our own beloved Stars and Stripes and the observance of Flag Day on June 14 is rich in meaning to us as American citizens. Other countries also celebrate flag days in honor of

their own national flags.

On June 15, the day after American Flag Day, the people of Denmark observe a flag day in honor of the oldest flag in the world. An old Danish myth says that on June 15, 1219, the Dannebrog, which is what the Danes call their flag, floated down from heaven and brought victory to their Christian leader, King Waldemar the Victorious, against the heathen Estonians.

Scheveningen, Holland, celebrates an unusual flag day in May. When the herring fleets of this resort town in The Hague put out to sea, the whole town celebrates the event. The ships of the fishing fleet and those in the harbor are gaily decorated, and everyone comes out to wave good-bye to the fishermen, who will be gone all summer.

Finland celebrates two flag days. The first one, on May 19, is known as Flag Day of the Army. The observance of Flag Day of the Army in Finland is much like Memorial Day in the United States. Finns honor those who died in wars to achieve and preserve their country's freedom. There are military parades, demonstrations, and memorial services. Wreaths are placed on the graves of the war dead.

The flag day on June 24 honors the Finnish flag, a blue cross on a white background. On this day

THE YOUNGER generation is pretty brainy at times, and even the smallest fry can come up with perfectly logical reasoning. We have in mind a few-year-old whose mother felt sure she was fibbing. But Debbie wasn't admitting anything. Finally, her mother suggested, "You know, Jesus knows if you're telling stories."

"I know He does," conceded Debbie calmly. "But He won't tell."

AN ASSOCIATE of ours has the makings of an efficiency expert: "I don't do much," he said, "because I figure the less I do the fewer mistakes I'll make."

A TRAVELER in Russia some time ago reports seeing an office door in a large state building. On the door was a title: Commission on Electrification of All Russia. On the door below was a card which read, "Please knock. The electric bell is out of order."

flags are displayed on all public buildings. Strangely enough, Finland also celebrates the traditional Midsummer Day festival on June 24, the longest day of the year. Almost everyone spends the day in the country. Huge bonfires are lighted and there are sports events, games, fairs, music, and dancing to celebrate this one day of the Finnish year when the sun can be seen all night.

Sweden celebrates its flag day on June 6 with parades, speeches, music, and songs. The king and the royal family ride in open coaches from the palace in Stockholm to the Olympic stadium, where special ceremonies are held in the afternoon. At the stadium the king presents banners to various organizations. There are speeches, music, and singing. After the ceremonies the royal family returns in open coaches to the palace.

On the American flag, the sun never sets. From Alaska to the Panama Canal, from northern Maine to the far Pacific it waves proudly, a symbol of America and of liberty and justice for all.

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The Disciplined Life

By Rev. William R. Woodell

Pastor, 1st Church, Prescott

June 12, 1960

(Matthew 7:13-14;

Luke 15:11-32)

Introduction:

The popular opinion of our time is that most men, if not all, will be saved. This appears from the judgments which men form and constantly express concerning their neighbors. Men realize that others around them must die. However, they cannot imagine it concerning themselves.

They know that within a few years all around them will have passed away. How does this knowledge affect them? Do they ever project their view beyond the death-bed? Do they ever enquire where people around them are going after death? Do they imagine for one single moment that any with whom they have contact are in danger of going to hell? There is nothing in the conduct of the vast majority whom I have observed that would lead me to believe that they think seriously on these things. They act as if the thought never occurred to them; that any of these with whom they have constant fellowship could be on the road to eternal destruction. Does the popular opinion admit that anyone in the world, anywhere, is either wicked or ungodly? Hardly, whatever may be the way of their lives. It may be one who has no semblance of real piety, openly vile and profane or even a hardened criminal. His friends say, "What is the difference? We should not become alarmed because he does not make as much a profession as some. He has a good heart when you get to know him. He is not such a bad fellow." This is just another evidence that men flatter themselves, in thinking that Salvation is easy; that they are



REV. WOODELL

plainly of the opinion that most men will be saved. The same thing appears from men's judgment concerning the dead. Who will admit of any departed that he is not blessed? It is by common consent that most assign the dead to heaven. We are not aware that in our attitudes we act as if it matters little what a person may have been or may have done while he lived. Even though he may have been notoriously indifferent to the Gospel and lived before God and man wholly absorbed in the material things of life. It seems to matter little that his mind was constantly occupied with the interests and pleasures of the world without betraying a sign of regard for God; may have lived and died as a creature without a soul; may even have taken life and with blood upon his hands rushed into the presence of his Creator. Yet, as soon as the man is dead, many will be heard to say, "Now he is better off; he is free from his troubles . . . he is now safe and happy; he has gone to a better world . . ." Men seem determined to have it that Salvation is easy and most will be saved! This fact is also evidenced by the general opinion and expression concerning ministers who declare the whole counsel of God. Suppose the ministers who preach the doctrines of Grace should equally insist upon character instead of mere profession? Suppose he insists upon men to be pure and gentle, honest and true; that men be opposed to worldliness as Christ was; as adamant in refusing to compromise with wrong, or strike hands with iniquity? Now, all these propositions are plainly consistent with the scriptures. There is no question but they are the truth of Christ and if He were here today in His Ministry, He would preach in just that way. But what of the popular opinion? "The preacher is too strict . . . too

narrow; his preaching is behind the times." Even though they may respect the minister, they would still insist that the world is not so bad as he thinks and one should not be expected to follow the scriptures in everything.

I. Are There Few, Or Many, That be Saved?

The Lord's answer is: "There are few!" He says, "The gate is strait. Many shall seek to enter it (He does not mention those who do not seek) and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24). There is no possible mistake about the meaning of these words. Moffatt translates them: "Enter by the narrow gate: for the gate is broad and the road is wide that leads to destruction; and many enter that way. But the road that leads to life is both narrow and close, and there are few that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). There are the words of Christ who came to save us. He would never lead us astray. These words of the Saviour are borne out by the whole history of mankind down to this present moment. Since the population of the world, there has been no period in history when the godly people outnumbered the ungodly. This was true in the days of Noah, Abraham, Moses; in the time of the judges and in the days of the Kings. Jeremiah expressed it: "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem and see now, and know and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment and seeketh the truth and I will pardon it." Even the coming of the Christ did not change the situation. "He came unto His own—His own received Him not." "He spake as never man spake"—they believed Him not. Paul experienced the same situation of unbelief. He wrote, "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross; whose end is destruction; whose god is in their belly, whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things" (Phil. 3:19). What about our own time? Consider the false systems of the world which teach salvation by merits rather than by Grace through simple faith and re-

penitance toward Christ. We must also consider the vast amount of false professions; many whose interests are evidently in the externals of religion, its bustling vanities and not its essence. There are many others whose conduct betrays their profession, revealing that they are still a part of the worldly; these many in whom the spirit of mischief, envy, jealousy, and hatred stands for the very opposite of the spirit of Christ. From all these facts, we say of our time, "Few there be that find it."

II. Whose Fault Is It That Few Are Saved?

It cannot be laid to God's blame. Hear Him: "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked." "It is not the will of God that any should perish". This is vividly brought out by Jesus in the story of the Lost Son. It is familiar to all. The young man approached his father and asked for his share of the estate. After receiving the money, he went out from his father's house and away from the home town and into a "far country". In his new residence, he scattered his money in an unhealthy manner — "riotous" is a good picture. He lived in a "rotten manner". His elder brother told his father that he had been living with harlots. Then there was a "strong" famine — a hard famine — throughout the country. The young man was forced to leave the city, where he had done all of his "painting the town", and now went outside the town seeking food and shelter. He "glued" himself to one of the citizens of that locality — the fellow could not get rid of him — seeking a job. "I will do anything", he pleaded. He gave him a task of feeding the hogs. He became a swineherd — and that is as low as a Jew could possibly sink! He even came to the point where he wanted to eat the "pods" that the hogs were eating. He lacked everything; no one would give him anything. It was at this point that he laid aside his pride and began to reason: "My father's hired servants have abundance of bread, and I am perishing with hunger." He came to his father rehearsing the speech he had

planned to make, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." While he was yet at a distance, the father saw him and had compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him. The son began his speech, but the father interrupted, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him (robe of finest quality); put a ring on his hand (finest quality — little ring), and sandals on his feet." The order was that he be dressed up immediately. "And bring the stall-fed calf", the father added, "Let us be merry for this my son was dead and he is alive; was lost and is found". The father spared no expense to make the occasion a merry one. We usually end this story with verse 24. But in so doing we miss the primal teaching of Jesus in this parable. We must consider the elder brother, also. He had heard the music and the singing. After learning that the celebration was being given in his younger brother's honor, he became angry and would not go in. His father quietly asked him why he had taken this attitude and he replied, "These many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed a command of yours. You never gave me even a billy-goat that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours is come, who has devoured your property with harlots, you kill for him the fatted calf!" To this the father answered, "It was fitting that we should make merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and is become alive; he was lost and is found." The story was told by the Master Teacher to show God's attitude toward the lost as contrasted to the self-righteous Pharisee's attitude.

Conclusion:

The Father loves to save sinners. "Why?" someone asks. We reply (1) Because of the worth of an individual soul; (2) Because of the inevitable bliss of association in heaven; (3) Because of the terrible indeterminable length of eternity; (4) Because of the awfulness of everlasting punishment. In John 3:16; Jesus said, "For God

so loved . . ." He just so loved us that He wants to save. That is God's heart. Salvation is His good pleasure.

Whose fault if we are not saved? Certainly, it is not the Saviour's. He gave His life that "Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." Here is the challenge to us: "How shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Hear God place the responsibility of being lost: "How often would I have gathered you unto me . . . AND YE WOULD NOT."

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