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Executive Board News and Promotion

By S. A. WHITLOW, Executive Secretary, and RALPH DOUGLAS, Associate

Higher Debt Limit for Hospital Proposed; Enlarged Program for Assembly, Camps Planned

WE CONTINUE this week with our explanation of some of the Executive Board's actions taken at its July 15 meeting.



The Convention in its 1957 annual meeting voted to increase the debt limit of our Baptist Hospital at Little Rock to \$300,000. This was based upon an estimate of needed funds for the present expansion program.

When the bids came in the estimate proved to be too low. Because of increased costs of ma-

terials and the need for an expanded service it becomes necessary to have additional funds. The Board voted to recommend to the Convention this fall that the debt limit be increased to \$500,000 for this particular program of expansion. As Arkansas Baptists we can well take pride in the type of Christian ministry our hospital is rendering. We need also to face the fact that with rising costs in every area of life, our hospital ministry can be no exception to this trend.

The Board also took action to strengthen our ministry in another area of service — that of our camp and assembly programs. It was voted to appoint a committee to survey our camp and assembly needs and report back to the Board at its November meet-

ing as to what is needed to provide adequate facilities to serve the total interests of our denomination. It may require several hundred thousand dollars to provide these facilities.

This action came as the result of resolutions unanimously adopted by both the trustees of the Camp and Assembly asking the Convention to place these programs under the direction of the Executive Board. Unifying these programs will be taking a long step toward making these agencies serve the best interests of our whole denominational life.

A total sum of \$45,000 was placed in the proposed budget for 1959 for Camps and Assembly. This was done in anticipation of a favorable response on the part of the Convention to the requests of both boards to place these agencies under the direction of the Executive Board.

We think it is possible to expand this service into a year-round program which could be used by a number of departments of our Convention.—SAW

It Works

It works. This we know. The Forward Program of Church Finance works. It increases the efficiency and spirituality of the church and produces permanent results.

Any church regardless of size or location can be helped by using the Program.



Several hundred churches have used the Forward Program of Church Finance and it has increased the amount of money pledged to the budget eighty-four percent (84%). The number of tithers has been

increased ninety-six percent (96%).

We now know beyond a doubt that the Forward Program of Church Finance will raise money. But we should remember that it does more than increase offerings. Many of the pastors and educational directors where the plan has been used say that the spiritual results are as great, if not greater, than the material results. One pastor said, "This has been a revival in our church. People who have not attended church in years are coming back." Another pastor testified, "This has done the unbelievable — our church committees functioned better than ever before, and there was a togetherness that I had

not seen in the ten years that I have been pastor."

Churches are adopting it. Many churches have already adopted it as a permanent part of the annual church program. One church used the Forward Program of Church Finance in 1956, and increased the offerings \$10,000. That same church used the Forward Program of Church Finance in 1957, and the offerings increased \$35,000 and the attendance in Sunday School has almost doubled.

It Pays For Itself

The money spent during the cam-

paign is not an expenditure but an investment. The average cost of the campaign per dollar pledged was \$0.13. Usually the offering increases enough on Pledge Day to pay for the entire campaign.

There is still time for your church to adopt and use the Forward Program of Church Finance this year, but the time is short. If you want to do something that will bless the entire membership of your church — use the Forward Program of Church Finance this year.—RD

Could Be!

It's a **PROVEN**
FACT that the
FORWARD PROGRAM

will

- ▶ DEEPEN SPIRITUAL LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH
- ▶ ENLIST MORE TITHERS
- ▶ INCREASE INCOME FOR ALL CAUSES



● **CYRIL E. BRYANT**, a former editor of the **Arkansas Baptist** and now associated with the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C., is serving as relief editor for Dr. John Bradbury, of the **Washington-Examiner**, New York, during the summer while Editor Bradbury is on a tour of Europe. Mr. Bryant spends two days a week at his office in Washington and three days in New York.

● **"OFFICERS' CLINICS Set the Course"** is the title of an article by Ernest Adams, associate state Sunday School secretary, Little Rock, in the July issue of the **Sunday School Bulletin**, published in Nashville, Tenn.

The one-night training-planning clinics for Sunday School associational officers have proved most effective in Arkansas, Mr. Adams states.

● **MR. AND MRS. Melvin K. Wasson**, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, who have been in the States for furlough, have recently returned to their field. Their address is: Newton Memorial School, Box 65, Oshogbo, Nigeria, West Africa. Mrs. Wasson is the former Lillian Strickland, a native of Nashville, Ark.

● **DR. D. DAVID Garland**, pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, and a member of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been named to the Board's Assemblies Committee.

● **SECOND CHURCH**, Monticello: Paul Shipman, Mena, evangelist, Ray Raddin, pastor; 15 by baptism, 9 by letter.

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THE ELASTIC in our morals can easily be stretched to such a point that it no longer has sufficient strength to support self respect.—Douglas Meador.



ONE-HUNDRED-twenty-five Training Union people from Arkansas attended the third Training Union week at Ridgecrest, July 17-23.

Correction. Please!

AN EDITOR's slip always shows! And where is the editor who goes very long at a time without his slip?

We have been asked by our good friends at the Sunday School Board in Nashville to help them adjust one of their slips.

Somehow a very glaring error got by the author and all the proof-readers in the production of Dr. Pope A. Duncan's recently released book, *Our Baptist Story*, which is the Baptist Training Union book for adults in the "Our Baptist Heritage" series of study course books. It took Dr. J. E. Lambdin, veteran secretary of the Training Union Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, to find it — after the book was off the press.

In a release to the Baptist papers, Dr. Lambdin writes:

"The error occurs in the sentence beginning seven lines from the bottom of page 9. This sentence reads as follows: 'In numerous cases the separatist churches became convinced that the New Testament taught either the baptism of infants or sprinkling as baptism.' The sentence should be corrected to read as follows: 'In numerous cases the separatist churches became convinced that the New Testament taught *neither* the baptism of infants *nor* sprinkling as baptism.'"

Suggests Dr. Lambdin:

"Every person owning a copy of this book may correct this sentence by writing in *neither* and *nor* instead of *either* and *or*.

"We hope all teachers of the book will make this correction and lead the class members to do the same.

"Any reprints in the future, of course, will be correct."

We might add that if an editor's error is going to get into print, it might as well be a big one that will be obvious on the face of it, as happened in this instance. The fact that mistakes do creep in, in spite of everything, serves to keep editors on their toes, and should keep readers on theirs.

"See You At The Association"

THE TIME for the annual meetings of the district associations is drawing near. It is hoped that all our churches will be represented in their respective associations.

Some timely suggestions from Editor C. R. Daley of the *Kentucky Western Recorder* on how to make the associational meetings more interesting might bear repeating here:

1. Shorten the sessions. An endurance contest is no way to increase interest. One hour and a half to two hours is long enough if not too long. Some associations have gone to one-day meetings with morning, afternoon and night sessions. This will work fine some places, not at others.

2. Abbreviate the reports. Long statistical accounts, often read by persons who have never looked at them before the meeting day, are about as popular as the Asian flu and just about as enjoyable. Leave out some of them. Who ever said everything that has happened in the association, the State of Kentucky, the Southern Convention and the world has to be covered . . . ? Be fair, include in next year's program the ones left out this year.

3. Overcome the second day problem of attendance. Many associations now meet in two churches, in separate sections of the association, one church serving as host for the first day and the other for the second day. This plan has been generally very successful.

4. Print the report before the associational meeting and use time generally consumed in their reading for inspirational addresses.

5. Plan one session with the young people in mind. It would be better at night with special music and a great inspirational service. Transact enough business to let our youth know what goes on at an associational meeting. In thirty or more associations I have not seen enough young people to make one good Training Union picnic. At the rate we're going who will make the motions, fill the offices, to say nothing of bringing the basket dinners twenty years from now? This is a serious matter.

6. Plan the program! Have a theme! Climax each session with an inspirational address on one of the great themes as World Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship or Christian Education.

7. Provide the moderator with a manual on Parliamentary procedure and impeach him if he doesn't use it.

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

On Ministerial Tuition

RECENTLY AT a meeting of the Baptist colleges of the South a resolution passed, recommending that they cease to give reductions in tuition to ministerial students. They rather prefer to say they are going to give it to those who need it. From time immemorial, Baptist colleges have helped their preacher students. They have never done too much for them. Could it not be that what they have done is one of the main reasons we have such a large and consecrated number of young preachers? This change in policy, of our colleges, is a mistake. It is another trend in a dangerous direction. Would anybody dare state that there is not a preacher student that does not need the reduction in tuition? Is there any college administrator that would dare say that preacher's children do not need the help?

All three of our children are graduates of Baptist colleges. It would have been very difficult on us to have paid the full tuition. I do not think that any one of them had any complex about being called a preacher's kid.

Another point to be emphasized is, there is a difference in the preacher economically and others. Oh, I know there is a trend among many dear people to put the preacher on the same level as all others. God save us from the day! Our daughter is a lovely Christian young lady and I do not believe that anybody that knows, thinks that what Baptist invested in her was poorly spent. We have two boys; one a distinguished M. D., the other, just finished Southwestern Seminary this past January as a capable, consecrated young preacher. The M. D. could make more money in five years than the preacher could in an entire lifetime. In medical school, we were not allowed any reduction on his tuition and fees. But we're grateful that we were in the University. The preacher boy, of course, had some reduction all through his schooling. We are grateful for both.

Rather than decrease what we are doing for preacher students, I believe we ought to give every preacher all his tuition off and all his fees. Take a note from him and if he does not continue in the ministry, collect that account.

Brethren, this is the time for Baptists to hold the line.—E. Butler Abington, Pastor 1st Baptist Church, Earle.

Thanks from RA's

Dear Dr. McDonald:

In behalf of Dr. George W. Schroeder and myself I am writing to express our deep appreciation for the fine pro-

motional materials that have appeared in your publication, **Arkansas Baptist**, regarding the second Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress. Undoubtedly, the fine response on the part of Royal Ambassadors and leaders from your state has come about as a result of the emphasis that you have given this event.—Edward Hurt, Jr.

On Youth Conference

Dear Erwin:

I just wanted to express my appreciation for the fine reporting you did on the Fifth Baptist World Youth Conference in the **Arkansas Baptist**. I had five of my young men there and we enjoyed it tremendously. The people of Arkansas are to be congratulated for an editor who keeps them informed of great historical events such as this Youth Conference.—W. Richard Bates, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga.

Stopping Communism

Dear Editor:

All who read the papers and magazines must know that our beloved America and people are in dire peril! Communism is conceded to be steadily and rapidly advancing. And free American people would prefer death to Communist domination.

How to stop Communism and save America and other free countries is the most important question before America and the world today.

If all spirit-filled believers in America will follow the example of the people of Nineveh, or of Queen Esther, and go to prayer with fasting, basing their faith upon God's infallible Word, He Who is able to do "exceeding abundantly above all we ask or (even) think" will stop Communism, and save America and the world!—Thomas J. Prather, 6806 Monticello Road, Columbia, S. C.

Former OBC Head Graduation Speaker

Dr. Charles D. Johnson, president of Ouachita College from 1929 to 1933, was the school's commencement speaker at summer graduation exercises Friday, August 8, 8:00 p.m.

Prior to becoming president of Ouachita, Dr. Johnson served as head of the Ouachita English Department for six years. He was head of the Department of Social Science at Arkansas A. & M. College from 1933 to 1936 and served as acting president of that institution in 1935. He then served as dean of Blue Mountain College from 1936 to 1938.

Since 1938 Dr. Johnson has been at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., where he is head of the Department of Sociology and chairman of the Editorial Board.

Twenty-eight students received degrees.

● **1ST CHURCH**, Biscoe, T. H. Reaves, pastor, recently completed a two-week



Baptists believe that a visible church is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the New Testament.

Baptists believe that the church with all that pertains to it is strictly a New Testament institution.

The Baptist view of the constitution and polity of the church is that each church is a free, independent, and self-governing body. It is made up of regenerate men and women, believers in Christ, who have been immersed upon a profession of their faith in Him. It is based on and embodies the spiritual principles of Christianity. There is no way to classify believers in the church other than as spiritual equals.



The pastor and deacons are not ecclesiastical superiors. They perform certain functions and discharge certain duties, but they are the servants of the church. The church is responsible directly to Christ within the limits of its own life. The church is the final authority on all debated

questions. But, in its decisions the church is directly responsible to Christ and must look to the New Testament as the law of Christianity by which it is to be governed.

Christ organized the church so that his followers would have a divine institution through which to co-operate in the work of preaching the gospel of repentance and remission of sins to all nations. The church is ideal for co-operation. In it the followers of Christ are joined together in an organization with divine sanction—



a brotherhood of kindred spirits made one in Christ by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit—for the purpose of making Christ known to the world.

Accepting the New Testament as the inspired revelation of Christ, a church must strive to follow its teachings and to observe its requirements in worship and unity of organization. Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the two divinely instituted ordinances, must be kept true to the New Testament pattern.

Baptists believe that to be a true New Testament church a local church organization must (1) require personal acceptance of Christ and scriptural baptism by immersion before membership, (2) be self-governing and democratic, (3) maintain its purity by making Christ supreme, (4) commit itself wholeheartedly to carrying the message of Christ to all the world.

daily Vacation Bible School in which there were 113 enrolled. There were three professions of faith.

● **ROSEDALE CHURCH**, Little Rock, recently occupied its new auditorium.

Located at 7624 West Fortieth Street, the auditorium has a seating capacity of 450, which is about double that of the older building which still will be used for Sunday School services. The increased seating capacity will elimi-

nate the necessity of double worship services on Sunday morning.

Made of concrete blocks, with the labor donated by church members, the building was erected at a cost of approximately \$10,000. J. C. Myers, who has been pastor of the church for the last three years, plans dedication services soon.

Howard Coney served as chairman of the building committee. The church has 600 members. (DP)

The Initial Thrust in Evangelism

The current reaction against superficiality in evangelism should lead to wholesome results. Too often, baptism has not been preceded by adequate instruction; and too often, such instruction has not been given afterwards. As a result, churches and individuals have suffered losses beyond repair. To baptize an unsaved person is a tragic disservice to the church, and an even greater disservice to the individual. The need for careful instruction both before and after baptism can not be emphasized too strongly. Besides a definite commitment to Christ, there must be an intelligent understanding of salvation, baptism, the Lord's Supper, the means of growth, stewardship, and the church covenant. Six hours of such instruction would add enormously to the stability of the individual and the church.

But if the church is to grow and fulfill its mission, more is needed than merely to stop the leaks. Somehow, we must recover the apostolic, evangelistic thrust which has been so largely lost. Our baptismal ratio is deplorably low. And the record of baptisms, though not always decisive, remains one of the most reliable indexes to the spiritual tone of the church. The more spiritual the church, the more likely it is to fulfill its primary function, which is soul-winning. The initial thrust of evangelism must always be to bring men to decision for Christ. To "evangelize" is to bring the "good news" of saving grace. The angel messenger declared to the shepherds at Bethlehem, "I evangelize you with good tidings of great joy—unto you is born—a Savior" (Luke 2:10-11).

The Great Commission carries a three-fold thrust: "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them—teaching them to observe all things—" (Matt. 28:19-20). But the *initial* thrust, without which the second step and the third step would be futile, is to "make disciples." A "disciple" is a follower, an obedient, willing learner. Until the individual becomes a "disciple," he can scarcely be taught *anything*, much less "all things." "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God—neither can he know them" (I Cor. 2:14). And to attempt to teach him the minutiae of Christian living is not "evangelism." In preaching "the whole counsel of God," we must emphasize the Golden Rule, tithing, temperance, Sabbath observance, prophecy, and civic righteousness, but this is not "evangelism!"

If our waning evangelistic thrust is to recover its apostolic force, and bring us again to the forefront of a conquering people of Christ, two imperatives must be met. We must forestall the losses which are draining our numerical strength; and we must reach out for new growth. There is reason to hope that we are moving toward a sounder "evangelism" than we have had; an evangelism with a powerful *initial thrust*, and a program of instruction that will insure a stable, intelligently functioning church membership. —Charles W. Koller, Chicago

The Bible As History by Werner Keller, William Morrow and Co., 1957, \$5.95.

Strange voices of the past speak through ancient records uncovered by archeologists to prove that the Bible is itself the book of history. Mr. Keller, a layman and journalist, has produced what is widely accepted as a monumental work in this field.

Many of the revolutionary discoveries in Archeology which have come to light in the past 30 years are featured in the book.

From the Nile and the Jordan, the Euphrates and the Tigris, the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean, Dr. Keller has gathered an overwhelming mass of evidence which shows, step by step, the historical foundation of the Old and New Testaments.

Great American Negroes, by Ben Richardson, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., \$3.75.

A compilation of the biographies of 26 Negroes who have been outstanding in their fields, this book was first published in 1932, receiving praise from many quarters. Over the years it has sold many thousands of copies. In presenting the new, revised edition, the publishers have carefully checked and brought up to date the biographies and added much new material. Fields represented include Music, The Theater, Art, Literature, Education, Religion, Science, Sports, and The Military.

Christ Be With Me, by Walter Russell Bowie, Abingdon Press, 1958, \$1.75.

This book of 31 daily devotions, featuring a meditation and a prayer, is based on the hymn, "Christ Be With Me." The Person of Jesus and His teachings, form the bulk of content.

You and Your Bible, an anthology of R. A. Torrey, Fleming H. Revell Co., 1958, \$3.

The Bible stands absolutely alone among all the books of the nations. It is God's own Book, and there is but one Bible. This is the thesis of the Torrey materials carried in this new compilation. Chapter headings include: "How to Interpret the Bible," "Bible Difficulties: The Most Common Problems," "Bible Difficulties: Its Contradictions," "Bible Difficulties: Its Mistakes," and, "Rather the Practical Use of the Bible."

Calvary Covers it All, by Frank Jennings, Fleming H. Revell Co., 1957, \$2.

Even the most despised of men can become saints, author Jennings, well known lecturer and radio and television personality, shows in this book.

He describes realistically the background and tragic circumstance of actual characters trapped in their degradation and spiritual despair. Among the interesting characters he portrays are "Old Moses" who traveled the roads doing good to his fellow travelers; the little girl whose Sunday School hymn in a hospital ward led her father back to Christ; and "Alcoholic Jim" who became "Christ-owned Jim."

Churches Add ARKANSAS BAPTIST

Boynton Church, Leachville, has put the Arkansas Baptist in its budget after receiving our one month free trial offer.

O. L. Taylor is treasurer; Calvin Smith, pastor.

Village Church, Robert W. Collard, pastor, has accepted our one-month free trial offer.

Corners Chapel, Rt. 2, Trumann, has accepted our one-month free trial offer.

fer. B. G. Crabb is pastor.

First Church, Bay, Max L. Taylor, pastor, is taking the one-month free trial.

Boughton Church, Rt., Prescott, Red River Association, has put the paper in its budget. Ted Gentile is pastor.

Shiloh Church, Rt. 1, Arkadelphia, in Red River Association, has put the paper in its budget. Benard Ford is pastor; Mrs. Jasper Welch is clerk.

Friendship Church, Washington-Madison Association, L. E. Brown, pastor, has put the paper in its budget.

Young People Open New Mission Work

PEOPLE LIVING behind the seawall in North Little Rock have no church or mission preaching station of their own. Several years ago there were mission stations located in this area, but during the past few years these people have gone without the Gospel being preached to them.

During a regular church visit to an absentee, several young people of 1st Church, North Little Rock, saw for the first time the need for God's word to be preached to these people. Although the church stands within four blocks of the seawall, only seldom does anyone living behind the seawall attend.

Within two weeks of this visit these same young people were conducting religious services in the yard of one of the residents. These services are held each Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Should the weather be too bad for services to be held outside, the church bus is handy and the services are held in it. Participating in this program are some 17 young people, one of which plays the accordian for the services.

On Saturday a group of the young people gather at the church for prayer and counseling together and then they visit for an hour or two, passing out



CLARENCE MANSFIELD and Anne Hilton, of North Little Rock's 1st Church, with Mrs. Myrtle Smith, back of the seawall.

tracts and advertising handbills telling the people there will be a religious service on the following afternoon. Attendance at the Sunday afternoon services has grown from around 5 to 17.

God is richly blessing and using the young people in a marvelous way. Their hope, desire and prayer is to establish some type of permanent structure in

which mission work may be carried on regularly with an organized Sunday School.

This work has been carried on entirely by the young people with the pastor and the educational director, Rev. Roy Hilton and Jim Sparks, respectively, working in close cooperation with them and their leaders.—Reporter

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Tempted to Sin

QUESTION: Can a Christian be tempted to sin and still be a Christian?



DR. HUDSON

I wanted to have an affair with a woman but resisted the temptation. I know that Jesus said that "whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." What did he mean by this? Isn't it just as bad to think

evil as it is to do evil?

ANSWER: Of course it is not as bad to think evil as it is to do it. This is pure bosh and needs to be revised. Jesus nowhere says that the act is just as bad as the thought.

What Jesus was trying to help us to see was that the lustful thought precedes the lustful act. Man's temptations are inside himself. James said, "Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (Jas. 1:14). Every person is tempted. The proof that he is on God's side is that he resists temptation. Otherwise, we become bellhops to our own passions.

The fact that you thought of having an affair with this woman does not prove that you are not a Christian. The

question is, what did you do with these thoughts? Did you give the consent of your mind to go ahead? Or did you turn your thoughts to better things? This is what Jesus would have done.

The Epistle to the Hebrews says that Jesus "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). If Christ was tempted, we should not

expect to avoid it ourselves.

Most people think of doing wrong, but the Christian resists the thought and proceeds to find some way to channel his energies in constructive activity.

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



BAPTIST STUDENT Union Summer Council of Ouachita College: Front row, left to right, Mrs. Joe Simmons, BSU director; Irene Sablan, Guam, music chairman; Aileen Kemp, Prattsville, enlistment co-chairman; Mary Horton, Hope, publicity chairman; Betty Witherington, Camden, treasurer; Perrilyn Elkin, Hot Springs, enlistment co-chairman. Second row, left to right, Freeda McArthur, Eutaw, Ala., social co-chairman; Leon Lowe, Blytheville, devotional chairman; Gene Blagg, Little Rock, president; Dee Birdwell, Fort Smith, vice-president; David Holt, Blytheville, extension chairman; Marilyn Sawyer, Texarkana, secretary. Not pictured: Barbara Pool, Hot Springs, social co-chairman.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of \$171,000 Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, for which ground was broken July 27. Connecting with the present building at 2013 Schaer, the new structure will double the over-all capacity of the present building. In addition

to an auditorium seating 600, the new building will provide educational space for 250. Heading the building committee is Robert E. Wright. R. S. Corder is chairman of the finance committee and Don Kendrick, a deacon of the church, is contractor and a member of

the building committee. Architects are Swaim and Allen, North Little Rock. R. H. Dorris is pastor.

The Sunday morning worship services of Pike Avenue Church are now being carried over Radio Station KNLR, 1380 kilocycles, direct from the church.

Asks Better American, Southern Group Relations

By W. BARRY GARRETT

CINCINNATI, O. —(BP)— An appeal for better relations between the American and Southern Baptist conventions was made at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention.

Edwin T. Dahlberg, pastor of the Delmar Church, St. Louis, Mo., and president of the National Council of Churches, asked, "If we cannot develop an ecumenical spirit within our own Baptist family, how can we expect to foster it successfully among all the many divisions of American Protestantism?"

Dahlberg's church is aligned with both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions. Referring to his recent visit to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Dahlberg said, "I went with some degree of trepidation. I wondered whether as president of the National Council of Churches I might be received with some coolness. On the contrary, I had the warmest and friendliest welcome."

Interpreting the maturity and fairness of the Houston meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention as a move toward greater ecumenicity, Dahlberg asserted, "Until I saw the more intelligent forces taking over the direction of things at Houston, I had the feeling that the Southern Baptist Convention was unconsciously becoming a super-church."

"In fact, I had thought seriously of raising the question, 'Why not establish a few American Baptist churches in Florida, Oklahoma, and Texas, so

that our American Baptist people now living in certain portions of the Southland could take communion without being baptized all over again?"

Dahlberg told the American Baptists that "we have much to learn from Southern Baptists. We have excelled them in theological progress and in our social and ecumenical insights. But what about our evangelistic and missionary passion?"

Dahlberg denied that the only explanation of the contrast between Southern Baptist progress and American Baptist slowness is a difference in industrial and Catholic constituency.

He said that "the truth is that too many of us in the North have become Fifth Amendment Christians, refusing to be witnesses for our Lord, declining to present our testimony for Christ." He appealed for American Baptists to "put aside our fears and prejudices and enter wholeheartedly into the Baptist Jubilee Advance — in higher education, in evangelism, in stewardship, in lay development, and in missionary expansion."

Religious Liberty Stressed

Religious liberty was the focal point of the president's address.

Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Church, Washington, and president of the Convention declared, "What a magnificent chapter of faith our forefathers have written as they sought to follow the guidance of the New Testament, and have contended for the right of every person to worship God accord-

ing to the dictates of his conscience."

Using an incident of the Baptist mission work in India, Cranford quoted the governor-general of the British government as saying to William Carey, pioneer missionary, "Do you think, Dr. Carey, it would be wrong to force the Hindus to become Christians?"

Carey replied, "My Lord, the thing is impossible; we may indeed compel men to be hypocrites; but no power on earth can force men to become Christians."

Cranford continued, "Baptists have always insisted on separation of church and state . . . Wherever a person has the freedom to worship God without fear of interference from either church or state, he can be grateful to Baptists for the long battle they have waged for the principle."

Hopewell to Observe 50th Anniversary

HOPEWELL CHURCH, Current River Association, observed its 50th anniversary with special services Sunday, Aug. 10.

Dr. H. E. Williams, College City, gave the morning message. Following a dinner on the ground and fellowship period, group singing was conducted from 1 to 1:30 p.m. C. F. Gwinup, College City, preached at 1:30 p.m., and a member of the church gave a history of the church.

Mrs. Mary Brown, Kansas City, who was a member when the church was reorganized Aug. 2, 1908, was present.

Alvin Wiles is pastor of the church which began a revival Aug. 10, with J. I. Casey, College City, doing the preaching.

Cooperative Giving Continues to Mount: Current Year 8.41% Ahead of 1957

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention last month received \$1,475,414 through Cooperative Program and designated offerings.

Convention Treasurer Porter Routh's records showed that this was \$130,386 greater than for July, 1957. However, it dropped below June, 1958, total contributions of \$1,536,314.

Contributions for 1958 to date are \$17,470,344 compared with \$16,114,486 for seven months of 1957. This is an increase of \$1,355,858 or 8.41 per cent.

ALTHOUGH the accompanying news story states that Arkansas is one of five states in the Southern Baptist Convention giving less to the Cooperative Program during the first six months of the year than for the corresponding period last year, the fact is that Arkansas has had an increase in Cooperative giving to world causes, showing \$306,250 contributed this year through July, as compared with \$302,675.32 for the corresponding period of 1957, an increase of \$3,574.68. Designated contributions to world causes total \$9,427.94 for the first six months this year as compared with \$8,585 for the similar period of 1957, showing a net increase of \$842.94 in this category.

The apparent discrepancy results from the fact that the Nashville office is necessarily a month behind the state offices in reporting receipts. For example,

what Nashville reports as the July offerings are actually the June offerings.

—Editor

Separated into categories, July, 1958 receipts showed \$1,236,588 through the undesignated means of giving, the Cooperative Program. \$238,825 came in through gifts from donors specifying a special use for their funds.

For the first seven months of the year, Cooperative Program receipts are up an even 8 per cent over 1957, and stand at \$8,912,886. Designated offerings are up 8.85 per cent and stand at \$3,557,458.

Largest disbursement for the month was to the Foreign Mission Board of the Convention — \$539,399. It brought this board's receipts for the year to date to \$10,659,495.

The Home Mission Board followed with a July disbursement of \$186,106 and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Berkeley, Calif., came next with \$145,793 during the month.

Five states — Arkansas, District of Columbia, Maryland, Missouri, and South Carolina — were behind 1957 totals in Cooperative Program gifts but all were ahead of a year ago in designated offerings.

Receipts and disbursements from the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office do not include funds kept by local churches or by state Baptist organizations for their own work.

BSU

Tom Logue, Secretary
Summer Work

MY FIRST week as BSU Summer Missionary was spent at a Spanish GA and RA camp up in the mountains. I was a cabin counselor and taught a few



PAT CLARY

classes. We had a wonderful addition to the Lord's Kingdom, thirty-five decisions the last night with more during the week. The majority of those making professions of faith were Catholic.

The second and third weeks I was at

1st Spanish Baptist Church, Albuquerque. The majority of Spanish people are Catholic and the work is very slow. But we thank the Lord for the opportunity to plant the seed that may some day be the shining example of Christian faith.

The fourth and fifth weeks I spent at the Baptist Indian Mission in Albuquerque. There I taught between ten and fifteen primaries each day. There was a total enrollment of 51. Here, too, the majority of Indians are Catholic. We took a census one day and out of 22 homes we visited not a one was Baptist. Decision Day, there were four professions of faith and two rededications.

At present I am on an Indian Reservation close to Grants, N. M. We are mainly working with the Laguna and Acoma Indians. We have around 50 enrolled in Vacation Bible School. The Indians live in different villages on the Reservation and must be transported to and from each service. The missionary here drives 250 miles each Sunday transporting the members. But there is a Catholic church in every village and it is well attended.

Everywhere I have been this summer I have noticed a shortage of workers. The Lord needs helpers. Paul says in Romans 10:14, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Some of the Indians still believe in witches. Truly, "the field is white unto harvest."

Words just can't express how this summer has enriched my life. I have felt closer to the Lord than ever before. There is no greater joy than serving Christ!—Pat Clary, Star City, Arkansas Tech student, with summer headquarters at Albuquerque, N. M.

A BUSINESS recession is the time when people get their clothes out of mothballs instead of department stores.
—Dan Bennett

AS LONG as prosperity is built on people spending all they hope to earn, people may have to have faith or they may need charity.—Nuggets

Love and Laughter

I saw a play recently. The setting was Nazi Germany under Hitler. The commentator spoke these wise words: "The nation that loses its sense of humor becomes a dangerous people." He was saying that people need to be able to laugh at themselves occasionally. I like that, and would make it apply to individuals as well as nations. The man who takes himself too seriously becomes a stuffed shirt and thereby detracts from his usefulness as he works with people.

We preachers need two or three characteristics. I consider them indispensable. One, and it is number one, we must love people. There is no substitute for that. And then, we need to have the very thing I mentioned in the first paragraph of this article. There is much to weep over, and much to be concerned about. For these reasons, we must be able to see the simple humor in life and to realize that somehow this old world managed to get along even before we were born . . . and that it might possibly continue for a few years after we are gone.

And what is good for the preacher is good for any other Christian. Jesus had a formula for greatness. It was, "Let him who would be great become servant." So, no man should think of himself more highly than he ought, but each should remember that our greatness is not measured in wealth or fame. In the eyes of Jesus, it is service to humanity; therefore, if you should become inoculated with self-importance, take a look in the mirror and giggle a little. Your only claim to greatness will be your achievement for people in His Name. —Wallace R. Rogers, pastor, Downtown Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Tex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

Preparation Week

PREPARATION WEEK in the churches this year, September 21-28, has more than usual significance. It carries with it the regular opportunities of a thorough census of the community and a study of the organizational needs of the Sunday School; the provision of new space or modification of existing space; the setting of goals and working out of a definite calendar of activities; the enlistment and training of new workers; the setting up of new classes and departments; and the development of a spirit of conquest and dedication among the workers.



The added significance this year is the relationship of the total Sunday School program to winning the lost and laying a solid groundwork in all of the churches for effective participation in the Evangelistic Crusade in 1959.

Because of the interest of every Sunday school worker in winning the lost, and because the Sunday school program is so vitally connected with evangelism, Dr. Leonard Sanderson, secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, was requested to write a book *Using the Sunday School in Evangelism*, which we suggest as the study book for Preparation Week this year. Linking the study of this book with the practical program of Sunday School enlargement and improvement as set out in the annual "Sunday School Planning Booklet," already mailed to pastors and superintendents, will provide the deepest motivation for doing better Sunday School work.

Using the Sunday School in Evangelism comes warm from the heart of a man dedicated to the winning of souls through church-centered evangelism. Pastors and Sunday School workers cannot study this book without a strengthened conviction that, humanly speaking, the Sunday School is the most effective force a Church has for reaching and winning the lost. Neither can they escape the renewed conviction that the evangelistic spirit must be the moving force in the program of evangelistic purpose of a Sunday School and you rob its reaching, teaching program of a vital force. In our churches, let us continue to use, not bypass, the Sunday school workers in evangelistic efforts. — The Sunday School Builder

CONFUCIOUS SAY: "You ask for credit, I no give. You get mad. You ask for credit. I give. You no pay. I get mad. Better you get mad."
—Sanatorium Outlook

By Hugh Owen

Central Association

EVERY CHURCH in the association has had some form of Sunday School training during the year, with training awards totaling 1,773 as compared with 713 for the corresponding period last year.

The last quarterly report of Co-operative Program giving showed all of our churches in this association giving to missions but two. We hope to make this 100 per cent before the end of next quarter.

Riverside Church dedicated its new building Sunday afternoon, July 27, with Pastor Dexter Blevins of 3rd Church, Malvern, preaching the dedicatory sermon. Don Hook, pastor, 1st Church, Malvern, led the prayer of dedication. The building, made of tile and hadite blocks, at a cost of \$28,000, has an auditorium seating 190 persons. Much work and material were donated. Mac Gates is pastor and D. A. Newman served as chairman of the building committee. The church has grown from a charter membership of 37 when it began on July 15, 1956, to its present total of 80.

The association budget includes an item of \$3,400 as a payment on the Spring Lake property.

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Church on Sunday Night?

During the school year you have told me, "We can't bring the children out on Sunday night for Training Union and church service because they have to get to bed early so they can be ready for school Monday morning." We didn't argue with you. However, we noticed many, many parents bringing their children, even little ones, on Sunday nights and it didn't interfere with the children's school program for here at the close of the school year we know of many instances where these same children did better work than others and walked off with top honors!

But now, let's face it — school is out! Let the youngsters come to Training Union and church service on Sunday night. We say, "let" because they love to come. They get a real enjoyment out of the various activities that are carried on on Sunday nights. By bringing them, you are showing them that the Lord's Day doesn't end at noon on Sunday, but it includes Sunday night as well.

Vacation time is here. They can have their recreation and fun during the other six days of the week, but train them to "save their Sundays for the Saviour." Don't you plan those Sunday recreational activities that will take them away from the Sunday School, Training Union, and church on the Lord's Day. If you do they will get the notion that the Lord's Day isn't important because it isn't important to their parents. Sure, dad works during the week and wants to have some fun with the kids, but there is time during the week for this. Dad does need to be with the family some, but doesn't this "being with" the family include the most important thing of all — studying the Word of God, training for service, and worshipping the Lord?

One final word: has this "stay-at-home-Sunday-nights" program made you and your family into "television addicts"? If so, your alibi, "You have to go to school tomorrow," won't work. The kids will see through it. They will soon suspect that the things of the Lord's house are not too important after all in your thinking. So, come on, mama and papa, turn off the television, crank up the family car (take the bus, or hitch a ride), bring your whole outfit to Training Union and the important evening service. You'll be glad you did! —J. D. Grey, 1st Church New Orleans

The Growth of Sin

ONCE UPON a time while sitting in my kitchen looking out of the window I noticed a little grape vine climbing the screen. It was cute, attractive, and interesting. We cherished it and let it grow, and finally it crossed the screen and anchored therein.

Then came another and another and from time to time little vines kept growing on the screen until they had covered the entire surface cutting out the light of the sun and shadowing the entire room. They kept growing until the screen was burdened with more than it could stand. It fell and left the family exposed to the gnats, mosquitoes, and flies.

Many times little sins of an innocent type in appearance creep into our lives, coming up before us both singly and collectively. We cherish and many times encourage them by indulging and permitting them to grow, as the little vine, until they have darkened the spiritual window and cut off all the light between God Almighty and our lives.

Many times, we permit this continuous growth of sin until it becomes such a burden that our will power and determination are completely broken down, leaving our souls completely exposed to the outer world of a satanic nature, making it possible for all types of sin to come into our lives as the insects entered upon the fall of the window screen.—W. B. Langford, 725 Main, Jonesboro.

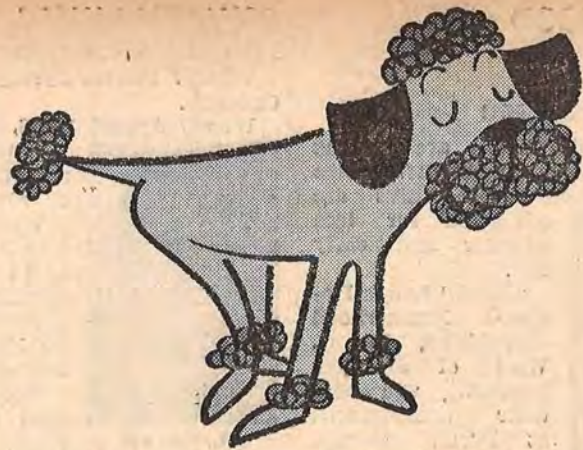
Seminary Students Receive Challenge

NEW ORLEANS, LA. — Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., commencement speaker for the summer graduation of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, challenged the graduates to place their lives in the will of God.

Speaking to graduates, faculty, and guests at the Gentilly Baptist Church, Dr. Hall outlined pitfalls that the young graduate would face if he sought to conform God to his own ambitions. "The greatest danger," he said, "is that we may come to put God in the center of our wills, rather than ourselves in the center of God's will."

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BROTHERHOOD

By Nelson Tull

Signs of the Season

Regional Brotherhoods are holding their annual encampments. Some have already been held; others are scheduled for late summer and early fall.



MR. TULL

The Oil Lands Regional Brotherhood Convention, M. C. White of Camden, president, will hold their encampment at Beech Springs, near Smackover, on August 15 and 16.

Royal Ambassador chapters are invited to come along. Word from Mr. White is that the meeting will be for "fellowship, recreation, and instruction." This is indeed a fine line-up of activities and worthy objectives. Liberty and Hope Associations make up the Oil Lands Region.

The Cotton Land Regional Brotherhood Encampment was held at Jonesboro August 1, with about 250 men and boys in attendance. Thel Smith, State Brotherhood president, was the speaker. Harry Brewer, Jonesboro, is president of the Regional Brotherhood Convention, which is made up of Mt. Zion, Mississippi County, and Trinity Associations.

Also on August 1, the Arkansas River Regional Brotherhood Encampment was held on Petit Jean Mountain. Charles Bettis, Morrilton, is president. We have not yet had a report on this meeting, but we do know that J. Harold Smith, Fort Smith, was the speaker. This region is made up of Conway-Perry and Dardanelle-Russellville Associations.

The Brotherhood Department will be glad to receive news about the encampment in your region.

Nominate 1959 Officers

We trust that every association in the state will follow through on the suggestions made by several of the departments of our State denominational work, and see to it that all associational officers are selected for nomination by the association at its annual meeting. This is a must!

The Associational Brotherhood president should be selected by the Associational Nominating Committee in time for him to work with the Committee to select fit men for all the Associational Brotherhood officers. Then the president and all the other officers can be elected together at the annual meeting of the association.

● PRESIDENT WALTER Pope Binns, William Jewell College, has announced the election of Dr. C. Sylvester Green, Winston-Salem, N. C. as vice president in charge of public relations. Dr. Green has been vice president of Wake Forest College and assumed his new duties at William Jewell on July 1.

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LeRoy McClard, Secretary

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By AUGUSTA CARLSON

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MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

CHAPLAIN Charles Finch completed 10 years of service in the State Sanatorium, July 20.

TOM LANDERS will be the evangelist in the Mountain Home Church during the April Crusade.

C. W. CALDWELL was guest speaker at the Convention of "Silent" people meeting in Lake City, July 27.

PETE STEELMAN, Memphis, Tenn., will be the evangelist for Wheatly Church during the March Crusade.

PLEASANT RIDGE Church in Black River Association dedicated their new building, August 3, with C. W. Caldwell as the speaker. Simon Norris is pastor.

GARY ALLEN, Heflin, La., will be evangelist for Jennie Church in Delta Association, March 8-15.

PASTORS ARE reminded to use the Evangelism bulletin as a poster. Let your Steering Committee and Church Council show the record of baptisms.

BOB TAYLOR, Baton Rouge, La., will serve as evangelist in Calvary Church, West Memphis, during the March Crusade.

WHAT ASSOCIATION will be first in getting four things done? (1) Steering Committee selected; (2) All Churches committed to cooperate in crusade; (3) A Director chosen; (4) All churches having chosen an evangelist. Please report.

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Thanksgiving

By ETHELYN ROE

I thank you, Lord, this happy day
For little joys you send my way:
For eyes that see and ears that hear,
For playmates, friends, and parents dear;

But, most of all, that from above
I'm daily blessed with your great love.
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DERREL WATKINS, associate pastor of Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, has resigned to accept the position of minister of music and education of the Fairview Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich.

FIRST CHURCH, Elaine: W. E. Jones, Kansas City, evangelist, Herbert (Red) Johnson, Mountain Home, singer; 24 professions, 16 rededications, one missionary volunteer, one surrendered to preach, and six came by letter. Marshall E. Dark is pastor.

Theological Educators Map Plans for Meeting

BOSTON —(BP)— Baptist theological educators made plans here recently for a series of meetings to discuss their common interest in seminary education.

Under chairmanship of Duke K. McCall, Louisville, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, 22 seminarians representing 15 Baptist institutions were in attendance.

They decided to have a meeting of Baptist theological educators in connection with the biennial meeting of the American Association of Theological Schools, and in alternate years to have a longer meeting for study and discussion as well as fellowship.

A Hidden Prophet

By Elsie S. Lindgren

His name starts with a letter in JOY
That isn't found in GLAD
The next letter's found in GOOD
And never seen in BAD.
The third is found in OCEAN
And yet is not in TRIP.
The fourth is found in WHALE
And never found in SHIP.
The last is found in PREACH
And isn't found in SAY.
This man had a strange adventure,
Because he was slow to obey.

ANSWER

YHWH

Human Relationships, by Eleanor Bertine, Longmans, Green and Co., 1958, \$4.50.

The author, trained by Dr. Jung in Zurich, draws examples from 30 years' experience of practice in analytical psychology in her discussion of the family; the individual and the group; men and women, including the marriage relationship; and friendship.

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Graham Pleased With 'Small' Crusade

THE SUCCESS of the eight-day Greater Sacramento (Calif.) Billy Graham Crusade has prompted Mr. Graham to indicate he would be able to conduct more meetings in areas smaller than those represented by the very large cities.

Sacramento county has a population of 450,000, but churches cooperated in towns as far away as 100 miles or more. Of the more than 300 churches cooperating, 75 were Southern Baptist, the largest number from any one denomination.

Attendance totaled 148,600 persons, or an average of 18,000 per night. Dr. W. B. Timberlake, pastor of 1st Southern Baptist Church, Sacramento, said of the decisions that about two out of five were for first decisions or acceptance of Christ.



The Lost Puppy

By RUTH WAGNER

Jimmy was playing in the back yard alone, because his friends had gone on vacations. It was rather lonesome.

"How nice it would be if I had someone to play with today," sighed Jimmy.

A strange whining, yapping sound made Jimmy look around. There by the bushes was a little puppy with the saddest eyes. Jimmy sat very still and softly called to the dog. After a while, the puppy limped over to Jimmy.

"Oh, he has a hurt paw," said Jimmy. "Maybe I can fix it for him."

After he saw that Jimmy was going to be a gentle friend, the puppy was not afraid. Jimmy carefully picked up the dog and carried him into the house. His mother and father were sitting in the living room.

"Why, where did you get the dog?" asked his father.

"I found him in the yard, and he has a sore paw. May we keep him, Dad? I would take the best care of him," pleaded Jimmy.

"But, Jimmy," broke in his mother, "we have no idea who owns him. Perhaps some boy or girl is looking for him right this minute. We must find his real home."

"Yes, Jimmy," said Father, "we have no right to keep him. We must put an ad in the newspaper. Whoever lost him will probably look in the lost-and-found section."

Jimmy was really disappointed, but of course Mother and Dad were right. It was not his dog.

"Well, I would like to fix his sore paw. The poor little thing whimpers when his paw touches the ground."

Jimmy and his father carefully looked at the sore paw and discovered a deep cut.

"We'll soon have this bandaged up, Jimmy, and I think we had better get

the puppy a bed for the night."

Soon the puppy was well taken care of, and Dad was calling the newspaper office.

The paper ran the ad for a week, and no call came in for the lost puppy. Jimmy was becoming very hopeful that perhaps he would be able to keep the puppy.

Then one night a man, woman, and girl came to the door. At the sight of them, the puppy leaped about excitedly and barked happily.

"It's Spotty, my little puppy!" cried the girl. "You found him for me!"

"Yes," said Jimmy. "He had a sore paw when I found him, but it is better now. He is such a nice puppy. You really are lucky to have a dog of your own."

The girl and her parents thanked Jimmy for finding the dog. As they left, the puppy was snuggled in the girl's arms, happily licking her face.

"I really wish they didn't have to take him, but I am glad I took good care of her puppy. She was happy to see him again," said Jimmy.

The next day Jimmy was sitting in the yard, thinking about how lonesome it was without Spotty. Just then a box was delivered and Jimmy's father called him to help open it.

"What do you suppose it is?" asked Jimmy. "Look at the holes all around it."

Just then came a sharp little bark from inside the box.

"A dog!" cried Jimmy.

"Yes," replied his father. "It is a reward for finding Spotty. You took such good care of the girl's puppy that we know you'll be just as kind and gentle to a dog of your own."

"I think I'll call him Happy, because I'm so happy right now," said Jimmy as he lifted the new puppy out of his crate.

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Cultural Spread

"MAW, how'd you like that new vacuum cleaner I got you fer your anniversary present?"

"All right, Paw, but it's about to wear the life out of me, beatin' the rug with it!"

"Maw, hit'll be heap easier on you when we get 'lectricity!"

Come In, Dobbin!

A HORSE-TRADER once said to Henry Ward Beecher: "I have a good family horse I want to sell you. He is a good carriage horse. He works double with any other horse and on either side of the tongue. In short, he is a good all round horse and a good team worker."

Mr. Beecher replied: "My friend, I can't buy your horse, but I would like to have him as a member of my church!"—Bulletin, Central Baptist Church, Hot Springs.

CLABE HANKINS says he and Sal have been married 40 years and "ain't never had a cross word — our cross words allus come in sluices!"

AND WE are indebted again to the Central Church Bulletin, Hot Springs, for the one about the boy and the cat. Hearing the cat do whatever a cat does when it gets its tail pulled, the mother yelled at her son: "Quit pulling the cat's tail!" "I'm not pulling it, the cat's pulling it," he replied. "All I am doing is standing on it!"

PEOPLE who address you as "buddy," "chum," "my friend," "pal," "you old rascal, you" are not being overly friendly. They have merely forgotten your name.—Wall Street Journal

WHEN YOU hear a guy poke fun at a woman for shopping all day and not buying anything, you may be sure he is not her husband.

THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



Justice to Minorities

Bible Material: Leviticus 19:33-37; Deuteronomy 23:7, 8; 24:14, 15;
Matthew 9:9-13; John 4:39-41

By WALTER YELDELL
Pastor, 1st Church, West Memphis

August 17

THE UNITED States has often been called "the melting pot," "the crucible" for all the nationalities of the world.



MR. YELDELL

Indeed, this fact is one of the most remarkable in all the history of our nation. From its earliest beginnings a varied assortment of people began coming to America where they might escape poverty, privation, religious persecution, political intolerance, and military conscription. In 1924, however, the Immigration Law was formulated and passed with the purpose of diminishing the inflow of the minority groups. Today, all over our land, these distinct groups are to be found and in many instances they have preserved their customs and habits, and even their foreign language.

In our lesson for Sunday we will be calling attention to many of these minority groups — those whose skin is of a different color than ours. Also, we will be thinking of those who are in different minority groups because they are in another social or economic bracket: the poorly paid worker, the man who "lives on the wrong side of the railroad track," the social outcast.

First, let us look at some of the "colored" minority groups because it is with these that we shall be primarily concerned.

THE AMERICAN INDIAN: These did not come to this land; they were here when the white man arrived. In 1942 they numbered 368,920. It is predicted by 1980 the Indian population will reach 700,000. They are not a disappearing race.

THE FILIPINOS: This is a rather small group, consisting of about 46,000. The majority of these live in California.

THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN: During World War II this group was very roughly treated because we were then at war with Japan. According to the 1940 census there were 126,947 Japanese in the country.

THE JEW: America is the home of more Jews than any other part of the world. There are approximately 5,000,000 Jews in the United States. New York City, 2,035,000, and Chicago has the second largest, with 363,000.

THE NEGRO: In considering the Ne-

gro, we must ever remember that he came to this country not by choice but by compulsion. From 1619 until 1808, when slavery was abolished in the United States, Negroes were brought into this country and traded, or sold, to white men and others. For almost two hundred years this was practiced.

We have no record of how many Negroes were brought into this country from Africa. According to the first census, taken in 1790, there were 757,000. In 1940, they numbered over 12,000,000. At the same rate of increase, their number must now be considerably over 13,000,000.

These, and others we have not named, make up the minority groups within our nation. These are the ones, who for the most part, are discriminated against either because their skin is of another color or because they are in a different social or economic bracket. And in this latter category, we could include many white people.

However, let us not forget that this practice of being discriminated against, or of placing people in different social and economic brackets, is not a new thing. "Segregation" is not a new thing, it is almost as old as the human race. We know that the Jews of Jesus' time despised the Romans, the Samaritans, and others. We know that the Jew segregated the tax collectors who worked for the Romans.

What then is our problem? As concerns the South, just about every school boy could tell you the reason for the problem. On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. This law, as far as we are concerned, had to do with only one race and one color, for all others were then attending our white public schools. This law had to do primarily with the Negro people. Since that day the South has been involved in a tremendous social, political and spiritual upheaval. Almost every day we hear, or read, of blood-shed, of bombings, of deaths caused by strife between the races.

Why the problem at all? There are a number of reasons why the problem exists as it does in the South. First, the problem exists because of what we have been taught, from childhood and up. We have learned it from our parents; we have been taught it in the classroom; our elders have instilled it. I heard a speaker say, "Choose your ruts carefully. You are going to be in them a long time."

Again, the problem exists because of

"pressure groups" trying to make us act justly toward minority groups. The person who said, "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink," knew something of human nature. Justice that is brought about by forcing people to do just against their will usually results in conditions that are worse than they were before. Persuasion, intelligent persuasion, has always been the best method for bringing about justice and good will toward people of different cultures, races and creeds.

Then, too, the problem exists because we are afraid of one another. We are afraid of each other in two ways. We are afraid of what might happen should the minorities become too powerful. Also, we are afraid we shall be made to suffer should we speak out in defense of the minorities. Thus, we allow the minorities to be unjustly treated because we are afraid of publicity.

Finally, the problem exists because of sin. The devil has gone a long way toward destroying the usefulness of a Christian if he can get him to despise others whose skin is of another color, or who is in a different social or economic bracket than his own. And it is doubtful if any person can ever become a Christian if he has enmity and ill-will in his heart toward the minority groups, knowingly.

What is the answer to the problem? Whatever it is, it is not an easy one. This I do know, the answer is not a "what" but a "who." Christ is the answer! God is calling us out of our shells of exclusiveness just as he called Peter. And what we hear hurts our feelings just as much as it did Peter's. But, still, if we are ever to rid ourselves of our prejudices and intolerances we must listen to God's voice in our hearts.

We must conclude from the Bible passages for Sunday several truths:

First, God has no favorites. Whether they be in the majority, or in the minority, He loves them all.

Second, the "whosoever" of the gospel invitation is to every man, irrespective of who he is, or what he is.

Third, Our prejudices and intolerances will disappear only as we look at others through the eyes of Christ.

Questions to Ponder:

Do you have any prejudices, or are you intolerant, toward any of the minority groups?

Can you harbor these in your hearts and still pray as fervently, and be as great a soul-winner for Christ as He would have you to be?

What if you were one of the minority? How would you like to be treated?

● 1ST CHURCH, Manila, Richard Vestal, Jr., pastor; week-end revival led by youth team directed by BSU department, with Jim Ryan doing the preaching; Johnny Ellis, leading the singing; and Martha Harris as accompanist; seven professions of faith; one surrendering to special service; and 33 dedications.

Your ARKANSAS BAPTIST Scrapbook

by JUDY McDONALD



THIS IS a peek over Cartoonist Judy McDonald's shoulder at a new feature cartoon — "Your Arkansas Baptist Scrapbook" — which is to begin in the issue of September 4. As the heading indicates, the new feature will present pictorially highlights of the history of Baptists in Arkansas. It is hoped many of our readers will clip the feature each week for their scrapbooks.

Pastoral Changes

● THEO COOK has resigned as pastor of Whelen Springs Church, and is moving to New Orleans to attend the New Orleans Seminary.

● RUSSELL Clearman, pastor of the Gaines Street Church, Little Rock for the past three years, has resigned to become pastor of Rancho Village Church, Oklahoma City, effective August 17.

Mr. Clearman came to the Little Rock church pastorate from the Shields Church, Oklahoma City. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and studied at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Under his leadership, the Gaines Street Church received approximately 570 new members, erected a new sanctuary at a cost of \$250,000, and purchased a home for the pastor. Total receipts for the three years ranged between \$215,000 and \$250,000.

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