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More On Calling A Pastor, Part 3

Assuming that the pulpit committee has received and evaluated sufficient information concerning



DR. WHITLOW

the man in whom they are interested in recommending to their church for a call, and assuming the proposed pastor has been given adequate information concerning the size, program and responsibilities of the church and both are interested in pursuing the matter further, the committee should give the proposed pastor all of the information that would have a bearing upon an intelligent decision. The church in the meantime should have authorized the committee to set the salary, the fringe benefits, the time allotted for revivals and

other meetings, the matter of vacation and the like. This should be clearly set up so that both the church and the pastor may know what to expect.

It is not commercial for the pastor to require an understanding on these matters. It is good business, good religion and makes for a proper understanding on the part of all parties concerned.

I know of the experience of a pastor who went before a church in view of a call. The pulpit committee was impressed and after the service met with him and told him they wanted to recommend that the church issue a call. When they discussed the matter of salary with him, he asked each member of the pulpit committee to take a pencil and paper in hand. They were asked to list their estimate of living expenses for a family the size of his. They listed the items

one by one; groceries, utilities, etc. When the balance was struck the pastor had the lowest figure of any and his total was greater than the sum the church was proposing to offer as the salary. The pastor asked the committee not to place his name before the church. He told the committee it would be but a matter of time until he would have to go to his groceryman and ask him to defer a part of his bill; to his druggist it would soon be the same, etc. In a matter of time the bills would be too great for him to meet. Soon the word would get out that here is a preacher who will not pay his debts. The pastor kindly explained that it would in reality be the case of a church not willing to pay a living salary. Several months later the church called that pastor and paid him a living salary. The pastorate was a prosperous and happy one for both pastor and people. It is wise to have an understanding before the occasion arises for misunderstanding. — S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

Highest in Percentages

BELOW IS a list of the churches in Arkansas that gave 20 per cent or more of their total receipts through the cooperative world mission program for the associational year 1958-59.



DR. DOUGLAS

We know that many churches have designated gifts that cannot be divided but in figuring the percentage we had to use the total receipts as shown in the annual minutes.

Fulton, 30.5 pct.; Joyce City, 30.1 pct.; Waldron, 27.8 pct.; Lake City, 27.8 pct.; Fordyce, 1st, 27.6 pct.; Ft. Smith, Trinity, 26.2 pct.; Ft. Smith, 1st, 26.1 pct.; Hope, Calvary, 24.7 pct.; Norphlet, 24.3 pct.; Blytheville, 1st, 24.1 pct.; Elaine, 23.2 pct.; Helena, 1st, 22.4 pct.; Pulaski Heights, LR, 22.4 pct.; El Dorado, 1st, 21.9 pct.; W. Helena, 1st, 21.8 pct.; Piggott,

21.8 pct.; Lonoke, 21.6 pct.; Park Hill, NLR, 21.4 pct.; Stephens, 21.0 pct.; Morrilton, 20.9 pct.; Hope, 1st, 20.4 pct.; Stamps, 1st, 20.4 pct.; Mansfield, 20.3 pct.; Amboy, NLR, 20.1 pct.; Wynne, 20.0 pct.; and College City, 20.0 pct.

Sometimes we lose sight of the fact that even though a church's gifts may look small dollarwise, percentagewise it might be the largest of all.

If every church in our State Convention had given 20 per cent of its total receipts the state cooperative world mission receipts would have been \$2,606,965.60 or a million more than was received.

If every church had done as well as the Fulton and Joyce City churches, that is give 30 per cent of their total receipts through the Cooperative Program, our State Convention Cooperative Program receipts would have been \$3,910,448, or over twice as much as was received.

Surely our churches can share more than 12 per cent of their total receipts through the Cooperative Program this year. It is a matter of much concern and should call for earnest prayers and efforts on the part of every Arkansas Baptist.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary. ■



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Hospital Week To Be Observed

THE nearly 700 employees of Arkansas Baptist Hospital will receive special recognition during National Hospital Week, May 8-14. Theme for the week is, "The Hospital—Many Hands and Many Skills."

"The patient's recovery in the hospital today is aided by many hands and many skills that never emerge from behind the scenes," J. A. Gilbreath, Arkansas Baptist Hospital administrator, said. "While the patient is well aware of the care of nurses, doctors, technicians and the chaplain who comes to his bedside, there are many others never seen by him who also contribute to his recovery."

"For each patient, food is cooked to meet his special needs; complete records of his care and progress are kept; linens are processed to high standards; laboratory tests are run and x-ray films developed; supplies are kept in readiness, and equipment maintained in constant order. All of these tasks are performed by people whom the patient rarely sees."

Payroll costs account for the major part of Arkansas Baptist

Hospital's total operating costs, and they increase as services are increased, Mr. Gilbreath said.

"Although the hospital uses machines wherever possible to cut personnel costs, most hospital services must be performed by people," he added. "Patient care cannot be standardized, but must be adjusted to each patient's needs."

Nursing Class Graduates May 23

COMMENCEMENT activities will begin for the senior class of Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing with baccalaureate at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, May 22 at 6 o'clock. Special music for the occasion will be by the Choral Club, directed by J. A. Gilbreath, Hospital administrator. Jack Jones, minister of music at 1st Church, Little Rock, will sing a solo. Dr. John McClanahan, pastor of 1st Church, Hope, will be the speaker.

On May 23, at 8 p.m., Dr. J. F. Rushton, president of the Hospital Board, will present diplomas to the class of 42 members. He will be assisted by Miss Mildred Armour, nursing administrator, and Miss Elva Holland, director of School of Nursing.

Dr. Guy Farris, chief of staff, will bring greetings from the medical staff. Dr. Carl Wenger, a member of the medical staff, will be the speaker of the evening. Rev. W. A. Blount, pastor of Sylvan Hills Community Church, will sing.

A merit award will be presented by Miss Bernice Wright, director of Nursing Service. Miss Holland will present the scholarship award and Miss Juanita Straubie, BSU secretary, will give the BSU award.

Corley to Speak

DR. DON CORLEY, Arkansas Baptist Hospital chaplain, will be the main speaker at a mental health meeting for ministers at Russellville, Thursday night, May 12. Dr. Corley will speak on, "The Role of the Minister in the Mental Health of His Congregation." The meeting is one of a series sponsored by the State Board of Health. ■

New Record on Budget Circulation

AT PRESS time, the number of churches having the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in their budgets, sending the paper to all families, numbered 565, by far the largest number of churches ever to subscribe through this plan.

Readers whose churches are not included are reminded that we will send the paper free for one month to any church which will consider putting the paper in its budget. If by the end of the free-trial period the church votes to put the paper in its budget, a second month will be given free.

The Baptist state paper is the only means a church has for keeping its people—active, inactive; hot or cold and indifferent—supplied with information on what Baptists are doing, locally, associationally, by states and around the world. And the cost is less than what the postage would be if a church wrote a letter each week to every member.

Since our last report, the following churches have voted to put the paper in their budgets:

STONEWALL, Green County Association, Rev. Charles Abanathv, pastor; Mrs. Cliff Lacey, treasurer;

BLOOMER, Concord Association, Rev. Irving Crossland, pastor;

1st, BEIRNE, Red River Association, Rev. Andy O'Kelley, pastor; Charles E. Shaver, treasurer;

FREER, Trinity Association, Rev. M. F. Burge, pastor.

Receiving the paper on the free-trial offer are:

1st, FOREMAN, Little River Association, Rev. Howard Wilson, pastor;

1st, McRAE, Caroline Association, Rev. Horace Boyd, pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, Keiser, in Mississippi County Association, James Marljar, pastor.

The Cover



MRS. R. F. ADAMS, Conway, subject of our Mother's Day feature by her daughter Fay Williams (pages 10-12), has in her hand a late issue of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. She is a life-long "cover-to-cover" reader of the Baptist state paper. ■

WHY tear your shirt over the possibility of a Catholic for President?" one of my friends of another denomination than my own asked me the other day, with a queer sort of grin. At first I thought he was arguing that there would be no threat to the country, not even in the critical realm of church-state relations, should a candidate whose supreme loyalty is pledged to the Pope succeed in getting himself elected to our highest and most powerful post.

Catholic President Not Our Concern

But while I was still trying to put my thinking cap on and get my lance ready, he jibbed me with this: "What can you as a private citizen in Arkansas do about it anyhow?"

It suddenly dawned on me that I and about everybody else in Arkansas had already slept through the 1960 Presidential election several months ahead of the event itself. For, before a lot of us Democrat-in-name-only Arkansans knew what the score was, the game was over and we had already been disfranchized, as far as the coming Presidential election is concerned.

You would have thought that the citizen's right to help choose a President was already sufficiently watered down, for no ordinary Joe ever gets to vote for the President anyhow—you vote for those who will vote for the President. But in the past you did know that the ones elected to represent your Party in the electoral college would at least vote for the Party candidate!

But when you vote for the Democratic Party electors this year you will have no way in the world of knowing even for what Party you are voting. They will go as the representatives of those of us who elect them, but with no strings (of the electorate) attached. They may bolt in the meeting of the electoral college itself. That is the way the Democratic Party machine in Arkansas has set it up.

This is not meant to be critical of the machine. A Party machine is made up of people who are chosen by people. This is just to say that our big concern now cannot be whether or not the next President will be Catholic. That is already out of our hands in this predominantly Democratic state. This is just to point up the undeniable fact that if we want to have a vote in the 1964 Presidential election, we better start having a part in the operation of our own party.—ELM

Mother, We Love You!

WHAT shall we do this Mother's Day to make Mother happy? We will give her our gifts—roses, candy, jewelry, wearing apparel, etc. But along with these things we will not fail to give her the one thing she wants above all else, something money cannot buy—our love.

Mrs. R. F. Adams, featured in our Mother's Day special article, pages 8-10, speaks for all true mothers when she says, as she said to her children as they were growing up: "Pretty is, as pretty does." May our actions this Mother's Day and throughout the year reflect our high esteem for God's great gift to us in the persons of our mothers.

True Colors

ONE of the most interesting features of an operating room in a modern hospital is the lighting.



ELM

This was demonstrated to me recently as my friend J. A. Gilbreath, administrator of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, took me on a tour of our own hospital.

Engineers have used their skill and ingenuity to install the latest and best lighting facilities. The rooms can be flooded with fluorescent illumination. Not only is the lighting the best in quality, but it comes at such angles that the surgeon's hands never cast the slightest shadow as he performs his delicate services.

But, for one purpose in the operating room, the latest lighting is not the best. In one lamp, focused on the patient's face, is an incandescent bulb, old-fashioned in comparison with the lighting all around it. For this, as none of the bright lights, reflects the true color of the patient's face.

Because the slightest change in the patient's physical well-being during an operation is reflected in his color, the surgical team keeps careful watch. Often the warning first detected in the patient's change of color signals emergency attention which saves the patient's life.

What is your true color? As the incandescent lamp reveals the bodily color there are other "lamps" that show our true color as to the quality of our lives.

One of these is the revealing light of our loyalties. How loyal are we and to what? How consistently are we actually what we want the world to believe we are? Are we mere pretenders? How genuine are we, really? Any off color here indicates the desperate need for a Physician — for Christ, the Great Physician.

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Christian Duties

My deep concern . . . is that we speed up our efforts to improve people-to-people, race-to-race relationships within our own country. If we will do better in this matter, we will be more respected and appreciated by all the world—and we will turn back the brimstone flow of damaging criticism from so many quarters of the world, especially the Asian and African nations. Unless we do this, well. . . .

America is making progress in better domestic relations and civil rights, of course, but all too slow. Too few people are working actively at the job, I fear. The good deeds seldom, if ever, make the newspapers these days. But ugly incidents claim the headlines. As soon as one incident blows over, another pops up and takes its place in the news.

Tonight the international news-cast mentioned ugly incidents in restaurants in two states, indicating continuing racial tension and conflict. I can guess what will be the big news in tomorrow's local papers.

I do not recommend being good simply for reputation's sake, though goodness does have its utility value. To act a part in the guise of goodness is sham and shame. Only good qualities can produce genuinely good conduct. But the respect and good will of the peoples of the world are big factors in determining the destiny of any nation. No country is invincible or invulnerable in this atomic age.

The thing required at this hour can be done by every American. It involves definite commitment and serious purpose in both attitude and act, primarily on the individual's level. It is: respect for everybody's rights, non-discriminatory treatment of all, good will and unselfish motives, brotherly kindness, Christian love. In short, improving the quality of our Christian lives will lead us to the



"Friends Around the World" is the theme of Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week, May 8-14. Girls ages 9-15 are invited to join this missionary organization in their local church.

solution of the social tensions and problems within our country. I believe this with all my heart.

Moreover, if we live Christ in the homeland, we can proclaim his message more effectively among the peoples abroad—a fact which I have observed from 24 years of missionary ministry in the Orient. —Buford L. Nichols, Baptist Seminary of Indonesia, Semarang, Djawa, Indonesia.

Missions Speaker

I AM an ordained Southern Baptist minister, having been ordained in the Tokyo Baptist Church, of which I am a charter member, on Feb. 21. I will be returning to the States this summer, before entering Southwestern Seminary in September, and I will be available to supply in Arkansas churches during the later part of June, July and August. I have visited many of the mission points and have a number of slides and movies on the work of the Japan Baptist Mission, which I would be happy to show to Arkansas Baptists.

I am a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College.

I may be contacted at 203 Parker

Avenue, Poteau, Oklahoma, telephone 338. —Trozy R. Barker, Hdqs. 6000th Support Wing, Operation Location No. Z, APO 94, San Francisco, Calif.

Expresses Thanks

Will you be so kind as to put in the next issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* a few words for me?

Since it is impossible to write everyone for the many, many cards, letters and telegrams you sent me, may I take this means of saying, many thanks for every expression of your deep concern and sympathy. We received so many beautiful flowers, and also a number of memorials in honor of my dear wife.

My daughter, Mrs. Wiggins, and her family join me in this word of thanks to each of you. May the Lord bless every one of you.—M. E. Wiles. ■

REFUGE CHURCH in Caddo River Association has included the *Arkansas Baptist* in the budget. Rev. Robert H. Watson is pastor.



MR. HIGHTOWER

Tyler St. Calls Pastor

Rev. Harold Hightower has resigned as pastor of Beech Street Church, Gurdon, to accept the call of Tyler Street Church, Little Rock. He will assume his new duties May 15.

Since his coming in 1954, the Gurdon church has erected a new educational building and the budget has increased from \$15,000 in 1954 to \$33,000 in 1960. The church property has increased from \$63,000 to \$160,000 and there have been 194 additions to the church.

Mr. Hightower is a graduate of Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Clarice Brown of Hope. They have two children, Clarissa Ann and William Andrew. ■

MAPLE AVENUE Church, Smackover, has met the requirements set forth by the Southern Baptist Convention to become standard in the ministry of music. There are 89 enrolled in the fully graded choir program. Robert Hall, minister of music and education, teaches organ, piano, voice, and has two ladies trios. Rev. Lewis E. Clark is pastor.

1ST CHURCH, Altheimer, has called Erby Spharler as minister of music. Mr. Spharler has been at Sulphur Springs Church near Pine Bluff for several years.

'When Shadows Fall' Scheduled For May 9

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BPN) "When Shadows Fall," a new book that seeks to determine the cause of human suffering, will be released by Broadman Press May 9.

Written by Newman R. McLarry, pastor of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, the book searches for a more or less complete answer to the 'why' of human suffering. If man breaks physical or spiritual laws, he suffers. If it is in the permissive will of God, man will suffer, but for his chastening and strength that he in turn may impart strength to others.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. McLarry has drawn much of his insights into the problem of which he writes from his military experience. He has done some writing for *The Christian Index*, Georgia's Baptist paper, and was pastor of Curtis Church, Augusta, before assuming his present pastorate Jan. 1 of this year. ■

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Mulkey announce the birth of a son, John Kevin, April 19. Mr. Mulkey is minister of music at 1st Church, Pine Bluff. (CB)

CLYDE H. Freed, Jr. is the new pastor of South Knoxville Church, Knoxville, Tenn. He goes there from the pastorate of 1st Church, Williamsburg, Ky. He served as associate pastor of 1st Church, El Dorado, several years ago.

JOHN NOBLE has resigned as pastor at Weiner Church to become pastor of North Side Church, Monticello. During the three years Mr. Noble was at Weiner, the church remodeled and enlarged the auditorium, added several classrooms and made other property improvements. (CB)

ROLAND Church, Pulaski Association, reports that on a recent Sunday they had one more in Training Union than in Sunday School. There were 43 in Training Union and 42 in Sunday School. Miss Pat Cline is Training Union director. Rev. E. F. Boyles is pastor.



MR. JACKSON

Jackson Goes to East Side, Paragould

EAST Side Church of Paragould has called as their pastor Rev. Lendol Jackson of Southern College, Walnut Ridge. He has resigned his work at the college effective the last of May, where he is serving as director of athletics, coach and Bible professor.

Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, and East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex. He has attended Friends University, Wichita, Kan., and has done post graduate work at Memphis State University.

During the three years he has been on the staff at Southern College he has helped to set up a program of organized athletics which the college did not have before.

He has served as pastor at churches in Arkansas, Kansas, and Texas. ■

DR. RALPH Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College, has accepted the position of interim pastor of Beech Street Church, Texarkana. (CB)

EDWIN Kajihiro, associate professor of biology at Ouachita Baptist College, has been chosen by the National Science Foundation as one of 10 to participate in a program at the University of Oklahoma biological station at Lake Texoma this summer.

Revival Reports

PARK Hill Church, North Little Rock, recently had Rev. Newman McLarry, pastor of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, as evangelist for a revival. There were 25 professions of faith, 21 of these were for church membership, five by letter and 16 for baptism. There were 10 rededications. Odie Hall, minister of music at Curtis Church, Augusta, Ga., directed the music. Rev. Rheubin L. South is pastor.

NELSON Tull, Brotherhood secretary, was the evangelist for a recent revival in 1st Southern Church, Manhattan, Kan. There were 16 for baptism, five by letter, three other professions of faith, six rededications, and ten saved in the home who had not attended a service to make public their decision. Rev. Robert L. Hartsell, former minister of education at South Side, Ft. Smith, is pastor.

NORTH Maple Church, Stuttgart, recently had Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School secretary, as evangelist for a revival. Derrell Watkins, Ouachita student, led the singing. There were nine professions of faith and three by letter. Mr. Hatfield taught an evangelism class each night. Rev. Claude Hill is pastor.

REV. Ralph Dodd, pastor of 1st Church, Greenwood, was the evangelist for a recent revival at Towson Avenue Church, Ft. Smith. A. B. Walrod, church music director, directed the music. There were ten for baptism and seven by letter. Rev. Harlan Abel is pastor.

1ST CHURCH, Newport, recently completed a revival resulting in 29 additions to the church and one other profession of faith. Twenty-five of the additions were by baptism. Dr. Walter Yeldell, pastor of 1st Church, West Memphis, was the evangelist. James Taylor, Jacksonville, led the singing. Rev. Ed F. McDonald, Jr., is pastor.

1ST CHURCH, Charleston, recently completed a youth led revival with Larry Williams and Boo



OUACHITA BSU officers for 1960-61 are, first row (left to right): Barbara Corrington and Larry Taylor, Enlistment Co-chairmen; Johnny Jackson, President; Walter Rose, Vice President; Linda Day, Director; Second Row: Margaret Bray, Bill Hayes, Social Co-chairmen; Charlotte Beard, Devotional Co-chairman; Melissa Miller, Treasurer; Third Row: Peggy Braden, Publications; Drollene Plattner, Librarian; Justlyn Matlock, Publicity; Lynda Strother, Churchmanship; John Carney, Missions and Extension; Absent, Bill Shaw, Music; Wendell Ross, Devotional Co-chairman.

Heflin, Ouachita students, doing the preaching. Patsy Warren, Ouachita student, was the pianist and Linda Day, BSU director at Ouachita and Henderson, was the organist. The song leader was Darrel Coleman, BSU director at Arkansas A & M. There were three professions of faith, three by letter, and a number of rededications. Rev. Eugene Ryan is pastor.

PAUL Reditt, a member of 1st Church, Little Rock, was the evangelist for a recent youth revival at Tyler Street Church, Little Rock. Lewis Sims was the music director and Frances Lawrence the pianist. There were nine professions of faith. Young people served as choir members and ushers and also had charge of the cot-

tage prayer meetings before the revival.

REV. MARION Grubbs, pastor of East End Church, Pulaski Association, was the evangelist for a recent revival at Woodson Church. There were 12 for baptism, 16 rededications and two for special service. Rev. E. D. Havner is pastor of the church.

E. W. TAYLOR, Amarillo, Tex., was the evangelist for a recent revival at 1st Church, Altheimer. There were seven for baptism and one by letter. Rev. W. Leslie Smith is pastor.

LUTHER WARD, associational missionary of Caddo River Association, was the evangelist for a recent revival at Refuge Church.

Counts Her Blessings Backward, Forward

BY FAY WILLIAMS

ON a cold day in February of this year, my married daughter and I drove from Little Rock to Conway for a visit with my 83-year-old mother, Mrs. R. F. Adams. But before going, I called her on the phone to find out if she was "receiving," because Mama gets around.

"Yes, come on—"she said, and hesitated. "You may have forgotten about this being the regular day for our T E L Sunday School class luncheon. But that's all right; I'd like for you both to be my guests."

[Editor's Note: This feature, written especially for the ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE by Mrs. Guy E. Williams, Little Rock, was syndicated by Baptist Press to the various other state weeklies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Williams, wife of Judge Williams, is a member, with her husband, of Immanuel Church, and is a well known Arkansas writer, the author of several books on Arkansas and Arkansas leaders.]

After I said we would enjoy that, Mama suggested that we come early. "I've got to gather up a load of women in my car and take them to church," she explained. "I've just finished baking egg custards."

We enjoyed the day immensely. My daughter was amused to hear the T E L ladies call each other by their given names and refer to themselves as "girls." But what astounded us was Mama's report as Sunshine chairman.

"As you know the weather has been bad for several days," she began, "so I don't have a very good report. During the past week, I have made only sixteen visits for the church..."

I held my breath. Sixteen visits in one week! And it had been cold, rainy, blustery! Surely Mama meant to say month instead of week. These thoughts raced through my mind. I would ask more about it when we returned to her apartment, and I did.

Mama smiled and said, "Sixteen visits last week was a bad report. I had hoped to make many more."

TOP to bottom: Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother Adams (1) boosts church attendance via her telephone; (2) puts on her favorite "bonnet"; and (3) picks up one of her many regular passengers for church — Mrs. Georgia Graham. — Photos by Paul Faris, Hendrix College, Conway



This was the first week of the month and I had new *Home Life Magazines* to put out."

On our way back to Little Rock my daughter commented, "The rocking chair hasn't got Grandmother, she's too busy. Why, she would die of boredom if she couldn't be active."

Mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she has reached the years we speak of as advanced. Still Mama is in the mainstream of life and is as personable, interesting, and useful at 83 as she was at twenty, thirty, or forty. She thinks all people could profit by the advice recently given by Dr. Theodore Klumpp of New York City who is a member of the American Medical Association committee on aging.

"Get as much mileage out of your body as possible," said he. "Forget talk about slowing down, because inactivity means atrophy or wasting away of both mind and body."

"... never feel sorry ..."

During the past ten years Mama has suffered from a few setbacks. First, it was a broken hip, then a major operation, next a ruptured disc, and then a broken arm. She not only pulled through them all but is almost good as new. If you ask how she managed to overcome these ailments, her reply will be: "I never was a person to sit down and feel sorry for myself."

One "daughter-in-love" had this to say: "That's so true. She counts her blessings both backward and forward. But to me she is the greatest blessing of all."

Another son's wife, commenting on the after-effects of Mama's broken hip, said, "Oh, she has a slight limp—but limps with a gallop."

Death is no stranger to an 83-year old woman. The greatest blow it dealt her was a few days before Christmas in 1939 when Papa was taken. Like thousands of others who have lost a companion, Mama asked: "What will I do? Where will I live? Can I ever be happy again?"

With the passing of time her course was perfectly obvious: she would sell the old family home and buy a duplex. And I don't think it was a coincidence that she found a buyer for the home—and also a duplex that exactly fitted her needs and financial ability—almost simultaneously. So Mama built a new life, found other joys and interests. Her apartment today is the happy gathering place for relatives and friends.

Community Counsellor

Several times, when women living in or around Conway have been bereft, people have advised them to "talk with Mrs. Adams." Said one, "She has more faith and common sense, mixed with a great love for helping others, than anyone else I know."

In thinking of her faith and courageous spirit, my husband says that Mama possesses a good supply of "spiritual penicillin" which we all would like to have. It carried her over another period of sorrow following the death of a son in February of 1950. A brilliant young lawyer living in Lubbock, Tex., he was a victim of leukemia.

Daily Bible reading has contributed richly to her

life. Every room in the house serves as her little private chapel, even the bathroom. We tease her about that.

Mama has worked in various capacities at the church. However, the most permanent work has been in the Extension department. She took over this department in 1931 because no one else seemed to want it. She had no special training for it but believed that by using her heart and head she could do something with it. For almost thirty years she has been a worker in the Extension department; for twenty-odd years she was superintendent. Her visitation for this department and the T E L Sunday School class keeps her filled with zest.

Some amusing things have happened in connection with the Extension work. For instance, many years ago people were found who should not be in the Home department, as it was then called; they were able to attend church and Mama urged them to go. Some did manage to get there, but when services were over, they went to Mama's car just like it was a bus.

Walking for 'Health'

"You children run along," Mama would say to her brood. "The walk will do you good."

Then one Sunday when Papa reached the car it was completely filled; people sat in each other's laps and stood on the running boards. So he waddled home.

"You should have seen Mama's passengers today," he laughed. "I couldn't squeeze in anywhere." Papa never learned to drive, his excuse being that he could not get his hands on the steering wheel long enough. However, he had a good chauffeur: Mama. I'm sure he liked it best just that way.



MOTHER Adams tops a prune cake for a Sunday School party, with an assist from Daughter Fay (Mrs. Guy E. Williams).

Mama and Papa were the parents of six children, four boys and two girls, and every one of us can testify that Mama had a very strict moral code which she expected us to heed. My sister says, "When I was a child I thought that if I told a lie or stole anything that some sort of punishment would appear instantly and consume me right on the spot. I have not gotten away from it; I still can't lie or steal."

On Wednesday night we youngsters had to have a lot of studying to escape prayer meeting. On Sunday morning we had to be sick in bed to miss Sunday School. This didn't happen often because our family enjoyed better than average health.

In our household every member had regular chores and we children found various—and sometimes amusing—ways to earn a little cash. So we developed great respect for a penny. We also learned the full meaning of the word frugality. It was the only way that our parents could send us all to college.

I can hear Mama now as she used to say: "Don't worry about what's on your back, worry about getting something into your head . . . Pretty is as pretty does . . ."

Time has been kind to her. She has charm and a flowering of personality undreamed of in younger days. And there are signs that she might be developing a modest bit of vanity, at least we children are indulging her in it.

Worshipping with her on this Mother's Day will be all her living children with their spouses, also many of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And when we get together for Sunday dinner someone will surely tell this favorite story:

Once, we were discussing Mama's accomplishments and beloved character traits when a five-year-old great-grandson spoke up:

"Yes, but it would be a whole lot bettah if she prayed for herself," he said solemnly. "Me and my little sistah have to pray for her every night." ■

Moral, Spiritual Values Urged By Vice President

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon challenged editors of the Associated Church Press to lend their influence to develop a people who stand for something.

Nixon spoke at the annual meeting of the ACP, an organization of religious periodicals with a circulation of more than 15 million. He lingered with the group for an extensive question and answer period.

Speaking on the danger of overemphasizing materialistic values in the struggle for world leadership, Nixon said that America "must not use the Communist yardstick to measure the good life." If the United States continues to argue production records and scientific achievements as the basis for success or failure, "we are meeting the enemy on his own grounds," he said.

The free world has moral and spiritual values to offer, the Vice President said. "These are areas from which the Communists have excluded themselves."

"What we need above all else," he continued, "is a dedicated people, who not only know what communism stands for, but what Americanism stands for. We cannot win with people who believe in nothing."

Nixon paid tribute to the ministry of the editors of religious publications. He recalled the Sunday School papers he read as a child, and referred to the literature studied by his own children.

Asserting that he had at least one thing in common with former President Truman, he said, "I played the piano for Sunday School, too!"

Asked about his predictions for future developments in Cuba, the Vice President said that "venturing a pre-

diction is very difficult but expressing a hope is much easier." He said that the basic objectives of the Cuban revolution were sound as the Cuban people sought to overthrow the corruption and oppression of the former regime.

He expressed the hope that the real objectives of the revolution would be realized with freedom, and he asserted confidence in the Cuban people to determine their own destiny when they are allowed opportunity for free elections in determining their destiny.

When he was asked to comment on the significance of the "religious issue" in the recent primary election campaign in Wisconsin between Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), a Congregationalist, and Sen. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.), a Roman Catholic, Nixon recognized that this issue was a factor in the results.

However, he said that none of the candidates will bring the "religious issue" into the campaign, and that it would be improper for them to do so. "The basis for election to the Presidency should be qualification for the office. The raising of the religious issue will stir up latent animosities that create bitterness among the people."

Nixon was asked whether or not he agreed with President Eisenhower's policy of not making population control a matter of foreign policy in relation to overpopulated areas. He said that he agreed with the policy, that nations should make their own decisions concerning population control, and that the United States should help in this area only after specific request was made by other countries.

In introducing the Vice President the

ACP president, Benjamin P. Browne, explained that the group regretted that they did not have the privilege of meeting with President Eisenhower in the White House, but that the next time the editors meet in Washington they would come to the White House to see Nixon.

"I hope I am there to open the door for you," Nixon replied. ■

FOUNTAIN Hill Church recently had Jerry Horner, student at Southwestern Seminary, as the evangelist for a revival. Jack Wright, student at Louisiana College, Pineville, La., led the singing. Rev. Hugh Nelson is the pastor.

Attendance Report

April 24, 1960

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton, 1st	658	157	1
Camden, Cullendale, 1st	471	234	1
Crossett, 1st	603	231	
El Dorado, 1st	856	259	
El Dorado, Immanuel	728	327	
Faith Mission	17		
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	703	325	2
Fort Smith, Trinity	320	172	6
Fountain Hill, 1st	61	38	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	456	140	
Huntsville, 1st	125	47	
Mission	27	14	
Jacksonville, 1st	626	230	2
Jonesboro, Central	441	196	5
Magnolia, Central	746	291	8
McGehee, 1st	498	174	4
Mission	68	44	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	929	277	6
North Little Rock, Levy	548	198	6
Ozark, Webb City	113	75	
Pine Bluff, South Side	669	301	9
Springdale, 1st	458	132	2
West Memphis, Calvary	226	110	

SBC News & Notes

Changes

NEWLY elected secretary of the Department of Rural and Associational Missions, of the Alabama Baptist State Convention is George E. Ricker, of Montgomery. Ricker, 34, has been serving as associate in the Alabama Baptist State Training Union department.

WALTER R. Delamarter, of Dallas, Tex., has been appointed associate professor of Social Work at Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky. He has been Baptist domestic relations consultant in Texas, helping children's homes in developing social case work services.

SOUTHWESTERN Seminary's gain is Baylor University's loss as Dr. Yandall Woodfin, teacher of Religion at Baylor for the past five years, moves to Southwestern to become associate professor of Theology.

ART Driscoll has resigned as Baptist Student Union director at the University of Oklahoma to accept a similar position at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. He has been at UO since 1950.

NEW director of Baptist Mission Center, Oklahoma City, is Rev. B. I. Carpenter, who for the past two years has been pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M. He and his wife pioneered in Baptist mission work in Alaska.

QUITTING as administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Tex., is Fred R. Higginbotham, who will become president of the Texas Hospital Association. Offices of the association will be moved from Dallas to Austin, in June.

GEORGE Howard Linton, chaplain supervisor at Herman Hospital, Houston, has been appointed director of the Department of Religion at Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Tex.

WILLIAM E. Tisdale, for some time business manager of *The Baptist*

Courier, weekly newspaper of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, has resigned to become administrative assistant to the derson, S. C., Baptist junior college.

JOINING the Sunday School Board's Advertising department staff as a direct-mail specialist is Ralph C. Adkinson, Jr., a recent graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

E. E. COX, superintendent of the Alabama Baptist Children's Home, Troy, Ala., has announced he will retire as of Oct. 31. He has been on the staff of the home since 1948 and has been its superintendent since 1950.

BEGINNING June 1, Mrs. Andrew Q. Allen, of Dallas, Tex., will be dean of women at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. She succeeds Dr. Floy Barnard, who has held this position for the past 27 years and who is retiring as of May 13.

Honors, Awards

AN HONORARY doctor-of-laws degree will be conferred upon Dr. A. E. Wood, head of the Chemistry department at Mississippi College, by the college at commencement exercises May 29. Dr. Wood has been a member of the Mississippi College faculty for 40 years. He is retiring at the close of the current school year.

THE Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission has voiced its regret in accepting the resignation of Dr. Foy Valentine as director of the commission. Valentine has been named director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., effective June 1.

Deaths

EARL Cooley Sheridan, retired Georgia Baptist pastor and denominational leader, died April 19 at his retirement home in Augusta, Ga.

Dr. JESSE D. Franks, 76, former business manager and public relations director of the Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, died April 19, in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Commencement

COMMENCEMENT speaker for the 42nd graduation of New Orleans Seminary, May 10, will be Dr. J. Norris Palmer, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La. Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, seminary's president, will present the degrees and awards to the graduates. This will be the first spring commencement program to be held in the seminary's new chapel, which was dedicated last October.

The graduating class numbers 180, including ten for the Th.D. degree.

EVANGELIST Billy Graham will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of Southern Seminary, Louisville, May 9. On his visit to Louisville, Dr. Graham will turn over to the seminary a number of items to be displayed in the Billy Graham Room in the James P. Boyce Centennial Library.

Building

GULFSHORE Baptist Assembly, purchased last year as surplus property from the U. S. Government by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be officially opened the week of April 25-29, when the annual state pastors and missionaries' assembly is held in Pass Christian.

FURMAN University, Greenville, S. C., has announced the launching of a 15-year plan to secure \$30,000,000 for the university's expansion program. Half of this would be to complete buildings on the school's new campus and half would go to the university endowment funds.

A NEW Baptist state office building costing more than \$500,000 has been approved by Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education, Richmond. The air-conditioned, two-story office building will house administrative offices of the Baptist Board, the state Woman's Missionary Union, the state newspaper, *Religious Herald*, and other Baptist agencies.

BAPTIST Memorial Geriatrics Hospital, San Angelo, Tex., will be nearly doubled in size in a new building program just started. ■

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STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOR ARKANSAS BAPTISTS

Siloam Springs, August 8-13, 1960

RATES

Send name, address, age (if under 17), sex, church, location, accommodation number you desire and a \$2.00 reservation fee, to Melvin Thrash, 111 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. This fee will apply on the total cost of the assembly.

ACCOMMODATION NUMBER

	Total Cost
1. Assembly owned dormitories and cabins - cot, mattress, all meals, registration and medical and accident insurance	\$14.00
Children 5-8 years inclusive	11.00
2. Church owned dormitories - Cot, mattress, all meals, registration, and medical and accident insurance	13.50
Children 5-8 years inclusive	10.50
3. Deluxe Buildings (for families only) - Room, all meals, registration, and medical and accident insurance	16.50
Children 5-8 years inclusive	13.50
4. Faculty Building - Room, all meals, registration, and medical and accident insurance	15.50
Children 5-8 inclusive	12.50
5. Children under 5 who eat in dining hall	5.00
Note: Registration and medical and accident insurance for part-time campers - \$3.00 plus meals and accommodations.	

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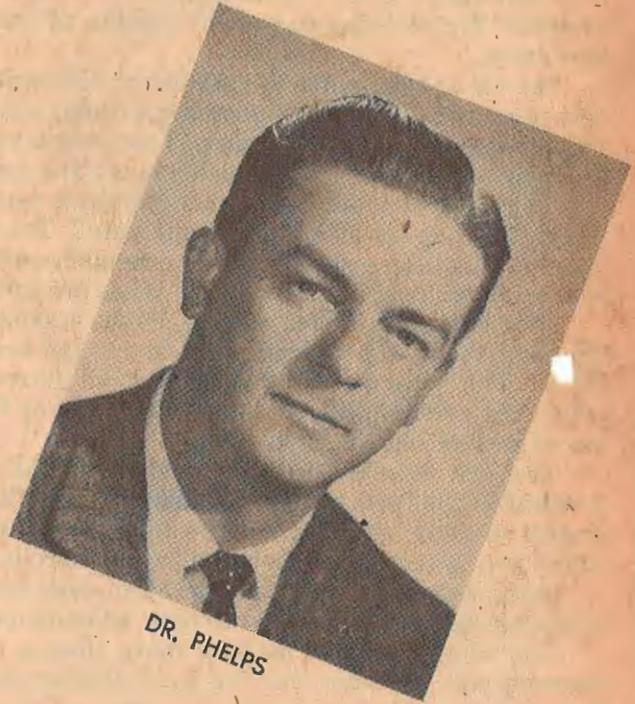
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THIS RESERVATION IS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK, Siloam Springs, August 8-13.

Be among the FIRST – attend the first
State Sunday School Assembly



HEAR B. K. Selph, pastor, First Baptist Church, Benton; President of State Convention
Ralph Phelps, President of Ouachita College
Lyle Garlow, Sunday School Secretary for Oklahoma
and other special Sunday School leaders and workers.

HAVE FUN with all types of wholesome recreation. Play soft ball, swim, hike, tennis, ping-
pong, volleyball, arts and crafts.

EAT good food prepared by professional cooks in modern kitchen.

RELAX in the delightful mountain air of the assembly grounds.

Mission of Membership

BRAG all you like about the progress in our churches but the gentlemen of one hundred years ago had a discipline we surrendered and which makes us the worse for it, both in our churches and personally.

A news item came to light the other day, in reading *The Christian Index* files of 100 years ago, about a church which expelled a member "for refusing to pay his portion of the pastor's salary for two years."

As old as the item is the statement that a Baptist church is the only place you can hold membership without attending, without contributing or doing anything else. Then, when you die, they will roll the body in for a service in which you are the center of interest.

Why should there be membership for a person who, lacking interest, will neither attend nor contribute? The only excuse we can imagine is to brag about a thousand members when in truth we have 500; or about 5,000 members when there are 2,500.

The government has the Securities Exchange Commission to punish those who misrepresent stock and bond offerings to the public. The newspapers have their Audit Bureau of Circulation to verify the subscription count. The Bureau of Census is busily engaged in counting the population.

But, the churches probably have the world's worst record when it comes to the facts concerning membership. You can count on the fingers of your hands, if not the thumbs, the number of churches which you have heard about revising their rolls.

And, how many of this generation ever heard of a church excluding a member for not attending or contributing?

Our churches need nothing more than a revival within their membership. The fact that we build auditoriums to seat only half the membership count proves that names on church rolls don't make for members under Webster's definition as "part of a whole."

A New Low in Gimmicks

SPONSORS of the annual Easter Seal drive in Memphis hit a new low with their gimmick to add dollars to their treasury which needs more to be in the hands of people with some sense of decency.

Several Memphis radio stations joined in the promotion of an auction with more than \$70,000 in services and merchandise. Included were the auction of a wedding, a divorce, a slot machine and alcoholic beverages.

Memphis, a city which boasts of its churches, shames itself with such as this. It also desecrates the Easter Seal and all it represents.

All of which is another reminder that the devil and his cohorts love nothing more than to travel under the respectability of sweet charity.—Editor John J. Hurt, Jr., in *The Christian Index* (Georgia)

Ouachita Honors

TWO Ouachita College students won honors in the annual newspaper contest of the Arkansas Publications Association, in Clarksville recently.

James Tyson, sophomore journalism major from Russellville, won first place in newswriting, and Joe Dempsey, senior art major

from El Dorado, tied for second in the cartoon contest. Tyson has been certified by the Ouachita publications committee as a candidate for editor of next year's *Signal*, the campus newspaper.

The Signal was awarded second place in headline writing at the annual convention. Ouachita College was elected president for 1960-61.

History of Christianity in the Middle Ages, by William R. Cannon, Abingdon Press, 1960, \$4.50

The author, dean of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and professor of Church History and Historical Theology, tells the story of Christianity from the Fall of Rome to the Fall of Constantinople.

He deals with the men, the movements, the theology and the philosophy that shaped the world during this period of history. In an effort to make the book of greatest value to all readers, he has carefully outlined his materials for ready reference, has defined all his terms, and has written in a simple and clear style.

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Essays for Study, by Maurice Baudin, Jr., and Karl G. Pfeiffer, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1960, \$4.95

The 82 essays making up this book treat a wide variety of themes and subjects of widely separated times and places. Major divisions are: Reminiscence, Characterization, Personal Essay, all under the general classification of Informal Writing; and Defining and Describing, Explaining, Expressing Opinion, under Formal Writing. The "Index of General Subjects" lists sections entitled: Arts, Conduct of Life, Education, Science, Social Sciences, and Thinking.

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Faith to Grow On, by Joseph F. Green, Jr., Broadman Press, 1960, \$2.30

It greatly matters what one believes. This is the major theme of Author Green, a former pastor who since 1954 has been editor of general books for Broadman Press, Nashville.

The purpose of the book, as indicated by its title, is to help its readers to have a vital faith. One of the key chapters is, "Understanding the Bible." Doctrinal in a great measure, the book also deals with "Man and His Sin," "The Savior of the World," "The Living God," "The Church of Jesus Christ," and "The Eternal Kingdom."

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Effective Public Prayer, by Robert L. Williamson, Broadman Press, 1960, \$2.95

This book is described by its publishers as "an inspiring guide for pastors who yearn to lead their congregations more fully into the presence of God."

The author, pastor of Lake Forest Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn., begins with a discussion of the need for effective public prayer; points to "errors and excellencies" in public prayer; deals with the function of the pastoral prayer, its content and language; and concludes with helpful suggestions on preparing the pastoral prayer and praying the prayer.

By Evangelical Press

Defeat Church Tax

THE people of Neuchatel, Switzerland, predominantly Protestant, recently defeated a proposal to make church taxes compulsory instead of voluntary. The vote was 40,394 against to 11,419 for. Under the terms of the proposal, even those citizens who claim no religious allegiance would have been subject to the church tax. Under the existing system, taxes for the support of Protestant and Roman Catholic churches are paid only by those whose income tax returns indicate a religious affiliation.

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Korean Bible Revised

THIS year, 50 years after the translation of the entire Scriptures into Korean, the edition will be completely revised, according to the Korean Bible Society. Last year the Society distributed a total of 711,856 copies of the Scriptures, including 11,205 complete Bibles, 38,701 New Testaments and 172,919 portions in the Han-kul edition introduced following World War II, when Korean characters were streamlined.

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Red Teaching Schedule

EAST Berlin, Germany, school pupils will begin a nine-hour-day education schedule this spring, officials of the East German Communist regime have announced. Church leaders are reported to be alarmed by the move. They say the full-day Communist schedule will deprive the young people of any possibility of an independent development outside of Communist indoctrination and will rob them of the influence of their homes.

The new Red plan is seen as spearheading the ultimate introduction of all-day schooling in every Soviet Zone school.

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South Africa Crisis

ON a recent visit to San Fran-



CASTRO'S SISTER A BAPTIST—Augustina Castro, younger sister of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, talks with Baptist student leaders during a weekend retreat at the Baptist camp in the Yumuri Valley. Left is Ruben Machado, Baptist student director at the University of Havana. Ramon Valdes on the right is campus president of the Baptist Student Union. Miss Castro is a member of the William Carey Baptist Church, Havana.—(BP) Photo

cisco, Bishop Hanns Lilje of Germany said of South Africa's racial problems:

"South Africa's whites must find a positive and friendly solution to their racial problem while they still have time." This solution, he said, "must include real education and a voice in the government for the Bantu. It must also be based," he added, "upon as many friendly personal relationships (between Negroes and whites) as can possibly be made."

The Bishop, who has several large South African churches in his diocese, continued:

"Africa is the most explosive continent in the world. What is happening in the Union of South Africa is only part of the great unrest. I do not think the government's policy of apartheid and white immigration will solve the problem ultimately."

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World Refugee Year

WORLD Refugee Year is being observed in the United States and in over 65 other countries. Its purpose is to inform as many people as possible of the refugee's tragic plight, and to help provide

refugees with the one thing they all want: to cease being refugees, sponsors report.

Over two and a half million people have this deep desire: a million in Hong Kong who fled Communist China; a million in the Middle East, victims of clashing cultures. They want to cease being refugees by going home—but they can't—so they would like to settle down as close to home as possible.

There are 30,000 in camps in Europe, some having been there for 15 years. Many would like to settle down in homes in Europe, some want to go to Canada, the United States, South America and other places.

Church and non-sectarian agencies try to help refugees with vocational training, rehabilitation, food and shelter, and with kits of tools for those with a trade but without the tools they had to leave when they fled their homes.

Such agencies work with voluntary contributions, and can do no more than they can pay for. World Refugee Year is a special, one-year effort, ending June 30, to support the work of the agencies.—Reporter.



Anniversaries

JIM CALDWELL recently began his second year with the Student Department as Baptist Student director at Southern State College.



JIM BOYD, city-wide Baptist Student director for Little Rock, has begun his third year in that position. He serves both the U of A Medical School and Little Rock University.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary.

Missionary Report

Arkansans In Brazil

SINCE writing you last on Feb. 7 we have had many rich experiences. The family is well and busy and I am fulfilling more and more the great desire to preach Christ to the eager hearers of Brazil. I have now had the privilege of preaching in Portuguese in seven of our Baptist churches in this area as well as continue the work of our church in Vinhedo.

Our 31-year-old Ford continues faithful. Besides its providing regular transportation for us to the churches it also brought two very sick persons to doctors here in Campinas during the last month. One was the baby son of one of our Baptist families in Vinhedo and the other was a non-Christian of the community who has attended the services some.

This week three other missionary men and I made one of the most interesting trips of my life. Instead of flying or taking the modern paved highway via Sao Paulo to the annual South Brazil Mission meeting in Rio we went

by jeep straight through the mountains. Space nor words cannot express on paper the excitement and grandeur of this 300-mile journey. We were informed that we were the first to complete part of this route in several days and the condition of the road indicated this truth. Among other things we encountered ox carts pulled by as many as eight oxen, genuine mountaineer cowboys, a "county seat" town which had only two cars and a truck, rivers, waterfalls, caves and a legend of a wild man in the mountains. There were twelve gates to be opened, beautiful flowering trees and generally the most beautiful mountain scenery we had ever seen. However, with only three permanent missionary preachers to serve this state of more than 12,000,000 souls, Baptist churches are few and far between.

In Rio we enjoyed the mission meeting, renewing friendships with people like Ann Wollerman, the Albert Bagbys, the Harrison Pikes, the Vic Davises, the Ed Berrys, the Alvin (Catherine Jordan) Hattons and many others. I

forgot to name the John Riffeys in that sentence.

We swam at Copacabana Beach, climbed Sugar Loaf Mt. in the suspended cable car and looked down 2,000 ft. to where our U. S. Marine Band perished in the plane crash a few weeks ago. We also visited Corcovado, the mammoth statue of Christ which like the statute of liberty in New York is also a gift of France.

While reading the first copy of this letter Sally and I noticed that it sounded like missionary life must be all romance. No, mostly it's hard work, frustrations, and slow victories. But due to the toil of our predecessors, the support of you and your Baptist parentage, and the grace of God, Baptists have grown in Brazil in the last 80 years from virtually none to 160,000. At the meeting in Rio one of our 40-year veteran missionaries who retires this year prophesied that in the year 2,000 there would be more than 500,000 Baptists in Brazil. If his prophecy is fulfilled and other evangelical Christians grow as they have and if present population trends continue there will be in that year yet 99½ million more souls to evangelize who have not yet believed in Him who declared, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

We request you to join us in praying that our qualified young pastors of the Southern Baptist Convention who are hearing the call of God to foreign service will be faithful hearers and respond to the desperate bleat of lost sheep and lambs in these worthy pastures. — C. Glynn McCalman, Caixa Postal 552, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil (April 9). ■

2ND CHURCH, Conway, recently completed a youth led revival with Sonny Setliff, youth director and missions pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, as evangelist. Charles Wright, music director at 1st Church, Dumas, led the singing. There were 10 professions of faith and one by letter. Rev. William West is pastor.

WMU Meeting, SBC

IN ADDITION to the many missionaries, denominational leaders and world Christians who will be featured on the program of the seventy-second annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, there will be the premiere of *The Lottie Moon Story*, professionally filmed and to be available after the convention. The meeting will open at 9:30 Monday morning, May 16, at the lovely Miami Beach Auditorium. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president, will preside and Dr. Claude Rhea will direct the music.



MISS COOPER

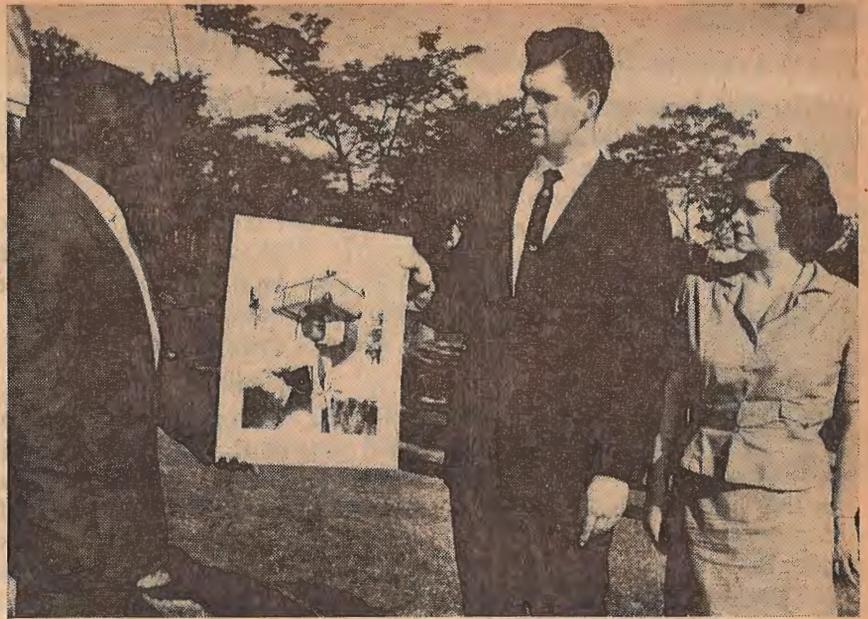
Arkansas may have 51 delegates who will be registered on "first come first served" basis until number allowed is reached. There is no limit on the number of visitors who will also find the program inspiring and informative. Schedule of registration follows and everyone is urged to register:

Roney Plaza Hotel: Saturday, May 14, 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium: Monday, May 16, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"GO TO RIDGECREST for a date with the world!" That's the experience of those who attend the convention-wide YWA Conference—and this year there will be only the one at Ridgecrest (none at Glorieta). Dates are June 16-22, and it is for all YWA members, counselors and directors—high school girls . . . college girls . . . professional school girls . . . business girls . . . all GIRLS 16 through 24!

Chartered bus will leave Little Rock June 14 and return June 23 under the direction of Mary Hutson, state WMU youth director.



PASTOR Simeon Sitole, of Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph L. Rummage, new missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, look at the picture of Mr. Sitole which influenced the Rummages toward mission service. [The picture reached Rummage as a cover of *THE COMMISSION*, monthly publication of the Foreign Mission Board of SBC.]

We Met Simeon Sitole

By Ralph L. Rummage

Missionary to Southern Rhodesia

AS WE rode along the highway from Salisbury to Gwelo one of the children exclaimed, "Look, Daddy, there is an African house just like we will see when we get to Southern Rhodesia."

The boy's reaction expressed the feeling in the hearts of his parents. It was hard to realize that we had arrived in Southern Rhodesia the day before. The rolling green hills were similar to the hills we had recently left in eastern Oklahoma.

Reaching the African Baptist Theological Seminary, near Gwelo, we had a privilege we had longed for for many months. We met Simeon Sitole. His picture on the cover of the July, 1958, issue of *The Commission* was used of the Lord in leading us to Central Africa. The picture showed Simeon with Bible and bedding on his way from the seminary where he was a student to a week end of preaching. He is now pastor of Monomotapa Baptist Church in Gwelo.

As we shook hands we could not speak words of greeting, but the tears spoke of our mutual joy in the Lord. It was as if Simeon said, "You are here because God used my picture." My joy would have been expressed, "God used your picture to bring me to my place of greatest service."

This was the first and a lasting impression of a new missionary in Southern Rhodesia.

Stops en route will be made at points of interest. This is an investment that will pay dividends for a life-time and Arkansas girls should go. Contact Miss Hutson, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, for details.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. ■

THE fifty Baptist preachers and laymen who took part recently in evangelistic activities in Jamaica recorded 2,952 decisions during the special services, reports David E. Mason, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Jonesboro, La., one of the crusade leaders.

May 6-7, Little Rock

WE'LL BE looking for you at Calvary Church, Little Rock, on May 6 and 7, at the joint meeting of the State Royal Ambassador Congress and the State Brotherhood Convention.



MR. TULL

The dates are those during which the Annual State Royal Ambassador Congress was originally scheduled. You remember that impossible weather forced the cancellation of the State Brotherhood Convention (March 4 and 5). However, some of the speakers scheduled for that time are coming to be with us; and many of the elements planned for the Convention in March will be woven into the joint meeting.

The Convention and the Congress will be held separately, except for the Friday night session which will be a joint affair for both men and boys.

The Convention will be held in three sessions: Friday afternoon, 3:00-5:00, a session dedicated to the New Brotherhood Program, which goes into effect all over the Southern Baptist Convention on October 1, 1960; Friday night, 6:45-9:05, the joint meeting with the boys, will be dedicated to Boys and to Evangelism (two of the four major areas of work in the New Brotherhood Program); and the closing session on Saturday morning, 9:00-11:00 o'clock, will be given over to the emphases of Personal Witnessing and World Missions (the other two major areas of work in the New Brotherhood Program).

Out-of-state speakers for the Convention will include John Farmer, Columbia, South Carolina, Brotherhood secretary of South Carolina, and Lucien Coleman, Sr., associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

The Brotherhood Department fervently hopes that the attend-

ance at both the Convention and the Congress will be well represented. The joint meeting of the Convention and the Congress provides many a boy an opportunity to attend the Congress because men from his church are coming to the Convention.

How about it, men? Will you come? Will you help other men? Will you help the boys of your church to come?

We are counting on you!

Special Meeting

G. C. Hilton, state Brotherhood president, is calling a special meeting of State Brotherhood officers, regional Brotherhood officers, associational Brotherhood presidents, and all other interested men, both pastors and laymen, to attend a special meeting in the chapel at the Baptist Building, at 1:00 on Friday, May 6. (The Baptist Building is located at 403 West Capitol, Little Rock.)

Representatives of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis,

Tenn., will attend this meeting, which is called for the purpose of acquainting the Baptist men of Arkansas with recent developments which have led to the purchase of a large tract of land in northwest Arkansas to be used by the Brotherhood Commission as a training ground for Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador leadership from all over the Southern Baptist Convention.

If you possibly can, attend this meeting also!—Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary. ■

TOWER Grove Church, St. Louis, now conducts five worship services each Sunday, reports Mack R. Douglas, pastor. There are three morning services — at 8:05; at 10:45 for Juniors; and at 11:15. The Sunday evening services are at 5 and at 7:45. The auditorium seats less than 1,000, but Sunday School attendance averages 1,800, the pastor states.

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Hats Off!

KEISER Training Union in Mississippi County, Mrs. J. W. Amos, director, and Rev. James G. Marl ar, pastor, was standard for the quarters ending December 31 and March 31. The following departments were standard for one or both quarters: Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Young People. The following unions were standard: Junior, Intermediate, and Adult. They lack only one seal being an Honor Church for 1960.



MR. DAVIS

Portland Church, Delta association, Carl McCaig, director, and Rev. Don Bowman, pastor, had a standard Training Union for the quarters ending June and September, 1959. They are making application for standard recognition for the quarter ending March 31, 1960.

Youth Week Reports

By April 25, 21 Youth Week reports had been sent to the Training Union Department. If you have observed Youth Week be sure to mail us your report so that we can send you seal one for your Honor Church Diploma. If you have not observed Youth Week, make plans to do so as soon as possible. Any church that has one Intermediate or one young person can observe Youth Week.

On to Siloam!

Make your reservations now! Send \$2 reservation fee to Melvin Thrash, 111 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock. First Training Union week (western part of state) is July 4-9. Second week is July 11-16. —Ralph W. Davis, Secretary. ■

OZONE CHURCH has called Rev. L. S. Pennell of Clarksville as pastor, reports E. P. Loy, church clerk. Mr. Pennell began his work with the church May 1.

Open Doors
in High Places

BY EDGAR F. HALLOCK

General Chairman of
Arrangements
Baptist World Congress,
Rio de Janeiro

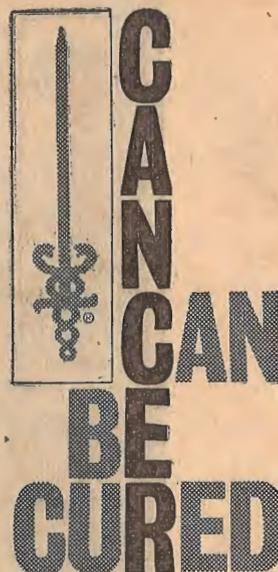
"A GREAT door and effectual is opened unto me . . ." are the words of the apostle Paul as he wrote from Ephesus to Corinth. Those of us who work in Brazil can say the same thing, because doors are opened on every hand for us to proclaim the word of God.

As we make preparations for receiving the Tenth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, we have been impressed by the wonderful reception that has been given us on every hand by officials in high places.

Wherever we have gone, be it in the Department of Tourism of the Federal District of Rio, or in the National Brazilian Commission of Tourism, among congressmen or city councilmen, even in the executive offices of the president of the country, in newspaper offices, radio stations and television stations, among business and commercial organizations, everywhere the doors are opened for us because we represent a group that brings to Brazil not only friendship and money but also spiritual forces that can transform the lives of those who accept Christ Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

We have just visited the newspapers and radio stations of Rio de Janeiro. On three different afternoons we went from newspaper editor to newspaper editor, telling of the coming Baptist World Alliance meeting, explaining who the Baptists are, what they believe, telling something of the 96 countries from which they will come; and everywhere we found receptive ears and open hearts.

Presidents and directors of radio stations, chief editors, editorial secretaries, reporters and photographers, television cameramen, all were interested in what we had to say; and the results have been evident in the publicity that has been given us in the past days. ■



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CORRECTION: MENTION was made in this column two weeks ago about a mission of Central Church, Hot Springs being constituted into a church. It was a mission of Central Church, Pine Bluff. Rev. Ben J. Wofford was pastor of Central Church when the mission was started one year ago.



DR. CALDWELL

TOMAHAWK MISSION of Yellville Church was two years old Easter Sunday. It was the privilege of your Superintendent of Missions to be with this mission that day. There were 90 in Sunday School and over 100 for the preaching service. Delbert Garrett, pastor of Yellville, preaches for them each Sunday afternoon.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

in White River Association are doing a good job in sponsoring missions. The Mountain Home Church sponsors Midway Mission with Shaw Griffin as full time mission pastor. Cotter Church sponsors Promise Land Mission where Pastor John T. Finn preaches each Sunday afternoon. Flippin church sponsors Rea Valley Mission with Pastor Howard King preaching each Sunday morning and also Bull Shoals Mission where he preaches Sunday afternoon. Yellville church sponsors Summit and Tomahawk Missions with pastor Garrett preaching in the morning for Summit and in the afternoon at the Tomahawk Mission. Associational Missionary, Dale Barnett, says there are many other places for missions if some church, somewhere, would be willing to sponsor them.

PASTORS' WIVES will be in for a treat during the Rural Church Conference June 13-16. Mrs. Crystal Tenborg and Miss Elizabeth Ellis of the Extension work in Home Economics of Arkansas will lead two conferences. Miss Nancy Cooper will be in

charge of two sessions. Mrs. John Abernathy, Foreign Missionary, will be a featured speaker.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent.

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By Mary Taylor

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And pleasant to the grownups,
And pick up all my toys,

And practice being helpful
In lots of other ways,
Then maybe I can give her
A whole year of Mother's Days!

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God's Wondrous World

One-Room Song House

"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come" (Song of Solomon 2:12).

Did you forget to put up the birdhouse you promised yourself last year? It isn't too late even in May or June. You will have beautiful trilling and friendly twittering if you place a tiny, one-room bird-home under the eaves of your house.

A starch or cereal box, painted and shellacked to keep out the weather, will do nicely. Also a ready-made birdhouse from the ten-cent store is fine.

Whatever you use in making a bird-home, it is important to place the entrance hole near the top of the house. Have some ridges or grooves inside in order that baby birds can climb to the door open-

ing. One or two air holes near the top are necessary for fresh air.

Each kind of bird has its own particular size opening for its home. The house wren prefers a doorway about the size of a half dollar. Bluebirds, robins, nut-hatches, and chickadees prefer a little larger door, about the size of a dollar.

A, too-large opening to a bird-house will permit the enemies of baby birds—squirrels, mice, rats, and even the house cat—to destroy the tiny birds.

If you have an opportunity to watch a wren trying out a new home, you will laugh at her antics. She will turn around and around in the doorway, trying it for size. She will peek out of it. She will fly up to the door opening, looking this way and that, studying the new homesite.

If everything appears to be friendly, she is almost sure to stay. Her home must be to her liking or she will make her nest in the hollow of a high limb in an old apple tree or in a locust tree or an old hawthorn where there is a tangle of twisted boughs.

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Easy Enough

THE HUSBAND of a woman who recently learned to drive was dismayed upon returning home and seeing the car in the living room.

"How in the world did you land our car in here?" he asked.

"Nothing to it," she replied. "When I got to the kitchen I simply made a left turn."

Not Married Long

Insurance Agent: "Now that you're married and have the responsibility of a wife, you will want to take out some insurance."

Mr. Newlywed: "Insurance? Shucks, no. Why she's not the least bit dangerous."

Pass the Papa

Daughter of first film star: "How do you like your new father?"

Daughter of second film star: "Oh, he's very nice."

Daughter of first film star: "Yes, isn't he? We had him last year."

We Want to Know Too!

"Pa!"

"Yeah, Son?"

"How come Noah didn't swat both flies when he had the chance?"

A housewife complained to her husband, "Just look at me! My clothes are so shabby that if anyone came to the door they'd think I was the cook."

"Not if they stayed for dinner," he retorted.

Church Chuckles
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Working For Peace

By RHEUBIN L. SOUTH, Pastor
Park Hill Church, NLR
May 8, 1960
Matt. 5:9, 21-26, 38-48
Devotional—Micah 4:1-5

TEXT—"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

THE FRESH, new application of the moral questions of today's life is one of the great lessons in the Sermon on the Mount. Its deep insight into the basis of sin in human life demands our closest analysis. As in the case of all the beatitudes, there is more than an inactive abstraction in these blessed teachings. Upon the foundation of the truth of a beatitude the further and larger text will be laid.



MR. SOUTH

THE ACTION FOR PEACE— The Beatitude

This pronouncement of divine blessing upon this particular group of people involves more than being at peace with one's self. Not only are those blessed who are at peace with themselves, but our Lord's pronouncement goes far beyond this placid interpretation. The "peacemaker" is blessed not for how he feels himself but for actively and heroically promoting peace in a world that knows alienation, hatred and strife. In other words, this peacemaker is active in attempting to bring peace to others as well as being satisfied within himself. The greatest example of this glorious call to an interpretive Christian life is the one doing the speaking. Christ, the ideal peace-maker, was living and teaching in a time given to violent sectarian divisions. These were man-made and displeasing to God. The "sons of God" are the ones who will feel this blessed "sonship" on the basis of God knowledge. When strifes and passions have ceased, God will claim his own into his family.

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF PEACE— The Sixth Commandment

This commandment had been taught to these first listeners since they were but children. But never with such an interpretation as this! For as in each teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus goes to the seed bed of the act. In each case it is the wrong thought smoldering for the chance of the overt act. What precedes murder? Anger without cause bursts into a total disrespect for the personality of the other party. In a broad sense the lack of respect for the rights and the personality of the other individual brings the complete condemnation from God. Two words are used to declare the totality of this deep feeling. "Raca" was an interjectory word used by the Jew to mean "empty." In this case it would mean an empty, senseless man. The Jew thought little of this word and used it with little impunity, but not so with our Lord! The one so looking on another is in danger of the "council." This council consisted of the supreme seventy, the Sanhedrin. These tried only the most terrible of crimes and could sentence to death by stoning. The word "fool" is the word from which our English word "moron" comes. It is a word revealing a deeper feeling of disgust with another human being. It expresses contempt for his heart and his personality and such a one will richly deserve "hell fire."

A new and deadly serious aspect of our Lord's teaching is interposed here. Inhumanity to man will stand in the way of one's worship of God! The two cannot stand together. If one is in the act of worship and remembers this prior feeling, he must right his wrong before God will receive his offering. Evidently God counts as

personal insult an offering apart from a right relation to one's fellow beings. A general and practical mode of life that will not feed toward such thoughts is defined in verses twenty-five and twenty-six. A life conducted that one does not carry a chip on the shoulder will stand clear of disrespect for the personalities of others.

A NEW GOAL IN PEACE— A Personal practice of Christlike qualities (5:38-48)

Note in each case how our Lord rebuilds the intent of the original Mosaic Law. In this case the scribes gave greater prominence to legal redress than to spiritual application. Our Master reverses this procedure in a striking way. The doctrine of "the second mile" has stood the acid test of time. Those areas of our personality kin to God are far above the animal call of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Several practical applications of our Lord's general rule. The turned cheek will tend to squelch the anger behind the blow. The giving of cloak as well as the coat indicates how far one is to go in emulating his Christ. Many of these people were desperately poor—they had but one coat and one cloak. The "second mile" had to do with the military occupation of the land. As deeply as one feels about the wrongs suffered by his people, he must still remember he is to reveal this spirit of Christ. All of these applications will move toward peace.

The generalizations of the conclusion of our text leads us to the ultimate goal of Christlikeness. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Hard sayings? Yes, but they make for peace within ourselves, toward others and with our God.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

'Scared Religion'

AN EARTHQUAKE was instrumental in awakening the Philippian jailer in New Testament days. An earthquake proved to be a stimulating experience among Arkansas residents in the early years of the 19th century.

At 3 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 16, 1811, the lower Mississippi Valley began trembling. For 53 days the earth rocked, the most extended quake ever recorded in the United States.

The ground burst open, forming fissures northeast and southwest, some nearly a mile long. Mud and water were thrown tree-top high. Animals wandered over the area in dazed condition. Lakes were drained. Rivers changed courses.

Shocks were felt daily — over 1,800 before they stopped. Their quivering was felt as far away as New York, Boston, Washington, and New Orleans.

New Madrid, Mo., and the area around, suffered the heaviest damage. The town was swallowed by the Mississippi, which changed its course in many places and actually ran up stream for awhile due to the upheaval.

Other villages and towns were completely destroyed. A 15-mile lake, Reelfoot, was gouged out in Tennessee by the finger of the quake.

On Feb. 6, 1812, a portion of southeast Missouri and northeast Arkansas sank. Sulphurous

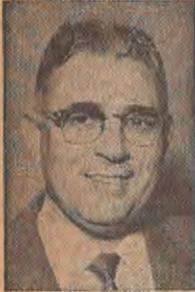
flames escaped from cracks in the earth. Men thought hell had opened to swallow them. They said, "The end of time has come."

Just as the jailer in other days called on the preachers for help, so did the people in Arkansas. Preachers were in demand. One man said, "It was a time of great horror for sinners."

One historian wrote, "The land-sliding reminded the people of their backsliding."

Men were sobered by what they saw and felt. They implored the preachers to preach and pray for the people. A favorite text in this area was, "For the great day of his wrath has come," Rev. 6:17. Thousands attended churches. Many repented, some sincerely, others insincerely.

Baptists and Methodists received many additions. This may account for some of the early churches located in the area. This experience did not pass quickly. It had a religious message for years to come. One church in Missouri started a revival soon after the shocks ceased which lasted two years. About 500 people were baptized into it, both black and white. ■



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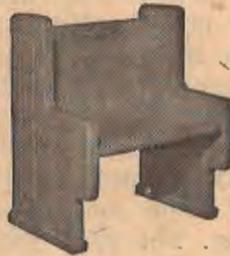
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