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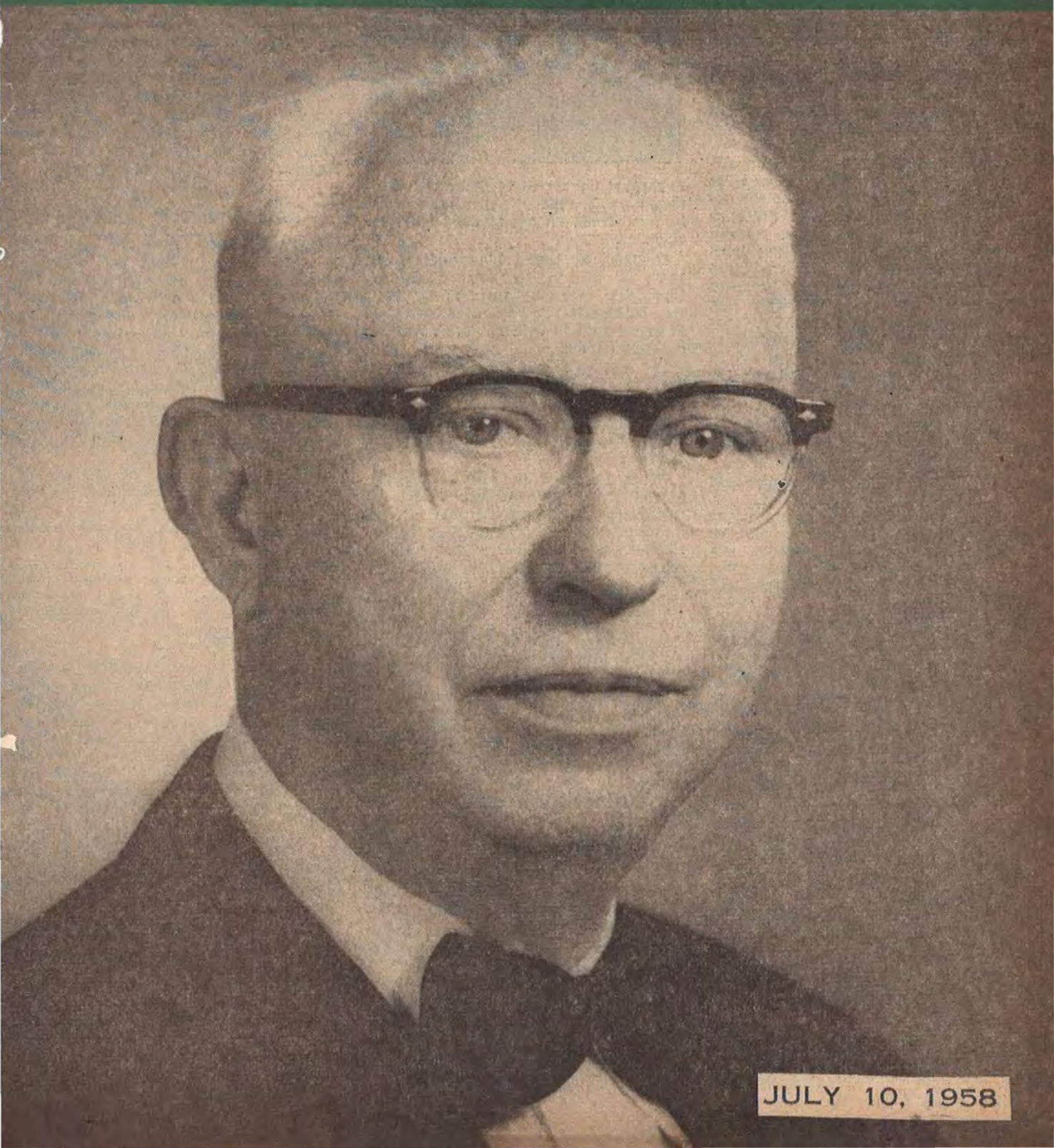
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A Lifetime of Service to God and Humanity

By ROBERTA E. ALLEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, was a day of surprises for Dr. Luther D. Reagan, deacon in Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. On that day, his Sunday School class — taught by Floyd Sharp — gave him special recognition for having served his community as a Christian doctor for 50 years.

A big part of the surprise was the presence of his four sons and daughters and members of their families (including 7 grandchildren).

Recently, Dr. Reagan received from the Arkansas Medical Society a pin in recognition of his long years of service in the medical profession. His fellow class members at Immanuel awarded him a "new diploma" earned by his years of Christian and medical experience with sentiments in acrostics spelling out his name. Mrs. Reagan was presented with a miniature bouquet of roses in token of the large bouquet of red roses to be delivered to the doctor's office the following day.

During the brief ceremony, Dr. Reagan's older son, David, was asked to say a few words; his son Paul led in prayer; and words of appreciation for Dr. Reagan and his loyalty to Christ and the church were voiced by Mr. Sharp, W. V. (Pat) Murphy, class president, Tom Shamel, P. B. Boyer, and County Judge Arch Campbell.

Mr. Sharp in his tribute disclosed that in all his medical career, Dr. Reagan has refused to patronize any business selling or promoting beer or liquor and that he consistently endeavors to have his prescriptions filled by druggists who do not sell intoxicating drinks.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel's pastor, gave special recognition to Dr. Reagan and his family who were seated together in the morning worship service. The doctor has been a Christian 65 years, and a Baptist deacon for 38 years. His patients have always been able to locate him for an emergency at his church Sunday morning and Sunday evening, and on Wednesday evening.

Through the years, Dr. and Mrs. Reagan have been faithful in their attendance with the Immanuel group at the Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs, having attended their first assembly in 1930. Dr. Reagan was a member of the committee to build Immanuel's dormitory; a member of Siloam Springs' Board of Directors under Dr. Edgar Williamson; and has served as camp doctor 28 years, missing only one assembly.

Luther Reagan was born in McNeil in 1881. He attended Ouachita College before entering the University of



Arkansas' School of Medicine, and interned at St. Vincent's Infirmary where he has served on the medical staff for 50 years.

In 1908, he began his practice. In 1925, he and a group of nine doctors took over the then newly built Baptist Hospital and operated it for two years as a clinic with Dr. J. P. Runyon as head doctor.

He delivered the first baby to be born in the Arkansas Baptist Hospital at its present location, that baby being Rosemary King, daughter of E. E. King, the hospital's superintendent, 1922-25.

After 50 years in general practice and obstetrics, Dr. Reagan is now enthusiastic about replacing his interest in obstetrics with the practice of geriatrics. As a member of the staff at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, he is now associated with several younger doctors whose fathers were formerly close associates of his.

Dr. Reagan was ordained a deacon in 1920 while a member of the 2nd Church, Little Rock.

Mrs. Reagan, a graduate of Ouachita College, was the former Helen May Stearns of Little Rock. The doctor's scientific interest seems to have carried over into the lives of his sons and to at least one young grandson. David Reagan, a graduate of Baylor University, is now research chemist with DuPont Laboratories, Houston. Paul Reagan, a graduate of Yale University and Johns Hopkins Medical School, is now a second-year resident in medicine at the UA Medical Center.

The Reagans have two daughters: Mrs. Nolan W. Crawford (Lois), of Arkadelphia; and, Mrs. K. E. N. Cole, Jr., (Helen) of Little Rock. Nine grandchildren are not only objects of adoration, but visit the grandparents often and serve to keep them young and constantly add new interests to the Reagans' usual zest for living.

Are We Listening?

A RECENT letter from Novella and Bill Bender of Abeokuta, Nigeria, carries this arresting word:

"During this year while we are giving special emphasis to prayer, will you remember to pray for the churches in Nigeria? Could it possibly be God's will that in an association with 45 churches and preaching points, there is only one ordained minister? Surely, God has called some who have not listened!"

Missionary Bender goes on to say that the problem of support of native pastors is a grave one. As the impact of Western civilization comes to Nigeria, many people there, even as here, think only of the external. There, as here, the churches need trained pastors — dedicated men, who can give their all to the work of the Lord. In our prayers for world evangelization, surely we must not fail to remember Nigeria. —R. Paul Caudill

Missionary Quotes

God has taken us from the small orbit in which we once lived and added a glorious vision of worldwide breadth. He has subtracted the attitude of 'me, my wife, and my son John' and added the tender affection that we feel towards our missionary family that spans the globe. He has taken, too, the need for our own countrymen and replaced it with love and appreciation for our adopted countrymen.—Marjorie and Howard D. Olive, missionaries to the Philippines

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We have begun to launch out into the deep; and, from all indications, the net will bear more results than we even dared expect. —Vance O. Vernon, missionary to Equatorial Brazil

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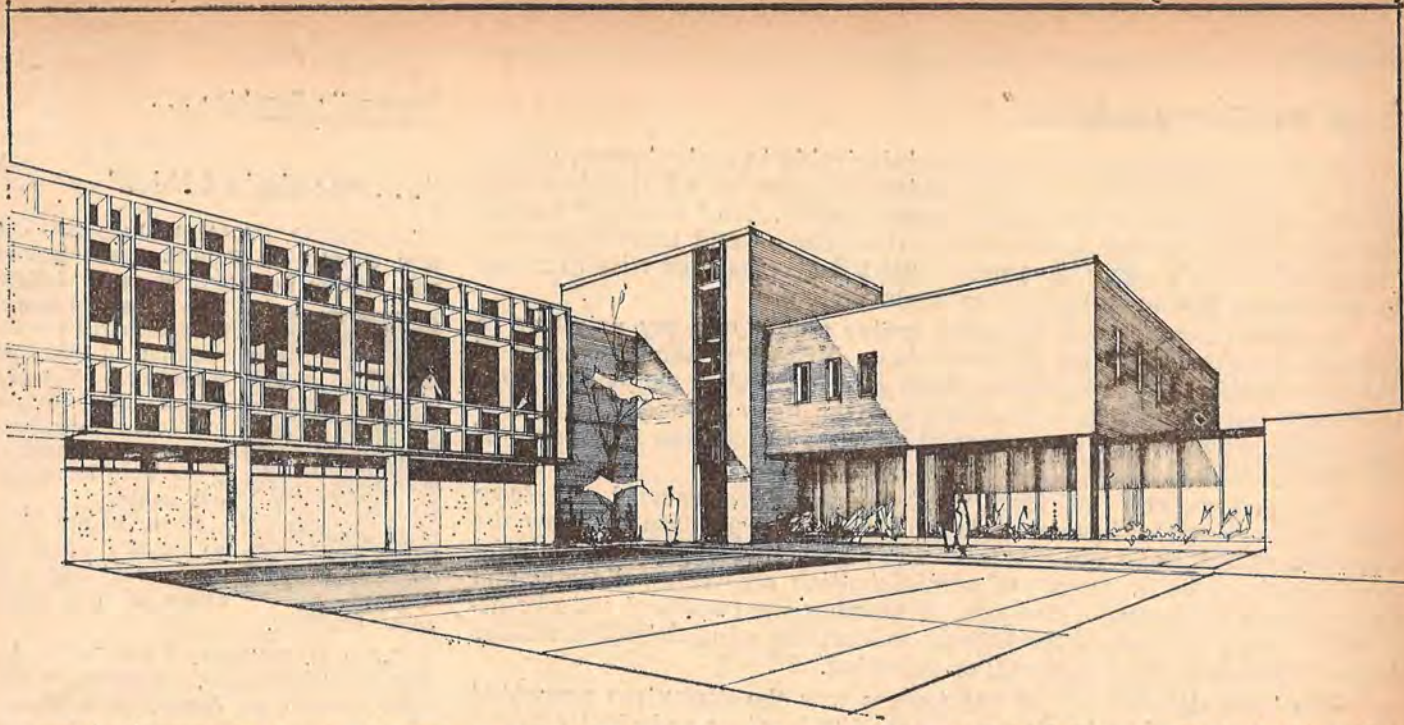
The problem with our giving is that we give the widow's mite, but not with the widow's spirit. —Russell B. Hilliard, missionary to Spain

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One of the things that constantly stirs our hearts is seeing the multitude of undernourished, diseased, crippled bodies that daily pass our door with their cry for help. How we feel the need of the healing power of Jesus as we seek to minister to these people! Many hours are spent in pointing the way to the Great Physician who heals both body and soul. Repeatedly comes the thought: Will this be the only opportunity this person will ever have to hear about Jesus? —Ulene (Mrs. Barley E.) Cader, missionary to North Brazil

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It is a blessing to see new Hausa Christians, many of them only a few years out of paganism, working to win others. They remember their gods of wood and stone and the sacrifices they made to those gods; but now they know Jesus, God's Son, and desire to share him with others. —Robert M. Parham, Jr., missionary to Nigeria



THIS ARCHITECT'S drawing is of the new surgical wing for Arkansas Baptist Hospital. The wing, to be built north of the present building and connected by a passageway, will house surgical and related services. Contract for construction has already been let.

Boyd Goes With Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE —(BSSB)— Robert M. Boyd, recreation director at South Main Church, Houston, Tex., has accepted a position with the Church Recreation Service of the Sunday School Board as recreation leadership training consultant. He will assume his duties August 1, according to Mrs. Lake Pylant, department secretary.

Baptist, Of Course

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. —(BP)— Betty Lou Roebuck, a member of First Baptist Church here, is a Baptist through and through. It could be said, in fact, that she is a "certified" Baptist.

Preparing to leave for the fifth Baptist Youth Congress in Toronto, Betty went to the local bank for travelers' checks.

The teller, efficiently enough, asked "What denomination?"

"Baptist, 'of course!'" replied Betty.

Sunday School Board 'Highlights' Ready

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB) — A 28 page booklet of highlights from Sunday School Board's sixty-seventh annual report is now available. Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer announced. The free booklet describes the chief work the Board did in 21 departments and services and in 1957.

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Southeastern Seminary Gets Full Accreditation

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY, Wake Forest, has received full accreditation at the annual meeting of the American Association of Theological Schools in Boston, Mass.

The Association is composed of theological seminaries engaged in education and training for the Christian ministry. Accredited members are those schools that are listed as such by the Commission on Accrediting after a rigorous examination of academic standards.

Southeastern has been an associate member of the American Association of Theological Schools since 1954 and has completed the customary period of probation.

The action means that Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, founded only seven years ago, is academically now on par with major theological schools in America.



PLEASED LOOK — President S. L. Stealey and Dean O. T. Binkley of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary have a reason for the pleased look. This picture was made in front of Boston University Chapel shortly after announcement was made that Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary had received full accreditation.

"...in earthen vessels..."

IT WOULD be about as easy and desirable to make known all the facts of a family squabble as to give the full story of all that has been involved in the Southern Seminary faculty split. No "outsider" has all the facts — and certainly this editor does not — and those who were "insiders" in the dispute have not thought it necessary or wise to reveal to the general public more than generalities.

Southern Seminary is my alma mater and it was my privilege to serve as director of public relations there during the administration of the late President Ellis A. Fuller. I am glad to count as personal friends twelve of the thirteen faculty members who have been discharged — one of the group I have never met. Likewise, I value the friendship of President Duke K. McCall.

The best we can tell, from what the press has carried and from what we have heard from friends who were in a position to know the situation at first hand, the real issue was on whether or not the seminary president is to be in charge of administration answering directly and primarily to the board of trustees, or whether the president is to be essentially the chairman of the faculty, submitting administrative affairs to the faculty for final approval or rejection.

What the detailed bill of particulars was the dissenters presented to the trustees — first to a committee of the trustees and finally to the trustees as a whole — we do not know. But the trustees, after long and tedious hours of conferences and special investigation, found no justification for the charges and held that the president had been faithfully discharging his duties in line with the charter and by-laws of the seminary and in accordance with the specific instructions of the seminary trustees.

The door was left open and is still open, we understand, to one or more of the thirteen professors who may become reconciled to the faculty and the president. But the group has continued to stand for its contentions and apparently there is no hope of reconciliation that would bring them back to their places on the faculty.

We Baptists more or less anticipate an occasional rift in a church, with a split once in a while. But we seem to think that our denominational institutions, particularly our seminary faculties, are made of finer spiritual timber and that they are above the common run of Christians in the quality of their daily lives. Perhaps the Southern Seminary crisis, as much as it is to be regretted, will serve a good purpose in reminding us again that all of us are vessels of clay, and the Kingdom of God is greater than any or all of us. The seminary professor, with his excellent education and his high position as one called to the exalted place of teacher and spiritual counsellor, is great and effective only to the extent that he is humble before God and has the love and compassion of Christ overflowing his heart. And that goes for all of us.

The Southern Seminary trustees are duly elected by the Southern Baptist Convention and are charged with the administration of the affairs of the seminary. They are capable and godly men who have considered the problems of the recent crisis prayerfully and in the full context of the circumstances. Now they have taken the action they felt necessary for the best interest of the seminary, of our denomination, and, what is of greatest importance, of the Kingdom of God. We do not see that anything good is to be accomplished by the continuance of the controversy. All who have been involved in any way can, with God's help, become greater servants of Christ. What we cannot hope to achieve by endless conferences we may confidently lay hold upon by confessions and rededications.

There is a door that never closes and which is open to every one of us who will meet the conditions laid down by God Himself:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14). —ELM

Personally Speaking . . .

"... one tie in Christ"

TORONTO, CANADA, June 27 — A new chapter in Baptist world history was written here tonight as 7,713 Baptists from 68 countries gathered for the opening of the 5th Baptist World Youth Conference, in Toronto's coliseum. A thousand of these were left without seats.

Never before had so many Baptists representing so much of the world come together.



Victor E. Betham, from India, led the opening prayer. Diminutive Sadako Matsuo, of Japan, in a beautiful native frock, responded to addresses of welcome from Mayor Nathan Phillips of Toronto, General Secretary Thomas B. McDormand of the Baptist Federation of Canada, and President Benny Jones of the Baptist Young Peoples Union of Ontario and Quebec.

Said the Japanese Baptist lass, in well modulated voice but foreign-brogued English:

"We have seen the work of God. . . We are bound by one tie in Christ. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free . . . If we have personal or national feelings of either superiority or inferiority, let us rid ourselves of them, and let us be humble before the Cross of Christ."

A choir of more than 500 singers, representing all the races of the earth, led the congregation in singing:

*All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.*

The reading of special greetings from British Baptists, from President Eisenhower, from Southern Baptist Convention President Brooks Hays, and from the Presbyterian Young Peoples Society of Canada gave emphasis to the significance of the occasion.

Presenting the conference theme, "Christ for the World Now," Canada's Benny Jones declared, "The world is at the crossroads. It is either Christ now or destruction." Native Brazilian David Gomez witnessed to the transforming power of God over all who repent and trust Christ, in the major address of the evening.

Erwin L. McDonald

I Knew You Were Praying

Dearest Friends Back Home:

WHEN I left Cuiaba the day after Christmas to new territory, I knew you had been praying. Children came long distances to Vivil Schools. People came, people heard and people accepted the Lord.

When in Jaciara, seven people walked into Amaral River to be baptized, I knew you had been praying.

When I went to Pocone, I knew you had been praying. For years ago we preached in the streets over the public address system, but people closed their doors and windows. A converted lawyer went with us this time. A young couple opened their home to use. Services in front of their house attracted more than a hundred people.

When I saw more than 30 of our young people surrendering for special service at the close of our young people's congress in Aquidauana, I knew you had been praying.

When I come to the close of the day and see how many blessings are mine and when I remember how dear and faithful and generous and loyal are you, my wonderful friends, I am grateful beyond words. — Ann Wollerman, missionary, Cuiaba, Mato Grosso, Brazil.

The Greatest Book

Dear Editor:

I AM deeply concerned when I read God's Holy Word. It is the greatest book and is read by people all over the world, and without it there would be many souls that would not know God.

According to my understanding of God's precious Word, He commanded the people to "multiply, replenish and subdue the earth." Well, it seems that there has been an increase in multiplying and a great deal of replenishing, but very little in subduing. Today there are thousands of people who do not really know God, and who are seeking pleasures of this world instead of giving their life to God.—T. A. Johnston, Paragould

Student Names Sought

Dear Sir:

CHURCHES HAVING young people who will be enrolling this fall in one of the colleges and universities in the greater Boston area (Harvard University, Radcliffe College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston University, Wellesley College, Gordon College, Simmons College, New England Conservatory of Music, etc.) are urged to send immediately the names of the students, their home addresses, and the names of the institutions in which they are to enroll to: Tremont Temple Baptist



During the war a young soldier was seriously injured in battle. He lingered a long time in the hospitals and finally was discharged to go home to die. He waited cheerfully, having committed himself wholly unto God. When the waiting was over his parents went to sit by his body in the funeral home. Scores of friends came offering words of love and sympathy. One of the last to come was an unthoughtful woman whose lack of faith was well known. She said to the boy's mother, "Where was God when your son died?"

For a moment the mother was overwhelmed. How could she answer that question in so tragic an hour? Then the answer came. She said kindly: "I'll tell you where God was when my son died. He was at the same place he was when his son died, in heaven reaching out in love and compassion for my son and your son."



Few stories could illustrate so well as this one the meaning of the teachings found in the Bible. God's book tells of God's love. It tells of the place of his Son in proving that love. And the Bible tells that life is far from futile, and that death is only a door to the life to come for those who live within the circle of God's love.

The Bible plainly teaches that

"God is love" (1 John 4:8). For example, John, the disciple who followed Jesus as he taught and healed people, also tells us, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16); and records for us the words of Jesus, "Thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24). God loved us as sinners, for he "commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Yes, these are the great truths that God's word teaches. Through his word, God speaks personally to you. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Have you ever tried putting yourself into that verse? Try it now by substituting your name for the word "whosoever." If you will do that in faith you will begin to understand the abiding love of God that makes sense out of the puzzles of life. "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Yes, this is what the Bible teaches, and this is what Baptists believe. Would you like to know more? We invite you to attend a Baptist church convenient to you or call its pastor.

Church, Dr. Harold L. Fickett, Jr., Pastor, 88 Tremont St., Boston 8, Massachusetts.

When we receive these names, we shall write the students a personal letter, welcoming them to Boston and seek to get them tied into the church even before they arrive in the city. — Harold L. Fickett, Jr.

Open Date

Dear Erwin:

PLEASE DO me a favor. I have an open date in October 1958 I prayerfully want to fill. Will you run this in the paper for me? Also some dates in 1959. — Joe Shaver, 1304 Peabody Street, Memphis.



GROUND BREAKING ceremonies for the \$30,000 educational unit of Riverside Church, Little Rock, were held recently. Left to right are Dr. Ben L. Bridges, executive secretary, Arkansas Baptist Foundation; Billy Tally, Brotherhood attendance chairman; James Smith, treasurer; D. J. Bryant, building committee chairman; James Cloclasure, RA counselor, and Pastor Thomas Pitman. The building will contain 5,000 square feet, providing 22 classrooms. Plans are for the erection of a new auditorium within the next three years.

Ashcraft Speaker At OC Conference

DR. J. MORRIS ASHCRAFT, who for the past five years taught biblical archaeology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, will fill the place at the 3rd Annual Ouachita College Bible Conference July 14-18 originally held by Dr. Henlee Barnette, acting dean of Southern Seminary, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., Ouachita president, has announced.

Dr. Barnette found it necessary to cancel the Ouachita engagement in order to fill a vacancy on the teaching staff in the summer session at Southern Seminary.

A native of Arkansas and a graduate of Ouachita College, Dr. Ashcraft will speak each day on Biblical Backgrounds, illustrating his lectures with color slides of the Holy Land.

● **ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVEN** additions have been received by Calvary Church, West Memphis, during the six months that William B. Sawyer has been pastor. Seventy of these have been by professions of faith. During this time Sunday School enroll-

ment has grown from 275 to 403 and training Union from 151 to 253. The budget has been increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

● **THIRTY-FOUR MEMBERS** of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, attended Glorieta. Aboard the church's special bus were 12 Sunday School superintendents and associates, Pastor J. Harold Smith and David Meier, minister of education.

● **SIXTY-SIX** professions of faith were registered during the Bible School of 1st Church, Ft. Smith. The main school's enrollment reached 635; the three missions schools, 289. The school was standard.

● **DR. DALE COWLING**, 2nd Church, Little Rock, was elected president of the Little Rock Ministerial Alliance June 23. He succeeds Dunbar Ogden, Central Presbyterian. Dr. Cowling is a member of the Convention's Executive Committee and the publication committee.



DR. COWLING

Churches Add Baptist

SEVERAL MORE churches have added the Arkansas Baptist under one of the group plans. Recent additions include:

Post Oak Church, Heber Springs, O. D. Yount, pastor; Lloyd Elliott, treasurer; budget.

Omaha Church, Boone-Newton Association, Quentin Middleton, pastor; Mrs. Addie Jennings, treasurer; club.

Concord Church, Ink, Ouachita Association; Mrs. Harvey Leah Holland, treasurer; free trial.

Boynton Church, Leachville, O. L. Taylor, treasurer; free trial.

● **FIRST CHURCH**, Moberly, Mo., has called Blake Westmoreland, former Arkansan, as pastor. Mr. Westmoreland, who served on the Arkansas Baptist Convention executive committee and a number of state boards and committees, has held pastorates in 1st Church, Warren; 1st Church, Walnut Ridge; and 1st Church, Brownsville, Tenn. Mrs. Westmoreland is the former Nell Dyer of Little Rock. They have 13-year-old twins, a son and a daughter.

● **PULASKI HEIGHTS Church** will have its fifth annual youth-led Revival July 13-20. Dr. John H. McClanahan, 1st Church, Hope, will be evangelist. The young minister was an honor graduate of Little Rock Central High School and Ouachita College. He received his Th. D. from Southern Seminary in 1957. The director of activities and music will be Gary Wisener, a junior at Baylor this fall.

● **ATTENDANCE AT** the VBS of Calvary, West Memphis, averaged 193. Decision day resulted in nine professions and eight surrendering for special service.



COMMISSION PRESIDENT — Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College, was named president of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Commission at a recent meeting in Nashville.

Pastoral Changes

MARVIN BOSWELL, Southern College, Walnut Ridge, has been called as pastor of Berea Chapel, effective July 1.



MR. BOSWELL, Coffeyville, Kan. She also attended Southern and for the past two years served as matron of the girls' dormitory.

GLENN TOLER, pastor of Ironton Church, Little Rock, for the last four years, has accepted the pastorate of Southeast Church, Kansas City, Mo. He is a recent graduate of Ouachita.

IN MT. Zion Association: James Sanders is new pastor at Monette. L. C. Edwards is pastor at New Hope, Black Oak. Mr. Sanders was at Paragould and Mr. Edwards in Mississippi. Franke Lowe has moved from Mt. Pisgah to Rowe's Chapel. (CB)

FLOYD B. CALDWELL, pastor of 2nd Church, Pine Bluff, reports the largest and best Vacation Bible School "I have ever conducted. There were 235 enrolled, 17 professions of faith and about 25 rededications."

JACK H. HOGUE, former pastor of Cadron Ridge Church, Faulkner county, can be contacted at his new address, 1614 W. 8th, Little Rock, for supply and revival.

Tommie Hinson's Record Reflects Accomplishments

TOMMIE HINSON, former superintendent of missions for Washington-Madison Association who became pastor of 1st Church, Paris, on June 19, left the association post with a record of many accomplishments.



MR. HINSON, Highlights of his ministry in the missionary post included: development of the New Church Foundation Program for the establishment of new churches; leading the Associational Training Union to receive standard recognition; use of the Arkansas Baptist cover for associational promotion (A number of churches use the cover page as a church bulletin, but this is the first association-wide project.).

He averaged speaking once a day during the 15 months as missionary.

By Jay W. C. Moore

Concord Notes

WALTER WATTS who has served the Rye Hill Church for two and a half years has resigned and moved to Ft. Smith. During his pastorate the auditorium was enlarged, a baptistry was installed, 14 Sunday-school rooms were added, and two rooms were added to the parsonage making it three-bedroom. Watts is open for supply or pastoral work in driving distance of Ft. Smith. His address is P. O. Box 764, Ft. Smith.

FIVE THOUSAND dollars were stolen recently from a large safe in the financial secretary's office in 1st Church, Ft. Smith. Carl Oorley, treasurer of the church, stated the money represented a week's contributions. Entrance to the church was gained by breaking open two outside doors.

THE RATCLIFF Church dedicated their new educational plant recently. Frank Faries, formerly pastor of the church and now of Northside Church, Charleston, preached the sermon. Jim Catham, minister of education of Grand Avenue Church, presented special music. Jay W. C. Moore offered the prayer. Bobby Joe Martin, pastor of the church, served as moderator. The State Missions Department and Concord association gave nearly \$1,000 to help on the construction.

NORTHSIDE CHURCH, Ft. Smith, Orville Haley, pastor, went from three Standard junior classes to a Standard junior department and recently this church made application with our State Sunday School organization to be recognized as a Standard Sunday School.

AL G. ESCOTT, pastor of the Bluff Avenue Church, held a revival recently for 1st Church, Hooks, Tex. There were 14 additions to the church. Carl Carelton, formerly pastor of churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma, is the pastor of the Hooks Church.

Dr. Tedford Heads Speech Department

DR. T. L. TEDFORD, a Ouachita College graduate and currently director of speech training in the School of



DR. TEDFORD Theology at New Orleans Seminary, has been named head of the Ouachita speech department. Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president, has announced. Mrs. Gene Rudolph, former head of the department, is retiring after 22 years. Dr. Tedford received the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita in 1951 with a major in speech and English. He served as pastor of the Jessville Church for three years. He was Baptist Student Union secretary and director of public relations for one year. In 1953 Dr. Tedford received the master-of-arts degree from Louisiana State University. He taught at Georgetown College in Kentucky from 1955 to 1957. On May 31 he received the Ph. D. degree from Louisiana State University. His doctoral dissertation was based on a study of public address as taught by the Baptist Training Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Tedford is a son of Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Tedford, Grace Church, Little Rock. His wife is the former Ann Presswood, Texarkana. They have a son, Thomas David, two.

Revival Reports

HALEY LAKE, Hope Association, Jesse Reed, evangelist; M. T. McGregor, directed the music; 13 additions by profession.

1ST CHURCH, Ft. Smith, Freddie Gage, evangelist; Jimmy Snellen, singer; 166 rededications, 67 professions of faith, 12 additions by letter.



ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SEVEN were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School at the Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff. Average attendance was 76 per cent. Pastor Eugene Webb served as the principal. The church is making plans to conduct at least one mission school this summer.



CLINE D. ELLIS, pastor of the 1st Church, McGehee, points out the schedule of the 5th Baptist World Youth Conference, Toronto, Canada, June 27 - July 2. Those making the trip included Mrs. Ellis, seated, and, left to right, Mrs. Clayburn Bratton, Rose Ann Miller, Grey Hagan, Rebecah Bailey, Joadd Price and Vashti Lewis. Two others, making the trip by train, were Dickson Rial and Jarrell Rial.

More for Missions

By Joe T. Odle

Associate Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Convention

SOUTHERN BAPTIST statistics for 1957 have just been published. The report reveals that there are more Southern Baptists, more churches, more enrolled in the organizations, more gifts on the offering plates, and more given for missions than ever before in our history. Even in baptisms there were more than the year before, although 1957 was not a record year.

Our total offerings reached the stupendous sum of \$397,550,347 and our mission gifts totaled \$70,015,299. This sounds tremendous; it is thrilling! Or is it?

Let us look again. As we consider more carefully we are sobered by the fact that this total giving figure is only about one-third of the tithe of Southern Baptists. More disturbing is the fact that our mission gifts are only 17.6 per cent of the total.

The seriousness of the mission percentage is seen when we realize that we have leveled off at this 17 per cent figure and have been giving approximately that amount for the past five years. While our total giving increased from \$278,000,000 in 1953 to almost \$400,000,000 in 1957, the percentage to missions has remained practically the same. Moreover, this average is two per cent less than we gave in 1948, and five per cent less than we gave in 1944. Also, it is slightly more than we gave at the very depth of the depression when 16.7 per cent went to missions.

This is a matter of serious concern because we live in a day of unprecedented opportunity in the area of missions. The state Mission Boards, the

Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board and all of our other Boards and Agencies have open doors as never before in our history. The only limitation is the mission giving of the churches. The challenge of this hour cannot be met with our present level of mission giving.

There is a way in which we can enter the white harvest fields that are calling us today. If our churches would adopt a program of increasing their percentage of mission giving by at least two per cent of the total budget each year, we would make giant strides of advance. This plan is called the "Two Plus" program.

Will it meet the need? Is this enough? Consider "Two Plus" as it relates to 1958. If this year's total giving continues in the same ratio of increase as the past several years, our gifts for 1958 will be approximately \$425,000,000. If the present level of missionary giving could be raised by just two percentage points to 19.6 per cent, our mission giving in 1958 would total more than \$83,000,000. This would be an increase of more than \$13,000,000 over 1957. Think of what that would do for missions all over the world right now.

This is the answer. Can our churches do it? Surely there is no church among us that could not increase its mission giving by this amount and many can do much more. In most cases the mission giving can be increased by at least 2 per cent in 1958. Tremendous gains for Christ's program will be made if every pastor, deacon and finance leader will plan now to adopt the program of "Two Plus" in planning budgets for 1959.

THE BOOKSHELF

The Works of John Wesley, complete and unabridged, is now coming from the presses of Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. Three of the fourteen volumes, retailing at \$3.95 each, are now on the market, and the other volumes will be added from time to time until the set is complete in June 1959.

A reprint classic, the set will give the readers access to Mr. Wesley's comments on more than 4,000 subjects, to hundreds of his personal letters, to his complete journal. It will include practical, homiletical pointers, scores of addresses, valuable counsel for Christian workers, and "a gold mine of sermonic resources."

Excerpts from a letter by Mr. Wesley to a professing Christian who had refrained from joining the church, found on pages 188 and 189 of volume 3, will give some idea of the style of his writing:

"There was one thing, when I was with you, that gave me pain: You are not in the society. But why not? Are there not sufficient arguments for it to move any reasonable man? Do you not hereby make an open confession of Christ, of what you really believe to be his work, and of those whom you judge to be, in a proper sense, his people and his messengers? By this means do not you encourage his people, and strengthen the hands of his messengers? And is not this the way to enter into the spirit, and share the blessing, of a Christian community? Hereby, likewise, you may have the benefit of the advices and exhortations at the meeting of the society; and also of provoking one another, at the private meetings, to love and good works.

"The ordinary objections to such an union are of little weight with you. You are not afraid of the expense. You already give unto the Lord as much as you need do then: And you are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, even in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Perhaps you will say, 'I am joined in affection.' True; but not to so good effect. This joining half-way, this being a friend to, but not a member of, the society, is by no means so open a confession of the work and servants of God. Many go thus far who dare not go farther, who are ashamed to bear the reproach of an entire union. Either you are ashamed, or you are not . . . This imperfect union is not so encouraging to the people, not so strengthening to the Preachers. Rather it is weakening their hands, hindering their work, and laying a stumbling block in the way of others . . . O delay no longer, for the sake of the work, for the sake of the world, for the sake of your brethren! Join them inwardly and outwardly, heart and hand, for the sake of your own soul . . ."

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

MEETING IN special full session at Ridgecrest June 19-20, the Foreign Mission Board made 19 new missionary appointments and two reappointments to bring its total missionary staff to 1,233.

Seventeen young people, asking for appointment for overseas service, stood in the jammed auditorium in the Board's opening session to relate their Christian experiences, including their call to share the gospel with people outside the bounds of the United States.

The new missionaries are J. Ralph Brunson, South Carolina, and Charlotte Hicks Brunson, Tennessee, appointed for Malaya; Pat Clendinning, Jr., and Monte McMahan Clendinning, both of Mississippi, for Europe; L. Laverne Gregory and Betty Goad Gregory, both of Missouri, for Chile; Ralph W. Harrell and Rosalind Knott Harrell, both of North Carolina, for East Africa.

D. Calhoun Johnson and Sarah Kennedy Johnson, both of North Carolina, for Chile; Nadine Lovan, Kentucky, for Ghana; DeVellyn Oliver, Arkansas, for the Orient; Wyatt M. Parker and Cozette Carter Parker, both of Tennessee, for Equatorial Brazil; Maurine Perryman, North Carolina, for the Near East; and Donald J. Spiegel, Missouri, and Betty Wooton Spiegel, Ohio, for Equatorial Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hugo Parkman, natives of Alabama, who have been in the Philippines for six months as employees of the Philippine Baptist Mission, were appointed in absentia.

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley W. Lawton, Jr., former missionaries to China and the Philippines, were reappointed for service in Hawaii. They had resigned from the missionary staff because of illness. Mr. Lawton is currently pastor of the Pacolet Mills Church, near Spartanburg, S. C.

God Answers Prayer

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported that since the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston in May, there have been many indications of increased awareness of the prayer potential of Southern Baptists. "It is evident that the response of our people to the call of God for world mission labor is in direct proportion to our praying," he said. "If we are to have real advance on a world scale we must advance in prayer."

Special Study Planned

The Foreign Mission Board adopted the report of a special committee on management survey which recommended that a committee be appointed to undertake a self-analysis of the Board's operation and that the committee be



MISS DEVELLYN OLIVER, Hampton, was among the 19 young people appointed for overseas service by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at a special meeting at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly June 19-20.

asked to work with the executive secretary, the secretarial staff, and the Board's standing committees in making this study.

New Board Policy

In an effort to implement action of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Board adopted a policy on English-speaking churches on mission fields.

The Convention, at its Houston meeting, approved the following recommendation of its Survey Committee: "The Foreign Mission Board should continue and expand its efforts to establish churches for English-speaking people in major cities in countries served by the Foreign Mission Board. The Board is to be commended for its efforts to aid in the establishment of Baptist churches for Americans and other English-speaking people in major cities in countries where the Foreign Mission Board is conducting mission programs. The Board should extend this work to other cities as rapidly as possible. These churches, once established, should, of

Native of Arkansas To Go to Orient

MISS DEVELLYN OLIVER, Hampton, Ark., was appointed a missionary to the Orient by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in special session at Ridgecrest, June 19-20. She was among 19 young people dedicated to overseas service at the opening of the week-long Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest.

Miss Oliver is a native of Hampton. A registered nurse, she received the bachelor-of-science degree in nursing from Baylor University School of Nursing, Waco, Tex. She also studied at New Orleans Seminary.

She has practiced nursing at Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco; Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock; Calhoun County Hospital, Hampton; and Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.

Miss Oliver told the Board that during her teen-age years mission programs in her church awakened her interest in the work overseas.

course, be placed on a self-supporting basis as soon as possible."

In its June meeting at Ridgecrest, the Board adopted the following policy statement:

1. "The Foreign Mission Board will relate itself financially to English-speaking churches in the same way as to other Baptist churches in the same country.

2. "The Foreign Mission Board will appoint missionaries to serve English-speaking churches upon the basis of the Board's established qualifications for missionary appointment, and these missionaries will be related to Missions on the field like all other missionaries.

3. "The Foreign Mission Board will instruct its missions abroad to select committees on English-speaking work for the purpose of exploring possibilities and projecting English-speaking work.

4. "English-speaking congregations which are to receive financial assistance from the Foreign Mission Board should relate themselves to local Baptist entities in the area where they are located, rather than to denominational entities in the United States.

5. "English-speaking churches in mission areas should present their needs for financial assistance to the missions of the Foreign Mission Board, rather than to churches in the United States."

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Survey Statistics Summarized

NEW YORK, June 14 — Average cash salaries of Protestant ministers in the U.S. now total \$4,432 annually for a 60 to 80-hour work week, it has been revealed in a survey by the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the National Council of Churches.

Findings were based on questionnaires of clergymen of nine major Protestant denominations nationally.

New England ministers are the lowest paid of the Protestant clergy, receiving \$4,018 per year. This is \$400 less than the national average and \$360 per year less than that of the South, the study indicated.

The Southwest states pay the highest compensation, averaging \$4,911 annually, while the industrial North Atlantic region ranks second, averaging approximately \$250 less, or \$4,654 per year.

Ranking third are the North Central states (\$4,603), and in descending succession the Rocky Mountain states (\$4,549), Pacific area (\$4,480), South Atlantic region (\$4,449), South Central states (\$4,383), and New England.

The survey is part of an examination of the role of the church as employer, money raiser and investor, conducted by Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, head of the study group of the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the National Council of Churches, and Dr. J. Emory Ackerman, minister of the United Lutheran Church.

Denominations surveyed were the American Baptist Convention, Church of the Brethren, Congregational Christian, Disciples of Christ, Protestant Episcopal, Evangelical and Reformed, Methodist, and United Lutheran.

Extra Income Doesn't Stretch

The public, frequently including the minister's own congregation, the study reveals, is under the impression that salaries of clergymen are augmented substantially by extras. Although allowances for housing and auto travel, plus fees and gratuities average a total of \$1,468 per year nationally, the report states that professional expenses for clergymen run into a heavy percentage of income.

A major problem, it was emphasized, is the fact that ministers do not receive adequate reimbursement for car expenses, their greatest "business cost." The average travel allowance for Protestant ministers is under \$300 per year. Less than two-thirds of the ministers surveyed receive any travel allowance.

Typical is a pastor in Georgia whose salary is \$2,400 and who averages 32,000 miles a year over dirt roads on a circuit of five churches. He spends \$1,600 a year on the car alone but receives no travel allowance. Another pastor, in New Mexico, estimates his auto expenses take one-half of each month's pay.

Although more than 90 per cent of the pastors reported that they receive housing or rental allowances, many of the homes are old and overly large, with

resultant high heating bills. In addition, because of inadequate salaries through the years, the survey reveals that frequently ministers are homeless on retirement and without savings to purchase a home.

Salary Gains Cut by Living Costs

Ministers' salaries have gone up, the study indicates, but it states that sharply increased costs of living as well as of cars have substantially affected any net gains.

The study shows, two-thirds of the ministers are in debt, the major reasons being sending children to school or college, high auto costs, ill health, and the rising cost of food, clothing for children as well as adults, and other basic expenses.

One fourth of ministers with indebtedness reported that the amount was increasing, one fourth that it was decreasing and almost one half that it was remaining the same.

Examining the church's policies toward its employees, the study comments that "the cash salaries paid to ministers . . . are indeed a weak spot, to say the least, in the church's economic practice." It adds that "a pertinent consideration regarding salaries should be what the congregation considers an acceptable scale of living in its community."

The report states that "economic policies of the churches too often reflect an uncritical attitude similar to that of the less enlightened portion of the business community." It concludes, "The churches have an obligation to support by their own example the highest standards in such matters as wages and labor-management relations."

Alcohol Takes Toll

ACCORDING TO news releases, alcohol has taken another toll in life. Dr. Wade Sorrels, Russellville dentist, is reported to have murdered his wife and then committed suicide. According to a report in the *Atkins Chronicle*, where both of them were known, "the cause of the tragedy is thought to have been despondency over Dr. Sorrels' inability to rid himself of the alcohol habit for which he was said to be taking treatments . . ."

Enrollment Record

NEW ORLEANS, LA. — Enrollment of the New Orleans Seminary climbed to an all-time high of 1,056 with the opening of the first summer term, George C. Herndon, registrar, announced.

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Church Pews Needed

A RURAL CHURCH in North Arkansas, organized recently, is now in a building program and will be in need of church pews. Perhaps some of the larger churches, which have built or remodeled their buildings and have purchased new pews, would be willing to sell, at a reasonable price, their old ones. In fact, it would show an interest in rural mis-

sions if pews could be given. If any pastor or church is interested, contact C. W. Caldwell, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Encouraging Reports

According to the encouraging reports of revival meetings, it now looks as if we will have a nice increase in the number of baptisms over 1957. Several pastors state that they have already baptized more this year than last. Many of the associational missionaries have already reported that their associations will be above last year's record of baptisms. The battle must be pressed on. Mission revivals should be sponsored. Why not try an open-air revival in your town or city?

Missionaries Respond

We appreciate the response the missionaries have given in reporting the Associational chairmen of evangelism. Most of the missionaries have stated definitely plans are being formulated for the 1959 Crusade. Each association should elect a director which should be the evangelist in one of the better churches. Pastors should secure their help immediately.

Arkansas Students Are Home Field Missionaries

FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN college and seminary students reported to various home mission fields June 9 for a 10-week period of service. Serving under the Student Summer Mission Program of the Home Mission Board, they will be doing mission work in virtually all of the mission fields of the Home Board except Cuba and Panama. The student missionaries will work with the home missionaries in almost all phases of mission work.

Among the group are the following from Arkansas: Delbert Gene Ballard, Rogers; Johnnie Carlene Branch, Russellville; Horace Bartlet Fuller, Hope; Marian Delores Glover, Dermott; Robert Bell Peeler, Nashville; Vergie Lee Reeves, Monticello; Dottie Whitten, Hope; Robert Willingham, Jr., Stephens; Peter Milo Abbott, Blytheville; Pat Clary, Star City; Patsy Middleton, Ft. Smith; and Mary Nancy Taylor, Monette.

Preparation Week Set

SEPTEMBER 21-28 is Southern Baptist Sunday School preparation week. All church organizations are being asked to join Sunday Schools in programs of visiting unenlisted church members during October as a part of the emphasis.

Miss Henderson Receives Promotion

NASHVILLE, TENN. — (BSSB) — Miss Caroline D. Henderson, associate editor in the Sunday school department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, had been promoted to editor of the Sunday school training course.

● REV. AND MRS. W. A. Solesbee, missionaries to Philippines, may now be addressed, P. O. Box 94, Davao City, Philippines. Mr. Solesbee is a native of Greenwood, Ark.

● DR. AND MRS. W. Maxfield Garrott, missionaries to Japan, have recently returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed, c-o E. P. G. Garrott, 561 E. Main, Batesville. Dr. Garrott is a native of Batesville.

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Leadership Workshops

ON SEPTEMBER 30, eight leadership workshops will be conducted at 2nd Church, Little Rock, under the leadership of the Sunday School Board workers. Following is the program for the general officers' workshop:

MORNING

10:00 Joint Meeting of All Eight Workshops.

10:15 Demonstration of Non-department Assembly Program, Evaluation, and suggestions for October Programs.

10:45 Executive Committee Meeting — Film Strip. Evaluation. Building a Calendar of Activities.

11:30 Let's Do Some Thinking About: (1) Proper Records and the Use of Records. (2) How to Build a Prospect File.

12:00 Joint Meeting of All Workshops — Address: "Building the Training Union" — J. E. Lambdin.

12:30 Lunch.

AFTERNOON

1:30 How to Organize a New Training Union.

2:00 Demonstration of Available Materials.

2:20 Integrated Service Suggestions. 2:45 The Officers' Council — Film Strip.

3:30 Joint Meeting of All Workshops — Message: "Using the Training Union to Build a Church" — Stanley Jordan, Shreveport, Louisiana.

4:00 Adjourn.

CHURCH MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Director

Ouachita Music Conference

FROM 42 CHURCHES, 255 musicians enrolled for the South Arkansas Music Conference held on Ouachita College campus, June 16-20. Thirty-nine classes, four choirs, one band, were offered with a total of 551 adult awards and 210 children awards earned during the course of the week.

Although the majority of the people attending the conference have already answered God's call for a church-related vocation, two more heard His call during the week and two more rededicated their lives.

In the Elementary division, Vicki Jones, Tabernacle, Little Rock, was chosen as star camper and Howard Harrison of 1st Church, Smackover, was chosen as alternate star camper. Those receiving honorable mention were: Sarita Baker and Elaine Pickthorne. The star camper receives a scholarship to Ouachita Music Conference 1959.

In the Junior High division, Eddie Buice, of 2nd Church, Little Rock, was elected star camper and receives a scholarship to Ouachita Music Conference 1959. Alternate star camper is Donna Sue Croach, 1st Church, Little Rock. Honorable mention: Raymond Hardin, Mary Stocks, and Jane Elizabeth Whelchel.

In the Senior High division, Charles Smith, of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was chosen as star camper and receives a scholarship to Ridgecrest Music Conference 1959. Alternate star camper was Geraldine Trussell, 1st Church, Warren. Honorable Mention included: Jerry McKenzie, Ann McClellan, Curtis Tommey, Phylis Owen, Marilyn Moore, Virginia Cantrell, Ethelyne Hook, Judy Smith, Mary Evelyn Oglesby, Leta Horan, Harold Harrison, Donna Hatcher, Paul Dodd, Judy Hill.

One hundred-eighty-six young people earned the required number of points to make honor camper and were presented an honor music camper pin or emblem.

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Says God Desires To Bless Every One

AMERICA'S earth-moving, soul-stirring multi-millionaire R. G. LeTourneau has come our way again and has left in his wake a spiritual refreshing for hundreds who heard him recently at Gaines Street Church.

There is nothing new in his message, if you have ever heard him, but he never fails to thrill his congregations as he tells enthusiastically of what Christ means to him and the blessings he enjoys as God's business partner.

Here is one business man who takes Matthew 6:33 at par value: "... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Starting out in business years ago as a tither, Mr. LeTourneau has increased his giving till he is now reported to be contributing more than 90% of his earnings to religious causes.

A few years ago when he sold two of his earth-moving equipment factories, the check for the down payment was \$25 million dollars.

The occasion for his Little Rock visit was a rally of the Brotherhood of the Pulaski County Association. Much of his time for years has been given to travelling from one meeting to another to give his personal witness, always at his own expense. In the past 20 years he has travelled the equivalent of 100 times around the world and he has spoken to more than 2,000,000 people in the last 10 years.

Some of his typical statements:

"God wants to bless our lives — we are the only ones who can keep him from blessing us."

"It is true of Christians as it is of machines, when they go to work they stop squealing."

"We have gotten the idea the material things are the things of value and the spiritual things are intangible and unreal. So we work for the material. But just the opposite is true. The only things of real value are the spiritual."

"When a man loves the Lord he will not be trying to figure out how little he can give, but how much."

Glorieta Writers' Conferences Slated

NASHVILLE —(BSSB)— Workshops in three major areas of Christian journalism will be features of the Writers' Conference July 31-Aug. 6 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M. This conference is sponsored annually by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and this year will be directed by Dr. William J. Fallis, book editor of Broadman Press.

● REV. AND MRS. James E. Hampton, missionaries to Kenya, East Africa, announce the birth of a son, Stephen Carey. They may be addressed, P. O. Box 2948, Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa. Both are natives of Arkansas, he of New Blaine and she, the former Gena Ledbetter, Harrison.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Persecuted Preacher

QUESTION: In our small church it seems that when one group likes a preacher, another group always opposes him.



DR. HUDSON

They are fast building up opposition even among the mature members.

What can be done?

ANSWER: The Church of Corinth faced precisely the same problem. Read chapters 1 and 3. The hope lies in the group that says "I belong to Christ" (1 Cor. 1:12). If you have enough who belong to Christ, they will band themselves together and defy anyone to divide them into cliques.

No, they will not divide the mature members. It is the "babes in Christ" who feel the necessity of taking sides against someone just because he is limited. In the church, the home, or in any group activity, mature people learn to play on the same team and play by the rules.

The poor preacher has enough problems without being persecuted by half the church which happens to be mad at the other half. If I were a member of your church, I would try to love this young preacher and his wife so much that the barbs of the opposing crowd would not hurt quite so badly. This is the only solution I know.

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

DR. WAYNE E. OATES, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, was honored as "alumnus of the year," at spring commencement exercises at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. Professor Oates was the commencement speaker at the Mars Hill graduation exercises.



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Dismissed Professors Issue Statement

EDITOR'S NOTE: A statement from the president of the trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary regarding dismissal of 13 seminary professors has been carried previously, along with a statement from the joint faculty of the seminary. Herewith we submit a statement from the dismissed professors, as furnished by C. R. Daley, editor of the WESTERN RECORDER. Not all the dismissed professors were present when their statement was drafted, but the statement represents the thinking of those who were present.

WE HAVE previously refrained from discussing the conflict within the seminary through the press, because we believe that the Board of Trustees, to which we made repeated appeals, is the duly constituted authority to handle such matters.

In the light of our dismissals on June 12, 1958, we feel constrained to make this statement.

It was our grave concern over the inner workings of the seminary which compelled us to take our action.

We believe that our problems had to do with (1) relationships between the administration and faculty members, (2) the basis on which the faculty shares in determining educational matters, (3) personal responsibility in the light of Christian teaching, and (4) mutual respect in working together.

Only after many unsuccessful efforts with the administration to correct these problems in a way consistent with these principles, did we refer the problems to the Board of Trustees.

We had hoped for a reconciliation, but all efforts have been unsuccessful.

We express our continuing interests in the welfare of the seminary, those

charged with responsibility for guiding its future, and our former colleagues, with whom we share a continuing love for the seminary.



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A World-Famous Nurse

By Lillie M. Jordan

THE NIGHT was very dark and rain was pouring down. But a traveler on horseback was steadily making her way along a road that ran between two hospitals. She wore a long skirt and sat sidesaddle on her horse in the uncomfortable and insecure fashion that custom required women to follow in the days of Florence Nightingale.

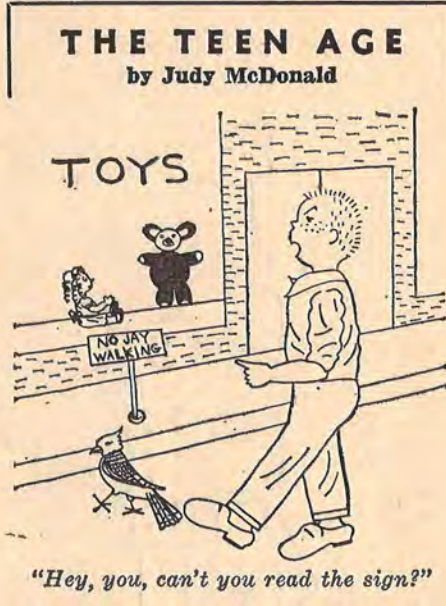
But this rider had no thought of the weather or of ease or comfort for herself. Her mind was entirely occupied with the plans she was making for the suffering, wounded soldiers in the hospitals that she herself had established for them.

The great Crimean War was going on, and up to that time her country had made no provision for nursing the wounded who fell on the battlefield. Florence had gone to the Crimea determined that this terrible neglect should not continue.

She had always been deeply sensitive to suffering. While still a child, Florence would devote herself to the care of even a hurt animal as long as she could do anything for its relief. As a very little girl, her nurse's instinct asserted itself in playing with her dolls. She would put them to bed as supposed invalids to give herself the joy

of restoring them to health.

That the English nation appreciated the devoted work of Florence Nightingale was shown in a gift of fifty thousand pounds subscribed by a grateful public and bestowed upon her to establish a training school for nurses.



4. Seers Seek New King
(a) Caesar Augustus (b) Solomon
(c) Jesus
5. Donkey Talks Back to Prophet
(a) Jeremiah (b) Balaam (c) Job
6. Youth K.O's Armored Giant
(a) David (b) Joseph (c) Barak
7. Castaway Survives Viper Bite
(a) Paul (b) Stephen (c) Peter
8. King's Doom Written on Wall
(a) Nebuchadnezzar (b) Belshazzar
(c) Ahasuerus
9. Sea Rolls Back for Caravan
(a) Malachi (b) Isaac (c) Moses
10. Walls Crash at Trumpet Blast
(a) Asa (b) Joshua (c) Elijah

ANSWERS

8. Belshazzar, 9. Moses, 10. Joshua, Jesus, 5. Balaam, 6. David, 7. Paul, 4. Noah, 2. Samson, 3. Noah, 1. Jonah
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THE POLICE sent out pictures of an escaped desperado in six different poses. A constable sent the following wire:
"Have captured five. Now on the trail of sixth."

Not on the Ball
VOCATIONAL ADVISER to youth: "Your vocational aptitude test indicates that your best opportunities lie in a field where your father holds an influential position."

Dual Control
A NERVOUS driver was having double trouble. Both his wife and his mother-in-law were advising him from the back seat.
"Look," he finally shouted at his wife. "Who's driving this car — you or your mother?"

Big Difference
A MAN who was very rich but noted for his stinginess was bombarding with questions a salesman in the car showroom. At last, indicating a certain model, he asked, "Does that one consume much gas?"
"A mere spoonful, sir," replied the exasperated salesman.
Asked the miser, "A teaspoonful or a tablespoonful?"

Scots, Take Note
Pearl Gibson, veteran housekeeper in the Baptist Building, Little Rock, contemplating the new postage increases that become effective August 1, suggests: "Do your Christmas card mailing early. Mail them before August 1 and put stickers on them asking that they not be opened till Christmas."

Help From the Pew
On a recent Sunday night Pastor Dale Cowling of 2nd Church, Little Rock, was delivering another of his sermon series on "Love, Courtship and Marriage." As he began to discuss petting and kissing, he noticed a three-year-old lad sitting close to the front was sitting on the edge of his pew, in open-mouthed amazement.
"It used to be that a young couple would not think of kissing until they had fallen in love," Dr. Cowling said. "But today the question is whether to kiss on the first date."
"No!" cried the three-year-old, in a shout that was heard all over the auditorium.

Read All About It!

By Vincent Edwards

HERE'S A Bible quiz that's different. It's just as if a newspaper had been printed in scriptural times, with the headlines pertaining to the most sensational happenings.

With each headline three names appear. It is your job to tell which per-



son would be written up in that particular story. How many can you get right?

1. Big Fish Swallows Man
(a) Amos (b) Saul (c) Jonah
2. Prisoner Snaps Toughest Thongs
(a) Simon (b) Samson (c) Nathan
3. Houseboat Swarms with Zoo
(a) Noah (b) Ezekiel (c) Andrew

Social Justice and the Gospel

By RAY BRANSCUM

(Pastor, South Highland, Little Rock)

Matthew 5:17-20, 46-48; 23:23-26.
July 13

THE LIFE and teaching of Jesus demands social justice. He condemned those who pretended to be what they were not; commended those who were His true followers.

Before Christ sat a great crowd of people and among them were His own disciples. He looked into their hungry faces and saw the same needs that we would see in any audience today. The one desire of their heart was that they might find happiness. Many thought that wealth would make them happy. They had been disillusioned. It seems they had sought laughter and pleasure, but found only sorrow. Jesus showed them that true happiness could not be found among the material things of this life, but rather in the spiritual. He told them they would not find true happiness until they had found eternal life and had learned to live for another world.



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we cannot keep otherwise. The law is God's perfect standard, and through Christ is the only way it can be kept. So we see He came not to destroy the law, but, through His death and power, to keep the law. Teaching the law is good, but, to teach and not do the law is contradictory.

James described the man who reads the law and fails to obey as one that would look into a mirror, and remark his face is dirty, but does nothing to make it look better. The law shows us our need. We should live by the law. There are many people today who read the Bible, know the teaching of Christ and attend church, but live as if they had never heard the truth.

The Pharisees were probably the strictest moralists of their day. They prided themselves upon their good lives. Their religion was strictly based upon good works. They were trying to get to heaven through their own righteousness. Christ said that no one could enter heaven unless they were better than the Pharisees. The only way our righteousness can exceed, or even reach the righteousness of the Pharisees is in the forgiveness of our sins through Christ.

COMMAND FOURFOLD.

(Matt. 5:43-48.)

Jesus says love your enemies. The whole world loves those who love them. But Jesus asks us to do better than the unsaved. He wants us to actually love our enemies. I've heard many people say this command is not for our day. If this scripture, spoken to the multitude on the mountain side, was good for the followers of God to practice in that day, it is a good practice for us today.

After all, Christ loved us enough, while we were yet sinners, to die that we might be saved. It is not the will of Christ that any should perish. But we can never win men to the love of Christ until we learn to love men. If we can learn to love our enemies they will love us, and love our Lord. Then, we will have no enemies. If we have enemies in all probability it is our fault. We have failed to love them.

"Bless them that curse you." The natural man seeks to hurt or slander the man who curses him. He wants to get even. The natural man seeks vengeance. He forgets that a soft answer turns away wrath. There would be no wars, if nations would bless when they are cursed. There would be no hatred in our hearts if we carried out this command. We cannot do a man any lasting harm by cursing him, you

are merely uncovering the hatred in your heart that you have toward him. "Do good to them that hate you." There were two men who lived in the community where I was reared. They quarreled continuously. They did all they could to cause trouble one for another. One went so far as to accuse the other of stealing from him. Finally they became engaged in a lawsuit. The man who brought the accusation said his neighbor had stolen \$8. This case was carried through several courts and finally the man who was being accused saw that he could not win this way. So he went to his neighbor and said, "I want to pay you the \$8 and all the court costs and stop the case."

The other replied, "Let me pay half of the cost."

His neighbor said, "No, I will pay it all."

The accuser replied, "If you don't let me pay part of the expenses I must acknowledge I am wrong."

Do good to them that hate you and they will soon love you. These men were reconciled.

"Pray for them which despitefully use you." Pray for their souls. Men who despitefully use you need to know God.

The reason God commands us to do these things is, He is a God of love; our heavenly Father does not withhold the rain from the infidel, or retaliate in any way. He has compassion toward all. If our heavenly Father sets such an example of love how can we do otherwise? If we carry out these commands God has promised to reward us.

JESUS DENOUNCES WOES

(Matt. 23:23-26).

If social justice is achieved through the Gospel in every-day life it will be because of the searching commands of Christ. We are to walk in the light and our deeds are to be brought to light. With this in mind we ought to do our best to obey the laws of God.

The Pharisees were a religious people, but they degenerated in practice when the Law did not say that they wanted it to say.

Jesus condemns the hypocrisy and unreal religious life of the pharisees. If social justice is achieved we must practice love, humility and mercy.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. (Matt. 7:12.)

SUGGESTED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Last week we discussed justice in the nature of God; this week we are discussing justice in the teachings of Jesus.

Lead your class to see that lip service, outward expressions of kindness, when done for a show, is condemned by Jesus.

Why is it necessary for us to strive for perfection when we know that we shall never be completely successful?

Jesus called for justice, judgment and mercy in action.



Enlightening, Interesting

Arkansas Baptists' 1957 Giving Reviewed

THE GIVING of Arkansas Baptists for the year 1957 was both enlightening and interesting. According to the 1957 annual, giving for all causes by our churches amounted to \$13,470,849. The contributions made to world missions through the Cooperative Program totaled \$1,405,464, or about 10 1/2 per cent of all contributions.

There were 1,143 churches reporting to their associations last fall. Of this number 1,046 made some contribution to world missions through the Cooperative Program during the year. There were 97 — about 8 1/2 per cent — which did not contribute to missions through the Cooperative Program. Forty-six of this number did not contribute to any cause apart from their local needs.

There were nine associations in which every church reported giving through the Cooperative Program. There were 11 associations that lacked but one church having a 100 per cent giving record to missions through the Cooperative Program, and seven associations lacked but two churches have a 100 per cent record on giving to world missions.

The nine associations with a 100 per cent record of giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program are as follows (association, moderator and missionary):

Annual Mailed

THE 1957 Arkansas Baptist State Convention Annual has been mailed out to all the pastors in the State Convention.

If any pastor failed to receive a copy, please notify W. Dawson King, recording secretary, Baptist Building, Little Rock.



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Benton County, Ben Haney, A. L. Hart; Boone County, Dennis James, Lowell Wright; Carroll County, J. E. Cox, Seth Compere; Centennial, Graham Fowler; Clear Creek, Kenneth R. Grant, S. A. Wiles; Conway-Perry, L. B. Gustavus, H. D. Palmer; Harmony, Luther F. Dorsey, Amos Greer; Liberty, Harold Coble, W. F. Couch; White County, Reese Howard, E. E. Boone.

Thus far this year a total of 957 churches have participated in cooperative giving. There are three associations in which all of their churches have made contributions through the Cooperative Program. They are: Buckville, Centennial. Their moderators, respectively, are: Joe Anderson and Graham Fowler. The third association is

Washington-Madison with moderator, Robert Vaughn. These associations are now without missionaries.

It would be a wonderful thing if our pastors and missionaries could encourage a 100 per cent participation on the part of all churches to have a part in world missions through the Cooperative Program this year.

As a part of our denominational program for 1959 we are urging our churches to increase their contributions to world missions through the Cooperative Program at least 2 per cent above that of 1958. That is, 2 plus of the total budget receipts including building funds. On the basis of our giving last year this would increase our missions offering more than \$275,000. —SAW

Finance Clinics Conducted

MANY ASSOCIATIONS have conducted ten-hour Forward Program of Church Finance clinics this year.



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During June, seven clinics were conducted as follows: Arkansas Valley Association, D. Hoyle Haire, moderator, H. S. Coleman, missionary; Tri-County Association, Walter Yellde, moderator, Fred Sudduth missionary; Ashley County Association, Roy Bunch, moderator, Guy Hopper, missionary; Harmony Association, Luther F. Dorsey, moderator, Amos Greer, missionary; Little River Association, J. R. Perkins, moderator, James H. Dean, missionary; Black River Association, Byron King, moderator, Cecil Guthrie, missionary; Hope Association, W. P. Mears, moderator, M. T. McGregor, missionary.

We have some clinics scheduled for July, but we have one open date for a ten-hour clinic, July 28-29. If any

association would like a ten-hour clinic at that time, we shall be happy to take some of our approved workers (pastors who led their churches in campaigns last year) and conduct the clinics. If some associations would like to have a four-hour conference, we shall be glad to help in that, but we urge you to let us know immediately.

—RD

Film Available

WE HAVE a 22-minute sixteen millimeter film on the Forward Program of Church Finance. We would be glad to lend it to any church who would use it. The only cost is the postage. If you would like to schedule this film, please contact our office immediately.

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