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# The President's Message at the Southern Baptist Convention, Houston

By **BROOKS HAYS**

*BROOKS HAYS represents the Fifth District of Arkansas (Little Rock area) in the U. S. House of Representatives. A native of Arkansas, Hays has been in Congress since 1942. He was vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1951 and four years later elected chairman of its Christian Life Commission. In 1957, the Convention elected him its first layman president in about 11 years. Hays last month spent a week in Moscow visiting Russian Baptists. My fellow Baptists:*

For the fourth time in our 113 years the Convention assembles in the great city of Houston, yet the Southern Baptist Convention was nearly thirty years old before it conducted its first meeting in the Lone Star State in 1874, and the first west of the Mississippi River. There were only 222 messengers in attendance at that meeting which was held in the historic little town of Jefferson. In 1915, when Houston was experiencing growing pains this even more famous city was our host for the first time. Fourteen hundred and eight messengers were registered. The spirit of expansion was animating Southern Baptists, and eleven years later, when the second convention was held here, the registration was 4,268 — three times that of the 1915 session.

In 1915 the Convention received gifts totaling \$1,397,000, distributed as follows: The Foreign Mission Board, \$537,000; the Home Mission Board, \$459,000; and the Sunday School Board, \$401,000. This year, the Cooperative Program alone will account for gifts and offerings in excess of \$40 million for both state and SBC causes. In the eventful 43 years since Houston's first convention, Southern Baptists have experienced unprecedented growth and the assembling of a power and influence undreamed of by our founders in 1845.

Before sketching briefly some of my activities as your president, submitting some recommendations for you to consider, let me say a word of appreciation for the great honor you conferred upon me a year ago. To be president of this Convention is both an exciting adventure and an exalted privilege. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this enriching experience and for the opportunity of Christian service which you have afforded me. I began attending Baptist conventions fifty years ago. In 1908 my mother took me to Fort Smith to the Arkansas State Convention and it made a lasting impression upon my boyish mind. I saw that great and stalwart Texas Baptist, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, on the platform and heard his pungent comments on Baptist service. Of course I never dreamed that one day my name would be listed a few lines below his among the Con-

vention presidents. The first Southern Baptist Convention I ever attended was presided over by Dr. Gambrell in the city of Washington in 1920. As a Treasury Department clerk, attending law classes at night, I slipped away to one of the Convention meetings as an observer and was thrilled by what I saw and heard.

## THANKS VEEPS

I wish to thank also our two vice-presidents, W. Douglas Hudgins and Noel M. Taylor for their wonderful helpfulness during this busy year. You have been constantly aware of two things about my background that did not fit the usual pattern for the Convention presidency. I am a layman. Second, I am in the service of a government which is institutionally independent of all religious societies. In retrospect, I can say something with which I believe you will concur: To be a layman is not of itself a handicap. The rank and file of Baptist men in the South are conscious of the fact that the choice of a layman represented a drawing together of ministers and men — of the ordained and unordained — and for this I am grateful. On occasions I have needed professional help, and always I have found it available in spontaneous and generous measure. I know that Baptist laymen would want me to say in their behalf that there is deep affection and admiration in their hearts for our dedicated ministers.

The Brotherhood which assembled 5,000 laymen in Oklahoma City last September will report upon that eventful meeting, but its significance should be noted also in this report. The influence for good which was generated there will continue through the years. I was pleased that the duties of Christian citizenship received attention there. Human government is making such an impact upon the daily life of every person, and has opened so many doors of opportunity for Christian service, as it supplies concurrently the tests of moral fiber of men and nations, that there is a certain appropriateness in our reaching across the shadowy line that divides State and Church to proclaim in both forums that all of life is subject to God's law and impressed with God's love.

## BIGGEST EVENT

The biggest event in our year, according to the Baptist editors, was the launching of our Jubilee program under the direction of my beloved predecessor, Dr. C. C. Warren, whose message you are eager to hear. I have tried to give full support to this great undertaking and to provide an accurate interpretation of it in my talks across the country. At one point I was able to devote a few minutes to the subject on a coast-to-coast TV program that would have cost us in excess of \$30,000 had we been purchasing the time. I have not been timid in seizing publicity

opportunities for our Baptist cause.

During the past twelve months I have journeyed in the Convention's interest from Hamilton, Ontario, to Houston, and from Los Angeles to Moscow. I was able to attend five state conventions and innumerable local and district meetings. First in importance in the many tasks I have had was to participate in efforts to preserve our unity in a period of tension, to hold together our scattered congregations in this hour of the world's supreme need. A common faith continues to bind us together. Territorial expansion has, of course, produced interesting new diversities. The problems of California, for example, are quite different from those of our Georgia brethren. Social conditions surrounding Baptist workers in Louisiana vary greatly from those discovered by our representatives in the exciting new outpost in New York City. It is a great tribute to the skill of those who have fashioned this voluntary assembly called the Southern Baptist Convention and a confirmation of the soundness of the basic principles which underlie Baptist polity. Only in great flexibility can Christian fellowship be found in this complex Twentieth Century. Just as we have historically given allegiance to the idea that "at the frontier of the soul the power of every state must stop," so in the ecclesiastical world we insist that no Convention pronouncements bind the individual or the congregation. I do not imply, of course, that this relieves us of the necessity to seek and proclaim moral judgments produced by study, prayer and exchange of opinion, with the full utili-

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zation of modern facilities which this mighty organization has supplied. There should be no reluctance on our part to confront controversy, nor should Christians ever flee from the duty of examining differences. I have had some new exposures to this fact in my service as your president, and never before have I been so conscious of the need of seeking to do the will of God and discovering the mind of Christ. In a year of controversy I have been able to look up with deep gratitude to my brethren, both those who differ and those who agree with me, for having spoken the truth in love.

In the Houston convention of 1915 a committee known as the Efficiency Committee filed a report indicating that we mid-century Baptists are not the first to concern ourselves with the structure and organization of the convention. I commend to you the work of the Survey Committee. Without passing upon the merits of specific proposals, I do heartily express appreciation for the dedicated service of these men and women under the chairmanship of Douglas Branch. And whatever our final decision with regard to its recommendations, I trust that the report will be considered solely in the light of serving the total purposes of our Convention, and that local and personal interests will be secondary.

This activity of the Survey Committee is the kind of work that is never finished. It has to do with a job that, left undone, might finish us. It would be sinful for us to permit an unplanned, uncoordinated, sprawling organization to dissipate our energies and destroy our effectiveness. Consequently, I hope that continuing studies of our organizational arrangements may be authorized, preferably assigned to the reconstituted Executive Committee. We need to re-examine procedures by which convention policies are determined. It is difficult to achieve in an assembly of 10,000 or more the deliberative atmosphere and to follow democratic principles under rules devised for the smaller bodies which originated them.

**A CONTINUOUS TASK**

I find in the minutes of the 1915 Houston convention a message from Negro Baptists simultaneously holding their convention at Danville, Virginia. This message, coupled with a long and deeply moving report of our own 1915 convention's committee on work among Negroes, served to remind me that this task of helping the minority racial group is also a continuing one. Some of the tragic governmental conflicts involving race have obscured the fact that there are proven and accepted ways by which Southern Baptists may express their Christian concern for the minority's welfare and progress.

During my unforgettable evening with the Mississippi Baptists in their state convention, I heard reports of the work being done in that state in behalf of ministerial training for the Negroes.

It was a splendid demonstration of what can be accomplished in that field. I am not suggesting, of course, that traditional methods will always suffice. It would be well for us to recognize that imagination must accompany our compassion.

One of my gratifying experiences was a visit to the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville. The check for \$500 which I handed to President Turner in behalf of an unnamed friend was a modest symbol of our interest in his institution.

It is not my purpose in this report to dwell upon the complexities of the problem of race or other social issues. I realize that we cannot have complete unanimity in these matters, but it would be tragic for us to assume that we can function as a Christian body without assigning to trusted representatives of the convention the task of pointing out our Christian duty with respect to social evils and current conflicts.

**A DUAL ROLE**

The Christian Life Commission has a dual role to fill. It is authorized to speak for Southern Baptists where specific mandates are given, as in the case of legislation affecting advertising of alcoholic beverages and the suppression of obscene literature upon the newsstands of America. Equally important is its role of familiarizing our people with problems of this nature, supplying counsel and advice on the subject as well as information on the scriptural teaching in specific areas, and to seek a sensitizing of the Christian conscience wherever evil, injustice and oppression exist anywhere in the world. The problems of environment must be considered — if for no other reason, because our institutional survival requires it.

If Christian institutions are to be swallowed up in a pagan society, freedom will die and the opportunities for Christian service and the evangelization of the world will vanish. We shall continue to struggle for an incorruptible state and a Christian society — not to relieve ourselves of the obligations of Christian educations, which equips the individual to meet the recurring temptations of life. We know that finally it will be not the absence of allurements in the world that redeems men, but the integrity that springs from transforming spiritual experiences. We owe it to our youth to improve their environment, but any young man is best fortified when, being nurtured by a powerful religious influence, he is able to purpose in his heart as Daniel did, not to defile himself. We seek not to dominate but to influence the state, and we will send our sons and daughters into the world with a sense of Christian vocation. The Christian and the patriot may dwell in the same heart, but only if the patriot acknowledges the universality of faith and love, and repels the chauvinist and narrow nationalism. The generosity with which we



**When We Go**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — A church visitation record was made last year by the Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., when 33,465 visits were reported. According to Mack R. Douglas, pastor, this average of 664 weekly personal visits resulted in 590 new church members.

Sunday school attendance averaged 200 over the year before, or 1,306, with a net increase in enrollment of 620, Douglas said. One month 4,280 personal visits (1,070 per week) were made, bringing in 303 new Sunday school members.

Visitation such as this is recommended for all churches in the Southern Baptist Convention participating in the "You Can Grow Now" program to increase Sunday school enrollment, Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, said.

support our home and foreign mission programs testifies to our willingness to accept world responsibilities.

On Friday evening I shall have something to say about my trip to Moscow, a trip financed by the Foreign Mission Board — a sacred mission, perhaps the most solemn and important one I have ever undertaken. The promotion of peace presents a great challenge to Southern Baptists and we should officially and formally accept it. Consequently, I recommend that the convention authorize the appointment of a committee to report within a year, on what Southern Baptists can do to promote peace and good will in the world.

I wish there were time to speak of many other things in which I have developed a great personal interest as I have pursued my duties as your president. I have visited every one of our great seminaries, and as my pride in these institutions has increased, the conviction has grown that ministerial education must have high priority in

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## Houston 1958 Southern Baptist Bright Spot

ANY WAY you look at it, the 1958 Southern Baptist-Convention was outstanding.

The city of Houston, the South's largest metropolis, ran out of hotel rooms months ahead of the convention, and its Sam Houston coliseum, with seats for 13,000, was far too small to accommodate the crowds for some of the sessions. But it seems to be true of convention cities, as of church auditoriums, that you have a better convention spirit if you can fill the convention city than you do if the city "swallows" your convention.

The fact that Houston itself is as Southern as cornbread and blackeyed peas provided a friendly and at-home atmosphere for the convention setting. Everybody was friendly and talkative, including the porters, the waiters and waitresses, the elevator operators, the taxi drivers, the telephone operators, and the police. Even those who, like Lola at the Rice Hotel, have a strange brogue that comes from mixing some such foreign language as Greek with American, had the Southern spirit.

Arkansas was about as prominent in the convention this year as she is in the halls of Congress, where she holds a lion's share of the committee chairmanships. E. Hermond Westmoreland, a native of Booneville, and a graduate of Ouachita College, who has been pastor for the past 21 years of Houston's South Main Baptist Church and is currently serving as president of the Texas Baptist Convention, did a superb job as chairman of the general committee on arrangements.

Three Pope County native sons shared the convention spotlight—Marvin Hurley from Rock Springs, "near Hector, and not far from Buttermilk, Bullfrog Valley, and Nogo"; Bruce Price, from Scotsville; and Brooks Hays, from London.

Hurley, as executive vice president of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, and, we understand, the nation's top authority in his chosen profession, had a great hand in setting the stage for the conclave.

Price, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., and president of the Pastors' Conference, which was in session immediately preceding the convention, helped to set the spiritual tempo for the week, with a galaxy of Southern Baptists' greatest speakers.

The down-to-earth officiating of Brooks Hays as president of the convention was no small factor in the success of the convention. His ever ready wit and humor, along with his knowledge and experience of Baptist life and parliamentary procedure qualified him pre-eminently. The fact that he was willing to let the business sessions drag a little just to be sure that everyone who wanted to speak was heard, made for a good feeling among the messen-

gers. His missionary zeal and concern for world peace influenced the convention to take what may prove to be one of its greatest steps in the naming of a committee to make a study to determine what Southern Baptists can do in the interest of world peace.

The address by Pastor W. O. Vaught, Jr., of Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist Church, dealing with Little Rock's struggle with the race problem, was well received in the Pastors' Conference and, we feel, helped to clear the convention atmosphere of one of its darkest clouds.

Pastor Andrew M. Hall, of Fayetteville's 1st Baptist Church, spoke on "Pentecost, 1958."

Time and space fail us to speak of such outstanding (former) Arkansans as Robert E. Naylor, now pastor of Travis Ave. Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, who gave the convention sermon, and Perry Webb, of 1st Baptist Church, San Antonio, who brought the closing address at the Pastors' Conference, and many others that could be mentioned.

The highlight of business conducted by the convention was the adoption of many of the recommendations of the survey committee headed by Douglas Branch and assisted by the firm of Booz, Allen, and Hamilton. Some of the recommendations, including those dealing with the Home Mission Board and with the method of distributing church loan funds, were, we feel, wisely referred to the committee for reconsideration in the ensuing year.

The cause for greatest concern — something on every heart — was something that did not appear on the convention agenda — the break between a group of 13 professors of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, over administrative policies. In a meeting the last day of the convention, the seminary trustees gave President McCall a vote of confidence and adjourned to meet in Louisville for further consideration of the problems, sometime in June.

But the Southern Seminary trouble, as much as it is to be regretted, was probably used of the Lord to call Southern Baptists to prayer. Surely the success of the Houston convention could not have been possible without much prayer. In connection with this, the Foreign Mission Board program which came on Wednesday night, ahead of the Christian Life Commission's report Thursday morning, and consideration of the survey committee's report on Thursday afternoon, called the convention to engage in a great prayer service. Many feel that above all else this was the high point of the convention.

Prayer and Spirit-filled preaching will always be prerequisites for Southern Baptist advance. Houston had both in abundance.—ELM

## Personally Speaking . . .

### On Flying High

ONE OF the most colorful characters for many years on the streets of Russellville was Aunt Joan, a diminutive colored woman not much more than 4 and 1/2 feet



MR. McDONALD

high. Aunt Joan was always needing a nickel or a dime to finish out enough to buy a bag of meal, a can of lard, or a box of snuff. But she was no common beggar. She always gave you more than you paid for, in entertainment and bits of cornbread philosophy.

As a boy I used to enjoy seeing her dance her little jigs for those who had contributed to her treasury. I also enjoyed hearing her tell of experiences she had had as a slave girl before the Emancipation Proclamation.

When she was about 12 years old, Aunt Joan recalled, "Old Massa" promised her a calico dress if she would pick 100 pounds of cotton one day.

"I picked the 100 pounds," Aunt Joan said, "And Old Massa gave me the calico dress just like he had promised. But then Old Massa said, 'Joan, now I knows what you can do. You must pick a hundred pounds every day!'"

Thus she had learned the hard way that success is not without its perils.

A despiser of pomposity and pretense, Aunt Joan would often say, "An eagle never flies so high but that he must come down to eat."

In terms of our religion, this reminds me that a Christian never climbs so high, either in the church, the denomination, or his private life, not to need daily to go down on his knees in prayer. The spirit of the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees of the day of Jesus' earthly ministry is as out of place today as it was then.

From Aunt Joan I learned two lessons for life: There is something worthwhile I can learn from every one I meet, and some of life's great lessons are to be learned from those of low estate.

*Erwin L. McDonald*



## Evangelism Commission?

Dear Editor:

The report of the Southern Baptist Survey Committee concerning the Home Mission Board was referred to the committee for further study. This was wise as there is another vital change which needs to be made.

Evangelism, which is the main work of every Christian and of each board and agency of the Convention, needs to be lifted to its proper place. Instead of being one of thirteen departments of the Home Mission Board, it should be made a Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. At present the general public has no information that Southern Baptists are in the business of evangelism.

No doubt, when the Survey Committee thinks this through, they will want to recommend that evangelism be made a Commission. All the messengers as well as the members of the churches will see the wisdom of such a change. It will set evangelism in its proper light before the Convention and enable it to do a larger work for the Lord.—C. B. Jackson, Dallas, Tex.

## On Buying Stock

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I frequently receive letters from preacher friends and others asking my advice with reference to the purchase of some particular stock. In practically every case the stocks inquired about are of a speculative type and are offered at prices far in excess of reasonable value.

Oftentimes the companies that are selling stock have connected with them as stockholders or directors men of good reputation who have been successful in their own business. I know many people in Texas who have suffered very severe losses through the purchase of speculative stocks.

When a company is organized and has to sell its stock to the public and pay the salesmen a high commission for selling the stock, and where the company proposes to engage in some business that is highly competitive, there is practically no chance for the company to succeed and be profitable and therefore the investor is almost certain to lose what he puts into the purchase of such stock.

Having seen so many friends lose their investments, it would seem wise that any preacher or layman, who does not understand the risk involved, should make a thorough investigation through friends who have had some experience in such things.

Clip this letter and put it in your billfold. If you are solicited to buy one of these speculative stocks, take the letter out and read it. If you cannot resist the temptation to buy the stock, file this letter away with the stock cer-



A little brown-eyed girl returning home from Sunday school said to her mother, "I wish God were like Jesus."

When her mother asked her what she thought about God, she indicated that to her God was distant and unfriendly. She thought Jesus kind, friendly, and very close.

Her mother explained to her that much of what we know about God is what Jesus told us about him. She reminded her of the statement Jesus used to describe God to his disciples: "O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee; but I have known thee . . ." (John 17:25), and "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). Her mother said that Jesus came to earth and showed us what God is like.

With her big brown eyes she looked at her mother and said, "So my wish has come true. God is like Jesus."

Have you wondered what God is like? Baptists follow the Bible in believing Jesus showed us what God is like.



The Bible teaches that God is all powerful, but also so that he makes moral laws which he himself obeys. For instance, God has said, "Thou shalt not bear false witness." He does not lie. God is supreme but he is not a cruel dictator, arbitrarily exercising his su-

preme power without regard for justice.

God is love. Jesus made this very plain. He once said, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son . . ." (John 3:16). His love is a giving love.

The greatest demonstration of the supreme power of God is found in what he did in giving his Son to die for us, so that by accepting his Son we might have eternal life with God. God



shows his great power in his great love. Love teaches that it is greater to give life than to kill, to build up than to destroy, to give than to get, to lift up than to crush, to heal than to hurt.

The little brown-eyed girl made one of life's greatest discoveries when she found out that all of the love and helpfulness she saw in Jesus is the love and helpfulness God gives. God's greatness is proved in what Jesus showed he does for man.

God loves us and wants us to accept his offer to save us from sin. But he will not force this love on us. We must make our own choice. He will not compel us to accept his love against our will.

God is friendly; he is gracious. He wants to be known as Father. Jesus told his disciples to shut themselves up in a closet with God and say, "Our Father." Alone with God—it is the safest place in the world. This is what Baptists believe.

● BIG CREEK Church, Greene County Association, is now a "full time" church. M. E. Prince has been called as pastor.

● LLOYD A. SPARKMAN, Kosciusko, Miss., former Pine Bluff pastor, gave the commencement sermon at Blue Mountain College May 25, and Dr. Charles D. Johnson, head of the Department of Sociology in Baylor, and a former president of Ouachita, delivered the baccalaureate May 26.



## Southern College Honors Four at Commencement

SOUTHERN BAPTIST College, Walnut Ridge, honored four outstanding Baptists during the 17th commencement exercises.

Walter Yeldell, pastor, 1st Church, West Memphis, was honored as the distinguished minister. Mr. Yeldell is a graduate of the Portland High School, Ouachita College, and Southern Seminary. He served as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Yeldell is an honorary member of the West Memphis Rotary Club and a thirty-second degree Mason. He is president



MR. YELDELL

of the Pastor's Conference of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, president of the West Memphis Ministerial Alliance, and moderator of the Tri-County Baptist Association.

Mrs. R. H. Jones, Osceola, was awarded the distinguished Baptist woman award. She attended Baylor University and Michigan University. Mrs. Jones is active in the 1st Church, Osceola, and has held many denominational positions. She is also active in civic and community affairs.



MRS. JONES

Mrs. Evelyn Fox Skelton, Oak Ridge, Tenn., received the distinguished alumna award. Mrs. Skelton is a graduate of the Manila High School, Southern Baptist College and Ouachita College (cum laude). During her college days she was very active in religious activities and in 1942 worked with the Training Union Department in summer field work.



MRS. SKELTON

For the past six years Mrs. Skelton has been senior analyst with the Abbott Laboratories Atomic Energy Plant.

Fred Carter, Lake City, prominent banker, farmer and church leader, was given the distinguished Baptist layman award. Mr. Carter was born and reared near Lake City and attended high school at Lake City and Conway, Arkansas.



MR. CARTER

## Revival Reports

GALILEE CHURCH, El Dorado, was led in a one-week revival meeting by Henry Evans, pastor, Union Church, El Dorado. Pastor Jack Livingston directed the music. There were eight additions, five for baptism.

1ST CHURCH, West Memphis, Emmett "Buddy" Johnson, Dallas, evangelist; Don Dendy, Memphis, singer; 49 additions.

GARDEN HOMES, Little Rock: Billy Walker, evangelist; Clyde Thomason, singer; eight by profession; three for special service.

NEW HOPE, Rt. 1, Sparkman: Jesse S. Reed, evangelist; Pastor Fred Knickerboker, singer; 11 by baptism; seven rededications.

## Pastoral Changes

WAYNE D. GUNTHER has resigned 1st Church, Salem, and accepted the pastorate of Clarksville Baptist Church, Marshall, Ill. He moved on the field May 16.

TOMMIE HINSON, superintendent of missions for Washington-Madison Association since March, 1957, has resigned to become pastor of 1st Church, Paris, effective June 16.

DR. AND MRS. I. L. YEARBY, who had planned to move to Oklahoma City, have sold their home there and will continue to live, at least for the present, at their home at 4 Broadmoor, Little Rock. Now retired from the position of secretary of the department of Evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Dr. Yearby is available for interim pastorates, supply preaching and revivals. His telephone is Mohawk 6-8653.



DR. YEARBY

WASHINGTON-MADISON Association ranks number one in ratio of Sunday School training awards per church member. The association's ratio is one award for every five members; the state average is one for 11. (CB)

MISS ELLA Reed Blackmon of De Kalb, Tex., and John David Whitlow, Little Rock, received the Senior Ouachitonian Award at the annual Awards Day program at Ouachita. To be selected as Senior Ouachitonian one must be a person whose life while at Ouachita most nearly exemplifies the tradition of the college. Miss Blackmon and Whitlow were presented a gold key plus a bronze name plate on a walnut plaque.

## Ouachita Honors Distinguished Grads

MRS. MARTHA Winburn England, Flushing, N. Y., and Dr. H. P. McCarroll, St. Louis, Mo., received distinguished alumnus awards from Ouachita College at commencement exercises.

Also receiving the awards were Leon Green, C. Hamilton Moses and Mr. Louis W. Webb.

Mrs. England was born in Arkadelphia and attended Ouachita. Her parents were the late Dr. and Mrs. Hardy L. Winburn. She taught in the Hope and Blytheville public schools. Presently she is teaching in the department of English of Queens College, Flushing, New York.

Dr. McCarroll was born in Walnut Ridge and graduated from Ouachita magna cum laude in 1927. He is at present associate clinical professor, orthopaedic surgery, Washington University School of Medicine. He is the 1958 president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

ROY CARROLL, Ouachita graduate of 1951, was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for a year's study in England. Carroll will be registered at the University of Leeds while in England but will actually be engaged in research at several different places. The research will be for his doctoral dissertation in the history of England in the 17th Century. A Korean Veteran, Carroll is working on a doctor-of-philosophy degree in history at Vanderbilt.

FIFTEEN GIRLS of the G. A.'s of the 1st Church, Pine Bluff, received recognition in the annual coronation service May 14. Those receiving maiden recognition were Patsy Slaughter, Betty Carter, April Dunham, Johnnie Carter, Debbie Duren, Judy Sanders, and Adrian Winger. Those receiving ladies-in-waiting were Joy Lynn Ray, Inez Sanders, Brenda Cabbage, and Barbara Bomar. Those receiving queen were Donna Wood and Jeralyn Merritt. Those receiving queen with scepter were Waynette Leath and Bettye Spears. One received queen regent — Miss Sharon Green, who in only six years has received the highest recognition in G. A.'s.

SENIORS OF Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, were honored guests in special services at their church, May 18. Dressed in their graduation robes, they were seated in a reserved section. Later during the same week, the graduates were honored with dinner at the Holiday Inn, as guests of Pastor Eugene Webb and wife.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST College will be represented at the annual South-wide Baptist Student Union week at Ridgerest, N. C., June 6-13 by William Hedspeth, Williamsville, Mo.; Carol Fowler, Manila; and Clyda Stafford and Jimmy Williams, Walnut Ridge.



● **IVAN MARKS**, Mt. Ida, is the new associational missionary of Caddo River Association beginning June 1. He has been on duty as chaplain in the National Guard since last September. He is married to the former Glenna Deaton, Arkadelphia. They have two children, Alan, 9, and Gay, 5. He was pastor of Park Hill Church, Arkadelphia, before going into service.

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our activities. If time permitted, I would speak of the great significance of the new ministries of the church — of our ministry of healing, viewed with such warm approval by the medical profession; of the ministry of social service, building new techniques in a changing world; of the ministry of campus life, with spiritual adventures to match the intellectual requirements of our times; of the ministry in the prisons, where the need of man's compassion and God's grace is most poignantly exhibited.

One of the most inspiring experiences of the year was my visit to the grave of our beloved Dr. Truett. It was in the mood of rededication that I stood in silence, recalling some of the eloquent words I had heard him use. I learned first from him literature's most devotional lines outside the Bible, the moving words of St. Augustine, "Thou hast made me for thyself, and my soul will not rest until it rests, O God, in thee." I remembered how he warned against the pressures of materialism with a simple incident, the anonymous note handed to him: "Pray for a young man who is getting rich very fast." Prosperity is, comparatively, a new experience for Baptists. As we pray for a denomination that is getting rich very fast, may we determine to use our power with nobility and wisdom.

I recalled, too, the new resolutions that I had made as I heard him speak of our mission on this earth. God did not propose to detract, Dr. Truett said, from the critical importance of this earthly existence. In boyhood I had avoided confusion on this subject by assuming that when a minister said that I should despise the world he meant I should despise worldliness. The Bible told me that God loved the world, and I thrilled to the song "This Is My Father's World." So in Dr. Truett's words were confirmation of the idea that this world is a Christian's workshop.

I thought, finally, of the action in Chicago in the closing hours of the convention, when in response to the appeal of Dr. Paul Caudill we expressed the desire for a deepened spiritual life. Emphasis was given in that resolution to daily Christian living, to Bible reading, to the practice of prayer and spiritual growth. The qualities which are most essential to the Christian cannot be measured by statistics. They lie outside the domain of mathematics. But they may be felt, they may be expressed and they may be transmitted. Let us not tire of this pursuit, for finally the world's redemption rests upon it.

## South Side Observe 10th Anniversary

**SOUTH SIDE** Church, Ft. Smith, observed its 10th anniversary May 25 with a special "homecoming" service.

Pastor Victor H. Coffman, who was called at the organization meeting May 23, 1948, was presented with an automobile air conditioner at the service.

The church was organized in Ft. Smith High School with 190 members present.

Property of the church is now valued at more than \$275,000. Membership has grown to 878.

The Sunday school has 16 departments with 52 classes and a total enrollment of 726. Fourteen unions give the Training Union an enrollment of 226. Members in WMU is over 150.

## Ordinations

**LEAMON BLALOCK**, student in East Texas College, Marshall, who has been called as pastor of Pisgah Church, Hope Association, was ordained Apr. 13. Bill Everett, Shreveport, brought the message; Alvis Dowd, Mt. Zion, Doddridge, led the questioning, and Wayman Wood, Pisgah, led the ordination prayer. Missionary M. T. McGregor served as moderator.

**ROCKY MOUND** Church ordained Merle Overmyer as a deacon on Apr. 20.

**1ST CHURCH**, Hope, ordained Ernest Whitten, Ouachita student, to the gospel ministry May 4. Dr. John McClanahan served as moderator; James Hunt brought the message; Hershel Williams, Guernsey pastor, presented the Bible.

## Herring Accepts Florida Pastorate

**R. WILBUR HERRING**, pastor of the Central Church, Jonesboro, has accepted the call of North Jacksonville Church, Jacksonville, Fla.



MR. HERRING

North Jacksonville Church has a membership of 1,500, with a Sunday school enrollment of 1,200. The church is completing a new auditorium which will seat 1,200 people.

Mr. Herring became pastor of Central Sept. 15, 1952. Since then, the church has received 996 members, 303 by baptism. The church properties have increased from \$75,000 to \$250,000. Receipts have increased from \$15,000 to \$60,000. Gifts to missions have increased over ten times what they were in 1952.

While in Jonesboro, Mr. Herring has served as moderator of the Mt. Zion Association, president of the Jonesboro Ministerial Association, president of the board of trustees of Southern Baptist College, member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Convention, and a member of the State BSU committee.



PICTURED AT LEFT above is Richard Essman, director of State BSU Choir, speaking with Wilbur Herring, host pastor, Central Church, Jonesboro, one of the churches at which the choir will sing.

Essman, a pre-medical student at Arkansas State College, will direct the Arkansas BSU Choir when the choir sings at Ridgecrest and at stops enroute: Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; 1st Church, Little Rock; Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro; 1st Church, Paragould; Lockeland Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga; and Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

● **ANGEL MARTINEZ** will lead a citywide revival in El Dorado's Memorial Stadium June 8-22. Joey Calderon, San Antonio, known as "The Latin American Veve Beverly Shea," will direct the music. The effort is being sponsored by the city's Baptist churches. (CB)

● **SIMULTANEOUS GROUP** training schools are being planned in Dardanelle-Russellville Association for July 14, 15, 16 and 18. Five schools will be conducted. (CB)

● **REV. AND Mrs. A. D. Taulbee** have joined the staff of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage in charge of the teen-age boys' cottage. Mr. Taulbee pastored several churches in Little Rock and Conway. Michael Carozza, pastor of the Community Church, Scott, for the last 10 years, has been named assistant superintendent of the home. He attended Ouachita, State Teachers and has a Th.B. degree from Eastern Baptist Seminary in Pennsylvania.







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**CONVENTION OFFICERS:** James W. Merritt, Georgia, senior secretary; Archie Ellis, South Carolina, 2nd vice-president; Brooks Hays, Arkansas, president; Chester Quarles, Mississippi, 1st vice-president; Porter Routh, Tennessee, treasurer; Joe Burton, Tennessee, junior secretary.



**HUNT THE BABIES NOW—(BSSB)**—Last year 4,301,000 babies were born in the United States. Of this number 166,960 were on the Cradle Roll of Southern Baptist Sunday Schools at the end of 1957. A large number also are included in the 485,761 enrolled in the Nursery departments of Southern Baptist Sunday schools. It is predicted by the Sunday School Board's Research and Statistics Department that births this year will exceed last year's. Who will get these babies? How many will be enrolled in Baptist Sunday schools? These questions are demanding attention of Sunday school workers in their efforts to see that there is "A Christian Home for Every Baby."

## Foreign Board Appoints 16 For Mission Service

THE FOREIGN Mission Board at its May meeting appointed 16 young people for mission service, bringing the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,214.

The new missionaries are Leroy Benefield and Nima Lou Mason Benefield, both of Oklahoma, appointed for the Philippines; David C. Dorr, Maryland, and Roberta Kells Dorr, Minnesota, for Gaza; Rufus D. Hodges, Jr., and Irene Chavous Hodges, both of Georgia, for Nigeria; Eugene B. Kimler, Jr., Mexico, and Eva Nell Turner, Kimler, Texas, for Venezuela;

William P. Malone, Jr., and Janis Metcalf Malone, both of Texas, appointed for Argentina; James O. Morse, Oklahoma, and Esther Cowser Morse, Brazil, for Colombia; Miles L. Seaborn, Jr., and Jeanne Hammons Seaborn, both of Oklahoma, for the Philippines; and Davis H. Thompson, Alabama, and Lorene Huffman Thompson, Tennessee, for Argentina.

## Extension Quarterly Planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— A Sunday School Extension Department Quarterly will be issued by the Baptist Sunday School Board beginning with the first quarter of 1959. The quarterly will carry forty-eight pages and will be priced at twelve cents. It will be designed to provide Bible study material for members of the Extension Department and articles directed to the needs of this group.

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**JUBILEE LEADERS:** E. C. James, Texas, new member, Joint Committee; Alma Hunt; Marie Mathis; Porter Routh; C. C. Warren, Joint Committee chairman.

## Moscow Calling

By John Jeter Hurt, Sr.

ONE OF the big broadcasting companies was telling the parents of modest Van Cliburn, 23, of Kilgore, Texas, that the International Piano Contest was closing its week of trials that day in Moscow, and that wise ones expected their son to win over the other 49 contestants from all parts of the world.

The broadcaster suggested they might want to linger near their instrument during the latter part of the afternoon and the early evening, for "we will get the news immediately and will transmit it to you at once."

"But,—ah,—we have to be at prayer meeting between 7:30 and 9 o'clock; and maybe you could hold the news until 9 o'clock." I don't know what the broadcasting man had to say.

Neither do I know how God starts shifting his plans sometimes just to please his children who do right, but those pious parents got, just as they were starting to prayer meeting, at First Baptist Church, news that thrilled the whole musical world, and they took it along with them. That's where you will find Van when he comes back.

Time and other magazines give pic-

tures and many columns of reading matter on the contest. They say soldiers had to hold the crowds back toward the week's end of contending. A piano string snapped under Cliburn's bold attack, a split finger tormented, but could not defeat, him. Bravos echoed throughout the cavernous hall. He lost ten pounds during the week. President Eisenhower, the Queen of England, have commended him.

When the contest was all over, Cliburn said: "I'm tired. I'd like to go back to Texas." And go he will.

But take my advice, Son. That father and mother brought you up; my preacher son-in-law helped a little, and I heard you play away back yonder. You have achieved greatness through fine training, hard work, God's blessing. When you go home, let it not be Wednesday night, between 7:30 and 9 o'clock p. m.

DR. JOHN Summerfield Wimbish, pastor of New York's Calvary Baptist Church 1950-57, has accepted a call to Seminole Heights Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida effective June 1.



## New Deputy Chief Chaplain A Baptist

Southern Baptist Chaplain, (Colonel) Robert P. Taylor, chief of the Personnel Division, Office of Air Force Chaplains, Washington, D. C., has been chosen as the new deputy chief of Air Force Chaplains, effective August 15. At the time of accepting this new duty he will be promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

Chaplain Taylor is one of the two chaplains to remain in service who survived 42 months in Japanese prison camps in World War II.

A native of Kilgore, Texas, he attended Baylor and Southwestern Seminary.

Prior to his entry into service, Chaplain Taylor served as pastor of South Fort Worth Church for three years and spent four and one half years as pastor of Caddo Mills Church while attending Southwestern Seminary.

## Southwestern Seminary Enrollment Hits 2,471

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY, Ft. Worth, centered its annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention around its golden jubilee anniversary (1908-1958).

W. W. Barnes, noted Convention historian, is writing a book describing Southwestern's 50 years as a seminary.

Net enrollment for the 1957-58 session was 2,471, according to the report. School of theology led with 1,513 students, followed by 892 in school of religious education, and 160 in the school of church music.

The student-faculty ratio has been lowered one-third in recent years but the ratio is still too high. The number on the faculty should be increased 50 per cent.

An expansion program began in 1953 looking toward observance of the golden jubilee in 1958. The goals were increased faculty and funds for buildings and endowment.

## Pre-Camp Counselors Training Program Set

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— The second pre-camp counselors training program will be held May 30 through June 7 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

Sponsored by Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., part of the theory of the course will be given at the college during the spring semester or as a reading course. The remainder of the theory and practice work will be done at Camp Crestridge for Girls and Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, which are part of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Students who are not enrolled at Carson-Newman College but who plan to work on the staff of Camp Crestridge or Camp Ridgecrest and have high school diplomas will qualify for college credit.

# Baptist Crosscurrents

## The Smoking Peril

ALTHOUGH THE British Government reaps a high income from the import and sale of tobacco it has decided that its duty is to warn the nation of the dangers of smoking. J. K. Vaughan-Morgan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, told the House of Commons: "The Government felt that it is right to insure that this latest authoritative opinion is brought effectively to the public notice that everyone may know the risks involved in smoking." It is as though he said that public health is vastly more important than revenue. The Medical Research Council (British) reported a high statistical link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer.

The council is alarmed over "a very great increase" in lung cancer in the last twenty-five years, paralleling a very great increase in cigarette smoking. It is estimated that one out of every eight life-long heavy cigarette smokers would die of lung cancer, while only one in 300 non-smokers would die of the disease. It seems to us that this menace is more of a moral issue than simply a matter of health. There is something wicked in deliberately impairing one's health to feed an unnatural habit such as smoking. The nicotine habit takes time to kill its victims, but there is also a price to be paid along the way in various sicknesses that take their toll of talent and strength. The Christian law of self-denial would help any nicotine slave that wants to be freed of the habit.

—The Watchman-Examiner

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## Strip Them Naked

Let's take our sermons and worship services, our Sunday Schools and Training Unions, our other multiplicity of organizations, and strip them clean of the paint and hogwash. What is left?

Our current church programs must have more meat on them. They must be Bible-centered: (1) the plan of salvation, (2) the reality of heaven and hell, (3) the way to worship, as well as the why of worship, (4) other Bible truths, and (5) the way to live as a Christian should live today. We must never forget the timeliness of the Bible.

The Bible must never be a supplement to man's emphases on teaching, training, and a little preaching. Instead, our man-made programs—most of which are bearing fruit—must supplement the teaching and preaching of God's Holy Word. Everything we do must be based on the Bible, and our activities must be for the sole purpose of showing forth the scarlet thread which runs throughout the Bible.

Then our Baptist programs will continue to evangelize the world. Kansas must continue to do her share of the work.

—Kansas Baptist Digest

## Florida Buying Land For New Building

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.— (BP) —The Florida Baptist Convention board of missions has voted to buy property in south Jacksonville for \$87,000, on which it plans to build a new, four-story state Baptist office building.

The property is within five blocks of Baptist Memorial Hospital and about one and one-half blocks from the Jacksonville expressway.

## Carver Trustees Elect President Ad Interim

LOUISVILLE —(BP)— George A. Carver, son of the Southern Baptist educator for whom the school is named, has been elected president ad interim of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here. He will serve until the trustees elect a permanent president. Carver has been professor missions at the school since 1953.



## Hull Named Professor At Southern Seminary

WILLIAM EDWARD Hull has been elected assistant professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southern Seminary, Louisville. He will assume his teaching duties in September, 1958. Mr. Hull is a native of Birmingham, and a graduate of Howard College.

In 1954, he was granted the Bachelor of Divinity degree by the Southern Seminary and expects to receive the Doctor of Theology degree in January, 1959.

He was married in 1952 to Miss Wyldine Hester of Wedowee, Ala. They have two children: David William and Susan Virginia.

## Golden Gate Looking Forward to New Campus

"FOR US who live and work at Golden Gate Seminary, there has recently come the thrill of saying, 'Next year we move to the new campus.'"

President Harold K. Graves made this statement in presenting the seminary's annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention. He said, "Occupancy of the new campus in 1959 now seems to be assured."

## 1960 Jubilee Committee Sets Six Joint Goals

MEMPHIS —(BP)— The Southern Baptist Convention committee on 1960 Baptist Jubilee Advance efforts adopted six joint goals at a meeting here.

The general emphasis for the year 1960 is "Evangelism through Teaching and Training."

W. L. Howse, Nashville, director of education division, Baptist Sunday School Board, is 1960 committee chairman. He listed the six joint goals as:

1. An increase in the number of churches having the four educational organizations — Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood.

2. A campaign to get every church member to read the Bible through during 1960.

3. Two million study awards.

4. To keep alive the spirit of evangelism with a major on personal soul-winning.

5. Increased effort to organize new churches and missions as a part of the Convention's 30,000 Movement (whose final goal is creation of 30,000 new churches or missions between 1959 and 1964).

6. Joint promotion of the enrolment goals in church organizations and phases of activity, as set by the organizations.

## New Orleans Seminary Outlines Decades Goals

NEW ORLEANS Seminary reported that plans for its new chapel, the major building project at this time, had progressed to the point that there would be "uninterrupted progress toward fulfillment."

Construction on the chapel was begun this spring with completion expected within 14 months.

J. Wash Watts, dean of students and acting president, presented the report in the absence of President Emeritus Roland Q. Leavell, who has been confined by illness.

The report outlined the following goals for expansion of New Orleans Seminary during the next decade:

1. \$5 million for endowment and new buildings.
2. 1,500 students as a minimum annual enrollment.
3. 50 per cent increase in faculty.
4. 25,000 additional library books.
5. A three-semester session using faculty members in a platoon system and making student progress possible on a year-round basis.

Watts reported the student-teacher ratio in the school of theology and school of religious education is "far too high." To meet accreditation standards, the student-teacher ratio maximum must be 20 to 1. At the present, there are 512 studying the school of theology with 19 teachers.

The acting president said that the seminary may surpass last year's record total enrollment of 1,087. (BP)

## Brotherhood Commission Passes 'Milestones'

THE BROTHERHOOD Commission, with offices in Memphis, Tenn., passed four "notable milestones" during 1957, Executive Secretary George W. Schroeder told the Southern Baptist Convention.

"They included (1) the observance of the 50th anniversary of organized lay work in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, (2) the consummation of the transfer of Royal Ambassadors from Woman's Missionary Union to the Brotherhood Commission, (3) the holding of the 1st national conference of Southern Baptist Men, and (4) the erection of a new unit to the Brotherhood Commission office building in Memphis," he said.

He announced that the Commission is sponsoring the second Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress Aug. 12-14 in Fort Worth. From 8,000 to 10,000 boys are expected to attend.

Two new executives joined the staff of the Commission at Memphis. They were Mrs. Mildred Dunn, who came as associate editorial secretary following a period in editorial work for the Home Mission Board, and L. E. Coleman, to be responsible for promoting church Brotherhood work. Coleman was Brotherhood secretary for Kentucky Baptists before going to Memphis. (BP)

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

### Baptized More Than Once

QUESTION: I joined another church (not Baptist) when I was a child but was not taught about salvation. Then later a Baptist preacher talked to me and I joined the Baptist Church by immersion, even though I had been immersed before. Later I was genuinely saved and baptized again. Even yet I have doubts at times and feel like joining all over.



DR. HUDSON

What's wrong with me? Is it wrong to be baptized more than once?

ANSWER: If you are like most people there are a lot of things wrong with you. But this is nothing to be ashamed of. We all have something wrong with us.

I suspect that you are a chronic worrier, a perfectionistic, exacting sort of person who never feels comfortable with God or man. To overcome this I would focus my attention on the great, unconditional promises of God concerning salvation. Second, I would realize that my feelings are untrustworthy, tricky, and cannot be depended upon to tell me whether or not I am saved. Third, remember that faith and doubt sit side by side in every human heart — we do not trust perfectly just as we do not love perfectly. Fourth, I would courageously work for Christ and witness for Him in spite of my doubt. You seem to have done all you can. Enjoy your religion.

Of course, it is no sin to be baptized twice. The truth is, you are not baptized in the New Testament sense unless it followed a true conversion to Christ. Read Acts 19:1-5. There we find some people who were immersed more than once.

### Relief and Annuity Building Nearly Ready

THE RELIEF and Annuity Board, in its 40th year as an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, is looking forward to completion of a new, 15-story office building in Dallas, where Board headquarters are located.

According to Executive Secretary R. Alton Reed, the R&A Board will occupy only the second and third floors, and will lease the remainder of the building.

Reed said the building will cost \$3,657,190 "and the rentable space will give us a return on our investment of from 4 to 5 per cent." The two floors to be occupied by the R&A Board will triple the space the Board now has in Dallas.

On Dec. 31, total assets of the R&A Board were \$55,798,566. Of this amount, \$54,430,025 (or 97½ per cent of the total) was invested and producing income from the investment. (BP)





**MUSIC EDUCATION** leaders for the Convention include: Nettie Lou Crowder, Tennessee secretary; Paul McCommon, Georgia, president; Plunkett Martin, Louisiana, vice-president.

It is usually one of the greatest events in the lives of the two principals. Consequently, the marriage ceremony should be entered into with great care and planning — understanding the responsibilities and rights of marriage and the Christian implications of the ceremony.

We consider here some of the musical considerations for a wedding ceremony:

1. Sacred music is desirable for a wedding.
2. Wedding music should be chosen with care.
3. The processional and recessional of a wedding may well be an appropriate hymn or other sacred march.
4. There is a wealth of fine organ music suitable for weddings.
5. Vocal solos are used in most weddings and yet few of those usually heard are sacred in character. Many hymns are excellent for solos.
6. Tradition has almost ruled out any change in weddings. This need not be.



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Word has come to the Baptist Building that Brother Ivan Marks has been called as missionary in Caddo River Association.

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Jesse Reed is engaged in a tent revival in Denmark Community between Bald Knob and Pleasant Plains. There is a great need for a Baptist Church at Denmark.

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C. W. Caldwell spent one day in Dallas last week in conference with Dr. Leonard Sanderson and his staff discussing Southern Baptists' program of evangelism.

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Dr. J. W. Gardner represented the Department of Missions in special services for deaf people at Forrest City, Mena, and Lake City during May.

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Eight College Students, mission volunteers, will serve as summer missionaries in Arkansas beginning June 8. Their work will be confined to the associations in the Ozark and Ouachita mountains.

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The out-of-state speakers for the Rural Church Conference at Couchdale, June 9-12, state that they are expecting a great time and a great conference. We ask your help in getting all pastors and wives of rural churches to attend.



NEW WMU officers for the Convention are, left to right: Miss Alma Hunt, secretary; Mrs. Marie Mathis, president; Robert Fling, recording secretary.

## BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull, Secretary

### Camp Season Nears

The Brotherhood Department is busy these days endeavoring to make ready a portion of the Arkansas Baptist campground for use during the summer for an expanded series of Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Camps. The bulldozing on the lake-site has been finished; a flood gate has been installed; and the lake is filling up with clear spring water. A

good ball ground has been built, and the tabernacle will be finished by the time the camp opens. Those who come to the camp will be housed again in large tents. Each tent is built over a wooden floor. The camp area will be much better suited for camps this year

## TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

ANN McCORVEY, member of 1st Church, El Dorado, won second place in the state sword drill held at the Youth Convention on April 25. She will represent Arkansas in the Southern Baptist drill at Glorieta during second Training Union Week, June 12-18.

The sword drill rules may be obtained from the state Training Union Department. The five types of drills include character, doctrinal, and unfinished. Materials for these three drills will be found in the Intermediate quarterlies from July 1, 1958 through March 31, 1959. The district drills will be held at the district Training Union convention the week of March 23, 1959.



ANN McCORVEY

than during the pioneer camp period last summer.

The Brotherhood Department has set up a large pattern of camps for 1958, including: A Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Leadership Camp, scheduled for June 11-13; two Intermediate Camps; three Junior Camps; a Young Men's Mission Conference, and a camp for 8-year-old boys. In addition the State Brotherhood Encampment is scheduled for the area on July 25-26.

The Brotherhood Department is using only a small part of the total campground area. There are other areas which can be built up and should be built up and utilized by other Departments. We trust that the time will come when Arkansas Baptists shall be willing to provide the facilities for a worthy camping program for all of the departments of our work.

Royal Ambassador counselors throughout the state have in hand registration materials for the various summer camps. We hope that every counselor will work to see that his chapter is well represented at one or more of the camps and that from many churches which do not as yet have Royal Ambassador Chapters boys shall plan to come and participate in the camp program.

## MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

PASTOR J. A. Hogan of Marshall reports 15 professions of faith among the Mexicans who are in that area picking strawberries. The Department of Missions secured the Rev. Ignacio Palomo, of Dallas, Tex., to conduct special services, Friday through Sunday. Mrs. Hogan and the Y. W. A. plan to conduct a Vacation Bible School in one of the Mexican Camps.



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# Nancy's Gift

By Marian Wozencraft

NANCY JUMPED up and down. "Today is the day, today is the day," she sang as she dressed. "Today I am going to Bible school."

She had wondered for a long time what they would do this year. She was sure it would be just as interesting as it had been before.

"I had such a good time last year," she told Mother. "Maybe I can water the flowers this morning if I hurry and get there early. Good-by, Mother."

Nancy ran all around the block to the church so that she could do an extra job before the other girls and boys came. Soon it was time to sit down and plan their work. After the teacher told them about the boys and girls in the hospital who couldn't walk, they decided to make stuffed animals to take to them.

The teacher cut oilcloth in the shape of animals. Nancy chose to make a rabbit. With a big needle and some yarn she started to sew. Each day she could hardly wait to work on her gift. It was hard work to put the needle through and then to remember to throw the thread over, but finally she had only a small opening left.

The teacher said, "Well, Nancy, you are ready now to put in the cotton stuffing."

So Nancy put in cotton in small pieces until the rabbit was just fat enough. She was careful to fill the ears so that they would stand up. Soon she sewed across the opening. The rabbit was finished, ready to take to the hospital.

Nancy looked at it. This was hard work, she thought; I wish I could keep my rabbit.

The more she thought about it, the more she wanted the fat little rabbit for her very own. The others were wrapping their gifts, but Nancy sat and held hers. She didn't want to wrap it and give it away.

"Why can't they buy some gifts for those boys and girls?" she wondered.

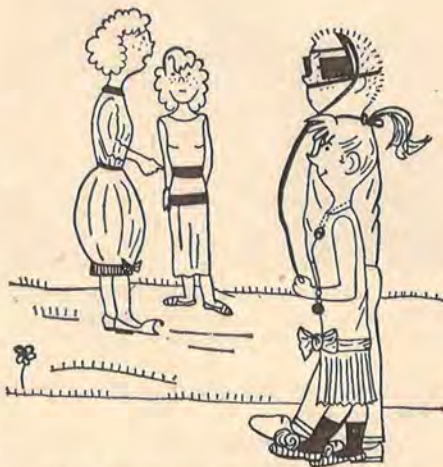
Then the teacher said, "Hurry, Nancy, we are almost ready to go. Everyone get your gift."

Nancy thought about how long it had taken her to make the rabbit. She looked at the pretty paper and ribbon on the table. She wanted this gift more than she had ever wanted anything else. There were several and maybe they wouldn't miss hers. She could leave it and come back later and take it home.

But it was too late to hide it now. All the boys and girls were waiting for her. She sighed and picked up the toy. She chose some red ribbon and some pretty blue paper with white bunnies on

## THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



"They started going steady, yesterday."

it. Slowly she wrapped her gift.

The group rode to the hospital. There on the lawn under the trees the sick boys and girls were waiting. Some of them were using crutches and others were in wheel chairs.

Nancy looked at them. "I'm glad I can walk," she decided. "It must be tiresome not being able to run and play."

The boys and girls seemed so happy to have company. They clapped their hands and smiled. Nancy felt as if they were all smiling at her. All at once she walked forward and handed her rabbit to a little blue-eyed girl, who was sitting in the wheel chair close to her.

"I hope you like it," she said. And when the little girl opened the package, Nancy knew she did like it.

"I think I shall make some more animals at home for some other children," she told the teacher on the way back to the church. "There are so many things I can play that I don't need a rabbit. Maybe I can help some others get well sooner."

And Nancy went home feeling much happier than when she had come.

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## Summer Fun

By Helen Baker Adams

Sing and shout—school is out  
Until autumn! What about  
Making every summer day  
More worth while in every way?  
Earn your keep being cheerful,  
Running errands, never tearful.

Fun and work, play and prayer;  
Up for breakfast, smile and share;  
Never leave a task undone.

(Never had such summer fun!)

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# A Smile or Two

Timesaver

SOME FOLKS are like the little boy who, when asked by his pastor if he prayed every day, replied, "No, not every day. Some days I don't want anything."—Christian Herald

Perfect Alibi

A QUICK-thinking employee came up with a new one when his foreman demanded, "How come you're sleeping on the job?"

"Goodness," replied the employee, "can't a man close his eyes for a minute of prayer?"—McCall Spirit

Filial Pride

THREE BOYS were boasting about the earning capacity of their fathers. The first said, "My father can write a few lines and call it poetry and sell it for ten dollars."

"My father," said the second, "can draw a few lines, add a few dots, and call it music. He sells it for twenty-five dollars."

The third scoffed at the others, saying, "That's nothing! My father is a preacher. He can write a few lines, say them in church, and it takes six men to carry the money down the aisles."—Christian Herald

Or Tutti-Frutti

A FATHER was buying his small daughter an ice-cream cone.

"What kind of ice cream would you like?"

"Why, Daddy, I think strawberry would look best on my dress."

Wise Choice

DOCTOR: "What did you want, a boy or a girl?"

YOUNG FATHER: "A boy."

DOCTOR (looking disappointed): "I'm very sorry, but it's a girl this time."

YOUNG FATHER: "Well, I'm not too disappointed. A girl was my second choice."

Cherchez La Femme

FLOORWALKER: "Are you looking for something in men's apparel, sir?"

MAN: "No, something in women's apparel. I can't find my wife."

Silence With a Bang

SMALL BOBBY was playing on the back porch when suddenly there was a great clattering and banging out there.

"Bobby," called his mother, "what are you doing?"

"Nothing," he answered. "Nothing at all."

"What are you doing it with?" demanded his mother.

A small voice answered, "With a hammer."—Capper's Weekly

"WHAT DID the green light say to the red light?"

"I wonder where the yellow went."—Baptist Student



# In the Land of Promise

By ANDREW HALL

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Joshua 11:16-20, 23; 24:14-18

**T**HE CHILDREN OF Israel gradually moved into the Promised Land. Moses had taken them into the area of Sinai. Under General Joshua they now crossed the river Jordan near Gilgal, which was just above the Dead Sea, and moved eastward.



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Not only was Joshua a military strategist but he possessed the quality of being able to develop the people spiritually along the way. At the point of crossing the Jordan River, he gave a demonstration of visual education for his people and future generations.

He directed the building of a memorial which consisted of twelve stones, one representing each tribe. They were placed there in memory of what God had done for them. In succeeding generations children would ask their parents, "What meaneth these stones?" This would give an excellent opportunity for parents to teach God's deliverance of His people. Verses 16-23 of Chapter 11 give an account of the conquest of Canaan by the Israelites. Happily, it states that they then rested from war.

Was it right for God to let Israel destroy other peoples? Is war ever justified? Can one assume the role of an aggressor and be right? These are difficult questions for any generation, but let us be cautious about condemnation. Were the Europeans less guilty in taking the land of the Indians in a place called America? Did God want us here to fulfill his purposes for our time? Let it be remembered that whether man's actions are approved by God or not, God is still in ultimate control of all history.

It should be stated that modern research has revealed that Canaan was an exceedingly wicked nation. Dr. Roy Grace (Earnest Worker) points out that Canaanite theology presented the gods as delighting in sensual excesses. Prostitution was accepted as a religious rite. The people of this nation of Canaan were far away from God. They needed regeneration. What about the people of America? Do we aid and

abet evil practices in our society?

Someone described an experience of going to a hearing where the discussion centered around granting another liquor license in an already over-populated saloon and liquor store area. "The liquor dealers and the members of the board conducting the hearing all greeted each other effusively, like long-lost pals." Naturally, such a group would look narrowly at a group of church people. Snickering and remarks under the breath always characterizes such occasions. How were the Christians treated? As interlopers who would dare interfere with a man's freedom and right to make a good "honest" liquor-living.

To stand and look at the skylines of some of our leading cities is a frightening and awesome experience. One might meditate, "Lord God of hosts, will you, can you be with us yet?"

As suggested last week, one of Joshua's most admirable traits was his ability to choose. Choose is a very meaningful word. One of our hymns includes these words, "once to every man and nation." The composer develops the thought that there comes a moment when one must decide between truth and falsehood and all the future depends upon that decision.

Joshua bravely stood before his people and declared that he and his house would serve the Lord. As a wise leader, he knew that each family of Israel would need to make this same decision. By this time in the story (a lapse of several years) he knew that Paganism and intermarriage had corrupted the worship of his people. He knew, as we surely must know, that personal commitment to God must be first hand—never second hand.

Some homes contain plaques bearing the motto, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Such a slogan would not likely pass the approval of a modern interior decorator, but it is a credit to any home if it represents sincere practice. A covenant is a thing which must be constantly brought up to date. As someone has reminded us, "If every lost person in the world were won to Christ, we would still have the task of evangelizing the next generation." Every day thousands of growing children reach the age of spiritual accountability. Another has said, "Religion may be inherited, but faith must be personally attained."

## PRACTICAL TRUTHS

A teaching of divine-human encounter is necessary for every people and every generation.

God continues to bless those who sincerely keep His covenants.

Choosing and following God is not arbitrary or optional; it is an absolute essential.

God brooks no rivals to His throne—not even when we try to enthrone ourselves.

Disobedience to God brings bondage and tragedy.

Closing thought: A card was seen in one home which read something like this: "This family belongs to Church. It is our custom on Sunday morning to attend worship at our church. If you are our guest we invite you to attend with us. If you do not wish to go, you may remain here until we return."

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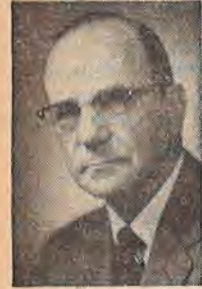
# Executive Board STATE CONVENTION

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## Music Program Ministers to Many

## Correction

OUR CHURCH music program, under the capable and devoted leadership of LeRoy McClard and assisted in the office by Mrs. C. Fletcher Watson, Jr., has been one of the major developments in the work of our Convention during the past score of years. It was "on Sept. 2, 1941, in response to a call from the temporary chairman, 286 delegates from 22 cities and towns in Arkansas gathered at Immanuel Baptist Church



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for a Statewide Church Music Conference and Festival." It was in this meeting that a permanent organization known as the "Arkansas Baptist Church Musicians" was set up. Mrs. B. W. Ninger was named the first director. Under her capable leadership was launched the first statewide church music program in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The objectives adopted by the organization were:

- 1) To glorify Christ in all church music.
- 2) To encourage a closer relationship between all church musicians of Arkansas.
- 3) To encourage our colleges to offer courses in church music leadership.
- 4) To discover and develop leaders among our young people who do not attend college.
- 5) To reach every church in Arkansas with a training program.
- 6) To hold music clinics, festivals and training schools whenever advisable.
- 7) To organize or re-organize our choirs including Junior, Intermediate, Young People and Adult.
- 8) To develop appreciation and zeal for the best in church music.
- 9) To encourage a better grade of evangelistic singing.
- 10) To bring about the right kind of community sing-songs in church music.
- 11) To co-operate with the public school system in teaching better church music.
- 12) To encourage a closer relationship

between pastors and music leaders in bringing to pass the above objectives.

The achievement report of this department for 1956-57 made to our State Convention last year shows remarkable progress toward realizing these worthy objectives.

Adult Training Awards.....	2,099
Churches Reporting Training .....	202
Associations Reporting Training .....	38
State Music Conferences (Attendance) .....	458

IN OUR report for the first quarter of 1958 we showed total receipts from the 1st Church of Stuttgart as \$1,432.82. This should have read \$2,432.82. We regret this error in our report.

State Youth Choir Festival (Attendance).....	858
State Junior Choir Festival (Attendance).....	648
State Primary Choir Festival (Attendance).....	191
Associational Music Officers Strength .....	52%

## The Bible Plan of Giving

WE FIND that Baptist churches have many plans for raising money. In nearly every church there are numerous people collecting and disbursing money. Therefore, if one has membership in



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the average active Baptist church, he is expected to take his tithe to the church on Sunday morning and give it to the church through the Sunday School. Then, when Monday comes and the individual decides to attend the W.M.U. meeting, the member must not forget to pay the dues or give to the flower fund, or something else. If the member belongs to the Brotherhood and attends that meeting on Tuesday night, he can expect to pay his part to keep a radio program or some other project going, so the minutes will reflect that the organization is active.

On Thursday at the Sunday School class party, everyone is admonished to "Be sure and 'drop' some change into the 'kitty' because we sent flowers to Harry Never-Pay and unless we send some to Johnny Sleep-Late his family will not feel right toward us." Then on Friday night, all of the members decide to attend an associational rally the presiding officer makes the following announcement, "We want to take an of-

fering to pay Dr. Somebody's expenses."

This may be an exaggerated case, but I am sure many of our readers can see a resemblance to their own local plan of finance. The Bible says, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (I Cor. 16:2)

Here we see God's plan — a definite person taking his money to a definite place, at a definite time, and on a definite percentage basis.

"Everyone of you" does not mean the father, or the family, but every individual church member,—YOU!

"Lay by him in store" means that God has a place to care for his part of our money. This is based on the New Testament teachings as well as Old Testament teachings.

"On the first day of the week" means the Lord's Day—Sunday. It also means that there is a place for system and discipline in the financial affairs of the church.

"As God hath prospered him"—here we see that giving has reference to prosperity. Paul did not stipulate a certain number of dollars but according to the increase. That means a percent. The Old Testament always advocates a definite percentage—the tithe or ten percent.

Perhaps the time has come for us to make a more definite approach in encouraging better stewardship practices.

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