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ARKANSAS  
*Baptist*





**CANDIDATES FROM ARKANSAS**—Eleven students from Arkansas are candidates for graduation May 16 from Southwestern Seminary. Receiving Masters of Religious Education will be, from left, top row: Billy Harold Fowlkes, Mt. Vernon; Thurman Hitchcock, Van Buren; Norman L. Lewis, Little Rock; and Pearl Spikes, Grannis. Bachelor of Divinity: Mason Warren Craig, Stuttgart; Jim E. Tillman, Pine Bluff. Bottom row: Robert H. Bauman, Stuttgart; Glenn Wesley McCoy, Hatfield; William David May, Fordyce; Alvis J. Moore, Washington; and Don Moore, Greenwood.

**FIVE YOUNG** people, including two star three-letter athletes, were saved in a week-end revival, Apr. 4-6, led by three Ouachita students in St. Charles Church. Hunter Douglas, son of Associate Executive Secretary Ralph Douglas, led the singing and handled the services; Ronnie Condren did the preaching, and Martha Ann Wilson was pianist and soloist. Pastor Art King reported that there were other additions to the church and a number of rededications. He said: "I recommend to our churches the using of these young people on week-ends."

● **CASTING HAS** been completed for "Antigone" by Sophocles adapted by Dennis Holt, professor of speech at Ouachita. The play will be presented June 17 at the 7th National Dramatic Arts Conference at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. The leading characters, Antigone and Creon, will be played by Betty Hill, Ferndale, Mich. and Reuben Setliff, Magnolia.



**THIS PARSONAGE** has been purchased by Maple Avenue Church, Smackover. The six-room home has 1,480 square feet of floor space with an attached garage.

● **DELL CHURCH** has started a new educational unit. (CB)

● **THIRD AVENUE**, Greene County Association, has called Stanley Smith as pastor. (CB)

● **OREGON FLAT** Church, Boone and Newton Associations, dedicated their new building Apr. 20 with Bill Cook delivering the dedication sermon. (CB)

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● **FIRST CHURCH**, Harrison, has called Gayle Bone, Batesville, as music and youth director for the summer. He is a graduate of Ouachita and was a lieutenant in the armed forces until recently. He was an all-conference basketball player and AIC track champion. He will attend Southwestern this fall. (CB)

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● **A MAJORITY** of the churches in Warren are joining in a citywide revival, July 13-27. Dr. Hyman Appelman will be the evangelist. (CB)

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● **OUACHITA COLLEGE** Baptist Student Union officers for 1958-1959: Dick Norton, sophomore, DeQueen, president; George O'Neal, sophomore, Ft. Smith, vice president; Nannette Webb, sophomore, Little Rock, secretary; and Polly Jones, junior, Little Rock, treasurer.

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● **REV. AND MRS.** Van Gladen, Southern Baptist appointees to Mexico, should be addressed: c-o 1st Church, Uvalde, Tex. Mrs. Gladen is the former Alma Ruth Franks of Lepanto.

## First Auca Won; Progress Noted

**THE BLOOD** of the martyrs may well prove again to be the seed of the church — in the jungles of Ecuador.

Deep in the dangerous jungles where the five young missionary heroes marched through gates of splendor to meet their Lord, Betty Howard Elliot (widow of martyred Jim Elliot) is faithfully witnessing to the two Auca women — Mankamu and Mintaka — who recently ran away from their tribe.

The two, apparently seeking rest and peace from the terrible killings that characterize their tribe, have presented a list of recent murders. One declared: "I am an orphan, my children are dead, my husband has been speared — and so now I come to you." She had apparently buried her little daughter just before her flight, and when speaking repeatedly pointed to a little girl of about 10 and burst into tears.

Meanwhile, in this country, the first Auca convert has been won to Jesus Christ. Rachel Saint, sister to Nate, has had the joy of leading to Christ the Auca woman Dayuma who accompanied her to the United States and who appeared with her on Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" television program. (EP News Services)

● **TOMMY BALLARD** was ordained as a deacon by Light Church, Greene County, Feb. 9. O. C. Wright served as chairman and interrogator, Owen Ring gave the charge; J. Ray Ezell led the ordination prayer; Vance Cupp presented the candidate and Guy Whitney preached the ordination sermon.

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# 12 Recommendations Readied By Executive Committee

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The Executive Committee will ask the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention to approve 12 recommendations.

Recommendations include a budget for the Convention for 1959, proposed changes in the Convention's annual meeting schedule, a proposed new rotating basis for the committee preparing the annual Convention order of business and a charter for new Midwestern Baptist Seminary.

The proposed 1959 Convention budget is \$17½ million. Of that sum, \$10,800,000 will be for operating budgets, and \$4,200,000 will be for their needs.

The \$2½ million additional will be the Advance goal and will be shared by the Convention's two mission boards only after the \$15 million required for operating and capital expenses has been met.

The Executive Committee further rec-

ommends that the Convention establish a procedure for opening its annual session on Tuesday night and closing on Friday night, holding afternoon sessions on Thursday and Friday.

Wednesday afternoon would be left open for seminary luncheon and other special group meetings. The Convention Sermon would be preached on Tuesday night and no debatable business could be presented at that session.

The Committee on Order of Business, responsible for scheduling the various parts of the annual meeting of the Convention, would be given a rotating membership if another recommendation is approved.

The order of business each year also would be revised to permit more time for those attending the Convention to consider business matters and resolutions presented at the Convention meeting.

## The Cover



## The Family Together

THIS IS the time of the year to get out the croquet set and have some family recreation.

Although we Americans have more time of our own than any other people on earth, it has become increasingly more difficult in recent years for the family to find time to be together. But those families that do find time to play and work and worship together are not likely to be plagued with crime and delinquency problems from within.

Southern Baptists, now numbering nearly nine millions, are being urged to set aside Monday, May 5, as Home Dedication Day.

Home Dedication Day is a feature of Christian Home Week. Approximately three million families are being called on to pause in their daily routine and acknowledge God as the head of their homes.

A home dedication service appears in the May issue of *Home Life*, the Christian family magazine of Southern Baptists published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. The service is a responsive reading in which it is suggested that one member of the family lead as others respond.

Families are urged to conduct their home dedication service at the regular time for family worship in the home. The service includes a dedication "to personal and family worship, Bible reading, and prayer."

Families which have already dedicated their homes to God are asked to renew their vows on May 5.

● THE CHAPEL Choir, Golden Gate Seminary, will present two concerts in Arkansas during the May tour. The choir will be in 1st Church, Forrest City, on May 12, and at Ouachita College, May 14.

● LETTERMEN FOR the 1958 Ouachita basketball team have been announced by Coach Bill Vining. They are Don Rosa, Lake Village; Jim Perry, Muskogee, Okla.; Marvin Venable, All-A. I. C. forward, Little Rock; Jack Harrison, Muskogee, Okla.; Frank Wiggins, Little Rock; Paul Fitzgerald, Sheridan; Bill Dawson, Pine Bluff; Jim Massey, Batesville; Jim Ready, Eudora; Jim Braden, Monette; Dean Scroggins, Columbia, Tenn.; and Jody Jones, Quitman, Tex.

● MISS SHIRLEY Jackson, Southern Baptist missionary to South Brazil, may be addressed, Caixa Postal 1982, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Miss Jackson is a native of Centerton, Ark.



GROUND-BREAKING services for an educational annex were held Apr. 6, at Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith. A contract for the \$134,390, 2-story cream brick building, has been let. The building, an annex of the present auditorium, will house eight Sunday school departments and a choir rehearsal room. It will have 54 rooms in its 13,100 square feet of space, and will be air-conditioned. Construction is scheduled for completion by Oct. 1. Left to right are: James Pleitz, pastor; R. E. Snow, Sunday School superintendent; James Chatham, educational director; Joe Fite, Building Committee member; Kenneth Brown, chairman of deacons; and J. G. Dooly, Jr., chairman of building committee and trustees. Not pictured is Gene Staton, another member of the building committee.

● SPRING VALLEY Church, Washington-Madison Association, has added the Arkansas Baptist under the budget plan. Jack Taylor is pastor; Mrs. Ted J. Sanders, secretary.

## Our Share of the Guilt

A FEW DAYS ago the papers carried the news of the death of a young man and two teen-age boys in a car "accident" near a central Arkansas town. But the papers did not even mention that drinking was involved or that one of the cars was travelling at more than 100 miles per hour when the "accident" occurred.

Innocent victim of the tragedy was a 15-year-old boy who had just come onto the highway from his home and was headed into town, in his family's car. He saw the other car, occupied by a man aged 26 and a 16-year-old boy, headed toward him and had pulled all the way off on the highway shoulder, on his side of the road. But he was like a clay pigeon in a shooting gallery before skilled marksmen. In a matter of seconds his life was snuffed out as the oncoming car crashed crazily into his car.

Both of the occupants of the offending car died shortly afterward. But one of them lived long enough to tell what had happened. They had been drinking and they were out on the road getting thrills out of scaring other drivers off the highway.

They had spotted a south-bound car as they came over a hill travelling north from town. The driver of the "thrill" car had swerved to the left to give the driver of the approaching car a scare and was going so fast he could not pull back to his side of the road.

According to our informant, who was a personal acquaintance of the two teen-agers killed, the reckless drivers had been reported to the highway patrol by the driver of a car that had been forced into a ditch to avoid a collision, and the officers were close upon the death car shortly before the fatal collision.

How long will it take America to wake up to the high cost in lives of legalized booze? Of course, it is against the law to drive a car while under the influence of alcoholic liquors. But the liquor industry is a "respectable" and legal business. It has always seemed inconsistent to us for it to be legal for liquor to be manufactured and sold but illegal for one to be in the state he gets in by drinking it.

Of course, this is just another "dry" venting his spleen, and the only result will be a few "wet" smiles or sarcastic cracks. We will go on with legal liquor, sending out ambulances with screaming sirens to clean up the ever recurring mess caused by speeding and demoniac drivers under the influence of whiskey, wine and beer. But as family after family gives up loved ones as sacrifices on the ghastly altars of alcohol addiction and the carnage it brings close in its wake, it may be enough voters will start shouldering their individual responsibilities to the extent something can be done about it.

Democracy is a dangerous form of government if the people lack vision, character, and judgment. The majority cannot be right in voting, or failing to vote, and permitting an evil like alcoholic beverage to be legal. As someone has said, there are enough Baptists in Arkansas to make Arkansas a legally dry state. That being true, Baptists of Arkansas must shoulder a terrible share of the guilt for what happened on a quiet stretch of a country highway a few miles north of a central Arkansas town as three youths died. —ELM

## Send Pastor and Wife to Houston

IF YOUR CHURCH does not have a policy of sending its pastor to the annual Southern Baptist Convention, there is still time for you to act. When this is read the 1958 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Tex., the week of May 19 will be close at hand.

Let us suggest not only that you send your pastor and take care of all his expenses, but that you add \$100 so that he may take his wife with him. The pastor's wife is one of the most important people in the church and, oftentimes, one of the least appreciated. It will mean a great deal to the pastor and his wife, to your church, and, we believe, to the progress of the Lord's work as a whole, for them to have the privilege and the opportunity of attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

—ELM

## Personally Speaking . . .

### Wednesday Night Bridge

Suzy Hankins has joined the Wednesday Night Bridge Club.

You remember Suzy. She is the pretty little brown-eyed girl with the dimpled cheeks that used to sing soprano in the church choir. Suzy used to attend prayer meeting on Wednesday nights — choir practice, you know. And, of course, she made both church services on Sunday — you have to be there when you sing in the choir.



But having choir practice every Wednesday night is awful confining. Then, too, a person can do just so much. You are liable to ruin your health if you overload yourself, especially with church work.

Suzy decided several weeks ago she was going to have to give up something. So she gave up her place in the choir. And right away "they" — the superintendent of Intermediate S.S. Department No. 1, to be exact — were "after" her to take a class of girls.

The girls were getting to be quite a problem, it seems, and nobody was willing to be their teacher. But Suzy decided right away, without wasting any time praying about it, not to take the class. Let somebody else worry with those little brats!

The nice thing about Bridge is that you meet such nice people. They are all church members, but they don't let their religion interfere with having a good time. Several of the members of the Wednesday Night Bridge Club have daughters in that problem Sunday School class they tried to get Suzy to take.

Wednesday night is a good time for the Bridge club to meet. This is the one night of the week that does not interfere with lodge, garden clubs, or anything else important. Of course that is still prayermeeting night. But the members of the Bridge club would not be going to prayermeeting anyhow. Not even Suzy. When Suzy gave up the choir she practically declared her independence from the church. Just goes now when she feels like it or when it comes handy.

The Wednesday Bridge Club will mean a lot to Suzy. She will have a chance to give her views on the home, juvenile delinquency, and what the world is coming to. She may even use her Christian influence to see that not all of the punch gets spiked.

"Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness" (Luke 11:35).

*Erwin L. McDonald*

**THE PEOPLE SPEAK**

**Catholic Persecution**

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find an article about a mob attack on one of our missions on this field. (See article, on page 11.) On other occasions when such attacks have occurred and our Baptist Press has enlisted our people in prayer the persecutions have always turned out for the good of the work.

Many Evangelicals have been killed and their work destroyed by fanatical mobs in Mexico. However, we have had no loss of life on our field, in spite of the fact that this is one of the most fanatical sections of Mexico and that we have had many persecutions. We feel that the prayers of our people have made the difference.

Also, we believe that the people in the States ought to know what Catholicism would do in America if it had the power.

We thank you for your personal prayers and for your help in enlisting the prayers of others. — Orvil W. Reid, Guadalahara, Jal., Mexico.

**Former WMU Heads**

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As an old timer in the work of the Baptists of our state, particularly in the activities of Woman's Missionary Union, I am sure my first letter to you should have been written some time ago to welcome you as editor of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST. I can assure you at this late date that I read the paper regularly and appreciate your important role in its production each week.

This letter is mainly written, however, to call your attention to an error in your editorial on page four of the issue of April 10th regarding a statement concerning the past presidents of Woman's Missionary Union. I take the liberty of doing this, since I am the last historian of the Union, having prepared the manuscript for THE YIELD OF THE GOLDEN YEARS which was used in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the organization.

There have been fifteen past presidents of Woman's Missionary Union, of whom nine are now living, so far as I know. Your editorial stated that only six were now living. The ones who survive, besides the three who were in attendance at the recent meeting, are (in the order in which they served) Mrs. H. C. Fox, Pine Bluff, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Whiteville, Tenn., whose home was in Hot Springs for many years, Mrs. W. D. Pye, Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, Mrs. C. H. Ray and Mrs. L. M. Sipes, all of Little Rock. — Mrs. W. D. Pye, Little Rock.

**THE BOOKSHELF**

Why I Am A Mormon, by U. S. Senator Wallace F. Bennett, is another in a series published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1958, at \$2.75. Others in the series include: Why I Am A Methodist, Why I Am A Lutheran, Why I Am A Presbyterian, Why I Am A Baptist, Why I Am A Disciple of Christ, Why I Am An Episcopalian, and Why I Am A Jew.

This book will be of especial value to ministers and teachers and other mature readers who are interested in studying Mormonism from the viewpoint of an adherent.

Preface to Pastoral Theology, by Deward Hiltner, published 1958 by Abingdon at \$4.

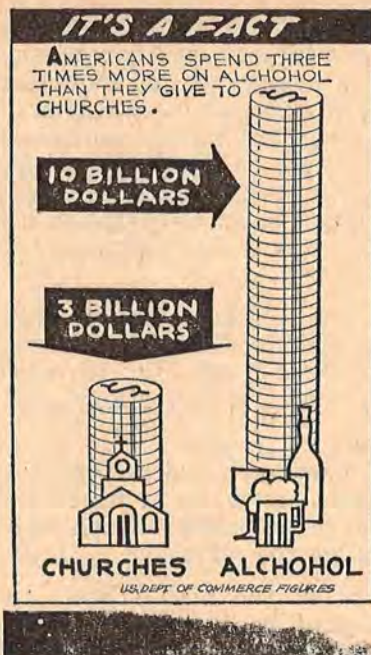
Dr. Hiltner's thesis is "that pastoral theology is a formal branch of theology resulting from study of Christian shepherding, that it is just as important as biblical or doctrinal or historical theology, and that it is no less the concern of the minister of the local church than of the specialist."

Shepherding, organizing, and communicating are the three perspectives from which pastoral work may be viewed and each of these, says Dr. Hiltner, is the basis of a theology. Here he is concerned with the theory and ministry of shepherding — its meaning, its importance, and its theological content.

"So many people think they must be leaders, and indeed every group needs committee chairmen. But people are needed who will work with chairmen. Not everybody can be a leader, so more people should study how to be good followers." This is the conclusion of a typical, one-page meditation entitled, "Needed: Followers as Well as Leaders," based on the scripture, "He leads me in paths of righteousness," and taken from the new book, Meditations for Youth, by Walter L. Cook, published 1958 by Abingdon at \$1.75.

Return to Reality, by W. P. Witcutt, published 1958 by The Macmillan Company at \$1.75, is the personal appraisal of the Roman Catholic Church by one who "journeyed from the Anglican Church to an espousal of the Church of Rome . . . and back again to an acceptance of the Church of England."

"The Anglican accepts the Christian revelation as it is given to us through the holy Scriptures," writes Mr. Witcutt. "I believe it is the living God, the God of Nature, the same whose voice I seemed to hear singing in the woods, who spoke through the prophets and the mouth of Jesus Christ," he continues. "But the Anglican does not add a superstructure derived from Greek philosophy on to that revelation and believe it as of duty bound. I have the deepest respect for Greek philosophy, but I do not believe it is a part of the Christian revelation, nor that theological explanations of Christian doctrine derived from it are to be accepted as of faith."



**One to Three**

NORWAY IS a small country. It has a population of only 3½ million. Ninety-five per cent of the people are said to be Lutheran, the state church.

Baptists are greatly in the minority; 7,500 members in 65 churches.

And yet, we are told, the Baptists of Norway have 21 missionaries on foreign fields of service . . . approximately one for every three churches!

To look at it in another way, the Baptists of Norway have approximately three missionaries for each 1,000 church members.

If Southern Baptists, with their 30,000 churches and almost 9,000,000 church members, should manifest an equal devotion in behalf of world evangelization, they would now have on the foreign fields of service no less than 10,000 missionaries.

As it is, we have approximately 1,200!—R. Paul Caudill

**Registration Cards For SBC Received**

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION cards to be used in certifying messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention have been received in state headquarters.

Churches desiring registration cards for their messengers may write Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Baptist Building, Little Rock.

No church will need more than 10 cards since this is the maximum number of messengers from any one church.

The cards are being sent out in advance to speed registration at Houston.

## Lawlessness in the Schools

THE ALARMING state of mind which characterizes some teen-age pupils in our public schools is being revealed more and more clearly. In city after city boards of education are being compelled to take drastic action to curb insubordination, vandalism, and other forms of lawlessness. In New York City the school authorities have been galvanized into action by a series of shocking incidents in public schools. Now this city's board of education has decided that it will immediately suspend any student convicted of violence or insubordination.

Similar action has been taken in the schools of Kansas City, Missouri, where habitual impudence, intentional disruption of classroom activities, violence, and even crime are appearing with more and more frequency. Teachers tell of hoodlums terrorizing classrooms.

School officials immediately responded with orders for stern discipline for offenders. Law enforcement agencies promised full cooperation. Press, radio, television, and public forum were brought into service to reveal and explore the situation.

Subsequently, the principal of one of the high schools announced that he was reinstating the punitive system abandoned years ago and strengthening it with an accumulative punishment plan, which might result in the ultimate suspension of incorrigible students. A pupil who is sent from his classroom for misconduct will automatically be kept one hour after school. Any student proven guilty of a breach of discipline within a class gets five such overtime hours. If he misbehaves while serving an overtime, he draws five additional overtimes.

In other cities situations of a similar kind are being reported. In one the operators of school busses refuse to transport children until they are given guarantees of remuneration for mutilation and defacement of the bus interiors while the pupils are en route.

All of these outbreaks are symptoms of a situation which has its roots back in the home training. Children who are taught to subscribe to the simple rules of wholesome and healthful living and have instilled in them a proper respect for the rights and privileges of others in the home will not be a problem in the school. When they are allowed to run at large without any restraint or without any consideration of others, they impose a great problem upon the teacher in the school. This same spirit of insubordination will later be manifested in life, producing the vandal, the hoodlum, and the murderer.

The idea which has predominated in some educational circles that a child left alone will develop naturally into a wholesome being is being exploded. Neglect your garden, and you will reap weeds and thistles and not flowers and vegetables. The idea that every child is an incipient rose and if left to itself will bloom into a thing of beauty does not comport with the facts of life. Even a rose must be cultivated and pruned to be at its best. If it is a climber, it will need assistance and something on which to climb, or it will wallow in the dust.

One bad apple may spoil a hundred others. If teachers are forced to keep in class a bad pupil who flouts discipline, corrupts others by bad example, and takes up time and energy which should be used in teaching those who wish to learn, then that child should be expelled. If the compulsory state laws stand in the way, they should be changed to give school officials the authority to protect the schools from those who are persistently disruptive.

—*The Word and Way*

## Revival Reports

CLARENCE SHELL, Hot Springs, was evangelist for the Mar. 30-Apr. 6 meeting in Riverside, Little Rock. Seven came by profession, one surrendered to the ministry, one answered the call to do special work in the juvenile detaining home and many came for rededication.

THERE WERE 12 additions by baptism and one by letter during the revival at Pleasant Valley Church, Trinity Association, Mar. 31-Apr. 5. Max Taylor, 1st Church, Bay, was evangelist, and Jackie Hancock, Bay choir director, led the music. A group of Bay young people assisted.

L. F. HOLT, busy in evangelistic work since giving up the pastorate three years ago, reports 24 by baptism and six by letter in the Mar. 23-30 meeting with Mallory Heights, Memphis.

DR. BEN Bridges, Baptist Foundation secretary, conducted a revival for Ardmore Church, Memphis, Mar. 23-30. There were 23 additions, 17 by baptism.

LEON WESTBURY, South Texarkana Church, writes: "I recently closed a meeting with Love St. Church, Lovington, N. Mex. I had to leave on Friday night, so don't have a complete total, but when I left there had been 21 professions, 7 additions by letter and 75 rededications."

EIGHT PROFESSIONS and two additions by letter were recorded in the Mar. 19-28 revival of Beech Street Church, Gurdon. Jack Gulleddge, East Main, El Dorado, did the preaching.

THIRTY-THREE additions, 20 by profession, were recorded in the revival in Amboy Church, North Little Rock, closing Apr. 6. Ralph Dodd, evangelist, and Bob Hall and John Baw, song leaders, aided pastor Arnold Teel in the meeting.

STATE EVANGELIST Jesse Reed did the preaching and Arthur Nelson, Reynolds Memorial, directed the music in a Mar. 9-16 meeting in Grace Church, North Little Rock. Pastor L. C. Tedford reported 15 additions, seven by baptism.

NEIL JACKSON, associate pastor, 1st Church, Helena, brought the messages and Kenneth McElduff, deacon in the church directed the music, in a six-day meeting recently. There were 22 additions, 18 by baptism, and 104 rededications.

HARRY G. JACOBS, 1st Church, Osceola, writes "to report a very happy revival experience which shall continue to bless our church for a long time." Dr. Frank Norfleet, Paducah, Ky., a native Arkansan, was the evangelist, and Bill Cromer, Southern Seminary instructor, directed the music. Twenty-two additions were recorded, 13 by baptism.

## Anonymous Letters

QUESTION: There is one (or more) persons in our church who writes anonymous letters. She (or he) writes them to the pastor, the choir director, the Sunday School superintendent and the Lord only knows who else. They are the vilest things you ever read, full of criticism and ugliness. What can the church do about such people? And what should our attitude be toward such behavior?

ANSWER: If these letters contain vulgarity or accusations that are criminal (such as slander) the post office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will deal with them. If not, as is usually the case, the best thing to do is ignore them.

I know a pastor who never allows his secretary to show him an anonymous letter. Some studious soul really gets cheated in his case, for this pastor gets plenty. Most pastors receive such letters sooner or later.

It is hard to say the truth about such letter writers. Some say that they are among the meanest people on earth. Others say that they are sick mentally. Still others say that they are fearful cowards. Only God knows, so let Him judge them.

This much is reasonably certain. They are not hard to spot. You can submit these anonymous letters to any group in your community and ask them who would write such stuff. The same one or two names will come up as the guilty ones. To me this shows that, sick or sinful, these people are different; they mean to be.

Ignore them. Life is too short to spend time on people who won't sign their names.

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

## Circulation Up 10,000

### On Ambassador Life

MEMPHIS — (BP) — Circulation of Ambassador Life, monthly magazine for Royal Ambassadors, increased 10,000 from October, 1957, through January, 1958.

This publication is now received by 77,000 boys and leaders across the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Ministers' Wives Plan

### Houston Conference

HOUSTON — (BP) — The Ministers' Conference — held during the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention — will meet Wednesday, May 21, at River Oaks Church here.

Meeting hours are 2:30 to 4 p. m. Mrs. W. E. Denham, Jr., Houston, is president of the ministers' wives group.

## Light Weight Clothing

### Suggested For Houston

HOUSTON — (BP) — If weather follows its usual May pattern, it will be warm enough in Houston for Southern Baptist Conventioneers to wear light-weight clothing.

They might also like to bring along bathing suits.

And bring raincoats or umbrellas, too, the weatherman advises. The average rainfall for May is 4.84 inches.

A May day high temperature is often 85 degrees and the lows about 55.

Houstonians dress in spring clothing at that season of the year. Women wear spring cottons or synthetics, with small, conservative hats. Men wear tropical weight suits.

Dark colors predominate. For protection against a cool spell, stoles or sweaters for women are suggested.

## Over 40? College Says

### Forget About Degree

SOUTHERN COLLEGE, Walnut Ridge, advises pastors over 40 to consider the practical ministerial courses offered by the college rather than trying for a college degree.

The college pointed out for this group "it is usually unwise for him to attempt the traditional courses because of the limit of time, economic circumstances and educational background."

Officials at Southern pointed out that such courses offered at the Walnut Ridge institution are "most practical." Opportunities for preaching while attending the college are excellent, officials said, explaining that there are more than 500 Baptist churches within 100 miles of Southern.

## Home Board Releases

### New Filmstrip

THE OFFICE of Promotion of the Home Mission Board has released an instructional, combination filmstrip and tract on "How to Prepare for and Conduct a Revival." The filmstrip is one of the "how-to-do-it" productions on evangelism in preparation for the 1959 Evangelistic Emphasis. It can be used at state evangelistic conferences, associational evangelism clinics, pastor's conferences, church councils, study courses, assemblies, camps, and with leaders in Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union.

The manual can be secured from the State Department of Evangelism for use by church leaders who have definite revival responsibility. The filmstrip can be obtained from Baptist Book Stores for \$5. Available free to missionaries from the Office of Promotion, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.



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## RUSSIAN SELF-CONFIDENCE GROWTH

THE PEOPLE of Moscow are not at all inclined to gloat over their sputniks and other scientific accomplishments, Dr. Reuben K. Youngdahl reported on his return from a visit to the Russian capital. "Invariably it was I who brought up the subject," he said. "And they were hesitant to talk to an American about it." Dr. Youngdahl, pastor of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, said this was not because they fear their police. "Rather," he said, "they were afraid of the reaction of an American."

COLOMBO — Spot announcements offering Bible correspondence courses are now being accepted by 100,000-watt Radio Ceylon. Prior to October, 1957 this powerful station aired many Christian programs. Due to Buddhist pressure the broadcasts were cut off. However, by spot announcements the missionaries can offer their Bible lessons to millions of listeners through all India. Government radio stations in India will not accept Christian programs.

HERISAU, Switzerland — The all-male electorate of Herisau, a canton capital, made history by voting to make Catholic teachers eligible for posts in the communal schools. Ever since 1597, when the Reformation split the area in two, Catholics have been barred from teaching in the schools of the Protestant area. Nearly 30 per cent of the population of the canton is now Catholic.

BOGOTA — A Presbyterian school in the Colombian town of Villarrica, Tolima, has been closed by order of the national Ministry of Education, and the 91 children who were enrolled in the Protestant school are left without the opportunity to learn to read and write. Children of Protestants are not admitted to Villarrica's public school system.

WARSAW — The Methodist Church in Poland is planning to re-open its theological seminary for the first time since World War II. American Methodist leaders believe these plans are indicative of the relative freedom of the church in Poland.

PRAGUE — New regulations have been issued to the press and schools of Czechoslovakia regarding the capitalization of religious words. Hereafter only such words as God, Jehovah, Saviour and Holy Ghost may be capitalized in the Czech language, out of respect toward the supernatural being, but all names of churches, religious groups, religious holidays, and the Bible may no longer be given capital initial letters.





**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT JUNIOR MEMORY-SWORD DRILL**—Juniors who participated in the Southwest District Junior Memory-Sword Drill at the District Training Union Convention at 1st Church, Hope, March 18, were: (1) Tom Keys, Gurdon; (2) Charlotte Byrd, Gurdon; (3) Camille Byrd, Gurdon; (4) David Allen, Nashville; (5) Tom Goodwin, Nashville; (6) Judy Dyer, Nashville; (7) Camille Bishop, Nashville; (8) Lauren Cox, Gurdon; (9) Betty Baldrige, Gurdon; (10) Dora Ann King, Hope; (11) Larry Thrash, Hope; (12) Kathy Thrash, Hope.



**CENTRAL DISTRICT JUNIOR MEMORY-SWORD DRILL**—Four Juniors participated in the Central District Junior Memory-Sword Drill at the District Training Union Convention, 1st Church, North Little Rock, March 14: Patricia Hull, Levy; Helen Pruitt, Cabot; Gary House, 2nd, Hot Springs; and Ruth Ann Hunt, Levy.



**EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT JUNIOR** who participated in the East Central Church, Forrest City, were: (1) Richronza; (3) Lee Ora Brimhall, Madison McGee, Harrisburg; (6) Peggy Woodruff, City; (8) Mike McGee, Harrisburg; (9) Yeldell, West Memphis; (11) Judy Yonker, City; (13) Kathy Drace, Tyrone.



**NORTHEAST DISTRICT JUNIOR MEMORY-SWORD DRILL** who participated in the Northeast District Junior Memory-Sword Drill at the District Training Union Convention, Walker, Keiser, were: (1) Gary Hook, Lake Charles, Wood, Jr., Paragould; (6) Shanon, Paragould; (8) Gary Gregory, Paragould; (10) Carolyn Brasher, Keiser, Stags, Keiser.

### Atlantic City Jubilee Celebration Proposed

**HOUSTON** —(BP)— The Southern Baptist Convention will be asked to "approve and join" a celebration of the founding of the Triennial Convention. The celebration will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., May 18-24, 1964.

Recommendation will be presented to the Convention by C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., general chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee.

The Triennial Convention — formerly known as the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America



**MEMORY-SWORD DRILL**—The 13 Juniors who participated in the West Central District Junior Memory-Sword Drill at the District Training Union Convention, Paris, were: (1) Curtis Wells, Ft. Smith; (2) Sharon Coleman, Ft. Smith; (3) Judy Rhoney, Ft. Smith; (4) Frankie Wilkerson, Ft. Smith; (5) Harold Womack, Ft. Smith; (6) Warren McWilliams, Ft. Smith; (7) Louira Rhoney, Ft. Smith; (8) Linda Schoeppe, Ft. Smith; (9) Brenda Davis, Keiser; (10) Janie Davis, Keiser; (11) Janice Cox, Keiser; (12) Glenda Davis, Keiser; (13) Jane Braddock, Tyronza.



**WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT JUNIOR MEMORY-SWORD DRILL** — The eight Juniors who participated in the West Central District Junior Memory-Sword Drill at the District Training Union Convention, Paris, were: (1) Curtis Wells, Ft. Smith; (2) Sharon Coleman, Ft. Smith; (3) Judy Rhoney, Ft. Smith; (4) Frankie Wilkerson, Ft. Smith; (5) Harold Womack, Ft. Smith; (6) Warren McWilliams, Ft. Smith; (7) Louira Rhoney, Ft. Smith; (8) Linda Schoeppe, Ft. Smith.



**MEMORY-SWORD DRILL**—Juniors who participated in the Northwest District Junior Memory-Sword Drill at the District Training Union Convention in Rogers were: (1) Larry Hicks, Rogers; (2) Dianna Ruth Dunson, Rogers; (3) Vicky Finn, Rogers; (4) Betty Ryan, Rogers; (5) Linda Marie Dunson, Rogers; (6) Grant Hall, Fayetteville; (7) Connie Wing, Fayetteville; (8) Thelma Wilson, Fayetteville; (9) Johnny Dunson, Rogers; (10) Patricia Ryan, Rogers; (11) Charles Stubblefield, Fayetteville; (12) Andrea Hall, Fayetteville.



**NORTHWEST DISTRICT JUNIOR MEMORY-SWORD DRILL**—Juniors who participated in the Northwest District Junior Memory-Sword Drill at the District Training Union Convention in Rogers were: (1) Larry Hicks, Rogers; (2) Dianna Ruth Dunson, Rogers; (3) Vicky Finn, Rogers; (4) Betty Ryan, Rogers; (5) Linda Marie Dunson, Rogers; (6) Grant Hall, Fayetteville; (7) Connie Wing, Fayetteville; (8) Thelma Wilson, Fayetteville; (9) Johnny Dunson, Rogers; (10) Patricia Ryan, Rogers; (11) Charles Stubblefield, Fayetteville; (12) Andrea Hall, Fayetteville.

### Ohio Baptists Elect New Editor of Paper

TOLEDO, Ohio —(BP)— R. G. Puckett, pastor of Hubert Ave. Church, Lancaster, Ohio, has been elected editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger. Puckett will also serve as Baptist Student Union director.

Puckett is a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville. In the editor's position he will succeed George W. Fletcher, who remains with the convention as director of religious education.

for Foreign Missions — was organized at Philadelphia in 1814.

### Second Library Plea Issued by Midwestern

KANSAS CITY, Mo. —(BP)— Midwestern Seminary is sending out a second plea for books and other material for its library.

L. R. Elliott, Fort Worth, former librarian at Southwestern Seminary, is acting librarian of the new seminary.

Midwestern representatives will be available at the Rice Hotel during the Southern Baptist Convention, or at the seminary booth display in the Coliseum to talk with anyone interested in donating material for the library.

At other times, those interested in building up the library collection may contact Elliott at Box 6500, Fort Worth 15.

Midwestern Seminary opens for its first school year Sept. 8.



**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT JUNIOR MEMORY-SWORD DRILL**—The Junior to participate in the Southeast District Junior Memory-Sword Drill at the District Training Union Convention, 1st Church, Warren, was Miss Carol Cantrell, Stephens.

## Foreign Mission Board Sounds Call for More Missionaries

AN EVER recurring refrain throughout the semiannual full meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, April 8-9, was the critical need for additional missionaries to strengthen work in 38 countries of the world and to enter additional countries.

The Board set a goal of 1,800 missionaries under appointment by January 1, 1964, and called all Southern Baptists to earnest prayer "to the end that an increasing number of our finest young people may respond to God's leadership for service overseas." The 1,800 missionaries will be distributed so that there will be approximately 600 for each of the three geographical areas into which the Foreign Mission Board divides the world: (1) Latin America, (2) Africa, Europe, and the Near East, and (3) the Orient.

### How Does One Choose?

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, told of one of the most frustrating tasks he has been called on to undertake. Each area secretary was asked to set forth the 50 most urgent personnel needs in his area. "How does one decide what are the 50 most urgent personnel needs when he is confronted with 275 urgent needs?" asked Dr. Means.

### Two Countries Must Wait

Dr. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, told of a sad day spent in Southern Rhodesia during his recent three months' visit to the area for which he has responsibility. It was the day he attended a meeting of the Baptist Mission of Central Africa.

Southern Baptists have 36 missionaries under appointment to Southern Rhodesia; but the federation of Central Africa includes all of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. This means that Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland are also within the responsibility of this particular Mission.

Although the seven stations in Southern Rhodesia are not yet adequately staffed, the Mission voted in 1957 to send workers into Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland during 1958. One experienced couple was designated to go to Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia; another was designated to go to Blantyre, Nyasaland. Immediately after this decision these couples returned to the States for furlough with the definite understanding that upon their return to the field they would proceed to the new stations.

Dr. Goerner said: "This decision was reached by the Mission in faith that the Advance Program would furnish additional personnel to reinforce the existing stations in Southern Rhodesia. But, alas, the expected recruits did not come; and the Mission was forced to face the fact that should the experienced couples fail to return to

Southern Rhodesia two existing stations would be left completely unmanned for at least a year. Missionary residences would stand vacant. New schools would be left without supervision. Young, growing churches without adequate pastoral care would be abandoned to many doctrinal and organizational dangers.

"With heavy hearts, the missionaries agreed with an equally sad secretary: The missionaries cannot be spared until reinforcements are available to man these stations in Southern Rhodesia. Extension into Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland must be postponed for another year. If the heartache of this Mission could be shared throughout the Southern Baptist Convention there would be scores of volunteers offering themselves for mission service."

### Under Orders

The report of Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, was one of "gratitude, expectancy, and a sobering sense of mandate." Gratitude was expressed for the 18 young people appointed at this meeting of the Board to bring the number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,204.

Expectancy was indicated in the statement that there are now more candidates actively seeking appointment than in any previous year. The sense of mandate was derived from the urgent calls for additional missionaries.

### Basic Demand: Surrender

As Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauten called the Board's attention to foreign mission advance over the past 10 years in missionary personnel, finances, geographical expansion, and techniques of evangelism and church development, he said:

"At this stage in advance it is wise for us to remember that the basic requirement for winning the people of the world to our Lord is nothing less than unlimited surrender to the will of Christ. We must press ahead with missionary personnel. It is only as Southern Baptists see a challenging response of life to the call of world need that our maximum efforts will be put forth."

### Rapid Growth Marks Union Association

HOUSTON — (BP) — Seventy-one new churches and 77 new missions in 10 years is the growth record for Union Baptist Association, which includes Houston and surrounding cities. The association has 156 churches and 27 missions, with a total 135,000 members.

Association churches have reported from 6,000 to 7,000 baptisms annually during the past five years, 10 per cent of the Southern Baptist Convention baptisms in Texas.



**THE ROPE** — This Korean lad heard that the Bible van of the Bible Society was coming to his village the following week. Above all he wanted his own New Testament. Working from early morning until late at night, he made 453 feet of straw rope and, bringing it he purchased a New Testament. The Korean Bible Society used the rope to bind up cartons. Even this sacrificial gift was not enough to pay the actual cost. The difference is made up by the American Bible Society which, in cooperation with the Korean Bible Society, distributed 646,843 volumes last year.

### Pastor's Conference

FORT WORTH (Spl) — The campus of Southwestern Seminary will be the scene for the second annual Pastors' Conference June 23-27. Theme of the conference will be "The Minister and the Contemporary World."

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## Bring Total to 1,204

AMONG THE 18 young people appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its semiannual full meeting in April was the first professionally trained hospital administrator ever sent out. He is James C. Ware, who will work with the new Baptist Hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Three medical doctors were also appointed. Dr. Hal B. Boone will serve in Tanganyika and Dr. Joanna Maiden and Dr. L. C. Smith will both go to Nigeria.

These 18 appointments brought the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,204.

## New Feature Added To World Tour Plan

CHARLES C. Coffey, 1st Church, Kannapolis, N. C., and Dr. Bruce Price, 1st Church, Newport News, Va., have announced an added feature for their "Around the World and Holy Land Tour" scheduled for this summer. Hodgson Travel Service has agreed to include the World's Fair at Brussels, Belgium, without an increase in the price or extending the time of the tour. By taking late afternoon flights time will be gained without sacrificing places visited, making it possible to have the time to visit the World's Fair.

The tour is scheduled to leave June 30 and return August 15. The all-inclusive price of \$2,289 includes transportation from the tour member's home city airport and return, as well as hotels, meals, and professionally-guided sightseeing. Further details may be secured by writing Mr. Coffey, Dr. Price or Hodgson Travel Service, Inc., 1346 Connecticut Ave., Washington 6, D. C.

## Missionary Baptizes First Converts in East Africa

NINE MEN and one woman, the first converts to Christianity resulting from Southern Baptist mission work in East Africa, were baptized Feb. 20, in a running stream at Mbeya, Tanganyika. Southern Baptist missionaries entered East Africa in the fall of 1956.

Present to witness this historical baptismal service was Dr. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Foreign Mission Board, who was on a three months' tour of missionfields under his supervision.

Missionary Samuel A. DeBord, who conducted the service, reports that 12 other people from Mbeya have answered the invitation to accept Christ and are now enrolled in the inquirers' class. After six months of study these, too, will be baptized.

# Mob Attacks Baptist Mission

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Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico

Some members of the Baptist Churches of Ciudad Guzman, Tuxpan, and Tamazula, Jalisco, Mexico, met in the home of a new believer in the town of Zapotiltic to begin a new mission. In that town of about 6,000 there is no evangelical work. Three or four families were interested and had attended services.

After the meeting in Zapotiltic the priest went to the home in which the services were held and threatened to burn the house and to kill the people if they should continue services there. The man of the house told our Baptist pastors about it and it was agreed that representatives of the three Baptist churches should interview the mayor. Two pastors and three student missionaries arrived first. Some one informed the priest and he used his Jeep to round up a mob.

When the other pastor arrived and started for the mission he found a great crowd outside throwing stones and shouting insults. He rushed to the mayor to ask for police protection. The mayor promised to send help, but did

not do so. Then our visiting pastor called up Cd. Guzman, the nearest military center, and asked for help. The military authorities called the mayor of Zapotiltic and he reported that there was no disorder in his town. After much delay two policemen were sent out to the house, but they waited until after the mob dispersed. The priest had forced the visiting Baptists into a car and sent them out of town.

Later when the vice-mayor was asked why he did not send the police immediately upon knowing of the mob attack, he replied that he could not have done anything. He said that the mob would not have respected the authorities and that they would have killed his policemen. The mayor had left town after the first notice of the attack was given, so as to evade responsibility.

Pray that the few new believers there may be faithful in spite of the threats against their lives and property. Pray also that this abuse on the part of fanatical Catholics may cause liberal people to turn to Christ. One problem we have there is that the family where we have the services live in a rented house. If they continue allowing us to have services there the priest will have the owner to run them out of the house. Pray that we may be able to buy a place there for services. If the priests should succeed in running us out of one town it would bring persecution in many places to try to do the same.

## NEW HOSPITAL BOYCOTTED

The archbishop of Guadalajara and this section of Mexico has condemned our hospital. He has prohibited all Catholic doctors to serve in it and all Catholics to go there for medical services. Some of the doctors withdrew their applications for membership on the staff, but others have not announced their intention of obeying the order. It creates a real problem for the doctors, as it would mean excommunication to them and their families. Also, it would mean that, if they work with us in the hospital, they will be boycotted in their regular practice. Any business, or professional man who might go to the boycotted doctor might in turn be boycotted in his business as well as be excommunicated.

Please pray especially for Dr. E. Lamar Cole and the doctors who help him. If we had the money we could fill the hospital with charity patients, until more paying patients could get over the boycott scare. As it is, the hospital can barely pay salaries and other expense.

Win America to Christ! The United States is a great mission field for Catholicism. To the extent that Catholicism controls, democracy is destroyed. What it is doing in Mexico, Columbia, and Spain it would do in the United States if it had the power!

## Baptist Wins Landslide Victory in Canada

PRINCE ALBERT — (BWA) — John G. Diefenbaker, leader of his party in the greatest political landslide in Canadian history, celebrated his victory by coming home from the capital at Ottawa to see his 85-year-old Baptist mother.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, an active Baptist in a land where Anglicans and Catholics predominate, has just been handed the greatest political power ever known to a Canadian leader.

Mr. Diefenbaker is an active lay leader in his church. He neither smokes nor drinks, and never makes political speeches on Sunday.

Baptist young people of the world will have a chance to know Mr. Diefenbaker when he addresses the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto to June 27-July 2.

## Radio, TV Workshops Set

RADIO AND television workshops sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission will be conducted this year at Glorieta Assembly, Aug. 7-13, and at Ridgecrest, Aug. 21-27. The workshops are designed to be the most comprehensive and practical ever held. Assisting will be experts in drama, music, radio, television, writing, and promotion.

## MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

THESE ARE busy days for the workers in the Department of Missions. We seldom see each other as we are crossing



ing the state in various directions for revival meeting engagements and other special services. Your superintendent of missions has had the privilege of conducting revivals at Second Church, Camden; University Church, Shawnee, Okla.; and Eagle Heights Church, Harrison, and is currently engaged in a revival with the Lawson Church near El Dorado. Keep your servants in mind when you pray.

Do you need materials on the 30,000 Movement? We have ample supply of tracts on "What the State May Do," "What the Association Can Do," and the "Churches' Part in the Movement." Certainly all of us must cooperate from the south-wide circles down to the last church and out to the last place of service. Write to us if you need any literature.

The June Worker's Conference in White County will stress missions and the church's responsibility in establishing new stations. This should be an idea for other associations. Why not plan a Worker's Conference Program dealing with the various phases of local mission work. If we can assist any association in its program and supply the materials, call on us.

Plans have been set up and a survey is being made in the Denmark Community between Bald Knob and Pleasant Plains for a tent revival in which Jesse Reed will do the preaching. Truitt Langley, a layman in Second Church, Searcy, will lead the music. The Bald Knob Church will extend an arm to receive members. Missionary E. E. Boone is making the survey and completing the plans for this spring revival.

Pastor Bill Burnett of Judsonia and Missionary Boone have completed a survey in Judsonia, looking toward the establishing of a new mission in that town.

The Everton Church, in Boone County, was dedicated Sunday, April 6, with C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions, delivering the dedication message. The Everton Church was organized in 1952 and worshipped in the Methodist church house. Recently, the congregation purchased an old building formerly used as a cob pipe factory. It has been rebuilt into a nice, beautiful church home, with Sunday School rooms and an auditorium that is very attractive and worshipful.

## BROTHERHOOD

By Nelson Tull

THE TASK OF getting the Arkansas campground ready for the 1958 summer Royal Ambassador camps is now well



MR. TULL

under way. The first project is the swimming pool, which is surely a prime must for the camp. The dam for the pool is about 180 feet long, and the length of the pool, when filled, will be about 300 feet. This means something over an acre of swimming area, with plenty of deep water for diving, and ample shallow water for learning to swim. Water in the lake will be controlled by a floodgate, which is already in place. The floodgate is mounted on a 24-inch drain pipe which is laid underneath the dam. In addition to the floodgate, an overflow pipe twelve inches in diameter goes through the dam near the top. To carry away an excess of water due to rainfall, a spillway has been constructed at one end of the dam.

The swimming facility is in a beautiful setting, and will be enjoyed by all who come to the camp. This is a permanent installation!

The second major project for the camp is in the preparation of playground areas. Three of these are in prospect: two for baseball and other group games, and the third for small games. Ample facilities for recreation will be ready before the camp opens.

A third project is the building of a tabernacle on Tabernacle Hill. It will be an open-air structure, and only a temporary construction, yet will be entirely adequate.

A new stove for the kitchen, much new kitchen equipment, and many additional conveniences and facilities will all add up to a better camp and a more effective camp program.

And it is wonderful, indeed, to realize that the camp belongs to Arkansas Baptists!

We are receiving many requests in regard to supplement on pastors' salaries. It should be remembered that before any request is made that the church should set up a budget, and canvass its own membership to see whether or not the people will be able to pay the salary. In other words, do not ask for mission funds until the people have been asked to do their part. We want to help where there is a need and where the people are absolutely unable to care for their pastor, but we cannot help every request that comes in. There is a limit to what can be done.

## WMU

Miss Nancy Cooper, Secretary

### Houseparty Cancelled

THE HOUSEPARTY for members of Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary scheduled to be held at Hardison Hall, Petit Jean, May 2-4, has been cancelled according to action of local members of the executive board because of an immediate emergency in leadership.



MISS COOPER

Organizations anticipating representation there are urged to send members to the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Camp to be held at Ferncliff July 21-25. Other members are also invited to plan to attend the camp. There is no limitation on attendance.

Sorry, girls! It could not be helped. Day of Prayer

May 5 is the date suggested for the observance of the Day of Prayer for Community Missions. Mrs. Roy E. Snider, state community missions chairman, prepared plans for the observances by Woman's Missionary Societies, Girls' Auxiliaries and Sunbeam Bands. Mrs. T. K. Rucker prepared ones for Young Woman's Auxiliaries. These were sent organizations early in April.

Community Missions is defined as "Christ-like living in one's own community." Is there a greater need? This special observance will help evaluate the spiritual needs of the community and will include meeting those needs even as He would meet them.

### Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

The annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will be held in Houston, Texas, May 19-20, Monday and Tuesday preceding the Southern Baptist Convention. It will open on Monday morning and close with a joint session with the convention on Tuesday night. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president, will preside.

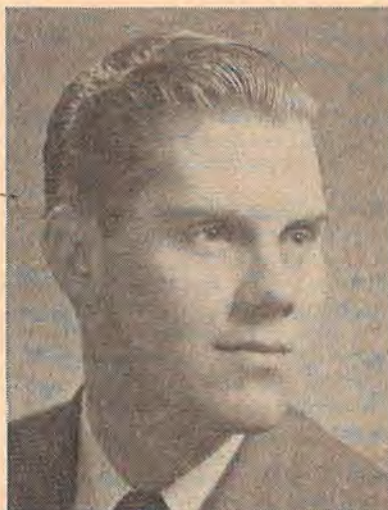
The first 49 members of Woman's Missionary Union from Arkansas who register will compose the state's delegation and will have voting privileges. Seats will be reserved for delegates only. There is no limit to the number of visitors from each state, but they do not have voting privileges and should not sit in the reserved seat section.

Be one of 49 to represent Arkansas.

### 114 Easter Baptisms

DALLAS — (BP) — Wallace Bassett, pastor of Cliff Temple Church here, baptized 114 persons on Easter Sunday. This was twice as many converts as Bassett has baptized previously on any one day. The Easter Sunday was his 41st Easter as pastor of Cliff Temple Church.

## Speakers for BSU Spring Retreat



**SPEAKERS FOR** the annual Baptist Student Union Spring Retreat April 25-27 at Ferneliff include, top, left to right: Dr. Chester Swor, of Jackson, Miss., and Dr. William Hall Preston, Nashville, Tenn. Bottom, left to right, Pastor James Yates, 1st Church, Paragould, and Pastor James Pleitz, of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith. Others who will be major speakers include Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

### CHURCH MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Director

### Elementary Music Conferences

THIS IS the second in a series of articles on the South Arkansas Music Conference on Ouachita College campus, June 16-20 and North Arkansas Music Conference at Siloam Springs Aug. 19-26.



MR. McCLARD directs the activities of this age division.

The Elementary division is for boys and girls, 9-11, or children that will be in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades in school. well known specialists are chosen to direct the activities of this age division.

A day in the life of an elementary music camper will include:

6:30, arise; 7:00, breakfast; 8:00, Christian hymnody; 9:00, Tonette Band; 10:00, recess; 10:15, musical experiences—rhythm activities, music appreciation—rhythm training, creative activities, sight singing; 11:15, instruments of the orchestra; 12:15, lunch; 1:15, rest period; 2:00, boys swim, girls handicraft; 3:00, girls swim, boys handicraft; 4:00, recreation; 5:00, dinner; 6:15, mail call; 6:30, worship; 7:00, choir; 8:00, combined choirs; 8:30, stunt night, talent night, recitals; 9:30, to sleep; 10:00, lights out.

A Star Music Camper is chosen from the boys and from the girls and receives a scholarship to music camp 1959. All boys and girls who earn a certain number of points will be Honor Music Campers and receive a special award.

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# The Bear's Kid Brother



"**LITTLE BROTHER** of the Bear" is what the Indians call the raccoon, and it is a very good description. For the raccoon is indeed a member in good standing of the bear family. Even though he is related to the bear family, he is not a very big person, only about thirty-two inches long. But he is fat and clumsy like his big relatives.

Mr. Coon has a thick, bushy tail that is white and ringed with black. It is responsible for one of his many nicknames — "ringtail." His hair is long and coarse, and he has a pointed snout. He wears a gray-black coat, but the most outstanding thing about him is that he wears a black "mask" across his little white face, making him look like a pretty little woodland bandit.

Sad to say, Mr. Coon not only looks like a bandit, he is one. He will steal anything he can lay his clever little hands on: eggs from a bird's nest, corn from a farmer's fields, honey from a hive, ANYTHING!

When he is not helping himself to things that don't belong to him, Br'er Coon enjoys shuffling lazily about the woods. But he always has an eye and an ear cocked for possible danger. He is often pursued by men and dogs, but he wisely prepares hiding places all along the way, into which he can duck if trouble appears.

These hiding places are generally deep burrows, which he digs in high banks or cavities beneath rocks. He also loves to prowl about wet places and often follows cowpaths that lead down into streams. If he sees a fallen tree, he can hardly ever resist the temptation to run along it, from one end to the other, like a little boy.

The raccoon is interested in anything and everything. One sure way to attract him is to leave something bright and shiny where he can see it and then

hide to watch him. Sooner or later his curiosity will get the better of him, and he will trot over to investigate the object.

Baby raccoons are born in the spring and are as helpless as most babies. If taken from their mother, they cry much like human babies, and only a very cruel person would do such a thing.

Br'er Coon spends much of the winter sleeping, just like the bear. He doesn't like the cold, and he hates to have to go out in it. But with the coming of spring when the joy of living fills all hearts, little Mr. Coon is out looking for food. But at this time of year when the earth is newly born again, food is hard to find, and he may go hungry and lose much weight.

Coons are greedy little woods people and will eat just about anything. Their menu will include such things as birds, snakes, frogs, eggs, insects, fruit, nuts, grain, vegetables, sweets, clams, fish, and other foods. The Masked One is a night animal, and since he can see very well in the darkness, usually he has little trouble finding food.

One of Br'er Coon's eating habits is funny, and he has become famous for it. Coons will eat few, if any, things without first washing them. Science still isn't sure just why he does this. Some people think he does it to wash dirt and gravel off such foods as crawfish, fiddler crabs, mussels, and oysters. Other people say he dunks his food to make it soft so that it will go down easier. No one knows for sure — except Mr. Coon. But because of this strange habit the Germans have given him still another nickname — the "wash bear."

And finally Br'er Coon makes a dandy pet. He is one of the few wild animals that can become as tame and affectionate as a puppy or a kitten. Yes, a very strange and amusing little fellow is the Bear's Kid Brother!

A TAX cut is always the kindest cut of all.

—Banking

THE YOUNG man told his girl, "I'm keeping a record of all the good times we've had together.

"Oh," she said, "a diary!"

"No," he replied, "stubs in a check-book."

—Santa Fe Magazine

THE TELEVISION salesman gave a convincing home demonstration when selling the remote-controlled set. He installed it in the home, then took the remote control a block down the street and switched channels without difficulty.

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"Doesn't it work?" asked the salesman.

"Oh, yes," said the customer, "it works just fine. But it's getting to be quite a nuisance going down the street every time I want to change the channel."

—William C. Kessler.

THE YOUNG mother was taking every precaution to insure a sanitary existence for her infant son. In fact, up to the time he was three months old, visitors were not permitted to see the baby unless they wore gauze face masks. One day the mother turned to the father and said:

"Junior seems to be cutting a tooth and I suppose I should find out about it somehow."

"Well," suggested her husband, "my mother used to put her finger in the baby's mouth and . . ."

Noticing the horrified expression on his wife's face, he gently added:

"Oh, of course you boil the finger first."

## THE TEEN AGE by Judy McDonald



"All I know is when I went to pick her up for the masquerade party she just screamed and slammed the door in my face!"

# God's Mighty Deliverance

Exodus 11:1 to 15:18

By W. B. O'NEAL

April 27, 1958

THE LAST of the 10 awful plagues is about to fall upon Egypt. The children of Israel are to be saved from this plague as from the others, but this time they are to be protected through an act of obedience. It was not the act that would save them but the sight of the blood upon the doors of their homes. Accepting this sign as a token of their deliverance, God would keep His promise, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

The Feast of the Passover was to be kept by the Israelites for all generations as a memorial of their deliverance. It was in connection with the observance of this feast that Jesus established the Lord's Supper. We observe this Supper to remind us of our Passover, "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (I Cor. 5:7b). The passover, therefore, was a foretype of the Lord's Supper. Each is a reminder of deliverance through blood.

Quickly the children of Israel are moving out under the leadership of Moses and are following the pillar of cloud and of fire. They are directed to go a circuitous route lest they fall into war in their unorganized state. But the king of Egypt once more hardens his heart and with a great army starts in pursuit. The Israelites discover this pursuit at a time when they are shut in by mountains on the one side and the sea on the other. They become frantic with fear and chide Moses harshly. But when Moses goes to God with the trouble he is told to command the children of Israel that they go forward. Moses is then instructed to hold the rod out over the sea, and the sea divides, leaving a path of dry land. The children of Israel pass over that pathway. The pursuing Egyptians are all drowned by the returning waters.

Again we are reminded of an ordinance of the church. The baptism of Israel is not mentioned as such in the Exodus account, but Paul refers to the event in these words, "And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea" (I Cor. 10:2). It was fitting that the newborn nation should be baptized. The call of God had been heard and answered. They had come under the blood. Their God-sent deliverer had been accepted and they had begun to travel with him. The nation, as

a unit, was a fit subject for baptism.

This great deliverance was to become the song of saints and sages, not alone to Israel, but to all lovers of God through the centuries. Whenever Israel forgot this triumphant event, idolatry and sin penetrated her borders, and evil days fell thick and fast. When we, as Christians, forget our deliverance and fail to keep it before us and to teach it to our children, then evil days fall on us and the chastening hand of God is sure to be felt.

There is an invisible pillar going before every true believing saint. Though invisible, the pillar is real. Truly, we are on the march with Israel. Ours is the same God, the same redeemer. Are not we God's chosen people? The conquest of Canaan was Israel's task. The conquest of the world is ours.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dr. Edgar Williamson, Secretary  
Standard Sunday Schools

A TOTAL OF 52 Sunday schools have received recognition as standard for the 1957-58 Sunday School year. Facts prove conclusively that Standard Sunday Schools do better work. For instance, in Independence County the Sunday Schools reaching the standard reported a net gain of 260 in enrollment since 1950 while the other schools reported a net loss of 113 during the same period.

Below are listed the standard Sunday Schools for this year to April 15. Is your Sunday School here? If not, why not check up and determine to reach the standard by July 1.

Rosedale, Little Rock; 1st, Plummerville; Biggers; 1st, McGehee; Kelley Heights, Ft. Smith; Immanuel, Little Rock; West Batesville; 1st, Little Rock; Highway, N. Little Rock; Pilgrim's Rest, Batesville; Floral; Ruddell Hill, Batesville; Rosie; Calvary, Batesville; Remount, N. Little Rock; Amboy, N. Little Rock; Ouachita, Sparkman; Granis; Rehobeth, Moorefield; Levy, N. Little Rock; 1st, Osceola; 1st, Fordyce; Hebron, Little Rock;

1st, Keiser; 1st, Leachville; 1st, Manila; Geyer Springs, Little Rock; 1st Sheridan; Tabernacle, Little Rock; Dermott Chapel; 3rd, Malvern; 1st, Bentonville; 1st, Fayetteville; 1st, Blytheville; West Side, Manila; University, Fayetteville; 1st Southern, Sheridan; 1st, Forrest City; Trinity, Little Rock; New Providence, Leachville; 1st, Springdale; 1st, Wilson; Pine Grove, Sweet Home; Gosnell, Blytheville; Yarbrow, Blytheville; Calvary, Camden; Diaz; 1st, Sparkman; 1st, Penn. Memorial, Eureka Springs; Harvey's Chapel, Hot Springs; 1st, Warren; and 1st, Cotter.

## ORPHANAGE SEEKS STAFFERS

A man and wife or a widow to work with teen-age boys at Bottoms Baptist Orphanage and a man and wife who can help in field work and serve as assistant superintendent are being sought.

To qualify for the boys cottage position, applicants must be Baptist and have some knowledge of working with boys. The man will help with maintenance work. Room, board and salary are provided.

Training in counseling to help in case work and dedication to the work and care of children are wanted in applicants for the assistant superintendent's post.

H. C. Seefeldt, Superintendent  
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage  
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## Executive Committee in April Meeting

**F**ROM TIME to time we shall use part of our space to keep our readers informed on actions of the Executive State Convention.



DR. WHITLOW

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on April 15, the committee voted, on the recommendation of the Personnel committee, that Dr. C. W. Caldwell, secretary of the Missions department, carry on

the work of the Evangelism department until after the survey of the total work program for the state, now being made, is completed. The secretaryship of the Evangelism department has been vacant since the retirement recently of Dr. I. L. Yearby.

On the request of Superintendent J. A. Gilbreath, of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, the Committee voted to recommend to the State Convention at its annual session next November that the debt limit for the hospital's building program be raised from \$300,000 to \$500,000. The larger amount is needed because of increases in building supplies, Mr. Gilbreath said.

A committee has been named to study a proposed plan of extending Blue Cross-Blue Shield hospitalization benefits to ministers and other full-time church employees, through the office of the executive secretary of the State Convention. The committee is to make a report and recommendation at a later meeting of the State Board.

The Committee voted to deposit with the library of Ouachita College until such time as they may be needed here, microfilms of associational minutes of the State Convention.

Vacancies on the Executive Board were filled as follows:

Leslie Riherd, pastor of West Batesville Church, Batesville, filling the vacancy left in Independence association by Richard Brannon, who has moved from the state; Ray Dougherty, layman from 1st Church, Stuttgart, to replace Norman Lerch, whose moving away left a vacancy in Centennial association; and Dale McCoy, pastor of 1st Church, Brinkley, to fill the vacancy from Arkansas Valley association left by Rel Gray, who recently moved from the state. These men will serve until the next meeting of the State Convention, at which time board members will be elected to fill the unexpired terms.

It was voted, on the recommendation of Dr. C. W. Caldwell, to pledge financial support to the newly organized Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock, to the extent of \$3,000 out of 1958 building-aid funds and a similar amount out of 1959 building-aid funds and \$6,000 to be granted out of capital needs, new church sites, in the 1958 budget. These amounts are to be provided only in the event the church itself is unable to meet its monthly payments in 1959.

### The Cooperative Program

## Working Together to Win the World

THE COOPERATIVE Program means that Baptists work together in preaching the Gospel to a lost and dying



DR. DOUGLAS

world. By participating in the Cooperative Program, Baptists work on the same level toward the same objectives in a world mission plan.

The pastor teaches and preaches stewardship to the people of his congregation. The church members are led to bring their tithes and offerings to the church and the church is led to share those tithes and offerings through the Cooperative Program.

Every individual Baptist decides what portion of his income will go to Kingdom causes through his church. He is instructed to give at least a tenth of his income but the decision rests with the individual church member. This is true, because following the will of God is a personal matter and each individual must decide for himself. But every loyal, born-again supporter of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, will never

want to give less than 10 per cent of his increase to the church where he has membership.

Therefore, when people are led to bring their tithes to the church they should at the same time be led to share their gifts with a lost world. At present there are nearly eleven hundred Baptist churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Each church is a separate, individual, autonomous organization, and has the privilege of deciding how much money it will give through the Cooperative Program.

A real Baptist church has a mandate from Jesus Christ — "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth . . . And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

When all of our Baptist people become good stewards and all of our Bap-

tist churches become concerned about a lost world, we can enlarge our efforts through the Cooperative Program, win more lost souls, reach more nations, and put Satan on the run in many, many places where he is now holding sway.—RD

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