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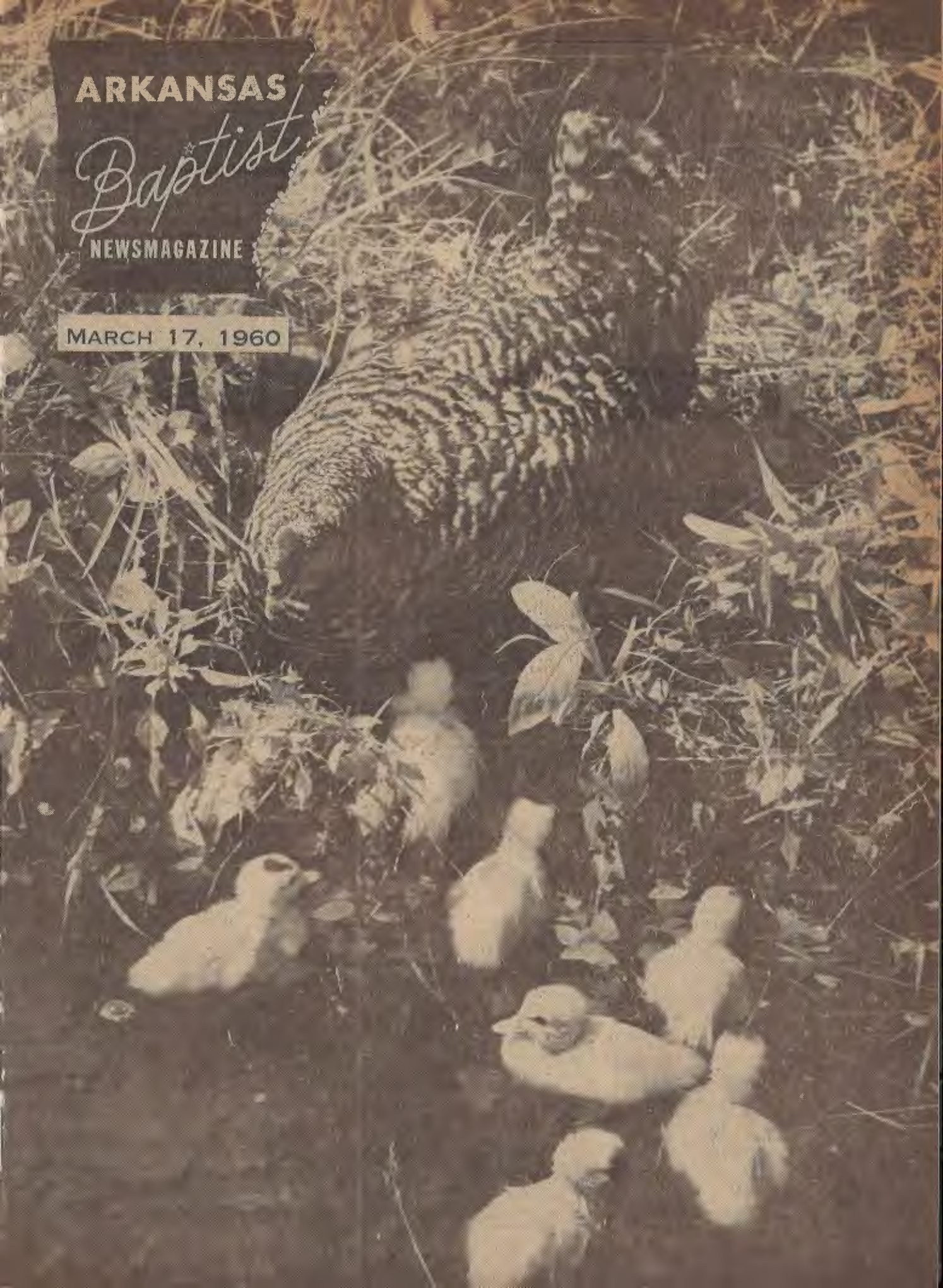
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'High Lights and Low Lights'

THE ANNUAL meeting of the state secretaries, their associates, and the state editors was held in New Orleans, February 15-17. Each of the state secretaries



DR. WHITLOW

was asked to give a brief report on the "High Lights and Low Lights" in their state for the year 1959. Aside from a measure of "braggin" that might have seeped into the reports, there was abundant evidence of the blessings of the Lord on Southern Baptists throughout the entire Convention.

There was progress in almost every area of Baptist work. It was a thrilling thing to listen to each of the secretaries share their experiences.

Here in our own state we gave more to missions at home and throughout the world in 1959 than any previous year. At the close of the year we had 1,155 churches—a net gain of three churches for the year. Our baptisms however lacked 238 reaching the total for 1958. We baptized 12,681 people into our churches. This gives us a total membership of 296,945.

While there were 74 churches in the state which did not participate in world missions through the Cooperative Program this even represents a gain over the year before. There were 90 in this category in 1958. We had 19 associations whose churches had a 100% record in mission giving; seven associations had only one church and five associations had two churches not giving. Thus you will see we had a total of 31 out of our 44 associations with almost a hundred percent participation in world missions.

During the year a Student Center was

erected at Southern State College in Magnolia. The Executive Board authorized the construction of another Center at the Medical School in Little Rock and the expansion of our present facilities at the Center at Arkansas State in Jonesboro.

We are off to a good start this year in our mission receipts. We received approximately 10% more in January for missions through the Cooperative Program than for the same period of 1958. We bless the name of our God for all these blessings.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

'The Third Time'

1ST CHURCH, Eudora, has used the Forward Program of Church Finance for the third successive time. This church, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Homer Bradley, has used the complete Program each year during this time.



DR. DOUGLAS

Until three years ago the members were not asked to sign commitment cards, but this year 269 people signed pledge cards.

There has also been an increase in the amount of money pledged each year. The church members pledged \$27,920.30 on the 1958 budget. In 1959, \$29,186.06 was pledged and the pledges to the 1960 budget totaled \$33,654.32. This is a 20½ per cent increase in 1960 over 1957.

This church has had a good stewardship record through the past 20 years. The per capita gift to the church in 1957 was more than twice as much as the average per capita gift for the association during the same year. The average church member in the association gave \$35.32 to the church in 1957, while the average church member in 1st Church, Eudora, gave \$82.48 for the same year.

So you see that it would have been easy for that church's members to boast that their stewardship teaching was good, and that they did not need to mention money and finances, much less to put on the Forward Program of Church Finance. Yet, they not only used it in 1958, but they have used it in 1959 and 1960. Their faith and efforts have been rewarded with more money, more tithers, and more money to give to the Cooperative Program. The planned per capita gift through the Cooperative Program for the church in 1960 is \$15. This is about three times more than the state average.

Take another look at this record. If every Baptist in Arkansas would give \$15 through the Cooperative Program



HER NEWLY hatched brood, which turned out to be ducklings instead of chicks, follow their natural instincts by taking to the water. To Mother Biddy they are still her precious babies and she views with alarm their very strange behaviour.

in 1960, our state budget would be \$4,454,175, instead of \$1,725,000. Yet the members of the Eudora church plan to give \$15 per member this year after using the Forward Program three years in succession!

The record of this church is a partial answer to the question that is asked many times, "Can the Forward Program of Church Finance be used year after year in the same church?" This record will also help answer the question, "How can our church keep increasing its gifts through the Cooperative Program?"

We want to take this means of saying thanks to our good friend and brother, Rev. Homer Bradley, and to the friends and saints in the good church in Eudora. They have proved that a Baptist church can improve its methods of educating the membership in the field of giving by using the Forward Program of Church Finance year after year.

"This can be repeated many, many times by churches across our state and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Let us pray that through dedicated lives God will hasten the day when all of our churches will teach and promote stewardship in a more effective way.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary. ■

New Headquarter Site

GREENWICH, Conn. (EP) — The new \$3,500,000 headquarters for the Protestant Episcopal Church will be located on an East Side site in midtown New York City. This will replace the denomination's present cramped headquarters on New York's Park Avenue, South.



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Committed Christians

ONE OF the most important tasks of Christian people today, including pastors and laymen, is to find, train and assist in the growth of committed Christians.

[Editor's Note: This talk by Chairman Kendall Berry, of Blytheville, of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was given recently at a meeting of the SBC Promotion Committee.]

Man has a greater responsibility than merely professing Christianity. Of course, we as Baptists believe that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ, and not by works, lest any man should boast, and rightly so. Christ's primary mission was that through him we might inherit eternal life.

Christ also taught us how to live; and as surely as we truly believe on Christ as our Saviour we will only be content to strive continually to do his will in our daily walk. Christ expects us to be committed Christians — to live in such a way that others may at all times see Him living in us.

Let's be more concerned about getting church members to be committed Christians in our zeal for larger congregations and more elaborate places of worship. Once our membership is committed, all these other things will come, and come more abundantly.

That does not mean that we should stop our work in any phase, but let's not let any or all of these phases overshadow the most important part of our Christian life. Never can any of us do our best work until we have completely dedicated our lives to the cause and committed ourselves to the task of living Christ-like Christian lives.

World Watches Christians

THE WORLD looks at Christians, and often they are hard to detect from those who may have never heard of Christ. We as Christians need to live like Christians so that the lowest sinner would recognize us as Christians and thereby be attracted to Christianity.

Too many of our church members have forgotten their responsibilities to God and are therefore contributing directly to the ills of mankind today. We are entering a fantastic new decade. Great strides are being made in every field. Even greater prosperity is predicted for everybody. We have more and more new gadgets and labor-saving devices today than ever before known to mankind.

Many of our own churches, in an effort to keep up with the times and serve all the people, have compromised principles and become more lax in



FRANK RAMIREZ, migrant worker in Florida, greets two agricultural migrants who professed faith in Christ as a result of his ministry and were baptized in a nearby Baptist Church.—Photo by Home Mission Board

moral issues to the extent of allowing things to go on in our churches that would make our ancestors blush in shame.

We must awaken to our responsibilities of our modern time; we indeed must keep pace; but we can't make progress for God and his church by giving in to worldliness. This we are warned about time and time again throughout the Bible. If ever the world needed something to anchor to, it is today; and if the church does not provide that stabilizing force, then God help us.

Indifference Cited

IF THERE is a neglected field in our church life it is the indifference that most of our church family displays toward new members. Let's start with ourselves. Let's rededicate our lives to Christ. Indeed, let's become committed Christians — committed to the task of living and truly practicing Christianity and cultivating and encouraging others to do the same.

Southern Baptists have wonderful leadership. Our stewardship program is well planned, but its full effect will not be realized until we have a larger group of our membership who are committed to the task of truly living for Christ all their waking hours. That does not mean giving up their present occupation, but rather bringing Christ into partnership with them. That will be the most memorable day in the life of any Christian. I challenge you to try it and get every member to do likewise. There is no limit to what we as Baptists can accomplish — not for Baptists but for God. ■

Dallas Qualified For 1965 Convention

NASHVILLE (BP)—Dallas, Tex., has qualified to invite the Southern Baptist Convention there for its annual session in 1965.

The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee said that Dallas has enough hotel rooms and a large enough auditorium to take care of 15,000 persons who normally attend conventions.

The Dallas invitation will be referred to the Convention's Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher. The 1960 Convention will vote on the 1965 site.

The Southern Baptist Convention has met only once in Dallas—in 1894. It has met frequently in Texas, but only in Houston in recent years.

In years gone by it met in Jefferson, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Waco, all in Texas. ■

Fields, McClellan Voted Trips to World Congress

NASHVILLE (BP)—Two more staff members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will attend the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, this summer.

W. C. Fields, secretary of public relations, Nashville, will cover the Congress for Baptist Press, news service of the Convention. Albert McClellan, program planning secretary, will attend also.

These are in addition to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, whose attendance was approved previously. Approval for Fields and McClellan to attend the Congress was voted by the Executive Committee at its winter meeting in Nashville. ■

THE U. S. Air Force has officially repudiated and banned from distribution and use a training manual charging communism has infiltrated many churches in the country. But the pot boils on. Many people will go on believing that the manual was correct. Before we get all hot and bothered about such blanket charges as those reported to have been made by the banned manual—we have not seen one of the manuals—we'd like to know who is calling whom a communist.

Name Calling Involves Churches of America

The ministry is certainly not immune to the possibility of godless infiltration. Judas Iscariot was neither the first nor the last example to prove this point. The New Testament has much to say of the danger of people being misled by false prophets and teachers of false doctrine, of "wolves in sheep's clothing."

No class or institution is outside the danger zone of infiltration by the communists or others set for the downfall of the church and state, if not civilization itself. Partly as a result of this, we have come into a day of name calling and trouble brewing in which all too many are engaging. Despite repeated warnings from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other high national security officials to the contrary, we have a host of volunteer detectives who think they can spot a "pink" or a "red" a mile away.

Whether or not it is part of the communist plot, communism certainly stands to benefit by the hysteria and hate that have so largely displaced the faith that once characterized us as a people—faith in God and its inseparable faith in men. We used to regard a man as a law-abiding gentleman until he proved himself otherwise. But today we are not willing to give anyone the benefit of the doubt!

Who is a communist anyhow? And who has been "brainwashed"? A person is not necessarily a communist or a victim of "red" brainwashing if he does not hold to a particular view on such hot issues as race relations. We mention race because, especially here in the South, that is the one area in which many are undertaking to draw the line between "100% Americans" and "pinks" or "reds."

Communism is a serious threat to our nation and to the free world. But it is not the only threat and not necessarily the greatest. In America, with our phenomenal increase of crime, general lawlessness and duplicity in high places, it may be we have more to fear from ourselves than from communism or any other "—ism" as such. We must continue to be on guard against communism. But let us be done with vicious and unreasoning name-calling. Let us restore faith in our people and in the institutions that have made of us a great nation. ■

WITH the current issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine we conclude the series on "Looking toward Marriage," which we have carried for the past nine weeks. We sincerely trust the series has been helpful to our readers. Comment is invited. We are grateful to the authors of the features and to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for the privilege of reproducing the series. As we have mentioned from week to week, the entire series in booklet form is available at the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock.

Series Planned on Salacious Literature

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Next week we shall begin a new series, this time through the courtesy of Pastor Ralph A. Cannon of St. James Methodist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., and the Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C. We have just received permission from Mr. Cannon and his publishers to reproduce Mr. Cannon's excellent booklet, "A Sickness in Society," dealing with the exploitation of sex by the magazine industry. The booklet has just been revised and we will be following the text of the latest printing. It is hoped that our readers will preserve this feature for present and future use. In the first of the series Mr. Cannon will tell his method of research and give the perspective for the series. Also included will be a section on "The Liberated Playboy verses the Responsible Citizen," and "Evil in Disguise."

Drooping Tailfeathers

THE EDITOR's tailfeathers are dragging slightly following an appraisal of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine by



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Journalist Roland E. Wolseley, chairman of the magazine department of Syracuse University. The professor did not rate our paper as high as we had rated it ourselves!

With a score of 77 out of a possible 100 points, we rate an academic "C." The fact our paper stood 15 points above the average (62) for the 20 Southern Baptist state papers rated by Professor Wolseley, and within five points of the paper rated second from the top, is no grounds for bragging.

Coveted first place, with a phenomenal score of 96, went to Georgia's **Christian Index**, edited by Dr. John Jeter Hurt, Jr. Second place went to **The Maryland Baptist**, edited by Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., with a score of 82, and third place to **Biblical Recorder**, North Carolina, recently turned over to a new editor, J. Marse Grant, as Dr. L. L. Carpenter retired. Receiving honorable mention were: **Baptist Messenger**, Oklahoma; **Baptist Beacon**, Arizona; and **The Baptist Message**, Louisiana.

Dr. Wolseley's judging was based on copies of our papers mailed to him over a three-month period prior to his lecturing at the recent winter meeting of Southern Baptist editors, in New Orleans. Here is how our paper rated on the six points used:

Typography (style of type, arrangement and appearance), 14 out of a possible 15 points; headlining and titling, 17 out of 20; illustrations (pictures and art work in general), 10 out of 20; writing, 15 out of 20; originality, 13 out of 20; and content, 8 out of 10.

This editor hopes Dr. Wolseley can come back a year from now and judge us again and see if we will have been able to profit by his many helpful suggestions for improving the paper.

Since we fell ten points short of the possible score on illustrations, we are going to be a little more exacting on the quality of pictures we accept for publication and on their use as illustrative material. We shall also try to improve the quality of the writing — and that includes everything we print — not just the editor's stuff.

We are a little at a loss to account for our comparatively low score on originality — we've been imitating some of the best papers in the country!

Well, anyhow, my mother thinks we've got an awfully good paper!

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Help the Work in Iowa

REV. CLYDE E. WHITE is the new pastor of Crestwood Church, Des Moines, Iowa. The church is the only Southern Baptist Church in the city.



Mr. White, a graduate of Ouachita, has served churches in Camden and Lockesburg. He went to Iowa from Eighth Avenue Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The church is seeking to locate Southern Baptists now living in that area. Mr. White would appreciate anyone having friends or relatives living in that area contacting him at 3717 Forest Avenue, Des Moines 11, Iowa.

Liquor in Air

I AM writing to call your attention to House Bill, H.R. 1075, which seeks to amend Section 610 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958. This is the bill that would forbid the use of alcohol on airplanes.

The Honorable Oren Harris is chairman of this Committee. Will you urge every one possible to write to Mr. Harris, urging adoption of this bill?—Wm. E. Brown, Executive Director, Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Little Rock.

Lambert Goes to Texas

DALLAS (BP) — Roy A. Lambert, pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, has been elected direct missions secretary of the Texas Convention. Mr. Lambert has been in Pine Bluff six years. He will begin his new duties April 4.

Other secretaries approved by the Executive Board were Ed Laux, pastor of Pioneer Drive Church, Abilene, Tex., secretary of the Training Union Department; and Taylor Pendley, superintendent of missions for the Permian-Basin Association in West Texas, secretary of the church building department.

In other action the Executive Board granted permission to Hillcrest Hospital, a Baptist institution in Waco, Tex., to borrow \$750,000 to complete a \$1,500,000 hospital wing. ■

EAST MAIN Church, El Dorado, has adapted a resolution commending Rev. Jack Gulledge for his work while pastor of the church. The resolution sets forth the progress made by the church during his pastorate. Mr. Gulledge is now pastor of 1st Church, Brinkley.

Baptist Committee Would Question All Candidates

WASHINGTON —(BP)— All candidates for public office, both state and national, will be asked to state their views on separation of church and state, if a suggestion of The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is followed.

The BJCPA, in semi-annual session here, expressed its loyalty to the historic Baptist position that no religious tests shall be made for public office, but it indicated that every candidate should understand the meaning and implications of the principle of separation of church and state and that the electorate has a right to know what the candidates might think about these matters.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the BJCPA, was instructed "to encourage" social action agencies of Baptist conventions, organizations of men, women and youth, as well as state convention executive boards to inquire of all candidates for public office what their positions are in relation to church-state matters.

It is hoped that this information will then be passed on to the public for their help in evaluating candidates.

Another action of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was to recommend to the several Baptist conventions, their agencies and institutions that they "explore afresh all the implications involved in the acceptance of loans from the government."

The prevailing Baptist practice in recent years has been that Baptist institutions could accept government loans provided an adequate rate of interest is paid. Recent developments in the states and in congress, however, have raised the issue again as to whether federal loans are a form of government "aid" to the extent of violation of separation of church and state.

A special concern of the BJCPA for the preservation of freedom in the United States is the extent to which citizens fail to participate in the democratic process by voting. It was pointed out to the committee that in the 1958 national elections only 43.8 per cent of the population 21 years old and over participated by voting. In several of the strong Baptist states less than ten per cent of those 21 years of age and older voted.

Commenting on this lack of civic participation on the part of the people, Carlson said, "The survival of democracy during the next couple of decades may well hinge on the degree of civic involvement on the part of the American people, not the least of Protestants. The favorite political devices of oppression include a one party system, political involvement by a minority only, and the use of fear, suspicion,

and mob psychology by the use of half-truths and unanalyzed cliches."

The committee voted to encourage larger activity on the part of organizations whose concern it is to secure larger citizen participation in elections.

Other steps taken by the BJCPA were to seek wider channels of communications for a more adequate awareness of religious problems around the world, to commend the United Nations for its interest in religious liberty and to encourage further discussion and investigation in the UN on these problems.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is a denominational agency composed of officially elected or appointed representatives from seven of the major Baptist groups in the United States and Canada. Its mandate is "to act in the field of public affairs" and its major concern to date has been religious liberty and problems involved in church-state relations. ■

Not Bigotry, to Ask Questions

MEMPHIS, TENN. (BP) — The word "bigot" is being used around the country today to smear Christians who are seeking to find truth by asking questions.

That is the contention of George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission.

He asks these questions: Is it bigotry to speak against any system that would compel a person of another or of no faith to pay taxes to support an institution which is operated according to beliefs contrary to his?

Is it bigotry to ask a political candidate how he stands on questions concerning the separation of church and state or other matters which may influence his decisions as a public official?

"If that is bigotry," Schroeder says, "then we are saying that truth and right have no place among people when they conflict with a pet prejudice.

"This is election year in our nation and the voters are within their rights to expect some straight-forward answers from office seekers.

"It is not bigotry to seek truth. It is bigotry to deny the privilege of asking questions which will reveal truth." ■

1ST CHURCH, McGehee, has recently completed a revival with Rev. Alvis Moore, pastor of 1st Church, Norfolk, as evangelist. Dale Pogue, minister of music and education at Stadium Drive Church, Ft. Worth, led the singing. The meeting began on Sunday morning with the testimony of Jimmy Karam, a layman of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. There were ten professions of faith and six additions by letter.

Arkansas All Over



REV. QUINCY D. MATHIS

Warren Pastor Leaves

REV. QUINCY D. Mathis has resigned as pastor of Immanuel Church, Warren, to accept the call of Griffin Park Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

In the eight years Mr. Mathis has been at Immanuel, the membership has grown from 248 to 734; Sunday School enrollment has gone from 177 to 748; Training Union from 123 to 310; and property owned by the church has increased from \$14,000 to \$115,000.

Mr. Mathis, a native of Monroe, La., was educated at Ouachita and at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He served two years as pastor of 1st Church, Dermott, before going to Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathis have two children, Danny, who is now in the Marines in San Francisco, and Donna Ruth of the home.

The Griffin Park Church is a new church organized in 1959. At present it has just over 100 members. ■

ROTC Riflemen Place

THE OUACHITA College ROTC rifle team tied for second place in the nation with Kansas State University in the 1959-60 National ROTC rifle competition for the William Randolph Hearst Trophy, it has been announced by Ouachita officials.

The Ouachita team, coached by SFC Morris Johnson, fired a combined 961 points, only one less than the national champion, the University of Tennessee. ■

PASTOR ERNEST RUSHING of Percy Church in Central Association sends a list of his church families to receive the **Arkansas Baptist** for one month's free trial.

1st, Brinkley In Attendance Campaign

1ST CHURCH, Brinkley, has begun a four-week campaign with the theme, "Prove Your Love." The campaign is to boost attendance in an effort to set an all-time high attendance record with 400 each week in March. A sub theme of the drive is "How big is the church in your heart?"

Promotion material consists of an individual plaque for each person. Persons agreeing to attend all four Sundays receive red hearts for their plaques. As they attend each of the four successive Sundays, a picture of a church is applied over the heart, graduating in size from a small church to a large one that completely fills the heart, emphasizing the theme, "Prove Your Love, by filling your heart with the church."

The drive will close with a revival March 20-27. Pastor Jack Gullede will bring the messages, and Don Thompson will direct the singing. Mrs. Abbey Richardson of Warren will be the guest soloist.

Westside, Manila Advances in 1959

WESTSIDE CHURCH, Manila, built a new education building and a pastor's home in 1959. The education building has nine Sunday School rooms, kitchen, two rest rooms, choir, pastor's study, church office and two assembly rooms. They have installed new pews in the church sanctuary and tiled the floor.

There were 51 new members to come into the church during 1959, and growth is reported in all organizations of the church.

Westside was organized as a mission in 1955 by 1st Church, Manila, under the leadership of Guy D. Magee, pastor. 1st Church built a small chapel and six classrooms to begin the work. J. M. Wilkinson became the first mission pastor!

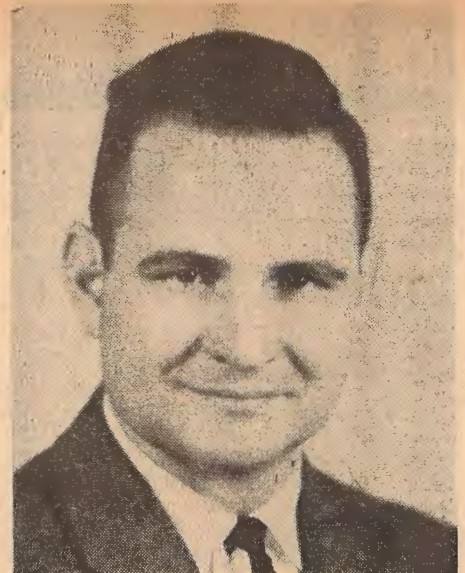
The mission was organized into a church on Oct. 20, 1957, with Charles Cairy as the first pastor. Richard Vestal was pastor of 1st Church at that time. There were 73 charter members.

Thurlo Lee is the present pastor. ■

WINSTON Bryant and Dean Scrogins of Ouachita College were named to the second team of the all-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference basketball team for 1959-60, according to an announcement by AIC Commissioner Cliff Shaw.

Ouachita's other three starters, Jody Jones, Jim Perry, and Marvin Venable, made the honorable mention list. ■

DIAZ CHURCH in Black River Association has accepted the one month free trial offer of the **Arkansas Baptist**. They will consider putting the paper in their budget during the month. Rev. Delton J. Cooper is pastor.



TREZZIE PRESSLEY

1st, Russellville Calls New Director

TREZZIE Pressley, a faculty member at Arkansas Tech, is the newly-called director of church activities for 1st Church, Russellville, Pastor Emil Williams has announced.

Mr. Pressley will direct the educational-organization life of the church and have supervision of the music program, working on a part-time basis until May 29. His duties during the interim period will be supervision of the educational program. Upon assuming full-time responsibilities, he will direct the adult choir.

Mr. Pressley has a bachelor-of-business-administration degree from East Texas State Teachers College and a master's degree from the same college, also in business administration. His major was personnel administration and his minor, counselling and guidance. He has done graduate study at the University of Arkansas and has taught at Arkansas Tech for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pressley have been members of the Russellville church and active in the work of the church for the last three years, Pastor Williams reports. ■

REV. JOHN Harrison, Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, will be the speaker in the Baptist Student Union Revival at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, April 4-8.

Pastor Harrison is a graduate of Ouachita College, and Southwestern Seminary. Evening services will be at 7 p.m.

THE REGULAR Sunday night services of Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock, are now broadcast each week over Radio Station KLRA. Rev. Guy Wilson, pastor of the church for the last 17 years, announces the service will feature evangelism. The program is carried "live" each week, starting at 7:30 p.m.

W. B. O'Neals Pass Fiftieth Anniversary

REV. AND Mrs. W. B. O'Neal, of the Gravel Ridge community, Jacksonville, RFD, observed their Golden Wedding anniversary March 5, with a reception in their honor at the home of their son Dr. Walter H. O'Neal, in North Little Rock.

The O'Neals were married March 5, 1910, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Meers, at Zion, in Izard County. The officiating minister was Rev. J. P. Lovelace, now deceased.

Among friends who attended the reception were an aunt of Mrs. O'Neal, Mrs. Walter Smith, Melbourne; a brother, Paul Meers, of Dardanelle; and a schoolmate who was at Mountain Home College when she was a student there in 1908, John Coffman, Keo. Three schoolmates of Mr. O'Neal at Ouachita College in 1907-09 were present: Hamilton Moses, Bruce Veazy and C. A. Riley, all of Little Rock.

Besides Dr. O'Neal, a member of the staff at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, the O'Neals have three other children: Mrs. Mary McCammon and Robert M. O'Neal, of Little Rock, and Mrs. B. O. Bowen, North Little Rock.

Mr. O'Neal has been a Baptist preacher for more than 52 years and continues to do supply preaching on occasions.

'Pay As You Can' At Southern College

BEGINNING next school year, Southern College, Walnut Ridge, will inaugurate a "Pay as You Can" plan for students.

Based on the familiar "Easy Payment" plan of the business world, the "Pay as You Can" plan will permit students of the college to pay their college bills on a monthly basis ranging up to 48 months for the two years, according to Dr. H. E. Williams, president.

For the deferred-payment plan, interest will be charged at the rate of 4 per cent and the monthly payments will range from \$28.13 for those taking 48 months to pay, to \$52.19 for those paying the annual school bill on a 12-month basis. This includes board and room and all college fees.

For families wishing to save in advance for college costs, the college has a "Pre-Pay" plan. Under this plan funds are deposited with the college in advance and students enrolling under this plan will receive a 10 per cent discount on college bills.

KIBLER CHURCH had Jesse S. Reed as evangelist and Mark Short as song leader for a revival Feb. 17-23. Pastor Charles Chesser, Jr., reports that they had four snows during the meeting, but the people kept coming. There were 14 for baptism, one by letter and one by statement.



SWEETHEARTS for half a century—Rev. and Mrs. W. B. O'Neal, Jacksonville.

Big Creek Ripples

REV. P. O. Freeman, pastor of Enterprise Church for three years, has resigned. The resignation was made mandatory because he has retired from the service as engineer on the Frisco Railroad. He had to resign the church to comply with the rules of the Railway Company. His last service with the church was February 28.

During the time of his pastorate every department of the church has been strengthened; the Sunday School and Training Union has been advanced. The Sunday School has gone to using the 6-Point Record System and the Training Union the 8-Point Record System.

The church membership has increased; the church has erected two new Sunday School rooms and now is in the process of erecting two more.

Deacons have been ordained; a hardwood floor has been placed in the church and many other improvements

made which add to the church services. Both the Cooperative Program and Associational mission contributions have been increased.—Oscar E. Ellis, Salem

2nd, West Helena To Build Auditorium

2ND CHURCH, West Helena, is raising \$40,000 to erect a new auditorium which will have a seating capacity of 400. The new auditorium will be air-conditioned with additional education and nursery facilities.

The project will be financed with first-mortgage bonds paying six per cent interest semi-annually. The Helena National Bank will act as trustee and paying agent for the church. The bonds went on the market March 3.

Rev. Jack Parchman is pastor of the church. ■

DR. RALPH Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College, was guest speaker March 6 at 1st Church, Warren.



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Marriage Is of God's Creation

First, Jesus pointed out that marriage was a divine creation, an institution of which God was the author. "He which made them at the beginning made them male and female," he cited from the Genesis record of creation.

In the second chapter of Genesis from which he next quoted is the story of the origin of marriage. God commented on the first thing "not good" about his creation and began its remedy: "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18).

So God made a woman, on the same plane of creation as man, designed especially to complement his nature. Woman was able to think and talk with him, share his love of beauty and his spiritual insights. It was to meet the needs of human personality which God loved and understood that he created the marriage of man and woman. The origin of marriage was God's gift to the complex body-soul which he had made.

God Made Marriage to Be Monogamous

Marriage is monogamous. Though polygamy was practiced in early society, it was never the command of God and brought conflict and heartbreak into family life. In limiting the number to one man and one woman, God has provided the first fulfilment of personality for them both.

Here needs are met which could not be met except where only two have committed themselves to each other. The desire to be together, to be alone together, is of God. Sharing of thought, understanding, affection, confidences belong with the two whom God has made into one in a peculiar sense, not true of any other relationship: "They are no more twain, but one flesh" (Matt. 19:6). Other friends are a part of one's social need, but this one supreme friend provides what the group cannot. Marriage is God's answer to the need of a supreme friendship.

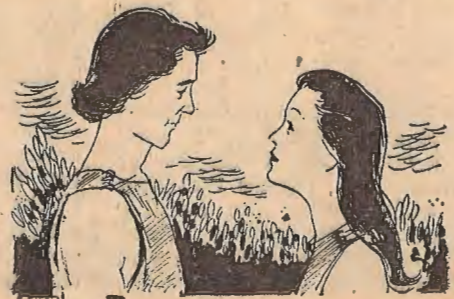
Marriage Waits for a Ceremony

Even in this beginning, there is the suggestion of a ceremony as God united these two: "God . . . brought her unto the man" (Gen. 2:22), "and blessed them, and called their name Adam" (Gen. 5:2). Simple as this ceremony seems, it was of vital importance. Until God had brought her with this special sanction, even to the Uniting of their names, she was not his.

Some such custom has continued to exist among the most primitive peoples, the recognition of a significant hour when the change in relationship is made. Before this they are not married; after this they are.

This sanction has become rooted in government and becomes also a legal approval when a man and woman in marriage may become one flesh. After the ceremony, a new line begins, a new family starts. They have a family name, an identity for themselves and for the children which are the fruit of their marriage.

Because of the finer values in marriage, God forbids physical relationship before the consummation of the wedding vows. "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4). Innocence and chastity when brought to marriage by a man and a woman add confidence, trust, togetherness. One of the greatest gifts either husband or wife can make to their marriage is to enter it on God's plan, with purity intact.



What Does the Bible Say?

By Martha Boone Leavell

THERE are few subjects more universally interesting to young people than marriage and the home. From the beginning of childhood play with dolls and "keeping house," through the awakening interest in dating and parties, the natural inclination is to look toward selecting a mate and establishing a home.

Ideals and standards of marriage in general and one's own in particular take shape as the youth grows. These come from the society about him or from experiences and teachings which correct the attitudes of that society.

In various nations and at various times, marriage ideals are different. To one community a practice is considered right which to another would be held as wrong. Even within a small locality and at the same time, this difference of opinion exists. Surely somewhere there ought to be a dependable, unchanging pattern for an institution as old and universal as marriage. This pattern should lead to the best interests and highest good of all, and should certainly emanate from the nature and commandments of God, the creator of man.

Finding that pattern is the purpose of this brief discussion. Not confusion but certainty, not compromise but truth is what youth deserves. For source material, we turn to the Bible, which presents God's accumulated revelation to man covering many centuries. Its great moral principles on the home are consistent. So long as one's concepts of marriage hold to its teachings, he can know that he has the mind of God, regardless of how community opinions change.

A choice approach to Bible truth is to start with the teachings of Christ. When approached on the problems of marriage in his day (Matt. 19:3), Jesus referred immediately to the Bible as authority. "Have ye not read?" he asked, and started quoting from the book of Genesis. Without hesitation he endorsed its account of the origin and basic principles of marriage. These principles were identical with his own teachings and standards for all time.



Fidelity in Marriage Commanded of God

Romantic interest in or physical relations with someone other than the mate cannot be countenanced after marriage. There is wholesome happiness in continued association with both men and women, but these friendships are to be kept objective, freely honest and casual. Over-prudery is disgusting, but intelligence can be used to avoid situations which might lead to temptation.

The command to "flee fornication" (1 Cor. 6:18) does not picture lingering where danger lies. Instead of proving one's strength, it may prove his weakness to the undoing of a home. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations." (2 Peter 2:9), but the godly have to be willing to go. In this connection Paul urges the discretion of "hands off" as a policy between men and women, both before and after marriage: "It is good for a man not to touch a woman" (1 Cor. 7:1). He reminds the Christian of his lofty motivation for chaste behavior: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost . . . therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

Extra marital relations, even in thought, are condemned by Christ in Matthew 5:28. He calls it adultery and immediately spells out the seriousness of this offense by saying it is better to cast off an eye or a hand than to thus endanger the soul. Among the most pernicious sins, he names adultery as that which defiles (Matt. 15:19-20).

Marriage the Center of Human Relationship

The significance of marriage is further emphasized by Jesus when he gives it priority over other human relationships: "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh" (Matt. 19:5).

In this statement Jesus is probably quoting Genesis 2:24. The same statement is repeated in Mark 10:7 and by Paul in Ephesians 5:31. Certainly Jesus did not mean to lessen the love for parents when one marries. That grown children should cherish and support financially their aging parents, he indicates in Matthew 15:6, is "the commandment of God." It is the experience of many children that they love and appreciate their parents more when this new love of a mate has matured and expanded their capacity for devotion. But it is evident that Jesus is teaching a new center to one's family life, found now in the new marriage, for the establishing of a new home.

The principle is illustrated repeatedly in nature. From the full seed pod of the parent plant each individual seed is borne to a new location from which it begins to produce seed clusters of its own.

Whether or not this "leave and cleave" implies literally a separate dwelling place, it does indicate the assuming

of a new and stronger responsibility, loyalty, devotion in the direction of one's mate.

God's commandments cover both generations. Every married person stands accountable for both his mate and his parents, but with a major responsibility to the mate.

The Lastingness of Marriage

The third principle taught by Jesus in those terse statements of Matthew 19 is the lastingness of marriage: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

"Why did Moses then legalize divorce?" was the question of the Pharisees. "Because of the hardness of your hearts," was Jesus' answer. Civil laws of divorce and remarriage have to apply to all citizens. But God's laws have more to give to human life. The transcendent law of God was brought back into focus and persuasion by the teachings and commandments of Christ.

Then Jesus spoke specifically about remarriage after divorce. "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" (Matt. 19:9). This command of Jesus is not only given in Matthew and Mark (10:2-12) and Luke (16:18), but Paul gives it again in 1 Corinthians 7:10-11. The apostle emphasizes that it is the command of "not I, but the Lord."

Where marriage fulfils the intentions of God in its growing love and development, the lastingness becomes one of its finest features. From its beginning, the strongest drives of the human heart are designed to be at work welding the two into deeper understanding and mutual helpfulness.

Preparation for Marriage

Much, however, depends upon the preparation made before the marriage starts. Maturity is in daily demand in marriage, maturity in self-discipline, the capacity for outgoing love, the skills for maintenance, both in making a living and making a home, and intelligence in the understanding and decisions of its every phase.

Preparation for marriage also includes mate selection. On this God has some very definite things to say, especially to the Christian. His directions, however, are confined almost exclusively to the area of spiritual harmony. Because of this emphasis, in both the Old and New Testaments, for mutual faith, it must have a tremendous bearing on his plans for the meaning and fulfilment of marriage.

First, we are given the stories of the careful mate selection for young Isaac and Jacob. In each case the charge was explicit that they were not to take a wife from among the heathen girls where they lived (Gen. 24:3-4; 28:1-2).

As the descendants of these marriages grew into a nation, Moses gave them God's laws on marriage. He was not only as explicit, but gave the reasons why a believer should not marry the worshiper of other gods: "Neither shalt thou make marriage with them . . . For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods" (Deut. 7:3-4); "and their daughters go a whoring after their gods" (Ex. 34-16). In his farewell address to these people whom he had led, Joshua warned, "If ye . . . make marriages with them, . . . they shall be snares and traps unto you, . . . until ye perish from off this good land" (Joshua 23:12-13).

This command Solomon flagrantly disregarded and came to exactly the end God had predicted, a builder of





idol worship, who did "evil in the sight of the Lord" (1 Kings 11:6). Nehemiah agonized over the unreasonableness of this disobedience by one who possessed the love and endowments of God: "even him did outlandish women cause to sin" (Neh. 13:26). He and other prophets pled with God's people not "to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives" (Neh. 13:27). "They have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands," Ezra lamented (Ezra 9:2). To preserve the purity of faith in Israel, he demanded the extreme measure of putting away the heathen mates along with the children borne of such union.

This drastic measure, Paul wrote, was not to be taken in Christian practice. To those already married to unbelievers, he instructed, "If any brother hath a wife that believeth not (or the reverse), and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away" (1 Cor. 7:12-13). But to those unmarried, he clearly commands, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . . or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; . . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord" (2 Cor. 6:14-17).

Marriage Unto the Lord

The mate selection of a Christian belongs under the control of God. When one receives Christ, the sum total of the personality belongs to Christ. " whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17) certainly ought to include marriage. At the end of a list of family relations which follows, including that of wife and husband, the summary reads, " whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Col. 3:23). "Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20) is so basic in Christian experience that every area of life becomes a personal relationship to Christ.

The richest content of marriage is in this spiritual harmony which God commands. It permeates the whole relationship. "Husbands . . . giving honour unto the wife, . . . as being heirs together of the grace of life" (1 Peter 3:7).

A beautiful example of this Christian sharing is seen in the marriage of Aquila and Priscilla recorded in Acts 18 and referred to again in 1 Corinthians 16:19. They not only agreed on the deep concepts of Christianity, but together shared their convictions with others and gave themselves and their home to the organization and growth of New Testament churches.

Not only does this harmony in the things of God enrich the sharing and inspiration between a husband and his wife, but it affords to their children a confidence in the things both of them believe. Confusion comes when one parent holds a different faith or no faith at all. "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Cor. 14:8).

The command to share one's faith with his or her child is repeatedly given throughout the Old and New Testaments. It applies to both parents and cannot be delegated or avoided without disobedience to God. "These words . . . shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children" (Deut. 6:6-7). Where one parent relinquishes this privilege or attempts to write off his obligation for teaching religion to his child in favor of the other mate, he is consenting to his own violation of these multiple commands of God.

But in the union of consecrated Christian mates lie some of the richest promises of God. Their family circle, "where two or three are gathered together in my name," may claim the personal presence of the Lord, and for their prayers where "two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask" is promised the answer of the "Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19-20).

If they have known on earth a common faith in Christ, their fellowship in eternity will be renewed. With heavenly recognition they will share again this harmony in Christ and a mutual joy beyond expression in their adoration of their Lord.



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Our Protection Plan

1. Things to Consider About Our Protection Program



DR. RUCKER

(1) It is the best protection per dollar that can be procured.

(2) It is open to all salaried pastors, educational directors, and full-time ministers of music.

(3) It requires no physical examination.

(4) It provides a monthly income for the member's widow throughout her widowhood.

(5) It provides a monthly income for the disabled member after one year's participation.

(6) It provides a monthly income for life for the member at his retirement.

(7) The earlier one joins the larger his benefits.

2. Steps to Take in Joining The Southern Baptist Protection Plan

(1) Secure agreement forms and a church agreement card from your Associational Relief and Annuity Chairman, or your Field Representative, T. K. Rucker, 401 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Ark.

(2) The applicant must fill out and sign the two agreement forms, and the church treasurer must fill out and sign the church agreement card. Both are then to be mailed to T. K. Rucker, 401 West Capitol Ave., Little Rock.

(3) Billing for first month's dues will be mailed from the Relief and Annuity Board Office after the agreement forms have been processed. Please consult your Annuity Chairman, or write your Field Representative if further information is needed.—T. K. Rucker, Field Representative



MISS JUANITA Straubie recently began her ninth year as Baptist Student Director at Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing.



DARREL COLEMAN, Baptist Student Director at Arkansas A & M, recently began his second year in that position.

We are giving serious consideration now to the idea of combining some of the major elements of our Brotherhood Convention with the State Royal Ambassador Congress, which is scheduled for May 6 and 7. At present we are thinking of having separate men's meetings and boys' meetings, on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning; and on Friday night having a great Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Rally. This can be well made into the greatest such meeting ever held in our state. More about this when plans are crystallized.

Effective Regional Conventions

THE 1960 series of Regional Brotherhood Conventions is completed. All but two of the fifteen regions had their annual convention meeting. The Brotherhood Department was represented at every one of the meetings; and we can say that the quality of the meetings reflects distinct progress and a wonderful development of Brotherhood work on the regional level.

The annual Brotherhood Way Sheet, for state and regional Brotherhood officers, is in process of preparation, and will be distributed shortly.

A REDISTRICTING of Arkansas associations has been attempted by department heads at Baptist Headquarters, Little Rock; and beginning in 1961 the Regional Brotherhood Program will be adapted to the new districting plan. Instead of having fifteen regions, we shall have eight districts. This change-over will be made by the time of our Regional Brotherhood Conventions in January and February of 1961. Until then regional Brotherhood work will be projected along the present regional lines.—Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary

Heart Diseases Killing Preachers

DALLAS, TEX. — Heart diseases continue to be the number one killer of Southern Baptist preachers.

Almost 70 per cent of all pastors who died in 1959 were victims of heart conditions, while cancer was far behind in second place, claiming about 23 per cent.

These percentages were revealed in the Relief and Annuity Board report made to the trustees this week during their 42nd annual meeting in Dallas.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the annuity board, said the youngest pastor to die was 23, the oldest, 84.

Reed said 80 widows were added to the annuitant rolls during 1959. However, there were an additional 81 ministers who died that had not made provisions for widow coverage in their protection plans.

The average age of the ministers who died before their retirement was 53.8 years, while the average age of preachers after they retired was 72.7, Reed said.

Records are kept on only the ministers who hold certificates in the denomination's protection plans, he added.

Boone Association Commends Cook

THE EXECUTIVE Board of the Boone County Association has adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to Rev. Bill Cook for his outstanding and devoted work while serving in their association.

While serving as chairman of the budget committee of the association, he led the association to the adoption of a record budget for the year 1960.

Brotherhood

We'll Try Again

THE STATE Brotherhood Convention, scheduled for the 2nd Church, Little Rock, March 4 and 5, had to be called off because of the condition and promise of the weather.



MR. TULL

There was little hope that men from many sections of the state could come at all or even that some of our scheduled speakers could get to Little Rock for the meeting. The Brotherhood Department had plans for a great convention, and we are sorry that it had to be cancelled. But we are encouraged to plan even greater events for the future.

Fair Play for the Voters

"Fair play" has been requested by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in the political campaigns this year. Three men, a Jewish rabbi, a Roman Catholic cardinal and the president of the National Council of Churches, have made a joint appeal for fair play in political activity, unmarred by prejudice, religious discrimination or unethical practices.

We believe there should be fair play and ethical practices, always, but we fear that for lack of understanding there may be many in our nation who in an effort to show they are "broad minded" will feel that a requirement for a candidate satisfactory to themselves, would be that he must be of a religious faith different from their own. We are particularly concerned about the matter of religious discrimination, and would like to add some words to the millions that have been written on the subject in recent weeks.

In this year's presidential election, with two of the contenders for the presidential nomination coming from the ranks of the Roman Catholics, there are many who either imply or come right out to say that to refuse to vote for a man because of his religious affiliation is religious discrimination. We fear that that phrase is going to be used as a brand with a bad connotation and that some will capitalize on it. But we sincerely believe that we need more discriminating voters.

Perhaps we can get close to bedrock in our study of the matter by saying that a person's religion does influence his life. There are those, to be sure, who are influenced little by their religious faith, but we cannot deny that people are influenced by their religious faith. If a particular religion, then, is known to be opposed to liberty in any area of life, or in any part of the world, for its own people, or for others, it is not reasonable to think one who is influenced by such a religion would be a safe choice for president or vice-president of a democratic, freedom-loving nation. In such cases we can only be safe by studying the record of the religion that influences the life of the candidate.

There are doubtless several religions, the followers of which would not make safe leaders for a democracy. Perhaps most Americans would agree that the followers of a religion which teaches that its followers should not salute the American flag, or serve in the military forces, would not make a good leader for the nation. Yet, to be consistent those who insist that we should not have our elections "marred" by religious discrimination, would need to say, "Forget what the religion teaches, and vote for the man who refuses to salute Old Glory, even if he would not bear arms to defend his own nation." It seems to us that it is time for much serious thinking on a vital matter.

It is well known that the church of Rome is more than a religious organization. It might be more accurately described as a religious-political-business organization. Surely its record in politics is well known. If it were not a political body, nations would have no excuse to have diplomatic representatives at the vatican. For these reasons we believe it to be in order for the voters to study the record of the political movements of the Roman church. And we believe it is not "religious discrimination" to say that such record should have a bearing upon the decisions of the voters. —Editor Horace F. Burns, *Baptist New Mexican*

They'll Do to Tie To! by Capt. Calvin L. Collier, U.S.A.F., Pioneer Press, Little Rock, 1959, \$5

This is the story of the gallant 3rd Arkansas Infantry Regiment, Confederate States of America, who, until now, have been "lost to history" as part of the famous Texas Brigade of John Hood's Division. The Arkansans "established a reputation for fighting ability and staying power unsurpassed by any regiment on either side of the War Between the States."

As the only men from Arkansas serving in Lee's Army, the men of the 3rd Arkansas Infantry, from Ashley, Drew, Union, Dallas and Hot Spring counties, were in the forefront of the great actions and were pace setters for "Marse Robert" while on the march.

Captain Collier, an Arkansan by assignment and adoption, is stationed at the Little Rock Air Force Base. Arkansas is greatly indebted to him for this contribution to the growing field of literature on one of the most trying periods of American history.

The Triumph of Surgery, by Jurgen Thorwald, Pantheon Press, 1960, \$6.50

In Author Thorwald's **The Century of the Surgeon**, he used the device of an eyewitness as narrator, an American physician whom he named after his maternal grandfather, Henry Steven Hartmann. Hartmann, as a medical student in 1846 witnessed the revolutionary discovery of anesthetics, demonstrated at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, which discovery "changed surgery from butchery to a fine art."

In **The Triumph of Surgery**, the same narrator is shown continuing his quest, "at a time when surgery had got beyond its initial explorations in anesthetics and antiseptics, and advanced into new territories demanding more complicated means and skills. All medical and historical facts presented are based on scholarly and reliable documents which are listed in the bibliography at the end of the volume.

Through his interesting, down-to-earth style, Mr. Thorwald has opened a broad and interesting field to the laity.

They Called Him Stonewall, a Life of Lt.-Gen. T. J. Jackson, C.S.A., by Burke Davis, Rinehart, Seventh Printing 1959, \$6

Through years of research, Mr. Davis has found many interesting facts hitherto unpublished about this "brilliant and enigmatic" leader who was felled by his own men at Chancellorsville. Here is a story replete with some of the most challenging facts of history, built around a man who was "a fearless soldier in battle but a God-fearing man who hesitated to kill on Sunday." ■

Graham Meetings

For the first time, persons attending a Billy Graham crusade meeting have been threatened with violence by outsiders not in sympathy with the Evangelist's message.

Mid-way through his 10-week African campaign tour of nine countries, at Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, Graham learned of rumors saying that persons attending his rally would be "locked in and shot." Police said the threats had political implications and believed that the United National Independence Party had organized the boycott.

In the city of Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, Evangelist Graham preached to 9,000 Africans at the largest multi-racial religious service ever held in the Central African Federation, where segregation still is the rule.

In Jos, Nigeria, home of some of Africa's most primitive tribes, Graham reportedly addressed nearly 10,000 people. Included in the African audience were many Europeans settled in the area—one of the world's greatest mining areas for tin and columbite.

At Enugu, Nigeria, a near riot occurred as some of a crowd of 24,000 Africans pressed toward the platform to get a better look at the evangelist. Graham described the crowd as the "most enthusiastic" he had seen during his African crusade.

Following his meetings in Southern Rhodesia, Evangelist Graham and several of his teammates rested at the Victoria Falls Hotel in Livingstone at the edge of the giant cataracts first described scientifically by Missionary David Livingstone. There the evangelist sought "to absorb some of the spirit of Livingstone" whose statue overlooks the falls. Countries still ahead of him as of Feb. 26, were Tanganyika, Kenya, Ruanda-Urundi, and Ethiopia. (EP)

Jailed in Greece

ATHENS, Greece (EP) — Basil Triandaphylou, 52, was sentenced to seven months in jail, fined \$167 and put on probation for a year by a Greek court. The charge: distributing Jehovah's Witnesses literature to adherents of the Orthodox Church in Greece.

Woman Takes Pulpit

MANILA, Philippines (EP) — Miss Amelia de Leon, 22, has become the first ordained Philippine Methodist woman minister. She will receive a bachelor-of-theology degree from Union Theological Seminary in March.

The announcement comes hard on the heels of an announcement by the Church of Sweden to ordain women

ministers. To the Swedish Church, the Church of England has sent an official statement expressing regret that the church has taken a step which might "introduce a cause of dispute" between the two churches.

Contacts With Catholics

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (EP) — At the close of their semi-annual meeting here, members of the World Council of Churches' Executive Committee approved current contacts with Roman Catholic Clergymen for unity talks. The Committee also outlined plans for more contacts with the Russian Orthodox Churches and other Christian bodies in the Soviet Union.

WCC General Secretary, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, urged that more contacts be made with Catholic experts for unity talks. "I am personally convinced," he said, "that it is good to have these informal relations. We need a great deal of frank speech on questions where we do not see eye to eye; for example, on religious liberty. We want to discuss these matters with Roman Catholics, but it is better to do so in small groups rather than in some sort of great public debate."

Cities Bombed, Says Russian

MOSCOW (EP) — The infamous cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by a nuclear explosion triggered by visitors from outer space. That's the version of a Russian master of physico-mathematical sciences identified as Mr. Agrest.

Agrest's remarks were publicized by the Russian news agency Tass, which quoted the Soviet scientist as saying that the Dead Sea scrolls found in 1947 in an area adjoining the Lebanese mountains give a description of Sodom and Gomorrah that "cannot help but attract the attention of modern men who are familiar with nuclear physics."

Nigeria Warning

KADUNA, Nigeria (EP) — Christian foreign missionaries must not meddle in political affairs of the Nigerian government, Prime Minister Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello has warned. He directed his remarks to the 1,200 missionaries in Northern Nigeria working in an area where 63 per cent of the population is Moslem.

Sir Ahmadu Bello made reference to last December's federal elections when missionaries urged people to vote for Christian candidates. The Prime Minister is head of the Northern People's Congress now in power — a government which has granted funds to missions and named Christians to cabinet posts.

"We've got to live together," the government leader told the Christians. "We Moslems have the greatest respect for the teachings of Christ. He is God's prophet."

Pastor King Arrested

ATLANTA, Ga. (EP) — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., leader of the campaign of passive resistance against segregation throughout the South, has been arrested on an Alabama perjury warrant.

Although the Rev. Mr. King said he didn't know what his latest arrest was all about, in Montgomery, prosecutor William Thetford said that King had been indicted by the Montgomery County grand jury in connection with his 1956 and 1958 Alabama income tax returns. He declared that the controversial Negro pastor had failed to report approximately \$31,000 of personal income during those two years.

Discouraging Stork

ST. PAUL, Minn. (EP) — The much-publicized and much-discussed "population explosion" throughout the world has evoked an unusual suggestion from a Minnesota Methodist commission. The commission came up with a proposal which, spokesmen said, would reflect approval of ministers having families and yet not encourage them to contribute to the population explosion.

The commission recommended a revised ministerial scale which would reduce a pastor's per child allowance with each succeeding addition to his family.

At present, the conference Commission on Minimum Salary and Mutual Aid guarantees each married minister as a minimum salary 85 per cent of the average salary paid in the conference, plus \$200 for each dependent child.

The proposed change, which will be acted on by the conference at its annual meeting next June, calls for a per child allowance which would be \$300 for one child, \$250 for the second, and so on down to \$50 for the sixth.

Religion and Politics

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — Expressing its "concern" over the possibility that religion "may be used to dominate and confuse . . . fair discussion of the real issues in the coming national election campaign," the Minneapolis Presbytery has overwhelmingly adopted a report which declares:

"In our free society, a man's religious affiliation should not automatically commend or condemn him to the intelligent voter. His personal integrity and views on real concrete issues should be the voter's guide for decision."

The same report also protested publication of the results of a recent poll by **Monday Morning**, a national Presbyterian ministers' magazine. The poll had found opposition among the denomination's clergy to a Roman Catholic candidate. The Minnesota Presbytery charged, however, that the poll, based "on a very small minority return . . . was not significant of any widespread sentiment in the Church."

SB Foundation Officers Elected

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Foundation here has re-elected its three officers. Stirton Oman, Nashville contractor, is president. Walton N. Smith, Clarksville, Tenn., realtor, is vice president, and Noble C. Caudill, Nashville shoe firm executive, is recording secretary.

Gives Estate to Baptists

NASHVILLE (BP) — An Amarillo, Tex., woman—Mrs. Ethel H. Proper—left part of her estate to the Southern Baptist Foundation here to benefit Baptist causes.

J. W. Storer of Nashville, Foundation executive secretary, said that the final settlement has not been reached but that the will probably provides more than \$50,000 for Baptists.

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will receive the income from the Baptist bequest, set up in the form of a trust. It will be known as the Ethel H. Proper Trust Fund.

New Worker Is Named

FT. WORTH, Tex.—Mrs. Sally Takemori, of Puunene Maui, Hawaii, has been named tape editor of the radio department of the Radio and Television Commission here.

The wife of Ronald Takemori, student at Southwestern Baptist Seminary and youth director for Lockwood Baptist Church in Dallas, Sally has served for the past year as a tape duplicator. She is a graduate of Mississippi College.

Elliott to Give Founders Day Message

FT. WORTH, TEX.—Dr. L. R. Elliott, professor Bibliography emeritus at Southwestern Seminary, will deliver the Founders Day Address in Truett Auditorium March 17.

Forward Program Tested in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia.—The Forward Program of Church Finance was given a test run in Colombia by three Baptist churches of varying size, location, and economic background: Central Church, Barranquilla; 1st Church, Cali; and Emanuel Church, Bogota.

Data revealing successful campaigns and enthusiastic recommendations from these pilot churches were presented to pastors and treasurers of other Baptist churches in February. The four-day conference was held at International Baptist Theological Seminary, Cali.

Fellowship of Baptist Students

THE fourteenth annual conference of the Fellowship of Baptist Theological Students will meet at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tenn., March 30-31. Theme this year is: "The Task of Baptist Churches."



EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES ELECT—Executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions and associations have elected their new officers for the year. Standing is Robert L. Lee, Alexandria, executive secretary, Louisiana Baptist Convention; who is vice president. Seated, left, is W. C. Boone, Middletown, Ky., executive secretary, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, who is president. N. J. Westmoreland, Wichita, Kans., right, executive secretary, Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, continues as secretary-treasurer. (BP) photo.

Duncan Awarded Scholarship

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—Dr. Pope A. Duncan, professor of Church History of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, has been awarded a \$4,000 fellowship by the American Association of Theological Schools for the year 1960-61.

This scholarship will make it possible for Duncan to use his Sabbatical year for study at the University of Zurich under the tutelage of Dr. Fritz Blanke, leading Reformation historian. Duncan also expects to attend special seminars with Professor Karl Barth at Basel.

Christian Life Commission Officers

NASHVILLE (BP) — Pastors from Louisiana and Florida and a professor from Vanderbilt University here are officers of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention for the coming year.

The Commission elected G. Avery Lee, pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Ruston, La., as chairman, succeeding Adiel J. Moncrief of St. Joseph, Mo. Daniel R. Grant, Vanderbilt professor of Political Science and a layman member, is vice chairman.

R. B. Culbreth, pastor, Miami Springs Baptist Church, Miami Springs, Fla., is recording secretary.

Professors Receive Fellowships

FT. WORTH — Two Southwestern Seminary professors have been awarded \$4,000 faculty fellowships by the American Association of Theological Schools.

Dr. C. W. Scudder, associate professor of Christian Ethics, and Dr. William H. Rossell, professor of Old Testament, have received the awards from a gift provided by the Sealantic Fund, Inc.

Burhans Heads College

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Rollin S. Burhans, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, and moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, has accepted presidency of the new Baptist college in Louisville.

Burhans assumed his new post March 7 and moves immediately into the first stage of the building program which has already been approved by the trustees.

The contract for the first building, a \$1 million administration building, is expected to be let in the near future. A science building, the second building proposed, might also be under construction before the end of the year.

Relief and Annuity Board Studies Major Medical Coverage

DALLAS — Major medical coverage headed the list of new business items on the agenda of the trustees meeting of the Relief and Annuity Board.

The 59-member board approved the appointment of a special committee to study the possibility of the Board offering major medical coverage as part of the protection plan program available to ministers and denominational employees.

Keegan Elected Chairman of Advisory Council on Work with National Baptists

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Advisory Council on Work with National Baptists has elected G. Kearnie Keegan of Nashville as chairman for the year, succeeding T. B. Maston of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Keegan is secretary of Student Work, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Rogers M. Smith, administrative assistant, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the Council's new vice chairman.

Mrs. Mildred Dunn, editorial associate with the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis, Tenn., remains as secretary.

Alaska Crusade

DALLAS, TEX. — The eleventh Alaska simultaneous crusade will be held Sept. 25-Oct. 9, 1960. The Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board has enlisted 55 evangelists and singers for the crusade. State side churches are paying the transportation for their pastors and ministers of music for the crusade. Vernon Yearby, of the Division of Evangelism, will be director.

SB Foundation Reports Highest Rate of Return

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foundation here reports that its average rate of return on invested funds during 1959 was 5.09 per cent, highest in the agency's history.

It distributed net earnings in excess of \$150,000 to beneficiaries which include individuals as well as agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Hospital Service For Check-Ups

NEW ORLEANS — (BP) — The executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's two hospitals has offered their facilities for medical check ups of Convention leaders.

T. Sloane Guy, Jr., New Orleans, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Hospitals, said either the hospital here or Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., could be selected.

He proposed that the thorough physical examination be scheduled between Christmas and New Year's Day. The hospital would accept whatever insurance the Convention leader carried, and would bear any additional hospital expense itself.

Facts of Interest

... Beer sales in the first ten months of last year totaled 74,877,760 barrels compared with 71,921,494 barrels sold the first ten months of 1958.

... According to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the death rate is now about 9.4 per 1,000 population, or 2 per cent below the 1950 figure. The death rate declined more than three times as fast in the 1940's, and about twice as fast in the 1930's.

... Despite strikes, labor disputes, etc., 1959 was the nation's most prosperous year. The gross national product reached a record \$480 billion in 1959, compared to \$441.7 billion in 1958, and the previous high of \$442.5 billion in 1957.

... By 1970 a special delivery letter mailed in New York may be delivered in San Francisco two hours later. This will be made possible by a device similar to a television camera which will pick up a picture of the letter and send it across the continent via wire on microwave relay and reproduce it on sensitive paper.

... QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Parents wonder why the streams are bitter, when they themselves have poisoned the fountain."—The Survey Bulletin

Southern Baptists Work Extensively In Helping Negroes, Report Shows

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — Southern Baptists annually spend \$3½ million with nearly 400 full-time workers in an extensive work with Negroes in the world.

These figures are part of a comprehensive study made for the convention's Advisory Council on Southern Baptist work with National Baptists.

This survey was the first total effort ever conducted among Southern Baptists to secure information of work through all channels. The report has just been released for publication.

The study covered work by churches, associations, state conventions, SBC agencies, and other SBC groups. This is the first in a series of seven news releases dealing with this study.

This release presents the work of the churches. In succeeding releases other reports will present the work of associations, state conventions, the three boards, educational work, missions and other groups.

Local work by Southern Baptist churches with Negroes is greatest in vacation Bible School activities. Between 650 and 900 churches provided leadership for Negro schools in 1958, and in other years a total of between 3,200 and 4,000 did.

Between 1,200 and 1,650 gave financial aid in the year, and between 4,200 and 4,800 gave aid in all previous years.

Though only 6,499 of 25,280 churches surveyed replied, the approximate projections above were considered valid.

Churches replying indicated that 89 provided educational scholarships for Negroes, 167 had exchanged pulpits, 191 held simultaneous revivals, 324 erected or repaired Negro church buildings, 882 conferred with Negro pastors, 270 exchanged youth or music programs, 237 sent Negro youths to camp, and 799 engaged in other areas of co-operation.

These observations were made by the committee:

(1) Between 4,400 and 5,200 of the SBC churches are estimated to have engaged in one or more areas of co-operation.

(2) There appears to be a slight tendency for rural and town churches to be more active in co-operation than in city churches.

(3) The larger the church, the greater the probability that it co-operates in some way.

(4) Negro churches assisted previously in vacation Bible School and in other ways are more and more able to provide their own leadership.

(5) The rate of response in deep Southern states having sizable Negro populations was somewhat less than that from fringe and newer Convention states.

(6) Once a church cooperates in one way, the probability is high that it will cooperate in additional ways.

Most frequent of voluntary comments were, "There are no Negroes in this area"; "Small Negro population"; "We actively help our Negro churches — pleasant relationship"; and "Negro churches here are on equal basis with white and do not want, nor do they receive, help from our churches."

Other comments, less frequently mentioned, were, "Don't believe in cooperation between two races;" "Integration crisis has limited what can be done here at present;" "We would be happy to assist if there were Negroes here;" and "We have done no work with Negroes but this questionnaire has interested us in this possibility." ■

ROSA CHURCH, Mississippi County Association, has included the Arkansas Baptist in their budget after receiving our one month free trial offer. Bert Thomas is pastor.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

Ponder History

PROSPERITY, ACCEPTANCE, and respectability may prove to be as great curses as poverty, rejection, and contempt. English Baptists discovered this.

Winning their rights as a religious group in the latter part of the 17th and early part of the 18th century, they were in a state of drowsiness when the Whitfield and Wesley revivals swept England. These movements had little effect on them.

What brought about such a condition?

1. Their organizational life was intact but they no longer sent out evangelists. Local ministers sought to do this work but found their tasks too great. Evangelists who offered their services were discouraged.

2. Oftentimes, the churches were neglected by the ministers. Many were farmers and were busy making a living by tilling the soil.

3. The organizational meetings were devoted to debates on doctrine and discipline. Missing the need, they were dry, listless affairs, without warmth and enthusiasm.

4. More time was given to organization and consolidation than expansion. It was an era of church building. People and pastor alike grew weary of constant begging for money to pay bills.

5. Preachers ceased to minister to outlying districts. Most of their time was spent on their church field. This left much of the city or community without any ministry. There were new edifices but the members lived too far away. The gospel was no longer carried to the masses.

6. Doctrine became abstract, separate from life, and expression. It was something to believe, to accept. Much of the preaching was of this type. In its theoretical setting it did not inspire or give a sense of responsibility. Religion was becoming compartmentalized, faith and practice were too far separated. Hyper-Calvinism was rearing its ugly, anti-missionary head. Doctrinal dry-rot had set in.

7. A censorious spirit arose. Much faultfinding and self-appointed critics appeared on the scene. An example of this is seen in one woman, who for thirty years, wrote pamphlets describing her spiritual experiences, setting herself up as an example, criticizing Whitfield and Wesley, and, in general, esteeming herself the voice of orthodoxy.

Baptists do well to ponder their history. They ought not to fall twice into the same theological and denominational pitfall.



Seefeldt Elected VP

REV. HAROLD C. SEEFELDT, Superintendent of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage for the past twelve years, was recently elected 1st Vice-President of the Southern Baptist Child-Care Executives, at a meeting in Troy, Ala.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)—Miller Mikell, who has established a reputation as one of the outstanding chalk artists in America, has assumed duties as production supervisor in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Audio Visual Aids Department, Nashville.

Dr. Mikell is known as a lecturer using vivid and spectacular "black light" paintings with light. He has done extensive, evangelistic work throughout the continent, as well as pastored churches in Georgia, Kansas, and Texas.

He holds the M.R.E. and D.R.E. degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.



Rev. Guy Wilson

Baptist World Alliance To Receive \$10,000 More

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance may receive \$10,000 more next year from the operating budget of the Southern Baptist Convention because of a proposal voted on here.

Its 1961 amount would be \$60,000 compared with \$50,000 from the Southern Baptist Convention this year. The budget is subject to adoption at the annual session of the SBC at Miami Beach, Fla.

The Baptist World Alliance promised to stop direct appeals for support to Southern Baptist churches after the increase. The SBC Executive Committee approved the increase.

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The Pastor and His Flock

IN 1924, a national magazine conducted a competition in which ministers were urged to submit sermons for judging. Among those which were entered in the contest was a resignation sermon. Wrote the departing shepherd:

"I am leaving you for three reasons. First, you don't love God. You are always scrapping amongst yourselves, and have been since I came.

"Then, you don't love one another. I have never married any one of you since I came to the church.

"Finally, you don't love me. You have not paid me my salary. Your donations have been wormy, rotten potatoes and decayed cabbage, and by their fruits ye shall know them. I leave you to go to a better place. I have been called to be the chaplain of a penitentiary, and where I go, ye can not come now, but I go to prepare a place for you, and may God have mercy on your stingy souls."

Something was obviously out of joint in the pastor-church relationship. It is clear that such a man could not

write, as did Paul, "... my brethren dearly beloved ... my joy and my crown." Wherever the blame lay for the situation, it can only be said of him, in a negative sort of way, as was spoken positively of another pastor, "He puts his arms around the whole congregation and no one feels left out."

No man who has ever been privileged to serve as a pastor of God's own flock has been without the sentiments of Henry Ward Beecher:

"I can bear witness ... never in any circumstances in life is there anything that is to me so touching as when I stand, in ordinary good health, before my great congregation to pray for them. Hundreds and hundreds of times, as I rose to pray and glanced at the congregation, I could not keep back the tears. There came to my mind such a sense of their wants, there were so many doubts, there were so many states of weakness, there were so many dangers, so many perils, there were such histories, — not world histories, but eternal world histories, — I had such a sense of compassion for them, my soul so longed for them, that it seemed to me as if I could scarcely open my mouth to speak for them. And when I take my people and carry them before God to plead for them, I never plead for myself as I do for them, — I

never could. Indeed, I sometimes, as I have said, hardly feel as I had anything to ask; but oh, when I know what is going on in the heart of my people, and I am permitted to stand to lead them, to inspire their thoughts and feelings, and go into the presence of God, there is no time that Jesus is so crowned with glory as then! There is no time that I ever get so far into heaven. I can see my mother there; I see again my little children; I walk again, arm in arm, with those who have been my companions and co-workers. I forget the body, I live in the spirit; and it seems as if God permitted me to lay my hand on the very Tree of Life, and to shake down from it both leaves and fruit for the healing of my people."

Wrote Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill: "As I look back upon my years as a pastor, I have forgotten many of the administrative plans we had, the committee meetings I attended, but as long as I live I shall treasure the memory of opportunities of serving people personally and of trying, however inadequately, to bring to them the messages of the love of God in Christ."

That's why the pastor can say with a great Christian professor of a Virginia institution: "Life owes me nothing. I've had work I loved, and I've lived in a beautiful place among congenial friends. I have love in its highest form and I've got it forever." —Pastor Charles Frank Pitts, in *The Baptist Herald*, 1st Church, Blytheville



DR. PITTS

Sunday School Convention To Hear All-American

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)—Bily Cannon, all-American football star and senior at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, will give his testimony at the nation-wide Southern Baptist Sunday School Convention March 29-31 in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Cannon will speak during youth emphasis activities at the closing session of the Sunday School Convention Thursday evening, March 31. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Chester E. Swor, youth counselor, writer, and lecturer of Jackson, Miss., will be principal speakers on the Youth Night program. A 1,000-voice youth choir and the Bison Glee Club of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, will provide special music.

A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will direct the three-day convention in Ft. Worth.

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Washington Church Observes Anniversary

CONGRESS HEIGHTS Church, Washington, D. C., will celebrate its golden anniversary, March 27. Dr. Ralph Longshore, evangelistic leader of the State of Alabama will be guest speaker. A series of revival meetings will begin on this day.

The church is now third in membership in the District of Columbia Convention. The membership is approximately 1,750 at the present time. There have been four missions established by the church in the past eight years.

A. Lincoln Smith has been pastor of the church since 1946. His father and brother live in Arkadelphia.

Student Interest In Pioneer Missions

ATLANTA. — The interest of seminary students in Home Mission work is highest in pioneer areas, according to Glendon McCullough, Atlanta. Many have indicated they were willing to support themselves by secular employment to serve struggling churches and missions, he said.

McCullough, missionary personnel secretary of the Home Mission Board, recently led conferences at all six of the Southern Baptist seminaries.

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FOY VALENTINE

Valentine Named Commission Head

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Foy D. Valentine of Dallas, Tex., has been elected executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, succeeding Dr. A. C. Miller, who retired. Valentine reports to his new position here June 1.

Valentine has been director of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1953, when he also succeeded Dr. Miller, who left the Texas position to assume the Southern Baptist Convention leadership post in Nashville.

A native of Edgewood, Tex., Valentine is 36. He received his B.A. degree at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and his Th.M. and Th.D. degrees at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Valentine is the author of a number of tracts on various aspects of Christian Life Commission work. The Texas state commission has five divisions — family life, race relations, moral issues, economic life, and Christian citizenship.

Valentine, calmly, yet strongly, summed up his philosophy here soon after his election.

"Christianity is not just an outward expression, but an inner reality which expresses itself in all practical areas of life," Valentine said.

Valentine said that "the time is ripe for Southern Baptists to make great new strides in the application of the gospel of Christ."

Valentine's interest in the full-time application of Christian principles to daily living can be traced to his experience of conversion to Christ as a youngster in East Texas.

"When I was called to preach," he said, "I felt a peculiar and powerful interest in the practical application of Christian truth."

At Southwestern Seminary, he majored in Christian Ethics under Dr. T. B. Maston for his Th.D. degree more than a decade ago.

Music

Music Notes

MRS. JOE Simmons, minister of music, 1st Church, Malvern reported an average attendance of 82 per cent for



MR. McCLARD

five choirs with an enrollment of 118 for the month of January. This church receives 40 copies of the Church Musician, has a music council of 12 members, a total music ministry enrollment, including pianist and choir sponsors of 154.

Present membership in the four choirs of 1st Church, Siloam Springs, is 121. Freddie Helms is the new minister of music. Newton County continues to lead, in regularity of hymn sings. Mrs. Nina Lee Fowler reports that Newton County for the ninth straight year has had an associational hymn sing every quarter except one. Last quarter, the hymn sing met at the Jass Baptist Church. The theme of the program was "Birth of a King." A total of 33 attended.

Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, continues to be the most consistent church in the state in attaining the

standard of excellence for the music ministry quarter by quarter each year. Max Alexander, minister of music, reports eight choirs, an active music council, and an enrollment of 257 in the music ministry.

Beech Street Church, Gurdon, with Ouachita student Henry Whitlow serving as music director, has enrolled 87 in the four choirs. Future plans call for organization of a music council and a survey of the music program of different departments.

Three choirs and a music council of ten members are a part of the music ministry of Life Line Church, Little Rock. A total of 66 persons is enrolled under the direction of the full time minister of music, Dave Moody.—LeRoy McClard, Secretary

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MR. HATFIELD

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The idea is to punch holes in the visitation assignment slips, hook them on the appropriate hooks, and stand back and watch the officers, teachers, and class members go flying out to visit the prospects and absentees.

Is this happening in your church? Probably not. Most visitation boards are freighted with untouched visitation assignment slips that are 3 weeks to 3 months old.

The visitation board worked good for a few months when it was first installed in many churches. But after a few months' use the freshness and appeal somehow wore off and never has been revived. Chances are the revival of a continuous use of a board will never come. (If yours is working, don't let your workers read this!)

Why won't the visitation board work? Simply stated, it is impersonal. It is easy to say no to a board. At least it is harder to say no to a dedicated worker than to a four by eight piece of plywood.

Most visitation programs need every possible attractive promotion and mechanical aid possible, but none of these will take the place of the personal appeal and motivation involved in handing a visitation slip to a visitor and asking for a report at a stated time and place.

Because the plywood cost so much, and the paint and layout had to be so carefully done, we seem to think it ought to keep producing. Maybe it would be a good thing to take out the hooks, putty up the holes and make a ping-pong table out of it for those who won't accept a visitation slip, but who will accept a ping-pong paddle!

Bored with the visitation board? Try giving out the assignments hand to hand, and smile, face to face when you do it.—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

GA Camp In Nigeria

The first camp for Hausa-speaking members of the Girl's Auxilliary in Northern Nigeria was held in Keffi January 22-24. The 62 Hausa-speaking girls were joined by 16 Yoruba-speaking ones, so that, counting the adult helpers and Missionary Imogene (Mrs. C. Ray) Crowder, there were nine tribes and three countries represented.

ACCORDING TO information in this office there are 98 mission stations in operation at present in Arkansas. Pularski County Association leads with eight while White River and Central each has seven. There are eight associations without any mission stations.



DR. CALDWELL

IN ANOTHER paper we read that 1st Church of Atlanta, Ga., unanimously voted \$200,000 for its mission—\$100,000 as a gift on the building and \$100,000 as a loan which the mission will repay when it becomes a church. In some places it will take "big" money to start the right kind of a mission. We must quit thinking in terms of a few hundred dollars.

IN STILL another paper we read that Virginia Baptists appropriated \$100,000 to supplement pastors' salaries in the small churches, especially the new churches.

THERE are 39 churches and missions in Arkansas receiving supplement on pastors' salaries. The amount allocated for pastoral aid is \$15,000.

ASHLEY County and Current River associations are currently engaged in simultaneous crusades. Ralph Douglas is director in Ashley County and C. W. Caldwell in Current River.

CHARLES Finch reports that February was a hard month at the Sanatorium—with much serious illness.

THERE were nine professions of faith in the Boys' Industrial School in February, according to Chaplain E. A. Richmond.

FLIPPIN Church has secured a site for a mission at Bull Shoals; 1st Church, Hot Springs, plans to begin a mission at Bethel and Burnell streets in East Hot Springs.

SIX student missionaries, secured by the Home Mission Board, will work with us in Arkansas June 6 through Aug. 13.

REMEMBER the Rural Church Conference will be held at Lonsdale instead of Couchdale. The date is June 13-16.

1ST CHURCH, Marianna, began a new mission Sunday, Feb. 28, known as Northside Baptist Chapel.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent.

Prayer Room Dedicated In New Senate Building

WASHINGTON (BP) — A special prayer room in the New Senate Office Building has been dedicated for the use of the Ladies Prayer Group and for others.

The Ladies Prayer Group is composed of wives of Senators. The Men's Prayer Group is made up of certain Senators who have a special interest in strengthening the religious and devotional life. Both groups are affiliated with the International Christian Leadership, a national organization composed of more than 200 such prayer groups.

Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D., S. C.), an active Baptist deacon, spoke at the dedication of the ladies' prayer room. He said, "Man requires and demands a divine power as a source of help and guidance. Here in this room you may gather. In its quietness you may ask for divine intercession, spiritual guidance and seek forgiveness for the errors of the flesh."

This is the second such room on Capitol Hill. The other is in the Capitol itself and is for the use of the members of Congress. ■

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MONDAY, MAY 16

Monday Morning Session

- 9:00 Song and Praise.....Amon Baker
Scripture—A Word Record Production
Season Of Prayer.....Dr. John Haldeman
- 9:20 Welcome To Miami.....Dr. C. Roy Angell
- 9:30 Forecast Of Program
Events.....Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr.
- 9:40 Solo—"How Great Thou
Art".....Miss Joe Ann Shelton
- 9:45 Message—"The Making of a
Minister".....Dr. Guy H. Moore
- 10:20 Searching For Spiritual Power
Scripture—Matthew 7:1-5
Solo—
"The Lord's Prayer".....Dr. W. Morris Ford
Message—
"It's Me, O Lord".....Chester Swor
- 10:50 Solo—"Why?".....Mrs. Hoke A. Branham, Jr.
- 10:55 Message—
"Who Crucified Jesus?".....Dr. G. Earl Guinn
- 11:35 Announcements and Forecast
- 11:40 Bellevue Quartet
"Take Up Thy Cross".....Mrs. Ruth Parchman
"My Jesus I Love Thee".....Miss Ruth Calvert
Mrs. Frances Mark
Miss Frances Calvert
- 11:45 Message—"Unconditional
Surrender".....Dr. Ramsey Pollard
Benediction

Monday Afternoon Session

- 2:00 Song and Praise.....Mr. Baker
Scripture—A Word Record Production
Season of Prayer.....Rev. Robert Barker
- 2:20 Forecast of Baptist World Alliance
Meeting At Rio.....Dr. Theodore F. Adams
- 2:40 Searching For Spiritual Power
Scripture—John 1:43-51
Solo—"Open My Eyes That
I May See".....Dr. Ford
Message—"Unlikely People, Unlimited
Possibilities".....Dr. Swor

- 3:05 Solo—
"Saved By Grace".....Miss Shelton
- 3:10 A Panel Discussion.....Dr. Wayne Oates, Director
"Maintaining the Minister's
Health".....Dr. Wayne Oates
"The Medical Care of a
Minister".....Dr. Myron Madden
- 3:55 Solo—"But This I
Know".....Mrs. Branham, Jr.
- 4:00 Message—(Subject to
be Announced).....Dr. Herbert Gezork
Benediction

Monday Evening Session

- 7:00 Song and Praise.....Mr. Baker
Scripture—A Word Record Production
Season of Prayer.....Dr. Wayne Dehoney
- 7:15 Bellevue Quartet—
"Nothing Between".....Mrs. Parchman
"The Lily of the Valley".....Miss Calvert
Mrs. Mark
Miss Calvert
- 7:20 Message—(Subject to
be Announced).....Howard Butt, Jr.
- 7:45 Solo—"The Glory of His
Presence".....Mrs. Branham, Jr.
- 7:50 Searching For Spiritual Power
Scripture—I Cor. 13:1-3 and 8:13
Solo—"The King of Love".....Dr. Ford
Message—"Only Love is
Adequate".....Dr. Swor
- 8:05 A Dramatic
Presentation.....Prof. Charles McGlon
The Southern Baptist Seminary Dramatic
Group
- 8:50 Pastors' Conference Offering
- 8:55 Solo—"He Lifted Me".....Miss Shelton
- 9:00 Message—"God's Prophets Through
the Ages".....Dr. W. A. Criswell
Benediction

Tuesday Morning Session

- 9:00 Song and Praise..... Mr. Baker
 Scripture—A Word Record Production
 Season of Prayer..... Dr. J. Roy Robinson
- 9:20 Message—"Operation
 Pentecost"..... Rev. Angel Martinez
- 9:50 Special Music..... Al and Ivy Walsh
- 10:00 IT HAPPENED TO ME—
 A Period of Personal Testimonies
 New Missionary Appointees (Names to
 be Announced)
 "What Christ Means to Me"..... Carl Vaught
 "When Christ Chose Me"..... Jimmy Karam
- 10:45 Searching For Spiritual Power
 Scripture—I Timothy 2:1-7
 Solo—"Just A Closer Walk
 With Thee"..... Dr. Ford
 Message—"If the
 Gold Rust!"..... Dr. Swor
- 11:15 Picture of Conference
 Forecast of Remaining Program
- 11:30 Bellevue Quartet—"The Name of
 Jesus"..... Mrs. Parchman
 "Then Jesus Came"..... Miss Ruth Calvert
 Mrs. Mark
 Miss Frances Calvert
- 11:45 Message—"Lullaby, Alibi, and
 By-and-By"..... Dr. R. G. Lee
 Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon Session

- 2:00 Song and Praise..... Mr. Baker
 Scripture—A Word Record Production

- Season of Prayer..... Dr. Verlin Kruschwitz
- 2:00 Solo—"I Am Amazed"..... Miss Shelton
- 2:25 Presentation of Former Conference
 Presidents And Their Wives
- 2:35 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous
 Business
 Pastors' Conference Offering
- 2:55 Solo—"The Saviour's
 Name"..... Mrs. Branham, Jr.
- 3:00 Searching For Spiritual Power
 Scripture—John 21:15-17
 Solo—"How Great Thou
 Art"..... Dr. Ford
 Message—"The Hungry
 Sheep"..... Dr. Swor
- 3:30 Bellevue Quartet—"The Ninety and
 Nine"..... Mrs. Parchman
 "I'll Go Where You Want Me
 To Go"..... Miss Ruth Calvert
 Mrs. Mark
 Miss Frances Calvert
- 3:35 Message—"God's Man in a World of
 Revolution"..... Dr. Billy Graham
 "The Hallelujah Chorus"..... Dr. Warren Angell,
 (Combined Choirs) Director
 Benediction
 Organist—Kurt Kaiser Pianist—Charles Magnuson
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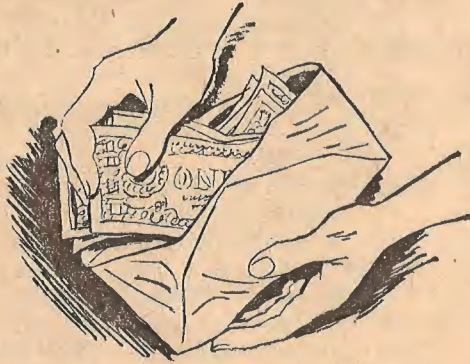
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Friday, March 25

- 8:00-10:00 a.m.—Registration and Campus
 Tours
- 9:00-10:00 a.m.—Reception for Prospective
 Music Students,
 Little Auditorium
- 10:00-10:15 a.m.—Convocation, Mitchell Hall
- 10:15-11:30 a.m.—Variety Show, Mitchell Hall
- 11:30-12:30 p.m.—Basket Lunch Served on the
 Campus

- 12:30-1:30 p.m.—Journalism Contest, Old Book
 Store 102
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.—Free Time for Non-Journal-
 ism Participants
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.—Crowning of the "Tiger Day"
 Queen
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.—Recreational Activities
- 7:30 p.m.—International Relations Club Film,
 Admission 25 cents





In God We Trust

By Laura Alice Boyd

BILLY WAS helping his father count some money. Billy was counting the one-dollar bills. All at once he stopped. "Look, Daddy, these bills are not all alike."

"Let's see," said his father. "Are they all one-dollar bills?"

"Yes," said Billy, "but this one has 'In God We Trust' above the word 'one' and this one doesn't."

"Look at the dates on the bills," said his father.

After a moment Billy said, "The one with the motto on it was printed in 1957 and the other one in 1950. Why should that make a difference?"

"Well," said his father, "1957 was the first year that those words were printed on our paper money. In 1955 a congressman from Florida, named Charles E. Bennett, introduced a bill in the Congress of the United States which said that from that time on all new issues of money, either coins or paper, should have that motto printed on them. The bill was passed and was signed by the President to become a law.

"While working on this bill, Mr. Bennett discovered that the United States had no official motto. He drafted another bill to make the words, 'In God We Trust,' the national motto."

"I thought that had been our motto for a long time," said Billy. "It says in 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' 'And this be our motto: In God is our trust!'"

"I suppose lots of people have thought the same thing," said his father, "but nothing was ever done about it until a law was passed in 1931 making that song our national anthem. Those words make a good motto for a nation and for every citizen in that nation because it is God's help that has brought us to the place we have in the world today."

Billy picked up a half dollar from among the coins.

"Look, Daddy, here are the words, 'In God We Trust,' on this coin, and here

they are on this quarter and here on a dime. The motto is on every one of the coins," said Billy as he looked at the different coins. "Have these words always been on our silver money?"

"Not always," said his father, "but for a long time. It was in 1814 that Francis Scott Key wrote 'The Star-Spangled Banner' and made the suggestion in his poem, but nothing was done about it then.

"In 1861 a minister from Ridleyville, Pennsylvania, wrote to Salmon P. Chase, who was Secretary of the Treasury under President Lincoln. The minister urged 'the recognition of Almighty God in some form on our coins.' Mr. Chase was an earnest Christian gentleman and was in favor of the idea. It was almost two years, however, before all the necessary arrangements could be made.

"The words first appeared on a two-cent piece in 1864. There were a number of other forms suggested such as, 'Our God, Our Trust' and 'Our God, Our Country.' It is believed that Mr. Chase himself made the final choice. Did you know that Mr. Chase's picture is on a bill?"

Billy looked at a one-dollar bill and then at a five-dollar bill.

"It isn't on either of these," he said.

His father laughed. "No," he said, "I don't suppose you or I are likely to see his picture on any money we ever have. Mr. Chase's picture is on the ten-thousand-dollar bill."

"I guess you are right," laughed Billy. "We are not very likely to find that picture on any of the money we handle."

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Time Totters On

AN ACTOR tells of a receptionist in New York who was helping an aspiring actress fill out an audition blank.

When the actress was asked her age, she hesitated. The receptionist waited patiently while the seconds ticked by. Then she said, "Better hurry up. Every minute makes it worse."

One-And-Only

HE: "I wish I had a nickel for every girl I've kissed."

SHE: "What would you do? Buy a pack of gum?"

In Good Company

"LOOK MOTHER!" yelled little Willie. "There's a big black bear out in the back yard."

"Now, Willie, you know perfectly well that's Tom Jones' dog. Now go straight to your room and ask God to forgive you for telling a fib."

Willie was back downstairs in a few moments.

"Did you ask God to forgive you?"

"Yep, I did," said Willie, "and He said it was all right. God said the first time He saw Tom Jones' dog, He thought it was a bear Himself."

Flattery for Pay

WHEN THE concert ended a man noticed that two fellows seated immediately in front of him were applauding harder than anyone else.

He remarked to his neighbor that it was wonderful to find such enthusiasm for good music. Just then one of the men in front stopped applauding.

"Keep clapping," the other said out of the side of his face. "One more encore and we're on overtime."

Higher Authority

BOSS: "Jones, I understand you've been going over my head."

JONES (meekly): "Not that I know of, sir."

BOSS: "Isn't it true that you've been praying for a raise?"

Church Chuckles
by CARTWRIGHT



"Praying's fine, but he'd better start giving Divine Providence a little help."

Prayer is a wonderful ally in time of need, but it was never meant as a substitute for self-endeavor. "God helps those who help themselves" is a very wise saying, and one we sometimes forget in our desire to accomplish entirely by prayer what we ought to be doing largely through our own initiative.

Paul's Voyage to Rome

Acts 27:1-28:15

March 20, 1960

By Dr. John Caylor, Associate Pastor
1st Church, Little Rock

The Voyage

AFTER the trial before the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem, Paul was sent to Caesarea where he was tried before Felix, Festus, and Agrippa before being sent to Rome.

The voyage to Rome was launched from Caesarea.

Going north they touched Sidon. Here Paul was given the privilege of refreshing himself among friends. Launching forth, they sailed under Cyprus because of contrary winds. When they had sailed over the seas touching Cilicia and Pamphylia they came to Myra.

Paul must have called over in his meditations and prayers all the Christians he had known through Cilicia, Pamphylia, and farther up in the interior. At Myra they changed ships and soon came over against Cnidus. Strong contrary winds delayed them, but they sailed under lea of Crete, over against Salmone, and anchored at Fair Havens.

The restlessness of the sailors prevailed over the admonitions of Paul, and the ship set out to sea in an effort to reach the more commodious harbor of Phenice (Phoenix).

The storm, Euroclydon, swept them out to sea. For days the storm raged. After two weeks, when despair had seized practically all of them, they were shipwrecked near Melita (Malta).

Landing safe themselves, but having lost everything, the passengers were entertained by the natives. After long delay, during which Paul made himself useful as a minister, the missionary was able to go on to Rome by way of Syracuse, Rhegium, and Puteoli. At Rome Paul called together the Jews and explained to them his imprisonment. He then set a time and preached Christ to them. For two years he preached in his own hired house.

A Resume

Phrases from the Acts account of Paul's voyage to Rome furnish both an outline and a resume.

"Voyage determined . . . refreshed by friends . . . contrary winds . . . changing ships . . . Fair Havens . . . much time spent . . . now dangerous . . . Paul admonishes . . . to Phenice . . . south wind blew softly . . . a tempestuous wind . . . lightening the ship . . . all hope taken away . . . an angel of God . . . Paul stood forth . . . fear not . . . sounding . . . wished for the day . . . took bread and gave thanks . . . shipwreck . . . safe landing . . ."

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Divine Leadership

IN the voyage of life, the Christian may have the assurance of divine leadership. Paul's voyage to Rome reflected God's leading in the appeal, in friendship, in submission, in prayer, in domination, and in a safe landing.

The appeal to Rome was God's vehicle of conveyance to deliver his missionary to the world's capital city. When Paul found that he could not obtain a fair trial in Caesarea, he resorted to the privileges of Roman citizenship and appealed to Caesar. The bungling of minor officials not only delayed Paul's release from prison but resulted in their having to send him to Rome. It was not Paul's choice; he had planned a trip to Rome, but not as a prisoner. He wanted to preach the gospel in Rome, but hoped to arrive there a free man.

Friendship is a means of gospel advancement when under the leadership of God. Paul made friends with all on board the ship. Many a Christian destroys his usefulness by antagonizing those who should be his friends for Christ's sake.

Submission, divinely inspired, contributes to the success of a venture. Paul had advised against going to Phenice, but did not sulk because he

was outvoted. He submitted, and used his agreeableness to gain advantage for a better cause than simply having his own way.

Also there was divine leadership in prayer. There was nothing left now but prayer, and Paul seems to be the only one who is at home in that realm. An Angel came to answer his prayer and give him assurance of safety.

The hand of God may be seen in Paul's domination. He is the only one who has survived the storm with assurance. It is natural that he should "take over" and implement the saving of the ship and its cargo of persons. All are willing to follow his bidding.

To Paul the safe landing is but the answer to prayer and an incident in the eternal purpose of God. To get all the men safely to shore became his responsibility. God had given him the ship and its passengers. He steered to safety those committed to his care.

There have been many delays, but Paul is now at Malta. It is but a short journey on to Rome. He must preach the Word in the world's capital.

Applications

Christianity breeds genuine courtesy. Christianity needs legal protection. The Christian needs a clean record.

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Discusses Christian Role in Politics

DR. RALPH A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita College, spoke at a conference on Christianity and political action in Waco, Texas, February 29-March 1, urging Christians to "get in the middle of the political arena and conduct the game on higher principles."



DR. PHELPS

Dr. Phelps appeared on the program of the two-day conference at Baylor University's Tidwell Bible Building Chapel along with Baptist leaders from Texas and Washington, D. C.

The Arkansas educator said Christians are often prone to sit on the sidelines, decrying the way the game of politics is being played.

"But they should be active in all areas which affect the common destiny — particularly in such fields as politics, government, and journalism," he said.

Dr. Phelps cited three strategies which Christians apply to politics.

"One," he said, "is withdrawal, where the Christian says, 'This is no concern of mine. I'm a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven!'"

"Another strategy," said Dr. Phelps, "is identification, where the Christian says that church and state are one and that they should go hand in hand."

"The third is to declare war on the state and say that everything in it is evil. This," he said, "is the theoretical approach of the Communists."

"All three are wrong," he asserted.

Recounting Christ's teachings on political action, Dr. Phelps said, "Christ was not an anarchist nor a political revolutionary. But at the same time He was far from indifferent to social and political situations of His time."

"Ideally," he said, "the Christian's role in politics is three-fold: he should be vitally interested in the kind of world he occupies; he should be in the world but not necessarily identified with the forms of un-Godliness which he finds in his society; and he should do all in his power to move the world in the direction which God wants it to go." ■

Attendance Report

March 6, 1960

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton, 1st	728	196	
Camden, Cullendale, 1st	411	188	
Crossett, 1st	566	222	1
El Dorado, 1st	842	281	1
El Dorado, Immanuel	624	292	3
Faith Mission	22		
Ft. Smith, Trinity	316	150	3
Fountain Hill, 1st	46	31	
Hot Springs, Park Place	425	136	
Huntsville, 1st	85	35	2
Jonesboro, Central	513	307	
Magnolia, Central	820	291	2
McGehee, 1st	391	183	4
Mission	48	32	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	851	274	1
Pine Bluff, South Side	579	190	
Springdale, 1st	464	108	2
West Memphis, Calvary	242	162	1

Historic Association Changes Support Plan

LOUISVILLE —(BP)— An unique plan of financing local associational work was abandoned by Long Run Baptist Association here through a vote of its executive board. Long Run Association is composed of more than 80,000 Baptists and over 100 churches and missions in the Louisville area.

Six years ago the association adopted a co-operative plan of missions whereby 25 per cent of all Cooperative Program funds sent by Long Run churches to the treasurer of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky was refunded to Long Run Association for its program of work. Later the refund percentage was reduced to 22 and still later to its present 20.

By unanimous vote, the board accepted a recommendation from its executive committee to give up the present plan by Jan. 1, 1961, and revert to the plan of depending upon direct contributions from individual churches to the associational program. The direct contribution plan conforms to the methods used by most of the other district associations of Kentucky and other states throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. ■

ANCHOR CHURCH in Red River Association has accepted the one month free trial offer of the Arkansas Baptist. James E. Heard is pastor.

CORINTH CHURCH, Ashley Association, licensed



THOMAS MARTIN

Thomas L. Martin to preach recently. Thomas is 16 and is a student at Hamburg High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Martin of Hamburg. Rev. Oris M. Lindsey is the pastor of Corinth Church.

Enrollment 2,394, at Southwestern Seminary

FT. WORTH, TEX. — Southwestern Seminary trustees, meeting in Ft. Worth March 1, heard reports that the year's enrollment had reached 2,394 with 1,427 in the School of Theology, 1,427 in the School of Religious Education, and 157 in the School of Church Music.

Reports from L. B. Reavis, director of development, indicated substantial gifts on the J. Howard Williams student village project. Construction is expected to begin in the fall on a new series of buildings.

Cowden Hall, church music building, will be ready for a fall opening with the completion of a \$500,000 renovation program.

Dr. Robert O. Coleman was elected to the faculty in Biblical Introduction with the rank of third-year assistant professor. He is a graduate of Baylor University and received the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Seminary. ■

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