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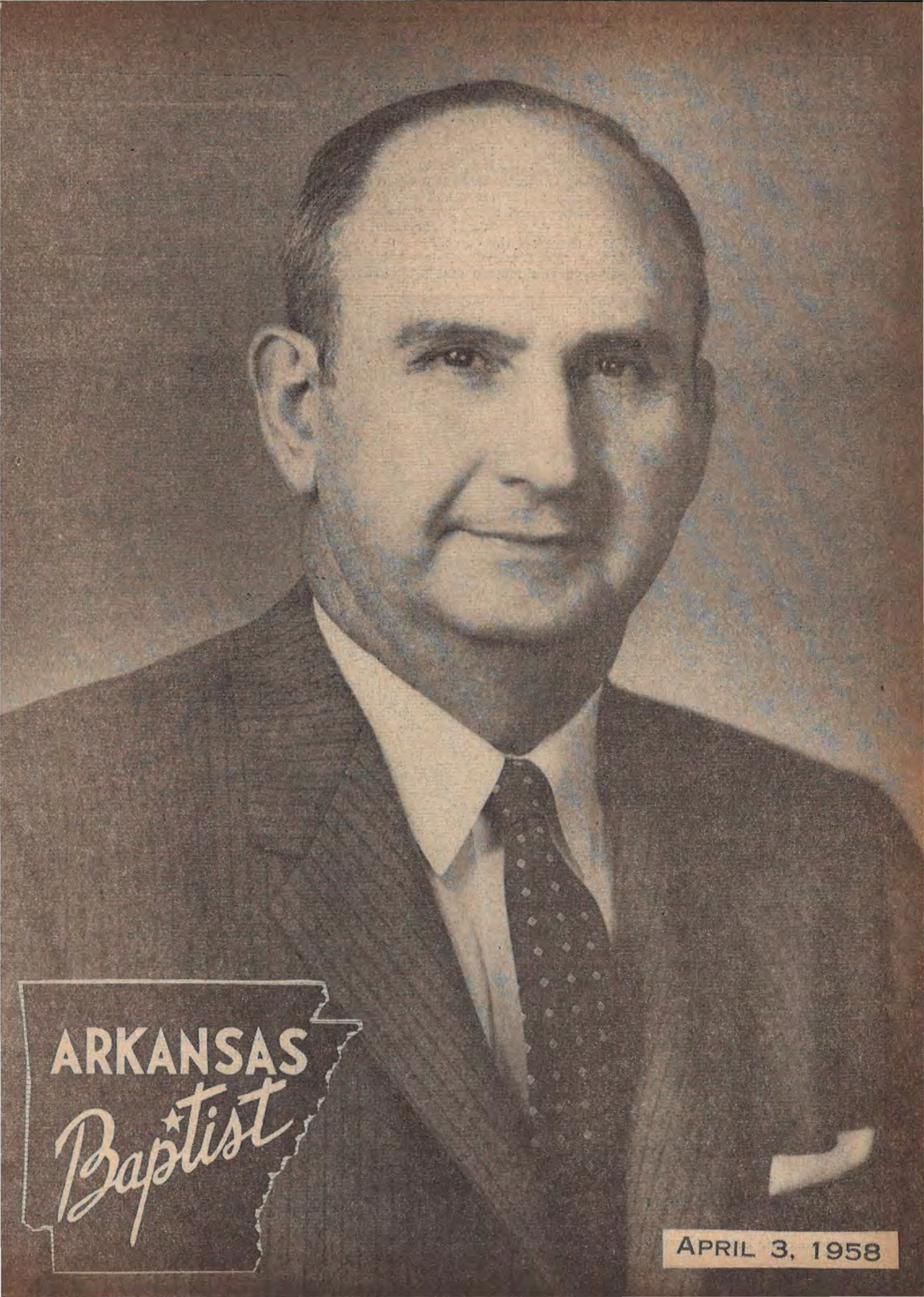
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Observations and Reactions in South America

By B. L. BRIDGES

WE LEFT Buenos Aires, Argentina, for Montevideo, the capital of the "purple land" of Uruguay. The city is as large as St. Louis and is situated on the Rio de La Plata river, or rather on the bay at the mouth of the river. The estuary is so wide that they do not know whether to call it a river or a bay

or something else.

From Montevideo to some 200 miles up the coast there is a chain of beaches and beach resorts. The German Graf Spee (destroyer) was scuttled near this city during World War II and still lies there off the coast.

The Legislative Palace is built of Uruguayan marble and pink granite. The

interior of the Palace is the most beautiful and exquisite that we have ever seen. The marble is pink and blue and white and amber, and both the floor and the walls are artistically and beautifully constructed. If you go to South America be sure to visit Montevideo.

We flew up the coast and were on the ground a half hour at Porto Alegre where we had a delightful visit with the Bagbys. Some of our friends had written Thelma Frith Bagby that we would be on that flight and they were at the airport. Arkansas Baptists are so humbly proud of Thelma Frith. She is one of our very greatest missionaries.

We landed in Sao Paulo in the afternoon of February 7. This is a large industrial city, population more than 2,000,000. After seeing the city we left for the interior and jungle of Brazil.

We wanted to visit the orphanage at Jardim which Clyde Hankins operates. We flew to Aquidauana where Brother Hankins met us in the truck. After loading the truck with supplies for the orphanage we drove the 80 miles over a gravel road to Jardim. We approached a large brick building and saw the inscription bearing the names of Dr. Joe Hankins and his wife, who paid for the building. It is an adequate building and there are about 25 children. Brother Clyde and his wife are the only attendants at present. He pastors the Baptist church, runs the orphanage, and preaches to outlying missions. He is a strong man and is doing it well. But he needs help.

This work is not operated by the Foreign Mission Board. Brother Hankins depends upon voluntary contributions, much of which comes from friends in Arkansas and Texas. The most impressive fact of it all is the utter abandon with which Hankins gives himself to the task. He can speak their language fluently and his powerful preaching wins the people to Christ.

Clyde is not a negative character. He is one of the most vigorous workers and preachers I ever knew. He is in the wilds of Brazil not because somebody like a Mission Board offered to support him, but he is there after wrestling with the Lord all night while trying to sleep in a hammock in the yard. In the morning he found that Mrs. Hankins had been tossing under the same conviction, namely, that the Lord wanted them to bury their lives in that place.

We drove about forty miles in the afternoon in his truck to a mission in the wilds where he preaches regularly. It was a country road and we travelled mile after stretching mile without seeing even a rude home or adobe house. In the little settlement was a small mission house and the people came to hear Clyde preach. We went to church again in Jardim that night. The house



SOUTH AMERICA'S rugged mountains offer many breath-taking scenes such as made during the Bridges' recent tour.



Dr. and Mrs. Bridges

was crowded. Your humble servant preached and Brother Clyde interpreted to the throng. We made an evangelistic appeal and when some one walked the aisle I turned to present him to the pastor and Clyde had his face buried in his hands in prayer. No wonder there were conversions. I doubt if anyone is doing a greater work than Clyde Hankins, and as I came away I wept over the fact that I have been living in comparative luxury and ease, drawing a good salary in a land "flowing with milk and honey" while others are fighting to win the prize. As I think of Clyde's ministry I ask myself "What have I done?" The answer could be "Nothing, nothing!" These missionaries need help, and I for one will do my reasonable best to give it to them.

We flew back hundreds of miles, landing here and there in cow pastures, to Sao Paulo and then to Rio de Janeiro, where we spent several days. There must be more than 4,000,000 people in Rio. It is in reality several cities in one. There are mountains all around, and a city ward between mountains on every hand. The Atlantic Ocean lies to the east and south. The division of the city which they call Copacabana is three blocks wide between the beach and the mountain, and miles long with a beautiful circular beach where at all hours of the day (and part of the night) people gather by the thousands for surf bathing.

The temperature in Rio was nearly 100 degrees. This is their summer time. In some areas there is block after block of massive sky-scrappers, like there are in Buenos Aires. One is simply overwhelmed by the astounding distances and the stupendous structures and towering mountains. The grandeur and magnificence of it all was charming, beyond expression.

The Cover

Arkansas Native Heads SBC Pastors' Conference

DR. BRUCE H. PRICE, who, as president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention will be presiding at the conference sessions in Houston in May, is a native of Scottsville, Pope County, Ark. As a child he moved with his family to Russellville, where he was a member of 1st Baptist Church. He received his secondary education at Russellville High School, and was outstanding both in his studies and in sports.

Dr. Price received the A. B. and D. D. degrees from Ouachita College, the Th.B. and Th.M. degrees from Southern Seminary, and the LL.D. degree from Atlanta Law School.

His pastorates have included Ellenton-Dunbarton (S.C.) Baptist Church; Timmonsville, S.C.; 1st Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Fla.; 1st Baptist Church, Asheboro, N.C.; Beech Street Baptist Church, Texarkana, Ark. He has been pastor of 1st Church, Newport News, Va., since 1948.

While an Arkansas pastor he served as vice-president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention and as a member of the Executive Board. In Florida, he served on the Executive Board of the Florida Baptist Convention. He was a member of the Home Mission Board for some time and has been a member of the Relief and Annuity Board since 1952. He has served as a trustee for Coker College, Central College, and Bluefield College. He is a 32nd-degree Mason.

Dr. Price is widely known for his contributions to the Baptist Press.

(See program for Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference, page 8.)



Hays, WMU Secretary Get Honorary Degrees

LIBERTY, Mo. — (BP) — The president of the Southern Baptist Convention and the executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC auxiliary, will receive honorary degrees from William Jewell College here.

The Baptist college will confer the doctor-of-laws degree on Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.) and doctor-of-humane-letters on Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, executive secretary of the WMU.

Convention President Hays will deliver the commencement address June 2, and Miss Hunt will deliver the annual religious address on June 1 as part of graduation exercises at William Jewell.

Mission Work in Indonesia Unaffected by Civil War

THE INDONESIAN civil war has not affected Southern Baptist mission work in that country, according to Foreign Mission Board secretaries.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, and Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, said: "All civil disturbances are on the island of Sumatra; and all Southern Baptist work is located on the island of Java. Plans are going right ahead for the appointment of additional missionaries for Indonesia. Recent appointees have entered the country without difficulty."

Lottie Moon Offering Tops 1956 Grand Total

THE 1957 LOTTIE Moon Christmas Offering has reached a total of \$5,371,253.67, according to Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. This is \$130,508.28 more than the grand total for 1956 and \$913,000 more than was received by the same date last year.

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History's Blackest Night and Brightest Dawn

In the crucifixion of Jesus and his glorious resurrection we have the most complete revelation of God and man. Here we see God revealed in his holiness, his matchless mercy, his loving kindness and his mighty power. And here we see man at his worst, at the depth of his depravity, but with the way of escape from eternal death opened before him.

Have you been awed at the severity of the penalty for the sin in Eden? Has it seemed to you that the eating of the forbidden fruit was a little sin that hardly justified the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the garden and the tainting of all their descendants with the infection of sin and death? But the eating of the forbidden fruit was not the whole story. Look into the hearts of Adam and Eve and you see rebellion against their heavenly father who had made them and placed them over all his creation.

Probe still deeper and you will find a misplaced loyalty. One cannot rebel against God without affirming allegiance to Satan. In trying to get away from being the servants of God, Adam and Eve became the bond servants of Satan.

Go still deeper into the hearts of the rebellious couple and you will find the scarlet sin of wanting to be God. This has been the age-old sin of the human race. Jesus was sent to the cross by evil men who were in rebellion against God and who were seeking not only to be out from under God's rule, but to be as God. The initiative in sending Jesus to the cross was not taken by pagan Rome or idolatrous Greece, but by backslidden, self-righteous Israel.

Against the backdrop of this darkest night in history we have the world's brightest dawn: "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre . . . And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said . . ."

The risen Lord was seen on no less than ten occasions in the forty days he continued to be on earth before his ascension. Sometimes he appeared to one or two, sometimes to several, and, finally, to about 500. The greatest proof of the resurrection and the victory over death is not the empty tomb but the risen Lord. The great significance of the resurrection: Through His triumph the Lord has provided for and made possible liberty from death for the whole human race.

The risen Lord was no longer subject to the physical laws of the world. He could appear in the midst of the apos-



ties behind locked doors without the opening of a door. He could vanish in a moment. But he possessed a body: "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."

The risen Lord was able to recognize his disciples and they were able to recognize him.

It is significant that the risen Lord appeared only to his own people. There is no record that he was seen or heard by any others. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," he had told Nicodemus.

Heaven was all about the people at the first Easter, but only God's people knew it. But soon these who had been born again were able with the help of the Holy Spirit to lead many others into this wonderful experience. And the risen Lord was no less concerned about saving the lost than he had been before he was crucified. For it was to save a lost world that he died and rose again.

The glorious fact of the resurrection of our Lord dawned with that Sunday long ago. And the dawning of every new day since then has stood as a reminder of the blessed assurance that all Christians have — the Lord lives and reigns! The message of every dawn proclaims: "The Lord is risen indeed!" And because he lives, all who place their trust in him shall also live, for all eternity! —ELM



Personally Speaking . . .

A Drunk's Influence

HOW MUCH influence does a drunk have?

A lot of light-hearted and thoughtless people laugh at one who "has had two sheets in the wind," but how many envy the drunk man? How many, in their right mind, would want to imitate him?

Until today, I would have said that a drunk man's influence over the lives of others is nil. But I saw a drunk man risk his life, at Capitol Avenue and Louisiana today at noon and at the same time cause another man, perfectly sober, to risk his.

There is no traffic system that is foolproof and certainly none that is "drunkard-proof." The so-called "Denver System" of traffic lights in downtown Little Rock has proved to be safe, if pedestrians understand and follow it. (This is the system by which you do not cross on the green light, but on the red lights when "walk" flashes on at the bottom of the traffic lamp. Then you can walk in any direction, straight across or diagonally.)

Well, the drunk man had waited, his body weaving about like a reed in the breezes, for the red light to change to green. Then, with all the rest of the pedestrians still waiting, he started across the street, diagonally, staggering first to the left and then to the right.

A man on the opposite side of the street, apparently not familiar with the Denver System, seeing that somebody else had started to walk across, himself started across. He obviously had not observed the unsteady step and the flushed countenance of the man.

For a few moments all of us more or less held our breath as the traffic dodged the two jaywalkers. Somehow they both got across with no casualty.

What a tragedy it would have been if the drunk man, bereft of his normal ability to judge, because of the life-blighting liquor he had taken into his body, had been killed or maimed for life! How pathetic and ironic if because of a drunk man's example the sober man, in full possession of his faculties, had been run down.

How much influence does a drunk man have?

Not much, we all agree. Too bad we cannot say the same for the liquor makers, the liquor ad men, for those who make such an attractive-appearing package out of it to put in the show window. Too bad we cannot say this for the "social" drinkers and for the Christians and church members who reason, "We are going to have it anyway — might as well make it legal and tax it!"



MR. McDONALD

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

For Safe Driving

Dear Sir,
I have very recently read reports relating the danger of driving while under the influence of tranquilizers. It is suggested that these will affect a driver's reaction time and judgment as does alcoholic beverages. The reports suggest that it is unwise to drive if tranquilizers have been recently taken. Such warnings are in order, but I wonder if perhaps the alcoholic beverage people are not considerably negligent in similar warnings.

I have been told that the alcoholic beverage industry claims to discourage driving while drinking. If this is so their publicity is not consistent with such claims. A large part of their billboard, magazine and television advertisements places the use of their product where the need for automobile transportation after consumption is probable. Two examples should suffice: First, the television propaganda of a certain brand of beer shows the host happily serving this particular product to friends at a house warming party. Are we to assume that the guests all walked to the affair? It is possible but not very probable. Secondly, through many channels of advertisement, the drinking of practically all types of alcoholic beverages is pictured at sporting events. The great majority of all sporting fans go to the place of the sport in their automobiles, whether as a participant or as a spectator.

One possible way where their publicity would be consistent with their discouragement of drinking while driving would be to show their product being consumed at home just before going to bed where they can sleep it off. —Robert A. Parker, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Ft. Smith

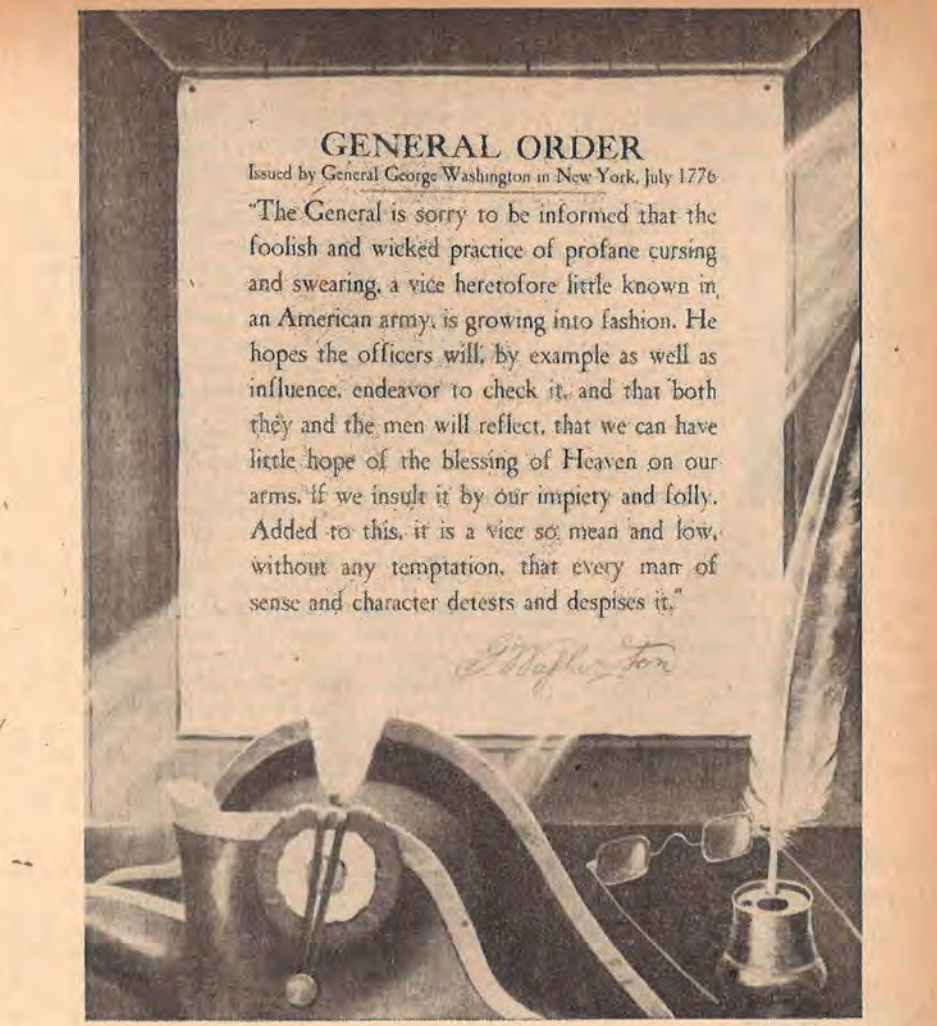
Making History in Iowa

Dear Mr. McDonald:
I would like to express to you at this time my appreciation for your kindness in publishing our letter in your fine state Baptist paper. We know of several Southern Baptists who have moved into Iowa from our Southern states and are now members of our Clinton Baptist Chapel; there are others who have been attending and we are praying that they may unite with us soon.

Two of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Cletis Underwood, are from your fine state.

We now have 16 members and are meeting in the Clinton Boat Club on Sundays and here in our home on Wednesday nights for our prayer meetings.

The first Southern Baptist service was conducted on Sunday March 10, 1957, at the Y.M.C.A. and it was at that time that Clinton Baptist Chapel was



—Cut courtesy Watchman-Examiner

established. I am their first pastor and arrived on the field in August, 1957.

This is truly a thrilling and challenging opportunity. We are the only Southern Baptist witness in our city of 35,000 people. So you can see the field here is truly "white unto harvest."

We are greatly encouraged by our services Sunday, for we had our largest attendance yet. There were 38 in Sunday School, 28 in our morning worship service, 14 in Training Union and 15 in our evening worship hour.—Claude L. Asbury, Jr., 315 E. 9th, Clinton, Iowa.

Catholic 'Father'

Dear Brother:

I noticed, in the Mar. 13 issue of *Arkansas Baptist*, in the article Will American Negro Remain Protestant, that Priest J. B. Tennely was referred to as "Father." I have always been taught, and believe the Bible teaches, we are not to call anyone Father. If I am wrong, please explain.—O. L. Cooper, Rt. 3, Rector.

Answer: Baptists do not "Father" anybody, but they recognize the right and responsibility of others to do so. The article you quoted was a news story and the fact that a priest was referred to as Father in the story does not mean

that this paper or Baptists in general use this designation.—Editor.

"The Vacant Chair"

Dear Erwin:
"Grandpa" Spillers' empty chair brings to my memory Ps. 84:10, "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." No doubt this was his true sentiments.

—Mrs. J. A. Swann, Sr., Camden

Literal Translation

Dear Mac:
From the picture you are now using in your "Personally Speaking" column I see that you have decided to turn the other cheek." —Editor Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., *The Maryland Baptist*.

1076 Churches Located In Great Lakes States

COLUMBUS, Ohio —(BP)— Southern Baptists now have 1,076 affiliated churches with 184,000 members in Great Lakes states, according to Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of Illinois Baptist State Association.

The Great Lakes area includes the eight states bordering on Lakes Michigan, Erie, Ontario, Superior, and Huron: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Bottoms Home Head Receives High Honor

Harold C. Seefeldt, superintendent of Bottoms Baptist Children's Home, was elected president of the Southwestern Association of Executives of Homes for Children at a recent annual meeting of the association in Mineral Wells, Texas.



MR. SEEFELDT
Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico.

Mr. Seefeldt has made giant strides in a building program at the Bottoms Baptist Children's Home in his ten years of service there. He has maintained good practices and is well known in the field of child care. Eleven of the children's homes in the organization belong to Baptists.

Southern State BSU Fund Campaign Begun

DALE TAYLOR, pastor of 1st Church, Smackover, is serving as area chairman of the campaign to raise funds for the erection of the Baptist Student Center at Southern State College.



MR. TAYLOR
Fifteen thousand dollars is being supplied by the Arkansas Baptist Convention, Central Baptist Church, Magnolia, erected and furnished an office building near the campus two years ago, and they plan to give a substantial amount on the center. Hope Association is slated to give \$3,000. The remainder is sought from the churches in Hope, Liberty and Carey associations.



MR. BENNETT



MR. HATFIELD

Grand Prairie Ministers Organize, Elect Slate

THE GRAND Prairie Ministerial Conference for Baptists was organized Mar. 10 in Stuttgart Memorial Hospital. Fourteen ministers make up the current membership with four associations and five counties represented.

Officers named include: Graham Fowler, Almyra, president; Don Williams, Lonoke, vice president; Ermon Webb, Stuttgart, secretary-treasurer; Bill Stratton, Clarendon, program chairman; Andy Heskitt, DeWitt, social chairman; H. L. Lipford, Cabot, and Harold White, England, were elected as members-at-large to serve with the officers as an executive committee.

● ALL TEN members of the Ouachita Women's basketball team earned letters. Those earning letters for the second year were first team All-AAU Aileen Kemp, Prattsville; and Jamie Maddox, Oden; Phyllis Anderson, Heber Springs; and Mary Lois Hargett, El Dorado. One year Lettermen are Marilake Lawrence, Pine Ridge; Shirley Peggy, Malvern; Dona Faye Moody, Rogers; Dewylene Beason, Malvern; and Wadene Brenton, North Little Rock.

● FIRST CHURCH, England, recently awarded a contract for installation of wall-to-wall carpeting of the sanctuary. The contract also calls for tile floor covering on other parts of the first floor.

● CAPPING SERVICES for 19 students who have completed the first nine months of their three-year course at Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing were held at the Immanuel Church, Mar. 14. Dr. Walter O'Neal, a member of the hospital's Medical Staff, was the speaker. Anne Strickland, Hutchinson, Kan., is class president. Other officers are Marilyn Robinson, Benton, vice-president; Linda Hawkins, North Little Rock, secretary, and Joan Hall, Louann, treasurer. Others who received caps were: Nancy Carolyn Morris and Barbara Price, both of North Little Rock; Verna Jane Bass, Beebe; Betty Sue Davis, Malvern; Ruth Ann Fletcher, Beirne; Wanda Garrett, Gurdon; Shirley Ann Harvey, Clarksville; Jo Ann Lockwood, Traskwood; Carol Ann Morrison, Ward; Nancy Lee Preece, Springdale; Vivian Theo Routt, Eudora; Shirlye Jeane Tyler, Humnoke; Alice M. Wagner, Gentry; Rose Annette White, Crossett, and Joyce M. Whittecar, Little Rock.

Pastoral Changes

FAITH CHURCH, Trinity Association, has called G. W. Boyd as interim pastor for three months. (CB)

JACK MICK, formerly with 3rd Ave., Paragould, has accepted the pastorate

● CALVIN HERBERT BATSON, formerly a music and educational director of 1st Church, Grenada, Miss., has assumed a similar position at 1st Church, Pine Bluff. A native of Mississippi, he attended New Orleans Seminary, was graduated from Mississippi College, in 1948 with a BA degree and from Southwestern Seminary with a MRE in 1952. Mr. Batson served as associational Training Union director for Grenada Association from 1954 to 1958, associational music director, '54-'57, associational clerk, and was a member of the program committee for the Mississippi Convention in 1957. He is married to the former Agnes Mathews, a graduate of Mississippi College. The couple has two children, Edith Ann, 6, and Nina Kathleen, 4.



MR. BATSON
WENDELL ROSS has been elected president of the Pulaski Pastor's Conference. Other leaders include: Don McNeall, vice president; Marvin Faulkner, program chairman; E. O. McElroy, secretary-treasurer; and Lee Lewis, chorister. Bradley Bolin, bookstore manager, addressed the Mar. 21 meeting.

● THE EDITOR of the Arkansas Baptist will give an Easter message on the Studio Party Hour of Radio Station KNLR, North Little Rock, 1380 on the dial, Saturday, April 5, at 11 a. m. The program is directed by Miss Louise Porter, a member of the Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock.

● ROBBS CHAPEL, Greene Association, organized a new WMU recently. (CB)

'Tell the Campus Week' Held at Arkansas A&M

"TELL THE Campus Week" was held at Arkansas A&M College, Mar. 31-Apr. 3., to present the Christian faith in terms understandable to college men and women and to point out the relevance of that faith to daily living and the great issues of life and of our time.

Leaders were: Cliff Harris, BSU director, Texas A&M; Max Barnett, Skip Connor, Tom Harris and Tom McDougald, students from Texas A&M; Miss Eva Marie Kennard, BSU director and Bible teacher at Texas Women's University; Don Hallum, student at Arkansas Tech; Grover Dowell, extension entomologist of the University of Arkansas; Dr. Joe Hall Morris, oral surgeon from Memphis, Tenn.; and Dr. Tom Logue, state BSU director.

of Hackett Church. Both he and his wife are graduates of Southern College.

Kansas City Church Honors J. T. Elliff

BETHANY CHURCH, Kansas City, held a reception Mar. 23 honoring the fifth anniversary of their pastor, J. T. Elliff, formerly at 1st Church, Fordyce.

During the five year ministry, Mr. Elliff has served as president of the Northeast Ministerial Alliance for one term and for two years as moderator of the Kansas City Association. He was chosen to deliver the convention sermon at the 1956 Missouri State Convention.

Bethany's progress under his ministry includes: 586 baptisms, additions by transfer of membership, 727, for a total of 1316; Sunday School enrollment increase of 300 to 1346; Training Union 223 to 447; church budget from \$75,000 to \$129,000.

Church property is now valued at \$676,390. The church is sponsoring one mission and is buying property to start another.

● EAST SIDE Church, DeWitt, has set up a 60-book church library. Mrs. V. M. Shook, state librarian, assisted in the project. Miss Francis Watkins is church librarian, and Pastor Allen Van Horn reports that "our members are checking out books in good numbers."

● GRAND VIEW Church, El Paso, Tex., is sending Mrs. Don Hendricks to join her husband, Sgt. Don Hendricks, in Germeshine, Germany. They will attempt to start a Southern Baptist Sunday School and eventually a church. They will be in Germany for three years. Mrs. Hendricks is the former Neva Jean Brogdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Brogdon, Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale. She left New York Mar. 22.

● NEW OFFICERS of the BSU at Arkansas A&M, Monticello, include: Bill Ferrell, Monticello, president; Wilene Scott, Lake Village, vice president; Dale Carter, New Edinburg, enlistment chairman; Gloria Cunningham, Lake Village, social chairman; Barbara Scott, Lake Village, devotional chairman; Billie Jean Brigham, Dumas, secretary. (DP)

Arkansas Baptist Editor To Receive Doctorate

Trustees of Georgetown College, Kentucky's senior Baptist college, have voted to confer the honorary doctor-of-letters (Litt.D.) degree upon Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, at the annual commencement exercises May 30.

Georgetown, one of seven Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools with which Mr. McDonald was closely associated while serving as secretary of education for Kentucky Baptists for three years previous to his present work, is the oldest Baptist College west of the Alleghenies.



YWA CITATIONS, the highest YWA award, were presented to three members of Calvary Church, Blytheville, in special ceremonies recently. Left to right, are: Mrs. A. B. Byrum, counselor; and the three who received the citations, Carole Kimberland, Jean Bradley and Shelva Hodges.

Revival Reports

DOYLE B. Bledsoe, 1st Church, Booneville, assisted 1st Church, England, in revival services March 16-23. There were eight additions, six by letter and two for baptism. Pastor Harold White led the singing.

D. C. BANDY, Memphis, was evangelist for Childress Church, Mt. Zion Association, near Monette, Mar. 16-23. Paul Owens, Lake City, directed the music. Pastor John Barland reported four additions by baptism, one by letter, rededications and one decision for special service.

ONE ADDITION by baptism, two by letter and several rededications were recorded during the revival at Plainview Church, Arsenal, Mar. 16-23. Pastor Homer Haltom did the preaching, and Vernon Frank directed the music.

JOE SHAVER, Memphis, and Russell Oldham, Memphis and Fayetteville, led 1st Church, Clarksville, in a revival recently with 19 decisions registered, 17 by profession and two by letter.

THIRTY-ONE professed Christ as Savior during the recent revival at Lunsford Church, Mt. Zion Association. Evangelist was Max Taylor, Bay Church, and song leader was Jackie Handcock. A number of young people from Bay Church assisted. J. W. Gibb is pastor.

Monticello's 1st Church Plans \$100,000 Bond Sale

FIRST CHURCH, Monticello, Dr. Thomas J. Welch, pastor, is launching a \$100,000 church bond sale on April 22 with a loyalty dinner. The bonds will be dated July 1 and will bear five per cent interest for 15 years.

Subscriptions for the purchase of bonds will be restricted to members of the church family through the month of May, and on June 1 will be opened to the public.

This bond sale is the result of a long period of planning and work. It initiates a plan to spend \$200,000 in new construction beginning with an auditorium.

In January 1955 the church called Dr. Welch. In November 1955 the pastor was moved into a beautiful colonial brick home, valued at \$30,000. In 1956, the congregation purchased a two-story residence located across the street from its property and converted it into educational space. This building represents an expenditure of \$20,000. The church has no indebtedness, and now has \$70,000 in its building fund. Plans are to raise \$30,000 during construction.

Exall Kimbro is the general chairman of the Building Committee, and Dr. Horace Thompson is chairman of the Finance Committee of the Building Committee that devised the plan for the sale of the bonds. In January the church observed the third anniversary of its pastor, at which time it was noted that during the three-year period of his ministry 407 new members had been received, 167 by baptism.

Importance of Context

... every preacher is certain to be led into constant errors who makes a habit of using texts without a faithful study of the context from which they are taken. Thousands of readers attach an entirely erroneous meaning to isolated expressions from forgetting that their true bearing can often only be understood in connection with the train of thought to which they belong.

The sacred writers never contemplated the splitting up of their writings into these multitudinous and often arbitrary divisions. Those divisions are mere conveniences for purposes of reference, and owe their origin to the exigencies of the concordance.

No one who has not looked into the subject can be at all aware of the multitudes of "texts" which are habitually employed in senses which they never originally bore; or of the absolute recklessness with which they are constantly misapplied, even by professed divines.

Sometimes this misuse is so far harmless that the truth into the service of which the text is impressed finds abundant support from other passages; but even in that case the habit springs up of the preacher using the words of prophet or evangelist, not in their proper sense, but as a sort of mask through which more authoritatively to utter thoughts which are not those of the sacred writer, but are his own.

Texts have been compared to those flints which, when struck open by the hammer, reveal a Drusic cavity full of crystals of the color of amethyst, "purple with a down such as never was on land and sea." The comparison is as true as it is beautiful; but such rich contents will never be found — though they may be invented and imagined — by any student who does not study each text in its due place and under its proper relations.—The Pulpit Commentary

Carter Joins Staff

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSE) — J. Carlton Carter, Augusta, Ga., has been named director of Young People's work in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Carter, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., comes to the Sunday School Board from the 1st Church, Augusta, Ga., where he served as minister of education.

A graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., Carter holds an M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary.



MR. CARTER

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

First Baptist Church

Houston, Texas

Theme: "Who knoweth whether you art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 5:14b

May 19 — Morning Session

9:25	Texas Baptists Welcome You	Dr. Forrest C. Feezor
9:30	Welcome to Houston	Dr. K. O. White
9:35	Response to Welcome	Rev. Delbert C. McAtee
9:30	"Broadening Life's Experiences"	Rev. Charles C. Coffey
9:45	Presentation of Program	Dr. Bruce H. Price
9:50	"Counseling for Church-Related Vocations"	Rev. John M. Tubbs
9:55	"Pressure on the Preacher"	Dr. Clyde V. Hickerson
10:05	"Broadening Experience through Travel"	Rev. Charles C. Coffey
10:20	"Prophetic Preaching"	Dr. John W. Bradbury
10:40	"Dealing with Opposition"	Dr. Searcy S. Garrison
11:00	"The Communication of Truth"	Dr. Albert McClellan
11:20	"The Pastor and Church Staff"	Dr. Ramsey Pollard
11:40	"Pentecost, 1958"	Dr. Andrew M. Hall
12:05	"He is Risen"	Dr. Harold W. Seever

Afternoon Session

2:15	"Getting Along with People"	Dr. J. D. Grey
2:35	"Ministerial Ethics"	Dr. James B. Leavell
2:55	"The Downtown Church"	Dr. J. Roy Robinson
3:15	"Religious Freedom"	Rev. H. Wadell Waters
3:35	"Our Baptist Heritage"	Dr. Homer G. Lindsey
4:05	"The Home Over There"	Dr. Frank E. Morris

Evening Session

7:15	"Feed My Sheep"	Dr. R. Paul Caudill
7:40	"That Great Shepherd of the Sheep"	Dr. James P. Wesberry
8:05	"One World — One Kingdom"	Dr. Clarence W. Cranford
8:30	"Freedom of the Pulpit"	The Honorable Brooks Hays
9:05	"Into All the World"	Dr. Theodore F. Adams

May 20 — Morning Session

9:15	"Winning the Far East"	Dr. Vernon B. Richardson
10:15	"The Long Bridge"	Mrs. Phyllis Woodruff Sapp
10:40	"Keeping Our Footing in Dangerous Times"	Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr.
11:30	Annual Sermon: "Pay Day — Some Day"	Dr. Robert G. Lee

Afternoon Session

2:15	"We Used the Forward Program of Church Finance"	Dr. R. Stewart Grizzard — Panel Moderator
	1) Dr. James Smith	
	2) Rev. Henry Crouch	
	3) Rev. Harold C. Bennett	
	4) Dr. E. W. Price, Jr.	
	5) Dr. C. Vaughan Rock	
	6) Dr. J. Thurmond George	
3:05	"Baptist Jubilee Advance"	Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa
3:30	Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business	
3:40	Come to Louisville in 1959	Dr. William R. Pettigrew
3:45	Special Music	Baptist Hour Choir
4:05	"Pastors for Such a Time as This"	Dr. J. Howard Williams

Book Store Managers

Back 30,000 Movement

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Baptist book store managers have pledged their support to the Convention's effort to establish 30,000 new churches or missions by 1964.

The 50 managers, meeting here, sent their pledge of support by telegram to C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., who is director of the 30,000 movement.

Hotel Sell-Out at Houston

ALL HOUSTON hotels and most of the motels are booked to capacity for the Southern Baptist Convention.

For rooms, please contact: Southern Baptist Convention, Housing Committee, 2420 Milam St., Houston 6, Tex.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON Hudson

(Author of the new book *For Our Age of Anxiety*, at your Baptist Book Store).

Eager Spinsters

QUESTION. We are three school teachers between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five. We would like suggestions as to how and where to meet eligible young men. We don't mean just any person but ones who have Christian ideals.

We read such advice as to go to church where such fine people are to be found. We are

Christians and have gone to church all our lives. Most social life outside the church is undesirable for Christians. What are we to do?

ANSWER: Yours is a very serious problem. Some very stupid people will laugh at your plight and trot out the old chestnut that "an old maid can be as happy as anybody — after she quits struggling." Not funny!

The facts are that we have more men than women in our culture, especially in the big cities. And many men are just too immature to risk marrying. And you can bet your bottom dollar that you are a lot better off than some of the married women I know.

Keep hopeful but not eager-beaver. Be prepared for marriage if it should come. Learn to accept men, imperfect as we are. I know a number of unmarried women who want to marry a god. Since the days of the ancient Greeks, there have not been many of them available.

In the meantime build a rich, creative life with as much closeness to people your own age as possible. Go places, do things. But keep in the center of God's will.

If I ever get time I want to start a Christian lonely hearts club, for just such people as you three. I'm sincere.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

Public Life Urged As Christian Calling

WASHINGTON — (BP) — A prominent Protestant minister here has urged the churches to encourage more Christians to enter public and political life.

The emphasis was made in a speech by Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, at the Religion and Labor Fellowship recently. Elson is President Eisenhower's pastor.

The churches should encourage their best men to enter public life, declared Elson, "and they should do this with the same sense of Christian calling as they enter other professions."



ARKANSANS ATTENDING Southern Seminary include, left to right, 1st row: Mrs. James C. Hoggard and son, Mrs. William C. Huddleston, Mrs. Gordon S. Bachus, Beulah R. Fairless, Floyd Titsworth, Wayne L. Waggoner, Bill Standiford and son, and Dalton Barnes. Second row: James C. Hoggard, William C. Huddleston, Gordon S. Bachus, Calvin C. Turpin, O. Damon Shook, Charlie W. Belknap and George L. Balentine. Third row: Robert N. Holland, Harold D. White, M. Pierce Mathoney, Raymond A. Johnson, J. Hugh Hairston, J. C. Bradley and David A. White. Back row: Johnny S. Liles, Carroll D. Caldwell, Merle A. Johnson, Luther G. Brewer, N. Patrick Murray and J. Daniel Atkins.

Emergency at Baptist Hospital

A NURSE in Arkansas Baptist Hospital's emergency room glanced at the clock on the wall: 2:10 a.m. The rest of the hospital was quiet, most of the 314 patients asleep.

As she glanced at the clock, a sound all too familiar to her came out of the stillness of early morning. As the eerie wail of the ambulance drew nearer, the emergency room staff prepared for action.

The little girl rolled in on a stretcher was but one of 9,314 men, women and children that passed through Arkansas Baptist Hospital's "Good Samaritan Department" during 1957. She was but one of hundreds who owe their lives to the skill of doctors and nurses using the very finest materials and equipment known to medical science.

Like the Good Samaritan, the emergency room asks no questions, provides whatever treatment is needed immediately for each patient . . . regardless of race, color, creed, or financial status. No emergency patient is turned away, no expense is spared. Only after everything possible has been done for the patient is the matter of payment for services rendered considered.

Looking at it from a financial point of view, Arkansas Baptist Hospital's emergency service is a liability. But looking at it from a Christian view-

point, emergency is one of the hospital's greatest assets. Emergency is, in a very real way, the hospital's Good Samaritan Department — a beacon of Christian mercy for all in need.

The 9,314 patients that received emergency care at Arkansas Baptist during 1957 represented an increase of nearly 3,000 over the previous record set in 1956. And during the first month of 1958, the Good Samaritan Department provided emergency care for 794 patients — 288 more than in January, 1957.

Arkansas Baptist Hospital's emergency services have operated under severe handicaps for the past few years. Emergency shared the hospital's operating room suite, an area no longer large enough to care adequately for even the normal, routine surgical load. And emergency patients had to be taken by elevator from the first floor ambulance entrance to the fifth floor operating rooms.

New emergency facilities have now been opened on the first floor, just off the W. 12th Street ambulance entrance. This area, opened March 10, includes a doctor's and nurse's workroom, a waiting room, and two large treatment rooms that can be divided, if necessary, into four rooms by use of curtains.

—Chaplain Don Corley

Foreign Missions Report to the People

By Ione Gray, Press Representative
Foreign Board Appoints
Eight for Mission Work

THE FIRST foreign missionary appointees of 1958 were dedicated at the March meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. The four couples brought the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,188. They are:

C. S. (Bob) Boatwright and Betty Faith Williams Boatwright, both of Georgia, appointed for Japan; G. Clayton Bond, Louisiana, and Helen Terry Bond, Kentucky, for Africa; Gilbert A. Nichols and Mabel Deane (Deanie) Marshall Nichols, both of Arkansas, for Paraguay; and F. Gilbert Ross and Carolyn O'Brien Ross, both of Texas, for Mexico.

The Foreign Mission Board expects to appoint 130 missionaries this year. **Dr. Cauthen Stresses Need for Missionaries**

"It is of great urgency that we strengthen the missionary staff in the Equatorial Mission as early as possible," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, reported following a trip to Mexico and Equatorial Brazil.

"Tragic losses have occurred from death and other causes; and the number of missionaries is sadly depleted. The death of Missionary John S. Oliver in a plane crash has done much to deepen the spiritual tone of the church where he ministered and has brought to all the Mission a fresh sense of commitment to Christ and his will.

"We must address ourselves afresh to prayer and to testimony in order that many young people may give themselves to this labor. We must keep in mind that it is much easier to give money and other lesser gifts than to give life itself. It is necessary that life be laid upon the altar in order that this enterprise may be accomplished."

Dr. Thomas E. McCollough Elected to Seminary Staff

The Foreign Mission Board approved the action taken by the faculty of the Baptist Theological Seminary, of Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, in electing Dr. Thomas E. McCollough, of the religion department of Stetson University, De Land, Fla., to its staff. He will be professor of theology. Mrs. McCollough is the former Mary Lee Rankin, daughter of the late Dr. M. Theron Rankin and Mrs. Rankin.

Board Treasurer to Visit Latin-American Missions

The Board asked Treasurer Everett L. Deane to make a trip to Latin America for the purpose of consultation with the treasurers of all the missions in that area. Mr. Deane will leave April 18 and return June 7.

Word from Romania

Dr. George W. Sadler, representative for Europe, reported receipt of a letter from a Baptist pastor in Romania. This

is the first direct communication the Foreign Mission Board has received from Baptists of that country since the beginning of World War II. "Romania has been more closed than Russia," he added.

Among other things the letter said: "We are all well. The Lord's work is going on well. We are teaching in the seminary." The writer is a professor in the Baptist Theological seminary in Bucharest.

The last paragraph of the letter gives an indication of the lack of communication. It says, "Please give my best wishes and kindest regards to Dr. Rankin." (Dr. M. Theron Rankin, former executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died in 1953.)

Crawley Discusses Orient Seminaries

The March report of Dr. J. Winston Crawley, the Board's secretary for the Orient, was one in a series on the various elements of Southern Baptist mission work in Asia. Previous reports have emphasized the planning and strengthening of New Testament churches as the central mission objective.

"But that objective cannot be attained by direct evangelism alone, even when direct evangelism is understood in its broadest sense," Dr. Crawley said. "There are two kinds of institutional mission work which are essentially related to indigenous churches. One is theological seminary work for the training of national leadership for the churches; and the other is publication work. These two elements, in one form or another, must be available to every mission area.

"Of our 10 Orient mission areas, eight have formal seminary work. We have no such work in Hawaii because young people from the Islands attend seminaries in the States. In Pakistan our actual program of work has not yet begun, but we shall probably need to plan for formal training of church leadership there within a few years.

"Most of these seminaries are very young. In Japan we had engaged in seminary work before World War II; but the present seminary and training school there were organized in 1947. The Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary opened its doors in September, 1951. The others are even younger.

"All the Orient seminaries except the one in Malaya now have permanent campus sites . . . Fair progress has been made in the assembling of faculties.

"We measure the strategic importance of these seminaries, not in terms of their size, age, facilities, or present status, but in terms of the tremendous potential of trained national spiritual leaders in the evangelization of the lands of Asia."

Midwestern Seminary Elects 5 to Faculty

KANSAS CITY, Mo. —(BP)— Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Seminary here have elected five faculty members for the new institution. It opens to students Sept. 8 with enrolment of up to 150 expected.

Seminary President Millard J. Berquist said the faculty elected were:

Ralph H. Elliott, to be professor and head of the department of Old Testament and Hebrew. Elliott, a native Virginian, has his Th.D. from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and is a member of the faculty there at present.

J. T. McClain, to be professor and head of the department of New Testament. McClain, a native Oklahoman, is now head of the department of religion at Ouachita College. He formerly taught at Golden Gate Seminary, and is a Th.D. graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

Lavell Seats, former missionary to Nigeria for 15 years, to be professor and head of the department of missions. He will also be acting registrar. Seats, born in Arkansas, is now living at Liberty, Mo. He will terminate his connection with the Foreign Mission Board to join the faculty.

Keith C. Wills, to be librarian. He is associate librarian at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Wills is a doctor of theology candidate there.

Eugene Bryant, to be treasurer. He is a candidate for the master's degree at Southern Baptist Seminary. He is a native Georgian with a bachelor-of-accounting degree from University of Georgia.

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THE BOOKSHELF

THE CATHOLIC background of Italy shows through in a number of places in **Old Italian Tales**, retold by Domenico Vittorini, a juvenile literature book published by David McKay Co., New York, 1958, at \$3.

Some of the stories will remind American children of tales they know well, such as "Cenerentola," the Italian version of the beloved "Cinderella." We especially enjoyed "Two Different Interpretations of the Same Pact," and "The One-Legged Crane."

TEEN-AGE girls will be interested in a new novel, **The Glass House**, by Carol Morse, published 1958 by Ives Washburn, Inc., New York, at \$2.75. This is the story of two sisters, Belinda and Laura, and their different personalities and different reactions to the house in which they lived, a house which had been christened "the glass house" by the daughter of its housekeeper because it seemed to gleam like glass in moonlight.

Our Family Worships at Home, by Anna Laura and Edward W. Beghard, published 1958 by Abingdon Press at \$2.50, is a book written to help families make family worship a reality rather than merely something to talk about once in a while.

Its 49 daily devotion-discussions are bound into a seven-week series. It seeks to help children find the right answers to many of their questions, such as "What should you do when your classmates are cheating on test?" "What would you do if someone were rude or resentful toward you?" and "Why are some 'good' people hard to get along with?"

The Window Sill of Heaven, by J. Winston Pearce, published by Broadman Press, 1958, at \$2.95, is a collection of sermons "for plumbers and preachers, for students and teachers — for all kinds of readers."

Prayer as fellowship, believing the best about others, recognizing one's obligations to the past and the present — these are typical themes in the fifteen chapters.

Dr. Pearce is pastor of 1st Baptist Church, DeLand, Fla., the home of Stetson University. He and Mrs. Pearce are widely known and loved by Southern Baptists, many of whom have heard them at summer assemblies or on other occasions across the nation.

Music School Set

A FIVE-DAY Church Music Workshop-Leadership School has been scheduled for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Apr. 14-18. The workshop-leadership school will have on its faculty representatives of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and the entire faculty of the Seminary's school of sacred music, and several leading church musicians.

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Think It Over

DO YOU have young people in your church who have surrendered for special mission work? They may be away



DR. CALDWELL

attending college or seminary, but are products of your church. And it may be that they have no definite work or place of services for the summer months. Why not employ them to start that new mission that should be begun in your town or association? If there is no mission territory nearby, we can tell you of places where they could serve to good advantage.

In one of my pastorates, two young women volunteered for special mission work and went to one of our semi-

naries. They were to return home for the summer with no definite work other than regular church services. The thought mentioned above got in my mind and I asked the church to employ them as our missionaries and to offer them to the state leaders for mission work anywhere in the state. The church seemed thrilled at the idea and the young women gave glowing reports of their accomplishments during the summer period. This is related as a testimony as to what churches can do over and above the regular services and contributions.

The Home Mission Board will provide eight Summer Student Missionaries to work in Arkansas next summer, but we need 28. The Associational Missionaries have plans to start many new missions. Surveys need to be made. Vacation Bible Schools are to be conducted. Mission revivals are to be held. Some weak churches need strengthening. Hence, these men are in need of student missionaries. So, if the mission volunteers from your church are to return home for the summer, why not employ them for a real mission task?

Present Commissions

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Southern Baptist Convention will vote at Houston in May on recommendations of a Committee to Study the Total SBC Program. This is the fourth of six articles on the committee's report. This article covers the part of the report applying to the group of agencies known as commissions, to Convention-operated hospitals, and to the Southern Baptist Foundation.

By the Baptist Press

THE REPORT of the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program makes specific reference to only two agencies classed as commissions. They are the Hospital Commission and the proposed new Stewardship Commission.

While it discusses the responsibility of the new Stewardship Commission, the Survey Committee report makes no recommendations for internal changes of existing commissions. They would perform the same duties with which they are already charged.

The existing commissions are the Brotherhood Commission, Christian Life Commission, Education Commission, Historical Commission, Radio and TV Commission, Hospital Commission, and Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary.

The recommendations of the Survey Committee will be presented to the 1958 Convention session at Houston for adoption.

"The Commissions should correlate their work with other agencies both through direct co-operation and through active participation in the work of the Inter-Agency Council," the recommendation continues.

"Sponsorship of hospitals is a function most appropriately performed by state conventions or other local Bap-

tist organizations," according to the Survey Committee.

The Southern Baptist Convention as a whole operates two hospitals, both under supervision of the Hospital Commission, one at New Orleans and another at Jacksonville, Fla.

The Survey Committee says the Hospital Commission should continue to operate these two hospitals.

The new Stewardship Commission would be created by removing the division of promotion from the present operation of the Convention's Executive Committee.

Creation of the new Commission, the Survey Committee reports, would leave the Executive Committee more objective in its Conventionwide responsibilities. It also would "encourage more rapid expansion of the stewardship promotion program."

Another new commission is discussed as a prospect for some indefinite date in the future. It would embody functions now carried on through the Executive Committee's division of publications.

The division of publications serves the Convention in public and press relations, operates a news service, publishes a monthly magazine for Baptist leaders, and operates the Baptist Bulletin Service and mat service.

The Survey Committee says such a new commission could be established when an "expanded public relations program" warranted the creation of a separate agency.

The Survey Committee recommends that the Southern Baptist Foundation be continued as a separate agency and that it "strengthen its investment management staff" by employing a qualified specialist in the field.

BROTHERHOOD

C. H. Seaton

The Fifth Annual State Royal Ambassador Congress is only a month away. The place of meeting is Tabernacle Church, Little Rock. The date is May 2-3.



MR. SEATON
organization.

Plan now to have your chapter and church represented. Send as many boys as possible.

Following the Congress final preparation for Summer Royal Ambassador Camps will get under way. Improvements will be made in the camp equipment and facilities, some of which are already being made.

The first Camp session will be for Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador Leadership and camp staff workers. This camp will open June 9-13 and will have two sessions. More information will be sent to leaders soon.

Royal Ambassador Camps will begin the following week and will include the following dates:

First Intermediate Camp	June 16-20
First Junior Camp	June 23-27
Second Junior Camp	July 7-11
Third Junior Camp	July 14-18
Second Intermediate Camp	July 21-26
Eight Year Old Boys	July 28-August 1

The Camp for Eight Year Old boys will be for all boys who will be promoted to the Junior Department in the fall. It will, of course, include some who are nine but not yet promoted. This Camp will be designed to introduce the boys to the Royal Ambassador Organization and prepare him to go into a Chapter.

The attendance at each camp session will be limited. All reservations will be made on a first come, first serve basis. More information and registration forms will be sent to counselors and pastors soon.

Oklahoma City's New Hospital Half Complete

OKLAHOMA CITY — (BP) — Construction is almost half complete on the \$4,000,000 Baptist Memorial hospital here, for which contract was let a year ago. Completion is expected before Christmas.

NEW ADDRESS of Evangelist Paul Carlin is 3508 Fadal, Waco, Tex. A summary of his 1957 work shows 31 revivals in Southern Baptist Churches,

SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPERATION Home Study is a summertime training program that hundreds of churches and thousands of



people participated in last year. Every church that carried out the plans faithfully and reported the results had at least 100 people in training. Some churches reported as many as 400 awards. In preparing for Preparation Week, DR. WILLIAMSON September 21-28, and the year of evangelism in 1959, Operation Home Study will make a decided contribution. This year it is suggested that **The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism**, by J. N. Barnette, be used.

This is how the plan works:

The central idea behind this program is for each Sunday School general and department officer, teacher, class officer, and pupil to complete a book in the Sunday School Training Course by the home-study method.

The home-study method may be done one of two ways: (1) Write answers to the questions printed in the book, or (2) write a development of the chapter outlines or a summary of each chapter.

Specific groups are assigned a due date for their papers. This due date is called "D" Day. It is the date they are to turn in their home study papers.

Group	"D" Day
General Officers	June 15
Department Supts. and dept. officers	June 29
Teachers	July 13
Class Officers	July 27
Class Members	August 10

In order to keep this program before the entire church it is suggested that a wall chart be used to indicate the progress that is being made. On this chart would be the "D" Days for each group, the date each paper is turned in, and a place for a gold seal to signify the work has been done.

A wall chart that may be adapted for use in Operation Home Study will be mailed to each church in April.

This chart should be placed in a prominent location in the Church by May 18 at the latest. Next week, look for "How to take Advantage of Operation Home Study."

Loren J. Belt Takes Position in Illinois

CARBONDALE, ILL. — (BP) — Loren J. Belt has accepted the position of secretary of the new department of work with Negroes for Southern Baptists in Illinois effective May 1.

with 1,311 conversions, 625 coming by letter and 5,892 rededications and other decisions.



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Dale Jones, University of Arkansas, Presiding

Theme: "Choose Ye This Day"

Song Leaders: Charles Simonds, University of Arkansas; Don Hallum, Arkansas Tech.
Organist: Charles Smith, Central High, Little Rock — Pianist: Robert Hall, O.B.C.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00 Worship — Charles Simonds
"He Hideth My Soul" — Warren Treble Tones
- 10:15 Age Group Meetings
Intermediate A (13-14) — Dale Cowling, assisted by 10 Intermediates
Intermediate B (15-16) — Versil Crenshaw, assisted by 10 Intermediates
Young People A (17-18) — R. V. Haygood
Speakers' Elimination Tournament Participants:
N. W. District — Mary Ruth Guthary — Gentry
N. E. District — Mary Robertson — Nettleton
E. Central District — Shirley Long — Helena
Central District — Von Deen Copeland — Pine Bluff
N. Central District — Miss Annetta Crutcher — Rosie
S. E. District — Carolyn Bickers — Warren
S. W. District — Mary Jean Sparks — Hope
W. Central District — Nancy Perry — Ft. Smith
(Three will be selected to participate in finals at night)
Young People B (19-24 plus college) — Russell Oldham
Speakers' Elimination Tournament Participants:
N. W. District — Walter Smiley — Fayetteville
N. E. District — Donna Louise Herren — Paragould
E. Central District — Mary Louise Wilson — Marvel
Central District — Gaines Armstrong — Hot Springs
S. W. District — John E. O'Neal — Sulphur Springs
W. Central — Lon Hoover — Clarksville
(Three will be selected to participate in finals at night)
- 11:30 Announcements
Solo: "The Publican" — Tom Ashcraft
- 11:40 "Joseph's Choice — Life's Vocation" — Dr. Chester Swor
- 12:15 Adjourn for lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

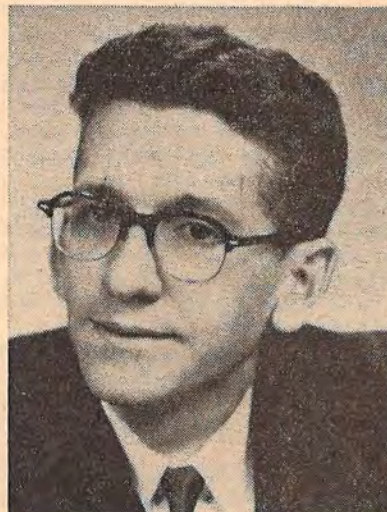
- 2:00 Worship — Don Hallum
Trio: First Church, Fayetteville
- 2:20 Life Interest Conferences
Intermediate A (13-14) — Versil Crenshaw, assisted by 10 Intermediates
Intermediate B (15-16) — Ralph Phelps, assisted by 10 Intermediates
Young People A (17-18) — Mrs. Peyton Kolb, assisted by 10 Young People
Young People B (19-24) — Mrs. J. H. Street, assisted by 10 Young People
- 3:50 Song and Announcements
Solo: "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" — Tom Ashcraft
"Sampson's Choice — Love and Marriage" — Dr. Swor
- 4:30 Adjourn for afternoon

NIGHT SESSION

- 6:50 Worship — Charles Simonds
Solo: "The Holy City" — Tom Ashcraft
- 7:10 State Sword Drill
S. E. District — Ann McCarvey — El Dorado
S. W. District — Linda Thrash — Hope
N. W. District — Connie Woody — Gentry
W. Central — Kay Glenn — Pottsville
N. E. District — Larry Joe Deaton — Keiser
E. Central District — Becky Fitzgerald — Forrest City
Central District — Margaret Bray — Pine Bluff
- 7:10 Speakers' Tournaments Finals (17-18)
(3 selected from morning tournament)
- 7:50 State BSU Choir
- 7:55 Speakers' Tournament (19-24 plus college)
(3 selected from morning tournaments)
- 8:20 "My Task" (Ashford) — Warren Treble Tones
- 8:25 Report of Judges
Solo: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" — Tom Ashcraft
- 8:30 "Paul's Choice — Life's Dedication" — Dr. Swor



TOM ASHCRAFT
Memphis State University
Featured Soloist



DR. CHESTER SWOR
Speaker



DALE JONES
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The Legend of the Lily

By Jewell Casey

HAVE YOU heard the story of the beautiful lily? According to an ancient legend, this is how the lily came to be the popular Easter flower:

Long, long ago all the trees, the vines, and the flowers were having an argument as to which was the favorite plant of the Lord.

The trees were vain as they said they were the giants of the earth and must, therefore, be the Lord's favorite plants. The vines contended that some of them were the tallest plants on earth, even though they were unable to stand alone. They could grow in places where trees could not; so surely they were the chosen plants of the Lord.

The flowers declared they could grow where neither trees nor vines could live. They produced many gorgeous blossoms in all sizes, shapes, and colors. Some were capable of producing the most delicate and exquisite perfume. Surely they were the Lord's favorites.

The plants argued long and loud, until suddenly a bright light appeared in the forest. From the light came a beautiful rose cloud, and then an angel came forth.

"Each of you has sung your own praises," said the angel. "Each has some outstanding and worth-while trait, because all of you were fashioned by God's hand. Yet, each has spoken harshly of the other.

"Listen to me," she continued. "A plant shall be chosen which shall be the token of God's unchanging love, of immortality and purity. It shall be beautiful, hardy, yet not coarse, and it shall bear a charm all its own.

"Gather together, all of you, on the first bright morning in early spring, and you will see the flower of his choice rising as if from nowhere."

After the angel's visit all the plants were subdued, but they were anxious to

find out which was the chosen plant. Finally, there came a bright clear day. Not even a tiny cloud was visible. The plants hurried to the meeting place, and there was not even a whisper



among them. Each one was looking for the sign denoting the chosen flower.

They had just about decided this was not the day for the flower to be revealed, when suddenly there was a gentle breeze wafting a sweet, but unknown, perfume. Then there appeared a most beautiful waxen-white blossom with protecting leaves of green and heart of gold.

Then, once again, the angel appeared and said: "Lo, the chosen flower is before you. It is the lily. Hark you well the reason why it was chosen. It is pure and beautiful; but above all, it has a heart of gold."

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God's Wondrous World

April Magic

By Thelma C. Carter

APRIL, THE second month of the spring season and the fourth month of the year, is a month of magic. Nature's green, the growing color, is everywhere.

April showers, falling from billowy clouds, soak the thirsty, crusted earth with water. Many thousands of buckets would be required to hold all the April showers that fall on our part of the world in the springtime. Buds begin to break, birds begin to nest, and seedlings creep into the light. Spring beauty must have been in the psalmist's heart when he said: "Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: . . . and the little hills rejoice on every side" (Psalm 65:9-12).

A scientist recently wrote: "You can stir up a tubful of chemicals and atoms, but you can't begin to create a touch of the magic and beauty of God's springtime."

How true it is! The clear, golden days of April, with which the North Temperate Zone is so bountifully blessed, are jewels in themselves. Take a moment to observe the sun's powerful red and blue rays as they are filtered

A Smile or Two

King of Beasts Loses Crown

The postman stared doubtfully at the formidable looking animal lying on the doorstep. "What kind of a dog is that?" he asked the little old lady.

"I don't rightly know," she said. "My brother sent it from Africa."

"Well," the postman hesitated, "it's the oddest looking dog I've ever seen."

The prim lady nodded her head. "You should have seen it before I cut its mane off."

Small Fry

He had just completed a long prison sentence and on the great day when those big gates opened and the whole world lay before him, his joy knew no bounds. "I'm free," he shouted, "I'm free!"

A little girl who was playing nearby gazed at him for a few moments and then came over. "That's nothing to shout about," she said, "I'm four!"

Old Gent: "I'm going to be seventy-five on my next birthday." Young friend: "How does it feel to be getting way up there?" Old Gent: "Not bad, really — when you consider the alternative."—Baptist Observer

Premature

Papa Bear: "Someone's been eating my porridge."

Baby Bear: "Someone's been eating my porridge."

Mama Bear: "Keep still, you idiots. I haven't served it yet."—L&N Magazine

Dirty Story

A MAN who had a homely wife expressed approval at the results of her beauty parlor treatments.

"Of course she has to keep going back to the beauty shop two or three times a week," he confided to a friend, "but it does marvels for her."

"Why does she have to go so often?" the friend asked.

The husband explained: "The mud packs they put on her face keep coming off."—Dan Bennett

"I JUST saw your family ghost upstairs," gasped a man who was visiting an old mansion.

"Did it give you a start?" asked his host.

Replied the guest: "I didn't need one."—Farmer's Weekly

through April showers. The droplets become gems of ruby, rose, orange, and gold.

Springtime brings to the natural world the longing for home building. Birds migrate to favorite homesites where berries, insects, and water are plentiful. Watch them stake out claims for their nests.

April is called the kindergarten month of Nature — so fresh and young and clean! Watch it closely as it comes into the area around your home.

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THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



"It's not that Joyce is stylish, it's just that her mother kept all her old clothes in the attic!"

The Church's Assurance of Victory

By W. B. O'NEAL
(Retired Pastor and Missionary)

April 6

John 20:24-31; Eph. 1:15-23;

Rev. 7:9-12; John 20:26-29;

Eph. 1:15-23.

WHEN NATHANAEL heard the words of Jesus, "Before that Phillip called thee when thou was under the fig tree" (John 1:48), Nathanael exclaimed, "Thou art the Son of God." When Thomas raised the question of how to know the way, the answer of Jesus was, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6).



MR. O'NEAL

When Jesus asked His disciples to tell Him what men thought of Him, who He was, and had received their replies, He put the direct question to them: "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter, answering for the group, said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matt. 16:13-16).

In our lesson today we find Thomas, on seeing the risen Lord bearing the scars of His death, crying out, "My Lord and my God!" To know Jesus as "My Lord and my God" is the blessing above all blessings. Though these words are the words of the doubting Thomas, who beheld the Lord visibly, it is the privilege of those who do not see Him with their natural eyes, but who believe on Him, to know this gracious blessing. The reality of this truth has been manifested in the lives and works of teeming millions for these almost two decades of centuries. This knowledge is the basis on which God operates, on which the Church rests, and on which the progress of the Kingdom depends.

Christ must be a real person, a living person, and the Lord of an individual, before that person can be made to fit into the building which is His Church. Thus Paul was greatly moved as he wrote to the Ephesians, "After I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus" (Eph. 1:15). For he knew what that faith meant, both to the church at Ephesus and to the spread of the gospel.

In order to know Jesus and to grow in that knowledge, it is necessary to have the eyes of our understanding enlightened. Just so, we come to know the "Hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints"; yea, "And the exceeding greatness of His power to usward." That is, to us, "Who believe according to the working



—Wilde's Bible Pictures

The three Marys on Easter morning.

of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and set Him on His right hand." Thus we learn the supremacy of Christ over all and above all, both in this world and in that which is to come. Moreover, we know that He is "Made head over all things to the church which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."

"The Church is His body" because in and through the Church He moves and does His work. As He fills and moves the muscles and joints of the body, His work is accomplished.

Thus is the Church, founded upon the rock "Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matt. 16:16-18). The church's nerves react to His will, its sinews respond to His call, its feet and hands move at His bidding, its mind and heart is centered and fixed on Him, its will is His will and its life is His life. So the church has victory in its grasp: "And the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

The church, then, His body, will go on winning the lost, training the saved, maintaining the ordinances, "Showing forth His death till He come."

WMU

Miss Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Intermediates to Petit Jean

INTERMEDIATE Girls' Auxiliary members and counselors will gather at Hardison Hall, Petit Jean, May 2-4 for a weekend retreat featuring missionaries and nationals.



MISS COOPER

and assistant director of the Armstrong Memorial Training School for girls in Rome.

Miss Sookhi Lee, a student at Ouachita College from Korea, will be another speaker.

Miss Grace Tyler, of Rome, Italy, will be one of the guest missionary speakers. A native of South Carolina, Miss Tyler was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1952 and has served as teacher

Advanced reservations should be made with State Woman's Missionary Union Office, 310 Baptist Building.

Day of Prayer

May 5 is the suggested date for observance of the annual Day of Prayer for Community Missions. Suggestions for the observance will be sent each WMU organization. These were prepared by Mrs. R. E. Snider of Camden, state Community Missions Chairman, and Mrs. T. K. Rucker, Forrest City. Make this day count for the Lord in your own community! It is a mission field!

Summer Camps

Missionary camps for girls and young women are scheduled for the summer. The place is Ferncliff, and the schedule is as follows:

- Intermediate GA Camp—July 21-25
 - Junior GA Camp—July 28-August 1
 - Junior GA Camp—August 4-8
 - Junior GA Camp—August 11-15
 - Junior GA Camp—August 18-22
 - YWA Houseparty—July 26-27
- Plan now for "your girls" to attend!

Executive Board STATE CONVENTION

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Missions Department Has Vital Place in State Program

Your mission dollar for direct missions in Arkansas is expended to support one of the most progressive and effective pieces of mission work in all of our Southern Baptist Convention. This phase of our work is being directed by Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions, assisted in his office by his secretary, Joyce Duggar.

The total estimated budget for this department for 1958 is \$129,500. The principal source of income is \$88,500 in the 1958 Cooperative Program budget. Approximately \$26,000 will be received from the Woman's Missionary Union through the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions. Another \$5,000 will be received by the field workers in this department for services rendered out over the state and will in turn be placed in the overall mission budget. The Home Mission Board will supplement this work in the amount of approximately \$10,000 in 1958.

At the present time there are 25 associations which are receiving supplemental aid on their missionaries' salaries from this department. Likewise there are 26 pastors whose salaries are being supplemented. These pastors represent church fields which are too weak at the present to sustain a continuing ministry, but which do offer hope of becoming self-supporting fields.

A nominal sum is included in the budget each year to assist needy churches in their building program when just a few hundred dollars will determine whether or not a church can complete the erection of a house of worship. Likewise a small sum is set aside each year for the purpose of buying lots in strategic places, looking forward to the erection of buildings at a later date.

There are two State Evangelists — Brother Jesse Reed of Benton, and Brother M. E. Wiles of Fort Smith. Their field is the entire state. They go into those areas where we have no Bap-

tist work or where the work is weak, and hold evangelistic services and otherwise strengthen the entire denominational program through Vacation Bible Schools and other mediums of promotion.

Among the institutional work that is carried on by this department, Brother E. A. Richmond is our chaplain at the Boys Industrial School in Pine Bluff. Brother C. W. Finch is chaplain at the State Sanatorium in Booneville, and we supplement the salary of Brother Arlis Sims, Chaplain at the State Sanatorium for the Negroes at Alexander, Arkansas.

Dr. T. Clyde Hart is Director of our Negro Work throughout Arkansas. Through the medium of extension schools and in an advisory capacity, Brother Hart is rendering an invaluable

service to the Negro Baptist work of our state. In these days of tension he has been exceedingly effective in begetting and maintaining a Christian race relationship between the white and Negro Baptists of Arkansas.

Two Negro colleges receive aid from our Convention. Arkansas Baptist College receives aid on a matching basis. A total of \$6,000 is included in our 1958 budget. The Morris Booker College of Dermott receives \$1,000 out of this year's allocation for their work from us.

This department exercises great care so that the mission dollar might be used wisely and well, always recognizing the fact that we are stewards of all of the monies that are entrusted to us through the Cooperative Program. —SAW



DR. WHITLOW

Stewardship Victory

In recent issues of the *Arkansas Baptist*, we gave some solid facts on what some of the churches have been able to accomplish by using the Forward Program of Church Finance. These Arkansas churches, large and small, rural and city, village and town, increased in every phase of Kingdom work. More people are now giving than ever before in the history of the churches; more people have pledged to support the work of the Master and more people are attending the regular church services than ever before.

Some results can be tabulated by using cold facts, such as figures and percentages, but many of the spiritual victories cannot be counted and tabulated until eternity reveals the results of God's people doing his work under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Here is a brief survey of the churches in Arkansas which used the Forward Program of Church Finance during 1957.



DR. DOUGLAS

INCREASES:			
Budget Goal	Amount Pledged	Number Pledges	Number Tithers
28%	42%	201%	128%

We find that many people still do not know what the Forward Program of Church Finance is all about. Just recently a member of one of our strong churches said, "I'm not sure that our church ought to use this program of Finance because I believe in God's way of financing the work of our church." When asked about God's way of finance, he said, "Why, the Bible way is 'tithes and offerings.'" Then we tried to assure him that the Forward Program of Church Finance was based entirely on Scripture and was designed to help each individual church member fulfill the Scripture, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come" (I Cor. 16:2).

But those of us who worked on the formation of the Forward Program of Church Finance believe that it is not enough to just tell church people that they should obey God's word in the matter of stewardship; we believe that the people should be taught and shown how to obey. —RD

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