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## More Help Needed

IN THEIR meeting of September, 1958, the Executive Board approved the following recommendation of the Survey Committee:



DR. WHITLOW

"We recommend that the Executive Board adopt Plan No. 2 as the goal of organization for the staff of Baptist Headquarters. We recognize the fact that this goal is probably unattainable immediately. We recommend that the executive

secretary and the program committee of the Executive Board continue a study and make recommendations when we should move into this plan of organization."

The plan of organization referred to as Plan No. 2 is that of a Division basis—that is, a division of Religious Education and a division of Missions. This would compare somewhat with the plans now in operation by both our Sunday School Board and Home Mission Board.

In connection with this plan it has been suggested that we consider placing a man in each of our eight districts charged with the responsibility of the promotion of our religious education programs. These men would work with both the district and associational organizations.

This plan would relieve the associational missionaries of the responsibility of promoting religious education and would permit them to devote themselves to missions and evangelism. Our constant decrease in number of baptisms confronts us with the fact that our present approach to missions and evangelism needs improving. The associational missionaries are carrying a tremendous load of promotional work which almost precludes the possibility of doing the work of a missionary. There are no doubt many places where preaching centers could be opened and new Sunday School and missions could be established if these men could give themselves more fully to the task.

We do not want to let up in the matter of our religious education programs; we should not let up in the winning of the lost. This plan might be at least a pointer in the right direction.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

Read

## 'Marriage and Money'

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## Wright Named to Ouachita Post

DON WRIGHT, a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary, has been named assistant professor of speech at Ouachita Baptist College, according to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president.

Before coming to Ouachita, Mr. Wright was teaching speech at Baylor University while doing graduate work there. He was also pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Lorena, Tex.

Mr. Wright received his B.A. from Baylor in 1953 with a major in religion. After receiving his B.D. from Southern Seminary in 1957, he pastored the Mount Salem Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Ind., and the Salem Baptist Church, Pembroke, Ky.

He taught speech at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky., in 1958 and returned to Baylor in January, 1959.

He is married to the former Bobbie Knight and they have a daughter, Sheryl, age 18 months. ■

## Campbell Builds

BUIES CREEK, N. C. (BP)—Immediate erection of a college infirmary, to begin as quickly as detailed plans can be completed, will be the first actual construction of the expansion program to make Campbell College here a senior institution.

## Gypping Gets Notice

THERE IS much talk about payola, heavy thumbs, false meters, and rigged TV programs.


Some city officials are probing false gasoline meters, heavy thumbs at grocery stores, while the United States government is looking into TV rigging and radio payola.

Everyone seems to be confused about what to do, if anything, about the whole matter. The business officials say

DR. DOUGLAS that our present laws are sufficient. Some government officials think new laws are in order but others believe new laws would attempt to curb constitutional rights. Some have suggested that companies or trade groups should use ads and publicity to inform the public how to avoid getting gypped.

All of this brings one big question to the mind of one who is stewardship conscious. How can we ever get the people of the business world to be honest with the public, and themselves, when the basic elements of character have been ignored—man's relationship to God?

On one occasion, when a nation was tottering on the brink of chaos and



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**Fundamentals of Our Faith**, by Herschel H. Hobbs, Broadman Press, 1960, \$1.95.

What should a Christian believe? Recognizing that many are uninformed and many are confused, Dr. Hobbs deals with the central topics of the Christian faith: the Bible; Holy Spirit; sin; salvation; the ordinances in the church; and the future order. ■

destruction, God's man reminded the people by saying, "Ye are cursed with a curse because ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

The people had not been tithing and God's man said, "Return unto me and I will return unto you." The way back was cried out by God—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." (We are not taking the time to attempt the explanation of the storehouse, but I feel certain that Jesus would say church instead of storehouse.)

Today, even church people, yes, lo and behold, Baptists, are not tithing. Baptists are trying to carry on kingdom affairs with approximately 3 per cent of their incomes and are trying to build homes, buy automobiles and run businesses with 97 per cent of their incomes.

Do we need new rules, plans and systems in order to get our people to tithe? We think not. We have the Bible, the church, the denomination and the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is up to us to do better. We could say do better, or else, in this business of tithing, but we are afraid that someone might think that we are crying wolf!

It is a little beside the point to expect people to be honest in secular matters, when the higher matters of life, man's relationship to God's basic laws, have been ignored. Let's teach our people to be honest with God and then the lesser evils can be overcome.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary. ■



# Arkansas Convention Joins Unique Teletype Network

NASHVILLE —(BP)— A Southern Baptist Convention teletypewriter network, believed to be the first leased wire communications system operated by a denomination, goes into operation Mar. 1.

W. C. Fields, Nashville, secretary of public relations for the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, said 19 cities will be on the system. It will stretch from Washington, D. C., to Wichita, Kans.

Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and offices of state Baptist conventions, as well as Baptist state papers, will be on the system.

Agencies taking part are the Radio and Television Commission, Southwestern Seminary, Relief and Annuity Board, Midwestern Seminary, Brotherhood Commission, Historical Commission, Executive Committee, Sunday School Board, New Orleans Seminary, Home Mission Board (including its division of evangelism), Southeastern Seminary, Foreign Mission Board, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and Baptist World Alliance.

States and state papers taking part are Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and District of Columbia.

The network will operate eight hours a day, five days a week. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. The cost of the teletype system is being shared by each participant.

American Telephone and Telegraph

Co., Atlanta, engineered the system.

The teletype leased wire enables each party on it to receive copy the instant it is sent from any point on the system. Each machine will receive copy at the same moment others receive it. Messages may be sent to all points on the circuit. Any location may select any one location, or series of locations, to receive its message.

The Executive Committee office in Nashville will be traffic control center so that the time will be used to best advantage each day.

Baptist Press news service articles, messages from agencies to state offices and the reverse, appointments in distant cities, information wanted by one subscriber from another — all these are among the kind of messages which will flow over the network.

The network is on a six-month experimental basis, as authorized by the Executive Committee.

Machines with a keyboard similar to a typewriter will be installed in each office. They are capable of receiving messages especially designated for them, and for selecting other machines in distant cities which they wish to send messages to.

Rolls of paper will feed through the machines as the keys spell out the messages. These machines are capable of handling copy at 60 words a minute.

The machines and method of transmission are similar to those used by the national news agencies, Associated Press and United Press International. ■

## Birth Control Issue

A SUIT to bar the transfer of public land and public funds to a Catholic hospital in Silver Spring, Md., was filed recently by five taxpayers with the backing of the national organization, Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

According to Glenn Archer, executive director of the organization and a party plaintiff: "The chief moral issue in this case is freedom for birth control. The Catholic bishops have declared against that freedom and have ordained for all their hospitals a code of sectarian medicine which excludes this and other desirable and legitimate features of medical practice. We do not believe that public funds should be used to support such a discriminatory code.

"Catholic hospitals have a perfect right under our constitution to practice medicine in their own way, but American taxpayers should not be charged with the cost of sectarian institutions which discriminate against doctors and patients according to creed."

Archer declared that the Maryland suit is part of "a national pattern of suits backed by POAU which, we hope, will reach the Supreme Court ultimately and end public tax support for any medical institution which excludes birth control for religious reasons.

"We are backing two similar suits in Louisiana and Kentucky, but this Maryland suit is our strongest because it is proposed to turn over public property unconditionally to the Sisters of the Holy Cross without any real public control over the proposed hospital." ■

## Pollard Seminary Speaker

DR. RAMSEY Pollard of Knoxville, Tenn., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the featured speaker for Denomination Day, March 10, at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, President Harold K. Graves has announced.

Denomination Day will climax a three-day elaborate program the seminary has planned for official dedication of the new campus on Strawberry Point. Beginning with Community Day, March 8, when an important civic leader will be the speaker, the program will underscore different emphases on different days, President Graves says.

Academic Day, which falls on March 9, will be marked by the presence of representatives of Southern Baptist institutes of higher learning, accredited theological schools throughout the nation, and colleges and universities on the West Coast. There will be a special message from Dr. Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. ■

## THE COVER



TYPICAL scene at Miami Beach, Fla., where the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its annual session, May 17-20. — Photo Courtesy Home Mission Board. ■

## Attendance Report

February 14, 1960

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Camden, Cullendale, 1st	409	210	
El Dorado, 1st	893	274	3
El Dorado, Immanuel	628	270	
Faith Mission	20		
Fort Smith, Calvary	344	147	4
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	504	195	2
Huntsville, 1st	115	46	2
Magnolia, Central	680	316	2
McGehee, 1st	462	226	
Mission	63	41	
North Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	846	263	5
Pine Bluff, South Side	608	246	
Springdale, 1st	455	144	
West Memphis, Calvary	228	111	2
Fayetteville, 1st	862	315	11
Jacksonville, 1st	633	226	6
Ft. Smith, Trinity	344	142	3



'Blur of Motion'

**AERONAUTIC** engineers are predicting now that it will soon be possible to fly around the world in commercial transports in 54 hours. Wonder how much a trip like that would be worth? Think how interesting it would be to have somebody just back from such a trip tell about all the interesting people and lands he flew over!



ELM

Well, of course, this will be or should be a wonderful thing for all of us, if world travelers can learn how to use such rapid transit.

No generation of Americans has ever had so much time of its own as ours. In just a few decades we have moved from a 12-to-14-hour work day to an 8-hour day with two coffee breaks and from a six-day work week to a five-day week. And now there is a lot of talk about a four-day week! But we still have seven days to the week (and weak).

As Claire Cox pointed out the other day in a UPI feature, so far Americans have not been able to settle down and use their new hours and days to much real purpose or satisfaction.

Cox quotes Pastor J. Edward Carothers of 1st Methodist Church, Schenectady, N. Y., as marvelling at how strange it is that with our increase of wealth and devices "we have lost leisure."

"The same technology we use to provide us with a shorter work week we also use to speed us through the air, propel us over the water or down a slope.

"The contemporary picture of the American citizen is a blur of motion."

Man being incurably religious, we can never hope to find true happiness and peace unless our daily and weekly schedules make places for worship of God. People who make of the Lord's day just a day of recreation really should spell the word with a "w"—"wreckreation."

Next to public and private worship we would place, as a most worthy use of our new leisure time, a wholesome interest in people and the world about us. The wife of the busy physician we read about the other day who, with her husband, gets away every few days to spend more time so far back in the woods they cannot have access to telephone or television, or many other modern-day gadgets, but who communes with God's great outdoors, is making good use of leisure time, we'd say.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

**CHRIST** is the Prince of Peace among nations as among individuals. This was the burden of the message of the Hon. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and long-time educator and statesman, in an address recently before a joint meeting of Southern Baptist editors and state executive secretaries, in New Orleans.

**Says Christian Stand Needed in World Affairs**

America's religious conviction, asserted in our foreign relations policy, would lift our basic foreign policy to a new and higher level, declared Mr. Stassen.

There is no more justification for basing a nation's foreign policy on the mere expediency of what at the moment may seem to be for the best interest of the nation itself than for an individual to follow the course of seeking in his human relations what he regards as best for himself above what is best for others, he said. America needs to project on a world-wide basis its historic doctrine that all men are created equal and are endowed with certain inalienable rights, Mr. Stassen continued.

The approaching summit meeting of representatives of the United States, Russia, Great Britain and France can have a great impact on the world for peace, and the people of the world can have a real part in its success through prayerful and optimistic hopes for it, said Mr. Stassen.

Dealing specifically with one aspect of applied Christianity in world relations, Mr. Stassen urged that America should declare a purpose of helping to provide bread free for starving people wherever they are. In this we should not think of our nation being in unfriendly competition with Russia and should not be stymied by fear that the food we give might be made a part of Russia's unfriendly propaganda campaign, he said. Rather, let the United States challenge Russia and other countries to join hands in helping the destitute people of the world, he challenged. How can we equate our religion with a policy of holding vast food surpluses in the full knowledge that in many lands people are hungry? he asked. ■

**TWO ITEMS** in the news this week are particularly on the bright side for the people of Arkansas, both stories pointing the way to a better qualified citizenship for the state. One of the stories, out of Monticello,

**Developing Our Greatest Asset**

offers a positive approach to the solution of one of our most acute problems in Arkansas—the loss of our people, especially our educated young people—to other states. The other, carried on page 8 of this issue, offers a plan for the reduction of illiteracy among our people.

Dr. Jack W. Mears, newly installed as president of Monticello's A. and M. College, told a dinner meeting of the Southeast Chamber of Commerce the other night that Southeast Arkansas has spent up to \$500,000 training young people who are spending their most productive years in other areas. If the area had kept its young people between the ages of 25 and 35, Dr. Mears said, it would today have no less than 22,000 college-trained professional people.

Three things must be done if we are to stop the steady flow of our own people to other places, Dr. Mears proposes: We must develop our natural resources, improve the educational standards, and promote a better economic climate.

Dr. Clyde Hart, pointing to the fact that Arkansas as a state is near the bottom in literacy (or close to the top in illiteracy, whichever you prefer), is calling for volunteers to serve as teachers in a program to help a large segment of our people to read or to read better. Details about a literacy workshop to be held here in Little Rock, in the Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol Ave., March 11-12, will be found in this issue. That something like this is badly needed is seen in the fact that one out of every five Arkansans above the age of 15 is a functional illiterate, having no more than four years of formal education.

It is to be hoped that everyone will give his fullest support to the leadership of Dr. Mears and Dr. Hart and dozens of others like them who are taking the lead in building a better Arkansas by building her people. ■



## The Greatest Sorrow of My Ministry

### The Karam Report

I LIKE your report on the Evangelistic Conference, especially the vivid way in which you wrote up the conversion of Jimmy Karam. I have been interested in reading the behind-the-scene story of his conversion ever since spotting a small news item in a paper this past summer telling of his conversion. Thank you for presenting this so interestingly for us and thank you also for remembering the Baptist Press regularly with news material.—Theo Sommerkamp, Baptist Press, Nashville, Tenn.

**REPLY:** We claim no credit for the vividness of the Karam story. All we did was put it down the way Jimmy spoke it right out of his heart and without notes. It is a wonderful thrill to hear one who has been saved and knows it first hand, just stand up and tell what the Lord has done for him.—ELM

### Hamptons to Dallas

I WOULD appreciate it very much if you could publish our new address in the *Arkansas Baptist*. We will be moving to Dallas, Tex., this week, so that our little daughter, Kathie, who has leukemia, may be better cared for at the Wadley Blood and Research Institute. Our new address will be: 4305 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas.—James E. Hampton, Missionary to East Africa ■

**REPLY:** Our hearts go out to Kathie and her parents and other loved ones as they daily bear the cross of this affliction.—ELM

### The Catholic Issue

I AM a former Arkansan and read with deep appreciation every word of the *Arkansas Baptist*. It is almost like a visit home.

After working with Catholics in South Louisiana for nine years I can truly appreciate the "Open Letter to Mr. Frances," in the Jan. 28 issue. I for one pray that God will lead us to vote out any and all Catholic candidates.—Evelyn Stanford, Baptist Good Will Center, Columbia, S. C.

### Carpenter Resigns

I HAVE submitted my resignation as minister of music and education at the 1st Church, Batesville, and am available for revivals or full-time education work. I can be reached at 328 Ramsey, Batesville, or telephone Riverside 3-2809.—Verne E. Carpenter

[Editor's Note: In this feature Dr. Morgan shares with our readers a sad page from his long and fruitful life as a preacher. Next week he will tell of his greatest joy.]

LOOKING back over my 65 years as a minister, I register my greatest sorrow. The sorrow was over the public disgrace of one of the prominent members of my choir, in love with a respected young man in one of the fine, loyal families of the church. Their love seemed fitting, maybe desirable. But love is perilous, and may so easily get out of hand, human nature being what it is.

In time all the choir, then all the church, knew she was pregnant. The marvel was that she continued in the choir, somehow concealing her condition, almost to the time the baby came, only God being able to fathom the depth of her shame and sorrow. They married, thus atoning largely for their sin.

Soon after the birth of the child, I went for a tender, sorrowful visit. Both were very humble, sorrowfully confessing shame at their lapse, grateful, I'm sure, for the pastor's sympathy and prayer.

Even to this day I have never doubted that such an open, conspicuous scandal in the eyes of all the church—the more because her place in the choir paraded it—required public notice. The scandalized public must know that restoration to favor comes by the way of penitence and confession. Else sinning is condoned in the public eye and made easier for others to commit.

It was a young church in a young and growing little city, and so to face it openly was the easier. In a tender

prayer service and conference, I told of my visit and the shame and penitence of the young couple. Maybe that should have sufficed, but I felt the church itself should initiate any action taken—as in all other grave matters.

Two admirable deacons (pity they were not deaconesses!) were named to see them and bring a report. I had no doubt they would bring the same report of penitence I had brought. But to our sorrow and dismay they reported the young pair were resentful of any public notice, and flatly asked the church to exclude them. I've always grieved that I didn't ask to delay and let me see them, sure I could bring them to a better attitude.

With sorrow almost to tears I acceded to the proposal to withdraw fellowship, assuring them that we'd welcome them back with open arms whenever they asked in a proper spirit for restoration.

Both families resented the action, and remained aloof for several years. The shepherd heart in me suffered agony over it. My diary records that one morning in my study, after sleepless hours, I sobbed aloud in my study, and again, at the breakfast table with my wife.

To this day it remains the greatest sorrow in all my years as a pastor. The dear young pair and the baby sorely needed the healing ministry of the church, and we should somehow have won them back into rapport with us—even if it required days and nights of unceasing fasting and prayer. There was a way to win them and we should have found it. This I believe after fifty years.—S. L. Morgan, Sr., Wake Forest, N. C.

### POAU Chief Replies to Catholic Article

"IN A Look magazine article Father John A. O'Brien of Notre Dame has drawn a grossly distorted picture of the Roman Catholic hierarchy's power in American politics, and he has falsely attacked Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State," declared Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU.

"Father O'Brien says that priests never tell Roman Catholics how to vote," continues Dr. Archer. "This is a falsehood. There are many instances in the United States where priests have told Roman Catholics how to vote.

"When Mrs. Pearl A. Wanamaker, a candidate for superintendent of public instruction in the state of Washington, asserted her belief that public taxes could not be used for parochial schools, she was widely denounced by Roman Catholic priests all over the state of Washington and derogatory leaflets were passed out in many of the Roman

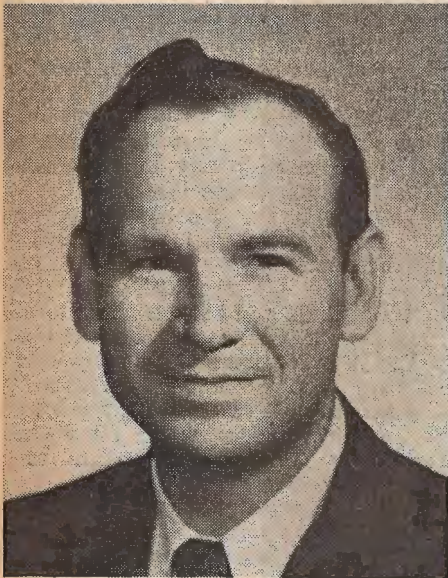
Catholic churches at the instance of the priests. The Roman Catholic priests did everything in their power to defeat this outstanding educator," Archer said.

"According to Time magazine Pope John XXIII declares that the Roman Catholic Church will never give up her right to advise Roman Catholics how to vote in political elections. When there is a clash of opinion between Father O'Brien and the Pope, I am inclined to take the word of the Pope," Archer declared.

"Father O'Brien's attack upon Protestants and Other Americans United was deliberately designed to discredit POAU in the eyes of the public. It was a self-serving statement. Father O'Brien knows that the one organization in America which has exposed the Roman Catholic hierarchy's active drive to obtain tax funds for Roman Catholic institutions has been POAU." ■



## Arkansas All Over



MR. EDMONDSON

### Ouachita Executive Is Civic Leader

DESPITE his duties as vice president of Ouachita Baptist College, James H. Edmondson has taken much time from his personal life to devote to the community life of Arkadelphia.

Recognition of this fact was made when the Arkadelphia Junior Chamber of Commerce recently presented Mr. Edmondson with the Distinguished Service Award at its awards banquet because of his unselfish efforts in behalf of his community.

Mr. Edmondson is presently serving as chairman of the industrial relations committee of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce and is a director of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. He is immediate past president of the Chamber of Commerce, past secretary-treasurer of the Lions Club, and past secretary and vice chairman of the city planning commission.

Mr. Edmondson is also an active church member. He is serving on the board of deacons of the Arkadelphia 1st Baptist Church and on the church finance committee. He teaches a class of 17-year-old boys in Sunday School.

A native of Gadsden, Ala., Mr. Edmondson holds degrees from State College in Jacksonville, Ala., and from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. He has been working on a Ph.D. at Indiana University and has had his thesis proposal accepted.

He is associate editor of *American Business Education* and has been consultant, instructor, and speaker for industrial human relations and supervisory technique training programs for Reynolds Metal Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Tectum Corporation and other industries. (Ouachita News Bureau)

### Blewster to Attend Relief, Annuity Meet

W. C. BLEWSTER of Magnolia will represent Arkansas Baptists at the 42nd annual meeting of the Relief and Annuity Board, March 1-2, in Dallas, Tex.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Southwide agency, said Mr. Blewster, president of First National Bank in Magnolia, will meet with 31 other trustees from 20 state conventions plus 18 local members from Dallas to hear reports on the Board's ministry.

These reports will include plans of the Board to enlist a minimum of 75 per cent of all churches and pastors in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan by Jan. 1, 1961.

In addition, the officers will present their reports on the progress of work in their departments during the past year.

Highlighting the conference will be messages by Charles W. Buek, vice president of the United States Trust

JIMMY KARAM, member of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was guest speaker at Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock, in the evening service, Feb. 14.

SOUTH SIDE Church, Pine Bluff, ordained C. L. Dew, W. E. Boshears, and Travis Tucker as deacons recently.

EMMETT PIPKINS has resigned as pastor of Crystal Hill Church to accept the pastorate of 1st Church, Manila.

ED W. DANCE has accepted the call of Markham Street Church, Little Rock, and is now on the field. Mr. Dance was formerly pastor of West Side Mission, Danville, Va.

W. E. LANDERS has resigned as pastor of Natural Steps Church, Pulaski Association.

Company of New York City and Wallace Bassett, president of the Annuity Board. ■

### Stuttgart Has Forward Program "Victory Day"

Victory Sunday was observed February 7 in 1st Baptist Church, Stuttgart, and Southside Mission, the climax of the Forward Program begun January 10. The total offering for the day was \$2,303.40, including \$223 from Southside Mission. Southside's goal was \$200 this week, and they actually subscribed \$257 for their weekly 1960 budget.

The following detailed report is given:

Total cards mailed out: 958.  
Systematic givers: 231, subscribing \$277.38 per week.

Tithers (1st & Southside): 410, subscribing \$1,424.85 weekly.

Grand total subscribed weekly: \$1,702.23.

The total goal was \$1,816 per week.

The amazing thing in our campaign was the wonderful spirit of our men in canvassing the last week. On Pledge Sunday 354 cards were turned in as tithers, and 104 to give systematically, with a total amount of \$1,221.18 pledged. Approximately \$500 in pledges

were added during the week.

Three hundred seventeen cards were returned unsigned, or will come in later. A few families were out of town the last two weeks of the work. All in all, our church feels that it has experienced a great spiritual movement, and that it will continue to enjoy the blessings for many months yet in the future. Three came Sunday morning of Victory Day, uniting with 1st Church, and were baptized that night. A spirit of revival prevails and dozens of people who have not been attending services regularly the past years, have started back to their church. Our people are still rejoicing because of the many blessings received the past month.

When we realize that the greatest number of tithers recorded thus far was approximately 150 to 200, then we realize the victory that has been won is tremendous. The entire church feels that wonderful days are ahead for our people in Stuttgart, and are praying to that end.—D. B. Bledsoe.



**FORWARD PROGRAM Steering Committee, 1st Church, Stuttgart:** seated, left to right: Mrs. L. C. Carter, assignment supper; Mrs. Earl Daugherty, loyalty dinner; Mrs. Eldon Vickers, office help; Mrs. Marion Freeman, report snack; Mrs. Frank Stephens, secretary; Mrs. Prentiss Greer, children's party; Mrs. W. H. Keller, reservations;

Standing: Rev. Charlie Belknap, minister of education; Leland Stratton, budget planning; R. G. Brewer, Jr., budget pledging; Paul McCarty, general chairman; Doug Lefler, tally; Bobby Keller, budget promotion; Rev. D. B. Bledsoe, pastor; Rev. F. B. Dake, Southside pastor; Ray Daugherty, lesson chairman. ■



## Atomic Scientist Seminary Speaker

ONE OF the world's outstanding atomic scientist, Dr. Ralph T. Overman, will speak on "Science and Religion" at the annual Spring Conference of Southern Seminary, Louisville, March 8-11.

Dr. Overman is chairman of the special training division of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, Oak Ridge, Tenn. He will appear at the Seminary under the Norton Lecture-ship. Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., will deliver the Mullins Lectures on Preaching during the Spring Conference.

The inaugural addresses will be given during the week-long conference.

Dr. Penrose St. Amant, Dean of the School of Theology, will give his inaugural address on Friday, March 11 and Dr. Leo Crismon, Seminary Librarian, will deliver his inaugural address Thursday, March 12.

After Dr. Crismon's address the entire student body, faculty and guests will go to the new \$1,750,000 James P. Boyce Centennial Library where the new building will be dedicated.

## Abington to DeQueen

EFFECTIVE March 1, Dr. E. Butler Abington will begin his duties as pastor of 1st Church, DeQueen.

Dr. Abington goes from Earle Church, where he has been pastor since 1956. Under his ministry the church membership has grown from 475 to 640, and there have been increases in every area of the church program. The Sunday School last year had an average attendance of 267. The amount given to Cooperative Program has more than doubled. Approximately \$125,000 has been invested in the church property and the outstanding indebtedness is only \$23,000. ■

**The Pathway to the Cross**, by Ralph C. Turnbull, Baker, 1959, \$2

This book attempts to encourage all people to set their sights and see life steadily and whole in the light of the Cross. The pathway of the Cross is Christ's pathway, but it becomes our pathway as we "take up the Cross and follow Him" (Mark 10:21). Aim of the book is to assist its readers in devotion and spiritual discipline, especially during the season of the year which stresses more than any other the suffering and passion of our Lord.

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**, by Reginald E. O. White, William B. Eerdmans, 1959, \$3

This book explains with unusual clarity and freshness the meaning, obligation, and goal of the Christian life in the light of Christ's triumphant death and resurrection. It weaves the truth of Christ into a pattern for the Christian's daily life and thought.

Zondervan paperback books received include: **Teens—Here's the Answer**, by Marjorie Zook, and **Ten Talks to Teens**, by Ted W. Engstrom.



DR. PEPPER

## Pastors' Institute

MEMPHIS, TENN. — An institute designed to help pastors in their ministry with the sick is planned at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis March 7. All ministers in the Mid-South are invited to attend. Reservations should be made with the Rev. Charles D. McNight, hospital chaplain. There is a \$1.50 registration fee.

Featured speaker for the all-day program will be Dr. Kenneth Pepper, chaplain at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and chaplain supervisor for the Dallas County Hospital District. He will discuss "The Growing Edge of the Spiritual Frontier" and "Meeting Spiritual Crises of the Physically Ill."

Other speakers, members of the hospital's medical staff, will include Dr. Harvey Reese, Dr. Otis Warr, Dr. Fred Strain, Sr., and Dr. Hall Tackett. Participating, also, will be Fred A. Morrow, psychiatric case work supervisor at the Memphis Mental Health Center, and Dr. Stanley Wilkes, pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church.

Dr. Pepper is a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary and has held pastorates in Mississippi, Kentucky and Virginia. He was formerly chaplain at North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Mississippi State Hospital. His position at Parkland Hospital includes pastoral care of the sick, clinical pastoral education for ministers, and marriage counseling.

The program will include discussions on "How the Pastor Can Help the Doctor"; "How the Doctor Can Help the Pastor"; "The Minister's Personal Health"; "Stress Reactions of the Physically Ill"; and "Your Mental Health Center". ■

FOUR MEMBERS of Knowles Church, Liberty Association, were recently presented awards for perfect attendance in Sunday School for five years: Mrs. Cecil Harrison, Mrs. H. F. Andrews, Robert Burns, W. T. Sturdivant. Sunday School Superintendent is B. D. Johnson. Harold Diffie is pastor of the church. ■

## Missions—Evangelism

## Bedside Notes

THIS IS written in the Baptist Hospital, where I am engaged in a bout with bronchial pneumonia — and this is my 13th Anniversary as Superintendent of State Missions. It is a poor way to start my 14th year.



DR. CALDWELL

About a week ago I was severely attacked by a foreigner—Asian Flu — and he pinned my shoulders to the mat from Tuesday night until Sunday morning and turned me over to Mr. Pneumonia. My referee, Dr. R. M. Eubanks, ordered that the place of scuffle be changed from the bedroom of my home to the Baptist Hospital. So here we are.

By the time you read this, however, I will likely be on the run again, "Somewhere A-workin' for My Lord."

My engagements had to be cancelled. My date-book shows 24 speaking engagements for the 29 days in February. I had looked forward to the honored privilege of speaking in many churches and conferences. My, how I regret I couldn't make each.—C. W. Caldwell

[Editor's Note: Dr. Caldwell was able to return home Feb. 18 from the hospital.]

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## Literacy Program Planned for State

THE PURPOSE of the workshop announced on this page is to train volunteer teachers how to use the Laubach method of reading instruction, that they in turn might teach illiterates how to read.

Dr. Richard Cortright is director of the Baylor University Literacy Center, the only university program for the training of adult literacy education specialists west of the Mississippi. His experience as an adult education specialist in India and East Africa has been most helpful in conducting literacy workshops.

Dr. Cortright says: "The staggering statistics concerning adult literacy in the United States (about 8½ million in 1957) mean that a vast crash program for teaching illiterates must soon be initiated."

In the October 1958 issue of *Adult Leadership*, Ambrose Caliver spelled out the problem:

"In terms of every index, illiteracy has an adverse effect on the nation's economy. It reduces the nation's economy. It reduces the national income, it lowers industrial and farm production, it lessens the tax returns, it retards the flow of consumer goods, it slows technological progress, and it increases safety hazards.

"Our industrial society is becoming increasingly inhospitable to the illiterate. As more business, industrial, and agricultural activities depend upon the written word in their operation, the illiterate becomes less and less wanted."

In order to meet the need for increased literacy leadership, the Baylor Literacy Center (BLC) has developed a scheme for preparing volunteer teachers to teach adult illiterates. The core of this scheme is the literacy workshop.

"When the idea first occurred to Paul Geren, executive vice president of Baptist Baylor University, in Waco, it had a staggering grandeur. It would have fulfilled the old Baptist dream of teaching everyone in the world to read well enough to understand the Bible.

"Geren proposed to have Baylor train missionary teachers in how to use the Laubach method of reading instruction. They, in turn, would fan out through the world to attack illiteracy by teaching the technique to native interpreters, who in turn would tutor others to read their own language.

"Before Geren and the Rev. C. H. Hastings, director of Baylor's Dallas extension division, could move into action, however, they learned that some 35,000 of the 860,000 citizens of Dallas County are adult illiterates. Baylor's crusade, it seemed, could start closer to home. Under the direction of Dr. Cortright, who has worked with Dr. Frank Laubach himself and has taught in twenty countries, the program got under way last fall in a major way." (Copied from *Newsweek*, July 7, 1958)

## Program

# STATE-WIDE LITERACY WORKSHOP



DR. CORTRIGHT



DR. HART

DATE: March 11, 12

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401 West Capitol Avenue

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Conducted by Baylor University Literacy Center  
Waco, Texas

Dr. Richard W. Cortright, Director

PURPOSE: To train volunteer teachers in how to use the Laubach Method of reading instruction, that they in turn might teach illiterates how to read.

- Arkansas ranks 44th in the United States in literacy
- Arkansas is 19.8% illiterate or 1 out of every 5 above 15 years of age

### LITERACY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Friday, March 11—7:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M.

Registration and Orientation

Talk—Question and Answer Period

A Survey of Literacy: Statistics, Needs and Methods

Saturday, March 12—9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

Teaching the Literacy Primer

Instruction and Demonstration

Individual teaching: Learning by doing

Saturday Afternoon—12:30 P.M.-2:30 P.M.

Film: EACH ONE TEACH ONE

Planning A Community Literacy Program

(1) Locating illiterates

(2) TV and Radio

Forming an Arkansas Literacy Council

Summary

Sponsored by Race Relations Department  
Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Clyde Hart, Director

Arkansas is 19.8 per cent illiterate. Arkansas ranks 44th in the United States in literacy. This means that one out of five Arkansans above the age of 15 years is a functional illiterate.

If you are willing to dedicate yourself, as an act of Christian service, by

attending this workshop in order that you might teach an illiterate person (Negro or white) how to read, you are invited.

The workshop is free! —Clyde Hart, Director ■



# Baptist Crosscurrents

## *We Commend Virginia Baptists*

IT WOULD seem that Virginia Baptists are due a word of commendation from their brethren in the Far West. A look at their annual budget reveals that the largest single item, \$200,000 as a matter of fact, will be used in supplementing the salaries of pastors. Apparently, Virginia Baptists believe that a good missionary is a Baptist pastor who receives enough salary to effectively perform the duties imposed upon him.

The editor of Religious Herald, Dr. Reuben Alley, laments the fact, however, that even with the supplements some pastors' salaries are still inadequate. Taking note of the fact that Virginia Baptists by agreements among what is known as a "field of churches" may use the same pastor, Editor Alley says that difficult situations often occur when congregations break up the field leaving weak churches without adequate support for the minister. He questions the wisdom of some congregations attempting a full-time program. Obviously, when they do they may leave a small church nearby without a pastor.

California Southern Baptists would do well to remember that they are the exception and not the rule. They never think of a part-time church program, even though they may have pastors who hold other jobs for additional income. In most of the older states where Baptists have been active for a long time, there are still many part-time churches served by men who may have three or four such congregations under their pastoral ministry.

Now back to Virginia Baptists and their decision to make a generous appropriation for the supplementing of pastor's salaries in smaller churches. Sixty-eight per cent of the amount appropriated will go to pastors of "new work," that is, to those serving churches that have been established within the past five years. Virginia Baptists, like their fellow believers in California, are still pioneering by building churches in needy fields.—Editor Floyd Looney, *The California Southern Baptist*

## *Featuring Baptist Publications*

IN SPEAKING to the Greensboro Baptists Pastors Conference recently, we suggested that churches would do well to have a special Religious Literature Service once a year. This could be held on Sunday morning (preferably), but Sunday night would be all right. The pastor, or a special committee, could plan such a service, calling on different people to speak on various Baptist publications. For example, someone from the WMU could discuss the attractive publications which come out of Birmingham. A Brotherhood member could acquaint the congregation with the printed materials of that growing organization. Sunday School, Training Union, and other phases of Baptist work could be covered. The *Biblical Recorder* and *Charity and Children* should be given a prominent spot on the program, along with other publications of general interest. Will a program like this prove successful? A leader of no less stature than Dr. C. Oscar Johnson did it for years at the great Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo., and it worked. Try it in your church and see if it won't work, too. We must admit somewhat of a selfish interest. We could hope that it would result in some new readers for the *Biblical Recorder*—along with our many other fine Baptist publications.—Editor J. Marse Grant, *Biblical Recorder*, Baptist weekly newspaper for North Carolina.

## State WMU Meeting

ARKADELPHIA'S 1st Church will be host to the 71st Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, April 5-6, over which Miss Elma Cobb, president, will preside.



Among outstanding speakers who will be featured on the program are Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Grant, former Arkansans who recently returned from a year in Thailand where Dr. Grant served in a governmental advisory position. He is the son of Mrs. J. R. Grant and the late Dr. Grant, and is a teacher at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Other speakers will include Dr. John Drakeford, professor of religious psychology and counseling, Southwestern Seminary; Mrs. William Dyal, Jr., missionary to Costa Rica; Dr. Jack Combs, superintendent of language groups in the west, for the Home Mission Board; and Miss Elaine Dickson, WMS promotion associate, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. Mrs. Roy E. Snider of Camden is chairman of the program committee.

The schedule of the meeting has been reduced to two days. It will start at 10 a.m., Tuesday and close at 3 p.m., Wednesday. There will be a banquet on Tuesday evening at Ouachita College.

Attendance is unlimited, but each WMS is entitled to five voting messengers and each WMU youth organization to one.

### 12 Per Cent Increase

The accepted Jubilee goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is 12 per cent above last year's offering. Since Arkansas's 1959 offering totaled \$56,172 (a commendable 25 per cent increase over the previous year), the 1960 goal is \$62,912. Pray! Plan! Enlist! Give! Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-11.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. ■

### Spencers in Okinawa

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin E. Spencer, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries who formerly served in Japan, have taken up residence in Okinawa where they will assist with the English-language church established there last year. The Spencers were transferred for service in Okinawa by action of the Foreign Mission Board at its December meeting. Their address is: c-o Rev. E. E. Bollinger, 1266 Oyama, Ginowan San, Okinawa.



# Marriage and Money



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By Reuben Herring

A FRIEND was visiting in the home of two young men who had just completed their education. His casual remark to their father that he probably would soon be losing his sons to two future brides brought a prompt reply from one of the boys.

"Not me," he said emphatically. "I'm not about to get married yet. I can't afford it."

A little discussion revealed that he thought a young man "would be crazy to marry these days without four or five thousand dollars in the bank."

His brother considered this statement ridiculous. A steady job is all that is needed, he insisted — "when the right girl comes along."

These two brothers' views on marriage and money are many pay checks apart, but they may be somewhat typical of the attitudes of young people today toward the more practical considerations of marriage. At one end of the scale are those who insist on a nest egg the size of a two-car garage, while at the opposite extreme are romantic couples who wouldn't dare let anything as vile as money matters spoil their ethereal dreams of nuptial bliss.

There's no doubt about it, matrimony includes the matter of money. Many a couple will testify that money is the big trouble maker in their marriage. And couples considering marriage who are not also giving serious consideration to money — where it is coming from, where it is going, and how it is to get there — are headed straight for double trouble.

## There'll Be Some Changes

Even the most naive couple knows that one can no longer live as cheaply as two once could. But until they begin to live under the same roof, no young man or woman

can imagine how drastically their economic status will be changed.

Suppose a couple, each independent and earning his own living, sets up housekeeping. If each lived with his parents until the time of their marriage, chances are most of their income went for personal needs, even if they contributed to the family larder. Each is accustomed to smart clothes, entertainment, and liberal spending for personal needs.

But when they leave father and mother to become man and wife, they encounter expenses which they probably never dreamed of before. Who's to pay utilities, taxes, insurance, the doctor, the paper boy, the garbage collector, and the endless expenses of running a household?

There is only one answer — sacrifice. Each may be called upon to give up something he enjoyed before — the latest fashions, those expensive sporting goods — for the sake of the home. And the person who is not ready to make that sacrifice willingly is not ready for marriage.

There are some consolations, however. Those sacrifices will draw a couple closer together, making their love stronger and dearer through the years.

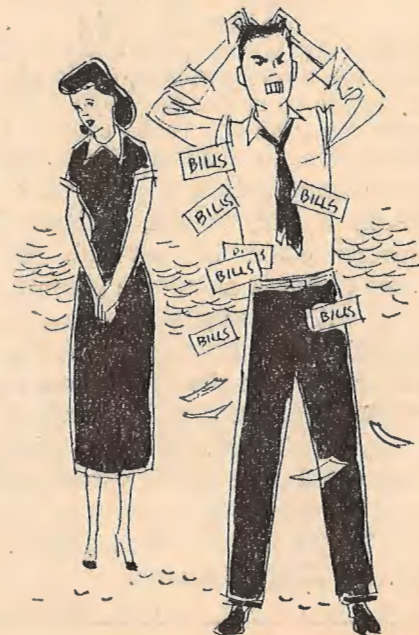
And it isn't the amount of money on hand that matters so much as the attitude toward money, how it is used. From the top to the bottom of the income brackets, couples have money problems. The Scriptures make it plain — it isn't money that is the root of evil; it's the love of money.

## One Breadwinner or Two?

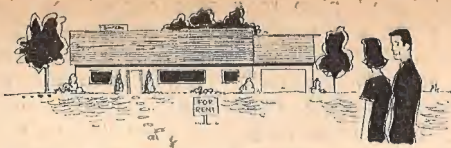
Those brothers with the widely divergent ideas about what it takes to marry were agreed on one thing — there must be a source of income. And that should raise a question with any couple planning marriage: will there be one source of income or two? In other words, does the wife work at home or in the office?

More and more women, most of them married, are joining the labor force. This is particularly true of young wives. In order to help establish the home and meet the heavy expenses of furnishing and operating a house, the modern bride doesn't kiss her husband good-by each morning. She hops in the car with him and is off to her own job.

Many times, however, this isn't a bona fide attempt to help establish a home at all. Rather, it is a compromise with the old independent way of life. The wife doesn't want to give up her independence; the husband doesn't want to give up some of the frills he has enjoyed so long. Neither is ready to make the sacrifices which may be necessary to establish a stable home and family life.







The wife is going to work "until the house is furnished," but one need seems to call for another. She wants to work "until the baby comes," but somehow that blessed event is postponed again and again. She plans to work "until her husband gets established," but that too remains in the indefinite future.

A few couples have to consider whether they will accept financial support from their parents. When one of the marriage partners is still in school, this may be necessary. But because this source of income is uncertain, it may be unwise to lean too heavily on it in marriage planning. Gifts from parents sometimes also have strings attached which may interfere with marital harmony.

## Built Just for Two

A fairly good test of whether a couple is ready for the practical considerations of marriage comes as they begin one of their first adventures together — house hunting. Although each may insist that he will be content so long as they are together, both soon discover that their surroundings have a lot to do with their happiness.

There are sound arguments in favor of either renting a house or buying one. Those in favor of renting point out that no large sum is needed, that upkeep is no problem, it is easier to move if necessary, more money may be spent for furnishings, and that a young couple "don't need a big house anyhow."

Home owners argue that a house is a good investment, that there is added stability and prestige in owning a house, there is pride of ownership, deduction from income tax for interest on home loans, and other factors.

Whether the newlyweds rent or buy, they should give careful consideration to the neighborhood and the location of the house. Is it close to the husband's work, to a shopping center to schools and church? A neighborhood can be either too shabby, lowering the value of the property and making it especially undesirable for rearing children, or it can be too exclusive, making excessive demands on the couple and perhaps causing them to live beyond their means.

## Caught in the Purse Strings

A heart attack claimed a young man who left a widow and children. Theirs had been a good marriage with few quarrels over money. He simply gave his good wife what money she needed for incidentals, and he handled the rest. She almost prided herself of her ignorance of financial matters, explaining that her husband "looked after everything."

But when the husband was gone, there was no one to look after anything. The widow didn't even know whether her husband had left a bank account or insurance, far less how much. As a result, grasping businessmen soon swindled her out of what little was left.

The best answer to the question of who should handle the money in the family is that it should be a co-operative venture. Both partners contribute to the success of a marriage, and both should have a voice in the handling and distribution of its benefits. That more and more couples are seeing the wisdom of this arrangement is evidenced in the growing popularity of joint checking accounts.

It's likely that one or the other will show greater efficiency in handling money, and should do most of the spending. But that does not mean that the other partner should be ignorant of the financial condition of their partnership.

"I'd rather take a beating than try to get a dollar out of my husband," a wife complained.

Her friend asked what she did when she wanted something for herself or the children.

"Oh, I don't say anything to him," she explained. "I just get what I want and charge it. When he finds out about it, it's too late to do anything."

This is the kind of deceit and antagonism that usually result when husband and wife do not attempt to solve money matters together.

Usually it is the husband who is the offender in failing to take his wife into the full partnership of marriage. But he doesn't realize what a valuable asset he is overlooking.

If the husband doesn't recognize the dollars-and-cents value of the homemaker's contribution to marriage, his wife will soon call it to his attention. Where else, she is sure to ask sooner or later, can he get the services of a cook, maid, laundress, seamstress, governess, secretary, hostess, and counselor at her wages?

More than that, the wife usually is the purchasing agent of the family. And she is a valuable partner indeed if she is a shrewd bargainer, using the family finances wisely.

There was a time when the housewife haggled with merchants in the market place. Today she searches the columns of newspapers for the best buys. She studies the homemaker's books and magazines. She knows where the special sales are. She refers to the consumers' guides.

This is the role of the modern homemaker. Perhaps she doesn't plant a vineyard or lay her hand to the spindle as the virtuous woman of the Scriptures, but her price is still far above rubies.

## Balancing Days and Dollars

Most couples probably have tried at one time or another to operate on a budget, but not all have succeeded. The trouble frequently is that they expect a budget to perform miracles, to make one dollar do the work of two.

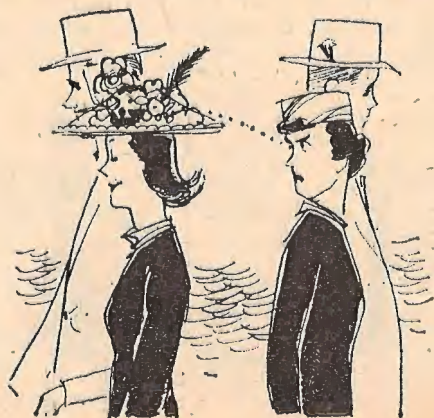
Wise couples adopt some plan for handling their money. It may be an elaborate budget system with neatly labeled envelopes and a ledger, or a simpler plan, but they agree on how they will spend their money and follow their plan.

Many budget plans fall through because the couple fails to "expect the unexpected." You don't plan for illness or a big dentist's bill or increased rent or a cut in salary, but these often happen. The solution is to operate not at the limit of family income, but somewhere well within it if possible. Then in an emergency it isn't necessary to move to a smaller apartment or to give up the piano.

And that long-awaited raise isn't the solution to all money problems either. Sure, it will come, but it won't solve everything. It means more money, but you discover that somehow you also have more needs.

## Blame It on the Joneses

The weakness that probably puts more marriages in the red than any other one thing is that old American mad-





ness of trying to keep up with the Joneses. This might not be so difficult if the Joneses in turn weren't trying to keep up with the Smiths.

Two couples in the same income bracket and each with three children had about the same standard of living. But while one couple had to make every penny count to meet their obligations, the other always seemed to have money for extras. The wife was constantly buying something new for the house, and the husband added regularly to his sporting equipment.

The penny-pinching couple actually lost sleep trying to figure out how their friends did it. What they didn't know was that their friend had been injured in the war and was drawing a disability pension. This extra income each month was more than enough for all the extras.

That often is the answer to how friends and neighbors "do it." They have a hidden source of income such as a pension or gifts or bonuses. Whatever the reason for the neighbors' good fortune, young couples will save themselves much grief if at the outset they admit to themselves—and to anyone nosy enough to ask — that if they are not keeping up with the Joneses, it's because they aren't trying to.

## It Doesn't Cost to Dream

Most couples must accept the fact that their marriage will have a modest beginning. This can be a good thing, as we've already noted that the early years of struggle can strengthen a marriage. One happily married couple recalls that their first quarrel was over an expensive dining room suite. The bride had "always dreamed of a solid cherry dining room suite," but the husband insisted that "we just don't have the money."

That's one of the nice things about marriage — there's plenty of time for dreaming. And it is better for husband and wife to dream together for a few years — about that vacation trip, the summer cottage, the extra car — than to jeopardize their marriage by being too extravagant at the start. Besides, many have found that their dream was more delightful than its realization.

## All for a Dollar Down

A wife who had just purchased a small appliance was indignant when she received a bill for several dollars more than she had anticipated. After examining the bill her husband explained that the extra cost was for carrying charges. She had been unaware that it usually costs more to buy on credit.

Instalment buying has been regarded as everything from a boon to the death blow to marriages. Your grandfather, for example, probably wouldn't buy anything unless he could pay cash for it. But times change, and today credit buying is an integral part of our economy.

The danger in instalment buying lies in getting in over your head. Couples have promised to pay "a dollar down and a dollar a week" until there were no dollars left for rent or groceries.

Of course the merchant charges for his "loan" of the purchase price of an item, but this can be offset by the buyer. For example, a couple buying a washing machine

on the instalment plan may save enough on their laundry bill while using the machine to pay the carrying charges. Others have discovered that while they save carrying charges by paying cash, it is harder to build their savings up again than to pay monthly instalments.

Credit buying is advisable only if done wisely and cautiously. A good credit rating is an asset to any couple. But because it is so easy to buy on credit, the temptation is to go overboard. The plunge downward is simple, but climbing back to solid footing again is a long, long struggle.

## About Acorns and Oaks

Lack of ready cash is, of course, a major reason for the flood of instalment buying today. Couples are always going to start saving "when we get on our feet," but the venture of establishing a home and rearing a family keeps most of them on shaky financial legs for years.

It is important to agree to save from the beginning. It may be only a trickle that seems hardly worth the bother, but establishing the saving habit is important.

The wife needs to understand that there are more ways to save a dime than by putting it in a sock. By careful buying, and a willingness to absorb household expenses by doing her own sewing, laundry, cleaning, baking, cooking, decorating, and other chores, she can be the one who actually makes it possible to put away something for the children's education, the extra room, or the "rainy day" that always comes.

## Include Your Silent Partner

A church visitor was in the home of a childless young couple in their thirties. Both worked and had no dependents. They lived in a comfortable home with every convenience, in a good neighborhood, and there was a new car in the garage.

"We just can't afford to tithe," the man told the church visitor. "It's all we can do to meet expenses."

These church members are making the same mistake as the couples with no savings — years ago they probably intended to start tithing "one of these days." But after ten years of accumulating things for themselves, they probably are further from tithing today than when they married.

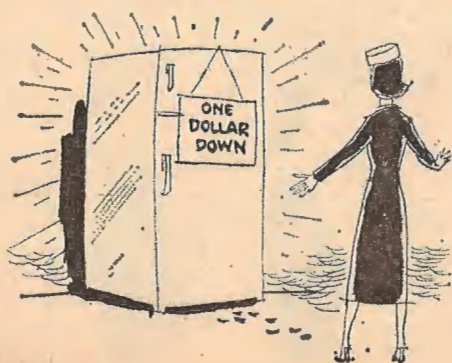
"One of the first things my wife and I agreed on when we married," says Alvin Dark, the major league baseball player, "was that we would tithe. Today it's natural and easy for me to tithe because I began when I had a paper route as a boy."

Here is one of the wisest decisions a young couple can make — to be good stewards of all God gives them. Wherever you find couples returning unto God faithfully and generously of everything from pocketbooks to personality, you find homes that are blessed and marriages that are steadfast and sure.

During World War II a young couple married just before he was sent overseas. For the ceremony he had borrowed \$30. For the future he had a job as a private in the U. S. Army and a debt of several hundred dollars for his education. Their only wedding present was a cotton tablecloth. But God blessed that marriage, and today they have a happy Christian home.

How much does it take to marry? Money is important, of course, and must be handled wisely. But it isn't altogether a question of how much you have in the bank or how well your job pays.

More important is the question: "How much do we have of love and trust and courage and faith in God, who said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him?'"



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3:10 Bible Study: James 2:14-26, "A FAITH WHICH LIVES" \_\_\_\_\_ Lee I. Dance  
3:20 Special Music \_\_\_\_\_  
3:25 President's Word \_\_\_\_\_ G. C. Hilton  
3:35 "BROTHERHOOD'S CLEARING HORIZONS" \_\_\_\_\_ John Farmer  
3:50 "THE DEVELOPING ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM" \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Mashburn  
4:05 Song \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation  
4:10 Business Period: Business, Announcements—Resolutions, Appointment of Nominating Committee, etc.  
4:20 Special Music \_\_\_\_\_  
4:25 Message: "BROTHERHOOD IS A WORK OF FAITH" \_\_\_\_\_ Lucien Coleman  
5:00 Benediction

### Friday Night Session:

EMPHASIS: "A Living Faith Is a Faith Which MOVES"

- 7:00 Song Service led by \_\_\_\_\_ James E. Birkhead  
7:05 Bible Study: Matthew 28:18-20, "A FAITH WHICH MOVES" \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Dale Cowling  
7:15 Special Music \_\_\_\_\_ W. J. Sewell  
7:20 President's Word \_\_\_\_\_ G. C. Hilton  
7:25 ROYAL AMBASSADOR PRESENTATION \_\_\_\_\_ C. H. Seaton  
7:45 "A WORTHY OUTCOME OF FAITH" \_\_\_\_\_ T. K. Rucker  
7:55 Song \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation  
8:00 Business: Election of Officers—Resolutions Offering  
8:15 "THE CHURCH BROTHERHOOD AND THE NEW BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM" \_\_\_\_\_ Lucien Coleman  
8:30 "THE ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD AND THE NEW BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM" \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Mashburn  
8:45 Song \_\_\_\_\_  
8:46 Special Music \_\_\_\_\_  
8:50 Message: "EVANGELISM IS FAITH IN ACTION" John Farmer  
9:20 Benediction

### Saturday A. M. Session:

EMPHASIS: "A Moving Faith Is a Faith Which CONQUERS"

- 9:00 Song Service led by \_\_\_\_\_ James E. Birkhead  
9:10 Bible Study: Josh. 1:1-10, "A FAITH WHICH CONQUERS" \_\_\_\_\_ Melvin Thrash  
9:20 Special Music \_\_\_\_\_  
9:25 President's Word \_\_\_\_\_ G. C. Hilton  
9:35 "THE CHURCH BROTHERHOOD AND PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP" \_\_\_\_\_ Lucien Coleman  
9:50 "THE CHURCH BROTHERHOOD AND WORLD MISSIONS" \_\_\_\_\_ John Farmer  
10:05 Song \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation  
10:10 Business—Resolutions Committee, etc.  
10:20 Special Music \_\_\_\_\_  
10:25 Message: "FAITHFUL MEN BUILD A DENOMINATION WHICH WINS!" \_\_\_\_\_ S. A. Whitlow  
11:00 Adjournment



Mail Carriers



Chester came running up the lane from the mailbox down at the highway.

"Marie," he called, "the mail carrier brought you a letter."

Marie came down the porch steps to meet her brother. She took the white envelope and sat down on the porch.

"Thank you, Chester. And did you say thanks to the mail carrier?"

Chester sat down beside her. "Yes, I did. We surely owe our carrier thanks when we think of what we would have to do to post letters or receive them were it not for him."

"I know," said Marie. "Why, fifty or sixty years ago when our grandparents were young, no mail was delivered in the country at all. Everyone who lived out of town had to make a trip to the post office for their letters."

She was tearing open the one she had just received.

"And people had to travel with horses in those days, too," said Chester. "It took all day to go for the mail. And a hundred years before that time no one had mail delivered even in the biggest cities."

"Even when city delivery did start," Marie put in, "people had to pay the postman two cents for every letter." She was reading her letter. "This note is from Alice. She and her brother will be here tomorrow. We'll have to pick them up at the station."

"I should say we should thank the carrier," said Chester. "If we didn't have delivery out here, that letter might not have reached us in time for us to meet them."

"And if there were no carrier and we had gone to the post office, think how long we would have had to stand in line at the delivery window."

Chester giggled. "Yes, and if it were like it was in San Francisco and New

York, we couldn't have stood in the same line."

"That's right. Those two cities did have different windows for women, didn't they?"

"Yes, the women's window in New York said that no gentlemen were attended there and that it was for women exclusively. But on the one in San Francisco it said, 'Army and Navy, French, Chinese, clergy, and the ladies.'"

"That was the old post office," Marie reminded him. "The new one had several windows. One was for the army and the navy. One was for French, Spanish, and Chinese. One was for the clergy and the ladies. Several were for the men who made up the bulk of the population in those days."

"Let's get back to mail delivery," said Chester. "You know that less than one hundred years ago there weren't any mailboxes on the streets where a person could mail a letter. And the first ones weren't called mailboxes at all. They were called 'lamp boxes' because they were fastened to the lamp-posts."

"Long before that back in 1833 to be exact, Abraham Lincoln was using his hat at a mailbox," said Marie. "He delivered mail in it from the New Salem post office of which he was postmaster. He brought mail back in it to be posted, too."

Chester looked away into the distance. "And he made friends all along the way just as our mail carrier does today," he said.

Marie jumped up. "Speaking of friends," she said, "we'd better go and make our rooms spick-and-span to receive our friends tomorrow."

"Right you are," said Chester. "The Post Office Department will have to get along without us for a while."

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THE PRESS was interviewing an old man who had just celebrated his one-hundredth birthday.

"To what do you attribute your marvellous vitality?" he was asked.

"I don't rightly know yet," he replied rocking back and forth on the porch. "I'm dickering with two breakfast food companies right now."

IN AN international restaurant:  
"We want Turkey with Greece."

Waiter: "Sorry, sirs, I can't Serbia."

Guests: "Well, then, call the Bosphorus."

Boss: "I don't want to Russia, but you can't Romania."

So they went to Hungary.

TEACHER: "Which is the most popular cow in America?"

PUPIL: "Magnesia. You can buy her milk in any drugstore."

A MISSIONARY travelling through the jungle met a lion. Flight was hopeless so he fell to his knees in most anxious prayer. A few minutes later he was greatly relieved to see the lion on its knees beside him.

"Dear brother Lion," said the relieved missionary, "how delightful it is to join you in prayers when only a moment ago I feared for my life."

"Don't interrupt me, padre," said the lion, "I'm saying grace."

Church Chuckles



"Brace yourself, Reverend! Here comes Tex with some more new members!"

Tex is so interested in helping fill the pews, he's lost sight of one important fact... people cannot be 'roped' into becoming Christians. We can, and should, invite any friend not affiliated with a church to come and visit us. But the decision must be entirely theirs. No amount of outward persuasion can replace this all-important personal commitment.



# A Prisoner for Christ

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Acts 21:17 to 22:29

By Clifton J. Allen

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**P**AUL RETURNED to Jerusalem at the end of his third missionary tour, fully realizing the hazard involved. He felt impressed by the Holy Spirit that "bonds and afflictions" awaited him. His purpose was not foolhardiness but faithfulness. He felt a sense of mission — to bring an offering from the Gentile churches to the destitute saints in Jerusalem and to try to heal the breach between the Jewish and Gentile segments of the Christian movement. To do this, he was willing to risk his life. The remaining chapters of Acts will tell of Paul's experiences as Christ's ambassador in bonds.

## The Lesson Explained

**PAUL AND** his companions had been received most cordially by the Christians in Jerusalem. To try to dispel the rumors that he had been teaching the Jews in other places to abandon the Mosaic law, and upon the suggestion of James, Paul had joined four Jewish believers who had taken a vow and paid the cost of the sacrifices to be offered in connection with their vow. Paul had undertaken this in good faith, not as a compromise but to avoid misunderstanding and to encourage unity.

### Attacked By A Mob (vv. 27-31)

**TROUBLE** sprang up from another source. Jews from Asia — not believers — were the source. They happened to see Paul in the Temple. They knew all about Paul, hated him with a vengeance, and were eager for any excuse to assault him. Now here in Jerusalem, where they had come for the feast, they "stirred up all the people," laid hands on Paul, cried out for help as though against a criminal, and began to make fanatical charges against him. The only excuse for their action was that they had seen Paul with Trophimus, an Ephesian friend, and they just supposed that Paul had brought him into the Temple. It was just a supposition, but this was enough to stampede the crowd into a mob. No Gentile could enter certain parts of the Temple except on pain of death. The stir in the Temple moved the whole city and drew a great crowd together. Without waiting to get facts, they dragged Paul outside the Temple, shut the doors behind him, and sought to kill him by beating him. Hate had no regard for justice.

### Rescued By Soldiers (vv. 32-36)

**ROMAN** officers and soldiers occupied the tower of Antonia, overlooking the Temple. Riots were frequent, and the Roman guard was there to prevent such outbreaks. The report of the onslaught on Paul quickly reached the colonel in charge, so that he rushed down with a group of soldiers to quell the riot. They arrived just in time to save Paul's life. Failing to find out the reason for the tumult, the colonel commanded that Paul be brought into the fortress. So violent was the effort of the crowd to get at Paul, the soldiers had to lift Paul and take him bodily up the stairs of the tower. But for the timely rescue by Roman soldiers, Paul's life would have been sacrificed to religious prejudice and bigotry.

### Given Permission To Speak (vv. 37-39)

**SAFELY** out of the hands of the mob, Paul asked permission to speak to the crowd. The Roman officer was amazed when Paul addressed him in Greek. He had just guessed that Paul was an Egyptian, who had professed to be a prophet of God and who had led a group of dagger assassins in a revolt. The colonel readily gave him permission to speak. The closing part of our larger Bible lesson gives us Paul's address, the testimony of his personal conversion and his call to be an apostle to the Gentiles. The crowd listened quietly to that point and then burst into a frenzied demand for his death. Paul's declaration of his Roman citizenship saved him from scourging and insured careful concern by the colonel that his prisoner receive justice. It was this citizenship that finally brought Paul, in the providence of God, to the city of Rome and to a hearing before Caesar.

**There are hazards in the path of duty, —** There are hazards in travel and hazards to health for missionaries who must go to the ends of the earth. There are hazards from religious or political persecution, so that in many places loyalty to Christ may involve the loss of one's job or inability to rent a home or mistreatment to one's children or some other discrimination. All these hazards may seem far removed, hardly real, for Christians in our own land. One reason we face so little hazard is because we do not dare to attack the strongholds of wickedness which fight back with fierce hate and unscrupulous means. If we follow the path of duty, we shall have to face many perils to safety and to comfort for the sake of Christ the Lord.

**Prejudice leads to injustice. —** it ignores the worth and rights of persons. It encourages an attitude of contempt and easily generates an attitude of hate. Prejudice will lead to careless statements of suspicion and accusation from which will spring impassioned acts of violence. Prejudice against a neighbor leads to unjust criticism. Prejudice against a business competitor will lead to underhanded efforts to handicap his business. Prejudice against persons of other races robs them of justice in courts, causes them to suffer discrimination in opportunities for work, and stimulates even acts of violence. There is hardly any attitude that more quickly blinds persons to what is right than the attitude of prejudice. Even worse, it poisons their hearts with the terms of malice.

## A Verse to Remember

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—II Timothy 2:3

Christian warfare involves hardship. How can we expect to serve as soldiers of Christ without willingness to serve in dangerous places and without capacity to endure severest hardships? ■



## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.  
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### First Association

AMERICAN BAPTISTS learned the value of mutual support early in their history. Five churches organized the Philadelphia Association, Saturday, July 27, 1707.



DR SELPH

This body was composed of 1st Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Lower Dublin Church, Penn-  
eypeck, Pa., the Piscataway Church, New Jersey, the Middleton Church, Middleton, N. J., and the Welch Tract Church, Pennsylvania. Though small in membership, these churches had leaders of strength and vision.

The movement was an outgrowth of a joint meeting of several churches with the Lower Dublin church, 1688. Harassed by problems of faith and discipline in the churches, pastors and laymen saw the necessity of a general meeting where such matters could be discussed and common agreement reached.

The first meetings were held every three months and were called quarterly meetings by the pastors. However, since they occurred in each community only once a year, they were called annual meetings by the laymen.

Such meetings lasted two or three days and food was brought by the people for themselves and their horses. Oftentimes, they had to provide means for shelter. Because of this they were later called "Camp Meetings" and took on an evangelistic character.

Pastors found help as they exchanged reports and discussed mutual problems. Much time was given to preach-

ing and doctrinal discussion. The people, as well as the preachers, were inspired and encouraged. Citizens within the community enjoyed the services. These meetings were often closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper. Desire for association with the brethren was heightened.

From these meetings came the first regular organized Association. At such a gathering one day, it was suggested that each church select certain capable brethren to attend a yearly meeting to study the problems of the churches with the purpose of "setting in order the things which were lacking." This resulted in the organization of the Philadelphia Association. ■

### FOLKS & FACTS

... Plans for the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, slated May 16-17 at Miami, Fla., are nearly complete, said conference secretary Nadeen Brookshire at Dallas. The conference will be held just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention and will feature college and seminary choirs and a special session on music in foreign missions.

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