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Inmates Get Testaments

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — Twenty-five hundred Soul Winner's New Testaments have been distributed to inmates at South Carolina State Penitentiary by a group of 35 Baptist churches in Spartanburg and North Spartanburg Association.

"An effort will be made to put one of these in the hands of each of the 1,200 inmates, and through special instruction, seek to teach them to use it effectively," said Chaplain Harold Wells.

Evangelist Cliff Brannon, who designed the Soul Winner's Testament, made the presentation for El Bethel Baptist Assembly.

Three hundred thousand of the testaments have been printed, and 200,000 are in circulation.

Bible Study Starts

New Year Right

ONE OF THE most significant things inaugurated by Southern Baptists in recent years is the week of Bible study at the beginning of the year. It is significant because one's attitude toward the Bible colors every aspect of Christian experience. If the Bible is just an excellent piece of religious literature then it would not be unpardonable to treat it with a measure of indifference. However, if the Bible is what it claims to be — the



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THO'S. L. HARRIS
PASTOR
PHONE YE 83321

Rev. Ralph Douglas;
Baptist Building,
Little Rock, Ark.,

Dear Brother Ralph:

To have put on the Forward Program in our Church is most gratifying. I have not gotten over the amazing results. Last year was such a victory for us. We raised our budget near \$25,000.00 and increased our gifts to the Co-operative Program near two thirds. We will almost raise the entire amount. We failed to subscribe it by about \$65.00 per week. We will not fall that much short. For eight months of the year we raised the full amount. But we fell short some during the summer months.

Then the new budget was upped by about 4% and we subscribed the full amount and raised our offerings to the Co-operative Program by 3% more than last year.

You may publish anything that you feel will be of benefit to any others.

This new plan of finance is without doubt the finest thing the Lord has given to us since the Co-operative Program was instituted.

I am glad our own denomination has given us a good plan of financing our work so we will not be tempted to bring in these commercialized organizations to do this job for us. It is a bad sign when our churches and pastors agree that we cannot put on our own plan and do this work within our own Churches.

Word of God — indifference toward it will prove disastrous.

The world of this generation has witnessed a decided let-down in morals. This, no doubt, is due in a large measure to ignorance of the Bible and the rejection of its authority.

It has been said that one who does not read is little better off than one who cannot read. Perhaps there is little difference between the person who rejects the Bible and the person who is indifferent toward it. Both are guilty of infidelity. The former is intellectual infidelity and the latter practical. The end result would be the same.

It is a good thing to form the habit of reading a few verses of the Bible daily. It is a better thing to study a portion of God's Word daily. It is feared that much of our daily Bible reading is lacking in the quality of study that produces a genuine knowledge. The light-hearted manner of Bible reading may prove to be an ef-

fective bar against a knowledge of the Bible.

If the week of Bible study would provoke some of us to a plan of Bible reading that would call for real study then this movement among Southern Baptists would prove exceedingly beneficial. Every Christian should develop such a plan of study. One's attitude toward the Bible is likely to be superficial if his understanding of the Bible is superficial.

Another thing we should always keep in mind is that the Word of God is spiritually discerned. An understanding of the Bible is more than a comprehension of the facts concerning the Bible. In this record of God's dealing with men God wants to speak to our hearts a message designed to build a way of life in us — His way of life. Thus we need to love Him with both our minds and our hearts. — S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

"To Whom Shall We Go?"

AT A TIME when Jesus was losing disciples fast, he asked the inner circle: "Will you also go away?" Simon Peter, speaking no doubt for all, answered: "Lord, to whom shall we go?" He said more than this, but for the moment let that stand.

Let us make it our own question. If not to Christ, to whom shall we turn? If life is not to have its unifying center in him, then where will that center be found?

Some have always preferred not to have any center. They define life as a rat-race, one crazy meaningless thing after another. Nobody cares who wins a rat-race. The winner is still a rat. "Life is a welter of inexplicable forces," said Dreiser, the American novelist. "I catch no meaning in all I have seen, and pass quite as I came, confused and dismayed." For such persons life has no center. One only stirs up frustration by trying to find a center. There is no pattern, no meaning. "Seize today," said the Roman poet. "Believe in tomorrow as little as you can." Suck the orange while it is on your plate, gather the roses before the frost. Be glad of any trifle that shines in the fleeting sun, for the darkness falls soon and will not lift.

THERE ARE SOME ADVANTAGES to this cynical view of life, it must be admitted. It saves a great deal of wonderment and worryment. This moment-to-moment hand-to-mouth unbeliever asks no questions of life and therefore expects no answers. He does not lie awake like believers, asking in the silent dark, Why must such things be? They just *are*, he thinks. There is no reason for good, there is none for evil. Life has a beginning and an end but no center.

Very few people can live by this negative creed, this refusal to have any creed. Most people need some kind of unity in their lives. Why this is, let the philosophers say if they can. But the desire for some unifying center is in most human hearts. Some find life's center in themselves. More interesting in their own eyes than any other objects in the universe, they suppose they must be equally fascinating to other people. Their own pleasures being more keenly felt than the pleasures and pains of others, they

really center their lives not on their true selves but on their pleasures. "What can be better," one Madison Avenue tempter put it, "than learning the art of enjoyment?"

This seldom works. The more subtle forms of pleasure are difficult to maintain, and while a toss-pot may be satisfied every night, Mr. Mill would say of him, "I would rather be Socrates dissatisfied than a pig satisfied."

SOMETIMES it is not one's pleasure; it may be power or prestige that claims the central and unifying place in our experience. These also are vanity, as Koheleth said so long ago. Sooner or later power is challenged. Others refuse to make our power the center of *their* lives. "Power tends to corrupt," and the more we have, the faster the process of corruption.

Perhaps some institution becomes the unifying center of life. This is probably better than strict self-centeredness—though this is debatable. At any rate it is a liber-

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary
in *The Presbyterian Outlook*

ating experience to cast aside all the weight of personal hope and fear, and plunge for good or ill into the larger life of a great institution—an ancient and honorable family, a state, a church. But this again means transferred pride; indeed, it is possible to be much more proud of an institution than of one's personal self.

And again the old trouble appears. At the center of life is sin. No human institution, not even the church, is free from the strain and the crookedness of evil. No institution leaves quite unsmirched the hands that hold it up. Yet the human heart, prone to self-deceit, elevates church or state or family into a god that can do no wrong. The creeping poison of evil is mistaken for good, insofar as life's center itself is not pure.

WHAT WE NEED is a center; life otherwise falls apart into senseless atoms of experience, paltry and patternless. We need a personal center; for if personal lives have impersonal centers—money, institutions or whatnot—we are living upside-down. We need a center *without sin*, if we can find one. We need a center of our human lives that is at the same time the center of the cosmos which (if it have no center) becomes year by year more terrifying.

There is one such center and only one—the Lord Jesus Christ. His friend Simon Peter said to him: "You have the words of eternal life . . . you are the Son of God." By what Jesus says, and by what he is, he has the right to become the center of each man's experience. To see him out on the edge of life, to reserve for him only our marginal thoughts, our left-over devotion, is to see neither life, nor our Lord, as they truly are. ■

Judson President

MARION, Ala. (BP) — Conwell A. Anderson has been elected president of Judson College here, according to an announcement by Horace G. Williams of Tuscaloosa, Ala., chairman of trustees.

Anderson, now dean at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex., was elected unanimously to succeed J. I. Riddle who will retire next July 31 after more than 17 years with Judson, Baptist senior college for women.



NOTHING is so awe inspiring among the experiences which regularly occur as the facing of a new year. At such a time as this we seem to be face to face with eternity as at no other season. But, actually, the end of one second of time and the beginning of another is equally as significant, for that is the way we live the year round. We are not so conscious of the fact, most of the time, but we are always facing eternity.

Certainties Amid the Uncertainties

David, in flight from jealousy-maddened King Saul, spoke for all of us when he said to Jonathan: ". . . there is but a step between me and death." Who has lived in this world long enough to be a rational creature of even slight maturity without being aware of many close calls with death? Time and time again the most of us have been miraculously spared when death was but a breath away.

Certainly, one of the things that makes the facing of a new year so awesome is meditation upon the frailties and uncertainties of life and the realization of the grim fact that many you know, perhaps those most dear to you, will depart this life before the year's end. We are constantly "but a step from death."

What, then, are the certainties amid the uncertainties of life? The greatest certainty of all is the fact expressed by Browning:

*Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made.
Our times are in his hand . . .*

As some one has said, we are immortal till our work on earth is done. But our immortality begins when we are born and this earthly life itself is but a tiny fraction of our immortality, though of tremendous import. For it is in this life we chart our eternal destinies.

All of the other certainties grow out of the beloved fact that our lives are in the hands of God. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Paul pointed to the great bedrock of the Christian faith as he reminded Timothy that Christ ". . . hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Each Christian, with Paul, can face the uncertainties of life with the assurance:

" . . . I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Although we cannot know what the future holds, we know that God holds the future. He has not called us to live the cringing lives of cowards, but, rather, he has called us to walk by faith. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Let us step out into the darkness of a new year and place our hand in the hand of God, for as the poet has said, that will be "better than a light and safer than a known way." ■

January 7:

1789.—The first election for a president of the United States takes place throughout the nation.

1800.—Millard Fillmore, thirteenth president of the United States, is born in a log cabin in Cayuga County, New York.

1830.—Commercial railroad service gets under way in the United States as a horse-drawn carriage rolls out of Baltimore on the first stretch of track to be completed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company.

1927.—Regular transatlantic telephone service is inaugurated for the first time between New York and London . . . Commercial fees are set at \$75 for three-minute calls.

1953.—In his State of the Union address to Congress, President Truman announces that the United States has developed a hydrogen bomb . . . —From *When Did It Happen?* by Stanford M. Mirkin, copyright 1957, published by Ives Washburn, Inc.

Uniform Lovers

A CIVILIAN who likes to wear military uniforms but who, apparently, does not care for the responsibilities and hardship of military service, broke into trouble and the news again here recently.



ELM

According to press reports, it was the eighth time in five years for 21-year-old John Dominic Pinnelli, of Dallas, Tex., to be sentenced for illegally wearing an Army, Navy or Air Force uniform.

In each of the first six instances, the young man is reported to have received a six-month sentence, and, on the seventh occasion, as recent as last Sept. 25, a probationary sentence for one year.

Following the September sentence Pinnelli, it is reported, was given transportation from Little Rock to Dallas where he was to have stayed on a job as directed by the terms of his sentence. But about a month later, on Oct. 27, he was arrested in Albuquerque, N. M., again for illegally wearing a uniform!

In a hearing in Little Rock Dec. 17 before Judge J. Smith Henley, in federal district court, Pinnelli's probation was revoked and he was sentenced under the Youth Corrections Act, which means that the U. S. Board of Parole will release him when the board feels he is ready for release — any time up to four years.

Said the judge in pronouncing the latest sentence: "If I could, I would give you a license to wear a uniform. But I can't and it's against the law to wear one unless you're in military service."

How many of us are seekers for places of honor and esteem but who have no desire or intention of shouldering the responsibility that goes with the positions? Is not this about the same situation? We like the uniform of distinction but we are not ready to distinguish ourselves through sacrificial service.

The ordinance of baptism, the door to church membership, constitutes itself something of a uniform which the new Christian puts on before all the world, declaring himself to be a soldier of Christ. But how many put on that uniform in their shape, refusing to take up the cross that goes with it?

No man in the land has jurisdiction over those of false wearers of the uniform of the Christian profession. But there is a higher Court with which we all must reckon.

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Some Rethinking

"I DON'T need nobody to tell me nothing" blurted the ignorant man forgetting that long ago a wiser man, Thoreau, said, "It is never too late to give up our prejudices." Almost everyone needs to shed a few narrow ideas. Facing a new year it is time to rethink many of our opinions.

1. We need to rethink many of our pet slogans. Too often we have been satisfied with clever slogans and mottoes without any practical application. Failure to act makes so many slogans meaningless. We cannot judge a man by his slogans or stock phrases. We must rethink our slogans and mottoes to be sure they mean what they say. To parrot the slogan "Christ for the world" is good but more effective might be a few extra dollars for missions.

2. We must rethink the attitude that says a man must be like us to be right. Just because a person was not reared in our part of the country or educated in our own school is not necessarily a mark of inferiority. People do not have to be our duplicate to be right.

3. We need to rethink the belief that bigness is best. A city is not better because it is bigger. Quantity is not better than quality. A man is not necessarily a better minister because he has a bigger church. A church's spiritual life does not automatically become better as it gets bigger. A democracy is always in danger of its own masses. A mob is never clear in its thinking. Many times we deplore the loss of quality which bigness brings and in the next breath boast of our bigness. We should, however, rejoice in the bigness that comes as the outgrowth of having done better.

4. We need to rethink some ideas about forgiveness. We say a criminal has paid his debt to society when his

prison term is over but then go on holding it against him the rest of his life. We preach repentance but don't believe the fellow who says he is sorry. We make mistakes but never forgive and forget them when others make the same error. About all some people need to straighten out their lives and go on to do much good is to know they have a few understanding and forgiving friends and that they are being given another chance. Many people have been kept from fruitful lives because someone remembered them "when." Blessed is he who gives the other fellow a second chance.

5. We need to rethink the platitude that we are to be tolerant. Shall I be tolerant of the weeds that grow in my garden? Shall I do nothing about selecting friends and protection for my children? Shall we tolerate those groups of persons whose sworn objective is to destroy that which we have built and hold sacred? Certainly we will not tolerate any revolutionary groups to roam at freedom in our land and so grow that they may destroy us. Perhaps we have been too tolerant of corrupt theology, cults, pressure groups and anti-Christian forces. Certainly no Baptist would advocate persecution. It is another thing to have some convictions and stand firm against wrong and sin.

6. Lastly, we need to rethink the attitude that all criticism is cruel and unfair. We should never be so self-satisfied as to believe we are above criticism. A person is not always antagonistic when he criticizes. Criticism may not be condemnation, it may be kindly concern by one hoping to be helpful. The egotist would rather fight back than to admit he too might be wrong. Few of us are so wise we cannot improve. Business men are very interested in public opinion and will change courses and adjust products in response. Our critics might be our best friends and teachers.—A. H. Stainback, Pastor, Little River Church, Miami, Fla.

New Work Started

SOMETIMES WE get the feeling everyone we know is a Christian and we feel like we can relax a little, but before we relax too much let's think about a place right here in the United States where most of the people don't know about salvation as we know it. The place I am talking about is Fairview, Mass. What Southern Baptists are doing about this situation is one of the reasons I'm writing.

In August of this year my husband's work brought us to Westover A.F.B. Mass. When we got here the work had just started a week before. Three families had met with hopes of forming a mission and Dr. Cash of the Home Mission Board had been here!

[Editor's note: The writer of this letter, Mrs. McVay, is a native of Gassville, here in Arkansas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Byrd, of Gassville.]

The last Sunday in August we met at Fairview Southern Baptist Chapel in the Memorial School. Manhattan Baptist Church of New York City had agreed to be our mother church and now we could accept members.

The chapel still has a long way to go and we still meet in the school, but there are 34 members, 70 enrolled in Sunday School and we now have Training Union and just had our first WMU meeting.

Our members are all Air Force, Civil Service or Boeing families but we pray the Lord will send us local people to help carry on when we are moved. Home states of the members read like a roll call of Southern states and Arkansas is among these; in fact, we have a member of the steering committee, two Sunday School teachers, a Training Union teacher and our Training Union director, all from Arkansas.

When you read articles such as Baptist Crosscurrents (in the Nov. 26 issue of ARKANSAS BAPTIST) you will know that there are people from Arkansas in these northern states who need your prayers.—Mrs. Shirley McVay, 92 Lyman St., South Hadley Falls, Mass.

The Bible Speaks on "Covetousness"



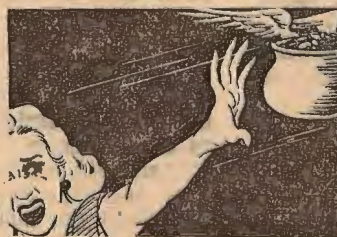
LUKE 12:15

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.



I John 3:17

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?



Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

PROVERBS 23:5



MARK 8:36, 37

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Arkansas All Over

Concord Notes

Two Pastors Accept Calls to Oklahoma

WILLIAM K. McIVER, JR., who has served the Rye Hill Church, near Ft. Smith, for the past 18 months, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Warner, Oklahoma in Muskogee Association.



MR. McIVER

Before coming to the Rye Hill church Mr. McIver served as pastor of First Southern Baptist in Newton, Kansas for four years. There were 200 additions to the Newton

Church which sponsored two missions under McIver's leadership.

The 32-year-old minister received his education in the Leo, Indiana high school; the Fort Wayne Bible College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth.

In addition to his duties as pastor of the Oklahoma Church McIver will work with the Baptist Student Organization, on the campus of Conners State Agriculture College.

The McIvers have four children, Larry, age 11; Donna, 8; Beth Ann, 3 and Rebecca Sue 2 years.

THREE YOUNG men have surrendered to the ministry recently in the Kelley Heights Church, Murl Walker, pastor. One was Walker's son, Paul, who is a senior in the Ft. Smith high school. Others were A. J. Duncan, who will resign his position in Dixie Cup in August to enter Ouachita College, and Delbert Hill, also a Dixie Cup employe, who plans to enter the Concord Seminary Extension work in January.

DAVID LAND, who has served the Barling Church for the past two years, has resigned to accept the 1,086-member Immanuel Church in Muskogee, Okla.



MR. LAND

The 41-year-old minister attended the North Little Rock high school, Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, and has spent the last three years in the Concord Seminary extension work.

Before coming to the Barling Church, Land served the Cedarville Church in Clear Creek Association. While here, there were 233 additions, 155 by baptism. He also led this church to construct a three-bedroom, modern parsonage. He served the Cedarville church five years.

In the two years at Barling there were 87 by baptism and 59 by letter.

Christian Civic Foundation Meetings

DR. WM. E. BROWN, executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation, announces the annual meeting of the Foundation board on Monday, Jan. 18, at 12:00 noon, at 1st Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Dr. Brown also announces the following schedule for the Foundation, successor to the Temperance League of Arkansas:

Teacher Training Conference, Hot Springs, Thursday, Jan. 7, 4:30 p.m.

El Dorado Workshop, 1st Methodist Church, Saturday, Jan. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Russellville Workshop, 1st Methodist Church, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 4 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Batesville Workshop, 1st Baptist Church, Thursday, Jan. 14, 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Levy P.T.A., North Little Rock, Friday, Jan. 15, 3:00 p.m.

Newport Workshop, 1st Methodist Church, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fourth St. Junior High School P.T.A., North Little Rock, Thursday, Jan. 21, 3:00 p.m.

Woodruff P.T.A., Little Rock, Thursday, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. ■

Dark Is Moderator For Arkansas Valley

At the 40th annual session of Arkansas Valley Association, with the 1st Church, Hughes, and the 1st Church, Elaine, the following officers were elected: M. E. Dark, Elaine, moderator; James F. Brewer, Helena, vice moderator; John D. Riggs, Marvell, clerk; B. A. Sugg, Helena, treasurer; Billy G. Pierce, Hughes, chairman of evangelism; and D. M. Kreis, Turner, chairman of stewardship. The superintendent of missions in Arkansas Valley Association is H. S. Coleman.

Improvements were made on the church plant and parsonage.

Land served in the army in World War II in the 5th Armored Division as a staff sergeant under General George Patton. After he returned from the Army he finished out fifteen years as a switchman for the Missouri Pacific railroad before he entered the ministry as a lay preacher in 1950. He worked in the missions of 1st Church, Van Buren, for two years before going to Cedarville in 1952.

Mrs. Land is the former Rachel Baum of Paris, Tenn. The Lands have one daughter, Dava Ann, age 6.—Jay W. C. Moore ■

Women Urged to See Cancer Film

A FILM made for every woman over 21 is to be shown at Greater Little Rock theatres, free, next week. The film is "TIME AND TWO WOMEN." It was made by the American Cancer Society and shows how and why the cell examination for uterine cancer could lead to the virtual elimination of uterine cancer as a major cause of death among women.

Uterine cancer, the second most common form of cancer in women, now claims the lives of 16,000 American women annually. In Arkansas during 1957, 330 women died from uterine cancer and 74 more died from cancer of the female genital organs.

Although American Cancer Society statistics also show that 55 per cent of all uterine cancers are now being cured, medical authorities say the disease is practically 100 per cent curable if it is detected and treated in its earliest stages.

Physicians will be present to answer questions. The schedule follows:

Tuesday, January 12

Center Theatre, Little Rock, 10:00 a.m.

Heights Theatre, Little Rock, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13

Center Theatre, Little Rock, 10:00 a.m.

Park Theatre, North Little Rock, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 14

Rialto Theatre, North Little Rock, 10:00 a.m.

Graco Theatre, Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.

John O'Neal Called By Wattensaw

NEW PASTOR OF Wattensaw Church, Lonoke, is Rev. John O'Neal, who began his new work Dec. 13.

Mr. O'Neal was formerly pastor of Sulphur Springs Church, in Caddo River Association, and for the past 18 months has been serving as an evangelist and supply pastor. He is a graduate of Lake Hamilton high school, Hot Springs, and has had more than a year at Ouachita College. He plans to re-enter Ouachita in September.

Pastor O'Neal's home address is 2116 Maple, N. Little Rock. ■

JACK PAE... pastor of 2nd Church, West... Mr. Pae... from the 2nd Church, Forest... The church has purchased a new... for the pastor, at 301... West...

Post-Christmas Thought

Now that the melodies of Christmas carols have died away for another year, the scriptural story of the nativity is closed for the season, and we have made the proverbial list of New Year's resolutions that we never keep — Christ is placed back in the manger and urged to sleep until next Christmas.

Has it never occurred to the nostalgic individual that the sweet and precious story of the star-led wise men of old presenting their gifts on the straw floor beneath the manger, is only the beginning not the end of the story?

That same Christ-child grew and fulfilled God's plan of redemption. His life was one of suffering and sacrifices. Some of the chapters are not as beautiful as the beginning. This man called Jesus was reviled and condemned, placed on a cruel cross and buried in a borrowed tomb. This same Christ came out of the grave victorious, and gave us His word that He will return some day.

Don't close the story after the introduction. Oh, please don't leave Christ in the manger!—Jack Gullledge, Pastor, 1st Church, Brinkley.

Arkansas All Over

DALE KEETON has resigned as music and education director at 1st Church, Booneville, to go to 1st Church, Stuttgart. Mr. Keeton is a student at Ouachita. (CB)

DEAN NEWBERRY, JR., pastor of Highland Heights Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., was the guest speaker at 1st Church, DeQueen, Dec. 27. (CB)

WHITE RIVER Association recently voted to start a Seminary Extension Center. The association will work through the Seminary Extension Department, Jackson, Miss., in establishing the school.

Howard King, pastor of 1st Church, Flippin, has been selected to do the teaching. The school will be held one night each week in the Flippin Church. (CB)

IMMANUEL CHURCH, Fayetteville, has purchased a new parsonage. Terrel Gordon is pastor. (CB)

CALICO ROCK Church had the services of Dennis Cochran, Ruby, Mo., as evangelist in a recent revival. "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, was song leader. There were seven saved, two rededications, eight for baptism and one by letter. Lloyd E. Patterson is pastor.

NOBLE WILES, missionary of Rocky Bayou Association, was the evangelist for a recent revival at Dolph Mission of Calico Rock Church. "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, led the singing. Dolph Mission, with only 19 members, saw 17 saved, 8 rededications, and received 5 by letter and 28 for baptism.



Don't Fence Your Self In

"THERE'S no need to close the gate after the calf gets out." At least, that's one way of putting it. But Jesus the same as said, "Don't close the gate at all." In fact, he strongly discouraged the use of fences. Luke 17:33: "Whosoever shall seek to save (make a circle around, encircle, circumscribe) his life (self) shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose (release, let go) his life shall preserve it (give it a live birth)."

"Good fences make good neighbors," it is said. Maybe so, but they also lead to hermitage, asceticism, and isolation, an existence more dead than alive. Stillborn! Perhaps that is what Jesus had in mind. But the man who will release his self for service of God and man is "born alive." And there is a sense in which one lives not at all until he is "born again" to this abundant life.

It isn't the best English, perhaps, but it expresses what Jesus meant to say, "A man ought not to fence his self in."

(Dr. Barton is a member of the faculty of New Orleans Seminary. This feature is copyrighted by him, 1959.)

Sunday School

Happy?

HAPPY is the pastor whose Sunday School superintendent desires to have a Standard Sunday School.



MR. HATFIELD

The Standard of Excellence for the school and for all departments and classes is a guide to better work. Standard recognition for the sake of recognition is not desirable. Standard recognition for the sake of better work is commendable.

Congratulations to the following churches and Sunday School superintendents who, since Oct. 1, have attained Standard recognition. (Name of the superintendent is listed with each church):

Parkdale, Leroy Gardner; Leachville, 1st, Tom Marshall; Osceola, 1st, J. B. Strickling; Murfreesboro, 1st, Joe F. Chaney; Ashdown, 1st, James Elkins; Warren, Immanuel, J. B. Lanier; Manila, 1st, Ernest Webb;

Manila, West Side, R. D. White; Vandervoort, 1st, Carl Bell; Fayetteville, University, Paul C. Sharrah; Mountain Pine, 1st, Henry Overby; North Little Rock, Highway, R. L. Peoples; Texarkana, Calvary, Ben T. Hill; Batesville, Pilgrims Rest, Claud Duncan; Little Rock, Trinity, V. C. Goode; Leachville, New Providence, G. B. Galvayan; Armored, Preston Lawrence; Blytheville, 1st, Frank McCool;

Floral, Gerald Brown; Keiser, 1st, James F. Jacks; Rosie, Edward Crutch-

er; Hot Springs, Park Place, Virgil Braughton; Fordyce, 1st, Clois Rothwell; Cotter, 1st, George W. Rowell; Joiner, T. W. Williams;

Grubbs, 1st, Charles J. Tennyson; Gravette, 1st, John Phillips; Benton, 1st, James F. Sawyer; Gosnell, Gerald Travis; Diaz, G. L. Balch; Batesville, West, Hayden Carpenter; Blytheville, Cole Ridge, Ausie Young; Fayetteville, 1st, J. C. Atherton.—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary. ■

ANNIE KENDALL Wilson, of Calhoun Rd., Magnolia, describes her annual journey through God's Word and what it has done for her spiritual life, in the January Home Life. "No matter how worried or upset I am through the day," Miss Wilson writes, "when it is time for the daily reading, a certain peace descends. Slowly with the years it has brought me so near to God that I often feel if I put out my hand, He is there."

Kentucky Church Up To Par, Youth Think

LOUISVILLE —(BP)— When young people at Crescent Hill Baptist Church get teed off, they may very likely not be up to par—golf par, that is. (The church has a new nine-hole miniature golf course.)

The young people of this Louisville church got to thinking about the unfinished, unfurnished third floor of an education building at the church. Why not install a miniature golf course?

They approached their elders. In due course it was approved. Half of the \$400 cost of the course was donated. The kids themselves visited commercial courses around the city and picked up ideas.

Focus Weeks

WMU FOCUS WEEKS are times when there should be a "reaching out" and a "looking in" . . . "reaching out" for those unenlisted ones in the church not only for membership in the organization, but for participation in activities . . . "looking in" to be sure the best possible program of missionary education is being offered.

January 10-15 are the dates set aside for WMS Focus Week and February 14-20 is YWA Focus Week. Suggestions for observances will be found in Royal Service and The Window and every plan should be aimed at putting women — young and old — in missions. The following definition of missions is found in **Following in His Train** by Mrs. W. J. Cox:

"Missions is a long word. It reaches from creation to eternity. Creation saw its beginning, for the Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world. Missions ends with God forever in the midst of his people, his ultimate purpose realized. Missions is a deep word because it extends from the depths of the heart of God to the heart of man. Missions is a wide word. It includes the uttermost parts of the earth; the field is the world."

New Home Mission Series

The new series of books on Home Missions is available at the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock, and every missionary organization should schedule a study class before observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 7-11.

The books are as follows: WMS — **Reaching Rural Churches**; YWA — **Call to the Country**; Intermediates — **Deep-step R.F.D.**; Juniors — **Mike and His Four-Star Goal**; Sunbeams — **Sammy in the Country**.

A packet of free materials including picture sheet and map is available from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga., or the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.—Miss Nancy Cooper, Secretary ■

No More Seats for Oberammergau

MUNICH, Germany (EP)—The Bavarian Economics Ministry says all 85 performances of the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play in 1960 have been sold out. Latecomers may only hope now to buy them from German railroad and bus companies which have been given special allotments. The eight-hour Passion Play to run from May to September next year is expected to draw 750,000 spectators. Anton Preisinger, 47-year-old Bavarian innkeeper, has been selected to play the role of Christ, which he staged 10 years ago. ■



MISS COOPER

The Good Samaritan in College

"A CERTAIN Freshman went from home to college and she fell among critics who said that she had no style, that her manners were awkward, and that she had an unattractive personality. Then they stripped her of her self-confidence, her enthusiasm and her courage, and departed, leaving her hurt, lonely and half-dead.

"And when the Seniors saw it, they were amused, saying, 'What a good job the Sophomores are doing on the Freshman,' and they passed by on the other side.

"In like manner the Juniors also; when they saw it, smiled and said, 'Yea, verily, for she hath not the mak-

ing of a good sorority girl;' and they passed by on the other side.

"But a certain special student, as she went about, came where the Freshman was, and when she saw the Freshman she was moved with compassion, and came to her and bound up her wounds, pouring in sympathy and understanding; and she took the Freshman to her room and set her on her feet again, and brought her into her own circle, and was a friend to her.

"Which of these, thinkest thou, proved a neighbor to her that fell among the critics? Go and do thou likewise!"—Charles W. Gilkey. (From bulletin of University Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark.)

Ray Tweed Called To Leslie Church



RAY TWEED

REV. RAY Tweed recently resigned his work as pastor of the Curtis Church to accept the call to the church at Leslie.

Mr. Tweed was born at St. Paul and reared in Ft. Smith. He is a graduate of Ouachita College. He previously served as pastor at Dover and worked in several missions. He served as assistant pastor of Grace Church, West Memphis, for some time.

Mrs. Tweed is the former Miss Mary Ellen Pickett of Walcott. They have a daughter, Teresa Lynn, two. ■

TWO SOUTHWESTERN Seminary professors are among 40 scholars in the United States who have collaborated on the new "Wycliffe's Commentary on the Bible," which will be released next year by the Moody Press. William Rossell, professor of Old Testament, wrote the "Commentary on Leviticus," and E. Leslie Carlson, professor of Biblical Introduction, wrote the "Commentary on Micah." ■

Missions-Evangelism

Attend Conference

THE ANNUAL Statewide Evangelistic Conference will be held in 1st Church, Little Rock, Jan. 25-27. Else-



where in this paper you will notice the guest speakers are listed, among whom are Dr. Roy McClain, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. C. E. Autrey, recently elected secretary of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board; and Dr. Equal

DR. CALDWELL Lawson, also connected with the Division of Evangelism. These are three outstanding men who will speak several times during the conference period. Many of the pastors and leaders in our own State Convention will appear on the program.

With all of my heart, I want to urge every church to send her pastor to this important meeting. I might add, however, that the conference is not altogether for preachers. We want the laymen and women to attend as well. The sanctuary of the 1st Church should be packed in every service. The impact of such a conference will be felt in every church as the pastor goes back with the flames of evangelism rekindled in his heart.

Make your own hotel reservation. A limited number of homes will be secured to entertain those who may desire home reservations instead of hotels. The associational missionaries will please keep in mind the fact that there will be homes for those who might otherwise be unable to attend.

This conference should give us a great impetus in our Evangelistic Program for 1960. Let every pastor, missionary, educational director, minister of music, member of the steering committees, leaders in the local churches, give much thought to this meeting and plan to attend every session possible.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent ■



BWA Travel Cost Deductible Item

By Robert S. Denny

TRAVEL EXPENSES for "official delegates" to the Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro next June-July may be deductible as charitable contributions in filing United States income tax returns.

Conversations with Internal Revenue Office personnel have borne out suggestions obtained from tax lawyers indicating that Rio travel expense becomes a deductible item under the following conditions:

- 1) You must be an official delegate from your church. Be sure that your church votes in conference that you are to represent them at the meeting in Rio. Get a letter from the church secretary, moderator, or pastor to this effect.
- 2) Keep good records of your travel expense. Document the price of your transportation tickets and the cost of your meals, hotels and other expenses on the trip to Rio, at Rio, and your return from Rio. Do not claim deductions for any sight-seeing portion of your trip. Deduction is limited to 10 per cent of annual income.
- 3) Make the Congress the real purpose of your trip to South America. Income tax authorities are wary of people who might use a meeting such as this as an excuse for a pleasure trip. You must be able to convince authorities, if questioned, that you went to Rio to attend the Congress, that you attended the Congress and participated in its decisions, and that this was the purpose of your trip.

These provisions are given in the Internal Revenue Ruling 9240, Cumulative Bulletin 58-Page 141, on Section 170 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code.

Ministers who are delegates will deduct under "professional expense." Lay delegates will deduct under "charitable contribution" to the church or other tax-exempt religious organization. ■

Heart Attack Fatal To Baptist Leader

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (BP) — Dr. Fred C. Eastham, a former secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of Missouri Baptist Convention in 1952 and 1953, died of a heart attack Dec. 14.

Dr. Eastham, 60, pastor for 14 years of 1st Baptist Church, Springfield, had spoken at a delayed "M" night Training Union meeting at Buffalo and was returning home when stricken. He was able to bring his car nearly to a stop on the roadside before it eased into a tree. He was alone and was dead when found.

Are You Going to Rio?

By ARNOLD T. OHRN

REGISTRATIONS received in our Washington office for the 1960 Baptist World Congress are running 40 per cent ahead of registrations at a corresponding point of time before the London Congress.

But early registration is so much more urgent this time that I want to sound a note of warning.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Ohrn is executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.]

South America is not Europe, and our whole situation is different. Shipping, air transport, hotel space—nothing of this is geared to a flow of traffic such as that of the North Atlantic. Even the 4,000-plus who went to London for the Congress of 1955 did not add noticeably to the volume of travel.

Brazil is a different story: 4,000 extra travelers cannot be absorbed painlessly. The hotels and means of transport are no more than adequate for the growing number of businessmen and tourists ordinarily expected to visit the lands of opportunity and enchantment in South America. If we do not take up space before the "season" begins, there is sure to be a drastic shortage later when Baptists are infected with travel fever and start humming "Flying down to Rio!"

Some steps have already been taken to insure your accommodations. Brownell Tours, for instance, has secured a large number of plane seats and hotel beds with a view to providing facilities for our Baptist people. But they can hold this space only a comparatively short time. If deposits are not made soon, the hotels and the air companies will demand that these facilities be released in favor of other customers who are clamoring for a chance. The only way the travel company can hold this space for Alliance customers is to secure the necessary deposits.

It is certain our people must act, and act soon. If not, there are going to be a lot of disappointed Baptists when June rolls around.

The thing to do is to see your own travel agent at once, while you still remember this warning. Brownell's folder alone gives you a choice from half a hundred different tours.

Will there be as many as 4,000 from the U.S.A.? How can anyone know? But I wouldn't be surprised. We are going to one of the most beautiful places in the world. We shall meet in a country where the missionary cause has advanced more rapidly than in any other country in the world during the last few decades. We may easily break all previous attendance records for Congresses outside North America. ■

ARKANSAS EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

First Baptist Church

Little Rock

JANUARY 25-27

Monday Night

Evangelistic Awareness—Historical and Present

- 7:00 Song and Praise LeRoy McClard
7:15 "The Bible Brought Light in Old and
New Testament Times" Walter Yeldell
7:50 "The Bible Brought Light to
the Dark Ages" C. E. Autrey
8:25 Song
8:30 Special Music Men's Chorus
8:35 "The Bible Will Bring Light to This Day" Roy McClain

Tuesday Morning

Evangelistic Awareness—Expressed

- 9:00 Song and Praise Russell Oldham
9:15 Making Soul Winners C. E. Autrey
9:50 Saving the Saved Leonard Sanderson
10:25 Song
10:30 Enlisting and Developing New Members B. K. Selph
11:05 Song Service
11:15 Special Music Jack Jones
11:20 The Evangelistic Pastor Roy McClain

Tuesday Afternoon

Evangelistic Awareness—Cultivated in the Association

- 1:45 Song and Praise James Burleson
2:00 The Association in Action Leonard Sanderson
2:40 A Look at our Task

(All Associational Chairmen of Evangelism, Associational Missionaries, and Heads of Departments in Baptist Building seated in Choir loft.) It's a secret as to whom will speak on the subjects listed below:

The Past, Present and Future
Our Associational Goals and Plans
Win Through Mission Revivals
Steering Committee Should Function
Count on Us
This Is Our Main Task

- 3:50 Song
3:55 Special Music Mel Mintz
4:00 Inspirational Message Roy McClain

Tuesday Night

Evangelistic Awareness—Power Unlimited

- 7:00 Song and Praise C. J. Hollman
7:15 "The Unction of the Spirit" Rheubin South
7:50 "The Urgency of the Hour" Paul Roberts
8:25 Song
8:30 Special Music Mel Mintz
8:35 "If You Will—I Will" Roy McClain

Wednesday Morning

Evangelistic Awareness—Results

- 9:15 Song and Praise Thurman Watson
9:30 "In Prayer and Yielded Life" Bob Cook
10:05 "In Compassionate Concern" W. O. Vaught, Jr.
10:40 Song
10:45 Testimonies: My Personal Resolve
11:00 Special Music Mrs. Fletcher Watson
11:05 "In Warning the Lost" Roy McClain
11:45 Prayer Service
12:00 Adjourn

Red Letter Dates

WITHOUT doubt nothing on the calendar of Arkansas Baptists will be of greater significance during 1960 than the annual Evangelistic Conference, the program for which appears on this page. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions and evangelism, and his associates are to be congratulated on the superb program they have arranged, making good use of our own Arkansas leaders as well as outstanding speakers from beyond our borders.

Every church, regardless of size, will stand to reap tremendous dividends by sending its pastor and other leaders to these sessions. When the inspiration and challenge of the conference are taken into account, it is obvious that this is really a matter of life and death. The soulwinning zeal kindled in meetings such as these will surely be honored by the Holy Spirit in the local communities across Arkansas during the year.

It is no accident that the conference comes so early in the year. What better way to begin a new year than by majoring on our main business as Baptists and Christians—the winning of the lost to Christ? Arrange now to send your pastors and missionaries, and pray for God's blessing and leadership for the conference.—ELM

Texarkana Hospital Issue Tops In Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP) — Texas Baptists' rejection of a hospital in Texarkana, Tex., partly built with federal funds, has been voted the No. 1 story in the Southern Baptist Convention for 1959.

A poll of Baptist Press editors determined that the debated "invasion" of Southern Baptists into areas outside the traditional South and the American Baptist Convention's action to accept churches in the South was a close second as most important story.

The editors voted for their first 10 preferences from a list of nearly 25 important stories of the year. A preferential point rating decided the final position of the 10 top stories.

The Texarkana hospital story got 14 first place votes and 265 total points, while the "invasion" received nine first place votes and 243 total points.

Third most important 1959 Southern Baptist news story concerned the actions of several state Baptist bodies during their annual conventions in the fall, when they discussed the likelihood of a religious issue in the 1960 Presidential election.

Running fourth in importance was the decision of the 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention to establish a new denominational agency, the Stewardship Commission.

The Presidential religious issue got two first place votes and 161 points, while one first place vote and 144 points were counted for the Stewardship Commission story.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1959 after a controversy over dismissal of 12 professors, projected into fifth place as most important story. There were three first place votes and 114 points.

No. 6 position went to the continuing story of Southern Baptists' progress toward their goal of establishing 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964. Coupled with this was the Convention's continued participation with six other North American Baptist groups in a Baptist Jubilee Advance.



This rated one first-place vote and 91 points.

The simultaneous development of completely new campuses by two of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries was considered by Baptist Press editors as seventh ranking story of 1959. The seminaries are Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary at Mill Valley, Calif., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Kansas City, Mo.

This news got two first place votes and 81 points.

Two state conventions of Baptists abolished a separate board of directors for their weekly newspapers and placed supervision of the papers under the executive board of the convention. The editors, concerned about freedom of the press, believed this to be the eighth ranking story, with 80 points.

The story of Southern Baptists' adopting a goal of 3,650,000 baptisms of converts during the next five years was ninth with 79 points.

The state paper board story was marked by one more editor than the story on baptisms.

Position No. 10, by a scant one point margin, belonged to the relationships between Canada Baptists and Southern Baptists. There were two developments in this field during the year, the failure of an amendment to the SBC constitu-

tion to be voted on at the 1959 Convention because of faulty wording, and a Baptist millionaire's decision to back financially new churches in western Canada.

The amendment would have allowed Baptist churches in Canada which contribute to support of the SBC to seat messengers at the annual Convention. They are unable to send messengers under the present constitution.

This story rated no first place votes but 74 points.

Hard on heels of No. 10 story was the denomination's passing the nine million mark in total membership of its 31,000 affiliated churches. It polled 73 points but no first place votes.

Right behind in position No. 12 was the failure of the Teamsters Union to win bargaining representation of a group of 94 workers employed at the Baptist Sunday School Board, largest of all SBC agencies. It picked up one first place vote as the major story of 1959 and 72 points in all.

The Texarkana hospital was not directly rejected by the Texas convention. In the face of mounting opposition, Texarkana citizens withdrew their offer before a vote could be taken. The strength of the opposition, however, was such that a resolution cleared the convention putting it on record against this possible jeopardy of church-state separation.

A group of American Baptist Convention ministers debated the subject, "Southern Baptist Invasion: Right or Wrong?" at their annual meeting in Des Moines, Ia. Several months later the Convention's general council voted to grant affiliation to Baptist churches in the South seeking it.

Not all the eight state conventions mentioned the Roman Catholic Church, but their actions generally indicated their fear that a Catholic President of the United States might be torn between loyalty to the Vatican and loyalty to the United States. Their opposition was directed at Catholic insistence that the Catholic Church take precedence over civil government, rather than at individual candidates for office.

Chaplains Major on Evangelism

TWO AIR Force chaplains at Keesler AFB, Miss., have devised a successful plan for leading airmen to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour and to follow Him in baptism.

Chaplain Fremont L. Blackman, of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, and Chaplain Kenneth J. Nettles, a Southern Baptist, feel that after much trial and error they have discovered the principles whereby best to fulfill this vital duty. Another Baptist chaplain, W. W. Taylor, gives occasional assistance as his hospital duties

permit.

First, in the public remarks made to the new arrivals at the base the chaplain makes it clear that a later session on the matter of a decision for Christ is entirely up to the individual's willingness to attend such a class.

Then, as the men of Baptist preference are interviewed, the religious information cards of those who are not church members and who express willingness to attend the "Baptist Instruction" class are kept separate.

After these initial interviews are

over, the chaplain groups these prospects by squadrons. When a particular squadron has accumulated a large number of names, he sends a message to that squadron asking that a suitable time be selected when the men listed can be present at the chapel for Baptist instruction. Allowing time for the first sergeant to study out the various schedules of the men, the chaplain calls and agrees with the sergeant as to when the men can come over. Sometimes he must see them at two different times. The chaplain asks the first sergeant to see that the men are told to come, as they have already indicated willingness to do so.

Should Baptists Own State Papers?

THERE SEEMS to be considerable discussion now regarding whether or not Baptists should own state papers, and if they own state papers, should they control them. It is true that an editor's tongue should not be tied. Neither should he become a free lance to criticize and tear down the work of his convention.

The writer has had experience with separate trustees controlling the paper, and with the editor just reporting to the Executive Board and working in harmony with the state executive secretary.

It is true that in some of our state conventions the state paper may be older than the convention itself. In such conditions the paper may have a stronger voice than does the convention through its executive secretary.

We expect the executive secretary to be the administrator and leader of our convention program. Yet, in some instances, the editor seems to be paid more than the state executive secretary, and have separate trustees who feel they are not obligated to the convention other than election.

The Executive Committee of our Southern Baptist Convention has its voice, **The Baptist Program**. It is used for the promotion of our Southern Baptist causes. It has no extra trustees. It is responsible entirely to the executive committee of our Southern Baptist Convention.

Out of experience, we find that an editor has more freedom to promote Baptist policy and practice in cooperation with his executive secretary and making a brief report to the Executive Board of the Convention than when he has a few trustees, and especially if some are contentions to tell him how to operate his paper.

We have to differ with J. Marsh [sic] Grant, editor of the *Biblical Recorder* in North Carolina who reports that present trends toward centralization are cramping Baptist state papers.—Editor Willis J. Ray, in *Rocky Mountain Baptist*

A State Baptist Editor

AN EDITOR of a Baptist state paper wrote an editorial condemning liquor. Because of the compliments received, he wrote one concerning the lack of religious fervor of Southern Baptists, really tromping on the brethren's toes. Due to criticism received, it was decided by the powers that be that he would write no more editorials.

The same editor presented a news story about a new church building being erected. Because he was criticized by other pastors about favoring one church over another, he began writing news stories about funerals, weddings, births, and tete-a-tetes. Because of the controversy which was raised by a few of the minority who spoke very loudly, it was decided at a later date that he would print no further news stories.

So this same editor began printing great amounts of promotional materials. One day a "very prominent pastor" saw someone throw a paper in the waste basket, exclaiming that it wasn't worth reading. Since this very prominent pastor began to put pressure on the editor, it was decided there would be no more promotional materials printed.

Then the harassed editor began to use advertising at great length in order to meet the many bills, since churches were dropping the paper. Because people were tired of bookstore ads, he began to run ads exclaiming the great qualities of royal bee honey. After the Ladies' Aid Society sent mimeographed

letters to various board members, the editor notified his advertisers that their contracts were cancelled.

So, after great deliberations by the various boards, agencies, and staffs, it was proclaimed that the state paper would contain nothing but high quality sermons and poems. But, when the sermons emphasized tithing and sacrifices, and when the poems extolled the value of keeping the Lord's Day holy by church members, the editor was instructed to present nothing but mild sermonettes and poems of a non-controversial nature.

A few of the brethren became so sick of the sweet nothings presented in their state paper that they threatened to ask all churches to drop it from their budgets unless a change was made. Whereupon, it was decided as a last resort the pages would go out blank each week.

Alas and alack! The poor editor is no longer an editor because he was trying to please everyone.

—Former Editor Joe Novak,
Baptist Digest (Kansas)

Adventist Station Permit

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The Federal Communications Commission has granted a construction permit for a low-power, non-commercial FM broadcasting station to a Seventh-day Adventist institution, Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tenn. The college will use the station for training missionaries in radio evangelism.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

State Aid to Schools

PARIS (EP) — After long debate, President Charles de Gaulle's Cabinet has agreed to the principle of state aid to French church schools (which are mostly Roman Catholic). As soon as the bill is drafted, church schools are expected to bow to state authority in the matter of scholastic programs and teachers' qualifications. President de Gaulle pushed through the highly controversial bill reportedly because he did not want it left hanging while he was out of the country visiting Senegal and Mauritania.

Limit on Missionaries

CANBERRA, Australia (EP) — Too many denominational groups in Papua (southeastern part of New Guinea) are confusing the natives, a delegation of Papua natives has charged, and should be limited to a few. The complaint was made to Minister for Territories P. M. C. Hasluck in Canberra, Australia, by a group representing 50,000 natives on the island. The delegation did express gratitude for missionary hospitals and schools in the Rabaul section of Papua, but said they preferred a decrease in denominational enterprises.

Savonarola up for Beatification

ROME (EP) — Five centuries ago, the intrepid Italian preacher Fra. Girolamo Savonarola was put to death in Florence as a heretic. Now the Dominican Order magazine *Palestre Del Clero* says the Ecumenical Council may propose a cause for his beatification. Always an admirer of Savonarola for his incessant preaching against licentiousness and immorality, the Dominican Order calls him "a true herald of Christian faith who foresaw the moral morass and decline of the present world . . . and his views are today known as having been perfectly orthodox."

Medical Book Censored

LONDON (EP) — "Getting Married," a British Medical Association booklet, has deleted the chapter on family planning from its 1960 edition. Editors were said to have taken the action following Roman Catholic doctors' protests. The BMA's 1959 edition was withdrawn three days after publication because of criticism of articles on premarital intercourse and pregnant brides.

Oriental Boat Mission Half-Century Old

HONG KONG (EP) — The Oriental Boat Mission, one of Hong Kong's interdenominational faith societies, has recently marked 50 years of service among the boat people of South China. With the arrival of the OBM's Executive Secretary, H. A. Hermansen, special services were arranged on the Gospel Boats, currently operated by the Society in Hong Kong waters.

Council Headquarters

NEW YORK (EP) — Plans have been announced here for the new \$2,500,000 headquarters for the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

At the annual meeting of the Friends of the World Council of Churches, formerly Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Merrill of the Protestant Episcopal, chairman of the international committee in charge of fund-raising efforts, announced plans for a modern structure with 275 offices and a centrally-located chapel, library and meeting room for 200 to 400 persons.

To be constructed if and when need should arise," a proposed second wing would contain an additional 159 offices.

Negro Favors Defiance

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (EP) — Should Negroes ignore any state or local laws which are "not in harmony with federal law"? Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., thinks so.

The leader of the successful Negro bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala., told delegates at the Negro Southern Christian Leadership Conference that "this is the creative moment for a full scale assault on the system of segregation."

"We must practice open, civil disobedience. We must be willing to go to jail en masse so that we may be able to arouse the dozing consciences of the South," he said.

The leader claimed he personally would go to jail and "suffer" for such a cause if necessary.

Ruling on Religion

TAIPEI, Formosa (EP) — The Legislative Yuan, Nationalist China's top law-making body, says it does not favor religious activity in military camps but will allow individual servicemen their religious freedom. The Yuan fears, the report said, that the "exclusive nature" of many religious sects would destroy the unity of the armed forces, therefore no precedents could be set by giving one group full liberties. The government clarified its stand on the matter following a suggestion by a Yuan member that religious services in the army camps would improve morale.

Plight of Christian Jews

The gruesome experiences of the Jews in Europe during the last decades are known to almost every Christian. The plight of these suffering Jews has been told many times. What is not so well known is the special plight of the Christian Jew during the same period. Now a 45-minute color film tells the true story of a Hebrew-Christian family who were hated aliens in Germany at the outbreak of World War I.

"They Looked for a City," described as "a swift-moving dramatic, action-packed film," shows the desperate efforts of a courageous Jewish woman to keep her family together against almost insuperable odds.

The family is finally broken up and the mother becomes a fugitive to escape internment that would have meant certain death to the whole family. After the war they are reunited at the Dutch-

German border through an exciting chain of events. Then follows the nightmare of Hitler and the wholesale murder of Jews in Europe.

The film is based on the book of the same title by Lydia Buksbazen, whose family are the central characters in both the book and the film. The 45-minute color, sound, 16 mm. film is presented on a rental basis by the Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society. (EP)

'Commando Preachers'

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP) — A Methodist bishop said here that "commando preachers" are needed to arouse the nation concerning its "easy morals and corrupt conditions."

Addressing a convocation of Philadelphia Methodist Conference clergy, marking the 175th anniversary of organized Methodism in the U. S., Bishop Fred Pierce Corson said that this country "could use more men 'on horseback' like Francis Asbury, the first American Methodist bishop.

"In those days," he said, "we had 'commando preachers' who went from place to place preaching in barns, taverns and open fields as well as churches. Their commando tactics circumvented the opposition of established churches and gained thousands of adherents by quickening the moral and civic conscience of the people. They received only \$64 a year salary and really 'lived off the land.'"

High Cost of War

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Where does the taxpayer's dollar go? The Friends (Quakers) Committee on National Legislation, after an analysis of funds voted by the last session of Congress, charges that almost 71 cents out of the American taxpayer's dollar will go for war—either in military preparation or to meet the cost of past conflicts.

The Committee said that 63½ cents out of the tax dollar go for the Congressional appropriation of \$46,214,000,000 for military and atomic energy programs based on defense. In addition, they computed, veterans' benefits, survivors' pensions, maintenance of military cemeteries, etc., adds up to \$5,388,000,000—almost 7½ cents out of the tax dollar.

Nor does this include interest on the national debt, the Committee said, reminding that most of this was incurred during the time of war. The National Debt interest will run more than nine billion dollars this year, according to their figures.

New Christian Broadcast

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — A radio broadcasting company listing Dr. Billy Graham as president has filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for a standard radio broadcasting station of 10,000 watts power in Black Mountain, N. C.

The Blue Ridge Broadcasting Co. filed the application for a commercial station to operate on a frequency of 1010 kilocycles at Black Mountain, near

Asheville. Since night-time would cause interference with stations already on the air, the station would operate daytime hours to cover a considerable area of North Carolina with a program emphasizing music, sports, and public service programs.

In addition to Dr. Graham, members of the corporation include Dr. L. Bell, the evangelist's father-in-law; George Wilson of Minneapolis; and Harold E. Finch, Black Mountain attorney. The company lists a capitalization of \$40,000.

Dr. Bell makes his home in Black Mountain on a farm which is the home of Dr. Graham. When the company was incorporated last year, Dr. Bell, retired Presbyterian missionary, said it would attempt an experiment in Christian broadcast-

Changes in Catholic Mass

NEW YORK (EP) — The New York Tribune news service reports that changes to increase the participation of laymen in the central act of worship of the Roman Catholic Church—the Mass.

Among the changes: more and more "dialogue" masses, in which the congregation responds in Latin to the celebrant, are being celebrated by priests with their people.

It has been officially recommended that clergymen or qualified laymen be trained to serve as "commentators" to explain the rites or prayers or lessons being read by the celebrant.

The news service says that eventually, according to one spokesman, the completely silent Low Mass will probably be unknown.

Plan Haiti 'Invasion'

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP) — Men for Missions, Inc., the laymen's voice of the Oriental Missionary Society, has announced plans for a second "laymen's invasion" of the island of Haiti in February, 1960. Executive Secretary Larry Burr reports that in the aftermath of fall MFM banquets, many Canadian and U. S. businessmen are making adjustments in their businesses in order to give time to overseas evangelistic work. Aside from periodic missionary tours abroad, Men for Missions members are currently raising money to build a four-story building in Hong Kong to serve as a grade school and Bible center.

Methodist Mission Openings

NEW YORK (EP) — The Methodist Church has surveyed its personnel needs throughout the United States and 40 countries overseas, and has come up with the total of 798 specific openings for missionaries. The denomination's Board of Missions announced here that of the total number of vacancies, 634 are abroad—in Asia, Africa, and North and South America—and 164 are in the board's home missions.

Overseas, the personnel requirements are in such categories as agricultural, business and secretarial, church and social work, communications, educational, medical and specialized ministries.

Counseling Workshop Program Outlined

FORT WORTH — Dr. Bernice Milburn Moore, of The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, University of Texas, will be the featured speaker at the Southwestern Conference on Counseling and Guidance, at Southwestern Seminary, Feb. 29-March 2.

Three workshop sessions will be devoted to special problems faced by college guidance teams and by church counseling teams.

Workshop personnel for the college division will include Doyle Baird, assistant secretary of the Southern Baptist Department of Student Work, moderator; Charles F. Kemp, professor of pastoral counseling, Texas Christian University; John Tubbs, coordinator of church-related vocations, Baptist Sunday School Board; Mrs. Grace Elsey, dean of women, Howard Payne College; Charles Miley, counselor and professor of psychology, Howard Payne College, and Frand Horton, director of Baptist student work, Texas Christian University.

Personnel for the workshop on church counseling will include: John M. Price, Jr., director of the school of religious education, New Orleans Baptist Seminary; Franklin M. Segler, professor of pastoral ministry, Southwestern Seminary; Otto Neilson, dean of school of education and professor of psychology, Texas Christian University; Ray Rozell, editor of "Rozell's Commentary"; James C. McKinney, dean of the school of church music, Southwestern Seminary; Harold Dill, professor of youth religious education, Southwestern Seminary; and Ethel McIndoo, director of children's work at Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas.

A. Donald Bell, professor of religious psychology, is chairman of the conference. Information concerning room reservations may be obtained from him at Box 22000, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

New Zealand Getting Midwestern Student

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's first student to serve in a foreign country was to leave Jan. 1 for New Zealand.

Miss Anderine Farmer has for 9½ years been Baptist student union director in Kansas City. She is Midwestern's first woman student.

Miss Farmer will serve as field worker in the establishment of the New Zealand Baptist Union's new all-age Sunday School program. ■

DR. J. B. MAXWELL, pastor of the Alberta Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., was recently named a contributing editor of *Sermon Quarterly*, a new magazine published by the Evangelical Press of Dallas, Texas.

New Jubilee Plan

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — The Baptist Jubilee Revival, a new program of associational revival meetings, was launched at a meeting of Southern Baptist state secretaries of evangelism in Atlanta by the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

"This program will greatly help in reaching the Jubilee baptismal goal of 4,100,000," said Leonard Sanderson, director of the division. "The program includes the methods which proved their value in the 1959 year of evangelism. The tried, tested, and proved methods plus some new discoveries are combined to provide this new associational program of evangelism," he added.

The program, an associational emphasis for each year during 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1964, would focus attention on the annual emphases of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Revivals would be initiated through associations with associational officers forming the Baptist Jubilee Revival committee.

A plan of work for promoting a Baptist Jubilee Revival calls for a date to be set one year in advance, preferably through 1964, with the Baptist Jubilee Revival committee holding monthly meetings for preparation and progress reports eight months before the revival.

Associations will conduct evangelism clinics, "promote Televangelism and radio ministries," have an evangelistic rally before the revivals, and conduct fellowship clinics during the revivals.

Soulwinning Pledge

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — Nine million Southern Baptists will have an opportunity to pledge themselves personally to winning souls to Christ in 1960.

The goal of 550,000 baptisms for 1960 by Southern Baptists will be reached partially through soul-winning commitment of the laity, according to Leonard Sanderson, director of the Home Mission Board's division of evangelism.

One and a half million Southern Baptists are expected to formally commit themselves to winning souls on Soul-Winning Commitment Day early in January, 1960.

Evangelism leaders suggest that the churches place the commitment cards in the hands of every member before the commitment service, that pastors preach on personal soul-winning and lead in prayers of decision and dedication, that training classes in soul-winning techniques be started immediately, and that workers be given definite prospects to win.

FOLKS AND FACTS

Budd E. Smith, president of Wingate (Junior) College, Wingate, N. C., has been elected vice-president of the North Carolina College Conference. He is also vice-president of the Council of Church-Related Schools of North Carolina. Wingate is operated by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Missouri Buys Tract For Office Building

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) — Missouri Baptist Convention with headquarters here has entered into a contract for sale with the Jefferson City Baking Co. involving a 17-acre tract of land on U. S. Highway 54 just within the city limits of Jefferson City.

The tract is being acquired by the Baptists after two years of preliminary study, with a view toward a new and larger Missouri Baptist headquarters building. The new building would replace the present office building at 213 Adams St., which was erected in 1948, when the convention moved its offices to Jefferson City. The facilities of the Missouri Baptist press, now located in a separate building near the present office building, would also be incorporated in the new structure.

In the last five years, the convention's rapid expansion has outgrown its present quarters. A similar expansion in the services of the convention-operated printing press to the denomination and its churches now requires more space and a new type of facility and operation.

Alabama Progress

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — Alabama Baptists now have a record 2,811 churches with an all-time high membership of 690,819. A. H. Reid, Montgomery, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, reported.

Sunday School membership is now 501,437, more than double its 1946 membership of 250,954. Reid told the convention's executive board here. It is the first time membership has surpassed a half million.

This means the denomination is within sight of one of its program goals—a Sunday School membership of 515,000.

William K. Weaver, Jr., of Sylacauga, was elected chairman of the executive board.

Reviewing the advance program under way in Alabama, Reid noted the opening of 191 new Baptist churches in the state in 1959. There were 2,747 vacation Bible schools in Baptist churches and missions during 1959.

Cooperative Program giving has increased 184 per cent since 1952.

Evangelism secretary Ralph Longshore of Montgomery reported the 30,450 baptisms in Alabama in 1959 was an all-time record for Baptist churches in this state.

Receipts for the 1959 Cooperative Program—used for missions, education, and benevolent work—totaled \$2,982,742.

Albert E. Simms, president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, has resigned pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., to become pastor of Rivermont Ave. Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va.

RESOLUTION TO KEEP

By Grace Krogh Boller

ALL THE boys and girls were making new year's resolutions. Harry wanted to make one, too.

"I'm going to make a resolution to put my things away and keep everything neat," he told them loudly.

"That's a good resolution, but you won't keep it," Marty laughed. "It isn't easy."

"I will keep it," Harry asserted, but he didn't. He didn't even try. If he read a book, it was easier to let it stay on the floor where he had been reading. If he played a game, the same thing happened. When he changed his shirt, the worn one ended up on the floor. His shoes piled up in a corner of his room.

One day when Harry went downstairs for breakfast, he found Mother bustling about, trying to do a half dozen things at once.

"Is anything wrong, Mother?" asked Harry.

"Grandma is sick, and I must go over and help her," Mother explained. "Mrs. Sands from next door will be in soon to take care of things here."

Harry could see that Mother was really upset. She kept making mistakes. She almost put salt in the oatmeal twice.

At last breakfast was over, and Mother had gone. Harry looked around to see what he wanted to do to have fun today.

My, the place was upset! It was as upset as Mother had been. The kitchen was full of breakfast dishes waiting to be washed. Mother's sweater hung on one chair, her apron was flung on another. In the living room the morning paper was dropped to the floor where Mother had left it when Grandma had telephoned. A pillow had dropped beside it. The house plants drooped from lack of water.

"Why, this place is a mess!" said Harry. "What will Mrs. Sands think when she comes over? She will have to straighten it all up."

"I could make it neat and nice before she comes," Harry told himself.

"I made a resolution to keep my own things neat, but I didn't keep it. I could start now to keep my resolution. I could even make another resolution to help Mother. It would help her if I straighten things down here before Mrs. Sands comes in."

Now it seemed like a game to Harry. He hurried out to the kitchen and hung Mother's apron on a peg in the pantry. He hung the old sweater beside it. He stacked the breakfast dishes neatly on the tray. He brushed the crumbs from the table.

In the living room Harry picked up the pillow and put it on the couch. He picked up the paper, too, and folded it neatly before he laid it on the table. He watered the plants. He was just about to look for a dustcloth when Mrs. Sands came.

"I'll do up these dishes before I get to the cleaning," she smiled at Harry kindly. "I promised your mother I'd do her cleaning because that is what she had planned to do."

"I'll help you dry the dishes," Harry promised. "I can put them away, too, because I know where they go."

As he dried the dishes, Harry thought about helping. Why, it was fun! It was like a game. He hoped Mrs. Sands would clean the downstairs first, so that he could straighten his room before she went up there. It would be just terrible if she saw what a mess he left his room all the time.

"Now I'll start the cleaning down here," Mrs. Sands planned. "Why don't you run up to your room and play, Harry, and then I can get through here?"

"All right," Harry smiled happily. "I can keep busy up there the rest of the morning."

It did take the rest of the morning to pick up the books and put them in the bookcase, to put the games on their shelf, to put his clothes in the hamper and his shoes on their rack. By the time Mrs. Sands came up, the room was neat. When Mother came home, she was pleased. She was pleased because Grandma was better and pleased because Harry had kept his resolution.

"I will keep it all year long," Harry planned gladly.

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THE BOOKSHELF

Sermons—Short, Medium, Long, by John Jeter Hurt, Benson Printing Company, Nashville, Tenn., 1959, \$3

Few books will equal this for its insights into the problems of everyday living and the channels it opens to the great resources available to God's children. Dr. Hurt, one of the best known and most widely loved of our Southern Baptist leaders gives us here the essence of more than 65 years in the ministry. His ability to communicate with the common people — and that includes the most of us — makes this a most readable book indeed.

Writes Dr. Hurt in the preface:

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"Oh, yes! Numbers too, for the latest reports say that of the 173 millions of people in America, 109 million of them have their names on America's church rolls. But where are they Sunday mornings? And how many of them are giving one-tenth of their income or more in this present world? And have provided in their wills that most of what they leave, after the undertaker is through, shall go to their churches and its enterprises, including missions?"

Copies of the book may be ordered from Dr. Hurt personally at 215 Rumson Road, N. E., Atlanta 5, Ga.

God and Ourselves, by Norman W. Cox, Broadman Press, 1960, \$2.75

Many a Bible scholar has been impressed with the great wealth of sermonic material found in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. In this book, Dr. Cox, who retired recently from the post of executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, shares twelve studies based on the parable.

Politics and Evangelism, by Philippe Maury, Doubleday & Company, 1959, \$2.95

The author not only believes it is the Christian's obligation to evangelize and to take part in politics, but in this book he shows how this can be done.

Because politics is one of modern man's liveliest concerns, says Mr. Maury, general secretary of the World Christian Movement, the non-Christian judges the churches and their members by what they do and say in the field of politics. This means that political action can be a potent form of evangelism, he believes. It also gives the Christian an opportunity to serve his neighbors—for example, the hungry two thirds of mankind, oppressed nations, and refugees. ■

Postmaster General Summerfield Continues Crusade Against Filth

POSTMASTER General Arthur E. Summerfield announced today that the first meeting of the recently appointed Citizens' Advisory Committee on Obscenity Through the Mails had been held December 15 in his office with all members or their representatives present, except Douglas Black, president of Doubleday and Company, Inc. of New York City, who is presently in Europe.

In his opening remarks to the committee, Mr. Summerfield emphasized that the committee was concerned with the illegal transmittal of obscene and pornographic material through the mails, including letters, advertisements, photographs, film slides, movies, newspapers, magazines and books.

Mr. Summerfield pointed out the growing size of this social blight; the fact that it is now a half-billion-dollar-a-year business; and that its sales promotional efforts are increasingly aimed at teen-age youngsters.

Herbert B. Warburton, general counsel of the Post Office Department, outlined the responsibilities of the Postmaster General under the statutes in determining matters of obscenity relative to both hard core and borderline pornographic materials.

David H. Stephens, chief postal inspector, traced the growth of obscenity in the mails during recent years and the important progress being made in the Department's intensified drive to clean the mails of obscenity. Mr. Stephens noted that "whereas in 1958 public complaints against obscene materials totalled 50,000, they will exceed 70,000 for 1959. Arrests, between 1954 and 1958, increased 45 per cent. With 281 arrests in major cases during 1959, a new high in prosecutions for obscenity violations will be reached."

L. Rohe Walter, special assistant to the Postmaster General, outlined the step-by-step intensified public relations effort of the Department to rid the mails of obscene materials. He emphasized that the objectives of this effort are relatively simple:

"1. To arouse parents in particular to the menace of this social problem and its damaging effect upon the dignity and moral principles of the youth of America.

"2. To get parents to report promptly and deliver to local postmasters unordered obscene materials received in the mail so the Post Office Department can start action against the purveyors of this filth."

Former Congresswoman Cecil M. Harden, now a Special Assistant to the Postmaster General for Women's Affairs, summarized some of her experiences during the past ten months in addressing groups of men and women, members of all civic organizations, on obscenity in the mails. She emphasized the need for local action at local com-

munity levels to clean up this social menace and reported welcome evidence of public concern and positive dynamic action by citizens at the village, town, city and state levels.

The Committee members viewed an exhibit of recently apprehended obscene material, most of which was being sent unordered to youngsters. In their opinion the mailing of such filth is indefensible and must be stopped.

"The purpose of this first meeting of the Committee on Obscenity Through the Mails," Mr. Summerfield said, "was purely informative and exploratory. I feel certain the members were given a good overall picture of the complexities of this problem of obscenity in the United States mails and the great need to eradicate it.

"I am happy to report to the American people that the distinguished members of this committee expressed their whole-hearted determination to assist the Department in every way possible in combatting this growing menace. I feel certain that the future actions of the committee will be helpful to the national welfare; to revitalizing standards of moral decency; and, in particular, to safeguarding the youth of America by legally stopping obscenity in the mails."

Present at the meeting, in addition to the participating postal officials, were: Dr. Erwin D. Canham, president, Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Roscoe Drummond, columnist, New York Herald Tribune; Miss Chloe Gifford, president, General Federation of Women's Clubs; Dr. Shane McCarthy, executive director, President's Council on Youth Fitness; Mrs. James Parker, president, National Congress of Parents and Teachers; Dr. Daniel Poling, Editor, *The Christian Herald*; Monsignor Thomas Fitzgerald, alternate for The Most Reverend William E. Cousins, Archbishop of Milwaukee; and Dr. Emanuel Rose, alternate for Dr. Julius Mark, senior Rabbi, Temple Emanu-El.

Laymen Back Program To Protect Pastors

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — State Baptist Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador secretaries have thrown their support behind a drive of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board to get more pastors and other church staff members into the Southern Baptist Protection Plan.

The leaders, representing 21 states, voted to work through the Annuity Board's state representatives to challenge the laity to encourage their churches to subscribe to the retirement and protection plan.

States United

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — The new cooperative plan of state and home missions received strong emphasis during a two-day meeting of state executive secretaries and the Home Mission Board staff in Atlanta.

"We can no longer say that no other state will help us in our local state mission work," S. G. Posey of Fresno, California's executive secretary, said in the major speech of the meeting. "With the new agreement of state and home board co-operation, every state of the Southern Baptist Convention has a part in every other state by their gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong home mission offering."

Posey was referring to the new agreements signed by state boards and the Home Mission Board which place administrative leadership in the hands of each state for all missionaries, state and home board, in their area, but guiding principles of the work and the financial support are shared by the home board. Sixteen states have signed these agreements, and all others are expected to by the close of 1960.

Lowrey Retires

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. (BP) — Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, a prophet with honor in his home town, will retire as president of Blue Mountain College here May 31 after 35 years as its head.

College trustees have elected Wilfred C. Tyler, chairman of the department of religious education at Blue Mountain College, to succeed Lowrey. The retiring executive will become president emeritus.

Memphis Goal Set

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — An attendance goal of more than 10,000 men has been set for the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men which will be held here Sept. 13-15, 1961.

Every state and several foreign countries are expected to be represented at the conference. The first conference, held two years ago at Oklahoma City, attracted 6,128 men.

'Year of Evangelism'

The United Missionary Church is observing 1960 as a Year of Evangelism, not only in the United States and Canada but also on its various mission fields around the world. Spearheading the spiritual advance is the Board of Evangelism, directed by Rev. Kenneth Geiger, General Superintendent from Elkhart, Ind. (EP)

'Golden Harvest'

CLEVELAND, Tenn. (EP) — The Church of God has designated 1960 as its "Year of Golden Harvest." Two important departments of the Church will observe their 50th anniversary during the year.

Worthy Gift

THE DECEMBER 24 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* carried a picture showing the presentation of a beautiful

painting by Brotherhood Department personnel to George Schroeder of the Brotherhood commission. The painting was a gift of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to the Brotherhood Commission, to be hung in the new Brotherhood Commission building at



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Mr. Schroeder and all of his associates in the Commission building were high in their praise of this gift, and very warm in their appreciation. Many think that it is the most beautiful of all pictures donated to the Brotherhood Commission by the various states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The painting is of an Arkansas mountain scene, in the Ozark region, in the fall of the year, during the late afternoon of a sunny day. The artist is Mrs. Hugh Johnson of 1st Church, Fort Smith. Mrs. Johnson is a beloved Christian woman, a Sunday School teacher at 1st Church; and the picture she painted could have been done only by one who truly loves the Lord.

The picture is a real credit to a wonderful artist and to Arkansas Baptists.

The Brotherhood Department personnel are grateful for the many Christmas cards and words of good cheer which have come our way during the past few weeks. We wish for Arkansas Baptists the best new year they have ever known; and our prayer is that 1960 will see Baptist work in Arkansas move forward, upward, and outward, in a greater way than ever before. ■



NOEL HENDRIX

Noel Hendrix, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hendrix, Calico Rock, is Baptist Student Union President at Arkansas A. & M. College. Noel is a sophomore, secondary-education major and plans to attend the seminary and enter full-time Christian service after graduation.



ADRIAN LUTTRELL

PRESIDENT of Southern State College Baptist Student Union is Adrian Luttrell, junior business administration major. Adrian's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Luttrell, of Murfreesboro.

REFUGE CHURCH, Story, is receiving the *Arkansas Baptist* on the free trial offer. Rev. Robert H. Watson, of Arkadelphia, formerly a student at Ouachita College, is pastor of this half-time church. Services are held on the first and third Sundays.

CALVARY CHURCH, West Memphis, recently ordained the following deacons: Joe Pickett, Hubert Rook, and Glenn Turpin. The charge was given by Pastor William B. Sawyer.

THIRD St. Church, Arkadelphia, George T. Blackmon, pastor, has included the *Arkansas Baptist* in their budget after receiving our one-month free trial offer. ■

JOE SHAVER, a member of Bellevue Church, Memphis, brought the message in the morning worship service of 1st Church, Forrest City, Dec. 20. (CB)

HAROLD ELMORE has accepted the call of 1st Church, Mountain Home, to serve as their pastor. He will move to Mountain Home the early part of January. (CB)

J. HAROLD SMITH, evangelist, spoke to the Brotherhood of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, Dec. 21. Mr. Smith is a former pastor of the church. (CB)

W. J. FARLEY has resigned as pastor of Sunnyside Church, Rogers. (DP)

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New Pastors Called

ADAMITA HEIGHTS Church in Texarkana has called Rev. L. B. Jordan as pastor. He has accepted and will move on the field in January. Brother Jordan is a student in Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

Canfield Church has called Rev. Harold Wilson as pastor. He comes from Southside Church, Heber Springs, and began his work at Canfield, Dec. 13.

Calvary Church, Texarkana, W. P. Mears, pastor, has just closed a revival with Rev. M. E. Wiles, state evangelist, doing the preaching. There were 12 for baptism and one addition by letter with several rededications.

Trinity Church, using only local forces, has just closed a revival. Rev. Leo Hughes, pastor, did the preaching. Frank Majors, music director, had charge of the music during the meeting; and Johnny McGuire, church musician, was pianist. There were five additions by baptism, five by letter, and a large number of rededications. Pastor Hughes says that it was one of the most spiritual revivals the church has experienced in several years.

Mandeville Church has just completed a parsonage. Rev. E. A. Croxton, pastor, and his family moved into their new home in time for Christmas.

Dr. Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, was the "M" Night speaker for Hope Association on Monday night, Dec. 7, at 1st Church, Hope. There were 814 persons registered for this meeting with perhaps 50 or 60 who failed to be counted.

Central Church, Magnolia, L. L. Hunicutt, pastor, won the attendance and mileage banners with 92 persons registered. Earl Bailey, education director, is Training Union director.

Harmony Grove Church, near Texarkana, won the efficiency banner. Rev. James Duncan, Jr., is pastor and Mrs. Bertha Woolard, Training Union director.

Rev. E. A. Croxton, pastor at Mandeville, is associational Training Union Director.—M. T. McGregor, Missionary, Hope Association.

TRINITY CHURCH, Clear Creek Association, had the services of Paul E. Wilhelm in a revival recently. There were two additions by letter and one who dedicated his life to the ministry. Lawrence Woodard is the pastor.

DR. AND MRS. E. Lamar Cole, Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico, have returned to the States for furlough. Their address is Veteran's Hospital, 1601 Perdido St., New Orleans, La. Dr. Cole, a native of Huttig, Ark., will be a resident at that hospital during his furlough.

Rev. S. Allen Van Horn has been called as pastor of 1st Church, Wabbaseka and is now on the field. He was formerly pastor of East Side Church, DeWitt.

Modern Church Called 'Theologically Illiterate'

CINCINNATI, Ohio (EP) — The church today is "theologically illiterate." So Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, head of the Old Testament Department at Wesley Seminary in Washington, D. C., told delegates at the 13th National Methodist Conference on Christian Education.

"That our people know this," said Dr. Hazzard, "is evidenced by the wistful question that keeps coming to us: 'Please tell us what we believe.'"

Dr. Hazzard called for "a new orientation, a recognition on the part of all of us that this is what the Bible is about, and this is all it is about—the sin of man, the grace of God, and God's eternal effort to save men from their sin." ■

527,643,000 Catholics

CINCINNATI, Ohio (EP)—According to the most recent census, there are 527,643,000 Roman Catholics throughout the world. The total, up to date as of last June 30, adds up to 18.3 per cent of the total world's population. From mid 1958 to mid 1959, according to this year's world mission map of the Catholic 'Students' Mission Crusade

here, the total gain amounted to over 17 million. Placed over the increase in the total world population, which was 88,976,000, for a world population figure of 2,886,691,000, this raised the Catholic percentage of the world's population from 18.2 to 18.3 per cent.

According to the map, the regions of most rapid Catholic growth — chiefly West, Central and East Africa, the African Islands and North America — continued on the increase

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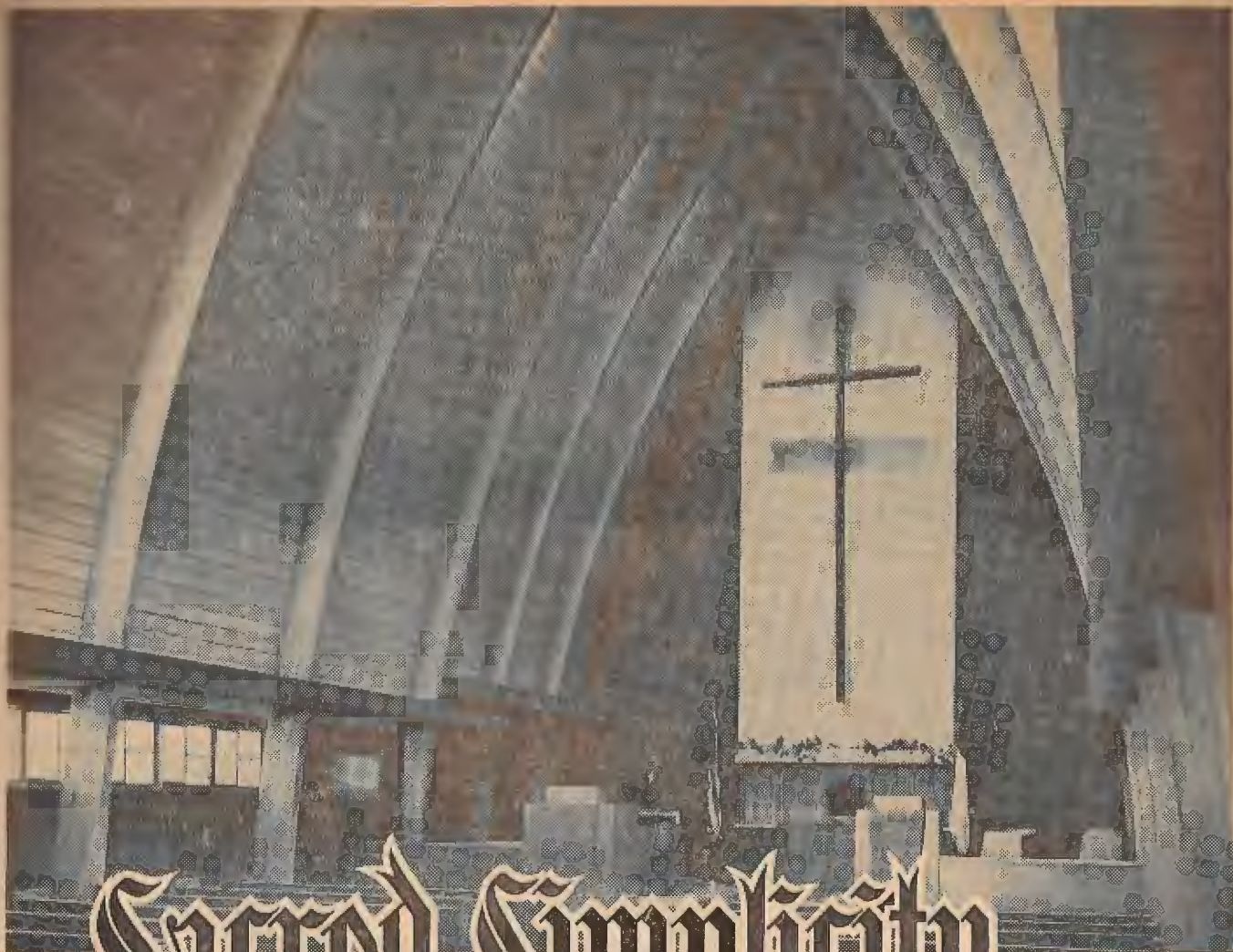


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The Cover

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday (Psalm 91:1-6).

Press Relations Guidebook

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP). — The Office of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals here has announced publication of a helpful new guidebook, "Better Press Relations for Evangelical Churches."

Edited by the Rev. Donald H. Gill, associate secretary of the Washington office of the NAE, the 32-page booklet recommends that every church establish a public relations committee to study its approach to the public in its use of communications media. It recommends that every pastor have one staff member or volunteer serving as his "press secretary."

The manual offers practical advice on such subjects as how to write a press release, how to prepare copy for newspapers and radio stations, how to use photographs of church events and similar practical subjects. ■

THE KING James Version says, "Let love be without dissimulation." In the Revised Standard Version, the sentence now reads, "Let love be genuine."

Facts of Interest

EDUCATIONAL TV will soon be taking to the air—literally as well as figuratively. The Ford Foundation has announced plans for a \$7 million experiment in airborne educational television that may reach an "audience" of 5 million students in 13,000 schools and colleges. A DC-7 plane will circle northern Indiana at an altitude of 25,000 feet. Lectures previously taped at Purdue University will be broadcast. The programs, supervised by the Midwest Council on Airborne Television, of which Samuel M. Brownell, superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools, is chairman, will reach viewers in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Every year "pilgrims" come to observe Thanksgiving Day in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where the first "thanksgiving" feast was held in 1621—probably in mid-October—after the first harvest was in. The "Pilgrims" first "thanksgiving"—minus feast, was not held in Plymouth. It was celebrated on Clarks Island in the harbor on December 21, 1620 (the day they stepped on that famous rock). They had spent two harrowing months tossing around in the tiny **Mayflower**, made landfall at Cape Cod, and later arrived at Clarks Island on a pleasant Sunday. Here they decided to rest and offer thanks to God for their safe deliverance over the "Sea of Darkness." The next year the band was "all well recovered in health and strength and had all things in plenty." Massasoit, the friendly Indian chief, and 90 braves arrived for a visit. The Pilgrims took this occasion to arrange a "thanksgiving" feast. The Indians furnished five deer, which were barbecued; the settlers provided wild duck, geese, turkey, corn bread, as well as ship biscuit and butter left over from Mayflower supplies. The Pilgrims sat at rough tables in the open; the natives squatted on the ground, gnawing on deer bones, tearing fowl apart and lapping up the rancid butter with grunts of appreciation. Elder Brewster asked for God's blessings on all — redmen and white. Americans continue to remember and to ponder on those courageous, God-loving folks who dared so much and built so well.

Gulledge Called to Brinkley Church

JACK GULLEDGE, pastor of East Main Baptist church, El Dorado, has resigned to accept the call to the 1st Church, Brinkley, effective the middle of January.

Mr. Gulledge has been pastor of the East Main Baptist Church for the past five years. During this time there have been 404 additions, and the property valuation has increased from \$20,000 to \$200,000, through three phases of construction to care for the growth.

The work began as a mission of the 1st Church, with approximately 40 members, and has grown to a present membership of 380. The Sunday School has grown from a small beginning enrollment of 84 to 453. The Sunday School began with one department and five classes and now has 12 departments and 37 classes.

Mr. Gulledge served as moderator of the Liberty Association during the past year and has served for seven years as boys director at Beech Springs Camp. ■



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Duncan Named Editor Of Washington Paper

WASHINGTON —(BP)— James O. Duncan has been elected editor of the **Capital Baptist**, official publication of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. He will assume his new duties Jan. 1.



MR. DUNCAN

Duncan, pastor of the Hillandale Church in the Maryland suburbs of the District of Columbia, in 1954 was asked to devote part time to the promotion activities of the D. C. churches. This developed from a mimeographed sheet issued twice a month to a full blown state paper printed weekly, demanding the attention of a full time editor.

In addition to his editorial duties Duncan will serve as the director of the Department of Stewardship and Promotion for the D. C. Convention. He will also be the public relations representative for the convention.

A native of North Carolina, Duncan attended the University of North Carolina and graduated from American University in Washington, D. C. He graduated from the Southern Seminary.

Duncan has been active in Southern Baptist Convention affairs, having served on the Committee on Committees in 1957, and is now the D. C. member of the Sunday School Board. He has been pastor of the Hillandale church since 1952.

Duncan is married to the former Dorothy Way of Washington, D. C. They have two children, Sarah Susanne (13) and James, Jr. (6).

Rufus Harris New Mercer U. President

MACON, Ga. (BP)—Rufus C. Harris, president of Tulane University at New Orleans for 22 years, has accepted the presidency of Mercer University, his alma mater.

Leaving one of the nation's larger universities for a much smaller one, Harris said simply: "I have a great sentimental attachment for Mercer and I have a great obligation to Mercer." He added that "I'm wanted and I am led to believe I can be useful."

The 62-year-old educator, a native of Monroe, Ga., leaves a student body of 6,714 at Tulane for 1,238 at Mercer. Tulane has \$23 million in buildings and equipment; Mercer has \$5½ million. Tulane's budget last year was \$12 million compared with less than \$1 million at Mercer. Tulane has \$50 million in endowment and is in a 10-year campaign for \$96 million more; Mercer has \$5 million.

Harris said no decision had been reached as to when he would move to Macon.



SANTA visits Bottoms Orphanage (Dec. 17) for 12th annual Christmas party given by Central Church, Magnolia, Rev. Loyd Hunnicutt, pastor. Each child received a gift, a bag of fruit, nuts and candy, and a silver dollar, the latter from Dr. and Mrs. Joe Ruston. Charles Dillard and W. G. Blewster were in charge. Special music numbers were presented by children of the home, under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Jim D. Jones. ■

God's Wondrous World

Ancient Guideposts--Sun, Stars

By Thelma C. Carter

IF YOU were an Arabian boy living in ancient times, you might have traveled with your father and older brothers on their journeys as they moved their flocks of sheep and goats across the hot desert sands. You would have traveled in a caravan of camels or mules loaded with wares to sell, moving the flock of sheep at the same time. You would have traveled without a map, highway signs, or highway police to help you reach your journey's end.

Wouldn't you agree that great courage and faith were necessary to start such a journey? Most of us would pray as did the psalmist: "O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust" (Psalm 7:1).

How could these ancient people travel the hot desert sands? They looked to many things for guidance such as the sun, winds, and stars, especially the low star in the north, which al-

ways stood in the same direction. The sun's rising in the east and sinking in the west was helpful. Ancient people were masters in observing when and where star formations twinkled in the skies.

Ripples in the sands showed wind direction. The smell and moistness of winds from the seas and mountains also were helpful signs. There were sometimes the tracks of mules, camels, and horses which had passed along before.

Above all, desert travelers looked for the tall palm trees which grew only where their roots could find water. Palm trees were lasting guideposts, for they lived to be several hundred years old. When the sand was not blowing in a whirling sandstorm, palm trees could be seen miles ahead.

Most of us forget as we travel today's great highways that in the long ago people like us traveled by the sun, winds, and stars, by the palm trees and sand ripples. ■

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Counseling Center Slated at Southwestern

AN EXPERIMENTAL center for marriage and family counseling has been established at Southwestern Seminary to serve both students and residents of Ft. Worth.

The center is being jointly sponsored by Southwestern and the home education department of the Sunday School Board.

John Drakeford, professor of psychology, will direct the center. Three other professors — A. Donald Bell,

psychology, and Franklin Segler and C. W. Brister, pastoral ministry — will compose the counseling staff.

This service is offered in an effort to develop techniques, methods, principles and resources for a proposed similar ministry to local churches, and to help families and individuals in need.

It will serve as a laboratory for clinical pastoral education and selected graduate students of the Seminary will serve within its operation.

The center, to be located in Price Hall on the seminary campus, will be opened Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



God's Wondrous World

The 'Cold Moon' Month

By Thelma C. Carter

"WHILE THE earth remaineth, . . . cold and heat, and summer and winter, . . . shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

The Creator planned wisely his wondrous winter season. January is an amazing month with its gray, hazy skies, unexpected snowstorms, ice-covered ponds and lakes, and winds blowing down from Canada.

The Cree Indians called January the "Cold Moon" month, for this freezing month sent them searching for warm, snug homes, fur clothing, and hunting grounds where they could get winter food.

January fashions a beautiful countryside in the area of our homes. The purple of twilight, like spring hyacinths in bloom, floods the skies. Evergreens stand tall and proud in the disk under cold, light rain or a snow-

fall. Even the sunset glows with January's special beauty. Instead of the golden sunset of spring and summer, the whole sky is lighted with a pale, silvery light.

There is a lighthearted side of January seen in the wild life. Rabbits, field mice, and other small animals scamper over the snow or icy earth. A woodpecker is likely to be seen now and then along with nuthatches, kinglets, and sparrows.

You are sure to see, if you take a moment to look for them, January's black-capped chickadees. No matter how gray and cold the day may be, the chickadees can be found dangling like circus acrobats on pine cones, hanging head downward from tree twigs like trapeze artists — always singing their cheerful, high-note song.

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Dedication

By Lee Birk

*I dedicate my life to God,
My work, my heart, each path I trod,
Content to say from sun to sun,
"Yea, Lord, thy will, not mine, be done."*
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Early Bird Breakfast

"I've got a new idea. Fortune in it."
"What now?"
"It's an alarm clock that emits the delicious odors of frying bacon and fragrant coffee."

On a Moment's Notice

Wanted: Man in dynamite plant. Must be willing to travel.

Betting On A Sure Thing

A gambler died. The funeral was well attended by his professional friends. In the eulogy, the minister said, "Spike is not dead. He only sleeps."

From the rear of the chapel came the interrupting words, "I got a hundred that says he's dead."

Dog's Life

In school the little boy was telling his teacher about his dog.

"What kind of dog is it?" asked the teacher.

"Oh, he's a mixed up kind," the boy replied. "Sort of a cocker scandal."

Last Things First

"All right, Miss Jones," said the prospective employer, "Suppose we just check your qualifications by dictating a sample letter. Er, let's see . . . 'Cymanski and Poeterkroener, 812 Sprachenerger Blyd., Hootchikitinanny, Maine, Gentlemen: In reply . . . ' Yes, Miss Jones, do you want to ask a question?"

"Yes! How do you spell 'gentlemen'?"

Homesick!

St. Peter was taking a new arrival on a tour of heaven.

"What," asked the stranger, "is that building with all the bars on the windows?"

"That's the jail," replied St. Peter. "We keep all the Texans there. They all want to go home."

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"It's fortunate for Hilda Jones I made a New Year's resolve not to gossip... just listen to what I COULD tell about her..."

Some, who would be horrified to do physical injury to the lowliest creature, will slash a fellow man's reputation with thoughtless abandon. Gossip, rumor, scandal these have no place in the Christian heart, nor on the Christian tongue.

Poor Table!

There was a professor of law who said to his students:

"When you're fighting a case, if you have the facts on your side, hammer them into the jury, and if you have the law on your side, hammer it into the judge."

"But if you have neither the facts nor the law?" asked one of his listeners.

"Then hammer on the table," answered the professor.

Likes the Quiet Life

"Grandpa, why don't you get a hearing aid?"

"Don't need it, son. I hear more now than I can understand."

Strengthening New Churches

By Clifton J. Allen

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Acts 14

PAUL and Barnabas were on their first missionary journey. They preached the gospel and established churches in several cities of Asia Minor. When opposition made further labor in Antioch unwise, they proceeded to Iconium. Here a multitude of Jews and Greeks believed the gospel, but again persecution imperiled their lives so that they went on to Lystra. Here the people were grossly superstitious. Following a miracle wrought by Paul, healing a cripple that had never walked, they sought to offer sacrifices to Barnabas and Paul as Jupiter and Mercury. With difficulty Paul and Barnabas restrained the people. Soon, however, the people were persuaded by Jews from Antioch and Iconium to turn against Paul to the point of stoning him almost to death. The two missionaries went on to Derbe for a period of preaching in that city. Then they retraced their steps to visit the churches and to help the new converts be established in their faith.

Paul and Barnabas were missionaries with much insight and great courage. They were zealous to proclaim the gospel, and they were equally concerned to help new converts to become established in their faith.

Trials and Triumphs in Missions (vv. 19-20)

The people of Lystra turned quickly from superstitious worship to persecution. Jews from Antioch and Iconium came and persuaded the people to join in a violent attack on Paul. They stoned him and dragged him out of the city, thinking he was dead. But Paul was not dead. God's power preserved him. While the sorrowing believers gathered around in anxious watchfulness, he revived and returned into the city. Paul possessed marvelous fortitude and determination. He might be stoned; but as long as the power and providence of God kept him alive, he pressed on in his work. He and Barnabas experienced the hazards of missionary service, but they learned also to trust in God's keeping power. Because their lives were in imminent peril in Lystra, they departed and proceeded to Derbe.

New Churches Facing Their Task (vv. 21-23)

From Lystra, Paul and Barnabas went to Derbe. Their work there is summed up in part of a sentence: they "preached the gospel to that city." The words, "taught many," really mean, "made many disciples." The missionaries were concerned for the new converts in Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch in Pisidia. With inspiring courage, they went "back to the places where they had been maltreated and cast out," willing to face stones, hardship, and possible persecution. The new believers needed encouragement and instruction. They needed to realize that they would encounter much tribulation in living up to their citizenship in the kingdom of God. Paul and Barnabas helped the new Christians to be established as churches. They led them to ordain or select elders—the equivalent of pastors. Every possible effort was put forth to help the new converts become settled in the fellowship of functioning churches in which they would grow spiritually and through which they could witness effectively.

Conversion that fails to issue forth in baptism and church membership is untrue to the New Testament pattern, also evangelism that fails to lead to Christian discipleship.

Report on Missionary Tour (vv. 24-28)

Enroute back to Antioch, the missionaries "preached the word in Perga," likely while they were waiting for a boat to sail from Attalia. They had a glorious report to give when they reached Antioch. They could tell of the ministry in Cyprus, including the proconsul's conversion; they could tell of the power of the gospel, bringing conversion to Jews and Gentile proselytes and pure pagans in Asia Minor; they could tell of threats and stoning and God's sustaining mercy; and they could tell how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles, thus setting the stage for the advance of the gospel throughout the Roman world.

Truths to Live By

Serving Christ is a great adventure. Every significant task is a challenge to hard work and skillful effort. For example, living a clean and unselfish life demands resistance to evil, exposure to criticism, and loyalty to the idea of purity. Helping some individual—a boy in trouble with the juvenile court, a college student enveloped in doubt and confusion, a man addicted to drunkenness, or a person embittered and broken by some tragedy—to find his way to high purpose and strong faith in Christ is an adventurous undertaking, calling for a person's best. One's service in a church through teaching a class or working to build up the morale of a department, or developing vision to erect a new building, or creating genuine concern to relieve some disgraceful condition of poverty or injustice in the community is an adventure calling for courageous faith, indifference to prejudice, and a willingness to sacrifice for the name of Christ. If Christians want spiritual adventure that calls for initiative and courage and determination and creative skill, let them dedicate themselves to serving Christ right where they are.

Evangelism is fulfilled in discipleship. One of the very subtle dangers facing Christians is a false concept of evangelism. Many churches put much emphasis on winning lost people to faith in Christ. This is worthy and good. The trouble is that too often they think of evangelism as being complete with Christian conversion. The evangelism of the New Testament means full salvation, saving the life as well as the soul. Conversion is a result of a new birth through faith in Christ, but this new birth is meant to lead to a new life in fellowship with Christ and service to Christ. This truth is what Paul and Barnabas meant when they said, "We must through tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." We become citizens of the kingdom of God through hearing the gospel and believing in Christ, but we enter into the full meaning of our citizenship in the kingdom by enduring hardship and discharging duty and doing exploits in the name of Christ.

The way to Christian strength and growth is to be established in the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ. ■

Denham Named Chairman Of Texas Mission Group

DALLAS (BP)—The newly-organized state missions commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas elected W. E. Denham, Houston pastor, as its chairman and nominated a secretary in an initial meeting here.

J. Woodrow Fuller, associate executive secretary for the past six years, was unanimously recommended as state missions secretary, subject to final approval by the denomination's executive board at its Dec. 8 meeting here.

Part of the recently-approved reorganization of the denomination's administrative framework, the 15-member commission will direct the total Texas

Baptist state missions program. Four major divisions will function under the commission's direction. They are church services, evangelism, stewardship and missions. Directors for the divisions may be elected at the December meeting, Denham said.

The state missions commission is the first of three important new commissions approved by the convention.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

Baptist Dissension

DISSENSION CAUSED a division within the first Baptist church organized in America. As a result the Six Principle Baptists arose. Several factors led to this.



DR. SELPH

1. Roger Williams left the church soon after its organization.

2. Both Particular and General Baptist views were held within its membership. Armenianism has permeated the General Baptist

ranks. Not only did it teach general atonement of Christ but held many other strange ideas upsetting to a young church.

3. Soon after the Providence church originated, three men with Armenian views joined it. They were: William Wickenden, Gregory Dexter, and Chad Brown. They laid much stress on the ceremonial imposition of hands after baptism. To them this was an indispensable qualification for church membership.

4. Too, plurality of elders prevailed. Thomas Olney succeeded Mr. Williams as pastor. But when the church split in 1652 Olney, Brown, Wickenden, and Dexter were coordinate elders.

5. As among early churches in England, little stress was laid upon ordination to the ministry as qualifications for administering the ordinances. Full freedom was given exercise of "lay gifts."

With informality of organization and services plus such discordant views of the extent of Christ's redemptive work, the reality of hell, and multiple leadership, the break came.

The controversy raged around the doctrine of the imposition of hands. Mr. Williams had stressed this rite and placed it alongside baptism and the Lord's supper. It was a condition of receiving the latter. To pass under hands became the terms of receiving communion among many General Baptist churches in England and America from 1646 onward.

Basis for this view was found in Heb. 6:1-2. Six statements are described as the "first principles of Christ." "Laying on of hands" is one of them. Olney and other members looked upon this as an appropriate symbol of the spirit. But Brown and others saw this as a foundation-principle which could not be set aside. Those who followed this view became known as six Principle Baptists.

The objection was not in the laying on of hands. This practice was common. But making the imposition of

New Year's Greeting from Baptist World Alliance

New Year's, 1960

GREETINGS IN the name of Christ to all our Baptist world fellowship and to all who love and serve the Lord Christ in spirit and in truth.

The New Year will be one of special significance to Baptists around the world because next June 26 to July 3 many of us will gather for our Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Our text for this significant gathering will be "Jesus Christ is Lord." Since this is our first Congress in South America, we covet your prayers that we may bear a worthy witness for Christ on that great continent.

In many lands, this new year will see a special emphasis on Evangelism, Bible Study and Membership Training. We pray God's blessing on these endeavors. In some lands independence will bring to our people new opportunities for leadership and service. In other areas some believers may face persecution and hardship as they witness for Christ. In every land we are face to face with the forces of evil and unrighteousness. May we be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might and ever eager to promote justice and brotherhood, righteousness and peace.

May the grace, mercy and peace of God our Father, Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter, guard and keep our minds and hearts and bless our every effort for Christ our Lord.—THEODORE F. ADAMS, President Baptist World Alliance.

Heartsell Takes

Kansas Pastorate

ROBERT L. HARTSELL, minister of education at South Side Church, Ft. Smith, for the past two years, has resigned, effective Jan. 15, to become pastor of 1st Southern Baptist Church, Manhattan, Kan.

Some different "since-I-came" figures have been compiled during Mr. Hartsell's work at South Side. Sunday school enrollment dropped from 662 to 603. Average attendance dropped from 341 to 312. Training Union enrollment dropped from 271 to 228. The church membership dropped from 880 to 861. In addition, Rev. Victor H. Coffman, pastor for 11 years, retired.

In explanation of these facts, Mr. Hartsell points to the closing of Fort Chaffee, an event which has considerably lowered the averages of most, if not all, of the Fort Smith churches.

Readers of *Arkansas Baptist* will remember reading of Brother Coffman's retirement due to two heart attacks last winter and spring.

Not to leave all the statistics on the negative side, Mr. Hartsell points to these facts: The Sunday School achieved standard recognition during 1958-1959. The percentage of Sunday School and Training Union enrollment in attendance has increased. A training program was launched in the fall of 1958 which resulted in South Side being among the top 50 churches in Sunday School training awards for that year. The Bible Survey Plan is currently in operation with two classes being conducted. Total enrollment is 48.

The church is now utilizing a nominating committee to fill its organizational positions. It has elected vol-

unteer leadership for Sunday School superintendent, associate superintendents for training and visitation, and Training Union director. Plans are being considered to put its recreational, publicity and dramatic programs under the direction of committees.

Several of these things have been worked out since the coming of Pastor Marvin Gennings, in September. Plans are currently underway for the organization of a Brotherhood.

The church to which Mr. Hartsell goes is in a pioneer area; the only Southern Baptist church in a city of 20,000 population, plus 6,800 students at Kansas State University. ■

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hands a basis for communion was objectionable. The church divided over this issue. ■