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ARKANSAS *Baptist*

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Come unto Me,
all ye that labor
and are heavy laden

Matthew 11:28

Best Office Building, 124 West Madison Street, Chicago



NOVEMBER 20, 1958

Reports from 23 Associations Show Heartening Gains

WE HAVE RECEIVED up to this time (November 11) reports from 23 of the 44 associations for the year ending September 30. It will likely be some time before all of the reports reach our office. It occurred to us that you might be in-

terested in the trend of our work for this year as indicated by these reports. Keep in mind that the following figures represent reports from only 23 of our associations. A comparison of the achievements of the same associations for the years of 1957 and 1958 are as follows:

| | Baptisms | Cooperative Program Gifts | Total Mission Gifts | Total Gifts |
|------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1957 ----- | 6,811 | \$ 952,786.00 | \$1,446,714.00 | \$8,498,076.00 |
| 1958 ----- | 7,366 | 1,024,320.00 | 1,504,440.00 | 8,279,854.00 |
| | 555* | 71,534.00* | 57,726.00* | 218,222.00** |

* Represents an increase in 1958 over 1957

** Represents a decrease in 1958 from 1957

These figures are both interesting and revealing. Only in one instance do they denote a decrease this year. That is in the matter of total gifts. The \$218,222 represents a little less than 3% decrease in gifts for all purposes in 1958.

On the other hand, an increase was experienced in every other area. The 555 increase in baptisms represents about an 8% gain. Gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program were up 7½% over last year or more than \$71,000. Gifts to all missions were up four per cent over 1957. We would think the increase in missions indicates a healthy trend in the giving of our churches. About 12 per cent of the total gifts of our churches was directed to Cooperative missions.

You will also be interested in knowing that we have received about \$50,000 more for Cooperative giving this year than last year at this time. This represents a little more than a 4% increase in our giving for 1958. The \$1,205,000 of Cooperative Program contributions for world missions received to date has been done by 1,032 of our churches.

As of now there are 11 of our churches which have had no part in world missions through the Cooperative Program. We are hoping and praying that each and every one of these churches will make an effort to have a part in our effort at world redemption before the close of 1958. God's multiplied blessings upon us should serve as an added incentive to further dedicate ourselves to preach the gospel to every creature. —S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

Cuban Missionary Dies

J. MANUEL MILLAN, Southern Baptist home missionary in Cuba for 19 years, died of a heart attack Oct. 26. Millan, 54, served more than ten years as pastor in San Cristobal, Pinar del Rio Province. Millan's death was the second death among workers in Cuba since 1952. ■

Jesus Had a Program And So Do Baptists

NO CHRISTIAN life is abundant without compassion, prayer, service, and sharing. The New Testament makes much of these doctrines, and this makes each one a Christian grace.

Surely every Christian knows and feels the need of prayer. Likewise, every Christian knows and feels the need of real compassion. Every Christian also knows that service to God means ministering to fallen humanity. Then every Christian knows that sharing material possessions through the church results in spiritual stature for the giver, and blessings for benighted souls. Therefore Baptists believe in all of these doctrines.

But in many instances the grace of giving is passed over and neglected as a touchy subject. In some instances this grace is avoided entirely. Some churches have an unwritten law that the pastor must not say anything about the stewardship of sharing material possessions until the annual budget-making time. Then his remarks must be aimed at raising money so that the church services can be maintained.

This is asking the pastor to lead in an impossible program — that of getting generous gifts from reluctant, stingy, stubborn souls. No wonder that we have so many church members who are pagan in their stewardship outlook and utterly opposed to any plan or program that will present the Bible plan of giving.

The above approach to stewardship is wrong, because it is contrary to the teachings of Jesus. He tried to enlighten the understanding, challenge the mind, reach the heart, quicken the

conscience, and point out opportunities of service.

To do all of this, Jesus had a program. That program included some fundamental teachings. That program also included what is known as four great withdrawals. On these occasions, Jesus took his disciples outside the territory of Herod, Antipas. Some think that he made these withdrawals in order to avoid conflicts with those in civil authority and some believe that he was trying to get the disciples to see that he was not a political messiah, but the spiritual Messiah. But the fact remains — Jesus had a program — and that program included teaching and preaching on giving.

Baptists believe in and promote programs. But we do not believe in promoting programs for the sake of programs. We believe that programs are only means to an end. With this fundamental belief in mind and because of the tremendous need for more Bible teaching on the stewardship of giving, Baptists are promoting the Forward Program of Church Finance.

We have had the privilege of working with and visiting many churches that are using the program this fall, and in every church that is following the program, there is an air of victory. If your church is not using the Forward Program of Church Finance this year, we suggest that the leaders visit a church which is completing the plan, and learn, first hand, the results.

Remember! God has never failed to bless his people when they are willing to attempt a hard job for him.

This plan is producing more results in a shorter time, than any approach yet made by Baptists. This is true because it is a Bible-centered program in the hands of dedicated people — that is the reason why more and more churches are using the Forward Program of Church Finance. — Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary

Church Business Course Added by Southwestern

FORT WORTH — A course in church business administration will be offered by the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary next year during the second semester of summer school, June 22-July 17.

Dr. Lee McCoy, professor of education administration and adult education, will teach the course. Dean Joe Davis Heacock said it will especially benefit church business administrators and pastors who desire a better understanding of the problems and techniques of directing the church's administrative functions. ■



EX-EDITOR COSSEY
Going Strong at 70

Former Editor Cossey Begins New Work

J. I. COSSEY, who served as editor of Arkansas Baptist without pay for seven crucial years of Arkansas Baptist history, is still going strong at the age of three score years and ten.

Recently Mr. Cossey gave up the pastorate of College City Church, on the campus of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, to devote full time as a field representative of Southern. He will solicit contributions for the Student Aid Fund which he established some time ago and will counsel with students interested in attending Southern College.

Since 1947 this beloved leader has served the college as instructor, counselor, missions director, newspaper editor, and, in the role Public Relations Director J. T. Midkiff described as his "greatest capacity" — the role of friend to all, students and faculty members alike.

A native and life-long Arkansawyer, Mr. Cossey hails from Damascus, is a graduate of Ouachita College, and has served as pastor of a number of leading churches of the state. He received his theological education at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. While at Ouachita he courted and won as his wife Miss Lucille Young of Gurdon. They have had three children, none of whom survive. They have an adopted son and have assisted generously young people who needed financial aid in going to college.

Mr. Cossey was pastor of Sagamore Hill Church during and following his seminary days in Ft. Worth. He was the first educational director in Tarrant County Association, Ft. Worth, where he promoted stewardship education and unified church budgets in the churches.

Arkansas pastorates have included 1st Church, DeQueen, 1st Church, Searcy, Central Church, Jonesboro, and the Smithville and New Hope churches. It

Coming Next Week

THE COVER story next week will feature Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

In this feature the editor will share with his readers a series of photographs he made during Religious Emphasis Week, Nov. 3-7.

Although this junior college is not officially an institution at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, it is Baptist and receives part of its support through the Cooperative Program. Approximately 30 percent of the Baptist pastors now serving in Arkansas are reported to be alumni of the college.

was while serving a 12-year tenure as pastor at Searcy that he served his editorship with Arkansas Baptist.

Denominational positions he has held include membership on the Arkansas State Convention Executive Board; the Convention's Honor Debt Board; Central College board of trustees; and membership on the Hospital Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Convention \$250,000 Shy of 1958 Goal

NASHVILLE —(BP)— As of Nov. 1, the Southern Baptist Convention was about \$250,000 shy of its operating and capital needs budget for 1958 of \$13 million.

Treasurer Porter Routh reported that \$1,236,317 in Cooperative Program funds came in during October.

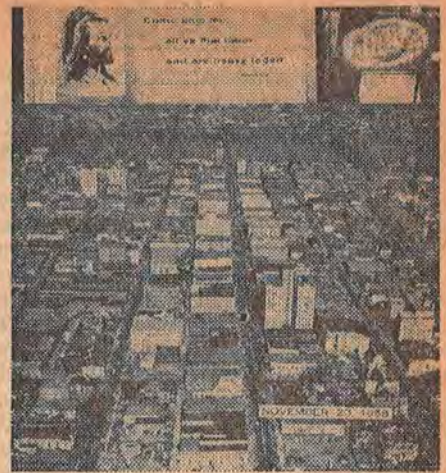
The October receipts from states in the Southern Baptist Convention brought the 10-month Cooperative Program total to \$12,753,864.

During October, the Convention also received \$142,168 in specially designated gifts. For 1958 to date, the amount received in designated gifts amounts to \$8,968,646.

The 10-month total of \$21,722,510 was \$1,721,929 more than had been received at Convention treasurer's office here during the same period in 1957, a gain of 8.61 per cent.

During October, 1958, Arkansas contributed \$43,750 through the Cooperative Program and \$668 through designations for a total of \$44,418. ■

DELEGATES ATTENDING the thirteenth annual convention of the National Sunday School Association, Des Moines, Iowa, were told by Clate A. Risley of Chicago, executive secretary of the association, that the "greatest 'ism' in the world" is not Communism, Romanism, or any cult, but "indifferentism." "Every person in our nation," he said, "could be contacted within one year if each Sunday school worker would call on one prospect a week."



Cover Story

Christ in the Hearts Answer for All Problems

CHRIST IN the hearts of the people is the answer for Little Rock and for the world.

Our cover this week is a combination of two photographs — a billboard in Chicago and the business district of Arkansas' capital city.

The gigantic billboard, featuring Sallman's "Head of Christ" and the Matt. 11:28 scripture reference, is located at one of Chicago's busiest intersections. It is one of 100 such billboards produced by Best Seller Publicity, Chicago, for the Chicago area. Five hundred other such billboards are on display across the country.

The photo of downtown Little Rock was made by the Arkansas State Publicity division. ■

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Arkansas All Over

● **THE FRESHMAN COUNCIL** of the Baptist Student Union of Ouachita assumed duties of the Executive B. S. U. Council for the week of Nov. 3-8. The following officers were elected to the council: president, Ken Reinhardt, Little Rock; vice president, Doodle Newsom, El Dorado; enlistment chairman, Berdell Cahoon, Pine Bluff; devotional chairman, Johnny Jackson, Waldo; secretary, Sandy Pierce, Clarksville; treasurer, Bing Colvin, Dermott; special chairman, Judy Ray, North Little Rock; music chairman, Ron Kelly, Hot Springs; publications, Joy Taylor, Ft. Smith; extension chairman, Hubert Dungan, El Dorado; publicity chairman, Shirley Long, Helena; stewardship chairman, Gloria Hendrix, Arkadelphia.

● **LITTLE HOPE Church**, Oden, Arthur Beshears, pastor, has joined the list of churches receiving the Arkansas Baptist under the budget plan.

Marianna Begins Educational Unit

FIRST CHURCH, Marianna, has begun construction of a \$127,000 educational building.

Initial construction on the unit will call for expenditure of about \$93,000.

The new building, of fire-resistant construction, will provide for four nurseries, two beginner departments, one primary department, two junior departments, two intermediate departments and two adult departments. The basement will be used for a kitchen, dining room and recreation.

With completion of the unit, the church will be able to provide for 750 in Sunday School. ■

● **FIRST CHURCH**, Brinkley, which reported an average Sunday School attendance for last year of 245, now is averaging about 300, Pastor Dale McCoy reports. The church is now in the process of buying additional property.

Pastoral Changes

NEW PASTORS in Pulaski Association include: Charles Thompson, formerly of 1st Church, Baskin, La., at Gravel Ridge; Jack Hogue, Harmony; Capt. Roy J. Thomas, Hill Top; W. Earl Ashley, Trinity, formerly of 1st Church, Hunter. (CB)

OCT. 31 MARKED the closing of the ministry of John J. McCollum at Center Hill Church, Paragould. He served as pastor for seven years.



MR. MCCOLLUM

Mr. McCollum has accepted the call of New Friendship Church, Paragould. He moved with his wife and two children, Janice and John, to the new field Nov. 1.

JAMES HARRELL, Benton, has accepted the pastorate of Buie Church, Central Association. Mr. Harrell is a student in medical school and plans to become a medical missionary.

J. BOB WOODIEL, formerly of Lulu Church, Senath, Mo., is the new pastor of Center Hill, Paragould.

● **THE SUNDAY School** of 1st Church, Benton, has reached the standard and the officers and teachers have voted reaching the advanced standard as a goal for the coming year. (CB)

● **SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY**, Ft. Worth, Tex., has enrolled 131 Arkansas students for this semester. There are 1,928 students studying at Southwestern from 33 states and the District of Columbia. Thirty-three foreign students from 13 countries are also enrolled.

● **JOHN TERRY**, who has been forced to give up the active pastorate because of ill health, has moved back to Decatur, where he pastored 1st Church for nearly three years a few years ago. He is available for supply and may be secured by calling 114 Decatur, or by calling Seibert H. Haley, 1st Church, Decatur, Phone 17.

● **FIRST CHURCH**, Bauxite, has announced plans for construction of a mission chapel in the Midway community on the Benton-Bauxite highway. The 35-by-75-foot brick veneer will provide educational space from nursery through adult. The auditorium will seat about 150. Phil J. Beach is pastor and Jack Campbell chairman of the committee in charge of construction.

● **HIGHWAY CHURCH**, North Little Rock, has purchased a five-room house and land east of the church. The church recently voted to sell \$50,000 in bonds for the first unit of a new educational plant. The church, a former mission of Immanuel, is now being pastored by Bunyan A. Wallace.



1st CHURCH, MARIANNA: Contractor W. C. Jennings, left, studies blueprints for a new Education building for 1st Church, Marianna, with, left to right, W. F. Curtis, chairman of building committee; A. G. Samuel, contractor; T. G. Willis, chairman of finance committee; and Pastor D. Hoyle Haire.

Revival Reports

THIRD CHURCH, Malvern: Dr. Gerald Smith, Waco, Tex., formerly of Crossett, evangelist; eight professions, one by letter.

OZONE CHURCH, Clerk Creek Association: Paul E. Wilhelm, Lamar, evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Clarksville, singer; S. A. Wiles, pastor; seven by profession, one rededication.

CENTERVILLE CHURCH, Dardanelle-Russellville Association: Glenn Kauffman, Russellville, evangelist; Mrs. Hazel Worsham, singer; two by baptism; one other conversion and three rededications.

BLACK OAK Church, Washington-Madison Association: Jamie Coleman, evangelist; Carl Mitchell, song leader; Gene Gray, soloist; 12 by profession, seven by letter and 19 rededications.

● **NINETEEN SENIORS** have been selected to represent Ouachita Baptist College in the 1958-59 edition of "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges". The group includes Betty Rae Allen, Hughes; Lillian Blackmon, Arkadelphia; Gene Blagg, Little Rock; Winnie Smith Bratcher, Flint, Mich.; Joyce Pannell Buckner, Bauxite; Charles Byrd, Andalusia, Ala.; Carole Crockett, Ft. Smith; Linda Day, Malvern; Jo Ann Blancett Graham, Little Rock; Robert Graham, Conway; Ronald Hayworth, Kerman, Calif.; Bill Halbert, Little Rock; Nona Johnson, Pine Bluff; Harris Lloyd, Marianna; Robert Lowry, Arkadelphia; Katherine Rodgers, Arkadelphia; Irene Sablan, Agana, Guam; Reuben Setliff, Magnolia; Gail Taylor, Little Rock.

● **THE JUNIOR Training Union of 1st Church, Lake City,** has been recognized in the Training Union Magazine for September as the only standard department from Arkansas in a list of those over the Southern Baptist Convention.

Silent Classes Hold Tri-State Meeting

MORE THAN 100 persons attended a three-state meeting of Silent Sunday School classes in 1st Church, Lake City, recently.

The Lake City Church was a pioneer in work with the deaf. Attending were representatives from Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee.

Pastor John Basinger said, "Our goal is to give more and more deaf the opportunity to avail themselves of church services."

The Lake City church is the only one in the northeast section providing such services. ■



GRAND AVENUE CHURCH, Fort Smith, awarded Sunday School Worker's Citation to four of its Sunday School workers at a Workers' Commencement Service on Sunday morning, November 2. This makes a total of six Worker's Citations held by Sunday School workers at this church. Pictured, left to right, above, are Mrs. K. E. Brown, Mrs. Vernon Wikstrom, Mrs. John Faulkner, Mrs. Charles Mullins, James Chatham; and Mrs. Charles Morrow all of whom qualified for the Worker's Citation. Other diplomas held by workers of Grand Avenue Baptist Church include 74 Worker's Diplomas, 33 Advance Diplomas, and 16 Master Diplomas, all of which have been awarded in the past three years at annual commencement exercises. James L. Pleitz is pastor of this church.

● BOBBY WRIGHT student in



MR. WRIGHT

Ouachita College, is the new pastor of Waldenburg Church. He assumed his new duties there on Sunday, Oct. 5. Waldenburg Church, near Jonesboro, is in Trinity Association.

1st Church, Ft. Smith, Ahead in Training

FIRST CHURCH, Ft. Smith, led all other churches in the state in Sunday school training awards for the first month of the current associational year.

The church has earned 571 awards for the first month which is more than they earned for a full year in 1956-57. Last year their total was 1,179.

The Concord Baptist Association, which consists of 40 churches in the Ft. Smith area, also leads all other Arkansas associations with a total of 884 awards for the month of October, compared with the 297 awards the association earned in October 1957. Concord has set a goal of 5,000 Sunday school awards for the current year. ■

Soul Analysis

Those who sought to give a natural explanation for the power that was present in the meetings (of Billy Graham) were completely baffled. A psychiatrist sat through five meetings in his attempt to analyze it. Then God analyzed him. He too joined the thousands who had begun to live by taking Christ as their Lord and Saviour—Robert O. Ferm in **Persuaded to Live: Conversion Stories from the Billy Graham Crusades** (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Ordinations

GUM SPRINGS Church, Central Association, ordained Willis Calhoun to the ministry Oct. 26. Mr. Calhoun is pastor of Mt. Vernon Church. Members of the council included: Robert Sivils, moderator; Hugh Owen, examination; J. W. Royal, charge; Clarence Shell, prayer, and Floyd Pannell, sermon. (CB)

FIVE DEACONS were ordained in the New Hope No. 2 Church, Rt. 1, Hardy, Oct. 12. Cecil Guthrie, Black River Associational Missionary, served as moderator; W. H. Heard, pastor, 1st church, Walnut Ridge, preached the ordination sermon; and J. C. Smith, pastor, 1st Church, Imboden, led the ordination prayer. The newly ordained deacons are: Cyrus B. Davidson, Clarence A. Coyle, Thomas D. Pursley, Ralph Garner and William H. Davenport.

The Real Test of Arkansas Baptist Progress

THOSE OF us who serve the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as "denominational employees" are happy for this occasion to welcome our fellow Baptists from all sections of our state to the annual meetings this week of our Convention. We sincerely trust that your visit here this week will be pleasant and, above all else, spiritually profitable.

As Executive Secretary Whitlow points out on page 2 of this issue, there are many indications of progress in our work as Arkansas Baptists during the past year. Despite the recession of the first half of the year, giving through the Cooperative Program is approximately \$71,500 ahead of a year ago and there is good prospect of us reaching our budget goal by the end of the year.

What is of even greater significance, the indication is, with reports from 23 of our 44 associations in, that we had a substantial increase in the number of people won to Christ this year as over last year.

Of course, the real test of our progress is not whether we are running ahead of last year, but whether we are measuring up to the opportunities and responsibilities of this year. And, of course, spiritual growth and progress of a people is not to be measured merely in tables of statistics. We progress only as Christ lives in us and shows through our daily lives in our homes, at our work, at play, as well as on Sunday and at church. To the extent we "give Christ all the keys to our hearts" we will advance as Arkansas Baptists.

Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation

ON THURSDAY of next week Americans will observe Thanksgiving Day. Most of our business houses and offices will be closed and our highways will be crowded by the millions who will be taking advantage of the holiday to go visiting or on excursions. Regardless of what we plan to do at this time, we will rob ourselves if we fail to include worship and gratitude to Almighty God.

This is a good time to read again the first national proclamation of Thanksgiving, by George Washington:

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint Committee, requested me 'to recommend to the people of the United States a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness';

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the Good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in tendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and

And, also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all people, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace and accord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increasing of science, among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best. Given under my hand at the City of New York, the third day of October, 1789. —George Washington."

Personally Speaking . . . She Needed to Give

ON WHAT USED to be called Armistice Day (now Veterans' Day) the papers carried the sad story of a father in Newark, N. J., stabbing his 12-year-old daughter to death in an argument over donating food for a school Thanksgiving basket for the poor.

The children at school had each been asked to bring something, and Mildred Campbell, a sixth grader, asked her father, 47-year-old Robert Campbell, for a box of gelatin or a bag of walnuts.

As the disabled head of a family on relief — a family including six children — the father refused. "We need it more than they do," he said.

In the argument that ensued, the father is reported to have plunged a paring knife into the chest of the little girl, killing her instantly.

The fact that the father was an epileptic and unemployable adds to the pathos.

Despite the fact she was from a relief family, Mildred had felt the necessity of giving something. It may be she could not stand the embarrassment of being one, perhaps the only one in her class, who would give nothing.

Or she may have had the higher motive of a Christian, desiring out of her love and concern for those even no less fortunate than herself and her family, to share what she had. In that case she must have been a kindred spirit with those Christians of another age of whom it was said: ". . . in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power . . . and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints."

The one who withholds all for self will surely become stagnant if not bitter. But the one who, out of love, even though the personal need be great, gives, is not likely ever to be either stagnant or bitter or miserable.

Yes, Mildred needed to give. She needed to give more than she needed a new dress or new shoes or better balanced meals. For Mildred was a human being.

There is nothing now we can do for Mildred. But Arkansas Baptists each year at this time have a wonderful opportunity to give for their own needy children, the children we are giving a home at Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. They are looking to us for food, clothing, shelter, education and religious guidance. You can give to them through your own local church. And we need to give, for our own spiritual welfare, even more than these children need our help. —ELM

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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PRESS REPORTS HAVE WRONGLY IMPLIED THAT THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION HAS CALLED FOR BROOKS HAYS'

RESIGNATION AS S B C PRESIDENT A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF MEN IN THE JACKSON AREA RECENTLY BEGAN AN

ORGANIZATION THEY CALL "BAPTIST LAYMEN OF MISSISSIPPI".

THE MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP CHOSE THE CONVENTION MEETING TIME TO RELEASE TO THE PRESS THEIR DEMAND FOR HAYS'

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Paper Blasts New Pope

THE WHITE-SMOKE, black-smoke, no-smoke, "cloak and dagger" proceedings at the recent papal elections "tended to spread the circus atmosphere over the whole of Christianity." So charged an editorial in the Church of England newspaper, an unofficial journal widely circulated among the Anglican clergy. Charging that new Pope John XXIII is "on the verge of decrepitude" and "an, old man long, past the reasonable age of retirement," the paper swung hard at the "cloak and dagger romanticism" of the papal balloting.

Won't Tax Private Schools

HEAVY VOTING by Californians Nov. 4 defeated Proposition 16, an attempt to tax private schools in the Golden State. If the legislation had passed, California would have become the first state of the union to impose a tax on non-public schools. The defeat of the bill has been heralded as a successful block to irreligious groups who seek to destroy America's dual system of education.

Leaves Millions to Charity

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. Carrie Estelle Doheny, widow of oilman and Catholic lay leader Edward L. Doheny, has left the bulk of her \$25,000,000 estate to charity. Most of the \$15 million-plus earmarked for charity by the 83-year-old society and civic leader will go to Catholic institutions.

Pushes Yoga for Masses

YOGA, ONCE practised only by Hindu men, is being promoted on a large scale for the masses of India with the reported endorsement of Prime Minister Nehru, President Prasad and other government leaders.

Although basically yoga is only a system of physical culture, its origins are traced in India to a conversation between Lord Brahma, god of creation, and Lord Shiva, god of destruction, in which Shiva presented yoga as a means of escape from life's physical pains and mental distresses.

Nehru, who reportedly practises sirsahasana (standing on his head with feet pointed straight up), has joined other governmental leaders in urging the widespread use of yoga for the prevention of disease and for both mental and physical health.

Interpreter's Bible

Dear Mr. McDonald:

YOUR STATEMENT in the October 23rd issue, "Southern Baptist scholars were represented among the scholars who jointly produced both the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and the new commentary, *Interpreter's Bible*. This is not to say that either is perfect, but neither is our beloved King James Version, which was the work completely of scholars of the Church of England," seems to infer that the *Interpreter's Bible* is a reliable commentary that you would recommend to the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist*. . .

If you will investigate this *Interpreter's Bible* you will find the words "myth," "legend," "folklore," constantly used in describing stories from the Old Testament.

The following is an example of the awful apostasy from and hatred of God's Holy, Infallible Word, the Bible:

On the fall of man: Vol. I, page 501, "The story in this chapter (Genesis 3) of man's disobedience to God's command and his expulsion from the garden to a life of toil is dependent upon an ancient myth which J (one of the unknown compilers of Genesis) drastically revised. A fragment of this myth is now preserved in verse 22."

Concerning salvation by blood: Volume I, page 917, "From the earliest records of primitive sacrifice man has been obsessed by the efficacy of innocent blood to save from disaster. Both the Roman Catholic and the Protestant churches have perpetuated this primitive tradition in all their ritual, in their hymns and sacred books. Realistically, shed blood is horrible beyond words. . ."

On the resurrection of Christ: Volume VII, page 914, "But Jesus breaks out of every man-made tomb. Now and then on the bulletin boards of post-offices we see pictured the face of a man who has escaped from the jail with this warning, 'Dangerous man at large.' That is, in very truth, the message of the resurrection. The most dangerous Man in the World is at large. Jesus Christ has broken jail."

Can the Southern Baptist Book Stores still promote and sell this blasphemous commentary when they know this is the very same crowd that would Stalinize and Sovietize America, is the same crowd that is back of the Revised Standard (per) Version of the Bible, is the very same crowd with which thousands of professing Fundamentalists fellowship in the apostate Presbyterian Church U. S. A.; the Northern Baptist Convention, etc. — Gordon Thomas, El Dorado

COMMENTARIES on the Scriptures, as other works of men, are not, like

Dardanelle Baptist Church, organized in the late 1840's, had its building confiscated by the Union Army during the War between the States. After camping in the building, the soldiers burned it to the ground in 1865.



Years later the church put in a claim at Washington and the Government granted the church \$1,650 on a new house.



sugar-coated pills, to be swallowed whole. *Interpreter's Bible*, on the whole, is a valuable addition to the field of Bible literature, we believe. And not every one who fails to agree with you or me on the interpretation of the Scriptures is out to "Stalinize and Sovietize America . . ." —ELM

Accord, Not Unison

Dear Editor:

I believe I have discovered another great reason why Baptists are going forward. They are not in unison. They are in accord. This confirms with what the Bible says concerning the early church: "With one accord" Acts 2:46.

Dr. Cecil Sutley of Ouachita College once said: "If a man and his wife are in unison, one is doing the thinking for the other."

When a group of people sing in uni-

son, we miss the melody of harmony and chords. There are no chords in unison, neither is there art. A one-fingered pianist would not be very popular. Even a room with one color loses its appeal. Nature has prepared color and harmony in much of its handiwork . . .

It is so true that there is only one correct answer to a problem, but there may be ways of finding it. Long division; short division. There is harmony in finding the answer. —C. R. Cantrell.

Religious Emphasis Week

Dear Editor:

LET ME thank you again for helping us in our week at Southern Baptist College. I felt that it was our best week that we have had. The students were very expressive in their words of appreciation for what you did to help them.—Tom J. Logue

Petting

Problem Of Today's Teenagers

Purity is reverence for the mystery of creation.

That's the way a preacher said it. Here's the way a teen-ager said it.

"It all started with kissing games in grade school, and kissing the boy I was 'going with' each week, which was the fad. Then when I started having car dates a goodnight kiss wasn't anything, and I had smooching sessions with each boy I dated. This was considered the thing to do with the popular kids at school, and I thought it was a big ball. But as time went on this wasn't enough either, and I began to go further and further. However, having been reared in a Christian home, and in the church, I was shaken to the core one night when I almost went all the way with a boy I didn't care a thing about. Afterwards I realized that this was the inevitable outcome for all the courting I had been doing for a long time."

You as a teen-ager have quite a responsibility when it comes to date decisions. You have more freedom of choice than the youth of many other countries, and also more freedom than ever before was true in America.

Your curfew may seem early to you, but it's probably far later than any that your grandparents ever knew. They dated less and knew nothing of the privacy you perhaps take for granted—
The privacy of the parked car.

Or the privacy of the drive-in theater.

What you decide to do with this dating responsibility will possibly have more impact on your future than any other decision you will make. You see, your dating standards are the foundation for your home.

Actually you have two standards to choose from. One is the Bible standard which teaches that purity is the foundation for the finest type Christian home.

The other standard says for you to do whatever comes naturally.

The statement of a well-known actress represents this lower standard: "Sex is a perfectly natural feeling, and I'm for doing what comes naturally." This rather crudely states what so much of America is practicing. Whether we like to admit it or not, today's standard is, "If it makes you popular, if

it gets you dates, if everybody's doing it, then it's bound to be all right."

True, right now you may not hold this "all-the-way" attitude. But the devil will tempt you to make only a small step in the wrong direction, and then another, and then another. His main concern is to get you to look upon the Bible standard as too strict to be practical — the Bible standard which says sex is a sacred trust and should be guarded as such, for that special person, that special home.

The standard of "doing-what-comes-naturally" is dangerous. It is a false concept of how to make the best of life. Character is not built by following the line of least resistance. Character is strengthened every time we master a fleeting impulse in order to gain a lasting prize further down the line.

And another thing, this "doing-what-

Reformation Emphasis Needed in Modern Age

NORRISTOWN, Pa. —(BP)— Religion without faith came in for heavy attack in a Reformation Day message here by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C.

Carlson spoke at the First Presbyterian Church in a community service sponsored by the Norristown Council of Churches.

Some students of the Reformation, Carlson said, may count it strange that a Baptist layman should be asked to give a Reformation Day sermon in view of the fact that "our Anabaptist forbears were not generally well received in those decades of upheaval." However, "there are points of spiritual insight in the Reformation that need to be shared by us all."

Luther's theme, "the just shall live by faith," has pertinence to the present day, the Baptist leader said, because of the current tendency toward the institutionalization of religion. "Totalitarianism is a part of our age . . . and . . . unfortunately institutionalized religion can also become totalitarian."

"Our modern age of religious freedom rests heavily on the understanding that the just must live by faith," Carlson declared. In view of the "hatred abroad in our land, even to the point of bombing schools, synagogues and churches" the spiritual insight that gave the Reformation movement meaning as a spiritual force must again be recaptured.

"Christian faith is no a subjective, ethereal experience of confident living," Carlson explained. "In Luther's experience the authority of a pretentious but disillusioning church was replaced by the authority of Christ as revealed in the Bible. The Book took the place of the church as the valid communicating medium." ■

comes-naturally" standard is not working. Although many young Americans have adopted the idea that too much purity is foolishness, they have discovered the surest way to defeat their chance for obtaining genuine happiness is to follow this false standard. The rising divorce rate is one example of what happens when the lower standard is followed. There is a definite connection between dating standards and strong, happy, Christian homes.

You may choose the "doing-what-comes-naturally" standard and indulge in petting if you wish. But you have another choice. It is the Bible standard of personal purity.

The Bible teaches that there is something sacred about the boy-girl relationship. The Bible further teaches that this relationship is the foundation for the most important institution in the world, the Christian home. So fine and holy and beautiful and exciting are the possibilities of this home that, according to the Bible, it is utter folly to treat lightly the capacity for such love or to mar in any way your chances for such a partnership, such a home.

And that's what you are doing when your dating standards are not the very highest. The "Thou shalt not's" which the Bible sets down along this line are not to squelch fun. Not at all! The "Keep thyself pure's" are God's way of leading you to become a full participant in a real and wonderful love that is in no way cheap or base. He wants every Christian couple to experience a "till-death-do-us-part" love that has always been God's ideal.

As you choose where you go and what you do on each date you are following one or the other of these standards. The world on every hand says it's OK to play around with sex. The Bible says it is not.

The lower standard says, "Have fun, enjoy yourself, do what comes naturally, do what the crowd is doing." The Bible says, "Let us live cleanly as in the daylight, not in the delights of getting drunk and of playing with sex. Let us be Christ's men from head to foot and give no chances to the flesh to have its fling" (Romans 13:13-14, Philippians). —Baptist Standard ■

Missouri Association Becomes Convention

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. —(BP)— The Missouri Baptist General Association has changed its name to Missouri Baptist Convention, discarding the title which the state Baptist body has borne since its organization in 1834.

Action changing the name came at the 124th annual session of the association here.

The convention's 1959 Cooperative Program goal, as adopted here, is \$2,600,000, to be divided 65 per cent for state Baptist work and 35 per cent for work of the Southern Baptist Convention. ■

Kindness to the Old Minister

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.

(Wake Forest, N. C.)

A PASTOR 100 miles away called me up to ask me to preach for him one Sunday during his vacation. I was pastor of the church 35 years ago. I can guess the motives that prompted him. A few old friends, he knew, would be pleased, and he was sure I'd give his people a message worth while, maybe some nuggets of garnered wisdom out of my long experience.

But he knew well I'm an "old preacher," and that some of his people would prefer to hear a younger man. For youth does attract and inspire.

But I cannot doubt that the invitation was due largely to fine feeling in this pastor, and a conviction that the churches owe to the discarded old minister an occasional gesture of recognition and kindness. He was sure that the "old war horse" needs for his drooping morale the thrill now and then of the pulpit, which in earlier days was more than a throne to him.

I testify in the interest of hundreds of old ministers, who need this thrill even more than I, that to preach occasionally, if merely to be recognized and used — maybe once in six months — is more than a tonic: it is morale-building; it is life-giving; it even prolongs life.

I testify that in the 65 years since I first became a pastor, life has had no thrill, no delight, equal to that of

Committee Denounces Acts of Violence

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The executive committee of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has issued a statement denouncing acts of violence against minority groups, which are menacing life and damaging property in Atlanta and other American cities.

"The inflammatory statements and defiant acts of certain elected public officials have encouraged disrespect for constitutional government and law, and fostered a spirit of rebellion and lawlessness," the committee declared.

"In accordance with annual statements in the Southern Baptist Convention, composing more than nine million members, the Commission urges all citizens to actively oppose lawless acts, such as bombings, beatings, and abuse of persons because of race, religion, or conviction.

"Our American government rests upon moral law. We would appeal to all churches to rigorously support the law enforcement agencies, and to lead the communities to practice moral and spiritual principles for the creation of law-abiding and non-violent attitudes." ■

preaching — the thrill of representing God and passing on his message to men. No matter how old he is, the true preacher longs for that thrill as for nothing else on earth . . . To provide him that thrill now and then is sheer kindness and mercy. Food and money are as dross in comparison. Believe me as one who knows out of experience.

A college chum, one of the truest, most dedicated men I've ever known, who for nearly 40 years was the popular pastor of a growing city church in New York state, forced by failing health to retire at near 80, always in every letter to me, wrote, "Preaching and being a shepherd to my people was life to me. If only I had something to do! If only I could preach now and then!"

Then he would tell of the thrill he felt when opportunity came — a sermon, a talk, even a marriage or a funeral. Even once in some months! Don't neglect to give the old minister such a gesture of kindness — if only once or twice a year. ■

Social Drinking Upheld by Churches

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Alcoholic beverages are a blessing from God if used properly, but a curse if misused, Episcopalian Church leaders agreed here at the 59th general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

A report near the close of the two-week conclave said that moderate social drinking is in full accord with Old and New Testament teaching.

(Editor's Note: Baptists would never vote like this in a business session, but many Baptists support liquor interests by voting "wet" or by sitting still and letting the "wets" settle the elections in state and community elections.—ELM) ■

New Radio Program Approved by Commission

FT. WORTH — Members of Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission have authorized production of a new religious variety radio program and urged the study of media needs in Latin America and other foreign markets.

After listening to a pilot tape of the new 30-minute radio program called "Master Control," 25 representatives from 18 states voted to launch it as soon as it is financially and mechanically possible.

The format of "Master Control" will dio by adapting them to religious programming. ■

THE BOOKSHELF

Sixteen Famous American Plays, edited by Bennett A. Cerf and Van H. Cartmel, The Modern Library, Random House, New York

Modern Library books constitute a miracle of quality, quantity and economy in the field of literature. This compilation of sixteen modern American plays is no exception. Included are: "Life with Father," "The Time of Your Life," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The Little Foxes," "Our Town," "Having Wonderful Time," "The Women," "Boy Meets Girl," "Waiting for Lefty," "Dead End," "The Petrified Forest," "Ah, Wilderness!" "The Front Page," "Biography," "The Green Pastures," and "They Knew What They Wanted."

Notable Sermons from Protestant Pulpits, edited by Charles L. Wallis, Abingdon Press, 1958, \$2.95

Two Southern Baptist preachers — Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, and Ralph A. Herring, pastor of 1st Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., are among the two dozen ministers represented in this collection. "Equal under God," is Dr. McCall's sermon topic, and Dr. Herring's topic is "God's Outreach."

Other contributors include Ralph W. Sockman, Theodore Parker Ferris, John L. Casteel, Rolland W. Schloerb, Hampton Adams, David A. MacLennan, Harold A. Bosley, J. R. Brokhoff, Clifford Ansgar Nelson, Albert Edward Day, Gerald Kennedy, John S. Bonnell, Paul S. Rees, John A. Redhead, Samuel M. Shoemaker, Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., Donald MacLeod, Harold Cooke Phillips, David H. C. Read, William Everette Phifer, Jr., Joseph R. Sizoo, and Paul Scherer.

The Free Church through the Ages, by Gunnar Westin, Broadman Press, 1958, \$4.75

This "dramatic story of struggle and victory in the free church movement" by one who is regarded as one of Europe's outstanding church historians, is translated by Virgil A. Olson.

The insistence by various groups of individuals across the centuries since New Testament times that each Christian congregation should be free to determine its own course of action is one of the threads traced by Westin. Another emphasis deals with the conviction that "being a Christian involves an individual commitment to Christ which in turn demands an upright pattern of life."

Christians holding these ideas, the author points out, "have frequently been regarded as subversive — heretical in religion and seditious in politics." He shows that church and civil authorities alike have taken strong measures toward forcing these advocates of religious independence into conformity with established religions. Every preacher and every library should have this book.

The Finger of God in Seeking Leaders

By Charles H. Rankin

(Southern Baptist Missionary,
La Junta, Colo.)

"IT WAS one of those mornings when Samuel the prophet would have preferred a cold or some other confinement to keep him home. As he had breakfast, God spoke the orders for the day, "Hurry this morning, Samuel. We are going to anoint a king for Israel."

"But, Lord, Israel has a king. You know Saul will kill me if he hears about this. He's been on the war path a good deal these days, and I don't want his fury turned on me."

After reassurance from the Lord, Samuel's apprehension vanished. Clutching his horn of oil, the bold prophet set out on a historic mission. The bristle and stir in his step was similar to that of a modern secretary of state, valise tucked under arm, hurrying off to another hemisphere. But in the mission of Samuel the seer there was a prophetic purpose.

Samuel was pleased and marveled at such manhood in Jesse's older sons, all aspirant kings, as they passed in review before the prophet. Any one of these could have been Samuel's choice. Yet God kept saying, "The Lord hath not chosen this." Not until David, last and not least, was presented did God say, "... Arise, anoint him: for this is he" (I Samuel 16:12).

When the Lord's finger points, this is a silent signal to follow the direction in which it leads. In the midst of the clamor and complexity on the contemporary scene, there is the distinct danger of losing sight of the awesome awareness that we are to depend upon God to call forth leaders. We must lean wholly on his Spirit, none on externals and excellencies of men. Recommendations from one who wants to push another out front cannot stand stronger than the stern voice of the Spirit.

There is a degree of commendation one can give, it seems, without disregarding the office of the Holy Spirit or running ahead of God. We are to look after one another in fraternal love; this is natural and normal. The author has given to churches and individuals the names of available men but never without making it clear that it is a matter of prayer and deep searching for them as they let the Spirit guide.

There is a place for human instrumentality in human relations. There is also a place where it ends; and that is in God's domain of discretion and decision. We are prone to invade, and sometimes usurp, the Spirit's office of selecting and setting apart whom he chooses. God has never relinquished or relegated his work of calling leaders.

Such dependence upon God is urged in seeking a man for pastor, for an

institution, or for any denominational post. Depending more on ourselves and less on God makes us, not more stalwart, but starved and spiritually impoverished.

When Acting President J. Wash Watts of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary called upon the alumni for unparalleled prayer for a man to be raised up to head that school, we were reminded of the searching, searing message of the fearless prophets of old. It must be God's choice, God's man. There will be many upon whom we will look with favor as a fitting choice. But there will be only one to whom God's finger will point and come to rest. This will be the man.

As prospective men pass before us, how often we look with discerning and

discriminating faculty upon the fine features which may be only external. There is the tendency abroad to weigh these more heavily than we ought.

We must let the Spirit of Jehovah make the choice. When we have the full and final assurance that "This is he," then we can also be assured that whom God has anointed he will strengthen, sustain, and crown with wisdom.

Once the finger of God has come to rest, he does not withhold it; but God continues to point in the direction his anointed is to walk and the direction in which we are to walk with our Spirit-appointed leader.

Because God's finger only points and does not push, it is entirely our choice as to the direction we will take. ■

Christmas Not Always Happy, Arkansan Says

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— Because tragedy knows no season, Christmas isn't always a time of joy. While others are celebrating "the happiest day of the year," some families are bowed down with grief.

In December *Home Life*, Dora Nichols, Widener, Ark., tells about the Christmas when tragedy came to their home.

The Nichols family experienced a "Miracle at Christmas," according to the *Home Life* feature. Although their infant son was at the point of death during Christmas week, their prayers of faith were heard and God brought joy at last out of sorrow. ■

California to Survey Convention Operation

SANTA ROSA, Calif. —(BP)— Messengers to the annual session of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California here approved a survey of their convention operation by a professional management consultant firm.

The convention also joined with the Los Angeles association of Southern Baptist churches and Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to invite the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in that city in 1962.

The California convention elected Charles L. McClain, pastor, Truett Memorial Church, Long Beach, president, and selected San Diego for its 1959 session.

It adopted a 1959 budget of \$953,635. Of this, \$800,000 will come from anticipated Cooperative Program receipts, 22 per cent of which will be forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention. ■

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

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

TV and Christianity

QUESTION: Do you think watching T.V. is a sin? I was against T.V. in our home but my husband bought



DR. HUDSON

one because my children kept going visiting so that they could see the programs. I am against going to picture shows, not because it would hurt me, but because of the harm it would do some others who follow my example. It seems that T.V. and picture shows are

very similar.

ANSWER: You are right about the similarity. In fact, many of the T.V. movies were shown first in commercial picture shows. But let's not throw out the baby with the wash. There are good and bad movies, just as there are good and bad church members, and books, and foods, and clothes, and chemicals. But I do not refuse to read printed matter just because some books are slush and rot.

I know that the influence of T.V., especially in some of its advertising, is evil. But my child may think I am fanatical and unreasonable if I were to refuse to allow her to see the obviously good on T.V. It seems the better part of wisdom to stay close to her and teach her to decide between the good and the bad.

Just think, seven to ten million people are hearing Billy Graham every Saturday night over T.V. Nothing like this has ever happened in the history of the world. ■

Texas Baptists Adopt Race, School Report

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. —(BP)— Texas Baptists, at their state convention session here, adopted a resolution deploring "all acts of violence growing out of religious intolerance or race hatred."

They also adopted recommendations of their state Christian life commission which described the public school system as a "bulwark" of American society and the race problem as "primarily a moral and spiritual problem."

Another recommendation of the Christian life commission, likewise adopted, "protested the inclusion of sectarian and church-related agencies" in community United Fund campaigns. It urged Baptist agencies to refrain from asking or receiving support through these campaigns.

Observers believed the resolution and the adoption of the recommendations of the Christian life commission were the "strongest stand" taken by Texas Baptists on the matter of race.

The state Christian life commission acknowledged that "members of Baptist churches are honestly divided on the best course for Christians" in the racial issue.

It said, however, there was "solid Scriptural ground" for rejecting force or violence as a way to solve the problem. It also deplored "exploitation of race hatred for gain whether religious, political, or economic," and spoke of recent bombings of churches and schools as the "malignant fruition of the general rejection of law and order." ■

Hays Honored In Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BPN)— Congressman Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention and author of the new Broadman Press book, *This World: A Christian's Workshop*, displayed bewilderment at his overwhelming reception recently at the Nashville airport. Mrs. Hays also enjoys the honors paid to her husband.

Taking part in the welcoming were Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Mayor Ben West who presented a certificate to Mr. Hays proclaiming him an honorary citizen of Nashville.

A representative of Governor Frank G. Clement presented papers to Mr. Hays naming him an honorary citizen of Tennessee.

Mrs. Hays shared in the tributes, receiving a bouquet of roses from the Sunday School Board.

The occasion was the couple's arrival for Brooks Hays Day sponsored by the Board to honor the Baptist and national leader in connection with Broadman's publication of his book.

A Meaningful Thanksgiving

Personal Experience in National Tradition

By C. Emanuel Carlson

(Executive Director,
Baptist Joint Committee
on Public Affairs)

THANKSGIVING DAY can be either a national holiday or a spiritual experience. And if we so desire, it can be both.

"God Almighty may be specially thanked, praised, and blessed on next Wednesday forenoon — the text to be appropriate and the sermon to be applicable thereto." This permission to give thanks was granted by the Governor of New Amsterdam in 1645. It is probably the first Thanksgiving proclamation in New York's history.

"Your Reverence will please announce this matter to the congregation next Sunday so they may have notice. On which we rely," said the Governor to the pastor.

Civil authorities in the new world had begun very early "to order thanksgiving" in the colonies. The pattern was normal, for all the colonists came from backgrounds in which their religious experiences were supposed to emanate from government authority.

In various colonies the practice had started by orders to give thanks for a safe crossing over the ocean, for the new harvest, for a treaty with the Indians, or for other special divine favors to these exposed colonial groups.

In 1775 the Continental Congress proclaimed a special day of prayer for all the colonies, thereby starting a shift of this function to the central government. Following the Declaration of Independence and the other events which moved toward a new united nation, the Continental Congress proclaimed December 18, 1777, as a Thanksgiving Day. This may be taken as our first national observance of the day.

Presidents Washington and Adams followed the above patterns and proclaimed days of prayer and thanksgiving. But Jefferson was sure that these were violations of the Constitution and refused to accede to such requests.

"Fasting and prayer are religious exercises; the enjoining of them an act of discipline. Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the times for these exercises and the objects proper for them," he said in reply to a Presbyterian clergyman.

"Civil powers alone have been given to the President of the United States, and no authority to direct the religious exercises of his constituents," he continued.

James Madison found himself in difficulty because his political oppo-

nents felt he was asking for partisan prayers during the war, but the proclamations have become standard procedure as part of the American culture.

Therein lies both a problem and an opportunity. We have Thanksgiving Day but that does not assure gratitude. The experience of gratitude does not come by political or national fiat. Perhaps the national holiday neither aids nor prevents the experience.

If the observance of the special day should cause us to feel that in merely having it we as an American people humble ourselves in adequate recognition of our dependence upon God, it may cause us to ignore personal expressions which are more meaningful.

Similarly, if our gratitude is limited to an expression regarding our national interests, thanking God for what he has done for us and for our friends, we may miss the soul-enlarging experience which we need to be Christians in today's world.

Our government declares the holiday. How we use it depends upon our insights and our devotion. The day will probably not be a day of fasting in 1958, although such an exercise of soul-searching discipline would be quite in order these days.

To be meaningful our gratitude must also include a renewal of our responsiveness to Christ and to the mind of God. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination" is an old proverb with much wisdom.

If we will take time to seek the full counsel of God and thoughtfully recognize the greatness of God's wonderful care and provision, we will undoubtedly join the Psalmist in calling upon our own souls. "Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." ■

PREFABRICATING PERSUADERS

MOST SCIENTISTS now agree that cigarette smoking is related to both lung cancer and heart disease. The public is uncomfortably aware of this fact, but not sure what to do about it," says Congressman John A. Blatnik, chairman of a Congressional committee which has been investigating misleading advertising.

"Some people have stopped smoking altogether," he asserts. "In order to overcome this trend, much of current cigarette advertising is misleading the public into thinking that it is getting a protection which really isn't there." Mr. Blatnik has given his word that he intends to do everything in his power to change this situation and to assure that advertising will be honest.

"Pardon Me for Boasting"

MAY THIS "boasting" be done in the spirit of the great Apostle who boasted to his friend on behalf of the church at Corinth (2 Corinthians 7:14). This certainly is no vainglorious brag of the "since I came" variety. Rather, it is a sincere expression of gratitude for a program which will revolutionize the giving habits of our people and multiply the effectiveness of our world-wide program. This is the story of the Forward Program in one church; the blessings derived from it; the victories won through it.

One year ago, we were observing for the first time in the grand history of our church a Sunday designated as "Pledge Day." Never before had the membership subscribed a budget in this way — particularly, one which called for an increase of nearly 40 per cent in one year! From the day the Forward Program was presented, the people had been enthusiastic in their support and co-operation. The committees followed "the book" with a slavish fidelity. A budget of \$140,000 was proposed and adopted.

In one day, pledges totaled \$114,972. One week later, on Victory Day, we had the financial victory of a total pledge of \$143,278.72. The people had oversubscribed the budget!

We experienced spiritual victories which cannot be so easily tabulated. With no previous records with which to compare, we now had 1,026 people making a pledge and 538 individuals listed as tithers!

Now, the question: Did we perform what we pledged? In a word, yes. Professional fund-raising organizations suggest a discount of 10 per cent of pledges as non-collectable. Since January 1, our percentage amounts to 1½ per cent! (This figure is based on the difference between total budget needs compared to total budget receipts. This does not take into account the tithes and offerings of new members, nor does it discount those who have moved away.)

Some of our members make additional gifts in December each year after their final net income has been established. These gifts will more than make up for the 1½ per cent deficiency mentioned above.

The people of our church are "sold" on the Forward Program of Church Finance. Many described the effect of the campaign as "a great revival of the church membership." But if I say any more . . . I will be boasting.—Robert L. Smith, pastor 1st Church, Pine Bluff. ■



C. Y. DOSSEY

Southern Baptist College Plans Efficiency Conference

SOUTHERN BAPTIST College will be host to a Church Efficiency Conference Dec. 8-12.

Conference leaders include Bill Emmitt, minister of music, 1st Church, Conway; Earl Edwards, pastor, 1st Church, Tyroneza; Richard Perkins, pastor, Gaines Street, Little Rock; C. Y. Dossey, associate superintendent of evangelism, Home Mission Board, Dallas; Carl Conard, director of French Mission Work in Louisiana; Ralph McIntyre, associate pastor, Bellevue Church, Memphis; Laney McReynolds, pastor, Morningside Church, Shreveport; E. C. Polk, pastor, 1st Church, Figgott; Dr. E. B. Abington, 1st Church, Earle; and Dr. Dale Cowling, 2nd Church, Little Rock. ■

Southern Seminary Alumni, Take Note

TICKETS FOR the Southern Seminary Breakfast at Sam Peck Hotel, Little Rock, are still available and the price is \$1.25, not \$1.75 as announced in our paper recently. The time is 7 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19. Tickets may be secured from A. Ermon Webb, Stuttgart, president of the Southern alumni association, Arkansas chapter, or from W. O. Vaught or Walter Warmath.

South Carolina Elects Sunday School Leader

COLUMBIA, S. C. —(BP)— John K. Durst, associate professor of church administration in the school of religious education, New Orleans Seminary, has been named director of the Sunday school department of the general board of South Carolina Baptist Convention. Assuming his new duties on Dec. 1, Durst will succeed the late Dr. J. L. Corzine. ■

New Mexico Adopts Budget of \$439,559

ALAMOGORDO, N. M. —(BP)— The Baptist Convention of New Mexico has approved a budget for 1959 of \$459,559. This is \$53,000 greater than the current budget.

Thirty per cent of the 1959 budget will be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

The convention elected W. D. Wyatt, pastor, 1st Church, Albuquerque, president. It asked Lewis Myers to continue serving as editor of the Baptist New Mexican, weekly convention paper, until his successor has been elected. Myers (a former editor of Arkansas Baptist) had announced his retirement.

Progress reports of Baptist work in the state showed a gain of 23 churches and missions during the past year. There are now 243 churches and 103 missions affiliated with the New Mexico convention. These churches and missions have a total membership of 73,705. ■

Thank You, Sir!

Dear Brother McDonald:

We are still enjoying the Arkansas Baptist and think you are doing a good job as our editor. May the Lord bless you always and in all ways. —H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs

Selfishness vs. Challenge

OUR LOVED ones become our foes in many less dramatic ways than those depicted in apostolic times. Some years ago a novelist pictured a wife who got the impression that her husband was being imposed upon in his work at the office. She warned him repeatedly against letting others put their burdens on him. She dropped the idea into his mind as regularly as she put the sugar into his breakfast coffee. After a time this affected his way of thinking and made him feel that he was a fool to exert himself too much. Then, in a kind of marital reciprocity, he began to beg her not to tax herself in service to others. Thus the two nursed themselves into soft selfishness.

Contrast that woman's weakening influence with the spirit of Wendell Phillips' wife. The latter was an invalid. Every night before Phillips went out to speak for the slavery reforms so dear to his heart and so dangerous to his reputation, he would go to his wife's bedside. She would take his hand in both of hers and say, "Don't shilly-shally tonight, Wendell!" Such fortifying influence is beyond measure.—Ralph W. Sockman in *Man's First Love*, just published by Doubleday & Co., New York.



MISS SOUTHERLAND

**Carolyn Southerland BSU
Director at Arkansas College**

DIRECTING AN enthusiastic group of Baptist students at the Arkansas College is attractive Carolyn Southerland. Carolyn has an excellent background for her student work, having attended Arkansas College, the University of Arkansas, and Ouachita Baptist College. It was while she was a student at the University that Carolyn realized what the Baptist Student Union could mean in the life of a college student. Still amazed at the patience of Director Jamie Jones, Carolyn states that it was here that the Baptist Student Union inspired her to give her best to Christ.

Her home was a Christian home: it was the home of the J. K. Southerlands of Batesville. Carolyn is one of three daughters in the family. Still as vivid as the day on which it happened is the memory of a sunny afternoon in April of 1948 when Dr. E. P. J. Garrott led her to give her life to Christ.

Life has been an exciting experience for Carolyn. She was elected Homecoming Queen her senior year in high school; attended the last Baptist World Alliance and toured Europe, Africa, and the Holy Land; and as always is finding real happiness in her church activities. She is organist at 1st Church at Batesville, pianist for Young Peoples Department in Sunday School, associate director of Intermediate Department in Training Union, and is serving as volunteer director of the Baptist Student Union of Arkansas College. With only 50 Baptist students at the college, each day approximately 25 take time to come to the Baptist Student Union devotional service. Her enthusiasm has been contagious.

What does Miss Southerland do with her spare time? She is employed as branch secretary for the General Adjudgment Bureau. —Tom Logue ■

CHURCH MUSIC

**LeRoy McClard, Director
Training Opportunities**

IN THE LAST article in the **Arkansas Baptist** we suggested that each church could improve the Music Ministry by beginning a music training program. We gave some suggestions on the annual school of music. This week we ask you to consider some other training opportunities.

Week by Week Classes

Many churches have benefitted by providing music classes meeting once each week. Three examples are given:

1. Pianists of the departments were taught by the church pianist one afternoon a week for several weeks.

2. A class was conducted for department song leaders, taught by the church music director. Several conduct courses for song leaders and accompanists as a part of Training Union for a period of ten weeks. Word of caution: If the Training Union plan is followed, the courses should be planned in conjunction with Training Union leadership, not over against. Two competing or conflicting programs should never be planned in a Baptist church.

3. Church choir members met 30 minutes before rehearsal time for 16 weeks. They studied **The Beginning Music Reader** by McKinney.

Mid-week Prayer Meeting

Several pastors have had such high regard for the Music Training Course text **Music In The Bible** that they have used it as a basis for the mid-week service over a period of weeks. All those who attended at least 80 percent of the time and read the text were eligible for awards. Other pastors have done the same thing with **Christian Hymnody** and **Church Music Manual** and will probably do so with the new text **Graded Choir Handbook**.

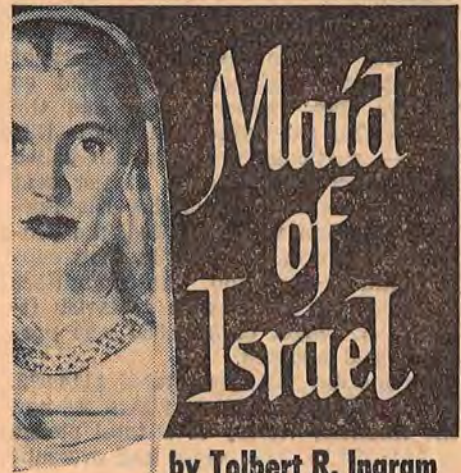
Next week we will complete the present discussion of training opportunities. ■

PAUL O. Madsen, Westfield, New Jersey, associate executive secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, has announced plans to organize the first two American Baptist congregations in Anchorage, Alaska, area.

**Southern Pastors Favor
Compliance With Court**

NEW YORK — A survey conducted by "Pulpit Digest," a non-denominational journal for ministers, shows that a majority of Protestant ministers in the 17 Southern states favor compliance with the Supreme Court's order for racial integration in public schools.

Out of the 765 ministers who answered the questionnaire, four out of five expressed an opinion favoring integration. Those who opposed suggested finding possible legal ways of avoiding the court's decision. Three per cent said they favored open disobedience. ■



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Attention Seekers

PEOPLE WHO are forever seeking and expecting praise are still childishly immature; they haven't grown up.

This desire for attention, this passion to be recognized, is natural in children, but it is pathetic and tragic in men and women.

The man who is first on his feet to speak the moment the meeting is thrown open for discussion, whether or not he has anything to say, does it largely to call attention to himself.

The woman who takes pure delight in telling how many operations she has had, who insists that no one has suffered quite as much as she — usually is seeking appreciation and praise. She may be most deserving of it, but she runs a great risk of not receiving it from the unsympathetic listener.

One needs to develop the mental attitude of not seeking or expecting praise. We need to recognize also that the very best things one does in this world often go without notice, praise, or cheer. Jesus' temptation experience illustrates this truth. In substance Satan said to Jesus, "Do as you plan and

nobody will take notice of what you do, but do as I tell you and the world will be at your feet."

Satan was right. Many times the best things in this world never are cheered as much as those that are temporarily popular. Any man in public life knows this only too well. William Jennings Bryan said that upon a certain occasion when he was making a speech he was greatly impressed by the attention of a certain man in the audience.

"The man sat a few rows from the front and as the speech went on he seemed to grow more and more absorbed. He hung upon the speaker's words. Mr. Bryan said he felt so flattered that he found himself watching his admirer more and more closely until finally he was aware that he was addressing himself to that one man, oblivious to the rest of the audience. Later in the evening the man came upon the platform, watched his chance and grasped Mr. Bryan's hand. He said, 'I have never taken my eyes off your face.' He was so eager and so en-

thusiastic that Mr. Bryan felt thrilled, for here was real appreciation. The man continued, 'I am a dentist, and never before in my whole professional career have I seen a speaker who, when he laughs, shows both rows of teeth all the way around.'"

What you consider the most important in life usually is the least recognized.

Be content with the knowledge that your work well done is your greatest praise. If you are faithful in doing your best in Christ, one day you will hear from the heavenly Father. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—William T. Flynt, pastor 1st Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky. ■

AUTHORITIES AT Buffalo State Teachers College have decided that the chapel on the campus needs to be renamed to give it a less religious sound. Counsel for the State University ordered it to be called a "meditation room," in future, and he ruled that no worship services may be held on the campus under the constitutional provision of church-state separation.

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Quotables

Compiled by John E. Southard

Trouble is usually produced by those who do not produce anything else.

A man should be like tea which shows its real worth when getting in hot water.

Faith is a spiritual life in action.

There are no idle rumors. Rumors are always busy.

Salvation cannot be analyzed, it must be realized.

Do not face the day until you have faced God.

Our weak condemnation of others passes when Christ's light is turned on our lives.

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When we listen, God speaks; when we obey, God acts.

Do good with your money or it will do you no good.

Putting off until tomorrow leads to sorrow.

If you say nothing no one will repeat it.

Many a married couple is like a team of horses — parted by a tongue!

Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it's stored than to anything on which it's poured.

Men may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do.

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If sin were not deceitful it would never be delightful.

To bring up a child in the way he should go, you must have traveled that way yourself.

Give your life to God and God will fill your life.

An atheist is a person who has no invisible means of support.

Speak well of your enemies! You made them.

Life is a one-way street — we are not coming back.

If a man has something, he doesn't have to prove it; if he doesn't, talking will do no good.

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If you would life others up you must be on higher ground yourself.

If a sermon pricks your conscience it must have had good points.

A shadow proves that there is a light.

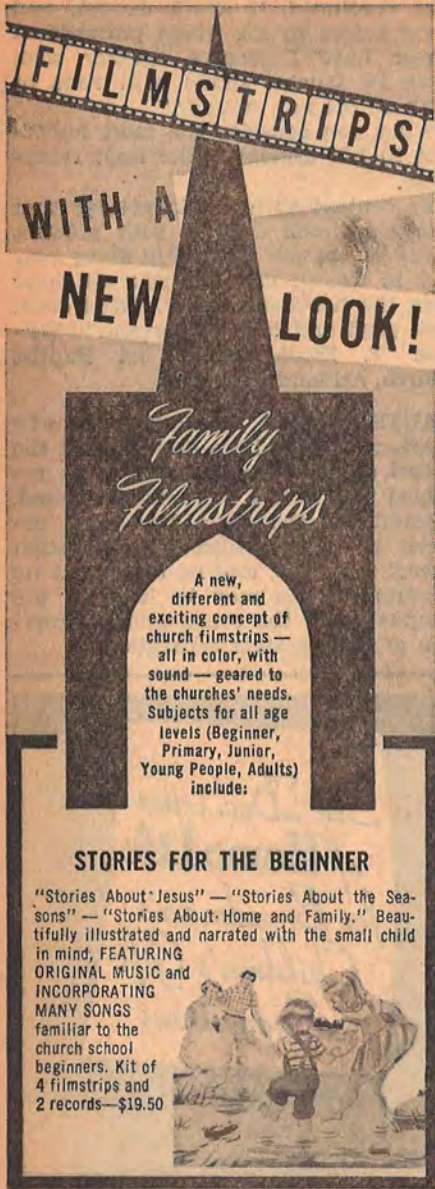
Resolves are like blossoms, actions like fruit.

Sweetness at home gives power abroad.

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Death Claims Mrs. Ray

MRS. CHARLES H. RAY of Little Rock died on November 6 following 22 months of hospitalization. Prior to her retirement in 1949 she served eleven years as executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas, as state president for six years, and as vice president from Central District for three years.

As a devoted member of Immanuel Baptist Church at Little Rock she proved her devotion for Kingdom work as she filled many places of leadership — president of Woman's Missionary Union, teacher in the Sunday school, members of the choir — and was a loyal supporter of all activities of her church.

Soon after the death of her husband Mrs. Ray was stricken with her fatal illness. She was greatly beloved as leader, as friend, as Christian and her life will continue to challenge dedication of Baptist womanhood of Arkansas to the cause of missions. She is survived by two nephews.

WEEK OF PRAYER
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“. . . and yet abideth HOPE . . .”

Miss Ruth Kersey Dies

MISS RUTH KERSEY, 69, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, died Nov. 8 following a long illness. Since her retirement from active missionary service in 1955, she had made her home in Richmond, Va. In Ogbomoso, Nigeria, where she served for most of her 35 years on the mission field, Miss Kersey founded and directed the Home for Motherless Babies, now known as Kersey Children's Home. ■

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

● 1ST CHURCH Blytheville has included an allocation in the budget for a new mission. Congratulations, Dr. Pitts and church! You are setting the example many of our larger churches should follow. The slogan, "Every Church with a Mission," may be impracticable for some, but there are yet many places for a mission station.

● According to a survey conducted in several states, 90 percent, or 27,000 Southern Baptist churches, will cooperate in the 1959 Evangelistic Crusade. We just don't know what the percentage is for Arkansas. How is your association measuring up? Is your church committed?

● An estimated two million members of Southern Baptist churches will observe New Year's Eve Prayer Meeting as part of the Simultaneous Crusade preparations.

● "A Revival Plan Book," by Vernon Yearby, will be mailed from this office to all our pastors and missionaries within the next few weeks. Open all your mail! Read it!

● Independence Association has a new house for missionary Harrison Johns and family. They observed "open house" and had 175 to attend. Congratulations to Independence for providing a lively place for your missionary's family!

● Dennis James, former pastor of Bellefonte Church, has accepted the call as missionary in Boone and Newton Counties. This will be his "second hitch" in the same plan of service. Welcome back into the fellowship of our mission work and workers!

● Luther Dorsey, pastor of Forrest Park Church, Pine Bluff, announces Billy Walker as their evangelist for next March 8-22.

● Do you have a complete steering committee in your Association? We need your list. ■

● EVANGELIST AND Mrs. H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, have recently concluded successful revival meetings at Sherman, Tex., London, Ky., and Fairfield, Ill. These were return engagements.

Cox Named Superintendent Of Intermediate Work

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)—William A. Cox became superintendent of Intermediate work in the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board on November 1. He was formerly superintendent of audio-visual aids in that department.



MR. COX

A native of Jefferson, Tex., Mr. Cox is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Cox became supervisor for the educational work of the Board's Audio-Visual Aids Department in May, 1955, and became audio-visual aids superintendent for the Sunday School Department in November, 1957. ■

BROTHERHOOD

By Nelson Tull

THE BROTHERHOOD Department extends hearty greetings to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, convening this week in Little Rock.

Our Convention is truly moving "Forward with Christ" towards greater accomplishments in every phase of the life and work of our denomination. We thank God for His continuing blessings!

The Brotherhood Department passes on to you the best wishes of the State Brotherhood Convention of 15 Regional Brotherhood Conventions, of 42 Associational Brotherhoods, of about 600 church brotherhoods; also of the State Royal Ambassador Congress, of five area congresses, of twenty or more Associational Royal Ambassador conclaves and of about 560 Church Royal Ambassador chapters.

The Brotherhood Department pledges to you the best we have towards building a greater tomorrow — greater in all phases of the great man-boy program of Arkansas Baptists.

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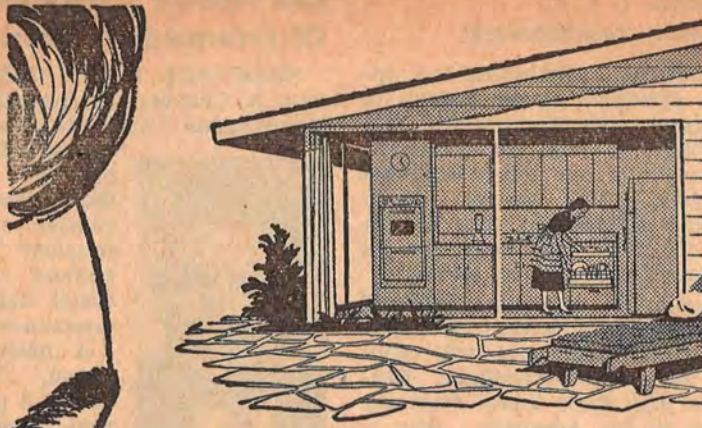
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'M' Night Schedule

FOLLOWING ARE the association "M" Night meeting places and goals:

- Arkansas Valley, 1st Church, West Helena, goal, 300.
- Ashley, 1st Church, Crossett, 555.
- Bartholomew.
- Benton Co., 1st Church, Siloam Springs, 700.
- Big Creek, Hardy, (December 2)
- Black River, Tuckerman, 400.
- Boone, 1st Church, Harrison.
- Buckner, Waldron.
- Caddo River, Norman Church, Norman.
- Carey.
- Caroline, England, 500.
- Carroll.
- Centennial, Almyra Baptist Church, 350.
- Central, 1st Church, Benton (Dec. 1); Park Place Church, Hot Springs (Dec. 2), 1,000.
- Clerk Creek, 1st Church, Clarksville, 1st Church, Van Buren, 750.
- Concord, 1st Church, Ft. Smith.
- Conway-Perry, 1st Church, Morrilton, 150.
- Current River, Pocahontas (Dec. 2), 250.
- Dardanelle-Russellville, 1st Church, Atkins, (Dec. 4).
- Delta, Bellaire Church, Dermott, 400.
- Faulkner, 2nd Church, Conway (Dec. 2).
- Gainesville, Rector Church, Rector, 250.
- Greene Co.
- Harmony, Southside, Pine Bluff, (Dec. 15), 500; Dumas, Arkansas.
- Hope, Central Baptist, Magnolia, 800.
- Independence
- Liberty
- Little R. River, 1st Church, Heber Springs, 271.
- Little River, DeQueen, Arkansas, 175.
- Mississippi Co., 1st Church, Blytheville, 1,500.
- Mt. Zion, 1st Church, Jonesboro, 725.
- Newton Co., 1st Church, Jasper.
- Ouachita.
- Pulaski Co., 1st Church, Little Rock, (Dec. 1); Baring Cross, NLR, (Dec. 2), 2,000.
- Red River, High School Auditorium, Gurdon.
- Rocky Bayou, Oxford.
- Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, Leslie.
- Tri-County, Crawfordsville, 500.
- Trinity, Tyronza.
- Washington-Madison, 1st Church, Fayetteville.
- White County.
- White River.
- Woodruff.

ACCORDING TO the latest figures released by the National Council of Churches of Christ in Korea, Christians in South Korea now total more than 6 per cent of the population. Protestants number 1,323,091; Roman Catholics, 242,034; and Eastern Orthodox believers, 200.—The Survey Bulletin

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Bible Study Week, *A Study of the Gospel of Mark*, January 5-9.

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State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, February 9-11.

Group Training Schools in Associations (Outside Ft. Smith area), February 23-27.
Vacation Bible School Month, June. Goal — 1,000 schools.

Convention-wide Preparation Week in the churches, September 21-25.

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Pastor-led Enlargement Campaign, Concord Association. E. Stanley Williamson, Director, February 16-20.

State Associational Leadership Conference, Little Rock, March 3. E. Stanley Williamson, Director.

First Convention-wide Associational Sunday School Officers Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, August 19-21. E. Stanley Williamson, Director.

One-night Training-Planning Clinics for Associational Officers, September 1-11. E. Stanley Williamson, Director.

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South-wide Regional Administration and Teaching Clinic, First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, February 23-27. James Lackey, Director.

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First Sunday School Week, Glorieta, June 25-July 1.

Second Sunday School Week, Glorieta, July 2-8.

First Sunday School Week, Ridgecrest, July 23-29.

Second Sunday School Week, Ridgecrest, July 30-August 5.

State Sunday School Conference, Immanuel Church, Little Rock. A. V. Washburn, Director, assisted by full staff of workers from the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, October 12-16.



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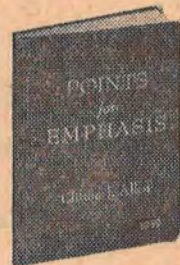
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Broadman Book Title Chosen as Textbook

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BPN)— Essentials of New Testament Greek by Dr. Ray Summers was chosen as the textbook for a project at the University of Chicago on the teaching of New Testament Greek by use of audio-visual aids.

Summers is professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary. Dr. Frederick I. Kuhns chose the book on the basis of eleven outstanding features, including clarity, brevity, and helpfulness of the exercises and examples. ■

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Talking Drums



By Aylesa Forsee

THERE'S SOMETHING exciting and mysterious about the sound of drums. Almost everyone likes to hear the drums in a marching band. But you would think it very strange if your mother drummed to call you to dinner or a doctor beat a tom-tom to cure a cut finger or a case of measles.

However, boys and girls living in certain parts of Africa, like Nigeria, would not be at all surprised. In African life the drum is very important. Drummers are picked in childhood and practice for years. They may begin on a tiny hand drum made of a coconut shell and end up with an enormous drum made of a large tree trunk that requires several men to carry it.

Drums are of many shapes, sizes, and designs. The most common are hollowed-out logs with leopard-, tiger-, or goatskins stretched across the top and held taut by twine or pegs. Drums are beaten with sticks, hands, fists, or finger tips.

Drums have many uses. In villages a drummer pounds away at daybreak to let villagers know it is time to get up. Drum signals call people to prayer and to rest. The food beat serves as a dinner bell. There is even a work beat with which the village chief may sing, "Saga laga la-me-do — I do not like a man who is lazy."

The drum is also a means of protection, warning of the approach of danger, whether it be a band of unfriendly strangers or fierce jungle animals. The leopard beat, if it doesn't scare the beast away, will at least tell others of the presence of the animal and summon villagers for the kill.

To form an orchestra, twenty or more drums are rounded up. Both children and grownups love to dance to this music.

Every African drum talks. Words, even whole sentences, can be sent through a system of high and low notes

and rapid or slow beats. Among some tribes whole speeches are given on drums. Sometimes messages are relayed for miles and miles from one drummer to the next.

While away from home, a medical missionary had lent his car to a native named Caesar. After his trip, the doctor found the car back of his hut, but there were no keys. When news came that he was needed immediately in a village some miles away, the missionary said to a helper, "What shall I do? Caesar must have taken the keys home with him. And his village is far from here."

"I send drum message to Caesar," the helper promised.

Across the miles one listening drummer after another picked up the message, "Where are the doctor's keys?"

Within minutes the message came back through the jungle. "Desk. Medicine hut."

The doctor found his keys and soon was on his way.

Anything from news of a leopard hunt to news of war in the outside world can be sent by drums.

Sometimes the drum is worshipped as a god. It is believed to contain the spirit of the tree from which it is carved. To please this spirit, offerings are made of palm wine, fowls, or eggs when the tree is chopped down. Among people holding the belief that sickness is caused by an evil spirit, the drum is used to drive the spirit away.

All kinds of charms are used to decorate drums. Often they are the bones of a lion or a gorilla.

The drum adds dignity and solemnity to tribal gatherings and religious ceremonies. It is the means of keeping alive stories and legends. According to an old African tale, the first man to be created on earth was a drummer. The drum and the man who plays it are much honored in African life. ■

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THE HILLYBILLY was disgusted. The general store was out of his favorite chewing tobacco. "Be sure to telephone me when you get some," he said.

"But, Lem," protested the storekeeper, "you don't have a phone."

"No," said the man from the hills "but that's no excuse — you have one." —Indiana Telephone News.

THEY KEPT pushing him toward the rear of the bus until finally they pushed him out the back exit door. He ran excitedly to the front of the bus and tried to get on again. Someone yelled at him and said: "Sorry, bub, but we're too crowded."

"I don't care," he wailed. "You've got to let me on or I'll get fired. I'm the driver." —Pacific Oil-Motive Magazine.

WOMAN TO husband as she arrives in auto with smashed front: "And the policeman was so nice about it. He asked if I'd like for the city to remove all the telephone poles." —Wooden Barrel.

MANY A man's wallet would be flatter if it weren't so full of credit cards.

THE LITTLE BOY was visiting a farm for the first time in his life. He was taken out to see the lambs and after much coaxing built up enough courage to pat one. He was delighted. "Why," he exclaimed, "they make them out of blankets."

WHILE HALF the population is going around trying to stamp out heart disease the other half is going around saying "Drop Dead."

HUSBAND — A curious animal who buys his football tickets in June and his wife's Christmas present on December 24.

Your Manners Please

TWO COCKROACHES lunched in a dirty sewer and excitedly discussed the spotless, gleaming restaurant in the neighborhood.

"I hear," said one, "that the refrigerators shine like polished silver, the shelves are clean as a whistle. The floors sparkle like diamonds. It's so clean . . ."

"Please," said the second in disgust, nibbling on a moldy roll, "not while I'm eating."

THE PARATROOPERS were aloft for their first jump. Everything went off in perfect order, until the last man came forward to jump. "Hold it!" shouted his commanding officer. "You're not wearing your parachute!"

"Oh, that's all right, sir," retorted the recruit. "We're just practicing, aren't we?" — Outspan.

Jesus Arouses Opposition

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Text: Mark 2:18-28
Nov. 23

RALPH W. EMERSON said, "The effects of opposition are wonderful." As one studies the life of Christ, and then the history of the early church, one wonders what might have happened had there been no opposition. Certainly Christianity would have spread; whether it would have spread at anything near the rate it did in the first century is extremely doubtful.



MR. COOK

The opposition Christ faced in his ministry did not detour Him from His goal, either. If anything, it spurred Him on, more determined than ever to face a Gethsemane, a cross, or whatever was needed to redeem man. In His Galilean ministry, which we have been studying for the past two weeks, Christ met opposition. The multitudes which heard Him outside the city of Capernaum in His famous "Sermon on the Mount" had dwindled. The critics increased in number.

Jesus Defends His Disciples

When the critics came to question Jesus about the difference between His disciples and theirs, He defended the actions of His. A. T. Robertson suggests that it was probably the presence of the disciples of Christ at Matthew's feast on one of the Jewish fast days that occasioned the complaint. One particularly sad element is that the "disciples of John" had aligned themselves with the Pharisees in opposing Jesus. It seems that the disciples of the Baptist, during the Lord's ministry, continued to form a separate body (compare Matt. 11:2; 14:12).

Evidently they had their own fast days and their own forms of prayer (Luke 11:1). Theirs was a rigorous asceticism. They could not fail to feel the contrast between their master in prison and Jesus at the feast. Jesus answered with three illustrations — marriage, cloth, and wine. Luke calls the illustrations parables (Luke 5:36). Each of the three was to establish the same truth, the truth that there is a time and place for everything, that we should observe a fitness and propriety in things. Frankly, all of this teaches that the old forms of Judaism will not contain the new content of Christianity.

Jesus was actually saying, "My disciples do not fast because they are not

sad. Their times of sadness will come after the bridegroom is gone." The Pharisee thought that fasting was a good thing, and would bring extra merit in the sight of God. The modern Pharisee says the same about many externals of ritual and worship. Jesus Christ says, "No!" It was not that our Lord objected to fasting, but He did object to the formal use of it as the Pharisees used it.

Then the countenance of Jesus changed greatly. The day would come when "the Bridegroom shall be taken away." Cambridge Greek Testament suggests that this is the first recorded intimation in the Saviour's public teaching of His end. "That given in conversation with Nicodemus (John 3:14) was less clear and a more private intimation."

New Christianity and Old Judaism

The Master then states: "No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment" and "No man putteth new wine into old bottles." In other words, new cloth on an old garment would cause a worse tear all around. New wine poured into old wine skins that won't expand anymore could only make the wine burst out the skin when the wine expands. The new wine would ferment, and swell, and burst them. Christianity would burst forth in that fashion, too. New Christianity would not be able to contain the old Pharisaical prayers. Neither would the old system of Pharisaical fasting be contained in it. Old sadness and long faces could not possibly keep up with the new vitality of Christianity. "It is not fit that my doctrine should be attached to, or connected with, the old and corrupt doctrines of the Pharisees," is what Christ was saying.

Plucking Grain on the Sabbath

Next the critics came up with the idea of misusing the sabbath. In open opposition they stood to Christ, stating that His disciples were doing that which was not lawful. Lenski states that Jesus never broke Jewish ceremonial laws, but just the Pharisaical laws built up by tradition. B. H. Carroll says they "plucked the heads of grain and rubbed them in their hands, which they were allowed to do by the Mosaic law." Deuteronomy 23:25 proves that it was not theft. Cambridge Greek Testament says, "The law of course forbade reaping and threshing on that day, but the rabbis had decided that even to pluck corn was to be construed as reaping, and to rub it as threshing. They even forbade walking on grass as species of threshing, and would not allow

so much as a fruit to be plucked from a tree on that day." Hunger did not matter! Strict formalism was all that counted, as far as the Pharisees were concerned.

In this account it is interesting to note the parallel account in Matt. 12:1-8. Jesus replies by an appeal (1) to history, the case of David, (2) to the law, the work of the priests — Matt. 12:5 (3) to the prophets — Matt. 12:7, and (4) to his own authority over the sabbath. David, fleeing from Saul, came to the high priest at Nob, and entered the Tabernacle and ate of the hallowed bread (1 Sam. 22:1-9), of the cakes of fine flour, "the bread of the presence" which no stranger might eat (Ex. 25:30; 29:33; Lev. 24:6-7). Jesus stated also that in the law (Num. 28:9-10) it told of the priests profaning the sabbath by doing that which was necessary and offering sacrifices. Also, had not Hosea (6:6) stated that God desired mercy and not sacrifice? Had the sabbath laws become so rigidly set in formalism that not even the Son of Man could do that which was necessary? Who is Lord of the sabbath, anyway?

In Genesis, it states that man was made first, and then the sabbath was promoted for his welfare. It is for man — for his rest from toil, his rest from the cares and anxieties of the world, to give an opportunity to call of his attention from earthly concerns, and to direct it to the affairs of eternity. Pre-eminently intended, then, for man's welfare, and where used aright, the sabbath would result in man's temporal and eternal peace. Man's real needs are not to bend to that which was made for him. But, remember, what the disciples did on the sabbath was of vital necessity. This authorizes work only of real necessity, not of imaginary wants, or amusement, or worldly employment!

In deciding proper use, one must remember that the remainder of the verse says that the Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath. Therefore, He directs the manner of its observance and not man. In keeping the sabbath — or in observing the Lord's Day — Christians are to do honor to the Lord. That will not mean keeping rules, but it will mean rest and worship and spiritual service in the name of Christ. ■

National News On 'This Is the Answer'

THE NATION'S two great news services, the Associated Press and the United Press International, have recently made "This Is The Answer" and its Commission director the subjects of news stories, distributed among their nation-wide networks of newspapers. Both stories resulted from interviews with Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission director Dr. Paul M. Stevens, when he was in Hollywood to complete filming on the 13 new films for "Televangelism 1959." ■

Walter Yeldell Heads Tri-County Association

TRI-COUNTY Association: Walter Yeldell, pastor of 1st Church, West Memphis, was elected moderator of the Tri-County Association at its annual meeting recently. Other officers elected were: Ed Harvey, pastor of Cherry Valley Church, assistant moderator; J. E. Jackson, pastor at Wheatley, clerk; Nall Brantley, layman of 1st Church, Forrest City, treasurer. Fred E. Suduth is missionary.

Last year the churches of this association received a total of 766 members by baptism, an increase of 37 over the previous year, and 768 by letter for a total of 1,534.

Total contributions of the churches of the association through the Coop-

erative Program was a little less than \$40,000 and total gifts for all purposes was more than \$400,000, Moderator Yeldell reports.

The following churches of Tri-County receive the Arkansas Baptist through the church budget plan: Calvary, West Memphis; Earle; Ellis Chapel; 1st Church, Forrest City; Goodwin; Harris Chapel; Marion; 1st, Parkin; and 1st, West Memphis. ■

THE STATE Convention of Baptists in Indiana was organized in Indianapolis recently with 111 affiliated churches having a total of 21,000 members. It is the 10th state Baptist convention co-operating with Southern Baptists to be established since 1919.



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Illinois Appoints Special Committees

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. —(BP)— The Illinois Baptist State Association in its annual session here established two new committees. One will plan a 25-year advance program for the association and the other will be a public affairs committee.

The long-range planning committee will consider present needs of state Baptist agencies and institutions. It will also consider expansion which may be needed in the next quarter-century and recommend goals for the state association to meet in the 25-year period of advance.

The present 5-year program of the state association expires next year. ■

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