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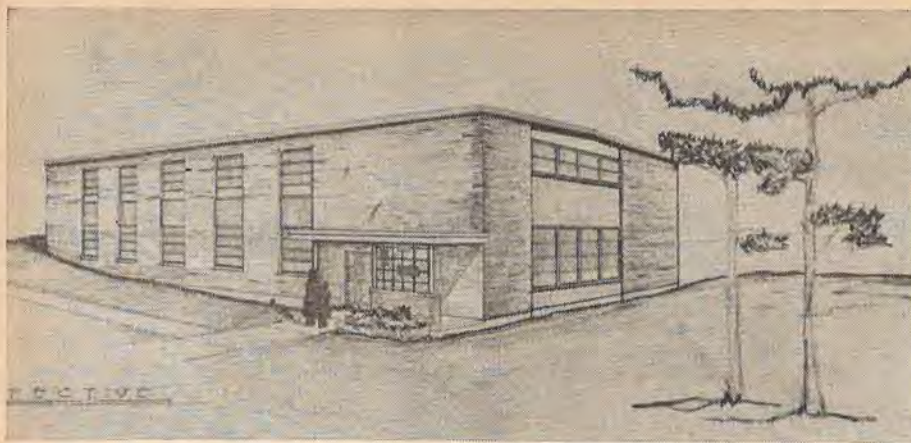




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FIRST UNIT in the building program of Forest Highland, Little Rock, is shown in this architect's sketch.

## Vision, Cooperation Grow New Church

COOPERATION IS the keynote of a plan of action being used to provide a Southern Baptist church for a section of Little Rock.

Dr. Harold Hicks, Pulaski Heights, Dr. Dale Cowling, 2nd Church, Dr. W. O. Vaught, Immanuel, and the board of deacons of 1st Church have led their congregations in endorsing a loan of \$100,000 for the Forest Highlands Church to construct a building.

The two-story brick will provide for 350 persons. It is being erected in the northwestern section of Little Rock, with an area of approximately 20,000 persons to draw from.

Approximately 1,500 new homes are planned in the area.

Just after the war was when this section of Little Rock began to grow. A small church had been established many years before and considered itself a typical rural church. Almost

overnight, expensive homes covered the hillsides surrounding the church. The challenge that was given to provide a church for the people who lived in those homes remained unaccepted until 1956. The superintendent of missions for Pulaski Association, O. C. Robinson, Jr., began to seek ways by which a strong Baptist witness could be established.

The existing church, Bellevue, voted to cooperate in any way necessary to achieve this goal. Pulaski Heights Baptist, the State Missions Department and Pulaski Association each agreed to supplement the pastor's salary. This led to the call of Darell S. Ross as pastor.

After the new pastor arrived, it was decided to disband Bellevue and organize a new church and relocate. To secure the additional money, The New Church Foundation was organized, whereby individuals were asked to give \$5, three times per year to help purchase new church sites. After the prop-

● S. A. WHITLOW, executive secretary, will conduct revival services in University Church, Fayetteville, Sept. 14-21. (CB)

### Revival Reports

E. C. EDWARDS, 1st Church, Tyrone, was evangelist for Eber Church, Detroit, where former Arkansan Bill H. Lewis is pastor. There were 17 additions by baptism and eight by letter. During the six months of Mr. Lewis' pastorate there have been 99 additions.

REYNOLDS MEMORIAL Church, Little Rock, Guy Wilson, pastor; C. Gordon Bayless, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, evangelist; Arthur Nelson, song leader, June 2-8, 10 additions by baptism, 4 by letter. One hundred and sixty-nine enrolled in Vacation Bible School, with average attendance of 150.

erty was purchased the newly organized church would need help to borrow money to erect a suitable building. At this point Pulaski Heights, 1st, 2nd and Immanuel Baptist churches agreed to guarantee repayment of a loan of \$100,000. The State Missions Department by permission of the Executive Commission of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention agreed to make the payments on the loan during the first year the new church was in the building in the event Forest Highlands could not.

Five lots on the new site have already been purchased and the remaining six are under option. Forest Highlands Church now has 78 members. The church has a graded Sunday School; Training Union and W. M. S. A training program for teachers and officers has resulted in 75 awards.

Construction of the new building is to begin about Aug. 15 and should be completed in six months. The long range building plan will accommodate 1,800 in Sunday School and the permanent auditorium will seat 1,600. The first unit of this plant will accommodate 350 in Sunday School and a temporary auditorium on the second floor of the building will seat 331.

This building will stand as a testimony to the vision and faith of O. C. Robinson, Dr. C. W. Caldwell and the pastors and leaders of these four great churches. But more it will be a lasting, living monument to the cooperative work of Baptists who are willing to meet a need.



Baptist Press Photo

AN ORCHID TO YOU — An orchid is presented to Mrs. Ruth Nelson of Nashville, who has been bookkeeper of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention since July, 1932. During her nearly 26 years of service, Mrs. Nelson has disbursed \$211½ million in Cooperative Program and designated offerings to Southern Baptist missionary and other agency activities. Mrs. Lavon Knies, Executive Committee office secretary, pins the orchid as Porter Routh, Committee executive secretary, watches. —Baptist Press Photo



R. G. PUCKETT, new editor of the OHIO BAPTIST MESSENGER.



## No Paper Next Week

FOLLOWING A custom of long standing, THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST will not be issued the week of July 4. The next issue will be that of July 10.

Let us take this occasion to wish our readers a safe and happy Fourth-of-July. If you are going to be on the highways, drive carefully, and, if on the lakes and rivers, take every precaution for safety.

—The Editors



## The Cover

### Executive Committee Officers

Ramsey Pollard, 2nd from left, is the new chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Pollard is pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Other officers from left are Edwyn N. Wilkinson, pastor, Parkland Church, Louisville, recording secretary; Kendall Berry, Blytheville, layman, vice-chairman, and Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer.—Baptist Press Photo.

Jay W. C. Moore

### Concord News Notes

NORTHSIDE CHURCH, Ft. Smith, ordained to the ministry recently James A. Collums. Jay W. C. Moore, superintendent of missions, served as moderator; Orville Haley, pastor, did the questioning; Jack Hull, formerly pastor of the church, and now pastor of 1st Church, Lavaca, preached the sermon. C. C. Roberts, formerly superintendent of missions in Concord Association, led the ordination prayer. Young Collums is the pastor of Elizabeth Church, Big Creek Association, and a student in Southern College.

F. C. CLARK, Armoa, Okla., has accepted the pastorate of the Pine Log Church. Clark, who teaches English in the Special School Command at Fort Chaffee, is a graduate of Ouachita College and the Seminary in New Orleans. He served twelve years as Baptist chaplain overseas.

James Simons, a student in the Concord Seminary Center and pastor of Moore's Rock church, was ordained to the ministry recently. A. T. Suskey, pastor of the Cedarville Church, preached the sermon. David Land, pastor of the Barling Church, questioned Simons. Deacon Hugh Bullington, Barling, led the ordination prayer, and Deacon E. E. Harris, Cedarville, served as clerk.

The June TU program featured Dick Beam, pastor of Temple Church, who

### Dr. Phelps Voices Plea To Stop "Wasting Youth"

AMERICA MAY not be able to meet Russia's challenge in the cold war unless this nation stops "the tragic waste of her richest resource, her youth," Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College, told the Arkansas Press Association at a recent meeting in Hot Springs.

More has been done "to preserve the deer and the whooping crane than to conserve the potential of our boys and girls," Dr. Phelps said. "We have worked harder at saving our soil from erosion than at keeping children out of police courts."

Dr. Phelps said recent comparisons of American and Russian youth had revealed "the woeful lack of physical fitness of our boys and girls."

"Our program is geared to train a few who are already physically competent instead of to give all children a good physical education," he said.

Deploring the failure to develop the talents of gifted children, Dr. Phelps said youngsters with a scholarly bent have been ridiculed as "eggheads" and as a result have shied away from academic development.

spoke on "The Bible and Baptist Life"; Mrs. Maxie Moore, using "Missions in Practice"; and Bob Parker, pastor of Calvary Church, "Training For Witnessing." Bill Eubanks, son of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Eubanks, directed the music. Jack Hull, Lavaca, is the TU director.

Kelley Height Church has ordained Bobby Joe Martin to the ministry. Murl Walker, pastor, served as moderator; Bob Parker, Calvary Church, preached the sermon; David Land, Barling, questioned Martin; Paul Cook, associate pastor of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, presented the Bible, and Earl Bittle, Tulsa, Okla., led the ordination prayer. Martin has accepted the pastorate of the Ratcliff Church.

### 140 Different Messages

DR. ROY O. McClain, preacher on THE BAPTIST HOUR for the past four years, will have preached a total of 140 different messages on the program at the end of June, 1958. More than 16,000 requests for printed copies of these sermons have been received and filled in this period.

## In This Issue

ARKANSAS' STUDENT delegation to Ridgecrest was the largest in history. A large group of these future Arkansas Baptist leaders are pictured on page 12.

COSTS OF the annual state convention are discussed by Dr. Whitlow in the executive secretary's column on page 16.

### Brooks Hays Book To Be Out Oct. 15

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BPN)—Broadman Press will publish a book Oct. 15 by Arkansas Congressman Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, titled **This World: A Christian's Workshop**.

Dr. William J. Fallis, editor, said the book presents the things Hays has stood for in public life and his concept of vocation as a Christian responsibility through excerpts from speeches, articles, and reminiscences.

The book is divided into five parts, one of which is on civil rights in a Southern context, which hinges on the Little Rock affair.

The concluding section, on "The Baptist Layman," includes a 1947 address Hays made at the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen, Denmark, and his recent presidential address at this year's Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas.

A biographical sketch of Hays by Mrs. Helen Hill Miller, writer for *Newsweek*, *American Heritage*, and other magazines, is included.

Dr. Fallis said the book will be released at \$2.50 and will be on sale at all book stores.

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## Independence Day 1958

ONE-HUNDRED-eighty-two years ago, on July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies of Great Britain in America, in the Declaration of Independence, officially declared themselves no longer a part of the British Empire.

Writing on the significance of the occasion, John Adams, one of the 57 signers of the Declaration of Independence, all of whom pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, said:

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore."

Independence Day was first observed in Philadelphia, on July 8, 1776. The Declaration was read, bells were rung, bands played, and the people rejoiced. Although Independence Day has been celebrated throughout the United States and its territories since that time, it was not until 1941 that Congress declared July 4 a legal holiday.

It is worth noting, as we approach another Independence Day observance, that Mr. Adams, destined to be the second president of our country, placed "solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God" ahead of "pomp," "parade" and all the other aspects of celebration.

Although the percent of the people of the new republic who professed to be Christians was insignificant when compared with the impressive statistics of our time, faith in God as Creator and Redeemer, and acceptance of the Bible as the divinely inspired word of God to mankind was prominent among the founding fathers. As we pause to give thanks for America, let us give thanks for those who were used of God to establish a nation on the enduring foundation of God's great moral law.

The Fourth-of-July properly observed will not only assure the greatest possible measure of safety and sanity in the celebration, but might conceivably bring a spiritual revival to our dear land.—ELM

## A Hot Summer Ahead

POLITICALLY SPEAKING, this apparently is going to be a hot summer in Arkansas.

An old Indian once said, after a white man had defrauded him in a trade:

"If white man beats Indian on one trade, that is white man's fault. But if white man beats Indian on second trade, that is Indian's fault!"

We do not always know whom we are electing, when we choose some one for his first public office. Sometimes one who seemed to have the welfare of the people and the state at heart in making his bid for office turns out to be a demagogue who will stoop to any depth to build his own fences and feather his own nests, once he is "in." When this happens, it is the fault of the office holder. But, after a "public servant" has been in office and has demonstrated that he is not fit to have the trust of the people, if he is returned to that office it is the fault of the people themselves.

We Baptists across the centuries have stood for separation of church and state — holding, that is, that the state should not be over the church and neither should the church be over the state, in the areas of control and support. We do not believe the state has any right to compel us to be or not to be adherents of any given faith, or to levy taxes on us for religious purposes. We likewise take our stand against the church or churches ruling or regulating the lives of the citizenship as a whole. But this is not to be construed as holding that Baptists and citizens of other faiths are not to shoulder their rights and responsibilities as citizens of the state.

There is a solemn responsibility resting upon every citizen of Arkansas to consider carefully the lives and records of one and all of the candidates who are seeking offices this summer.—ELM





## Robert Naylor Named Head Ft. Worth Seminary



ROBERT E. NAYLOR

FT. WORTH, Tex., June 20 — ROBERT E. NAYLOR, pastor Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, the past six years, today was named president of Southwestern Seminary to succeed the late J. Howard Williams. Thurman George, pastor 1st Church, Duncan, Okla., made the announcement.

William Flemming has been named chairman of trustees, subject to Dr. Naylor's acceptance as president. Dr. Williams served as president from 1953 to his death, by heart attack, in April.

Dr. Naylor is a native of Hartshorn, Okla., son of a pioneer Baptist pastor. He is a graduate of East Central State Teachers College, Ada, Okla., and Southwestern Seminary. The D.D. degree was granted him by Ouachita College in 1941.

He served as pastor of 1st churches in Nashville, Malvern, and Arkadelphia, all in Arkansas, and at Enid, Okla., and Columbia, S. C., before coming to Travis Avenue in October, 1952. Dr. Naylor is a former chairman of the Arkansas Baptist Executive Board, a former member of the Executive Board of Baptist General Convention of Texas. He was 1st vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, 1954-55. Presently he is a director of the Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, a member of the General Board of the Baptist General Convention, and president of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Seminary.

He is author of *The Baptist Deacon* and contributor to many Baptist magazines.

Mrs. Naylor is the former Geneva Dalton. There are three children, Robert Ernest, Jr., Richard Dalton and Rebecca Ann. —David K. Morris, Director News and Information, Southwestern Seminary.

# BAPTISTS BELIEVE... Complete Religious Freedom for Everyone



In the early eighteenth century Baptist ministers in Virginia were imprisoned for preaching without government permission. In prison they continued to preach. When Patrick Henry was asked to defend them for the crime "of preaching the gospel of the Son of God" he cried out indignantly as he waved the invitation above his head, "Great God! Great God! Great God!" His prayer and the prayers of Baptists were heard, and religious liberty was written into the Constitution. Religious freedom in America is largely a trophy of Baptist effort and influence and one of our most precious possessions.

Baptists believe in the loyalty of all citizens to the state. Jesus referred to the duty of people in his day when he said, "Render . . . unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21). The Roman Christians were told, "Let every soul be



subject unto the higher powers . . . rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil" (Romans 13:1,3). Paul wrote Titus to remind the Christians "To be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1).

But none of this implies that the church is to be subject to the domination of the state. Baptists believe in the separation of church and state. The church

is to co-operate in all that is high and decent, but in no way is it to be subject to the control of the state or used by it to do its will.

As many Baptist churches have declared in their articles of faith "We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth."



The Bible is the guidebook for Baptists. Its best known verse for this appeal to the supremacy of the Lord Jesus Christ includes: "Render . . . unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21) and "One is your master, even Christ" (Matthew 23:10). The Virginia ministers in Patrick Henry's time were good citizens and willing to serve the state, but they were not willing to be silenced in matters of religion. In preaching the gospel they had "to obey God rather than men," as the Apostle Peter once declared when government leaders in early Christian days tried to silence his preaching (Acts 5:29).

The imprisoned Virginia preachers could well have said what many other Baptist leaders have said, "We might not agree with what you say, but we would die for your right to say it."

● TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School of Park Place Church, Hot Springs. Pastor James H. Fitzgerald reported six professions, nine for special service and six rededications.

● CENTRAL CHURCH, Magnolia, has voted to purchase the Southwestern Bell building across the street from the auditorium. The additional space will allow the church to increase its program for youth. (CB)



## Pastoral Changes

FELIX E. MONTGOMERY, native of Birmingham, Ala., has been called as pastor of Frankfort Avenue Church,



Russellville, and is now on the field. Mr. Montgomery is a graduate of the Birmingham Conservatory of Music and will be graduated from Southern Seminary next January. He previously was associate pastor of Muldraugh Church, Muldraugh, Ky. Other service includes serving as director of music at 1st Church, Bessemer, Ala., and supply in several churches in Harrison and Morrilton.

HUNTINGTON CHURCH, Buckner Association, has called Alvin Willsy as pastor. (CB)

RESIGNATIONS IN Trinity Association include: Joe Hester, Neal's Chapel; Charlie Heugle, West Ridge; Bennie Gates, Wildwood; Horace Wayne Williams, Riverdale; and Louie N. Travis, Valley View. (CB)

JOHN HOLSTON, pastor of the Lonoke Church for six and one-half years, resigned June 1 to accept the pastorate of the 1st Church, Batesville. Since his coming on Jan. 2, 1952, the Lonoke church has received 270 additions. There has been a steady increase in giving with some \$48,000 going for missions. Two buildings have been erected, an educational building and an eight-room pastor's home. The church sanctuary, pastor's study, and nursery No. 1 have been air-conditioned. Pastor Holston will assume his new responsibilities July 1.

THE NAMES of two Arkansas Baptists were omitted from the list published recently of those named to Southern Baptist committees and boards. Editor Erwin L. McDonald, of the Arkansas Baptist, served on the Committee on Committees at the recent session. Pastor T. K. Rucker, 1st Church, Forrest City, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was named to serve during the ensuing year as a member of the Committee on Boards.

HENRY WHITLOW, Ouachita music major, will direct music and assist with the recreation at Baptist Vista, Aug. 7-13. (CB)

## Sunday School Board Names Nursery Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— Dr. William O. Thomason, Birmingham, Ala., recently became editor of nursery materials in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He succeeds the late Mrs. H. R. Jones.

Last in Series

# On the Eastern Coast of South America

By B. L. Bridges

WE WENT to the Baptist Publishing House in Rio. There we saw the Allens and the Berrys and the Hattons and Brother Cowser. We had dinner with the Berrys that first evening in Rio. Berry is doing an unusual work in the Publishing house, and what a charming woman is his wife!

We also had dinner with the Hattons. Alvin Hatton was at one time in charge of the Royal Ambassador work here in Arkansas. He is in charge of the same work there now. Mrs. Hatton is the fine and worthy daughter of our beloved Dr. Jordan who is doing such a magnificent work as pastor of the 1st Church, Van Buren. The Hattons have four beautiful children.

We also went to prayer meeting with them, and what a prayer meeting it was! There were many fine testimonies and there must have been 25 or 30 prayers. Contrast that with the two or three prayers in our services here. One woman said that she was happy that she was a member of a church that gave 75 per cent of their money to "outside causes." How sad to think that some of our strongest churches, here, churches that are well established, are giving only 20 per cent to 25 per cent. And this church in Rio is just far enough along to buy pews for their building.

We might do well to raise the question as to whether we at home really believe in missions. It would thrill your heart to see those comparatively new converts in action for Christ.

On Saturday night we flew to Belem, which is situated at the mouth of the Amazon river. The annual Carnival was on and the travel agent did not meet us. It was one o'clock in the night. But when we walked into the station who should be standing there but Glendon Grober, whose mother is one of our good friends here in Little Rock.

We have known Brother Glen since he was in high school. After his schooling was done he went to the mission work in the interior of Brazil, but he is now in charge of the work in Belem while Tommy Halsell is in the States.

Brother Vance Vernon is the leader in this area and he had provided a retreat for the Baptist Young People that they might escape the Godless Carnival or Mardi Gras, all night long after night preceding Roman Catholic "Lent." We all got into Brother Vernon's launch and went down the river, but there was not time to get out to the camp.

This was not actually the Amazon river but was the Para river interconnected with the Amazon. The Para river becomes so wide that in a boat in the middle of the river one cannot see

either bank; you would think you were on the ocean. Of course, the Amazon is the largest in the world.

But another word about Glen Grober. He was a charming host. He showed us the city, the Seminary building now under construction, and many other interesting things. Mrs. Grober is a trained nurse and a fond mother of two fine children. She is a lovable host, and we had dinner at their house.

When we went to the hotel on our last night in Belem we were to get the 3:30 plane out the next morning. We gave the travel agent a stern warning lest he should fail us as he did upon our arrival. We made an impression upon him. He was at the hotel on time at 2:30, but at the same time Brother Grober appeared there, also. He was going to see to it that we were not left in the lurch. Glen Grober overlooks nothing. Thank God for these diligent young men and women.

We arrived at Caracas, a city of over a million people, and the capital of Venezuela, where in early February there was a political revolution. We were at the airport all day, till 2:40 p. m., when a large plane arrived from New York to take us to Trujillo in the Dominican Republic, and Port Au Prince in Haiti, and finally to Miami, Fla.

A word about the people in South America. They are a kind and affable and cordial folk. If they see that you need help or information they will throng around to help you. Most all of them are Roman Catholic, but if you question them most of them will admit that they were "christened" into the Roman church when they were babies but that they seldom go to the church. It seems that it all is nothing more than getting a birth certificate here in North America. You can talk to them about Christ, and many of them will tell you they would like to be a Christian. South America is our greatest mission opportunity. Let us give more through the Cooperative Program. Evangelism should be our supreme task.

The people are conventional in their dress and habits. The men wear coats. The women do not go around in public and among their neighbors wearing "shorts." There are exceptions, but we went days and days without seeing exceptions. In one dining room there were four men without their coats and they also had their whiskey bottles on the table.

Most of the people are Spanish and Portuguese, and in that equatorial territory they are sun-tanned and of a dark color. They are not Negroes. A few Negroes are among them, as there are in most countries of the world.

Southern Baptists have nearly 400 missionaries in South America. We need twice that many right now.



# new life for you



—Home Board Photo

**SLOGAN FOR the 1959 Baptist Jubilee Advance Evangelism campaign**—"New life for you"—was featured in the Home Mission Board exhibit at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston recently. Photographed at the booth were, left to right, Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board; Victor Kaneubbe, missionary to the Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Miss.; J. C. Allen, pastor and chairman of the evangelistic steering committee of the New Choctaw Association, and Eual Lawson, associate in the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

## Wide Choice of Subjects at OBC

THE SECOND TERM of the Summer Session of Ouachita will begin on July 7 and continue through August 8. Course offerings have been planned so as to meet the needs of new students and also teachers needing additional work in either professional education or additional courses in a teaching field.

The Division of Business will offer courses in business and economics. Courses in secondary and elementary education, psychology, library science, and physical education will be offered by the Division of Education.

The Division of Fine Arts is offering both lecture courses in music and private lessons. English literature, French, and speech make up the courses offered by the Division of Humanities.

The Division of Natural Sciences will offer courses in mathematics, physics, and home economics. History will be offered by the Division of Social Sciences. In addition to the divisional courses, most of the basic courses in General Education will be offered.

Interested persons may secure complete information by writing the Director of the Summer Session, Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

## 571 Accept Christ In Mexico Revival

A TOTAL OF 571 public professions of faith in Christ was recorded during a simultaneous evangelistic crusade in the North Central Association of Mexico the last week in May. (Figures from one revival were not in when this report was tabulated.)

## Churches Add Baptist

NEW CHURCHES to receive the Arkansas Baptist under the club plan are: Temple Church, Camden, Lonnie Lasater, pastor; Collins Church, Delta Association, Billy Ralph Moore, pastor; and Fisher Church, Trinity Association, J. H. Coleman, pastor.

After a one-month free trial, the Bellefonte Church, Harrison, has put the paper in its budget. Dennis James, pastor, reports that the church has increased gifts through the Cooperative Program by 400 per cent.

## Bible Conference Offers Free Rooms

FREE ROOMS in the dormitories of the college and meals at cost will be available to all who register for the third annual Ouachita College Bible Conference, July 14-18, President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., has announced. There will be no charge for registration and meals in the cafeteria will be 50 cents for breakfast and 60 cents each for lunch and dinner. Each guest will provide his own linens and towels.

Those planning to attend should notify the college if it is possible so that adequate accommodations can be provided.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Ray Summers, chairman of the department of New Testament, Southwestern Seminary; Dr. Cecil Sutley, professor of Religious Education at Ouachita; Dr. Henlee H. Barnette, dean of the School of Theology and professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Seminary; and President Phelps.

## WMU

Miss Nancy Cooper, Secretary

## Ridgecrest Assembly

"BEING READY for God's task involves not only spiritual depth and understanding, but also the inspiration and practical know-how gained at WMU conferences."

August 7-13 are the dates of the WMU Conference at Ridgecrest. Some details of program personalities and plans for methods conferences will be found on pages 10-11 in the July issue of *Royal Service*. "Every day has been planned to bring rich experiences in Christian fellowship, in worship, in study, in receiving instruction in methods and in being with and hearing missionaries." Ridgecrest is for every member of Woman's Missionary Union. It is for you!

Chartered bus from Arkansas will leave on August 5 and return August 14. Various types of accommodations have been reserved and cost is determined by choice of accommodation and by meals en route. Figures given below cover other expenses such as bus fare, registration, insurance, rooms en route, etc. Room and meals at Ridgecrest:

- Room with bath on hall .....\$68.00
- Room with connecting bath ..... 69.50
- (5 in room)
- Room with connecting bath ..... 71.00
- (2 in room)
- Room with private bath ..... 78.50

Advance reservation is necessary! Send \$15 deposit to Nancy Cooper, State WMU treasurer, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, by July 1, if possible. Available space will be assigned on "first come, first served" basis.

Trip will include stops at points of interest en route including Gatlinburg, Tenn., a night in Cherokee, N. C., Montreat, N. C., Mount Mitchell, etc.

### Another New Book

Early in July *History of Carver School of Missions and Social Work*, by Carrie U. Littlejohn, will be released. Someone has said it is "a stirring history about a remarkable school." Interwoven in it is a great deal of the history of Woman's Missionary Union and denominational life. An order placed now with the Baptist Book Store will assure early delivery.

## Ouachita Beauty Hospital Hostess

MISS CAROLYN ROYAL, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Royal, Benton, has assumed her duties as hostess at Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

Miss Royal, Ouachita's homecoming queen last year and named one of the 10 most beautiful girls by the yearbook, was a home economics and art major. Her father is pastor of Calvary Church.

An honor student, she received letters in tennis and basketball and was voted the most popular co-ed on the campus.



# Chairman of Southern Seminary Trustees Makes Official Report on Faculty Split

By WADE H. BRYANT  
First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in its 99 years of service to our denomination has lived through many periods of change, difficulty and crisis: The Civil War years; the removal from Greenville, S. C., to Louisville; the loss by death, with a brief interval between, of the two founding spirits of the seminary, Boyce and Broadus; the Whittitt controversy; the change from faculty administration to presidential administration and others.

*THIS OFFICIAL report of Dr. Wade H. Bryant, chairman of the Southern Seminary trustees, was released early last week. Although it includes much that was covered in a news article carried in THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST last week, it is being given in full, because of the great interest and concern of Baptists in the Louisville crisis.*

—Editor

The board of trustees has had to deal this year with another grave difficulty in the life of the seminary. It was a clash between some members of the School of Theology faculty and the president, and it roots back in part to the change in the bylaw structure of the seminary made by the trustees in 1942 placing the administrative responsibility in the hands of a president rather than in the hands of the faculty. Let it be said that this is the administrative structure of all six of the Southern Baptist seminaries, as it is of most colleges and universities today.

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees in March a report was received from the School of Theology faculty lamenting the low morale existing among members of the faculty and asking help in resolving the problem. The trustee committee of the School of Theology met with a committee from the faculty and discussed at length the difficulties. They were not matters of doctrinal difference nor of academic freedom in the strict sense. Rather they were involved problems dealing with convictions about theological emphasis and the direction in which the seminary should go, the part the faculty should have in the selection of faculty members and deans as well as the promotion and salaries of faculty members, the way the president used his administrative authority, personal differences both with the president and with other members of the faculty, etc.

The committee of trustees reported to the full board and after lengthy discussion the board acted by requesting the president to endeavor to resolve the difficulties within the frame work of the bylaws, and by expressing by unanimous vote their full confidence in the president both as to his integrity and as the administrative head of the seminary.

In the weeks that followed the tension grew steadily worse, and on April 28, at the call of its chairman the committee of trustees on the School of

Theology, together with the chairman and vice-chairman of the board, met in Louisville. As the trustees gathered for the meeting they were handed copies of a lengthy "supplementary report" signed by 13 members of the School of Theology faculty containing serious charges against the integrity and administrative competence of the president. It ended with the statement that the 13 faculty members whose names were affixed had lost confidence and trust in the president.

For nearly three days the trustees present (six of them were pastors, two were college deans, one was a lawyer, one was a denominational state worker) gave the most earnest and prayerful consideration to the whole problem. The 13 faculty members were called in one by one for interviews and the nature of the difficulties as they were related to each one was discussed, as well as possible ways of resolving the difficulties. Also lengthy interviews were held with the president, and deans, and some 15 other faculty and administrative staff members.

After a week of thought and study, on May 7 the same group of trustees met again in Louisville and spent two days dealing with the problem. The school of theology faculty members whose names were signed to the "supplementary report" were called in again and an earnest effort of understanding and conciliation was made. The committee of trustees formulated a report of its findings to be presented to a meeting of the full board of trustees, which would be held in Houston on May 23.

On May 15 the 13 faculty members sent a copy of the "supplementary report" to all members of the board of trustees, together with a letter in which they reaffirmed their statements in the "supplementary report" and stated: "if we receive no specific proposal from the board of trustees, you may expect to receive our resignations."

The board of trustees met in Houston on May 23 and were in session for nearly 10 hours. Most of this time was spent in dealing with the crisis over the 13 faculty members. The chairman of the trustee committee on the School of Theology read the report of his committee to the board, and after some minor changes it was adopted. It stated that recent experience had demonstrated a new necessity of a presi-

## Statement

from the joint Faculty of  
Southern Seminary

IN VIEW OF the circumstances that have arisen at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary leading to the dismissal of a number of the members of the faculty of the School of Theology, we take this means of expressing confidence in both the integrity and the administrative ability of President Duke K. McCall. We pledge to him afresh our loyalty and our continued co-operation.

We wish to express our sympathetic concern for our colleagues who have been dismissed and to express our confidence in their academic ability and their dedication to the Kingdom of God. We cannot concur, however, in their attitudes and conclusions concerning the administration.

As the servants of our Lord Jesus Christ we reaffirm our commitment to seek to know and to teach the truth, using every instrument which God has made available to man in this search for truth, and always under the conviction that our final authority is the inspired revelation of God. We will pursue this ideal as the agents and servants of our beloved Baptist people.

We count upon the continuing love, prayers, and support of our student body, our alumni, and the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, of which the Southern Seminary is a vital part.

Adopted by the Joint Faculty in session Friday, June 13.

dent with administrative responsibility and authority.

It stated that the president in administering the affairs of the seminary would want at times to consult with faculty and staff members to secure their counsel, and that this was the policy and practice of the president. It stated that the right to disagree is inherent in a Christian community, but that consistent and continued disagreement indicates a basic disharmony which makes co-operation impossible, and that such a spirit should not be condoned.

It stated that the "supplementary report" containing charges against the president had been considered, but that consultations with other members of the faculty and with deans and administrative staff members revealed that instead of having lost confidence in the president, they had the greatest respect for him and full confidence in his character and integrity.

The board of trustees then reaffirmed its trust in the president both as to his integrity and as to his ability to administer the affairs of the seminary in keeping with policies established by the board. The board





## Calvary, Little Rock, On the March

PASTOR AND Mrs. Paul Fox observed their first anniversary at Calvary Church, Little Rock, on June 15.

During the year that Mr. Fox has pastored the church there has been growth in every phase of the church work.

The Sunday school, with a net increase of 124 in enrollment, is Standard for the first time in the history of the church. Seven new departments and 17 new classes (above Primary age) were organized at the beginning of the Sunday School year in October. A weekly officers and teachers meeting was also started. Last fall the elementary departments of the Sunday School building were completely re-decorated.

There have been 190 additions to the church membership.

In October the church used the Forward Program of Church Finance, netting a 30 per cent increase in contributions.

Recently, the church secured Marvin Taylor, for seven years with Calvary Church, Dallas, as music and educational director.

Due to the growth of the church it has been necessary to purchase property adjoining the church property, a house used by one of the Intermediate departments.

For the first time Calvary Church was represented at Siloam Springs assembly last summer. More than 50 are planning to attend this year's assembly.

On a recent Sunday a Boy Scout charter was presented to the newly organized Br'er Fox troop of Calvary Church.

The Training Union department has also been enlarged and fully graded. During the month of May it had its largest attendance in the history of the church.

Nearly two months ago Pastor Fox fell at the church and broke his leg. Since that time he has been unable to preach. He hopes to be back in the pulpit beginning July 29.

Mrs. Fox has been active in Associational Training Union, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School work, as well as the local church work.



MITCHELL WOOD, left, and Patrick Kagy, Eudora Church, Memphis, examine a coonskin cap which they plan to swap at the Royal Ambassador Congress, Aug. 12-14, in Ft. Worth. It's anybody's guess what 8000 boys will bring to the swap shop at the Congress.

## Congress Registration Reaches 1235 Figure

Memphis —(BP)— Advance registrations for the Second Southern Baptist Convention Royal Ambassador Congress have reached 1,235, according to the Convention's Brotherhood Commission, which is sponsoring the Congress.

Edward Hurt, Jr., RA secretary here, said host Texas leads in number of boys registered — 223. Alabama is second with 138 advance registrations. However, Illinois RA's are closer to reaching their goal than any other state. The 49 registered from Illinois represents 70 per cent of the state's goal.

The RA Congress will meet in Fort Worth Aug. 12-14. Attendance goal is 8,858.



THE THEOLOGICAL wing adjacent to the Administrative Building at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, has been completed and is now in use. The Adult Education Bible courses for the rural ministers and the regular junior college Bible courses will be taught in this building.

TRYING TO FIGHT his way back to health after a polio attack, and to save his declining business, Steve Anderson finds himself further handicapped with needless expenses run up by his pampered, irresponsible young wife. The lesson in responsibilities in Christian marriage is the theme of "Shadow of Tomorrow," a drama in the Southern Baptist television series, THIS IS THE ANSWER.

● CONCORD CHURCH has completed a home for their pastor, L. E. Hatfield. (CB)

elected the president dean of the school of theology, to serve until a permanent dean is secured. The board directed the president to continue efforts to work out a reconciliation with the 13 faculty members. The board then adjourned to meet in Louisville on June 12.

The full board of trustees gathered in Louisville on June 12 and continued in session for some 12 hours. The president stated that many hours had been spent in conference with the dissident faculty members, but that it had been impossible to reach basic understanding and agreement. The faculty members were invited to appear before the board and make any statements they would like to make, which they did. Late in the evening after agonizing thought, effort, and prayer, the board voted 32 to 9 to dismiss the 13 faculty members.

In the hope that reconciliation can yet be made, the board authorized that a committee of its members be appointed to reinstate any one or more of these 13 men upon the basis of full confidence of the committee that the reinstated member can co-operate with the administration and work harmoniously within the framework of the charter and bylaws of the seminary and serve in good conscience as part of the faculty.



## BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull, Secretary

### "Every Phase"

THE REAL Brotherhood seeks continually to strengthen the church in every phase of its life and work. The work of a Brotherhood is not a limited work, for the Brotherhood program is the total program of the church; and the true Brotherhood purpose is to put all the powers of consecrated manhood into all that the church is endeavoring to do.

Brotherhood work is not seasonal; for an alert Brotherhood seizes upon all the opportunities for service which every season brings to men who are spiritually wide awake.

The summer season is upon us. And one of the greatest opportunities of summer is the series of State Royal Ambassador Camps sponsored by the Brotherhood Department and held at the Arkansas Baptist Campground (which is located about two miles west of Ferndale on Twelfth Street Pike, west of Little Rock). The camps are for Junior and Intermediate boys. The opportunity which the camps present to Brotherhood men is largely that of encouraging boys to go, helping boys to go, making it possible for boys to go.

The cost of a week's camp (Monday afternoon through Friday noon) is \$13.50 for each boy. Remaining camps scheduled for this summer are as follows:

- Second Junior Camp, July 7-11
  - Third Junior Camp, July 14-18
  - Intermediate Camp, July 21-25
  - 8-year Boys Camp, July 28-August 1
- Every Brotherhood man ought to know the real values of the Royal Ambassador camping program in the lives of the boys who attend. Also every Brotherhood ought to be enlisted in a continuing effort to see that the boys



MR. TULL

## TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

### Leadership Workshops

TUESDAY, September 30, is the date for the eight Training Union leadership workshops that will be held at Second



MR. DAVIS

Church, Little Rock, beginning at 10 a.m. and closing at 4 p.m. Please notice one correction. In the July NEWS we have listed James Murphy as the director of the Adult Workshop. Instead of Mr. Murphy, Hooper Dilday, secretary of the

Texas Training Union department, will direct the adult workshop. Mr. Murphy will be present that day to show film strips in all of the workshops.

Mr. Dilday will be with us all that week and will teach the **Adult Union Manual** each night at the Pulaski County Associational Leadership School.

#### Another First Place Winner!

Miss Ann McCorvey of 1st Church, El Dorado, won first place in the Southern Baptist Sword Drill that was conducted at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly. Congratulations, Ann!

get to camp.

Woven into the camping program is every wholesome activity which makes a real appeal to real boys. Many of these activities are spiritual, and are designed to point boys toward God and toward God's will for their lives.

Are your boys coming to camp? Help them do so. You'll be everlastingly glad you did!

A date to remember: July 25 and 26, and the State Brotherhood Encampment at Arkansas Baptist Camp. This is for men. Plan to come!

● VACATION BIBLE School of 1st Church, Batesville, broke all records with 157 enrolled. Eight professions were reported.

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20 LOOKING AT YOURSELF  
27 "I HAVE FOUGHT..."

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Conway	KCON	7:00 a.m.
DeQueen	KDQN	12:30 p.m.
El Dorado	KELD	2:30 p.m.
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Little Rock	KLRA	9:00 p.m.
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.
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## THE BOOKSHELF

Dear Charles — **Letters to a Young Minister**, by Wesley Shrader, published by MacMillan, 1957, \$2.50.

"... God ... as yet has never allowed Himself or His people to be used as a means to worldly ends."

This concluding statement in Mr. Shrader's 109-page book of fictitious letters from a Seminary professor to a promising young theologian gives much food for thought. The letters form an entertaining, original and often biting commentary on various aspects of the ministry.

The author is pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va.

**History of the Home Mission Board**, by J. B. Lawrence, Broadman Press, 1958, \$3.50.

Dr. Lawrence, who served for 25 years as executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, places Southern Baptists deeply in his debt with this first full history of the Board from its beginning in 1845 as the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the preface to the book, Dr. Courts Redford, who succeeded Dr. Lawrence as executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, states: "One who has read this story will find himself better prepared to help create the materials from which the next chapter of home missions will be written."

**Speaking in Public**, by Arthur Stevens Phelps, revised by Lester R. DeKoster, Baker, 1958, \$3.50.

"The tongue, though so profitable to the man that knows how to wield it, is a comparatively inexpensive piece of machinery. It never requires oiling; does not rust or wear thin; can easily be carried about; does not have to be set up in each new location; and occupies surprisingly little space for the amazing products it throws off.

"For its varied uses, the speaker finds four methods in which the speech may be prepared and delivered. He is at liberty to choose any one of the four, but once having chosen it as his method he will not be likely to find it easy to use more than one of these methods habitually, nor to change from one to another at will, without making the change permanent." So begins the author's chapter on "Extempore Speaking."

The four methods dealt with include: reading from manuscript; the memoriter method, in which the whole manuscript is memorized and recited; the extempore style, speaking without manuscript but not without preparation; and speaking without notes.

Other books received: **We Live in Two Worlds**, by William Charles Cravner, published by Vantage, 1958, \$2.95.

**Our Baptist Story**, a new study-course book by Pope Duncan, published by Convention Press.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

### Looking Forward

1. 1958 Sunday School weeks at Ridgecrest, July 24-30 and July 31-August 6.



DR. WILLIAMSON round trip will be \$31. Those interested in joining this group should contact James Coates, 1st Church, El Dorado.

2. Simultaneous Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings, September 9.

3. Preparation Week, September 21-28.

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4. Five Annual Regional Sunday School Conferences, October 13-17.

This will be the outstanding Sunday School event of 1958. An outstanding program personnel of both Southwide and State workers has been enlisted. Every Sunday School worker should plan to attend the nearest conference.

Monday, October 13 — Central Church, Jonesboro

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Wednesday, October 15 — Beech Street Church, Texarkana

Thursday, October 16 — Second Church, Little Rock

1st Church, El Dorado, is arranging for a bus to make the trip to the first Sunday School week, July 24-30. This bus will leave El Dorado on July 23 and go through Camden, Fordyce, Pine Bluff, and West Memphis.

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5. Pastor-Led Enlargement Campaigns.

Benton County Association — September 14-19.

Caddo River Association — September 21-26.

Caroline Association — October 5-10. Mississippi County Association — October 26-31.

These four associations are definitely scheduled and are now in the process of preparing for these important campaigns. Several other associations are in the process of deciding on dates.

6. January Bible Study Week, January 5-9, 1959.

This is the week set aside each year when all members of the churches should meet for Bible study. There is no better way to begin the new year. During this week in 1959 the book we study will be **A Study of the Gospel of Mark**, by Hugh R. Peterson.

7. Annual State Vacation Bible School Conference, February 9, 10, 11, 1959.

Instead of several regional conferences there will be just one state-wide conference for associational Vacation Bible School leaders. It will be held in one of the churches in Little Rock.

8. Convention-wide Census — First Sunday in February, 1959.

This is to be in preparation for the simultaneous evangelistic campaigns to be held during the year. The effort will be made to take a religious census in every city, town, and village within the Convention territory.

9. Simultaneous Group Training Schools, February 16-20, 1959.

10. Pastor-Led Enlargement Campaign in Concord Association, February 15-20, 1959.

This campaign will be directed by Southwide and State leaders.

11. Regional Administration and Teaching Clinic, February 23-27, 1959.

12. Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference, March 24, 1959.



### The Crusader Choir

THE CRUSADER CHOIR of the Baptist Institute of the Ozarks, Bentonville, Arkansas, traveled more than 3000 miles in 5 states during the school year, 1957-58, presenting the gospel in song. High School students interested in Christian choral training for 1958-59, should write the Director of Admissions immediately. —Advertisement





**ARKANSAS' LARGEST** group of students attended Student Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly this year. Ninety students registered for the week which, with the 15 Arkansas students serving on the staff, made a total of 105, one of the largest groups attending. The students were accompanied by BSU state secretary, Dr. Tom Logue, and his associate, James Boyd.

## BSU

Tom Logue, Secretary

### Wo-o-o-o, pig! pig!

The Arkansas BSU group at Ridgecrest was a well-spirited group. One of the buses carried the Arkansas flag, and at each meal stop, the flag was carried in and hung in the dining room.

It has become traditional for the Arkansas group to sing "Arkansas Traveler" and to call "Woooooo, Pig, Su-ey!" at meal time at Ridgecrest. Kentucky stole the show one evening meal, however. The state president of the Kentucky Baptist Student Union called Fred Huckaba, Arkansas' president, to the front. Kentucky's president stated that Arkansas had beaten Kentucky fair and square in soft ball and to show that there was no hard feelings, the Kentucky students



DR. LOGUE

had taken up a collection. "Since Arkansas has been calling for their pig all week," he said, "we would like to give you one." At this time, a bare-footed Kentucky student came in the dining hall pulling behind him a rather unwilling pig.

Amidst all the fun of Ridgecrest, the Arkansas delegation had its serious moments. Twenty-one Arkansas students made decisions in the Sunday morning service, and in the state meeting many of the others in the group, which numbered over a hundred, stood to give their testimony concerning the spiritual impact of the week in their lives.

For a number of years she was in the Sunday school department of the Sunday School Board as a worker with beginner and primary children.

### Miss Leatherwood Dies at Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood, retired employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board, died June 6. Miss Leatherwood had lived in Nashville most of her life. She was born and educated in Russellville, Ark., the daughter of the late S. L. and Maggie Leatherwood.

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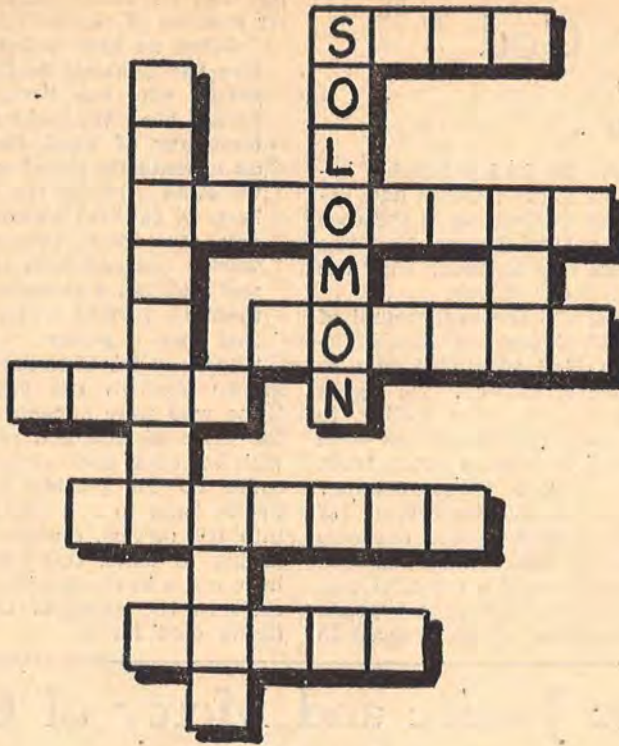
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# King of the Hebrews

By J. B. TWETER

(Illustration No. 4, puzzle)

OLD TESTAMENT history can be most interesting. Do you know in what reign the kingdom of the Hebrews was divided into Judah and Israel? Here are ten names of kings before and after the division of the kingdom, with the name of Solomon already printed in as the key name. Time yourself and see how quickly you can correctly fill in the other names. For extra fun, why not have a race with a pal?

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| Solomon  | Amon    |
| Saul     | Amaziah |
| David    | Jotham  |
| Rehoboam | Asa     |
| Jeroboam | Ahaz    |

## FAITH

I suppose that if all the time I have prayed for faith were put together, it would amount to months. I used to say, "What we want is faith; if we only have faith, we can turn Chicago upside down," or rather right side up. I thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come.

One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.

—D. L. Moody

## ANSWERS

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## How to Treat a Frown

By Ida M. Pardue

*A frown is just a great big smile  
That had an accident:  
It somersaulted upside down,  
And landed bruised and bent.*

*To cure one, chew three giggles, whole,  
And when they start to sprout,  
They'll bubble up against the frown  
And turn it inside out!*

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● DR. AND MRS. James W. McGavock, Southern Baptist emeritus missionaries to Mexico, may now be addressed, 2920 Copia Street, El Paso, Tex. Dr. McGavock is a native of Newberg.

## Learning by Association

Recently Miss Nona Saturday began working in the state WMU office.

One day the switchboard operator answered a call. The party calling said, "May I speak to Miss Holiday?"

"Miss Holiday?" repeated the operator.

"Oh," the embarrassed caller replied, "I mean Miss Saturday."

## Dry Cleaning

"I'M ALL out of sorts," a man commented to a friend. "The doctor said the only way to cure my rheumatism is to stay away from dampness."

"What's so tough about that?" asked the friend.

"You've no idea," explained the first man, "how silly I feel sitting in an empty bathtub, going over myself with a vacuum cleaner."—Philnews.

THE COMMUTER was complaining to everyone within earshot about the falling service on the line and the falling apart of the whole railway system.

"Why tell us?" grumbled someone. "We know all about it — why not tell your congressman?"

"Don't be ridiculous," came the answer. "I'm my congressman!"—American Weekly.

It's easy for a mother to see that her son is most likely to follow in the steps of his father — on a rainy day after the floors have been cleaned.—Quote.

THE HUSBAND who brags that he never made a mistake has a wife who did. —Banking.

DOCTOR: "How's the boy who swallowed the half dollar?"

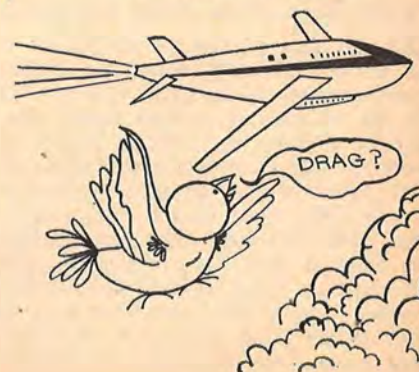
NURSE: "No change, yet, Doctor."

BOSS (to stenographer): Congratulations, Miss Jones—This is the earliest you've been late.

TONGUE TWISTER: Words that get your tang all tongued up.

## THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald





# A Spokesman For God

By ANDREW HALL  
Pastor, 1st Church, Fayetteville

(1 Samuel 3:10-20)

June 29

ONE OF the favorite stories of the Old Testament is the one about the call of Samuel. Israel had reached a new low in moral standards. As a result, she had lost face with her sister nations as well as the self respect of her own people. Eli, the father of the two wicked sons, Phinehas and Hophni, was not an evil man. He had ruled Israel with some distinction over a long period of time. However, he had miserably failed as a parent. His sons were a disgrace to him and to the priesthood which they represented.



DR. HALL

Look at their wrongs: no regard for the Lord, quarrelling with people at the altar, threatening to use force to get their way, treating the offerings of the Lord with contempt, disobeying their father's plea for holy living, and worst of all — indulging in sexual immorality within the bounds of the Tabernacle. All of this is recorded in chapter 2:12-17 and 22-25. Eli's greatest fault seems to be that he winked at the evil of his intemperate sons. At any rate, God went outside the hereditary order of the priesthood and called a young man named Samuel. This happened frequently in Old Testament days. He called Elisha the farmer, Amos the herdsman, David the shepherd, etc.

The story is told of the great Presbyterian evangelist, J. Wilbur Chapman, that when he went on a missionary tour to Australia an Anglican leader observed: "Dr. Chapman does not have apostolic succession but he had Holy Spirit succession." God forbid that the day will ever come when Baptists get too proud of their noble heritage. God still goes where He wills to choose His people.

Eli did one of the finest things in his entire ministry when he helped young Samuel to find the will of God. We do no greater service today than that of helping our young people to know His will. There is a pathetic note in the story when Samuel is persuaded by the older man to tell him exactly what God had said the night before. "So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him." Notice Eli's reaction, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." One can hear his sigh of resignation as the old man makes ready to surrender the

Eli's two sons. He had a humble beginning and his godly parents had literally given him to God. As in the case of Jesus, it is said of Samuel that "he grew in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men" (2:26).

How important is the background of each individual! Samuel's intimate experiences with God permitted him to lead the people effectively. He was a good man and they were willing to follow. But Samuel had always been a good person. Is there a great truth here which we need to re-examine? Does it point to the importance of dedicating our homes to the purposes throne. Perhaps his sudden accident and death proved to be a merciful end.

In Samuel we see the very opposite qualities which were so pronounced in

of God? Might we become so engrossed in doing good things for people that we would neglect the weightier matters of spiritual family life?

Often we have called to our attention the dynamic testimony of some person who has lived a notoriously wicked life. We make much over the testimony of what God can do for an exceedingly sinful man. However, we often overlook the fact that millions of faithful servants of God today are from consecrated homes. Their conversations were normal and natural. Consequently, God uses them in various ways. Samuel was just such a person.

The happiest Christians that I have known through the years have been those who were capable of recognizing the voice of God and responding to it with an open and willing heart. God could do no greater honor to our homes than to call our boys and girls into His service. Someone who is preparing to teach this lesson may soon have a son in the ministry as a new recruit in the army of God. We may thank God for it.

# The Justice and Mercy of God

By RAY BRANSCUM

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July 6

Deuteronomy 10:12-15, 17-11:1;  
Romans 5:6-11.

TODAY WE have our first lesson of the new quarter. The lessons which we are to study for the next three months deal with some of the social problems of life that constantly are plaguing us. These social problems are to be dealt with almost every day. They arise in our homes, businesses, communities, state and nation.



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The passage from Deuteronomy is given to outline the idea of justice in the nature of God and the acts of His children; that from Romans to make clear the evidence of mercy in God's gift of His Son.

What God required of Israel:

What God required of His followers can be found in Deuteronomy 10:12; Micah 6:8; and Matthew 4:10. These are important requirements. They sum up the total requirements which God makes of His people. These requirements are stated in a progression of acts: walk in His ways, love Him, serve Him, keep His laws. This request sounds very simple, and in range of every ordinary person, but man has found this a very difficult assignment. God does not request anything impossible or extraordinary of Israel, but many times we find them engaged in activities that were contrary to the commandments of God.

The thing that God is demanding

of Israel is love, reverence, and obedience. Why should we love God and practice His love among men? We should love Him because "He first loved us." Israel, especially, should love God because He in love has saved Israel and made of them a great nation. It is logical for Israel to love and obey God in response to His love for them. No human love is greater than that of a mother, and in appreciation of her love, could you fail to respond to her with love? Love for love. Is that too much for God to ask of His followers?

Fear Him. In all probability this means revere Him. He created you in His own image, and gave you life, and God is not asking too much when He asks you to walk in His ways. To walk in the ways of God is the only way that we can have abundant life.

Serve the Lord. This is one of the most difficult of all God's requests. We are quick to say we love God, but not many love Him enough to serve Him. We offer lip service to His commandments, but not much heart service. We live on the earth that God created, we are looking forward to going to a heaven that is His, but we live as though He were an unwelcome stranger in our midst.

Verse 13 says, God commands us to keep His commandments and statutes, for our good. God does not withhold from us when we give all to Him. His interest and aim is our good. Obedience is rewarded with blessing.

How God acts:

In Deuteronomy 10:17-11:1 we have a revelation of God in His majesty and glory. He is spoken of as "the God of



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gods, and the Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty and a terrible." Moses is saying that God is supreme judge. He is also saying that God is an impartial judge, and that Israel could not sin deliberately and expect the mercy of God because of the goodness of their fathers. The fact that they were a chosen people meant only one thing and that more would be expected of them than of the people who had not been taught the commandments and the love of God. Their sins and acts would be judged by a higher standard than those of the heathen.

In verse 19 Israel is charged to care for the stranger. The stranger was anyone outside of the nation. Israel had once been in that position when she was in Egypt. The bitter experience of Egypt should cause her to be more compassionate toward others. We are to treat the stranger as we would have him treat us, regardless of his race, color or creed. Humanity makes us kin. Therefore, we, the people of God, ought to show mercy and love to others. This is a test of Christian faith. Some hate the stranger, but the Christian should love all without distinction.

**The mercy of God (Romans 5:6-11.)**

While we were without strength, in due time Christ died for our sins. Through the cross and in the death of Christ God saves. While we were helpless, hopeless and ungodly sinners, God shows His love and mercy for us by dying on the cross. It is by His shed blood that we are saved from the wrath of God.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children. Psalms 103:17.

Be such a man, live such a life, that if every man were such a man as you and every life like yours, this earth would be God's Paradise. —Phillips Brooks.

## MISSIONS

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### Dr. Yearby in Hospital

DR. I. L. YEARBY is in the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, following a heart attack June 10. He has had no further attacks since entering and seems to be improving daily. All Arkansas Baptists will remember him in prayer. His home address is No. 4 Broadmoor Drive, Little Rock.



### Good News For Missionaries

The Home Mission Board and the Baptist Sunday School Board jointly will provide expense and entertainment for all associational missionaries attending either Glorieta or Ridgecrest Conferences. The entertainment will include one night's lodging, if necessary, between their home and Ridgecrest or Glorieta, plus the meals on the trip both ways and on local entertainment while in the conference, plus registration and medical fee. Where there is no missionary in the association, the same provision will be made for the moderator. Those planning to attend, should write immediately for reservation.

### Negro Leadership Conference

Pastor W. H. Cooke, Trinity Baptist Church, Blytheville, is very high in his praise of our Negro Leadership Conference held in Blytheville under the direction of Dr. Clyde Hart. There were 407 in attendance with 54 churches represented. As a result of the conference, another extension class was set up with Dr. Lloyd Owens as treasurer. Sixty-nine laymen have enrolled in this new class. Pastor Cook has been teaching a class of preachers for some time and now has 27 pastors enrolled.

Religion is, in its essence, the most gentlemanly thing in the world. It will alone gentelize, if unmixed with cant; and I know nothing else that will, alone. —Coleridge.

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Promotion and Convention Fund

THE AMOUNT appropriated in the 1958 budget for Promotion and Convention is \$11,000. The average annual expenditure for this item over the past five years was almost \$13,000. Wise and vigorous promotion is a must if any program is to succeed. The work of our Convention is no exception.



Included in this expense is the meetings of our Executive Board and the Executive Committee together with other committees of our Convention. There are 65 members of the Executive Board. There is one or more from each of the associations in the state. The Board meets regularly twice each year — in July and December. It costs approximately \$1,000 for each Board meeting.

The Executive Committee consists of fifteen members. This committee meets regularly three times each year. The travel expense and entertainment involves about \$1,200 per year. The travel

expense of other committees will run into a few hundred dollars each year.

The cost of our annual Convention meeting amounts to a little over \$2,000. This includes such things as rental on the city auditorium, honorariums for speakers, travel expense, advertising and numerous other items that go to make up a meeting of this magnitude. The printing and mailing of the annual minutes of our Convention amount to more than \$2,000.

Stewardship literature and promotion comes in for a sizable sum. Last year this amounted to approximately \$4,000. Insurance, telephone, office supplies, and miscellaneous items come in for a just share in promoting the total program of Arkansas Baptists.

We are making plans now to try to get into each of our associations at least twice each year to better acquaint our people with our total mission program. We believe the Lord has committed to Arkansas Baptists a program of kingdom service that merits the best in promotion. This we shall attempt to do.

"Poles Apart"

WINSTON CHURCHILL, one of England's greatest statesmen, once made a comparison between Communism and Fascism in a political address. A voice from the gallery shouted, "They are poles apart!" Pausing for a moment, Churchill said that he would accept that, but then went on to discuss what went on at the North and South Poles. "There are a few differences," he admitted, "such as penguins at one, and not at the other, but there would be the same icy winds, and the same barren snow fields, and the same lack of growing things."



When we turn this thinking around a bit, we realize the individuals may attend the same schools, and receive

the same degrees, and be miles apart in ability, efficiency, and willingness to get a job done. Too, many people walk the same aisle, are baptized in the same baptism, and have membership in the same church, and may be ten thousand miles apart in real joy, happiness, and honest-to-goodness goodness, because one took Christ as his way, and the other one did not. There was a vast difference, for instance, in John and Judas, although they were in the same group and followed the same Jesus. The great difference, of course, was that John took the Lord as Savior and Master, while Judas, who was numbered with the Twelve, was never with them, because he would not take Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Judas was always a slave to his fleshly desires, as was brought out on many occasions. His motive for following Jesus, seemingly, was of a mercenary nature. He earned his fee of about

Church Treasurers, Please Help Us

The month of June closes on Monday. We close our books here in the Baptist Building on the last day of each month in keeping with the instruction of the Executive Board. We earnestly ask your help in getting your checks to the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM in the mail not later than MONDAY, JUNE 30. Otherwise, they would not be included in the June receipts. Please help us! Thank you!—SAW

\$19.50, the price of a slave, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and will have an eternity to realize the enormity of his guilt in being numbered with Jesus, but refusing to surrender and follow Him.

In our churches, we find that about 20 per cent of the members give 80 per cent of the money and less than half attend the worship services, and very few, percentage-wise, can be depended upon to get under the load of promoting the Kingdom through prayer and effort, etc. Too many, far too many, refuse to give their influence or money to the causes of Christ.

The Bible teaches a standard of living that is apparently foreign to some church members — "That I may be found in Him" does not concern them. Those who are found in Him can say, "Not my will, but thine be done" in all matters pertaining to the Kingdom. But we remind you that only God, through Christ, can make sinful, greedy, little, hearts magnanimous. Only God, through Christ, can free stingy hearts from refusing to give, for, "If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." For this and many other reasons, Jesus kept saying, "Come unto me."

Oh, how twisted, deformed, stingy, covetous, selfish, depraved souls and lives need the cleansing, healing power of the Son of God.

No, it is not enough to be numbered with church members. It is not enough to enjoy dry-as-powder religion that helps one kick up the dust of criticism when a preacher talks about giving of self and material goods to Christ.

Yes, people are poles apart, yet they sit in the same pews and have their names on the same church rolls. What a tragedy! What a pity! What a calamity!—RD

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