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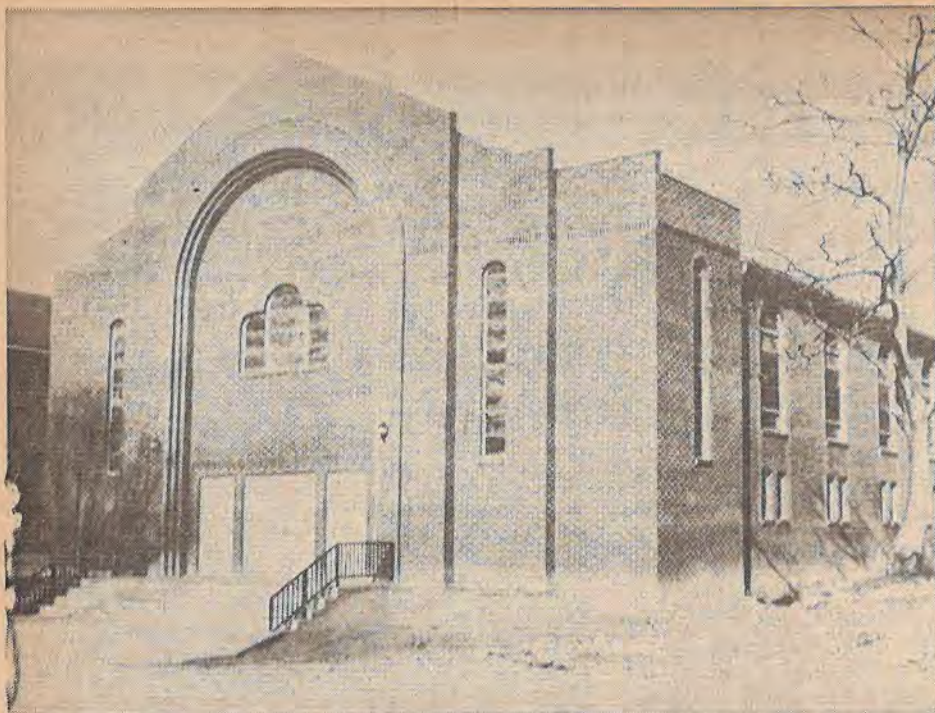
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MAY 29, 1958



IMMANUEL CHURCH, Texarkana, dedicated a new sanctuary-education building recently. Cecil Sutley, Ouachita professor, brought the dedicatory address, and pastor J. M. Stagner led the responsive dedication service.

Nine Arkansans In Southern Class

NINE ARKANSANS were among the 234 graduated by Southern Seminary May 16.

They included:



MR. CALDWELL

Carroll D. Caldwell, Little Rock, B.D., graduate of Ouachita. He served as pastor at Nimrod for two years; and has been pastor at Hedgeville Chapel, Danville, Ky.

J. Hugh Hairston, Warren, M.R.E., graduate of Ouachita, who has served while in the Seminary as minister of music, 2nd Church, Highland Park, Ky.

Calvin C. Turpin, Searcy, M.R.E., has B.A., M.A., and B.D. went to U. of Arkansas, Baylor, Texas Tech, Vanderbilt and Southern. He has been pastor of Calvary Church, O'Donnell, Tex.; 1st, Palmer, Tex.; Little Wet Fork, Clarks-ville, Tenn. — while in the seminary.



MR. HAIRSTON

Thomas C. Hathcote, Scott, B.D., graduate of Yale. A salesman while in school, he is considering doing graduate work.

Lawrence Eugene Layman, Springdale, M.R.E., graduate of Texas A and M; has been youth director at St. Matthews, Louisville.



MR. LAYMAN



MR. WHITE

Harold D. White, Gurdon, B.D., graduate of Ouachita. He has been pastor of Sycamore Grove Church, 1953-54, and served as student pastor at Canton Church, Ky.

Donald L. Williams, Ft. Smith, B.D., graduate of Baylor University, wishes to be a teacher, so possibly will do graduate work.



MR. WILLIAMS

Religious Education Termed Fundamental

"RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is fundamental in the work of any church," James L. Sullivan, Nashville, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, said in the board's annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The statement was made to emphasize the contribution of the Sunday School Board to churches in meeting their responsibilities in religious education.

The Sunday School Board publishes books educational literature for churches, tracts, and other material. It also provides service to churches in such fields as church libraries, church recreation, church public relations, audio-visual aids, Sunday school and Training Union work, etc.

"The underlying purpose of the Sunday School Board is to help God's people know God's Book, and that knowing it they might practice it diligently and teach it fervently," Sullivan continued. (BP)

Church Related Vocation Personnel Needs Cited

IN ITS report to the Southern Baptist Convention, the Committee on Church-Related Vocations described areas in which nearly 3,500 persons are needed to fill positions.

In a statement adopted by the committee, the following remarks were made concerning recognition and status, and describing church-related vocations:

"The committee believes that the ministries of Bible teaching, Christian training, and church music are scriptural functions of the churches needing divinely called leadership, and that God is calling individuals to serve in these positions . . .

"Concerning the growing practice of ordaining men serving in non-pastoral ministries it is recommended that no man should receive such ordination until the church membership is convinced by the Holy Spirit that such individuals have been called of God to such ministries . . ." (BP)



MR. MURRAY

N. Patrick Murray, Harrison, B.D., graduate of Baylor University, Waco, has held summer pastorates and has some experience in radio announcing.

Douglas R. Nelson, El Dorado, Th.B., attended Baylor.



MR. NELSON

Brooks Hays Re-elected



Vision of Missions

THE BOOK of books makes plain the call to every Christian for the task of missions. On June 1, Arkansas Baptists will join with those across the Convention in a Day of Prayer for world missions.

Baptists everywhere also will be remembering in prayer the 1959 evangelistic crusade in which seven Baptist groups will cooperate in one of the world's greatest simultaneous soul-winning efforts.

president declared. He said construction will begin on at least 25 units this summer.

Total enrollment at the seminary this school year was 717, up 5 per cent over last year. (BP)

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"In the light of these conditions both at home and abroad, Southern Baptists must meet the need of race reconciliation and seek the restoration of communication and fellowship with people of every race and nationality."

Ouachita President Ralph Phelps, speaking to the report on Christian education, called attention to two "grave problems facing Southern Baptist colleges," 1) increasing costs to the extent they threaten to price Christian education out of the reach of most people, and 2) maintain adequate faculty.

"Our denomination can be no stronger than our educational system," he emphasized.

Congressman Hays, in a keynote speech to the convention, proposed establishment of a Baptist "peace committee." A resolution setting up such a study group was offered by Dale Cowling, 2nd Church, Little Rock.

Much of the convention program was given to the presentation of reports. A number of these were carried in last week's *Arkansas Baptist*, additional ones are to be found elsewhere in this issue and next's week's publication will carry even more of these summary stories.

our people shall be indoctrinated, informed, enlisted, and enthused," according to Newton.

He said Baptist papers "continue to serve every cause sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention" from the local churches through the worldwide fellowship of Baptists.

"Indeed your committee would say that these State Baptist Papers are rendering a vital and essential ministry beyond our denominational interests in their constant attention to the moral welfare of their respective areas," Newton said. (BP)

Southeastern Reports On Building Progress

PRESIDENT S. L. Stealey described new construction and renovation of buildings on the old Wake Forest College in his report to the Southern Baptist Convention for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The seminary is in Wake Forest, N. C., occupying the campus deserted by Wake Forest College in its recent move to Winston-Salem, N. C.

Stealey said that Wake Forest left behind an uncompleted chapel. The seminary has completely remodeled the chapel and furnished it "for a fraction of the cost otherwise necessary," Stealey added.

A new library building was completed in March. A new, model Child Care Building is also under construction, made possible by three gifts totalling \$125,000.

"Our next need for our enlarging student body is apartment buildings," the

ARKANSAS' CONGRESSMAN Brooks Hays was re-elected to a second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Houston meeting attended by more than 15,000.

Chester Quarles, Jackson, Miss., was elected 1st vice president; R. Archie Ellis, Columbia, S. C., 2nd vice president.

W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel, Little Rock, was named vice president of the Pastors Conference.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Bayor, was re-elected WMU president.

A section of the Christian Life Commission report calling for "race reconciliation" touched off some debate before the messengers gave overwhelming acceptance to the report.

The questioned section said: "A hopeful development in the racial issue during recent months is the increased awareness in all parts of the U. S. of the national and international importance of achieving constructive solutions in race relations.

"The responsible American citizen has come to realize that this problem is not confined to a single region, but that it appears in all areas of the nation, though with differing degrees of intensity.

Value of Baptist

TWENTY-FOUR Southern Baptist state newspapers have a combined circulation of 1,313,843, according to a report presented to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report was given by Louie D. Newton, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta. Newton, a former Baptist paper editor, is chairman of the Convention's Committee on State Baptist Papers.

(The report does not include a 25th paper, *Michigan Baptist Messenger*, which only recently became official journal of new Michigan Convention.)

The 1957 circulation figure is 2.66 per cent above the combined total in 1956.

Newton reminded the Convention that in 1940, when the Committee on State Baptist Papers was created, circulation of the 19 papers then in existence was only 190,683.

He also compared the current circulation figure with that in 1950—850,612.

Only one paper, the *Baptist Standard*, published in Dallas for Texas Baptists, has over 100,000 circulation but three other papers are nearing that mark. The *Christian Index*, Atlanta, has 98,255 and the *Alabama Baptist* and *Baptist Courier*, South Carolina paper, have above 91,000.

Newton urged churches to adopt the plan whereby in the church budgets they provide funds for sending their state Baptist paper to every family in the church. Doing this will insure "that

150th Anniversary of Baptist Work to Be Observed

Thirty-three delegates from Baptist churches in 11 states and the District of Columbia, meeting in Philadelphia, organized on May 18, 1814, "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions." Because of the unwieldiness of the title, coupled with the fact the convention was to meet every three years, it has commonly been called the "Triennial Convention."

Since this marked the beginning of organized, cooperative Baptist work in the nation, it is fitting that Southern Baptists, along with six other great Baptist bodies, are joining in a six-year program of celebration to culminate in a joint meeting, in Atlantic City, N.J., May 18-21, 1964. It is expected that the cooperating bodies hold their 1964 conventions in or near Atlantic City immediately preceding or following the date for the joint meeting, to make it practicable for the greatest possible number of Baptists to attend.

The period of Baptist Jubilee Advance extends from 1959 through 1964 and includes simultaneous evangelism and church extension programs of all participating conventions. Each cooperating body will work out and promote its own program of activities, but all are being challenged by objectives and goals they have worked out together.

Dr. C. C. Warren, of Charlotte, N.C., who is general chairman of the Baptist Jubilee committee, reports that the following annual emphases have been adopted for all the groups:

- 1959—Evangelism through cooperative witness.
- 1960—Evangelism through Bible teaching and training.
- 1961—Evangelism through stewardship and enlistment.
- 1962—Evangelism through church extension.
- 1963—Evangelism through world missions.
- 1964—Third Jubilee celebration.



Personally Speaking . . .

"...bread upon the waters..."

HOUSTON, May 22 — You have heard of the little girl who closed her evening prayer: "And goodbye, God — tomorrow we're moving to Texas!"



It is hard today for us to realize there was ever a time when Texas was not out front in everything, particularly in Southern Baptist work. But Texan Forrest C. Feezor, in a weak moment, no doubt, admits that Baptist beginnings there were small.

Eighty years ago, as Southern Baptists convened in Richmond, Va., the great state of Texas could qualify for only 93 messengers, based upon contributions to home and foreign missions, and actually sent only 51 messengers to the convention, Dr. Feezor, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, reveals.

That year Texas gave only \$1,624 to home missions, but received \$7,237 for mission work in the state," he recalls.

Some Baptists from the older states questioned the wisdom of investing so much money in Texas and others of the newer states, in view of the small amount being contributed in return by the mission states. But Texan B. H. Carroll vindicated the action of the Home Board in spending mission money in Texas, Dr. Feezor reminds.

In an address entitled, "Wisdom of Missions," Dr. Carroll appealed to Southern Baptists to "cast bread upon the waters," predicting that "the receiver shall become the benefactor."

That prophecy has long since been fulfilled. Texas Baptists now give nearly \$2,000,000 annually to foreign missions, practically a third of the total given by all the states. This year they are giving between 8 and 9 million dollars through the Cooperative Program.

The surest investment in the world today is not in stocks or bonds or real estate or railroads or utilities. The one investment that is bound to pay off many fold is whatever we put into missions. For in this God is our partner and we need have no fear of failure. Whatever we can do to help people to have Christ as their Lord and Savior is an investment that will continue to pay dividends long after this world has passed away.

The example of what God was able to do for the state of Texas should remind us again of the truth of the Scripture:

"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" 2 Cor. 9:6.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Letter from Home

YOU ARE giving us a good paper. After spending nearly 30 years as pastor in Arkansas, its like a letter from home. —W. L. Leach, 2832 S. Adams, Ft. Worth, Tex.

On Name Change

Dear Brother McDonald:

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to you for your very timely article on the Editorial page in the recent issue of The Arkansas Baptist, concerning the renaming of the "Southern Baptist College," Walnut Ridge.

To me and hundreds of others that have gone "through" Southern Baptist College, it will always be "Southern" no matter what they undertake to call it now.

It is rather late in the day now to undertake to change the name of this Baptist Institution.—H. W. Johnston, Missionary, Greene County Association, Paragould.

KNEA Award

Dear Brother Erwin:

Your news note concerning KLRA and the citation from the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention may call for more space than you are willing to spare.

Our local 1,000-watter, KNEA, has also received such an award.—Douglas D. Scrivner, Jonesboro.

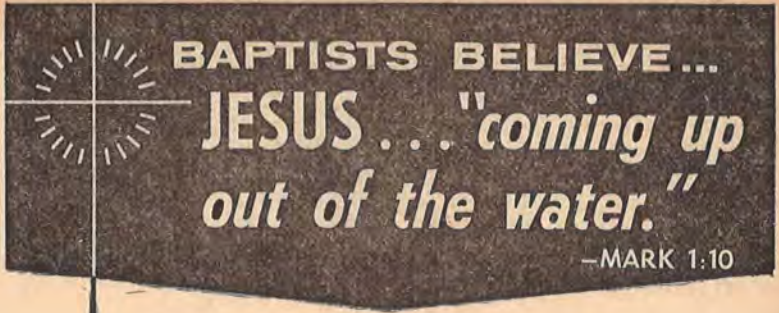
Pastoral Changes

AUDRA MARTIN, who has been serving Webb City Church, Clear Creek Association, has accepted the pastorate of 1st Church, Muldrow, Okla.

WILBUR HERRING, Central Church, Jonesboro, has accepted the call of a church in Jacksonville, Fla., and will assume his new post of service July 1.

ANDY O'KELLEY, Ouachita freshman and former pastor of Northside Church, Charleston, has accepted the pastorate of Marlbrook, near Blevins. The church grew out of a mission of 1st Church, Arkadelphia.

● BOB GRAHAM, junior of Conway, was elected president of the Ouachita Baptist College Student Senate. Graham defeated Reuben Setliff, junior of Magnolia, 286 votes to 283 votes, May 1. The new president is a speech major, served as first vice president of Student Senate this year and is a member of the Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatics fraternity, the Baptist Student Union, and Beta Beta, men's social club. Harold Johnson, Clinton, was elected second vice presi-



Stepping down into the water of the Jordan River, Jesus presented himself to John the Baptist for baptism. Jesus' purpose was different from that of others who were coming. They came for baptism to show they had repented of their sins but Jesus had no sin from which to turn. He was not a sinner, but his life's purpose was to live and die for sinners. Therefore, he took his place among them. In being laid beneath the water, he prophesied of his burial a few years later in the grave. In "coming up out of the water," he foretold his resurrection from death to life.

Those who accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God and who trust him as their Saviour are known as Christians. They should identify themselves as such by following his example in being baptized. They declare by being immersed in water that they believe that he died for them. Baptism is also a testimony of their new way of life in which they will follow Christ. The Bible says, "We are buried



with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Furthermore, as these baptized Christians come

up out of the water, they show their assurance of having a continuing life after they die. In this new life, they will be forever with their Lord.

This is what baptism means to Baptists. It is a symbol and its very form is significant. Only by entering into the water, by being lowered beneath it, and by being raised up from it can a person demonstrate that central fact of Christianity for which baptism stands. This central principle is that Christ died on an executioner's cross for sinners, was buried in a tomb, and rose triumphantly from the grave to be seen again on earth.



When a church baptizes, it obeys the last command of Jesus. He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28: 19). After giving this command, Jesus promised the blessing of his spiritual presence until the end of the world. This means that every Christian should be a baptized believer, at work in a church, learning more about Christ and guiding others to him.

Baptists believe that baptism is a symbol of salvation and not an aid to it and that every believer in Christ should be baptized. With this conviction they are winning more to Christ every year.

dent of the Student Senate.

Jim Byrd, Little Rock, was elected senior class president and Roger Price, North Little Rock, was elected junior class president. Sandy Young, Parkin, was chosen sophomore vice president and Wencie Bonds, Clinton, sophomore treasurer.

● THE SENIOR classes of Rector high school and Strawberry high school won first place attendance awards of \$25 each at Southern Baptist College's first annual Senior Focus Day, May 7. Over 100 seniors from thirteen high schools were on the campus for this event.



RECORD CROWDS attended opening services in the new building of Gaines Street, Little Rock, May 4. Sunday School attendance of 764 was an all-time high. Pastor Russell Clearman reported 23 additions to the church on the opening day.

● **MR. AND MRS. Horace W. Fite, Jr.,** Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, have left the States for their field of service and may be addressed, c-o James E. Musgrave, Caixa Postal 35, Goiania, Goias, Brazil. Mr. Fite is a native of Mena.

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● **TRUMANN CHURCH** is planning a homecoming service for July 20, with a revival meeting beginning July 21. (CB)

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● **GREENE COUNTY** Association's Training Union work has been recognized as being standard.

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● **HERBERT RAY MARTIN,** Immanuel Church, El Dorado, has been elected president of the El Dorado Senior High School student body. (CB)

Bentonville 1st Church Calls Music Director

1ST CHURCH, Bentonville, has called Thurman Hitchcock as minister of music and education. He assumed his duties May 21.

Mr. Hitchcock's home is in Van Buren, where he lived until 1943 and at that time he entered the Navy and served over seas until 1946. He is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College, Ft. Worth, and received his master of religious education degree from the Southwestern Seminary May 16.

Mr. Hitchcock has served at the Bowles Memorial Church, Grand Prairie, Tex., and the John T. White Church, Ft. Worth, as minister of music and education.

Concord News Notes

JAY W. C. Moore, Ernest Baker, Mansfield, and Mrs. Maxie Moore taught a study course recently in the Excelsior Church, L. L. Gilliam, pastor. Moore taught "God Calls Me" to 20 adults. Baker taught the TU manual to 10 intermediates and Mrs. Moore taught 12 juniors the Junior manual.

A **NEGRO VBS CLINIC** was conducted in the Ninth Street Church, Ft. Smith. The faculty who led in the Clinics in Trinity and Booneville churches served in this clinic. Seven Negro churches were represented by 45 Negro pastors and workers. Orville Haley is the VBS Leader for Concord.



MR. HITCHCOCK

Negro Leadership Conference 'Greatest'

THE BLYTHEVILLE Leadership Conference for Negro Baptist pastors and church workers, May 5-7, was perhaps the greatest meeting of its kind ever held in Arkansas.

A total of 407 Sunday School and Vacation Bible School workers, representing 52 Negro Baptist churches, enrolled. Many others attended who did not enroll.

Wonderful co-operation between the white and Negro Baptist leadership made this meeting a complete success. Of the 52 churches enrolled only six had previously had a Vacation Bible School. As a result of the clinic 26 plan to have a school this summer.

The major part of the success of this conference goes to Dr. Loyd M. Owens, educational director of the 1st Church, Blytheville, and W. H. Cook, pastor of the Trinity Church. Mr. Cook teaches our Negro Baptist Extension Class at Blytheville. John Gearing, Mississippi Associational missionary, Dr. Frank Pitts, pastor, 1st Church, Blytheville, and Harry Gates Jacobs, pastor, 1st Church, Osceola, also rendered invaluable service.

Six Blytheville Negro Baptist Churches provided bed and breakfast for the out-of-town workers and many of the business firms of Blytheville helped to provide food, making it possible to serve two meals each day at the church.

The group voted unanimously to make this an annual meeting and to move it to a larger church next year. —Clyde Hart

● **REV. AND MRS. William H. Berry,** Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, have left the states for their field of service and may be addressed, Caixa Postal 320, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Both are natives of Arkansas, he of Magazine and she, the former Olga Oliver, of Paris.

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● **THE 1958 Southern,** the Southern Baptist College annual, is dedicated to President H. E. Williams. Dr. Williams is the founder of Southern Baptist College and has been her leader during her entire existence. Over 6,000 students have attended Southern Baptist College. Today over 250 Baptist pastors in Arkansas have received training at Southern.

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● **GLENN TOLER,** pastor of the Iron-ton Church, Little Rock for the past four years has resigned his work there. He is available for supply work and can be contacted at 1401 8th St., Arkadelphia.

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● **DELL CHURCH** broke ground for a new educational building following regular services on Mar. 2. Allen Hardin is chairman of the building committee.

66 Club Challenges Training Union Juniors

1ST CHURCH, North Little Rock, encourages juniors to learn important facts about the Bible. The basis for the learning of these facts is the laying of a foundation that will be used in the Junior Memory-Sword Drill and the Intermediate Sword Drill work.

The incentive used to promote this work is the awarding of membership in a club known as the 66 Club. Membership is gained by memorizing the names of the 66 books of the Bible and repeating them in order before a reviewing council. Additional awards in the form of seals are given when the junior learns the Ten Commandments, the 23rd Psalm, the Beatitudes, and the Model Prayer. The seals are placed on the certificate as they are earned. The certificates are hung in the Department for all to see.

Time for this work was set 15 to 20 minutes before Training Union begins. The workers come early to help the boys and girls as they learn the books of the Bible and other Scripture passages. It was started to promote attendance in the Training Union; the records speak for themselves; October 1957, 19 enrolled with an average attendance of 12; April 1958, 33 enrolled with an average attendance of 23. Nineteen out of 33 have now become members of the 66 Club with a total of 33 seals awarded.

There are now only two unions in the Junior Department, but plans are under way for the organizing of two additional unions.

1st Church has found that juniors will come to Training Union if the program they receive will challenge them. In addition to the juniors, their parents are enlisted in the adult department; therefore, adding to the whole Training Union Program.

Mrs. T. A. Spencer, Jr. is director of the Junior Department. She has done a marvelous job since becoming its director last October. Besides being Director of the Junior Department in Training Union, she is church librarian, pianist in a Sunday school department, runs her own business, manages two teenagers, and yet, she still finds time to do a multitude of "odd jobs" around the church. She deserves the credit for the fine record set by our Junior Department of Training Union.—Jim Sparks, Educational Director.

● J. HAROLD Smith, 1st Church, Ft. Smith, was highly honored recently by being invited to speak to the 2,300 inmates of the Angola State Prison in Louisiana. Vernon R. Kennedy, state president of the Louisiana Gideons issued the invitation. This was the first time that all of the inmates were brought together for a mass religious service. Dr. Smith spoke on "Christ Lifted Up."



66 CLUB MEMBERS—Members in the 66 Club of 1st Church, North Little Rock, include, top, left to right: Rebecca Nichoalds, Pastor Roy B. Hilton, Phil Esch, Linda Yaegar, and Pete Tompkins. Bottom, left to right, front row: Donna Giger, Connie DuBose, Betty Jones, Donna Cunningham and Phil Esch. Middle row: Lonna Geiger, Linda Yaegar, Rebecca Nichoalds, Jane Yopp. Back row: Pete Tompkins, Mrs. T. A. Spencer, Jr., director, T. A. Spencer, Jr., associational director, C. C. Brown, superintendent Junior Sunday School department.

Glorieta, Ridgecrest Attendance Increases

E. A. HERRON, manager of the summer assembly at Glorieta, N. M., reported total paid registrations for 1957 were 12,057. This was more than double the number of persons registering there in 1953. Largest week of attendance was the student retreat when 1,343 registered.

Willard K. Weeks, manager of the summer assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C., said a record of 31,246 persons registered for the various week-long programs scheduled there. During the third Training Union week, 3,855 registered. (BP)

Foundations Reports Best Year in History

"THE SOUTHERN Baptist Foundation is happy to report that this past year is by far the best one in its history," Executive Secretary J. W. Storer told the Southern Baptist Convention, in his annual statement for the agency.

"This is reflected not only in the corpus increase of \$827,415, but by the number of wills written and trusts executed. It is gratifying that the source of all this has come from those who voluntarily have written to the Foundation office in Nashville for help in preparing wills, etc., Storer continued.



IN AUSTRALIA, a novel appeal for obtaining missionary volunteers has been made. Every unmarried Anglican clergyman, with not less than two or more than ten years service to the Church, recently received a telegram from the Chairman of the Board of Missions. It read simply: "Will you place your future in the hands of your diocese and bishop by offering yourself for service in the Highlands of New Guinea?" Nineteen replied, five said simply "Yes." The wire had been sent because the Board was faced with the alternative of finding six missionaries or closing the work in the Highlands. Work there is extremely arduous and the selected recruits will be sent to the Kanongra Jungle Training School in Queensland before they go to New Guinea.

IN ENGLAND, Armand Georges, of Ilford, who is seriously ill with high blood pressure, devotes one evening every week to an unusual form of Christian service. On that evening he opens his home to "any lonely people who care to call." The ministry developed after Mr. Georges published a leaflet — "Crusade Against Loneliness"—and received some 40,000 letters from lonely people. He believes that local churches should sponsor special services for these people, because "what they want most is to be able to knock on somebody's door and make themselves at home with one or two people."

IN NEW ZEALAND, the Presbyterian Church is concerned about the activities of Mormon missionaries. Leaders have drawn up a statement setting out "in simple terms the issues at stake, for the guidance of Presbyterians." The action was brought on by the fact that the Mormon Church is planning to send 500 missionaries to New Zealand in the near future, half of them trained in the Maori tongue. Some 13,000 persons speak Maori. The Mormons are also about to open a big "temple" in Hamilton where a co-educational college for 800 students is almost ready to open. The buildings, costing some 10-million dollars, are being provided by U. S. Mormons and built by New Zealand volunteers, mostly Maoris.

IN AFRICA, Lamido Rei Bouba, a tribal king, is grateful to the Christian missionaries for the help they have given his people; and although he himself is a Moslem he has shown his gratitude to the missionaries by donating tracts of land for new mission stations.

IN SWEDEN, the long battle for the ordination of women to the ministry of the State Church — Lutheran — was renewed recently as both chambers of parliament passed a measure that would authorize such ordination in July, 1959. The church's convocation, which voted

Baptist Crosscurrents

Questions For Controversy

By PORTER ROUTH

(From The Baptist Program, February, 1958)

The dictionary defines controversy as the "act of arguing a question about which differences of opinion exist; debate, dispute, quarrel, wrangle."

Controversy is a part of nearly every conversation. It can be a source of light. It is often a source of heat. It can lead even into bitter darkness.

Paul admonished the Philippians, "Do all things with murmuring and disputing." Certainly Paul was concerned with harmony, but he was not saying that there should never be discussion. He exhibited his own ability to state his point of view, to controvert the point of view of others on more than one occasion.

In any controversy it might be well to ask several questions:

1. Do we have all of the facts available? Truth is never found down the road of ignorance. All colors look alike in the dark. Many controversies would never arise if both parties involved would take the time to get the uncontrovertable facts.

2. Are the fruits of the controversy really worth cultivating and picking? Is the question significant or is it incidental? Is there a possibility of taking the seed of a small controversy and finding that when it is planted six large controversies have grown in its place?

3. Am I confusing pride with principle? Many times we are blinded by an opportunity to take personal advantage to satisfy our pride in the name of principle.

4. Do we descend to the level of personal vilification when we see our fortress of principle being breached? This is not only an unchristian tactic in controversy, but it is a certain confession that the principle we so proudly proclaimed has been controverted.

5. Do we recognize that every question has two sides? Someone has said, "Yes, my side and the wrong side." We must start every discussion, however, with the understanding that the parties involved have different backgrounds, and sometimes words which are perfectly clear and understandable out of our own experience have completely opposite meanings to those who come from a different experience. It is easy sometimes to resolve a controversy by a brief review of vocabulary.

6. Do we truthfully seek to know God's will and word in every question of controversy? God may not abide with either the majority or the minority vote in a Baptist church or in the Southern Baptist Convention. Human reason often crumbles against the imprintable spirit of God's eternal truth.

What does God want me to do as an individual? What does God's Word say? What does God's spirit, as revealed in Jesus Christ, signify? What is the purpose of my church? What is the goal of my home? What should we do in our denomination?

These questions and others should be uppermost in our minds when we enter into controversy in any of these areas, remembering above all else that "there abideth, faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love."

down a similar proposal last year, must now act on the new measure.

'Catholic Chair' Established

In Cambridge, Massachusetts, Harvard Divinity School recently announced the establishment of a professorship in Roman Catholic studies. This is the first time in the famous institution's 139-

year history that such a course has been offered. The chair has been established by Chauncey Stillman of the class of '29 in memory of his father, who graduated in 1898. Its purpose is to attract to the Protestant divinity school, scholars and students who can contribute a wider understanding of the Roman Catholic Church.

Centennial Plans Mapped By Southern Seminary

PRESIDENT DUKE K. McCall described plans being made to observe the centennial of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in his annual report for the seminary-to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 100th anniversary of the founding of the seminary will be observed next year at Louisville, Ky. The 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Louisville.

Major construction project associated with centennial year is the James P. Boyce library, named in honor of the first president and one of the founders of the seminary. McCall said the library is to be completed during centennial year. Seminary alumni are raising the \$500,000 necessary to complete the building next year.

As part of the centennial observance "We also expect to request that the May commencement be scheduled at one of the evening sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention," according to McCall.

The faculty of Southern Seminary, McCall said, has been organized into five schools in line with recommendations from a consultant firm which surveyed the seminary's operations. These schools are the school of theology, school of church music, school of religious education, summer school, and evening school. (BP)

East Side Church Has Groundbreaking

DR. BEN L. Bridges was guest speaker for groundbreaking ceremonies for a new educational building of East Side Church, Paragrould, Apr. 27.

The \$60,000 unit will house five nursery, three beginner, two primary, two junior and one young people's departments. The air-conditioned, two-story brick building is the first unit of a long-range program, according to Guy Whitney, pastor. The next step will be erection of a new auditorium.

Among those participating in the groundbreaking service were Paul Greene, chairman of the finance committee, Chester Faulkner, superintendent of the Sunday School, and Ebb Jones, chairman of the building committee.

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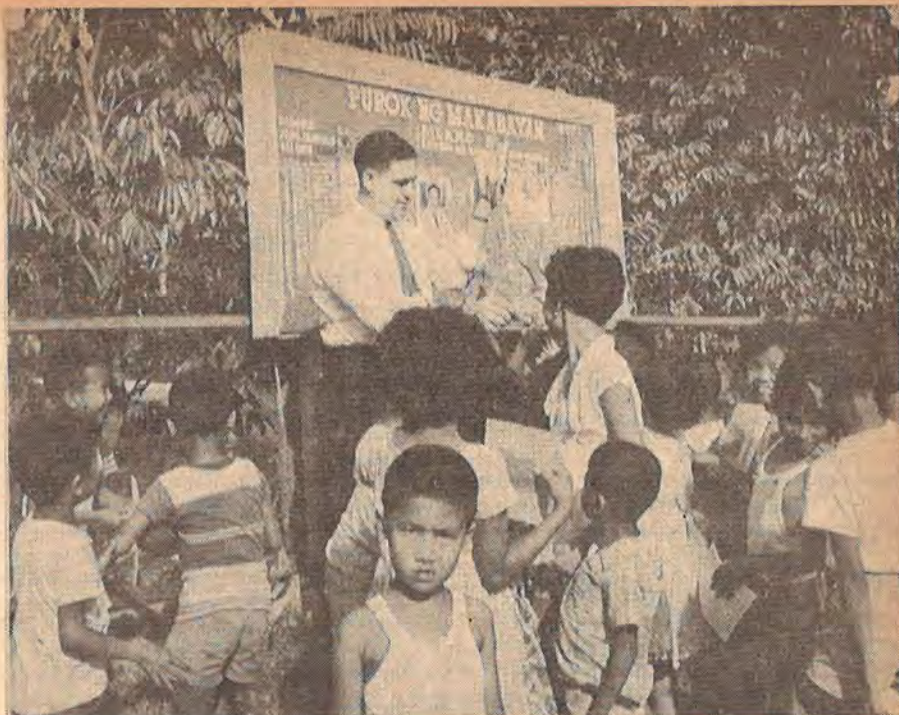
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GIVING AN INVITATION—Southern Baptist Missionary Ted O. Badger is pictured as he invites passers-by to services of the 1st Church of Cavite City, in the Philippine Islands. He's also issuing an invitation to Royal Ambassadors in the States to attend the Second Convention-wide RA Congress in Fort Worth, Aug. 12-14. Badger will be one of several missionaries on the program.

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WMU CONFERENCE, Glorieta, N.M.....	July 17-23
WMU CONFERENCE, Ridgecrest, N.C.....	August 7-13

Detailed information will be mailed to counselors, directors, presidents and BWC chairmen. Watch for further announcements. In the meantime, plan for your organizations to be well represented at each of the above important missionary events.

Revival Reports

HARDIN CHURCH, Pine Bluff: Jack Gullede, East Main, El Dorado, evangelist; Carlton Davison, Hardin, music director; 13 professions, one addition by letter.

PIKE AVENUE, North Little Rock, May 4-11: Homer Martinez, evangelist; Joey Calladerson, singer; 37 professions; 18 by letter, one decision to special work and many reconsecrations.

BARLING, Concord Association: Paul E. Wilhelm, Lamar, evangelist; Luther Robinson, singer; 9 by baptism, 10 by letter; 13 rededications.

1ST CHURCH, Calico Rock, Apr. 27-May 4: Billy Walker, evangelist; Herbert "Red" Johnson, song leader; 11 by baptism, one by letter and 42 rededications.

WILMAR CHURCH, Bartholomew Association; Gerald Trussell, Warren, evangelist; Raymond Johnson, Warren, music; nine additions, eight by baptism.

WEST FORK: Jamie Coleman, evangelist, Gerald Jones, singer. There were four additions by baptism, and nine by letter, Pastor John Allen reports.

HUNTSVILLE: 20 additions by baptism and seven by letter. Jessie Reed was evangelist. G. W. Morrison is pastor.

JOHNSON: three additions by baptism, three by letter. Tommie Hinson was evangelist, and John Johnson the singer. Lynn Weir is pastor.

1ST CHURCH, Fayetteville: 21 by baptism, 15 by letter and four other professions. Angel Martinez was evangelist; Frank Boggs was the singer. Andrew Hall is pastor.

DELL CHURCH received nine new members, five by profession, in a recent revival with Curtis Bryant, Oak Grove, Van Buren, doing the preaching, according to Pastor Jesse Holcomb.

1ST CHURCH, Warren: T. K. Rucker, Forrest City, evangelist; Norman Webb, Warren, music; 14 by baptism, three by letter.

1ST CHURCH, Monticello: Gerald Smith, Crossett, evangelist; Jack Day, music; 16 by baptism, 10 by letter.

2ND CHURCH, Monticello: C. E. Smith, Memphis, evangelist; six by baptism, seven by letter.

SOUTH SIDE Church, Fort Smith, Victor H. Coffman, pastor, had the services of Ed Vallowe, Bloomfield Gardens Church, Macon, Ga., for a revival meeting Apr. 7-13. Eight made professions of faith and a number made re-dedications and other decisions. There was an overwhelming response to the invitation for dedicated homes and family worship. Despite bad weather, 430 were present for Sunday school on the closing Sunday of the revival.

BARLING CHURCH: Paul Wilhem, Lamar, evangelist; Luther Robinson, music; nine by baptism and 10 by letter.

1ST CHURCH, Waldron, recorded 17 professions of faith, two additions by letter and 10 rededications during the Apr. 13-27 revival at which Roy Hilton, 1st Church, North Little Rock, was evangelist. Raymond Leek, Waldron, led the music.

1ST CHURCH, Hoxie, reported 17 professions, 7 other additions and 14 rededications in the Apr. 14-20 meeting with W. Richard Vestal, 1st Church, Manila, as evangelist. One girl surrendered for a special service. Pastor John H. Colbert, Jr., said the church has had 75 decisions for Christ since Jan. 1.

A **ONE WEEK** revival campaign ending May 11 resulted in 37 additions to 1st Church, North Little Rock. Billy Walker, evangelist from College City, Walnut Ridge, held the revival. Walter Hill, 1st Church, Sylvan Hills, led the singing. Twenty-seven, mostly adults, came on profession.

THE BOOKSHELF

Gray Ghosts and Rebel Raiders, by Virgil Carrington Jones, Henry Holt and Company, 1957, \$4.50.

Here is another interesting volume in the rapidly growing literature on the Civil War. This is the story of the scattered bands of fighting Confederates who brought about a turning point in the history of guerrilla warfare.

"Always in the past the independent warrior had been frowned on by officers and soldiers making up the ranks of the regular army. To them a partisan was a shirker, a pillager, a brigand, a thief. They charged that he sneaked in and struck but would not stay to fight . . . In the old days it was a defensive weapon. Now it is a highly potent offensive measure . . ."

No Escape From Life, by John Sutherland Bonnell, Harper, 1958, \$3.75.

AS A PIONEER in the field of counseling with people who have personal problems they have been unable to grapple with, Dr. Bonnell has had and continues to have a great ministry.

In this, his fifth book, he presents scores of the harried, unhappy or perplexed people who seek help in his counseling room. Because they are people with problems common to humanity, and because Dr. Bonnell is able to show the unlimited resources of God available to Christians, this book will be profitable reading for us all.

Jonathan Edwards, The Preacher, by Ralph G. Turnbull, Baker, 1958, \$3.95.

Dealing with this preacher of "hell-fire" who was one of the most controversial figures of his generation, the author attempts no formal biography, but, rather, as the title suggests, a study of him as a preacher.

In the foreword, Paul S. Rees says: "Here is an approach to the life and work of this distinguished New Englander that is stimulatingly different. The manifold facets of Edwards' career as a preacher are held up to the light; and, as in the case of a true diamond, one finds an authentic luster . . ."

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BIG CREEK and Rocky Bayou Associations have agreed to work together and use the same man as missionary.



R. E. Fowler, who has been serving Rocky Bayou will now extend his ministry into Big Creek.

IN THE recent missionaries retreat, Harrison Johns displayed two charts which he is using to stimulate interest in evangelism and financial support of Cooperative Program and associational missions. The evangelism chart, secured from the Department of Evangelism of Texas, has a column for names of churches and 12 columns for each month to show the number of baptisms reported. The financial chart calls for a gold star to be placed in the monthly column if the church has contributed to the Cooperative Program, and a small blue star, if the church made a contribution to associational missions. These charts are displayed in all associational meetings. The representatives of the churches can see their records. The charts cost \$2 each. The financial chart is put out by the Department of Stewardship of Texas Convention.

It is important for missionaries and associational leaders to keep the churches informed about the work and the part they are playing in the over all program.

HOW ARE your plans coming along for the 1959 Crusade? The thought has occurred to me that a good slogan would be, "More than ever before." When did your church have its highest number of baptisms? Why not work and pray to go beyond that number in 1959? What year did your association have its highest number of baptisms? Could you go beyond that number next year as you endeavor to win "more than ever before?"

Arkansas is to have eight summer student missionaries for 10 weeks this summer. They will work in Boone, Newton, Ouachita, Dard-Russellville, Caddo River, Wash-Madison, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Associations.

Church Musician Magazine Enlarged

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— The Church Musician, monthly magazine published by the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board will be increased in size from 52 to 64 pages beginning with the October, issue. The quarterly price will be increased from 50 cents to 60 cents and the annual subscription price from \$2.50 to \$3.

May 29, 1958

CHURCH MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Director

A CAPACITY enrollment is assured for the South Arkansas Music Conference on Ouachita College campus, June 16-20.



MR. McCLARD

Classes will begin promptly at 8 a. m. June 16. Those wishing to enroll early may do so after 1 p. m. Sunday June 15. Sponsors must accompany early arrivals. Overnight accommodations are provided by the college for 75 cents per person and meals served for 50 cents a meal. The Conference will close after the festival program Friday, June 20. Parents and friends are invited to attend the Festival Program which will begin at 7 p. m.

Staff and faculty members include: Saxe Adams, Travis Ave. Church, Ft. Worth; Lowell Alexander, Church Music Department, Louisiana State Convention; Amon Baker, Immanuel, Little Rock; Willard Burnham, 1st Church, Crossett; E. L. Crosby, 1st Church, Smackover; Don Edmondson, Central, Magnolia; Mrs. Cline Ellis, 1st McGhee; Lecil Gibson, 1st, El Dorado.

Norman Greene, South Side, Pine Bluff; Andy Heskett, 1st, DeWitt; Dr. James Luck, Ouachita College; J. P. McBeth, Ouachita; LeRoy McClard, Little Rock; Bill McGraw, Oklahoma City.

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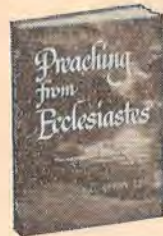
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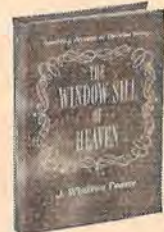
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RECORD OFFERING

By Baker J. Cauthen

THE FINAL figure of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is now complete. The total of \$6,121,585.14 is \$880,839.75 more than last year. This money is an expression of growing missionary conviction and compassion as the realities of today's world are being faced.

The administration of this money reinforces all our labor of missions throughout the world. From its beginning, Woman's Missionary Union has addressed itself to the cultivation of prayer and the study of missions and to giving; but it has recognized that the administration of funds and the projection of work are the responsibilities of the Foreign Mission Board.

Of this year's offering, \$2,500,000 is a part of the 1958 budget of the Foreign Mission Board. Additional allocations amounting to \$2,615,500 were approved at the Board's semiannual meeting in April. This action came after similar approval by the Southwide Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union meeting in Birmingham, Ala., in February.

The final appropriations for the 1957 Offering will be approved by the Foreign Mission Board in session at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly in June.

It should be borne in mind that, although the Lottie Moon Offering has grown remarkably, the basic dependence of the Foreign Mission Board upon the Cooperative Program for its financial reinforcement remains unchanged.

In 1933, when the Foreign Mission Board had a total income of \$691,987, the Cooperative Program provided 42.3 per cent of this amount. In 1957, the Cooperative Program provided 49 per cent of the Board's total income of \$14,270,964.

The growth of the Lottie Moon Offering has produced important developments in the Board's finances. In 1933 the Lottie Moon Offering provided 20.2 per cent of the funds received by the Board. In that same year, however, designated gifts provided 25.2 per cent of all funds received.

As the Lottie Moon Offering has grown, the percentage of the total income of the Foreign Mission Board provided by that offering has increased. In 1957, 37 per cent of the Board's income came from the Lottie Moon Offering.

This growth, however, is attended by a displacement of designated giving. Whereas 25.2 per cent of the Foreign Mission Board's 1933 income was derived from designated gifts, only 10.8 per cent of the Board's 1957 income came from designated gifts. This means that the growth of the Lottie Moon Offering through the displacement of designated giving now brings to the Foreign Mission Board a much higher percentage of its income.

Another interesting fact is that 76 per cent of the funds which the Foreign Mission Board now receives as design-

ated gifts is for missionary salaries and other items scheduled for budget appropriations. Only 24 per cent of the designated gifts received is for items aside from budget provision.

This study indicates that advance in foreign missions depends upon continued increase of its income through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering.

God is raising up an increasingly large number of the finest of his servants to go as missionaries. These young people are challenging Southern Baptists with their lives. We thank God that the hosts of people who through prayer, love, and giving provide money for foreign missions through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering stand ready to hold up the hands of these who cross the world to share the message of redemption with mankind.

It is highly important that we keep in mind that the growth we have ex-

perienced is only a partial response on our part to the responsibilities God has set before us. We must not congratulate ourselves upon half doing a great task. We must press ahead toward a realization of our possibilities as stewards of Christ's blessings. God is giving much to Southern Baptists. He is expecting much from us. There is a long way to go, and we dedicate ourselves without reserve to the task before us.

● PAUL FOX, pastor of Calvary, Little Rock, will be out of his pulpit for at least two months as the result of a broken leg which he suffered in a fall.

● R. G. LETOURNEAU, outstanding Christian layman, will address the quarterly rally of the Pulaski Association Brotherhood rally at Gaines Street June 16.

● JANE COOK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cook, 1st Church, Little Rock, has been awarded a \$3,000 honor scholarship to Southwestern University, Memphis. She was one of eight top-ranking seniors and a national merit finalist. (CB)



LAST CALL

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JUNE 27 — JULY 2

The two chartered buses have been filled for several weeks. The third and final bus will soon be filled. Send your \$7.50 registration fee immediately to the Baptist Student Union or Woman's Missionary Union, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock. The buses leave Little Rock on June 24 and return July 9. The cost of the round trip on the bus, all hotel and motel costs, and sightseeing costs will be \$105.00. This includes a stop in Niagara Falls, two days in New York City and one day in Washington.



Pet Sitter

By LOUISE HANNAH KOHR

BILLY BEVAN was a big boy now, taller than the pocket on his daddy's coat. He was much too big to cry. And he knew it. But just now he felt so lonely that he wished he could go out to the hedge and cry.

He felt that way because a lonely summer stretched away before him. Kathy was going on a vacation to Denver. David-down-the-block was going to California. Susan was going to visit her grandmother clear across the United States. Even Aunt Julie and Uncle Ray were going fishing on a lake.

Billy and his mother and daddy had been going on a vacation, too — to a place with boats and swimming and paths to explore back into the woods beside a lake. But now they weren't. Some general or general-something was coming and Daddy couldn't get away to take them.

A tear squeezed out of one eye and went plop! on the table before him, just as Mother called, "Billy, someone wants you on the telephone."

"Me?" asked Billy, surprised.

Who would want him on the telephone? Sometimes Aunt Julie talked with him, but she would be much too busy today packing to go away. Sometimes Susan talked with him. But Susan would be busy today, too.

"This is Mrs. Wilson, Kathy's mother," said the voice on the telephone. "Kathy says you are going to be at home while we are away. We haven't anywhere to leave Buff. She thought you might keep him for us."

Buff was Kathy's little brown dog.

"Sure," Billy said, "I'd like to keep him for you."

That's how it all started. There was David's kitten, Spitfire, that needed keeping. As long as he had to stay at home, he might as well keep Spitfire, too. And there were Susan's turtles, Tweedle and Dee. Maybe they would feel more at home with someone they knew.

Once he got started there were pets to keep for every week of the summer.

Billy made a sign and put it on the lawn: PET SITTER.

He kept the Milburn's pups and the Basinger's whole family of cats. He kept the Doty's parakeet and the Whalen's huge, brown mastiff dog, that ate as much as three.

He even kept Aunt Julie's planter and watered the growing things in it every day. Everyone was so pleased to have a place to leave pets and other things where they knew they would have good care.

And Billy was so busy helping everyone else to have happy vacations that he hardly knew what happened to the summer; it went so fast. And besides, the way it turned out, no one was gone all summer. That is, Kathy went in June and was back when David-down-the-block went in July. And they were both back when Susan went away.

So there was never a time when Billy didn't have one or two of them to play with and help him with his pet-sitting.

"And I almost cried because they were going to have a happy time," he told himself, ashamed.

It was such fun keeping pets that he didn't like to take the money given him for it. But everyone said, "Sure, Billy, take this. We had to have somewhere to leave them, you know. And we knew they would have good care here."

That's how it was, when he counted up the money he had earned pet-sitting, that Billy's mother said, "You've been so helpful this summer, Billy. And since we didn't go on a vacation ourselves, wouldn't you like to take the money you earned and we'll put enough with it to buy you a new bicycle. Your tricycle is getting much too small for you."

Billy said, "It's been such fun keeping pets for people, more fun maybe even than the lake and the boat and swimming. And if I get a new bike, Kathy and David and Susan will all get to help me ride it. They have helped me take care of summer pets."

NOTICE IN a New York restaurant: "Customers who consider our waitresses uncivil should see the manager."—Ex.

THE BAREFOOT young man stood before the grizzled mountaineer.

"Mr. Burbidge," he stammered, "I've come hyar to ask yer daughter's hand."

"Can't allow sech thing," drawled the mountaineer. "Ither yer takes the whole gal or none."—Ex.

IN THIS political year I am reminded of the candidate in Arkansas some fifty years ago who said to a wise old politician: "Jedge, who do you think will win, me or my opponent?" He got this answer: "Well, it depends on which one of you sees the most people. If you see the most, he'll win; if he sees the most, you'll win!"—Brooks Hays.

"WHY DOESN'T a farmer have to go to work?"

"He just wakes up and there it is."

AN IRISHMAN, after paying his respects in the cemetery, walked about looking over some of the old tombstones. He stopped before one on which was engraved: "Here lies Sandy MacGregory — A Generous Father and a Pious Man."

"Huh!" exclaimed the Irishman. "Just like the Scotch — three men in one grave!"

A VERY large lady got on a street-car and a couple of men arose and gave her their seats. She was such a large lady that a small boy's attention was attracted, and he sat gazing at her in wonder. Finally, offended at his staring, she said impatiently, "Little boy, what are you looking at me for?"

The youngster, embarrassed, stammered, "L-I-lady, there ain't nowhere else to look."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—When singing "God Bless America," a little four-year-old girl sang it this way — "Stand beside her, and guide her, with the light through the night from a bulb."

—Christian Herald



"I love your hat Clara. It's just like one I had in 1939."

A New Leader Commissioned

By ANDREW HALL

1st Church, Fayetteville

June 1

Numbers 27:18-20; Joshua 1:1-9

I WAS WALKING down the corridor of Norton Hall in Louisville Seminary when I first heard the news — "President Franklin Roosevelt is dead." A student had just come in the door with the news which he heard over his radio in the dormitory. Within a matter of moments millions of people were learning about the death of a national leader. For the next 24 hours the networks played music in memory of an international figure.

In this lesson we must project ourselves back into Israel's history and realize that Moses' ministry had been profoundly important to them for decades. At first, the circumstances seem to be ironic. Moses had lived a full life and had been a magnificent leader. Yet, he had flagrantly disobeyed God in the matter of striking the rock. Now he was to be denied the privilege of leading his people into the Promised Land. This seems to be severe punishment but we must remember that leadership carries with it not only great privilege but also grave responsibility. When a leader errs it involves far greater consequences than when the average person fails.

This is as it should be. Sin is newsworthy. If a pastor elopes with the organist, the newspapers make it front page reading. Consider how dreadful society would be if nobody paid any special attention to this sort of behavior. Suppose nobody lifted an eyebrow when a deacon absconded with money from the bank where he worked. We must never underestimate the power of leadership.

The time had arrived when God announced to Moses that his death was not far away. In the realization that he could lead the people no further, Moses requested that another leader be given to them. God responded by choosing Joshua as Moses' successor. Joshua was charged by Moses, and this commission was sealed by the laying on of hands. Actually, God's instructions for Joshua sound very much like the ones prevalent in our modern ordination services. By the laying on of Moses'

hands, he is recognized by the people as their new leader.

Consider Joshua's early problems. Moses had been at his post for forty years. He had been a gigantic personality among them. One of the most difficult responsibilities for a man of God today is to succeed a pastor who has had a long, effective ministry.

However, when God makes a man, he breaks the mold. Each leader is different. Success in the realm of leadership is not determined by emulation, but by following closely the will of God. "God's work goes on though his workers perish." Joshua's success will not depend upon whether he does as Moses did, but whether he does what God wants him to do. Notice too, that Moses stepped down, not grudgingly, but in a spirit of cooperation.

In the first chapter of Joshua we read how he took command of the nation. He was given his orders to go into Canaan courageously, obediently, and confidently. It was to be understood from the beginning that as long as he remembered the covenant and obeyed God's law, God would be with him and prosper his mission. He had already demonstrated his abilities as an assistant to Moses but now he must stand alone as one capable of recognizing divine leadership. He, must possess that quality so necessary in every leader — the capacity for making decisions.

Perhaps most important of all, Joshua must prove himself before God and the Israelites as a man of integrity. This is required before one can command the respect of his followers.

When General Dean was apprehended by the enemy in Korea, he was manhandled and severely mistreated. Each day to him could be his last. One day they surprised him by telling him that he would be permitted to write a final letter to his family.

He suspected that the letter would never be delivered but he took pen in hand. He gave this advice to his son in a letter which contained only a few words: "Son, the word is integrity." He gave profound advice. He could have said the word is popularity, or security, or prominence, but he chose "integrity." You will recall that the general was later released and his heroism is known to all.

Practical Application

How do men become leaders? Is it accidental or incidental? An elderly Presbyterian minister tells of a young

preacher who came to him years ago and said, "In ten years I want to become known as the greatest Bible teacher in America. Tell me how I may achieve this goal." The older minister continued by saying, "I never heard of him again."

God's leaders must be God chosen. They must possess the virtues of dedicated Christianity. They must be willing to strike out on new paths and adventures. They must have the spirit of Elisha, who, upon seeing that Elijah was gone, took the mantle, smote the waters and started back to carry on his master's tasks.

Remember, leadership must be directed into the right channels. Leaders in youth gangs, in adult criminal practices, in shady politics, and in many other areas of life have qualities of leadership, but the direction is wrong. It stems from evil character. We may thank God that He has His Joshuas in every generation. He may want you for some major responsibility in your church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dr. Edgar Williamson, Secretary

More Standard Schools

THESE ARE the Sunday Schools that have applied for standard recognition since the last list was published. Congratulations to these pastors, superintendents and workers:

- Pleasant Grove, Conway
- 1st Church, Hope
- Park Hill, North Little Rock
- 1st, Rogers
- 1st, Mountain Home
- 1st, Stephens
- 1st, Helena
- 2nd, Camden
- 1st, West Memphis
- Memorial, Waldo
- 1st, Alexander
- South Side, Pine Bluff
- Calvary, Little Rock
- 1st, McCrory

Following are listed the top eight churches in the state in total standard units (classes, department and schools) as of May 20: Immanuel, Little Rock, 57; Beech Street, Texarkana, 53; 1st, Little Rock, 53; West Batesville, 52; 1st, Bentonville, 25; 2nd, Hot Springs, 25; 2nd, Little Rock, 24; 1st, Fordyce, 21.

MISS SHIRLEY Long, member of 1st



MISS LONG Church, Helena, won first place in the 17-18 year division of the state speakers' tournament which was held at the Youth Convention on April 25. She will represent Arkansas at Ridgecrest during Arkansas Training Union Week, July 17-24. The subject of her speech is "My Ideal For My Home To Be."



Executive Board STATE CONVENTION



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Assemblies

OUR ASSEMBLY and camp programs are among the mightiest of kingdom agencies which we possess. This approach is without parallel in our denominational work. To fail to use these agencies to their highest possibilities is to miss one of the greatest opportunities of kingdom service.

Our assembly program is more than 50 years old. It was begun at Brown Springs near Arkadelphia in 1905. For a number of years following it was conducted at Arkadelphia. It was not until 1923 that the first session was held at Siloam Springs.

For a number of years the assembly program has been under the control of the Assembly Board of Control with Dr. Edgar Williamson as director. For more than a score of years Dr. Williamson has done a monumental work at the Assembly.

Much of this time he has had little with which to work, but his excellent management and hard work have resulted in large dividends. Many people have found Christ as their Saviour at Siloam Springs, and scores of young people have heard His call to definite Christian service while attending the assembly. The spiritual tone of our denomination has been strengthened by summer programs.

Likewise, our camp program is of a number of years duration. It has been carried on largely by the Woman's Missionary Union until in recent years the Brotherhood Department has been sharing in this program. Our camp program has been carried on principally through rented quarters. It was not until about two years ago that our Convention purchased a site 21 miles west of Little Rock on the 12th Street Pike. Brother Nelson Tull was the one person more responsible than any other for making us aware of our need for a campsite which led to this purchase.

These two sites offer us the possibility of serving our total denominational need so far as our assembly and camp programs are concerned. Siloam Springs Assembly is a tract of about 175 acres located in the most beautiful section of our state. This site has some wonderful improvements upon it. For the year of 1959 the usual two-weeks program will be expanded into one of several weeks. The leadership type assembly at Glorieta and Ridgecrest will be adopted with a number of our departments having a week.

The 82 acres in the camp site west of Little Rock has wonderful possibilities. With proper facilities this could be used every week during the summer and for a multitude of meetings the year round.

Recently the two boards — Assembly Board of Control and the Board of Control for Campsites — adopted a resolution asking that the Convention place the assembly and camp programs under the Executive Board.

Many of us believe that under a central direction our camp and assembly programs can be made to more effectively minister to the total needs of our denomination. This will be true provided we get hold of sufficient funds to provide the needed facilities to make this ministry possible. This we should do. —SAW



DR. WHITLOW

Bible Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP IS a kingdom affair. Therefore, Bible stewardship is always connected with the ongoing of the Kingdom of God.

The professional fund raisers have the know-how and savvy to use "gimmicks" in getting money. There are many good plans and systems that will get the money. But the Bible plan of stewardship is designed to get the individual and then help him "grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord". All too long, the "gimmick method" has been used to get money for the kingdom at the expense of losing the individual. Nothing short of a Pentecost can ever change that program in some churches. But a Pentecost will do it, because after the first Pentecost, "Neither said any of them that ought of the things he possessed was his own."



DR. DOUGLAS

For a long time we have been praying for some way, for some light, for a God-sent, Holy-Spirit designed plan to really revive our Baptist people. We do not primarily mean the type of revival where we report so many decisions for this or that, but a revival that gives "more life" to church members. Honestly, after seeing the results and knowing the effects of the Forward Program of Church Finance, we believe that here is a method of presenting the claims of Christ that can help our people to see that Stewardship is more than a theological term, but a real Christian experience. This plan can help our people give self and substance to Jesus Christ.

Bible stewardship relates giving to promoting the Kingdom. We are agreed that the Bible teaches tithing but we have not agreed on where the tithe should be given and how it should be spent. We believe that the Bible teaches us to put our tithe into the Lord's storehouse, but we also believe that the Bible has something to say about the way that tithe is to be spent. Jesus Christ gave a definite commission to every church when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Every Christian is sent forth to witness for Jesus Christ, to make disciples, and help organize churches. This program is world-wide in its scope.

In order to do that, each local church is using part of the tithe to preach the Gospel from a local pulpit. But to be a real New Testament church, that ministry is to be extended to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Therefore, many plans have been devised to help the churches extend their ministry to a lost world. So far, no plan has ever been designed that is better than the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists. It relates stewardship to the ongoing of the Kingdom of God! It gives the local Christian an opportunity to become a world-Christian as he worships God in his own church.

Now for the best plan of world missions — the Cooperative Program — Baptists have added the best plan of relating stewardship to the individual — the Forward Program of church Finance. —RD

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