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Christian Stewardship

WE HAVE had much to say in this column about the administration of wealth and its relation to the Lord, because there are vast sums of money which have never been used for right and good causes. Yet we cannot, and we must not forget the larger stewardship—life.



DR. DOUGLAS

We, along with other generations, are heirs of the ages. Our foreparents landed upon Plymouth Rock, fell upon their knees to dedicate themselves and this land to God. Soon these forefathers got up, took a long breath, looked at the task ahead, and plowed into the wilderness, plunged into the stream of tyranny, landed on the shores of democracy and freedom, and climbed the steps of success to establish our nation. Every hardship faced by these early pioneers was an opportunity to secure privileges untold for us who come later. Their influence lives on.

To recognize that the stewardship of influence is basic in Christian living gives one an antidote for a self-centered life. Then one quits counting the cost and wades into the teeth of weariness and

criticism, if need be, to win for Christ. That kind of a life can withstand the pressure of insidious forces and always stand up to be counted on any issue.

Christians of Arkansas and of the nation face another election. Let us wend our way to the voting places on election day to cast our ballots. This is not only our privilege but our Christian duty.

In the Baptist Bulletin of July 3, 1960, we read these words: "In classical Greek the word *idiotes* meant 'he who doesn't take part in public voting.' The English word idiot is a derivative. Today in America the opportunities to vote are more numerous than the ancient Greeks could have imagined, yet many of us still deserve the name "idiot." If any have deserved the name "idiot," this is the year to earn a better name—by voting; but we should learn all the facts before we vote.

In every issue before the people, there is a cause. Let us find out, personally, what that cause really is before we cast our ballots. Back of each candidate there is a motive. He is either motivated by a will to serve or a will to dominate. The candidate is either trying to fulfill a need or he is trying to fulfill a selfish ambition. If we listen long enough and study the issues involved, we can execute our Christian influence as well as vote more intelligently.

The call of our day is this, "Christians, do not live fractionally, because you are epistles, known and read by the world."

These things demand lives that are whole-heartedly based upon principles that are more lasting than Gibraltar. Remember, we will have just as bad a government as we are willing to stand for or just as good a government as we are willing to live for.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary ■

R. V. Haygood Sr. Killed

Funeral services were held Saturday for R. V. Haygood Sr. at 1st Church, Star City. The father of R. V. Haygood an associate in the Training Union department, he was killed in an automobile accident July 29. The accident occurred when Haygood who was alone in his

Southern Inquiries To American Baptists

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—(BP)—Baptists in Florida, Virginia, North Carolina and New Mexico are inquiring about the possibility of becoming affiliated with the American Baptist Convention, according to a Convention leader.

Paul O. Madsen, New York, associate secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, explained here that these are not necessarily overtures from churches affiliated with other conventions.

In Florida, he declared, there are Baptists from the North—now retired and living in the Sunshine State—who are interested in forming American Baptist-related congregations.

Other overtures are from churches not now affiliated with any convention.

He did not name specific localities in the states, except for the St. Petersburg area—a popular retirement center—in Florida.

He said that the work in the South also includes the states of Georgia and Texas, where in the last 12 months churches have become affiliated with the American Convention.

These are the College Heights Baptist Church of Port Neches, Tex., and the Highland Park Baptist Church of Augusta.

He restated the American Convention's three home missionaries in the South will not seek churches now affiliated with other conventions, nor will they respond to dissident members of Baptist churches.

The three missionaries are J. C. Herrin, of Chapel Hill, N. C., working with American-related Negro colleges in the South; William B. Hill, Asheville, N. C., now assisting in the development of a church in Jefferson City, Mo.; and Clifford G. Hansen, of Philadelphia, who will have the rank of an executive secretary of state convention. ■

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Greatly Impressed by Baptists in America

By Joan Willis

Managing Editor, *Arkansas Baptist*



MR. STEWART

"NOT for one moment have I felt a stranger or have I been conscious of being so far away from home."

Such was the way Rev. A. M. Stewart, of Dundee, Scotland, expressed his attitude toward the American people recently. Pastor of the Lochee Baptist Church in Scotland he has been on a preaching tour and observing the work of Southern Baptist churches in this country since June 27.

His six-week tenure will take him to churches in Arkansas, Virginia, Tennessee, and Alabama.

He commented that he has found Christian fellowship rich wherever he has visited.

In comparing his ministry in Scotland with that of his Baptist colleagues in America he, with a twinkle in his eye, said he was most surprised that so many ministers had automobiles.

"Few Baptist ministers in Scotland have a car and very, very few have a new car," he said. "We visit our parishioners by bicycle, bus, or on foot." He added that

"Many Americans would not have this but in Scotland it has good market value—I get 34 miles to a gallon of petrol." Petrol, the British term for gasoline, is 66 cents per gallon.

Another American "necessity" not to be found among Scottish parsons is the refrigerator. "I don't know of a single manse that has one," he said. He gave two reasons: the temperatures do not require refrigeration and they are too expensive. The newspapers proclaim a heat wave if the mercury hovers near the 80-degree mark for more than two days.

A typical week's activities in a Scottish Baptist church include Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday School for children 3-14 years of age, at 12:30; an evangelistic service in the evening. Wednesday evenings are devoted to Bible study and prayer. The minister's wife is in charge of the Women's Auxiliary on Tuesdays. On Thursday and Friday evenings the Life Boy and Boys' Brigade meet. The uniformed groups have special training in physical fitness. Choir practice is held on Wednesdays following the prayer service.

Mr. Stewart explained that his church with 130 members is considered "one of the better churches in the country." About 200 members is considered a really good church. In Scotland there are 153 churches with a membership of 20,000.

Of all the work among Southern Baptists he has, perhaps, been most impressed with the progress of our Sunday Schools. "Your Sunday School work has greatly intrigued me," he said. "I admire you for encouraging the parents to take an active part in it. This can do nothing but stimulate interest!" he exclaimed. "I am quite convinced the work of Southern Baptist churches has something to

Views on Religion

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — How important is religion to teen-agers? Seventy-three per cent of Minnesota's teen-agers say that it is "very important" to them, according to a survey conducted by the Minnesota Poll of the *Minneapolis Tribune*.

Only 2 per cent said that they regard religion as "not important," while some 25 per cent described it as "fairly important."

An overwhelming percentage (91) believe that they personally have either "a great deal" or "quite a bit" of religious faith.

Although a 59 per cent majority say they "would not consider marrying outside" their religion, some 80 per cent contend that religion does not make a difference to them when it comes to selecting their friends.

Christians and Space

GRACEVILLE, FLA., June 6— "Christian people should not feel themselves forced into the defensive by modern-day astronomical discoveries, and by the new interest in space travel," Dean Martin V. McKinster of Baptist Bible Institute told the graduating class at Brewton-Parker Junior College today.

"Just as every turn of the archeologist's spade tended to verify the Old Testament, so will the cameras, telescopes, and satellites verify the reality of an omnipotent Deity," predicted Mr. McKinster. ■

He has accumulated a host of ideas he hopes to share with the churches when he returns. He is seeking to acquire visual aids to show the people the tremendous surge of Baptist work in the United States.

Pastor Stewart is frequently assisted in his work by his four sons—a banker, a chemist, a sanitary inspector, and a student of modern languages.

When he returns to New York the first of August he will have preached in a number of Arkansas churches—in Little Rock, El Dorado, Hope, and Smackover, and

ARE you a pussyfooting Baptist? A pussyfooter, according to the dictionary, is one who "refrains from committing oneself, as in regard to a question at issue." You would think that the question of voting liquor out would be one issue on which all Christians—certainly, all

Pussyfooters Teaming With Liquor Interests

one of the volunteers who are circulating petitions in North Little Rock to give the people of my home city a chance to vote liquor out, at the November election.

OF all the silly excuses I have heard with my own ears from Baptists who would not sign such petitions, the one that really burned me to a crisp was that of the overly pious fellows who "don't think the church is the place for anything but preaching the gospel"! That sounds mighty righteous, doesn't it? But it is far more pleasing to Satan than to Christ, who said to His church: teach "them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded." These, along with other pussyfooters, are doing what is greatly appreciated, you may be sure, by the liquor manufacturers and dealers. Operators of liquor stores have been quoted as saying: "If the Baptists and the Methodists [not to mention members of other Christian faiths] ever quit patronizing us we'll have to close shop." What I am seeing among Baptists convinces me that as far as my own church is concerned the liquor dealers have a point. For the liquor business is being patronized not only by those who buy its nefarious products, but also by every pussyfooting church member who will not so much as lift one finger to clear our community of its greatest curse.

THE opportunity to vote liquor out will be given North Little Rock residents in November. In spite of the piosity of those who are too "conscientious" to sign the petitions, more than the required 15% of the voters will gladly place their names on the line to get the question on the ballot. But that will just be the beginning of the battle. We will still have to get out the vote. And this is going to take a real effort on the part of everyone against the legal approval of alcohol. You can be sure that the liquor interests are not asleep. They will not be letting any grass grow under their feet between now and November. They have their workers who are far more willing to make personal sacrifice for liquor than a lot of us lukewarm Christians are to oppose it. The liquor business also will plank its money down for its "cause." And they have plenty of funds on which to draw. They will have for the North Little Rock campaign whatever and whoever money can buy. But their greatest ally is the pussyfooting "Christian" who is too "good" to fight for God and righteousness.

THIS is the time for genuine Christians to take their stand on the great moral issues of the day. If you are on the Lord's side, be sure you pay your 1960 poll tax before October so that you will be qualified to vote in November. This is nothing but your Christian right and duty, regardless of what the issues may be in your own local precinct.

'Do It Yourself, Inc.'

DO It Yourself, Inc., is the name of a firm in Louisville, Ky., that I



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used to pass on my daily rides to my office and back. Here is a title that meets many of the requirements of good advertising. It is brief—four words. It is written so that they that ride buses may read it. It tells a story. How much better than some prosaic name like "Johnson and Son."

"Do It Yourself, Inc." says to the world: "We have materials to be assembled by you into things you can make with your own hands." Just what those things are we cannot tell from the name. But that is no great handicap to the proprietors in this age of do-it-yourself. No doubt the curiosity of people causes many to enter the store.

One of the most interesting things about this business title is its contradiction: "Do It Yourself, Inc." "Do it yourself," advises the title, but that little "Inc." reveals that the firm itself is not practicing what it preaches.

Whoever conceived the idea of setting up that store realized that he could not run the business himself, or that he could do it better by having the help of others. So he talked with others, no doubt, and fired their imaginations with his big idea, enlisting them in the enterprise.

The more I think about it, the more I feel this firm name constitutes a good slogan for Baptists: "Do It Yourself, Inc." Put all of your own ingenuity and energy into the task that you can, but take all of the help from men and God you can get, giving all the help you possibly can.

Here is a slogan that is in complete harmony with the parting instructions of the Lord Jesus Christ as he said: "Go ye into all the world . . ." One of the greatest lessons Jesus teaches is the necessity for cooperation. He wins men and women individually, but he calls us to walk together in Christian love.

As Baptists we rejoice in our fellowship of Christian service. We thank God that He has inspired us to find effective ways of pooling the resources of our lives.

Annapolis Baptists

COLLEGE Avenue Baptist Church is located three blocks from the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Our new pastor is Rev. W. David Cooper (LT., CHC, USNR-R), who has just completed 7 years of active duty as reserve Chaplain. He is a graduate of Southern Seminary. I have an MRE degree from Southwestern Seminary.

There are approximately 300 to 500 young men who attend the Academy each year who are from Baptist background. Many of these young men come from your Southern Baptist Churches. Upon arrival at the Academy as plebes (freshmen), they are encouraged to attend the chapel services of the Academy. However, they are given the opportunity of selecting either to attend the Chapel services or those of a local church, though encouraged to do the former. (They have to attend some service.)

We feel very happy over the fact that the Chief Chaplain of the Academy this year will be Captain J. W. Kelly, CHC, who is a Southern Baptist. I believe this is the first time in the Academy's history that this man has been a Southern Baptist. We also know, however, that much will continue to be done according to tradition with regards to the religious emphasis at the Academy.

We desire that your Baptist people in your state know of our ministry to these fine Midshipmen. We desire that the names of these young men be mailed to us in order that we may contact them, and include them into our Baptist church-life while away from their local Baptist churches and homes. We had 115 of these young men in our Sunday school and Church group this year.

Since midshipmen are only "free" on the weekends, we have an organized Baptist Student Union which meets in our church (cannot meet on Naval Academy grounds), with activity provided for them on the weekends at our church. We also seek to have them in the homes of our members from time to time. They become active throughout our Sunday school, Church (as ushers), and Training Union. Many of them are teachers and officers within our Sunday school.

Will you not impress it upon your readers that it is most important that we know of their son's (or friend's) name and address in order to contact him? They also might inform them of our church here in Annapolis.—Martha G. Stone, Minister of Education, College Ave. Baptist Church College Ave. and St. John's Street, Annapolis, Md.

The Catholic Issue

IN February of this year you printed a letter from me in which I gave an idea of mine for a cartoon depicting the difference in the reaction of the Press to Catholic action and to the P. O. A. U.

I have here a copy of *The Church and State* sent me by John A. Waring, Editorial Research Department, of the P. O. A. U. Mr. Berg made an effective cartoon of the idea. Too bad *The Church and State* is not going into every home that could be included in Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

It brings us some startling facts straight from the floors of Congress.

It makes me ask myself and my neighbors some pertinent questions.

Is there a congressman in the House of Representatives who would not immediately affirm their belief in the Separation of Church and State? One would hardly think so.

Yet two Catholic Congressmen made an open drive for Federal Aid for Catholic schools and only one non-Catholic "ventured" a debate on the constitutionality of such aid and his approach was "cautious but scholarly." See *Church and State*, July and August, 1960.

Where are our representatives which we send there to defend our rights? Why do we need a watchman at the Gates of our Constitution such as the P. O. A. U.

Do they think defending this principle "bigoted" or do "prudent men" (Democrats) keep silent, to contest any principle with a religious overtone, might make the Democratic battle cry ineffective and draw the disfavor of the party.

I am going to write my representative to find out; how about you? We Baptists need to know about and understand the functions of this organization, the P. O. A. U.—Mrs. Catherine Royal, Rt. 5, Huntsville, Ark.

Missions Invitation

ON BEHALF of the five missionary couples to the Spanish-speaking people and the one missionary couple to the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado, we would ask that if you are planning a trip this summer that you take time to note that you are welcome and invited to visit the fields of the following missions and missionaries:

Rev. & Mrs. Donald Weeks, missionaries to the Spanish, 1105 Crystal Place, Pueblo;

Rev. & Mrs. Charles Rankin, missionaries to the Spanish, 421 Carson Avenue, La Junta;

Rev. & Mrs. Joshua Grijalva, missionaries to the Spanish, 2010 Ames Street, Denver;

Morrilton Couple To Teach At Southern Baptist College



MR. AND MRS. SHAMBARGER

A husband-wife team will be added to the faculty of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, this fall. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Shambarger will begin their duties in September.

Mr. Shambarger will be coach and teach physical education and Mrs. Shambarger will teach in the music department.

They are moving to Walnut Ridge from Morrilton where he was coach of high school basketball and she was music director at 1st Church. ■

Rev. & Mrs. Gilbert Oakeley, missionaries to the Indians, Box 315, Trinidad;

Rev. & Mrs. Roy Muncy, missionaries to the Indians, Box 106, Ignacio;

Rev. & Mrs. James L. Gebhart, missionaries to the Spanish, 720 West White Avenue, Grand Junction, Colo.

It isn't too late to write the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga., and ask that they give you the fields of service of our home missionaries. It would aid the Home Mission Board if you could tell them the states you will be going through on your trip.

Plan now to take a mission trip, when you take your trip this year. —James L. Gebhart



REST HOME CLASS—Members of the Sunday School Extension class recently started by 1st Church, Lonoke, at the Comer Rest Homes are shown being taught by the organizer, Dale Carr.

Layman Teaches Extension Classes

DALE CARR, a layman in 1st Church, Lonoke, has started Sunday School extension work at the Comer Rest Homes in Lonoke.

Carr, a postal employee in Little Rock, organized the first one in May and now has 28 men enrolled. The second class was begun July 3 and will have an enrolment of 22 men when the home is filled.

MRS. TOMMY Price, a former member of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, is the new counselor for the Y.W.A. of Birchman Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex. The Prices moved to Ft. Worth in April.

WYNNE Baptist Chapel held its first Vacation Bible School last month with five regular departments. The enrollment was 100 with 81 the average attendance. The Rev. Charles R. Cansby is pastor.

THE BIRTH of a daughter, Miriam, June 23, is announced by the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel C. Gash, Forrest City. Mr. Gash is pastor of 1st Church. This is their first child.

Senior College In Future For Mars Hill

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—(BP)—The General Board of North Carolina Baptist State Convention approved plans here for Mars Hill College to work toward becoming a senior college. The college is located at Mars Hill, N. C., in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The board welcomed four new denominational workers in the state—Alton Morris, of Murphy, N. C., a new field worker and seminary extension worker in Western North Carolina; R. T. Greene, new director of retirement plans; Fritz Hemphill, associate in missions and director of Fruitland Baptist Assembly here, and John E. Roberts, new editor of *Charity and Children*, Baptist Children's Home newspaper.

North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem received authority to borrow \$123,000 on Jan. 1 for expansion and improvement of facilities.

The Board further approved a new co-operative missionary program in which it will be a partner of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in North Carolina missions. ■

Sees Church Music As Y.P. Bond

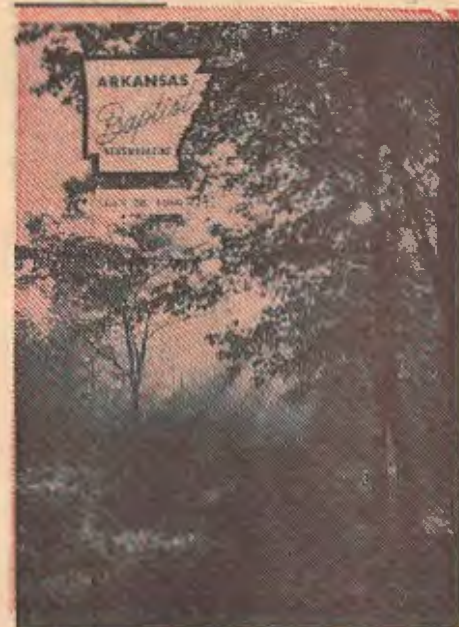
OKLAHOMA CITY — "Church music could become the common bond that binds young people together as much as rock 'n roll," in the opinion of the young Oklahoman who wrote the music for the anthem being used in Southern Baptist Vacation Bible Schools this summer.

He is C. L. Bass of Midwest City, Oklahoma County, minister of music at Carter Park Baptist Church.

"Appreciation of good music, like religion, is more caught than taught," Bass believes. "As long as children are surrounded by good music and their parents show love for good music—by listening to it, talking about it and expressing their views on it—the children can't help being affected," he says.

As for rock 'n roll, Bass thinks young people band together and want to conform and that through this medium they have something in common to cling to. ■

The Cover



The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. (Psalm 19:1-8)

Hospital Speeds Records Operation

EIGHT hundred payroll checks an hour, 5,000 monthly statements in a day, and rapid totals for monthly medical reports are only a part of the dividends being realized from recent installation of new machines at Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

The hospital has recently rented from the IBM Corporation a card sorter, card punch, card punch verifier, cross indexer, summary punch, and accounting machine.

Information is punched into coded cards which are sorted alphabetically or numerically and used for printing or totaling data necessary for the hospital's operation.

Required time for doing the payroll was formerly two days, but can now be completed by the accounting machine in one hour. The machine, by setting its control panel, will also produce a permanent record of the total earnings and deductions for the year for each individual and will produce the hospital's grand total for the same period.

Travis Davis is supervisor of the new data processing department. Hospital records are now being transferred onto the IBM cards and the machines will go into official use Aug. 1. ■

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS Baptist Church, Benton, has voted to begin construction on a one-story educational building.

The church recently adopted a record budget—\$10,000.

A revival is scheduled to begin Aug. 15 with the Rev. Gene Lewis as evangelist.

The Rev. Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School Department Secretary, will help launch S.S. preparations starting Aug. 21.

The Rev. D. H. Greene is pastor.



MISS JANICE Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Owen of Van Buren, serves as president of the Baptist Student Union at College of the Ozarks. Janice is a senior music major and plans to enter full-time BSU work after seminary training.



SERVING AS president of Arkansas College's Baptist Student Union is Doyle Frazier. Doyle is a mathematics and biology major and plans to do graduate work after graduation. This month Doyle and Janice are attending a month of special study for BSU presidents at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary BSU

1ST CHURCH, Rogers, reported 61 decisions in a recent revival. Forty-one came by profession and 20 joined by letter during the week June 26-July 3.

Evangelist Freddie Gage, Houston, Tex., and Jimmy Snellen, Dallas, composed the evangelistic team. Rev. Larry D. O'Kelly is pastor.

JESSE S. REED, state evangelist, and Mark Short, Sr., of Arkadelphia, recently participated in a revival at Norman Church. Additions included nine by baptism and two by letter. Rev. W. O. Miller is pastor.

FILLING the pulpit at Central Church, Magnolia, during Dr. Loyd Hunnicutt's South American voyage were the Rev. Joe Fred Luck, Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, Dr. Cecil Sutley and Dr. Clyde Hart. Dr. Hunnicutt has been pastor at Central 16 years.

REV. BILLY Walker was the evangelist for a recent revival at 1st Church, Gentry. The pastor, Rev. Jack Porter, reported six baptisms and a "number of rededications."

New Address

WILL you please be so kind as to publish my permanent address and phone number now.

Address: 615 N. 8th Street, Paragould. Phone No. CE 6-7393.

Have several dates open for remainder of year.

Would you also make clear the fact that while Bro. Red [Johnson] and I are a team, we will accept revival separately also?—Bill H. Lewis

THE CONGREGATION of 1st Church, Douglassville, recently voted to relocate the church.

It will be moved about two miles north and west of its present site to Kanis (12th St.) and Barrow Roads.

A new church will be built with construction scheduled to begin in the fall. Rev. James Wilson is pastor and Mack DeWeese is chairman of the building committee.

WAYNE Files, Ouachita student, was ordained to the ministry by Kelso Church, Rohwer, May 29. Pastor R. C. Creed served as moderator. Mason Craig, First Church McGehee, brought the message and charge.

Facing Up To A Problem

THREE cheers for the City Council of Oklahoma City, which last week faced up to the serious social problem of obscene literature and passed unanimously an ordinance that should go a long way in curbing the sale and distribution of such material. Oklahoma City has pointed the way for other cities of the state and nation in eliminating such filth from the newsstands.

The aroused Christian conscience of a large segment of Oklahoma City's population should be credited for this much needed move. An organization called Citizens for Decent Literature was formed with Cleeta John Rogers, active Baptist layman, as attorney and spokesman. Strong support came from the Parent-Teachers Association. Two weeks before the new law was passed Mrs. Pat McGee of the PTA dumped an armload of "girly" magazines on the council table before the shocked councilmen and reported that she had purchased them in drug stores near city schools. David C. Hall, pastor of Kelham Church in Oklahoma City, was also active in the fight for the new law on behalf of the Oklahoma City Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Most important feature of the ordinance is the provision for a nine-member Board of Literary Review. Mistakenly (and perhaps maliciously) the charge of "censorship" has been hurled at this plan. Actually the proposed board has no power to remove books or magazines from the newsstands. Its duty will be to inspect newsstands, to hear the complaints of citizens who object to indecent and immoral publications they see displayed, to hear the defenses of distributors and dealers, and to advise them whether materials in the board's opinion are obscene. Regular law enforcement agencies will be called on and regular court trials under existing state laws against obscenity will be held when necessary. All wholesalers and retailers of books and magazines must be licensed, with newspapers and religious publications exempted. A dealer's license will be suspended for six months on conviction of violating the state law or ordinance and for one year on a second conviction.

The success of the proposed plan will depend in large measure on the membership of the Board of Review, which is to be appointed this week by Mayor James Norick.

We hope Tulsa and other cities in Oklahoma will deal forcefully in a similar manner with the modern day problem of pornography.—Editor Jack L. Gritz, in *The Baptist Messenger* (Okla.)

Why?

LAST week the Senate in Baton Rouge passed an anti-integration bill to give local units of the Methodist church control of church property. The bill was amended to exclude the Roman Catholic church.

Baptists have always believed and practiced that the local church is the sole owner of the property of the congregation and is self-governing with the conviction that this is the true New Testament pattern.

Baptists would also agree, however, that under the constitutional privilege of separation of church and state every religious group has the prerogative of determining the method of ownership desired. Consequently, according to the true principle of separation

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Missionary McCalmans Assigned to New Area

THE Clyde McCalmans are being sent to Sao Luis, Maranhao, in Brazil. Missionary McCalman requested the assignment at the recent annual meeting of the Equatorial Baptist Mission in Manaus.

Sao Luis is the capital city, located on the Atlantic coast 400 miles from Belem. Belem is at the mouth of the Amazon and is the nearest mission station.

The family—Clyde, Mark, Sally and Glynn—will arrive on the new field in September.

Here's Missionary McCalman's description of Sao Luis:

"Being only two degrees off the equator it is generally hot. The city contains approximately 120,000 population and the state, which is twice the size of Arkansas, contains several thousand more people than Arkansas. A real difference is that there are approximately 1,150 churches in Arkansas and 18 in Maranhao." ■

Anti-Red Uprisings

TAIPEI, Formosa (EP)—More than 100,000 Communist Chinese troops have entered Tibet to put down new anti-Red uprisings, the *China Post* declared recently.

The newspaper said the Communists have also mobilized about 160,000 Tibetans to fight against their own people in the Himalayan religious state. Reports came from Nationalist Chinese sources, according to the *Post*.

Baylor Publication

WACO, TEX. — (BP) — The J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State at Baylor University here has published the second edition of *The Journal of Church and State*, the first publication of its kind in the nation. James E. Wood, Baylor religion professor and editor of the *Journal*, said that the non-denominational, non-sectarian publication presents a scholarly study of the principle of separation of church and state. The first issue of the *Journal* was published last November.

Is Pianist, Secretary

GAYLON Holt is only 12 years old but he leads an active life in his church.



Last year while attending camp at Walcott he dedicated his life to the ministry. Since then he has preached several times at his church — Lafe.

He recent-

ly was guest speaker at First Church, Caraway, during Youth Week. He has also preached at Stonewall Church.

He is assistant pianist in his church located in Green County Association and substitutes for the secretary in Sunday School.

He will attend RA Camps at Walcott again this year.

Arizona Baptists Discuss Project

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — (BP) — A Golden Years housing program that could eventually include 5,000 homes, a shopping center, and recreational facilities was discussed here by the executive board of Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

"A Convention leader said the board's decision to apply for a Government loan (Federal Housing Administration) brings the program "closer to reality."

The ambitious construction program would be at Tucson, Ariz., on about 2,500 acres. The site has not been bought yet.

Board members said construction might begin late this year. The homes will be rented to elderly Baptists.

A golf course is among recreational facilities involved in the long-range enterprise. ■

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — (BP) — Grand Canyon College here is building a new student health center. The \$18,000 brick structure is the first unit in the enlarged health center and medical facilities which Grand Canyon College (Southern Baptist) plans.

At Ridgecrest Assembly

By JIM COX

RIDGECREST, N. C. — (RBA) — This Baptist Assembly continues to remain a comedian's paradise.

Take, for example, the lady who tore into Pritchell Hall, ran out-of-breath to the boy at the desk, and frantically exclaimed: "Uh, if a bus driver comes in here a-lookin' for his bus . . . well, tell him I know where it's at!"

Or take the lady who asked, "To dial operator on these phones do you push the '0'?"

The Ridgecrest Assembly infirmary is a popular place for oddities and hilarious slips, strange as it may seem.

Recently, one of the staff RN's was busily engaged in her work in the infirmary, in white uniform and cap, when one sweet thing walked in and queried: "Miss, can you tell me where to find the nurse?"

Then there were the guests who wanted to "borrow" two aspirins, wanted to know where the "infirmities" were, and to top it off there was one who came in in the middle of the night to weigh on the infirmary scales.

The Ridgecrest sick list at the close of one day had this humorous note penciled in by one patient's name: "Symptom of patient — A horse stepped on my foot."

Just across the hall from the infirmary the Assembly post office gets its fair share of laughs. There was one young lad who — realizing he had left the stamp off a letter he had dropped in the mail box — fastened a stamp on the end of a pencil, licked the stamp, and stuck the pencil in the box, trying to reach his letter.

Questions come fast and furiously in the post office, too, for example: "How much is a three-cent stamp?" or, "Do you have any mail for 'me'?"

Recently Mrs. Smoot King was a member of the Ridgecrest faculty. One young man arrived at the reservation desk and inquired, "Can you tell me where to find Mrs. Smooch King?"

Last straw: The Ridgecrest staff eats in its own private dining hall before Assembly guests eat. One day an elderly couple accidentally stumbled into the midst of the staff dining hall and thought that they were late for guest dinner.

The head hostess had to do a lot of explaining, but finally the idea began to sink into the woman's head. Turning to her husband — who was hard of hearing — she whopped him on the back and exclaimed, "Oh! This is where they feed the hired help!" ■

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of church and state the Senate meddled in and violated the principle, regardless of the position one may take concerning the integration issue.

The question, "Why?" however, is raised as to the exclusion of the Roman Catholics for the local Catholic church does not own its property. Why did the Senate favor one over the other?

Did the Hierarchy raise a louder voice of protest and exert greater political action? Was it because the Methodists are a minority in comparison?

The action of excluding the Roman Catholic church is undemocratic and an act of favoritism. The legislative action by the Senate is just another reason why many questions are raised and fears are excited as to the ever growing power of the Catholic Hierarchy in matters political in the national and political life of our nation. With the full knowledge that in many nations around the world laws are enacted and enforced upon minority religious groups while the Roman Catholic church is excluded and is placed in a position of favoritism.

This time it did not happen in Spain or Columbia, but in Louisiana.—Editor James F. Cole, in *The Baptist Message* (La.)

Bible Study Proposed

By GAINES S. DOBBINS

Distinguished Professor of Church Administration

*and Co-Chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Bible Study
and Membership Training*

The report of the Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training made to the Rio World Congress included a memorial from state Sunday school secretaries and staff members and editors of the Baptist Sunday School Board for an International Sunday School Convention to be held in 1965.

The Convention, it is suggested, may be held in Miami preceding or following the World Congress. It would seek to bring together representatives of Baptist bodies from all the nations in a great week of inspiration, stimulation, and information looking toward a world-girdling crusade for Bible teaching and membership training.

The International Convention would come as the climax of the next five years of intensive study and promotion by the Commission, as it carries forward its plans to enlist Baptist churches everywhere in establishing and developing the "all-age Sunday school" and the graded Training Union or its equivalent.

Following the International Convention, the five year period from 1965 to 1970 would be devoted to advance in all areas necessary for the implementation of the ideal of a graded Sunday school and training organization in every

THE six-year-old Taiwan (Formosa) Baptist Convention appointed its first foreign missionary May 16 at a service held in Grace Baptist Church, Taipei. He is Mu Hong Rei, who goes to Thailand to work in Grace Baptist Church and the Thailand Baptist Theological Center, both in Bangkok.

Baptist church which agrees to cooperate in the movement.

This would call for improvement in indigenous literature, in buildings suited for teaching and training, in organization and administration of the teaching and training programs, in utilization of these organizations for the growth and strengthening of the churches, and in reaching vastly more people for Bible study leading toward accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord. ■

Workers Needed

THE demands for Carver School graduates to serve with Baptist children's homes, good will centers, and in other home and foreign mission opportunities is so exceeding the supply that we are making a special effort to "step up" our recruitment for this fall. It is not a happy experience to have to say to a state children's home superintendent, "We don't have anyone to suggest to develop your social service department."

Perhaps, there is a young man or woman whom you know who has been called of God to a Christian vocation other than the preaching ministry. We would appreciate your putting us in touch with such persons. We would like to tell them about the Southern Baptist graduate training program at Carver School. Some limited scholarship funds are available.

There is a rich harvest ready for reaping. More God-called laborers are needed in home missions, foreign missions, ministries to the aging, and in good will centers. — Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., President, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville 6, Ky.

THE BOOKSHELF

Primer on Roman Catholicism, for Protestants, by Stanley I. Stuber, Association Press, 1960, \$3.50

This newly revised edition of a book first published in 1953 was reviewed briefly in this department recently. We mention it again because it is more timely now than ever and we recommend it as one of the best single volumes dealing with what Catholics believe about the Church, the Bible, the State and such vital issues as separation of church and state and religious liberty. It is available at the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock.

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Two new volumes of the Tyndale Bible Commentaries—Vol. 4, **The Gospel According to St. John**, introduction and commentary by R.V.G. Tasker, and Vol. 11, **The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians**, introduction and commentary by R. P. Martin, are just off the press of Eerdmans and are available at \$3 each.

Dr. Tasker, the author of a number of books and articles and a member of the New Testament Panel appointed by the Committee of the British Churches to make a new translation of the Bible, has been associated with King's College, University of London, since 1926.

Mr. Martin, formerly a minister of a Baptist church at Dunstable, 20 miles north of London, England, is now lecturer in dogmatic theology at the London Bible College. He studied under the late Professor T. W. Manson at Manchester and was chosen as the 1959 Tyndale New Testament lecturer.

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Among the recent new books of Zondervan are two novels, **The Hidden Treasure**, by Sallie Lee Bell, and **The Heart's Highest Hurdle**, by Dorothy C. Haskin, each available at \$2.50.

The Hidden Treasure is a whirlwind of turmoil, hatred and suspense centering around a search by many for a hidden treasure, and the experience of a young woman, Pamela, as she found "an island of peace and trust in Christ."

The Heart's Highest Hurdle is the story of how Knox Taylor fought the disappointment of an unsympathetic wife who seemed jealous of God's place in his life, the displeasure of his father, the tongue lashings of his mother-in-law, and the trials of carrying on a faith work. ■

JACKSON, Miss.—The Mississippi Baptist Hospital has awarded a contract for the construction of 42 additional patient beds. Work is to begin immediately on the construction, which will cost \$482,200, according to Paul J. Pryor, administrator.

Newton Says Religion Part of Campaign

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— Louie D. Newton, president of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said in a formal statement that Presidential Candidate John F. Kennedy's promises of independence cannot be reconciled with the declarations of the Roman Catholic Church to which he belongs.

Newton's statement was prompted by an editorial in *The Atlanta Constitution* saying "Georgians will do credit to themselves and the state if they will rule the issue of Sen. Kennedy's religion out of bounds now."

Quoting from *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City newspaper, which said last May 17 that in "every sector of his activities he (a Catholic) must inspire his private and public conduct by the law, orientation and instruction of the hierarchy," Newton said:

"The Senator and the press insist on keeping the religious issue out of this campaign, through his protestations that he will not be bound by his allegiance to his church."

He suggested Shakespeare's *Hamlet* had a lesson in that "The lady doth protest too much, me thinks."

The statement added that *The Wall Street Journal*, July 30, 1959, "expressed the concern of many people with the thought 'it is not the individual Catholic candidate that so many Americans fear, but the church to which he belongs.'"

Arizonan Accepts Extension Position

JACKSON, MISS. — (BP)— Paul R. Jakes, of Phoenix, Ariz., has accepted the position of associate of the Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries. He is married to the former Maxine Conner and has two sons. He will continue to live in Phoenix and serve as representative for the Seminary Extension Department for the West Coast area.

MANIFESTO ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ADOPTED BY TENTH BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS IN RIO

We Believe:

1. That God created man in His own image and endowed him with freedom to respond to His redemptive love;
2. That man is responsible to God for his religious belief and practice;
3. That religious faith and participation must be voluntary in order to be real.

We rejoice:

1. That God gives grace to endure oppression and to use freedom;
2. That friends of religious liberty are found in all Christian communions;
3. That recent legislation in several countries is favorable to religious liberty.

We earnestly desire:

1. That all forms of discrimination against religious minorities shall cease;
2. That all religious bodies shall make an unequivocal commitment to full religious liberty for all people;
3. That all nations shall guarantee the right of all citizens to believe, to worship, to teach, to evangelize, to change their religious affiliation, and to serve their God as their consciences dictate.

We solemnly covenant:

1. To study and proclaim the freedom men have in Jesus Christ, the Lord;
2. To show Christian understanding and love towards those whose beliefs and practices are different from our own;
3. To pray and use our influence for the preservation and extension of religious liberty for all men. ■

EUPELL PORTER, professor of Sacred Music at Baylor University, has received honorary charter membership in the Choral Conductor's Guild, "in recognition of outstanding work in the general field of choral music." Porter is also minister of music at the 7th and James Baptist Church, Waco, and directs the church's 82-voice choir. At Baylor he is director of the 46-member Baylor a capella choir and the 92-voice chapel choir.

MRS. JOHN S. Oliver, Southern Baptist missionary who came to the States in 1957 following the death of her husband, is returning to Brazil with her three daughters. She will be dean of women at the Equatorial Baptist Theological Institute, Belem. Her address is Caixa Postal 89, Belem, Para, Brazil. She is the former Virginia Winters, native of Leslie, Ark.

Cothen Addresses Ridgecrest Delegates

RIDGECREST, N. C.—(RBA) "The rising proportion of non-resident and un-enlisted Baptists indicates the need for growing of great Christians," a Southern Baptist minister told 3,200 persons here July 14.

Addressing delegates at the first session of the Southern Baptist Training Union leadership assembly at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Grady C. Cothen said:

"The lost potential in money, personality, witness and dedication among Southern Baptists is one of our greatest weaknesses. There must be a renewed emphasis on the development of individuals comparable to our evangelistic success," he concluded.

Dr. Cothen is pastor of the 1st Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala. ■



SCENES FROM THE ALLIANCE ... (upper left) Maracana Stadium

where Billy Graham preached to 150,000; (bottom) Coliseum with 3,000 voice white-robed choir;

(upper right) scene from Parade of Nations as speaker proclaimed in Portuguese, "Jesus Christ Is Lord."

Baptists

In Rio

By S. A. Whitlow

THE 10th Baptist World Congress was the greatest gathering of Baptists in all our history.

There were some 13,500 delegates from churches in 65 different countries, representing Baptists that speak more than 1,000 dialects. It was in the truest sense a world fellowship of Baptists.

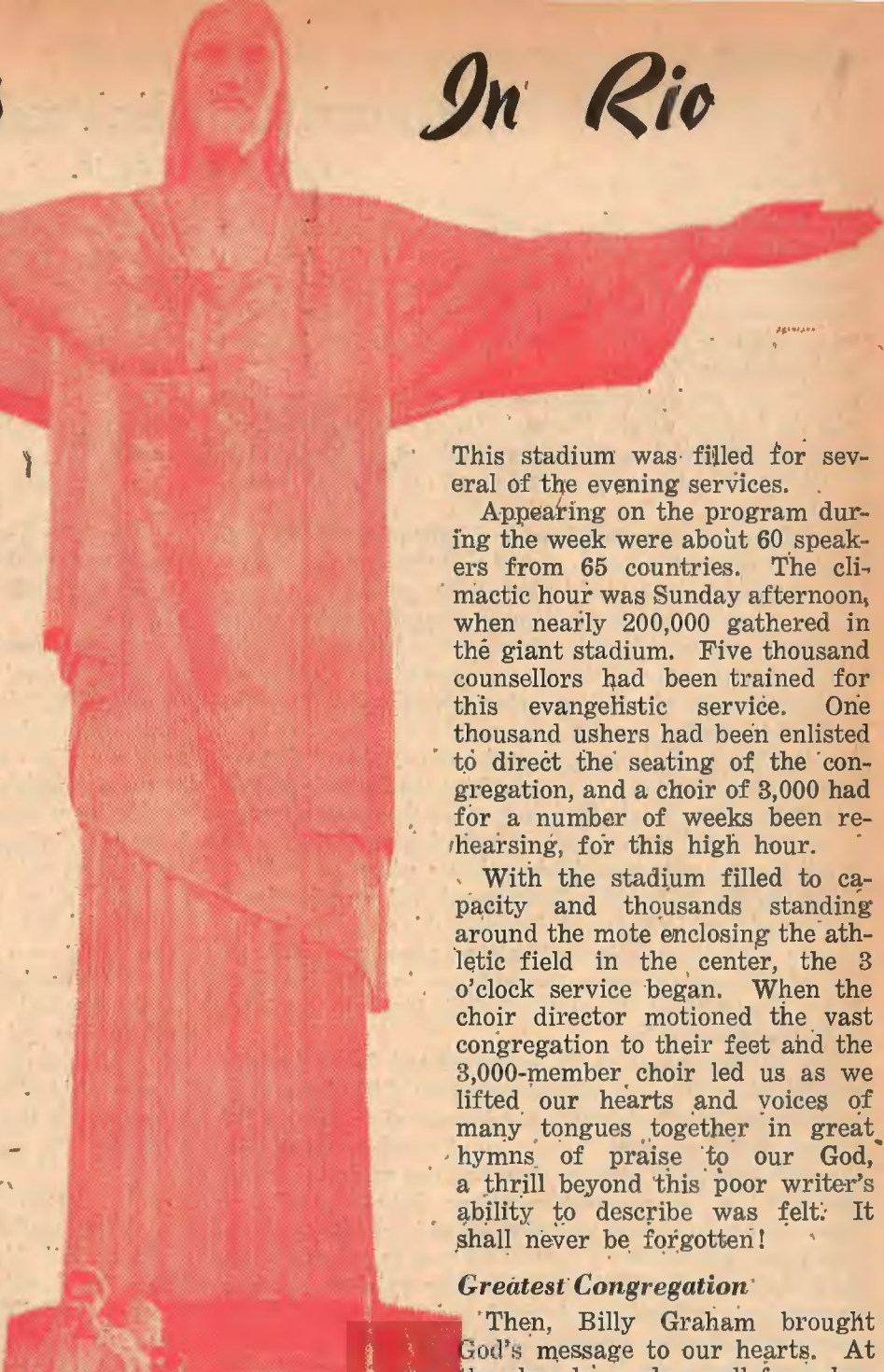
The idea of a world fellowship of Baptists seems to have begun with John Rippon, English Baptist minister and editor, and was first announced in 1790. His plea for an international gathering of Baptists was made two years before the missionary movement launched by William Carey in 1792.

23 Million Baptists

It was more than a century later that an American editor, J. N. Prestridge, campaigned so successfully for this idea that the English Baptists invited fellow believers of all nations to a "Congress" in London in 1905. Here was formed a "Baptist World Alliance extending over every part of the world."

Since, Baptist membership has grown from six million baptized believers in 21 countries in 1905 to 23 million in more than 100 nations today.

Rio de Janeiro is a city of great physical beauty. Sugar Loaf Mountain guards the entrance to one of the finest harbors in the world. Overlooking the city is the 130-foot statue of "Christ the Redeemer" which is erected upon Corcovada, a rock-like projection reaching more than 2,000 feet high. At night the statue of Christ seems suspended above the city in a flood of light.



This stadium was filled for several of the evening services.

Appearing on the program during the week were about 60 speakers from 65 countries. The climactic hour was Sunday afternoon, when nearly 200,000 gathered in the giant stadium. Five thousand counsellors had been trained for this evangelistic service. One thousand ushers had been enlisted to direct the seating of the congregation, and a choir of 3,000 had for a number of weeks been rehearsing, for this high hour.

With the stadium filled to capacity and thousands standing around the mote enclosing the athletic field in the center, the 3 o'clock service began. When the choir director motioned the vast congregation to their feet and the 3,000-member choir led us as we lifted our hearts and voices of many tongues together in great hymns of praise to our God, a thrill beyond this poor writer's ability to describe was felt. It shall never be forgotten!

Greatest Congregation

Then, Billy Graham brought God's message to our hearts. At the close he made a call for salvation. He repeated his invitation several times so that a misunderstanding would be unlikely. As an indication of their decision, hundreds—and perhaps even thousands—over the vast crowd waved their white handkerchiefs in response to the call of salvation. This type of response was necessary since the physical handicaps of the stadium would not permit passage from the stadium to the central area.

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Baptist Mission Field

Rio de Janeiro is part of a vast mission field of Southern Baptists. It is the first mission field to entertain the Baptist World Congress. In Rio and its suburbs there are 25,000 Baptists in 122 churches. The gigantic "Stadium du Maracanao," with a seating capacity of more than 150,000, was engaged for the last service on Sunday afternoon when Billy Graham spoke. Another stadium nearby, seating 25,000, was used for most of the other services.

A Roman Catholic President

By W. O. VAUGHT, JR.

THIS message I deliver to you could not be delivered in France, or in Spain, or in Italy, or in the Central American countries, or in most of the South American countries. Catholic pressure would not permit it. But this is the United States, up to this time mainly a Protestant land, and this is still a land of religious freedom.

Let me say in the beginning that we have no argument with the Catholic people. The majority of them are good citizens and are good Americans. Our argument is with the Catholic hierarchy, that pressure group of the Roman Catholic Church.

I have just returned from an 18,000-mile trip through Central and South America. In all those lands I saw the direct result of Catholic power and Catholic pressure.

I saw the direct result of how evangelical missionaries are often persecuted by Catholic priests and Catholic power. All of the work of the missionaries in many of those lands must be done in spite of vocal and physical opposition from the Catholic hierarchy.

In all these Catholic-dominated lands we found that the Bible is almost an unknown book. That the Catholic Church has attempted to hold the Bible away from the common people is an established truth in all Catholic-dominated lands. In Brazil I saw a Baptist publishing house where one million Bibles and five million New Testaments have been printed and distributed: and I discovered that all of this was done in face of bitter Catholic opposition. The great government of Brazil has rebelled against such action and now in Brazil religious liberty is established, though the Catholic hierarchy continues its vigorous opposition.

I discovered everywhere in Central and South America that mission property is secured with great difficulty, mainly because the Catholic hierarchy is determined to prevent the expansion of evangelical Christianity. I heard groups of missionaries speaking in whispers about securing property because they said that they were determined no Catholic would ever know about the purchase until after it had been consummated.

To all these things we say that we have no argument with the Catholic people. We believe they have a right to promote vigorously their churches and schools and their whole Catholic program. In fact, we are committed in this country, to liberty and freedom for all. But what we so bitterly resent is the Catholic pressure which is exerted by the Catholic hierarchy to incur some advantage for the Catholic position.

Bid For the United States

For about fifty years now the Catholic hierarchy has been laying the ground work for the capture of the United States. They have done this in subtle, aggressive and well-planned techniques. Dr. John A. Mackay, that great Presbyterian, from 1936 through 1959 president of Princeton Theological Seminary, has written an article for *United States News and World Report* entitled "The Other Side of the Catholic Issue" (July 4 issue—1960) in which he says that this power of the Catholic hierarchy began to make its presence felt in the '30's of the present century.

Dr. Mackay says, "Clericalism is the pursuit of power, especially political power, by a religious hierarchy, carried on

by secular methods and for purposes of social domination." Dr. Mackay goes on to say that clericalism has its seat not in the rank and file of the Catholic people, but in the Catholic hierarchy and its mighty religious orders. He says, "That great Spaniard, Salvador de Madariaga, former professor of Spanish literature in the University of Oxford and the last President of the League of Nations, once wrote, 'Clericalism is an evil unknown in Protestant lands. It is a disease of Catholic societies.'"

Absolute Authority

Mr. John Kennedy, now the Democratic nominee for the Presidency of the United States, says that he will not be influenced by Catholic pressure and that his decisions will be his own.

Let us remember, however, that Mr. Kennedy is a Roman Catholic, in good standing with his Church. What does his Church claim? Dr. Mackay says, "The Church hierarchy in Rome claims absolute authority to issue instructions to lay members of the Roman Catholic Church. It instructs as to how they should think and act with respect to truths regarded by the Church as essential to the faith, and regarding things which it considers indispensable for its institutional welfare. Canon law is universally applicable among Roman Catholics."

The Vatican City newspaper "L'Osservatore Romano" in an editorial May 17, 1960, said, "The Church established by Jesus Christ as a perfect society with its hierarchy, has full powers of true jurisdiction over all the faithful, and therefore has the duty and right to guide, direct and correct them on the level of ideas and on the level of action . . . The Catholic can never overlook the teaching and the instruction of the Church; in every field of his life he must base his private and public behaviour on the guidance and the instruction of the hierarchy."

Standing On His Feet

A few months ago President Eisenhower visited the Pope of Rome. *Life Magazine* carried pictures of this visit to the Pope. Our President stood up on his feet and looked straight into the eyes of the Pope. He didn't kneel to the Pope, kiss his feet or kiss his ring. He dealt with the Pope as man to man.

In 1955 I visited Rome and stood in the square in front of the apartments where the Pope lived. At the hour of noon the high windows opened and the Pope stepped out on the little veranda and extended his arms in blessing to the thousands standing in the square below. I couldn't believe what I saw. Those people, predominantly Roman Catholics, fell to their knees as though they were standing before God. They shouted, "Papa—Papa—Papa." I stood straight up and looked into the eyes of the Pope. I didn't kneel and I didn't bow. I remembered the words of Simon Peter when Cornelius fell down and worshipped him. Simon Peter said, "Stand up; I myself also am a man."

I hasten to say that it was not for any lack of reverence for the Church of Rome that I failed to bow to the Pope. It was because there is within my soul the deep conviction that I should bow my knee to no man on this earth. We only bow to Jesus Christ.

Now I ask this simple question. If Mr. Kennedy is selected to be the President of the United States, and if he visits the Pope in Rome, will he bow before the Pope and kiss his ring and do obeisance to him? The answer to that question is YES; that is, if Mr. Kennedy expects to continue to be a Roman Catholic.

Catholic Power Already Felt

It is common knowledge to those who are in the Congress that the most powerful lobby in the nation's capitol is the lobby of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Such legislation as the Hill-Burton Bill, which released millions of dollars for the construction of hospitals, was a Roman Catholic hierarchy pressure measure. Over 90% of all this money was taken by Catholic hospitals. I visited one of these hospitals the day it was dedicated. Over four million dollars of public tax money had gone into that Roman Catholic Hospital, and the local Catholics had spent less than five hundred thousand dollars on the whole project. As I looked at that institution I imagined I could look up and see the seal of the United States Government on it and the United States flag flying above it. Here was an institution, built largely with tax money for a sectarian institution. To me this is a direct violation of the separation of Church and State, and was a direct result of the pressure of the Catholic hierarchy.

Let me hasten to say that I believe the Roman Catholic has a right to have as many hospitals as he can afford, but I insist that the Roman Catholic should pay for his own institutions. The same principle applies to the Roman Catholic parochial school. Let the Roman Catholic have as many schools as he can support; but let them be supported with Catholic money, not with public tax funds.

Mr. Kennedy's Contradiction

Mr. Kennedy says that he will not be influenced by his Church, but that his decisions will be his own. Let us recall what Mr. Kennedy did upon one occasion. When Mr. Kennedy was a member of the House of Representatives, Dr. Daniel Poling invited Mr. Kennedy to Philadelphia to speak to a group in honor of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. This Chapel to the Four Chaplains is a memorial to four chaplains who went down with their ship during the Second World War. There were two protestant Chaplains, one Roman Catholic Chaplain, and one Jewish Chaplain in this group. John Kennedy accepted the invitation to speak at this meeting. Shortly before this meeting was held, Mr. Kennedy informed Dr. Poling that he could not make the talk and could not attend. It was discovered that Cardinal Daugherty, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Philadelphia, had advised Mr. Kennedy not to attend.

This may be a trivial matter, but let me ask this question. If Mr. Kennedy accepted the directive of the Archbishop in this matter, would he not do so if he were confronted with some far more important issue?

No, Mr. Kennedy will not be able to divorce himself from his Roman Catholic hierarchy.

[Editor's Note: Dr. Vaught is pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and 1st vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. This article is a digest of a sermon he preached to his congregation July 17, upon his return from attending the Baptist World Alliance, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.—ELM]

DeWitt's First Church Gets New Associate

NEW ASSOCIATE pastor of First Church, DeWitt, as of July 1, is the Rev. James Doyle Jameson.



He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary.

He has previously served churches in Gurdon, El Dorado, Murfreesboro, Wilmar, Knowles, and for the past three years has been pastor of Hagler Church, Stuttgart, Ark.

He and his wife, the former Lottie Jo Higgins, have two sons, Robert Doyle, 8, and Jay Dee, 2½.

Foreign Mission News

Miss Rosemary Limbert has moved from Tokyo to Itozu, Japan, where she may be addressed at Seinan Jo Gakuin, Itozu, Kokura, Japan. She is a native of Grubbs, Ark.

Missionaries Assaulted

LEOPOLDVILLE, Congo Republic (EP)—Caught in the anti-white demonstrations, following the Congo's independence on June 30, American missionaries have been assaulted or held under siege in the strife-torn new nation.

Sixty American Presbyterian missionaries and their families in northern Katanga province were cut off from outside communications by mutinous Congolese soldiers; two American missionary women were reportedly assaulted during the riots and 18 were evacuated by helicopter from the Kimpesi Missionary Station near the port of Matadi on the Congo River.

Most Protestant missionaries in the Congo are Presbyterians, Baptists (American) or Salvation Army workers. According to 1959 statistics, 45 mission societies were operating in the country at that time, staffed by 2,608 missionaries and by 645 ordained Congolese pastors. Adult members of the Protestant Churches numbered 821,025, and the total of those under instruction for baptism was 45,473.

Commission Chooses Kentucky Pastor

NASHVILLE (BP)—Edwin F. Perry, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., is the new chairman of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Perry was elected at the annual session of the Commission in Nashville. He succeeds Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., whose term as a commission member ended recently.

The new vice chairman of the education agency is Fred E. Neiger, director of Baptist Student work and professor of Bible, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

The Commission elected as its new recording secretary Hayward Highfill, pastor, Eastland Baptist Church, Nashville.

The U. S. State Department has recommended that all American missionaries be evacuated at once from the Congo Republic.

(Southern Baptists have no missionaries in Congo.—ELM)

Methodist Churches Given Property Control By Bill

Pastors Endorse Study of Romanism

ATLANTA, GA. — (BP) — Edwin D. Johnston, professor of Bible at Mercer University, urged Southern Baptists to launch an educational program analyzing the position and present strategy of Roman Catholicism in the United States.

Dr. Johnston said denominational publications should address themselves to a "long-range program on many fronts."

The Mercer professor spoke July 14 at a panel discussion on Roman Catholicism at the Third Annual Georgia Baptist Pastors Bible Study Conference, attended by about 3,000, on the Mercer campus in Macon.

J. Hardee Kennedy, dean of the School of Theology at New Orleans Seminary, said he thought the suggestions were "very good." Dr. Kennedy was guest lecturer of New Testament for the meeting.

The pastors also agreed on the merits of an educational program. They expressed approval for articles about Catholicism published in recent months by *The Christian Index*, Georgia Baptist state paper, and asked that these be continued and consideration be given to enlarging them. John J. Hurt, Jr., is editor of *The Christian Index*.

Lutherans Approve Merger

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (EP) — The Augustana Lutheran Church, at its Centennial synod here, has voted overwhelmingly in favor of the largest Lutheran merger in American history, involving the United Lutheran Church in America, the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church and the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, in addition to the Augustana Lutheran body itself. The resultant church, which will have a baptized membership of 3,100,000, will be known as the Lutheran Church in America.

BATON ROUGE, La. — The Louisiana Senate overrode appeals from Methodist church leaders and voted unanimously for a bill to give local churches control of church property. The bill was amended to exclude the Roman Catholic Church educational, charitable or religious trusts. The amendments were sent back to the

Drive-In Sunday Services

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (EP) — As an experiment begun for worshippers "who are anxious to get out on the golf course or beach," Sunday sunrise services at a local drive-in theater have been inaugurated for the summer by Grace Methodist Church here.

The Rev. Ralph S. Steele, minister, said that the service starts at 6:15 a.m. and lasts 45 minutes.

He conducts the service from a pulpit on the roof of the theater's projection stand. A microphone delivers his words to worshippers in their cars through the sound system of the theater. Although the services are sponsored by his church, they are non-denominational in nature. Eventually guest ministers will be invited to speak.

The management of the theater makes no charge for the use of his facilities and provides free coffee and donuts after each service.

Advantages of the services, from the pastor's point of view: "Parents can bring small children and sleeping babies to the services and know they will not annoy other worshippers. And parents and children alike can come dressed in sports clothes."

But he made it plain that he felt the outdoor drive-in service is no substitute for a church service. "Speaking at a drive-in theater falls between speaking in a church and on the radio. It's difficult for a minister to adjust to speaking without seeing the responses of his worshippers, yet he does know they are there."

House for concurrence.

Sen. Harold Montgomery, Doyline, who steered the bill to Senate passage, told the Senate:

"Under our present church setup, even though we as members of that church have built, paid for and used that church . . . that church building when paid for becomes the property of the Methodist conference.

"It no longer belongs to us who have worked and paid for that property. When some of the forces from up above come to tell us that we must integrate the Methodist Church, if we refuse to do that Gentlemen, they can say, 'Boys, get out of that church, it belongs to us,'" he said.

"We are asking you when we vote a two-thirds vote of the membership of that church, we can transfer, so to speak, it belongs to us. I know that each and every one of you . . . agree it is the democratic way."

Dangerous 'Dallying'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The Bureau of Legislation of the National WCTU has accused the Federal Aviation Agency of "dallying dangerously" with air safety.

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, legislative representative of the WCTU, pointed to the May 20 flight from New York to Montreal when seven drinking passengers "turned the passenger cabin into a littered shambles" in spite of the efforts of the flight crew to control them.

"The fact that the passengers involved may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 based on an FAA regulation is small comfort to the traveling public which is aware that the FAA still condones the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages aboard aircraft in flight," Mrs. Hays declared. "Since the FAA administrator has not put alcohol off the airlines, it is up to Congress to do so."

The FAA regulation providing for a "civil penalty" not to exceed \$1,000 is yet to be tested in the courts.

Preachers Travel For Half Fare

CLERGYMEN throughout the six states of Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Arkansas are requesting Central Airlines half-fare air travel clergy identification cards in growing numbers, company officials report.

Central Airlines has issued almost 500 of the half-fare cards in 1960. The 50 per cent rate has been of great value to many clergymen, according to testimonials and letters received by Central Airlines at their headquarters, Amon Carter Field, Fort Worth, Texas, it is reported.

The 50 per cent discount reduces the rate to approximately three and one-half cents per mile. The public law passed by Congress restricts the airline to furnishing the transportation on a space-available basis. This means that if the flight is sold out at a boarding point, the clergyman would use a later flight.

Actually, the occasions when the clergymen have been unable to board have been very rare, say officials. After beginning flight, clergymen are assured of seats to their destination.

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Other airlines that offer the 50 per cent clergy rates are Northeast, Bonanza, and Allegheny.

Assemblies Name New Head

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (EP) — The Rev. Burton Pierce, former director of the Men's Fellowship of the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God, has been named national secretary of the Evangelism and Men's Fellowship Department at the denomination's headquarters. He replaces the Rev. Don Mallough, who has accepted a position as associate editor of the *Pentecostal Evangel* and will continue as editor of *Pulpit*.

A Smile or Two

Tit for Tat

MOST of us don't understand that we will get just as bad government as we are willing to stand for and just as good government as we are willing to fight for.

'Pears He's Wrong

A STUDENT from the state agricultural college told the farmer, "Your methods of cultivation are hopelessly out of date. Why, I'd be surprised if you get ten pounds of apples from that tree."

"So would I," replied the farmer. "That's a pear tree."

Hard Man To Follow

FIRST MAN: "The greatest person who ever lived was Jones—brilliant, broadminded, tolerant, generous, temperant; yet he died with his virtues unsuspected."

SECOND MAN: "How'd you learn about him?"

FIRST MAN: "I married his widow."

Financial Chaos

Clerk: "What terms would you like?"

Customer: "I'll pay cash."

Clerk: "Cash! I'll have to get the manager to see how to handle this."

Parental Decor

THE young lady shopping for furniture was asked by the decorator, "What is the motif—modern, French Provincial, Early American?"

"Well," she replied, "we were married only recently, so I guess you could call our furniture Early Matrimony—some of his mother's and some of my mother's."

Helen Stuart To Head

Panama Area WMU Work

ATLANTA, GA.—(BP)—Miss Helen Stuart, of Dallas, Tex., Baptist language missions worker, has been elected Woman's Missionary Union field worker for Panama and the Canal Zone by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Women Veiled

CAIRO, Egypt (EP) — Officials of the Moslem-dominated Saudi Arabian government have issued a decree forbidding foreign women from appearing unveiled on the street. News of the law appeared in the Arab newspaper *Al Gomhouria*.

CHURCH PEWS



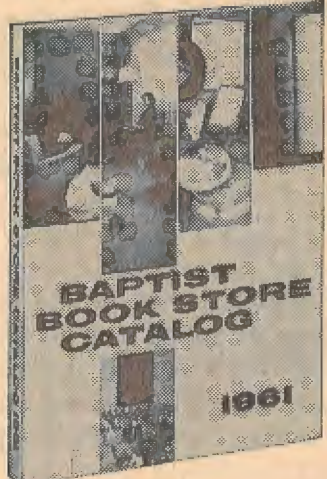
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Attendance Report

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Cullendale, First	428	217	3
El Dorado, First	836	221	5
El Dorado, Immanuel	582	236	
Huntsville, First	101	38	
El Dorado, Parkview	192	79	2
Fountain Hill, First	92	68	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	449	147	2
Magnolia, Central	693	282	
McGehee, First	413	162	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	725	234	3
Pine Bluff, South Side	629	235	7
Springdale, First	513	220	2
Van Buren, First	326	137	2
West Memphis, Calvary	227	120	

Boys Camp—the Best Ever

OUR DEPARTMENT'S Baptist Camp at Aldersgate, with a total attendance of 74, closed with a climactic hour



DR. HART

Friday noon, when 17 boys said they felt that God was speaking to them in a special way. These boys had a growing deep-seated conviction that God

was calling them to some special work—to preach or to be missionaries. The majority of them are teenagers.

Many of these boys, for the first time in their lives, had the opportunity to spend an entire week with a group of preachers eminently qualified by spiritual experience and education to counsel with them. To these adult leaders they felt free to open their hearts in seeking advice and help with the most important decisions in life. No group of boys ever had a better qualified staff of counselors than these had in Rev. M. W. Williams, Rev. F. O. Jones, Rev. James S. Allen, Rev. N. H. McGill, Rev. T. J. Williams and Rev. J. N. Harrison. The total commitment of these 17 boys to God's service is proof of the excellency of their work.

The number one problem confronting Negro Baptist Churches in America today is the tragic shortage of young men surrendering to God's call to preach the Gospel. Camps like this one might well be God's answer to this problem.—Clyde Hart, Director ■

REVIVAL services at 1st Church, McCrory, will be held July 25-31.

The evangelist will be Rev. C. Eugene Whitlow, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Alamogordo, N. M. Phillip Sims, 1st Church, Helena, will lead the singing.

Rev. Carroll Evans is pastor of the church.

Missions-Evangelism

New Work

A FEW weeks ago we reported in this column about a survey being made by associational missionary,



DR. CALDWELL

J. D. Seymour, and M. E. Wiles, state missionary, in a community 20 miles west of Clinton. Arrangements were made for a Vacation Bible School and revival to be held at the community church building.

Missionary Seymour and wife, with the help of two student summer missionaries, went back to the community July 3, and conducted a Vacation Bible School each morning and evangelistic services each evening. More than 50 were enrolled which was the first Bible School they had ever attended. There were ten professions of faith.

If a mission or church can be established, Arkansas Baptists will certainly be glad to have a part in such a worthy project. This is just as thrilling mission work as in Korea, Africa, or any other place.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent ■

"THE Baptist Hour," a world broadcast on radio for nearly 20 years, will feature as speaker during August and September Dr. J. Winston Pearce, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Deland, Fla.

Recordings Available On Rio Baptist Meet

THE Tenth Baptist World Congress held recently in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was tape recorded in its entirety by Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission.

Taped portions of the sessions can be ordered direct from the commission or through the Baptist World Alliance. Two special tapes are offered:

(1) Highlights of the Entire Congress; and (2) Messages of Dr. Theodore Adams, Dr. Arnold Ohrn and Dr. Billy Graham. Each tape is approximately two hours long and is recorded at 3 3/4 inches per second. The cost is \$5 each or both for \$8.

A 10-inch record entitled "Sounds of Rio" is also being prepared at 33 1/3 rpm for \$1. A free picture booklet on the congress and Rio will be sent on request with the record or the tapes.

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George and Earl are ministers of education in Arkansas and are taking a busload of Sunday School workers from their churches to Sunday School Week at our convention-wide assemblies. George, from 1st Church, Ft. Smith, has participated with his workers in the assembly at Glorieta, near Santa Fe, N. Mex. Earl, of Central Church, Magnolia, with his workers, will attend the assembly at Ridgecrest. The program and leadership at each of the places will be similar.

Sunday School assembly time at the convention-wide sites is practically over for the 1960 summer season. Many of you will want to plan to attend one of the six Sunday School weeks next summer on one of these two assembly grounds.

The State Sunday School Assembly is still ahead of us. Why don't you and a group of your Sunday School workers decide even now to attend the State Sunday School Assembly at Siloam Springs, Aug. 8-13, of this current summer season? The program is planned for Sunday School leaders, members, and all young people. Attend for information, inspiration, recreation and good fellowship. — Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

THE first Baptist hospital in Brazil is now under construction. Cornerstone of Baptist Memorial Hospital was laid June 21, 1960, in Fortaleza, city of about 400,000, capital of the state of Ceara.

Folks and Facts

Weldon Langley, superintendent of missions and hospital chaplain service for the Galveston, Tex., Baptist Association since 1954, has been named chaplain and head of the religion department at the Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Tex. He succeeds B. J. Williamson, who has accepted a position as Southern Baptist chaplain at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. (BP)

JACKSON, MISS.—Arthur L. Nelson of Jackson, business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has been elected by the executive committee of the board as director of Mississippi Baptist Assemblies, effective Nov. 1, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, State Baptist executive secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Nelson, who will serve as assembly director in addition to his present responsibilities, is married and the father of six children.

Wichita Church Cuts All Convention Ties

WICHITA, KANS. — (BP) — 1ST BAPTIST Church of Wichita, failing in its effort to have the American Baptist Convention withdraw from the National Council of Churches, itself withdrew from the American Convention.

The Associated Press reported members of the church voted 739 to 294 to end the affiliation. The Wichita church is one of the largest in the American Convention.

There still was no indication the church would seek affiliation with another Baptist convention or association.

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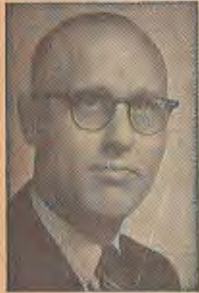
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Honor Church Program

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DR. DAVIS

These churches have been recognized for their achievement in Training Union work in the areas of standard units, study course activity, enrollment gains, youth week, and tournaments (sword drill and speakers' tournaments.)

The following churches have earned four of the five seals: Keiser; Highway, North Little Rock; First, Little Rock; Gaines St., Little Rock; First, Stuttgart; New Hope, Gainesville Association.

Every church in Arkansas should fill out and mail a quarterly report to the Training Union Department at the close of each quarter.

September 27, 1960

September 27 is the date for the State Training Union Leadership Workshop at 2nd Church, Little Rock. Workshops for Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate leaders will begin at 10 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. No registration fee or offering will be taken. Make plans for one or two carloads of your Training Union workers to attend.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

YFC Official Honored

YOUTH for Christ International's ministry among teen-agers was honored recently as one of its top officers, Rev. Carl J. Bihl of Wheaton, Ill., was awarded the degree of doctor of divinity by John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Dr. Bihl is Vice President of the world-wide youth organization as well as organizing director and dean of the Director's School held twice yearly. (EP)

Junior Music Camp

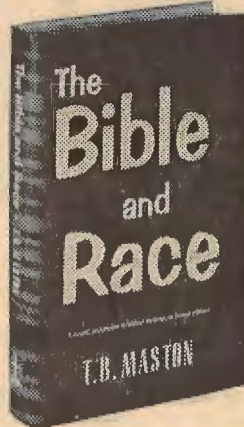
THIS YEAR we are promoting for the first time a music camp for juniors on the Ouachita College campus August 1-3. Our state music conference at Ouachita has been so well attended that we felt it imperative to have a special camp for the junior age division.



MR. McCLARD

This first year, we are conducting the camp for 21-2 days rather than the full week. We feel parents will appreciate the shorter stay away from home. By shortening the camp we are able to reduce the rate to \$7.50, which includes registration, insurance, meals, and lodging. We suggest that Juniors also have \$1 available for hymn study notebook and music material.

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We do not feel that we will need as many counselors with the juniors as with young people and intermediates, so we are suggesting that each church send one counselor for the entire church group.

Each camper should bring a Bible, notebook, recreation clothing and equipment, fan, pillow, linens, soap and other toilet articles.

If more information about class schedules or other particulars of the camp is desired, please write this department. — LeRoy McClard, Secretary

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

Baptismal Succession

The succession of ordination bothered Rogers Williams as it has many others. He became troubled because he believed there should be a visible succession of regular ordained ministers dating back to the Apostles. He could not find evidence of this and withdrew from the first Baptist church established in America. He spent the remainder of his life as a "seeker."

If those who minister church ordinances must be ordained, and there is no succession of ordination, how do Baptists answer the question: Who authorized you to ordain and to administer baptism?

John Spilsbury, pastor of the First Baptist Church, London, sought to answer this question. He asked, "Who baptized John the Baptist before he baptized oth-

ers?" The answer is plain. No one baptized him. He was authorized by God to baptize. Spilsbury felt Baptists could follow this same principle, if necessary.

He went on in his argument to state, "Men organize a church, accept and reject members, build a house of worship, elect officers and all other necessary things to carry on a church program without further succession than the Scriptures."

If the Scriptures give men the right to do these things they must give the right to baptize. Why should men look further than the authority of the Scriptures for succession of baptism if they look to the authority of the Scriptures for direction in other matters of church life?

A further word is given by Isaac Backus, Baptist historian. He recalls that every male of Israel was to be circumcised when eight days old. Yet this rule was neglected during the 40 years wandering in the wilderness. When they crossed Jordan and came into Canaan they stood before God and

renewed the Abrahamic covenant of circumcision. They started the practice again.

The age between Apostolic times and the early 17th century was a worse Arabia wilderness for the Christian church than the actual wilderness was for the Jews. Baptists renewed baptism on the same principle that the Jews renewed circumcision. This is called Bible succession rather than Apostolic succession.

A story of succession made the rounds in America about 1680. Supposedly the Queen of Hungary had a register of regular succession from the Apostles. The Baptist church of Providence, Rhode Island, thought of sending Thomas Olney to Hungary to study it. But they decided against this because they felt they had the scriptural right to baptize.

'Texas-alism'

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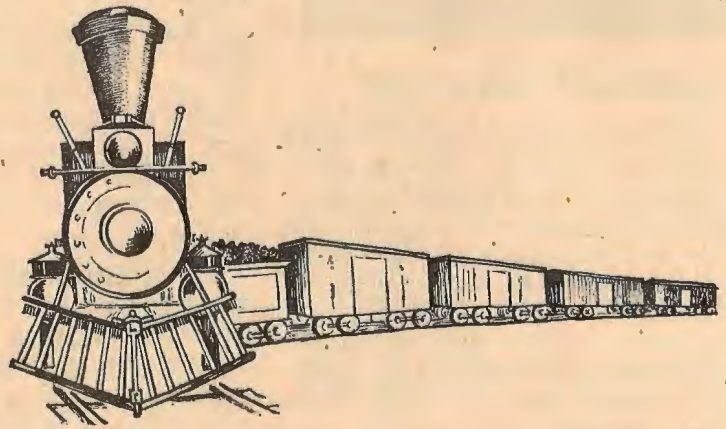
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Lost:

One Freight Car



By James Aldredge

Who would think anything as big as a freight car could get lost? But it did. Stranger still, it was a cowboy in search of a lost steer who finally found it.

The whole affair created a lot of publicity for the Union Pacific Railroad several years ago. Newspapers played up the mystery on their front pages. No wonder, for it isn't every day that a freight car disappears as completely as if it had vanished into thin air—right on the main line, too.

Because the car held more than \$50,000 worth of merchandise, such a loss was not to be taken lightly. For more than a year, officials of the railroad were at a loss to know what could have become of it. It had been loaded with silks at San Francisco, and it was in the middle of a train known as a "silk special."

At Green River, Wyoming, the train, consisting of sixteen cars, was inspected as usual.

The numbers were taken, seals were examined, and all the customary precautions observed. Then came the long run through the Bitter Creek country, across the Red Desert, and over the mountains to Laramie.

There, another inspection was made. The train was late and the conductor was impatient, but the inspector could not make the freight cars in the train agree with the waybills.

He found only fifteen cars,

whereas sixteen were called for. Making a careful examination, he discovered that No. 907 was missing. When none of the train crew could account for it, at last the train was allowed to proceed.

Meantime, the wires were busy with messages. All stations were contacted, but no agent had seen or heard anything of the missing car. The man at Green River was sure that No. 907 had left that point all right.

Days, weeks, and months passed, and the mystery remained unsolved. Then one day a cowboy, riding across the Red Desert, in search of a straying steer, suddenly came upon a freight car in a lonely gulch. It was miles from any station.

At first the cowboy felt like rubbing his eyes, but he had made no mistake. It was a real railroad car, intact and with its seals unbroken. He took the car's number and the name of the railroad. Then he rode to the nearest telegraph station.

The operator was unimpressed until the cowboy happened to mention the number—907. The agent then rushed to his telegraph key to call Laramie.

The amazing news sped to the Union Pacific head office at Omaha. Soon a wrecking train was on its way to the Red Desert. The lost car was raised from the gulch and put upon the track. An examination of its contents showed that the merchandise had

suffered no damage.

How did the missing car get into the gulch? The mystery was not solved until all the evidence was pieced together. The train hands remembered that in the run down the mountains the train had broken apart.

This had happened before on long grades, and the crew did as they had always done when such a thing occurred. The men on the detached cars tended the brakes, and after the train had rounded many sharp curves, they finally managed to bring the cars under control. At a safe stopping place, they coupled the train together once more and resumed the run.

Unknown to the train crew, however, one of the cars was missing. In rounding one of the sharpest curves, it had slipped out of its coupling, jumped the tracks, and hurtled down into the gulch. Perhaps it would still be there today if a cowboy had not gone into the desert after a stray steer.

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Sky Candles

By Florence Pedigo Jansson
At night I look up in the sky,
And stars are shining there
Like tiny candles lighted by
The Lord to show his care.

I see these tiny candles glow
With friendliness so bright
That when I go to bed I know
God's love will shine all night.
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Luxury and Idolatry Ruin A Nation

By J. E. Jackson, Pastor
Wheatley Baptist Church

Hosea 10: 1-8; 12

Devotional—Jeremiah 10: 6-10

July 31, 1960

Golden Text—Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

THE RENOWNED British historian, Arnold Toynbee, has stated that of the 21 civilizations preceding ours, 19 have been destroyed by a mixture of atheism, materialism, socialism, and alcoholism.

Dr. Louie D. Newton tells of the last conversation he held with Mr. Toynbee. He asked the historian if he had changed his estimate of western civilization, to which he replied, "Only this, that it looks now as if the number one enemy of the American way of life is drunkenness. If your people continue the present increase of drunkenness, nothing can save you from destruction. History is altogether against you."

These are sobering words — "History is against you."

Israel (the 10 northern tribes) has been a great nation militarily and materially. But her greatness was now as an empty shell, as luxury and idolatry had rendered her complacent and completely indifferent to her dire peril. It remained only for the prowling enemy to discover her true condition.

It is actually possible for luxury and idolatry to ruin a nation; to cause her to fall from the ranks of the mighty into the morass of oblivion to be remembered only on the pages of indifferent history? It is. Israel is a true example. Upon examining her fall, it is not difficult to see that luxury and idolatry always accompany a nation to her grave.

I. Israel's Rejection of Commandments (10:1,2)

Hosea described Israel as being a luxuriant vine, fruitless toward God, yet bringing forth fruit for self. As the fruits of the fields multiplied, so did the number of pagan altars. Beautiful images were erected in proportion to the fruits of the soil, following the customs of their pagan neighbors who worshipped their local Baal or god.

The First Commandment (Exodus 20:3) stated flatly, "Thou shalt have no other gods before (in my presence, beside, or except) me." Concerning this commandment, Luther once said, "Whatever thy heart clings to and relies on, that is properly thy god."

Someone has observed that if men would be true to this first commandment the remaining nine would follow naturally. The nine are broken because the first one is.

The Second Commandment (Exodus 20:4-6) prohibits false forms of worship, forbidding idolatry and calling for spiritual worship. Therefore any worship that included any other god and-or was directed toward any image or idol was idolatrous worship and therefore spiritual adultery.

"... the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine... have gone awhoring from under their God (3:1; 4:12)." As Hosea's wife had been unfaithful to him by transferring her affections to other men, so had Israel been unfaithful to her God by transferring her affections to other gods. "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone (4:17)."

II. Results of Rejection

(10:3-8)

They had lavishly adorned their idols with gold and precious stones, juicy prey for greedy plunderers. With their images and idols taken from them by their conquerors, the people would be at a loss as to how to worship. With confidence in their gods badly shaken, they lost confidence in everything. And yet, God is quick to point out that they would have brought it all upon themselves.

Empty and hollow words, coupled with perjury, caused judgment to flourish like the poisonous hemlock plant.

People and priest would mourn the loss of their golden calves, seized by the Assyrians and transported into that country to enrich their coffers.

The king would be helpless to prevent or help. The places of their ungodly sacrifices would be deserted as the Israelites would be carried off into captivity, raising the same cry described in Revelation 6:16, 17.

Hosea pleads that his nation sow righteousness to themselves and thus reap mercy, rather than continue the present practice of sowing wickedness and reaping stern justice. Again we come upon the thread that runs throughout Scripture, "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

"Therefore plough up your fallow ground, your new ground. Start over anew. Confess your sin, for it is now time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

"Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:6, 7)."

Conclusion

What was the whole source of Israel's trouble? Moses had foreseen it in Deuteronomy 32:18, "Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful; and hast forgotten

God that formed thee." Not only had they put God out of their minds, but they had tried to fill the vacuum with worship of other gods. Idolatry and luxury sprang up.

Our nation was founded and settled by men who enjoyed no luxuries as we have today, and who were aware of God's presence and purpose. They were a hardy and thrifty people. In contrast, our nation is now constantly producing more luxuries, while at the same time becoming the not-so-unwilling slaves to these unseeing, unhearing, and unfeeling gods.

Little Rock Layman To Receive Award



MR. MOSES

An active layman at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will receive the Americanism Award from the Department Commander at the annual convention of the American Legion in Little Rock, Aug. 12-14.

C. Hamilton Moses is a lawyer and civic leader and former president and chairman of the board of directors of the Arkansas Power & Light Co. He is teacher of a men's Bible Class at Immanuel.

A native of Calhoun County he was, graduated from Ouachita

For Girls 'in Trouble'

THE Evangelical Welfare Agency of Whittier, Calif., a State-licensed agency through which children may be legally adopted, has issued an announcement which should be of interest to every pastor, Christian teacher and other Christian workers active in the field of counseling:

Although the Evangelical Welfare Agency is licensed to place babies in Los Angeles County only, it may accept children for adoption from any part of the United States.

"In other words," stated Dr. Walter Penner, EWA Executive Director, "any pastor or other home." (EP)

Togetherness

"CAN'T the democrats of this town get together?" inquired the political exhorter in Tennessee.

"Get together?" answered the man with adhesive tape on his ear; "why, it takes 11 deputy-sheriffs to keep 'em apart!"

BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS

AUGUST, 1960

Arkansas

Preacher: Dr. J. Winston Pearce

- August 7 "The Greatness of God" (Eph. 1:3-10)
 14 "What A Saviour" (John 1:1-5)
 21 "And, So, We Ask For Pardon" (Isa. 1:18-20)
 28 "Like An Army With Banners" (I Tim. 3:15)

City	Station	Time
Arkadelphia	KVRC	3:00 p.m.
Berryville	KTCN	10:00 a.m.
Conway	KCON	7:00 a.m.
Corning	KCCB	1:00 p.m.
De Queen	KDQN	1:00 p.m.
El Dorado	KELD	3:30 p.m.
Fayetteville	KFAV	8:30 a.m.
Fordyce	KBJT	4:00 p.m.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hope	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
Jonesboro	KNEA	9:30 a.m.
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.
Monticello	KHBM	3:30 p.m.
Paragould	KDRS	8:30 p.m.
Paris	KCCL	—
Prescott	KTPA	1:00 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	7:30 a.m.
Van Buren	KDFD	10:00 a.m.
Wynne	KWYN	6:30 p.m., Sat.

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Arkansas

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Little Rock	KTHS	5:00 p.m.
Paris	KCCL	4:00 p.m.
Prescott	KTPA	3:00 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	10:00 a.m., Sat.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Paragould	KDRS	10:15 a.m.
Prescott	KTPA	—
Rogers	KAMO	8:05 a.m.
Stuttgart	KWAK	6:30 p.m., Fri.
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This brought to a close the greatest gathering of Baptists in all their history. It was the judgment of many that this Congress would be used of God to bless the evangelical witness, not only in Brazil, but in all Latin America, and even to the ends of the earth. Many of us turned from this meeting with a deep resolve in our heart to crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords more fully in our lives. ■

Baptist College and Tulane University School of Law at New Orleans. He served as secretary to three Arkansas governors and helped the late Harvey C. Couch organize the Arkansas Power & Light Co.

The award will be presented at a dinner Friday night.

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