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These figures are all the more revealing when we consider the circumstances surrounding the two years. It will be remembered that the "stock market crash" came in 1929. The future looked gloomy. The country and even the world was plunged into a depression the like of which had never been experienced.

The year 1959 represented the peak of income during the history of our nation and world. We can hardly be proud of our stewardship record in the face of these facts. If there was ever a time when we needed to take seriously the Great Commission and our responsibility to preach the gospel in all the world —today is that time.

What can be done to turn the tide in our mission giving and in assuming our world responsibility? Evidently there is no simple answer to this question.

Perhaps most of us would agree that the Biblical concept of stewardship needs to be planted deeply within the hearts and purses of our people. The Forward Program of Church Finance is designed to help in this area. The churches which have used this method of teaching and enlisting our people in stewardship have found it to be a worthy instrument.

However, it is evident that 2-Plus should also be stressed along with the increased receipts by our churches. In fact, increased receipts by our churches might prove to be a greater bane than a blessing unless we help to lift the vision of our people to a world view.

Brother pastor, will you not urge your budget committee to give a more serious and prayerful consideration to leading our churches to share more generously with the world beyond our own borders. We believe the adoption of 2-Plus would be a long step in the right direction. We prayerfully urge you in the name of Christ and for the sake of a needy world to keep world mission in the forefront of your planning of your 1961 budget!—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

Economic and Eternal

OUR AGE is one of material prosperity. In the last fifty years our world has made and spent more money than in all of the millenniums before. But, it is unfortunate that we have not remembered that God is the giver of all and in turn, rendered unto God that which rightfully belongs to him.

We have made rapid progress in technology and in science, but when it comes to the matter of money our generation does not have enough "know how" to use it advantageously. We spend more money on frivolous things than we give to kingdom causes. For instance, Baptists spend more for cigarettes than they give to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

There must be a reason for all of this. Evidently character development has not kept pace with our other progress. This has happened because character has not been cultivated. There must be a continual exercise in such basic elements as honesty, mercy and justice if the individual develops the right kind of characteristics.

Then it goes without saying our Baptist people must be taught to be honest with God before they can be taught to be honest with each other. After all is said and done the Forward Program of Church Finance is an educational tool. It is not the end but the means to the end. It is designed to teach Baptists that they should be honest with God and to give the churches a plan to help the people grow in honesty.

The Bible teaches that we are to render unto the government that which belongs to the government, but it also teaches that we are to render unto God that which rightfully belongs to God. The government therefore has a plan to exact taxes, but God has a way of growing his children. Therefore, there is an intimate relationship between the economic and the eternal. Yet, you can go to any library and read all the books that deal with money and find that they explain the origin, exchange standards, coinage, etc., but not one word will be said about the

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ARKANSANS, by the thousands, will be enjoying the last holiday of the summer this weekend. This scenic spot along the White River is nestled among the Ozarks in north Arkansas. Float fishing this fast stream for rainbow trout attracts many visitors to our state.

ARKANSVILLE, Ky.—This is being written from the beautiful campus of Southern Seminary, where my family and I are on vacation. Here and nearby we spent 10 years of our lives. It was from this locality we moved a little more than three years ago back to our beloved Arkansas.

Remarkable Growth

In Seminary Education

Since I first came to Louisville, for my seminary education, beginning in 1944, there have been some remarkable changes on the Southern Seminary campus. As publicity director and, following my graduation from the seminary, as director of public relations for the seminary, I had a part in helping to promote the great expansion program of the late Dr. Ellis A. Fuller—a program that added millions of dollars in buildings and grounds and transformed the mother seminary of Southern Baptists into a big-time operation to meet the challenges of a new day.

As I stand and look across the campus today I see four major buildings which were not here in 1944, sixteen years ago: the classroom wing of Norton Hall; Alumni Memorial Chapel; Fuller Hall (apartment building for married students with families), all of which were completed under the administration of Dr. Fuller; and the James P. Boyce Library, built under the leadership of Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary since the fall of 1951. The library building was completed and occupied last year as a fitting climax to the seminary’s first 100 years of service.

Just across Lexington Road from the seminary campus proper lies the 14-acre campus of the School of Church Music, acquired by the seminary during the presidency of Dr. Fuller, upon the creation of the school. Some distance beyond this is the spacious Norton Estate, in the heart of Cherokee Park, which was given to the seminary for a home for the seminary president during the Fuller administration and which was sold recently to the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary for a new building site.

Out Frankfort Avenue, between the seminary campus and St. Matthews, is Seminary Village, with its 256 apartment units for seminary student families. This was acquired by President McCall in a master stroke soon after he became president, putting an end to the student housing crisis which had plagued the seminary for years.

Saws and hammers are playing a symphony of progress this summer as that part of Norton Hall formerly occupied by the library is being made over into faculty offices, a recital hall, and new quarters for the student center and book store. Already architects are drawing plans for a Music School building to be constructed near Norton Hall and the new library building.

This is not to imply that the achievements of the Fuller and McCall administrations are to be measured by this vast expansion of the physical plant of the seminary. Along with the addition of buildings and grounds have come many great improvements for the seminary in student enrollment, enlargement of the faculty, expansion of the curricula, and general strengthening of the seminary academically. As Southern Seminary begins her second century she is in the best condition ever and second to none in the field of theological education.

During these years of Southern Seminary’s great growth the Southern Baptist Convention has seen remarkable development of its graduate-training program for theologians, church musicians, and specialists in the fields of religious education. In 1944—just 16 years ago—when Southern Seminary had four classrooms for a student body of more than 800 students, and the only “chapel!” was a wing in Norton Hall that seated 400—there were only three seminaries. Now there are six. And each institution is great in its own right.

At all cost Southern Baptists must continue to expand their schools, colleges and seminaries to meet the ever increasing need for consecrated, trained leaders in all fields of Christian endeavor.—ELM
Editorials

Further reflection on the proposed Brotherhood Commission camp site on the 1,800-acre tract offered near Huntsville, Ark., (at no cost to the Commission) leads us to the conclusion that more is at stake than might appear on the surface. The real issue, as we see it, is whether the Brotherhood Commission as an independent agency of the Southern Baptist Convention shall be free to plan and direct its own program, or whether it is to be—at least in part of its operation—under another agency of the Convention, the Sunday School Board.

For a long time the Brotherhood Commission has felt the need for a convention-wide campcraft training program designed to prepare men for leadership in the Royal Ambassador organization, our Southern Baptist missions organization for boys. That the Commission is being realistic in its planning is seen in the fact that last year a total of 30,500 boys, as members of Royal Ambassadors, attended district, associational and state camps. Along with these, approximately 3,000 men served as leaders in the camps. The proposed camping program, which cannot be put into effect until a suitable camp site is secured, would have as its main purpose the training of these leaders.

The main contention of the Sunday School Board in opposing the Brotherhood camp plans, before the Program Committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, is that the establishment of the Brotherhood camp grounds would conflict with the established assembly policy of the Convention directing the Sunday School Board to provide and maintain assembly facilities. (Italics ours.)

Brotherhood Commission spokesmen have pointed out time and again that, in their evaluation, there is no conflict at this point, stressing the great difference between assemblies—designed for both sexes and for family groups, such as now maintained and operated at Ridgecrest and at Glorieta—and camping facilities for men and boys in rough, largely undeveloped terrain, such as needed for the Brotherhood training program.

Replying to this, Sunday School Board representatives have proposed that any necessary camp site for the Brotherhood be secured in the vicinity of either Ridgecrest or Glorieta, where, they say, adequate undeveloped acreages are to be had and where “certain basic utilities” have already been provided. The Sunday School Board would have control of such additional grounds.

In the strictest sense of the term, no Convention agency is or should be independent of the extent to which having its own operation separate and apart from the Convention program as a whole. It is essential that we have our Convention Program Committee pass on any new developments, as our committee is dealing with the camp proposal. But when all possible each agency, we feel, should be given the freedom of largely determining and carrying out its program, within the bounds of Convention directions. Believing as we do that the Brotherhood camping program is something entirely different from the Convention assembly program, and feeling that the Brotherhood Commission itself is the best authority on what it needs in the way of camping facilities to carry out its own program, we hold that it would be the part of wisdom to permit the Commission to receive the Huntsville tract for whatever use can be made of it.

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If you ponder this sign still further, there are some questions that come naturally to your mind. You wonder not only what sort of fellow the previous manager was, but how open was his place and his operation to the public?

But so much for that.

For all practical purposes, when a person repents of his sins and trusts Christ as Lord and Savior, he takes upon himself, in the baptismal service, something very much like this restaurant sign. “Open to the public under New Management” shout his public profession of faith and baptism.

Whatever one may have been in his heart, the fountain of his life, there is a remarkable change that comes about when he surrenders the reins of his life to the hands of Christ. When he repents of his sins and places his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, the fountain of his life is turned over to the hands of Christ. There is a marvelous change in the life of the Christian.

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Likes Editorial
THANKS for your editorial in the Aug. 18th issue of the Arkansas Baptist, on “Roman Catholic Claims and New Testament Facts.” It is not only enlightening, but is also timely in the light of current events and pertinent to the political problem facing us.

I am exceedingly grateful that Arkansas Baptists have a well-informed, courageous editor who has the spiritual and political welfare of the people at heart.

Thanks, also, for publishing L. D. Eppinette’s answer to the question, “Should a Catholic for President Be Opposed Because of His Religion?” I have never read a more factual, comprehensive and logical answer to that question.

I am filing both these articles for future reference and urging our people to read them.—Rev. E. Clay Polk, 1st Church, Piggott.

Nixon Religion
IS it true Richard Nixon, Republican candidate for president, his wife, and children are Catholic? Was he brought up in a Catholic or Protestant home?

So many people are confused about the coming election. They do not know whether to vote for either candidate.—Mrs. O. L. Hackler, Amboy.

Reply:
No, the Nixons are not Catholic. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon and their daughters are Quakers.

Tells of Work
MY BIBLE School work is finished for the summer.

Now that it is over, I can look back and think of each week separately. But it is only when I look at the seven weeks as a whole that I get the depth of the spiritual blessing the summer has been.

Among my memories are: our first two-week school in the mountains, where we had 500 children enrolled and only two workers, with 60 children accepting Jesus as Savior; the two weeks in Kingston where I learned so much about the way Jamaicans think; the opportunity I had there of speaking to a group of women prisoners who are either sentenced to hang or serving life sentences; and the last two-week school at Sturgetown, where more than 40 young people found the Lord, and where we worked so closely with the teenagers, holding open forums and discussions about their problems.

The commencement program was always a sad occasion; we knew we would be moving to another place as soon as it was over. We realized, as they did, that there was every possibility that we would never see them again. I have been surprised how much you can get attached to people in two weeks.

And then I think of all the friends I have made—we have stayed in several homes and learned to love the families. And the 21 students who were strangers to me two months ago seem like a part of one big family. The Bees, English missionaries who have worked in this area for 35 years and who are directing the work from the Jamaica side, have been an inspiration to us with their complete devotion and dedication to the work. We have all come to know and love each other quickly, because we all have something in common—the Love of God and the personal knowledge of His son as Savior.—Nancy Philley, Brown’s Town, Jamaica. [Nancy has worked in Jamaica as a representative of Arkansas BSU students.]

Seeks Penpals
I AM an African boy 18 years old, 5 ft. 3 inches tall and weigh 135 pounds. I am seeking either a boy or girl penpal in your country.

I am interested in swimming, football, boxing, reading magazines, Bible reading, and listening to radios and TV.

My joy shall have no bound if you could kindly favour me with the publishing of this letter in your well-circulated newspaper.—Raji Adio Muhammed, 21, Anikantamo Square, Lagos, Nigeria.

Where In Arkansas Is This?

HERE is another Arkansas Church. Send us your opinion of its identity.—The Editor
Can Communism Outrun Christianity

By Donald A. Bell
Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth

ARE we as smart as the communists?

Let us make a comparison between that which our children are led to do and that which communist children are taught to do by imitation.

Do your children bow their heads in prayer when you sit down for a meal because you have always done it — not because it's a trick they've been taught to perform?

Communist children are led into showing respect for the party and its leaders because the adults they live with portray a blind dedication to the "cause." We do not want this type of dedication to God, yet many parents do not give much evidence of respect and reverence for God in their daily living.

Would your children be surprised if you reached for a Bible to read to them?

Communist children are inspired while young that the glory comes in serving the communist cause for world peace. This certainly is just "window dressing;" but even so, it is very revealing indeed, and the young "fall for it." Soviet schools are geared to lead children to serve the state and forget money and the home. Look at the principal aims of the Soviet school system:

a. To give the pupil a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of the sciences dealing with nature, society, and human intellect, and to train him in a materialist world outlook.

b. To provide the young generation with knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of socialist production, and to train them to link up that knowledge to the practical problems of socialist construction.

c. To foster in the growing generation firm moral convictions, educating them in a spirit of socialist humanism, collectivism, and international solidarity; teaching them to take a socialist attitude to their work and to public property, and training in them
a feeling of conscientious discipline.

d. To provide aesthetic education, teaching the children to understand and appreciate art, cultivating good taste and encouraging their artistic abilities and talents.

- Have you, by your attitude in the home, taught your children the values of the Christian home, the church, and the school? Or have you made passing comments on Sunday morning before church which devalued the church in its power for the spiritual growth of your child? Have you made your home a bulwark for the spiritual growth of your child? In other words, are our institutions developing spiritual growth in our children — are homes and churches becoming stronger or weaker?

- Communist children are led away from these institutions. The state takes the child away from the home, and the masses learn from their own experiences. They are taught that at a certain state of the 'transitory period' the socialist environment would take place of the school. The church is non-existent or simply ignored.

- As communism decentralizes these precious institutions, we in families of the free world must emphasize the distinct ministry of them. We must find anew the role of the Christian home and church in spiritual growth.

I must teach my children the principles of Christlike living and democratic freedom. They ought to learn rules, formulas, and facts. But more important, I must live these ideals before my children.

This is their most lasting learning experience!

DR. T. K. Rucker, former president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will be the evangelist for the revival services at Tyler Street Church through Sept. 11.

Marvin Taylor, Music Director of Calvary Baptist Church, will lead the singing for the revival. During the previous week cottage prayer meetings were held led by the men of the church.

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Baptist Crosscurrents

U. N. Force Needed

ONE of the lessons demonstrated by events in Suez and Hungary in 1956 was the urgent need for a United Nations military force which could be sent swiftly to areas of dispute to keep the peace and restore order. From Suez the British forces withdrew as soon as the United Nations troops arrived but it was painfully obvious then that the marshalling and dispatch of such a force took a dangerously long time. In Hungary, the United Nations never had a chance to intervene though had such a force been in existence events there might have taken a different turn. Instead, despite resolutions of the United Nations, Russian forces remain.

Now, in Congo, the lesson has been demonstrated afresh. The gathering and transportation of the United Nations force has taken such a long time as to imperil the whole purpose of saving Congo from civil war. Time and speed are the essence of success when dangerous situations arise. Until now Mr. Hammarskjold, secretary-general of the United Nations, seems to have been reluctant to the appointment of a permanent United Nations force. His optimism about the influence of resolutions to quell trouble has not been justified. A world authority needs a world police force which can be called upon immediately.

We may be sure that even after Congo has settled her present problems there will be more occasions, some perhaps in Africa, others in other continents when an international police force will be needed. Indeed, in their grave crises, nations may well be thankful to be able to call upon such a force. The Baptist Times, London, England

South African Situation

MUCH is being written in both the secular and religious press concerning the present racial conflict in South Africa.

While some other nations are not entirely blameless in matters of race discrimination, and while the difficulties of a multi-racial society are many, there is universal feeling that the apartheid policies and the treatment in South Africa of those who have resisted such policies are inconsistent with Christian faith and principles. They constitute a flagrant violation of human rights and fundamental freedom. The reported mob violence, cruel repression, misery, fear and death which have resulted recently from the enforcement of these policies in South Africa have culminated in most horrifying events.

The Committee on International Affairs of the Canadian Council of Churches in expressing its grave concern at the racial discrimination and resultant conflict in South Africa, has put in a paragraph a statement with which we are in complete agreement and which we commend to our readers.

The Committee has said "... the conflict in South Africa cannot be regarded as solely a matter of internal, domestic concern within the Union of South Africa. In the inter-dependent world of today, it has inevitable repercussions (1) upon relations among the nations of the world, and contains the threat of a world-wide race war; and (2) upon relations among the members of the Commonwealth of Nations to which both Canada and South Africa belong, and contains the threat of its dissolution, and (3) it threatens the world mission of the Christian Church, in which the churches of South Africa, Canada, and other countries are engaged."

Our sympathy is extended to the victims of the injustices and inhuman treatment; to those in South Africa who are at present denied their fundamental human rights and freedom.—The Canadian Baptist, Toronto, Canada
Fourteen Added To Ouachita College Staff

FOURTEEN new faculty members have been added to the staff of Ouachita Baptist College, according to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president. In addition, the college has added a director of public relations, another dormitory housemother, an assistant to the librarian, and named three new teaching fellows.

New faculty members include Dr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Boushy, Capt. John W. Crosby Jr., Joe Emsminger, Mrs. D. T. Frazier, Mrs. Billy G. Goff, Ronald Hayworth, Maurice Hurley, A. Wayne McGuire, Wayne Peterson, Robert W. Smith, Bill Trantham, Thurman O. Watson, and Dr. Ralph Williams.

Dr. Boushy, formerly professor of history and political science at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich., will be professor of history at Ouachita. He holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. from the University of Oklahoma, a B.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kent., and a B.A. from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla.

Mrs. Boushy, who was assistant professor of English at Hillsdale College, will be assistant professor of English at Ouachita. She received her M.A. from Mississippi Southern in Hattiesburg, and her B.S. from Wayland College.

Capt. Crosby was assigned to Ouachita from Fort Ord, Calif., where he has been training basic trainees since May, 1958. Before that he was chief of the translation section in the military mission to Turkey. A graduate of Montana State College, he will be assistant professor of military science at Ouachita.

Emsminger, football coach at Hot Springs since 1955, will be associate professor of mathematics and physical education. He received his B.A. from Centre College of Danville, Kent., his M.A. from the University of Arkansas, and has done further graduate study at Memphis State, Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Frazier, who has taught at White Oak, Tex., High School for the past 10 years, will be instructor of secretarial science, replacing Miss Betty Orr, who is away on a year's leave of absence. Mrs. Frazier received a B.S.E. at Arkansas State Teachers College and a M.Ed. at the University of Arkansas.

Mrs. Goff is returning to Ouachita as assistant professor of physical education after teaching here during 1955-58. She holds a B.S. and an M.S. from Baylor University. Her husband, a former Ouachita graduate, will work on a master's degree at Henderson State Teachers College.

Hayworth will be an instructor in history. He received his B.A. from Ouachita in the spring of 1959 and completed all classwork toward an M.A. at Baylor University.

Hurley, the new professor of psychology and education, was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tomball, Tex. He is working toward a doctorate in education at the University of Oklahoma. He holds an M.A. and a B.A. from the University of Tulsa and a B.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth.

McGuire, the new assistant professor of English, has a B.A. from the University of Denver and has completed residence requirements toward an M.A. at the University of Oregon.

Peterson will be associate professor of German. He holds a B.A. from Texas Christian University, a B.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has completed his residence for a Th.D. at Southwestern Seminary. He has studied a year and a half in Switzerland.

Smith will be assistant professor of business. A 1939 graduate of Ouachita, Smith served as head football coach at Ouachita during 1946-48 and then as bookstore manager until 1958. He holds an M.B.A. from the University of Texas.

Trantham, formerly professor of piano and chairman of the department of music at Southwest Baptist College of Bolivar, Mo., will be associate professor of music and head of the new department of applied music. He graduated from Southwest Missouri State College of Springfield, holds a M.M. from Northwestern University, and has done additional graduate work at Indiana University and Northwestern University.

Watson, director of music and education at the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church of Little Rock for the past four and one-half years, will be associate professor of education. He holds a B.S. from Southern Illinois University of Carbondale, Ill., and an M.A. from the University of Kentucky, where he had done additional graduate work.

Dr. Williams, new associate professor of biology, was formerly assistant professor of agriculture at Southern State College in Magnolia before entering the University of Missouri in 1956. He holds an M.S. and a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri and a B.S. from Oklahoma State University.

James Burleson, the new director of public relations, received his B.A. from Ouachita during the summer of 1960. He served as student body president the past spring and is widely known throughout the state as a speaker and singer.

Mrs. Anna B. Mason of Hot Springs has been added as a housemother, while Mrs. Ruth Kennedy, formerly housemother for North Dormitory, will be the new roving dormitory mother. Mrs. Ruby H. Venable, formerly housemother at O. C. Bailey Hall, will be in charge of the dormitory.

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State Baptist Hospital

Rules On Charity Cases

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Gleanings from the Greek New Testament

by V. Wayne Barton

BAPTISM is essential to salvation. Christians should prove their faith by snake-handling. They should prove their faith also by drinking poisons. These three propositions and others may be inferred from Mark 16:9-20.

But, of course, Mark 16:9-20 was probably not written by Mark. So, perhaps the sanest way to deal with the problem is simply to regard the whole section as unauthentic. This, in my judgment, is best. For these verses do not appear in the oldest and most trustworthy of the ancient manuscripts.

It goes without saying, however, that many will not be convinced of this. As a matter of fact, the science of textual criticism is highly technical and so is bewildering to the average reader. So, it is possible, happily, to deal with the problem materials in Mark 16:9-20 in another fashion.

If you take the statement in Mark 16:16, especially the first part, at fact value, then you have a perfect proof text for baptismal regeneration: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Significantly, however, the last part of the statement tends to clarify the matter: "But he that believeth not shall be damned." Not that the statement is not: "He that believeth and is not baptized shall be damned."

As for snake-handling and drinking poison, suffice it to say that there is no command here to do either in order to prove your faith. There is a promise of providential protection, but not to one who does it on a dare, tempting God to protect him.

So, you may accept Mark 16:9-20 as genuine or spurious. But take it or leave it, in the light of the above considerations, the problems of Mark 16:9-20 are not insurmountable.

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DR. ANDREW M. Hall, pastor of 1st Church, Fayetteville; James L. Jones, BSU Director at University of Arkansas; and Don Wright, youth director at 1st Church, served as counselors at a Baptist youth encampment at Mt. Vernon, Mo., last week. They were accompanied by 12 young people from Fayetteville.

REV. W. B. O'Neal, Route 1, Jacksonville, is preaching in a revival at Wattensaw through Aug. 28. Rev. John O'Neal is pastor.

BELLAIRE Church completed revival services recently. Rev. J. D. Seymore, associational missionary for Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association was the evangelist. There were 21 additions to the church. The music was under the direction of Rev. L. J. Ready, pastor at Tillar. Rev. Don Jones is pastor.

THREE young members of the Genoa Church are endeavoring to read the Bible through. In one week Dottie Beel read 140 chapters; Susie Carr read 170 chapters; Jemalene Smith read 100 chapters. The pastor, Rev. Jerry O. Powers, also reports 16 additions in a recent revival.

VACATION Bible School, at Black Springs Church had an average attendance of 41 this month. Rev. Raymond Hughes served as principal assisted by Rev. Luther Ward, association missionary. Rev. Arthur Beshears, pastor, was the evangelist in a recent revival at the church.

Hospital Alumnae Plan Homecoming

ALUMNAE of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing from 10 states have made reservations to attend the homecoming at the school set for Sept. 4.

Mrs. Ramona Gateley, president of the Alumnae Association, said that 125 graduates from California, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas, Virginia, Georgia, Illinois, Colorado, Indiana, and Arkansas have written they plan to attend.

Mrs. Anita Hill Johnston is general chairman for Homecoming. A skit featuring the history of the school and former uniforms worn by the students will be presented at the luncheon to be held at noon in the Medical Arts Cafeteria. An honorary membership in the Alumnae Association will also be awarded.

During the afternoon alumnae will be taken on a tour of the new sections of the hospital and a social hour will be held in the School of Nursing at 3 p.m. for graduates, staff doctors and former ABH interns and their families.

Honor guest for the homecoming will be Miss Daisy Rose of Erath, La., who was director of the School from 1930 to 1946. Other special guests will be Dr. Joe Rushton, president of the ABH Board of Trustees, and Dr. Guy Farris, chief of the ABH Medical Staff.

DR. ANDREW M. Hall and his family were honored recently at a reception at 1st Church, Fayetteville, marking the beginning of their eighth year. The Halls came to Fayetteville from Lake Wales, Fla.

R. M. McKee, Houston and Austin banker, received the honorary doctor of business administration degree from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., during summer commencement exercises. McKee, a Howard Payne trustee, delivered the commencement address. Eighty-six students received degrees during the ceremonies. (BP)

ARKANSAS BAPTIST
A Woman Liking Food Meets An Expert Chef

By Virginia Harris Hendricks

RUSCHLIKON - ZURICH, Switzerland— (BP) — As a woman who likes food, and a cook who enjoys taste experiments, I have dared sample some strange foods in countries I have visited. In Hong Kong, I had bird's nest; in France, snails; in Spain, octopus; in Scotland, haggis. (Oversimplified, haggis is an oatmeal mixture cooked in a kidney.)

These adventures in taste point up the appetite differences among nations. According to friends abroad, we Americans like (hot) dogs and (hush) puppies!

When I attended a summer conference for European women at the International Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, I was naturally interested in the dining hall and kitchen. To me, this department emphasized the varied backgrounds of the 17 nations represented at that conference.

Because of my eager curiosity about the different foods, I was taken to the gleaming, modern kitchen to meet Anna, the German cook. With the aid of an interpreter (whom I suspect Anna did not need), we two cooks became fast friends.

Arkansans At Ridgecrest

FIFTY-FIVE Arkansans were among the 2,598 who registered at the WMU Conference at Ridgecrest, Aug. 11-17, Miss Elma Cobb, state president, and Mrs. R. E. Snider, state community missions director, served on the teaching staff.

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Warren Reports 10,252 Started in 30,000 Movement

RIDGECREST, N. C.—(BP)—Southern Baptists have started 10,252 missions and churches since the beginning of the 30,000 movement on June 1, 1956, according to C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., director of the movement.

The 30,000 Movement, a mammoth program to establish 20,000 missions and 10,000 churches by 1964, originated from a challenge to the Southern Baptist Convention by Warren when he was president of the denomination in 1956. Later he was given directorship of the program.

Warren announced at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly during Home Missions Week the new figures, which include 8,399 new churches and 6,853 new missions. The totals are released twice each year by Warren from reports given him by 30,000 chairmen in the states. The total last January was 9,601. This is an increase of 651.

"We're moving, but we have got to move faster," Warren said. "We have considerably slowed down in the last six months, despite a better spirit, a better organization, and more evidence of stronger determination.

"There are only four and a half years to go. This goal can positively be reached, but we will not do it by staying in the rut of business as usual. This requires an accelerated effort."

Arthur Rutledge, of Atlanta, Ga., chairman of the 30,000 committee for the denomination, and director of the missions division of the Home Mission Board, suggested at Ridgecrest that churches give major emphasis during the remaining part of 1960 to starting institutional missions. This is the present six-month emphasis in the movement.

"Since a mission is any place an individual is sent by a church to preach or teach," Rutledge said, "every church can have a part in the 30,000 movement."

The figures released by Warren indicated the following breakdown by states: Figures represent new churches (first number) and new missions.

Alabama, 127, 171; Alaska, 16, 27; Arizona, 55, 147; Arkansas, 59, 87; California, 220, 458; Colorado, 66, 131; Cuba, 2, 40; District of Columbia, 6, 4; Florida, 171, 259; Hawaii (included in Foreign Mission report); Illinois, 155, 429; Indiana (began Jan. 1, 1959), 20, 39; Kentucky, 110, 247; Kansas, 27, 42; Louisiana, 89, 111; Maryland, 27, 83; Michigan, 48, 80; Missouri, 88, 304; Mississippi, 65, 53; New Mexico, 38, 111; North Carolina, 127, 152; Ohio, 127, 215; Oklahoma, 83, 191; Oregon-Washington, 48, 91; Panama Canal Zone, 5, 10; South Carolina, 77, 166; Tennessee, 122, 184; Texas, 228, 426; Virginia, 63, 62; Foreign Missions, 1,019, 2, 452.

Golden Gaters Visit Alcatraz Penitentiary

MILL VALLEY, CALIF.—(BP)—Three women from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here have been to Alcatraz, the maximum security federal prison isolated on an island off San Francisco.

It wasn't for the reason most persons take the boat to Alcatraz—committing a major violation of federal laws.

These three—one a faculty member's wife, another a student's wife, and the third the daughter of a staff member at the Seminary—went there to conduct Vacation Bible School for children of federal employees operating the prison.

Mrs. Wallace Beasley, who's seeing hubby through the Seminary, served as principal of the Vacation Bible School, assisted by the two other women—Mrs. Harry Koontz and Miss Carole Suffern.

Mrs. Beasley, a resident of Oakland, Calif., for 15 years, became acquainted with Alcatraz Prison two months ago when her husband took over the chapel service at Alcatraz Protestant Community Church on the island.

Together they hold Sunday school and morning worship services for prison employees and their families. "We hope to start a young people's meeting on Sunday evenings too," she remarked, "especially since we had 17 teenagers enrolled in Bible School, with at least 10 attending each day."

Church Influence on Legislation Praised

WASHINGTON—(BP)—The effectiveness of "church" influence on social legislation was highly praised by Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R., S. D.) in a speech before the U. S. Senate.

Speaking on his bill to curb obscene literature, Mundt said, "I am convinced that if it had not been for the churches of all denominations throughout the country the support for this legislation would not have been developed to the point where it resulted in successful Senate action."

Specifically Mundt referred to the hundreds of letters from constituents that he and other senators received, the resolutions passed by church groups, sermons by the ministers, and articles in religious publications.

"I can only conclude that the passage of this legislation is due in great part to the aroused anger of the public against this vicious blight upon the nation's morals," he said.

Mundt's remarks illustrate the importance and the effectiveness of church people studying current national issues and communicating their views to their public officials.

The legislation to which he referred is S. 3736 to establish a commission on noxious and obscene matters and materials, and which was passed by the Senate June 30. It is now pending in the House of Representatives.
Four Cities To Start Juvenile Rehabilitation

RIDGECREST, N. C. — (BP) — Four cities in California, Kentucky, Georgia, and Texas will start Southern Baptist juvenile rehabilitation programs within the next year if present plans materialize, according to J. V. James, Atlanta, Ga., superintendent of juvenile rehabilitation for the denomination’s Home Mission Board.

Covington, Ky.; Fresno, Calif.; Macon, Ga.; and San Antonio, Tex., anticipate new programs in the near future as part of their city mission programs. September is the date set for the Covington program and Jan., 1961, for San Antonio.

Fifteen of Southern Baptists’ 17 juvenile rehabilitation directors in cities across the country attended the second annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Juvenile Rehabilitation Association at Ridgecrest, N. C.

The directors meet for fellowship, exchanging ideas, encouragement of other programs, and training. In a week-long workshop, led by James, the group discussed methods and procedures in dealing with the delinquent and relationships with churches, associations, and convention agencies.

The juvenile rehabilitation programs, located in metropolitan areas, enlist sponsors in local churches for children who are in trouble. The sponsor gives guidance to the child, ministers to the spiritual needs of the family and seeks to enlist the entire family in a church program.

“We have grown from five programs three years ago to where we now either have work set up or in the process of being set up in 30 cities (associations),” said James in reporting progress of juvenile work among Southern Baptists.

“We hope to set up programs of juvenile rehabilitation in each of the 77 cities having city missions programs just as rapidly as funds are available,” said James.

The juvenile rehabilitation group re-elected Charles W. Hawkes of Houston, Tex., chairman. Hawkes has served as juvenile rehabilitation director of Union Baptist Association in Texas for 4 years. C. E. Scarbrough of Atlanta, juvenile rehabilitation director for the Atlanta Associational Program, was elected vice chairman, and Morris Elliott, Miami, Fla., director of Miami Association’s Juvenile Rehabilitation, was elected secretary.

REV. and Mrs. James N. Westmoreland, Southern Baptist missionary appointees, have sailed for Central Africa, where they may be addressed at 142 Fourth Ave., Waterfalls, Salisbury S-46, Southern Rhodesia. He is a native of Culleoka, Tenn.; she is the former Wynema Mayo, of Muzie, Okla.

REV. and Mrs. Hubert N. (Ted) Lindwall, Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Guatemala, are beginning a year’s study of the Spanish language in Costa Rica, where their address is Apartado 4035, San Jose, Costa Rica. He is a native of Kansas City, Mo.; she is the former Sue Francis, of Morrilton, Ark.

REV. and Mrs. Robert L. Lindsey, Southern Baptist missionaries, have returned to Israel after furlough in the States and may be addressed at Box 177, Petah Tiqva, Israel. He is a native of Norman, Okla.; she is the former Margaret Lutz, of Columbus, Ohio.
30,000 Recognition Provides Moment of Drama

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)—A moment of drama gripped Southern Baptists attending Home Mission Week at Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina, Aug. 22.

Just as C. C. Warren, of Charlotte, director of the denomination’s movement to start 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964, was about to officially declare Western Heights Baptist Mission of Waco, Tex., and Gray Baptist Mission in Gray, La., the two first missions formed in the 30,000 Movement, Associational Missionary W. F. Chamblees, Conway, S. C., rose to his feet in the audience.

“The North Conway Baptist Mission of Conway, S. C., was started at 3 p.m., June 3, 1956,” said Chamblees. Both the other missions had been started at 11 a.m. June 10, 1956, seven days later. Warren’s declaration was halted; Warren, Arthur Rutledge, chairman of the 30,000 Committee; L. O. Griffith, chairman of 30,000 publicity; and the Home Mission Board’s executive secretary, Courts Redford, went into a huddle.

“What should we do now?” they asked. They held a conference with Chamblees and sure enough the North Conway Mission beat Western Heights of Texas and Gray Mission of Louisiana.

In the evening session of the conference, Warren officially declared the North Conway Mission the first mission started in the 30,000 Movement, which had started June 1, 1956.

The recognition followed an intensive six-month effort by the denomination to locate the first mission and the first church organized as a part of the movement which ends in 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in the United States.

The Mission had only seven people present at the beginning, and 37 present for Sunday school the first Sunday. The Mission baptized 40 people in the first six months before its constitution as a church on Dec. 7, 1956.

Located in a transient residential section, the Mission has received over 500 members since its beginning, more than 150 of those by baptism. Harvey M. Johnson is pastor of North Conway Baptist Church, which was sponsored by 1st Baptist Church, Conway.

The Western Heights Church of which J. Henry Brown has been its only pastor, reports a membership of more than 400. One member said, “All of us went out and knocked on the doors of the homes in the community.”

The Gray Baptist Mission was started in a home and led by Hugh Young. They later moved into an old bar. Presently, they have their own building. Four young married men in the Mission have decided to preach; three are in school preparing themselves; and the fourth plans to enter as soon as possible.

The first church started as a part of the movement was recognized two weeks earlier in special services at Home Mission Week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, New Mexico. The church is Northtown Baptist Church in Spokane, Wash. It has started five missions since its own organization.

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BRUSSELS, Belgium (EP) — As a service for traveling Protestant clergy and lay people from all parts of the world, Belgium has opened an International Christian Fellowship Center in its capital city.

The Center, an idea springing from the Protestant Pavillon built for the 1959 Brussels Worlds’ Fair, will have added facilities for worship and ecumenical activities. The fair pavilion was sold to the American Church at The Hague, The Netherlands, and proceeds of the sale formed the nucleus of the fund for the Brussels center. The project is sponsored by the Continuing International Christian Committee for a Permanent Center in Belgium.

Supreme Court Upholds Bremond Decision

AUSTIN, TEX. — The Texas Supreme Court has handed down a decision upholding earlier district and appellate court rulings that plaintiffs in the Bremond School case “have not exhausted administrative remedy” before taking the case to court.

Plaintiffs in the case sought a court ruling on the constitutionality of tax support for a public school where Catholic nuns teach while wearing the robes of their order.

The taxpayer-citizen group filing charges contends that the school is actually a Catholic parochial school and that tax support of the institution violates both the U. S. and Texas constitutions.

Bremond School Superintendent J. W. Baker said the nuns were certified by the state educational authorities as public school teachers. They were permitted to wear their traditional habits, Baker said, because he felt he could not tell them what they must wear any more than any other teacher.

The state’s highest judicial body upheld rulings by the Tenth Court of Civil Appeals and by the 85th District Court that the plaintiffs in the case must file a complaint with the local school board before the courts can consider the matter.

An attorney representing the plaintiffs said that the protestant group his firm represents would not carry the case to the U. S. Supreme Court because of overcrowded dockets.

“Instead,” he said, “my clients will file a formal complaint with the Bremond school district’s board of trustees during their Aug. 25 meeting to try to get local authorities to act on the long-delayed case.”

If the school board denies the charges, he said, the complaint will be appealed to the state Commissioner of Education, J. W. Edgar, and later appealed to the state Board of Education.

Plaintiffs in the case include clergymen and prominent laymen from at least five Protestant faiths.
Russia Woos Africa

LONDON (EP) — As diplomats here see it, the Soviet Union has begun an all-out push to sweep newly-emerging African nations into the Communist camp. The continent is seen by Moscow as the most fertile ground in the world for anti-Western penetration tactics, say officials of the free world.

As evidence of Communist gains they point to the firm beachhead for Reds established in Guinea earlier this year . . . the violent threats to aid the Congolese government against pretended "invaders" . . . Moscow's high-powered propaganda radio broadcasts to Africans . . . and huge assistance programs to underdeveloped nations.

The pace toward Communist domination allegedly quickened recently when Soviet Premier Khrushchev interrupted a holiday in the Crimea to receive members of a Ghana government delegation in Yalta bearing a personal message from Ghanese leader Kwame Nkrumah.

In the United States, Boston University President Dr. Harold C. Case proposed to some 250 Methodist educators at a conference in Nashville, Tenn., that 4,000 African students be brought to America and trained in U.S. colleges and universities — an effort he sees as an effective way to improve Afro-American relations and to strengthen Africa's allegiance to the West.

Genocide Laid To Reds

GENEVA, Switzerland (EP) — Anti-religious racial murder — that's the verdict of an international jurists committee against Communist China in a report issued here.

Titled "Tibet and the Chinese Peoples Republic," the report said the legal inquiry committee on Tibet had weighed the evidence carefully and found Communists guilty of genocide in the recent massacre of priests and countrymen of Tibet.

A-Bomb Anniversary

HIROSHIMA, Japan (EP) — As temple bells pealed out over the city of Hiroshima, Japanese citizens bent their heads in prayer, marking the 15th anniversary of an event which changed history — the dropping of the first atomic bomb, on Aug. 6, 1945.

Crown Prince Akihito, speaking before some 30,000 people gathered in World Peace Park, said he hoped the holocaust, which took 78,150 lives, would never be repeated. "I am overwhelmed with sorrow," he said, "when I think of the great number of people who lost their lives in the atom bomb explosion and of the survivors and bereaved families."

Film On Christ

NEW YORK (EP) — Another film on the life of the Lord Jesus Christ, a $3 million color production titled "The Young Christ," will be produced in the spring of 1961.

Producer Ray Stark arrived here August 14 to arrange for a director and distribution outlet.

This is the third new version of the life of Christ. The other two are Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The King of Kings," in production in Spain, and Twentieth Century-Fox's "The Greatest Story Ever Told," which will be filmed in Hollywood next year.

Home From Congo

A MINNEAPOLIS missionary who was threatened by Congolese soldiers in the recent strife near Coquilhatville, Congo, has arrived home with his wife and one-year-old daughter.

David Duddles, 30, a missionary of the Evangelical Free Church of America, remained on the mission station after his wife and daughter were flown to Brussels. Duddles later was evacuated by American Air Force planes to southern France and then went by train to Brussels where he was reunited with his family. (EP)

DETROIT, Mich. — (BP) — The second Southern Baptist Spanish Church in Michigan and the first in Detroit was constituted recently, with 37 charter members. Spanish people number 50,000 in the Detroit area.

Southwestern Names New Theology Professor

Dr. Robert E. Naylor, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., announces the election of Hubert L. Drumwright as Professor of New Testament in the School of Theology by the Board of Trustees beginning Sept. 1. For the past year and a half he has been the pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Ada, Okla.

A 1947 graduate of Baylor University, Drumwright received the B.D. degree from Southwestern in 1950 and the Th.D. degree in 1957. He previously served on the theology faculty of the Seminary as Professor of New Testament for eight years.

Former pastorates include 1st Baptist Church, Allen, Tex.; the Wilshire Church, Dallas, Tex.; and the Oak Grove Church, Ft. Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. Drumwright, the former Minette Williams, have two children.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald J. Richards, Southern Baptist missionaries, are beginning their service in North Brazil after a year of language study in the city of Campinas. They may be addressed, Caixa Postal 178, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. Both are Texans: He is a native of El Paso, and she is the former Shari Sherman, of Haskell.
Society Method of Work

The Society method of doing mission work among Baptists began with the organization of the Massachusetts Domestic Missionary Society, 1802.

This was different from the Associational method in several ways. The associational was denominational; this was individual. The former was of church participation; this was personal. With the society method missions were primary for the society was organized solely for missionary purposes. In the society the body was not composed of churches in formal connection but of individuals whose participation was voluntary. So far as representation was concerned, the society renounced any relationship with churches.

This plan called for voluntary association of individuals interested in a benevolent work who would provide funds and management for their cause. Membership was based on financial contributions. This was as it should be because membership existed for support.

A separate society was organized for each benevolent effort. Those interested in foreign missions would organize a society for that; schools, would necessitate another society; publication, another; etc. Each society worked for its best interest.

There were advantages to this plan. If some one, or group, was interested in a certain phase of work they would not have to wait to indoctrinate the larger group before undertaking the work. This method recommended itself to those who feared the concentration of power in associations. Some believed that such power, if exercised over the benevolent work, would usurp the autonomy of the local churches. But if the work was supported by individuals then this danger was averted. Too, it eliminated the half-hearted and anti-missionary members.

SBC Radio-TV Commission To Receive Safety Award

FT. WORTH — (BP) — An award for exceptional service to safety in the production of a film will be presented to the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission by the Fort Worth branch of the National Safety Council Sept. 5.

Larry Graft, safety director for the Ft. Worth Safety Council, said a plaque will be presented to the commission during a semi-annual meeting of the organization’s central committee.

Paul M. Stevens, commission director, and Edgar Arendall of Birmingham, Ala., chairman, will accept the honor.

The commission’s award is specifically for a crusade for traffic safety put on by a newspaper in the dramatic film entitled “Gim-
A Smile or Two
Too Friendly Service
"Conductor! Help me off the train."
"Sure."
"You see, I'm stout and I have to get off the train backwards; the porter thinks I'm getting on and gives me a shove on again. I'm five stations past my destination now."

Retroactive
GAME WARDEN: "Hey, young man, what's the idea of hunting with a last year's license?"
BILES: "Oh, I'm only shooting at the birds I missed last year."

Magical
HOUSEWIFE: "Will that cleaning fluid really make things clean?"
SALESMAN: "Say, lady, I rubbed some of it on a copy of 'Scandalous Stories' and it turned into 'The Sunday School Advocate.'"

Not True to Life
IT was a very tense scene in the film. The audience sat enthralled. Suddenly the hero slapped the heroine in the face.
In the stunned silence which followed a little voice piped up.
"Mammy," it said, "why doesn't she slosh him back like you do?"

Code Duello
CUSTOMER (having a rough shave): "I say, barber, have you another razor?
BARBER: "Yes, why?"
CUSTOMER: "I want to defend myself."

Nice Try
"MENTION twelve animals of the polar region," the examination paper read. The despairing student wrote, "Six seals and six polar bears."

Reticent
MISTRESS: "M a r i e, when you wait on the table tonight for my guests, please don't spill anything."
MAID: "Don't you worry, ma'am; I never talk much."

September 1, 1960
Open Letter

TO: Mr. and Mrs. Baptist and Family
FROM: Tom J. Logue

We have just completed five years with you. For us, it has been a tremendous experience.

You see, you have committed 7,000 students to us. The responsibility is overwhelming.

We have tried to match your faith in us, who try to serve as directors, with a dedication to a task that becomes more than a task.

Far behind our sister states in student work, you have in these years done much to redeem the lost time. Directors have been employed where there were none, and Baptist Student Centers have been built. You have been most generous.

You have done much; there is much yet to do. The college population is increasing. We need to care for the 20 per cent of our students who attend our own institutions. We need also to minister to the 80 per cent of our Baptist students who attend our state institutions. We are 20 or 30 years late in providing Bible courses in our centers at these schools.

Thank you for these five years. Because you have had vision, the future is brighter. Because you have given, needs have been met. Because you have prayed, there has been strength.

May God bless each of you.

Church Music

Festivals

Dates have been set for seven festivals in fall of 1960-61. Two additional festivals are planned because of the high attendance at our five festivals last year. Complete festival information and music lists may be secured from this office.

Directors of primary choirs will be happy to note that we are going to have two primary choir festivals, one a regional festival March 10, at Ft. Smith and a state festival March 11, at Little Rock. This will enable the choirs from northwest Arkansas to participate in a festival nearer home. Mrs. Haskell Boyter, Atlanta, Ga., will direct both of these festivals.

Two statewide Junior Festivals will be conducted March 25 and April 1 in Little Rock. The festival on March 25 is for junior choirs that are entering for the first time and for choirs that sing music that is less difficult than for the advanced festival. We are calling the March 25 festival the "Festival of Favorites", since most of the selections are repeated favorites from previous years. April 1, Mrs. Dwight Phillips, from Texarkana, Tex., will direct the Advanced Junior Festival. In this festival we will be using selections from the outstanding sacred compositions of major composers. We are calling this festival "Music of the Masters".

We are not dividing our Youth Festival, but we are providing a clinic for the 12-15 Junior High choirs that usually attend the Youth Choir Festival. The Junior High Clinic will be held Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Guest director will be Dr. James Luck from Ouachita College. Music for the clinic will include three selections from the new Broadman publication, "Sing Praises", two selections from Irving Cooper arrangements and one arrangement by Dr. Luck. The regular Youth Festival will be in Little Rock Apr. 29, 1961.

In order to balance our calendar, our district men have requested that we conduct our Adult Festival in the fall rather than in the spring. The next Adult Festival is scheduled for Oct. 14, 1961.

—LeRoy McClard, Secretary
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Training-Planning Meetings

THE August 25th issue of Arkansas Baptist carried the schedule of the One-Night Training-Planning meetings to be held in all associations the first two weeks of September.

These Training-Planning Meetings have been arranged by the Brotherhood, Training Union, Music, and Sunday School departments for offering adequate training opportunities to the newly selected associational leaders. These leaders, when trained, will be in a better position to help in training and developing church leaders to be more effective in their work.

The Brotherhood Department will have a representative in each one of the 44 Associational Training-Planning Meetings to serve as instructor of the Brotherhood Section. He will be a man carefully selected for the job. Some 25 or 30 instructors, along with Brotherhood Department personnel, will carry the load for the Brotherhood Department throughout the state.

Who should attend the Training-Planning Meetings? Surely, the following: new associational Brotherhood officers and leaders (including Royal Ambassador leaders); Associational Missionaries; Associational Brotherhood Advisory Council Members; every former associational Brotherhood officer (and Royal Ambassador leader); and every man interested in associational Brotherhood work.

In addition, the following are invited and urged to come: all newly selected church Brotherhood officers; all former church Brotherhood officers; pastors; every man interested in church Brotherhood work; and every church Royal Ambassador leader.

We trust a good group of men will fill the Brotherhood Section at every One-Night Training-Planning Meeting. Talk your meeting up! Go, and take other men with you.—Nelson Tull

Have Packets — Will Mail

ERNEST ADAMS is leaving our department and state Sept. 1 to become minister of education at Halton Road Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex. He will continue his study at Southwestern Seminary. We will miss his dedicated service very much.

One of his last services to the associations and churches of Arkansas was the compilation of a Preparation Week packet for use by the local churches during Preparation Week.

In this packet is a series of smaller packets with leaflets and suggestions dealing with enlargement, training, visitation, and other phases of Preparation Week. There is a suggestion about activities for the churches to use each night during the special enlargement-training period.

The packet is a good compilation of materials, leaflets, letters, suggestions, and helps used by some churches in the past and found to be helpful in making Preparation Week more than a period of book study.

We have a limited supply of these packets and will mail them out to the churches, one each, on a first come (request), first served basis. A reasonable supply of these leaflets has been supplied to your district Sunday school superintendent who in turn will make them available to your associational superintendent or missionary. Contact them for the packet, or drop us a card requesting “Preparation Week Packet”. Have packet — will mail, as long as the supply lasts!—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary.
What do you visualize for YOUR new church? An atmosphere of warm, friendly fellowship? An aura of dignity and charming serenity? A sense of security? All of these, and more, will grace your church if you build with wood. And the wood to use is Arkansas Soft Pine, engineered into graceful laminated arches or towering beams and naturally beautiful solid roof decking.

Check with your architect on the unlimited design possibilities inherent in engineered timbers. Check, too, the amazing economies afforded by the new and basically simple construction method.
Quiet Games Are Fun

By Gloria Logan

Sometimes parties get too noisy. Then it is a good idea to have a few quiet games on hand. These games should be the kind that can be played while the guests are resting from more strenuous things. Be sure to have lots of extra paper and sharp pencils handy for the first two.

In the first game multiply the number of your brothers by 2. Add 3. Multiply by 5. Add the number of your sisters. Multiply by 10. Add the number of your living grandparents. Subtract 150.

The first number in the answer will be the number of brothers you have. The second number will be the number of sisters. The last number will be the number of grandparents you have.

For the second game write the numbers from 1 to 9 in a straight row. Multiply this row of numbers by any number in the row. Multiply the answer by 9. The result will always be the same: The first number in the answer is the number of sisters. The second number will be the number of brothers. The last number will be the number of grandparents you have.

For the third game you will not need pencils but marshmallows. Say, "I never felt felt as flat as that felt felt." Add a marshmallow and repeat the sentence. Continue until your mouth is full of marshmallows.

Another game that is fun must be played in the dark. Otherwise, you will have to blindfold the players. Give each player a paper and pencil and tell him to draw the outline of a house. Of course, he is going to think that is easy, but wait.

When he has the house drawn and is waiting for others to finish, he will forget just where he has drawn the house. When you are sure each player has lost his place on the paper, give instructions for filling in doors, windows, a chimney, a tree in the yard, and other details. Then turn on the lights.

Probably you will find a cat on the chimney instead of the fence, and the moon will be peering out from behind the curtains in the window.

This last game can really keep one player puzzled. Choose someone to leave the room. While he is gone, select a leader to go through various sitting down actions. When the person who is It comes back into the room, everyone else may be patting one knee, with the right hand. While It is walking around trying to discover the leader, the leader changes the action. Now everyone may be winking the left eye.

Of course, the leader always changes actions while It has his back turned, but sooner or later the leader gets caught. Then he must become It. Do not play this game too long for it can become tiresome.

Most party games are fun if everyone remembers to be a good sport and plays the games fairly.

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Which The Wiser Me?

There is a real titanic me
Who is on a sort of hazy spree
And, strutting on life's stage in glee,
Is crying loudly, "I am free
And set for endless jubilee."

There is another, little me,
Who's crying back in agony,
"No! No! With such we can't agree!
For we must limit liberty
Else slaves we are and never free."

—W. B. O'Neal,
Jacksonville, Ark.

Special Gardens

By Thelma C. Carter

DO you know that there are places in the world where gardens are planted especially for blind people? There are gardens in our own country where blind people may enjoy and know flowers, shrubs, and trees by the smell and feel of these plants.

These beautiful, fragrant gardens usually have walls and handrails along their garden paths to protect and guide the people. Some gardens have their plants labeled in Braille, which you know is the system for the blind to read by placing their finger tips on raised points and dots.

Many plants can be identified by their feel. The leaves, stems, and flowers may be sticky, fuzzy, rough, or slippery.

There are spice gardens for the blind, containing thyme, lavender, sage, and cloves. There are also flower gardens with lovely fragrant lilacs, mock orange, lilies of the valley, jasmine, geraniums, violets, honeysuckle, and many other flowers.

An old history book about Bible times tells of blind people who were led by strings tied to the necks of tame lambs through garden paths and narrow roadways into Jerusalem. The story also tells of these blind people, even the small blind children, knowing where they were. They could identify roads, watchtowers, castles, hills, and garden walls by the fragrance and odors of the locust berry, olive trees, fig trees, spicy plants, cornfields, vineyards, rose gardens, and fields of lilies.

That these odors existed we may be sure, for we read in the Bible:

"The fig-tree ripeneth her green figs,
And the vines are in blossom;
They give forth their fragrance."

—Song of Solomon 2:13, ASV.

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST
God's Hand In History

By William J. Sewell, Pastor,
1st Church, Searcy
September 4, 1960

Scripture — Isaiah 10:5-34, 14:24-27

In Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat we find these words of profound wisdom, "The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on; nor all thy piety, nor all thy tears wash out a word of it." Whether the author of this much quoted little quatrain recognized that the moving finger that writes is from the hand of God, we do not know. But one thing we do know is that God's hand has moved in history and will continue to move guiding and directing the actions and attitudes of men and nations bringing them to himself. History is God's story and he has been actively engaged in the affairs of men even from the dawn of creation. Yes, history is God's story which may be entitled "The Romance of Redemption," and this story beyond any compare... is the story of God's pursuit of man that he might possess him. It started in Eden where God was with man, and then came the fall, and God was from man; and then came the giving of the law, and God addressed himself to man; and finally, the coming of the Spirit—God in man. Our Scripture lesson reviews that period when God spoke through man. We call that period the period of the prophets. Isaiah gave us an accurate picture—Prelude, Epilogue, and Postlude of how God's hand is at work manipulating and maneuvering men and nations to accomplish his plan and purpose.

I. Prelude Period

A series of cycles always accompany God's purpose and God's people in every generation. God delivers his people, cleanses them, commissions them, sets the world stage for their witness, they fail him and leave the world in its blind depravity. God punishes, rebukes, and denounces them, then he redeems and commissions them. The period of our lesson is one in which the people were failing God and were not carrying out his plan or accomplishing his purpose and therefore had to be punished for their failure. "The people of my wrath," verse 6, refers, of course to Israel, upon whom the wrath of God is now about to be poured out. God's indignation had been kindled because of the evil practices in which his people were engaged. "I will send him against a profane nation," which connotes that God's people had become profane, and thus were living outside the temple. Sin is always accompanied by God's wrath. Somehow this is the side of God at which man does not like to look.

We forget that while God is a loving father, he is also a consuming fire. He will not turn his back nor close his eyes to man's sin, whether it be in Isaiah's day or our day. God's anger is always kindled against his people when they turn into sinful ways. This is the prelude to the picture in Isaiah's day, and our generation bears all the earmarks of that day. God's people have been called and commissioned to carry out his program for the world, and the people because of their sin and unrighteousness, had failed in their calling.

II. Epilogue

The cycle continues as God raises his rod to punish his people. "Ho, Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, the staff in whose hand is mine indignation," verse 5. The main body of the lesson deals with God's punishing his people for their failure. Now God had many ways by which to punish...
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III. Postlude

The cycle of God's dealing with
his people is completed in the post-
lude of our lesson. God prescribes
the program for His people and
then punishes the people for failure
to carry it out, and preserves
a seed through which He finally
and ultimately accomplishes His
purpose. Only as we, consider
God's over-all redemptive purpose
can we understand why He deliv-
ered little, insignificant Judah.
For why should God have entan-
gled himself with this tiny na-
tion, surrounded by the great pow-
ners of that day; Egypt on the
South, and Assyria and Babylon
on the East. It appears to us
that Judah seemed at best a mi-
nor actor, and at worst, victims
in the colossal drama of a power
struggle; but God was not con-
cerned with power. He was and
is concerned only with a program
of redemption and righteousness.
And Judah would best fulfill that
purpose and carry out that pro-
gram.

So God preserved this little na-
tion — a nation which would be
that seed like unto the mustard
seed, able to grow to great size;
a nation which would be that le-
ven able eventually to effect the
whole lump; a nation which would
be that salt able to add flavor to
the entire piece; a nation which
would be that light able to dispel
darkness wherever darkness is
found.

Where does this lesson find the
Christian family today? Surely
God has set the world stage for
his message of redemption and
righteousness. Are we failing
God's purpose and missing God's
plan? We may miss our mean-
ing and fail our opportunity as truly
as Israel failed; but, on the other
hand, we may accept our calling
and dedicate ourselves to the pur-
purpose of our choosing and become
the instrument of the power of
God in the Holy Spirit for the
glorious objective of His choice of
us. We may take our place in His
plan of the ages and in the work of
His destiny. We may be a part — a
vital part — in this great drama,
"the romance of redemption," or we
may fail to see our part and to as-
sume our role, and thus fail to ac-
complish His purpose.

The hand that writes, and moves
on, will record the verdict.

Missionaries
In the News

REV. and Mrs. William H.
Gray, Jr.; Southern Baptist mis-
sionary appointees for Mexico, and
Rev. and Mrs. R. Frank Coy,
appointees for Chile, have entered
language school in Costa Rica,
where they will study Spanish for
a year. Both couples may be ad-
dressed, Apartado 4035, San Jose,
Costa Rica. The Grays are na-
tives of Texas, he of Waco and
she, the former N danie Sikes, of
Bangs. The Coy's are Oklaho-
mans; he is a native of Canton,
and she is the former Betty Burle-
son, of Cordell.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Edward Hum-
phrey, Southern Baptist mission-
aries who have been on furlough
in the States, are returning to
Og
bomosho, N i g e r i a , where Mr.
Humphrey has taught at the Ni-
gerian Baptist Theological Semi-
inary since 1951. Their address is
Baptist Theological Seminary, Og-
bomosho, Nigeria, West Africa.
Both are natives of North Caro-
lina, he of St. Pauls and she, the
former Rachel Thompson, of Dur-
ham.