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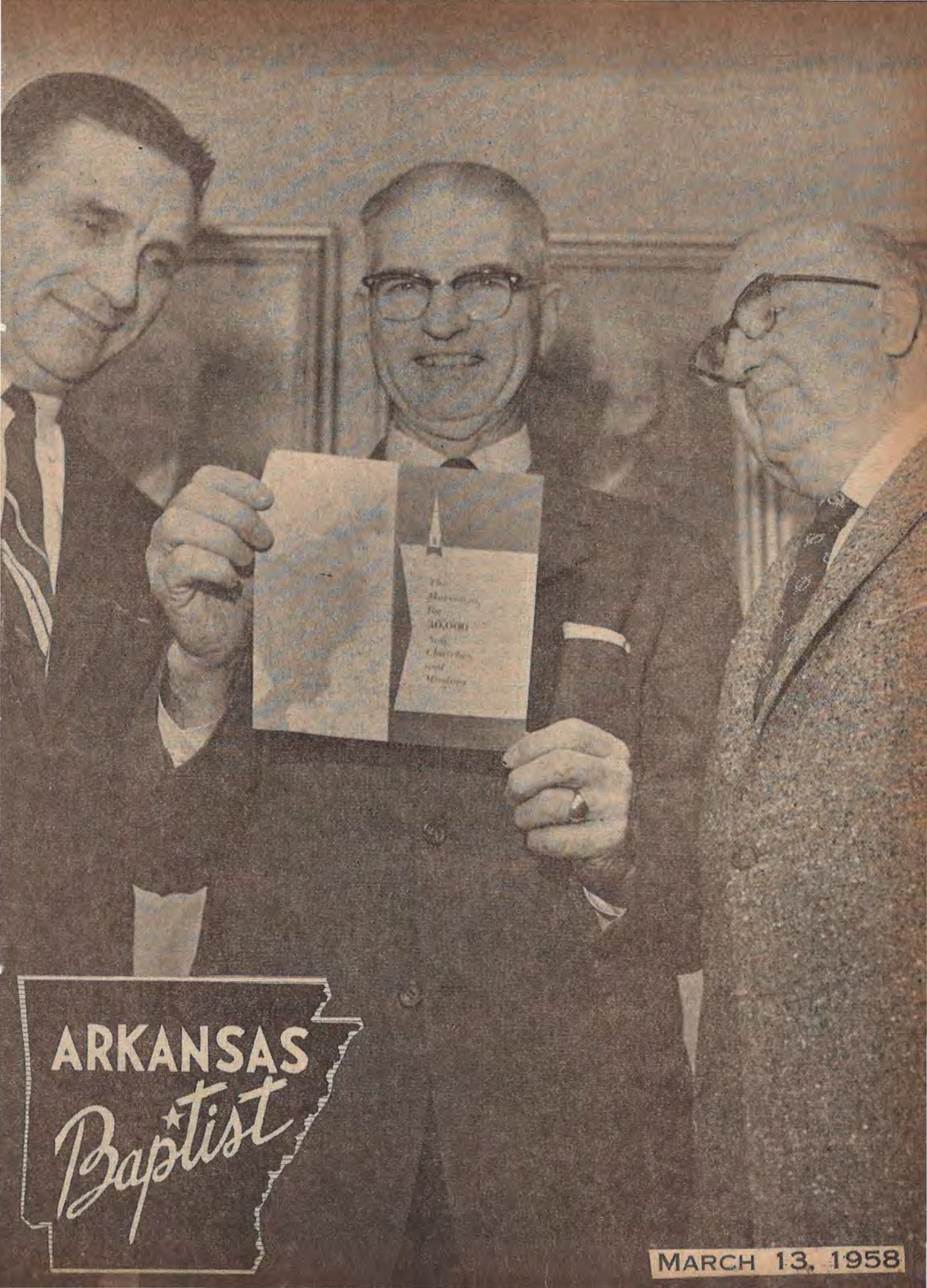
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SHANNON CHURCH is completing its new sanctuary to minister to the needs of the people in the Pocahontas area.

Student Mission Work Leads To Church on Country Club Site

SHANNON CHURCH, Pocahontas, is completing a new sanctuary which will finish one of the most modern rural church plants in Eastern Arkansas. This church was organized and developed as a result of mission work of Southern Baptist College students.

In 1945 a mission Sunday School in the Shannon school house was organized by SBC students sponsored by the 1st Church, Pocahontas, Harry Hunt, pastor. Services were conducted in the Shannon school house from 1945 to 1951, when Dale Barnett, first full-time pastor, led the church in securing a dis-banded country club building.

Teacher Completes 10 Perfect Years in Sunday School

"IT WASN'T always easy," are the words of Mrs. L. G. Miller who has attained 10 years of perfect attendance in Sunday school, being 100 per cent each Sunday. She also has a perfect attendance record in Training Union for the last eight years.



MRS. MILLER

this time.

She has been active in the associational WMU work in the Mt. Zion and Mississippi County Associations.

Mrs. Miller is the wife of L. G. Miller, who before his retirement from the active ministry two years ago was engaged in pastoral work in Arkansas for more than 35 years.

They now make their home on Route 4, Benton, and are members of the Highland Chapel, Benton. Curtis Pennington is their pastor.

The State Mission Department and other churches in the area gave financial aid in the securing of this property. This building was renovated and adjusted to the needs of the congregation. An education plant and pastorium were constructed and now the sanctuary will replace the old country club building. The total value of the complete plant and property will be \$30,000.

The church was organized in 1951 with 17 charter members and has grown to a resident membership of 107. The first pastor after the organization of the church was Paul Renard as half-time minister.

Ralph Cadwell, present pastor, says the Shannon Church serves a 35 square mile area. This is the only country church between Pocahontas and Walnut Ridge with a full-time, resident pastor.

In 1954 the Shannon Church was selected by the State Mission Department as the rural church of the year.

Dr. H. E. Williams, president of SBC, says that this mission project by SBC students has been duplicated many times throughout Northeast Arkansas and Southwest Missouri.

● TRINITY CHURCH, Ft. Smith, dedicated a new educational building March 2. Pastor Mason E. Bondurant said the unit is the beginning of a 25-year building program. It is modern, fire-proof and has year-round air conditioning. The building with its equipment is valued at over \$50,000. (CB)

● A. J. LEAKE, former superintendent of missions for Washington-Madison Association, was the speaker for the 3rd anniversary service at Odgen Church Mar. 2. C. L. Tripp is pastor. (CB)

Carey Association

JOSEPH HOGAN, Dalark pastor, was ordained to the full gospel ministry Sunday, Feb. 9. Tom Poole served as moderator, and H. E. Trussell was clerk. Doyle Lumpkin led in the examination, E. S. Ray gave the charge, A. P. Eliff led the ordaining prayer, and G. A. Buchanan presented the Bible.

TINSMAN CHURCH has called Melvin Hampton and he and his family have moved on the field. Mr. Hampton will continue to teach school in Thornton.

KENNETH JENNISON, Ouachita student, has been called by the Willow Church, organized May 26.

FIRST CHURCH, Fordyce, and Holly Springs Church have increased their gifts through the Cooperative Program and associational missions.

FOREST BYNUM, Ouachita College, is the new pastor of Southside, Fordyce.

● EIGHTEEN OUACHITA students are practice teaching this semester in Hot Springs, Benton, and Malvern. Teaching at Hot Springs are: Martha Bourns, DeQueen; Janice Sheppard of Pine Bluff; Darla Bayless, Hot Springs; and Agnes Davis, Camden. Teaching at Benton are: Barbara Steelman, Camden; Rosemary Casey, Heber Springs; Wallace Spencer, Judsonia; Ella Reed Blackmon, Dekalb, Tex.; and Charles Bowen, Minden, La. Teaching at Malvern are: Pat Crawford, Little Rock; Jerome Jackson, Cedar Lake; Jeff Peckham, Malvern; Tom Bourland, Wilson; Vernon Brannon, Cabot; Ray Utley, Cabot; and Joe Dale Amis, Camden.

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Buckner Named Chairman Of New Pastors Group

J. W. BUCKNER, Temple Church, Crossett, was elected chairman of the newly-organized Southeast Arkansas Pastors' Conference. Ministers from Ashley, Delta and Bartholomew Associations are included in the conference.

Two aims of the organization are fellowship and Bible study.

Other officers will be elected at the next meeting of the group in 1st Church, Wilmot, Mar. 31, at 10 a. m.

● AMAL OLAIMIEY, Nazareth, Israel, freshman at Southern Baptist College, was the featured speaker at a district Royal Ambassadors meeting in 1st Church, Jonesboro, March 7-8.

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● THEME FOR Religious Emphasis Week at Ouachita Baptist College recently was, "To Be Aware." Speakers included Emil Williams, pastor of the 1st Church, Russellville; Robert Smith, pastor of 1st Church, Pine Bluff; J. E. Berry, Smackover business leader; and Jack McGorman, professor at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

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● CHARLENA LONG, Hoxie, was crowned Southern College queen at half-time ceremonies at the college's first homecoming game Feb. 20. Miss Long, who is editor of the college annual, was the Black River Association representative in the district young people's better speaker tournament in Paragould, Mar. 11.

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● FOURTEEN OUACHITA students have been approved for membership in Alpha Chi, national honor scholarship society. The new members are Betty Rae Allen, Hughes; Lillian Blackmon, Arkadelphia; Carole Crockett, Ft. Smith; Linda Day, Malvern; Faith Ann Evans, Rogers; Ronald Hayworth, Kerman, Calif.; Andrew Kerr, Little Rock; Harris Lloyd, Marianna; Joyce Pannell, Bauxite; Katherine Rodgers, Arkadelphia; Jack Royal, Lonoke, Irene Sablan, Agana Heights, Guam; Mary Beth Taylor, Ft. Smith; and Reuben Setliff of Magnolia.

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● CALVIN HERBERT Batson, with 1st Church, Grenada, Miss., for the last four years, has accepted the position of educational and youth director of 1st Church, Pine Bluff. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and received his master's degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Batson have two daughters, Edith Ann, 6, and Nina Kathleen, 4. (CB)

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● GEORGE THAREL, member of 1st Church, Fayetteville, and manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store of that city, was one of the speakers for the Religion Focus Week at Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., the first week in March.

The Cover

New Mission Concept

This week's cover photograph, by Rodney Dungan, of the Arkansas Gazette staff, presents, left to right, Pastor T. K. Rucker, of 1st Church, Forrest City, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., head of the SBC 30,000 Movement; and Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of State Missions for the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

The picture was made last week during a visit to Little Rock by Dr. Warren for a conference with members of the Arkansas 30,000 Movement committee.

According to a survey completed recently under the direction of Dr. Caldwell, the state of Arkansas has at least 220 points where new preaching and teaching stations should be established.

Under a new definition of what constitutes a mission, this number will be more than doubled, it is estimated.

The new definition, as given by Dr. Warren, would define a mission as being any place where one or more members of a church go at regular intervals to preach or teach the Bible. This would include regular services at jails, old people's homes, etc.



Southern Baptists now have in their schools and colleges about 7,000 young people who have indicated they are going into Christian work, Dr. Warren said. This does not include approximately 10,000 ministerial students who are now studying in the denomination's seminaries and colleges.

Sheridan Church Honors Jim Kelly In One of Year's Special Events

SHERIDAN CHURCH is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the body with special activities.



MR. KELLY

A special "This Is Your Life" service honoring J. W. "Jim" Kelly, 88, retired pastor, was held Mar. 9. Recently the largest men's Sunday School class named itself the Jim Kelly Class.

Mr. Kelly was saved when he was 18 and surrendered to preach when he was 31. He has served many Grant County churches as pastor and parttime pastor.

His first pastorate was at the New Friendship Church, Shaw Community,

Saline County, where he served 43 years. He pastored the Prattsville Church, Harmony Baptist, for over 50 years. He also pastored in Grapevine, Leola and Sheridan.

He fulfilled appointments under great difficulty in the early 1900's. It took two days to reach Grapevine, and he would have to carry food for himself and his mount.

Mr. Kelly pastored third and fourth generations in Prattsville, and following a revival in the summer of 1912 baptized 100 persons in the Saline River. During his ministry he has baptized approximately 3,000 persons and married as many couples.

Another special anniversary event will be April 14-20, when a different speaker will appear each night in the Sheridan church.

The first structure to house the hundred-year-old church was a log church about half a mile west of the present site of the city.

In 1880, a motion to move the church to the new city of Sheridan was defeated, then later adopted.

The church's minutes record that the new building cost \$350 and was completed in May, 1882. This building was used until 1907 when a new one was constructed at a cost of \$1,780. In 1928, the present red brick building was started. Present property is valued at \$159,000.

The present membership is 396, almost four times what it was a century ago.

Churches Add Baptist

NEAL'S CHAPEL Church, Lepanto, Joe Hester pastor, is sending the Arkansas Baptist to the membership on the trial budget plan.

Providence Church, Marion Berry, pastor, in Mt. Zion Association, also has added the Baptist on the trial budget plan.

Union Church, El Dorado, Liberty Association, has again put the paper in its budget. Treasurer J. C. Saulsbury, Rt. 3, sent in the list.

For Every Dollar "Gained," Twelve Lost, and Many Lives Ruined

Revenue from liquor brought the state of Arkansas \$7,088,946 last year (1957).

"That's good!" some will say. But wait a minute! Let us see just how good it was.

That the state might collect these millions in taxes, it was necessary for the people drinking the liquor to dig into their pockets—and some of those pockets, no doubt, were pretty raveled—and come up with \$40,389,448. Of this tremendous total, \$22,842,512 was for whiskey, \$13,465,573 for beer, \$917,808, for domestic wine (manufactured within the state), and \$3,163,555 was for imported wine.

If you would like to go a little deeper into what was back of the seven millions of liquor revenue:

The cost to business and industry in Arkansas last year from absenteeism caused by liquor was \$4,166,000; the cost of crime caused by liquor, \$31,495,200; and the cost of automobile accidents and deaths, \$11,712,000.

When you consider that each \$1 of that seven millions in revenue actually cost the people of Arkansas more than \$12, it does not appear to be so good, does it? And we are merely considering the cold dollars and cents, not the cold hearts and broken homes and lives that are back of the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

Those who argue that prohibition does not make the highways safer will do well to consider the way highway accidents are kept

down in "dry" counties as compared with "wet" counties.

For the year 1956, here are the figures:

Accidents: in 40 "dry" counties there were 1,586 as compared with 3,231 in 35 "wet" counties.

Deaths: in 40 "dry" counties, 111; in 35 "wet" counties, 297.

"Moonshining" itself is far more prevalent in "wet" counties, as shown by the following facts for 1956; in 40 "dry" counties, 47 illegal liquor 'stills' were seized by Federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit officers, as compared with 82 in 35 "wet" counties. (Authority for the statistics used in this editorial is The Temperance League of Arkansas, Waldon Building, Little Rock.—ELM)

Personally Speaking

Good (?) to the Last Draw

The man ahead of me flicked a cigarette onto the walk as he started into a store.

I noticed that he had scarcely smoked a third of the "king size" fag, and that started my Scotch mind to thinking.

If a fellow is going to smoke, and if he is going to smoke only a third of a cigarette at a time, as many do, why throw the rest of the cigarette away? Who would ever consider eating but a third of a juicy, delicious apple that has been hauled all the way across the country from Washington or Oregon, and hurling the rest of it to the curb?

And who would eat a third of a tasty steak and throw the rest to the dogs and the cats?

With all the talk we are hearing about "tight money," why not face up to the fact that cigarettes cost money? (Americans now spend about half as much for tobacco as for education, and about the same as the total given through our churches to save a lost world.)

Without waiting to have the idea patented, we offer a positive sug-

gestion or two for the strengthening of our national economy. Why doesn't some tobacco company start sawing its "king size" cigarettes into plebian thirds, and, with every carton, give a free cigarette-holder?

Under this plan the hopeless cigarette addict could, without burning his (or her) lips, get up to three times as much smoking out

of his cigarettes as at present, and (if he will not increase the frequency of his "smokes") could actually cut the cost of his cigarettes as much as two-thirds.

If the free cigarette-holders could not be charged off by the tobacco companies against their income tax returns, they might develop some sort of inexpensive "cigarette-putter-outer" that could be used by the smoker to extinguish a cigarette after a few puffs. Then the unused portion of the cigarette could be put back in the pack to await the next moment of weakness.

If it is true, as medical science keeps telling us, that smoking takes a few years off the normal life expectancy of the average smoker, the smoker can kill himself off more economically by one of our frugal plans. If he starts early in life, he might even save enough by the time he dies of nicotine-induced lung cancer or gradual nicotine poisoning to give himself a nice funeral with all the trimmings. He might even have enough left over for a nice tombstone. In that event some such appropriate epitaph as the following might be engraved on the stone:

"Here lies the body of Jimmy Doakes—

A right nice fellow, but he liked his smokes!"

Erwin L. McDonald



MR. McDONALD



This patient has cancer of the mouth, perhaps caused by smoking. The physician is removing a piece of cancerous tissue for examination . . .

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THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Commendation

Dear Editor:

A trend seems to be developing in our state which is a healthy sign for Arkansas Baptist work. There is an increasing interest on the part of many churches which become pastorless to "look first" at pastors serving in smaller situations within Arkansas.

A few years ago the trend seemed to be reversed. Apparently many of the Pulpit Committees fell prey to the "grass is greener over the border" and discouragement set in for many of the younger pastors who felt that some consideration of deserved promotion was in order.

The recent trend of Arkansas churches seeking Arkansas men (except in cases where the leadership of the Spirit is unmistakably explicit) is helpful in getting our men back into the state from the Seminaries. Once located here, the desire will likely be one to stay here.

Another emerging sign is the lengthy pastorates in many parts of the state. Five of the larger churches—Immanuel, Second, and Pulaski Heights of Little Rock, First, Jonesboro, and First, Fayetteville have pastors currently serving who have been in these places a total of 50 years or an average of ten years per pastorate. Most of the authorities in church leadership agree that the most effective church work is done in the longer pastorate. Add to these five the pastorates at Stephens and Second, Hot Springs, First, Benton, the recent twelve year pastorate at Hope and a rural pastorate in Washington County for a combined total of over 100 years of leadership by only ten men. The churches and pulpit committees of our state deserve commendation for looking at home for suitable men who will in all likelihood give willing service, adequate leadership, and sufficient time for the cause of Christ. —(Signed, but name withheld by the Editor)

Southwestern Jubilee

Dear Brother McDonald:

Upon returning from a revival meeting in Georgia, I want to take this occasion to thank you for the recent coverage you gave Southwestern and its Golden Jubilee program.

This week happens to be the first of three weeks in three successive months in which we are celebrating. We are devoting one week to each school, and the idea is to celebrate past achievements but, also, to take occasion to tell the world of the contribution the particular school is in a position to make to the present and future work of our Lord . . . —J. Howard Williams, President, Southwestern Seminary.

WHAT THEY SAY

I JUST TAKE A LITTLE DRINK TO BE SOCIABLE



WHAT THEY DO



THE BOOKSHELF

"A science fiction writer penned a story called 'The Pedestrian.' A man goes out for a walk and a robot police car eases up behind him, demanding to know why he is walking. 'To breathe some air,' he answers. 'The robot says: 'But you've got an air conditioner.' 'I wanted to see things,' the man says. 'But you've got a television set,' the robot says — and hurries the pedestrian off to an insane asylum."

This is an illustration from the chapter, "Look Carefully How You Walk," in the new book, **Body, Soul and Spirit**, by J. Carter Swaim. The book has just been published by Thomas Nelson and Sons at \$3.50.

Mr. Swaim opens the way in his book to a practical use of the Bible.

Worshiping With Women of the Bible, by Florence C. Brillhart, Fleming H. Revell Co., 1958, \$2.00, is a dramatization of the faith of the women of the Bible in 40 devotions showing how their experiences can be applied to life today. It includes special programs for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christian Education Week, along with many general programs. (See news story, this issue, about Mrs. Brillhart's coming visit to Little Rock.)

They Knew Jesus, by George W. Cornell, William Morrow and Co., 1957, \$3.75.

The name of author Cornell, Religion Editor of the Associated Press, is widely known across the country. In this book he gives an intimate portrayal of 24 of Christ's contemporaries at climactic moments when their lives were shaken by the Son of God.

Some of the major figures include the Samaritan woman, Pretonius, Joses, and Jesus Himself.

The Bible

"... the lives of men ..."

To the Buddhist the incidents, whether real or legendary, in the life of the Buddha Sakya Mouni furnish a theme of endless interest; the Chinese is never tired of even the dry and uneventful records of the biography of Kung Foo Tze; but the Bible furnishes us with thousands of thrilling incidents, and with human experiences under the most varied conditions.

Not only so, but it comprises the writings of at least 50 different writers who lived in the most widely separated spheres. The voice which speaks to us is now that of a gentle sorcerer, now that of a suffering prisoner, now that of a conquering king. Lawgivers like Moses, autocrats like Solomon, warriors like Joshua, historians like Samuel, prophets like Isaiah, priests like Ezra and Jeremiah and Ezekiel, poets like David, governors like Nehemiah, exiles like Daniel, peasants like Amos, fishermen like Peter and John, tax-gatherers like Matthew, rabbis like Paul, have all contributed their quota to the sacred page.

We may truly say that it is like the great tree of northern fable, whose leaves were the lives of men. It is for this very reason that nations, like birds of the air, shelter themselves under the shadow of it

... St. Paul . . . is not the only sacred writer who bids us notice this diversity and progressiveness of Scripture. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews calls most marked attention to it in the elaborately beautiful introduction to his Epistle. "God," he says, "who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son."

Here we have a striking allusion to the difference between the Old Testament and the New. In the New Testament also there is diversity; but whereas there are only nine authors for the 27 books of the New Testament, and the great bulk of it is the work of three, on the other hand, for the 39 books of the Old Testament there are at the very least 27 chief authors, and a very much larger number of minor contributors . . . The Pulpit Commentary

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Dr. and Mrs. Bridges inspect remarkable stone structure erected at Machu Picchu centuries ago by the Inca Indians. No record remains as to how this building was achieved. The picture at the top shows a general view of the ancient city.

Missions Notebook

People in Darkness

By BEN L. BRIDGES

THE LAST word we sent for print was written in Huancayo, Peru. This city of some sixty thousand people is away, high up in the Andes Mountains in the interior. This was a trip on the highest railroad in the world, some four miles high. Some of the mountains were too high to go over and too large to go through, and often there was not room to make a "U" turn in the railroad. In such cases, a "V" was made in the track and the train would back up the mountain side and then take another start forward. Going down the mountain was faster. These mountains were beautiful and rose, peak after peak, with a snow cap here and there, and sometimes llamas and sheep in flocks on the hill sides.

If you were never in Huancayo you ought to go. But be sure to take your "eats" along with you. The food looks bad and tastes bad, and is bad. I took chances and got food poisoning. Was I sick? I was not able to travel but could not take it there any longer. I was helped on the train and finally a doctor came on to the train and he helped a little. The next day in Lima I was back to normalcy.

The next day we flew to the old town of Cusco. The people were ancient, too. In the town and suburban towns there were 60,000 people. Religiously the numberless throngs did not know their right hand from their left. They were nominally Catholics, but while the priesthood seemed to be living on the "fat of the

Graham Team Finishes Caribbean Tour in Triumph

BILLY GRAHAM'S month-long tour of the Islands of the Caribbean and Central America came to a triumphant conclusion Feb. 16. In the 28 days Graham and his team traveled 6,000 miles, speaking in 21 cities and 17 countries.

Speaking directly to 398,950 persons himself, Graham's messages were augmented by those of his associate evangelists, who spoke to another 499,630 people with 6,494 recorded decisions for Christ.

In nearly every country visited on the tour, Mr. Graham was accorded the honor of an audience with the president, chief minister or governor of that country.

● **DISTINGUISHED MILITARY** student awards have been made to three senior Army ROTC cadets at Ouachita. Receiving the awards were Bobby Briggs, Everett Long, and Franklin Scott.



THESE SOUTHERN College students are attending the institution under the student work scholarship program. J. T. Midkiff, chairman of the public relations committee, said in recent years students from Israel, Mexico, Brazil, Korea, China and Japan have attended on these scholarships. This year more than 50 students earn all or part of their expenses by work opportunities provided by the college.

. . . Christ, their greatest need . . .

land" they were doing nothing to lift the people to a better civilization or to lead them to a knowledge of God and Christ the Savior. There were 80,000 people and 24 churches, all Roman Catholic. The main cathedral has an altar of silver and the people all around the church door were begging.

After a night in Cuzco we took the train through the mountains to Machu Picchi, where still stand the walls of an ancient Indian village. The Inca Indians built this city 400 or 500 years ago and in spite of the earthquakes there is scarcely a crack in the walls. The walls were built of native granite. There was no mortar used but the stones were trimmed so precisely that a knife blade could not be pushed between them. The city was rediscovered by a United States Senator in 1911. It is still beautiful. It has not been disturbed but it has been cleaned up a little.

How did the Incas cut the stones with precision? What kind of tools did they make and use? How did they place stones that weighed a hundred tons? Whom did they worship? There is no record. The city was high on a mountain but there were stupendous peaks towering still higher. Here a river was flowing turbulently off to the Amazon and to the Atlantic side of the continent.

We spent another night in Lima and the Ledfords took us to a study-course. It was another hour of blessed fellowship.

The next day we flew to Buenos Aires, Argentina. This is the largest city in South America. There are four or five million people. We never saw such

long streets of huge, massive sky-scrapers. We had the pleasure of going through the Baptist Seminary where Hugo Culpepper teaches Theology. What a wonderful visit with the Culpeppers! Hugo and Ruth are the son and daughter of the Culpeppers and Cochran of Immanuel Church in Little Rock. They gave us royal entertainment. They will come home this summer. We hope the churches will use them.

Here also we saw Mrs. Ann Margrett. She is a member of the original Bagbys, pioneer missionaries in Brazil. Her daughter married a son of missionary W. H. Berry. Brother Berry is the brother of our valuable and beloved deacon, J. E. Berry of El Dorado.

Here in B. A. we visited Mrs. Lucas Bridges, the daughter-in-law of the late Thomas Bridges, who went to Tierra Del Fuego on the tip end of South America and civilized the Indian tribes, wrote a dictionary and built a language for the Indians here, and led them to Christ. The great naturalist and evolutionist, Charles Darwin, protested, saying that those Indians were the most savage people on earth, murderers and cannibals. He said they were the "missing link" in racial development. Thomas Bridges said, "But the gospel of Christ can tame anybody." He proved it. One of Thomas Bridges' sons published the memoirs of Thomas Bridges, and the author of this book, "THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH", was buried by the side of his father in B. A. It was the author's widow whom we visited. Then we left B. A. and flew to Sao Paulo.

June 1 Designated Baptists Prayer Day

WHAT WOULD happen if 19 million Christians spent one-half hour on the same day talking to the Saviour about lost souls?

That's equivalent to 383,000 continuous days or more than 1,100 years of prayers.

This could happen on June 1, a North American continent day of prayer for the 1959 simultaneous evangelistic crusades.

Seven Baptist groups in the United States, Canada and Mexico have set aside the day and asked Baptists around the world to join in the period of prayers for evangelism.

Dr. Leonard Sanderson, secretary of the Home Mission Board's Department of Evangelism, has asked pastors and leaders of church organizations to set aside times during the Sunday morning series, other worship services, assemblies, and class periods for special prayers.

DON EDMONDSON has joined the staff of Central Church, Magnolia, as minister of music and youth director.



He is a native of Oklahoma, and attended Oklahoma Baptist University and the University of Tulsa. He has been associated with the 1st Churches of Okemah and Commerce, Oklahoma, and comes to Magnolia from the Calvary Church, Tulsa. He is married to the former Marita Patrick of Tulsa. They have three children, Kenneth Green, who has previously directed both the music and education program, will continue on the staff as minister of Education. Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt is pastor.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST

MAY 20-23, 1958

BROOKS HAYS

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS

GENERAL THEMES

TUESDAY NIGHT, MAY 20

Joint Session with Woman's Missionary Union

Go—make disciples

Through cooperative witnessing

- 6:45 Singing—William J. Reynolds, Music Director, Tennessee
- 7:00 Scripture (Matt. 28:16-20) and Prayer — Malcolm B. Knight, Florida
- 7:05 Secretary's Report on Registration—Joe W. Burton, Tennessee
- 7:10 Committee on Order of Business—Walter L. Moore, Chairman, Mississippi
- 7:15 Appointment of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
- 7:20 President's Address—Brooks Hays, Arkansas
- 7:50 Special Music
- 8:00 Jubilee Advance Program — C. C. Warren, North Carolina
- 9:30 Adjourn

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 21

Go—make disciples

Through faithful stewardship

- 9:00 Singing
- 9:05 Reading (Luke 12:42-48) and Prayer—Fred Hubbs, Michigan
- 9:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 9:30 Brotherhood Commission
- 9:50 Song
- 9:55 Executive Committee Administrative Report — Porter W. Routh, Executive Secretary, Tennessee
- 11:10 Special Music
- 11:20 Convention Sermon — Robert E. Naylor, Texas
- 12:05 Adjourn

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 21

Go—make disciples

Through compassionate service

- 2:30 Singing
- 2:35 Scripture (Matt. 9:35-38) and Prayer — Lamar Jackson, Alabama

- 2:40 Hospital Commission
- 3:00 Relief and Annuity Board — R. Alton Reed, Executive Secretary, Texas
- 3:20 Singing
- 3:30 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:55 Election of Officers

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MAY 21

Go—make disciples

In every land

- 6:45 Singing
- 7:00 Scripture (Acts 1:1-8) and Prayer—Joseph R. Estes, Kentucky
- 7:05 Baptist World Alliance—Theodore F. Adams, President; Arnold T. Ohrn, Executive Secretary
- 7:15 Woman's Missionary Union
- 7:35 Special Music
- 7:45 Foreign Mission Board
- 9:30 Adjourn

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 22

Go—make disciples

By teaching the truth

- 9:00 Singing
- 9:05 Scripture (I. Tim. 4:6-16) and Prayer—J. E. Rouse, South Carolina
- 9:10 Education Commission
- 9:25 Historical Commission
- 9:40 Committee to study Theological, Religious and Missionary Education — W. Douglas Hudgins
- 9:50 Southern Baptist Foundation
- 10:00 Committee on Church Related Vocations — Allen W. Graves, Kentucky
- 10:15 Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation — Brooks Hays, Arkansas
- 10:25 Special Music
- 10:35 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:05 American Baptist Seminary
- 11:20 Song
- 11:25 Southern Baptist Seminaries
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 Gallman, Director, Mississippi
 Address: J. Howard Williams, Texas

12:30 Adjourn

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 22

Go—make disciples

Through efficient churches

- 2:00 Singing
- 2:05 Scripture (Exodus 18:13-24) and Prayer—
Roy W. Babb, Tennessee
- 2:10 Executive Committee Promotional Report
- 2:45 Committee on Total Program of Southern
Baptists—Douglas M. Branch
- 4:30 Adjourn

THURSDAY, NIGHT, MAY 22

Go—make disciples

By preaching the Word

- 6:45 Singing
- 7:00 Scripture (Rom. 10:8-15) and Prayer —
Glenn Braswell, Montana
- 7:05 Chaplain's Commission — Alfred Carpenter,
Director, Georgia
- 7:20 Southwestern Seminary Jubilee Program
- 7:50 Special Music
- 8:00 Home Mission Board
- 9:30 Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 23

Go—make disciples

By publishing the gospel

- 9:00 Singing
- 9:05 Scripture (Isaiah 52:6-12) and Prayer —
Chester A. Molpus, Mississippi
- 9:10 American Bible Society
- 9:20 Committee on Committees
- 9:30 Committee on Denominational Calendar —
Alma Hunt, Alabama
- 9:35 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:05 Committee on Denominational Papers —
Louie D. Newton, Georgia
- 11:50 Special Music
- 12:00 Address: Ralph A. Herring, North Carolina
- 12:30 Adjourn

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 23

Go—make disciples

By righteous living

- 2:00 Worship in Song
- 2:05 Scripture (Romans 12) and Prayer — Arlie
L. McDaniel, California
- 2:10 Report of Committee on Boards—Dotson M.
Nelson, South Carolina
- 2:20 Committee on Time, Place and Preacher
- 2:25 Report of Committee on Resolutions
- 2:40 Memorial Service
- 2:55 Special Music
- 3:05 Christian Life Commission — A. C. Miller,
Executive Secretary, Tennessee
- 3:35 Address: Robert Greene Lee
- 4:20 Adjourn

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 23

Go—make disciples

For world peace

- 6:45 Singing
- 7:00 Scripture (Micah 4:1-5) and Prayer—Walter
A. Pegg, District of Columbia
- 7:05 Presentation of Convention Officers
- 7:25 Committee on Public Affairs—Walter Pope
Binns, Missouri
- 7:40 Special Music
- 7:50 Special Program on Present World Crisis
- 9:30 Adjourn

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Committee Recommends Two New SBC Agencies

By THE BAPTIST PRESS

CREATION OF two new Southern Baptist Convention agencies is recommended in a report of the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program. The report is to be presented to the Convention for a vote at Houston in May.

The new agencies recommended are a Stewardship Commission and a Church Loan Board.

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series on findings of the SBC survey.)

The "Survey Committee" & as it has been known — also recommends Convention recognition of the work now carried on by an unofficial organization, the Inter-Agency Council.

The committee report follows two years of study, with the counsel of professional management consultants.

While the report does not recommend time for the changes to be placed into effect, Convention by-laws would prevent these agencies from coming into existence before 1960.

Suggested changes within SBC agencies themselves probably could be undertaken earlier.

The Survey Committee reported that before reaching its recommendations, it discussed with each Convention agency the proposed changes.

No more than two-thirds of the members of a Convention committee or agency would be ministers or laymen, providing a balance between the two groups.

The Stewardship Commission would be created by removing the division of promotion from the present set-up of the Executive Committee.

The Church Loan Board would be an entirely new function. It would "extend loans to new and existing churches for the construction of new facilities and for the enlargement of existing facilities."

A separate Stewardship Commission the committee says, would "provide stewardship promotion the emphasis its importance warrants." It also would leave the Executive Committee in a better position to consider convention matters "on the same objective basis."

The committee recommends that the Executive Committee and smaller Convention agencies located in Nashville be housed in a separate building together.

They are now using office space in buildings of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Survey Committee recommends development of a format on which Convention agencies would present their annual reports "on a more appropriate and comparable basis."

The Committee on Resolutions, appointed at each annual Convention, would have its membership increased from five to 10 members. Three of the members on the recommended new committee arrangement would also be members of the Executive Committee, in order to assure "information about re-

cent work of the Executive Committee and Convention agencies."

With respect to home and foreign mission programs, the Survey Committee recommends that mission programs in Hawaii, Cuba, Panama, and Canal Zone be transferred to local Baptist conventions gradually.

Functions of the Sunday School Board should remain unchanged, according to the report, but "the Sunday School Board should not be permitted or required to transfer funds to other Southern Baptist Convention agencies or committees."

This does not change the requirement that the Sunday School Board supply \$60,000 a year toward administrative costs of the Convention. The report would authorize the Sunday School Board to allocate additional funds to the Convention to be used as the Convention deems wise.

The committee recommends that seminary presidents "adopt a revised formula for distribution of Cooperative Program funds" to the six SBC seminaries. It also recommends that seminaries begin charging a nominal sum for tuition and increase their fees.

It proposes "more effective use" of existing seminaries before any new seminaries are established.

Oklahoma Author to Be In Little Rock Book Store

FLORENCE C. Brillhart (Mrs. Elmer), Hobart, Okla., author of *Worshipping with Women of the Bible*, just published by Fleming H. Revell Co., will be in Little Rock for several appearances Sunday and Monday, March 23 and 24. T. Bradley Bolin, manager of the Baptist Book Store, has announced.



A Baptist since Mrs. Brillhart she was a child, Mrs. Brillhart has "a staunch Baptist deacon" as her father, and has another Baptist deacon as her husband.

Mrs. Brillhart published her first book in 1956, *Together We Praise Him*, the success of which is seen in the fact that it is now in its fourth edition.

Worshipping with Women of the Bible is a book of devotions. It is designed for use in group worship in churches of all denominations, clubs, and other organizations.

Her Sunday engagements here will include speaking at open assemblies of the Sunday School and Training Union at 2nd Church. Monday morning she will speak at the weekly Baptist pastors' meeting. She will be at the Baptist Book Store for an autograph party from 3 to 5 on Monday afternoon.

Hot Springs' 2nd Church Shows Remarkable Growth

O. L. BAYLESS, 2nd Church, Hot Springs, recently completed his 11th year at the church. During this time he has preached 3,003 times, conducted 176 funerals and officiated at 174 weddings.



Second Church now ranks fourth in the state in baptisms, and 9th in the state in total membership. In the last 11 years 1,219 members have been taken into the church. Baptisms totaled 1,056, an average of 96 per year.

In the last 11 years, church property value has increased to \$556,000, against which there is an indebtedness of only \$110,944.

Dr. Bayless has been on the State Executive Board for eight years, including one year as 1st vice president of the Convention. He served six years as the Arkansas member of the Home Mission Board and is now serving as the Arkansas member of the Southwestern Seminary Board.

Pastoral Changes

DALE McCOY, pastor of 1st Church, Paris, for the past four years, has accepted the pastorate of 1st Church, Brinkley. His first sermon in the new pastorate was Mar. 2.



During his service in Paris, 105 members were added by letter, 154 baptized. Two notes were paid off on the education building and the over-all indebtedness reduced from \$75,000 to \$45,000.

HOMER HALTOM, who was pastor of Twin Airport Church, Grand Prairie, Tex., is the new pastor of Plainview Church, Arsenal. He moved on the field Feb. 19. He and his wife are both natives of Arkansas. Mr. Haltom is a graduate of Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary.

B. D. SMITH, who has been serving as pastor of 1st Church, Pocahontas and moderator of Current River Association, has accepted the pastorate of Lake Hamilton Church, near Hot Springs. The Current River Association expressed appreciation to Mr. Smith for the outstanding work he did with the group. The resolution also heartily recommended him and his family to the new church and the association.



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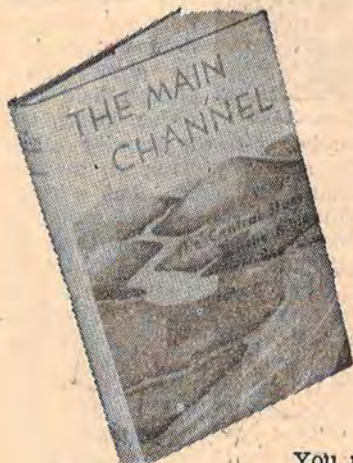


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Training Union

Ralph Davis, Secretary

1. District Training Union conventions scheduled for March include:

East Central District — 1st, Forrest City — March 13

Central District — 1st, North Little Rock — March 15

Southeast District — 1st, Warren — March 17

Southwest District — 1st, Hope — March 18

Northwest District — 1st, Rogers — March 20

West Central District — 1st, Paris — March 21

2. Conventions begin at 3 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. Two carloads of department workers and state approved workers with the assistance of fifty people from each district will be on the program.

3. There will be conferences, district sword drill, speakers' tournaments, and Junior Memory-Sword drill.

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The president of Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Delle Davis, says so—

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Association Enlargement

DURING THE week of February 15-21 an associational simultaneous, pastor-led Enlargement Campaign was held in Independence Association with ten churches participating. This campaign was directed by Dr. E. Stanley Williamson, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., with the help of the state Sunday School Secretary, his associate and the district Sunday school superintendents. Detailed accomplishments of this campaign will be published later.

This was the first such campaign in Arkansas and the second in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Harrison Johns, associational missionary, gives this evaluation: "I feel that the benefits from this campaign in the ten participating churches will be evident for years to come, and really in eternity as souls are saved as a result of this reaching out after the lost and untaught. The census revealed that we have half as many prospects as we have enrollment in the entire Association. We would have never gotten ten churches to take simultaneous census apart from this campaign.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish," but this enlargement campaign has given vision where contentment reigned. Challenge has superceded satisfaction and the people in the participating churches are saying this is one of the most historic events in the entire life of our church. One man at Floral who is not even an officer in the church Sunday School said, 'We had a little one-room building with about four classes until we enlarged our space with a new building with classrooms, and our average attendance increased from 40 to 85. A while after this, we built additional space and enlarged our organization and the average attendance increased to about 120. In the past six years we have attempted no enlargement of space and organization, and our attendance is still about 120. It is time for us to enlarge again.' He led his church in adopting the recommendations completely for enlargement.

"This is typical of the reaction in our Association: I heartily recommend this type of campaign to any Association, regardless of size, location, or the type of churches involved. I am thoroughly convinced that this method of enlargement will work in any church — rural or city, rich or poor, learned or otherwise, trained or in need of training.

"Some of the churches that did not participate are eager to have this cam-

ANDREW HESKETT has moved to DeWitt, to assume the pastorate of the 1st Cuhreh. He has been pastor of the 1st Church, Ozark, for the past two years.



MR. HESKETT attended Southern Seminary, where he received the B. D. degree in 1951. He did graduate work one year completing residence requirements for the Th. M. Upon leaving the seminary he became pastor of the 1st Church, Corning, for three and one-half years before going to Ozark.

Mrs. Heskett is the former Bennie Jean Appling, West Helena, who graduated from Ouachita in 1948 and attended Carver School of Missions in Louisville one year. The Hesketts have one son, Richard Wayne, born Nov. 6, 1957.

campaign in their church as completely as possible without the morning sessions. We are considering the possibility of encouraging the remaining eight churches to participate in a similar campaign simultaneously.

"In conclusion, I feel that this campaign is going to affect the entire life of our Association, even as it has affected the ten churches. Personally, this is one of the most educational endeavors I have ever had a part in, as a pastor or Associational Missionary."

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THE STAGECOACH driver probably didn't pay too much attention to the young lady who climbed aboard on a bright spring morning in the year 1841. She was his only passenger, and she was bound for Wellington, a small town only an hour's ride away.

For her part, the young woman hardly noticed the coachman or the green English countryside that soon began to fly past the window. Miss Jemima Thompson — for that was the passenger's name — was strangely preoccupied.

How could the coachman have ever guessed that she was trying to find words to go with a marching tune she had heard only a short time before?

Miss Thompson was a teacher of young children. Ever since she had visited the Normal Infant School on Gray's Inn Road this music had kept ringing in her ears. She had gone to the school to make a regular inspection visit, and there she had listened to a marching piece which quite captivated her.

When she had inquired what the tune was, the schoolmistress had told her it was an old Greek air. Miss Thompson was greatly interested in Sunday school work, and she immediately thought: What a perfect tune this would make for boys and girls to sing.

Surely, somebody must have written words, she decided, that would fit this music exactly. But when she looked through all the works of the popular Dr. Watts, Miss Jane Taylor, and other writers, she could not find a set of verses that would match the delightful tune.

The result was that she decided to try to write a poem of her own. No wonder she was silent as that stagecoach jogged along. Her mind was far, far away, for she was trying to compose those verses.

When the stagecoach pulled into Wellington, the driver may have noticed that Miss Thompson seemed quite happy. She did not tell him the reason, but she had succeeded in what she had set out to do. Her poem was all but complete in her mind. She was quite sure her verses would go very well with that lovely tune she could not forget.

Not long afterward she was back in her own home where she proceeded to carry out another plan. Only she and the younger members of her family were let in on her secret.

Miss Thompson's father had enough money to live comfortably. He was so much interested in Sunday school work and hymns that he had once offered a prize of twenty pounds (about one hundred dollars) for fifty simple hymns to be sung at cottage prayer meetings.

It was his custom, too, to ask that hymns be sung aloud in his home. There soon came a Sunday when he did this,



and his family filled the place with the sweetness of their happy voices.

When they had finished, Mr. Thompson expressed his surprise.

"What hymn is that?" he asked his youngest daughter. "I can't remember ever hearing it before."

The young people smiled in triumph as the girl answered, "Oh, Jemima made it."

Mr. Thompson was keenly interested. When he had heard the whole story of where his daughter had found the music and how she had planned the words on her stagecoach ride, he had the song sent away for publication.

She wrote other poems and hymns, but none ever won such a following as her "stagecoach verses." But more than one hundred years after they were written, Jemima Thompson Luke's simple, tender lines are still singing in the hearts of boys and girls all over the world:

*I think when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How He called little children as lambs to His fold,
I should like to have been with them then.
I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,
That His arm had been thrown around me,
And that I might have seen His kind look when He said,
"Let the little ones come unto Me."
Yet still to His footstool in prayer I may go,
And ask for a share in His love;
And if I now earnestly seek Him below,
I shall see Him and hear Him above.*
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A Smile or Two

A VEGETABLE CLOCK

George said to me the other day, "Say, Barnabas, do you know how to get a vegetable clock?"

I did not know, so, like the Philistines when Samson asked them his famous riddle, I asked for time to think about it.

After a half hour had passed, I was far from knowing the answer. I dodged George for as long as I could, but at last he caught me. "Do you know how to get a vegetable clock?" he grinned at me.

"No, I do not."

George smiled. "To get a vegetable clock, you get a potato clock."

I stared at George, waiting to hear the rest. But that was all.

George repeated, "To get a vegetable clock you get a potato clock — GET UP AT EIGHT O'CLOCK."

—The Australian Baptist

THE RAILROAD section foreman who was always driving his men to get maximum efficiency addressed one of the laborers: "Hey, Mike, why don't you lift your pick higher off the ground?"

"That I would do," said Mike, "but you hang over my shoulder so much I'm afraid of hitting you in the eye."

—Tracks

THE WIFE of one of the defensive tackles on the Detroit Lions admitted: "It's really exciting to be married to a professional tackle. Everytime he come home he looks like a different person." —Scholastic Coach.

MINDS OFTEN run in different channels—particularly when there's only one TV set in the home.—Lester D. Klimek

THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



The Church and Home Evangelism

By DR. D. DOUGLAS SCRIVNER

(Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro)

March 16, 1958

Mark 5:18-20; Luke 10:1-2; Acts 5:42;
1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

CHRISTIANITY AS you and I practice it will never win the world. From the days of the

Thessalonian Christians to now shows a sad decline in fervor for the Master. All of us are aware of two great advancing ideologies; Communism and Christianity. Few, however, are aware that Communism has made as many adherents (I will not



DR. SCRIVNER

use the word "converts" for not all who hold to communism are heart-believers) in 50 years as Christianity has in 2,000 years. Each numbers about 800,000,000.

Already some writers are talking about the Post-Christian era — Arnold Toynbee and Nels S. F. Ferre, to name two. Christianity may well be headed for another period of the Dark Ages unless New Testament evangelism is renewed both at home and abroad.

Three things, among others, brought the church of bygone centuries to the Dark Ages. Briefly, they are:

1. The church lost a sense of expectancy. Immediately following the ascension Christians looked for the return of the Lord daily. But as He delayed His coming the sense of expectancy lessened. As they no longer felt the vital presence of their Lord, they became self-satisfied and concerned over internal strifes and bitternesses. From that is only one step to open worldliness and it became hard to tell by observation of lives who was Christian and who was not.

2. The creed became of ultra-importance. It follows that with the difficulty of knowing who is Christian there would arise a need for statements of beliefs or creeds. Once a faith in Christ unified Christians. Now doctrinal statements and personal opinions began to divide. "I am of Paul, I of Appolos, and I of Cephas," led the ultra- or pseudo-pious to cry, "I am of Christ." When the teachings of the church were substituted for Christ vitality waned.

3. Civil government gradually displaced the church as the chief means of preaching good news. When the government subsidizes it has a right to control. Government within the church, also, played its part, and promotion of church-sponsored activities became of prime importance. The church went into eclipse called "The Dark Ages" until a revival of evangelistic fervor instilled new life into it.

One does not have to look far today to find the same three hindrances, yet we pat ourselves on the back, and sit back complacently, confident that two revivals a year and "the program" will be enough.

GO TELL YOUR FRIENDS. . .

This week's lesson deals with home evangelism and next week's with world evangelism. The writer has always maintained there is no difference in the two, only a difference in methods. Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world are not to be taken in order as named. Jesus was simply trying to show there was no stopping place, and while some worked at home others were to be at work elsewhere.

So, to one man He says, "Go home" and tell what the Lord has done. And he did. But to others (70 of them. Is this about the right proportion?) He said, "Go into every city and place." And a few years later we find temple preaching and house-to-house preaching going on at the same time every day. This may well have been the first protracted meeting. It cannot be called a revival for the Christians of that day were not dead.

There are only two kinds of evangelism in the New Testament — mass and personal. Mass evangelism seems to have begun with John the Baptizer and found its finest expression on Pentecost. But personal witnessing was finding expression day by day as Christians made contact with non-Christians.

WHITE HARVESTS

Who among us is not aware of the rich harvest around us? Notice that our Lord having pointed out the harvest, asked the disciples to pray for laborers in that harvest. The peculiar phrasing of His command shows that He is confident of their obedience to it. They prayed. And when they had, He said, "All right, you are the laborers you have prayed would be sent." Yet we seldom hear prayers for more preachers. Sometimes God literally has to force men who resist their known duty. But the soul that sees a white harvest and prays for it to be reaped, will usually find he is the very one God had in mind all the time to do the reaping.

People say to their pastor, "Pastor, I am so concerned over Mr. Blank, won't you go talk to him?" But Mr. Blank has not been especially laid on the pastor's heart, he is on your heart.

You will not have to look far to find a needy field — a community where once a church flourished but now the building's doors are permanently closed; a new housing area in your town; a weak and struggling mission station;

but all needing your witness and support. Then, there are minority groups, the people on the wrong side of the tracks, the man down the block, or even in your own home. The fields are white, pray ye, and go ye.

THIS LESSON—AND YOU

One day Jesus asked the assembled crowd, "What do ye more than others?" Do not Baptists everywhere pray for souls, sometimes long and earnestly? Do not Baptists give for the preaching of the good news? Are not Baptists well aware of the white harvests so easily accessible? Are we not all good, decent people? We tithe, attend, study our Bible and missions, pray, and long, but who doesn't? "What do ye more than others?"

We must share the gospel by word of mouth, by deed of life, by witnessing in whatever form. The wayside opportunity is as important as the planned approach. Our message is not a code of ethics, or a system of philosophy, but a person: Jesus, the Christ. "The Master is come and calleth for thee."

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TOM LOGUE, Secretary

Aid For Churches

MANY CHURCHES would like to afford a church staff member throughout the year and cannot, but there are few churches that could not afford the services of one of the many college young people who are available during the summer.



DR. LOGUE

There are several pastors in the state that have realized the great blessing to the church and to the young person employed. Some of our churches have employed youth directors, some associate pastors, some music directors, and some elementary workers.

The pastor's responsibilities are lightened, and there is someone to carry on many of his activities during his vacation. Perhaps the greatest good accomplished will be with the young people of the church. This has been evident time and time again as a consecrated young college student works in close contact with the local young people. The summer worker has the added attraction of being an outsider; his approach is fresh and new, as is a revival team. Yet, his stay is longer and the results can be conserved by a summer of dedicated service.

Can the Student Department help you locate what your church needs? We have students willing to serve. For them it will not be "summer vacation" but "summer vocation."

★ Executive Board STATE CONVENTION ★

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What Is Included in "Administration"

IN THE NEXT few issues of the **ARKANSAS BAPTIST** I would like to discuss our 1958 Budget. The items and causes fostered by this Budget constitute our Cooperative Program. In this issue I would like to direct your attention to the first item in in Division I, under "State Causes," marked "Administration." A total of \$42,000 has been appropriated in this year's budget for this particular phase of our work.



DR. WHITLOW

In order to understand what is embodied in this particular item, we need first of all to understand the purpose of our Convention and in the next place, the method or means which our Convention uses to fulfill this purpose.

According to the Constitution of our Convention, "The purpose of this Convention shall be to awaken and stimulate among the churches the greatest possible activity in evangelism, Christian education, and benevolent work throughout its bounds and to the ends of the earth; to cultivate closer co-operation among the churches and to promote concert of action in advancing all the interests of the Kingdom of God."

In order to carry out this purpose the Convention has elected an Executive Board consisting of sixty-six members from all over the State Convention. The Executive Board in turn, being empowered by the Convention, has set up eight departments of work and a number of institutions and agencies to carry out the Convention's work. The Board likewise has been empowered to employ "an Executive Secretary and such other officers and field workers as may be necessary for prosecuting the work committed to the Board by the Convention." The Executive Secretary is the officer elected to execute the plans and policies of the Convention and the Executive Board. He is charged with the responsibility of promotion and coordination of all the work of the Convention. He directs the work of the de-

partments and coordinates the activities of other commissions, boards, and auxiliaries. He works directly with the Executive Committee on expenditures and appropriations and is responsible to the Convention and Executive Board for the formulation of new plans and phases of missionary work. The Secretary also promotes and coordinates the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in the State of Arkansas.

The Associate Executive Secretary, working with the Executive Secretary, helps promote all Baptist work in Arkansas. He works with all departments and phases of the work in the State Convention. When the Executive Secretary is not in his office, the Associ-

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ate Executive Secretary assumes his responsibilities.

Thus the Constitution of our Convention and the Bylaws of our Executive Board clearly define the responsibility of the Administrative officers in directing the total program of Arkansas Baptists.

In addition to the Executive Secretary and his Associate, there are five other members on the Administrative staff — two bookkeepers and three office secretaries.

Will American Negro Remain Protestant?

WASHINGTON — Which direction, religiously, is the American Negro going the next few years?

Occasion for this question is a report of the Roman Catholic Commission for Indian and Negro Missions as released by the National Catholic Welfare Conference here. Father J. B. Tenny, secretary of the Commission, reports 11,375 Negro conversions in 1957 and 890 Indian conversions.

The 1957 Negro Catholic gain in the United States was set at about 30,000, according to the report, making a total of 575,925 Catholic Negroes and 117,400 Catholic Indians. The report says that 17 million Negroes and 250,000 Indians remain in "spiritual darkness."

Traditionally the American Negro is Protestant, with the Baptists and Methodists claiming the larger percentages.

An active Negro missionary campaign is being conducted in the United States by the Roman Catholic church. There are 413 churches, 743 priests and 343 schools with 83,384 pupils. In the last 10 years Catholic Negroes have increased 60 per cent, or about 200,000.

Other facilities for the Negroes, according to the report, include 13 hospitals, nine custodial institutions, seven boarding schools, and one large college. Since 1947 91 new mission churches and 45 schools have been opened by the Catholics for Negroes.

1958 State Budget

DIVISION I	
STATE CAUSES:	
Administration	\$ 42,000.00
W. M. U.	37,000.00
Retirement Plans	50,000.00
Department of Evangelism	10,000.00
State Missions Department	88,500.00
Southern Baptist College	29,700.00
"Arkansas Baptist"	15,000.00
Orphanage	60,000.00
Hospital School of Nursing	30,000.00
Hospital Charity Fund	25,000.00
Anti-gambling Campaign	6,000.00
POAU	1,000.00
Sunday School Department	29,000.00
Training Union Department	27,000.00
Church Music Department	15,000.00
B. S. U. Department	48,000.00
Ouachita College	223,550.00
Brotherhood Department	22,000.00
Foundation Department	2,000.00
State Assembly	5,000.00
Promotion and Convention Fund	11,000.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	5,000.00
Fund for College Property in Pulaski County	5,750.00
Memphis Hospital	10,000.00
Memphis Hospital Charity	10,000.00
	\$817,500.00
DIVISION II	
Southern Baptist Causes	\$525,000.00
(or 35% of the total Cooperation Program receipts)	
DIVISION III	
CAPITAL NEEDS:	
Siloam Assembly	\$ 10,000.00
For Reconversion of Office Building	6,000.00
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage	18,000.00
B. S. U. Department	25,600.00
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	50,000.00
Camp Grounds	7,500.00
Memphis Hospital	10,000.00
New Mission Sites	18,000.00
Future Office Building	12,400.00
	\$157,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,500,00.00

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