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A Price Paid

EVERY BLESSING we enjoy today has been purchased by a price. Progress has always been made over the objections of a strong protest. This is true in the world of things.

In our country a few years ago, in at least one state, it was a violation of the law to have a bath tub in the house. Even after this obstacle was overcome, some states, acting not only on the advice but with the strong support of medical science, obtained the passage of laws prohibiting taking of bath during certain winter months on the grounds it was injurious to one's health.

An outstanding business man confesses that he warned his nephew against investing \$5,000 in Ford stocks because "nothing has ever come along that beats the horse." Then, too, the mayor of Cincinnati declared to the city council in 1908 that the driving of an automobile required such qualifications that no woman is physically fit to undertake the task.

Governor Berkeley of Virginia expressed a widespread sentiment against printing when he said, in 1670, "Thank God there are no free



DR. WHITLOW

schools, nor printing, for learning has brought disobedience and heresy into the world and printing has divulged them."

An eloquent divine here in the United States declared that the "introduction of the railroad would require the building of many insane asylums, as people would be driven mad with terror at the sight of locomotives rushing across the country." In Germany experts stated that if trains went at the frightful speed of 15 miles an hour blood would spurt from the travelers' noses, and the passengers would suffocate going through tunnels.

It is said that "every tie in the Panama Railroad represents the life of some man who paid the price of its construction with his life." Progress, yes, but not without protest.

It is nonetheless true in the realm of the intangibles. We have many spiritual blessings today because someone who has gone before us has been willing to pay the price. Our freedoms today have been purchased by the "blood and tears and toil and sweat" of our forefathers.

Salvation is a gift, but let us never forget that it exacted the highest cost possible. Jesus gives us the secret of all genuine progress when he said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." No pain, no progress! One of the great curses of our day is that of trying to find an easy way of doing the difficult. No sacrifice, no service! And there seems to be so little evidence of willingness to sacrifice. We might well ponder the words of our Master more seriously.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

Jubilee Filmstrips

THE YEAR 1961 has been designated as a year of stewardship and enlistment by the Southern Baptist Convention. The Stewardship Service, under the leadership of Dr. Merrill Moore, has produced a filmstrip to be used in promoting the Baptist Jubilee Advance goals for 1961.



DR. DOUGLAS


Some worthy goals have been set to reach a portion of the AWOL or non-resident Baptists. A goal of 600,000 has been set. In Arkansas, where there has been a gradual decrease in the number of baptisms each year, there is a need for us to re-double our efforts in soulwinning.

Goal five in the over all objective for 1961 is to get 1,650,000 Southern Baptists who, in signing a pledge, agree to tithe. This means that we plan to get approximately 17 per cent of our people to tithe.

Goal nine is 24,000 Baptist churches adopting a budget in 1961 for the year 1962.

No doubt many of our people think that every Baptist church adopts an annual budget, but this is not the case. About 10,000 or 1-3 of our churches do not formally adopt a budget. This means that after all the progress that many of our churches have made by September Finance Planning, 1-3 of our churches still operate on a "hand to mouth" or a "hit or miss" plan.

To help get all of this done in Arkansas we have purchased some of the filmstrips, "Baptist Jubilee Advance in 1961". It takes about thirty minutes to show the film and read the script. The film can be used free of charge. Contact our office and we will be glad to send you one.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.



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Drop Horoscopes

SAIGON, Viet-Nam (EP) — Saigon newspapers have announced that they are suspending their popular horoscope columns "to help stamp out superstition" among the Viet-namense.

One paper explained that housewives must learn to use their own judgment.

Americans, please note! ■

'Youth Wants to Know' About the Liquor Election

A youth rally for North Little Rock and vicinity will be held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23, at Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, with Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College, as speaker.

The meeting, scheduled for 3 p.m., is sponsored by the North Little Rock Ministerial Association in the interest of voting out liquor in the General Election on Nov. 8. All young people and others interested are urged to attend.



DR. PHELPS

In The World of Religion

... Speaking at the 50th anniversary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities in New York recently, President Eisenhower declared, "The 'tragedy' of a materialistic nation will never befall America as long as churches and synagogues and people who believe in God and in themselves continue to give of their spirit, their time, and their substance, that they may be secure and their fellow men may have faith, hope, and courage."

... With 1,723 enrolled in the eight United Presbyterian seminaries, the chairman of the denomination's Council on Theological Education has said that their seminaries "must double their enrollment by 1970 if they are to educate enough ministers to meet the future needs of the church."

... Two commemorative postage stamps will be issued in 1961 to honor Mohandas Gandhi, great spiritual leader of the Indian people in their long campaign for independence. The United States will issue a 4-cent and an 8-cent stamp on Jan. 26, 1961, on the occasion of India's national holiday, Republic Day.

CONSTRUCTION is now underway at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist

Peacock Named To Head Baylor Religion Studies

WACO, Tex. — (BP) — Herber F. Peacock, pastor of the 1st Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, N.C., has been named chairman of the department of religion at Baylor University here.

Peacock, who had previously served for 12 years as professor in theological seminaries in both Europe and America, will assume his duties at Baylor Nov. 15. He succeeds George C. Humphrey, who resigned the department's administrative responsibilities a year ago. ■

Radio-TV Commission Names Promotion Man

FORT WORTH — (BP) — Virgil W. Hensley, 27, has been named assistant director of promotion and public relations for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

Hensley, a native of Tulsa, Okla., will work primarily in the areas of program publicity, magazine circulation, general and public relations on the local and Radio-TV industry field, said Commission Director Paul M. Stevens. ■

Assembly on two 40-room additions to Texas Hall and a 20-unit apartment building.

North American Baptist Heads Jubilee Advance

WASHINGTON — (BP) — Frank W. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, was elected as chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance at a meeting of the joint committee of the cooperating conventions. He succeeds Mrs. Howard Roach, American Baptist of Plainfield, Iowa. Casper C. Warren, Southern Baptist, was the first chairman.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance is a cooperative undertaking of seven Baptist denominations in the United States and Canada with the climax coming in 1964 in a joint meeting at Atlantic City to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Triennial Convention in 1814.

Special programs and emphases have been outlined for the five-year period, preceding the 1964 celebration. The slogan for the BJA is "For Liberty and Light" and the 1961 emphasis will be "Stewardship and Enlistment." Theme for the year is, "I Will Be Faithful," based on I Corinthians 4:2.

A major development of the BJA meeting was the report of a special committee headed by Davis C. Wooley, executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, on the publication of a book to be available in 1964, presenting an account of Baptists in North America for the past 150 years. ■

The Cover



*THY word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.—Psalm
119: 105.*

ONE of the most senseless and sinful practices of our modern civilization is that of arbitrarily forcing retirement of workmen at a given age regardless of whether or not they are capable and willing to go on working. This is no more commendable than the selfish scheme of the New Dealers to plow under crops and destroy hogs and cattle so that we Americans might have more of the good things of life in a world in which people are dying by the millions for want of food, clothing and shelter. It is actually more heartless than disposing of old folks the way the Eskimos do, by taking them far out on the ice and leaving them to die. At least the Eskimos do not destroy their aged until they are no longer able to do their share of the family labors.

Leaving the Old Folks on the Ice

To deprive a person of his work or profession is to take from him his chief purpose for living. Most people who work like their work and are not so much serving for their pay checks as for the satisfaction of doing something creative and worthwhile. Sir John Lubbock has expressed it well in *High Points*: "The idle man does not know what it is to enjoy rest. Hard work, moreover, not only tends to give us rest for the body, but, what is more important, peace to the mind." And people do not cease to need rest for their bodies and peace of mind when they reach "retirement age."

In our whirl of inflation and mounting taxation, fewer and fewer people are ever able financially to retire, Social Security and other retirement plans notwithstanding. To force the retirement of an able workman when retirement means loss of livelihood often is to condemn one who has been faithful all his life to die of slow starvation.

It is ironic, indeed, that our churches—where we are supposed to go by the Good Book and where we preach and teach that all of life is sacred and that God has a life-long place of service for everyone of us—are among the chief offenders. The unwholesome practice of not even considering a man for pastor unless he is "young," or "in his thirties," or "not over fifty," puts many a preacher on the shelf while he is still in his prime. Those who are becoming alarmed because we are developing a shortage of preachers and are seeing fewer young men dedicate their lives to the ministry might take this into account. Few if any professions require more academic preparation than does the ministry. And who wants to spend half his normal life going to school and getting ready for a work when he knows he will have just a few years of privilege to serve? By the time the average preacher is 50 or 60—just old enough to be a "junior" senator in the United States Senate—he is too old, regardless of his years of experience and training, to be seriously considered as pastor, as far as the most of our churches are concerned. Business and industry, with their arbitrary deadlines of retirement at 65 or 70, are proving to be better stewards of the greatest of all our assets, manpower, than our churches. This ought to call churches to repentance.

As far as preachers are concerned, there is one bright light that has just begun to shine through the prison bars of forced retirement. It used to be that once a preacher had officially retired and had started drawing his retirement check from the Annuity Board he was not permitted to serve a church as supply pastor for a period longer than three months. Now the Annuity Board has made a notable and commendable exception which should prove to be a great blessing to older preachers as well as to the cause of Christ. "Retired" ministers are now permitted to serve a new church as pastor for as long as a year without having their retirement income stopped. This new policy was adopted primarily as an aid to the 30,000 Movement, the program by which Southern Baptists are seeking to double the number of preaching stations across the convention. Perhaps it will help some of our people to see that as long as a person is able and willing, God can use him to extend His Kingdom on earth.—ELM

Absent In Spirit

NOT all who go to church go there to worship. I know for I have been guilty myself.

And this considerably less than a thousand years ago. It was brought home to me on a recent Sunday when, with no place to preach that day, I sat with the congregation in my home church.



ELM

The offering had just been taken and the organist was playing something before the special music preceding the sermon.

Suddenly it dawned on me that I was present in body but, at least for the time being, absent in spirit. I was just sitting and waiting for the pastor to take the pulpit. And while waiting, my mind was several country miles away.

The silent witness of a mother at prayer, on a pew two or three seats ahead of me, reminded me that I was in a place of worship. The organ music was obviously more than a fill-in for her. She sat with head bowed and eyes closed. Ashamed; I called my mind back to my body and took note of the fact that the organ was playing one of the great hymns, a prayer itself. Its words came fresh to my heart:

*Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all—a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

We preachers sometimes joke about the absentees who are "present in spirit but not in body." But to be present in body but not in spirit is not worth much to the split personality or to the spirit of the service itself. Again, I know whereof I speak. I was there. For one thing, you certainly are not going to be praying if your mind is wandering, or if it is full of a thousand things far removed from the attitude of worship. Without prayer and meditation there cannot be worship. And when we rob ourselves of the experience of worship we cheat ourselves of that which we can least afford to be without.

If we are to worship, we must discipline our minds and our hearts. The organ and piano music, the singing by the choir and the congregation, the public and private prayers, the offering itself—all are or should be far more than "preliminaries." They are aids to worship itself. They help to prepare our hearts for the sermon.

For many of us who go to church, the sermon and the service may be worth little or nothing simply because we just sit and stand and never really tune our hearts in.—ELM

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Catholic Nominees

I READ with interest your editorial, Religion and the Presidency, carried in the August issue of The Beam. It was excellent; I appreciate it.

It might interest you to know that this is not the second time the Democratic Party has named a Roman Catholic as its candidate for the Presidency of the United States. This is the third time the Roman Catholic hierarchy has tried to lay hold on the United States through the Democratic Party. The first time was in 1872, when a Mr. O'Brien was nominated by the Democratic Party. Mr. O'Brien was the United States District Attorney for New York . . .—H. B. Shepherd, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Fairhope, Ala.

REPLY: The candidate to whom you refer was not a Mr. O'Brien, but Charles O'Connor, and he was not chosen by the Democratic Party, but by a splinter group known as "Straight-out" Democrats. And he was not even the nominee for this group, for he refused to accept the nomination. But his name was entered on the ballot anyway and he received a total of 21,559 votes in the nation as compared with 3,597,070 for a Republican by the name of U. S. Grant and 2,834,079 for Horace Greeley, the nominee of the Democratic party. Mr. O'Connor, a native of New York and a brilliant lawyer, was a Roman Catholic. For further particulars, see *The Annual Cyclopaedia*, 1872, pages 782-783, and *Dictionary of American Biography*.—ELM

'Please Lay Off!'

AFTER reading your editorial, The Swimmer Who Holds onto the Boat [our issue of Sept. 29] I'd like to ask what is left of Women's Missionary Society after you take the heart out of it. For after all the Season of Prayer and special offerings for definite missions is the heart of Missionary Society.

And another important thing to me is that the Missionary Society is the only place in the modern church where we can have fellowship or get acquainted with women other than our own age group, since the Sunday School and Training Unions are both so segregated according to age that we never even have a chance to meet anyone out of our age group.

Looks like you up at Little Rock and the head men at Nashville have enough shoving to do without butting into our W.M.U. So please lay off.—Mrs. Jack Hutcheson, 2415 W. 17th, Pine Bluff

REPLY. Thanks for speaking your piece—and for reading our editorials.—ELM

Get Reservations

A METER Convention sponsored by the University of Arkansas for the same date as the Arkansas Baptist Convention makes it mandatory that those planning to attend the Baptist Convention get reservations in now.

Motels with rooms possibly still available:

Arrow Court, Highway 71 North
 Circle C Ranch Lodge, Highway 71 N.
 Fountain Motel, Highway 71 North
 Iris Motel, Highway 71 North
 Maple Court, Highway 71 North
 Ranch House Motel, Highway 71 North
 Rest Haven Motel, Highway 71 North
 Bailey Court, Highway 71 South
 Carol Motel, Highway 71 South
 Fayetteville, Highway 71 South

I suggest a telephone call is the quicker and safer way to reserve a room at this late date.—Andrew M. Hall, Host Pastor, 1st Church, Fayetteville

Boone Co. Correction

THIS is to correct an error in the article on Boone Association printed in Oct. 6 issue. The article listed 106 Baptisms as compared to 68 the year before. This is an error. We had 206 Baptisms reported compared to 168 the previous year, which was a 23% gain rather than 55%.—Dennis James, Missionary

Right of Protest

I INTENDED to write you when first I read your editorial entitled, "The Swimmer Who Holds Onto the Boat," and commend you for what you have said. You have raised some questions that should have very careful and prayerful consideration by every Baptist in the Southern convention. I am very much alarmed about the trend of the hour. It has always been my opinion that if our people would really be loyal to the Co-operative Program, we could take care of all our work through that channel. But I recognize, at the same time, that our people have a right to protest anything that the denomination is doing. Possibly, designations are indicative of personal and church protests sometimes.

I suppose, also, that when people designate their gifts they do it in order to show preference for some particular objective. While I wish everybody would put all of his money into the church budget and that every church would put it into the Co-operative Program without designations, maybe we will use the lessons we can learn from what they are now doing to alert us to the fact that we need to be very careful about the expansion of our work and when we do expand try to do it in such a manner as to have an appeal to all our people. Nevertheless, I am deeply appreciative of your very fine editorial; and that isn't all. I appreciate you and the very splendid work you do every week with your good paper.—E. S. James, Editor, Baptist Standard

Keegan Thanks

WE are deeply grateful to each of you who loved us and have shown it in so many ways. You have paid beautiful tributes to Kearnie. May the memory of his life continue to bless us all. Keep on upholding us by your love and prayers.—Mrs. Keegan and Kay

'In Deep Water'

YOUR special State Missions Issue of the Arkansas Baptist is before me, and I feel that a word of encouragement is due one so daring. I refer to your "swimming" editorial. You may be in deep water as a result of what you have said, but many of us are in there with you. I commend you on the forthright manner with which you have handled the special offerings problem.—JCB, Nashville, Tenn.

Missions Issue

CONGRATULATIONS on a very wonderful State Missions issue. It is superb.—Cyril E. Bryant

King Size

CONGRATULATIONS on the king-size edition of the Arkansas Baptist. I read clear through the thing thinking it was the Saturday Evening Post it was so big. You still going to sell them for a nickel?—James L. Pleitz, 1st Church, Pensacola, Fla.

REPLY: Now that we have found some of our readers are more impressed with volume than content, we'll know where to place the emphasis. But we can't understand how you could get our publication confused with the Saturday Evening Post—we don't carry liquor ads.—ELM ■

260,000 Hear Graham

BERLIN —(EP)— Sixty thousand citizens of this divided city turned out for the final rally of the week-long "Crusade for Christ" conducted in West Berlin by American evangelist Billy Graham. This brought to 260,000 the total attendance at the Berlin rallies. It increased to 700,000 the number of persons who have attended his meetings in Germany.

At the closing rally the crowd, gathered within hearing distance of the East Berlin border, sang the famous Lutheran hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

Said Dr. Graham: "We stand here at the crossroads of two worlds which divide the whole globe. But here in Berlin lies the decision on war or peace." ■

The Eleven Ages of Man

1. Milk.
2. Milk and bread.
3. Milk, bread, eggs, spinach.
4. Oatmeal, bread, butter, green apples, all-day suckers.
5. Ice cream and hot dogs.
6. Steak, potatoes, coffee, pie.
7. Bouillon, roast duck, escalloped potatoes, crèamed broccoli, fruit salad, divinity fudge, and demitasse.
8. Pate de fois gras, Wiener Schnitzel, potatoes Parisienne, egg plant a Popera, demitasse, Roquefort cheese.
9. Two soft-boiled eggs, toast, milk.
10. Crackers and milk.
11. Milk.—*The Rotarian*

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Commandment with Promise

SOME time ago a famous Connecticut child specialist said to me after one of our children had passed through a critical illness:

"When it comes to a serious illness, something truly critical, the child who has been taught to obey stands four times the chance for recovery than the spoiled and undisciplined child does."

Those words made a profound and lasting impression upon me.

For 25 years I had taught the Ten Commandments to my own children and to churches filled with children. I had stressed the commandment that bids children obey their parents. But it had scarcely entered my mind that a question of obedience might mean the saving or losing of a child's life.—Rev. Philip Jerome Cleveland

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The Preferred Stock We Hold

WE all own wealth we cannot hoard and cannot use up in a lifetime.

We own a share in the bright sunlight; one in the pale moonlight; one in the clear blue sky; one in rain, in sleet, in snow, and another in the broad, deep oceans and in the mountains.

We own preferred stock in the open fields, in the trees, in woodlands, and even in the breeze.

We own a share in the song of the birds; in the sound of the brooks that merrily gurgle on their way; and our wealth is increased by all the sounds that compose the wonderful and mysterious symphony of life. The sounds of life mean that we are living—and living is wonderfully interesting and challenging.

Every river, every lake, every stream is ours. The rustle of wind adds to our store of wealth, and it gives happiness to all who can hear its message—the message of living! And God's good air is priceless life!

The sunshine of life gives us limitless wealth, for with it comes love of life, and love for our fellow-man.—M. V. Bothwell

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THERE is no danger of developing eyestrain from looking on the bright side of things.—Printopics ■

Nashville Quotes

"THERE are two times when every man should keep his mouth shut—when diving into water, and when angry with his family."—Oren Arnold in November Home Life.

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"CHILDREN don't want to be told; they want to be shown. It takes years of telling to undo one unwise showing."—Elleen M. Hasse in November Home Life.

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"WE have to make a daily habit of keeping in touch with God—a habit so deeply ingrained that when we miss it we feel as empty as when we have not eaten."—Kitten Snead Yarchin in November Home Life.

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"IF a child is old enough to get an allowance, he is old enough to be taught how to handle it."—Margaret Anderson in November Home Life.

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"CHILDREN who do not learn self-control in the home may be out of control the rest of their lives."—Ray F. Koonce and Herbert J. Miles in November Home Life.

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"GOOD moral habits are not enough; they must be undergirded by a strong Christian faith that leads one to do good with joy and with a realization that he is following in the footsteps of Jesus."—The late H. C. Brearley, "A Christian Sociologist's View of Man," November, 1960, Baptist Student.

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"UNLESS America reaches out with arms of compassion and helps the hungry multitudes within the next five or ten years, the wrath of God and of the human race will be upon us."—Dr. Frank Laubach, "What Is Sin?" November Baptist Student.

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"THE greatest cause for global concern today from the Christian point of view is not Russia's intensive propaganda campaign, the threat of atomic annihilation, or a power vacuum in any part of the earth; it is, rather, that vacuum that exists in the place where the power of LOVE should be operating."—Eunice Parker, "Making Friends with Internationals," November Baptist Student. ■

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DRUDGERY is as necessary to call out the treasurers of the mind as harrowing and planting those of the earth.—Margaret Fuller

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A MAN without mirth is like a wagon without springs, in which one is caused disagreeably to jolt by every pebble over which it runs.—Henry Ward Beecher

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IT IS easy in the world to live after the world's opinions; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the Great Man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—Emerson ■

Some Missionaries To Stay In Cuba

ATLANTA — (BP) — Not all of Southern Baptists' missionaries will leave Cuba at the present time.

This information came from Mrs. J. David Fite, of Havana, wife of a missionary studying language in Costa Rica and daughter of the director of Southern Baptist activities on the island, Herbert Caudill.

The missionaries have been given the privilege of making their own decision whether to follow the suggestion of the United States Government to leave.

"We have no hindrance of any kind in performing our work, which is what we are here for. As long as this situation continues, I cannot conscientiously leave," Mrs. Fite said.

In her communication to Loyd Corder, secretary of the language group ministries department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Boards here, Mrs. Fite indicated only one family had returned and possibly another would return to the United States later. ■

French Woman Prays 15 Years—Church Built

IN Orleans, France, two blocks from the massive statue of Jeanne d'Arc, Maid of Orleans, stands the new French-language Baptist church, result of 15 years of praying by a little French woman and about four years of cooperating by Baptists from the United States and France.

Madame Coulongeon, who prayed daily that God would provide a Baptist church in Orleans, came early — with her lunch — for the building dedication on Sept. 25 and watched excitedly as the guests arrived. When the service began at 4 p.m., 140 persons had packed the church.

Included were 70 Baptists from three churches in Paris, two families from Tours, friends from the Reformed Church in Orleans, official representatives of the American military community, and members of English-language 1st Baptist Church of Orleans, composed primarily of American service personnel. ■

Lady Cyclist Finds French Church Site

By VIRGINIA HENDRICKS

TOURS, France — (BP) — Missionary Jack Hancox, representing Southern Baptists, and Francis Chachera, representing French Baptists, have purchased a new building to be used by the Tours Baptist Church. Funds were provided by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.



MRS. HENDRICKS

Tours is headquarters for the famous chateaux country. The Baptists of this large, strategic city have waited seven years for a meeting place.

Madame Dubois, a member of the church, has been especially diligent in searching for a site for the church. She has scoured the city, but was unable to find suitable property at a reasonable price.

While riding her bicycle a few days ago, she was forced by two large trucks to take a detour. Her detour took her by the newly completed building which had a "for

sale" sign in the window. Madame Dubois followed up her discovery, and this climaxed the answer to the prayers of fellow Baptists and herself.

The property is located near the center of town, the railroad station, and new university now under construction. It is hoped that it will become a Baptist Student Center when it is outgrown by the church. "This is our most ideally-located property in France!" says Henri Vincent, president of France Baptists.

The work at Tours, as well as the beginning of French Baptist work in Chateauroux, will be financed by a Southern Baptist church now being organized at Chateauroux, France, by American military families stationed there. ■

Outreaching Church Chosen 1961 Theme

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The theme of the 1961 Southern Baptist Convention session at St. Louis, Mo., will be "My Church . . . Reaching Out."

James E. Boyd of West Palm Beach, Fla., chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, announced also that the Scripture reference for the theme is found in Mark 1:38 — "Let us go into the next towns . . . preach there also."

V. H. Souther, associate professor of church administration at New Orleans Seminary, will direct Convention music.

Tommy Lane, minister of music at Bellevue Church, Memphis, will assist Souther. The Convention president — this year Ramsey Pollard of Memphis — appoints the music leader each year.

The Convention will open Tuesday night, May 23. Evangelist Billy Graham will preach the Convention sermon on opening night. The Convention will close with its night session Friday, May 26. ■

California Agreement Uses More Students

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — (BP) — A new Home Mission Board-California Southern Baptist agreement has stepped up the process of utilizing seminary students in California's Southern Baptist churches.

More than half the Southern Baptist churches in the state were established by students of or alumni of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Mill Valley, according to the seminary's field work director, Elmer L. Gray.

Gray, who is responsible for getting students in places of service in northern California, says students now serve in 120 churches in more than 20 associations, covering 40,000 square miles. ■

I Saw A Dictator In Action

By GAINER E. BRYAN, JR.
United Nations Observer

(Mr. Bryan is alternate non-governmental organization representative to the United Nations for the Southern Baptist Convention, appointed by the Christian Life Commission. He is also editor of The Maryland Baptist.)

UNITED NATIONS—"The next speaker on the list," intoned the presiding officer, "is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Right Honorable Harold MacMillan."



MR. BRYAN

From his seat in the General Assembly hall a tall, silver-haired statesman arose and strode deliberately down the long aisle to the accompaniment of applause. A hush fell on the august assemblage. The impeccable Mr. MacMillan began to speak.

Six rows from the rear in an aisle seat sat a figure ominously familiar to American viewers. The balding white-edged head and the round, squat physique gave him away. This was Nikita Khrushchev, ruler of the Russian masses and millions of subject peoples.

Suddenly applause erupted over the dignified assembly. Mr. MacMillan had just thrown his support to U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and rejected Khrushchev's attempt to try to mold the U.N. around Communist lines. A loud, thumping noise was heard above the applause. Mr. Khrushchev, hunched bear-like, was pounding his desk with both fists, trip-hammer fashion. Delegates were shocked.

Unperturbed, Mr. MacMillan spoke of the break-up of the Paris summit conference last May—blamed by

the West on Khrushchev—and read an Allied statement expressing willingness to resume the talks at any time.

Khrushchev exploded in the rear of the hall and yelled something in Russian. (It was later translated, "Yes, let's talk about Paris. Don't send the U-2 and don't try to cover up aggression.")

His shouts rang through the hall. It was the first time that there had ever been such an outburst from the floor.

Later during the speech there was another table thumping outbreak by the Soviet dictator. In a final burst of rudeness he stood to his feet and shouted at the speaker, their voices colliding, until it was necessary for the president to rap for order.

The reserved Mr. MacMillan, forced this time to take note, said coldly, "I wish we could have those remarks translated." The delegates laughed.

Later Khrushchev declined to join in the warm applause that punctuated the conclusion of the speech.

Only the arrogance of a dictator could have prompted such conduct. Only colossal contempt by a man who seems to believe he can cow the world could have spawned such rudeness.

A high United States diplomat, who cannot be quoted, said that the antics of Mr. Khrushchev were all to the good. "You cannot come to the United Nations with its serious purpose and play the mountebank and get away with it," he said.

"Mr. Khrushchev is turning out to be one of the top flops of all time. We have given him black eyes in everything he has proposed."

In Nikita Khrushchev last week the world was witnessing a fuming dictator who, fortunately and so far in this U.N. session, has been held in check. ■

Pacific Garden Mission

CHICAGO (EP) — Famed Pacific Garden Mission, on Chicago's South State Street, will observe its 83rd anniversary with special luncheons and dinners, culminating in a huge Sunday afternoon rally, Nov. 6, in the Grand Ballroom of Conrad Hilton Hotel, according to announcement by Superintendent Harry Saulnier.

On Nov. 2, *Christian Life Magazine* will honor the famed gospel center with a luncheon to be held in the new dining room at the mission. A filmstrip presentation will be followed by a brief tour of the building, whose doors have never been closed day or night during its 83 years.

Radio-Television Body May Borrow To Build

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has authorized the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth to borrow up to \$25,200 against its 1961 operating budget as the initial step in a five-year program of expansion. As part of an expansion plan which will include a building designed to fit the needs of the Radio-Television Commission, it was necessary to borrow a small amount of money for the purchase of property on which to erect such a building. Negotiations are now underway with a Fort Worth real estate company. Actual purchase, however, is subject to approval of the full Commission which meets in Ft. Worth, Nov. 22-23.

Church Still Closed

SEVILLE, Spain — (EP) — The Baptist Church of Seville, Spain, closed since Nov. 10, 1958, has been refused its request for reopening. Reason: another Baptist group already serves the city (which has almost half a million people).

Conferences with the Spanish Ministry of the Interior had encouraged Baptist leaders to believe that the church would soon be opened. But when the written request was made it was denied.

The church building in Seville had been occupied less than two years when its doors were sealed by order of the Spanish police. ■

The Layman's Bible Commentary, Vol. 9, Psalms; Vol. 12, Jeremiah, Lamentations; Vol. 20, Acts of the Apostle; and Vol. 25, 1, 2, and 3 John, Jude, and Revelation, John Knox Press, 1960, boxed set of four, \$7; single copies, \$2 each, or four or more, any assortment, \$1.75

Author of Psalms is Dr. Arnold B. Rhodes, who was educated at Davidson College and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. A well known pastor and teacher in his denomination, he is now professor of Old Testament at the Louisville Seminary.

Dr. Howard T. Kuist, professor of Biblical Theology and English Bible at Princeton Seminary, is the author of the commentary on Jeremiah and Lamentations. He wrote most of the commentaries while in the Middle East, during the turbulent conditions of 1958.

The professor of Doctrinal Theology at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Dr. Albert Curry Winn, is author of the commentary on Acts of the Apostles. He is often in demand as a speaker and Bible study leader for young people's conferences.

Author of the commentary on 1, 2, and 3 John and Jude and Revelation is Dr. Julian Price Love, professor of Biblical Theology at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary since 1931. He is the author of a number of books, all of them related to Bible study.

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Letters to Young Churches, by J. B. Phillips, Macmillan, 1960, \$1.25 (paperback)

This popular translation of the New Testament epistles will be a welcomed addition to the growing volume of better books being made available in the less expensive paperbacks.

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Inspiring Devotional Programs for Women's Groups, by Leila T. Ammerman, W. A. Wilde Co., 1960, \$1.95

Here is another book that seeks to show the relevance of the Christian faith to everyday life. The author makes use of anecdotes, hymns and selections from English literature, along with the Scriptures, to illustrate his themes.

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Stories of Yuletide, by Ernest K. Emurian, W. A. Wilde Co., 1960, \$2

A companion volume to the author's Stories of Christmas Carols, Stories of Yuletide contains materials for Christmas talks, programs, stories and sermons. Included are a number of the author's own Christmas poems. ■

THOUGHTS on utilizing the talents and skills of "senior citizens" in a church are expressed in an article entitled "Take 'Retirement' Out of Your Church Vocabulary," appearing in the November issue of *Church Administration*. The author is Dorothy J. Bingham of Ridgefield, Conn.

Baptist Crosscurrents

What's Happening to Radio

BAPTISTS and other evangelical Christians may find themselves crowded off the nation's radio air waves if a present trend in the broadcasting industry continues much further.

First it was radio station WLS in Chicago, one of the country's largest and most far reaching. Earlier this year the station cancelled \$460,000 worth of religious programs and announced that in the future it would follow a policy recommended by the National Council of Churches of providing free (called "sustaining") time for certain religious groups, such as Jews, Roman Catholics and the Council. All paid religious programs are out. A few hours of free broadcast time is offered to be divided among these groups each week. Also free broadcast time has been offered the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Chicago and the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

This was followed a few weeks later by announcement from radio station WABC in New York City that it was cancelling seven local paid religious programs. These included the famous and courageous "Marching Truth" by William Ward Ayer and the Calvary Baptist Church Hour, which had been on the air continuously for 38 years. The station announced it planned to replace the paid programs with free time for "the four largest organized religious groups in the New York area—Protestants, Roman Catholics, Jews and Evangelicals."

Now the American Broadcasting Company radio network, the second largest radio network, has announced a drastic cutback on religious programming for the fall, dropping four of its eight paid religious broadcasts.

National Council of Churches leaders must be secretly chuckling with glee. All of this is in line with their expressed desire to get radio stations to take paid religious broadcasts off the air and to give them free time for their own programs, along with equal time for the Catholics and Jews.

The net effect will be to reduce drastically the number of hours the gospel message will be heard on the air. Radio stations have a responsibility to the public concerning religious broadcasts. But the answer to their problem is not to throw all paid programs out and to give free time to those who promulgate falsehood. Those who care should protest vigorously to local station managers and network officials.—Editor Jack L. Gritz, in *The Baptist Messenger* (Okla.)

Quarter-Million Given Stetson University

DELAND, Fla. — (BP) — Nearly a quarter of a million dollars has been left to Stetson University here by a DeLeon Springs, Fla., widow.

By terms of the will of Mrs. G. G. H. Van Der Heyden, funds totaling \$100,000 were provided for scholarships. The residue of the estate, estimated at between \$125,000 and \$150,000, was designated for construction of educational buildings at the Baptist school.

The scholarships are "for worthy students of all faiths." ■

Ohio Baptists Consider \$439,600 Annual Budget

COLUMBUS, Ohio. (BP) — The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will act next month on a proposed 1961 budget of \$439,600.

The convention's executive board has proposed the budget, which is an increase of about \$90,000 over the current budget.

The new budget will provide more to the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program — 23 per cent of the estimated receipts from churches instead of the present 21 per cent. ■



ARCHITECT'S conception of the proposed building of 1st Church, Hot Springs, is shown here. It will be of contemporary design and will feature many innovations and new appointments in church architecture. The sanctuary will seat 1,000. Construction is expected to begin in December. Rev. James H. Fairchild is pastor.

REV. Melvin Hampton, former pastor of Hardin Church, Pine Bluff, has enrolled at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. During his 19-month pastorate at Hardin there were 39 additions by baptism and 27 by letter. Mrs. Hampton is the former Jeanette Maxey, of Clinton, Ky. They have three children.

CURRENT enrollment at Ouachita College has reached 1,207, according to Miss Frances Crawford, registrar. This total shows an increase of 138 students over the first semester enrollment of 1,069 last year.

JESSE S. Reed was the evangelist recently at Parks Church where Rev. Harmon Allen is pastor. Olen Smith was in charge of the music. Additions included 11 by baptism, five by profession. Mr. Reed also led in a revival at Grand Hill Church, Central Association. There were five additions. Rev. W. L. Brock is pastor.

FREEMAN Heights Church, of Berryville, recently observed its second anniversary with a week of special services led by Dr. E. A. Ingram, of Little Rock. The church now has an educational building and a parsonage. The membership has increased from 72 to 198. Rev. Gerald Rowe is pastor.

REV. Harold Martin, Monette, was the evangelist recently in a revival at Palestine Church. Rev. Edgar Harvey, Forrest City, led the singing. There were six additions including five by baptism.

A RECENT revival at Rison Church resulted in seven additions including four by baptism. Rev. W. W. Warmath, El Dorado, was the evangelist. Rev. Phil J. Beach is pastor.

NELSON Tull will be the evangelist in a revival Oct. 19-23 at Immanuel Church, Fayetteville. John Mitchell will direct the music. Rev. Terrel Gordon is pastor of the church.

A RECENT revival at 1st Church, Forrest City, resulted in 67 additions, including 36 by baptism. The evangelist was Homer Martinez, of Ft. Worth, Tex. Steve Taylor was in charge of the music. Rev. Samuel C. Gash is pastor.

REV. Roy D. Bunch has recently gone to Eudora Church as their new pastor. He was previously pastor at Mt. Olive, Crossett.

Arkansan Receives Seminary Diploma

REV. Oren J. Elms, son of Mrs. B. R. Elms, of Batesville, and the late Mr. Elms, was recently graduated from Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.



MR. ELMS

He is a graduate of Southern Baptist College, and attended Arkansas State College, Jonesboro.

He is now serving as pastor in Oxford, N. C. where Mrs. Elms is teaching. They have two children, Gary, nine, and Annette, four.

A LUNCHEON meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association will be held at Midway Restaurant, between Fayetteville and Springdale, Wednesday noon, Nov. 16, according to Dr. Tom Gambrell, acting president of the organization.

Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive-secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the speaker.

All persons engaged in religious education work, whether in local churches, the denomination, or in schools, are cordially invited to attend. It will be necessary for those attending to register at the RE Association table, in the lobby of 1st Church, Fayetteville, during the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and by Tuesday evening, Nov. 15. ■

Arkansas Churches In Protection Plan

SIX Arkansas Baptist churches enrolled their pastors or other qualified personnel in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan during September, the Annuity Board reports.

The churches are: Light; Fellowship, Buckner Association; 1st, Alexandria; Holley Springs; Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith; and Hopewell, Harrison.

Dr. Floyd B. Chaffin, associate secretary in charge of public relations for the Annuity Board, said state-wide participation in the Plan now stands at 44 per cent.

Arkansas is in a drive to enlist at least 75 per cent of all churches and pastors in the Protection Plan before Jan. 1, 1961.

On a convention-wide basis, 61 per cent of the churches have enrolled their pastors in the Plan, Dr. Chaffin said. ■

REV. E. Butler Abington was the evangelist in two revivals recently. Thirty additions were reported in the meeting at 1st Church, Hamburg. Rev. E. E. Griever is pastor. In a revival at League City, Tex., where his son, Rev. James W. Abington is pastor, 54 additions were reported. Red Johnson, of Mountain Home, was the music director.

Two New Churches Started in Ft. Smith Area; "M" Night Meeting Plans Announced



OAK CLIFF breaks ground for new building. Left to right: Hill, Goodman, Ibson, Bucella, Pastor Walker, Narrimore, and Woodward.

GROUND was broken recently for the first of four units of the Oak Cliff Church, at the corner of Greenwood and Gary, in the southeastern part of Ft. Smith.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, State Missions superintendent, spoke at the morning service and preceding the ground-breaking ceremonies. Those taking part in the ground-breaking activities were Pastor Murl Walker and the members of the building committee, Delbert Hill, L. C. Goodman, LeRoy Ibson, Tony Bucella, Jay Narrimore and Ray Woodward.

The first unit, 36 by 108 feet, is now under construction. It will house a temporary auditorium, and Primary, Beginner and Adult departments, rest rooms and offices. Two more units the size of this one and an auditorium 50 x 120 feet which will seat 650 people, are to be constructed later.

The church has grown from 16 charter members as of June 16, when it was organized, to 61 members and has sold \$50,000 of church bonds to purchase the property and to construct the first unit.

Crusade in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — A group of businessmen and pastors have joined together to form a "Christian Anti-Communism Crusade of Minnesota . . . to provide authentic information on Communistic propoganda and activities in the United States."

The president of the group, Calvin K. Katter, Minneapolis contractor, explained that the group would have a speakers' bureau and would make available recorded tapes, films, government booklets, and other information to clubs, churches, PTA organiza-

tions, industries, unions and other interested groups.

Other officers of the group: Edmund Sansovini, vice-president; Stanley W. Olson, secretary-treasurer; and John Ludwig, the Rev. H. B. Prince, the Rev. R. I. McIlroy and Mel Larson. All are active in the Christian Business Men's Committee of Minneapolis.

The group already has arranged the showing of two anti-Communist movies at three local churches.

Winter Conference

YOUTH for Christ International will hold its Seventh Annual Winter Conference at Boca Raton,

OFFICERS elected for another year were: Harlan Abel, Towson Avenue Church, moderator; Orville Haley, pastor of Northside, Ft. Smith, vice-moderator and Sunday School superintendent; Eugene Ryan, 1st Church, Charleston, clerk; and Kenneth Kern, pastor of East Side Church, Ft. Smith, treasurer.

Warren Butler, Northside Church, Charleston, was elected Training Union director; Harold Turner, Calvary Church, Brotherhood president; Mrs. Roger England, WMU president; Raymond Leek, Minister of Music, Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, music director; Mason Bondurant, pastor, Trinity Church, Ft. Smith, Vacation Bible School leader.

The annual sermon was preached by Tommie Hinson, 1st Church, Paris, and the doctrinal sermon by Marvin Gennings, of Southside Church, Ft. Smith.

The 1961 meeting will be held Oct. 5-6 in the Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith.

Newman McLarry, of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, has been appointed to preach the annual sermon, and Norman Lerch, of 1st Church, Booneville, the doctrinal sermon.

J. HAROLD Smith, formerly pastor of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, now of Dallas, Tex., will conduct an eight-day revival, Oct. 28-30 in 1st Church, New Orleans, Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor.—Jay W. C. Moore, Superintendent of Missions ■

Fla., Conference Grounds from Jan. 30 to Feb. 5, according to an announcement by Executive Director Evon Hedley of Wheaton, Illinois, the Conference Director. (EP)

Schweitzer School

LEVITTOWN, Pa. (EP) — A new public elementary school here has been named for Dr. Albert Schweitzer, famed Protestant medical missionary in Africa. It contains two murals, depicting Dr. Schweitzer and his work, given by Dr. Frederick Franck, one of his associates.

State Pastor Dies After Short Illness



DR. KENNETH R. GRANT

DR. Kenneth R. Grant, pastor of 1st Church, Alma, died Sept. 27 following a short illness.

He had been pastor at Alma 6½ years, coming to Arkansas from Selma, Ala.

Dr. Grant served as a member of the Arkansas State Executive Board and as moderator of the Clear Creek Baptist Association. He served as a member of the nominating committee in 1959 and was the chairman of the committee at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held in Alma and in Granby, Mo., where his burial took place Sept. 29.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Virgie Grant; seven children, Jeri Lou, Richard, Frank, Donald, Carole, Gloria and Gary; father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grant, Granby, Mo. ■

Seminary Professor To Lead Discussions

DR. T. B. MASTON, professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Seminary, will lead a series of lectures and discussion at the University of Arkansas Baptist Student Union Oct. 28-29.

Dr. Maston is the author of several books and is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Texas Christian University and Yale. He has studied at University of North Carolina and University of Chicago.

The sessions will be open to the public.

Kennedy Asked to Speak against Boycott

IN A telegram addressed to Senator John F. Kennedy at Lorain, Ohio, where he was speaking Sept. 27, Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, asked intervention by the Democratic nominee on behalf of religious freedom there. The telegram asked that as a member of the Knights of Columbus the Senator use his influence to dissuade that group from what were described as "boycott tactics" in Lorain.

Mr. Archer, head of the predominantly Protestant group, complained that a showing of a "factual, educational film" produced by his organization scheduled in the public high school auditorium there had been cancelled because of pressure by the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Archer pointed out that the Roman Catholic Church has use of similar facilities in Lorain for the holding of church masses and questioned whether such discrimination was sound policy. His telegram said: "We believe that all groups, and not just one, should have freedom in the United States and that boycott tactics should not be employed against any. We believe you agree. We urge you to state this publicly in Lorain where Knights of Columbus pressures deny freedom." ■

Graham Monthly

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) —Five hundred thousand copies of *Decision*, Billy Graham's new monthly magazine, have been mailed here for readers all over the world.

About half the pilot circulation goes to subscriptions already paid for, according to George M. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The other 250,000 copies of the first issue (dated November) are going out as sample copies to selected names on the mailing list of the association, which goes into every post office in this nation and hundreds abroad.



ATTENDANCE pin for her 13th year of Sunday School attendance was given Miss Linda Sue Gill recently by 1st Church, Dumas. She is a freshman at Ouachita College and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Gill, Jr.

The editors hope eventually to translate the magazine into French, German and Spanish.

Dr. Graham said the magazine will have a two-fold purpose: "to provide spiritual food for Christians, and to publish evangelistic messages and articles aimed at reaching the secular mind and winning the non-believer to Christ."

In an editorial, Dr. Graham wrote, "The value of literature in winning the minds of the uncommitted is being clearly demonstrated by the Communists. . . . We are being challenged as never before to set forth in print the cause of Jesus Christ."

The new publication has a tabloid format and is published in two colors. The first issue contains articles by Dr. Graham; Dr. David Rowlands, a British physician converted in Graham's crusade in England; Dr. L. Nelson Bell of *Christianity Today*; Dr. Paul S. Rees, Minneapolis evangelist, and others.

Dr. Sherwood E. Wirt and Dr. Robert O. Ferm of the Graham association in Minneapolis will edit *Decision*. ■

Study Link Between Florida-Puerto Rico

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (BP) Executive Secretary John A. Maguire of the Florida Baptist Convention here will visit Puerto Rico soon to study Baptist work on that Caribbean island.

Puerto Rico, a possession of the United States sometimes referred to as the "51st state," has two Baptist churches applying for affiliation with Tampa Bay (Fla.) Baptist Association. These churches were organized as a result of the transfer of military personnel to bases in Puerto Rico.

These two English-language churches have in turn organized missions among the Spanish-speaking population.

Southern Baptists have not had missionaries in Puerto Rico, but the American Baptist (Convention) Home Mission Society has several institutions listed in its 1959 yearbook.

Mrs. Maguire will accompany her husband on the trip. Both are going at the request of the state mission board of Florida convention.

At the board's September meeting, it adopted a 1960-61 state convention budget of \$21½ million. Administration, Woman's Missionary Union, and retirement plan contributions constitute preferred items of \$424,924. After they are cared for, the budget income will be divided 50-50 for state and Southern Baptist Convention work.

The budget is subject to final approval at the annual convention session in November. It is an increase of \$300,000 over 1959-60.

The board asked for a year's study of the percentage division of funds it makes each year with the Southern Baptist Convention.

It employed Doak S. Campbell, former president of Florida State University, Tallahassee, and other consultants to conduct a professional study of Florida Baptist higher education. It set aside \$7,500 for this.

Campbell is a well-known Baptist layman.

The study may help the convention find ways it can better support Stetson University in DeLand, its four year college, and discover any need that should arise for new junior or senior Baptist colleges in Florida.

It voted to name the conference room in the new Florida Baptist office building here in memory of the late W. N. Chaudoin, first executive secretary of the board. ■

Cuban Missionaries Being Withdrawn

ATLANTA — (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries in Cuba are returning to the States at the suggestion of the United States Government. Some families have already reached Miami, Fla., and others are expected to follow:

The announcement was made by Loyd Corder of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the language group ministries department of the denomination's Home Mission Board with offices in Atlanta.

The board supports 10 United States missionaries in the western portion of the island. Not all of the missionaries have indicated they will leave Cuba, but Corder expects most of them to depart.

The U. S. Government had advised that all dependents should be removed, but the Home Mission Board had previously voted not to withdraw the families without the missionaries. The financial support of the work will not be withdrawn.

Corder felt withdrawal of the missionaries would not severely curtail the work, since the Cuban leadership is sufficiently strong to continue the program among the 85 churches and more than 200 missions. There are more than 150 Cubans employed by the churches and the Home Mission Board. ■

Mississippi First State Juvenile Work

ATLANTA — (BP) — The first state leader of juvenile rehabilitation work among Southern Baptists begins work Nov. 1, in Mississippi.

Lincoln D. Newman, of Lucedale, area missionary for the southern part of Mississippi, will direct the

new program, according to J. V. James, Atlanta, Ga., superintendent of juvenile rehabilitation with the denomination's Home Mission Board, and Chester Quarles of Jackson, executive secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Newman will be employed by the Home Board, the Mississippi Convention, and the Hinds County Baptist Association, where the rehabilitation program will be set up. The work will operate under the Jackson, Miss., city missions program.

As state director, Newman will help in setting up volunteer programs in smaller cities. ■

Cranford Named Chairman Of Public Affairs Group

WASHINGTON — (BP) — Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church here, was re-elected chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs at its annual meeting. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director.

Other officers are Walter Pope Binns, Liberty, Mo., 1st vice chairman, and J. K. Zeman, Weston, Ontario, Canada, 2nd vice chairman. Foy Valentine, Nashville, Tenn., is recording secretary.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is a cooperative endeavor of seven major Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada, whose chief interest is religious liberty and separation of church and state. ■

Carver Honors Rankin In Building Dedication

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Mrs. M. Theron Rankin, widow of the late Foreign Mission Board statesman, brought personal greetings here as a building named after Dr. Rankin was dedicated.

Carver School of Missions and Social Work, an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention, will use the new academic building.

Dr. Rankin was executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board from 1945 until he died in 1953. He was a graduate of Southern Seminary, whose campus joins that of Carver. ■

**Communists Hit Mission**

DANANG, Vietnam (EP) — Twelve armed Communist guerrillas attacked the jungle station of missionaries with the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade here, killing the Christian chief, kidnapping his grand-daughter and leading a National Vietnamese preacher into the jungle with a rope around his neck.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Smith, who reported the news, said that four other Communists entered the guest house for traveling aborigines, and threatened a Vietnamese woodcutter with violence if he continued working for Catholic priests who were exploiting the timber for their ends.

The kidnapped chief had been living in a village of five houses 200 yards off the main road. Four Communists entered his house and commanded him to follow them. He refused; so they tried to kill him. Their pistol would not fire, however, so they twisted his neck until he died.

The Smiths rushed to the village when they heard the news, found the wife of National Pastor Thanh Hiep overcome with grief, but desirous of getting a minister as soon as possible to carry on the work in her husband's place.

Nigerians Endorse Handbook

LAGOS, Nigeria (EP) — Officials of Nigeria's predominantly Muslim-staffed Ministry of Education have publicly endorsed the Sudan Interior Mission's new *Handbook for School Managers*.

In a note to the country's education officers, the ministry's permanent secretary wrote: "I strongly urge that anyone concerned with the administration or inspection of primary education should possess a copy."

This wholehearted endorsement, Protestant leaders say, is an indication of the regional government's confidence in the mission schools which are responsible for 35 per cent of the education of the region's 18 million people.

The Federal Prime Minister stated in the House of Representatives several months ago that "missions can look back with satisfaction on many notable education successes." Dr. E. E. Esua, secretary general of the Nigerian Union of Teachers, reportedly a Christian, has said that "through Christian education the whole standard of life and conduct of the people has been raised. There is scarcely a leader in Nigeria today who does not owe at least part of his education to the church."

Church Construction

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — For the first time in history, church construction in the U. S. has exceeded \$90 million in a single month.

The record was reached during August, when U. S. Census Bureau totals showed a high of \$94 million.

This exceeded by \$4 million the single-month record (\$90 million) set in August, 1959, and topped the July totals by \$6 million.

Church construction for the first eight months of this year totaled \$659 million. While this was slightly below the billion-dollar-a-year level predicted for 1960, it was still eight per cent ahead of the same period a year ago.

Efficiency Gain

NEW YORK — (EP) — In its second management audit in five years, the Roman Catholic Church has received an overall rating of 9,010 out of a possible 10,000 points for administrative excellence.

The American Institute of Management, which conducted the audit, reported that the Church has shown a marked improvement in its business efficiency under Pope John XXIII.

In its new rating, the Church now ranks with such organizations as the Aluminum Co. of America, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., General Motors Corp., and Proctor & Gamble in management excellence. All of them rated 9000 or better.

In its 1955 survey, the AIA gave the Church 8800 points.

In its audit, the Institute said that Pope John's "firm belief in the principles of delegation and decen-

tralization" accounted for much of the Church's improvement in administrative efficiency.

"There is less of a Roman clique behind today's decision's in the Church, and more of a hard-working cardinalate," the institute said. "All down the line there has been a noticeable improvement in placing the right man in the right position of authority.

"The selection of cardinals is top evidence of this recent procedure, and it will inevitably bring effective results as time goes by."

Punishment Petitions

SEATTLE, Wash. (EP) — The sponsoring committee for Initiative No. 26, which would abolish capital punishment in Washington, reports that it has sent petitions to nearly every church in the state.

At a public meeting, the Rev. C. Lester Kinsolving, rector of Our Saviour Episcopal Church of Pasco, in Eastern Washington, presented a statement emphasizing that capital punishment:

"Is morally absurd, cheapens human life, fails as a deterrent, impedes justice, is racially unfair, is economically unfair, is uneconomical, does not imply early parole, does not apply to the most dangerous, is opposed by penologists, attorneys and churches, and kills the innocent."

The petition must secure 94,000 signatures by December to bring it before the state legislature.

Catholic Pressure

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Some 150 leading Protestant ministers and laymen, meeting here for a "National Conference of Citizens for Religious Freedom," agreed unanimously that a Catholic president of the United States would be under extreme pressure to submit to direction from his church.

While Democratic nominee Sen. John Kennedy has stated he would not be influenced by church pressures, they maintained, "his church insists that he is duty bound to submit to its direction."

"This unresolved conflict leaves doubt in the minds of millions of our citizens," their unanimous statement insisted.

While no list of participants was given out, included were Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church of Boston; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, executive editor of *Christianity Today* and father-in-law of Dr. Billy Graham; Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York; Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State; Dr. Daniel Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald*; Dr. George M. Docherty, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington; and Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, former editor of the *Christian Century*.

Dr. Peale admitted that the group is not broadly representative of American Protestants. He did point out, however, that it included ministers and laymen from 37 Protestant denominations, most of these identified with what he termed the "conservative, evangelical viewpoint." ■

Buddhism Opposed

RANGOON, Burma —(EP)— Violent opposition is expected at the forthcoming session of the Burmese parliament when a formal vote is taken on a constitutional amendment making Buddhism the state religion.

Minister of Industry, Mines and Labor U Raschid, has openly opposed the amendment, although Premier U Nu recently declared that "I am determined to bring in state religion, even if I have to die in the attempt."

Of Burma's 20,500,000 population, 80 per cent are Buddhist . . . about 600,000 are Protestants and a slightly greater number, Moslems . . . Roman Catholics claim 177,000.

New Deadline On Social Security

WASHINGTON, D.C. —(EP)— Ministers now have until April 15, 1962, to decide if they want to participate in the Social Security system. The amendment to the Social Security Act signed recently by President Eisenhower extends the cut-off date originally set for Sept. 15, 1957.

Many clergymen at that time claimed they did not understand the law, and that the deadline was not announced in sufficient time for them to comply. U. S. Congressmen said that in some cases, erroneous information was given to clergymen by local officials who did not understand the regulations either. And, in other cases, church agencies had failed to resolve the question as to whether members of the clergy should participate in the governmental program in time for ministers to apply for coverage.

Clergymen who have waited to make their decision on Social Security coverage will be penalized to some extent, however, as compared with those ministers who immediately elected coverage in 1955 and have been paying Social Security taxes since that date as self-employed persons. The benefits which the late-signers draw upon retirement, or which their survivors receive, will be substantially less for a period of years.

If a minister elects coverage before April 15, 1961, he must pay his "self-employment tax" for both the years 1959 and 1960. If he elects coverage between April 16, 1961 and April 15, 1962, (the new deadline), he must pay his tax for 1960 and 1961.

Government officials urged the clergy to study the amendment to the Social Security Act and to decide soon, on whether or not they want to have a part. After April 15, 1962 such coverage cannot be elected, except by newly-ordained ministers who will continue to have two years in which to make a decision. ■

Passion Play Hurt

OBERAMMERGAU, Germany —(EP)— Approximately 518,000 persons attended this year's presentation of the world-famous Passion Play here. But the attendance total showed 2,000 less than that for the 1950 production.

The reason? Stricter police regulations regarding the theater's seating capacity.

Most of the foreign visitors were English. The Irish ranked next, and the Americans (66,000 of them) came third.

Peale Is Dropped

PITTSBURGH, Pa. —(EP)— *The Pittsburgh Press* has dropped the weekly column written by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. The editors explained that Dr. Peale's association with a group of 150 Protestant churchmen who questioned whether a Roman Catholic President would be able to withstand "pressure" from the Catholic Church's hierarchy had brought him under "suspicion of prejudice." This was the second major Pennsylvania daily newspaper to drop Dr. Peale's column.

The Philadelphia Inquirer took the same action a week earlier.

Elsewhere on the east coast, the Newark, N.J. *Star Ledger* announced it was dropping Dr. Peale's column until after the election in November.


Congo Missions

The Evangelical Free Church of America has received Congo visas for two of its missionaries on furlough. They expect to leave for the Congo this fall.

Rev. Lester P. Westlund, secretary of foreign missions of the EFCA, revealed that the visas were obtained in Coquilhatville, Equator province, for David Falconer, Chana, Ill., and Paul Hanselman, Pontiac, Mich.

About a dozen American Baptist missionaries will return to the Congo between November and January if recommendations made by 31 denominational missionaries and officials are adopted by the Boards of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies at their next meeting here Nov. 14-16.

A special plea is being made for more doctors in the Congo. Dr. Glen W. Tuttle, chairman of the Congo Christian Medical Relief program, says there are now fewer than 200 doctors left to serve the 14 million Congolese. Some 500 doctors—mostly Belgians—had to free the African country because of the rioting and turmoil which marked its independence during the past summer, and according to Dr. Tuttle, they cannot return. (EP)



Gleanings from the Greek New Testament

by V. Wayne Barton

The Goats of Guilt

GOD was goading the goader. It was Paul who was goading (persecuting) the church. But God was goading Paul. It is not clear how He was doing it. But as is often true in human experience, God was working mysteriously through the irony of circumstance in such a way as to goad Paul into a drastic moral change. According to Acts 26:14, Paul heard Jesus sympathetically say: "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks [goads]."

The goad was a long sharp stick, sometimes with a metal tip, used to urge on a stubborn animal which balked at his load. A friend of mine, M. F. Copeland of Gibsland, La., tells about tying a pitchfork onto a singletree behind a stubborn mule as a modern equivalent of the ancient oxgoad. When the animal balked and backed into the prongs of the pitchfork, he was naturally goaded into going ahead. When he sought to kick against the goads, the self-inflicted pain became only worse.

It goes without saying that the expression "to kick against the pricks" was used figuratively when applied to human experience. Ecclesiastes 12:11 suggests how, subjectively, wisdom may prick the conscience of a thinking man: "The words of the wise are as goads." Euripides, in "Bacchae," describes an imaginative experience with a pagan God as strikingly similar to that of Paul: "Being enraged, I would kick against the goads, a mortal against a God."

The irony of the matter lies in the fact that in the economy of God Paul's goads aimed at the church came to be turned on himself through a sense of guilt. This happens often in human experience. In a recent television program, an adult western by Desilu Productions, a young rancher without provocation evilly treated a young Indian. The Indian followed the course of passive resistance. From that time on the rancher experienced a growing hatred for the Indian that seemed to defy all reason. The point was that he came to hate the Indian not because of anything the Indian had done to him but because of what he had done to the Indian. Paradoxically, the same guilt which leads to further guilt by way of defiance leads also in the providence of God to repentance and moral change.

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Professor, New Orleans Seminary

Strike Hits Korea

SEOUL, Korea —(EP)— With 2,000 out of 4,000 Yonsei University students boycotting classes, 60 faculty members on a sit-in, strike and 50 others reportedly resigned, officials of the interdenominational Protestant mission-supported school face a grim task as they attempt to keep the lid from blowing off what is essentially a power struggle by student and faculty elements against the administration.

Violence erupted when student demonstrators broke into the home of Dr. George L. Paik, chairman of Korea's House of Councilors (Senate) and former president of Yonsei. The demonstrators wrecked

the first floor of his quarters, pursued him to the second floor and there obtained his signed resignation as a member of the university's board of trustees.

Organized under the name "Yonsei University Committee for Campus Democratization," Yonsei posts and all Presbyterian and Methodist representatives on the 15-member board.

In a statement, the student group charged the administration with "basic corruption and uncertainty" and protested the dismissal of three professors. Sources close to the administration reported that two of the professors were fired because they were "generally known to be

'Old Rugged Cross' Still Favorite Hymn

NEW YORK —(EP)— "The Old Rugged Cross" is still the best-loved hymn of Americans, according to a poll taken by the *Christian Herald*, nondenominational Protestant monthly published here.

The survey collected 30,000 ballots in the poll, the largest response to any *Christian Herald* hymn survey.

Both the first-place hymn and the runner-up, "What a Friend We have in Jesus," occupied the same positions they held in the magazine's 1953 survey.

Ranking among the top 12 of the 1,666 hymns named were: "In the Garden"; "How Great Thou Art"; "Sweet Hour of Prayer"; "Abide with Me"; "Rock of Ages"; "Nearer, My God, to Thee"; "Amazing Grace"; "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"; "Beyond the Sunset"; and "Blessed Assurance."

Biggest surprise in the balloting was the fourth-place winner, "How Great Thou Art," a newcomer to the United States. Written in 1885 by Carl Bosberg and set to an old Swedish folk tune, the hymn was translated into several European languages, including Russian.

Bill McVey, the *Christian Herald* singer, conducted the poll. A Presbyterian minister's son, McVey has recorded the 12 top hymns. ■

troublemakers" and the other was dropped on "moral grounds." ■

ZURICH, Switzerland —(EP)— Bishop Joseph Hasler of St. Gall, representing the Swiss Roman Catholic hierarchy, announced the launching of "missionary year" to raise funds to send Swiss missionaries to underdeveloped countries of Asia and Africa.

Attending the ceremonies were 2,500 delegates from Catholic youth organizations in German-speaking Switzerland. Among the guests present was Dr. Ferdinand Sigg of Zurich, president of the Swiss Evangelical Missionary League and former president of the Methodist Conference of Switzerland.

creased from 100 to 1622. In 1957-58 the church received 242 by baptism and 256 by letter.

Missionaries Speak

FEATURED missionary speakers at the annual District WMU meetings will be Miss Wanda Ponder of Paraguay and Miss Nan Owens of Nigeria. Miss Ponder will speak in meetings Oct. 24-28 to be held in Mena, Clarksville, Rogers, Marshall and Searcy. Miss Owens will appear on programs Oct. 31-Nov. 4 at Jonesboro, Forrest City, Warren, Texarkana and Malvern.



MISS COOPER

The Southern Baptist Hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay, where Miss Ponder is director of nursing service, is one of two mission hospitals in South America. A native of Oklahoma, she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950 and has been in her present post since 1952.

Miss Owens, a native of Union County, recently completed her first three-year tour of service in Nigeria where she was teacher in a girls' school at Agbor.

In addition to the missionary speakers, each of the meetings will include methods conferences for workers in WMS, YWA, GA and Sunbeam Band. Conference leaders will include Miss Doris DeVault of Birmingham, Ala., Miss Nancy Cooper, Miss Mary Hutson and Mrs. R. E. Hagood of the state WMU office. Miss Elma Cobb, state president, will preside.

BECAUSE OF the new organizational manuals and guides now available and the practicality of the WMU *Year Book*, the state WMU *Guide Book* has been discontinued. Manuals, guides, *Year Books*, etc., should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

"M" Night

THE "M" NIGHT speaker for Dec. 5 at 1st Church, Ft. Smith, will be Rev. J. Frank Davis, pastor of Sheridan Road Church, Tulsa, Okla.



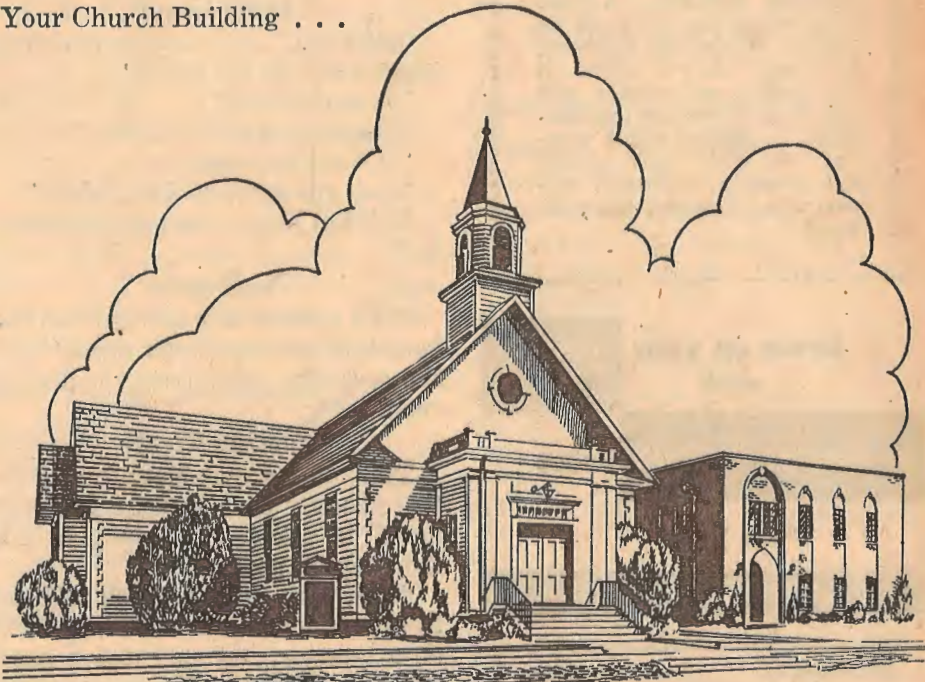
MR. DAVIS

Mr. Davis is the president of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention and has led the Sheridan Road church in nine years from seventy charter members meeting in a tent to their present 3,409 members, 1,500 of these coming for baptism. Church property has increased in the nine years from \$3,000 to \$500,000 and total offerings for the nine year period were \$628,014.95. The Sunday school enrollment has in-

TWO NEW churches were received into the fellowship of the Association during the 90th annual meeting, held in Calvary Church, Ft. Smith: Oak Cliff, Ft. Smith, Murl Walker, pastor, and Memorial Church, Hackett, C. C. Roberts, pastor. Both have new buildings under construction which they hope to occupy by December. ■

DR. E. Leslie Carlson, of the faculty of Southwestern Seminary, has been named honorary lecturer of the Jerusalem branch of the American Schools of Oriental Research. On his fifth trip abroad he plans to take hundreds of photographs for the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC. He will be accompanied by his wife on the trip which begins in January, 1962. ■

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Just Before the Bottle

MOTHER (distractedly): "Oh, I don't know what I'm going to do if the baby doesn't stop crying."

LITTLE BROTHER: "Didn't you get a book of directions with him, Mom?"

Truth and Consequences

FOOTPAD: "Get ready to die. I'm going to shoot you."

VICTIM: "Why?"

FOOTPAD: "I've always said I'd shoot anyone who looked like me."

VICTIM: "Do I look like you?"

FOOTPAD: "Yes."

VICTIM: "Then shoot."

At a Safe Distance?

MABEL: "How is your husband getting on with golf?"

ALICE: "Oh, very well, indeed. The children are allowed to watch him now."

Flashy

CUSTOMER: "I don't like the looks of that haddock."

FISH DEALER: "Lady, if it's looks you're after why don't you buy a gold fish?"

Long Gone

"HELLO," said a voice over the telephone, "is this Jake?"

"Sure, it's him."

"Doesn't sound like Jake."

"It's me, all right."

"Can you lend me \$10, Jake?"

"I'll tell him as soon as he comes in."

No Worse

THE woman who drives from the back seat of a car is no worse than the man who cooks from the dining room table.

Resting Nicely

THE doctor met Mrs. Brown on the street. "How is your husband now?" he asked. "Did you give him the sleeping potion?"

"Yes," she replied. "You told me to give him the amount I could get on a quarter, but as I didn't have any, I used twenty-five pennies, and he's been asleep now for four days."

Self First

THINK of your own faults the first part of the night when you are awake, and the faults of others the latter part of the night when you are asleep.—Chinese proverb.

Victory

One of the greatest victories you can gain over a man is to beat him at politeness.
—John Billings.

Jubilee Revival

BAPTISTS WILL observe their 150th anniversary in North America in 1964. In the Bible, a jubilee was celebrated every 50 years. This third Jubilee year, 1964, will climax the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Baptist Jubilee Revival will spearhead the Baptist Jubilee Advance.



DR. CALDWELL

A Baptist Jubilee Revival is an associational evangelistic emphasis for Southern Baptists for 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964. It differs from other revivals in that it is a clearly defined evangelistic program for an association and the churches within the association.

A Baptist Jubilee Revival can be initiated through the association, with the associational Chairman of Evangelism taking the lead.

An association can have a Jubilee Revival any time in the year, preferably in the spring. (Dates should coincide with state and S.B.C. dates.) At least one revival a year in 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964, is recommended.

Baptist Jubilee Revivals will be held in the local churches and missions within the boundary of the association.

To alter or change the plan of work for a Baptist Jubilee Revival will mean that it is not a Baptist Jubilee Revival.

A Baptist Jubilee Revival will last for two weeks and three Sundays, (visiting evangelist, if any, may arrive on Monday of first week and leave on Saturday of second week, being a way from his own work only one Sunday) at the time approved by the association.

All churches in the association participating in Baptist Jubilee Revival will receive a "Certificate of Participation."—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent.

Negro Problem

WE have pointed out again and again that perhaps the number one problem confronting Negro Baptists of America today is that so few young Negroes of high school and college age are entering the ministry. To aggravate this problem and to make it doubly tragic is the fact that a majority of the few who do surrender to God's call to preach or to be a missionary do not have the financial resources to get an adequate education.



DR. HART

To show you the urgency of this problem please read the following letters from two of our Negro Baptist Colleges. The first letter is from Dr. Allix B. James, Vice-president of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va. This is considered the strongest Negro Baptist school of Religion in the Nation. The second letter, to appear in this column, is from Arkansas Baptist College.

Our Department has no funds for scholarship aid!

Dear Dr. Hart:

We are about to begin another school year in the School of Religion at Virginia Union. From early indications, we would have had one of the largest classes to enter in September that we have had in recent years. However, due to the lack of scholarship aid, we have received several letters from students indicating that they could not continue their education at this time because of the lack of funds. Two of the men are continuing their education, but they decided to go to a Presbyterian seminary because funds were available. This was very disheartening to me because we know what will happen in situations like this.

Here at Virginia Union we feel somewhat helpless because we do not receive the support necessary for such a scholarship program. I am writing to you because I know your interest in this area. Odell

Jones, from Arkansas, finished school last year, and we have Robert Willingham with us now. It would be encouraging to us if you would see what could be done in this area so that we would not lose good, potentially strong ministers to add to the statistics of an untrained ministry in our denomination, or even lose good Baptist pastors to other denominational training centers.

I would like to have your reaction to this letter so that together we might think through some possibilities.

Best wishes to you as you continue the fine work that you are doing in the area of race relations in the South.

Warmest personal regards."

Pray with us that funds might be available to help meet this need. Clyde Hart, Director. ■

Bitter With the Sweet

"SO, you desire to become my son-in-law?"

"No, I don't. But if I marry your daughter, I don't see how I can get out of it."

Agencies Merged

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(EP)—The Methodist Church formally merged three of its national agencies into a new General Board of Christian Social Concerns which is to have its headquarters here. Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Ia., was elected president of the 90-member board that will direct the work of the new body.

Rice Shower In Texas

HOUSTON, Tex. —(EP)—Church leaders and officials of the rice industry in 14 eastern Texas counties have launched a drive here to collect 1,000,000 pounds of rice for Chinese school children in Hong Kong. The rice will be shipped by the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP).

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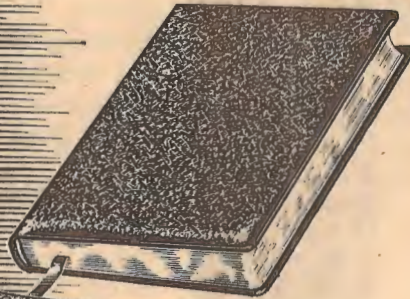
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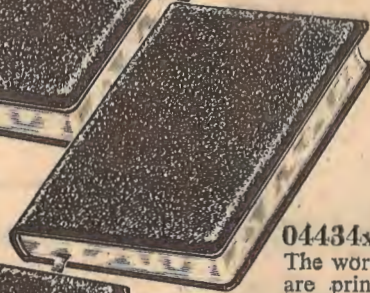
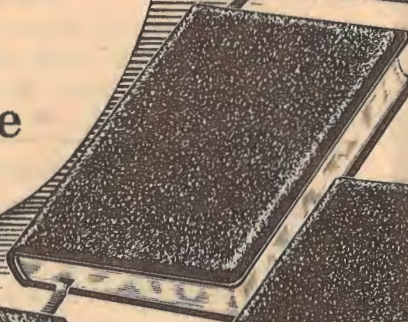
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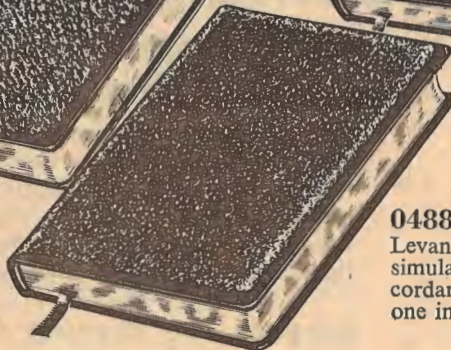


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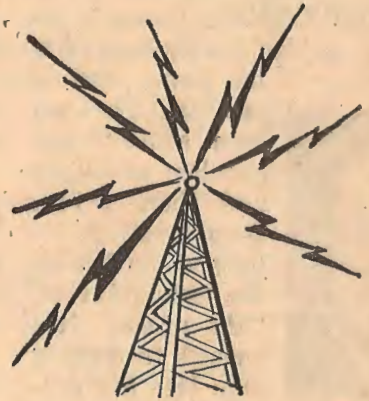


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Homo Needed A Voice



By John Deaton

The Romans named humanity *Homo sapiens*, the man that thinks. *Homo sapiens* was a creature of destiny; he was headed for the stars. But when he got there, he would need a voice to talk to those he had left on earth. More than anything else, *Homo* needed a voice; he needed communications. Early in history, he set out to satisfy his need.

He engraved messages on stones. Then he wrote on moist clay tablets, baked the tablets with fire, and sent them to distant villages. He learned to beat drums in rhythmic code. He sent smoke signals, and he invented mail service.

Always he needed something better. When man reached the stars, he would need powerful, instant communication. It seemed he would never find such a thing.

Then Alessandro Volta built his stack of metal plates and rags and hooked two wires to the strange looking pile of junk. Volta touched the wires together, and *Homo sapiens* was thrown into the age of electricity with a jolt. When he had

recovered from the shock, *Homo* decided electricity might be just what he was looking for.

Morse invented his telegraph and tied the world together with the telegraph wire. Bell built his telephone and gave the wires a voice. Yet the voice of man was still tied to earth. Somehow, *Homo* had to find a way to throw his voice to the sky and beyond and back again.

Finally, Guglielmo Marconi found a way. At least, *Homo sapiens* thought he had, for Marconi poured a telegraph message into empty air, and a crude receiver heard his message a mile away. Radio was born.

Eagerly *Homo sapiens* nursed this new infant. Slowly, radio grew stronger. It became strong enough to jump the English Channel. It leaped the Atlantic Ocean. Then it raced around the world. The whole atmosphere crackled with the dots and dashes of wireless code.

De Forest invented his vacuum tube, and radio started talking. At last, *Homo sapiens* had found a way to talk to the stars, he thought, but again *Homo* was doomed to disappointment.

His radio waves started skyward,

but they always bounced right back. Somewhere up there something stopped them and threw them right back to him. Something was keeping radio waves from space; something was holding them to the earth.

Homo refused defeat. Furiously, he worked on the problem, and he discovered the ionosphere, a strange electrical zone far above the earth that refused to allow ordinary radio waves to pass. He tried to punch a hole in the strange blanket with bigger and bigger transmitters, but always he failed.

Then in one of his periodic family fights called war, *Homo* invented radar for seeing enemy planes through clouds and fogs. When the war ended, he found radar could do many other things. It could guide planes and ships through storms. Yes, and radar could bore through the ionosphere and bounce its signals off the moon.

At last, *Homo sapiens* had found what he was looking for. He had needed a voice to talk to the stars, and he had found it. Now when he climbed into space, he wouldn't go alone:

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Our Need Of God

By Samuel C. Gash, Pastor

1st Church, Forrest City

Lesson Texts—

Psalm 19; Psalm 42

INTRODUCTION: *Reader's Digest* once carried the account of a man coming to his pastor with a problem. The man explained the problem at length and then, with deep emotion, he banged his fist on the desk and cried, "Pastor, it's enough to make a man lose his religion." The pastor's response was magnificent as he reportedly replied. "No, John, it's enough to make a man use his religion."



MR. GASH

What good is fair weather religion? God must not be used as a light switch, to be turned on when the days are dark and the times tough. We should lean upon the "Everlasting Arms" both in good and in bad days. But if we realize that God is our "never failing source of supply" we will not fear the vicissitudes of life as much.

William Penn, the famous Quaker, is quoted as having said: "The true end of all life is to know that life that shall never end." Life's underlying need therefore is to know Him who provides this never ending life.

Let us note carefully the inner experiences of the Psalmist in this lesson and we will be rewarded by seeing the basic truth that God's grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9). Psalm 42 is our major consideration in examining these inner experiences.

1. Deep Desire (Psalm 42:1-3)

Thirst represents the most urgent desire of flesh. The picture is given here of a deer breathlessly bounding through the forest look-

ing for water to quench his thirst. Finding a watering place in the wilderness, the animal is at last satisfied to stand and drink until satisfied. Man's longing for God is likened unto that picture. If anyone has ever had that initial experience with God through Christ and though the relationship is maintained forever, we may yet know the feeling of David who cried, "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation." (Psalm 51:12). Fellowship with God is the passionate desire of the Psalmist here. Some feel that the discouragement of the Babylonian Exile still hovered over the mind of this man who said, "My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?" (v. 3). We have the promise of Jesus concerning this deep desire being met, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6). Next in the list of experiences, we see:

2. Dark Despair (Psalm 42:4-6)

The beginning of this tearful despair actually begins in the verse quoted above. The heart and head of this text writer is truly bowed low. This despondency drove him to remember the house of God and the host who worshiped there. The need of God in this man's life and in every life is met and cared for when we go to the House of the Lord. Sometimes people have the attitude, "Well, I've tried everything else. So now I might as well try the church." In spite of this wrong motive for attending church, the Spirit can best make His way to the heart of such a person in worship and thereby meet the deepest need of human life.

Often we place emphasis on a good memory and it is well to remember the past in detail. Sometimes it is better to have a "good forgetter." The Apostle Paul had a marvelous program to help in such hours of despair—it was this: "... forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Ph. 3:13-14). The word "remember" is found in both verse 4 and verse 6 of Psalm 42 and the Psalmist's recollection told him that he had seen better days. The Psalmist's next experience is worth noting:

3. Divine Defense (Psalm 42:8; Psalm 19:7-13)

After the Psalm writer mentions the overwhelming waters of affliction in verse 7, he then proceeds to tell of the soul's true fortress and refuge. Psalm 19 tells of the God who reveals himself through nature and through special revelation which includes his laws and his statutes. In that same Psalm words that speak of God as our mighty defender are these: "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me" (Psalm 29:13). That tells us that our God is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him! He guards and garrisons our minds through Jesus Christ our Lord. In his trouble the Psalmist gloried in the Divine Defender when he said, "Yet the Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me..." (Psalm 42:8).

4. Dire Depression (Psalm 42:9-10)

In verses 9 and 10, the Psalmist goes into deep depression again. The old song which says, "Sometimes I'm up and sometimes I'm down," fits here. All have their ups and downs spiritually as well as materially. For a moment the Psalm moves us to pity because the inspired writer feels that God has left him alone with his enemies closing in on him. God does not forget. Man's lack of faith in the reality

of God and His eternal availability to human hearts cause such doubts and depressions. Let us remember with joy that we are not alone in our sad feelings. Great men of God in the past have been acquainted with griefs and woes . . . even Christ!

5. Direct Dependence (Psalm 42:11)

Lastly in the Psalm, the hope of all mankind is expressed again even as it was previously in verse 8. "Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God" (Psalm 42:11b). That is the golden text and it is a good one. Some may say with the words of an old secular song, "Let's Get Away From It All." Escape mechanisms have been tried but man cannot truly escape from life's tough assignments and responsibilities. *The only way to get away is to stay—your mind on God.* The writer of Isaiah 26:3 penned the words, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." That is direct dependence upon God who supplieth all of our needs. ■

Oppose Merger

NEW CASTLE, Pa. —(EP)— Ministers and lay representatives of 11 Congregational Christian churches in this state have formed the Pennsylvania Association of Congregational Christian Churches to oppose the merger of their denomination's General Council with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Congregationalists have some 105 churches in the state affiliated with the Conference of Congregational and Christian Churches of Pennsylvania.

The Congregational General Council and the E & R Church formed the 2,330,000 - member United Church of Christ in 1957. Congregational churches and E & R synods are in the process of ratifying the new denomination's constitution adopted unanimously by the United Church General Synod in Cleveland, O., last July.

Named president of the anti-merger state group at its organizational meeting here was the Rev. William Randall of the United Congregation of Sharon, Pa.

Catholic Laymen Stand For Religious Liberty

WASHINGTON —(BP)— A five-point declaration favoring religious liberty, not only in the United States but in all parts of the world, has been issued by 165 prominent Roman Catholic laymen.

The statement, issued without consulting members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, was signed by a representative sampling of Catholic lay leaders from the fields of education, business, science, politics, labor and arts.

At a press conference where the statement was released it was explained that the purpose was to clarify the position of American Catholic lay people on religious liberty and church-state relations. William J. Nagle, executive director, Operations and Policy Research, Inc., Washington, D.C., said that the position taken by Senator Kennedy was not an exception but that it represented the opinion of most Catholic laymen in the United States.

The laymen's statement acknowledged that the Roman Catholic Church has contributed to public doubts about their intentions. They said, "To the extent that many Catholics have failed to make known their devotion to religious liberty for all, to the extent that they at times have appeared to seek sectarian advantage, we must admit that we have contributed to doubts about our intentions."

Here is a summary of the five-point statement.

1. Catholic laymen believe in freedom of the religious conscience and in the Catholic's obligation to guarantee full freedom of belief and worship as a civil right. It is the Catholic duty to achieve this freedom in every nation.

2. Catholic laymen deplore the denial of religious freedom in any land, especially where Catholics constitute a majority.

3. Constitutional separation of church and state offers the best guarantee both for religious freedom and civic peace. Efforts to undermine the principle should be re-

sisted.

4. Religious liberty means, among other things, the freedom of a church to teach its members and the freedom of its members to accept the teachings of their church. Civil society's legitimate interest is limited to the public acts of the believer as they affect the whole community.

5. In this public acts as they affect the whole community the Catholic is bound in conscience to promote the common good and to avoid any seeking of a merely sectarian advantage.

At the press conference in which six prominent signers of the statement answered questions, the group declined to comment on their attitude on the efforts of the Roman Catholic church to secure tax funds for their institutions and on the development of a Catholic political party in Puerto Rico, which may be the 51st state in the Union.

The reasons given for declining to comment on these issues were that they were irrelevant, that there are individual differences among Catholics on these questions, and that this panel had no authority to take positions on specific problems for the entire group of signers of the religious liberty document.

The press conference panel said that there is no Roman Catholic "dogma" on church-state relations, that the subject is still under discussion in the church, that Catholics are free to choose between the traditional position of the church and the modern approach to separation.

Among the signers of the statement are Clare Booth Luce, former Ambassador to Italy; Senator Eugene J. McCarthy (Minn.); Victor F. Hess, Nobel prize winner in physics; Phyllis McGinley, poet and essayist; Gen. J. Lawton Collins, U.S.A., ret.; Dr. Harry J. Carman, Dean Emeritus, Columbia College, Columbia University; J. W. Simmons, president, Simmons Cotton Oil Mills, Dallas. ■

Commission on Alcoholism Sounds Warning

THE Arkansas Commission on Alcoholism, located at 418 West 7th Street, Little Rock, releases the following information in their September Newsletter:

"In Little Rock we find 839 men and women were arrested three or more times in the past five years, and in North Little Rock there were 948 such arrests. This is no reflection on the 'good people across the river, as the Little Rock City Hall was being reworked and the new police building was not completed at the time this count was made, and there is a possibility that a drawer or two was missed by the worker.

"We found that 324 men and women had been arrested 10 or more times in Little Rock during the five year period, and in North Little Rock 173 had been arrested 10 or more times.

"Between January 1, 1955, and January 1, 1960, 1376 arrests were made in Little Rock for driving under the influence of alcohol. We do not have the North Little Rock figures yet.

"Fines assessed for driving under the influence amounted to approximately \$87,010.50. In addition, many of the drivers spent a number of days in jail, but it is too difficult to arrive at a close figure on this part of the penalty to give a figure.

"Two-thirds of those arrested were white people. Fifty-four women were arrested for drunken driving. A total of 269 of the arrests were made following accidents.

"While this information on drunken driving is given for your information, we hope you will bear in mind that it is not necessarily information on alcoholism in Little Rock. We doubt personally that more than a very small number of those arrested for driving under the influence would be classed as having alcoholism. We doubt that most people with alcoholism, at least in the later stages, would ever be found under the wheel of a car unless they were asleep.

"While we know that a relatively small percent of the people on our police records will ever develop alcoholism, we also know that no one can tell which will and which will not.

"It is for this reason that we are constantly urging all of our citizens to learn the symptoms. They are quite plain to the person with them. There are stages of alcoholism and the earlier danger signs are noted the easier it is to halt the disease.

"The custom of using alcoholic beverages as a 'social lubricant' has existed for so many thousands of years that our job is made more difficult were this not so, and as in many other things, people are prone to think 'the other guy has an alcohol problem but it won't happen to me.' Most people who use beverage alcohol do not become problem drinkers, thank God, but the ones who do suffer a hell-on-this-earth-existence, and each one causes an average of seven to ten other people to suffer to some degree, an equally tragic life." — Submitted by Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Dr. Wm. E. Brown, Executive Director, Little Rock. ■

Georgia Discriminates

MACON, Ga. — (EP) — School board officials here admitted to Federal District Court that they discriminated against three white students seeking admittance to a high school in Americus (Ga.) because they were from the Koinonia Farm, founded in 1942 to practice a form of Christian communal living on a bi-racial basis.

The board's superintendent, along with three members, said that if the children were allowed to attend Americus high school they would probably be "a source of trouble."

Their attorneys adamantly stated that the city school was under no obligation to accept any county students and could reject them "for any reason whatsoever."

On the other side, members of the American Civil Liberties Union said that the students have been denied their educational rights ar-

bitrarily because they belong to a religious fellowship whose views are unacceptable to the local community. "It boils down to one thing, and that's the word 'Koinonia'," said William Harrell, the plaintiffs' attorney. "The board heard the word and their minds locked in blind prejudice."

At the conclusion of the arguments, Judge W. A. Bottle, who took the case under advisement, said the question was: "As long as the city is accepting (county pupils) under a working agreement, does the school board have the right to decline to accept them for arbitrary reasons?" ■

WIESBADEN, Germany — (EP) — The government of the West German State of Hess has passed a law which makes religious instruction in schools obligatory if at least 12 students are members of a religious group.

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