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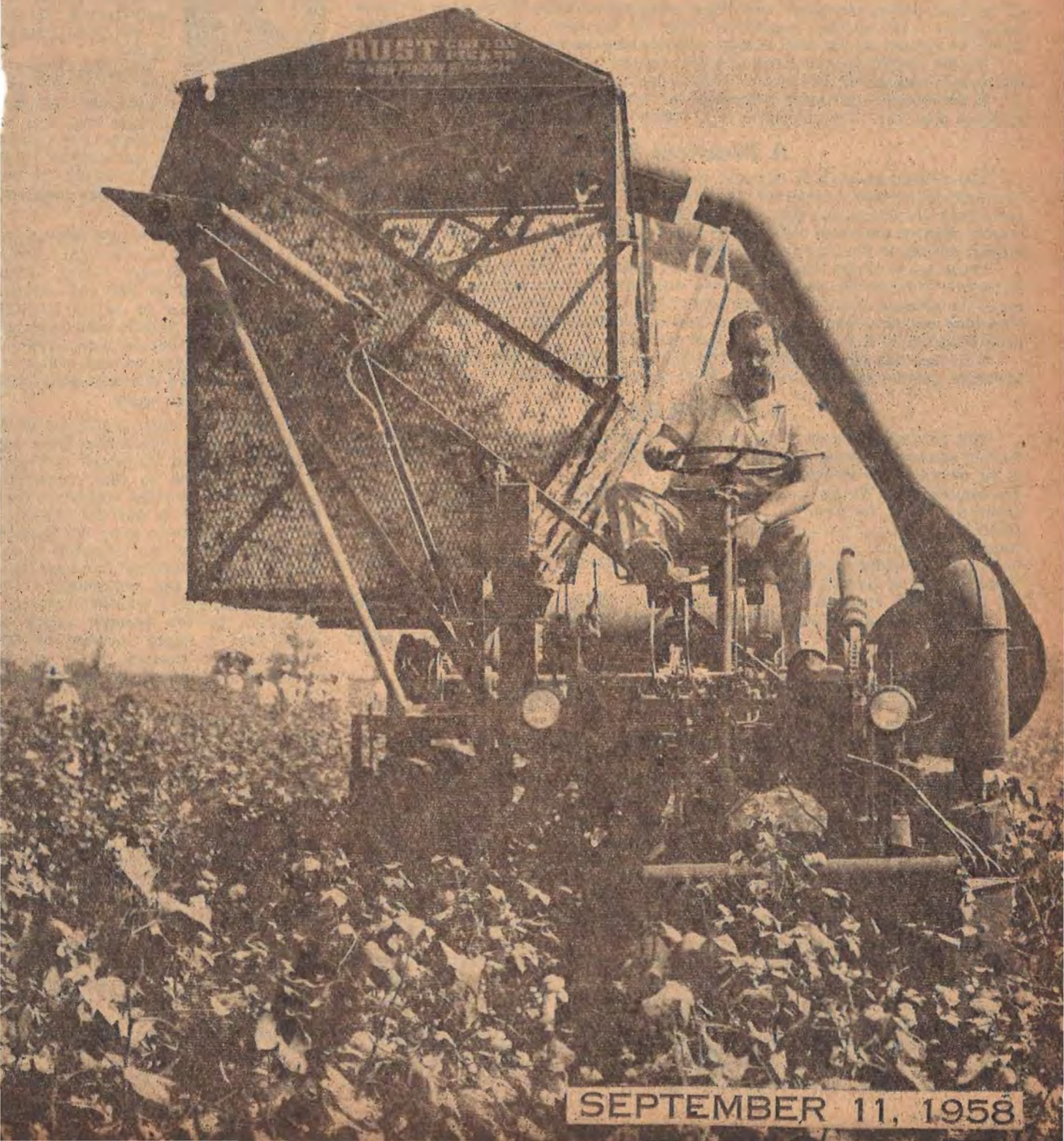
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Two Plus for World Missions

AT THE SOUTHERN Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, this year, the Two Plus For World Missions plan was adopted. This means that the churches that believe in the Cooperative Program will be willing to increase their gifts to world missions through this plan, if at all possible without retarding the work at home.

The Two Plus is putting the percentage plan of giving into effect, by increasing the Cooperative Program gifts at least two percent of the total budget each year.

This is not a complicated plan. The church can determine what percentage of the total budget receipts is now being given through the Cooperative Program, then adopt a two percent increase or more for the next year. This percentage should be figured on the total amount of undesignated money.

Budget receipts include items of local expenses, mission building, etc., but does not include designated gifts such as Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, Orphanage, etc.

If the church is giving 25 percent of its' total budget through the Cooperative Program this year, then increase it to 27 percent for next year.

A Practical Plan

The percentage plan is fair and right, because the Bible teaches it. When the individual prospers materially, and he shares with his church on a percentage plan, then the church can share on a percentage plan. This plan of giving can be started without too much difficulty because sharing on an equal basis is a fundamental precept in Christianity and democracy.

Many, many of our Baptist churches are planning to use the Forward Program of Church Finance this year. Two Plus with this new Stewardship approach can mean the greatest advance in missionary giving in all our Southern Baptist history. Two Plus used this year, can mean an increase of \$500,000.00 through the Cooperative Program by Arkansas Baptists this next year.

This idea has great potential. The plan is an excellent one. The doing of it is simple, positive and constructive. Why not plan to use it?

REMEMBER!

The Forward Program of Church Finance has already proven its worth in enlarging budgets, enlisting tithers, and increasing interest in Kingdom affairs. Here is the record of 700 churches.

Amount Pledged, Weekly	321,750.00	592,447.00	84%
Amount Pledged, for Year	16,731,000.00	30,807,264.00	84%
Number Pledges	140,823.00	262,178.00	86%
Number Tithers	82,845.00	162,839.00	96%
Gifts through Cooperative Program	3,823,027.00	5,396,885.00	41%
Total Percent of Budget Given through Cooperative Program	14.1%	15.8%	1.7%

Average cost of campaign per dollar pledged for 1958 budgets was 1.3 cents.

—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Freedom from Freedom

Jasper tells us in Reason and Reason in our Time that there is a trend toward "freedom from freedom." The world wants total knowledge. By this is meant that we crave the anesthesia of a belief that the principles given us are accepted and proved. We do not want to have the freedom to think, to analyze, or to reflect. If some qualified person will step up we will let him solve our problems, write our books, and tell us what is true—or what is truth. This relieves us of the responsibility for decisions and conclusions. It is the easy way out. It really means the surrender of self. Man then becomes no more than a glorified animal in a society where truth is never explored—just memorized.

This is the problem that many do not see as they attack college and seminary teaching methods. Often one hears, "Why don't they tell young people the truth so they will know?" It is not that easy. A respectable institution will guide students toward the solutions of problems in truth, but the student cannot avoid the responsibility of doing research and of drawing conclusions. He is not freed from freedom. (See "Freedom," Page 5)

Ministers Should Be In Retirement Plan

ANOTHER ITEM in the proposed budget for 1959 perhaps needs some additional light thrown upon it. That is the item of \$64,000 for the Retirement Plans. This is the Convention's 5% of the ministers and other denominational workers in the churches who are participating in one of the Retirement Plans.



DR. WHITLOW

The Convention's part this year is approximately \$60,000. There will be an increase next year of between \$1,000 and \$2,000 due to the age increases of the participants. This will leave approximately \$2,000 for the Convention's part for any new members enrolled.

We have a total of 364 pastors in Arkansas enrolled in the plan. There are about 786 pastors eligible. This means that only 46 per cent of the eligible pastors are in one of the Retirement Plans. Pastors who become disabled or who retire unprotected usually are discouraged and unhappy; they often become denominational liabilities rather than assets.

Practically all other major evangelical denominations which have been successful in enlisting the greater per cent of their ministers in their protection program have used the method of asking the churches to pay the minister's part as well as their own. We think it would be well for our churches to assume the responsibility for their pastor's part of the retirement. The church could either take this into consideration in the pastor's salary or grant him a salary increase of this amount. The deacons in a church would do well to ask the church to do this.

If a church should assume the responsibility of the pastor's part of the Retirement Plan, this would leave him free to enter Social Security if he desires. The minister, unlike other paid church workers, must enter Social Security on the basis of an employer—paying the increased amount himself.

Our people might like to know that other state conventions are investing in their retirement plans. Following are a few cases in point for the year 1957.

Alabama	\$109,450.00
Florida	97,613.35
Georgia	130,000.00
Kentucky	125,000.00
Mississippi	90,000.00
Oklahoma	100,000.00
Tennessee	132,349.84

—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

An Outpost For Christ

By BILL HINDS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Hinds, a native Arkansan, is a graduate of Ouachita College and a Baptist minister who is stationed in New York City as a lieutenant with the U. S. Army.

THERE'S A new light on America's great white way. Just off Times Square in the heart of New York City sits our Southern Baptist "outpost" — the Manhattan Baptist church.

Thirty to forty visitors from the South make their way to the "outpost" each Lord's Day. As they stand to give their names and their home states one can almost check off the entire list of states where Southern Baptists are active. A typical Sunday encompasses about 15 states plus one or two foreign countries. All express amazement at finding a church "just like back home" in the midst of the world's largest city.

Excitement permeates the discussion with Dr. Paul S. James, Home Mission Board Director of work in greater New York. To him and his fellow workers, the church is but a foreshadow of what is to come: "It is most exciting to represent Southern Baptists here at the 'crossroads of the world.'" Here 56 percent of the people go to no church whatever and only about 11 percent are Protestant."

Prior to its organization as a church the Southern Baptist Chapel group met at McBurney Y. M. C. A. in Manhattan. Two months after 99 charter members framed the church organization, in January, 1958, the "outpost" was forced to seek a larger meeting



place. Services are now held regularly in the 800-capacity New York Center, a building rented from the Seventh Day Adventists.

The loyalty of the membership cannot be beaten. Two families drive 60 miles to services, a third drives 80, and a fourth drives 100 miles, paying tolls of 80 cents each way. Many drive distances almost as great, and through traffic that the average Arkansan would find almost unbelievable. Why do they do it? Because they are hungry for church fellowship as they knew it back home. And so far there is only one such church in all of New York City, a maze of over 12,000,000 souls.

New York is many things to many people. To "show" people, it is Broadway; to businessmen it is Wall Street; to the politician, it is the United Nations; to everyone, it is a city of shining hope. To Southern Baptists this hope, this challenge, is a city of people who need Christ.

Conservative estimates number Southern Baptists living in New York City at about 50,000. They want and need churches like they have known back home. It is the hope of Man-

hattan Baptist church that they and churches yet to be organized can enlist these vast numbers for the cause of Christ while they are working, studying, serving in New York City.

Already the church is becoming the doorway through which missionaries arrive and depart for their field of service. Chaplains from nearby Ft. Slocum, denominational workers visiting New York, and businessmen and vacationers from everywhere express their gratitude for a church in the city of skyscrapers.

In the past six months the church has increased its budget to \$26,985. Fifteen percent of this goes to the Cooperative Program. Church membership has more than doubled. Yes, Southern Baptists are marching on New York City. If you have loved ones or friends living in or moving to New York City, ask them to reinforce our numbers at 227 West 46th Street — the greatest mission opportunity in the world today.

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Harvest Time in Arkansas

THE COMING of another harvest season is a reminder that it is true in the spiritual realm as in the material, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

It is also true for the Christians of Arkansas that the fields "are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal . . ."

YOUR ARKANSAS QUIZ

1. Name the French explorer who laid claim to Arkansas for the king of France.
2. What early Arkansan was called "the man with the iron hand"?
3. Who was the first white child born in what is now Arkansas?

For answers, see "Your ARKANSAS Scrapbook," on page 5.

The Cover



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Arkansas Does Not Need the KKK

AS THE impasse between the state and federal governments over integration of Central High School, Little Rock, continues, the report has gone out that plans are being made by some to revive the Ku Klux Klan in the state.

We can think of nothing Arkansas needs less at this time than the KKK, an organization notorious for its fanning of the fires of hate and prejudice and its lawless nightriding, cross burning and mob violence.

What is desperately needed is for the Christians of the state to rally to their churches, and, above that, to Christ the founder and head of the church. But, of course, professing Christians cannot do this with hate and malice in their hearts. And some are saying, "Do not talk to us about love!"

But going to church and being able to quote the Bible is not enough. We must have the transforming, regenerative power of Christ to make us "new creatures." And that comes only through repentance and faith in Christ as both Lord and Savior.—ELM

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

BAPTISTS, along with many others of the Christian faith, regard the Lord's Supper as an ordinance of the church. We see in it that which is symbolic of the sacrifice made by the Lord Jesus Christ in the giving of His body to be broken and His blood to be shed for the redemption of a lost world. Because the scriptures state that as often as we "eat this bread, and drink this cup . . ." that we "show (proclaim) the Lord's death till he come," we are reminded, as we partake of the Lord's Supper, that He is coming again to earth to receive His own.

Since the Scriptures do not indicate how often this ordinance is to be observed, Baptist churches differ as to the frequency. Some observe the Supper once a month, some once a quarter, and some once or twice a year.

In line with the teaching of the Scriptures on the democracy of the local church, we believe that the church itself is to determine who will administer the Lord's Supper. In Baptist churches the pastor is usually authorized to serve in this capacity, but any other member of the church is eligible, should the church so designate.

Baptists are agreed that only those who are church members, who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and have followed Him in baptism, are eligible to partake of the Lord's Supper. Some Baptist churches, particularly in groups other than Southern Baptist, practice what is commonly called "open communion." They welcome Christians of other denominations, often waiving the requirement of baptism by immersion, to join them in partaking of the Lord's Supper. Of this group Robert A. Boren states in the new Southern Baptist Encyclopedia that they are not proportionately large.

The vast majority of Southern Baptist churches practice what is commonly called "closed communion," which might more properly be designated "closed baptism." Immersion on the authority of a Baptist church of one who has made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ is regarded as prerequisite for participation in the Lord's Supper. Many churches invite members of other Baptist churches to take part in the observance, while others regard the ordinance as strictly a local church rite. The latter view has the support of logic since the other church ordinance, baptism, is strictly a local church ordinance and inasmuch as the local, autonomous church is the only kind of Baptist church there is.

As far as actual practice is concerned, in most Baptist churches the elements are passed to all the congregation and each one in the congregation decides for himself whether or not he will participate. To that extent our churches are "open communion" churches.

Baptists do not regard the Lord's Supper as a sacrament. In other words, the taking of the Lord's Supper is not regarded as necessary to salvation either in attainment or continuance. But it should always be an occasion for worship and meditation on the great price with which Christians have been bought. It should call us to a rededication of our lives and a resolve to be more faithful in the discharge of our Christian duties, looking forward in the blessed hope of the return of the Lord.

We call this ordinance the Lord's Supper because it was instituted by the Lord Himself, and is a memorial to Him. We regard it as a church ordinance because the Lord gave it to His disciples with specific instructions for its continued observance.

Personally Speaking . . .

The Blessing of Work

SIX DAYS shalt thou labour, and do all thy work . . . (Exodus 20:9)

That work is a blessing and not a curse is the normal impact made upon one who is on vacation. If the vacationer is not looking forward to getting back on the job as well as getting back home, by the time the vacation is half over, something is wrong somewhere.



Carlyle declared: "The most unhappy of all men is the man who cannot tell what he is going to do, that has got no

work cut out for him in the world, and does not go into any. For work is the grand cure of all the maladies and miseries that ever beset mankind — honest work which you intend getting done."

George Hall emphasizes that Jesus Himself was a workingman:

"Jesus Christ was a workingman. His hands were fitted to labor as His voice was fitted to music. He entered into the condition of the great majority of mankind and became one of them in the fellowship of toil and from that time it has been hard for a man to get into better company than that of working people."

The joy of being in the right vocation is expressed by R. G. Collingswood:

"There is no truer and more abiding happiness than the knowledge that one is free to go on doing, day after day, the best work one can do, in the kind one likes best, and that this work is absorbed by a steady market and thus supports one's own life. Perfect freedom is reserved for the man who lives by his own work and in that work does what he wants to do."

Wise old Thomas A. Edison declared: "As a cure for worrying, work is better than whiskey."

The importance and urgency of doing one's work in the purpose and will of God was set forth by Jesus Christ:

"I must work the work of Him that sent me while it is day; night cometh when no man can work."

We opened with an Old Testament quotation, let us close with another:

" . . . who then is willing to consecrate his service (fill his hands) this day unto the Lord?" (I Chr. 29:5b).

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Calls for Prayer

Brethren:

Regarding your article on stopping Communism, if the ministers throughout the U. S. would get their churches together and do some real praying, whether fasting or not, they could accomplish this act. If something isn't done soon there is a possibility of the USSR invading the USA. For the "love of money etc" and the lack of love for God are two reasons, or means, by which the USA could be subdued as the people of old. No greater sermons could be preached at this station in life than to wake the people up to the wrath of God in the calamities that happen from time to time and the possibility of the USSR invading our land for the lack of our love for God.

I enjoy the Arkansas Baptist. Keep up the good work. You have my prayers. — T. Parsons, Vandervoort Church, Cove, Rt. 1

Beer on Television

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I have always felt guilty when I saw beer advertising on television. And after studying our Sunday School lesson for today, I just wondered if there was not something that we could do to curb the liquor ads.

I only have one child, a son 16 years of age, and certainly he enjoys the ball games. But to sit by and have the announcer encourage him to drink makes me wonder if we as parents are not sinning when we allow that in our homes.

Do you have any suggestions for the readers of the Arkansas Baptist?—Mrs. J. A. Tyson, Mansfield

Editor's Reply:

You are writing about one of our most acute problems. Not only do we have beer on the television screen but we have a lot of it in Baptist refrigerators. But to get on with what you request—what we can do about it:

1. We can be sure that we do not buy the stuff and that we teach our children the best we can about the evils of alcoholic drink. This is a problem for the home, the church, and the school.

2. We can use our influence and our privilege as voters to vote beer, wine, and whiskey out. Many bills have been introduced in Congress to make the advertising of liquor illegal. But the moneyed liquor industry so far has been able to see that all of this died in committees. My feeling is that we will never be able to do much about outlawing the advertising of this industry as long as the industry itself is legal.—ELM

● **ORDINATIONS:** Bill Bateman, George Marchand, and Kenneth Nicholson, as deacons of Murphy Corner Church, August 31.

Your **ARKANSAS BAPTIST** *Scrapbook*

by JUDY McDONALD

On March 14, 1682,
La Salle formally took
possession of
what is now
Arkansas for the
king of France.



In the spring of 1686,
Henri de Tonti, "the man
with the iron hand," and
loyal friend of La Salle,
established Arkansas Post.

First white child born in Arkansas
was John Patterson (1790-1886)
who described himself as "un-
cultivated as polk stalk; unletter-
ed as a savage; birthplace
caved in the river when I was
young; father was shot from
ambush while asleep at home."



FREEDOM (Continued from Page 2)

He is no machine into which ideas are poured. He is no recording tape that plays back what is put on it. He is a man with capacities for judgment, evaluation, questioning, reasoning, independent research, and capable of drawing his own conclusions. Because he has these faculties, he can be led to follow reasonable methods. That is all that education really does. It is all based on the philosophy that a man has reliable faculties, and he can be taught to trust them. Values are based upon concepts arrived at by rational thinking. We would like it to be otherwise. Then the mistakes, the faulty conclusions, and the half truths would belong to the teachers. Yes, we would like to be freed from freedom, but we are human and even a man in a dungeon or prison cell is in mind and spirit, free and responsible.—Lee Gallman.

PLAINVIEW CHURCH, Arsenal, Lonnie Lasater, pastor of Temple Church, Camden, evangelist; Norman Green, from Southside Church, Pine Bluff, musician; Miss Linda Nichols, Pine Bluff, pianist; Homer Haltom, pastor. Two additions by baptism, many rededica-

tions.

EAST POINT Church, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, Paul E. Wilhelm, Lamar, evangelist; Glenn Kaufman, singer, pastor; two additions by baptism, one by statement, two other conversions, four dedications.

**Russians Tour U. S.**

NEW YORK CITY — Three Russian young men have arrived in the U. S. as guests of a group of American Quakers. They will spend a month touring eastern and mid-western states visiting factories, talking with civic leaders, touring a university and a small college, attending court sessions, seeing a newspaper office and spending several days in a Quaker farm community.

Biblical Films Planned

HOLLYWOOD — Plans to film two multi-million-dollar Biblical productions in 1959 were announced here. Twentieth Century-Fox has scheduled a ten-million-dollar budget for an adaptation of Fulton Ousler's book on the life of Christ, "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Part of the spectacle is to be shot in the Holy Land. The Mirish Company said it planned to produce a new film based on Noah's Ark.

Indian Government Offended

MADRAS, India — Believing that foreign aid to its private schools is humiliating to its country's honor, the Madras State Government issued an order restraining financial assistance from foreign countries to educational institutions. Religious observers think the government ruling was aimed mainly against Christian institutions, including schools and hospitals, which receive financial aid from abroad.

Christian Education Convention

TOKYO — Some 15,000 persons jammed the Tokyo Sports Arena for a huge rally opening the eight-day World Convention on Christian Education. The convention was held in connection with the centenary of Protestant church work in Japan. Some 3,200 delegates from more than 60 nations were registered for the event. Featured speaker at the rally was Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, noted Japanese church leader, who made a plea that nations be given a chance "to be born again."

Celebrates 250th Birthday

KASSEL, Germany — Special six-day ceremonies here marked the 250th anniversary of the Church of the Brethren. More than 400 German Brethren were joined by other members of the Church from the United States, India, Nigeria and Ecuador in the observances. Highlight of the week was a rededication service on the banks of the Eder River where the first of the Brethren was baptized in 1708.

Audio-Visual Center Dedicated

CAMPINAS, Brazil — The dedication this month of a quarter-million-dollar workshop called the Evangelical Audio-Visual Center marked a milestone in the history of Protestant mis-

sionary work in Brazil. The center, supported by 21 Protestant church groups, has more than \$20,000 worth of equipment for recording religious radio programs, making and distributing records, filmstrips and movies, and printing audio-visual aid materials. President of the center is Charles W. Clay, a Methodist missionary.

Mission's Outreach Curbed

NDOLA, Northern Rhodesia — In protest against the city's raising of house rent here, serious rioting has broken out which has hampered the work of missionaries connected with the Africa General Mission. An African Christian businessman who had been appointed by the city to the Housing Committee lost much property. The tea room which he owned was burned and completely destroyed. His home was entered and his wife beaten; bedding, clothes, furniture and a car were destroyed. Because of the necessary association of the missionary with the African, the work of spreading the gospel has been stopped temporarily.

May Go Into Eclipse

EVANGELIST BILLY Graham, speaking to 3,000 persons attending a Methodist assembly at Lake Junaluska, N. C., warned that if the Church does not meet its responsibilities in this generation, it may go into an eclipse in the next generation. This is so, according to Graham, because "the communists have become the greatest missionaries and evangelists in history, having reached the whole world in 40 years." Graham called upon the Church to "speak out in this time of emergency . . . we have neglected to prepare people to meet God, and our time may be very short."

Buddhist Purge

COLOMBO, Ceylon—Hard-core Buddhist nationalists in Ceylon are continuing their war against aliens. In their unrelenting battle to liquidate Christians and Moslems they are spreading leaflets warning outsiders to leave the island. "Quit Ceylon by Dec. 1," warned a leaflet which appeared in mail boxes of the island's western community. "Ceylon is only for the Buddhists. Until we liquidate you we will not be able to stop the spread of Christianity and Islam to Ceylon."

Protestant Chaplain

FOR THE first time in the military history of the country of Viet-Nam, a Protestant Chaplain has been appointed. He is Chaplain Tong, for years a pastor in an Evangelical Church who has proved himself a faithful minister of the Word. Pastor Tong expects soon to have six other pastors appointed to serve with him. These men will be placed in strategic areas from the Communist border to the southern tip of Viet-Nam. Some camps have up to 20,000 men in them during certain times of the year.

Bill Smith Promotes

My name is Bill Smith. I'm 100 per cent American. Nobody shoves me around. So when that Sunday School Superintendent said I was supposed to promote, I really got my dander up. Even in church they try to dictate to you.

On Promotion Day I was about to stay home. I just would not get involved in all that promotion foolishness. But, then, the more I thought about it, the madder I got. I've never been a fellow to run from a fight. Some of the boys in the class had given in and were going to promote. I decided I would go up there and stand by that teacher. I'd show him that some of us still thought enough of him to stay put.

I went to class that morning feeling right proud of myself. I gave the teacher's hand a little extra squeeze and a "you can count on me" look. He had been a real buddy to us fellows and it made me sick to think how ungrateful some of those guys were.

It came time to promote. I was fixing to get up and tell the fellows they ought not to let somebody move them around like checkers. I was going to chew them out about not having any class loyalty. Well, I almost fell out of my chair when the teacher said what he did:

"Well, men, this is Promotion Day. It has been wonderful being with you for these months. Life moves on, however, and some of you have now reached the age of Mr. _____'s class. He is a splendid teacher. You will meet some wonderful fellows in that class. Your circle of friendship will be broadened in the new class. We will miss you, but your going will leave room for some other men who are promoting to this class. Ours is a growing Sunday School and promotion is a very important part of the program of a Sunday School that grows and ministers to the needs of people. God bless you everyone!"

Here I had come to defend our teacher against this promotion scheme, and he was telling me I should promote. One by one the fellows got up, shook the teacher's hand, and went to the other class. The teacher was looking at me. His eyes were saying, "You, too, Bill."

Well, I promoted. You know what, our new teacher is really swell. I'm getting acquainted with some of the finest men that I would never have known. I've decided that cooperation is just as American as independence. —South Main Sentinel, Houston, Tex.

THE GUEST who keeps saying he must be going usually doesn't mean it any more than you do when you ask, "What's your hurry?"—Baptist and Reflector

BACKWARD, TURN backward, O Time in thy flight—I've just thought of a comeback I needed last night.—Baptist and Reflector

Near East Crisis Is Challenge To Missions, Says Dr. Cauthen

"SOUTHERN BAPTISTS have never faced a greater challenge to faith and prayer than is now presented by the Middle East," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, declared upon arriving at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly following a brief visit with Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza, and Israel.

"The emergencies prevailing in the Near East caused me to feel a strong sense of leadership to visit the missionaries who serve there at this time," Dr. Cauthen said. "These have been difficult days through the area, particularly for those in Lebanon; but the highest standards of missionary commitment and purpose are being demonstrated.

"The work in Lebanon centers in Beirut where fighting has been rather frequent over a period of three months. Baptist work is located in an area which has been exposed to considerable disturbance. For a time forces opposing the Government were firing from positions near our property. Government forces were located immediately across the street. For approximately two months the missionaries continued to live on the mission property, although a good many bullets struck the houses and considerable danger was faced in entering and leaving these places.

"All missionaries in the Near East have been given full assurance of unlimited backing by the Foreign Mission Board in making whatever emergency decisions are necessary. They know that any decisions to stay or to leave will have the fullest support.

"Mrs. John W. Turner and her children returned to the States some days ago. Mr. Turner has remained in Beirut where he is doing a remarkable job in mission service. The return of his family was necessitated by a recent experience of illness which made it seem advisable that they not continue longer in a tense situation.

"Missionaries are continuing with their work. Rev. and Mrs. Finlay M. Graham are now en route to Beirut after furlough in the States. They will probably be there by the time these lines are read.

"In Jordan, Southern Baptists extend their ministries through a hospital, a school, and a church located in Ajloun and through work projected to other centers.

"The presence of a large number of refugees in Jordan presents to the Government a continual problem. It is to

these refugees that fanatic appeals are made from time to time for violent action. The Government of Jordan is led by a courageous young king who has the loyalty of his army.

"A visit to the Near East strongly impresses one that the sending of American troops to Lebanon and British troops to Jordan represents wise action. The presence of these forces gives stability to the countries and prevents the forces of violence from taking control.

"The missionaries in Jordan are continuing in their responsibilities with calmness and courage. Dr. and Mrs. L. August Lovegren are on their way back to Jordan to join their fellow missionaries.

"I flew from Beirut to Gaza, where I had a conference with missionaries of our Board who are carrying on medical and evangelistic work in that city. The significance of their service can hardly be overstated. There is no other Christian witness being carried on in the Gaza Strip.

"In Israel, there is an awareness of the great hostility among Arab nations

against this 10-year-old country. An air of quiet prevails through this nation, characterizing a deep sense of determination.

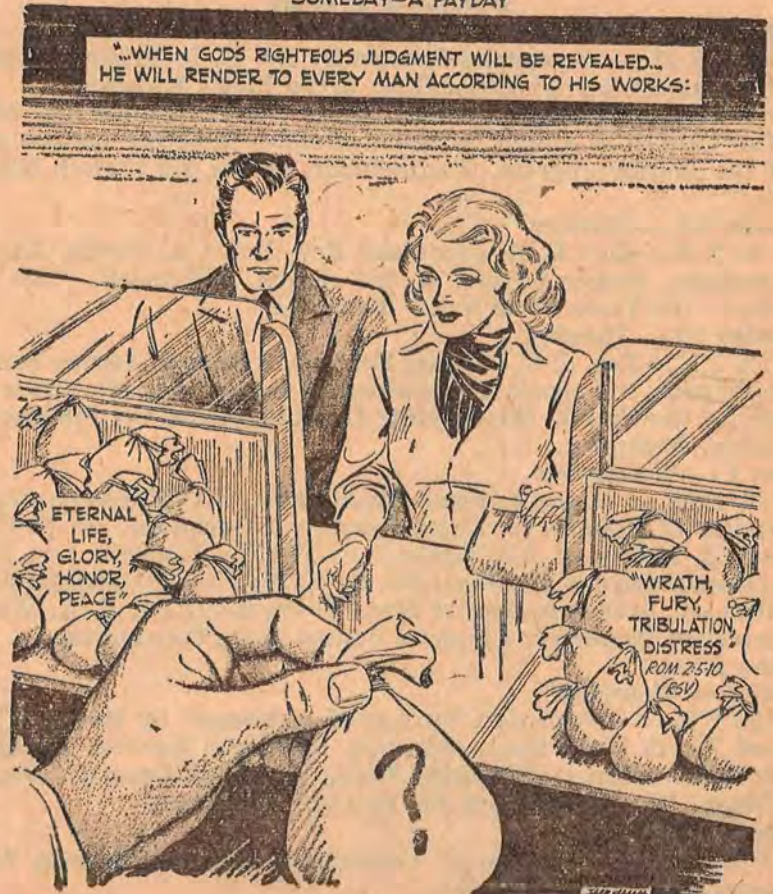
"A visit to Israel makes one aware of the deep spiritual hunger in the hearts of the people.

"The spiritual vacuum that prevails in Israel presents both a challenge and a danger. It is a challenge to find ways to take the message of redemption through Jesus Christ to the people of Israel; for in this alone can there be peace. It is a danger because unless faith in Christ fills the vacuum there is grave possibility that a materialistic ideology will move into this vacuum and gain control.

"I have come away from the Near East more deeply convinced of the urgency of increasing our Christian witness in that part of the world as rapidly as resources can be made available and missionary volunteers are ready. We will move into every country of the Middle East into which entry can be obtained. The time must come when there will be a chain of Baptist witness across the Middle East linking up with Baptist work in East Pakistan.

"We have never faced a greater challenge to faith and prayer than is now presented by the Middle East. Barriers to the gospel are tremendous. Hatreds are deep and serious. There are explosive possibilities on every hand. Work must be projected on the basis of running a calculated risk. We are prepared to make that risk in the name of our Lord."

SOMEDAY—A PAYDAY





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SHERIDAN, AFTER ONE HUNDRED YEARS

Centennial Observance

First Baptist Church Sheridan, Arkansas

PROGRAM

September 28 — Sunday

10:50 A.M. — Centennial Sermon by Dr. B. L. Bridges, Secretary of Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Little Rock, Arkansas.

6:00 P.M. — Centennial Dinner for all church families and friends. "Our Church in Action," a series of slides depicting various phases of the church program. Testimonials, "What My Church Means to Me."

September 29 — Monday

7:30 P.M.—Rev. E. B. Jones and Rev. Hollis A. Purtle, Magnolia, Arkansas, former pastors of the church, will speak. "100 Years Ago — 100 Years From Now." Reception.

September 30 — Tuesday

7:30 P.M.—Rev. J. G. Murray, Fordyce, Arkansas, former pastor of the church, will speak. Recognition of descendants of charter members of the church, the Building Committee, and the Finance Committee. Reception.

October 1 — Wednesday

7:30 P.M. — Denominational Night: Rev. O. C. Robinson, Superintendent of Missions for Pulaski County Association; Dr. Erwin McDonald, Editor of ARKANSAS BAPTIST; Chaplain Don Corley, Arkansas Baptist Hospital; Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions, Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Reception.

October 2 — Thursday

7:30 P.M. — "Historic Churches of Arkansas" by Rev. L. C. Tedford, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Memorial Service. Recognition of eldest members, Official Staff, Board of Deacons, Board of Ushers. "A Challenge for the Future." Reception.

October 5 — Sunday

10:50 A.M. — Centennial Communion Service; Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Wendell Welch.

Leaders in WMU Workshop

MISS ELSIE RIVES, Miss Billie Pate and Miss Betty Brewer will lead conferences during the WMU Workshop for Associational WMU youth leaders to



MISS PATE



MISS RIVES

be held at the 1st Church, Conway, Sept. 18-19. Miss Rives and Miss Brewer are directors of Sunbeam Band and Girls' Auxiliary work for Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala. Miss Pate is promotion associate of Young Woman's Auxiliary.

The workshop will open at 1:30 p.m. on the 18th with a convocation which will be followed by individual conferences on Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary. Sessions will continue until noon on the 19th.

Attendance is limited to two teams from each association composed of two for each conference — Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band. Teams will be composed of associational directors and other selected ones.

Dr. James H. Street, host pastor, will lead in the study of Bible Conception of Missions and Prayer and Missions.

Advance reservation should be made with State WMU Office.

Young Towns Grow Old

By **CARL A. CLARK**
Pastoral Ministry and Rural
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IN AS much as towns of 2,500 population and under are classified as rural, let us think on churches in these towns and one particular problem. Towns are relatively young, at least in American history. For example, my father was present when the lots were surveyed and auctioned off at one of the strategic towns in the Southwest, yet today these small towns are characterized by a very distinguishing fact that they are made up of predominately old people.

Percentage of Older People

In recent years, it seems that many older people have been retiring, selling their farms, and moving into the small neighboring towns. Apparently in earlier days the older people stayed on the farm as long as they lived. Now they are selling or turning it over to their children and moving into the village or town. Thus, the smaller villages or towns have accumulated the largest number of older people.

The larger cities have a smaller percentage of people 65 years and above whereas the smaller cities and towns have a very much higher percentage as a rule.

This presents a peculiar problem to the church in the smaller cities and towns. These churches are faced with the problem of ministering to this larger percentage of older people. This higher percentage means two or three things. First, the more older people you have, the fewer small children. If the town is made up of a high percentage of older people, this means that the church membership will also be made up of a higher percentage of older people. This means also a growing financial problem. These older people do not have the income comparable to middle-aged and younger couples. The wage earning group too often have moved out of the small town and with the much higher proportion of older people who are more economically dependent, there is an equal strain upon the church to finance its program. The higher proportion of the membership of the church who are living on old age assistance, the more difficult it is for the church to finance an active and growing program.

Older people have more illnesses and this means more irregularity in attendance. Thus, the small town church can anticipate more difficulty in maintaining a high attendance record.

These older people have time on their hands, and they desire the pastor's time in proportion. The pastor of a small town church must recog-

nize that these demands of the older population are just and legitimate and he will best serve the Lord as he serves them. They do not particularly care for pop calls. They want a pastor to come and sit a while. This requires understanding and appreciation on the part of both the older people and the pastor.

The Church's Concern

I have discerned two classes of people among these older citizens. One group is very devout, perhaps physically unable to be active and faithful in church attendance, but nevertheless their hearts are in the church and they are the strongest, most prayerful supporters of the pastor.

The second group are those who are gospel hardened and antagonistic. These are the men who have been talked to through the years, prayed for, and pleaded with, but who have repeatedly rejected the appeals of the Spirit of God. Churches are still winning some of these; but it is difficult work.

These older people are at this time of life passing through a period of adjusting to a reduced amount of activity both in secular and financial responsibilities, and at times, in church activities. This means serious adjustment in their own personal relationships. Sometimes they grow to have the feeling of being neglected. The church must minister to these and seek to offset or overcome these psychological problems of the older people.

All of this could mean that the churches in our smaller towns need to give more attention to the study of geriatrics, the study of the problems of the aging, and to build a more effective program.

As the towns grow older, the churches grow older also. As the church grows older, it must adjust its program to meet the needs of its finest citizens.

UPWARD Growing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB) — "Upward," the illustrated weekly story paper for Intermediates, will become a full 32-page magazine Oct. 5. Although the new digest-size magazine will be doubled to 416 pages each quarter, the price to churches that provide it for intermediates will remain 39 cents for the 13 weekly issues.

THE SERMON had gone on and on. At last the pastor paused and said, "What more, my friends, can I say?" From the back of the church came a suggestion: "Amen."

Prophetic Preaching, A New Approach, by Otto J. Baab, Abingdon Press, 1958, \$2.50.

Dr. Baab, a preacher of preachers, sees in our present day crises such as confronted the Old Testament prophets — war, racial strife, the oppression of mass society. If the present-day preacher is to speak with the power of the prophetic tradition, he states, he must find that power in a vivid experience of God's summons to obey and serve.

The Doctrine of the Trinity, by Cyril C. Richardson, Abingdon Press, 1958, \$3.

Bible students will find much with which they cannot agree in this provocative study based on the premise, "The Doctrine of the Trinity is an artificial construct."

M. Theron Rankin, Apostle of Advance, by J. B. Weatherspoon, Broadman Press, 1958, \$2.75.

Here is the story of "a quiet North Carolinian who spent 14 years as a missionary in the boiling chaos of China — a China torn by the successive onslaughts of war lords, Communist infiltration, and finally Japanese invasion."

Dr. Weatherspoon, beloved pastor and professor, does not attempt an exhaustive biography in this volume but succeeds admirably in giving an interpretation of the life of Dr. Rankin.

Writes Dr. Weatherspoon: "His was not the story of a pioneer who blazed trails into areas not hitherto visited. Nor was it the romance of an individual enterprise that identified his work with his name. He was an appointee of a mission board and a member of a missionary team serving in the framework of corporate decision. He was not a specialist fitted only for specialized tasks . . . He was not the hero-type of missionary . . . He was simply a missionary and in his own thought never anything else."

Jesus and His Coming, by J. A. T. Robinson, Abingdon Press, 1957, \$4.

"In a day when bad thinking about the end of the world can be as much a stumbling block to faith as bad thinking about its beginning was to our grandfathers, we owe it to the church and to ourselves to try to recover the holiness of the Christian hope, and to find again the unity of the Christ who has come and the Christ who will come in the Christ who comes," declares Dr. Robinson, in this volume based on his William Belden Noble Lectures, at Harvard University, in 1955. Dr. Robinson deals with three important questions: What did the New Testament Church believe about the Second Coming? What had Jesus to say about an actual Second Coming? What is the Christian hope today and where does it fit into contemporary theological thought?

S.B.C. Presidents

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WILLIAM J. NORTHEN 1835 - 1913

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Mercer graduates William at eighteen. Mercer in 1892, Richmond College in 1894, and Baylor College in 1900, all award him the L. L. D. degree.



From 1861 to 1865 he fights as a private in the Civil War. His father raises the company of which he is a member. His father is the company's captain.



For sixteen years, except during the war, he teaches in Mount Zion Academy. He marries Martha Neel. They have two children. Ill health retires him to farm.



He is so successful at farming that the Georgia Agriculture Society elects him as its president and he holds the office from the year 1886 to year 1888.



Northern enters politics and is elected to Georgia House of Representatives, 1877-1878 and 1880-1881. He introduces a local option prohibition bill.



A term in the state senate comes to him next from the year 1884 to the year 1885. The Georgia Educational Society makes him its president in 1894.



Reared at Penfield in the shadow of Mercer, he seldom misses a commencement. Northern's term as a member of Mercer's trustee board extends 44 yrs.



The two terms this devoted Christian statesman occupies the Governor's Mansion, 1890-1894, are among the most distinguished in the history of Ga.



For fourteen years, between 1896 and 1910 Northern is president of the Georgia Baptist Convention. Many living Georgians warmly remember his service.



When elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, he inaugurates the custom of shorter terms for its presidents. He presides from 1899 to 1901.



From the governorship, Northern becomes the manager of the Georgia Immigration and Investment Bureau. He edits the book "Men of Mark in Ga."



A charter member of Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Northern is chairman of deacons and teaches men's adult Bible class. He dies on March 25, 1913.

Ordaining Deacons

GIVING HEED TO PATTERN FOUND IN NEW TESTAMENT

WHEN A church comes to the time to select and ordain a deacon or deacons it is a high and sacred hour in the life of that church.

The office of deacon in the church is clearly of New Testament origin. This place of service for man is in the plan of God. In Acts 6:1-7 we read about the origin of the office in the first church at Jerusalem and in I Timothy 3:8-13 we find the inspired revelation of the qualifications for those who are to hold it.

The New Testament churches had two officers, pastors (also called elders and bishops) and deacons. The word means "servant." Under Christ, who is the head of the church, these men are "to serve" with the pastor, who is shepherd or leader of the flock.

According to the New Testament deacons are to be "men of honest report." The command is "let these also first be proved." Also we are admonished "Lay hands suddenly on no man" (I Tim. 5:22), obviously a warning against too free and easy ordinations for pastors or deacons. Men are to be thoroughly tested in the life of the church before being chosen as deacons. It is unfair to a man to rush him into the office. This does not mean there should be an age qualification. It does mean that when he is ready to be a deacon the church will know it.

The list of qualifications is awe striking: "full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom," "full of faith," "grave," "not doubletongued," "not given to much wine," "not greedy of filthy lucre," "holding the mystery of the faith in pure conscience," "the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well." Those are high and rigid requirements. It is noteworthy that nothing is said about business ability or standing in the community but moral and spiritual qualities are listed.

How many deacons should a church have? The New Testament does not suggest a number. Certainly the number should not be set arbitrarily at seven (because that was the number needed by the first church in a particular stage of its development) or at 12 (because that was the number of apostles chosen by the Lord for an entirely different purpose). A church should have the number of deacons it needs when there are that many men who meet the high qualifications set forth for the office. Practically this has worked out to about one deacon for every 50 members in Baptist life.

The office of deacon is dishonored when it is accepted as a position of honor rather than a place of service. Likewise, it is dishonored when deacons endeavor to rule the church rath-

er than to serve it under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The use of the term "board of deacons" encourages the idea that the deacons of a church are a sort of "board of directors," which is certainly a far cry from the New Testament concept. We are glad to see that many churches in these days are avoiding the term "board of deacons" and are speaking simply and properly of the "deacons." They are to be concerned not only with the business and financial affairs of the church's life but also with the spiritual and eternal aspects. Often it is impossible to distinguish between the two. A building project may be as much a soul-winning matter as a revival meeting. The deacons should set a high example in stewardship, Bible study, prayer and soul winning.

No man who does not attend faithfully the services of the church deserves the place of deacon in the church.

The ordination of deacons should be a time of seriousness and joy. It is the act of an individual church but usually the church will want to share the occasion with representatives of other Baptist churches in the area and invitations will be extended. It is customary for a council (we dislike the word "presbytery" because of its connotations) to be formed of ordained ministers and deacons present, for the purpose of examining those who are candidates for the office of deacon. This group should meet separately and often the examination is conducted in private. Either in private or in public the examination should not be made the occasion for airing shades of difference in theological opinion or for the examiner to set forth his own peculiar interpretations of the Scriptures. The purpose should be to determine if the prospective deacons are saved, sound in the faith and sound in their lives as Christians. When this has been established the council then recommends to the church that it proceed with the ordination, and the church votes to do so.

Usually the pastor serves as the presiding officer, or moderator, for such an occasion. The service generally includes the reading of the Scriptures, an ordination sermon and an ordination prayer. Then comes the impressive and solemn moment when the new deacons kneel and the other ordained men present lay their hands upon the heads of those being ordained.

The New Testament teaches plainly that a man should then "use the office of a deacon" well (I Tim. 3:10, 13) and in this way he may achieve something in the Christian life possible only to a deacon.—The Baptist Messenger

Committee Makes Plans For Jubilee Advance

NASHVILLE —(BP)— A committee representing seven Baptist Groups in North America will meet here Sept. 22-23 to plan the five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance.

C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., is chairman of the committee.

Main items of business will include election of a new committee chairman, since because of a time limit on offices the present chairman goes out of office; developing objectives for the years 1959 to 1964, and making plans for a simultaneous meeting of the seven groups in Atlantic City, N. J., in May, 1964.

The year 1964 is the third jubilee, or 150th anniversary, of the founding of the first convention of Baptists on national level in North America.

Among those expected to attend are: Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

T. B. McDormand, Toronto, Ontario, executive secretary, Canadian Baptist Federation.

Mrs. M. B. Hodge, Portland, Ore., president, American Baptist Convention.

J. H. Jackson, Chicago, president, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill., executive secretary, North American Baptist General Conference.

Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Reuben Nelson, New York, general secretary, American Baptist Convention.

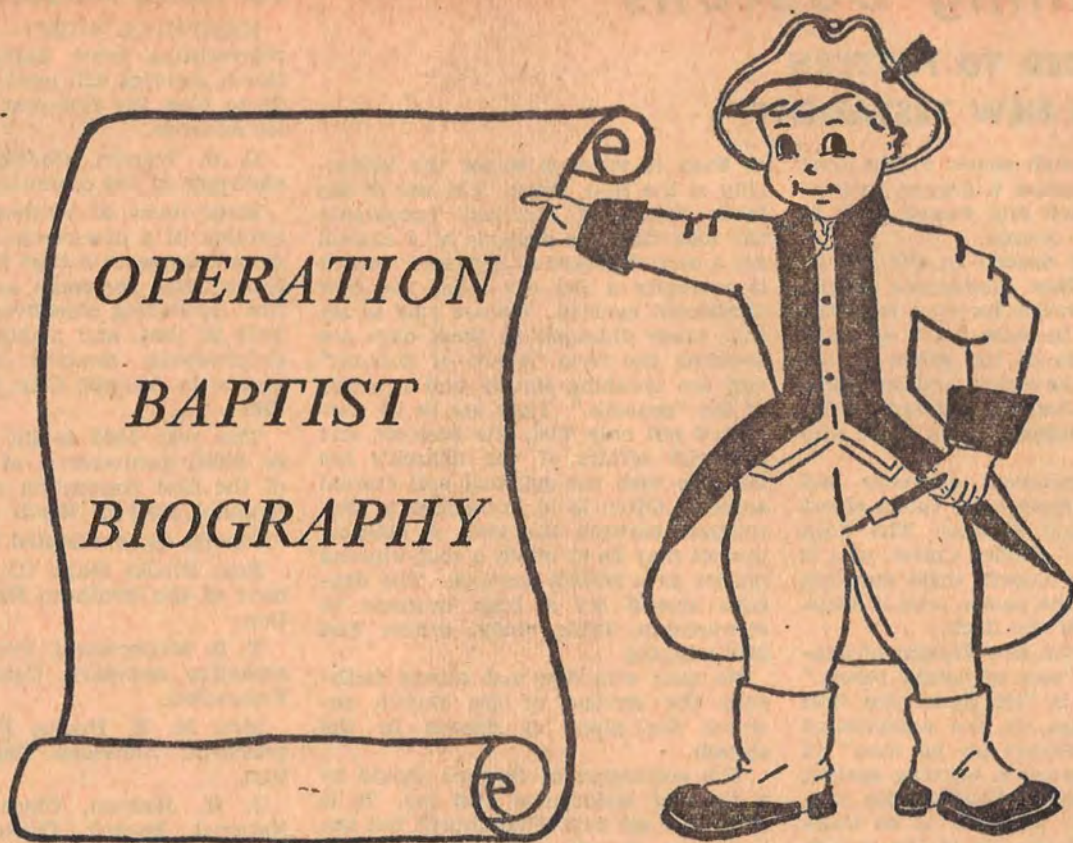
Dean Goodwin, New York, director of communications, American Baptist Convention.

Also meeting in Nashville Sept. 22-23 will be the Baptist Jubilee Advance committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. This committee will plan the way in which Southern Baptists will carry out the annual themes through their Convention. (Each convention develops its own activities in keeping with suggested themes.)

Warren is chairman of the SBC committee. He is also chairman of the 30,000 committee which is a sub-committee of the SBC group. This sub-committee will discuss progress being made in Southern Baptists' objective of establishing 30,000 new missions or churches by the year 1964.

Rural Church Conference Date Listed in Error

DATES FOR the Rural Church Conference at Southern College are Dec. 8-12. Officials have pointed out that the listing in the Baptist Diary is in error and that the first session will open on Monday, Dec. 8, instead of Dec. 1.



Your Church Members Have Served Christ.

Both living and deceased members of your church have rendered notable service. Pastors, deacons, Sunday school and Training Union workers, leaders of women's work, musicians and children's workers—these may by years of service have made creative contributions. And the Christian doctor, lawyer, store owner, politician, schoolteacher, craftsman, etc.—these also serve.

They Deserve To Be Remembered.

Their faithfulness is worthy of honor. Those who have spent much of their lives in Christian service deserve to have their deeds recorded. The greatest in the Kingdom will be least in Baptist memory unless you see that they are remembered. All who have proved themselves faithful are worthy of this honor. Remember them!

Operation Baptist Biography Will Do It.

Operation Baptist Biography is a co-operative project of Southern Baptists. It will obtain the essential biographical information regarding more than 50,000 Baptists, living and deceased. This information will be the resource material for the creation of a massive *Book of Remembrance*. With your help, the members of your church who should be remembered will be included.

See That They Are Not Forgotten!

Bible Prophecy and the Middle East

WHILE AMERICAN troops are in Lebanon and British troops in Jordan Nasser seeks to unite all other forces of the Mohammedans in his fight to exterminate Israel. As usual, Russia proclaims herself the champion of the oppressed. She never fails to take the side of the rebels in any national revolution. The religion of the Moslems prevents their becoming Communists, but in all probability the revolutionaries would have accepted the proffered armed might of the Communists had not our Western forces entered the field first. There seems today to be hope of a return of peace to the strife torn nations there. How long it may last, the future must reveal.

It is only natural that all nations should be concerned about what happens in this neck of land that connects Africa with Eurasia. We are told that 70 per cent of the world's oil reserve is there. Whoever controls the Middle East will ultimately determine the policies that control the Suez Canal and the Red Sea which connect two oceans. All North Africa will likely follow the steps of their Mohammedan kindred of the East. To lose control of North Africa would mean the virtual encirclement of some European nations by Russian legions. All these facts enter the picture, but a far more important matter is that God Himself seems to have had a plan for this country; and one day some of the participants will find out that they are fighting against Him.

There is no doubt that He promised of old that a day would come when the Jews would again have a national home in Palestine and that they would never be driven from it again. That day has come in this generation. They now occupy a territory little larger than a Texas county. They now number less than two million. In all probability they will never be satisfied until they expand their borders and increase their numbers. In this they will be opposed on every side. In the meantime, great effort will be made to destroy them; but it will not be done. They are not Christians, and they are no more important to God than to any other people; but He promised they would go back to stay, and they have. This editor believes that in the light of prophecy they will rebuild the temple and reestablish

Southern Baptists Must Think Boldly, Hays Says

RIDGECREST, N. C. —(BP)—Southern Baptist people must think "adventurously and boldly" in working for peace in the world, Rep. Brooks Hays, Convention president, declared here.

His remarks were made in a talk with members of the Christian Life Commission in their annual board session.

Old Testament worship in it. Paul says that if they continue not in unbelief God will graft them again into the tree of His Kingdom. If they continue in unbelief they will die in it.

This does not mean they will become the Kingdom of God or that they will control and rule the world. Christ is the King. His servants, whether Jew or Gentile, reign with Him. It simply means that God promised them a new national home, and they have it. No power on earth will drive them out again, but they may be long involved in wars with neighboring nations. They were formerly, and they will likely continue. Some of them have a superior attitude which does antagonize others. It always has, and it always will unless they turn to Christ and become like Him.

In the meantime there will be many who will see in these developments signs that Christ will come to Jerusalem and fight on the side of the Jews. We do not believe it. When they rejected Him and sent Him to Calvary they were forever rejected as a chosen people. They are the objects of God's love and mercy just as are we Gentiles. They are that and nothing more. If they repent and turn to Jesus they will be saved one by one. If they do not, they are doomed for eternity. There was a day when He dealt with them as a people. Today He deals with them and with us as individuals. He promised them a new national home, and they have it. As a nation of people they will continue to exist despite all efforts to destroy them; but as individuals facing eternity they must turn or burn just as others. As a nation of people their distant future was predetermined of God. As individuals their relationship to God is contingent upon their faith in Christ. That faith or the lack of it will be determined by the Christian effort to evangelize them one by one.

Twentieth century developments in the Middle East should be seen as "fresh confirmation of the prophetic Word". We take them as renewed signs that "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" but we refuse to accept them as signs that God is about to forsake His people of faith and build a kingdom of Jews to rule the world. We just do not find it in the Scriptures.

—Baptist Standard

Hays said that "we must see what men of ingenuity and imagination can do for peace and justice."

"The Christian's definition of the word 'peace' includes justice and good will," he continued.

He told the Commission members that "we have a monumental and challenging job in getting our Southern Baptist people to think adventurously and boldly" in working for peace.

Rights of Man Stressed In Labor Day Message

NEW YORK — The basic right of every man to "protection against unemployment," the struggle of labor unions to rid their ranks of racketeers, and a call for better labor-management relations are the three major points emphasized in the 1958 Labor Sunday message, read from thousands of Protestant pulpits on Sunday, Aug. 31.

The 1000-word message, prepared by the National Council of Churches, expressed deep concern for the abnormally high number of unemployed workers in the country at the present time.

"Among church people," it stated, "there should be a special awareness of the narrow margins between plenty and poverty which exist even in our economy of relative abundance . . . Back of the impersonal statistics are the needs of individual men, women and children, which should stir us to such remedial action as may be required . . ."

On the union corruption issue, the message declares:

"The National Council of Churches welcomes the continued and recently increased efforts made by the AFL-CIO leadership in opposition to racketeering, featherbedding and other corrupt and unethical practices shown to exist in several unions. We commend these leaders for this evidence of a sense of responsibility and for the progress already made."

Business groups are not exempt from similar practices, the message says: "We call upon organized business groups also to subject themselves to similar self-analysis and corrective action."

New Christian TV Series Based on People's Problems

TALK BACK, a new "two-way communication" television series will be on the air in October. Presented by the National Council of Churches, Talk Back will combine a filmed drama with live presentation.

Thirteen problems which people face most often were selected as topics for the Talk Back programs. Twelve minute film dramas of each of these problems were produced by the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission.

Each Talk Back program will begin with a drama. During the remainder of the half-hour, local leaders selected from the viewing area will discuss the problem posed.

Viewers will be urged to continue the discussion of the problem in organized groups or informally with family, friends or business associates.

Talk Back will be placed on 75 selected TV stations beginning October 1.

Revival Reports

BIGELOW CHURCH, Aug. 10-22, H. L. Lewis, pastor of Garden Homes Church, Little Rock, evangelist; Red Johnson, Mountain Home, singer; J. Paul Lewis, son of the evangelist, pastor; 14 additions, 13 by baptism, one by letter, and many rededications.

1ST CHURCH, Lake City, John M. Basinger, pastor, and L. L. Jordan and Jimmie Davis, assistant and mission pastors, respectively, recently completed three revivals, one each in the mother church and its Poplar Ridge and Cothorn missions; visiting evangelists were: T. K. Rucker, Forrest City; Ray Nelson, Heber Springs; and Charles Berry, Nettleton. There were 18 professions of faith and two additions by baptism.

MARTINDALE CHURCH, Little Rock, R. V. Haygood, associate Training Union secretary for the state, evangelist; H. D. Atwood, chorister; Miss Nancy Johnson, pianist; W. V. Garner, pastor; July 23-August 3; 13 additions, 8 by baptism and five by letter.

2ND CHURCH, Forrest City, Jack Parchman, pastor-evangelist; ten day meeting closing Aug. 7; 16 additions, 6 by baptism, 10 by letter; nine new tithees; seven young people pledging not to smoke or drink; many rededications.

1ST CHURCH, Berryville: Dr. Ben L. Bridges, Little Rock, evangelist; Denver Murray, Rogers, song leader; 12 additions, 11 by profession.

NEAL'S CHAPEL: O. I. Ford, evangelist; Jessie Hodges, pastor; 14 professions, 8 rededications and one surrendering to the ministry.

BROOKLAND CHURCH: Billy Walker, evangelist, Herbert "Red" Johnson, music director; J. O. Miles, pastor; 13 by baptism, two by letter, two by statement and five rededications.

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH, Dr. Victor Coffman, pastor, has purchased two dwellings east of the church for \$20,000. There are 17 rooms in the two buildings, which will be used for Sunday School rooms beginning Sept. 1.

JENNY LIND church reported 19 professions in their Bible School. There were 143 enrolled in the school with an average attendance of 117. Dan Lea is the pastor of the church.

KELLEY HEIGHTS church, Murl Walker, pastor, reported 16 professions of faith in their VBS. There were 226 enrolled with an average attendance of 181.

DELAPHINE CHURCH, Greene Association, Aug. 18-27; Dorsey L. Crow, Minnith, Mo., evangelist; 16 professions, one by statement, one rededication. Pastor R. J. Feazel reported that on Sunday, Aug. 24, the church went from half-time to full time services.



BAPTIST CHAPEL, new mission of 1st Church, Berryville, stands on a hill overlooking the city. Since this picture was made the grounds have been terraced and all the brick put in place. Front steps are now being constructed.

Berryville Church Begins 2nd Mission

FIRST CHURCH, Berryville, has reached another milestone in church history and service. The Baptist Chapel, located in the northside of Berryville is the second mission of the 1st Church being completed during the past five years.

The first mission, Cabanal, is now an organized church. The Chapel Mission is looking forward to becoming an organized church in the very near future. They have a Sunday School enrollment of 72 and a Training Union enrollment of 46, with unlimited prospects for both. The chapel is a 32 by 60 foot building of brick composition, housing seven Sunday School rooms, two restrooms, and the sanctuary.

The Baptist Chapel has been completely financed by the 1st Church and during the time of Chapel construction the 1st Church has broken all previous records in Sunday School and Training Union attendance, more has been given through the Co-operative Program than ever before with an increase from 10

to 15 per cent of all undesignated receipts.

A steady increase in church membership by baptism and church letters has been experienced. The over-all church income has reached an all-time high. A new combination gas heating and air-conditioning system has been installed in the sanctuary and window fans installed in the educational plant. The former parsonage has been sold and an entire city-block surrounding the church has been purchased for future expansion. An excellent house already on the property has been completely remodeled into a pastor's home.

Pastor J. B. Measel has led in the growth and development program during the past three years and eight months.

The two missions, one now a church, the other planning on becoming an established church, are the only Baptist churches established and organized in the Carroll County Association during the past 46 years . . . both being mothered, financed, and sustained by leadership of the 1st Church.

er and Mrs. Amanda Tinkle was the missionary. There were two professions of faith and 25 for special services.

THE JENNY LIND Church has a new addition under construction. The building is 49 by 53 feet. It will contain 26,000 square feet of floor space. There will be a fellowship hall which will also be used for an area assembly for juniors, intermediates and young people. A kitchen, two nursery rooms, pastor's study, storage room and toilet facilities will be housed in the new addition. Dan Lea is the pastor.

BLUFF AVENUE Church, Al G. Escott, pastor, has employed Ray Kesner as associate pastor. He will have charge of the visitation program, the weekly teacher's meeting, youth work and other activities. Kesner is a graduate of Ouachita College and while in Arkadelphia served as mission pastor for 1st Church, Arkadelphia.

By Jay W. C. Moore

Concord News Notes

THE NEW PASTOR of Rye Hill Church is Williams McIver, from 1st Southern Church, Newton, Kan., where he served as pastor for the past four years. He is a native of Siloam Springs and attended college at Ft. Wayne, Ind. and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. Mrs. McIver was the former Mary Jo Burnett of Benton. They have four children, Larry, age 10; LaDonna, 7; Beth Ann, 2; and Susan, 1. McIver succeeds Walter Watts.

THE GA CAMP on Lake Ft. Smith enrolled 131 campers this year. Dan P. Lea of Jenny Lind was camp pastor; Jim Chatham of Grand Ave. Church, Ft. Smith, directed the recreation; Mrs. Maxie Moore was camp director; Mrs. Walter Jackson was business manager; Mrs. John Febro served as house moth-

University Church Asks Students to Early Service

AN INVITATION to University of Arkansas students to start the day with worship is being extended by University Church, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor, for the week of Sept. 14-21.

Coffee and donuts will be served at the church immediately preceding the early morning service, 6:45-7:15. Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the executive committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be the guest speaker for the week. Services at the regular worship hours will be held on both Sundays and the evening services will begin at 7:30.

Music for the revival will be directed by Richard Greer, of the University Church staff.

Dr. Otis Horton, a member of the faculty at the university, and a member of the University Church, is chairman in charge of arrangements for the revival.

Southern College Names Librarian, House Mother

TWO ADDITIONS to the staff at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, have been announced effective with the opening of the fall semester today, Sept. 11.



MISS HALL



MRS. JEFFERS

Miss Mona Hall, St. James, is the new librarian for the college. She has the A. B. degree from Arkansas College, Batesville, and the M. A. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. She formerly taught in the public schools of Jacksonville, Desha, Pleasant Grove and Timbo, all in Arkansas.

Mrs. Dorthea Jeffers, Calico Rock, is the new house mother of the women's dormitory at the college. Mrs. Jeffers has been active in her church and in Eastern Star work. She helped in the establishment of a Baptist Youth Camp, Glenwood, N. M., and directed recreation and crafts for four years.

Books Received:

What the Sects Teach: Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventist, Christian Science, Spiritism, by Edward J. Tanis, Baker Book House, 1958 \$1.

Twenty Trillion Light-years Through Space, by Leo Virg. Vantage, 1958, \$2.75.

The Origins of Christianity, by F. C. Conybeare, University Books, Evanston, Ill., 1958, \$6.

Deacon Has Perfect Attendance for 53 Years



MR. LANGFORD

W. B. LANGFORD, trustee and deacon of 1st Church, Jonesboro, has rolled up a 53-year perfect attendance record in Sunday School.

The 86-year-old retired funeral director has set what is probably a world's record. It wasn't always easy.

Once when he was in the hospital, he got up and slipped away — against doctor's orders. Several times when he was ill, the Sunday School came to him.

On another occasion when he got off schedule and was aboard a train on Sunday, he kept his record intact by holding a Sunday School service in the train.

It was on July 5, 1902, that Mr. Langford began to teach a class of six girls. During 18 years he saw the enrollment climb to 96. During this time there were 100 conversions from the class.

Mr. Langford has served as a member of the Arkansas Baptist Executive Committee, Central College Board and Mt. Zion Association Board.

FACTS OF INTEREST

Are you a man or a mouse? The Public Health Service Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources, Washington, D. C., says 20 million mice are used annually in medical research alone. Why? Men and mice have a surprising number of physiological similarities, according to the United Press International. They are both omnivorous — need and eat all kinds of food. Mice and men need virtually the same vitamins, proteins, carbohydrates, and other dietary essentials. They both need oxygen. About a million mice a year are being used in cancer research.

The prison population in state institutions increased 3.3 per cent during the year to 174,994. —The Survey Bulletin

By S. A. Wiles

Clear Creek Notes

A TOTAL of 269 campers registered for the annual Clear Creek Association encampment at Baptist Vista, August 7-13. Speakers included Ben Haney, pastor 1st Church, Ozark, evangelist; Dr. T. H. Jordan, 1st Church, Van Buren, who brought the early morning messages; and Jimmy Hoffman, Kibler Church, who spoke at the noon meeting each day.

In addition to the tabernacle services, there were three class periods each day. Study course awards were earned by a total of 194 campers. There were 24 professions of faith, 17 volunteers for special service, and 112 rededications.

David L. Dryer served as business manager, Louis Dewett, as recreational director, and Henry Whitlow as music director. The mission superintendent was general director.

Robert Moran, pastor at Mulberry for the past two years, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Pea Ridge Church and has moved to that field.

Jimmy Hoffman has resigned the Kibler Church. George Williams, Ponca City, Okla., has been called as pastor at Lamar. T. F. Cooper, Hermanville, Miss., is the new pastor at Hagarville.

P. C. Church recently began his duties as pastor of 1st Church, Clarksville.

Elmer Linton was ordained to the ministry by Hartman Church, and Claude Freeman was ordained as a deacon at the Spadra Church, recently.

O. C. Robinson, superintendent of missions for Pulaski Association, Little Rock, was guest speaker recently for an Association Mission Rally at 1st Church, Ozark.

Ben Haney has been named Sunday School superintendent for the association and Noble Wiles is the Training Union director.

Music Director Resigns To Take Medical Training

RICHARD ESSMAN, youth director and minister of music at Central Church, Jonesboro, for the past five years, has resigned to study at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine. He will train as a medical missionary.

Mr. Essman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Essman, Ft. Smith, is married and has a 17-month-old daughter. He is a graduate of Arkansas State College. In 1954-55, he was president of the college Baptist Student Union and has directed the state Student Union Choir the past four years.



MR. ESSMAN

● **NEW PROVIDENCE Church, Rt. 2, Leachville,** was the first church in Mississippi County Association to respond to the plea of Supt. of Missions John D. Gearing for support for the association's Mexican mission program.

The church, through the W.M.U. and Brotherhood, gave \$50, one week's salary for a Spanish speaking preacher to work with Mexican migrants. F. M. Robinson is pastor.



● **CLYDE SAMPLE,** who was attending medical school in Chicago to become a doctor, until he felt God's call to preach, is now a student in Moody's Bible Institute, Chicago. He filled the pulpit Aug. 24 at his home church, New Bethel, near Floral. He is the son of Rev.

MR. SAMPLE and Mrs. Opel Sample.



18 YEARS ATTENDANCE—Mrs. Harold Thrasher, 1st Church, Cotter, with three of her sons, represent 18 years perfect attendance in Sunday School. Corky, back row, and Jimmie, left front, have 6-year pins; Mrs. Thrasher and Donnie have 3-year pins. Mrs. Thrasher would be eligible for a 6-year pin except for the missing of one Sunday when Donnie was born.

● **A NUMBER** of churches are receiving the Arkansas Baptist under the free trial offer. Among the new additions are: Pleasant Hill Church, Bruno, White River Association, Mrs. G. W. Robinson, clerk; Central Church, Mineral Springs, Merle A. Johnson Jr., pastor; South Highland Church, Little Rock, Ray Branscum, pastor; Joiner Church, William B. Gossett, pastor; Bethel Church, Trinity Association, Coy Richardson, pastor; Pee Dee Church, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association, Earl Marr, pastor; Corinth Church, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association, Cecil Harness, pastor.

Pastoral Changes

1ST CHURCH, Altheimer, has called W. Leslie Smith as pastor. Mr. Smith, who arrived on the field Sept. 1, served Archview Church, Little Rock, for one year before accepting the new post. While at Archview, there were 56 additions. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. The Smiths have two children.

RAYMOND CARPENTER, formerly with Corinth Church, Ashley Association, has accepted the call of Fellowship Church in Snyder, effective Aug. 31.

CHARLES GWALTNEY, former minister of music and education, 1st Church, Kennett, Mo., has accepted the call of Central, Jonesboro. He began his new duties Sept. 1. Mrs. Gwaltney will work with her husband in the elementary choir work. (CB)

Mimeographed Mailers Promote Services

IN THE interest of boosting its attendance, 1st Church, Glenwood, is sending out a mimeographed sheet of promotion material.

One of the sermon topics of Bobby Denton advertised is "Getting Your Hair Cut in the Devil's Barber Shop."

One of the statements in the bulletin is: "The Gospel is the truth but the truth is not always the Gospel. Is this true or false? Have your answer ready. This will be discussed during the devotion period of Sunday School."

Under the question, "Why should people attend church regularly?" the church promotion sheet answers: "Because they need faith." It further asks, "Do you have enough faith to live abundantly and die peaceably? If you do not, you should hear the word. The Bible says: 'Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.'"

Sheriff Featured In 'Home Life' Dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — After an article on the remarkable family life of Ed Reeves, sheriff of Shelby County, Tenn., had been written for Home Life magazine, the sheriff died in a home accident.

"Use the article if it will glorify God," said Mrs. Reeves to Joe W. Burton, editor of the Southern Baptist Christian family magazine.

The feature, "God's Laws Govern This Sheriff's Home" by Jessie Funston Clubb, Millington, Tenn., appears in the September issue.

Visitors from Taiwan Honor Miss Coleman

"**ONE OF** the most effective testimonies to the significance of Christian missions is to be found in the gratitude and affection the converts have for the missionaries," said an editorial in the Durham (N. C.) Morning Herald after 16 friends from Taiwan (Formosa) paid a birthday visit to Miss Inabelle Coleman, who is a patient in Duke Hospital, Durham.

Miss Coleman, a Southern Baptist missionary to Taiwan, was instrumental in the conversion of all except three in the group.

Among the visitors were Dr. Lien H. Chow, pastor of Grace Church, and Miss Lillian Lu, minister of education, who were in North America to attend the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference. Others are students in American universities.

"What a testimony this is to Miss Coleman's Christian influence!" continued the Durham Morning Herald. "What a testimony to the blessing of Christian missions in individual lives! What a testimony to the gratitude these Christians have for the one who shared in bringing them to know Christ and to commit their lives to him!"

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When Jesus Rested, Drank and Dined

THE PLACE was at an old, old well; a well that had been in use for some seventeen hundred years. It was near to a place called Sychar and the village looked to this well for its supply of water.

The space about this well must have been thoroughly worn by the footprints of thousands of feet. The stones that formed the curbing of the well were surely polished from contact with human touch and furrows most likely marked the stones where ropes were let over to drop and to withdraw the water vessels. The trees that shaded this well surely stood with widespreading branches while the bark of the trees bore many marks of careless hands. But this was a fitting spot for a tired traveler to pause for rest. So, "Jesus, therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus at the well." John 4:6.

We may conclude, too, that the Master was hungry for the disciples were dispatched into the city to buy meat. We know that Jesus was thirsty for He solicited the first comer to the well for water, saying, "Give Me to drink."

Upon His request for the water a conversation ensued that resulted in the discovery by a strange woman that she had found the Messiah. This discovery along with her hasty departure, even forgetting her water pitcher, to tell her neighbors of her great finding, refreshed Jesus more than His rest at the well. It was food to His soul and drink to His thirsty lips. The call of the flesh of the Man, Christ Jesus, was forgotten in the feast of the God-heart of the Son of God.

The water pitcher sat on the curb of the well, untouched; and when His disciples insisted that he eat, he cried, "I have meat to eat that you know not of." John 4:32.

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10. And whose joy is this but the rapture of Jesus? And how much greater that joy when the newborn soul goes forth to proclaim it? The cry of the Lord to the sinner and to him who has come to the truth is the same, "Give Me to drink."—W. B. O'Neal, Jacksonville, Ark.

FIRST CAMPER: I do all the cooking and baking for you fellows, and what do I get? Nothing!

SECOND CAMPER: You're lucky. We get indigestion.

Christian Life Officers Re-elected

RIDGECREST, N. C. —(BP)— The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has re-elected all its officers to serve another year.

They are Adiel Moncrief, Jr., pastor, 1st Church, St. Joseph, Mo., chairman; Paul Sanders, Vanderbilt University law faculty, Nashville, vice-chairman; and A. C. Miller, Nashville, recording secretary and treasurer.

Miller is commission executive secretary under indefinite appointment.

● **REV. AND MRS. Gilbert A. Nichols**, Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Paraguay, have gone to Costa Rica for a year of language study. Their address is Apartado 4035, San Jose, Costa Rica. Both are natives of Arkansas, he of Mountain View and she, the former Mabel Deane Marshall, of Cabot.

● **REV. AND MRS. W. L. (Wimpy) Smith**, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Argentina, have completed language school in San Jose, Costa Rica, and have returned to the States for a short time before proceeding to their permanent field of service. Their address is c-o A. J. Smith, Box 212, Portland, Tex. Mrs. Smith is the former Beverly Hefley, a native of Ft. Smith.

October 19 to Be World Order Sunday

NEW YORK — Church-goers in thousands of churches across the country will be called on October 19, World Order Sunday, to do everything in their power to ensure human rights and fundamental freedoms for everyone on earth.

In this era when many millions of men and women around the globe are demanding freedom and equality, the National Council of Churches urges congregations to assure to every member of the human family, without discrimination, "the fullest opportunity to know and to fulfill God's will."

"Christians are concerned for human rights and responsibilities," the annual message to be read from pulpits on World Order Sunday, declares.

Christians hold that the observance of these rights "is an essential witness to faith in God," the message points out.

Student-Pastor Pardoned

NASHVILLE — Governor Frank Clement granted a full pardon to Baptist student-pastor James Glisson who was fined \$50 and given a 10-day suspended jail sentence for contempt of court. Glisson has recently refused to divulge what he considered private information received from a married couple prior to a divorce case. The governor declared that any recognized minister, priest, or rabbi should be allowed to "counsel in confidence without fear of being forced to disclose what has been communicated to him." (Tennessee laws protect confidences between a lawyer and his client but do not grant the same immunity to minister. Most other states have the same ruling.)



NEW STUDENT apartment unit at Southwestern Seminary

Southwestern Village Ready for Married Students

PRE-SCHOOL house hunting by married students at Southwestern Seminary should be easier this year since the completion of the first 96 units of the seminary's Student Village project.

Opening of classes Sept. 10 marked the start of the first school year since the apartments were finished, formal dedication of which was held at spring commencement last May.

Located one block north of the campus in Ft. Worth, the housing project includes 36 one-bedroom and 60 two-bedroom apartments, both furnished and unfurnished.

Central heating and air-conditioning is provided. Laundry facilities with coin-operated machines are cen-

trally located in each building. Kitchens in both furnished and unfurnished units are equipped with metal cabinets, refrigerator, range and garbage disposer. Bedrooms include a seven-foot closet.

Rental is a basic \$45 monthly, plus \$10 each for utilities, air-conditioning, complete furnishing or a second bedroom as chosen. A 10 per cent discount is given for first-of-the-month payment.

Thus, with discount, rental ranges from \$58.50 a month for one-bedroom, unfurnished, to \$76.50 a month for two-bedroom, furnished. Fenced back yards are provided and grounds will be kept by seminary workmen.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA . . .

Counselor's Corner By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson Prodigal Husband Returns

(Author of *For Our Age of Anxiety*, at your Baptist Book Store).

QUESTION: I was reared in a Christian home but my husband was not. After he and I were married he joined



DR. HUDSON

the church and was genuinely saved I believe. His folks would not speak to me or come about our home. Finally, his brother returned from service, and persuaded my husband to meet him in taverns. This proved too great a temptation and soon he was convinced that

one woman was not enough. He went from bad to worse.

Again and again he came back to me and tried to rededicate his life. Our four girls and two boys were devoted

to him. But, finally, a year and a half ago I got a divorce. Now he comes back and says that he was never happy, that he wants to come back to me and to the Lord. What must I do?

ANSWER: Read the Book of Hosea and the Prodigal Son story. But do not jump to conclusions.

Your children ought to have some sound opinions, and some rights concerning their father's genuine change. But, no doubt, you are the one who has suffered most. Do you really think your former husband has changed? Or is he one of those persons with mood swings, and right now he is on the upswing?

Women are incurable optimists. This condition of your husband requires realism — looking at the facts.

Then you have to decide whether you are spiritually capable of forgiving. Some people aren't. If you are one of these, don't take him back until God gives you the grace to do it right.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City, 12, Mo.)

● "JERRY DAY" was observed on Sunday, August 31, by New Providence Church, Leachville, honoring Jerry Hicks with a church dinner and love offering. The offering, totaling \$157.60, will be used by Jerry, a ministerial student at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, to help with his education expenses this year.

The young minister preached for the New Providence Church at the evening service, Pastor F. M. Robinson reports.

● 1ST CHURCH, Dumas, Minor E. Cole, pastor, recently celebrated the clearing of debt on its \$85,000 Educational building by burning the mortgage. The new building is to be air conditioned between now and next summer.

Pastor Cole, now in his eighth year with the church, reports the purchase by the church of a house, a garage apartment and lot adjacent to the church property.

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(All these are from the Sunday School Board except Kermit King, Mississippi Training Union Secretary, and Mrs. Maurice Williams, Alabama Children's Worker)

An Ideal Program

AN IDEAL PROGRAM includes new filmstrips, demonstrations, actual planning of October programs, and conferences. Dr. Lambdin will close morning session by speaking on "Building the Training Union."

An Ideal Closing

AN IDEAL CLOSING message will be brought in the afternoon by Stanley Jordan, Shreveport, on "Using the Training Union to Build a Church."

An Ideal Addition

AN IDEAL ADDITION to the Workshops will be the State Planning Meeting for all Associational Training Union Officers and Missionaries, led by Davis and Haygood. The Sunday School Board will pay 3c per mile for two cars of *associational* Training Union officers from each association.

ALSO DURING THE ENTIRE WEEK, September 29-October 3, these workers will lead in a Pulaski County association-wide Training Union School, called "The Associational Demonstration Week," each night, 7-9 P. M. People near Little Rock are invited to attend.



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Layman's Day, Oct. 12

ACROSS THE WHOLE of the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention Layman's Day will be observed on Oct. 12. Layman's Day is always the second Sunday of October, and is observed annually by thousands of churches and tens of thousands of men.

The emphases of Layman's Day are upon the laymen of the church: their work in the church, and their worth to the church; also their privileges as Christian men, and their obligations



MR. TULL

of faithfulness to the Lord and to His church.

Layman's Day is needed in order to focus the attention of the laymen upon their church, and also to focus the attention of the church upon its men. A proper observance of Layman's Day will help point the men to the vital place which is theirs to fill in the life of their church. Through the observance of Layman's Day the church can be made to know of the efforts of its men to lift the level and enhance the quality of all the work of their church; and the men can be led to know that there is no substitute in the program of their church for consecrated manhood.

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Dr. Wayne DeHoney, 1st Church, Jackson, Tenn., will bring the closing messages each afternoon and night speaking on "That They Might Have Life" and "Swing Up The Line In '59."

Dr. Whitlow and Dr. DeHoney will assist in the administration conferences that will be conducted each afternoon and night.

These regional Sunday School conferences are one-day, three-session conferences for pastors, educational directors, and all Sunday School workers.

Monday, Oct. 13, Central Church, Jonesboro.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2nd Church, Pine Bluff.

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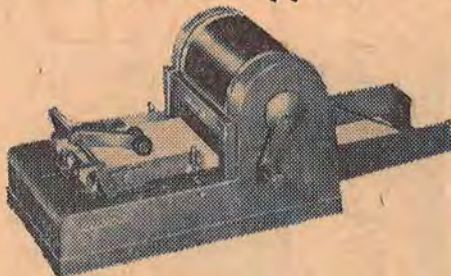
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- Five smooth stones from the bed of a brook to be used in a slingshot.
- A beautiful throne of ivory that was overlaid with gold
- A puzzling handwriting that appeared on the wall when a king was eating and drinking with his noblemen
- A deadly snake that crawled out of sticks laid on a fire
- A terrific wind that smashed rocks on a mountain, then an earthquake, next a raging fire, and finally a still small voice
- A star that guided seers all the way from the Orient to a home in Bethlehem
- A bush that was on fire but was not burned up
- A very large houseboat that was full of all kinds of animals
- A beautiful coat that was soaked in blood.
- A rooster that crowed during a trial.

(See "Answers" on page 22)

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Tom Logue, Secretary

WITH THE splendid support and encouragement of Dr. Ralph Phelps and the Ouachita Bible Department, plans are being made for the teaching of Bible courses in the Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas and at Arkansas Tech. Beginning in September, Dr. Alexander Best will be teaching New Testament at the Baptist Student Center in Fayetteville on Thursday evenings.



DR. LOGUE

Dr. Best, a native of Ireland, is a graduate of Louisiana Baptist College and earned his Th. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

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Leaf Pictures



By MARY E. COBER

"LOOK, LINDA; aren't the leaves beautiful?" Don Black said to his sister, as he kicked a pile of leaves.

"They certainly are, Don. Let's take some to school tomorrow."

"Can't," answered Don.

"Why not?" asked Linda.

"Tomorrow's Saturday," laughed Don.

"I forgot. We have the beautiful leaves such a short time and then they are gone. I wish we could keep them."

"I have an idea," Don said, as he looked at the colorful leaves.

"What is it?" asked Linda.

"I'll show you when we get home. Let's hurry now and pick the prettiest leaves we can find. Be sure they're not broken," said Don.

"What now?" Linda asked when her hands were full.

"Come on to the kitchen and I'll show you," Don said, leading the way.

They spread the leaves on newspapers on the kitchen table.

"Here's a box of crayons, Linda. Turn the leaf and color the side where the veins stick out. Color the leaf the same colors that it has turned. I'll color, too."

"You can hardly see the color when it's the same as the leaf," said Linda.

Don got out the iron board and covered it with a thick fold of newspaper. Next he plugged in the iron and set it on low.

"Why are you doing that?" asked Linda.

"Wait until I get some white paper and I'll show you," said Don.

When he returned, he put a sheet of white paper on the newspaper on the ironing board. Carefully he placed a leaf on it, with the colored side down. Then he pressed the iron onto the leaf and held it firmly.

"See!" Don cried, as he removed the leaf from the paper. On the paper was a beautifully colored leaf.

"How did it get there?" asked Linda.

"The warm iron melted the crayon on the back of the leaf. Since we made the leaves the same color that they had turned, we have a picture of them," Don told her. "We can put several leaves on one page or make a whole book of leaf pictures."

"Let's take our pictures to school on Monday. Maybe Miss Doyle will let us show the rest of the class how to make leaf pictures," said Linda.

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A Smile or Two

No Match for Him

TWO OLD cronies were tight of fist, and each was aware of the other's thriftiness. Thus as they fished together and one discovered he was out of tobacco he craftily mapped strategy to fill his pipe.

"Got a match, Ed?" he asked, and in frowning silence, his crony removed one match from the box and reluctantly handed it over.

The strategist then took out his pipe, reached for non-existent tobacco and exclaimed, "Of all things, I've left my tobacco at home."

Quickly, the other oldster thrust out his hand, and said, "Then you won't be needing the match." — Capper's Weekly.

TOURIST: Many big fish in this part of the country?

NATIVE: Many big fish! Lady, we don't allow boys and small men around here to bait a hook unless they're tied to a tree.

BOY: Dad, how do they catch lunatics?

FATHER: With face powder, low cut dresses and pretty smiles, my son.

QUIZ: How do you spell chrysanthemum?

WHIZ: Yellow or pink?

QUIZ: Pink.

WHIZ: P-i-n-k.

FOUR MEN died on the same day. One was a struggling author; he left his family only \$5. The second was a bookseller; he left \$50. The third was a publisher; he left \$500. The fourth was a dealer in wastepaper; he left \$50,000.

THE TEEN AGE



"He's the affectionate type."

September's Hills

By Mary Taylor

September loves the timbered hills;
She brings them sunny days
To dream in waves of sunny gold
And fragile, smoky haze.

She leaves a kiss of silver frost
On every leaf at night,
Till all the trees are autumn clad
In colors gay and bright.

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ANSWERS

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1. Davis (1 Samuel 17:40, 49)
2. Solomon (1 Kings 10:16-18)
3. Daniel (Daniel 5:5, 17)
4. Paul (Acts 28:3)
5. Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-13)
6. Jesus (Matthew 2:1-10)
7. Moses (Exodus 3:2-5)
8. Noah (Genesis 7:7-9)
9. Joseph (Genesis 37:31-33)
10. Peter (Luke 22:60-61)

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Justice in Economic Life

By DAVID GARLAND

(Pastor, Baring Cross, North Little Rock)

Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 25:13-16;
Proverbs 11:1; Amos 8:4-8;
Luke 19:1-10; James 5:1-8
September 14

JUSTICE IS a multifarious quality of life. It has its place in the social realm, in the religious realm, and certainly in the economic realm. In our world today, where the emphasis is upon material gain, it is easy to lose those values which have to do with the process employed to make gains. Therefore, it becomes the duty of conscientious men and women to consider God's attitude toward possessions and their acquisition. Such an attitude will determine the usefulness of a person to God and his fellowman. In each circumstance God has much to say. God is vitally concerned and involved in a man's attitude toward the material wealth of the world. He is concerned with the use of these blessings. He will act in history to correct their misuse. To discover His will and teaching on such matters is our task.

1.—Justice required in business.

Luke 16:10.

Contrary to popular opinion, the possession of wealth in itself is not an evil thing nor does it necessarily infer evil. Some of the close friends of Jesus were wealthy men. They were men who had acquired possessions through faithfulness and prudence. That which they had, they had by the grace of God. They looked upon it as a sacred trust. They used it for the satisfaction of the needs of a needy world. Such dispositions and attitudes would preclude any injustice in the accumulation of wealth. If a man is faithful to God he will be faithful in the acquisition as well as the dissemination of that which has come to his possession.

Men who acquire through improper methods do not use their resources for God's glory; they are used to serve their own selfish ends. Therefore it is as important to be faithful in the matter of making money as it is in the devoted use of it. God does not want, nor will he get, that which has been dishonestly acquired or greedily sought. God wants and needs, however, that which is honestly earned and lovingly dedicated for the care of His world.

2.—Injustice widespread.

Ex. 20:15, Deut. 25:13-16; Pro. 11:1; Amos 8:4-8

The recurrence of law and admonition throughout the word of God would strongly indicate the widespread use of unjust practices in the economic world of the Bible. The very law of God, "Thou shalt not steal," would imply that the unjust practice of taking that

which belonged to another was a problem early in the history of the race. It is still a problem. Whether a man takes from another through the direct method of robbery or stealing, or whether he by indirect advantages of the court or ignorance takes that which belongs to another, he is guilty of breaking the law of God. Of the methods the indirect is most frequently used.

In the long ago the merchant would have measuring stones or metals for the purpose of trading. There were those who had heavy stones which they used for weighing when they were buying and lighter stones which they used when selling. In both cases, buying and selling, he gained advantage. Of such Solomon said, "A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight" (Pro. 11:1). Such is still practiced through underweighing and overpricing to the consumer who is willing to pay a fair and just price. Not only would basic dishonesty seem to be a problem but with it there came greed and selfishness.

It was Amos the preacher of righteousness who cried out against greed as forcefully as any man who ever lived. He faced the leaders of his day with some of the most forceful charges ever made by man. He condemned them for taking advantage of the man in need by taking over the individual and what he had to satisfy the debt (Amos 8:4). He condemned them for dealing falsely and for improper balances (Amos 8:5). He condemned them for selling low quality produce at premium prices (Amos 8:6). He condemned their religious pretense by speaking their thoughts while in the midst of worship. All they could think of was the conclusion of the feast or sabbath that they may get back to their dishonest gain (Amos 8:5). Such greed and inhumanity were bound to bring disastrous consequences to their way of life.

3.—The wheels of justice.

"Whatsoever a man soweth that will he also reap." Retribution is one of the inalterable factors of the universe. Amos said, "Jehovah hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget their works. Shall not the land tremble for this, and everyone mourn that dwelleth therein?" (Amos 8:7-8). Despite the fact that men did not like to hear this and told the prophet to be silenced, he continued to preach. He spoke for God. God said, "Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves."

God is laden with the sin and shame of this people. Therefore, "Flight shall perish from the swift; and the strong shall not strengthen his force; neither

the mighty deliver himself; neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself; neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself; and he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the Lord" (Amos 2:13-16). The nation will be destroyed and its people led away into captivity. Such a principle is still operative in our world today. It operates whether men recognize it or not, and it will operate as long as God is in control of human affairs and the universe.

4.—The hope of the world.

Luke 19:1-10

The hope of our world is still Jesus. It will ever be so. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Without the salvation which He proffers, the world stands on the brink of disaster equal to that of Amos' day. Yet when men accept Him as Saviour and Lord of life, the world rests secure. When He comes to the life of a man, the man changes inside and outside. Something takes place in his heart, and something takes place in his world. He thinks differently and acts differently.

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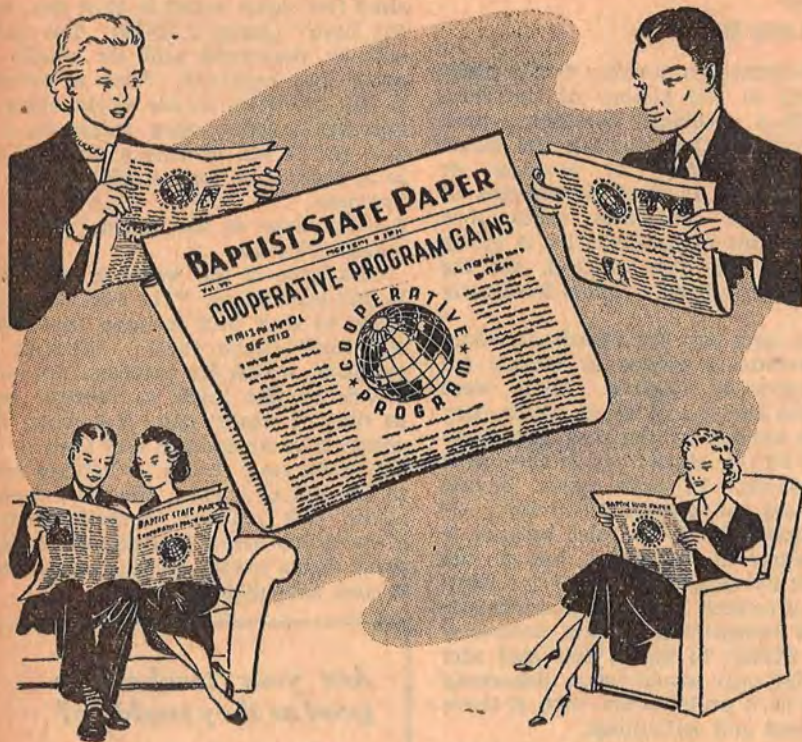
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MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

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Bill H. Lewis, Detroit, Mich., will be the evangelist during the April Crusade in the East Side Church, Ft. Smith, Lynwood Henderson is pastor.

We are now securing Spanish-speaking preachers for our Mexican mission work in October. Missionaries will let us know their needs.

Pastor Bill G. Hickem, 1st Church, Bentonville, announces that Floyd Roebuck will be their evangelist for April 12-19.

A cordial welcome is extended to Dr. Alexander Best as he assumes his work as superintendent of missions in Washington-Madison Association. We shall look forward to fellowship with him in our mission program.

Dr. Dale Cowling will serve as evangelist in his own church, 2nd Church, Little Rock, during next April Evangelistic Crusade.

Grandview Church, Carroll County, will have William H. Riddle, Jasper, Mo., as evangelist next April, according to the announcement by pastor H. F. Martin.

We are having lists of associational steering committees in each mail, but are still far short from complete. We must get busy if we expect to reap a great harvest in '59.

● MRS. ANDREW M. Hall, Fayetteville, has completed the manuscript for a book about Miss Josephine Scaggs, Southern Baptist Missionary to Nigeria. The book will have the title: **Please Mah**, a Nigerian term of respect.

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"One of 30,000"

Dear Brother McDonald:

As you already know, we began a mission at Pencil Bluff, on August 17. We have had Sunday School, Training Union, and preaching services now for three Sundays and I am really thrilled with the response that we are getting. Our highest number is 53 and our lowest, 24, the latter on Sunday night.

We had five families living over there and of course they are doing the job. I am preaching four times on Sunday. Our church voted to let the mission have its own budget from the start. So, we want the **Arkansas Baptist** through the mission budget.—Thurlo Lee, pastor, 1st Church, Oden.

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