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ARKANSAS

*Baptist*



DECEMBER 24, 1959

# Executive Board Committees Named

THE EXECUTIVE Board elected the following committees in its Dec. 1 meeting. The members will serve on the respective committees during their tenure of office on the Executive Board.

It is our judgment that the organizational structure of the Board now makes possible a maximum service on the part of these committees. Programs of work for the new year were committed to these committees at the December meeting.

**Officers:** O. L. Bayless, president; C. Z. Holland, vice president, and S. A. Whitlow, secretary.

**Nominating Committee:** W. M. West, chairman; 1960, Boyd Baker and Roy

Hilton; 1961, Delbert Garrett, and 1962, W. M. West and Hugh Cantrell.

**Finance Committee:** James Brewer, chairman; 1960, James Brewer, Roy Bunch, Harold Coble; A. G. Escott, J. B. Huffmaster, Carl Overton, Hugh Owen, Ernest G. Ward and Emil Williams; 1961, Hugh Cooper, John Eason, Boyd Eldridge, Harold Hightower, Tom Lindley, Floyd Marlar, Woody Murray and J. N. Shoptaw, and 1962, Joe Anderson, Homer Bradley, John Danner, Bobby Benton, Jay Heflin, Ed McDonald, Gus Poole, Murl Walker and Harold Elmore.

**Program Committee:** W. O. Vaught, Jr., chairman; 1960, Mason Craig, Ray Daugherty, E. C. Edwards, Merle Johnson, W. E. Perry, Charles F. Pitts, Robert Smith, Walter Warmath and T. J. Welch; 1961, Waif Hamilton, P. O. Harrington, Bob Harris, H. G. Jacobs, Doyle Lumpkin, R. C. Morrison, Eugene Ryan and W. O. Vaught; 1962, C. C. Gunn; A. L. Hart, Don Hook, J. M.

James, Dillard Miller, Harold Presley, Charles Taylor, Harold White and James Yates.

**Operating Committee:** W. C. Blewster, chairman; 1960, C. Z. Holland and Thomas Hinson; 1961, Dale Cowling, D. Hoyle Haire, W. C. Blewster and Roy Lambert; 1962, Burton Miley and Leslie Riherd.

**Executive Committee:** O. L. Bayless, chairman; W. C. Blewster, James Brewer, W. O. Vaught, Jr. and W. M. West.

**Advisory Committee:** W. Harold Hicks, Tom Digby, J. C. Fuller and Paul Roberts.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

## Cooperative Program Receipts Short of Goal

DECEMBER IS the last month of our 1959 cooperative budget. Arkansas Baptists have contributed \$1,424,991.99 during the first 11 months of this year, but we are still short \$41,674.67 of our goal.

If every church will give something extra during the month of December, we can reach our goal. Many, many of our churches in the past have come to the close of the year with a surplus and give that through the Cooperative Program to world missions. Other churches give a special Christmas check to help meet the budget.

Remember, that when we reach our budget goal of \$1,700,000, we meet world needs and when we fail to reach our budget goal, world needs suffer. So give me this opportunity to fervently urge every church in our state to do something extra and get it to the treasurer's office by Jan. 5, 1960.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary. ■



## Brotherhood Committee Plans National Meet

IT WAS the associate secretary's privilege to meet with a committee of the Southern Brotherhood Commission to help plan for the 2nd national conference of Southern Baptist men, to be held in Memphis, Sept. 13-15, 1961. This committee is composed of 15 men from over the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Brotherhood Commission sponsored the first conference of Southern Baptist men in Oklahoma City in 1958. The first meeting was a success from our viewpoint and the second meeting promises to be a meeting of far reaching influence.

J. W. Fisher, Brotherhood secretary in Missouri, was elected materials chairman. Attendance chairman is Bernard King, Brotherhood secretary in Georgia, and the publicity chairman is Dr. W. C. Fields, public relations director of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Board.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.

## Efficiency Conference

WE ATTENDED the Church Efficiency Conference at the Southern College, Walnut Ridge. It was our joyous opportunity to teach stewardship and church finance.

This is an annual winter meeting for pastors and laymen, sponsored by the college and conducted by Brother Billy Walker.

The conference dealt with almost every phase of our Baptist life and each session was brought to a close with a message by Dr. Stanley Jordan, Shreveport, La. The conference was a time for study and a time for inspiration.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.

## '60 Forward Program Materials Available

NASHVILLE — Forward Program of Church Finance materials for 1960 will be available on order to churches beginning Jan. 1; according to Robert J. Hastings, editor of the materials.

The materials, centered around a Guidebook of Fund Raising and Church Budget Promotion, are to aid churches during their budget canvasses in 1960.

Hastings, who is assistant director of church finance for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, announced that the theme for 1960 will be "Give . . . to Win."

The theme will be noted in such printed material as posters, pledge cards, tracts, budget folders, bulletin inserts, mats, and budget campaign newspapers.

He said the guidebook has been slightly rearranged and simplified from its 1959 edition and its price reduced from \$1 to 65 cents.

Churches wishing to take part in the Forward Program in 1960 should order their materials early, Hastings recommended.

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## A GIFT TO CHRIST

*By Glendon D. Grober*

A loud knock awakened me. A bright tropical moon made the clock easy to see. It was 2:00 a.m. I got up quickly and went to the door.

"Boa noite," he said. That is Portuguese for "good evening."

As I replied I noticed the look of concern on the Brazilian's face. "My wife has become very ill," he explained. "Can your wife come and see her? I think she is dying."

I asked him to wait a moment. I went back into the bedroom to talk with my wife, who is a registered nurse. People had often come during the day seeking help. This was our first night caller.

Marge and I talked briefly. She decided to go with him.

A moment later, with a PAA flight bag in her hand, she climbed into the cab of a big orange truck.

Then they were gone.

Back in bed, I prayed for my wife, and then for a sick woman somewhere in that town.

Sometime later I heard a noise out front. I went to the door, opened it, and saw Marge.

I watched the orange truck drive off again, and then followed my wife to the kitchen.

She put the blue flight bag on the table. From it she took a small syringe and placed it on the drainboard of the sink.

"What happened?" I asked.

"A lady had a heart attack. I got there just in time. I gave her an injection. She will be all right now."

I looked at the small syringe and thought . . .

It was not an expensive syringe—about \$1.25 in cost. It was not in anyway unusual, except for one thing: The syringe had been paid for by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

I could not help but wonder that night, and later, too, as that family came to our church: Who had given \$1.25 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Who had influenced a wife, a husband, and a family for Christ? Whoever it was gave a gift to Christ that Christmas.

**H**UMANLY speaking, the greatest blessing of Christmas is something we call "the Christmas spirit." Here in America, where Christmas is the greatest holiday season of the year, the measure of the spirit of Christmas in a person's heart is his outward good will toward people in general. Not just to his close friends, to those of a particular segment of society, to those of his own church, his own club, his own business or profession, his own race; not just to those who are well-to-do, respected citizens; but to all people, including the poor, the despised, and even those normally regarded as unfriendly.

Whether or not one has what is commonly called "a good Christmas" is not determined by the quantity or the quality of "Christmas gifts" either given or received, but by whether or not one possesses and is possessed by the Christmas spirit. We make no brief, as some do at this season of the year, against the giving or exchanging of Christmas presents. Giving is the most natural expression of love. When the Christmas giving is motivated by love for Christ, how can it fail to honor Christ? Certainly when Christmas gifts meet the needs of the poor and the afflicted, they are as if given personally to Christ (Matt. 25:37-40).

At Christmas, the good news of the birth of the Savior is heard by all of our people as at no other time of the year. It breaks through the humdrum of daily existence—in the home, in the shop, in the office, in the fields—wherever the people are. It breaks through with a strange freshness even in the worship services where people have been going regularly from week to week through the year. As at no other time of the year, the blessed fact of the coming to the world of the Savior makes its great impact upon us all. We have a sense of the nearness of the Savior that approaches what the shepherds must have felt long ago on the Judean hills. Hear that message again:

*Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger (Luke 2:10-12, RSV).*

The open secret of the spirit of Christmas is found in the chorus of the heavenly host that appeared to the shepherds:

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased! (Luke 2:14 RSV)*

The way to peace and good will for us as individuals or as cities, states, and nations, is one and the same. Our hearts must be turned daily to God as the sunflower each day turns its face to the sun. When men really sing, "Glory to God in the highest"—praise be to God—honor be to God—they cannot but love one another in the highest sense. But this good will that brings peace to the hearts of men does not come from mere lip service to God. The Apostle John spells it out in no uncertain terms:

*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:5-7 RSV).*

Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, has a timely word for all who would apply their Christianity to the human relationships:

*Have nothing to do with stupid, senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will (2 Timothy 2:23-26 RSV).*

As certainly as day follows night, all who live lives pleasing to God will love their fellow men:

*He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes (1 John 1:9-11 RSV).*

May each of us this Christmas have eyes to see and ears to hear and hearts open to the greatest gift of all—God's gift of the Savior.

*Praying It Through*

**T**HE YOUNG theologian had a bad case of the blues. He lacked the radiance he felt he should possess as a Christian. Finally he decided he would lock himself in his room and "pray it through."



ELM

But that did not take long. At the end of ten minutes he was terribly conscious of the hardness of the floor against his knees, and the fact that he had just about prayed everything he knew to pray. Also he was conscious that he didn't feel any better.

It was a Saturday afternoon and the Seminary campus where he was a student was almost deserted. In his loneliness he decided to seek somebody else who was lonely. So he went to General Hospital at the regular visiting hour.

There he found several patients in a men's ward who had no company among the large number of hospital visitors. They were glad indeed to have his visit. Before he left he had won three lost men to Christ.

Needless to say, he left the hospital in a far different mood from the mood that possessed him when he had entered. Now he had the radiance he had sought to no avail in his prayers.

Today the young theologian is many years older and has long been an outstanding Southern Baptist preacher and soulwinner, for he is Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of 1st Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. But he has never forgotten the lesson he learned that lonely Saturday afternoon in Louisville, Ky., according to his personal testimony given recently at the Arkansas State Brotherhood Convention.

There is often a great need for us to give feet to the prayers we pray. Sometimes the thing we need most of all is to get up out of our chairs, or maybe, even off our knees, and do something.

A man trapped on an ice floe dropped to his knees to pray for God's deliverance. But a realistic brother on shore who saw that there was still not too much distance between the floating ice and the shore for his friend to jump to safety called to him to get off his knees and jump while there was still time.

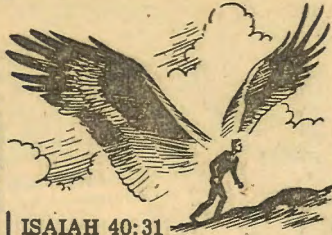
Any time of the year is a good time to match our praying with Christian deeds. But no time is better than now. The great tragedy is that we so often put off to another day carrying out the good impulses of today. We should be eager to be used of God in the answering of our own prayers.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

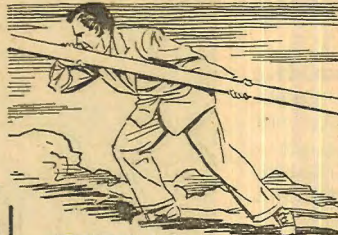
# The Bible Speaks on "God's Strength"



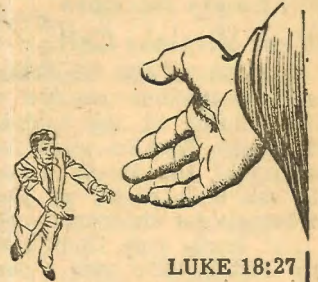
**DEUT. 31:6**  
Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.



**ISAIAH 40:31**  
But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



**JOSHUA 1:9**  
Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.



**LUKE 18:27**  
The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Letters to the Editor

## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

### 'This Old House'

Dear Abe:

I WAS deeply touched by the picture of the cabin in which you were born and the sentimental piece that it stirred you to write. [We take pleasure in referring our readers again to "Personally Speaking," page 4, our issue of Dec. 3.—ELM] Little did you know in your rail-splitting youth that you were destined one day to spend your time splitting hairs . . .

With this issue [The Maryland Baptist, Dec. 15, 1959] I finished exactly two years of editorial service in Maryland. My goal in the new year is to attempt to scale the uttermost heights where I expect to find Arkansas Baptist already there ahead of me.—Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., Editor, The Maryland Baptist, 100 East 23rd Street, Baltimore 18, Md.

IF THE readers will excuse a slight change of the subject at this juncture, another friend (?), George Raleigh Jewell, of the staff of Western Recorder, Louisville, Ky., with our Arkansas Baptist cover design before him, suggested that we might consider "taking the map off the Arkansas Baptist and putting the Arkansas Baptist on the map."

### The Social Drinker

NO MAN, even if he is a preacher, is likely to back a principle that runs counter to his personal habits. That's why the social drinker is hard to enlist in this cause.

We have known right along that a man is not likely to support a movement that threatens his financial fortunes, and that his private interest actually blinds him and renders him incapable of seeing anything else.

Nobody has any trouble thinking straight about the situation the other fellow is in, or about the situation he once was in but is no longer. It's his present situation and his present interest that hold him in chains of bondage.

A man who runs a tavern or who is otherwise dependent on the liquor in-

dustry for his bread will have a hard time seeing anything wrong with his part in it. He will invent all kinds of specious reasons for justifying himself and they will seem real to him.

Usually the liquor dealer tells himself that it is not his product that hurts men, but excessive, intemperate use of it. Sometimes he cites the automobile as an illustration. The fact that thousands of people are killed each year in automobile accidents does not make the sale or use of automobiles a sin he says. And sometimes he remembers to point out that lots of people eat themselves to death.

If he did not sell liquor, he would have no difficulty seeing the emptiness and worthlessness of his argument, but he does sell it, and that fact has profound effect on his logic. Probably we are all like that. Reason is conditioned by self interest.

Now take the social drinker. You know right off why he is not likely to join your crusade against the liquor system. He is not free to think about it clearly. Maybe he does his best—or thinks he does—to be impartial and objective, but his social drinking, which he likes and does not intend to give up, acts on his reason and deflects it as a magnet deflects a compass.

Here is a pathetic situation—thousands of otherwise good and intelligent people—some of them professionally ministers of Christ—standing outside the struggle against one of the greatest social evils of all time because they enjoy a mild use of one of its products.—Wm. J. Setzer, Associate Director, Missouri Civic Foundation.

### Training in the Home

CHILDREN ARE born with certain rights. The most important right is spiritual guidance.

The biggest job we have ever undertaken or will ever undertake is the job of rearing our children. Giving them plenty of good healthy food, warm clothing, and medical attention is not nearly enough. If we parents fail to give our children the spiritual guidance they need, then we have failed them in their most important phase of life. When I mention the word "parents," I mean both the mother and the father. So many of our people think it

is the mother's responsibility to see that the children receive spiritual training, but if we do a good job it takes both parents working together.

I suppose teachers more than anyone else can see the importance of training in the home. A teacher does not have to stay in the classroom very long before she recognizes the children who have been trained at home. They are your reliable children, your strong children, your good citizens.

Children are influenced more by the attitudes and feelings of their parents than by anyone else. Consciously or unconsciously, parents express their feelings toward God in everyday life.

Patience and insight can do much toward developing a child's concept of God in the proper direction.

Prayers of thanksgiving are probably best for small children. Prayer can build up a child's confidence and prepare him to face life's uncertainties with a sense of partnership with God.

The primary concern is for children to love God. When this love is nourished by early home training, the child is better able to face the insecurities of a larger world.

The child best learns love as his parents show attention and devotion to him and to each other. In this environment, he may be told repeatedly by story and hymn that God is a loving Father.

Gradually he builds his concept of God as one who cares for him and his parents, who guides in the major things of life, yet leaves many of the details to his children.

Proverbs 22:6 says

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Mrs. Elise Banister, Public School Teacher, El Dorado.

P. K. MERRILL was elected chairman of the Pope County unit of the Christian Civic Foundation at the organizational meeting Nov. 22. Other leaders named included: Lawrence Roberts, vice chairman; Roy Underhill, secretary, and Mrs. George Meyer and Emil Williams, members at large of the Executive Committee. A workshop is planned for Jan. 12.

# Arkansas All Over

## Bill Lewis Accepts West Virginia Call

BILL H. LEWIS, an Arkansan, has accepted the new work of the South Side Church in the capitol city of Charleston, West Va., under partial sponsorship of the Home Mission Board. He has been pastor at Eber Church in Detroit for the past two years.

The South Side Church was organized just a little over a year ago. It is the first work of Southern Baptist in the metropolitan area. Southern Baptist churches number only 44 in the entire state of West Virginia, the only state south of the Mason-Dixon line still considered pioneer.

Mr. Lewis is still actively engaged in evangelistic work, outside his main field of service. He will bring the opening message of the Ohio Baptist Evangelistic Conference Jan. 29. The new church has extended the pastor the privilege of conducting six revivals a year. He has one date open in the summer and one in the fall. His address is 106 Forest Ave., South Charleston, W. Virginia.

BOONE COUNTY Association set a new record of attendance for "M" Night with 445 from 18 of the 24 churches. The music directed by E. L. Crosby, the presentation of the 1960 program of training by Rev. Milton Edmonson, Associational Training Union Director, and the inspiring message by Rev. Clifford Palmer, climaxed a very successful meeting.

MRS. IDA KATE Vermillion, a native of Arkansas and widow of Rev. H. F. Vermillion, died Dec. 2 in an El Paso hospital. Mr. Vermillion served as chaplain for the Baptist Sanatorium in El Paso from 1918 to 1930. She had resided in Eastland, Tex., in recent years.

## Attendance Report

December 13

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Camden, Cullendale 1st	472	257	0
Crossett, 1st	613	223	0
El Dorado, Immanuel Mission	740	351	1
	31		
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	489	189	2
Jacksonville, 1st	596	230	1
Little Rock, Tyler St.	247	99	1
Magnolia, Central	757	362	3
McGehee, 1st Mission	496	212	
	45	33	
North Little Rock, Rose City, Calvary	422	119	1
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	839	277	1
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	624	232	1
Pine Bluff, South Side	658	223	3
West Memphis, Calvary	255	148	0



**BROTHERHOOD GIFT**—A painting of an Ozark Mountain scene has been presented to the Brotherhood Commission for display in the Southern Baptist Convention agency's new building at Memphis, Tenn. George Schroeder (right), executive secretary, accepts the gift from Nelson Tull (left), Arkansas Brotherhood secretary, and his associate, C. H. Seaton. The artist was Mrs. Hugh Johnson of Fort Smith.

STATE MISSIONARY M. E. Wiles was evangelist for a Nov. 22-29 revival in Calvary Church, Texarkana, in which 13 professions and one addition by letter were recorded. Pastor W. P. Mears attributed the seven additions by letter on the following Sunday to the revival.

EIGHT PROFESSIONS and three additions by letter were reported by Bigelow Church after the Nov. 30-Dec. 5 revival. Ralph Douglas was evangelist and Pat Mehaffey music director. Garland Morris is pastor.

BARLING CHURCH, Concord Association, reported eight professions, three additions by letter and 12 rededications in a Nov. 29-Dec. 6 revival. Paul E. Wilhelm, Lamar, was evangelist and L. Robinson led the singing. David L. Land is pastor.

FIRST CHURCH of Junction City recently honored their pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence A. Allison, and Mark, with a surprise luncheon in the church dining hall. The occasion was his third anniversary. F. J. Ritchie, treasurer, presented a check to the Allisons on behalf of the members.

ENTERPRISE CHURCH, Viola, in Clear Creek Association, has included the Arkansas Baptist in their church budget to go to every resident church family. Mrs. Virginia Luther, treasurer, sent the list of names.

## Christmastide

*Something stirs my inner being  
With the question o'er and o'er,  
As we give our gifts to others,  
Do we love our Savior more?*

*When we see the candles beaming  
In the darkness of the night;  
As our eyes are fixed upon them,  
Do we see the greater Light?*

*When we hear the shouts of gladness  
For good things we have in store;  
Do we hear the Voice of Triumph,  
"I'm alive forevermore?"*

*'Mid the glitter and the glamor,  
As men seek the fragile things;  
Do we pause to thank our Father,  
For the joy our Savior brings?*

*For a peace that knows no ending,  
For a faith that never dims;  
When the world is seeking pleasure,  
Do we seek a glimpse of Him?*

*As we send our simple greetings,  
"Merry Christmas, and Good Will,"  
Do we ask ourselves the question,  
Do we love our Savior still?*

*Does it stir our inner being  
As we celebrate the day;  
If it doesn't, lost the meaning,  
Lost the Truth, the Light, the Way.*

*May we catch anew the vision,  
None so lovely, none so rare;  
Just a lowly wooden manger,  
And a baby lying there.*

—Noma Shipman, Rogers, Ark.

## Arkansan to Head Hospital Trustees

FRED H. CARTER of Lake City was elected president of the board of trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital on Dec. 8, the first appointee of the Arkansas Baptist Convention and, therefore, the first Arkansan to ever serve in this position.

He fills the post left vacant by the death of Dr. Paul A. Wieland, of Trenton, Tenn., last August.

Mr. Carter was first named to the hospital board in 1952. He has served three years as vice president and as a member of the executive committee. He is president of the St. Francis Levee Board. He served on the Arkansas Baptist Board for six years.

He has extensive farming and business interests in East Arkansas, and is vice president of the Citizens Bank of Lake City.

Mr. Carter was re-elected to the hospital board this year for a three-year term as were W. R. Bryant, Jonesboro, and Alvin Huffman, Jr., Blytheville.

Other new members elected for three-year terms are Paul Owen, New Albany, Miss.; Dr. Mark Harris, pastor of Speedway Baptist Church, Memphis; Rev. J. Ralph McIntyre, pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Dr. Robert L. Orr, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Dyersburg, Tenn.

Charity Service at Memorial during the year totalled \$773,417. Of this amount \$237,909 was for residents of Arkansas. The Arkansas recipients were primarily from the eastern portion of the state, for the Baptist Hospital at Little Rock does an outanding service in rendering free hospital care for the central and western portions of Arkansas.



Dr. Fred Savage Jr., formerly pastor of 1st Church, De Queen, assumed his new duties as pastor of 1st Church, Marion, Dec. 10. During his three years in De Queen, Mr. Savage led the church in the Forward Program of Church Finance in 1957 and 1958 which resulted in a 30% increase in budget receipts. The Cooperative Program gifts was raised from 18% to 21%. There were 156 additions to the church, and the church debt was reduced from \$26,000 to \$13,000.—Thomas H. Edwards

## Military Professor Named at Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA—Lieutenant Colonel William J. King has been nominated by the Department of the Army to serve Ouachita College as professor of Military Sciences and Tactics. The present professor, Major Clare H. Armstrong, will remain until January to assist Colonel King in his new assignment.



COL. KING

Colonel King arrived in Arkadelphia Dec. 18 after completing a 16-week associate course at the Commander and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Prior to his enrollment there, he was assigned to the G-1 section (Personnel), headquarters 7th Army in Germany for three years and returned to the United States in July of this year. For meritorious service during this assignment, Colonel King received the second Oak Leaf Cluster for the Commendation Ribbon.

An ordained minister, Colonel King received his BA degree from the Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C., in 1949 and attended Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, during 1950.

Colonel and Mrs. King and their son and daughter, ages 11 and 8, will be living in the Ouachita Hills Addition.

## Ouachita Announces Football Lettermen

THIRTY-TWO FOOTBALL lettermen have been announced by Coach Lamar Watkins for the Ouachita College Tigers. Of this number, only two are seniors.

Senior lettermen winning their fourth letter were Jerry Sparks, co-captain and guard from Petersburg, Va., and R. C. Lowry, center from Arkadelphia.

Juniors winning their third letter include John Collier, co-captain and fullback from Hughes, and John Brownlee, All-AIC center from Eudora. Juniors receiving their second letter were Bobby Fawcett, tackle from Cabot, and Lamar Joplin, end from Magnolia.

Sophomores receiving their second letter were Tommy Murphree, quarterback, El Dorado; Shelby Ward, end, El Dorado; Hubert Dungan, tackle, El Dorado; James Herzfeld, tackle, Benton; George Nichoalds, guard, North Little Rock; James Wilkins, guard, Searcy; Ken York, tackle, Malvern; and Lloyd Sivils, guard, Crossett. Sophomores receiving their first letter were Doug Moore, halfback from Lincoln, and David Jordan, end from Van Buren.

Freshman lettermen include Gary Malesky, halfback, San Antonio, Tex.; Joe Sanchez, fullback, San Antonio, Tex.; Aubrey Emerson, quarterback, De Queen; Pete Woody Davis, end, Morrilton; Roy Rowe, center, Hope; Charles Jackson, fullback, Morrilton; Winston Duke, guard, Hope; Eddie Mason, guard, Hot Springs; John Fitzgerald, tackle, Sheridan; Frankie Francis, halfback, Hot Springs; Lynn McClung, halfback, Hot Springs; Bill Baldrige, tackle, North Little Rock; Doyne Davis, halfback, Little Rock; Richard McCuiston, end, El Dorado; Jesse Tucker, halfback, Star City; and Frank Lawrence, guard, Dardanelle.

REV. AND Mrs. William C. Warmath, missionary appointees for Japan, have sailed for their field of service. Their address is 11 Kamiyama-cho, Shibuyaku, Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Warmath is the former Mary Cox, native of Omaha, Ark.

BILLY WALKER was evangelist for a recent revival in Nettleton Church, Jonesboro. There were 32 for baptism, and 10 joining the church by letter. Several surrendered for special service. R. D. Harrington, pastor.

## Available for Pastoral Work

Rev. Wm. Wayne Flanigan, 909 W. Nagle Ave., Enid, Oklahoma, Phone, ADams 4-8000. He graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1950 with a B.A. Degree and graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., in 1954, with a B.D. degree. He has had pastoral and mission experience in California.



PRESIDENT OF Southern College Baptist Student Union is Carrol Fowler, sophomore education major. Carrol's parents are Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Fowler of Manila. Upon graduation Carrol plans to enter the seminary and continue pastorate work.



## I Wonder Why

I have often wondered why the sky is blue,  
And why each new morning is bathed in dew;  
I've wondered why the moon sails from east to west  
While the bluebirds sleep in their feathered nest.

I've wondered why the flowers are all so gay—  
Why the robins and I are so happy all day—  
Why the redbud tree is lovely in bloom,  
And why golden sunbeams chase the gloom.

I've wondered why the streams are crystal clear,  
Why little forestfolks are shy and dear,  
Why butterflies flit on their silken wings,  
And the world is so full of wonderful things.

I've wondered why the stars twinkle so at night  
As they hang in the firmament and send us their light.  
I've wondered and wondered, but now I know,  
For I've read my Bible and it tells me so,  
God made the good things of Heaven and Earth;  
And the sweetest of all was our Savior's birth.

—Rebecca Bennett, Age 11, Trumann

## Blewster Named CCF Head in Columbia

THE COLUMBIA County chapter of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., was organized Dec. 17 at a meeting in the board room of the 1st National Bank, Magnolia. W. C. Blewster, of Magnolia, president of the 1st National Bank, was elected chairman.

Other officers named were: Harold Fincher, president of the Bank of Waldo, vice chairman; Mrs. George Harrod, Magnolia, dean of women at Southern State College and state president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, secretary-treasurer.

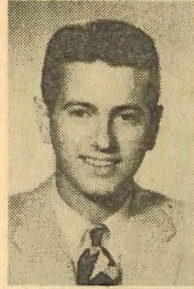
Committee chairmen are: C. Robert Cole, education in the public schools; and Paul Crumpler, salacious literature.

Dr. William E. Brown, state executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation, attended the organization meeting.

THE EDITOR of the Arkansas Baptist, while in Louisville for the December called meeting of the trustees of Southern Seminary, paid a brief visit to Mrs. B. H. Duncan, widow of the late and beloved former editor of the Arkansas Baptist. Mrs. Duncan's many friends will be happy to know that she is enjoying good health. She and a sister, Mrs. W. A. Gerrard, who is also a widow, live together at 414 Benjamin Lane, Lyndon, Ky.

## Crack Photographer Takes New Post

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — Bryce Finch, supervisor of the Baptist Sunday School Board's photography section in the Art Department, assumes duties January 1, as staff photographer with Eastman Kodak Company. He will be employed in Eastman's headquarters operations in Rochester, N. Y.



BRYCE FINCH

A native of Missouri, Finch is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and holds a diploma from New York Institute of Photography. Earlier this year he received the master of photography degree from Professional Photographers of America, Inc., a recognition held by only 375 of the 22,000 professional photographers in the United States.

Finch came to the Baptist Sunday School Board as sole photographer in 1948.

## BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS JANUARY, 1960

Theme: Privileges

- Jan. 3 "The Full Pardon of God"  
10 "Adoption into God's Family"  
17 "From Fatalism to Faith"  
24 "The Conquest of Fear"  
31 "The Indissoluble Bond"

City	Station	Time
Arkadelphia	KVRC	3:00 p.m.
Conway	KCON	7:00 a.m.
Corning	KCCB	1:00 p.m.
De Queen	KDQN	1:00 p.m.
El Dorado	KELD	2:30 p.m.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hope	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
Jonesboro	KNEA	9:30 a.m.
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.
Monticello	KHBM	3:30 p.m.
Paragould	KDRS	8:30 p.m.
Paris	KCCL	
Prescott	KTPA	1:00 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	7:30 a.m.
Van Buren	KDFD	10:00 a.m.
Wynne	KWYN	6:30 p.m., Sat.

### "Mastercontrol"

Corning	KCCB	10:30 a.m.
Forrest City	KXJK	10:00 a.m.
Ft. Smith	KWHN	12:30 p.m.
Little Rock	KTHS	5:00 p.m.
Prescott	KTPA	
Paris	KCCL	4:00 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	10:00 a.m., Sat.
International Sunday School Lessons		
Paragould	KDRS	10:15 a.m.
Rogers	KAMO	6:45 a.m., Fri.
Stuttgart	KWAK	6:30 p.m., Fri.
Wynne	KWYN	9:15 a.m.
This Is The Answer		
El Dorado	KTVE	4:30 p.m., Sat.
Fort Smith	KNAC-TV	10:30 a.m.

## THE BOOKSHELF

Evangelical Sunday School Lesson Commentary, 1960, Higley Press, Butler, Ind., \$2.50

The work of no single man, this volume of lessons on the Uniform Bible Lesson Series of the National S. S. Association represents the writings of 59 different contributors. Since Southern Baptists study the International Uniform Bible Series, this commentary will not serve the usual purpose for them in preparing Sunday School lessons from week to week. It is a valuable book for denominations using the National S. S. Series.

Higley's Sunday School Lesson Commentary, 1960, \$2.50

The publishers point out that whereas many lesson commentaries are designed for one particular method of teaching, this one is appropriate for any of the four usual methods: lecture, expository, topical, or question and answer. The lessons covered are those of the International Sunday School Lesson Series, the series used by most Southern Baptist churches.

Stop Existing and Start Living, by Merrill F. Unger, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1959, \$2.50

"A true view of Christ and His Cross reduced to everyday Christian conduct would dissolve every divisive cult that parades under the banner of Christianity and unite all believers in Him who is our real unity." So declares the author in his concluding chapter, "Losing Life to Find It." He sees in the Cross: the revelation of the love of God, the medium of release of the power of God, the medium of separation to the will of God.

The Epistles of Paul, by W. J. Conybeare, Baker Book House, 1958, \$2.50

This book embodies the translation of the Epistles of Paul together with the notes and comments as found in The Life and Epistles of Paul, by Conybeare and Howson.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond, by Elizabeth George Speare, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1958, \$3

This is the story of a high-spirited young girl whose rebellion against bigotry and her surroundings culminates in a terrifying witch hunt and breath-taking trial. The time is the 1600's, the place, Connecticut. Very readable.

The Word of the Cross, by Peter H. Eldersveld, Eerdsman, 1959, \$2

This 97-page book has its origin in the Back-to-God Hour, the radio and TV voice of the Christian Reformed Church.

MISS SARAH Odle of Jackson, Miss. has been chosen Miss Mississippi College and most beautiful co-ed at the Baptist college located in Clinton, Miss. She is daughter of Joe T. Odle, editor of weekly Baptist Record.

## Divided Church

**QUESTION:** Our church is divided into two groups. One opposes everything that is undertaken to make our church grow, such as enlarging our building, beautifying our grounds, or recreation for young and old. They even have a dispute over who the officers of the church will be.



DR. HUDSON

Now one group has pulled out and is meeting in the homes around the community. They intend to start another church in this small community which can hardly support one. Is this what God would have?

**ANSWER:** I cannot answer for God in such a complex situation. Sometimes it is better for a church to divide rather than to stay together and fight. However, if your community is small, too small to support two churches, your situation is a sad one.

The Apostle Paul dealt with such a condition in First Corinthians (chapter 3) and he diagnosed the trouble as "merely baby Christians" (see Williams translation). The solution seems to have been to remember that "we belong to God as His fellow-workers, you belong to God as His field is to be tilled, as His building is to be built" (Williams, verse 9).

I suggest that you get some mature pastor to meet with a group from both sides and try to find out what is wrong in this church. Such church conflicts do more to destroy faith than most Christians realize.

In the meantime, keep your head and emphasize Christian love. There is a Christian approach to every problem.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th St., Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

## Reynolds to Lead BWA Music at Rio

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)—William J. Reynolds will direct the music at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, 1960. He was invited by the Alliance's executive committee.



MR. REYNOLDS

Reynolds is music editor in the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. He was director of music at the fifth Baptist World Youth Congress meeting in Toronto, Canada, in 1958, and at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in 1958, held in Houston, Tex.



### Christmas Greetings from your Student Department

James Boyd  
City-wide Director, Little Rock

Carol Burns  
Arkansas State College

Jim Caldwell  
Southern State College

Darrel Coleman  
Arkansas A & M College

Linda Day  
Ouachita Baptist College  
Henderson State Teachers College

Herbert Haney  
Southern Baptist College

Neil Jackson  
Arkansas Tech

Jamie Jones, Jr.  
University of Arkansas

James Smalley  
Arkansas State Teachers

Juanita Straubie  
Arkansas Baptist Hospital

Kaye Canterbury  
Office Secretary

Tom J. Logue  
State Director



DR. R. G. LEE

## Veteran Minister Plans Retirement

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Dr. Robert Greene Lee, the only three-term president of the Southern Baptist Convention in the last two decades, has announced his retirement as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church here, effective in February.

The decision was made public on the eve of his 32nd anniversary as Bellevue pastor. Lee came to Bellevue Church from Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston, S. C., in 1927. He is 73 years old.

He is famous for his sermon, "Pay Day Some Day," which he has preached more than 600 times.

Lee was converted and called to the ministry at the age of 12. One day while plowing on the sharecropper family's South Carolina farm, young Bob stopped his mule, "Barney," and fell to his knees. There he gave his heart to Christ and almost immediately thereafter felt his call to the ministry.

The Southern Baptist Convention elected R. G. Lee as its president when the Convention met in his home city of Memphis in 1948. He presided at sessions in Oklahoma City, Chicago, and San Francisco. In addition, Lee has served four terms as president of Tennessee Baptist Convention.

During his three decades with Bellevue Church, it has increased from a membership of 1,400 to more than 9,300 members. The budget for the year approximates \$650,000. The membership figure places Bellevue second largest of churches affiliated with Southern Baptists. The church plant is valued at \$3¾ million.

Lee attended Furman University, Baptist school at Greenville, S. C., and received his Ph.D. degree from Chicago Law School. Three Baptist colleges—Furman, Union University at Jackson, Tenn., and Stetson University at DeLand, Fla.—have conferred honorary doctor of divinity degrees on him. ■

## Music

### Echoes from Nashville

SEMI-ANNUALLY, THE state music secretaries meet with the workers in the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board to examine, correlate, and develop the church music program as promoted in Southern Baptist churches. These meetings are extremely important in the unification of our music forces.



MR. McCLARD

Quite obviously, without a meeting of this kind, we would well have four programs of music: the seminary program, the convention program, the state program and the program that is actually carried on in the local church. It is wonderful to know that the music program is not one that is handed down from some group but rather is a composite of competitive thinking of the seminary, convention and state leaders and local church musicians. All changes in our Southern Baptist music program are approved by a majority vote of those attending the semi-annual meetings.

In our recent meeting, Dec. 7-11, there were many significant developments. Some of these we will not be able to reveal until the proper time and others we share with you below:

1. For the first time, we will have a Music Ministry Calendar of activities with an over-all emphasis for the year, a theme and objective, and a hymn of the month for each month of the year.

2. All of the hymns of the month have been orchestrated and recorded by the Broadman Choral. These hymn arrangements are very simple and will appear in the "Church Musician" in 1960. Orchestration will be available upon request.

3. The Seminary deans of music have been invited to be a regular part of our semi-annual meetings. Their contribution is extremely vital to the future development of our program. In our recent meeting, the deans were able to announce that in the immediate future the curriculum offered in our seminaries would be the same in each school.

4. The oratorio from Ridgecrest and Glorieta will be Haydn's "Creation." James Berry will be the bass soloist and Claude Rhea the tenor soloist. The director will be Dupre Rhame, Furman University. Walter Ehret, composer and director of the high school choir in Scarsdale, N. Y., will lecture on "Music for Junior and Senior High School Age Groups," at both Glorieta and Ridgecrest. He, also, will demonstrate the use of a new compilation for youth choirs that he has edited and which will be published and released by Broadman Press June 1, 1960.

5. The guest director for the Church Music Clinic in Tulsa will be Tom Mills,

## ON THE HILLS OF JUDEA

*One beautiful night so clear and serene,  
Nothing unusual was there to be seen.  
The bleating of sheep, and the noise of the rills,  
Oft' broke the silence on those Judean hills.*

*Then suddenly from Heav'n came a wonderful sight,  
That startled the world and the shepherds that night.*

*'Twas the Bethlehem Star, God's token of love,  
Man's only Redemption was born from above.*

*And the angelic choir sang that beautiful hymn  
Of peace on the earth, and good will to men.*

*All glory to God, in the highest, for aye  
The world's darkest night was turned into day.*

—F. W. DAVIS

choral conductor at the University of Missouri.

6. The guest faculty for the Southwestern Seminary Workshop, Feb. 1-5, 1960, will include Dr. George Howerton of Michigan University, Madeline Ingram of Birmingham, Ala., and Nettie Lou Crowder of the Sunday School Board.

7. All of the Standards of Excellence have been revised and will go into effect Oct. 1, 1960. These reflect the desires of you, the music directors in the local churches.

8. The emphasis of Music Expansion Week, Aug. 21-25, 1960, will be upon the training of leadership and preparation for September as Church Music Month.

9. The emphasis for September as Church Music Month will be upon the enlistment of the masses of the people in the music ministry. The training course text, "Music in Worship," written by Dr. Morris Ford, pastor of the 1st Baptist Church, Longview, Tex., will be the main study course.

10. In February, 1960, a series of training course texts for intermediates will be released. Included in this series are the following: "You Can Lead Singing," "You Can Learn To Sing," "You Can Read Music," "You Can Play Hymns," and "You Can Play The Organ."

11. A series of graded choir books is being written and will be available in 1961. "Beginner Music Activities," "Primary Choir," "Junior Choir," "Intermediate Choir."

12. A series of training course texts for Juniors is in the early stages of preparation.

The January music theme is "Seeking God's Leadership." The hymn of the month is "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship." The objective for January is to seek God's leadership in enlisting, inspiring and developing music leaders and guiding them in paths of service and worship through music. ■

## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

**T**HE SEVENTY-FIVE Million Dollar Campaign of the 1920's stimulated big plans. One of these was a Southern Baptist Hospital in Hot Springs.



DR. SELPH

It was felt that such a project in this location would be meeting a national need.

Originated in Central Association, the idea called for an eight-story, two-million-dollar, 500-bed, brick-and-steel building. The Arkansas Baptist

State Convention endorsed the movement and appointed three members of the 15-member board.

By 1926, the Hospital Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was cooperating with this movement and many felt this gave it solidarity. A tract of land consisting of nineteen acres was secured near the heart of the city and the Federal government gave a concession for the use of hot water.

Plans called for raising money by popular subscription. The board went so far as to secure the interest and support of a number of prominent people in this philanthropic project.

The spirit of this project was expressed in its statement of policy: "No dividends are ever to be declared, no affected person is ever to be denied, and any profits which might accrue are to be used in the care of charity patients."

The hospital was never built. No doubt it was too great an undertaking by such means, but it reflected a new day of conquest for Baptists. ■

## COMFORT AT CHRISTMASTIDE

*I think of you who mourn this Christmas Day,*

*Knowing your wounded hearts are slow to heal,*

*Sensing the loneliness that you must feel—*

*The grief that Time can never quite allay. But think now what this Christmas really means:*

*The Christ child came those many years ago*

*To lift sad hearts from out the depths of woe,*

*To give new hope through all life's changing scenes;*

*He came to walk with us each lonely mile,*

*And even cared enough at last to die*

*That we might have eternal life on high With Him and those we've "loved and lost awhile."*



**NEW OFFICERS** of the Tri-County Association: Rev. Edgar Harvey, Cherry Valley, moderator; Rev. Ben Rowell, Crawfordsville, vice moderator; Rev. J. E. Jackson, Weatley, clerk.

## Burleson Elected OBC Student Head

**JAMES W. BURLESON**, a senior music major from Bauxite, has been elected president of the Ouachita Baptist College student body.

Burleson defeated Larry Williams, a senior religion major from Paragould, by a margin of 35 votes in a special election Friday called to replace Dick Norton of DeQueen, who has withdrawn from school because of illness.

Burleson is a 1950 graduate of Bauxite High School. He is married to the former Shirley DuVall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan DuVall, Sr., of Bauxite. The Burlesons have a son, Jimmy, age 2.

Burleson is minister of music at South Side Baptist Church at Pine Bluff in addition to his studies at Ouachita. Prior to entering Ouachita, he was a member of the Melody Boys Quartet of Little Rock and had been active in the entertainment business for five years before becoming a student.

## Decatur Baptist College Wins Full Accreditation

**DECATUR, Tex.** —(BP)— Decatur Baptist College, which claims to be the world's oldest junior college, has received full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools. Current enrollment in the college, founded in 1898, is 212.

*Such are the precious blessings Christmas brings—*

*Be comforted by thinking of these things!*

—By **DORIS WHEELER BLOUNT**

## 'Televangelism 1960' Opens on Jan. 3

DO MORAL values have practical use in everyday life? What dangers come from doting parents? Can Christian ideals survive political corruption? How do teenagers resist conformity to cynical-group pressure?

Practical guidance, presented with dramatic impact in television in the weeks ahead, will leave many viewers with a much clearer answer to these and other questions.

Viewing parties planned for in thousands of homes and churches as "Televangelism 1960" gets underway, Jan. 3 will see these widespread problems in today's life faced by people much like those in anyone's home town. The struggle and conflict present suspenseful moments, and the answer often is given with a surprising touch well remembered.

**ONE WAY** to keep your teen-age daughter out of hot water is to put dirty dishes in it.

IT IS reported that two former close friends are no longer on speaking terms. The last time they met one woman said to the other: "I don't look 30, do I dear?"

The other replied: "No, darling, but you used to."

A TELEPHONE operator received the following call from an elderly lady: "My telephone cord is too long. Would you please pull it back a little at your end?"

## Record of 144 Missionaries Appointed This Year

THE FOREIGN Mission Board appointed 25 missionaries at its December meeting, setting a record of 144 appointments during the year and surpassing its goal by four. The December appointees bring to 1,382 the number of active Southern Baptists foreign missionaries.

Actions taken by the Board added two new fields to those in which Southern Baptist foreign missionaries will be stationed, bringing the number of countries, or separate political entities, to 44. Six of these have been added in 1959.

The new missionaries are:

Charles W. Bedenbaugh, South Carolina, and Betty Marshall Bedenbaugh, Illinois, for East Africa;

Joan Collins, Pennsylvania, for East Africa;

Buck Donaldson, Jr., Louisiana, and Barbara Hasty Donaldson, Minnesota, for East Africa;

W. Wilson Donehoo and Martha Statham Donehoo, both of Georgia, for Columbia;

Marvin E. Fitts, Mississippi, and Jean Carlisle Fitts, Tennessee, for Peru;

Jack D. Hancox and Doris White Hancox, both of Tennessee, for Europe;

Howard C. Knight, North Carolina, and Joyce Wheeler Knight, Florida, for Argentina;

Tom W. McMillan, Texas, and Marilyn Jones McMillan, Kentucky, for East Africa;

Winfred L. Medcalf and Sue Hensley Medcalf, both of Oklahoma, for Thailand;

J. Eugene Troop and Leona Walker Troop, both of Missouri, for North Brazil;

G. T. Turner and Norma Jean Brasher Turner, both of Mississippi, for Argentina;

Willie E. Whelan, Kentucky, and Elaine Power Whelan, New York, for Korea;

C. Benton Williams and Elizabeth Rogers Williams, both of Tennessee, for Thailand.

Among the new missionaries are nine preachers, two medical doctors, one dentist, and two registered nurses. The doctors are Mrs. Donaldson and Mr. Medcalf; the dentist is Mr. Whelan, and the nurses are Miss Collins and Mrs. Williams.

Medcalf, the first medical doctor to be appointed for service in Thailand, will help to open medical work in that country. Whelan, the second dentist appointed this year, is the first to serve in Korea. He will be associated with the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan.

The six new countries added to the list of Southern Baptist mission fields in 1959 are Vietnam, Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, Guinea, France, and Okinawa.

### Money and Missionaries

#### Necessary to Expansion

Calling 1959 the best year in the history of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said:

"We thank God for all the effort that has been put forward in prayer and ministry to make this year possible. We need to remember that the coming of each missionary for appointment represents a profound personal experience which has come into reality through a combination of impressions and influences.

"We are grateful to our Lord for the sustained financial support paralleling the growth in missionary personnel. We must keep in mind that the appointment of a large number of missionaries means inevitably that the budget for the following year automatically must be greatly enlarged. The missionary section of the 1960 budget is \$671,830.32 larger than was that section for 1959. The total amount appearing in the missionary section of the budget for 1960 is \$5,318,099.35.

"We are firmly convinced that God is leading in a very definite expansion of worldwide missionary effort. This expansion is contingent upon sustained growth both in the number of missionary volunteers and in finances.

"The foreign mission enterprise is being carried forward on a well-structured financial basis calling for approximately one-third of the total income of the Foreign Mission Board being utilized for the support of missionaries, one-third for the operation of programs of work on mission fields, and one-third for capital developments.

"Far more important than numerical and financial strength is the unity of

spirit and the depth of spiritual power to be found in missionary ranks. In the final analysis, effectiveness in world service does not depend upon buildings constructed, nor impressive numbers reported, but rather in the vital witness through life and message being borne by God's servants across the world."

### Dr. Means Will

#### Live in Brazil

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, said final reports on the 1959 emphasis on evangelism in Latin America are eagerly anticipated. He read the following incomplete report from Mexico:

"We have now finished the 14 special evangelistic campaigns which were planned for this special emphasis in 1959 and have complete reports on 12 of them with a total of 3,972 professions of faith. We believe that when the reports are in on the two remaining campaigns the number of professions of faith will be around 5,000."

Dr. and Mrs. Means will leave Richmond within a few days to take up residence in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the next seven months.

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# Population Control and Politics

*(Editor's Note: The Roman Catholic bishops of the United States on Nov. 25 issued a pronouncement on birth control, which statement carried grave implications for American foreign policy and religious liberty, and which injected the "religious issue" into the national political scene. Since the pronouncement, a lively discussion has been taking place throughout the nation in the newspapers both by public officials, prospective presidential candidates, and by political columnists. In the comments below C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, points out some of the issues that are involved in the bishops' statement and in the discussions that have followed.)*

IS THE bishops' statement on birth control to be interpreted as political maneuver, international policy, abstract moral philosophy, or as long range church strategy? This is the question faced by all who attempt comment on it.

The 200 Roman Catholic cardinals, archbishops and bishops are not ordinarily known for political naivete. When they undertook to speak for "American Catholics" on political positions regarding birth control and foreign aid they must have been aware of the implications for Senator John Kennedy and for other Catholic presidential hopefuls. The Senator carefully straddled the fence. The bishops had put him in an uncomfortable position and they may have deprived him of a chance at the Democratic candidacy.

It is altogether possible that the hierarchy prefer the present balance of power situation in which parties and leaders vie with one another to appeal to the "Catholic vote." The bishops apparently did not worry about the political fortunes of their "favorite sons."

From a political viewpoint a very interesting contradiction appears between the Roman Catholic political prognosticators who deny the existence of a "Catholic vote" and the crassness of the bishops' assumption that they can speak for Roman Catholics in the United States. In the stream of comments and correspondence few if any of the church's faithful have questioned the ability of the bishops to bind the activities of their people. On the contrary, a leading Roman Catholic theologian writing for *America* speculates as to whether a Roman Catholic president could sign a bill which sponsors a birth control program, and leans to the position that signing such a bill would amount to approving it. He says that, "all of this adds up to the conclusion that a Catholic candidate for president still presents a unique problem to his non-Catholic brethren." Apparently Baptists are not so "bigoted" after all.

Viewing the situation as a problem in church-state relations one could respect the conscience of the Roman Catholic taxpayer who might resist being taxed for the advancement of a moral philosophy with which he disagrees. But

these spokesmen were not the taxpayers and there was no question of anybody being coerced into such tax payments. The government departments involved say they have not used a penny for such purposes and have no plans for doing so. We wish they could say as much regarding expenditures in which other taxpayers have conscience problems, such as public aid for sectarian educational and welfare institutions.

Baptists would certainly want to be the last to challenge the freedom of the bishops to express their moral philosophy, regardless how truncated that philosophy may appear. The right of a group of ecclesiastical leaders to try to use the influence of a large institution to keep other people scientifically ignorant, thereby denying them the freedom to exercise moral judgments and to make responsible decisions, is another question. The morality that is based on conscience and conviction is of a different variety from that based on ignorance. Such expressions must come from Catholic fathers and mothers who are in a more convincing position to speak on this subject.

Actually many moral values are involved in the pronouncement. These cannot easily be sorted out by one simple formula for all cases. Physical and mental health, a standard of living which gives the children proper opportunities, the protection of monogamous moral patterns, respect for personal competence and worth, respect for the freedom of women to bear or not to bear children, are but a few of the values which must be weighed against the clergymen's interpretation of "natural law." Some careful studies of the effects of the "moral philosophy" in areas where it has been dominantly advanced are in order. Reports from Spain, Italy, and Latin American are not encouraging as illustrations of this approach to morality.

The bishops' statement may have been thought through more carefully from the viewpoint of institutional strategy. Present day Roman Catholic strength in the United States is largely a result of immigration. That church has demonstrated a constant interest in this subject, and it studies population trends and movements carefully. Southern and eastern Europe and Latin American countries have been of special interest. They remind us that 60 million immigrated to the United States in 150 years. For instance, presently Mexico has a birth rate of 46 per thousand and a death rate of 13. In 20 years Mexico's 30 million will become 60 million at the present rates. For a leadership which is wont to think in terms of centuries this is easy arithmetic. Whether they have considered all the factors the centuries will tell. ■

CLAYBORN E. LANDERS, pastor of Kansas City's Michigan Ave. Church, has accepted the work of city missionary in St. Joseph, Mo., to begin Jan. 1.

# November 'Red Letter' Month

NASHVILLE (BP) — November was one of those "red letter" months for Southern Baptists.

Not only did the Convention meet the basic section of its 1959 Cooperative Program budget, but the month's gifts through the Cooperative Program topped all previous months in history.

Treasurer Porter Routh announced that Cooperative Program receipts during November totalled \$1,680,312. It brought the total receipts via Cooperative Program for the year to date to \$15,564,728.

The \$15 million goal for meeting budgets of Convention agencies, reached during the month, was thus exceeded by over a half-million dollars. This over-and-above, known as the Advance section, is divided between only the Convention's Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Foreign missions gets three-fourths of the receipts through Dec. 31.

The goal for the Advance section is \$2½ million.

The Convention treasurer's office received \$122,418 during November in specially-designated gifts. Unlike Cooperative Program funds, which are shared by a percentage scale among all agencies, designated gifts go directly to a particular object named by the donor.

Cooperative Program receipts at Southern Baptist Convention offices are running 8.54 per cent ahead of the like period in 1958, while designations (which now total \$10,249,791 for 11 months) are up 12.69 per cent.

Total receipts, \$25,814,519, have increased 10.15 per cent.

Routh's report does not include the more than half of all Cooperative Program funds retained in states for Baptist work there, nor the even larger amounts used by local churches for their own programs.

Gifts from two states gave the big boost to Cooperative Program receipts during November. Alabama's contribution of \$384,051 was highest, followed by Texas' of \$317,468.

Five states have given more than \$1 million through the Cooperative Program to Southern Baptist Convention missions, education, and benevolent work this year. Texas has given slightly over \$3 million. Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Alabama follow in that order. ■

DR. AND Mrs. Sam H. Jones, Jr., of Atlanta, lost twin daughters who were born two months prematurely there. Dr. Jones, a physician, is son of S. H. Jones, Sr., editor of the *Baptist Courier* of Greenville, S. C. Mrs. Jones, although in critical condition herself for a short time, is reported on the way to recovery. She is the former Jeannine McDonald, daughter of Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the *Arkansas Baptist*, Little Rock. (BP)

## With Other State Conventions

### Mississippi Boards To Convene Together

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — Members and trustees of all Mississippi Baptist Convention boards and institutions probably will gather for a joint one-day session next year.

The convention at its session here approved a recommendation of its executive board calling for such a get-together annually. The purpose: to have a joint understanding of common objectives and problems, and to see each other's problems.

The executive committee of the convention board will set up the mass meeting.

Messengers adopted a strong temperance report. They denounced the state's tax on black market liquor. Although sale of liquor is illegal in Mississippi, the state has a law taxing illegal sales.

Executive Secretary Chester L. Quarles was honored at the Tuesday night session when the regular program was put aside and a service of tribute to him replaced it. This was Quarles' 10th convention session as executive secretary.

M. F. Rayburn, Meridian layman, was re-elected president.

The convention adopted a \$2½ million Cooperative Program budget for 1960, including \$850,000 as the share for the Southern Baptist Convention. The budget total is up \$225,000 over the current year.

It also voted that a sum of \$250,000 per year be allocated for capital expenditures by the denomination's colleges through Oct. 31, 1964.

It authorized Baptist Hospital in Jackson to borrow up to \$½ million from private lending agencies for immediate construction of two floors on the present hospital building. That will add 50 patient rooms.

### Alabama Baptists Hit Catholic Objectives

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — The Alabama Baptist State Convention here lashed out at the Roman Catholics, spurned government grants to churches, and condemned Sunday military drills.

B. Locke Davis of Anniston was re-elected president.

A report presented by the state Christian life commission, headed by G. W. Riddle of Alabama City, gave this statement on the Catholic issue:

"It remains undeniable that history reveals that the Roman Catholic Church has political objectives which, of themselves, inject serious problems about separation of church and state. These problem areas not to be ignored include the Roman Catholic Church's desire to establish itself as the state church whenever and wherever it can be done.

"Since their clear goal is to be the only completely recognized and state-supported church in the United States, while all others are to be looked upon either as sects or not even tolerated at all, it is pertinent to face up to portents involved in their achieving political supremacy in the United States. It is our thought that any Roman Catholic serving as President, as a matter of course, would be subject to varied types of strong pressures to give favoritism to the Roman Catholic Church regardless of his personal desire and public commitment.

"Our opinion is whenever a religious denomination has designs upon the constitution as it has been interpreted down through the years, and whenever that denomination threatens the freedom of the individual citizen in such matters as marriage, reading, health measures, to name but a few, and whenever that religious denomination seeks temporal and political power over the country and its citizens, thus moving away from pure religion and undefiled, and whenever that denomination exerts pressure upon both state and federal governments to alter our long-established public school program so as to provide tax monies for parochial schools, then we feel that the total conception of life offers an unresolved danger to traditional religious liberty and presents a theological risk for the Presidency."

### Louisiana Hospital Leasing Under Study

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The executive board of Louisiana Baptist Convention will study for the next year whether the convention should renew its lease of Homer (La.) Memorial Hospital.

The hospital was built with public funds and leased to Louisiana Baptists at a nominal yearly sum.

The issue came before the convention at its 1959 session in New Orleans. The feeling of Texas Baptists not to lease any hospital built with public tax funds prompted some messengers to oppose a renewal of the lease when it comes up soon.

The question, instead, was placed in the hands of the executive board. A thorough study of religious bodies—even non-Baptist—operating hospitals, and of tax funds used by them, is expected.

The convention's first vice-president, H. C. Abbott of Shreveport, filled the presidency when Paul E. Roberts of Lake Charles, La., accepted pastorate of 1st Church in Little Rock. Abbott, a layman, was re-elected here to a regular term as president for the coming year.

The convention also approved a \$2.8 million budget goal for 1960, an increase of \$300,000 over the present year. The Southern Baptist Convention's share is 31.4 per cent.

### C. B. Deane Named Carolina President

GREENSBORO, N. C. (BP) — The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina elected a former congressman as its president, and pushed through two amendments to the report of its survey committee.

Former congressman C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, who has served as recording secretary for 27 years, became president.

Deane was congressman from 1946-56, losing his seat after he refused to sign the "Southern Manifesto" on civil rights.

The survey committee's recommendation to cut the size of the convention's general board and to realign representation on it was buried in a vote of 17 to 1. About 2,000 messengers participated.

The convention will retain instead its present board composition of 85 members, and follow the same procedure for representation.

By a much closer vote, messengers decided that the office of evangelism should be a division of its own rather than one of seven departments in a division of church programs. The survey committee recommended the procedure, which was rejected by a vote of 520 to 494.

The 1960 budget will be \$4.1 million, compared with the convention's current \$3.6 million budget. One-third of the budget will support work carried on through the Southern Baptist Convention.

### New Texas Commissions Begin Re-Organization

DALLAS (BP) — Five major Texas Baptist committees and commissions have begun implementing here the denomination's major administrative re-organization recently approved at the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Corpus Christi.

Three major commissions conducted organizational meetings and selected chairmen to help direct the three major phases of work. Included are state missions, human welfare and Christian education.

Chairmen and vice chairmen of the three commissions were elected, and two of the groups named committees to define the qualifications for secretaries to direct their operation. One of the commissions, state missions, recommended that the executive board employ J. Woodrow Fuller, associate executive secretary for Texas Baptists for the past six years, as state missions secretary.

The human welfare commission named Walter Delamarter, domestic relations consultant for the convention for the past two years, as interim secretary, pending definition of criteria for the secretary's post.

## Denominational College Given Dual Obligation

LOUISVILLE —(BP)— Baptist colleges need to continue to provide Christian education both for the laity and for those preparing for church-related vocations, the executive vice-president of Baylor University said here.

Abner McCall of Waco, Tex., warned that Baptist colleges may return to the point of training only church-related vocational workers unless they can expand.

He called attention to a survey in Texas which showed that only 18 per cent of Baptist students attend Baptist colleges in the state.

Increased financial support from the denomination is the major hope for expansion, McCall added. Government funds must be declined because of ties that may be established. Similarly, he said, funds given by big donors and foundations often have strings attached.

Another alternative to lack of support is that Baptist colleges will become secularized. McCall said many private institutions today once were related to denominations.

The Baylor official addressed the winter meeting of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried."

"WHAT DOES God look like — is he black or white?" asked five-year-old Jud Doshier, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward P. Doshier, missionaries to Nigeria.

## McGlothlen Heads Tennessee Baptists

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (BP) — Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor, Immanuel Church, Nashville, has been elected president of Tennessee Baptist Convention.

McGlothlen has headed the special convention survey committee which reported this year here.

The convention continued to bestow honors upon its committee chairmen by electing S. E. Wilkes, pastor, Union Ave. Baptist Church, Memphis, first vice-president. Wilkes headed the committee which drafted the 1959 convention agenda.

A budget of \$3½ million will carry the convention through 1960, the highest budget ever adopted. An unspecified sum will be deducted for administrative and promotional expenses, after which funds will be shared three ways — 44 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention, 49 per cent for Tennessee work, and 7 per cent for capital needs of Tennessee Baptist schools.

## "Plenty of Time?"

[Editor's Note: This is the first public announcement that C. C. Warren has made since his heart attack and reveals his great concern for the 30,000 Movement.]

By C. C. WARREN  
(Director, 30,000 Movement)

NEVER BEFORE have such high premiums been placed upon time. On every hand we hear the complaint, "no time for this—no time for that" or "I simply don't have time." What a mad rush most of us are forced to live in. I confess that I have always been one of those creatures who never seemed to be able to crowd into today all that should be done before tomorrow.

On Oct. 15, following a rather severe heart attack, my doctors rushed me to the hospital and gave specific instructions, in no uncertain terms, that I was to do absolutely nothing for one solid month. Apart from the physical discomfort which I suffered, it was a rather shocking revelation for me to realize that for the first time in my life I had plenty of time.

For several years I couldn't be satisfied to recline in a beach chair or rest awhile at some mountain retreat, when the "Macedonian Calls" were coming so thick and fast. I simply didn't have time. But with the assistance of my wife and the doctors, I've "un-scheduled" myself and now I have plenty of time; time to pray, time to think, time to study, time to check up on the 30,000 Movement, time to meditate upon God's will for the rest of my life. How much time do I have left? That is entirely in his hands.

My chief concern is that which gripped my heart when I left the pastorate, that which was so beautifully expressed by the Great Apostle in Acts 20:24: "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Because of the prayers of so many of his people, I am convinced that the Lord has more work for me to do and that he will supply all needful grace and strength for the unfinished task before me.

While I am thinking of having plenty of time personally, I cannot forget that time for the 30,000 Movement is fast running out. Had it occurred to you that in spite of all that we have accomplished we are running over a year behind schedule in the achievement of our goal? Can we do anything about this? We certainly can.

While every Southern Baptist should feel the weight of the challenge in the world crises through which we are passing, it seems to me that God has especially singled out, commissioned, and equipped five groups now to bear the

leadership responsibility of the gigantic undertaking, namely:

1. The Joint SBC's Promotion and the 30,000 Committee
2. Pastors
3. The State 30,000 chairmen
4. The Associational Missions Committees

5. The Church Missions Committees  
I honestly believe if those listed in the above mentioned groups will take this challenge seriously and dare to do the "extra" which they can do, that they will find that Southern Baptists meant what they said in 1956 and by God's help the goal of 10,000 new churches and 20,000 new missions can be reached. However, we simply must bear in mind that there is not plenty of time for the 30,000 Movement, but rather, time is running out fast. ■

## 1960 Program Emphasizes Teaching

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Southern Baptists will be among the 18 million Baptists in North America who launch a year of devotion to Christian education on Jan. 1.

The seven Baptist groups in North America who are co-operating in the Baptist Jubilee Advance have set apart 1960 "for a continent-wide Baptist devotion to the searching claims of Christian education upon the faith, hope, and love of the people of God."

The inter-convention Baptist Jubilee Advance committee issued a proclamation for the year, entitled "Baptists Must Teach Christ."

The proclamation declares that "The gospel must be taught before it can be caught . . . There can be no effective transmission of the gospel without consecrated teaching."

The new year will be the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. It climaxes in 1964, Jubilee year — the 150th anniversary of the first nationwide Baptist convention in North America.

## Oklahoma Chaplains Organize Association

OKLAHOMA CITY —(BP)— Oklahoma Baptist chaplains organized the Oklahoma Association of Baptist Chaplains at the close of a Baptist-sponsored workshop here for those ministering to persons in distress. Elected president was Ben F. Bland, chaplain at Perry Memorial Hospital, Perry, Okla., one of 10 hospitals operated by the Oklahoma Convention.

## Anglicans Urge Change

LONDON (EP) — Attempted suicide should no longer be regarded as a criminal offense, says a committee set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher. These recommendations, published in the 56-page booklet, "Ought Suicide To Be a Crime?", will be discussed by the official assemblies of the Church of England.



## South Carolina Renews Battle on Fraternities

By Tom McMahan

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)—In a three-day session here, South Carolina Baptists renewed an old battle over social fraternities at Baptist-supported Furman University in Greenville, S. C.

The body also voted a change in its name, honored a veteran Baptist junior college president by electing him convention president, took several stands regarding moral and civil affairs, and made the first move toward erecting a new state headquarters building in Columbia.

The 1959 session of South Carolina Baptists ended in a youth night program attended by 3,500 persons. Charles Wellborn, Waco, Tex., minister, preached. After his challenge to young people to put God's will first, 102 of them responded in decision for salvation or for commitment to Christian service.

Through a constitutional change, the state Baptist group put aside the cumbersome title "State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina," exchanging it for "South Carolina Baptist Convention."

M. C. Donnan, 67, president of North Greenville Junior College at Tigerville, S. C., since 1934, was elected president. Another junior college head, J. E. Rouse, of Anderson College, Anderson, S. C., was named a vice president.

The convention authorized the purchase of a \$65,000 lot containing nearly two acres on which to build a new state headquarters building, which also will house the Baptist Book Store. Actual construction may be deferred several years.

A record \$3,250,000 goal was adopted for Cooperative Program gifts. The convention moved back toward its previous 50-50 sharing of the \$1,400,000 operations segment of the budget by adopting a formula of giving 45 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention causes. The proportion had been cut to 40 per cent last year.

Storm clouds were raised for next year's convention after an inconclusive debate over fraternities at Furman University. The convention instructed the university's trustees to bring a full report in 1960 specifying when they intend to abolish fraternities. Abolition of the social clubs was requested by the convention four years ago. No report was made last year and none was intended this year.

A hasty report was forced during a miscellaneous business session. The trustees detailed restrictions which have been placed on fraternities and said fraternity men are average in church attendance and above average in scholarship and deportment.

Dotson Nelson, Jr., Greenville, chairman of the trustees, said the board thought it would be unwise to abolish fraternities "at one fell swoop," and urged the convention to rally behind Furman as "a bright hope of the foreign missionary enterprise."

But there were statements from mes-

## FACTS OF INTEREST

Per capita consumption of soft drinks last year was 186.4 bottles. Cola drinks now account for 64 per cent of all soft drinks sold, with lemon-lime second with 12 per cent.

Teen-agers are both spenders and savers. In senior high the average spent is \$7.48 a week for boys and \$4.98 for girls. Boys save \$4.03 a week and girls, \$1.87.

The Army has an experimental plastic glue designed to repair broken bones and get a patient on his feet in two days. The plastic, a polyurethane polymer, is a foam that can bind broken bones together until bone cells grow through the substance. The foam solidifies into a rigid substance when applied to a fracture. Natural bone eventually would replace the plastic.

From April, 1950, to July, 1957, the population of the United States increased 1.7 per cent a year. In the period to 1970 the annual increase is likely to average 1.5 per cent. By that time there may be over 208 million residents in the United States. California alone is expected to add more than 6 million inhabitants during this period. The population at ages 25-44 will remain virtually unchanged, reflecting the low birth rates of the 1930's. The population at ages 18-24 is expected to increase by nearly two thirds and at ages 45-64 by more than one fifth. —*The Survey Bulletin*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Four things come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity."

sengers condemning dancing and saying fraternities have no place on a Christian campus.

At one point a hefty majority voted down a motion leaving the matter in the hands of the trustees. But there was no strong leadership for a real head-on clash with the trustees, so the convention welcomed a motion to postpone the matter.

The trustees generally seemed to fear that an outright ban of fraternities would outrage the conscience of many students, cut off major contributors, and set a doubtful precedent of direct convention intervention in the realm of policy making.

Sunday blue laws, which have been under strong attack of theater owners, came in for a special notice and a committee will attend any legislative hearing on this issue next year.

A convention resolution expressed opposition to the trend of holding more and more National Guard drills on Sundays.

### Virgin Birth

## Scriptural Authority

WASHINGTON—What is the basis of belief in Christ's Virgin Birth?

Says a prominent Presbyterian seminary professor in the December 7 issue of *Christianity Today*:

"It rests mainly on our conviction that the Holy Spirit is the real author of the Scriptures, and that the Virgin Birth is adequately affirmed therein."

Moreover, asserts Dr. Andrew K. Rule, there is a "beautiful harmony" between the Virgin Birth and other doctrines, though the tie is not one of "irrefragable logical connections."

Rule, whose *Christianity Today* article is entitled "Born of the Virgin Mary," teaches church history and apologetics

at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. He adds:

"We cannot maintain that because Jesus is very God of God, our sinless Saviour, he could have become incarnate only through a virgin birth. But we do believe that God himself has told us this was the way it happened, and on this basis we are bound to believe it."

According to Rule, the question finally boils down to this: "Are we or are we not willing to accept the supernaturalistic claims of the Scriptures? If we are, then the doctrine of the virgin birth of Jesus will seem to us to be on solid ground. If we are not, then despite anything we may tell ourselves or others—albeit sincerely—we are sitting in judgment of the Scriptures and employing as our basis of judgment a philosophy more naturalistic than that of the Scriptures themselves."

In the same issue, Dr. Edward John Carnell asserts that "theologians would be on much safer ground if they rested the case for the Virgin Birth on the manner in which God dealt with his covenant people in the Old Testament."

"When we see why God gave signs to his people," says Carnell, professor of apologetics at Fuller Theological Seminary, "we can see why Christ was born of a virgin; for if the great heroes of the faith required signs when they looked forward to the Saviour's coming, how much more were signs required by those into whose house the Saviour would be born?"

A *Christianity Today* editorial adds: "A man born in the normal way could have been one with sinners, but he could not have been the sinless sin-bearer. The sinless sin-bearer comes into the world in such a way that he is also one with man, yet there is a decisive break with the old humanity as well as continuity with it."



**CHRISTMAS MEANS** pageants in Baptist churches around the world. This scene from a play in the Baptist church in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, was furnished by the Foreign Mission Board.

## Virginia Disapproves Ike's Vatican Visit

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Messengers to the Baptist General Association of Virginia's annual session here declared opposition to President Eisenhower's visiting Pope John 23 at the Vatican.

The association, after its most lengthy debate of the session, accepted a report of its religious liberty committee urging Baptist churches and individuals to "militantly dissociate themselves from the Bible-teaching program in the public schools of this commonwealth."

A substitute motion to delete this portion of the report lost.

The general association, which has no authority over affiliated churches, has for several years urged what the committee recommends. Still, in many cases, the committee reported, churches and individuals have ignored the suggestion and proceeded with school programs.

Messengers voted to continue a special committee on pastor-church relations. In its report to the 1959 session, this committee re-emphasized "the importance of each district association appointing a pastor-church relations committee," letting the pastors and churches of the area know the committee is available to help them.

Such a committee would assist churches seeking pastors, and pastors seeking churches. This portion of the report was accepted.

However, messengers remanded for further study this section of the pastor-church committee report:

"We recommend that all pastors and

associate pastors, ministers of education, and ministers of music be requested to co-operate with the office of the (Virginia) executive secretary in filling out information forms to be filed within the Baptist building for churches seeking biographical data."

This would have, in effect, made the state Baptist office a reference agency for placement of pastors.



**THE FIVE** men pictured here, the most of them Spanish-speaking, took part in the annual ministry to Mexican workers in the cotton harvest in Mississippi Association. Left to right they are: Rev. Howard Bryant, Gardenvale, Ala.; Rev. Pantaleon Loliva, Weslaco, Tex.; Rev. John Gearing, associational missionary; Rev. Frank Browder, Memphis, Tenn.; and Rev. Frank Ramerig, Tampa, Fla.

## HIS POVERTY, MY WEALTH

For Him—"No room . . . in the inn."  
Luke 2:7

For us—"tidings of great joy . . ." Luke  
2:10

"... though he was rich, yet for your sakes  
he became poor, that ye through his pov-  
erty might be rich."—II Cor. 8:9.

I've traveled long

With a carol song,

To be with the loved of mine,

And the homing plane

Sped the high airplane

Bringing me to the holiday time,

To the joyfilled faces,

To the sweet embraces,

To love gifts and tinsel pine.

But the Christmas Child

Crossed the spaces wild,

Past the moon and the stars He made—

From eternal light

To the age-long night

Of the world, with glad tidings lade.

No room in the inn,

The Saviour from sin,

In a manger's straw, was laid.

No room for Him,

Blessed Saviour of men

Has the world. But in rapture I say,

"Come in, Lamb of God!

My Saviour, My God,

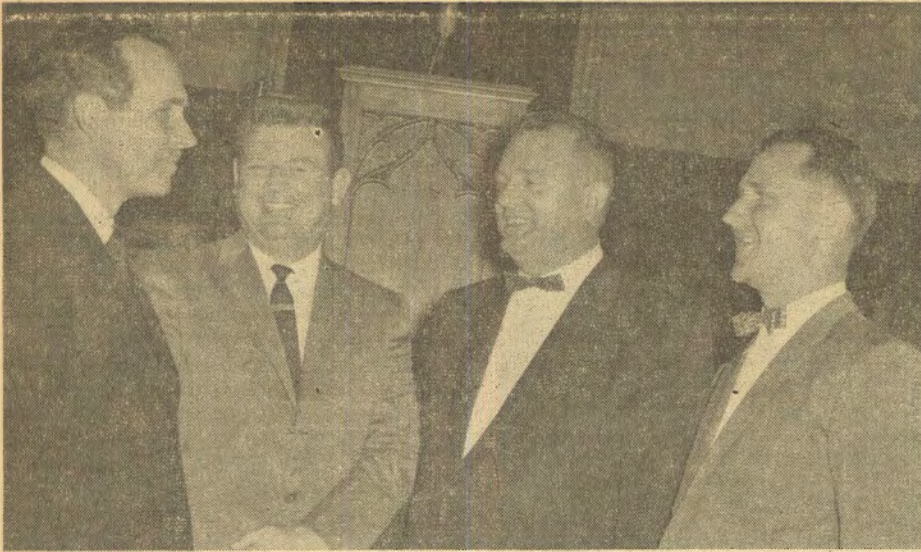
To my heart come Thou in and stay."

My peace by His pain,

His pooriness all gain

To me, this Christmas Day.

—BY JOHN R. RICE



**NEW OFFICERS of Mississippi County Association:** (left to right) Rev. Harold D. Presley, Leachville, moderator; Rev. Harold Sadler, Dell, vice moderator; Rev. F. M. Robinson, Leachville, clerk; and Rev. John D. Gearing, Blytheville, associational missionary.

## Parrish Chosen as Stetson Veep

DE LAND, Fla. (BP)—James W. Parrish, pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., has been appointed vice president of Stetson University here.

Parrish will be in charge of church relations, development, and alumni affairs of the university when he assumes this newly created position shortly after Jan. 1.

The new vice president has in recent years served as president of the Stetson alumni association, president of Florida Baptist Convention, and president of downtown Kiwanis Club of Miami, the largest club in Kiwanis.

Born Mar. 15, 1913, in Jacksonville, Fla., he was educated in public schools of Albany, Ga., at Stetson University, and at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. He earned his bachelor of arts degree at Stetson in 1936.

## IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

*There was a time when all the fires of truth  
Burned to the radiance of a single spark,  
When men, alike of age and restless youth,  
Went groping, stumbling, conquered by the dark;  
No prophet's ringing voice to rouse from wrong  
Or sift the creeping ashes from the hearth,  
No spoken word uplifted like a song  
Of hope for all the multitudes of earth.*

*But in the fullness of God's time, He came—  
The very Word incarnate and the Way,  
That One with Saviour written in His name,  
The faithful Promise of an earlier day;  
And they who sat entombed by doubt and night  
Found life eternal and unfailing light.*

BY RUTH MARGARET GIBBS

At Stetson, he was president of the student government association, president of Stetson's Baptist Student Union, president of the state Baptist Students and listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

## Two Associations Name Missionaries

TWO ASSOCIATIONS have named missionaries. John Pyles, who has been serving as pastor of Shirlet Church in Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association, has accepted the call of Big Creek Association and will begin serving the later part of January. Dale Maddox, who has been in Kansas, assumes the post of missionary in Current River and Gainesville Associations Jan. 1.



"Sorry, I've just joined the needy, too!"

Things are out of perspective when the Christmas season becomes the cause of financial burden rather than a time of 'Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.' The greatest joy of Christmas does not come from the giving and receiving of lavish presents, but in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

## Joseph R. Coleman Brotherhood Speaker

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(BP)— Joseph R. Coleman, Tulsa, Okla., architect, has been selected to deliver the keynote address at the Brotherhood leadership conference June 23-29 at Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist Assembly.

Coleman, a widely known Southern Baptist layman, will share the Brotherhood program with three other features.

Making an appearance will be the new Brotherhood organizational structure which reduces the number of major officers from 13 to seven. Brotherhoods will begin using the new pattern Oct. 1.

Two courses of instruction in Royal Ambassador leadership, basic and advanced, and conferences on campcraft also will be offered.

Directing the Ridgecrest conference will be Lucien Coleman, Memphis, associate secretary of the Brotherhood, Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new features also will be presented at the Brotherhood conference at Glorieta, N. M., Baptist assembly Aug. 18-24. David Mashburn, Memphis associate Brotherhood Commission secretary, is director.

Brotherhood Commission weeks coincide with Foreign Mission Board weeks at the two Convention-wide assemblies.

The young men's mission conference is planned for Aug. 18-24 at Glorieta. Edward Hurt, Jr., Memphis, associate Brotherhood Commission secretary, is in charge. This conference is for young men seeking a deeper insight into missions, Hurt said.

Reservations to the three conferences may be made after Jan. 1 by writing E. A. Herron at Glorieta and Willard K. Weeks at Ridgecrest. ■

## New Chapel Dedicated At Home Mission Board

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — A move has been made by the Home Mission Board to meet the physical needs for expansion to keep pace with the increase in mission work. Hundreds of Atlantians and visitors viewed the 90-seat chapel, constructed this fall, and redecorated and expanded office space when they were guests at Open House, Dec. 1.

Held during the annual board meeting, the event drew pastors and laymen from every state convention of Southern Baptists, Alaska, Panama, and Cuba.

"Our chapel is used for committee and board meetings throughout the year, and it is used by the staff for their daily devotions," said Executive Secretary Courts Redford of the Home Mission Board.

Dick H. Hall, Jr., Decatur, who served for 16 years as a member of the board, delivered the dedicatory address for the chapel Tuesday morning.

## Near the Bottom

ACCORDING TO reports at the annual Church Pensions Conference held last year, Southern Baptists have 30,100 ministers, but only 10,457 of them, or 34 per cent, participate actively in the denominational retirement program.

Out of the 23 denominations reporting at the conference, 13 of them show 70 per cent or higher of their ministers participating in their respective retirement program. Note the following comparisons which place Baptists near the bottom: American Baptists, 52 per cent participating; Evangelicals and Reforms, 78 per cent; Lutheran American, 92 per cent; Lutheran Missouri, 89 per cent; Methodists, 78 per cent; Presbyterian, U.S.A., 74 per cent; Protestant Episcopal, 100 per cent; Southern Baptists, 34 per cent.

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention should be complimented on its splendid effort to enlist the almost 20,000 Southern Baptist ministers who still do not belong to our denominational retirement program. Let us pray earnestly that the approximately 67,000 men, women and children who are unprotected (granted that the average American family is made up of 3 and 1/3 persons) may soon come under the loving care of our Relief and Annuity Board program.—R. Paul Caudill. ■

### Texas Progress

#### Baptist Hospital for Aged To Construct 68-Bed Wing

SAN ANGELO, Tex. —(BP)— The Baptist Memorial Geriatrics Hospital, a 100-bed facility for chronically ill, aged people here, has received approval to borrow \$75,000 to construct a 68-bed addition.

The 191-member executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas unanimously approved the hospital's request to borrow \$75,000 toward construction of the new \$150,000 wing.

FORT WORTH —(BP)— "Master Control", the latest radio program developed by Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, has been approved by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board for use on the Armed Forces radio network.

BROWNWOOD, Tex. —(BP)—Howard Payne College has received a \$48,400 grant from the National Science Foundation to conduct its third annual institute for high school mathematics and science teachers.

MISS JOE ANN Shelton, director of the Baptist Hour Choir, has signed a three-year recording contract with Word Records, Inc., of Waco. Miss Shelton is assistant professor of voice at Southwestern Seminary.



ONE HUNDRED and ten men and boys attended a Father-Son Supper of 1st Church, Paris, Nov. 24. Ladies of the W.M.U. served a delicious meal. The new Brotherhood officers for 1960 were recognized, and boys in the Junior E. A. demonstrated memory work. The pastor, Rev. Tommie Hinson, spoke briefly on, "Secret of Success."

Several committees of the Brotherhood, under the leadership of the educational director, Gilbert Davis, helped plan the event.—Reporter

#### Baptist Colleges Take Part in Loan Program

NASHVILLE —(BP)— With only a few exceptions, colleges and universities related to the Southern Baptist Convention are taking part in the student loan program under the National Defense Education Act passed in 1958 by Congress.

Three colleges, two in Virginia and one in Alabama, announced they will not seek loan funds because of possible church vs. state entanglements. A fourth college, in Virginia, declined to take part but gave no reason.

More than 30 colleges responded to a Baptist Press survey. Those in the program have asked for and received sums varying from \$1,500 each to \$250,000. The total requested is nearly \$849,000, of which funds already received are \$657,000.

Baylor University in Waco, Tex., Southern Baptists' largest college, asked for and received \$250,467, the largest amount by far of any of the institutions. ■

THE BOARD of Trustees of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage passed a resolution at the December meeting commending Dr. Horace E. Thompson, who resigned recently as president of Arkansas A&M College, for his service on the orphanage board. Mr. Thompson, who is leaving the state, has served on the orphanage board for five years, four as president. The resolution expressed heartfelt thanks "for all he has done for the home"; regret at his leaving the state and assured him of the prayers and best wishes of the board.

**Integrity for Tomorrow's Adults**, by Blanche Carrier, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., \$3

The author, minister, of education at 1st Methodist Church, Fullerton, Calif., has drawn upon many years' experience in the field of Christian education, including some time as a university and college teacher, in preparing this book

#### Former Arkansas Pastor Dies at 74

FORT WORTH — Rev. Luther Lester Cooper, aged 74, of Fort Worth formerly of Prattville, Ark., died Sunday, Dec. 6.

For many years he was stewardship evangelist for the Southern Baptist Convention.

He was a graduate of Baylor University and attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth. Later he was associate pastor of 1st Church, Fort Worth.

In 1952 he moved to Prattville and donated land and organized the Buie Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife; a son, J. D. Cooper of Fort Worth; a stepson, J. E. Harvey of Sheridan, Ark., and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Joyce Sigler of Orange, Tex.

#### Eye for an Eye?

RECENTLY the Arkansas Baptist erred in referring to the executive director of The National Temperance League as William rather than Clayton M. Wallace. We had planned to apologize to Col. Wallace but never got around to it. Now we are glad we didn't apologize. In a letter recently to Director William E. Brown of the Christian Civic Foundation, the Colonel referred to our paper as **Alcoholism Baptist**. Dr. Brown mailed the letter on to us and here is a direct quote: "I note with interest the references to your progress in the **Alcoholism Baptist** and in **Arkansas Methodist** — keep up the good work." ■

designed to help parents "who want their children to develop individuality and character." ■

DR. R. K. RICHTER, Bolivar, Mo., dentist, has served as a trustee of Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar for 45 years, and has not missed a single meeting of the board.

At Year's End

IN DECEMBER of each year many of your denominational servants have meetings with their related boards or agencies. These meetings serve at least three main purposes. First, we have opportunity to review the record of the past year, then we study and analyze the various promotional phases of the work. Finally, the workers pray over and talk about how to project the program into the future.



MR. HATFIELD

Your Sunday School secretary recently attended this kind of meeting with the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. In one evening meeting, Dr. W. L. Howse presided. He thrilled us all by presenting some of the senior citizens in the Lord's work.

In this meeting were representatives from all the state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention, comprised of practically every state Sunday School secretary, state Training Union secretary, state Music secretary, state B. S. U. secretary, and state executive secretary.

At a point in the meeting Dr. Howse presented the following senior citizens in Southern Baptist life: Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Dr. Earl Mead, Dr. J. M. Price, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Dr. J. N. Barrette, and Dr. Edgar Williamson.

Arkansas is proud that Dr. Williamson presented the state Sunday School secretaries.

The group felt that not only were we being presented with a goodly number of years of service rendered by the men, but by a great amount of practical "know-how" and wisdom in kingdom affairs.

At this time, it is a little premature to write of reports for 1958-59; however, the picture is good. There is a swing up in enrollment gain. This is in contrast to the slowing down of enrollment gain for the past three years. Such gains must be pursued diligently during our present year. The multitudes without Bible Study and salvation constitute a very real "call of the harvest."

The fundamentals of enlargement and improvement in our work need constant attention, both in the association and in the local churches.

Many departments, by nature of their tasks, work closely together. One such relationship is that of the Church Architecture department and the Sunday School department. There are many requests for help from the churches in the area of buildings.

Some churches receive help in the planning of new buildings, others in the area of remodeling older buildings, others find help in re-arranging the space they now have to great advantage.

If your church needs help, in planning new or in re-working old buildings, let us know. A part of our responsibility is to help you in your building problems. We do not refer here to financial assistance, but to assistance in making proper provision for the needs of the people in both the educational ministry and in the preaching ministry. This ministry is largely dependent on the amount and kind of space a church provides. ■

Training Union

Study Course

MANY CHURCHES will be observing Bible Study Week, using "Studies in Timothy" during the week of Jan. 4. This all-church study course will be promoted by the Sunday School, but all other church organizations, including the Training Union, will assist in making this a great week in the church.



MR. DAVIS

While the adults and young people are studying the books of Timothy, Juniors and Intermediates should be taking courses from Category 2 (section D for Juniors and section C for Intermediates). Many churches will teach "Our Bible" to young people (Category 2, section B).

In the month of March, churches will observe Membership Training Week. (Avoid the week of your district Training Union Convention.) Books for each age group from Category 5 will be used. This study course will be promoted by the Training Union of every church, but every other organization will cooperate in making it a great success.

Thus, we have a church study course for teaching and training. Let us all work together to have a successful Bible study in January. Let us come then in March to lead our people to study the real meaning of church membership. These two weeks can mean much to the life of our churches.

Arkansas Training Union Week at Glorieta will be June 16-22. Arkansas Training Union Week at Ridgecrest will be July 21-27.

Ohio Baptists Plan Dual '64 Observance

TOLEDO, Ohio (BP)—Ohio Southern Baptists will celebrate two special anniversaries in 1964—the 150th year of organized Baptist work in North America and the 10th anniversary of their state convention.

To celebrate this double event properly, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio has adopted a set of goals for 1964. Among the objectives are 33,186 baptisms during the coming five years and an increase of membership of co-operating churches to 63,195.

Total memberships of 191 churches in the Ohio region now approximates 30,000.

Brotherhood Challenger

IN THE MAILS is the first quarterly issue of The Baptist Brotherhood Challenger, which will be published by the Brotherhood Department every quarter during the year.



MR. TULL

The Challenger is being sent to every pastor, to every state and regional Brotherhood officer, to every associational Brotherhood officer, to every church Brotherhood president, and to every associational missionary; and also to a list of "worthy Baptist men" sent in by pastors throughout the state.

If you do not receive a copy of The Challenger, write us, and we will put you on the mailing list. Write also in behalf of any other man who you think can read The Challenger with profit.

The Challenger is intended to challenge God's men to do God's work in God's way. The Brotherhood Department is taking advantage of the non-profit distribution of bulk mail in order to make The Challenger available to as many men as possible. The bulletin is not confined to Brotherhood mechanics or methods. Instead, it is pointed squarely at the Christian man in an effort to point him to God's will and God's work.

The Brotherhood Department takes this opportunity to wish every Arkansas Baptist a joyful Christmas and a bright new year. May God lead every one of you to resolve in his heart to make 1960 the greatest year that you have ever known in your service to the Savior!—Nelson Tull, Secretary.

Book Stores to Carry Brotherhood Material

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)—The Sunday School Board has signed a contract with the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., to distribute certain of the Commission's materials through the Board's 52 book stores.

Beginning Aug. 1, 1960, and continuing for a two-year trial period, the Baptist Book Stores will be outlets for all Brotherhood materials with the exception of magazines and tracts. The contract may be revoked by either body upon six months' notice.

MORE THAN 82 per cent of the persons who became full-fledged ministers of The Methodist Church during the 1958-59 conference year had seminary degrees. This was the highest percentage ever for the denomination. During the year 723 ministers with bachelor of divinity degrees from seminaries were received into full connection by Methodist annual conferences in the United States.

# Mice and Christmas Music

By Thelma C. Carter

"TWAS THE night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." This situation turned out to be far from true when mice got into an old organ and chewed the bellows so that the organ would not play. If mice had not got into the organ, however, perhaps one of our most loved Christmas carols would not have been born.

It happened in a small church in Austria. The clergyman, Joseph Mohr, and Franz Gruber, the church organist, started to practice their Christmas music. The old organ only wheezed when the organist tried to play it.

Knowing how much the people loved Christmas music, these two young men decided to compose a carol which could be sung by two men. Mohr would accompany them on his guitar.

## Christmas Spices

DO YOU know that many of our special Christmas foods, such as mince pie, fruitcake, plum pudding, and other holiday desserts, represent a mixture of spicy foods from the East? They make one think of the gifts the Wise Men brought to the Christ child. "There came wise men from the east . . . and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:1, 11).

We do not know whether the Wise Men carried other treasures on their important visit to the Christ child. Perhaps they carried, along with the gold, frankincense, and myrrh, spices from the East. We know that fragrant spices were treasured gifts of the people of the East.

Sweet spices are mentioned in Exodus 30:34. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices." Spice plants, such as hyssop, lavender, mint, sage, cinnamon, and many others grew abundantly in Bible lands. In the spring they covered some of the rich plains, stony hillsides, and river valleys.

There are many old tales concerning spicy foods. One tells that the first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape like the manger in which the baby Jesus was laid. The crust represented the gold brought by the Wise Men. The many spices symbolized the frankincense and myrrh.

One old story told that ill luck would befall a person who refused a piece of mince pie at Christmas time. Some people still believe that eating some kind of spicy food during the holiday season will bring good health and happiness during the new year ahead.

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The carol was sung on Christmas Eve, and everyone who heard it liked it.

When the organ builder came to repair the organ, Mohr and Gruber sang it for him. The organ builder liked the beautiful carol so much that he played it in every village he visited.

Soon the carol was sung at a famous church and later at a great concert house. Then it started on its way around the world.

We are told that every Christmas Eve, in the small chapel marking the birthplace of "Silent Night, Holy Night," the carol is sung by two men just as it was almost one hundred and fifty years ago when mice put an old church organ out of order.

This carol, which is loved by many, reminds us of the message of the angel on that first Christmas and of the heavenly host which sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). ■

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## Christmas Puzzle

By Reuben S. De Long

DO YOU know the names of the three gifts that the Wise Men brought to the baby Jesus? You can find them in the diagram. You can go from square to square in any direction except diagonally. The answers are to be found in Matthew 2:11.

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## A Way to a Happy Year

To leave the old with a burst of song,  
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;  
To forget the thing that binds you fast  
To vain regrets of the year that's past;  
To have the strength to let go your hold  
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old,  
To dare go forth with a purpose true,  
To the unknown task of the year that's new;  
To help your brother along the road  
To do his work and lift his load;  
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,  
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

—Robert Brewster Beattie, in Uplift.

## A Smile or Two

### CLAMPING DOWN

SHE TOLD me that you told her the secret I told you not to tell her."

"Well, I told her not to tell you I told her."

"Oh, dear! Well, don't tell her I told you that she told me."

WHEN A restaurant patron complained that his breakfast sausages were peculiar, that there was meat at one end but bread crumbs at the other, the manager explained that it was a matter of expediency. "In these times of rising costs, nobody can make both ends meet."

JUNIOR CAME home from a shopping trip with his mother and was obviously concerned about something. Finally he blurted out: "Mommie, how can those salesgirls just smell a piece of ribbon and tell how long it is?"

SCIENCE PROFESSOR: "What happens when a body is immersed in water?"

SMART YOUNG THING: "The telephone rings."

COLLEGE DEAN: "So you admit this young freshman was carried to the pool and thrown in with his clothes on. Now, what part did you take in this disgraceful affair?"

SOPHOMORE: "The left leg, sir."

### Could Be Worse

TWO MICE were making an experimental flight into outer space in the interests of science. One of them was especially unhappy. "I don't like the way we get shoved about and all this noise!" he complained. "Well, it is bad," responded the other. "But you'll have to admit it is better than Cancer Research!"

## Church Chuckles

by CARTWRIGHT



"I've been too busy to do any sewing, so I thought he could just wear his old Halloween costume!"

Slightly out of character, to say, the least. But no more, so than a lot of things which have become associated with the Christmas season. Commercialized to the point where Santa Claus has become the dominant symbol, it is high time we all regain something of the true Christmas spirit.

# God Is Our Help

By Carl W. Kluck  
December 27  
Acts 12:1-12

**H**ISTORY BEARS testimony to the unimpeachable truth that in early days the Christian gospel was spread at the expense of great suffering. However, in the face of merciless persecution God continued to direct and help his people, and despite almost overwhelming opposition the early Church experienced phenomenal growth.



MR. KLUCK

The lesson material, Acts 12:1-12, is "Exhibit A" relative to the aforementioned fact. A study of the text reveals on one side of the ledger the Satanic efforts of persecution and imprisonment, offset by the Divine work of deliverance and prayer.

## IN PERSECUTION (Acts 12:1-2)

DURING THE time of the accelerated growth of the number of believers and obvious success of missionary endeavors, persecution raised its ugly

head. This persecution was at the hand of Herod Agrippa I, son of Aristobulus, and grand-son of Herod the Great, killer of the babes in Bethlehem in an effort to slay Jesus. Herod Agrippa's persecution was likely roused by the Jews whom he was so anxious to please. His first victim was James, one of the two sons of Zebedee and must have been motivated by the theory that James would assume a leading role in the labours of kingdom advancement, so his attention was attracted to him as the first to be struck down. James was beheaded for the sake of the Living Christ.

## IN IMPRISONMENT (Acts 12:3-6)

HEROD Agrippa's supreme desire was to please the Jews. When he observed that the slaughter of James had accomplished this, he was immediately prompted "to proceed further and to take Peter also" (12:3). Peter was another conspicuous figure among the twelve. He was another of the specially favored disciples of Jesus, and had gained the distinction of being a zealous witness for the Living Christ. Peter was apprehended and imprisoned. His confinement was to continue until the termination of the feast of unleavened bread, when execution

would in all probability become reality. The more strict Jews regarded it as a profanation to put a person to death during a religious festival. Agrippa's compliance may have been effected by that scruple. In the meanwhile, every precaution was employed to make the prisoner safe. He was delivered "to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him" (12:4). The believers met for prayer in various private houses, for persecution would render public Christian gatherings dangerous.

## IN DELIVERANCE (Acts 12:7-10)

WHILE PETER slept peacefully, and the Christians prayed earnestly, God worked miraculously. An angel entered the prison "and a light shined in the prison: and he (the angel) smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands" (12:7). The angelic command was for the prisoner to bind up the loose oriental robe, put on his sandals, and to follow him. In complete obedience Peter followed the angel enroute to freedom, even though he thought he was dreaming. The angel accompanied Peter past the first and second ward, and "they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out and passed on through one street; and forth-with the angel departed from him" (12:10). After overcoming the obstacles to freedom, the angel departed from Peter leaving the other necessary action to be taken by the Apostle himself.

## IN PRAYER (Acts 12:11-12)

AS PETER stood alone he began to recover from the confusion of mind and fully realized the extent of what had happened. As he carefully reviewed the events of the immediate past, and pondered his release from the hands of Herod, who had power to inflict death upon him, he silently testified "Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews" (12:11).

When Peter comprehended this miraculous deliverance, which at first had been like a dream to him, and his mind grasped the whole event, he began to act upon it. At once he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark. This Mary was a sister to Barnabas. It is probable that she, like her brother, was possessed of means which enabled her to put her house at the service of the Christians as a place for prayer. The house of Mary was a place in which such gatherings were usual, and at this time when Peter knocked, seeking admittance, she reported his presence to the others who pronounced her as mad.

There must be an ever awareness among Christians that God is with them always, whether the outcome is as they choose or not.

## Launching Out on A World Mission

January 3

Acts 13

(From Points for Emphasis)

THE LESSONS for the first three months of the year are the second part of a six-month study of the book of Acts. The emphasis in these lessons will be centered around Paul and his work as the apostle to the Gentiles. It is of utmost importance, however, to see Paul and those associated with him as the instruments of the Holy Spirit, who empowered and guided and made effective their witness for the spread of Christianity. With chapter 13, the text for our larger lesson, we come to a turning point in the book of Acts. Antioch become the new center of missionary effort. Under the call of the Spirit, Paul and Barnabas launched out on a world mission. They felt the divine imperative to proclaim the Christian gospel to the whole world. Called by the Spirit (vv. 1-4)

The Antioch here referred to was in Syria. The church had its beginning in the evangelization of Greeks or pure Gentiles (Acts 11:19-26). While the church gave itself to spiritual worship and fasting, evidently with prayerful concern to know and fulfil its missionary responsibility, the Holy Spirit made clear his purpose that Barnabas and Paul should be set apart for the great task of taking the gospel to other lands. Though it meant giving up the two most loved and most influential leaders, there seems to have been no reluctance to do so. The fasting and prayer on the part of the church indicates something of the seri-

ous concern felt by the church. The laying on of hands was not ordination but dedication to the will and work of the Spirit. The central truth here set forth is that the Holy Spirit directed all that was done. **Opening a New Field (vv. 13-14)**

After a period of labor in Cyprus, Paul and Barnabas proceeded northward into Asia Minor to Antioch in Pisidia. Why John Mark left them at Perga and returned to Jerusalem, we cannot know. In Antioch the missionaries found a synagogue and, according to their custom, attended the service. In verses 16-42, we have the account of Paul's sermon. Paul sketched the history of Israel to point out God's redemptive promise and to show that that promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The climax of the sermon declared that through Christ there is forgiveness of sin and that by faith in him there is justification. **Turning to the Gentiles (vv. 44-49)**

Paul's sermon made a strong impression upon both Jews and Gentile proselytes. This interest among the Gentiles arouse jealousy of the Jews in Antioch and made them openly hostile. There was nothing for the apostles to do but to denounce such jealousy and hostility and to turn their attention to the Gentiles. Paul justified their action by a quotation from Isaiah 49:6 that the Messiah would be a light to the Gentiles and the means of salvation for all peoples. The Gentiles rejoiced in their opportunity. Many believed. The chosen people first, but his purpose included all the nations of men. ■





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**Next Paper Jan. 7**

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, which normally has but 50 issues per year, omitting the July 4 and Christmas week issues, has 51 papers for 1959, due to five Thursdays in December.

This issue is the last of the year. There will be no paper of Dec. 31. Our next paper, the first of the new year, will be that of Jan. 7.

The editor and staff take this opportunity to wish all of our readers happiness at Christmas and prosperity in the Lord's work across the new year.

**Kentucky Officer Announces Retirement**

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. (BP) — W. H. Curl of Middletown, secretary of stewardship promotion for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, submitted his resignation to the association's executive board at a meeting here.

Curl had planned to retire Jan. 1 but due to recent illness he offered his resignation as of Dec. 1. The board accepted the resignation with an expression of appreciation for Curl's service to Kentucky Baptists.

**Bugs in Head Sometime Pay Off**

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. — (BP) — A freshman co-ed at Gardner-Webb College here has one of the world's most unusual collections — over 9,000 insects.

The collection includes many varieties of butterflies, moths, beetles, dragonflies, and other insects from throughout the world.

Betty Lou Wallace of Mountain Park, N. C., plans to be a science teacher and one can see at a glance that she is well on her way toward that objective.

Her interest in insects began when she was in fourth grade. "We were given outline drawings of butterflies and told to color them properly," she says. "In order to be accurate with my coloring I caught several during recess to use for observation."

The delicate winged creatures caught her fancy and the collection began to grow. With time came skill and knowledge in proper mounting technique and in identification of her finds.

"I have exchanged groups of my collection with insect fanciers from several countries," she says. "Chinese, Japanese, and others from several Oriental countries have sent me thousands of specimens."

**Graham to Conduct 1961 Miami Crusade**

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — (BP) — When Evangelist Billy Graham addresses the Southern Baptist Convention here in May, he will be looking toward his 15th crusade.

Graham will open a three-week Miami Beach crusade on Mar. 4, 1961, using the same exhibition hall in which Southern Baptist Conventioners will listen to him on Home Mission Board night in 1960.

**Reporter Employed As Editorial Aide**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (BP) — William W. Carroll, a reporter for the Memphis Press-Scimitar, afternoon daily here, has joined the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as an editorial assistant.



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