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Two-Thirds Loss

THE RECENT Evangelistic Conference was one of the best of its kind conducted in our state in many years. It was highly informative and inspirational. All of the speakers seemed to be at their best. There was every evidence that every man had given serious and prayerful preparation for the part he was to have in the conference. The men's chorus under the able leadership of LeRoy McClard was most effective. Dr. C. W. Caldwell is to be commended for an excellent program. The Conference was informative. However, some of the facts presented, while not new, were none-the-less disturbing. We were told anew that about one-third of the members of our Baptist churches are non-resident, one-third inactive, and the other third coming under the category of the faithful. This is a serious matter and demands in all honesty some searching of our ministry to try to effect a cure to this tremendous loss. One of the speakers reminded us that any business losing two-thirds of its customers would soon go upon the rocks.

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Baptist World Alliance Sunday

Feb. 5, 1961

MORE than ever before the Baptist World Alliance is a world fellowship. Representatives of 70 nations participated in the Tenth Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro last June-July. The new president is a Brazilian, and the nine vice presidents come from all six continents.

The more than 23 million Baptists in 110 countries of today's world are united in one great fellowship recognizing, as Paul said, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all" (Ephesians 4:5-6).

Baptists of the world are called to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to minister to human need, and to create better understanding among the peoples of the earth. While clouds are gathering over the world, we must stand together in the task of making Christ known to lost men. We know that the powers of darkness cannot put out the light which shines in Christ Jesus.

"God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

It may well be that the difficult and dangerous hour in which we live precedes the dawn of a new day. The gospel does not fluctuate with changing conditions. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he will not be deflected from his redemptive purpose.

Let us ask God's forgiveness for our inadequacy in half-hearted commitment. Let us acknowledge our helplessness before him, and pray that he may use our Baptist world fellowship for his glory.

John F. Soren, Rio de Janeiro, President

Josef Nordenhaug, Washington, General Secretary

Robert S. Denny, Washington, Associate Secretary

Erik Ruden, London, Associate Secretary

Our concern should lie deeper than the act of profession and baptism. This is a question that should concern every last one of us, and it is a question that demands our best in finding a solution.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary ■

Victory at Gillett

THE GILLETT Baptist Church where Reverend Robert D. Howie is pastor conducted a Stewardship campaign using the Forward Program of Church Finance.



DR. DOUGLAS

This was the first time that a Stewardship program had been promoted in the church and the first time that the members had been asked to make pledges. Many victories were won and the church is, for the first time, not getting financial aid from the Mission Department of the State Convention. The church is comparatively young and the good people have been few in num-

ber and low on finances but now they are able to support a full program and give 7 per cent of its income to World Missions through the Cooperative Program.

The Stewardship promotion helped the church members to pledge \$6,728.28 on the budget for this year. Considering that the people had never been challenged or asked to make pledges, this is a victory indeed.

We have a very inspiring letter from the pastor, which we hope to publish in a future issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine. We believe that the unsolicited letter can help other pastors and church leaders to prayerfully study the possibilities of entering into a campaign of Stewardship and Enlistment.

Perhaps the best thing that we have learned about the promotion of Stewardship is this: When church members are enlisted in giving, they are more faithful and more responsive in all Kingdom work. Jesus said, "Make disciples." Among other things, it means to challenge the people to be lovers of Him and His way. This includes all facets of life and all phases of Stewardship.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary ■

Our 'Charter Reader' Observes 100th Birthday

BAPTISTS of Arkansas ought to read their Bibles every day and their Baptist state paper every week, in the opinion of Mrs. Geautemala Shackleford Kirkland, of Plumerville, who celebrated her 100th birthday last Dec. 31.



MRS. MALA KIRKLAND

And Mrs. Kirkland practices what she preaches—or she did until failing eyesight a few years ago made her no longer able to read. Now friends and relatives read her favorite Book and her Baptist paper to her regularly.

Mrs. Kirkland is probably the only living person who has read the *Arkansas Baptist* ever since it started, nearly 60 years ago. Or would Dr. J. S. Rogers, of Conway, also qualify?

Mrs. Kirkland was born on a farm in the hill country of northern Alabama to John James Thomas Shackleford and Margaret Elizabeth Shackleford, and was given the unusual name, Geautemala. This proved too much of a mouthful for friends and relatives, however, and she was called Mala. In her later years she has been called Gaudie.

Sorrow came to the Shackleford home during the Civil War, the father, who had enlisted in the Confederate army, being killed in the Battle of Drury's Bluff. In 1872 death took two of the children in quick succession during an epidemic of malaria fever. A short time later, the mother died.

Mala and her two remaining brothers continued to live in Mississippi, where, in 1888, she became the bride of William Franklin Kirkland, a member of a pioneer family of that section.

In 1890 the Kirklands moved to Solgohachia, Ark., and, a little later, to Damascus. They moved to Plumerville in 1893, where Mrs. Kirkland has continued to live, in the house they built at that time. Mr. Kirkland died in 1900.

A Christian for 84 years, Mrs. Kirkland was saved in a revival meeting in Ebenezer Baptist Church, DeSoto County, Mississippi, in 1876 and was baptized in a creek. She has been a member of the Plumerville Church since 1894, where she taught a Sunday School class for more than 40 years. She served as president of the Woman's Missionary Society for more than 25 years.

She has always had a great loyalty to and interest in the Southern Baptist Convention and its world mission program, as well as giving fullest support to the State Convention. In addition to the annual State Conventions which she used to attend regularly, she attended eight sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention and two meetings of the Baptist World Alliance—in Toronto, Canada, and in Cleveland, Ohio—the latter when she was in her 90th year.

Her 100th birthday observance was a gala affair, despite the fact that snow cut down on the size of the crowd that called at her home during the day. Out-of-town guests included F. L. Shackleford, of Punta Gorda, Fla., Mrs. Harry Wheeler, of Hernando, Miss., and Rev. and Mrs. Pat Mehaffy, of Morrilton. She received 283 greetings from friends and relatives in 14 states.

Among those sending birthday greetings were President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Governor and Mrs. Orval E. Faubus, Arkansas, and Governor Ross Barnett, Mississippi; Congressman Dale Alford and former Congressman Brooks Hays; Senators J. W. Fulbright and John L. McClellan; Mrs. W. D. Pye and Miss Elma Kobb, of the Arkansas Women's Missionary Union; A. Eugene Smith, grand secretary of the Arkansas Consistory, and Jack Donham, grand master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Mrs. Kirkland still enjoys meeting people and still maintains a keen sense of humor, loves good music and attends Sunday School and the Sunday morning worship services of her church fairly regularly.

We wish you continued good health and happiness, Sister Mala. May the Lord continue to be the strength and inspiration of your life.—ELM

BULLETINS—

MRS. Leota Duff, 48, widely-known Plumerville resident, and wife of M. C. (Crawford) Duff, died Jan. 27 from burns suffered in a fire of unknown origin in her home.

She was a member of First Church, Plumerville, and was active in civic and political affairs.

Besides her husband, survivors include a son, Joe Duff, Plumerville; a daughter, Mrs. Mike McGibbony, Russellville; two brothers and three sisters.

MEMBERS of First Church, Little Rock, honored their pastor, Rev. Paul Roberts, Jan. 29 on the second anniversary of his pastorate with record attendance goals at all services. The Sunday School goal was set at 1,102, Training Union at 425 and 1,800 for morning and evening worship services. During Mr. Roberts' ministry church membership has increased from 2,303 to 2,585 and Sunday School and Training Union enrollment has gone up 25 per cent. Financially, giving has increased 33-1/3 per cent to a record \$235,204.54 in 1960.

THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWS-MAGAZINE has been advised by a Springdale reader that the time for the Sunday Baptist Hour Sermon heard over Radio Station KUOA, Siloam Springs, has been changed to 7:00 a.m. from 7:30 a.m. ■

'Happiest Layman' in Busy Feb. Schedule

ONE of the busiest and happiest Baptist laymen these days is Jimmy Karam. When he is not on the road sharing his Christian experience, he is busy in Little Rock, where he is an active member of Immanuel Church.

Jimmy's speaking schedule for the coming month follows:

Feb. 5, First Church, Haleyville, Ala., in the morning; First Church, Jasper, Ala., for the evening service.

Feb. 7, meeting with students of Monticello A. & M., at 11 a.m. chapel service.

Feb. 12, First Church, Bluefield, W. Va., for the morning service.

Feb. 13, Associational evangelistic conference in the evening in Bluefield, W. Va. high school auditorium.

Feb. 19, in Gregory Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md., for the morning service; in Valley Church, Baltimore, for the evening service.

Feb. 20, Associational soul-winning clinic, Middle River Church, Lutherville, Md.

Feb. 26, Sharon Church, Wichita, Kan., morning service; Olivet Church, Wichita, evening service. ELM ■

SOMEONE has said that Death is the great preacher, the evangelist. How strange that Death or his shadow is often the means rather than Life and his sunshine that opens the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. Many do not seem to have any interest in spiritual matters until their doctors tell them they have but a few weeks or months to live. Some seemingly would never turn to God but for the affliction of a great sorrow, or disappointment, or suffering, or frustration. But whatever it is that brings us closer to God is a blessing, regardless of how tragic the outward appearance.

How Foolish to Live Without God

How foolish are we if, living in the midst of the uncertainties of this earthly existence where the one great certainty is the undertaking business, we keep our backs turned to God and look to the ashes and rags of our own resources.

We may be able to shut our eyes to the realities of life, but the realities are always there. We may crowd out of our minds the morbid thought of dying, but God's great truth still stands: "It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment."

Some so-called repenting that is done in the hour of great danger is not true repenting. For when the crisis of the hour in the hospital, in the storm, on the battlefield is past, so is a lot of "repenting." But God does not forget. The need for repentance still stands: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

The time to prepare for the storm is before the stormclouds appear on the horizon. When the tornado strikes it is too late to dig a storm shelter. And so it is with the storms of life, storms which—unlike the tornado, which may or may not come—are sure to come to us all sooner or later.

The sands of our lives are running out fast. The physical life is as a vapor that appears for a brief moment and vanishes; it is as a tale that is soon told, a show that is soon over. But the eternal life God gives to us when we repent of our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our Savior is an instant and permanent possession. Here is the victory, both in the life we now live and in the great life to come.—ELM

EVERYTIME we have some special occasion, such as last week's State Evangelistic Conference, which features one preacher after another, hour in and hour out, for two or three days until "our cup runneth over," we are impressed all over again not only

"...in earthen vessels...."

with the great treasure of the Gospel, but, at least incidentally, with the fact that "we have this treasure in earthen vessels." Yes, we said this last year! One preacher is a cornbread philosopher. He was born with a very cheap and possibly tarnished spoon in his mouth, far from anything resembling sterling silver. Even the ministry seems "easy" to a fellow whose regular getting up time back on the farm used to be 4:30 a.m. His down-to-earth experiences, coupled with the sense of humor without which he would never have lived to grow up, make him a favorite with most congregations. But he is more than a backwoods philosopher—a wit and humorist. He is a preacher.

Another preacher is polished. If he ever lived on a farm you couldn't tell it now. He has had years of living in town, has worn store-bought clothes all his life, plays golf. But the Lord has called him, too, as is evidenced by the way the Spirit fills him. He, in his polished way, breaks the bread of life to the congregation and you forget about the polish and center on Jesus and his redeeming love.

Some are better educated than others. Occasionally you hear one who has trouble getting his verbs to agree with their subjects. But for most people in the congregation, grammar, while important, is not the thing of greatest importance. Does the preacher know the Lord? Has God called him to preach? Does he have in his heart Christ's love and compassion? Is he a dedicated man? Has he really laid everything on the altar for God? Does he preach out of a life nourished daily by prayer and Bible study? Is he a shepherd who goes out regularly into the remote and rough places to find the sheep that are lost? If these questions can be answered positively and with abiding conviction, it does not matter whether the preacher is a Southern man, a Southwestern man, or whether he went to New Orleans (Seminary) or to no seminary at all. He is likely to have a good hearing in spite of his feet of clay. For he is God's man.—ELM

Lula Vay Thompson

LULA Vay doesn't live here any more. Her name is still in the telephone directory, but she is away. She cannot be reached by telephone. And mail addressed to her cannot be forwarded. She has gone to that mystic Great Beyond from whose bourne no traveler returns.



ELM

She had been so much a part of our church (Central, North Little Rock) for so many years that we had taken her and her presence for granted. Lula Vay was always there, in her place. We could count on her. She would not go visiting and leave her Sunday School class without a teacher. Nor would she skip choir practice and drop in to sing when it suited her whims.

During the several years she served as Training Union director, she not only came each Sunday night for Training Union, she did during the week the many things that needed to be done by the director if the organization was to function effectively. And our people responded. They had confidence in Lula Vay's personal religion and they were inspired by her.

Lula Vay worked for her living in the offices of the Air Force Base. But she was never too tired to fill her place at church. And her faithfulness to her church did not hinder her in her vocation. For her a vocation was itself an opportunity for Christian service.

We did not know that last week that Lula Vay was with us that she was going away so soon. She had fainted at the church a few weeks previously, but she had passed it off as no cause for alarm. When she was asked this year to continue to serve as Training Union director she had declined. We wonder now if she had realized that her physical energies were ebbing away. She had continued to serve as Sunday School teacher and as a member of the church choir.

Usually I would take note of Lula Vay's presence in the services and frequently we would exchange greetings. Ironically, I cannot remember seeing her in prayermeeting that last time, although, I have learned, we sat near each other at the front of the church that night. And, they tell me, she stayed for choir practice that night as usual. The next morning she was found unconscious on the floor of her apartment and she was never to regain consciousness in this life.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13).

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

'New Pilot'

I AM impelled, Dr. McDonald . . . to congratulate you on the cover picture of the January 19 issue of the **Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine** and your editorial on page three explaining "the cover picture."

You have expressed so precisely my own sentiments that I wanted you to know that I concur with you in your acceptance of the pilot now at the wheel of our country.

I am sure many of us would not agree with many things that Mr. Kennedy will do—neither would we have agreed with all that someone else would have done had they been placed at the head of our country.

Your prayerful paragraph closing your editorial is my prayer also.—Agnes G. Ford, Press Representative, Sunday School Board, SBC, Nashville, Tenn.

YOUR cover picture of the new President and your cover story about him were highly commendable.—W. Barry Garrett, Associate Director, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.

I WISH to congratulate you and the **Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine** for the truly Christian and respectful attitude you exhibited in the issue of Jan. 19, 1961. Your remarks on the photo of John F. Kennedy as our lawful President were well taken and indicative that you had happily surmounted the wretched barrier and handicap of religious prejudice that unfortunately still cripples many other Baptist leaders . . .

Jealousy is the cause of much, if not most, of the religious antipathy towards Catholicism. We ARE succeeding—tremendously so, to acquire new and zealous followers of our religion—which is more "demanding" than most forms of Protestantism . . .—Rev. Bede Mitchel, Charleston, Ark.

REPLY: Your letter is deeply appreciated. But do not give me too much credit. I am still violently opposed, as always, to the sort of oppression we Baptists and other non-Catholics have suffered and continue to suffer at the hands of the Roman Catholic Church in some parts of the world. But I have nothing but love for Roman Catholics themselves. All we Baptists want of the Catholic Church is for us to be left to the free exercise of our faith, including the unrestricted propagation of it in so-called Catholic countries, as elsewhere. We merely want for ourselves the religious liberty we desire for Catholics and people of all faiths—the liberty we believe the gift of God and which is not within the rights of any man to deny other men.—ELM

Banner Reader

WOULD just like you to know we have been receiving the **Arkansas Baptist** for 27 years, which has been a source of—words just cannot describe—the inspiration and knowledge I have enjoyed. I just wouldn't exchange for anything if it were possible to do so. I look forward to receiving it every week.—Mrs. H. O. Padgett, Banner

REPLY: Thanks, Mrs. Padgett. You have a real appreciation for the finer things of life!—ELM

Leakes Keep Busy

WE spent the month of December in Fayetteville, the hills around about and the remote hills of Missouri. We received literally thousands of gifts from churches and clubs all over the south and saw many happy little faces.

We have had some wonderful experiences in visiting the universities, by invitation, the state schools mostly, and found many of our fine young people needing advice and the Lord in their lives.

Our friends in Arkansas have asked us to keep them informed more as to our "whereabouts." We are scheduled until summer, speaking at mission rallies, youth camps, churches, etc., and are grateful that we have the health and are wanted.

We were in the valley for a three days' district conference the last of January and I am to speak at all the YWA house parties on two campuses in February.—Mrs. A. L. Leake, Box 235, McKinney, Tex.

Caudill Tour

IN MIDSUMMER of this year (at the request of some friends, a number of whom are in my own church) I expect to personally conduct an around-the-world tour visiting our mission fields in the Orient and the Middle East. I wonder if you would be kind enough to put an announcement of the tour in your paper so that any who might be interested in making the journey could communicate with me about the tour.

The party is scheduled to leave Los Angeles on Monday, July 17, returning to New York on Friday, September 1. The places to be visited are as follows: Honolulu—3 days; Tokyo—6 days; Formosa—2 days; Hong Kong—3 days; Viet Nam—2 days; Indonesia—5 days; Singapore—1 day; Bangkok—2 days; Rangoon—2 days; Calcutta—2 days; New Delhi—4 days; Kabul—1 day; Teheran—2 days; Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem—Jordan, Cairo, area—6 days; Jerusalem (Israel) area—3 days; Athens—1 day.

The party will be small in number, but there is yet room for a few more reservations for the tour. Provision is also made for those who wish to stop over in Europe to do so at a very small increase of cost.

If you are in position to make the above announcement, I shall be grateful. Any who might be interested in making the journey should get in touch with me by letter in care of the First Baptist Church, Memphis.—R. Paul Caudill, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. ■

The Bookshelf

The Gospel According to Moses, by W. A. Criswell, Zondervan, reprinted 1960, \$2.50

"THE vein of God's grace that runs through the Pentateuch" is traced by Dr. Criswell in the sixteen sermons comprising this volume.

Our Lord's Life, His Story in Reverent Words and Original Paintings, by Amelia Tondini Melgari, Hawthorn, 1960, \$6.95

THE greatest story ever told is made a new and living experience for the readers of this beautiful book. Included are more than 130 original paintings in vivid, full color. Each painting was especially created for **Our Lord's Life** by Artist Irina Kessler.

Of particular appeal for children, this book will hold the attention of people of all ages. Although bearing the imprimatur of Francis Cardinal Spellman, the book will not be offensive; we believe, to Baptists and Protestants, with the exception of the artist's concept of John baptizing Jesus by the mode of sprinkling.

We Wrote the Gospels, by John Calvin Reid, Eerdman's, 1960 \$2

THE author relies upon the Scriptures as he uses his imagination to re-create the personal testimony of the four Evangelists. He attempts to present, in first person for Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, a personal testimony as to what meeting and living with Jesus meant for them.

Layman's Harmony of the Gospels, by John Franklin Carter, Broadman Press, 1961, \$4.50

WHY this should be designated **Layman's Harmony** is just a little puzzling, since the compiler is not himself a layman, but a Bible scholar of extensive academic preparation and one who has had many years' experience as a preacher and professor; and since it is worthy, we believe, of use by Bible scholars as well as inexperienced laymen.

The value of having in parallel passages all of the Gospel references to a given account can scarcely be emphasized too much. Dr. Carter, a professor since 1950 at Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Miss., uses the American Standard Version of the Scriptures.

We highly recommend this volume.

The Seven Last Words, by Clarence W. Cranford, Baker Book House, 1960, \$1.50

SAYS Dr. Cranford of the Seven Last Words of the Savior from the cross, "To hear these cries of our Savior on the cross and to understand them aright, is to have the basis for the most life-changing, life-transforming, life-elevating beliefs this world has ever known." This 78-page book contains ten brief but inspiring messages on the crucifixion. ■

The Actor's Prayer

OH, God, here in my dressing room, with the door shut, I am alone with Thee. I am glad I know the great Spirit that stands silently by, here, as in every place where a human heart is beating:

Can not an actor be God's man? Can not I, whose business it is to play, be as conscientious as those in authority or peril or solemn function?

Convention classes me and my fellows among the loose and thoughtless. So Thou art my secret. I triumphed inwardly to find Thy presence and taste the mystic joy of Thy friendship, while the world suspects not.

Thou wastest my heart clean as the Priest's. Thou givest me a holy ambition to do my work well, that I also may be a devout craftsman.

Thou teachest me subtle ways to resist despair, to master my passions, to heal unworthy weakness; the rare medicine of Thy presence is for me, too, as well as for the cloistered monk or meditating scholar.

Teach me to be great among the many who are content to be called great.

Reveal to me the satisfaction of virtue, the inner rewards of loyalty, helpfulness, and self-control. Let me be an unusual person because of that simplicity of heart and that loveliness of nature that I learn from Thee.

May I also touch the infinite and share the divine current that thrills all high souls. Save me from the bogs of pettiness, from egotism, self-pity, envy, and all the corrosives that mar life. I do not serve in the temple; mine is no solemn office nor critical station; but I thank Thee that the river of God flows through the streets of the city and whoever will may drink.

Make me to achieve a better success in my role before the ever-present audience of the angels than I hope to have when I play my part upon the mimic stage. Ever, in all junctures, in hours of lightness, as in stress or trial; God of my soul, help me to play the man. Amen!—Dr. Frank Crane ■

Two Contrary Laws

TWO contrary laws stand today opposed: one a law of blood and death, which, inventing daily new means of combat, obliges the nations to be ever prepared for battle; the other a law of peace, of labor, of salvation, which strives to deliver man from the scourges which assail him.

One looks only for violent conquest; the other for the relief of suffering humanity. The one would sacrifice hundreds of thousands of lives to the ambition of a single individual; the other places a single human life above all victories. The law of which we are the instruments essays even in the midst of carnage to heal the wounds caused by the law of war.—Louis Pasteur, at the opening of Pasteur Institute ■

Quotes

AIM AND Aimless cannot live in the same house, neither can Try and Trynot. And another thing, Faith and Doubt are never partners. — W. B. O'Neal, Jacksonville, Ark.

GOD made man to be free, but as long as one man is enslaved by the evils of society, the Christian cannot consider himself to be really free.—Franklin M. Segler
* * *

SALVATION is from sin to righteousness, from self to the Spirit of God, from Satan to Christ, from the kingdom of darkness to the community of God's holy people.—James Leo Garrett

A Thing of Beauty

A thing of beauty is a joy forever:
Its loveliness increases; it will
never

Pass into nothingness; but still will
keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health,
and quiet breathing.

Therefore on every morrow are we
wreathing

A flowery band to bind us to the
earth,

Spite of despondence, of the
inhuman dearth

Of noble natures, of the gloomy
days,

Of all the unhealthy and o'er-
darkened ways

Made for our searching: yes, in
spite of all,

Some shape of beauty moves away
the pall

From our dark spirits. Such the sun,
the moon,

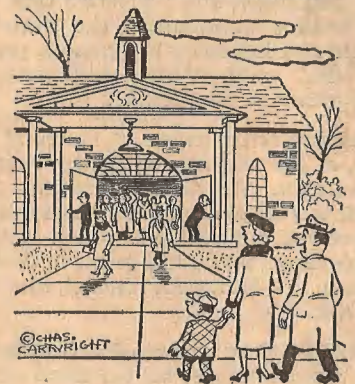
Trees old and young, sprouting a
shady boon

For simple sheep; and such are
daffodils

With the green world they live
in . . .

—John Keats

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"What difference if we ARE late? We can mingle with the departing throng and still get credit for attending!"

Perhaps one of the least rewarding of all human endeavors is that which might be called 'Make-believe Christian'. Whether we put on a pious 'front' for business reasons, to gain social acceptance, or for other reasons, the end result is usually the same. We gain nothing, because we have given nothing—but, in the final analysis, we lose all!

Evangelistic Conference Stirs Revival Fires



TOP: Dr. W. D. Wyatt, pastor of First Church, Albuquerque; Rev. Jack Stanton, of the Home Mission Board; and Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions and evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

BOTTOM: Secretary LeRoy McClard, of the Church Music Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, leads a men's chorus composed of ministers of music from Arkansas churches. At the piano is Archie McMillan, minister of music for Second Church, Little Rock.

THE church's great opportunity is making disciples, declared Dr. C. DeWitt Matthews, of the faculty of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, at the opening session of the annual State Evangelistic Conference here last week at Second Church.

Speaking on "Building an Evangelistic Church," Dr. Matthews emphasized that the commission to make disciples, given by Christ, includes "the ends of the earth" and the most exhausting of all work.

On the topic, "The Pastor's Obligation to Do the Work of an Evangelist," host pastor Dr. Dale Cowling said:

"The climax of everything you do as a minister is to win men to Christ . . . There is no substitute for personal evangelism in the ministry of the pastor."

Basing a message on the call of Elisha, Dr. W. D. Wyatt, pastor of First Church, Albuquerque, N. M., declared: "What really matters with the preacher is what is in his heart. A man called of God to preach can never be satisfied outside the ministry . . . God vindicates the faith of his people. Go ahead and give the invitation at the close of your services and trust God for the results."

Pastor W. H. Heard, of First Church, Walnut Ridge, speaking on enlisting the unenlisted, said that at least 2½ millions of the nearly 10 millions of members Southern Baptists claim are non-resident members, do not have their membership in churches where they now live. He stressed that while these are gone, they are not to be forgotten, but to be made an object of prayer and enlistment efforts.

Speaking on "The Blessedness of Togetherness," Jack Stanton, of the Home Mission Board, declared the Gospel of Christ is the power of God for salvation everywhere.

Another highlight was the sermon by Dr. Mack R. Douglas, pastor of St. Louis, who spoke on "Hell, the Destiny of the Lost."

Evangelist Billy Walker, of Walnut Ridge, led the conference in a prayer of repentance and dedication at the close of the Conference. ■



THESE are the workers who helped First Church, Harrison, become the first church in Arkansas to achieve the Advanced Standard of Excellence Award in Music Ministry. Recognition was given by the Church Music Department, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, with the endorsement of state Church Music Secretary LeRoy McClard.

The First Church Music Ministry has been developed to the extent that there are at present four choirs, two choruses, and music opportunities for everyone above the age of four. Not only church members and their families, but other members of the community who desire to receive music education with emphasis on the spiritual needs of the individual are welcome.

E. L. Crosby Jr. is minister of music. Through the period of achievement his assistants have been Mrs. A. C. Tatum, church organist; Miss Meredith Ezell, church pianist; Mrs. Jim Cooper, Graded Choir pianist; and Mrs. Richard Hudson, Mrs. Bennie Ellis and Mrs. Robert Langston, assistant choir directors. On the 1959-60 Church Music Committee were Mrs. Roland Lundquist, Judge Ralph Hudson and Charles D. Davis. Members of the 1960-61 committee are Mrs. Robert Cummins, Mr. Davis and Dr. T. N. Moss. Rev. Roy B. Hilton is pastor. ■

Arkansas Man of Year

DR. Ralph A. Phelps, president of Ouachita College, was voted 1960 Man of the Year in Arkansas in the annual election conducted by the *Arkansas Democrat*, Little Rock newspaper which each year spotlights outstanding Arkansans by polling its readers. Dr. Phelps became Ouachita president in 1953. Under his direction enrollment has more than doubled, and an \$850,000 building program is now underway on the college campus. ■

DR. Ralph Kirkman, dean of faculty at Ouachita College, has accepted a call to serve as interim pastor for Second Church, Hot Springs. A graduate of Southwestern Seminary and North Texas State College, he is former pastor of First Church, Justin, Tex. Dr. and Mrs. Kirkman have three children.

Greene County Assn. Missionary Resigns

REV. H. W. Johnston, 66, has resigned as missionary of Greene County Association and is moving



MR. JOHNSTON

to Datto, where his address will be Box 91. He plans to do supply preaching, conduct revivals and teach study courses. He also hopes to assist in establishing of new missions. Mr. Johnston had been with Greene County Association for the past 41½ years. Prior to that he was missionary for Gainesville and Current River associations for 12½ years, and, before that, pastor of churches in Clay and Randolph counties for a total of 20 years. ■

Association Discussed

AN association of churches in Pulaski County north of the river was discussed by representatives from 19 churches in the area early in January, Rev. R. H. Dorris, pastor of Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, reports.

The matter is now up to the churches for decision, and, if a majority decide in favor of the move, a request for leave to form the association Oct. 1, 1961, will go to the Pulaski County Baptist Association.

The decision was based on the differences in the communities on each side of the river and the rapid expansion on the north side, Mr. Dorris said, as well as "the potential of our churches being harnessed more effectively in Kingdom work, the ability of our churches to support and maintain a challenging mission program, and laying a groundwork for the future." ■

Eastern Arkansas

'Mission' Success

IN three weeks last fall, 582 decisions for Christ were made by Mexican "braceros" who came to the Arkansas Valley section to help harvest the crops. Eighty seven of them were baptized into four Arkansas churches which cooperated in this mission field which comes to Arkansas each year.

Missionary H. S. Coleman of the Arkansas Valley Association reports also that 7,000 tracts, 1,400 Gospel portions, 560 New Testaments and 90 Bibles, all of them in Spanish, were distributed. Four Spanish-speaking preachers were sponsored by the First churches of Helena, West Helena, Marianna and Hughes. A highlight of the three-week effort was a "Spanish Supper" held by West Helena Church. When heavy rain kept the Mexicans from returning to the farms that evening, they asked "Why not give us another sermon? We like that preaching."

Church letters granted the men were mailed to Mexico for distribution to the nearest Baptist work. A letter commending the work in Arkansas was received later from Van Gladen, missionary at Saltillo, Mexico. Mrs. Gladen's father was at one time pastor of First Church, West Helena. ■

Record Offering

A \$1,215 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions set a new record at First Church, Ashdown, and by unanimous vote the congregation dedicated the offering in memory of the late Harold Gunter. Deacon F. T. Caldwell led the dedicatory prayer.

For the past five years the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has been promoted through First Church's Sunday School. The 1960 gifts represented a 300 per cent increase over five years ago. The church also gives 17 per cent to the Cooperative Program.

Millard Wood, chairman of deacons, served as lay-promoter of this year's offering. James Eskew is Sunday School superintendent. Rev. Ross O. Ward has been pastor of First Church for the past five years. ■

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Harmony Pastoral Changes Reported

HARMONY Association pastoral changes include Rev. Marvin May who accepted a call from Hardin Church, Dec. 12.

Linwood Church, has called Rev. George H. Johnson. A senior in Ouachita College, Mr. Johnson has had 10 years' pastoral experience.

Rev. E. S. Ray, pastor of Douglas Church for two years, resigned Dec. 10.

Moore's Chapel Mission of Gould Church has called Rev. Donnie Knall as pastor. ■

Ridgeview Chapel To Become Church

RIDGEVIEW Chapel of First Church, Fayetteville, will become an independent church Feb. 5. The chapel was begun in July, 1956, with Dr. L. B. Golden temporary pastor. Others who have served there include Rev. Darrell Overstreet, Rev. Bill Hensley and Rev. Robert Vaughan. Rev. Jackie Pennell is the present pastor. The church has 61 charter members and 30 families represented. Dr. Andrew M. Hall is pastor of First Church, Fayetteville. ■



FIVE years before it was due, a \$45,000 debt was retired by First Church, Prescott, and a special "Note-burning Ceremony" was held one Sunday morning to celebrate the event.

Participating in the "note-burning" are, left to right: Wilburn Willis, chairman of deacons; Roy Loomis, chairman of trustees; Vernon Fore, trustee, and Rev. William R. Woodell, pastor.

An annex providing space for a nursery, Primary and Junior departments and a kitchen and dining area were constructed during the ministry of Rev. Wesley Lindsey. Last November First Church concluded a Forward Program Building Fund Campaign in which \$50,000 was pledged toward a \$100,000 Education Building. Missions gifts have been increased 20 per cent in the 1961 budget. ■

Independence Notes

INDEPENDENCE Association, Harrison Johns, superintendent, reports First and West Churches in Batesville among the top 25 in Sunday School Training awards.

Southern Baptist Mission, Cave City, has purchased two acres for future church buildings, with a \$400 bank loan.

Missionary Johns has been elected president of the Batesville Ministerial Alliance for 1961. ■

Ouachita College Students Suspended

EIGHT Ouachita College students have been suspended for thefts of examinations, J. W. Cady, dean of students, announced Jan. 20. He declined to identify any of the students but said one was caught in the act of stealing a test from an instructor's office and the others were implicated in the ensuing investigation. ■

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Clear Creek Association

By Paul E. Wilhelm, Missionary

DWAYNE Fischer assumed duties as music and educational director of First Church, Van Buren, Jan. 1, where Rev. Charles D. Graves is pastor. He will be leading in a graded Choir Program and also in a program of enlargement.



MR. FISCHER

He comes from First Church, Vinita, Okla., where he served for two years. Prior to his work in Vinita he was in Wilmer, Tex., in a like capacity. He is a native of Oklahoma City, and formerly was a member of Capitol Hill Church there.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University with a B.A. degree and of Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth, Tex., with a master's degree in Religious Education.

His wife, Mrs. Doris Ann Fischer, is a native of Wilburton, Okla. She attended Texas Christian University and Southwestern Seminary. They have a daughter, Kim. Their new home is 307 North 11th Street, Van Buren. ■

DR. Bernes K. Selph, pastor of First Church, Benton, and president of the State Convention, is researching and writing a series of articles dealing with the part played in the Civil War by Saline County and its residents, as a part of the nation-wide observance this year of the Civil War Centennial. Dr. Selph's articles have been appearing in *The Saline County News*.

DR. and Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell, missionaries to Equatorial Brazil, have a new daughter, Lauretta Marie, their fourth child, born Dec. 26. Their address is Caixa Postal 89, Belem, Para, Brazil. Both are natives of Arkansas. Dr. Halsell is from Benton and Mrs. Halsell, the former Mary Elizabeth Tolson, is from Rison.

REV. Lawrence M. Hammond has left the pastorate of Emmanuel Church, Harrison, to accept a call from Live Oak Church, Gatesville, Tex. A 1959 Ouachita College graduate, Mr. Hammond plans to enroll in Southwestern Seminary.

Revivals

JANUARY Bible Study Week and a week-end revival at Calvary Church, Hope, were led by Rev. M. E. Wiles. There were 12 additions, five on profession of faith and seven by letter, and a number of rededications. Rev. J. D. Passmore is pastor.

SOUTHSIDE Mission of First Church, Stuttgart, has scheduled a revival for Feb. 5-12. Rev. Ben Bledsoe, interim pastor at Southside, will preach.

DR. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the evangelist at the revival scheduled by First Church, Crossett, March 5-12. Gale Dunn, from Highland Church, Shreveport, La., will be song leader, and Jimmy Karam, Little Rock layman, will speak. Rev. B. G. Hickem is pastor.

FIRST Church, Helena, has scheduled a revival for April 2-9 with Rev. Walter Warmath of El Dorado the revivalist. Rev. James F. Brewer is pastor.

FIRST Church, Morrilton, is planning a revival week Feb. 19-26 with Rev. Larry Taylor of San Antonio, Tex., as visiting preacher.

FOREST Highlands Baptist Church has scheduled its spring revival for March 19-26. Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the State Convention, will preach and Wayland Roberts will be in charge of the music. Prayer groups are being planned and a special soul-winning effort will be made during March, Rev. Darrell S. Ross, pastor, has announced.

L. M. Goza Eulogized

A MEMORIAL resolution in honor of the late Loderick M. Goza of Arkadelphia, who died Jan. 7, has been made a part of the records of First Church, Arkadelphia, where Mr. Goza served for many years as a deacon and twice as board chairman, as an organizer of the Royal Ambassadors, Sunday School teacher and superintendent and a member of the building, finance and pulpit committees.

Members of the Resolutions Committee were O. J. Seymour, chairman; Dr. Paul Hardage and Otis Turner. Dr. Sam C. Reeves is pastor and W. P. Jones Jr. chairman of the board. ■

SUNDAY School attendance on Jan. 8 at First Church, Springdale, showed an increase of 75 over a year ago when 564 were present, Rev. Burton A. Miley, pastor, reports. In addition, Elmdale Chapel had a banner attendance of 80.

WYNNE Church held a reception Jan. 15 honoring its new pastor, Rev. R. B. Crofts, and his family, Mrs. Crofts and son Mike. Mrs. J. E. Hallan, Sr., president of the Wynne WMU, reports a large crowd attended.

Report on Brazil

CLAUD and Frances Bumpus, Arkansans who are missionaries to Paraiba, Brazil, report a year of accomplishment, and the conviction that work was advanced many years because of the Rio de Janeiro meeting of the Baptist World Alliance.

During the year the 23 churches in Paraiba, with approximately 1,700 members, reported 140 baptisms. Seven Brazilian churches, including the Bumpus' local church, were chosen to experiment with the Forward Program of Church Finance, with the result pledges were three times receipts before the campaign began. Of 240 members in their church, 205 pledged to tithe. ■

Forrest Park Dedication

FORREST Park Church, Harmony Association, will dedicate its new building March 5, with Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas State Convention, as guest speaker. The \$86,000 structure, begun in July, 1960, has an auditorium seating 550 and Sunday School space to accommodate 600. Bill Warlick is General Building Chairman. Rev. G. W. Smith is pastor. ■

FIRST Church, Blytheville, reports total cash receipts during 1960 of \$114,333.56 and a total budget disbursement of \$119,761.87, including \$27,349.68 to Missions (\$24,934.07 to the Cooperative Program), \$23,267.51 expended on buildings and equipment and \$27,801 on debt retirement. Rev. Charles Frank Pitts is pastor.

ABH Auxiliary to Meet

THE Arkansas Baptist Hospital Auxiliary will have a program meeting Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. in the Hospital chapel. The topic will be "Various Educational Programs in the Hospital." Mrs. S. A. Whitlow is Auxiliary president.

REV. David E. Railey, pastor of Immanuel Church, El Dorado, received the B.D. degree Jan. 20 from Southwestern Seminary, thus, he says, ringing "down the curtain on 20 years of class room training. During the last eight years of college and seminary work I have driven 180,000 miles between the churches in which I have preached and the schools in which I studied. I am grateful to God for His protection and for the privilege of doing both."

Volunteers Give 20,000 Hours at ABH

VOLUNTEERS gave more than 20,000 hours in service at Arkansas Baptist Hospital during 1960 and have given more than 50,000 hours since the program began in 1957.

The volunteer corps of 134 women in 1960 gave 11,808½ hours as hostesses, escorts, information clerks, nurses' aides and in many other jobs. The 112 teen-aged Candy-stripers gave 8,771 hours.

A new group of 18 adult volunteers was taken into the Auxiliary Volunteer Corps Jan. 18. ■

Ordination at East Point

ALFORD Rickett was ordained to the ministry Jan. 8 at East Point Church, Dardanelle-Russellville Association. W. O. McMillen served as moderator and Don Hankins as clerk. Rev. William Woodson questioned the candidate and Johnnie Hagan gave the charge. Sam Davis gave the ordination prayer, Carl Fawcett gave the opening prayer and David Murdock the closing prayer. Others of the Council were Lloyd Wade, Gaines Armstrong, Hermon Hurd, Edward Estus, Herbert Brown, C. F. Lamb, Frank Stoddard, Cecil Smith, Alford Martin and J. D. Williams. ■

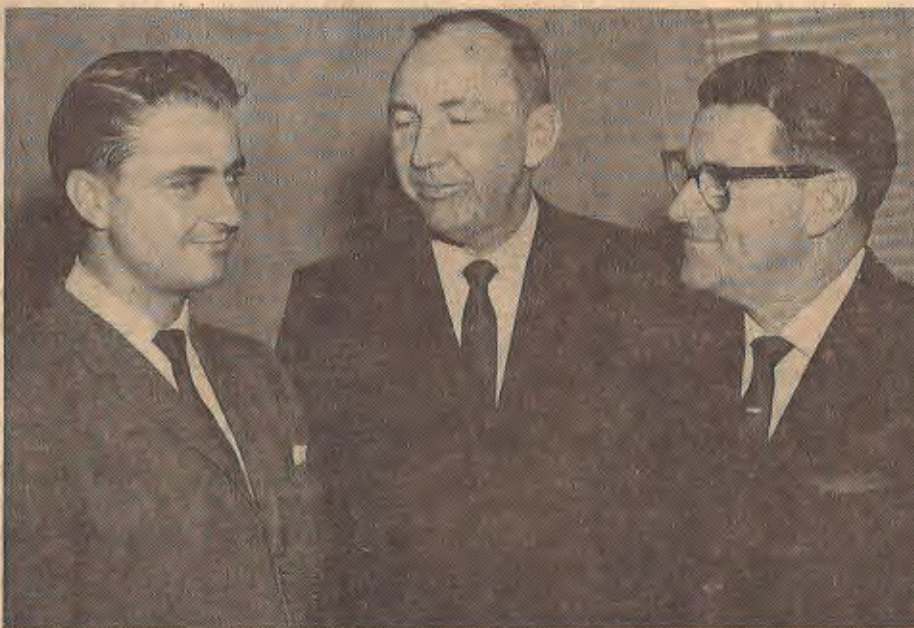
FIRST Church, Kingsland, ordained Norman Johnson, Marvin King and James Langford as deacons Jan. 15. The ordination message was given by Rev. Phil Beech, pastor of Rison Church. Rev. O. N. Wehunt, First Church pastor, was moderator and examined the candidates. Deacon J. O. Sanders gave the Council recommendation and Van McKinney led the ordination prayer. ■

Deaths

JOHN Franklin Coffman, 76, of Keo, a retired banker and a deacon and Sunday School teacher in Keo Baptist Church, died Jan. 21 in a Little Rock hospital. A native of Union Hill (Independence County), he had lived in Keo since 1927, where he was cashier of the Bank of Keo until his retirement seven years ago.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Vanetta Eubank Coffman; two daughters, Christine Coffman, Keo, and Mrs. Coy Nixon Jr., Pine Bluff; a sister, Mrs. L. E. Throckmorton, Bradford, and a grandson.

J. M. BROWN, 66, a businessman and deacon of First Church, Lonoke, died Jan. 17 at a Little Rock Hospital. He was an active layman in the church, often supplying the pulpit for small churches when no preacher was available. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Mrs. Isabel McShan Brown, and one daughter. ■



THIRD generation graduate of Southwestern Seminary is Jimmy Draper (left), the grandson of Rev. L. M. Keeling who received the Th.M. degree from Southwestern in 1914 and preached 54 years in Arkansas. He pastored South Highland Church, Little Rock, 1938-42 and also served First Church, Judsonia.

Jimmy, who was awarded the B.D. degree Jan. 20 is shown with his father, James T. Draper, (right) district missions secretary in Marshall, Tex., who received the Th.M. from Southwestern in 1940, and Robert E. Naylor, seminary president. ■

\$2.9 Million Invested

A \$2.9 MILLION textile mill at Cheraw, S. C., has been purchased by the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board and leased back to Burlington Industries, from which it was purchased, for 20 years with options to renew the lease up to 50 years.

Fred W. Noe, Dallas, director of investments for the board, said the investment will be completely paid off during the 20-year lease. He said Burlington Industries will bear all expenses for property taxes, insurance and maintenance. "We have \$15 million invested in industrial lease-purchases in the south and west," Noe reported. The Annuity Board, which handles retirement plans for the Convention's 30,000 pastors and employes, purchased a Louisville, Ky., industry a few years ago on the same basis.

"Many institutions administering endowment and pension funds have come to favor the purchase leaseback as an effective channel of investment, effecting at once some of the advantages of both mortgage loans and property ownership," Noe said. The Board invests its funds equally in bonds, stocks, mortgage loans and industrial plants, he added.

4,000 the Goal

MORE than 4,000 new Southern Baptist missions and churches started during 1961 is the goal of leaders of the 30,000 Movement. There will be new efforts among students and laymen giving their vacation time and new methods of financing and special surveys for new missions.

Seminoles Converted

IN LESS than 20 years of mission work among the Seminole Indians on the Dania reservation in Florida, 80 per cent have become active Christians. They say their people have always believed in God, or that a universal being governs the world and also believe, as Christians do, that there is a better life after death.

Was it Hot?

"THERE is a Hell" was announced in a church bulletin as the subject of a sermon at the Evangelistic Conference of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

"Some of our leaders will be there, and will bring back a report," the bulletin commented.

Students Needed

MORE than 300 ministerial students are needed for the 1961 summer mission program of the Home Mission Board, Nathan Porter, Atlanta, associate secretary of the board's personnel department, has announced. The 300 will increase the total student mission force to 800.

"The ministerial students will become a part of the 30,000 Movement in establishing and strengthening missions and churches in pioneer areas," Porter said.

Nursing Directory

A BROCHURE showing where students may study nursing in Southern Baptist hospitals has been issued by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association. It is available by writing the association in care of Southern Baptist Hospital, 2700 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans, La.

Arab Translator Converted

CHRISTIANITY is Personal, by Dr. Fred L. Fisher, Golden Gate Seminary professor, has been translated into Arabic by a Jordan native who became a Christian in the process. Russell Morris, Golden Gate graduate and missionary to Jordan reports that Fuad Namour, the translator, is now requesting baptism into a Baptist church because of the profound impression made by the book.

"Namour has received moral, political, and spiritual abuse for his stand," Morris stated, "but has continued to be a staunch Christian witness."

Chaplains Meet Feb. 9

A CONFERENCE for Southern Baptist chaplains and pastors interested in the chaplaincy is scheduled for Feb. 9 at New Orleans Seminary.

George W. Cummins, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's chaplaincy division, urged all military, institutional, industrial, and reserve chaplains in the surrounding area to attend.

The seminary's annual "Chaplain's Day" will be held during the conference with Chief of Army Chaplains Maj. Gen. (Chaplain) Frank A. Tobey as speaker.

Race Conduct Appeal

A BAPTIST editor and a Baptist minister told their people they deplored the violence which hit the University of Georgia campus upon the enrollment of two Negro students.

In an editorial in the *Christian Index*, weekly Baptist paper published at Atlanta, Editor John J. Hurt, Jr., declared: "Our specific appeal is that Georgia return to law and order . . . Our Bible demands that and more with its teaching of brotherhood, the dignity of man, and compassion."

In a sermon preached in Athens First Church its pastor, Howard P. Giddens, immediate past president of Georgia Baptist Convention, said: "Those ugly headlines changed our city and it is time for our people to stand up for truth and obedience of the law in Athens."

"Big Cities" Program

FIRST of the "second generation" churches of the "Big Cities" program of the Home Mission Board was born in Chicago Jan. 8, when Lamon Ave. Baptist Church, a mission of First Church, Wheeling, was organized.

Chicago became the first city in the "Big Cities" program in 1958, receiving \$200,000 to purchase mission sites. Ten missions and churches were started.

Since then, San Francisco, New York, Seattle and Detroit have also received appropriations.

TU Leaders Announced

"LENGTHEN . . . Strengthen" is the theme for Southern Baptist Training Union conferences for 1961 at summer assemblies.

Philip B. Harris, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Training Union Department and director of the conferences, has announced the following speakers for the five weeks: June 8-14, Glorieta, N. M., James Landes, pastor, First Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.; June 15-21, Glorieta, Earl Harding, executive secretary-treasurer, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City; June 29-July 5, Ridgecrest, N. C., H. Guy Moore, pastor, Broadway Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.; July 6-12, Ridgecrest, James Potter, pastor, Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte, N. C.; and July 13-19, Ridgecrest, Luther Joe Thompson, pastor, First Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. ■

Church Administrators To Have Conference

PROBLEMS which confront church administrators will be analyzed and their solutions sought at the Church Administration Conference convening on the campus of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., March 6-8.

Program personnel include James Landes, pastor, First church, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Robert E. Naylor, seminary president; Gomer R. Lesch, public relations consultant, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and Merrill D. Moore, executive-secretary, Stewardship Commission.

Topics to be discussed include: "Psychological Factors in the Administrative Process," "Deacons: Ministers and Administrators," "A Theology of Church Administration," "The Church Office: The Administration and Public Relations Center," and "Person to Person Supervision."

No registration fee will be required. Additional information may be received from Dr. Lee H. McCoy, Box 22,000, Fort Worth 15, Tex. ■



FOUR persons connected with the filming of Broadman Films' latest stewardship film, "What's Left," are left to right: Donald Curtis, actor; Tay Garnett, director; Regis Toomey, actor; and E. Stanley Williamson, producer. Dr. Williamson is secretary of the Audio-Visual Aids Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

"What's Left" is one of five 12-minute films produced by Broadman Films for use in promoting 1961 Southern Baptist emphasis on stewardship. ■



DR. CLIFTON J. ALLEN (right), editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, received a citation "for distinguished service rendered during 1959-60" from the Radio-TV Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, in recognition for his teaching of the "International Sunday School Lesson" over 75 radio stations in 19 states. Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont College and Tennessee member of the Commission, made the presentation. ■

1960 Gifts For Foreign Work Over \$17,000,000

"WE ARE happy to report that gifts for foreign missions in 1960 reached a total of \$17,212,163," Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its January meeting. "We are particularly grateful that \$819,396.62 was provided by the advance section of the Cooperative Program at the close of December, thus enabling advance to continue in the planning for 1961." (Cooperative Program money received after the Southern Baptist Convention's operating budget is met is called Advance Program funds and is divided 75 per cent for the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent for the Home Mission Board.)

While noting that the sum of mission gifts last year was the largest in the history of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Cauthen added: "We should remember that needs totaling more than \$20,000,000 were before the board throughout the year as definite recommendations from the mission fields. We had to leave unmet needs amounting to more than \$3,000,000.

"It is our hope that missionary giving will continue to increase in order that advance may proceed. It is the objective of the Foreign Mission Board to appoint 160 new missionaries in 1961."

Latin American Progress

Latin-American Secretary Frank K. Means noted that 50 new missionaries during the year brought the Latin-American staff to 526. These serve in 89 stations in 14 political entities and at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex. Eight of the stations were entered in 1960.

In North Brazil, where "Operation Andrew" challenged each church to a goal of baptisms equal to one-third its membership, a 24-member church baptized 26 converts, he reported, and when all records are complete the total of baptisms in Latin America for the year is expected to exceed the 14,957 of 1959. Large-scale efforts in evangelism included a



DR. ROBERT Hingson (left) of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O., explains to News Analyst Paul Harvey the remarkable new jet injector which penetrates the skin without puncturing it. This injector enabled six doctors, who toured 32 countries of the world, to administer 90,000 doses of vaccines for polio, typhoid fever, cholera, etc. Dr. Hingson was instrumental in developing jet injection. The 45,000-mile jaunt was for the purpose of surveying world medical needs and to offer medical assistance wherever possible. A venture in Christian concern, the trip was filmed and from the thousands of feet of resulting film, Southern Baptists produced this fascinating documentary account which appears in the current television series "The Answer". Paul Harvey narrates the film, which provides a rich view of medical missions in many countries. ■

simultaneous campaign in an association of Mexico, with 5,000 persons attending one of the services; the 10th simultaneous campaign in Recife and eastern Pernambuco, Brazil, with 1,012 decisions reported; and a preaching mission conducted in about 50 churches of Chile by 11 Baptist pastors from the United States.

Dr. Means, Dr. Cauthen, and Rev. Charles W. Bryan plan to spend the last of March and first of April surveying possibilities in the Caribbean area. Mr. Bryan is the newly elected field representative for that section of Latin America.

Orient Report

In a report airmailed from his temporary headquarters in Hong Kong, Orient Secretary Winston Crawley summarized briefly the "background of increasing con-

fusion" against which Southern Baptist missionaries in his area worked last year.

"Perhaps two words, 'danger' and 'promise,' are most representative of the entire Orient at the close of 1960," he said. "Which will win out may well depend largely on whether the Orient is brought to Christ in these years of crisis."

He said Southern Baptists made steady progress last year. He cited the appointment of 47 missionaries for the area, bringing the staff to 500; the location of missionaries in Okinawa and in three additional stations in countries where Southern Baptist mission work was already established; the beginning of mission efforts in Vietnam through a Sunday afternoon English-language service; the designation of a couple for Guam; and the termination of a formal foreign mission program in

Hawaii as the Hawaii Baptist Convention assumed responsibility for Baptist work there.

Mr. Crawley also reported the actual beginning of studies by the new Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary; graduation of the first class by Hong Kong Baptist College; opening of a student center in Tokyo, Japan; and fall simultaneous evangelistic campaigns in Hong Kong, with more than 2,600 decisions recorded, and in the Philippines, with more than 1,000 decisions.

Dr. Crawley concluded his report with a plea for more missionaries, placing at the head of the list a missionary in Macao, and a second couple to work among Indians in Malaya.

Storms Over Africa

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, characterized 1960 as a year of "advance through storm" in his area, which saw the birth of 16 new nations on the African continent.

"In spite of stormy weather, Southern Baptist missions made substantial advance during the year," he continued, reporting that missionaries took up residence in three additional countries of his area, Liberia, France, and Portugal, and in six new stations in countries where they were already at work. The Foreign Mission Board also authorized the beginning of work in Uganda by missionaries in other countries of East Africa, the appointment of missionaries for English-speaking work in Germany and for new nations which have emerged from former French West Africa.

The Arab Baptist Theological Seminary opened in Beirut, Lebanon; progress was made toward the opening of a Baptist theological seminary in Tanganyika; and the first Baptist hospital in Northern Nigeria was dedicated in Kontagora. Missionaries were designated to give full time to Central and East Africa.

A net gain of 31 missionaries during the year brought the total for the area to 454, with 358 serving in eight countries of Africa, 44 in five countries of Europe, and 52 in four countries of the Near East. ■

Blanshard Calls on POAU For "Watchful Cooperation"

AUTHOR Paul Blanshard at a mass meeting held by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, called for "watchful cooperation with President Kennedy so long as he fulfills his magnificent pledges to support the absolute separation of church and state. He is entitled as the new President to the support of all the people of every political party and of every faith. I personally believe that he will be true to those pledges. His first appointments have shown no religious bias whatever."

At the same time Mr. Blanshard assailed the Catholic bishops of the United States for "a church-state policy that is flatly opposed to that of the Supreme Court," and declared that there are three great battles on the horizon involving a conflict between Catholic policy and American democracy in the fields of medicine, taxation and education. He declared that the Catholic Church "was pressing its fight for public money for its schools in almost every issue of every Catholic newspaper right through the recent campaign, while many editors and the Democratic National Committee were saying that the church accepted the American concept of church-state separation. It would be a false tolerance for non-Catholics to yield on this issue without counter-attack."

In a direct but friendly challenge to Mr. Kennedy at the end of his address Mr. Blanshard said: "Mr. Kennedy, we believe that you are sincere in describing the payment of public money to parochial schools as unconstitutional, but if you so much as crook your little finger in the direction of a single public dollar for Catholic schools, you will not return to the White House in 1965. In sounding that solemn warning, we believe that we speak for the American majority." ■

In an "informal balance sheet and tentative prophecy" for the years 1960 and 1961, POAU praised President Kennedy for his campaign pledge to sustain "the absolute separation of church and state", but warned that "two great impending battles are in sight, one for government aid to sectarian colleges and the other for affirmative aid for birth control in the United Nations."

"In both of these struggles," said the organization's report, "Catholic policy will confront and oppose prevailing public opinion, and it is vital that a national policy free from sectarian special privilege should prevail. "We will watch President Kennedy with anxious concern, believing that his personal outlook is more advanced than that of his church."

In reviewing the year 1960, POAU listed six "typical events" on the affirmative and negative sides of the church-state ledger. On the affirmative side it listed: (1) Senator Kennedy's address to Protestant ministers in Houston endorsing the absolute separation of church and state; (2) the acceptance for review by the United States Supreme Court of Connecticut's anti-birth control law; and (3) the defeat in the United States Senate of the Morse Amendment which proposed grants to sectarian schools "disguised as loans."

On the negative side of the church-state ledger the organization deplored: (1) "the arrogant declaration of the Roman Catholic bishops of Puerto Rico that Catholic voters who supported Governor Munoz Marin would be guilty of sin; (2) the continued circulation of a bogus Knights of Columbus oath; and (3) the publication by the United Automobile Workers of a leaflet representing the supporters of Vice President Nixon as hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan. ■

Baptist World Alliance Reports

Catholics Predominate

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — A survey of the new 87th Congress, as reported by Religious News Service, shows that Roman Catholics in the House of Representatives are more numerous than members of any other single religious affiliation.

Although the number of Catholic members dropped from 91 in the 86th Congress to 86 in the new Congress, they outnumber Methodists, who now have 76 and are the second most numerous.

Presbyterians number 61 in the new House, while Baptists have 52 members and Episcopalians 53.

Lutherans have 18 members, the Congregational Christian Churches, 19 and its sister denomination in the United Church of Christ, the Evangelical and Reformed Church, has 2 members.

Disciples of Christ have 13 members in the House.

Jewish members total 11 in the House. A total of 17 members list their affiliation only as "Protestant" while 3 decline to list any affiliation. Rep. D. S. Saund (Dem. - Calif.), the only Sikh ever elected to Congress, has been re-elected.

The Schwenkfelder Church is represented for the first time in Rep. Richard S. Schweiker (Rep. - Pa.), an active layman in this Pennsylvania Dutch sect.

With a total of 19 members in the 87th Congress, Methodists will again outnumber members of other denominations in the United States Senate.

In second place are Baptists, with 15 Senators. Episcopalians are third with 14, and Presbyterians follow with 11.

All told the new Senate will have 87 Protestants, 11 Roman Catholics, and 2 Jewish members.

Presbyterian Post

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (EP) — Effective next June, Dr. Thomas Watson Street, will become executive secretary of the Board of World Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern).

Red Listener Writes

OKUMA, Okinawa (EP) — Missionary radio station KSBU has received a reception report from a listener in Red China. The letter brought great joy to members of the Far East Broadcasting Company's staff who labored long and hard to get the long-wave, 100,000-watt transmitter operating. The message proved that the signal, beamed into Red China almost directly opposite Shanghai on the island of Okuma, is being picked up inside Communist China.

Seeks Church Union

LONDON (EP) — Reflecting on his visit with Pope John XXIII last December 2, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, has written in the *Canterbury Diocesan Notes* that his ambition is to "help link the churches one to another."

Dr. Fisher said he found in the Vatican "precisely the same spirit of deep Christian unity of spirit, of eager discipleship of Christ, of reliance upon the Holy Spirit, to encourage and uplift me."

When asked how he planned to follow up the historic meeting, Dr. Fisher said, "It is like a bit of leaven in the lump: of no use until it works its way and makes the lump rise. That is where we must look. Here in England I hope that in time at many levels there may be discussions between churchmen to see how the leaven can be helped to work.

"Roman Catholics have often told me how utterly ignorant their people and their priests are of what, for instance, the Church of England believes and does," he said. "Here is ground for mutual exploration, with discussions on such things as the return to Biblical theology, the liturgical movement, new views on the relation of church to civic freedoms and to natural rights. I pray that for many years ahead the leaven will work and the loaf of Christian unity rise to its full proportions."

'Teen-Team'

THE first Youth for Christ International overseas Teen Team will leave for Beirut, Lebanon, Feb. 21, 1961, to begin a six-month itinerary that will take them into eight different nations in Europe and the Middle East.

Directing the six-member team is the Rev. Wendell Collins, director of Special Projects for Youth for Christ International.

The team will conduct youth evangelistic meetings and also train national Christian teens in the best methods of youth evangelism. Each team member is an experienced Youth For Christ worker and musician and will assist in "know-how" sessions for teens and national youth leaders. (EP)

News Editor Appointed

NEWLY appointed as news editor of *United Evangelical Action*, official organ of the National Association of Evangelicals, is Milton A. Regier. Formerly a publicity writer with the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, he will be responsible for all *Action* news and also serve as an editorial assistant to Editor W. Stanley Mooneyham. (EP)

Dead Sea Research

PHILADELPHIA (EP) — As scholars seek to unravel the mysteries of the Dead Sea Scrolls, they are aided in their research in these ancient documents by modern high-speed electronic computers.

J. P. Bessinger, associate professor of English at the University of Toronto, told the 75th annual convention of the Modern Language Association here that the computers come up with answers to words partly or totally obliterated in the scrolls through analysis of word frequencies, sentences and contexts.

Emphasizing the importance of such "mechanical brains," Bessinger pointed out that a few specialists completed in a year's time the indexing of the complete writings of St. Thomas Aquinas—13 million words — a task that would have taken 50 scholars some 40 years.

'New English Bible'

NEW YORK (EP)—March 14, 1961 will be publication date in this country and abroad for the New Testament portion of *The New English Bible* to be published by Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press.

One million copies of the 460-page Testament will be printed throughout the English-speaking world, including the U. S., Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa.

Launched in 1947 as the work of an interdenominational committee of Biblical scholars representing 11 major church groups in the British Isles, the completed translation of the New Testament received formal committee approval on March 23, 1960. Still being translated are the Old Testament and the Apocrypha, which are expected to be published in a few years.

Cooperating in the Biblical translation are the Church of England, Church of Scotland, Methodist Church, Congregational Union, Baptist Union, Presbyterian Church of England, Society of Friends, British and Foreign Bible Society, National Bible Society of Scotland, and Protestant and Anglican Churches in Wales and Ireland.

Protestant Chaplain

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — New Protestant cadet chaplain at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) George J. Cameron (Methodist).

A former enlisted Marine and a chaplain since 1942, Chaplain Cameron succeeds Chaplain (Col.) Charles I. Carpenter, another Methodist, who retired last fall and returned to a civilian pastorate.

Sabbath Business

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (EP) — Four religious leaders have signed a full-page advertisement in a local newspaper in an effort to discourage Sabbath business.

Aimed at a more spiritual observance of the Sabbath, whether marked on Sunday or Saturday, the ad was signed by the Rev. C.

Don Baugh, executive director, San Antonio Council of Churches; Catholic Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio; the Rev. Cecil A. Ray, executive secretary, San Antonio Baptist Association; and Rabbi David Jacobson of Temple Beth-El.

The ad posed the question: "Is the Sabbath to become just another work day?" It stressed that the observance of the Sabbath "has been one of the basic elements of our civilization on this continent. . . a day of freedom. . . freedom to worship, to rest and renew physical as well as spiritual energies, to develop social and family ties."

"To abandon this day of freedom, to allow it to become engulfed in a wave of economic hysteria, is to endanger some of the most basic elements of our society and our American way of life."

School Distributes Bibles

EDMONDS, Washington (EP) — Despite objections from some parents, the Edmonds School Board has announced that the practice of distributing Gideon Bibles to fifth grade pupils in the district will continue.

Dr. David L. Clarke, board president, instructed Harold E. Silvernail, superintendent, to prepare a written policy for formal adoption by the board at its next meeting. Board members said the Gideon Society had been distributing Bibles containing the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs in the fifth grade for many years, with the oral agreement of successive school boards. Dr. Clark said he had received two telephone calls of protest from parents whose children had received the Bibles.

Church in China

BERLIN, Germany — Gerda Buega, for many years a missionary to China, recently joined a tour of that now-Communist country.

"One has to search for churches and Christians with a microscope" in most Chinese towns, Frau Buega wrote in the Berlin missionary newspaper, *Der Ruf (The Call)*. She said, however, that the church is still comparatively active in Shanghai, even though the number of parishes there has dropped from 200 to 20 since the Communists came into power.

A Methodist minister informed her, she said, that all ministers in the city now meet regularly and that denominational differences no longer matter. Three services are held in his church each Sunday, and each is attended by some 300 persons.

In other towns, Frau Buega reported, only one Sunday service is generally conducted and seldom more than 60 persons are in attendance. While there were 65 churches in Peking in 1957, four congregations still meet regularly.

She confirmed earlier reports that pastors generally work in factories, some full-time. However, she disclosed that several Christians she met had responsible positions. In one province, Frau Buega said, some 50 Christians in various towns have been elected by the people as their representatives. But as "followers of Christ," they were tolerated as a minority group and had none of the status enjoyed by Communist Party members. The wives of some ministers, she noted, work as nurses while that of a bishop is employed in an envelope factory. ■

STATE LIBRARY CONVENTION

Immanuel Baptist Church

Little Rock

MARCH 23-24

Theme: "The Church Library Serving the
Total Church Program"

*Beacon Lights
of Baptist History*

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

Wales Baptist Church

By **BERNES K. SELPH**

THE First Baptist church of Wales moved to the state of Massachusetts and became the first organized Baptist work in that area.



DR. SELPH

Fleeing persecution by the British officials, John Myles, pastor, brought his flock to New England in 1663.

Church records show that this body was organized at Ilston,

April 1, 1649. Baptists had been busy in Wales prior to this date but due to doctrinal strife had made little headway. Their records show this group had the honor of being the first in those parts to observe the scriptural doctrine of baptism and constituted the first church of organized believers.

It is believed that shortly before the inauguration of the work at Ilston, John Myles and Thomas Proud went to London and were baptized. This, the London church hailed as answer to prayer, because they were interested in evangelizing Wales. This Church counselled with members in this new work and most likely assisted in a material way.

The Rev. Myles and his brethren settled at Rehobeth and started a Baptist work in his home. Civil authorities took no action against the church until July, 1667.

At this time, the court charged Mr. Myles and Mr. Brown with setting up a public meeting without court knowledge and with disturbing the peace. These men were fined and told not to hold further services.

However, some leniency was shown. Permission was granted them to move elsewhere if they would make known their principles to the court and would not prejudice any other church.



YWA FOCUS WEEK

FEBRUARY 12 - 18

THE WEEK of February 12-18 has been designated by Southern Baptists as Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week. This annual emphasis is to be observed Convention-wide by more than 9,276 YWA groups.

Young Woman's Auxiliary is an organization concerned with missionary education for single women 16 through 24 years of age. Focus Week serves to inform the church of YWA activities and to project the organization's missionary purpose. The primary objective of the week is to challenge members to more earnest commitment to world missions. Special mission projects, publicity features, and enlistment efforts are among the plans for the observance.

A large tract of land, near the Rhode Island boundary, was granted them in October of that year. They named it Swansea, in commemoration of Swansea near Ilston, their Welch home. Here they prospered. The entire community remained Baptist until the latter part of the eighteenth century. ■

BROADMAN Press has released 484 octavo titles and 31 books in its first decade as a music publisher. William J. Reynolds, music editor, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, announced the figures during the annual conference in Nashville, Tenn., of Baptist state music secretaries, seminary deans, and the Church Music Department.

Hatred Reaps Its Harvest

ON a dark, cloudy night, symbolic of the callous, hate-filled minds involved, a Negro school in Atlanta senselessly was bombed early Monday morning.

It is too bad the nation could not see the wrecked rooms where the colored Christmas drawings of children, lovingly done, were scattered in such pitiful disorder. These childish doings cry out accusingly with a mute but trumpet-like eloquence.

[Written by Ralph McGill, this article appeared in *The Atlanta Constitution* December 13, 1960.]

The big brave men who tossed the explosive in the darkness of the night, and in deeper darkness of their own minds and souls, have not stopped the processes of education. Their kind have appeared often in history. They were among those who cried, "Crucify Him." Their kind were among those who offered Him vinegar on the cross when He said, "I thirst." Their soul-kin were among those who tended Hitler's gas furnaces. Their kind are among the Communist terror groups. Their kind are related to those who scream filth in the New Orleans demonstrations.

In a time like this, it is fashionable for leaders of those who preach, teach and organize for defiance of law and court decisions to deplore violence and say, "We are not responsible. We do not endorse violence." But, of course, they do.

Men and women in high places who organize groups to resist court orders, those who urge pledges of never surrendering, and who encourage those of the Klan mentality, did not toss the explosive at the school. But in a very real sense, their hands were there just the same, because, if those who are willing to commit other crimes of violence were not encouraged by those in established positions who curse the court, who say that American judges are Communists, who reveal their own state of mind to be that of law

violators, the lawless would not become so emboldened.

And there are always those who try to suggest that perhaps it was done "by the others," by those who want to bring discredit on organizations publicly preaching defiance of law and no surrender to the orders of the government of the United States.

So, once again, as in the bombing of the Atlanta Temple—and of schools and churches in other cities—we have a harvest of things sown.

Once again Southern leadership is put to the test.

Here again we have the essence of the Greek tragedy. In the end the decent, civilized people will prevail. In the end there will be education for all children. Bombers prove nothing by bombing, or destroying a school or church.

God still lives. Learning remains.

The tragedy is that even though the end of the play is known, there must be needless suffering, violence and ugly lawlessness on the loose.

It isn't always easy to be an American. There are times when we must surrender our own personal wishes, emotions, and preferences for the common good. We have had waves of prejudice move across our country at different periods in its history. They have all broken against the common sense and decency of the American who knows that his country must offer the same great asset to all of its citizens—freedom, liberty, dignity and opportunity. This must be within the reach of all citizens.

The childish drawings of Christmas—of Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will—on the floors of the bombed classrooms have a message for all whose hearts are not ruled by darkness and evil. ■



Sin-Bearing

JESUS doesn't "take away the sins of the world" (Jn. 1:20). At least, according to the preferable translation He does not. For it is not as if He takes away our sin and we never sin again. But preferably this statement should be translated "Behold the Lamb of God, the one bearing the sins of the world."

Yet, if *bearing* were the idea, you would really expect the bearer to be a beast of burden like the horse, or ox, or burro. Strangely enough, the figure is a lamb. So, the reference must not be to a *physical* bearing.

Rather is the idea a moral or spiritual one. And the antecedents are probably to be found in

the O. T. in connection with the sacrificial lamb, especially the pascal lamb slain for the Feast of Passover.

So, the idea of Jesus as the Lamb of God is made all the more graphic by the fact that He died during the Passover season. Hence, the cross of Jesus soon became symbolic of the willingness of God to *bear* the sins of the world, that is: forgive.

Furthermore, this involves a more realistic view of the nature of man and sin. For the work of Christ does not *take away* sin and effect sinless perfection. Rather do we from Him obtain *forgiveness* for our sins, being assured by His death on the cross that He is willing to do precisely that. ■

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Brotherhood

Now Under Way

THE 1961 series of District Brotherhood Conventions is now under way. By the time this article reaches you, the Northeast Convention will have already been held. The remaining seven are scheduled as follows:



MR. TULL

February 2, Southwest District (Hope, Red River, Little River, and Caddo River Associations): First Church, Nashville.

February 3, East Central District (Arkansas Valley, Tri-County, Centennial, and Woodruff County Associations): First Church, Forrest City.

February 6, Central District (Buckville, Caroline, Central, Conway, Perry, Faulkner, Pulaski County, and White County Associations): First Church, Hot Springs

February 7, Southeast District (Ashley, Bartholomew, Carey, Delta, Harmony, and Liberty Associations): First Church, Hamburg

February 16, West Central District (Buckner, Concord, Clear Creek, Dar-

danelle-Russellville, and Ouachita Associations): First Church, Paris

February 17, Northwest District (Benton County, Boone County, Carroll County, Newton County, and Washington-Madison Associations): First Church, Huntsville

February 27, North Central District (Big Creek, Independence, Little Red River, Rocky Bayou, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, and White River Associations): First Church, Calico Rock.

Each of the above meetings begins at 7:25. For the sake of uniformity of emphases, the same general program will be presented at all of the conventions. Publicity for all has gone out from the Brotherhood office.

We hope to see you at your District Convention! — Nelson Tull ■

Sunday School

Bus To Assembly

THE SUNDAY School Department is promoting a bus trip to Glorieta and Ridgecrest Sunday School Assemblies this summer. There are three successive Sunday School weeks at each assembly. We are calling the first of these weeks in each place "Arkansas Week."



MR. HATFIELD

The first Sunday School week at Glorieta is June 22-28. The first week at Ridgecrest is July 20-26. Included in the trip price in each case is the bus fare, one night each way in a good motel, and room and meals at the assembly.

The price to Glorieta is \$77.50, to Ridgecrest \$72.50. This does not include meals enroute or the \$2.50 registration and insurance fee, which is to be sent to the assembly when reservations are made.

You should write for your reservation to the assembly, sending \$2.50 registration fee for all age nine and above. (Under nine send fifty cents.)

If you plan to go to Glorieta write A. E. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, for reservations.

If you plan to go to Ridgecrest write Willard Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, for reservations.

If you want transportation with our bus, write Lawson Hatfield, Baptist Building, Little Rock. Send \$5 bus reservation which will be applied to your fare. The bus reservation is refundable up to 30 days before the assembly.

Thousands are planning to go. Reservations are going into the assembly grounds every day now. We have several bus seats on each bus already

spoken for. Now is the time to get your reservations in. Avoid disappointment.

Let's go! — Lawson Hatfield, Secretary. ■

Burnett to Conduct VBS Clinic Here

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE — (BSSB) — Sibley C. Burnett, superintendent of Vacation Bible School Promotion, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will conduct several sessions of the State Vacation Bible School Clinic for Associational workers. This meeting will start on February 9 at 10 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. February 10, at First Church, Little Rock.



MR. BURNETT

Mr. Burnett came to the board, in May, 1938, from First Church, Greenville, S. C., where he was associate pastor. A native of Trimble County, Kentucky, he holds the B. S. and M. A. degrees from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, and the Th. G. and Th. B. degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Burnett has held pastorates in Tennessee and was at one time state leader and rural worker in the B. Y. P. U. Department of the Georgia Baptist Convention. He was professor of Bible at Tennessee College, Murfreesboro; and later, professor of Bible and Education at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, where he was registrar for one year. Burnett was associate secretary of the Vacation Bible School Division of the Board's Sunday School Department from 1938-1952.

The clinic is designed especially for associational workers who will return to hold associational Vacation Bible School Clinics for their churches.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE STATE CLINIC?

1. The Associational Missionary
 2. The Associational Vacation Bible School Superintendent
 3. The Associational Sunday School Superintendent
 4. The Associational Nursery Vacation Bible School Superintendent
 5. The Associational Beginner Vacation Bible School Superintendent
 6. The Associational Primary Vacation Bible School Superintendent
 7. The Associational Junior Vacation Bible School Superintendent
 8. The Associational Intermediate Vacation Bible School Superintendent
- Lawson Hatfield, Secretary ■

Attendance Report

January 22

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Berryville, Freeman Heights	165	78	
Camden			
Cullendale	480	242	4
First	561	214	1
El Dorado, Parkview	257	95	2
Fordyce, First	429	168	1
Fort Smith			
Grand Avenue	668	298	1
Kelley Height	182	100	
Trinity	319	153	6
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	451	156	
Huntsville, First	133	83	
Jacksonville			
First	624	272	8
Gravel Ridge	139	95	
Levy	577	194	4
Little Rock			
Second	746	249	4
Tyler Street	265	141	
Magnolia, Central	746	330	2
McGehee, First	501	211	6
Mt. Olive	222	113	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	790	269	4
Central	337	102	
Springdale, First	540	188	2
Van Buren, First	388	172	3
Waldron, First	255	108	
West Memphis, Calvary	222	127	

The Dogs of Chehaw

By PHYLLIS REYNOLDS TEDESCO

IN a sleepy part of Alabama, a railroad winds around the hills and through the valleys. Every day a train comes scurrying down the tracks, stopping a moment at some of the towns to pick up the mail and whisking off again on its long southern journey.

At the little town of Chehaw, however, something happens that is different from any other place. As the train slowly rounds the bend, several dogs come racing across the fields to meet it.

They do not bark at it as some dogs would do. Quietly they trot beside the train until it stops, their noses quivering in the air. They are searching for the dining car. When they find it, they stop and wait expectantly.

Suddenly the window opens and the chef, in his starched white hat, sticks his head out. Quickly he throws out a panful of meat scraps he has been saving. The dogs, their tails wagging gratefully, gobble it up.

A moment later the train is on its way. Then the happy dogs wait for the return trip and another meal.

No one knows just how this started. The chef says that Chehaw's dogs have been meeting the train for twenty-five years. The great-great-grandfather dogs first came to the tracks. Every day since, those dogs, their puppies, and then their puppies' puppies have raced across the fields to meet the train.

No matter what the weather, the dogs are always there. Yet they are never fooled by any other train that may arrive at the same time. Once when a troop train stopped at Chehaw, the soldiers whistled and called to them, but the dogs did not take their eyes off the diner.

Sometimes the dining car is put on the front of the train instead of its usual place at the back. Still the dogs find it and wait for the friendly chef to throw them their dinner.

Other animals have sometimes met the train. At one time a deer came regularly to have his dinner. Even a chicken used to come fluttering up to meet the train. For some reason they stopped coming, but the dogs are still there.

No one knows just how the dogs can tell the train is coming, no matter how far away they happen to be. The ticket master at Chehaw, with a twinkle in his eye, claims that every morning the dogs come to the station to look at the train schedule.

Of course, dogs aren't that smart. But maybe there's something special about the dogs of Chehaw. At least the chef thinks so. ■

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Too Many Trees

By THELMA C. CARTER

EVERGREEN trees were of great value to building in Bible times. Most famous were the cedars of Lebanon, which Solomon used in building the Temple in Jerusalem.

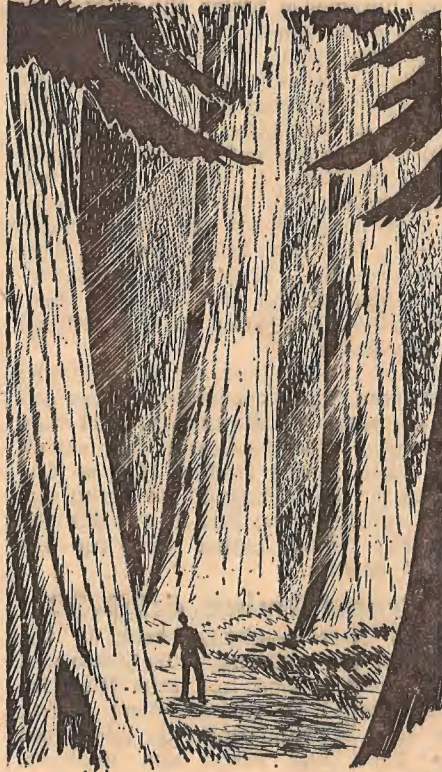
Someone has written about evergreen trees that they are stiff-backed and unbowing to sweeping winds, that they stand green and upright until they are broken. They seem to lift their branching arms to the storms and snows of winter, matching the powerful north winds strength for strength.

If you have an evergreen tree or shrub in your yard, you will see that this is true. Evergreens are among the first trees that remain beautiful when winter snow is upon the ground.

Naturalists tell us that evergreen trees are so tough and hardy that sometimes Nature has to take it upon herself to prune and thin these trees. She does this with driving windstorms, landslides, and snowslides. If the trees are allowed to grow wild, they will take over an area of earth completely.

If an evergreen forest is permitted to grow wild on a mountainside or a fertile plains area, eventually five hundred or more young trees will be growing in an area no larger than a twelve-foot room. Trees that grow in such crowded conditions are dwarfed trees, sometimes only two feet high. You can see why Nature must be busy thinning her trees and shrubs, even the beautiful and useful evergreen. ■

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THE NEW PAGE

"He came to my desk with
trembling lips;
The lesson was done.
'May I have a new page, Dear
Teacher?
I have spoiled this one.'
I took the old page all soiled
and blotted,
And gave him a new one all
unspotted.
And into his tired eyes—smiled,
"Do better this time, my child."

"I came to God's Throne;
The year was ended.
'May I have a new year, Dear
Master?
I have spoiled this one.'
He took the old year all soiled
and blotted,
And gave me a new one all
unspotted.
And into my trembling heart—
He smiled,
'Do better this time, my child'."

—Selected

BIBLE UTENSILS

By VIRGINIA WHITMAN

BY rearranging each set of letters, you can form the names of some household utensils and tools mentioned in the Bible. One letter from each word will help to form the name of the utensil each of Gideon's followers carried (Judges 7:16).

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bisna
katsbe
puc
mermha
vinske
ajr

Answers
Pot, basin, basket, Cup, Hammer,
Knives, Jar, Pitcher

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"Christ Satisfies Life's Hunger"

By REV. AL BUTLER
First Church, Bentonville

February 5, 1961

Bible Material: John 6

Verse to Remember—

"I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

THE most profound affirmation by Jesus of what He was is found in this phrase — "I am the bread of life."



MR. BUTLER

With this claim Jesus was reaching for the hearts and minds of men the world over. This reflected the mighty imperialism that is characteristic of the Kingdom of God — to win the world through Christ.

His appeal thus was a universal one, for the need of bread

is universal. Regardless of culture and creed the vast majority of the human race consumes bread in some form or another. Bread was, is, and forever will be one of man's basic needs and our Lord was aware of this.

His claim to be "the bread of life" simply means that in Him (and Him alone) is the satisfaction of a universal hunger. He was the one and the only Bread of Life. The church honors this claim in the observance of the Lord's Supper, as the broken body is symbolized by the bread . . . "the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

I. Bread Demanded, 6:1-27, 34

JOHN shares with us in one of the great miracles of Jesus' ministry. In the mountain beyond the Sea of Galilee Jesus taught the multitudes. When the service was over Jesus suggested to His disciples that this multitude be fed. All the money that could be mustered from the treasury of the church was "two hundred pennyworth" or about \$40 dollars. This was not nearly enough to feed such a crowd, later numbered as 5,000 men (not including women and children). Fretting over their plight the disciples were helpless to understand how the crowd would be fed. Andrew, Peter's brother, found a boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus took the food, blessed it in thanksgiving, and distributed it among the hungry crowd.

This pleased the people and also precipitated a crisis. Since the crowds had already been stirred by Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom, and with the pre-

vious miracles of power, the enthusiasm of the Messianic-minded mob increased to a high pitch. To Jesus this was a dangerous crisis, for it might easily lead to an uprising against Rome. The danger of revolution was always imminent. The people felt deeply the galling subjection to Rome. Jesus was fully conscious of the dangers of military uprising. When the people voted to make Him their king Jesus fled from their presence. They had misunderstood His mission and miracle. Even the twelve had joined in this attitude of the people.

The next day these same people who had eaten the loaves were still charmed by the magic of His miracle that they had seen. They continued their search for Jesus, finally finding Him at Capernaum. Their demand for bread was even greater here, but it was for the material bread, rather than for the Bread of Life.

II. Bread Divine, 6:28-33

THE Jews hearkened back to the bread of the wilderness. To Moses and the Israelites God had sent the life-giving bread to sustain them during the days of wandering. Of this bread the Jews had asked one question, "What is it?" And from this question came the name of the bread, manna, which literally means, "What is it?" Scarcely did they recognize that this was divine bread, divine in its source. This manna was a type of Christ in a particular sense. It, like Christ, was divine bread, coming from the hand of God.

The bread of the wilderness was a part of the divine grace of God, given to man in a time when it was needed but man was unable to produce it. It came at a time when it was needed to sustain the life of Israel. Thus came the Bread of Life, Jesus. Like the manna of the Old Testament Jesus was an act in the divine grace of God. When the world was starving for spiritual food, Jesus came, sent from God, as the divine Bread, the true Bread, the life-giving bread. Jesus affirmed Himself to be something that would fit on the lowest table, that which was common to all men, Bread.

III. Bread Defined, 6:35-51

THE Bread is best defined by the term "bread of life." It was a bread of life in the sense that it was not a perishing bread. It never grows old with time, never becomes outdated. It is as fresh as life itself.

Too, it is the "bread of life" in the sense that it produces life! It is not (contrary to what some believe) a bread that destroys or takes away from life. It is the bread that not only adds years to life but life to years. As Jesus goes on to say, it is the living bread.

The personification tends to add meaning to Jesus' own life and character. Jesus is our living Lord, our living Saviour. Jesus will never die, and neither will the one who eats of this bread. This characteristic of Christ is imposed upon those who believe in Him.

Thank God for this Bread. It never becomes old, or crusty, or useless. It never brings disaster to those who eat it. It produces life-giving qualities in those who receive. Made from the mind of God with the divine recipe it is available to all men. ". . . and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

IV. Bread Devoured, 6:52-71

THE mystery cults of Jesus' day spoke of union with the gods by partaking of the sacrifice. Jesus speaks in the language of His day, understood by His people. The bread was the sacrifice of the body of Jesus. If man is to have communion and fellowship with his God he must eat of this sacrifice. ". . . so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." This metaphor stands for constant union with Christ. One must eat to be filled.

Unlike the "daily bread" for which we pray we need only eat once and our salvation is secure, the work is done. Once we have eaten (believed), eternal life becomes ours. But we must eat to be filled. A person cannot know the union and fellowship of Christ and God unless he first believes in the Bread of Life.

Our world is suffering from acute malnutrition today. Perhaps men are more prosperous in this country than those in Palestine in the days of Jesus, but the need for bread is just as pronounced. With all that modern technology has been able to afford mankind, one thing is still needed, the Bread of Life. Science has not been able to produce it. In the midst of a scientific world people still hunger for something to satisfy the demands of life. Pleasure has not supplied the need. America — characterized as a land of billions, bottles and balls — still searches for something to fill the souls of its people. The claims of Communism based upon the ability to "feed" both the bodies and souls of man have fallen short and are being proved false. The church alone possesses the gospel. Its challenging duty is to give to all men the opportunity to eat the Bread of Life, and to be filled. The world is saying to the church, ". . . evermore give us this bread." ■

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TOMMY — Well, if I did that you'd be finding fault with my spelling.

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"HOW do you meet expenses?"
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"Eating at Church"

QUESTION: I am a member of a small church and our building is small. Some of the members plan social affairs for various organizations but the pastor says that it is a sin to eat in the church building. In cold weather particularly it is the only place to eat.



DR. HUDSON

What we want to know is whether or not it is wrong to eat in the church building.

ANSWER: This is not your problem. Your problem is, "How do we get along in a church where the members do not agree?"

Every church has this problem. Personally, I think your pastor is wrong. The early church ate together, had love feasts. Any New Testament scholar knows that. Whether they ate in the same place where they worshipped cannot exactly be proved. It looks,

from I Corinthians 11, as if they did.

Arguments will simply lead to counter-arguments, and in a small church this could be devastating.

Why don't you try following your pastor, if you can't persuade him differently? Pastors are human, and sometimes in error, but they are still God's ordained shepherds.

There are other places to have socials, aren't there?

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

Grant Aids University

TOKYO (EP)—International Christian University here has received a \$55,000 grant from the research-minded Rockefeller Foundation for a five-year study to evaluate the effects of higher education on students' values.

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