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## Giving Is Central

EVEN A casual reading of the Bible will impress one of the importance that giving is accorded in the Bible. Our first parents were required to bring an offering to the Lord. Judaism was built around a system of sacrifices. The law stated that "none shall appear before me emptyhanded."



DR. WHITLOW

When we come to the heart of the New Testament we find the hub around which the whole gospel revolves in what Martin Luther called "parva biblia"—the Little Bible: "For God

so loved . . . that He gave . . ." Without the gift, the gospel might be news but it would be devoid of all goodness. It was a quotation from Jesus that reminds us that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Those who have lived to the maximum are the ones who have given to the depths. The widow was accorded the distinction of being the greatest giver—she gave her all. It was the story of Mary's self-giving that was to be told as a memorial to her wherever the Gospel should be preached.

Our giving is an index to our sense, or lack of it, of stewardship.

True stewardship requires the two-fold step: A recognition of God's ownership, and acknowledgement of our trusteeship. Tithing is not then primarily a system to raise money but a means of developing character. The tithe is a token of this fact. It is a token—we should never forget that. One may pay the tithe as a tip and even in so doing yet refuse to acknowledge God's ownership of the whole.

Paul points to the touchstone of the matter when he reminds us that God wants "not yours, but you." The gift without the giver knows nothing of the blessedness of which Jesus speaks.

What could be more appropriate at this time than to make a sacrificial gift through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions for the glory of our Lord! —S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

## 1st, Crossett, Does It

WE have received the Stewardship report from 1st Church, Crossett, where Rev. B. G. Hickem is pastor. The church used the entire Forward Program of Church Finance to help them present the Stewardship message to the people.



DR. DOUGLAS

Here are some of the phenomenal results—dollars pledged, 1959, \$48,226 and 1960, \$76,930.36 or a 59½ percent increase. Number of tithers in 1959 was 174 and in 1960, 315 or an 81 percent increase. Number pledging in 1959 was 300 and in 1960, 563 for an increase of 87½ percent.

The dollar increase is a wonderful thing and I do not know of a church anywhere that has more than it needs to get the Gospel reached to a lost world, but the increase in the number of tithes and the number who made pledges is what really counts.

Anytime a church can present stewardship in such a way as to get the members to agree to tithe, that church is ministering to the needs of its members. That is—if we believe what Jesus said about it—and certainly we believe that.

Then you can see that many peo-

ple signed pledges who did not promise to tithe. That is a victory because some must learn to crawl before they walk. It is better to pledge something than to just ignore the opportunity to give and grow.

Here is a church that across the years has had some good leaders, but not until it used the entire Forward Program of Church Finance to present Stewardship did the people respond in such a fine way.

This church also uses the Broadman Church Finance Record System for keeping the financial records. Through this simplified system, the church contributors know exactly how the church money is handled and spent. No church can be too careful with the money that goes into the Lord's treasury. Therefore, the Broadman Church Finance Record System helps the treasurer keep accurate records and also simplifies the mail-outs to those who contribute.

This is the story of another church that has used the Forward Program of Church Finance, to present Stewardship to its people. It is a story of "better than ever before" in every phase of Stewardship.

Now, this can be the story of many, many other churches in Arkansas if the members would prayerfully present Stewardship through the Forward Program of Church Finance.

We know there are other plans and other methods and these have been used successfully, but here is a program that can revive and revitalize the church as the gospel of money is presented. And, in our state where Baptists give about ⅓ of the tithe, a better approach to the problem is long overdue.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

JESSE S. Reed was the evangelist in a recent revival at Dardanelle. Additions included five by letter, two for baptism, one by profession. Mark Short, Sr., of Arkadelphia, led the singing. Rev. Morris Roe is pastor of the church.

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## Christmas Cantata To Be Given By 1st Church, LR

Two evening performances and television appearances on Channels 4 and 11 are scheduled for the performance of Maunder's "Bethlehem" by the choirs of 1st Church, Little Rock.

The Christmas cantata composed by J. H. Maunder, a British composer, in 1910 will be directed by Dr. Jack Jones, church music director.

It will be given in the church sanctuary Dec. 11 and 12 at 7:30 p. m. Parts of it will be given on Channel 11 at 12 noon Dec. 9 and on Channel 4 the same week.

Dramatization of the work has been prepared by Dr. Jones. Soloists will be: Marilyn Simmons, Bill Jones, Fred Frueauff, George Daves, Margaret Brown, Lou Alice Watson, and Janie Raiford. ■

C. SYLVESTER GREEN, a Baptist minister, former newspaper editor, and college president, has been appointed executive director of the Pitt County (N. C.) Development Commission. He was to assume his new duties Dec. 5, coming from William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo., where he has been vice-president in charge of public relations.

### The Cover



*He who, from zone to zone,  
Guides through the boundless sky  
thy certain flight,  
In the long way that I must tread  
alone,  
Will lead my steps aright.*



*THE Arkansas Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees elected new officers at a meeting held Nov. 29. Seated is the new Board president, Rev. H. L. Lipford, pastor of 1st Church, Cabot. At right is Kenneth Price, North Little Rock, secretary, and not shown is Keith Smith, Hot Springs, vice president. Left to right are two new members of the board: Rev. Newman McLarry, pastor of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, and Jacob King, Hot Springs. King has been off the Board for three years but formerly served as its president. ■*

## Gerald Rowe Moves To Rosedale Church

REV. Gerald C. Rowe, Berryville, has been named minister of Rosedale Church, Little Rock.

Prior to his pastorate at Freeman Heights Church, Berryville, he was a home missionary in Gary, Ind., helping build new Southern Baptist churches in Illinois, Indiana, and Nebraska.

He received his education at Southern Baptist College, the New Orleans and Southern Baptist seminaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have five children. ■

1ST CHURCH, Prescott, William R. Woodell, pastor, recently went far over the top in its Forward Building Fund Campaign. A total of 30 volunteer workers raised \$48,863, or \$13,863 more than the campaign goal. A total of 174 prospective givers were contacted and 113 made pledges and donations.

The Prescott Church is among the more than 600 churches of the state which send the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* to all families, through the Church Budget plan.

WIVES of two prominent North Carolina Baptist leaders died recently. Mrs. C. C. Warren, 59, wife of the former Southern Baptist Convention president, died in Charlotte Nov. 12. Warren had been pastor of Charlotte's First Baptist Church until a few years ago. Since his retirement from the pastorate, he had been directing Southern Baptists' 30,000 Movement, a effort in church extension.

Mrs. L. L. Carpenter, 65, whose husband edited the Baptist state newspaper in North Carolina, before retiring, died Nov. 11.

RAMSEY POLLARD, one of the nation's most outspoken critics of John F. Kennedy during the Presidential campaign, has called on Americans to unite in the support of the President-elect. In remarks preceding his first sermon at Bellevue Baptist Church following the election, Pollard said the nation needs to be united and ought to get behind the President.

"We ought to support him, believe in him, and earnestly pray for him. He faces a tremendous task and he needs the undivided loyalty of the American people," he declared.

**AMERICA'S** 40,000,000 Roman Catholics are being urged by the Bishops' Committee for Motion Pictures, Radio and Television to boycott smutty movies. This is something which should have the hearty cooperation not only of the Catholics but of the Baptists, the Methodists, the Presbyterians, and everybody interested in influencing the motion picture industry to clean up its sets. Announced the committee, representing the Catholic hierarchy in the United States in matters pertaining to mass entertainment:

*Catholics Called to Boycott Filth*

"This Committee urges all Catholics to support an unmistakable national protest against the continuing production and exhibition of films which glamorize adultery, which advocate free love, which belittle and debase the sacred state of matrimony, which ridicule personal integrity and which deaden human sensibilities by submerging them in a broiling sea of brutality and violence."

The Catholic committee points out that Hollywood exhibited more smutty films than usual during the past year, charging that pornographic and perverted subject matter once confined to Hollywood's fringe output of cheap movies appeared during the past year "even in major quality productions." Although these "wantonly immoral" movies were "supposedly oriented to adult audiences," the bishops said, "they were in fact sold to impressionable youth." Matters have reached the point where young people are exposed to "unhealthy sex, gore and brutality . . . almost every time they enter an American theatre," the Catholics declared.

There is one board of censors Hollywood will heed, and quickly. That is the public who pay admissions to theatres. If the Christians of America will quit going to see smutty movies, Hollywood will quit making them. They are in the business primarily to show a profit.

**' . . . and a few are frozen'**

**PREACHERS'** wives (one to a minister, of course) have a difficult life to live because of what's expected of them by church people. *Baptist Standard*, Texas weekly church paper, declared recently: "The stresses and strains are enough to stagger an Amazon . . . Most ministers' wives have never heard a divine call, they have simply married men who have," adding that the ladies lead an "inexorable fish-bowl existence." Many who are not called, it seems, are chosen.

**Preachers' Grace Period**

**AS** WE have announced before, preachers are being given an extra grace period to decide whether or not they will choose to enter the Social Security retirement plan. The latest information is that the time has been extended to April 15, 1962. After the new deadline, only newly-ordained clergy will qualify to elect Social Security coverage. And once a preacher decides to enter and is accepted, he may not choose to drop out. Preachers who have been covered by Social Security for a minimum of five years are thereafter eligible for disability benefits at any age if they become totally disabled; their wives and children under 18 also are covered.

**' . . . so goes the nation'**

**AMERICAN** Christians have never before been so responsible for the state of the nation as now. Latest report of the Yearbook of American Churches shows that more than 112 1/4 million Americans are now affiliated with religious bodies. This is roughly two-thirds of the nation's total population, including 62,543,502 Protestants, 40,871,302 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews and 2,807,612 members of the Eastern Orthodox faith. As professed believers go, so goes the nation!

**Are You Allergic?**

**SOME** of us are old enough to remember when nobody was allergic to anything—or if he was he didn't know it.

There were always some who couldn't rub up against poison oak (ivy) without breaking out. But we didn't call that being allergic. We just said a fellow had the poison oak. And sometimes if a fellow had the Seven Year Itch, he could pass that off, for a little while, as poison oak, unless somebody smelled the sulphur - and - grease on him, or caught it (the itch) from him.



ELM

But we seem to have become more sensitive to our surroundings in recent years. Now just about everybody is allergic to one thing or another. Once in a while you hear of a wife being allergic to her husband, or vice versa.

According to a small-town Arkansas banker I was talking with this week, a lot of folks have become allergic to work—anything extra around the house, that is, such as putting out a garden or cultivating truck patches or keeping a good milk cow or two.

"We can buy all of it at the store cheaper than we can grow it," they say. Yes, and it is a lot handier to pick it up at the store. But, says the banker, the ones that "can get it cheaper at the store" are always coming to him for some money to spend. They no sooner get this year's bills paid than they have to borrow to make the next crop, or to tide themselves over till the next payday. The banker says he is about to become allergic to such improvident customers.

Unfortunately, a lot of folks that are allergic to extra work and old-time frugality are not allergic at all to salesmen for such items as new cars; big, new deepfreezes; "televisions," as Dennis the Menace calls them; etc. And don't embarrass me by asking how I know. There are too many things you can get by just "signing right here."

Too many are allergic to church attendance on Sunday and prayer meeting on Wednesday night. This affliction is known in some places as Sunday Sickness and Wednesday Night Doldrums. Some find going to church so painful (and expensive) they leave their memberships back where they used to live, hardly ever sending an offering back and just going back for services once in a blue moon. But in case you are allergic to preaching, we better change the key.

For any of us allergic to life itself: "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses?" (Jer. 12:5a)

*Erwin L. McDonald*

**Wanted, Mail**

By the time many of you receive this letter we will be homeward bound. We will sail from New York on the S. S. African Planet on December 2nd. If our ship stays on schedule, we should arrive in East Africa on January 9th. We will spend our first Christmas at sea or in a port somewhere in South Africa. This will be a new experience for us and we hope an exciting one. I am especially anxious to see how the people in the various ports observe this Christmas season.

In spite of sadness of this our first furlough, it has brought many blessings to our lives. We return to the field with the assurance that the host of new friends which were made during this year will be praying for us as we begin our new work in Tanga. We cherish all of these friends and the others of you whom we have known for many years. As I recall the personal contacts with these friends, there are certain conversations or letters which they have written which will continue to be an inspiration for years to come. One friend wrote recently and said: "I just got through reading part of the Lottie Moon program and they always upset me. God never called me to the mission field I know as surely as I know anything, but oh, how I would love to pitch in and help some of you who could use another arm or someone to carry the posters and hand bills. **Maybe God will take some or all of our children.**" What a wonderful attitude for parents to have.

Many of you are engaged at this time in the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer. May I lay this burden on your hearts. We are told that we can expect a decrease in Cooperative Program giving this year. Also, we understand that the goal of 150 missionaries to be appointed this year may fall short of that number. This news of less giving and fewer missionaries to serve in the many places of need around the world is very discouraging to those of us who serve on the foreign field. Will you please make this a matter of prayerful concern? Many of our churches will be taking their Lottie Moon Christmas offering soon. Our Southern Baptist Convention goal this year is \$8.7 million. Here is your opportunity to show your concern. To show that you really care for those in other lands who bow down to gods of wood or stone, who die in want and dread, because they have never heard of Him who came to be the Living Bread. 'Great God! Help us now spirit led, to give the story of thy love, to those who ask for Bread.'

Our new address in East Africa will be: Baptist Mission, Private Bag, Tanga, Tanganyika East Africa. If you want to give us a New Year's gift . . . fill that bag with letters and let them be waiting for us when we arrive in Tanga in Jan-

uary. A Merry Christmas to each of you, from our Ship to your house.—James, Gena, Connie and Stephen Hampton

**Commends Pastor**

READER Church would like to commend Brother Laddie Hixson for services rendered during his recent ministry as pastor. At present he is enrolled as a senior in Ouachita Baptist College.

In the two and one-half years he served the church the Sunday School average attendance rose from 24 to 37; the average weekly offering from \$18 to \$40. There were eight baptisms and two additions by letter. The church services were changed from a wood frame building of 100 capacity to a brick building of 250 capacity.

He led the church from half-time into full-time services the last year of his ministry and established Wednesday night prayer meeting. During this time the pastor's salary was raised from \$600 a year to \$1300.—Virginia Olives, Church Clerk

**Paper Helps**

THE magazine is improving all the time . . . Certainly helps to have it in the homes of the members.—M. H. Howie, Pastor, New Hope Church, Eudora

**Chaplain Retires**

WILL you please just move over a little and give me some room for a word in the **Arkansas Baptist** to say thanks to all of my friends and those who have been so very good to me in these more than 12 years, that I have served Arkansas Baptists as Chaplain at the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

These have been 12 happy years and what a wonderful opportunity it has been to serve God and Arkansas Baptists in that capacity. Also I want to say thanks to you, Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Dr. Ralph Douglas, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, and all the others who have had any part in helping to make my work pleasant. I want to thank the good churches that have had a part in sending gifts of money, clothing, and Christmas packages. Of these, there have been many and they have made a great many of our patients happy. For every bit of this I want to thank God and Arkansas Baptists, you are a wonderful people.

I hate to leave the Sanatorium for I love it, I love the patients, and the personnel.

I will be here at the Sanatorium until Christmas to help Brother Boyd Baker through the Christmas rush. I am so glad that he is coming as chaplain. There is not a man anywhere I would rather follow me here at the Sanatorium than Brother Baker. He is God's man and I am sure he will do a good work.

May the blessing of the Lord be upon **Arkansas Baptist** and all of you brethren that I have learned to love so much.—Charles W. Finch, Nyberg Building, State Sanatorium

**Religious Issue**

THE religious issue was important in Kennedy's victory partly because he won the hearts of millions of Protestant and Jewish voters when he declared at Houston that he believed in the absolute separation of church and state. That is a principle which our organization has always emphasized and which we will continue to fight for.

Although Kennedy's position is not that of the bishops of his church, we believe that the majority of the Catholic people of the United States agree with him, and we look forward to an administration in which the new president will faithfully adhere to the pledge of church-state separation which he gave so solemnly. We hope to provide strong support for Mr. Kennedy in his endeavors to support this principle.

I think that it was a good thing for America to debate the problem of the separation of church and state so frankly in this campaign. There was some unfortunate anti-Catholic bigotry, and also some equally unfortunate bigotry which was passed off as anti-bigotry.

Most of the discussion of Catholic policy and the Presidency was rational and temperate; much more temperate than in the Al Smith campaign. Our organization, which did not endorse any candidate or party, is not worried about immediate Federal laws under the new administration, but we feel that there is likely to be added pressure at the local level for public funds for parochial schools.

We are going to continue to lead the fight against such tax appropriations because we do not want the European pattern of fragmented sectarian education developed in this country.

The Catholic hierarchy has not renounced any of its ambitions in that connection, and the recent Puerto Rican experience indicates that the bishops are more aggressive than ever. We also feel that the battle for freedom of birth control will be intensified, and there is need for progressive citizens to help defeat Catholic policy on that subject in the United Nations.—Glenn L. Archer, Executive Director, Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Washington 6, D.C.

**L. H. Davis**

[Editor's Note: Our paper carried a brief obituary of Bro. Davis in our issue of Nov. 24—ELM]

REV. L. H. Davis passed to his eternal home with a heart attack at his home in Arkadelphia, Nov. 11. He was well known among Arkansas Baptists and had served well during his ministry of about 40 years.

Brother Davis graduated from Ouachita College in 1927, and then attended Southwestern Seminary, in Ft. Worth, Tex. He was pastor of several small churches before entering Ouachita and while he was a student there.

After his work in the seminary Brother Davis served as pastor of 1st Church, Carlisle. He went from there to 1st

Church, Star City, where he did fine work. After that he was pastor for a while at Wilson.

From Wilson he went as pastor of Calvary Church, in Ft. Smith, where he was pastor for about 17 years. He did a monumental work with this church. When he left Calvary Church, he became pastor of the 1st Church, Harrisburg, where he remained until he retired from the pastorate in the spring of 1959. He did a splendid work at Harrisburg.

Brother Davis served his denomination well during his ministry. He served on the State Baptist Convention Executive Board and was chairman of that board for two years. He also served on the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Board, and on a number of important committees, including the Nominating committee of our State work.

Brother Davis had a large number of friends over the State who were made sad by his departure. He helped a number of young preachers during his ministry and assisted many churches in revivals. He was active up to the very last in his work for the Lord, having preached the Sunday before his death, in 1st Church, Tyronza, receiving two additions to the church, one by letter and one by baptism.

He will be long remembered for his untiring efforts in promoting the work of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and for his work in several associations where he served as moderator and in other capacities. It was his desire to be a servant and he served well. —L. D. Eppinette, Missionary, Trinity Association

## Book Store for Mexicans Started

WE went to the leading radio station in Guadalajara to arrange for a program, since the new law now permits religious broadcasts. A priest revises all the programs for this radio station, and when he saw our program, he called the archbishop. Our program did not go on the air.

Another station agreed to sell us time, but after a few programs, the pressure put on was so great that we were taken off the air. The last broadcast announced our program, and then for our recorded hymns, substituted records of rock and roll.

We now have a signed contract with another station for three programs a week, for fifteen minutes each; the cost, however, is \$6.50 for each program instead of the regular price of \$3.25. This station also insists that we have a commercial sponsor.

Our Baptist Book Store, which we plan on inaugurating soon, will sponsor our radio programs. We have no money in our budget for the book store, although the need for one is great, and it will have to be self-supporting. The manager will receive no salary but will work on a commission basis.

Here is how you can help: Send us any good used books, in English or Spanish (not school books), and magazines

that you do not need. No duty is charged on books. The sale of these in the used book department of our store will help pay the rent and buy new stock.

The main purpose of both the radio programs and the Baptist Book Store is to get the Gospel message to the people of Mexico.—Orvil W. Reid, Apartado 1436, Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico ■

## Maryland Proceeds With Name Change

MARYLAND Southern Baptists changed the name of their statewide organization after a strong, last-ditch effort to keep the old one.

It became the Baptist Convention of Maryland. Its historic title up to that time was Maryland Baptist Union Association.

The new convention approved a survey committee recommendation and will study a proposal for a national Baptist university around the Nation's capital.

It reelected G. W. Bullard, Baltimore pastor, president and adopted a Cooperative Program budget goal of \$485,000 with a fixed amount of \$475,000. The Southern Baptist Convention is to get 40 per cent of the fixed amount.

The Maryland body approved recommendations of the Maryland Christian life commission that speakers avoid slighting references to minority groups and that the Southern Baptist Convention set up a world disaster fund.

The disaster fund proposal is an apparent follow-up of a million-dollar a year relief idea suggested by a Texas Baptist editor. It is under study by the SBC Executive Committee.

The convention voted to meet in Baltimore for its 1961 session, Nov. 13-15. ■

SIX laymen and three women, all from 1st Church, Ft. Smith, conducted a weekend revival in 1st Church, Hot Springs, Nov. 18-20. Participating were: Jack Sparkman, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Boen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cross, Bill Tripp, and Dennis Stouffer. Pastor James H. Fairchild reports two joined the church by letter, four on profession of faith, two volunteered for service as foreign missionaries, and "scores of rededications."

## THE BOOKSHELF

**Vital Possessions**, by Grace Noll Crowell, Abingdon, 1960, \$1.50

Each of the 14 devotions constituting this little book is preceded by a poem by Mrs. Crowell. Our gifts of greatest importance, says Mrs. Crowell, are those which increase in value and meaning through the years. She builds her devotions around these—the Bible, the church, the home, one's country, neighbors, etc.

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**The Gospel Blimp**, by Joseph Bagly, Winward Press, Havertown, Pa., 1960, \$2.25

"We preach Christ, not the capitalistic system. We seek to bring our neighbors to faith in Him, not to our opinion about free enterprise. To tie Jesus Christ to the very best human system is to tie a star, light years distant, to a dead horse here on earth. Neither star nor Christ will thus be bound." So summarizes the author, president of Evangelical Press Association, near the close of this little book of fiction which tells how a town used a blimp to evangelize their neighbors.

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**Simple Sermons for Today's World**, by W. Herschel Ford, Zondervan, 1960, \$1.95

This is the twelfth volume of Dr. Ford's "Simple Sermons" series. Here he speaks to the contemporary man whose problems are unique because of the age in which he lives.

**The Young Man Who Flew Naked**, by W. J. Luebeck, Exposition, 1960, \$4

This is a religious biography of Mark, writer of the gospel that bears his name. The author endeavors to show "what Christianity can become—and what it already intrinsically is."

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**Beds of Pearls**, by Robert G. Lee, Zondervan, 1960, \$1.95

"Our commission is, 'Go and disciple all nations.'

"Our assurance is, 'I am with you.'  
"Knowing this, we must conceive a providence which encircles the world.

"We must proclaim the vastness of the divine orbit.

"We must acknowledge the tremendous sweep of the divine decrees."

So declares Dr. Lee, in this latest book of "messages on basic Christian truth."

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Other books received include:

**Points for Emphasis, 1961** by Clifton J. Allen, Broadman Press, brief commentary on Sunday School lessons.

**Studies in First Corinthians**, by Mil-lard J. Berquist, Convention Press

**A Window on Catholicism**, by Oliver DeWerthern, Enlightener Press, 1960

## A Better Horse To Ride

I DO not despise genius—indeed, I wish I had a basketful of it instead of a brain, but yet, after a great deal of experience and observation, I have become convinced that industry is a better horse to ride than genius. It may never carry any one man as far as genius has carried individuals, but industry—patient, steady intelligent industry—will carry thousands into comfort and even into celebrity, and this it does with absolute certainty; whereas genius often refuses to be tamed and managed, and often goes with wretched morals. If you are to wish for either, wish for industry.—Julian Ralph

## A Life Worth Living

THERE is a life that is worth living now as it was worth living in the former days, and that is the honest life, the useful life, the unselfish life, cleansed by devotion to an ideal. There is a battle that is worth fighting now as it was worth fighting then, and that is the battle for justice and equality: to make our city and our State free in fact as well as in name; to break the rings that strangle real liberty and to keep them broken; to cleanse, so far as in our power lies, the fountains of our national life from political, commercial and social corruption; to teach our sons and daughters, by precept and example, the honor of serving such a country as America—that is work worthy of the finest manhood and womanhood. The wellborn are those who are born to do that work; the wellbred are those who are bred to be proud of that work; the well-educated are those who see deepest into the meaning and the necessity of that work. Nor shall their labor be for naught, nor the reward of their sacrifice fail them; for high in the firmament of human destiny are set the stars of faith in mankind, and unselfish courage and loyalty to the ideal.—Henry Van Dyke

## For Want of a Little Courage

A GREAT deal of talent is lost in the world for want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves obscure men whom timidity prevented from making a first effort; who, if they could have been induced to begin, would in all probability have gone great lengths in the career of fame. The fact is, that to do anything in the world worth doing, we must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can. It will not do to be perpetually calculating risks and adjusting nice chances; it did very well before the Flood, when a man would consult his friends upon an intended publication for a hundred and fifty years, and live to see his success afterward; but at present, a man waits, and doubts, and consults his brother, and his particular friends, till one day he finds he is sixty years old and that he has lost so much time in consulting cousins and friends that he has no more time to follow their advice.—Sydney Smith

I THINK the first virtue is to restrain the tongue; he approaches nearest to the gods who knows how to be silent, even though he is in the right.—Cato

MY son Hannibal will be a great general, because of all my soldiers he best knows how to obey.—Hamilcar

THE more a man is educated, the more is it necessary, for the welfare of the State, to instruct him how to make a proper use of his talents. Education is like a double-edged sword. It may be turned to dangerous usages if it is not properly handled.—Wu Ting-Fang



## *My Friend Is Gone*

NO longer will her wet nose wake me. No longer will I hear her scratching at the door. No longer will she beg for little tid bits.

But she hasn't gone. When the wind blows the branches against the house, instinctively I open the door. I hear a creaking in the night and turn over in my sleep, still feeling the safety of her watchfulness. I look across the fields and I am sure, I see her graceful leaps, as she chases some imaginary or real animal.

The robins have returned and look for her, to play their game of tag. The path beckons her to come and push the frogs into the pond. The tramps still pass, expecting her bark.

Those who have a dog will share my emptiness. For those who have never known the love and loyalty of one, I can only say, I am sorry, they have missed a wonderful thing. You may give your heart to a dog; but she returns it a hundred fold, with each wiggly greeting and every courageous act.

Yes, I gave her fourteen years of love; but she gave me her life.

—*The Right Hand*

THE glitter of gold and the lure of wealth are appealing to the human spirit. Used for self, they disturb the mind and hurt the soul. Used for others, they may contribute immeasurable blessing. How wealth is used is of great concern to God. Has he not given the vast resources of nature to be used for the benefit of all? The flowers in the garden, the timber on the mountainside, and the oil in the earth are for humanity's good. To attempt to grasp God's bounty for oneself is wickedness and folly.—Leroy G. Cleverdon



# Arkansas All Over

## Paint Parsonage in Less than Three Hours

THE men of Northside Church, Charleston, saved their church a \$100 paint bill recently when they teamed up, 14-strong, to paint the home of their pastor, Warren E. Butler. Greater even than the savings, writes Pastor Butler, "was the wonderful fellowship with men of the church." The paint job was completed in two hours and 22 minutes. As their part of the project, the women of the church prepared a dinner for the work crew.

Northside recently installed central air conditioning and heating. Here again the men kept costs far below the usual by giving their own time.

The Sunday School of the church averaged 98 in attendance for October, during which time the Training Union average was 78.

"We have the Children's Home in our budget and God has really blessed us since we started giving ten percent to the Cooperative Program and two percent to the association," reports Pastor Butler.

The church is receiving the *Arkansas Baptist News-magazine* on the one-month, free trial offer.



### ANNUITY BOARD

#### 44 Per Cent of Arkansas Churches Are In Plan

ARKANSAS Baptists had enrolled 44 per cent of their churches and pastor in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan, as of Sept. 1.

Dr. Floyd B. Chaffin, of Dallas, Texas, made this report to messengers attending the state convention in Fayetteville. He reminded the messengers that Arkansas is in the final months of a drive to enroll a minimum of 75 per cent of its churches and pastors in the Annuity Board's Protection Plan by Jan. 1, 1961, and he urged them to get their churches to participate.

Dr. Chaffin, associate secretary of the Annuity Board, told of its ministry for the first eight months of 1960. He said \$1,770,546 had been paid to approximately 5,200 retired or disabled ministers and denominational workers and widows over the Southern Baptist Convention. A break down of these figures showed 106 annuitants in Arkansas had received \$48,349 of this amount, while 36 on the relief roll were paid another \$5,570.

He said a total of 1,380 preachers joined the Southern Baptist Protection Plan since Jan. 1, with

682 new churches cooperating in the Plan.

According to Dr. Chaffin's report, Arkansas is below the Convention-wide percentage of participation in the Protection Plan, which was 60 per cent, Sept. 1. He said there are still 502 Arkansas churches to be enlisted in the Plan before the Jan. 1 deadline.

Dr. Chaffin reminded the messengers that the words "Relief and" were deleted from the Annuity Board's title through action at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Fla., last May. He said since most of the work of the Annuity Board now deals with retirement annuities, it was proper to have the name changed. ■

NINE Arkansans have registered for the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men which will be held Sept. 13-15 at Memphis, Tenn.:

Thomas R. Deloach, West Memphis; Edward Maddox, Harrisburg; Newman R. McLarry, Fort Smith, Robert L. Vogt, Rogers, and Ralph Douglas, Erwin L. McDonald, C. H. Seaton, Nelson F. Tull, and S. A. Whitlow, all of Little Rock.

#### Dr. Douglas' Father Is Taken By Death

REV. R. L. Douglas, 83, father of Dr. Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, died early Wednesday at his home in the Springfield community, Conway County.

Mr. Douglas began his ministerial career at the Pleasant Springs Baptist Church in Birdtown, Conway County, where he served as pastor for 17 years. He was pastor of the Springfield Baptist Church for 15 years and served other churches in Conway, Faulkner, Van Buren and Perry counties.

Besides Dr. Douglas, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Antha Walker Douglas; a daughter, Mrs. John Arnold, Beaumont, Tex.; and a sister, Mrs. Cora Nichols, Morrilton.

Funeral services were held in Morrilton, Dec. 1. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hill Creek community. ■

## OBC Women Open Basketball Season

THE Ouachita College Women's basketball team opened its schedule Dec. 3 against Wonder State of Little Rock at Ouachita.

Mrs. Barbara Gill, Ouachita coach, has announced the squad will play a 22-game schedule in addition to the Houston Tournament Feb. 25-26.

The Ouachita team will be seeking to equal or better last year's record when the Tigerettes copied the state championship with a 19-won, 4-lost record.

Highlights of the 1960-61 season will be an exhibition game Dec. 10 against the Shreveport Peacocks in Waldo. The Peacocks are Louisiana state champions and will play the Tigerettes again Feb. 3 in Shreveport. Ouachita will close the regularly scheduled games Feb. 21 against the national champion Nashville Business College team at OBC. ■

PROGRAM participants in a recent School of Missions in Greene County Association included: H. W. Johnston, associational missionary; Dr. Tom Logue, State BSU director; Rev. E. A. Richmond, chaplain of Boys Industrial School; Rev. Cecil Guthrey, superintendent of Black River Association Missions; Rev. Ervin E. Hastey, missionary to Mexico; Rev. Jesse Reed, state evangelist; Rev. and Mrs. Bailey Sewell, missionaries to Indians in Oklahoma; Rev. J. A. Lungford, missionary to Brazil; Rev. Lloyd K. Spencer, area missionary in Illinois; Mrs. John Abernathy, missionary to Korea; Rev. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions in Arkansas; Mrs. Heyward Adams, missionary to Nigeria; Rev. Vernon Wickliffe, Michigan; Rev. C. J. Smith, John J. Evans, missionaries in Oklahoma; Carl Bunch, Melvin Lloyd, J. O. Miles, Mrs. J. A. Lunsford.

MRS. Barbara Gill, Ouachita College assistant professor of physical education, was elected a vice president of the Arkansas Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation recently. She is a graduate of Baylor University. Her husband, Bobby Gill, is assistant football coach at Ouachita.

## Trinity Association

By L. D. Eppinette

TRINITY Association had a fine annual meeting this year in the Pleasant Grove Church. It was better attended than any meeting for a number of years. There was also a fine spirit all through the meeting and great progress was noted in the reports from the churches during the year.

Officers for the association for another year are: E. C. Edwards, Tyronza, moderator; H. T. Brown, Trumann, vice moderator; L. D. Eppinette, Lepanto, clerk; and Dudley R. Terry, Tyronza, treasurer. Mr. Eppinette is missionary of the association.

Other officers include: Sunday School superintendent, Conway H. Sawyers, Marked Tree; Training Union director, Currey E. Coker, Harrisburg; Brotherhood president, Carl D. Looney, Weiner, and W. M. U. president, Mrs. L. D. Eppinette, Lepanto.

During the past year there were eight Standard Vacation Bible Schools conducted in the association and an increase in the total number of schools. Every church in the association reported one or more baptisms except one. The finances for the past year were better than at any other time in the history of the association. There were eight less baptisms in the churches than the year before, the only department of the work showing a decline.

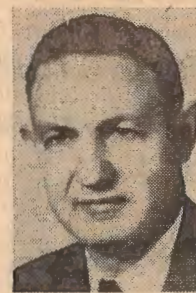
Several very fine messages were delivered during the Association meeting including messages by Curtis McClain, who preached the annual sermon; and by Dr. S. A. Whitlow. The closing message of the meeting, delivered by Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, on "Religious Liberty," was a masterpiece.

The meeting for next year will be held in 1st Church, Trumann. We are looking forward to another fine year of work. ■

THE Race Relations Department of the Arkansas Baptist Convention and the Central District Baptist Association (Negro) are conducting an institute to encourage the unified budget, better

## Russell Bragg Is Pastor At Keiser

REV. Russell P. Bragg has been called as the new pastor of Keiser Church, Mississippi Association. He was formerly pastor of 1st Church, Caraway, in Mt. Zion Association.



MR. BRAGG

While at 1st Church 125 members were added, 50 by baptism.

## Church Efficiency Conference Planned

THE annual Church Efficiency Conference sponsored by Southern College, Walnut Ridge, will be held Dec. 12-14, according to program leader, William Walker.

Theme of the conference will be "Edifying the Churches." Outstanding program personalities include: Jarry Autry, pastor, Cherokee Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. C. Gordon Bayless, pastor, Central Church, North Little Rock; Charles Gwaltney, minister of music and education, Central Church, Jonesboro; Billy Hargrove, director, Church Survey Program, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Roy Hilton, pastor, 1st Church, Harrison; Dr. C. Z. Holland, pastor, 1st Church, Jonesboro; David Meir, minister of education, Cherokee Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Professor Lacoste Munn, associate in New Testament, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Southern College personnel who will appear on the program during the conference are President H. E. Williams, Dean Woodrow Behannon, Dr. Herbert Haney, and J. T. Midkiff. ■

race relations, and better churches. It is planned for Dec. 27, 28 at Baraque St. Baptist Church, Pine Bluff. Those participating will include: Rev. C. D. Knox, pastor; D. W. Reddick, district superintendent of missions; Dr. Clyde Hart, director of race relations for the Arkansas State Convention; Rev. T. J. Taylor, moderator.

# Richard Beam Goes To Oklahoma Church

By Jay W. C. Moore

RICHARD BEAM, who has served the 600-member Temple Church in Ft. Smith during the past two and one-half years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Southeast Church, Muskogee, Okla. The Muskogee church has a five-acre tract in a new addition of the city. The construction of a new church auditorium and a three-bedroom parsonage will start immediately.

There were 82 additions by baptism and 94 by letter to Temple Church during Beam's pastorate.

Carroll Stroud, Don Howard, Carl Jones, Milburn Williams and Edgar Carpenter are the members of the pulpit committee.

PAUL WALKER, the 18-year-old son of Murl Walker, pastor of the Oak Cliff Church, was ordained to the ministry, in the auditorium of the Oak Cliff Church, Tuesday night, Dec. 6.

Young Walker is the pastor of the Old Bokoshe Church, near Spiro, Okla., and is a freshman in the Poteau, Okla., Junior College.

HACKETT MEMORIAL new church plant is nearing completion. The building is 36x74 feet and has an auditorium that seats 190; the educational space will care for 150 pupils in Sunday School in the six different departments.

The building, valued at \$25,000, is constructed of brick-tile and has central heat, rest rooms, and a baptistry.

The new church has 58 members with 45 to 50 in Sunday School attendance. C. C. Roberts is the pastor.

HAROLD BOYD, a layman in 1st Church, Ft. Smith, has conducted a revival in the Dove Creek Church, in Colorado, Al Norris, pastor. There were eight additions by baptism, three by letter and one surrendered to preach.

On Sunday following the close of the revival there were seven

more professions and three more additions by letter.

THEL SMITH, formerly State Brotherhood president and an active lay preacher for years in Ft. Smith, 1st Church, has accepted the pastorate of the South Heights Church, Sapulpa, Okla. Smith was ordained to the ministry recently by 1st Church, Newman McLarry, pastor.

HERBERT DEDMON, who has served the half-time Pine Log Church during the past year, has accepted the pastorate of the full-time Liberty Hill Church, five miles west of Hackett in LeFlore, Okla., Association.

The young minister is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dedmon of Mansfield, and is a second-year student in Concord Seminary Center. In the fall semester of 1961 he will be a Sophomore in Poteau, Okla., Junior College.



STEVE PEOPLES

A COVETED AWARD, the C. C. Davis Award, given annually to the outstanding boy in the Ft Smith Boy's Club, with 500 boys competing, was awarded this year to 11-year-old Steve Peoples, son of Pastor and Mrs. C. D. Peoples of Bluff Ave. Church, Ft. Smith.

A boy to qualify for this award must be outstanding in football. He must lead in scoring, pass receiving, defense and the different positions he can play and must be well-mannered, well-liked, and well-accepted by the other members of the club.

Steve is a straight-"A" student. He sings in the 6th grade choir and the Junior choir in the church. He is a school patrol boy and an active Royal Ambassador. ■

## J. G. Richardson Dies In Little Rock

JAMES Garland Richardson, 69, Little Rock, a deacon and former chairman of deacons of Pulaski Heights Church, died Nov. 29. He formerly taught military science at Ouachita College. At the time of his death he was serving as state representative for Pan American Life Insurance Company. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson Richardson; two sons, William S. Richardson, Dallas, Tex., and James G. Richardson, Jr., Oklahoma City; and a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn White, Wichita, Kan. ■

THE 13th National Conference of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State will be held at Portland, Ore., February 13 and 14, according to the announcement of Dr. Louie D. Newton, president. Daytime sessions will be held at 1st Baptist Church. Evening meetings are scheduled at the Public Auditorium. Featured speakers will be Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex., and Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU.

NEW officers of the Arkansas chapter of Southern Seminary Alumni Association, elected at Fayetteville during the recent state convention: Dr. Andrew M. Hall, pastor of 1st Church, Fayetteville, president; Marvin Gennings, pastor of South Side Church, Ft. Smith, vice president; Andy Heskett, pastor of 1st Church, DeWitt, secretary-treasurer; and B. G. Hickem, pastor of 1st Church, Crossett, Eureka Man. Approximately 65 attended the alumni meeting.

## Ashdown Deacon Claimed By Death

HAROLD GUNTER, 36, deacon of 1st Church, Ashdown, an outstanding Baptist layman of southwest Arkansas, died in Scott and White Hospital, Temple, Tex., on Nov. 20. Memorial services were held for him on the following Tuesday in the 1st Church, Ashdown, and he was buried in Memory Gardens, Hope.

He was the music director of the 1st Church, Ashdown, where he had served for about six years as an active deacon and the past three years as chairman of deacons.

He was active in all phases of the life of his church and denomination. He was a worker in the Nursery department of the Sunday School and served for two years as superintendent of the department. He had served as director of the young peoples department of Training Union and for the past year was director of the Intermediate department. For the past two years he had led the drive for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in the Ashdown Church. These two offerings amounted to more than \$2,200.

According to the pastor, Ross O. Ward, "the Church is now giving a larger percentage of its tithes and offerings to the Cooperative Program largely because of his influence."

He was an active in Little River Association and served for a time as associational music director. He was much in demand for revival singer in southwest Arkansas. He also sang for many funerals and weddings.

He was co-owner of Gunter Brothers Lumber Co., of Little River County, and was active in the civic life of Ashdown. ■

## Abbott Church Ordains Porter Black

PORTER L. Black was ordained to the ministry Nov. 27 by Abbott Church.

The council was composed of: ministers, Ernest Hogan, Ford F. Gauntt, J. E. Pennington, L. L. Gilliam, R. L. Whitten, Clifford R. Lyon, Warren E. Leonard, Walter Watts, Ernest Baker; deacons, Charley L. Casey, Paul Martin,

## 'Bootleg' Hat

SOMEBODY attending the Baptist State Convention recently at 1st Church, Fayetteville, walked off and left his hat. The only clue is a store mark in the hat: Kelso, ElReno, Okla.

Host Pastor Andrew M. Hall, 100% loyal to the Fayetteville trade territory, says if any preacher went over into Oklahoma to buy a hat and is willing to admit it, he can have it back.

Roy Cross, Ronald Pitchford, W. W. Dickson, John Pennington, and Paul White.

Walter Watts, pastor of Abbott Church, was elected moderator and Ernest Baker, clerk, of the council.

## Fordyce Man Dies After Long Illness

JOHN M. Holt, 79, died recently at his home in Fordyce. He had been ill about eight years.

He was the father of Mrs. C. A. Reynolds, Camden, president of the Carey Association Woman's Missionary Union. He was a member of Beech Grove Church.

Other survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Minnie Holt; three sons, Richard and Edward, Fordyce, Louis, Camden; one sister, Mrs. Emma McGarragh, Atlanta; 13 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

## Baylor Singers To Be Heard On Radio

BAYLOR University's A Cappella Choir will be featured on "The Baptist Hour" radio program Dec. 18 and Dec. 25, Miss Joe Ann Shelton, director of music for Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission, has announced.

Under the direction of Dr. Euell Porter, Baylor singers will sing seven Christmas songs on the two programs. Miss Shelton will sing a solo on each.

"The Baptist Hour" is currently broadcast weekly by 440 stations in 36 states and 10 foreign countries. ■

## Pastoral Workshop On Care of Aging

RESERVATIONS for a workshop Thursday of this week (Dec. 8) on "Pastoral Care of the Senior Citizen," at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, totaled 150. Dr. J. Don Corley, hospital chaplain, reported Monday.

The workshop will be held in the hospital chapel, on the second floor, beginning at 9 a.m. The morning sessions will focus on "Physical Aspects of the Aging Processes with Implications for the Minister."

Lunch will be served in the Student Nurses' dining room from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

The afternoon sessions, beginning at 1:45, will consider "Mental and Emotional Aspects of the Aging Processes with Implications for the Ministers." Adjournment is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Twenty-two physicians, including a number of psychiatrists, have volunteered to participate.



RUBY ELDER

*PERFECT attendance for 15 years in Sunday School at 1st Church, Jacksonville, is the achievement of Mrs. Ruby Elder. The Sunday School superintendent is A. J. Dunham and Rev. Franklin B. Bates is pastor.*

**SBC News and Notes**

AN over-and-above mission offering of \$7,000 has been contributed by Rose Hill Church, Columbus, Ga., to the Foreign Mission Board as a designation to aid in erecting a building for a namesake church in Tokyo, Japan.

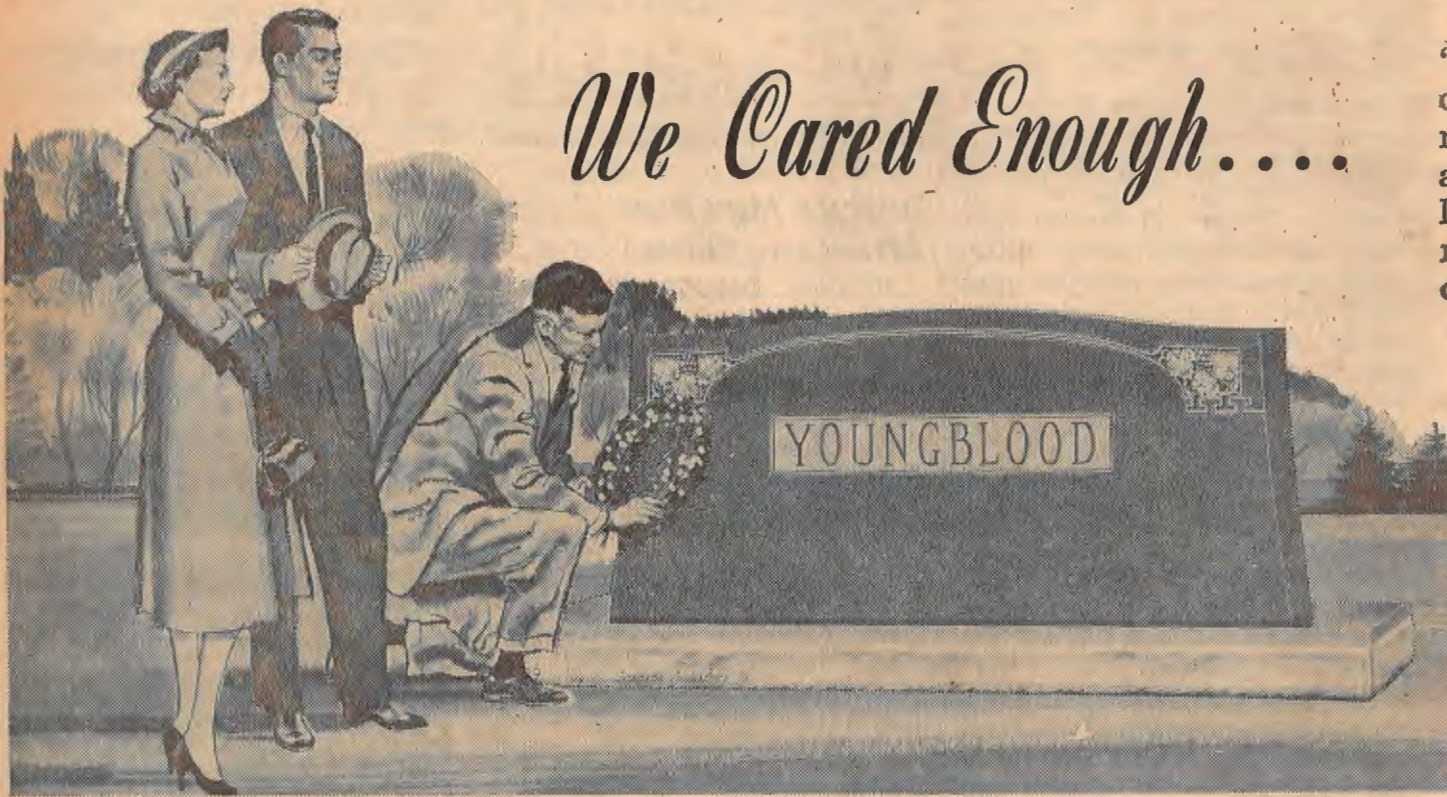
EXPANSION of the J. Howard Williams Memorial Student Village at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., has been authorized by the seminary's board of trustees. Five new buildings, consisting of 40

apartments, are planned. Other building needs under study include a prospective student activities building, a children's building, and modernization of present dormitories.

AMERICANS are too interested in survival — economic, political, and religious — declared Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, at the recent annual session of Oklahoma Baptists. "If survival only is all that we have to offer the future, then we have too little and we are already too late," said Raley.

THE Roman Catholic Church is the only denomination at present claiming to be both a church and a state, declared Gaye L. McGlothlen, in his address recently as president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He said the recent election campaign "provided thinking citizens of our country an opportunity to study the differences between the devotional and worship practices of Roman Catholicism and the political and authoritative claims of Roman clericalism."

SHELBY County Association, centering in Memphis, was encouraged by the recent Tennessee Bap-



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tist Convention to work toward a junior college in Memphis, possibly as a branch of Union University, of Jackson.

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WITH the future of Georgia's public schools clouded by state laws requiring the schools to close in the event of forced integration, the Georgia Baptist Convention described the public schools as "essential" to democracy and petitioned state officials to "insure" their remaining open. The convention accepted by an almost unanimous vote a resolution in behalf of public education, which resolution was offered as a substitute for the

report from its social service commission. Leading the fight for public schools was Editor John J. Hurt, Jr., of the *Christian Index*, weekly news magazine of the convention.

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GEORGIA Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, has been authorized to proceed with construction of a \$2½ million dormitory for nurses.

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A BUDGET of \$3,203,560 was adopted by the Georgia Baptist Convention for the coming year, \$1,424,030 of this to go for Southern Baptist Convention agencies and causes.

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THE California convention defeated a move to recognize messengers from churches having open communion and admitting alien immersion. The convention constitution denies this recognition. This action is in harmony with the feeling of a majority of Southern Baptists that the observance of the Lord's Supper in a Baptist church should be restricted to Baptist church members and that the ordinance of baptism should be administered by a Baptist church through the mode of immersion.

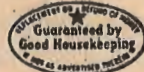
are so thankful NOW that we insisted on a cemetery that allowed monuments. For a monument not only permanently honors the dead. It is a constant source of inspiration to the living. It can symbolize love and devotion in a permanent and noble way for our children, grandchildren and future generations to see."

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## Attendance Report

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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton, 1st	726	132	
Camden, 1st	563	221	
Diaz	187	103	3
El Dorado, 1st	885	320	5
El Dorado, Parkview	222	98	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	700	320	2
Ft. Smith, Trinity	315	120	1
Fountain Hill, 1st	70	42	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	439	236	5
Huntsville, 1st	145	63	2
Levy	585	242	
Magnolia, Central	681	326	
McGehee, 1st	502	210	1
NLR, Baring Cross	764	280	5
Springdale, 1st	551	149	4
Van Buren, 1st	496	201	29
Wattensaw	37	36	
West Memphis, Calvary	224	149	3



**FORT WORTH**—Mid-winter commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary Jan. 20 will feature an address by Dr. Ollie Edmunds, president of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and the graduation of 127 students. Eight of the graduates are Arkansans. They are: top row, from left, Leon Allen Word, son of R. A. Word, Little Rock, master of religious education; Jo Anne McClendon, daughter of Mrs. F. E. McClendon, Texarkana, associate in religious education; Mrs. Ross Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stewart, Wickes, associate in religious education; David E. Railey, son of Clayton A. Railey, Ft. Smith, bachelor of divinity; second row, Mrs. Floyd Emmerking, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Nantze, North Little Rock, associate in religious education; Faye McMahan, daughter of G. L. McMahan, Magnolia, master of religious education; Lavern Moore, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Moore, Ink, master of religious education; Carry Edward Spann, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Spann, North Little Rock; master of religious education and bachelor of church music.

## Tennesseans Leave Boards in Control

TENNESSEE Baptists, in their annual meeting recently in Nashville, turned down three different pleas for action on the race issue. Voting against instructing convention agencies to accept all persons regardless of race, color, or creed, the convention left standing a policy which permits the directors of its three hospitals and four schools to determine the policies for their agencies.

In other action the Tennesseans voted to retain their high school, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy at Seymour, near Knoxville. The school will be given five years in which to prove its right to exist as a Baptist agency. The future of the school has been clouded since a survey committee recommended last year that it be discontinued.

A third of the convention budget of \$3.5 million for 1961 will go to Southern Baptist Convention causes, about \$124,000 less than the state supplied the SBC this year. Pressing higher education demands within the state were given as the reasons for the SBC cut.

The election of Jack Kennedy (Baptist minister of Lookout Mountain) as 2nd vice president almost overshadowed the choice of C. M. Pickler, Memphis, as convention president. Next annual session will be held Nov. 14-16 in Memphis. ■

## Bible Conference To Be At Arkadelphia

THE Ouachita Baptist College Bible Conference will be held at the 2nd Church, Arkadelphia, Dec. 9 and 10. The theme will be "As Ye Go, Preach."

Sessions will be held Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon, beginning at 7 p. m. Friday and 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. Saturday. Speakers will be: W. Maurice Hurley of the OBC faculty, Rev. Lory Hildreth, pastor, 1st Church, Texarkana; Rev. Richard Perkins, pastor, Gaines Street Church, Little Rock; Rev. J. Harold Smith, evangelist, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The Conference is sponsored by the OBC Ministerial Association. ■

## Ouachita Singers To Give 'Messiah'

Four out-of-town soloists will be featured when the 136-member Ouachita College choir directed by

Dr. James T. Luck presents the fifth annual Handel's "Messiah" in Mitchell Auditorium, Arkadelphia, at 7:45 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Soloists will be Mrs. Frank Baker, soprano; Hoyt Mulkey, tenor; Dr. Jack Jones, bass; and Mrs. Philip Lewis, contralto.

Mrs. Baker is the wife of the minister of education at 1st Baptist Church, Pine Bluff. She was formerly a member of the music faculty at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, and has sung over television in Texas and New York.

Mulkey is minister of music at the 1st Baptist Church, Pine Bluff; and Dr. Jones is minister of music at the 1st Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Lewis, the former Nina Flagg, is a graduate of Ouachita and has appeared with many choral groups in Arkansas.

This year's choir is reported to be the largest in the history of Ouachita College. ■

# 'My Plans Were Made'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was written by Mrs. Rel Gray following the death of her husband, a former Arkansas pastor, in an automobile accident in Ruston, La., last July.)

"My plans were made, I thought my path all bright and clear,  
My heart with song o'erflowed, the world seemed full of cheer,  
My Lord I wished to serve, to take Him for my guide;  
To keep so close that I could feel Him by my side.  
And so I traveled on."

This was my life on a hot Wednesday afternoon in July. I was relaxing after a busy day, putting some last minute

seemed all about my feet;  
I scarce could travel on."

We had had a nice lunch together on that day, and as my husband came in, he said, "Well, I have an appointment today with Ed W. He will be at the study at 2:15." It was the climax of the interest of several people who knew that the man had a broken home, and that his wife who had been active in our church, had been forced to leave and take three precious children with her. After several of his friends had asked him to seek the help of a minister, he had called the church that morning to make an appointment. The conference at the church was very brief because Mr. W. was ill at ease in the study, so he suggested that



DR. Gray is shown in a family group on Easter, 1957. They are, from left, Dr. Gray, Mrs. Gray, Rel Larkin, Daniel, Carol Jean.

thoughts on the Sunday School lesson for Teachers and Officers Meeting on that night. I had taken Carol Jean, our ten-year-old, to the swimming pool. Rel was in a class at college, and Danny was practicing golf on the back lawn.

Suddenly, a telephone call changed my whole life. I scarcely could comprehend that a voice was saying, "Mrs. Gray, your husband has been in an automobile accident. We are sending for you to come to the hospital." I did not know that he had left the study, as the car was still in the carport. Friends came and took us to the hospital; the children were rounded up and brought there. In a matter of forty-five minutes, life had taken a completely new and different turn.

"But suddenly, in skies so clear and full of light,  
The clouds fell thick and fast, the days seemed changed to night;  
Instead of paths so clear and full of things so sweet,  
Rough things and thorns and stones,

they get into his truck and drive as they talked. Danny, our sixteen-year old, saw them leave, and his Daddy said to him, "Tell Mother not to worry. I'll be back soon."

As they were driving down a country road, a car with three teenagers sped out of a gravel road at 75 miles per hour and hit the truck broadside. One of the boys, son of a Baptist family, was also killed.

Without the help of Christian friends, I see not how one could go through such a soul-shaking experience. Even before we left the hospital, Rel, our 19 year old son, said, "Let's have someone to pray." A Methodist minister called upon God for help. The help came—in friends, in messages, in a church that rallied to the aid of a family in such manner as I have never seen nor heard. Every wish was granted before it was even wished, and indeed, so many things were done without our knowledge, that we are still amazed at the way people carried on for us. Friends came by the hundreds, fellow pastors came by the score, our family

came from near and far. But most of all, as friends, family, pastors prayed, God took over and helped each of us through every trying hour.

In the wee hours of the first morning after the accident, Rel came in where I was when sleep would not come. He said, "Mother, I feel so close to God right now. I want to be a better Christian than I have ever been before."

As we planned the memorial service, we wanted it to be a victorious service—one where God would be honored. We asked our good friends, Dr. Stanley Jordan, of Shreveport; Rev. Neil Jackson, of New Orleans; and Dr. Robert L. Lee, executive secretary of Louisiana Baptists, to participate in the service. We asked that it be conducted as much like a morning worship service as possible. Although the day was Saturday, the service was nearly at the time of the regular Sunday morning worship service. Rel, Jr. planned the service, and especially emphasized that he did not want sad or mournful songs. Our church theme song has been "He Lives," and each Sunday night service starts with this song. The service that morning started with the church singing as a congregation, "He Lives," followed by the congregation singing "Have Faith in God." Then Neil Jackson, who had been such a close friend and took the place of the brother which my husband had never had, talked of his help to young people through the years and how he had helped him along his way. One of our college students sang "Just a Closer Walk." Then Dr. Jordan preached on "Some Things We Know," using scriptures to point the way of salvation and to show assurance of a wonderful life after death. The service closed with the choir singing "When We See Christ" and "How Great Thou Art."

When we looked for the last time on the face we loved, we knew that he was not there, but he was in that wonderful place with Jesus Christ, joining with us in spirit.

But there comes a time when family has to come back to their own homes, when friends have others to care for, and then

"I bowed my head and wondered why this change should come,  
And murmured—'Lord, is this because of aught I've done?  
Has not my path been full enough of pain and care?  
Why should not my path again be changed from dark to fair?'  
But still I traveled on."

When we went to the study at the church for the first time, we found on top of the desk the poem that is being used here. It seemed to be placed there for a purpose—to help us in the hour when we needed help the most. As I gathered the children around at night for God to speak to us through His Word and for us to talk to Him, we could feel my husband's presence in the room with us. One time when I was most discouraged, I felt his spirit say to my spirit, "If



you could just know what it is like over here, you wouldn't worry any more."

Letters came from near and far—from Africa to Hawaii, from Alaska to Germany, from nearly every state in the union. They told us that they were praying for us, and how we counted on those prayers. A letter from a Jew said, "I still have the Bible that you gave us and we will always treasure it." Another Jew wired, "I, too, have lost a friend."

A Catholic priest wrote, "We are certain, too, that your husband will still be active via interest and prayer in promoting the Master's and your cause in this sometimes mixed up world."

A student doing work in Alaska wrote Rel, "I considered your father one of the finest preachers and most dedicated Christians that I have ever known. I have often envied you for having such a wonderful father." Another student, working for the Lord in New York City during the summer wrote, "As I think of the many hundreds of people he won to the Lord during his glorious ministry, I am challenged in some way to attempt to approach the dedication and consecration which Dr. Gray so faithfully displayed, always letting people know without a doubt who he stood for."

A dear little old lady wrote, "I hope that the boy who was responsible will grow up to be a preacher and take Brother Gray's place." A member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee wrote, "I shall never think of him except as a big, generous, openhearted, believing man who expected the best of his brethren and who, in every respect, measured up to the highest ideals of the Christian life."

A very vibrant, friendly personality was my husband, and many friends have said that they could imagine heaven being a happier place now that he was there shaking hands with the many friends that he had known who were already there.

The problems that come in such a case are multitudinous. Decisions that were so minor as a team are major for a woman alone. We asked our friends to join with us in prayer; our church has never forgotten for a single day that we need their prayers. We, as a family, have been brought to the place where we know that only God can help us. We have chosen as a prayer promise Jeremiah 33:3: "Call upon me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things that thou knowest not."

Our problems are not solved as yet—the terrible loneliness, the mental adjustment, the financial problems are with us—but we go in faith believing that each day will bring the answer to the problems of that day.

On the first day of the new year of college, at the Student Convocation, Rel, a pre-medical student, was presented with a trophy from the Omicron Delta Kappa, leadership fraternity, as an award for being the most outstanding freshman in a class of one thousand, in scholarship, leadership and extra-curricular activities. While my mother and I sat there and watched, we felt that his Daddy was there watching also; although we could not see, we could feel his presence.

We know that God makes no mistakes, but we have to realize it in faith. On the last Monday morning before the accident, my husband wrote in our church publication, *The Temple Trumpet*, "On this Monday morning my heart is filled with gratitude because the Lord has granted unto me the privilege of serving with the good people that make up the Temple congregation. You have been a blessing to my heart, and I thank God upon every remembrance of you. Will you join me in prayer that the services Sunday will be saturated with spiritual power." The church was to vote on calling an educational and music director on that Wednesday night. Everything looked to be right at the height of the best work that was yet to be done. We cannot understand. We can only go on in faith believing that "in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28 RSV

I am praying that God will use our children to be a blessing in His kingdom. They were dedicated to Him at birth and they are His. We know not what the future holds, but we do know Who holds the future. And so,

"I listened—quiet and still, there came a voice—  
"This path is mine, not thine, I made the choice;  
Dear Child, this service will be best for thee and me,  
If thou wilt simply trust, and leave the end to me."

And so we travel on.  
"So I go on not knowing,  
I would not if I might;  
I'd rather walk with God in the dark  
Than to walk alone in the light.  
I had rather walk with Him by faith  
Than to walk alone by sight." ■

THE Southern Baptist Missionary Education Council has re-elected as its president Miss Helen Falls, associate professor of missions at New Orleans Seminary. Next meeting of the council will be held on the campus of New Orleans Seminary, Nov. 1-3, 1961.

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RECENT revivals reported in the state include: Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, Jack Stanton, Dallas, evangelist, 28 additions, Rev. Paul McCray, pastor; West View Church, Paragould, Bill H. Lewis, evangelist, 22 additions, Rev. Guy M. Whitney, pastor; Shorewood Hills Church, Jones Mills, Jesse S. Reed, evangelist, 10 additions, 22 rededications, Rev. Lawrence Vowan, pastor; Immanuel Church, Warren, Rev. Dean Newberry, Jr., pastor, evangelist, 18 additions.

1ST CHURCH, Reyno, recently completed an educational building under the leadership of Rev. Lester L. Thompson, pastor. The building will accommodate 75 in Sunday School and contains a kitchen, assembly room, and rest rooms.

1ST CHURCH, Malvern, recently had a revival with Angel Martinez as the evangelist and Joe Simmons, singer. During the meeting 118 business men agreed to close their establishments between 10 and 11 each day for the morning worship service. Rev. Harold Presley is pastor.

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**WILL SING**—The 70-member Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing Choral Club will be available for Sunday evening programs after Jan. 1. Churches wishing to hear this group may contact J. A. Gilbreath, who is the choir director and superintendent of the hospital.

**GLOBE-TROTTING With Ginny . . .**

# Believers Proved Their Salt In Old Salsburg

By Virginia Harris Hendricks

**SALZBURG, Austria**—(BP)—Surrounded by vast forests and towering mountains, the first settlement of this old "Salt City" was Celtic. Later the Romans built fortifications upon the dominating hill and established a network of Roman roads.



MRS. HENDRICKS

In this town, best known for its native son, Mozart the composer, the catacombs interested me most. They are believed to have been fashioned by Christians in the third or fourth centuries.

Most of the Christians were probably Roman soldiers stationed in the fort on top of the hill. In order to worship, they dug their way into the rock cliffs of Monchs Berg and built an underground chapel.

Around 400 A. D., this province, then called Novicum, was invaded by barbarians. An inscription in the catacombs reports that 51 Christians were murdered "because of their confession of faith"

and thrown from the top of the cliff "into the depth." Then the community was destroyed by fire and sword but rebuilt many years later.

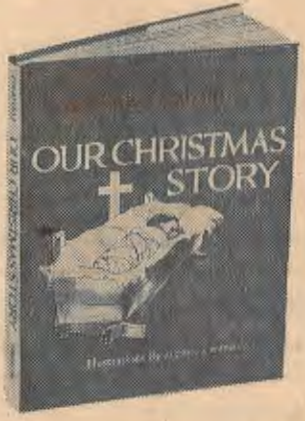
For over 1000 years the catacombs lay unknown until a landslide in 1669 exposed the secret diggings. The Austrians built stairs leading up to the catacombs for tourists, though the original steps led down from the fort above.

In comparison to these early Christians I hang my head in shame when I think of complaints of "all those church meetings"! Those early salt-of-the-earth Christians had to dig through solid rock in order to provide the privilege of worship which many Christians today neglect. ■

AS NATIONAL tax laws now stand, churches are eligible to operate businesses tax exempt, provided only that the income from such businesses go to church causes. But the public affairs committee of North Carolina Baptist State Convention has held that if businesses operated by churches are only indirectly related to the work of the church, they should

be taxed. This was also the consensus of opinion of those attending the annual meeting on religious liberty, held last September in Washington under the sponsorship of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

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# Baptist Crosscurrents

## The Widow's Mite

OCCASIONALLY a letter crosses my desk that shows how little I do for others. One letter in particular, from a widow, made me realize I have never tried to sacrifice for someone like she had.

Her letter to the Annuity Board started out as a routine "thank you" note for the check she gets every month as the widow of a Southern Baptist preacher. Then she mentioned she had been trying to get her church to put its pastor into the Protection Plan.

"So far, I've failed," she wrote. "They seem to think the church is not financially able right now." Her church is in a building program.

But then her letter revealed the heart of this dear lady:

"I offered to pay half of the expense if the church and Brotherhood would pay the other half," she said. "I would gladly do so, but they are not completely sold on the idea yet. . . ."

Here is a little old lady who knows first hand the value of the Protection Plan, and she's trying to show her church brethren its value too. When she failed to win their support, she went the extra mile by offering much of her widow income to see that her pastor and his family get the same kind of protection she is now getting.

It's a wonder the brethren in that church didn't hang their heads in shame when she made her proposal. I would have.

Yet her letter beamed with optimism:

". . . I have not given up . . . I know we can do it. . . ." And she gives Psalm 24:1 as her scriptural basis: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

It is through letters such as this one that the Annuity Board knows most Baptists are concerned about what would happen in their church if death, disability or retirement claimed its pastor.

And as long as there are Baptists like this widow, there is always hope that some day every church will see the need of the Southern Baptist Protection Plan for its pastor.—*The Years Ahead*

DAVID Blaylock, Nimrod, a freshman at Ouachita College, has been called as music director of 1st

Church, Hot Springs, James H. Fairchild, pastor. He formerly served as youth and music director at Hotwelles Church, San Antonio, Tex., and has been director of congregational activities in Conway-Perry Association. He is a pianist.

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MR. McCLARD

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### NEW RECORDING

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A Hymn of the Month pamphlet is available free from the Church Music Department. It contains 12 devotional programs based on hymns of the month for 1961. Order yours today.—LeRoy McClard, Secretary ■

### These Attained

RECOGNITIONS ARE given WMU organizations on the basis of attainment on Aims for Advancement which set forth the plan of work and focus on the privilege of personal participation in missionary activities.



MISS COOPER

The most coveted recognition is that of the HONOR WMU which requires at least one each of the WMU organizations being Honor with all others being Advance or Approved (the graduation of recognition). There were six Honor WMUs in our state in the following churches:

- 1st Church, Blytheville, Mrs. James T. Westbrook, president;
- Elliott Church, Camden, Mrs. Loy Cross, president;
- 1st Church, For-dyce, Mrs. W. E. Summers, president;
- Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith, Mrs. Hoyt Malone, president;
- Lifeline Church, Little Rock, Mrs. L. C. Knight, president;
- 1st Church, Ozark, Mrs. S. A. Wiles, president.

Also recognitions were given 31 Honor WMSs, 11 YWAs, 67 GAs, and 40 Sunbeam Bands; 71 Advance WMSs, 6 YWAs, 38 GAs; and 42 Approved WMSs, 5 YWAs, 78 GAs and 27 Sunbeam Bands.

### REMITTING OFFERING

Acceptance of the Jubilee Advance goal of a 13 per cent increase over last year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering boosted the state goal to \$252,750. The offering is a channel through which special gifts of love and appreciation may be given to help maintain and strengthen Southern Baptists' mission work in 44 countries of the world. The needs are so great, and so much depends on this offering!

The Lottie Moon Offering should have a prominent place in the Christmas list of every Southern Baptist. Remittance, clearly designated, should be sent to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, treasurer, Arkansas Baptist Convention, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

### Student News

BAPTIST STUDENTS in Arkansas reached an all time high this fall with a total of 8,767, with 7,194 of these in state schools and 1,573 in Baptist schools.

Bids have been opened for the new Baptist Student Center at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro.

Approximately 400 guests visited



DR. LOGUE

the Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas during the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

James Smalley, Baptist student director at Arkansas State Teachers College, has applied for a Danforth Grant for the school year of 1961-62.

Jamie Jones, Baptist student director at the University of Arkansas, participated in the Black River School of Missions Dec. 4-9.

Approximately 200 international students are studying in Arkansas. The largest group, 48, is at the U of A; and the second largest group is at Philander Smith. Most of the 42 students at Philander are from Africa.

A committee representing the Baptist Student Unions of the state met in Little Rock Dec. 3 to select the 1961 summer mission fields.

Churches wishing to hear reports of the 1960 summer missionaries are requested to contact directly Dell Christy of Arkansas Baptist Hospital (Nigeria); Bailey Smith, Ouachita (Hawaii); Nancy Phillely of the University (Jamaica); Opal Wynn of Ouachita (Jamaica); Marsha Shoppach of Arkansas State Teachers College (Louisiana); Ruth Ann Nicks of Arkansas State College (Arkansas); and Joanne Haley of Henderson State Teachers College (Arkansas).

International students studying in Little Rock will be dinner guests at the new Baptist Student Center at the U of A Medical School on December 19.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary

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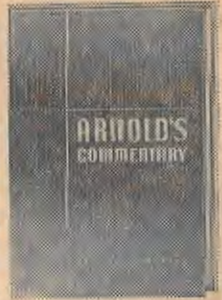
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MR. HATFIELD

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It may be that your church has a secretary who will do this each Monday morning. Some churches assign this responsibility to the general secretary of the Sunday School, Training Union Secretary, or Church Clerk. Alack, and alas, the pastor in some instances is the one who tends to this detail. However, it seems to be an item of such interest that someone should be given this responsibility in your church. Your motto could be "have report, will mail."

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### New Churches, 1960

FIFTEEN new churches are reported for 1960. This is the largest number since 1956 when there were 16 new churches.

Nine of the 15 had first been sponsored as missions; some of them for several years. Two had formerly been affiliated with another Baptist group.



MR. CALDWELL

These new churches are as follows: Immanuel, Harrison, Ark., formerly Gordon Street Mission sponsored by 1st Church, Harrison.

Evening Shade, a mission of Waldron, 1st Church; Keo, in Caroline Association, coming from another Baptist group; Trinity in Central Association, sponsored by the Bauxite Church; Highland Heights, Benton, sponsored for several years as a mission of 1st Church, Benton; Memorial Church, Hackett, Concord Association—a group withdrew from Hackett church to form a new church; Oak Cliff, Ft. Smith, a new church on a new site with the aid of Kelly Heights Church, Concord Association and State Convention; Lakeport, Delta Association, a mission for several years of 1st Church, Lake Village; West View, Paragould, a new church formed by members for Eastside, Paragould; Dollarway, Pine Bluff, sponsored for one year as mission of Central Church; Buena Vista, Liberty Association, for several years was a mission of 1st Church, Camden; Kern Heights, was a mission of 1st Church, DeQueen; Myron, Rocky Bayou Association, a rural community; a small group of Baptists swarmed and asked Associational missionary to help; Colt, Tri County Association, a church formerly affiliated with another Baptist group; Eastside, Mountain Home, first started a mission of 1st Church; short time later organized as a church.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

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# Silent Night



By Theodore J. Kleinhans

CHRISTMAS Eve came gently that year of 1818 in the village of Arnsdorf in the foothills of the Alps. At dusk there had been a trace of fresh snow to whiten the countryside, but now the sky was clearing.

From the schoolhouse, where a party of villagers had gathered, came glimmers of firelight and candles. Often they gave a traditional mystery play on the birth of Christ, the coming of the Wise Men, the homage of the shepherds, and the visit of twelve-year-old Jesus to the Temple.

The singing and the plays were one of the special joys of the schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. Each year he trained his pupils; each year they helped in the performance for their families and friends.

A friend and guest that night was the young clergyman, Joseph Mohr, from Oberndorf just up the valley. The two men were about the same age, and both loved music. Each week they came together to sing the old motets of Palestrina and Bach. With a touch of pioneering, they had also tried their hand at writing hymns, special songs for religious services.

A week or two before Christmas they had been talking about a hymn for Christmas.

"You know," said the schoolteacher, "the ideal Christmas hymn is still to be written."

"Yes, Franz, perhaps you're right," agreed the clergyman.

In the midst of the carols and the pageant Joseph Mohr was summoned away. High on the mountainside a woodcutter's wife had given birth to a child, and they feared it would not live. The family wanted the minister to come quickly.

Mohr trudged through the snow. There in the musty cabin the infant reminded

him of another Child born in a stable. In the mother's love he could imagine the love of Mary for her newborn babe.

Under the stars once more he wondered if his friend Gruber would still be waiting. After all, he had not been gone long. He picked his footing carefully along the snowy trail, but his mind was in the heavens.

It was a quiet night, a holy night. In the valley below he could hear the soft murmuring of the Salzach River, winding its course through the hills. Was this how it was with the shepherds in the fields at Bethlehem?

From the schoolhouse Mohr could hear the sound of music still drifting across the valley. He was moved, and his thoughts began to settle into rhyme. Writing verse was not difficult, for he often did it on his walks.

At the schoolhouse he sat quietly on a back bench with pen and paper, recording his words. Though he did not know it then, they were for all Christendom.

"Here, Franz," the clergyman said casually. "A little Christmas gift."

Gruber remembered their talk about a Christmas hymn. He took a guitar from the wall and picked out a quiet melody, a melody that hinted of the mountains, the church, and the quiet of the night. Other guests added their voices. They wanted to try it on the organ at the church, but that was broken. They had to be content with the guitar.

The devotion and inspiration of the youthful Austrian pastor and his teacher friend gave us the best loved of our Christmas carols:

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and child!  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

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## If There Were No December

By Thelma C. Carter

"WHY do we have to have December?" someone may ask when snow is on the ground, the trees leafless, bird song stilled, the night black, and the winter wind whistling down the fireplace and around the corners of the house.

For the moment we may think that the world would be a better place if December were not on our calendar and springtime could smile on the face of our world the year around.

But if it were not for December, how would we have the beauty of the other seasons of the year? Winter does far more for the benefit of our heart and mind and for our wondrous world than we might imagine.

Miracles occur in nature when a blanket of snow covers the valleys, meadows, hills, and fields. If there is a seed in the soil under the snow, it is protected until it begins growing, seeking the strength and energy of light and air. Cold weather provides a rest period for plant life before the time when new flowers and fruit appear.

December cold teaches the mole to stay snugly beneath the ground. Because of it, the beaver lays in a store of food for his family to use when the lakes and ponds are icebound.

During this time rabbits scuttle out of brush-heap homes to seek food in the snow and learn where tiny, green sprouts are putting on their first green leaves. Chickadees, jays, crows, and hawks learn where food can be found along creek banks and in the stubble of old grain-fields.

December teaches many lessons in patience, hope, and trust. God understood our needs when he promised, "While the earth remaineth, . . . summer and winter . . . shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).  
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## They Knelt And Worshipped

By Clarice Foster Booth

The Magi brought the Christ child gifts Both beautiful and rare, Kingly gifts for a baby king Selected with great care.

Having seen the star, they chose To follow in its light— Across the world, if so compelled— To find the wondrous sight.

They knelt, these men accustomed to Position and acclaim, And worshiped one they knew outranked All kings of earthly fame.

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# God's Promise of a Saviour

By W. W. Warmath, Pastor,  
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Lesson for Dec. 11

BIBLE MATERIAL: *Isaiah 9:2-7; Matthew 4:12-17;*  
*Galatians 4:4-7*

THE Bible has been called "God's Wonder Book." And so it is. In it is contained the hope of the world. We have been told that the American Bible Society has presented the White House library with handsome Bibles in 78 different languages. No matter what language a foreign visitor to the White House may speak, he may find a Bible in a readable tongue by his bedside. God's word to His world has been spoken and people need to hear it.

The editor of a well-known London newspaper sent a letter of inquiry to 100 prominent people. The letter asked, "Suppose you were sent to prison for three years and could take only three books with you. Which three would you take? Please state them in the order of their importance." Of that hundred, 98 put the Bible first of the three. There must be a reason. There is—God's promises. Man's promises do not always materialize but God's promises never fail.

The greatest of all His promises is that He would send a Saviour into the world. This promise runs like a scarlet thread through all 66 books of the Bible. The Old Testament promises the Saviour; the New Testament produces the Saviour. The Old Testament prophesies the Saviour; the New Testament proclaims the Saviour. The Old Testament predicts the coming of the Christ; the New Testament presents Him as the one who should come.

Isaiah is one of the "writing prophets." He lived some 800 years before Christ. (758-698 B.C.) Paul wrote Galatians during the first Christian century. (56 or 57 A.D.)

These men and their God-inspired writings were eight hundred years apart and yet they spoke as one concerning the Messiah. Isaiah anticipated that He would come. Paul announced that He did come.

## I. The Promised Saviour in Prophecy, Isaiah 9:2-7.

This chapter begins with the word "nevertheless" and refers to the picture of the Jewish nation drawn in the preceding chapter. Indeed all was darkness and full of melancholy. Ahaz was King of Judah. The Assyrian armies were crouched and ready to spring upon their prey. Within a few years the northern kingdom would be carried away into captivity. Then God spoke through Isaiah and said "nevertheless." God's people may experience the worst of times but there will be a better day.

God promised them three things. First, a glorious light, (v.2). Their darkness, national and spiritual, would not continue indefinitely. Zebulun and Naphtali, as mentioned in v. 1, would have the opportunity of a new day. It is always a new day when the Saviour comes. Second, universal joy arising from the light, (v. 3). It is made comparable to the joy of the harvest. There were many harvest festivals throughout western Asia, all of them originating in gratitude to the Giver for expressions of His bounty. Third, a marvelous liberty, (vv. 4-5). Their yoke would be broken as the Medianites' yoke was broken from the neck of Israel by Gideon.

Then comes the beautiful promise of how it would all come to pass. A Saviour would come, (vv. 6-7). He would come in the form of a child but He would be a son, God's son. Notice the majestic titles by which He would be known: "Won-

derful Counsellor" (these belong together)—He would be guided by wisdom; "the Mighty God"—literally, God of a warrior; "the Everlasting Father"—He will govern the human heart; "the Prince of Peace"—He will have an eternal peace program.

All of this was foretelling the day when Mary and Joseph were to joy over the birth of the Christ-child.

## II. The Promised Saviour in History, Matthew 4:12-17.

Here is a brief passage in which the prophecy of Isaiah is carried out in the life of Jesus.

After the wilderness temptations Matthew records that the devil left Him and angels ministered to Him. Then He went to Capernaum from which base He performed much of His ministry. Capernaum was situated close by the Sea of Galilee and in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. This He did in fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Here are words like the words of Isaiah spoken 800 years before. The Saviour in actual history was the same as the Saviour in prophecy.

From this time Jesus began to preach His great message of repentance. The kingdom of heaven was at hand. The release of Zebulun and Naphtali, and the whole world was now possible. The promised Saviour had come to establish the new kingdom.

## III. The Promised Saviour in Experience, Galatians 4:4-7.

God's ultimate purpose was redemption. His revelation was gradual but His one unchanging purpose was universal redemption. There is nothing to be gained by a belief in the historic Jesus. A study of facts and events reveals Him. Religious and profane studies alike testify that He lived. Likewise there is nothing to be gained by a belief in the cosmic Christ. Speculative philosophy and Oriental mysticism may tend in that direction. God's promise was a liberating Saviour who would do His work in the heart of the individual. Paul wrote Galatians setting forth the liberty made pos-



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sible by the Saviour. Sin binds. The Saviour releases from bondage.

The nature of the Saviour is described in vv. 4-5. Nothing that God does is by chance. God knew man's nature of rebellion and purposefully planned his redemption. When everything was properly prepared He sent His Son into the world to do redemption's work. Paul explains that He was made (born) of a woman, made (born) under the law. He was deity assuming the form of humanity, not humanity assuming the form of deity. Jesus did not become divine. It was God who took on the role of humanity, being born of a woman and nurtured under the Mosaic law.

The Bible doesn't teach that everyone is a child of God. The Saviour came to redeem or purchase man from sin's enslavement and power. Because of His work man can be adopted into the family or household of God through repentance and faith.

Then there is liberty, (vv. 6-7). Experience with Christ teaches us that God is not just a power but that He is our Father. When He is in the heart, prayer is possible. This Father-child relationship portends a wonderful eternity. All of the blessings of God's earthly and heavenly kingdom belong to those to whom the promised Saviour has become known.

Today's lesson is God's greatest promise. He promised the Saviour. The Saviour did come and he brought with Him light, life, and liberty. ■

## A Smile or Two

### Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Never mind about the lesson—we're more interested in what you did AFTER Sunday School!"

Obviously Junior needs to soak up quite a lot more of the teachings his Sunday School has for him. But expose him long enough and regularly enough to the Bible—with its wondrous storehouse of 'truths to live by'—and in due time he'll take his place as a useful member of his community.

### GOOD RETURN

FATHER: "Now, son, aren't you glad you prayed for a baby sister?"

YOUNG SON, looking at twin girls: "Yes. And aren't you glad I quit praying when I did?"

CARVER School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, has announced the appointment to its faculty of Robert Laessig, effective next summer. Mr. Laessig is a former missionary to Africa and for the past 13 years has been directing the program of linguistics at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

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L. B. COBB, for more than seven years associate secretary of the Texas Baptist Cooperative Program and Church Finance department, has resigned and plans to move to Memphis, Tenn., in January.

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"BEHOLD, I send You Forth" will be the theme of the annual session of the American Baptist Convention in Portland Ore., next June 14-18.

UPON his official retirement Dec. 31 as executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, S. G. Posey will be secretary-treasurer emeritus and will receive a supplemental retirement income of \$450 per quarter during 1961. No successor has been named.

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