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ARKANSAS

*Baptist*

NOVEMBER 28, 1957



On the March

# Arkansas Baptists Take Forward Steps

THE 104th annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, held November 19-21, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will go down in history as one of the greatest in our annals.

This seemed to be the consensus of opinion of preachers and laymen alike who attended the sessions.

Pastor W. O. Vaught, Jr., of the host church, expressed the sentiment of the Convention as he said in his address of welcome: "I trust this Convention will make no pronouncement of any kind on current issues."

Pastor Vaught said:

"When our history has been written, these days through which we have been moving may be referred to as our hardest and blackest days. Problems which have been too big for us have brought astonishing perplexity.

*"Sputnik's in the ether running races,  
Mutnik with her dog is going places;  
Krushchev's in the Kremlin making  
boasts*

*And neighbor nations say they're  
seeing ghosts.*

*"The topic of the day is integration,  
But multitudes are sold on segrega-  
tion;*

*The House and Senate seek to find the  
right,*

*Poor Baptist preachers pray 'God, give  
us light!'"*

Dr. Vaught reminded that "we have come as messengers, not delegates. We have come to have fellowship, to encourage each other, and to feast upon God and His precious promises. We are not a law-making body. We are not here to make pronouncements that are to be handed down to the churches . . . Each church will be guided in such things (current issues) after prayer and meditation. Let us set our faces here toward high resolves and new dedication."

### Officers Named

T. K. Rucker, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, who, as chairman of the Executive Board of the Convention headed the Executive Committee which secured Dr. S. A. Whitlow to become executive secretary of the Board, was chosen as Convention president.

Other officers are: Gerald Trussell, pastor of First Church, Warren, first vice president; L. C. Tedford, pastor of Grace Church, North Little Rock, second vice president; S. A. Whitlow, treasurer; and W. Dawson King, re-elected recording secretary.

### Time, Place, Preacher

The next annual meeting of the Convention is set for November 18, 19, 20, 1958, at First Church, Little Rock, with W. H. Hicks, pastor of Pulaski Heights



**NEW OFFICERS of Arkansas Baptist Convention: Seated, left, President T. K. Rucker and First Vice President Gerald Trussell. Standing, left to right, Second Vice President L. C. Tedford, Treasurer S. A. Whitlow, and Recording Secretary W. Dawson King.**

*Photo Courtesy ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT*

Church, Little Rock, as preacher of the Annual Sermon, and with Walter Warmath, pastor of First Church, El Dorado, as alternate.

### Ouachita Campaign Approved

In perhaps the most far-reaching action of the Convention, Ouachita College was officially authorized to conduct a fund-raising campaign for \$750,000 over a period of three years or less to provide a new dormitory for men, a new dormitory for women, and enlargement of the college library. (See Editorials for further details.)

Another forward step was the provision that 18% of the total budget go to Christian education, 86% of this amount to be for Ouachita, 11% for Southern Baptist College, and 3% to a savings fund for possible establishment at some time in the future of a college in Little Rock, as a branch of Ouachita, a separate junior college, or whatever else the Convention might decide.

### Civic Morality Committee

The Civic Morality committee, credited with defeating this year proposed

legislation to legalize certain forms of gambling, was asked to continue to serve for the new year. Composing the committee are Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, chairman, and Tom Digby, Little Rock attorney, and Paul Mears, Dardanelle business man.

### Giving Shows Increase

Although Arkansas Baptists are falling short of raising their 1957 budget by about \$90,000, their giving for the current year is 6.4% greater than for the previous year and gifts to world causes are up 16%, Ralph Douglas, acting executive secretary, reported.

A budget of \$1,500,000 was adopted for 1958. This is a slight increase over the budget of \$1,497,771.95 for 1957. Two of the items, one for establishment of a college in Little Rock and one for a new State Headquarters building evoked discussion, but the budget was voted unanimously.

The budget items for state causes, totaling \$975,000, or 65% of the total, are:



Administration, \$42,000; WMU, \$37,000; Retirement Plans, \$50,000; Evangelism, \$10,000; State Missions, \$88,500; Southern Baptist College, \$29,700; "Arkansas Baptist," \$15,000; Orphanage, \$60,000; School of Nursing, \$30,000; Hospital Charity, \$25,000; Sunday School, \$29,000; Training Union, \$27,000; Church Music, \$15,000; BSU, \$48,000; Ouachita College, \$233,550; Brotherhood, \$22,000; Foundation, \$2,000; State Assembly, \$5,000; Promotion and Convention, \$11,000; Emergency Reserve, \$5,000; College Property in Pulaski Co., \$5,750; Memphis Hospital, \$10,000; Memphis Hospital Charity, \$10,000; Anti-Gambling Campaign, \$6,000; and Protestants and Other Americans United, \$1,000.

Capital Needs: Siloam Assembly, \$10,000; Reconversion of Office Headquarters building, \$6,000; Orphanage, \$18,000; BSU, \$25,600; Arkansas Baptist Hospital, \$50,000; Camp Grounds, \$7,500; Memphis Hospital, \$10,000; new mission sites, \$18,000; Future Office Headquarters, \$12,400.

Thirty-five percent of the total budget, or \$525,000, will go to Southern Baptist (world missions) causes.

#### Hospital Loan Approved

Permission was granted Arkansas Baptist Hospital to borrow approximately \$300,000 toward the construction of a new surgical wing.

#### On Church and State

The Resolutions committee, headed by E. E. Griever, of Hamburg, presented the following on church-state relationship, and it was adopted:

"Be it resolved that we reassert our belief of a free church in a free state; freedom of worship, and freedom for the individual to develop in spiritual life. That we remind our Baptist people, our state officials and others in places of responsibility that a fundamental principle of our national Constitution is the separation of church and state, and that public tax money used in support of church institutions is a violation of that principle.

"That we register our plea to the people of our great denomination for a life of temperance, honesty, purity, and sanctity."

#### Dr. Bridges Honored

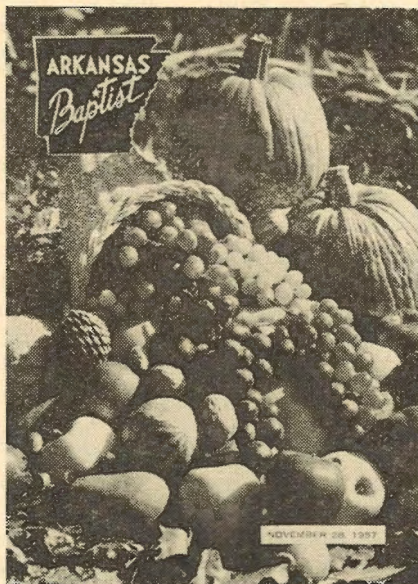
A "This-Is-Your-Life" program written by Mrs. Ralph Douglas, Little Rock, and honoring Dr. Ben L. Bridges, was a highlight of the Wednesday night session in Robinson Auditorium. Occasion for the ceremony was the recent retirement of Dr. Bridges from the office of executive secretary, which he had held for 26 years, to become secretary of the Baptist Foundation in Arkansas.

Acting Executive Secretary Ralph Douglas served as master-of-ceremonies. Many of the friends and associates of Dr. Bridges across the years of his service as executive secretary participated, telling the story of Dr. Bridges' major achievements in helping to build the Baptist work in Arkansas from small beginnings to present proportions, and in leading the Baptists of the state to

### The Cover

## On Being Thankful

WHAT THE Pilgrims had to be thankful for was completion of 11 crude buildings, a good 20-acre crop of "Indian-Corne," a small wheat harvest, and "Barley indifferent good."



Their "pease" hadn't been worth harvesting. —Newsweek.

At this season, Arkansas Baptists have the opportunity each year of giving to help provide for the children who are looking to us for food, clothing, shelter, and spiritual and educational opportunities, through Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello.

Two recent residents of the Monticello Home gave touching testimonies at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention here last week.

Jean Adams, who was graduated last year from Monticello High School and who is now in nurse's training at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, as she was being presented to the Convention by H. C. Seefeldt, superintendent of the Home: "Thanks, Pop!"

"You don't realize the value of the Home until you are gone," she said. The Home is to its "graduates" as home is to young people who have had their own parents to bring them up, and "Pop" and Mrs. Seefeldt are like parents to all their children in the Home, she said. "The thing I miss most now that I am away is the morning devotions," she concluded.

Huey Strickland, who lived at the Home from the age of 6 till he entered Ouachita College as a freshman this fall, told of the lasting impression Mr. Seefeldt made on him when he said: "Make you life count, son; you'll never forget it." He urged Arkansas Baptists each to give at least one day's pay in the annual Thanksgiving Offering being taken in the churches for the Home.

pay a moral debt of about \$700,000 which the courts had written off the books during the depression.

Dr. Bridges was presented a book of letters from friends, at the close of the service, and, on the action of the Convention's Executive Board, a check in the amount of \$4,000 for a missions tour for him and Mrs. Bridges.

#### Speakers Outstanding

The sermons and addresses of the Convention were outstanding, from President Rel Gray's message and the Annual Sermon by Hugh Cantrell, of Stephens, in the opening session, through to the closing sermon by Dr. J. D. Grey. Dr. Duke K. McCall's address on national temperance was a high spot.

Arkansas' own Brooks Hays, Congressman and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, lifted the vision of a large congregation in Robinson Auditorium on Wednesday night.

Other inspiring messages were given by Albert McClellan, of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; Baker J. Cauthen, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; S. A. Newman, of the faculty of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; James L. Sullivan, secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville; R. S. Jones, of the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas; Emmett McLoughlin, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and R. E. Milam, secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

Chalk Artist Alfred M. Mikell, of Fort Worth, Tex., who had charge of the worship services opening each session, made a marvelous contribution to the spirit of the Convention, as did the large group of talented musicians who provided special music.

—Erwin L. McDonald

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## A New Day for Ouachita College

A BRIGHT, new day has dawned for Ouachita College, and Arkansas Baptists have said officially, "We are ready!"

Appearing before a session of the 104th annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention here last week, Ouachita's young and distinguished president, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., said: "I had no more idea, a year ago, that I would be coming before you at this time to ask you to authorize an expansion program for Ouachita than that there would be sputniks circling the globe in outer space."

Ouachita, with an all-time high enrollment of 875 regularly enrolled students and 44 special students, has already arrived, enrollment-wise, at a point the educational surveyors had said just a few months ago she would not reach until 1960! This represents an increase of 78.9% since 1953 and 17% over last year.

Some idea of the crowded conditions on the Ouachita campus can be seen from the fact that when school opened this fall there were 662 unmarried students housed in on-campus facilities designed to accommodate 551. In addition, 18 single men and three single women were living off-campus in homes other than their own. Also, all of the college's 67 apartments for married students were filled and a waiting list remained of those desiring apartments.

The situation in the college dining room facilities is even more critical. Few will envy the dietitian her job of feeding more than 600 students in a dining hall built to accommodate 200.

As President Phelps had brought out in sessions with the Executive Board of the Convention prior to the annual Convention, the college and the convention faced a far-reaching decision.

1. Admission standards could be raised to cull out more applicants and thus reduce the size of the student body. But standards of admission are already reported to be higher at Ouachita than at many of the other colleges in the state; and, if the requirements for admission were increased, a sizeable portion of Arkansas Baptists' ministerial students, along with others, would not be admitted.

2. The college might borrow more money from some source such as the Housing and Home Finance Agency. But every borrowed dollar must be paid back with interest. And the cost of debt retirement, when a present loan is consummated for the building of a dining hall, will be approximately equal to the total income from Ouachita's endowment.

3. An arbitrary limit might be set on the size of the student body and student applicants be received on a first-come-first-served basis. With present facilities the college could care properly for about 750 students of whom 550 could be provided for on the campus. With this limitation the college could continue to hold its accreditation. But the arbitrary trimming of a student body would be a difficult assignment and to start telling Baptists who have been supporting the Baptist cause through the Cooperative Program for years that their sons and daughters would not be admitted to the Baptist college would do great harm.

4. The college could do nothing—letting nature take its course. This would not only be a failure to solve present problems, but would create many additional problems. It would soon lead to a loss of accreditation.

5. The last alternative, the one unanimously chosen by the Convention on the unanimous recommendation of its Executive Board, is to have a fund-raising campaign immediately to provide \$750,000 for the capital equipment already desperately needed—a new dormitory for men, a new dormitory for women, and the enlargement of the library. (An application now pending for a \$200,000 loan is expected to make possible soon the new dining hall so critically needed.)

The wisdom of this decision is quite obvious at a time when so much emphasis is being placed upon the need for educated and trained leaders in all fields of endeavor, particularly in the field of science. If we have entered an educational race with Russia to produce scientists, let us not miss the one vital phase of education in which Russia cannot compete—the Christian and spiritual. Let us expand our Baptist educational system to welcome the tide of youth who are knocking on our doors for a Christian education.

## Personally Speaking . . .

### The Silent Cuckoo

SEVERAL YEARS ago a relative gave our family a cuckoo clock—one of those works of art-in-wood made in the Black Forest area of Germany. We assembled it, placed it in a prominent position in our living room, and began enjoying the novelty of the little "cuckoo" that would poke its head out on the hour to call "cuckoo" for each count.



MR. McDONALD

But it was not long until the cuckoo went on a strike—it stopped striking the hour. The faithful hands of the clock would move around and around the face of the clock but the cuckoo's door would never open.

We could have taken the clock to a shop and had it repaired. But it was keeping good time and we just let it run sans-cuckoo.

After the silence of the cuckoo had run into weeks, months, and years, one of our nephews who is mechanically inclined was visiting us one day and he discovered that the cuckoo part of our clock was not "cuckooing." "Why don't you fix it?" he asked. "There really is nothing wrong with the cuckoo—its chain is off the sprocket."

Grabbing a pair of pliers and a strand of wire, he went to work and soon had the long silent cuckoo back on duty. The clock that had been made to be a cuckoo clock was again more than just a clock.

The great loss in the world today is not the countless millions of tons of water that go over the falls unharmed, nor the wide expanses of land left fallow, nor anything else in the physical universe. Rather it is the lack of abundance in the living we do from day to day as we settle for just living or existing.

Life was never meant to be humdrum or cheap. That was not a part of God's design when he made us to be in his image. The Greek word for "man"—"anthropos"—meaning "the looking-up one," sets us apart in God's creation as His masterpiece.

Potentially, every one of us has life in the fullest sense of the word. Many changes can come and much can go wrong in our environments, but, as the cuckoo clock with its chain in place on the sprocket wheel is the novelty it was designed to be, we can still be the persons God made us to be. It is when something goes wrong inside of us—when the chain of our faith in Christ that runs from our little hearts to the great heart of God gets off-track—that we drop from abundant living to just living.

—Erwin L. McDonald



## Welcome, New Workers

EVERY YEAR Arkansas Baptists, at the State Convention, welcome a great host of pastors, educational directors, ministers of music and youth directors to our Land of Opportunity. Some of these come from other states where they have made good records, some come back home after better preparing themselves for service in one of our great seminaries.

We want to say to these new workers, you are not strangers in a strange land; we accept you as co-workers in a redemptive program that is worldwide. We join our hearts and hands with yours in serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

We extended a warm welcome to these leaders at our Convention:

F. B. Dake, pastor, Southside Baptist Mission, Stuttgart.

Rhine McMurry, pastor, First Church, Lewisville.

Erwin L. McDonald, Editor, Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock.

Harold Taylor, assistant pastor, Second Church, Little Rock.

W. J. Farley, Jr., pastor, Sunnyside Church, Rogers.

T. O. Summers, pastor, Frankfort Avenue Church, Russellville.

William J. Perkinson, Educational and Music Director, First Church, Camden.

William McMichael, pastor, First Church, Eureka Springs.

W. H. Heard, pastor, First Church, Walnut Ridge.

David Meier, educational director, First Church, Ft. Smith.

David E. Williams, music director, First Church, Ft. Smith.

Charles D. McKnight, chaplain, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

Harrison Johns, associational missionary, Batesville.

Haskell Lindsey, educational and music director, First Church, Forrest City.

W. V. Garner, pastor, Martindale Church, Little Rock.

Norman Webb, educational and music director, First Church, Warren.

W. Leslie Smith, pastor, Archview Church, Little Rock.

Terrel Gordon, pastor, First Church, Lincoln.

John H. McClanahan, pastor, First Church, Hope.

Johnny Hughtent, pastor, First Church, Fountain Hill.

Paul Fox, pastor, Calvary Church, Little Rock.

L. G. Gist, pastor, First Church, Foreman.

H. T. Brown, pastor, First Church, Trumann.

Jim Conard, chaplain, Arkansas State Hospital, Benton.

William E. Woodson, associational missionary, Russellville.

E. L. Whitaker, Hebron Church, Ferndale.

A. C. Whitworth, pastor, Central Church, Bald Knob. —Ralph Douglas

● D. C. BANDY has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Collierville, Tenn., to enter the field of evangelism.



MR. BANDY

A former Arkansan, Mr. Bandy has served as state evangelist for the Arkansas Baptist Convention and spent 19 years in the pastorate. The Bandys have four children: Mrs. Richard Kelsey, Jr., of Collierville; David, with the U. S. Air Force; Carolyn, age 15, and John Stephen, 3. Mr. Bandy is making up his new schedule for revival meetings and may be contacted at 4914 Boswell, Memphis, Tenn.

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● BILL COOK, native of Arkansas and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and of Southwestern Seminary, has assumed his duties as pastor of First Church, Harrison.



MR. COOK

Mr. Cook succeeds Lehman Webb, coming to Harrison from Live Oak Church, Gatesville, Tex. Mrs. Cook is a native of Searcy, and a graduate of Ouachita College. She has completed one year at Southwestern Seminary where she majored in Religious Education. The Cooks have two children, Camille and William Craig.

## Hope Association Notes

JOHNNY IRISH is the new pastor at Piney Grove. He is a Ouachita College student.

LEWISVILLE CHURCH has called Rhine McMurry as pastor. He is a recent graduate of Southern Seminary.

MT. ZION, Doddridge, received 10 new members in a recent revival, six by baptism. Pastor Alvis Dowd did the preaching.

ROY LAMBERT, pastor of Southside Church, Pine Bluff, assisted Calvary Church, Texarkana, in a revival resulting in 11 additions, six by baptism. W. P. Mears is the pastor.

GENOA CHURCH, William B. Mallett, pastor, had a note-burning ceremony Sunday, November 10. T. N. Morrison, pastor of Hickory Street Church, Texarkana, was the speaker. Loy Morton and A. J. Robbins of the Genoa Church attended to the burning. —M. T. McGregor, missionary.

● FORMER ARKANSAN E. Hermand Westmoreland has been re-elected president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. (CB)

## Ordination Rescinded

October 29, 1957

Brethren, this is a letter for the purpose of proclaiming to the sister churches of our state that Cross Roads Baptist Church has called for the licenses and ordination papers of one of its former members Carlos Clark, on the charge of heresy. Mr. Clark has served as pastor of Rosa Baptist Church of Mississippi County and Caraway Baptist Church of Mt. Zion Association. A letter to the county Clerk of Mississippi County is also being filed.

Therefore Mr. Clark is no longer a Baptist preacher because he has departed from the faith once delivered to saints.

This was passed on in a regular business meeting and Mr. Clark has already turned in his papers.

Church clerk Mrs. W. L. Boren  
Pastor S. Allen VanHorn

## Prayer Answered

Browsing through a church member's "scrapbook" last night I uncovered this. It was written in 1938, when their new born son was forced to spend forty-six days in the hospital, much of which was under oxygen. The boy is now a fine strong Christian. This may help some other family under similar circumstances.

### Daddy's Prayer for His Little Boy

Another bit of heaven's love  
Came down to us from you,  
And may he brighten the path he  
treads

Like flowers fresh with dew.  
God! give this little fellow  
Strength in body, soul and mind,  
And may he return the sparks of life  
With love to all mankind.  
His chance to live is given again  
By doctors' and nurses' care,  
And when we see his little smile  
We know you, too, are there.  
If he may stay with us and grow  
We'll lead him by the hand  
But if you call him home to you,  
We'll try to understand.

Walter F. Vennenberg

Sincerely,

A. R. Major, Pastor

Lakeview Baptist Church  
Cave Springs, Ark.

● REV. AND MRS. FRITZ E. GOODBAR, formerly of Danville, have bought a home in Little Rock, where they are now located at 115 Fairview Road. Mr. Goodbar, pastor of Danville church for the last several years, has retired from the pastorate and will now be available for revivals and supply preaching.

● WALNUT STREET CHURCH, Jonesboro, of which Dr. D. Douglas Scribner is pastor, has accepted our introductory offer and is sending the paper to its members through the church budget plan.



## Pulaski County News

CRYSTAL HILL CHURCH has called Joe Stewart as pastor. He was formerly at Woodson. Mr. Stewart is a graduate of Ouachita College.

HAROLD ALGEE is the new pastor at Davis Chapel. He is a student at Ouachita College.

HOLLY SPRINGS Church was reactivated during the past year through the efforts of W. C. Halsell. Jim Ryan, Ouachita student, is the pastor.

HAROLD O'BRIEN is leaving Pine Grove to go to First Church, Dermott.

JAMES HAYS IS the new pastor at Woodson.

ROSEDALE CHURCH, J. C. Myers, pastor, recently purchased some property across the street from the church.

● DR. S. W. SWINNEY, a retired Baptist minister, is reported to have fallen at Jonesboro recently, breaking his right leg. He underwent surgery at St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro.

● ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL Board of Trustees has approved a program of clinical pastoral education internship. The Arkansas hospital is one of four approved in the south and southwest by the American Association of Protestant Chaplains and by the Southern Baptist Hospital Association.

The internships in Little Rock will be supervised by hospital chaplain Dr. J. Don Corley. For students and pastors desiring hospital training, courses will be set up for two, three, six or twelve months in which interns will work a minimum of 40 hours a week. Working ministers may spend two days at the hospital, 10 hours a day for four months. Two types of education will be available: academic credit and non-credit courses.

● THE ARKANSAS Baptist Hospital Auxiliary is setting up a library for patients and students. Mrs. Clyde Scott, hospital hostess, will receive any books friends of the hospital wish to donate.

● NEW OFFICERS of Delta Association for next year are: R. C. Maddux, pastor at Jennie, moderator; D. N. Borland, vice moderator; L. W. Williams, pastor at Wilmot, clerk; Robert Holley, Sunday school superintendent; Elmer C. Lolley, Training Union director; Russell K. Hunt, pastor of Chickasaw Church, McGehee, music director; Mrs. R. C. Maddux, pianist; Mrs. L. J. Ready, WMU president; R. S. Moore, Brotherhood president; Henry M. Evans, pastor of Bellaire Church, Dermott, superintendent of evangelism and Noel Barlow is associational missionary.

JUNIOR WAS invited to supper at Billy's house but refused. When Ma asked why, Junior sneered:

"He just wants me to help him eat up his cereal so he can have the box tops."

## New Budgets To Arkansas Baptist

PALESTINE CHURCH, Greenwood, has subscribed for the Arkansas Baptist on the annual budget plan. R. C. Leonard is pastor.

MT. CARMEL Church, Caroline Association, has accepted the free trial offer, Charles Atkinson, pastor.

EAST SIDE CHURCH, Trumann, Jimmie Garner, pastor, sent in a new budget.

THE INTRODUCTORY OFFER has been accepted by Mt. Vernon Church, El Paso. Ernest Anderson is pastor.

WEST SIDE, Manila, voted to include the paper in its budget. The list was sent in by Arthur J. Hill, treasurer.

FIRST CHURCH, DOVER, and Pastor Milton Edmonson have requested the paper for one month free trial.

MRS. OSCAR ALEWINE sent a list for Hopewell Church, Atkins, for the introductory offer.

PLEASANT GROVE Church, Ferndale, has accepted the free trial offer.

PASTOR J. J. McCOLLUM, Center Hill, Paragould, sent a list for the introductory plan.

MRS. L. V. SMART sent the subscription list for Spear Lake Church, Lepanto.

CARAWAY CHURCH, Mt. Zion, has accepted the free trial offer, list sent in by Mrs. Stella Rea.

VESTA CHURCH, of which Earl Storey is pastor, has joined the churches which send the Arkansas Baptist to all their families through the church budget plan.

FIRST CHURCH, Grubbs, of which J. C. Montgomery is pastor, is sending the Arkansas Baptist to all their families through the church budget plan.

### BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS

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Benton	KBBA	1:30 p. m.
Conway	KCON	7:00 a. m.
De Queen	KDQN	
El Dorado	KELD	2:30 p. m.
Fayetteville	KFAY	8:30 a. m.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a. m.
Hope	KXAR	5:00 p. m.
Little Rock	KLRA	9:00 p. m.
Mena	KENA	1:30 p. m.
Paragould	KDRS	8:30 p. m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	7:30 a. m.
Wynne	KWYN	10:00 a. m.

## Mt. Zion News

By Carl Bunch

THREE CHURCHES were received at the annual meeting of the association: Alsup, Providence, and Red, the latter two coming from the Jonesboro (Landmark) Association.

OFFICERS for the new year are: John Basinger, Lake City, moderator; R. D. Harrington, Nettleton, vice moderator; Russell Jordan, Jonesboro, clerk; L. D. Walker, Lake City, treasurer; Ray Nelson, Monette, Sunday School superintendent; R. D. Harrington, Training Union director; Burl Coleman, Jonesboro, Brotherhood president; Mrs. Paul Handshaw, Jonesboro, WMU president; Robert Moore, Jonesboro, music director; H. M. Robertson, Jonesboro, chairman of evangelism; D. D. Scrivner, Jonesboro, stewardship chairman; A. E. Fortinberry, Jonesboro, historian; Carl Bunch, Jonesboro, reporter.

NORTH SIDE Mission, sponsored by Friendly Hope Church, was constituted into North Main Baptist Church on October 27. Carl Bunch served as moderator. C. Z. Holland delivered the sermon. R. L. Williams was called as pastor by the 31 charter members. A building site was purchased and the new building will be started soon.

SIMULTANEOUS SCHOOLS of Missions were conducted in 27 churches November 10-15.

ARKADELPHIA —For the current semester Ouachita Baptist College ranked second among Southern Baptist colleges and universities in enrollment gain over 1956. According to information released by the Education Commission of Southern Baptist Convention.

Ouachita showed 17 percent increase ranking second only to Howard College of Birmingham, Ala., which registered a 24 per cent increase upon moving to a new campus.

Ouachita ranked fourteenth in enrollment with 875 regular students among the 30 degree-granting colleges and universities supported by the Southern Baptists, the report showed. In 1956 Ouachita was listed fifteenth with 748 enrolled.

Five colleges showed losses in 1957 from the previous year's enrollment.

● FIRST CHURCH, Altheimer, has found the new Forward Program of Church Finance to be the means of revival, according to Pastor Lewis E. Clarke. Under the new plan the church subscribed its new budget of \$14,070, increased Cooperative Program gifts to 15 per cent, included the Lottie Moon Christmas offering in its budget and increased gifts to associational missions. Pastor Lewis says some members are tithing who never had and others have increased their contributions.



## "M" Night Reflections

By FRANK F. NORFLEET  
Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church  
Paducah, Ky.

During each of the past four years it has been my privilege to be an "M" night speaker in one of the hundreds of such nights which are held over the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. My trips have taken me all the way from the rich farming section of West Kentucky to the hills of Southern Illinois, and from the coal mining section of our state to the highly populated industrialized section of Ohio.

*(Editor's Note: This article, by a former Arkansan, is especially appropriate just ahead of our "M" Night meetings across the Southern Baptist Convention on Monday night, December 2. We trust it will encourage many of our people to attend these vital meetings.)*

Now, prior to this I was no stranger to "M" night crowds. I have been attending this very important meeting of Baptists in December for a good many years. Nor have I been a total stranger to the workings of Training Union. My own acquaintance with it harkens back to the days when it was known as B.Y.P.U., and I was a member of a large, unsegregated group which as a whole represented our church's one big effort to train its young people.

But one cannot look into the faces of four such audiences (and there is a difference in sitting in the pulpit and in sitting in the pew) without being struck by several things. **The first is that the people who attend Training Union are the cream of the crop.** Their inquisitiveness, their rapt attention to the message, their ability to "catch on" — are all signposts pointing the way to the fact that their intelligence, particularly as it pertains to the church is above average. **The second is that they are a devoted group.** There can be no question as to their utter dedication. I have constantly been impressed in speaking to members of the audience after the service that they have put aside many personal concerns to be present for these meetings, driving long distances, and even at great personal expense, coming to add their own testimony and to learn more of the work which is so vital to them. **The third is that they are a growing group.** Barring sickness, or disaster most any given "M" night service will this year show a larger attendance than last year. The spirit of enthusiasm is contagious.

Now, all of the foregoing is the result of a number of things. In the writer's humble opinion one of the greatest contributing factors in the growth of Training Union has been its ability to re-evaluate itself in terms of the need of the present day. One who looks objectively at the program materials can't help but note the im-

## THANKSGIVING IN GERMANY

*"And (he) fell on his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan" (Luke 17:16).*

By Dale Moody

On October 13, 1957, my family and I attended a Thanksgiving service with the little Baptist congregation in Heidelberg. Their thanksgiving comes in October as a harvest festival. Since July 4 this old university city had been our home, and we usually worshipped with this group of Baptists who met in a building owned by the Seventh Day Adventists and used by them on Saturday. The pastor had come from the Eastern Zone, and many in the congregation still had parts of their families and many friends in the East.

Immediately in front of us sat a most unusual family. The father, a teacher of typing and shorthand in a commercial school, read from a well-worn Greek testament. On a visit in his home I had found his knowledge of the Greek testament thorough and his life as dedicated as one seldom finds. A daughter was still in the East with her husband, the pastor of a struggling group of New Testament Christians. Another daughter was married to a physician in Heidelberg. The other two daughters were at home, one a student in the Bible school at Bensheim not far away. It would be difficult to find a family more truly dedicated to Christian living, despite the fact their road had been far from easy. Across the aisle sat a young lady that we first met at Hacom Chapel, the place of worship for the U. S. Army in Little America. As a student at the Interpreters School, she had gained a perfect knowledge of English, but all of her intelligence was fully consecrated to Christ. Several others around us had, like her, come to West Germany because their Christian convictions would not allow them to participate in communistic activities. Throughout the land the same story may be told a thousand times. Thanksgiving to them was a festival of faith.

A few weeks ago people talked of the coming election. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had opposed communism at every turn, and the elections would indicate the feelings of the voters on this crucial issue. Ludwig Erhard, the minister of economics, has followed a policy of free enterprise that is found in no other European country; and the robust health of West German industry was the fruit of his efforts. An adherent of the so-called Nurnberg school of economics, Erhard was next to Adenauer in opposition to government control of business. The results of the election are now proof that West Germany draws closer and closer to the West. This new sense of security was another reason for thanksgiving. Despite the crowded condition in housing there is more than enough in clothes and food in West Germany. Thanksgiving for their own good conditions and prayers for their brothers behind the iron curtain were filled with real meaning.

But I kept thinking about the one back home which would come on November 28. The football games, the turkey dinners, the friendly gatherings of friends and families came before my mind. Most of all there was the thought of earnest Christians at home like those around me in the chapel who had enough spiritual strength to solve the problems of man's relation to God and to man. And the prayer went up that the people I missed and loved at home would make this coming Thanksgiving a time of dedication to God, a time when the spirit of the pilgrim fathers would return in new strength to us today.

provement over the past few years. Further, the assemblies sponsored by Training Union show a high degree of leadership. Their programs "go somewhere." The old idea of assemblies for recreation only is out! A fourth reason is that the best of young leadership is now being claimed for Training

Union forces all the way from the local level to the level of the outreach of Southern Baptist work.

When you attend your "M" night next month, look for these things. Search your own heart. Re-evaluate the Training Union program of your own church and resolve to be a part of it.



# Our Maximum For Christ

I Corinthians 15:57-58

By REL GRAY

(President's Address to the 104th Session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, November 19, 1957)

THE WORD OF GOD came to Noah saying, "The end of all flesh is come; make an ark of gopher wood." Then did Noah according to all God commanded. Noah in obeying God gave his maximum.

## Arkansas Baptists Must be Steadfast

We are living in a changing world. Habits are changing. Customs are changing. Churches are changing. People are changing locations. Governments are changing. Those changes have made a definite impression upon our society. However, in the midst of these changes one finds that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with Grace."

We are living in one of history's most difficult periods, and in an hour of widespread disruption, confusion, diversion and aggression. Temporary expedients have diverted our attention from valuable fundamentals.

The most fundamental fact of all is that the spiritual forces which have motivated our nation in its period of greatness have been too frequently forgotten. We can now see all too clearly the devastating effects of the resultant secularism on our Christian way of life.

The present record of law violation has become a state and national disgrace. Today, one out of every sixteen persons in the United States has been arrested and fingerprinted, while one out of every thirty-one persons has been convicted of one or more violations of the law. One family out of nineteen was affected in some manner by crime last year. The enormity of the crime problem is reflected by the fact that for each dollar spent on education, one dollar and eighty-two cents is diverted to the cost of crime. For each dollar given to the churches of this nation, crime costs us ten dollars.

When spiritual guidance is at a low ebb, moral principles are accordingly in a state of deterioration. Secularism advances in a period when men forget God.

Internally and externally the world needs a change from the paralyzing "viruses" of hate and fear — not just a mere local application, but a real blood transfusion. Science has performed wonders, but it has not been able to bring peace. Material progress has brought great wealth but not peace of mind. Medicine has overcome most of the dread diseases of a contagious nature, but functional diseases have increased. Juvenile delinquency is on the rampage in many areas. Happiness, in

the opinion of many people, seems to depend upon external stimuli for which the individual spends far too much time and money on transient pleasures.

Have we turned religion into mere institutional worship, forgetting that the strength of our ancestors lay in their strong conviction of personal relationship with God? They did not have radios and televisions, but they also did not have stomach ulcers and nervous breakdowns and hardening of the arteries as we are plagued with today.

In the light of present-day trends is it asking too much for Arkansas Baptists to give their maximum for Christ? Our maximum for Christ means holding steadfastly to the teachings of the Book, the Bible.

We must hold steadfastly to the Bible teaching concerning sin. The world has its interpretation of the word "sin." But the Bible is plain on the subject. Sin is the transgression of the law. Jesus said, "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." He that knoweth to believe on the Lord and doeth it not, to him it is sin. The wages of sin is death. Death will take the unrepentant sinner to hell.

We must hold steadfastly to the Bible teaching concerning salvation. Society has its own idea about salvation. But the Bible is plain on the subject. Salvation is of the Lord. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

We must hold steadfastly to the Bible concerning the church. There are many erroneous ideas circulated concerning the church. The Bible is plain on this subject. Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The membership of the New Testament Church is made up of baptized believers banded together specifically to carry out the instructions of Christ.

As a member of a New Testament church we believe in the virgin birth of Jesus; the death, burial and resurrection of God's Son. We believe He is coming again to receive his own and set up a new heaven and a new earth. We believe in the infallible and unchangeable word of God. We believe in the sovereignty of the local church. We believe in a regenerated church membership. We believe the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism are the properties of the local church and not of the denomination. Above all, we believe in the Lordship of Jesus.

We must hold steadfastly to the principles, purposes, and programs of the Convention as set forth in the constitution.

## Arkansas Baptists Must Abound in the Work

Holding steadfast and being immovable is not enough. We must abound in the work of the Lord. In other words, let us practice what we believe. "Our Maximum for Christ" means projecting the work of the Kingdom to the best of our ability.

Let us abound in promotion of the Cooperative Program. Through the Cooperative Program all the churches can have a part in all the work of the Kingdom. Our "Maximum for Christ" through the Cooperative Program will win souls, train lives and send a light into the darkened areas of the world.

With the coming of a new Executive Secretary to take up where our beloved Dr. Bridges left off, Arkansas Baptists will have a team of leaders that will lead like Caleb and Joshua. The leaders in our various institutions and the leaders in the various departments at Baptist Headquarters are of the very best. As they follow the leadership of the Lord, we are well able to go in and possess the land for Jesus. However, our leaders cannot do the work without the constituency of the Convention cooperating and working with them.

When 1,150 churches with 300,000 members cooperate, there is power. There is enough money in possession of our people to build two new dormitories, a new dining hall, and enlarge the library on the campus of Ouachita College. We must give our maximum to guarantee the youth of Arkansas an opportunity to receive a Christian education in a Baptist school. When we fail to educate, we will abdicate.

Our hospital here in the Capitol City is in tragic need of a surgical building. This is a must if we are to continue the ministry to the sick and afflicted.

Our Children's Home in Monticello must have our Maximum in the Thank-giving offering if the needs of unfortunate children are to be met.

The Assembly in Siloam Springs and the camp grounds west of Little Rock provide excellent opportunities for the youth of our churches in the summer months.

We must abound in the Student Union program on the campuses of our state institutions. The state campus is one of the great mission fields of our state. We have a great opportunity to present Christ to intellectual foreign students. These students will go back to their native land as leaders. Wouldn't it be a blessing if they were Christian leaders?

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## Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

### Communism's Challenge

In his report to the Foreign Mission Board at its November meeting, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, pointed out the challenge to Southern Baptists of another meeting being held the same day (November 7) in Russia to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Communist revolution in that country.

"The free world has in recent weeks been awakened sharply by the evidences of remarkable scientific progress within Russia," he said. "The significance of these achievements is being felt profoundly as it is recognized that the future of the countries within the Communist bloc will experience accelerated industrial development . . . We must regard the future as promising a much more intensified appeal by the advocates of Communism for control of the minds of men and their political loyalties.

"It is realistic, therefore, to recognize on this day a fresh summons to a Christian world task. There must come from the areas which represent bases for Christian witness a fresh thrust on a world scale. This must involve a vigorous testimony at the home base so as to reinforce all efforts made abroad in the name of Christ.

"One of our grave dangers is that Christian people will go along on the basis of previous efforts being adequate for our present day. The philosophy of expending a highly disproportionate amount of our resources and effort upon our immediate surroundings must be rethought.

"We are called to some serious self-examination by remembering that in 1948, when the Advance Program was launched, Southern Baptists, with total gifts amounting to \$155,000,000, used 19.7 per cent of each dollar outside the local church for mission labor at home and abroad.

"After eight years of strenuous effort toward world mission advance, Southern Baptists in 1956 gave more than \$372,000,000 in the churches, but the percentage used outside the local churches, for mission work at home and abroad, dropped to 17.5.

"The trend indicated by these figures needs to be reversed. We must move toward sharing with the rest of the world a larger percentage of that which is given in the churches. We believe Southern Baptists will arise and meet the challenge of a reinvigorated Communist effort on a world scale."

### Flood Works Havoc in Spain

In his report, Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, emphasized the need for a degree-granting college in Nigeria. "A few days ago a missionary to Africa wrote about the dire need for missionary teachers in Nigeria," he said. "If a degree-granting college were now in existence in Nigeria qualified Africans

would be available for the secondary schools for which foreigners are being sought.

"But in order to establish a degree-granting college, we must have at least three-fourths of a million dollars. The very fact that both secondary and college education are clamoring for attention is indicative both of the favor of God and the desirability for immediate action."

Moving on to Europe in his report, Dr. Sadler quoted from Missionary Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., concerning the havoc wrought by the recent flood in the city of Valencia, Spain, and its vicinity:

"Valencia is beginning to dig out from under the mud and debris that was left in the wake of its worst flood in recorded history. Houses have collapsed, and are still collapsing; and there are ropes everywhere to keep people out of the way of falling walls — and all this in a knee-deep morass of mud that has filled all the houses and shops of these affected areas.

"We saw men loading bodies on the trucks, bodies that had washed up from the sea. The morgue is so full of unidentified bodies that the radio is announcing such bulletings as this: 'If you have the merest inkling that some relative or friend is lost, please come to the morgue to identify the body. The cadavers are piling up and there is a problem of space.'

"As far as we can tell, none of the Baptist folk lost their lives, but many of them lost all their possessions. We carried a little food and some clothing to as many as we could, and we will be able to do more later when we find out just who needs what."

Dr. Sadler continued with a report from Yugoslavia, where 265 persons have already been baptized this year, bringing the membership of Baptist churches in that country to 3,647. Eighteen young persons are now studying in the Bible school at Novi Sad.

Concerning the Near East, he said: "While we rejoice in the progress that is being made in all phases of the work in the Near East, one of the most inspiring aspects of our mission program is the spirit of the missionaries. They carry on their work from day to day as if Russia were not attempting to make their position, as Americans, untenable. They would be the last so to appraise themselves, but theirs is the spirit of real heroism."

### Cornerstone Laid at Institute

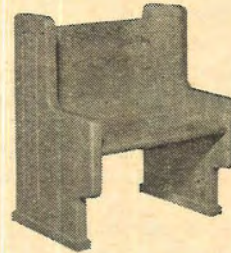
Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America who is now on an extended visit to that area, sent his report by airmail from Brazil. In it he gave some details of the cornerstone laying on October 20 for the Equatorial Baptist Theological Institute. Dr. Means laid the cornerstone and gave the main address of the occasion.

"Brazil has only half enough pastors for her rapidly multiplying Baptist churches. The Equatorial Baptist

Theological Institute is expected to help overcome the dearth of pastors by challenging earnest young people to heed God's call and by training them for kingdom service."

Dr. Thomas E. Halsell, Southern Baptist missionary from Arkansas, is director of the Institute.

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## TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

### "M" NIGHT — December 2

"M" Night—Mobilization Night—has become the largest meeting of its kind held in the Southern Baptist Convention. Attendance goal for Arkansas is 20,000. By November 19 we had received the "M" Night information from the following associations:

Arkansas Valley at West Helena.

Ashley at First Church, Hamburg, with a goal of 350 and Rev. Roy Lambert as speaker.

Bartholomew at First Church, Warren; goal of 500; Dr. I. L. Yearby, speaker.

Benton County at First Church, Bentonville; goal of 660; Rev. James Plietz, speaker.

Black River at Southern Baptist College; Rev. Erwin L. McDonald, speaker.

Boone County at First Church, Harrison, with a goal of 150.

Buckner at First Church, Warren; goal, 280; Rev. J. M. Gaskins, speaker.

Caddo River at First Church, Mount Ida; goal, 200; Rev. J. W. Buckner, speaker.

Carey at Bearden Baptist Church; goal, 316; Rev. W. Harry Hunt, speaker.

Central, with two meetings: Park Place, Hot Springs, Rev. Roy Lambert, speaker; and First, Benton, Rev. Carl A. Overton, speaker; all-over goal, 1,150.

Centennial at Almyra; goal, 300; Rev. R. H. Davis, speaker.

Clear Creek, with two meetings: First Church, Clarksville, Rev. Emil Williams, speaker; and First Church, Van Buren, Rev. Bob Parker, speaker; all-over goal of 900.

Conway-Perry at First Church, Perryville; goal, 150; Rev. Don Hallum, speaker.

Dardanelle-Russellville at First Church, Dardanelle; goal, 300; Rev. J. T. Summers, speaker.

Delta at First Church, McGehee; Dr. A. S. Newman, speaker.

Faulkner at First Church, Conway; goal, 250; Rev. R. V. Haygood, speaker.

Gainesville at First Church, Piggott; goal, 511; Rev. Owen Sherrell, speaker.

Greene County at First Church, Paragould; goal, 600; Rev. Wilbur Herring, speaker.

Hope at Beech Street Church, Texarkana; goal, 800.

Liberty, with two meetings: High School Auditorium, El Dorado, with Dr. Clyde Freed as speaker; and First Church, Cullendale, with Dr. Bernes Selph as speaker; all-over goal, 2,400.

Little Red River at First Church, Heber Springs; goal, 200; Dr. Woodrow R. Hannon, speaker.

Independence at Calvary Church, Batesville; goal, 200; Rev. O. C. Hill, Jr., speaker.

Little River at First Church, Nashville; goal, 300.

## EVANGELISM

### Soul Winning Testimonies

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

A Texas pastor baptized 719 people in nine and a half months. He said, "I preach Christ and Him crucified and



DR. YEARBY

people walk the aisle who have been contacted in the highways and hedges during the week. I am sure I do not win many from the preaching I do in the pulpit. It is my policy to try to speak to at least one person every day about Christ."

A Tennessee pastor says, "I baptized 1,150 in one year. I believe that 90 per cent of them were won by personal witnessing."

Another pastor says, "We organized in a tent 28 months ago. Now we have 702 members. Secret, personal work."

A North Carolina pastor says, "I have a conviction that people must be reached through personal work if they are going to be reached at all."

A Kentucky pastor says, "I believe in personal witnessing, teach it, and have fifteen consistent personal workers in my church. Seldom does anyone make a profession of faith in our church who has not been dealt with personally."

These are eloquent testimonies to the value and effectiveness of personal witnessing. It will get results.

Prepare for and observe Soul-winning Commitment Day, January 5, 1958.

Mississippi County at First Church, Blytheville, with a goal of 2,000 and a meeting for Adults and Young People and Dr. W. R. White as speaker; and one for the Intermediates-down, Dr. Loyd Corder, speaker.

Pulaski at Immanuel Church, Little Rock; goal, 3,875; Dr. Rel Gray, speaker.

Red River at High School Auditorium, Gurdon; goal, 750; Dr. John McClanahan, speaker.

Stone-Van Buren-Searcy at First Church, Marshall; goal, 400; Rev. J. Harold Smith, speaker.

Tri-County at First Church, Earle; goal, 500; Rev. Ralph W. Davis, speaker.

Trinity at First Church, Harrisburg; goal, 750.

Washington-Madison at First Church, Springdale; goal, 900; Rev. Russell Clearman, speaker.

White River at First Church, Yellville; goal, 285; Rev. Wayne Smith, speaker.

THERE ARE 17.2 million citizens in the United States between twelve and twenty, with more than \$9 billion a year to spend. Some 800,000 of them have steady year-round jobs, and more than 4.5 million earn money at odd jobs or part-time work through the year.

## Southern Baptists in Iowa

The Clinton Baptist Chapel is the only Southern Baptist church in our town. We are at present meeting at the Clinton Boat Club. However, it is our hope that we will soon have our own building in which to hold our meetings.

We would appreciate the prayers of the Baptists in Arkansas, and also the names of any Baptists who have moved into Clinton or the surrounding area from your state.

Thank you.

Clinton Baptist Chapel  
647½ 7th Ave. So.  
Clinton, Iowa

### Maximum for Christ

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Let us abound in church and denominational loyalty. Satan and his emissaries cannot cope with Christian loyalty.

There is another real problem we face today that should come under loyalty to Christ, the church, and the denomination. Never before in the history of this generation have we had as many unaffiliated, trunk Baptists as we have today. Never before in my ministry have I found it so difficult to enlist them. Literally thousands of professed Baptists are being lost to the cause each year in this avalanche of people converging upon the metropolitan areas. We have Arkansas Baptists scattered from California to Florida and from Maine to Texas. Let us abound in teaching the people to join a church of like faith and order immediately after moving from any location.

Arkansas Baptists, let us abound in sponsoring another state as we did Michigan. It was my privilege as your President to preside over the organization of the Michigan Baptist State Convention this year. The brethren in Michigan are deeply grateful to Arkansas for adopting the work in that great state. You will be happy to know that after seven years Michigan was able to organize with 52 churches and 20 missions. Registration for the first convention totaled 74. With paeans of praise and doxologies of joy, we thank God for the work south of the Canadian border. In the New England area of the United States there are other mission opportunities to mother a new work.

The power that will enable the churches cooperating with this convention to be steadfast and abound will come as a result of consecrated Christian living.

The power that will keep us steadfast in the teachings of the Book and abounding in the work will come as a result of gospel preaching.

The power that will give spiritual stamina and inspiration for work will come as a result of prayer.

May God help us to give "Our Maximum for Christ."



## Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

### CLIQUE IN CHURCH

**QUESTION:** We have in our church a little group of people who are not faithful, but for several years when the time comes to elect officers they always show up and vote for each other. This year the nominating committee, (a fine, spiritual group) decided to replace these people. Then, led by one woman, they nominated from the floor, and got people there who never came any other time. The meeting was bedlam.

My heart is broken. What are we to do? We have lost three preachers in seven years over this situation.

**ANSWER:** You say that "a little group" did so-and-so. If they are so small, how did they get the people elected from the floor? Where were the rest of you while they were beating the bushes to get their side out? A church is controlled by the majority of the people who are aggressive enough to get to the business meeting. I don't blame the preachers for leaving if you who believe in democracy are too lazy to get out to business meeting.

The Bible tells us what to do about people who form themselves into a clique. "As for a man that is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned" (Titus 3:10-11 RSV). And Paul said to the Christians at Corinth that "there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized" (I Cor. 11-19 RSV).

Real Christians do not join cliques!

**PHOENIX** — The 400-member Capitol Christian Church in Phoenix voted to become interracial. It is reportedly the first large Protestant congregation in the area to make a public statement approving interracial and the congregation "realized they must stay and serve the community or move elsewhere."

**MEMBERSHIP** IN Lutheran churches in the United States was 7,388,176, and in Canada, 230,125, in 1956, or a total of 7,618,301, a gain of 3.3 per cent, over the previous year. The churches reported a record 3,633,470 pupils in Sunday schools, Vacation Bible schools, released-time schools, and parochial schools. The number of ordained ministers increased 58 to 17,075. Property valuation increased 10.5 per cent to a record \$1,500,571,682.

**ISRAEL HAS** granted permission to a corporation headed by three Minneapolis conservative Protestant churchmen to start a graduate school of biblical studies in Jerusalem. Students who attend the school will be able to do "unlimited digging" at ancient biblical sites.

## WMU

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

### North American Baptist Women Meet

AMONG THE MORE than one thousand Baptist women who attended the Second Continental Assembly of the



North American Baptist Women's Union which met in Toronto, Canada, November 5-7, were Misses Elma Cobb, Emma Riley and Nancy Cooper of Little Rock; Mrs. M. H. Simmons of El Dorado and Miss Irene Chambers of Pocahtontas. Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, Portland, Oregon, Chairman of the Union and past president of the American Baptist Convention, presided.

Delegates attending represented the woman's organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Convention, North American Baptist General Convention, The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec's National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention, Inc., Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Baptist Union of Western Canada, United Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

Mrs. George R. Martin, Chairman of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, presented the chairmen of the Continental Unions which have been formed under her leadership. They were: Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde, Africa; Mrs. Ester de Silva Diaz, Latin America; Mrs. Hodge, North America; Mrs. A. C. Church, Australasia; Mrs. F. F. Pepper, Europe; and Mrs. Ayako Hino, Asia.

Among others participating in the most inspiring and informing program were Dr. Margaret T. Applegarth, well-known author and lecturer; Mrs. Edgar Bates, Hamilton, Ontario, first president of the North American Women's Union and now vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance; and Mrs. Firthjov Iversen, head of Baptist Women's work in Norway.

The Third Continental Assembly will be held at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1962.

### 1957 DISTRICT MEETINGS

The garcious response given the 1957 District Meetings of Women's Missionary Union is reflected in the following report:

Central, attendance 257, offering \$139.76; Northwest, attendance 237, offering \$198.13; West Central, attendance 339, offering \$141.81; Southwest, attendance 280, offering \$139.07; Northeast, attendance 354, offering \$176.70; North Central, attendance 191, offering \$107.57; East Central, attendance 289, offering \$212.35; Southeast, attendance 315, offering \$158.36; total attendance 2,262, total offering \$1,273.75.

Miss Josephine Scaggs, missionary to Nigeria, was guest speaker at each meeting and was recipient of the offerings (except in East Central District where it was shared with Mrs. Ruben Franks of Chile). A portion of the total was designated for books and other equipment for the Bible School for the training of native pastors founded and directed by Miss Scaggs.

In spite of prevailing illness in the state during the season of the meetings, total attendance surpassed previous years.

### RA's Have a Unique Ministry

The camping program, recreation, crafts, the ranking program, and other activities play an important role in this week-day organization for Southern Baptist boys. The kind of fellowship and play they have during the week has a great influence on the lives of the boys. Boys identify themselves with the leaders that they admire and want to imitate. It is important that Christian men be with boys in informal situations on a comradeship level and demonstrate before them the kind of Christian character and behavior that will encourage them to follow their example. The recreational program of Royal Ambassadors helps provide this favorable climate for Christian character development.

Leadership of boys in the Royal Ambassador organization gives to men in the churches an opportunity to perform a very real Christian service.

Boys in the churches need to have a sense of divine vocations. God has a plan for every life. God is interested in the career of every boy, whether that boy should ultimately become a foreign missionary or a public school teacher, a banker, or a minister of education. Unfortunately, many young people have wrongly assumed that God has nothing for them to do if he does not call them into some church-related vocation. Through Royal Ambassadors the finest young men in the church family have an opportunity to discover God's plan for their lives and to develop a sense of purpose and direction. —Allen W. Graves

**VIENNA** — The Austrian Catholic Press Service says that a special internment camp for Roman Catholic priests was opened recently by Hungary's Communist government. It says that police have interned an undisclosed number of priests who were known to sympathize with the Hungarian freedom fighters.

**IN GERMANY,** A 4,500-year-old skeleton of a young mother bearing a nine-month-old unborn child in her womb was found during excavations at Zauschwitz near Piegau, East Germany. The skeleton was in a crouching position, like 30 others found earlier in the same area.



## Great Need of the Rural Church

By Carl A. Clark

Professor, Pastoral Ministry and Rural Church Work Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Fort Worth, Texas

Perhaps the most serious weakness of most rural churches is the failure to make a definite church plan and then follow that plan as a program of operation.

I recently visited a church of 33 members which has had a splendidly planned program.

Over a period of twelve months, the church has worked on 67 specific projects of improvement. The projects included the redecoration of the building, the placing of a sign on the church, the construction of a new rostrum, building new pulpit and new pulpit furniture, the building of some new benches in the classrooms, strengthening their financial program, and so on.

Among the results of planning in this church, one can see a significant increase in every phase of the program. For example, in 1956 the Sunday School averaged 21 in attendance. So far in 1957, it has averaged 30.2. In 1956, the Training Union averaged 17, so far this year it has averaged 30.

Giving has increased to such extent that they say the pastor has been paid his salary each week for the first time, apparently, in the history of the church, or at least in a good many years. In 1955, the church gave an average of \$6.58 per month to mission causes. In 1956, this increased to \$8.41. But for the past three months, the church has averaged \$28.48 per month

for mission causes. This is approximately three and one-half times what it had been before.

One of the first efforts was to take a Church-Community Survey, taking a census of every home in the community and building a map to locate the members and prospects. This Community Survey gave the church an opportunity to be in every home in the community, and invite the people to the church.

The church, in order to strengthen the farming economy of the community, invited the Agricultural Experiment Station to conduct a demonstration on the land of one member. The Experiment Station has conducted a demonstration of five varieties of maize and seven varieties of cotton, in order to find which variety is most adaptable to that immediate neighborhood. The cotton has not matured yet but the maize has. One particular variety of maize growing under identical circumstances produced \$21 per acre more than another variety. The farmers in the community, even though many of them are Catholic and Lutheran, have been interested in this demonstration, and it has gained considerable goodwill for the church.

The church is studying the new Forward Program of Church Finance and has already voted to conduct this program. I am personally quite interested to see what this new program of church finance can do for so small a church. We believe it will bring additional progress.

A church never does more than it plans to do. It seldom does quite all that it plans to do.

## Prayer

"Please remember the lost students who are on our campus," was the request made in our prayer service to-night by our president as the pastor asked for prayer requests. As I reflected on this request from the Administrator of our college, I realized how fortunate I am to be teaching in a Christian institution. Only in a Christian college would such emphasis be upon prayer.

To my knowledge this was the third time today that the importance of prayer was emphasized on our campus. In our regular chapel this morning a visiting minister spoke on "The Profit of Prayer." This afternoon in a special called assembly a chaplain from our Arkansas Baptist Hospital stated that only as a result of the power of prevailing prayer one of our students is recovering who was critically injured recently in an automobile accident.

I am humbly grateful to be connected with an institution provided by Baptists, where prayer is properly recognized and emphasized. Only eternity can reveal the influence of such emphasis.

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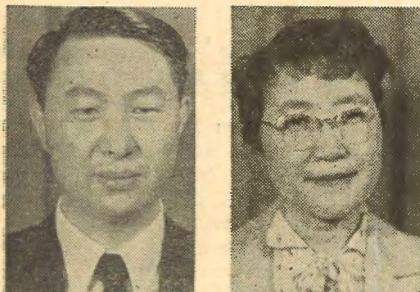
QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Ulcers often result from mountain climbing over molehills."

## That They May Know

By Jacqueline Penland

Had you been imprisoned for walking down a certain road, would you evade that road thereafter?

The life of Mrs. Don M. Kim is her answer to this question. She was im-



Mr. and Mrs. Kim

prisoned for almost six years, 1939-1945, for witnessing for Christ to Japanese military and government leaders. When she was released she weighed only 67 pounds, had no hair, teeth, or fingernails and toenails; she had lost

her sight and hearing. Broken and weak in body, an unquenchable, stronger spirit and faith burned within her. A faith that made her whole.

Now, she and her husband are missionaries to Koreans in Los Angeles, California. Daily they labor to make Christ known to their people. Mr. Kim has a degree in engineering from the National University of Seoul, Korea. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kim have degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

The constant flow of Korean students seeking higher education in and around Los Angeles come to know the Kims. From darkness and atheism many of these are led to Christ, many who will return to Korea to fill positions of leadership.

"WHERE WERE you last night?" the woman demanded of her husband. He started explaining, "Well, in the first place . . ."

"I know all about the first place," she snapped. "Where did you go after that?"

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"YE shall be witnesses unto me."  
—Acts 1:8

## Blessed Are the Eyes That See

WHEN THE 70 whom Jesus sent out to witness returned with enthusiastic reports, Jesus "turned unto his disciples and said privately, blessed are the eyes that see the things that ye see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear the things that you have heard and have not heard them."

What did these laymen see and hear that was so important?

They saw God's great power work through them. They saw unregenerate, selfish people convicted of their sin through God's word and made into unselfish, lovable creatures. They saw the terrible malady, sin-sickness, arrested; the spiritually naked clothed in righteousness of Jesus; the spiritually lost come home to the Father; the spiritually dead made alive. In short, they saw the greatest miracle ever enacted — human nature transformed. They said, "Even the devils are subject to us in thy name."

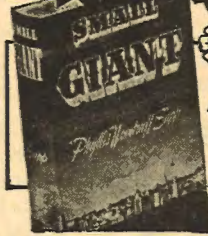
But the most important, the most exciting, the most astounding thing they saw was something that most Christians could see today but do not. These ordinary, unordained, illiterate followers were the media through which these miraculous performances occurred. Nay, not through priests and prophets did God do this great work. Kings and prophets had desired to see such power manifested. Before the veil in the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom, these laymen had been shown God's great plan for redeeming the world. In this new dispensation God speaks through, and His power works through, all followers alike.

Blessed are the eyes that see these things today. No more are sins forgiven through bringing an offering to the priest and the priest offering the sacrifice. No more does God speak to people only through a select group. Today all believers are "a chosen generation, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD" (1 Peter 2:9). We are taught that angels would rejoice at our opportunity.

—Fisher of Men

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB) — A church administration conference will be added to the Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist assemblies schedules next year. Including specialized classes and workshops for church staff members and all interested in church administration, it will be held during Bible Week, Aug. 7-13, at Glorieta and Aug. 21-27 at Ridgecrest. Howard B. Foshee, editor of church administration materials, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will direct the conferences.

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## November And Thanksgiving

By THELMA C. CARTER

There's something special about each one of the twelve months of the year. In November it's Thanksgiving.

Today Thanksgiving is a national holiday. But to the Pilgrim Fathers, the first Thanksgiving observance was a three-day festivity in which they gave thanks for the first harvest after their arrival at Plymouth on the **Mayflower**.

Under the constant threat of hostile Indian attacks, they invited a friendly Indian chief and his followers to take part in the thanksgiving feast, the children's games, and the military drill in which the Pilgrim men took great pride.

They must have been a weary people as they went about preparing the deer and wild turkeys for the feast. But the bright vision of a great nation to come and their faith in God were greater than the difficult burden of living in the wilderness of the Plymouth colony.

There could have been no more ideal month in which to dedicate their labors to God. November is special in itself, with many of the same characteristics of the staunch band of Pilgrim people.

Have you taken a look at the November world about you? How different it is from April, May, June, and July. November has a defiant, determined mood as its sharp winds sweep clean the corners of the earth, removing all traces of the lovely spring and summer.

Try to imagine the little Pilgrim children, drawing their capes and shawls more closely about their shoulders against the sharp cold air, as they joined in the hymn singing and prayers of their parents. You'll be very thankful for the safe, snug homes of today and for the Thanksgiving worship services in your church. You'll find yourself saying: "Giving thanks always or all times unto God" (Ephesians 5:20).

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### Dedication of Thanksgiving Offering

By Florence Pedigo Jansson

Dear God, accept these gifts we bring  
And bless them graciously;  
And hear, O God, the songs we sing  
In loving praise of thee.  
Accept our gifts, however small,  
A token from the heart; to thee, dear God,  
who giveth all,  
We give this little part.  
Bless those to whom these gifts may go,  
And help them understand  
The source from which all blessings flow  
Is thy unfailing hand.

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## A Smile or Two

A YOUNG minister just out of the seminary ran into difficulty with an aggressive program that he was promoting in his first pastorate. He was counselling with his father one day about some of his problems and his father said to him:

"Son, if a young fellow just out of seminary does not feel called to reform the world overnight, he doesn't have any religion. But if after ten years, he feels that the world can be reformed overnight, he doesn't have any sense."

—Brooks Hays

**NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT:** "In case you find mistakes in this paper, please consider they were put there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some folks are always looking for mistakes."

A SMALL BOY was learning to skate. His frequent mishaps awakened the pity of a bystander. "Sonny, you're getting all banged up," he said. "Why don't you stop for a while and just watch the others?" With tears still rolling down his cheeks from the last downfall, he looked from his adviser to the shining steel on his feet and answered: "Mister, I didn't get these skates to give up with; I got 'em to learn how with!"

THE FIRST DAY out on his first voyage an old gentleman became violently sick. After several hours he mustered up courage and strength to look out upon the troubled waters. Since the sea appeared smooth to him, the captain's cutting of the waves seemed senseless. As the mad steering continued the unhappy passenger finally crawled on hands and knees to where the captain stood, and raising his voice above the din of the waves and wind, shouted: "Man, keep in the ruts, keep in the ruts!"

IN AN ESSAY on "Things I am Thankful For," a little boy listed "my glasses." "They keep the boys from fighting me and the girls from kissing me!"

THE ARMY COOK had succeeded in whipping up orders of fried eggs for a hungry mob of soldiers. Wearing by his herculean efforts, he sat down to write a letter to his sweetheart.

"Darling," he began, "for the past three hours shells have been bursting all around me."

A TEEN-AGE GIRL decided to take her brother to a movie on his 12th birthday. Arriving at the box office, she put down the price of two tickets.

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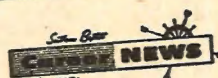
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## How to Advance the Gospel

By RICHARD S. BRANNON

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Batesville

December 1, 1957

Philippians 1:12-24

WHEN PAUL appealed to Caesar and was sent to Rome as a political prisoner, he attracted the attention and roused the hostility of the greatest national power which the world had ever seen. For the first time he found himself in the center of Roman influence, and the conflict between the world's greatest preacher and the world's greatest power began.



DR. BRANNON

For "two whole years" this bondslave of Jesus remained in Rome preaching the gospel. He was doubly a prisoner — a prisoner of Christ and a prisoner of the Roman government.

Earlier in his ministry Paul had founded the church at Philippi. His attachment to the Philippian Christians remained strong through the years. The congregation in this strategically located Roman colony stayed in constant communication with Paul, often expressing their love with material gifts.

When they heard of the Apostle's imprisonment at Rome, they sent one of their members, Epaphroditus, with a love offering. The Philippian letter is the spontaneous expression of the love which Paul felt for them.

Naturally, the Christians of Philippi were deeply concerned about the status of the gospel in Rome. "Paul is in prison," they said. "His life is at stake. Can the gospel of Christ succeed under such adversity?"

"Yes," declared the Apostle. "Yes, the gospel is being advanced in spite of all obstacles! The things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel" (v. 12). The word "furtherance" presents the picture of something that is impelled as a result of the striking of a blow. So the gospel had been impelled rather than hindered by the adversities in Rome.

The truth to be considered in this lesson is that the gospel is advanced by Christians witnessing in every circumstance in life, and consequently, they inspire others to witness, also.

### Witness in Every Circumstance of Life

While Paul's confinement was lenient enough that friends could visit him and he was permitted to write without restraint, nevertheless, he was bound, according to Roman custom, to the soldier guarding him. Although living within his own hired house (Acts 28-30), he was never alone day or night. The soldiers relieved guard in

constant succession. Consequently, many of them were brought under the influence of this "prisoner of Jesus Christ." The Apostle's witness was to individuals, but those individuals grew into a large number so that Paul's witness was "manifest in all the palace," and in all other places.

The word "palace" in verse 13 literally is the word "praetorium." This refers to the Imperial Guard. They were select men with high wages and special privileges. It was their duty to guard Caesar and his household. The Praetorian Guard was made up of some of the best soldiers.

It was to these men individually that Paul bore his witness, probably while chained to one of them. They observed the way he bore his affliction; they watched him work incessantly; they listened as he talked with his friends; they heard him as he inquired of their own spiritual condition. Undoubtedly their prisoner helped many a guard find "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

Much of our witnessing is spasmodic — perhaps only once or twice a year during a revival. However, Paul consistently spoke for Christ.

Here is a lesson for us. The advance of the gospel never depends primarily upon surrounding circumstances but upon the loyalty of God's people in witnessing to others about Jesus Christ. Christians should never allow circumstances to determine their attitudes. They should rather make their attitudes bend the circumstances to the glory of God.

A devoted Christian went to the hospital to undergo surgery. He was there for many weeks and in critical condition much of the time. When he returned home, he declared that his was a glorious experience for he had been used to win some of the patients and workers in the hospital. The gospel advances when we witness to Jesus in every circumstance of life.

### Inspire Others to Witness

The Kingdom of God grew in Rome not only because Paul won some of the guards to Christ but also because his courage became an influence to strengthen and encourage the Christian church in Rome. C. B. Williams gives this translation: "It has become well-known throughout the Imperial Guard and to all the rest here that I am a prisoner in the service of Christ, and that most of the Christian brothers have grown confident enough, because of my imprisonment, to dare to tell God's message without being afraid" (vv. 13-14). Courage is con-

tagious. One Christian with the courage to witness will inspire others.

Paul could say, "I do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." But someone may ask, "What does a man in jail have to rejoice about?" The great Apostle was happy because his work impelled others in Rome to preach Christ. True, not all of the preaching was done of a pure motive. "Some, indeed, preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: the one preach Christ of contentions, not sincerely, hoping to add affliction to my bonds" (vv. 15-16).

The Judaizers were a group of Jews in the church who kept returning to the old legal systems which were not compatible with the gospel of grace. It must have been this class of teachers who witnessed to Christ out of envy and strife, in a factious spirit, only for the purpose of frustrating Paul, and to increase his anguish and render his chains more galling.

*But if these sectarians resolutely opposed St. Paul, they were hardly less zealous in preaching Christ. The incentive of rivalry goaded them to fresh exertions. Their gospel was dwarfed and mutilated; it ignored the principle of liberty which was a main feature of the true Gospel: but though their motives were thus unworthy and their doctrine distorted, still 'Christ was preached': and for this cause, smothering all personal feeling, the Apostle constrained himself to rejoice. (Lightfoot, page 18)*

Success in any realm begets jealousy. It is possible that some folk will serve Christ with an obsession which grows out of their envy. Have you ever known a church, a class, or some religious institution which struggled for growth just to outdo another group? Undoubtedly their impure motives are wrong, but if Christ is being preached, then we, like Paul, have something in which to rejoice.

It should be remembered, however, that serving Christ in love is the superior motive. Contention and rivalry may advance God's kingdom in terms of quantity, but when Christ is preached in love, God's work advances in quality!

We may live in a different age and face a different type obstacle, but the way to go forward in the work of God is the same as in Paul's day. That is by taking advantage of every opportunity to witness regardless of circumstances.

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**Arkansas Baptists and the Future**

WE WRITE THIS on the eve of the State Baptist Convention, Monday, November 18, because the Arkansas Baptist must go to press on Tuesday. By the time the article appears, many will have attended the 104th Session of the Convention and know first-hand exactly what happened. But we want to take a look at the future of our Convention:

**DR. DOUGLAS**

In preparing "The Book of Reports" for the 104th Session of our Convention, and in studying the programs of past Convention meetings, we had another opportunity to take a look at our past. Immediately we thought of the words in Isaiah 51:1, "Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." In exhorting the people to trust in God, Isaiah said, "Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him."

There is a bend in the St. Lawrence River through which the Great Lakes steamers must pass. To navigate this turn requires expert piloting. Nearing this point the captain stands in the stern of the ship and faces backward in order to get his bearing from a large tree on a low hill. Then the captain is able to swing the giant ship around the sharp turn with only inches to spare in his clearance of the banks. The pilot looks backward for a conspicuous marker that he may steer his ship safely ahead.

By taking a backward glance we can profit by the victories and defeats of yesteryears.

**Before the Cooperative Program**

AFTER WORLD War I, the Baptists of the fabulous twenties saw the need of a united effort in gearing the Convention program to the times. The Bible plan of stewardship had been somewhat neglected in the local churches, and, therefore, money to finance a denominational program was scarce. Special offerings, special financial drives and loan-floating seemed to be the order of discussion in nearly every de-

nominal meeting. The side issues, evolving from the main issue, included the type of work that should be done on the denominational level. Some were afraid to do much organized denominational promoting because that might border on ecclesiastical control and do away with the autonomy of the local church. Too, there was much talk of the evolution theory of man, but, apparently not enough talk about the Bible plan of stewardship on the local level.

**The Cooperative Program**

THE BAPTISTS of 1930 did not dream that they were facing, within a few months, the worst financial crash of all times. These church leaders did not realize it, but the fabulous twenties had ended, and the meager thirties had begun. The All-Seeing Eye of The Omnipotent Father had known all of this and led the people, in 1925, to adopt the Cooperative Program. This plan has helped Arkansas Baptists and Baptists around the world to pool their efforts in taking the gospel to dying men. More money per-capita-wise and dollar-wise has been given to the World Mission Program through this plan than any other method used by Baptists.

But, because of the tremendous debts incurred during the fabulous twenties and the lack of the proper approach to the doctrine of stewardship, our churches' and denomination found themselves in a sad plight. After almost a decade of struggling, manipulating, fretting and fuming, mixed with real concern, sincere prayers and honest effort, Arkansas Baptists were able to see daylight because they were permitted to pay off all debts at the rate of 35c on the dollar.

World War II came along and the prospect of the "twenties" looked like a financial panic when compared to the "eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow you may die" attitude of people during the "forties."

After the Second World War ended and our people had time to think, they, under the leadership of Dr. Ben L. Bridges, general secretary-treasurer, started planning to pay the remainder of the debt, 65 per cent of the total. This problem caused misunderstanding, ill-feeling and doubt on the part of some, when it was brought to the Convention session of 1943. After much effort and real sacrifice on the part of many Arkansas Baptists, the debts were finally paid in 1952.

**The Future Bright**

DR. S. A. WHITLOW has been elected general secretary and treasurer, and will assume the duties of the office, January 1. He comes into the work with the experience, the knowledge, and know-how to use the Baptist assets to promote the Kingdom of God around the world.

Our denomination is on a sound financial basis and the Cooperative Program is more and more becoming the life-line of all our work.

The Forward Program of Church Finance is fast proving that it is destined to become the standard of our churches. When this happens, our churches will be able to go on a percentage basis of giving through the Cooperative Program. Too, if our churches become better stewards of that which the members give (I believe they will) the denomination will get a larger share of the total church receipts.

With God's grace, love and compassion in our hearts, Arkansas Baptists can and will lift their sights, enlarge their horizons, push back spiritual frontiers, and claim the promises of God. Mr. and Mrs. Reader, why not re-dedicate life and pocketbook to that high service—NOW?—Ralph Douglas

**Facts of Interest**

THE ILLICIT drug traffic in the United States is believed to gross more than \$500 million annually. Recently, the United States reported to have smashed one of the biggest of the drug smuggling rings, which did a \$100 million business in the past five years.

WHILE THE first session of the Eighty-fifth Congress was constantly involved in deep appropriation cuts in the name of economy, it decreed appropriations at a rate of \$700,000 a minute — a total of \$59,589,731,631, or \$5 billion under last year's.

A RECORD of 205 billion cigarettes was smoked in the United States in the first six months of this year, 4.4 per cent more than in the same period of 1956.

MORE THAN two thirds of America's teen-agers own their own cameras and took 600 million snapshots in 1956. Teen-agers account for about 70 per cent of the music industry's single-record sales, spending some \$150 million a year for records. Half of all small-radio sales are to teen-agers; and 2.5 billion gallons of gas — 5 per cent of the nation's annual consumption — are used in jalopies and for cars.

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