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Board Takes Steps

THE EXECUTIVE Board took steps in its December 6 meeting to undergird our Christian education program. A committee of the Board was requested to work in concert with the administration of Ouachita College to present a program to the next Convention to undergird and strengthen the endowment assets of the college. The mounting cost of Christian education will require a larger income for the college than can likely be met out of the regular Cooperative Program income of the Convention.

The Board also joins with the college to enlarge the week of Bible study provided by the college for our pastors in the state. Many of our pastors feel the need of a special period of study. The week of July 24-28, 1961, has been set aside for this purpose. A strong faculty from our seminaries will be provided. Our churches will be urged to make it possible for their pastors to attend this full week of study. This can be made one of the greatest ministries our college and denomination provides.

Steps are being taken to set up a separate Department of Evangelism, and through a different organ-



DR. WHITLOW

izational approach to make more effective our state mission program. Baptisms in Arkansas have been on the decline for several years. The Board is going to leave no stone unturned to strengthen this most important phase of our state work.

A three-year plan of the other phases of work committed to the Executive Board is being planned for 1962-64. Careful study will be given a program for the care of the aged. This is a phase of work that will be commanding more of our attention in the immediate years ahead. The matter of a chair of Bible in our Student Centers on state college campuses will also come in for a careful look.

In all, the December meeting was one of the most promising and profitable meetings of our Board in recent years.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

Victory At Ft. Smith

THIS IS the story of another victory. Ft. Smith's Southside Church, where Rev. Marvin Gennings is pastor, has just completed a stewardship campaign. The church used all of the steps in the Forward Program of Church Finance to present the total financial picture of the church and denomination.



DR. DOUGLAS

Brother Gennings came to Southside from 1st Church, Eufaula, Okla. While pastoring the church at Eufaula, he used the Forward Program and led in erection of a new church building.

For the past year, Brother Gennings has served as Stewardship and Cooperative Program Chairman of the West Central District.

We want to share some of these victories with you.

BUDGET GOALS	
1959	1960
54,572	78,631

PLEGGED	
1959	1960
42,444	68,545

TITHERS	
1959	1960
168	308

PLEDGERS

1959	1960
360	548

The budget goal increased 44 per cent. The number of tithers increased 83 per cent and the number pledging to 52 per cent.


Last year the church gave \$7,961 through the Cooperative Program and if the budget goal is reached this year the church will give over \$12,000 through the Cooperative Program. Think of it! An increase of over one-third in world missions and at the same time more dollars to spend than they had last year to keep the work going in the home church.

We do a lot of writing and talking about world missions, and rightly so, because the average Baptist church does not give much money, percentage-wise, to world missions through the Cooperative Program. We need strong, evangelistic, Bible teaching, Stewardship emphasizing churches.

Certainly all of us should be busy at the job of using God's plan of teaching. Jesus never did dodge or avoid the doctrine of Stewardship; especially the stewardship of money and possessions. So, why should we continue, in most cases, to apologize and to minimize when it comes to Stewardship?

Southside Church has had strong leadership from its beginning. Brother Victor H. Coffman was the pastor for a number of years and the church has done well in all phases of its program. But, even when a church has had a good financial program, victories can be won if stewardship is present on the Forward Program of Church Finance level. Here again, is proof for the statement.

No doubt, some in the church believed during the Forward Program emphasis that the church was using the wrong approach to the stewardship of finance. And we might add, if they are like most of that category, they are not convinced yet that the church did the right thing; however, the results prove that the spirit of God was directing the leaders.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary ■



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BULLETINS

— — By Baptist Press

THE Home Mission Board has assigned a missionary couple to work with Panamanians in New York City, beginning Jan. 1. The missionaries are David and Eileen Morgan, of Panama, who served for seven years as home missionaries in Cristobal, Canal Zone. The Morgans will work with a congregation of approximately 40 Panamanians of West Indian and Jamaican extraction, in Brooklyn, a borough of New York City.

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RELIEF funds totaling \$10,000 have been provided by the Home Mission Board for needy Latin-Americans in the Miami area, the most of whom fled from turbulent conditions in their homelands. Approximately 300 additional Latin-Americans are reaching Miami each week, Courts Redford, executive secretary of the mission board, estimates. He states that the Spanish population of Miami has risen from 60,000 five years ago to 135,000. A building for distribution of the relief money has been provided by Central Baptist Church, in Miami. Most of the funds will go for food supplies.

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COLORADO Baptists have voted to secure a new headquarters building in southeast Denver, about two miles from their present offices. Presently the staff offices are housed in a residence next door to Virginia Park Baptist Church. The present state headquarters building is expected to be acquired by the church for needed expansion. The move is expected to be completed within the next year.

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ROMAN Catholics are concerned over what they regard as a need to improve the "image of the Church, the way the Catholic Church appears to the general public," according to an article by Donald J. Thorman, entitled "Lessons from the Election," in a recent issue of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, National Catholic Action weekly. They are concerned, declares Mr. Thorman, that the Catholic Church be seen as a spiritual organization "concerned with the salvation of souls and not a political power group seeking dominance over the government of the United States."

Crotts Goes To 1st Church, Wynne

CHRISTMAS Sunday will mark the close of a seven-year pastorate for R. B. Crotts at Lepanto. He has resigned to accept a call to the pastorate of 1st Church, Wynne, where he will succeed Boyd Baker, who resigned several months ago and is now the new chaplain at State Sanatorium, Booneville.

Mr. Crotts is a native of Middlebrook and was reared in Fulton County. He is a graduate of Viola High School and Ouachita College and received his theological training at New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Crotts, the former Miss Thelma Lee Elkins of Bauxite, received her education at Ouachita College and at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro. They have a son, Mike, 16.

Under the leadership of Pastor Crotts the Lepanto Church received 450 members, 250 by baptism, erected a \$75,000 educational building; established a new record system and reorganized, increasing the number of Sunday School departments from five to 14 and the number of Sunday School officers and teachers from 25 to 70. The Sunday School and Vacation Bible School both reached the Standard. Attendance has increased in all departments and the budget has more than doubled. The auditorium has been redecorated and the church offices refurbished.

Active in denominational affairs, Crotts served as moderator of Trinity Association and for the past three years has been a member of the Ouachita College board of trustees.

The Lepanto Church has long been a subscriber to the Baptist state paper under the Church Budget plan, sending the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* regularly to its families.



PASTOR CROTTS

Letters to Editor

From the President

I LIKE your courage and conviction. I am sure all of us appreciate the very fine stand you took in the recent Presidential election and I am so grateful that many of our editors have been men of tremendous conviction during these trying days.—Ramsey Pollard, President, The Southern Baptist Convention, 70 North Bellevue, Memphis, Tenn.

REPLY: Thanks, President Pollard, for setting all of us a good example of standing unflinchingly for what you believe to be the right. ■

The Cover



"IT is assuring to realize that the Blessed Holy Spirit, the Music Master, can so unfold, develop, tune and touch our lives that we shall be capable of being the instruments of Gladness."—Dean C. Dutton

THE Training Union "M" Night motto, "Be thou faithful . . ." taken from the message to the church in Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-10), is particularly appropriate for our generation of American Christians. It is a well known fact that we as a people have grown soft morally and spiritually. The incidence of corrupt moral living among "respectable church people," even including ministers and denominational leaders, is becoming alarmingly common. There is much evidence of a moral tone-deafness among us. Those who commit the scarlet sins are to be found all too frequently holding their places unashamedly on the front pews, in the choir, and even in the pulpit itself.

*The Moral Softness
Among Church People*

Why is there not more evidence of genuine repentance among us? We have been more concerned at having our own way than at letting God have his way in our lives. We have centered more on having a pleasant and easy walk through life than at living sacrificially and bearing crosses for our Lord. We are becoming more and more aware of the fact that communists are frequently more zealous for their cause, false and godless though it is, than we Christians are for our cause.

A recent report by Evangelical Press Association states that young communists are gladly responding with their lives to the promise of the Red Chinese government of "twice the work for half the pay; no leisure, no reward." When the Red Chinese government began its Great Leap Forward, in 1957, it told the people of China that three years of sacrifice would earn for them "10,000 years of happiness." Today the ideal life is being portrayed by the Communist Party in China as consisting in "the have-nots having less still." A Communist Party leader recently declared to a group of young Chinese that a person leading a solid revolutionary spiritual life "can bear the handicaps of a poor material existence." "What," he asked, "makes us so energetic, so full of youthful spirit and so courageous at all times? This has nothing to do with the quantity of pork or sugar we eat, or the wages which we are paid." He challenged the young people to "find a more ideal spiritual life" through austerity and sacrifice and self-denial.

It might be well for us to consider at some length the church in Smyrna. It was a poor church, a persecuted church, a despised church. Many of its members paid with their lives for their faithfulness to Christ and his church. They did not join the church because that was the popular thing to do, because church membership would be good for their business or social position in the community. They did not join the church merely to have their names on the church roll while they had no higher regard for the church than if it had been a lodge, a civic organization, or a country club. God said to them through John: "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty . . ." but he added: "but thou art rich." Materially they were in destitute circumstances, but God, who knows all of us for what we really are, could see that they were spiritually well to do. But even God could not promise them an easy life in this world. He said to them: ". . . the devil shall cast some of you into prison . . . and ye shall have tribulation." But he also said: "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Somehow we Christians must wake up to the fact that the world is on fire and we constitute the fire department.

Thanks, Aesop

THERE must have been a number of interesting things happening to me during the past week that would have been worth reporting in such a column as this, if only I had been awake. But for the life of me, I can't think of anything to say. So I'll drop back on old Brother Aesop for two or three stories. These fables will have one thing in common — they deal



ELM

with personal relations or reactions to others.

A Kid [goat] was perched up on top of a house and, looking down, saw a Wolf passing under him. Immediately he began to revile and attack his enemy. "Murderer and thief," he cried, "what do you here near honest folks' houses? How dare you make an appearance where your vile deeds are known?"

"Curse away, my young friend," said the Wolf. "It is easy to be brave from a safe distance."

Then there is the lesson the bald man learned from the fly.

There was once a Bald Man, says Aesop, who sat down after work on a hot summer's day. A Fly came up and kept buzzing about his bald pate, and stinging him from time to time. [Flies don't sting, Aesop, they bite.] The Man aimed a blow at his little enemy, but — whack — his palm came on his head instead; again the Fly tormented him, but this time the Man was wiser and said: "You will only injure yourself if you take notice of despicable enemies."

And here is a pretty good yarn about one who could not make up his mind as to whose side he was on:

A great conflict was about to come off between the Birds and the Beasts. When the two armies were collected together the Bat hesitated which to join. The Birds that passed his perch said: "Come with us;" but he said: "I am a Beast." Later on, some Beasts who were passing underneath him looked up and said: "Come with us;" but he said: "I am a Bird."

Luckily at the last moment peace was made, and no battle took place; so the Bat came to the Birds and wished to join in the rejoicings, but they all turned against him and he had to fly away.

He then went to the Beasts, but soon had to beat a retreat, or else they would have torn him to pieces. "Ah," said the Bat, "I see now, he that is neither one thing nor the other has no friends."

Erwin L. McDonald

Shining Lights

"WHY don't you take this man's picture, and put it in your paper?" An innocent and well motivated question asked you at the state convention made me wonder if you ever got an issue of the **Arkansas Baptist** to press without leaving someone out of the news, who wanted to be included.

Yours is a prestige position for you can publicize anyone you want. Alas, we are all such slaves to vanity. You could organize your own little army. Feed them on columns about them, and clothe them with their pictures. Allegiance to your band would guarantee mention in the "newmagazine," and the "upper echelon" would be known not by stripes and bars but by photos in all the issues. You could overthrow the Whitlowites.

Isn't this preposterous? Yet, sometimes it seems we are no longer preachers of the Gospel of Jesus, but little status-seekers flitting about from one influential person to another, living all our days on hopes of temporal glory and becoming gluttons on personal fame.

Many of us never get beyond the "recognition wish" of W. I. Thomas. We are content to bask in the sunshine of earthly praise and wallow in the mire of worldly esteem. Our ministries are no longer built on what we can do for Christ, but on the number and position of strategic churches we can pastor.

If Baptists ever become ecclesiastically top-heavy, it will not be the fault of the "big-wheels," but of the "little wheels," who would rather turn in order to glitter than to grind.

Thank you for sending to my desk every week a paper that concerns itself with issues rather than individuals and priority is decided by importance rather than influence. — E. A. Pipkins, Pastor, 1st Church, Manila.

P.S. After reading this over, the only reason I can think for writing it is that we will have a vacation Bible school in a few days, and we want to be sure to have a picture run.—EAP

REPLY: Thanks for opening up possibilities for exploiting my job that had never occurred to me.

Seriously, our problem is not so much with people who want to give us news to put into the paper as with those who, because of negligence or false modesty, do not report legitimate items. We believe it is scriptural to report your news, providing the reporter has the motive included in the scripture: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). — ELM

'Hate Literature'

WE who have been accused of grossly lying about Catholicism and Catholics in general have been either lied about or sadly misrepresented to the public mind. We have been portrayed as wild-eyed, illiterate, loud-mouthed religionists, having neither geographic or spiritual roots, who worm our way transitively from one crisis situation to another spreading a blanket of hate-mongering propaganda to all and sundry who are unfortunate enough to listen. This ludicrous caricature of Southern Baptists has been heightened by a prejudiced, Catholic-dominated press, exponent of the partial story, quoting only those pithy, out-of-context statements we Baptists are prone to make. How many of us were shocked to hear some allegation attributed to us which never entered our minds nor came from our lips?

I do not know personally anyone who distributed "hate literature" and know about only a very few Southern Baptists who did. Yet we have been depicted as the ring-leaders of that movement. I doubt if many of us would have used the spurious "Knights of Columbus Oath" even if it had been legitimate. Against the tyranny of Catholicism it is unnecessary to use anything except the kindest truth; that is enough.

But the unkindest cut of all came in the Editorial Section of the **Arkansas Baptist** in the December 1 issue. Mr. B. R. Blake in his comments hinted strongly that anyone who opposed Catholicism is either unAmerican or fraught with thoughts of personal gain and could quite advisedly be investigated by the F. B. I.

As for the editorial comments of Stephen Clancy from New Jersey I can only say "what a clunker." He indicates a steadfast conviction that the Catholic church has always been a patient and benevolent "granddaddy" imbued with an extreme tolerance toward those misbegotten sects which oppose the true church in word or deed. I am always surprised when anyone claiming to be knowledgeable can glibly maintain that the Catholic church believes and practices Separation of Church and State.

In the case of the aforementioned Mr. Blake, although he says he is not a Catholic it is obvious he is not a Baptist either. It is pathetic that most of these self-appointed consciences of the Christian movement who have been hurling barbs of bitterness at Southern Baptists since Kennedy announced for the presidency know almost nothing about Catholicism or Southern Baptists either. It would seem the only qualification for being such a critic is to know as little as possible about the facts.

Aren't you glad though that Mr. Blake is allowed to say what he pleases without being investigated by the F. B. I. or even by Montgomery Ward? He would perhaps be hurt to know that such privilege is not permitted in coun-

tries where the weight of authority is borne by the Catholic church.

If you are "not sleeping well" because of your fine and commendable convictions I hope this will lull you to sleep.

—Charles D. Graves, Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Van Buren

For Clarification

IN its regular monthly meeting at 1st Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Dec. 5, Little River Baptist Association voted unanimously to request that the following statement be published in the **Arkansas Baptist**: "In order to clarify any possible misunderstanding, we, the Executive Board of Little River Baptist Association, desire to make it known that our Association has not sponsored nor helped to sponsor any of the meetings that have been held within the geographical boundaries of our Association and advertised as 'Bible Conferences.'" — Ross O. Ward, Clerk, Little River Baptist Association

THE BOOKSHELF

Around the World with Elmer . . . Backwards, by Elmer Wheeler, Fleet, 1960, \$4.95.

Although there is more of "The Ugly American" showing through than we liked, Wheeler does give much practical information for those who are planning tours. His book will have its greatest appeal, however, for readers whose chief motivation is "wine, women and song." It is probably just as well that he was accompanied by Mrs. Wheeler, since he was planning to tell everything in book form. Read it at your own risk.

Behold the Man! by Walter Pope Binns, Broadman, 1960, \$2.50.

"It was a cynical poet who bitterly exclaimed, 'Pale Galilean, thou hast conquered!' He is not a 'Pale Galilean,' a pathetic victim of men's malice and cruelty. He is the most important figure in the world scene today, just as he was the central personality in Pilate's hall. He looks on when the rulers of nations assemble around the council table to make the decisions affecting the millions of earth. He listens above the clamor of voices in the stock exchanges. He is in the midst when political parties battle in legislative halls. He is the silent companion beside the harassed businessman who sits at his desk and ponders the problems of the hour. He is by the bedside of every weary sufferer. He sees the sparrow's fall."

Thus does Dr. Binns pay tribute to Jesus Christ, in the sermon which gives his book its title. Included in the book are eleven other sermons.

My Fifty Favorite Stories, by John Jeter Hurt, published by the author, 1960, \$2.75.

What happened when the noted Methodist evangelist Sam Jones came to Little Rock is told in one of the fifty

stories constituting this book by an early editor of the **Arkansas Baptist**. About the third day after an **Arkansas Gazette** staff writer had written scurrilous articles about Jones, reports Dr. Hurt, and with the reporter sitting down front in the Jones revival, the noted evangelist took first public note of the *Gazette*: "There's a little bit of a reporter that's been buzzing around these meetings trying to scare somebody. If all his brains turned to ink, there wouldn't be enough to dot an 'i.' If he was big enough to be seen, I would spit on him and drown him. All you people willing to promise me to call his paper tomorrow and tell them to stop it, Stand up!" (His hands went down to the floor, and when he lifted them high he seemed to bring the whole crowd with him.) Reported the *Gazette* business manager, the late Fred Allsopp (who had been the "little bit of a reporter") to Hurt sometime later: "What a time we did have all day answering 'phone calls."

We highly recommend this book, which can be secured from Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, or directly from the author: Dr. John Jeter Hurt, 215 Rumson Road, Atlanta, Ga.

E & R Budget Adopted

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — (EP) — A record budget of \$1,077,800 for 1961 was adopted by the Board of National Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at its annual meeting here. This is an increase of \$95,900 over the previous budget.

Major allocations in the new budget include \$762,840 in support of mission churches and special projects, and \$229,500 in loans to nine churches. E & R loans outstanding to mission churches now total \$3,200,000, it was reported. ■

School Matters Face Board In Kentucky

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. — (BP) — Growing pains at two Baptist colleges, the traces of a bygone day at another Baptist school . . .

The executive board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky faced these problems in its meeting here.

It approved a loan of \$400,000 to Georgetown College in the city of the same name. The government loan will enable the school to provide more dormitory space for students.

The board endorsed a bond issue of \$400,000 by Campbellsville College, at Campbellsville. The bond issue will secure needed funds for student housing.

Advance Stage of Budget Reached

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention reached its 1960 Cooperative Program budget for all agencies 24 days before the end of the calendar and budget year.

Checks from Baptist state offices in Virginia, Missouri, District of Columbia, and Alaska brought the total to \$16,394,274. The Convention operating and capital needs budget, in which about 20 agencies share, was \$16,386,900.

With the passing of this figure, all Cooperative Program receipts for the balance of 1960 were to go to Foreign and Home Missions Boards entirely. This included \$7,374 of the checks which brought the 1960 amount beyond the basic needs for all agencies.

The Foreign Mission Board was to get 75 per cent of the advance funds, as money collected after the basic figure is called. Home missions was to get the remaining 25 per cent.

Several years ago, the Convention entered the advance portion of its annual budgets in October. In 1959, the advance stage opened in November. While collections have increased this year, they have increased at a much slower pace than in previous years. The 1960 budget also is \$1.3 million higher than the

In Magoffin Institute at Mountain Valley, Ky., the board confronted a different situation. In time past when paved roads were scarce, and when public school facilities were not as available, Magoffin was a boarding school for elementary and high school grades.

Students walked over the mountains in eastern Kentucky to live and study at the school. They went home on weekends. Paved roads and better public schools reduced the need for a boarding school such as Magoffin.

An effort to make Magoffin a part of the Kentucky Baptist child care program did not succeed. The 1800 acres of school property will revert to heirs of the donors if the school folds.

The executive board appointed a committee to study what to do about Magoffin. ■

1959 budget.

The Foreign Mission Board looked confidently for \$800,000 from the advance stage which if received would also mean \$265,000 for home missions. This would make the advance receipts at least \$1.1 million and total December Cooperative Program income for the S B C about \$2 million, since it was \$815,000 short of minimum agency needs on Nov. 30.

Cooperative Program receipts mentioned do not include the share of them kept by 28 co-operating Baptist state conventions. The Cooperative Program is a channel to support Baptist work in the states as well as nationally and worldwide by the S B C. ■

William Brewer Dies

PINE BLUFF — William C. Brewer, aged 59, of Pine Bluff, sales manager for the Implement Truck and Supply Company here, died Saturday at his desk of a heart attack. He had been sales manager since 1936.

He formerly lived at McGehee and Fort Smith. He was a native of Ozark. He was a member of the Board of Deacons at the 1st Baptist Church, superintendent of the adult department of the Church, and a member of the Church Choir. He was a Mason, a member of the Little Rock Consistory and the Sahara Shrine of Pine Bluff and a past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Vennie Harris Brewer; three sons, W. C. Brewer Jr. of La Mesa, Tex.; J. H. Brewer of Conway; and John Brewer of St. Louis; three daughters, Mrs. G. M. Millinger, Little Rock; Mrs. Jim Massey, Dallas; and Mrs. Tom Criswell, Midwest City, Okla.; two brothers, Rev. J. F. Brewer, Helena, president of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and Hugh Brewer, Ft. Smith; three sisters, Mrs. R. H. Hall, Mrs. R. P. Hawkins and Mrs. Tom Lichty, all of Ft. Smith, and 17 grandchildren. Funeral was Monday at 1st Church, by Dr. Robert L. Smith. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Be Definite

BE definite.

Whatever job you undertake, go at it definitely.

Don't ramble or shamble toward the goal. Make a short cut. Go at the task, the day, the life ambition directly.

Talk definitely. Write definitely. Work definitely. Live definitely.

Have definite plans, definite actions, definite time and place.

The man of affairs does things, acts decisively. He appreciates others who have definite ideas and who act promptly, definitely. He can forgive lapse of memory, errors of judgment; but indecision, never.

The man of decision is above par in the market of men. The world of business is looking for men who can decide things. Responsibility is the job of deciding. To decide is to command.

Solomon, Caesar, Cromwell, Napoleon, Lincoln decided things ahead of their opponents. They won before they began.

See definitely. That's the way to learn to act definitely. See clearly. Act as you see. The decision consists largely of precision. The foresight of the issue, of the plan, of the campaign really does the deciding for you.

See keenly. Think keenly.

The man who "hems and haws" waits outside in the hall. The clear thinker, the clean-cut man of insight and action is demanded. Presidents' offices swing open to him.

"What shall I do?" is not the question to ask of others. Ask yourself, "What is to be done?"

If you know clearly what is the real problem before you, you know the answer quicker.

Stating the case is often finding the answer.

See what to decide, then decide on what you see.

Be definite and your reward will be definite.—E. S. Brandt

CLIMB the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of autumn.—John Muir

EACH day it becomes more and more apparent that all questions in this country must be settled at the bar of public opinion. If our laws regulating business concerns provide for proper and complete publicity—so that the labor of a concern will know what it is doing, so that the stockholders will know what is being done, and the public will have as much information as either—many of our present difficulties will disappear. In place of publicity being an element of weakness to a business concern, it will be an element of strength.—George W. Perkins

TO ACT in obedience to the hidden precepts of Nature—that is rest; and in this special case, since man is meant to be an intelligent creature, the more intelligent his acts are, the more he finds repose in them. When a child acts only in a disorderly, disconnected manner, his nervous force is under a great strain; while, on the other hand, his nervous energy is positively increased and multiplied by intelligent actions.—Maria Montessori

NO man lives without jostling and being jostled; in all ways he has to elbow himself through the world, giving and receiving offense.—Carlyle

A LAKE is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature. The fluviate trees next the shore are the slender eyelashes which fringe it, and the wooded hills and cliffs around are its overhanging brows.—Thoreau

Stewardship

PROPERTY is a divine trust. Things are tools, not prizes. Life is not for self-indulgence, but for self-devotion. When, instead of saying, "The world owes me a living," men shall say, "I owe the world a life," then the kingdom will come in power. We owe everything to God but our sins. Fatherland, pedigree, home-life, schooling, Christian training—all are God's gifts. Every member of the body or faculty of mind is ours providentially. There is no accomplishment in our lives that is not rooted in opportunities and powers we had nothing to do with in achieving. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?"

If God gives us the possibilities and the power to get wealth, to acquire influence, to be forces in the world, what is the true conception of life but divine ownership and human administration? "Of thine own we render Thee." All there is of "me" is God's estate, and I am His tenant and agent. On the day of our birth a new lease is signed. On the day of our death, accounts are closed. Our fidelity is the interest on God's principal. "That I may receive mine own with interest," is the divine intention. So live, that when thy summons comes to give an account of thy stewardship, it may be done with joy, and not with grief!—Maltbe D. Babcock

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LITTLE minds are too much wounded by little things; great minds see all, and are not even hurt.—LaRocheffoulcauld

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PEOPLE are commonly so much occupied in pointing out faults in those ahead of them as to forget that some, astern, may at the same instant be descanting on theirs in like manner.—Dillwyn

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IF we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon our immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles—with the just fear of God and our fellow man—we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity.—Daniel Webster

Baptisms Will Increase When . . .

by R. Othal Feather

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BAPTISMS will increase when there are 100 or more enrolled in Sunday School and 50 or more enrolled in Training Union for every 100 resident church members. This has been demonstrated by approximately one-third of our Southern Baptist churches, which have attained these proportions. These churches report at least 50 per cent more in baptisms each year than other churches with similar resident memberships.

When the total Sunday School enrollment is above the level of the resident church membership, the average Sunday School will be in contact with ample prospects for a perennial revival, usually a number equal to about 25 per cent of the total Sunday School enrollment.

These prospects include the unsaved and unchurched members of the Sunday School and the unsaved and unchurched parents of Sunday School members in the younger departments. They are the best prospects for evangelism and church membership in the community. They are either participating in Bible study and the morning preaching services or are being visited by Sunday School workers in well-organized churches.

When the Training Union enrollment approaches 50 per cent of the resident church membership, there are many more church members in continuous Christian training. This is true because Training Union members are almost always enrolled in Sunday School, and they usually attend both morning and evening worship services. They are thereby afforded twice the opportunities for personal development in active church membership with a deeper sense of obligation for consistent Christian witnessing.

Church Life Line

IT is true that Southern Baptists are growing larger Sunday Schools than the other major denominations, and Training Union is a distinctive Southern Baptist program. Nevertheless, the enrollment of these organizations must be maintained at a higher level in proportion to our resident church membership if we are to provide ample prospects and enough soul-winners to increase our baptisms. Inasmuch as our pastors use the Sunday School and Training Union as a means of sharing the responsibility for personal soul-winning, they emulate the pattern set by the Saviour and encourage optimum results. To be sure, there are other ways of promoting evangelism, but these techniques are basic to any continuous effort.

Means To An End

APPARENTLY the chief imperative of our present Sunday School and Training Union plan of work is

proper motivation. These organizations are not ends within themselves. Rather, they are the best means known for reaching, teaching, winning, and developing people. Frequently the greatest forces for local church evangelism lie dormant in the Sunday School and Training Union.

There are two church members enrolled in both Sunday School and Training Union for every unsaved and unchurched member of the Sunday School, in the average church. Furthermore, these three, two potential personal workers and one prospect for evangelism, are usually together for Bible study in the Sunday School. There is no more ideal relationship nor more conducive atmosphere for personal soul-winning in the life of any church.

For the past four years, 1956 through 1959, Southern Baptist churches have averaged 107 enrolled in Sunday School and 37 enrolled in Training Union for every 100 resident church members. The churches above these proportions, with few exceptions, have been our most outstanding churches in evangelism.

Recently an article appeared in the *Oklahoma Baptist Messenger* concerning the decline of baptisms in Oklahoma since 1955. It is noteworthy that Oklahoma Baptists have reported the same baptismal ratio as Southern Baptists for this period, namely one baptism for every 16.3 resident church members. During the four-year period, Oklahoma Baptists have had an average of 99 enrolled in Sunday School and 39 enrolled in Training Union for every 100 resident church members. This is very similar to the record of Southern Baptists for the same period, which no doubt accounts for their failure to improve in baptisms. These figures are based on the assumption that Oklahoma Baptists have had the same percentage of non-resident church members as Southern Baptists, approximately 27%, for this four-year period.

In a survey of 520 churches for 1959 in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, there were 187 churches with Training Union enrollments equal to 50% or more of their resident church membership and a baptismal ratio of one for every 11.6 resident church members. Sixty-nine of the 187 churches also had Sunday School enrollments equal to 125% or more of their resident church membership, with one baptism for every 10.6 resident church members. The remaining 333 churches, with Training Union enrollments less than 50% of their resident church members, baptized one for every 19.7 resident church members. These churches were grouped proportionately as to size in keeping with the varying sizes of Southern Baptist churches. (See Baptisms, page 18)

"M" Night Attendance

Good Despite Rains

DESPITE a general rain that covered the state, Baptists of Arkansas turned out for Training Union "M" nights in 42 of the 44 associations of the state last week for a total attendance of 15,469. This compares with the total of 16,939 for the 43 associations which held "M" night services last December. One "M" night is yet to be held, for White County Association, in 1st Church, Searcy, Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

A total of 793 churches and 632 pastors took part in last week's services.

The attendance by associations follows:

"M" NIGHT 1960			
Association	Attendance	Churches	Pastors
Arkansas Valley	343	14	13
Ashley	182	14	9
Bartholomew	311	12	12
Benton Co.	360	20	17
Big Creek	106	8	6
Black River	160	19	14
Boone	355	17	13
Buckner	207	17	15
Buckville			
Caddo River	96	12	9
Carey	303	14	13
Caroline	443	19	15
Carroll	148	7	6
Centennial	172	7	4

Central	532	36	25
Clear Creek	670	24	15
Concord	769	32	21
Conway-Perry	204	10	6
Current River	341	15	11
Dardanelle-Russellville	150	15	12
Delta	611	29	26
Faulkner	216	16	9
Gainesville	179	7	6
Greene Co.	543	29	21
Harmony	392	23	20
Hope	668	31	31
Independence	130	10	6
Liberty	1882	39	33
Little Red River	113	8	5
Little River	120	14	11
Mississippi	525	37	30
Mt. Zion	628	28	25
Newton	38	2	2
Ouachita	163	12	8
Pulaski Co.	1035	48	47
Red River	360	30	23
Rocky Bayou	154	15	9
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	199	13	13
Tri-County	270	21	15
Trinity	671	27	23
Washington-Madison	381	21	17
White County			
White River	245	13	9
Woodruff	94	8	7
TOTAL	15,469	793	632

Executive Board Completes Organization

ED F. McDONALD, Jr., pastor of 1st Church, Newport, was elected vice president of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at the annual organization meeting of the board in the Baptist building, Little Rock, on Dec. 6.

Pastor McDonald, who was named second vice president of the State Convention at the recent convention sessions in Fayetteville, also serves as chairman of the Finance committee of the Executive Board.

The board completed its organization with the naming of the following committees:

Operating Committee: Burton Miley, pastor of 1st Church, Springdale, chairman;

Terms expiring in 1961: Dale Cowling, pastor of 2nd Church, Little Rock; D. Hoyle Haire, pastor of 1st Church, Marianna; and W. C. Blewster, Magnolia.

Terms expiring in 1962: Burton Miley, pastor of 1st Church, Springdale; Leslie Riherd, pastor of West Batesville Church.

Terms expiring in 1963: Tommie Hinson, pastor of 1st Church, Paris; Charles F. Pitts, pastor of 1st Church, Blytheville; and William W. Warmath, pastor of 1st Church, El Dorado.

Serving as ex officio members are Bernes K. Selph, pastor of 1st Church, Benton, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and James F. Brewer, pastor of 1st Church, Helena, president of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Finance Committee: Ed F. McDonald, Jr., pastor of 1st Church, Newport, chairman;

Terms expiring in 1961: Hugh Cooper, pastor of 1st Church, Melbourne; Boyd Eldridge, pastor of Ingram Boulevard Church, West Memphis; Carl Kluck, pastor of 2nd

Church, Arkadelphia; Tom Lindley, pastor of 1st Church, Augusta; Floyd Marlar, Jonesboro; Woody Murray, Harrison; Ray Nelson, pastor of 1st Church, Heber Springs; Hugh Owen, missionary of Central Association, Malvern; and J. N. Shoptaw, Texarkana.

Terms expiring in 1962: Joe Anderson, Mountain Valley Church, Hot Springs; Dexter Blevins, pastor of Park Place Church, Hot Springs; John Danner, Searcy; Bobby Denton, pastor of Glenwood Church; Jay Heflin, Little Rock; Theo James, pastor of Arkansas City Church; Ed F. McDonald, Jr., pastor of 1st Church, Newport; Gus Poole, pastor of Green Forest Church; and Murl Walker, pastor of Oak Cliff Church, Ft. Smith.

Terms expiring in 1963: Marvin Gennings, pastor of South Side Church, Ft. Smith; Bill Hickem, pastor of 1st Church, Crossett; Lonnie Lasater, pastor of Temple

Church, Camden; Curtis Mathis, pastor of Central Church, Jonesboro; Paul Roberts, pastor of 1st Church, Little Rock; Fred Savage, pastor of 1st Church, Marion; Ernest Ward, Little Rock; and Emil Williams, pastor of 1st Church, Russellville.

Program Committee: H. G. Jacobs, pastor of 1st Church, Osceola, chairman;

Terms expiring in 1961: P. O. Harrington, pastor of Hardy Church; Bob Harris, pastor of Holly Springs Church, Hermitage; H. G. Jacobs, pastor of 1st Church, Osceola; Doyle Lumpkin, pastor of 1st Church, Sparkman; Tom Newton, pastor of Joyce City Church, Smackover; E. Clay Polk, pastor of Piggott Church; Eugene Ryan, pastor of Charleston Church; Pat Titsworth, pastor of Star City Church; and W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Terms expiring in 1962: Phil Beach, pastor of Rison Church; P. C. Church, pastor of 1st Church, Clarksville; A. L. Hart, missionary, Benton County Association, Bentonville; Clifford Lyon, pastor of Mansfield Church; Dillard Miller, pastor of Mena Church; Thomas E. Farrar, Jr., pastor of Wilson Church; Charles Taylor, pastor of Boxley Church; Harold White, pastor of 1st Church, England; and James Yates, pastor of 1st Church, Paragould.

Terms expiring in 1963: Troy Carroll, pastor of Murfreesboro Church; Mason Craig, pastor of 1st Church, McGehee; Ray Daugherty, Stuttgart; Vernon Dutton, pastor of Matthews Memorial Church, Pine Bluff; E. C. Edwards, pastor of Tyrone Church; Graham Fowler, pastor of Third Church, Malvern; W. E. Perry, pastor of Stamps Church; and T. J. Welch, pastor of 1st Church, Monticello.

Nominating Committee: Hugh Cantrell, pastor of Stephens Church, chairman;

Terms expiring in 1961: Delbert Garrett, pastor of Yellville Church.

Terms expiring in 1962: Hugh Cantrell, pastor of Stephens Church; and William West, pastor of 2nd Church, Conway.

Terms expiring in 1963: Richard Vestal, pastor of Corning Church; and Ben Wofford, pastor of Clinton Church.

Advisory Committee: Tom Digby, North Little Rock, chairman; J. C. Fuller, pastor of Old Austin Church, Austin; Paul Fox, Calvary Church, Little Rock; and Richard Perkins, pastor of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock. ■

Concord Association

McLARRY Observes First Anniversary

PASTOR McLARRY of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, has observed his first anniversary as pastor. During the year additional property has been acquired for future expansion.

The church now owns all of the property on both sides of N. 14th for one block except two houses. The long-range building program calls for a new auditorium, a new educational building and a new church plant for a mission in the Cavanaugh area of Ft. Smith.

The church has adopted a \$235,000 budget for 1961.

O. N. WEHUNT, who served the half-time Burnsville Church for a year, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the full-time Kingsland Church.

A. D. Kent, who served the Burnsville church for five years before he resigned to accept Highway 96 Church near Lavaca, has accepted the pastorate of the Burnsville church.

GRAND AVENUE Church has observed the first anniversary of its pastor, Paul McCray, by presenting the McCrays with a sterling candelabra. During the year there were 200 additions, with 75 coming by baptism.

THE SECOND annual January Bible study preview will be conducted in the Bluff Avenue Church, Thursday, December 29, beginning at 10 a.m.

Eugene Ryan, 1st Church, Charleston, will discuss "Historical Background of Corinth and Paul." Tommie Hinson, 1st Church, Paris, will give an "Outline for Teaching First Corinthians." Paul Graham, Spradling Church, will discuss "Discipline in First Corinthians." Dr. Walter Johnson, University Church, Fayetteville, will use two periods

to discuss, "Great Preaching Texts from First Corinthians." Paul McCray, Grand Avenue Church, will close the preview studies with "Spiritual Gifts in First Corinthians."

Orville Haley, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, arranged the program.

PORTER BLACK, first-year student in Concord Extension Center, has been ordained to the ministry by the Abbott Church. Black has accepted the pastorate of the Rock Creek Church in Buckner Association.

Ford F. Gauntt, Superintendent of Missions for Buckner Association, preached the sermon; Clifford Lyon, 1st Church, Mansfield, led the interrogation; Warren Leonard, West Hartford, offered the ordination prayer; Pastor Walter Watts brought the charge to the church; Moderator of the Association, Ernest Hogan, brought the charge to the preacher, and Elton Pennington presented the Bible.

ROBERT MORRISON, second-year student in Seminary Center, Ft. Smith, and pastor of the Arkansas Street Church in Van Buren, has received 43 additions to the church, 18 by baptism, during the past year and a half.

Plans are being drawn for an addition to the present plant that will house 21 Sunday School classrooms, kitchen and dining hall, rest rooms and baptistry.

Sunday School attendance has increased 50 per cent during the year and a half. ■

Attendance Report

December 4			
Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Berryville,			
Freeman Heights	165	81	
Camden, 1st	561	229	
El Dorado, 1st	926	332	
El Dorado, Parkview	242	89	1
Fountain Hill, 1st	66	30	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	456	132	
Huntsville, 1st	175	63	
Jacksonville, 1st	574	231	11
Levy	580	263	
Magnolia	771	334	1
McGehee	511	216	1
NLR, Baring Cross	809	277	1
Van Buren, 1st	434	167	2
West Memphis, Calvary	237	143	

Fort Smith Native Returns from Greenland Tour

CAPT. Jack W. Cutbirth, a native of Ft. Smith, has recently returned from a tour of duty as chaplain with the U. S. Army bases in Greenland.

Following his tour of duty at "the top of the world" he has been sent to "thawing" territory in Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Capt. Cutbirth was baptized and ordained at 1st Church, Ft. Smith. He spent two summers with the Arkansas Baptist Board in field work; served as camp pastor for three summers at boys'



CAPT. CUTBIRTH

camp at Ridgecrest, N. C. After spending 3½ years in World War II as chaplain assistant in Africa and Italy he studied at Ouachita College where he was named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." His seminary training was taken at Southern and Southwestern Seminaries.

His chaplaincy assignments have taken him to Korea, Texas, Georgia, and Thule, Greenland.

During his Greenland assignment he traveled 50 miles each Sunday holding services at the launch and control sites. Other activities included mid-week Bible study, character guidance lectures, visiting the hospital, and supervising GED test study.

His travels have taken him to Danish towns, Eskimo villages,

and well-known camps occupied by U. S. troops.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. L. R. Cutbirth, Ft. Smith, he described a visit to Camp Tufo, the U. S. Army Arctic Research and Development Center where he went into an ice cave. He writes:

"This cave reminds me of a coal mine and the regular mining equipment is used, but one comes out so much cleaner after work. The cave tunnels back into the Ice Cap many, many yards. The temperature was 11 degrees below zero, and I was without gloves, parka, winter underwear, or even ear muffs. You see, the 7th Army Group has gone into summer uniforms. . . . Being in the midst of ice from 1,000 to 2,000 years old made me feel so very young. We were under from 150 to 300 feet of ice, but there was less chance of cave-in than a regular coal mine. Two scientists showed us through. All types of experiments are being carried on in the cave or ice tunnel. One of the most interesting was to see where two pipes had been placed (one from ceiling and one from the floor) two inches apart, and yet in one year they had overlapped 12 inches. This means that the ice is moving. Can you believe that ice moves within ice? Where the ice has picked up rock or dirt the area moves faster. Air has to be pumped into this tunnel.

Of his tour in Greenland Capt. Cutbirth wrote his mother shortly after arriving in Nov. 1959: "There will be a lot of rough weather, hard work, and isolation from stateside luxuries, but I accept this as the greatest challenge I have ever encountered."

REV. and Mrs. Douglas E. Kendall, Southern Baptist missionaries to Indonesia, are returning to the States for emergency medical furlough and may be addressed, c/o Earl W. Kerr, 903 S. Adams, Dallas 8, Tex. He is a native of Worcester, Mass.; she is the former Katherine Kerr, of Batesville, Ark.

Central Association

James Heard Is New Pastor At Leonard Street

By Hugh Owen

LEONARD Street Church has called Rev. James Heard as pastor. Bro. Heard finished Ouachita College last spring, and formerly pastored the Anchor Church, in Red River Association. Malvern is his home town. He is married and has one daughter. His wife was formerly Margaret Chennault.



MR. HEARD

PINEY Church closed a revival Oct. 30 with Rev. Ray Branscum, pastor, South Highland Church, Little Rock, doing the preaching and Rev. Baber leading the singing. There were 16 professions of faith, 12 of whom joined the church by baptism and four joining by letter. Rev. Oscar Golden is pastor.

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The church has called Herbert Dungan as part-time youth director. He is a student of Ouachita College and has dedicated his life to youth work. His home is El Dorado.

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CALVARY Church, Benton, has taken over the Chamber of Commerce building they bought two years ago. They have redecorated the interior of the building and put floor covering over the rooms that needed it. This has made possible the organization of a Young Married Couple's department, a new class for young people, four adult classes and two more nurseries. This will give their Sunday School adequate space to grow.

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WILLIAM L. Williams, pastor of Vista Heights Chapel, a mission of

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This has been a gracious experience in the life of our church. On Jan. 3 this year we participated in the observance of Soul Winning Commitment Day. We ordered sufficient copies of the cards (E-9) to assure that every member of the congregation could have one in his hand. At the close of the message on the task of witnessing we considered the nature of our commitment and then we were asked to sign our cards together.

The invitation was given to the end that those who would do so might have an opportunity to publicly acknowledge their commitment. Throughout the year this has served a two-fold purpose. In the first place, it is an anchor point in the life of every individual who participated. It serves as a point of reference by which he may gauge the purpose of his life. In the second place, it gave a substantial reserve from which to draw for the evangelistic ministry of the church. ■

West Helena Church Has Dedication

DEDICATION services were held at Second Church, West Helena, Nov. 20.

The morning worship hour sermon was preached by Rev. Carl Fawcett, who was the first pastor. Rev. Lehann Webb gave the dedicatory address at the afternoon service. The pastor, Rev. Jack Porchman, preached the evening sermon.

The new sanctuary will seat 400. The building has modern heating, air conditioning and lighting system. A new piano and organ have been added.

Rev. H. C. Barnes Dies In Crossett

REV. H. C. Barnes, 74, died Nov. 6 at his home in Crossett following a lingering illness.

He has been pastor of churches in Drew and surrounding counties for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Luna Holland Barnes; four sons and five daughters.

Funeral services were held at Northside Church with burial in Oakland Cemetery.

JIMMY O'Quinn, of Garland, Tex., was the evangelist in a recent revival at 1st Church, Van Buren. He was assisted by the pastor, Rev. Charles D. Graves. Decisions included 24 professions of faith, 18 for baptism, 13 by letter and two by statement.

JIMMY KARAM, Little Rock business man and church leader, was the guest speaker recently at the annual football banquet in Queensborough Church, Shreveport, Dr. Stanley Jordan, pastor. On Dec. 11 he was the speaker at the morning services of Bethel Church, Little Rock. Engagements in January include: Jan. 18-20, Laymen's Institute, in Miami, Fla.; Jan. 24, Georgia State Evangelistic Conference, Macon; and Jan. 31, North Carolina Evangelistic Conference, Winston-Salem.

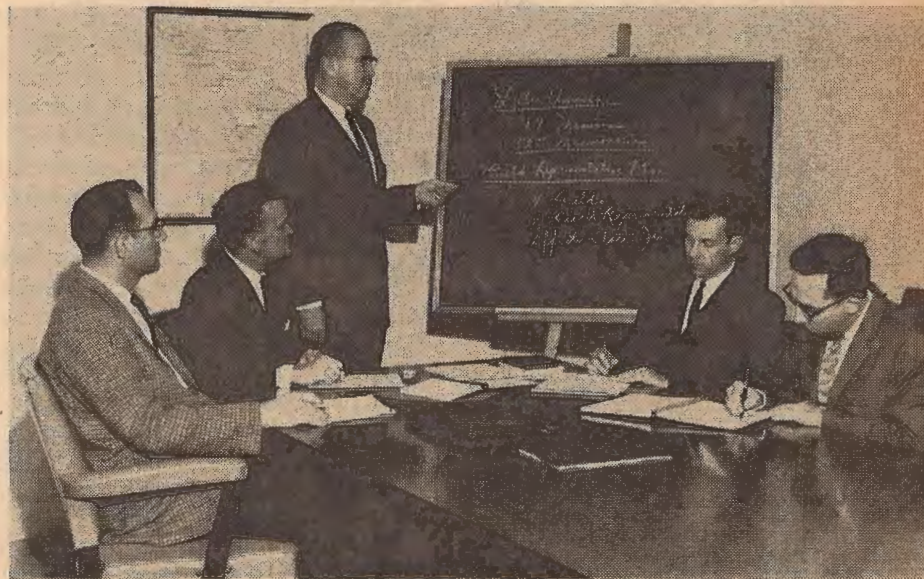
Ouachita Student To Sing With Symphony

CHARLES WRIGHT, Ouachita College senior from McGehee, was selected as one of three soloists to perform with the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra, Dec. 14.

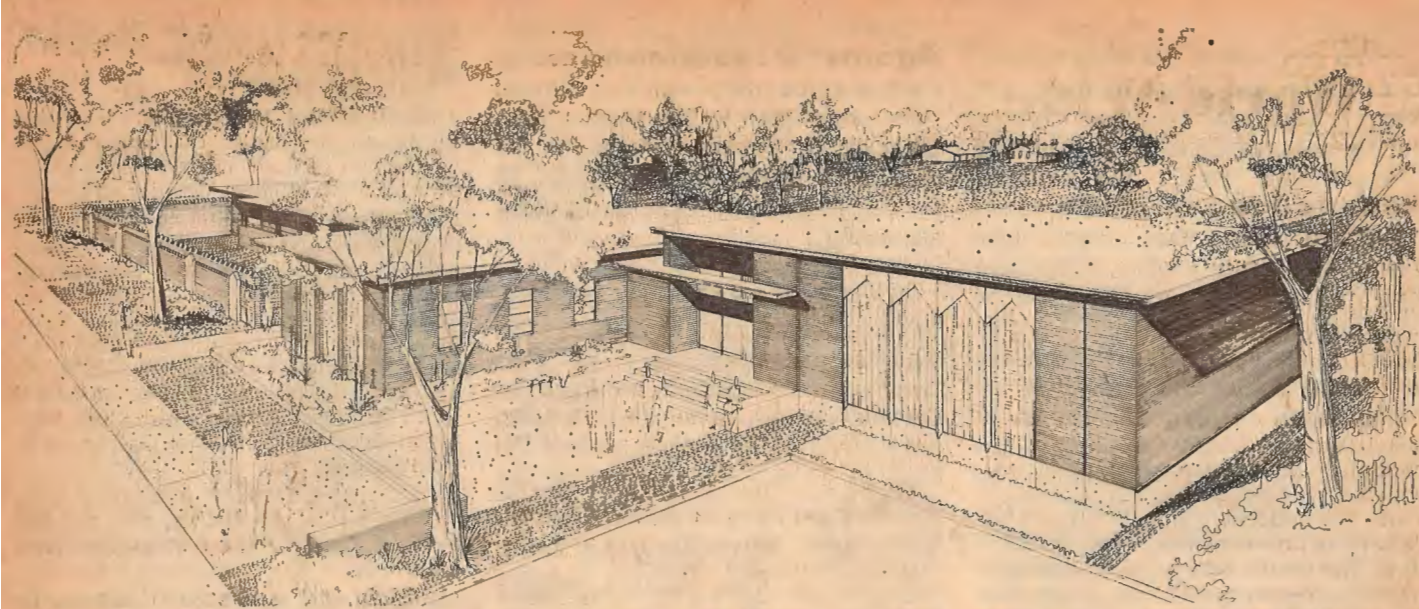


MR. WRIGHT is a baritone student of Miss Helen Lyon and was chosen from among 22 entrants in a contest in Shreveport. Others selected were a Centenary College student and a Baylor University graduate.

Wright is music director at 1st Church, Dumas, and has attended the Inspiration Point Workshop for the past two years. ■



DR. FRANK K. MEANS (standing), secretary for Latin America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, briefs four field representatives named this fall in the Board's program of strengthening administrative arrangements for Latin America: (left to right) Rev. Horace Victor Davis, for Brazil; Rev. Charles W. Bryan, for the area made up of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and the Bahamas (and any other mission fields which might be added in the Caribbean area in the future); Rev. William M. Dyal, Jr., for the area made up of Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay; and Rev. James D. Crane, for the area made up of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex. Under the new plan, effective Jan. 1, these men will serve with Dr. Means in a liaison capacity, interpreting Board policy to the missions (organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the recommendations of the missions to the Board. ■



ABOVE IS the architect's sketch of the new Baptist Student Center at Arkansas State College. Architects for the new center are Scot Farrell and Bob Robinson. The

building committee is composed of Dr. Frank Pitts, Blytheville; Jim Yates, Paragould; Walter Yeldell, West Memphis; Curtis McClain,

Harrisburg; and Dr. C. Z. Holland of Jonesboro. Construction is expected to begin about January 1.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary BSU

Baptists To Pledge Soul-Winning Effort

ATLANTA — (BP) — Southern Baptists will be called upon to begin the new year by pledging to win souls during 1961.

Soul-Winning Commitment Day will be held in the majority of the 32,000 Southern Baptist churches and missions on Jan. 1, according to C. E. Autrey of Dallas, Tex., director of evangelism division of the denomination's Home Mission Board.

"If the world is ever brought to Christ it will be done by the 'one by one' technique," Autrey said. "Men accept or reject Christ individually."

Church members will be asked to sign cards of commitment personally to lead others to Christ. The drive calls for sermons on soul-winning, visitation, and prayer for effective results.

A goal of four million soul-winners has been set, Autrey said. This is almost half of the total Southern Baptist membership of nine and one-half million.

State Baptist secretaries of evangelism have distributed tracts and posters promoting the event. Books, visual aids, and tracts are available for teachers of soul-winning training classes. ■

3 Seminary, 4 College Years Before Ordaining

CHICAGO — (BP) — TO BE ordained as a minister, a person should have at least four years of college and three years of study in a seminary. So said a commission of the American Baptist Convention, in Chicago. The commission on the ministry set 1965 as the date on which it hopes to apply this minimum requirement for education. After that date, ministers should not be ordained unless they meet the educational standard. Exempt from the new standard are ministers ordained before 1965. ■

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Pollard Chides About Concern Over Image

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (BP) — Ramsey Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, chided other Baptists here for their great post-Presidential election concern about a proper Baptist image.

"Baptists ought to stand up and be counted in this day and time," the outspoken pastor and critic of President-elect John F. Kennedy said. "I'm not worried about what other people think about Baptists, but I am concerned about what God thinks about us.

"When the Godless people of this

country and state start patting Baptists on the back, that's when we had better get on our knees and start praying."

Pollard was the principal speaker to an "M" night (Training Union) crowd of 2,993 at Bellevue Baptist Church here where he is pastor. ■

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Folks and Facts . . .

. . . Dean William Hugh McEniry of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., has been chosen president-elect of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He is the first dean to be picked in 10 years. The association, which met in Memphis, proposes accreditation standards for all high schools and colleges in the Southeast. (BP)

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Favor Red China

PALMERSTON NORTH, New Zealand — (EP) — The People's Republic of China should be admitted to the United Nations in the interests of world peace, say members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. The present situation is "farical," according to the Rev. O. Robinson, acting convener of the Assembly's international affairs committee. "Whether we agree with what the People's Republic of China says or does is one thing," he added. "To deny it a place in the world's meeting house of the United Nations is another."

**Reds Toughening**

DALLAS, Tex. — (EP) — After four years of trying in vain to win Soviet permission to establish a church mission in Russia, a young Dallas minister has returned from Moscow convinced that the Communist policy toward the West is toughening.

Said the Rev. R. J. Smith, minister of the Urbandale Church of Christ, "The cordiality and limited cooperation with which I was greeted on my past three visits was noticeably absent." He added, "Far more prevalent was the old Stalinist line. The people were more suspicious of Americans—and each other. There was less talk of co-existence and more of Russian domination of the world.

"And there was little interest in America's Presidential election. It was accepted as a farce, a pre-arranged front for the capitalistic system in which 'one candidate was as bad as the other.'"

What causes the stiffening attitude in Russia? Mr. Smith attributes it to a combination of the U-2 incident, the collapse of the Paris Conference and rumors that Premier Khrushchev's position is in danger.

But whatever the reasons for the new attitude, at least it produced the first clear statement from a high Soviet official to the effect that Mr. Smith's proposal for a Church of Christ mission there is out of the question.

"The (Soviet) Minister of Religion explained that the Russian Constitution bans missionary work because it would infringe upon the citizen's guaranteed 'freedom of conscience'—upon his freedom to be an atheist if he desires," said Mr. Smith. "He hinted that much of the change in attitude toward the West was due to distortion of fact by Americans who had visited Russia. He said the American press was especially to blame for the difficulty between East and West because of its biased reporting."

Memorial Fund

MELBOURNE, Australia — (EP) — Funds totaling nearly \$100,000 have been set up by the Oriental Missionary Society here to help small religious communities abroad build indigenous churches.

The fund will be known as the "Cowman Memorial Fund" in honor of Mrs. Charles E. Cowman, who worked for the society for 50 years until her death a few months ago. The society is receiving further donations from the Australian and British people.

To receive aid from the fund are churches in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Formosa, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Japan and Korea.

Against Denominations

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — (EP) — Only when denominationalism is dissolved and missions are internationalized can the message of Christianity be spread effectively around the world, according to a spokesman for the International Missionary Council who addressed delegates of the Canadian Council of Churches here.

Dr. Wilfred Scopes, an IMC secretary who directs the Standing Committee on the Ministry, told delegates to the CCC's biennial meeting here that denominational mission boards were outdated and not geared for the job in the face of the present world situation.

Dr. Scopes said that in India alone, where he spent 35 years as a missionary, there were 200 different Christian groups carrying on mission work.

In other sessions, the 100 or more delegates were criticized by the inter-denominational agency's general secretary-treasurer for their meager contributions to Christian work outside their own local congregations. Dr. W. J. Gallagher, a United Church of Canada minister, said that of the approximate \$100,000,000 contributed in four major denominations last year, only 19 per cent went for work beyond parish boundaries.

The delegates also heard advice to stop using the air waves for denominational competition and to learn show business techniques to get the Christian message across on TV.

The Rev. Emlyn Davies, a Baptist minister in Toronto, said: "Television demands the utmost in sincerity... It must get rid of things which have been regarded as fakes." His chief target: sanctimonious piety in appearance, dress and voice.

Smutty Films

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (EP) — The Legion of Decency, in its report to the annual meeting of the nation's Roman Catholic bishops, charged that there has been a sharp increase in morally objectionable motion pictures in the past year.

The Legion reported that of 275 films it has reviewed this year, 64 were termed objectionable and eight were condemned. In 1959, 280 films were reviewed, 43 found objectionable and seven condemned. The present trend, the Legion of Decency said, shows "an alarming departure from previously accepted and respected standards."

Church Building Up

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(EP)—Church construction, exceeding one billion dollars in 1959 for the first time in history, will increase even more in 1961. So says the Department of Commerce in its official forecast of construction activity in the year ahead. The government said that construction of religious edifices, with an increase of only three per cent, would reach a record high of \$1,075,000,000 in 1961.

'Religious Adviser'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (EP) — New religious affairs adviser of the U. S. Information Agency is Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, executive vice president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

A Congregational minister and former World War II Navy chaplain, Dr. Chandler will succeed the late Dr. Ronald Bridges in the post. Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy at Earlham (Ind.) College and a well-known Quaker author, was the first USIA religious affairs adviser. He was succeeded by Dr. Bridges, a former radio and television director of the National Council of Churches, a Congregationalist.

Dr. Bridges drowned while on a fishing trip a year ago and the post had not been filled on a regular basis since that time.

Dr. Chandler served for 11 years as director of refugee and relief activities for the World Council of Churches in Geneva. In his new position, he will advise the Voice of America on its religious programming and will help U. S. Information Service libraries abroad select books and pamphlets that will tell persons the story of religious activities in America.

Attack Protestants

ATHENS, Greece — (EP) — Officials of the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church here have issued a general encyclical warning that a "Protestant is trying to make Protestants of the Greek" through regular paid newspaper ads in some 100 Greek newspapers and magazines.

Their wrath was directed at the Rev. Spiros Zodiates, general secretary of the American Mission to Greeks, who is now in New York. Zodiates expressed regret at the "hostility" shown by the Orthodox Church, calling the action such that stems "from a spirit of insecurity and a misapprehension" that his purpose is to "make Protestants of the Greek Orthodox, when it is simply to preach Christ and the Gospel of personal salvation on a non-sectarian basis."

Tryphon Theocharis, an Australian barber, was given a suspended sentence of five months, then fined \$100 here recently, for distributing evangelical pamphlets and Gospel tracts during a visit to relatives near Delphi.

Ministers Fined

HAMMOND, Ind. — (EP) — As a result of circulating anti-Catholic literature during the recent Presidential campaign, two Church of Christ ministers have received fines of \$25 and costs.

The Rev. Audrey C. Belue, Jr., of Grif-fith, and George F. Dancer, Jr., Hammond, were penalized for breaking a Hammond ordinance which prohibits posting of literature on parked cars.

They had been arrested on a warrant signed by William F. McMahan, Chicago, who said he saw them placing the literature on his auto.

Reaffirm Creeds

DALLAS, Tex. — (EP) — Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at their annual meeting here, issued a 4,000-word pastoral letter which reaffirmed the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed "as symbols of the rock of our faith." But they sounded a few notes of caution relative to scientific and historical discoveries which might correct Biblical descriptions.

The bishops called the creeds a "proclamation of a faith, a gift whose kind and nature does not in itself change from generation to generation."

"Christianity is primarily an affirmation of what God has done, is doing and will do," they said, "and of our participation in these mighty acts of God by our penitent and thankful response.

"The doctrine of creation is not a description of how the universe was made, but a statement of the complete dependence of the universe in its total being upon God. The first article of the creeds is the context for the other articles.

"It affirms the totality of God's actual power as creator and is the indispensable basis for all the other creedal affirmations."

(The 14-page pastoral was the first by the Episcopalians since 1958. Such letters are usually issued at the Episcopal Church's triennial General Convention and must be read in all the denomination's more than 7,000 churches within 30 days.)

A statement of faith used only in the Western Church, the Apostles' Creed dates from the First Century and appears to be based structurally on Matthew 28:19.

The Nicene Creed, formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325, was affirmed in 451 at the Council of Chalcedon. Longer and more explicit than the Apostles' Creed, it is accepted by both the Western and Eastern Churches.

These creeds, the Episcopal bishops stated, "are the skeletons of the Bible and the Bible is the flesh and the blood of the creeds."

They said the Creeds are the "touchstones in protecting the Biblical faith from interpretations which would deform or destroy it."

"Contemporary interpreters are in danger of becoming heretics even as champions of orthodoxy are in danger of becoming unintelligible," the bishops continued. They pointed out that the creeds are intended to be statements of faith and not scientific documents.

"Christianity," they said, "does not demand that we believe in an outmoded scientific hypothesis against a more demonstrable one. Historians may correct the Biblical, and so the creedal description of an historical event, as to its date and photographable details without impugning the revelation of God which breaks through and out of that event."

The bishops concluded by stressing that the Church's first duty is to "preach the good news of God's action . . . in our agonized world" and that the creeds are

essential to this task. "Without them, we should run the danger of bringing only our own wisdom to meet mankind's needs," they said.

'Day of Prayer'

WHEATON, Ill. — (EP) — With a strong emphasis on the Bible as the Word of God and evangelism as the mission of the Church, evangelicals will gather in their churches Feb. 17 to observe the 1961 World Day of Prayer. "A Sower Went Forth" is the theme for the observance this year.

Mennonite Challenge

REEDLEY, Calif. — (EP) — Members of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America were called upon here to engage in an active personal evangelism.

Addressing some 6,000 delegates to the denomination's triennial General Conference, the Rev. J. A. Toews, of Winnipeg, Man., warned church members against accepting "self-destructive" ways of the world. He urged his listeners to check themselves to see whether the great changes wrought by society in the past 100 years have affected their basic faith in addition to changing their external habits and living patterns.

Modern transportation and communication, for example, have opened "wonderful new areas of witnessing," he said, but at the same time these have brought temptations to corrupt the faith through undue attention to materialism.

"Piety gives rise to prosperity, but prosperity often turns around and devours piety," he warned.

Kerala Christian

TRIVANDRUM, Kerala — (EP) — For the first time since Communists came to power in this South India state, a Christian candidate for mayor defeated his Red-backed opponent.

E. P. Eappen, a Jacobite Christian and Praja Socialist Party member, defeated S. Bhaskaran Nair, a Hindu, by 29 votes.

'Confess Sin', Voters Told

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — (EP) — All Roman Catholic parishioners who voted for Governor Luis Munoz Marin's Popular Democratic Party in the Nov. 8 elections must confess their "sin" before receiving Communion.

This mandate was laid down by Father Tomas Maisonet at the San Juan Cathedral. He added that penitents must also promise, as a condition for absolution, not to support the PDP in the future unless it changes its philosophy.

Among those who heard the decree was Dona Felisa Rincon de Guatier, Mayor of San Juan and a staunch member of the PDP. She protested afterward: "This thing . . . is just too much. I don't think they have a right to deny Communion. I had to sit there and listen to Father Maisonet speak against my party in a sermon and after he finished I had

to listen to him say I could not receive Communion even if I wished. What has the Popular Party done to merit this?"

Father Maisonet denied reports that he had refused Communion to anyone. "Instead," he said, "we requested that whoever publicly disobeyed the pre-election mandate of the bishops should not approach the altar for Communion unless he had made his peace in the confessional. Fortunately, no one did."

Puerto Rico Archbishop, the most Rev. James P. Davis, said that sacraments would not be withheld from Catholics who paid no heed to church instructions to vote against Gov. Luis Munoz Marin's Popular Democratic Party.

In Chicago for a meeting of the Catholic Extension Society, Archbishop Davis said that no sanctions or canonical penalties were attached and, as a result, no one is to be refused the sacraments of the offices of the church because of disobedience in connection with their vote.

Oust 'Red' Priest

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — (EP) — Charging that he gave \$7,000 to Reds who aim to overthrow the government of President Francois Duvalier, government police ushered Archbishop Francois Poirier to the airport here and forced him to leave the country with nothing but his passport.

In Miami, where he was met by the most Rev. Coleman F. Carroll, bishop of Miami, the stocky, gray-haired French-born Poirier vehemently denied the charges against him and disclosed also that he had no plans beyond those of returning to his native France. ■

Florida Convention

A FULL slate of laymen were chosen by Florida Baptists as officers for the coming year: J. Ollie Edmunds, president of Stetson University, convention president; William K. Simmons, educational director of 1st Church, St. Petersburg, 1st vice president; Mrs. J. H. Lockhart, currently serving as president of WMU for Florida, 2nd vice president.

The Floridians gave "prayerful support" to John F. Kennedy, accepted a new Baptist student center and conditionally received a site for a new Baptist college, near Clearwater.

The Florida Convention adopted a budget of \$2½ million with "preferred deductions" of \$482,455. Balance after deductions will be shared equally by state work and by that of Southern Baptist Convention.

The 1961 meeting will be held in Orlando, Nov. 14-16. ■

Abilene Man To New Post

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)
—Idus V. Owensby, minister of education at 1st Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., will join the staff of the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board Jan. 2 as church business consultant.



MR. OWENSBY

Owensby, a religious education leader for 23 years, is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth.

He has held positions as minister of education in churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Georgia, Texas, and Tennessee, and has been with the Abilene church for more than five years.

In his new position, Owensby will be responsible for work with church records, church office administration, church finance, church food service, and church maintenance. ■

Kentucky Abolishes Racial Barriers

ALL racial barriers have been abolished by Kentucky Baptists in their three hospitals and school of nursing, located in Louisville, Lexington and Paducah.

A resolution pledged President-elect Kennedy "every effort to preserve our national heritage," but had deleted from it by the messengers to the state convention the word "congratulate."

The Kentuckians gave major attention to education, adopting a new formula for distribution of its education funds to its schools and colleges. The new formula is based on enrollment and according to whether or not the school is a junior or a senior college. ■

Enrollment Down

WHY do the enrollments of Southern Baptists' six seminaries show a sharp decline this year over last year, a drop from 5,000 to the current total of 4,809?

Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Seminary, Wake



CHAPEL AT HOWARD—A. H. Reid of Montgomery (right) stands before new chapel at Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., named in his honor. Reid is executive secretary of Alabama Baptist State Convention of which the college is an agency. Greeting Reid is Howard's president, Leslie S. Wright. The chapel cost about \$950,000 and was dedicated during 1960 Alabama convention session. (BP)

Forest, N. C., says that, among other things, Baptist homes and churches are failing, fewer young people hearing a call to Christian service. In 1951 a total of 1,996 ministers were ordained, but last year only 840. With more students in college than ever, there is a decline in the number of ministerial students.

Part of the trend was charged by Dr. Stealey to the strong emphasis of the nation's school system upon science and business and to the secularism of our society "with young people seeking material rewards."

The president called for Southern Baptists to place their seminary faculties on their prayer lists as they do missionaries. ■

Virginia Dancing Issue Under Study

THE Baptist General Association of Virginia has referred the issue of dancing on Baptist campuses to a special committee. It will call for a report on the subject next year.

Another proposal, to elevate Bluefield, Va., from junior to senior college level, also was referred—this time to the education committee of the state board.

The general association made a number of constitutional changes, one of which altered the title of its staff organization. It became the Virginia Baptist general board rather than the Virginia Baptist board of missions and education.

Oak Hill Academy in southwestern Virginia became an official agency of the general association. The Grayson County school has been sharing in Cooperative Program funds for education but has not been directly related to the general association. The general association will nominate its trustees in the future.

The Virginia state budget for 1961 will be \$3,350,000 with 36 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention work. The previous SBC share was 35 per cent.

New convention president is a Norfolk, Va., layman, Edward G. Ayers. Messengers voted to meet in Arlington for the 1961 session, Nov. 14-16. ■

BEN JOE ROBERTS was ordained to the ministry Nov. 27. Formerly a member of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, he is now a student in graduate work at Baylor University. The ordination took place at Lake Shore Baptist Church, Waco, Tex.

Problem of Big Churches

THE larger churches, with more than two thousand resident members (approximately 2% of the Southern Baptist churches) face the greatest problems of maintaining Sunday School and Training Union enrollments at these high levels. However, they can increase their potential for evangelism to the extent that they can maintain growing Sunday Schools and Training Unions, approaching these levels. When this becomes impossible, it is likely time for the churches involved to establish one or more mission Sunday Schools.

A splendid example of perennial evangelism is portrayed by the Northeastern Baptist Association in the New York area, one of our newest and most difficult fields for Sunday School and Training Union expansion. In their last annual meeting, Aug. 30, they reported 1,060 church members; 1,256 enrolled in Sun-

day School and 773 enrolled in Training Union. There were 118 enrolled in Sunday School and 73 enrolled in Training Union for every 100 church members, with one baptism for every 10.7 church members during the associational year. This is almost identical with the baptismal ratio found in other surveys involving churches with correspondingly high Sunday School and Training Union enrollments.

When these proportions are attained in Sunday School and Training Union enrollments, the pastors are preaching to many more unsaved and unchurched people. Likewise, under these conditions a greater number of their lay members can be developed in Christian witnessing and inspired to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit as they try to translate the pastor's sermons into life and service through their daily contacts. Charles Hadden Spurgeon once said, "He who converts a soul draws water from a fountain, but he who trains a soul-winner digs a well, from which thousands may drink to eternal life." ■



Gleanings from the Greek New Testament

by V. Wayne Barton

Surplus of Grace

GOD'S wares are never depleted. Unlike the fly-by-night entrepreneur, God never has less in the warehouse than He has in the showcase.

The lessons of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand (John 6) are numerous. The Christ, indeed, provides sustenance (physically and spiritually) for the hungry.

But another point is sometimes unnoticed. There was *more than enough* food to go around. The disciples gathered 12 baskets of fragments after everybody was filled (John 6:13). Significantly, these fragments were not left-overs but "broken pieces" (klasmaton). They were the remnants of the miracle. They are symbols of the

munificence of God's providence, His inexhaustible grace.

Paul learned this same lesson in connection with his "thorn in the flesh." God assured him: "My grace is sufficient for thee" (II Cor. 12:9). God's surplus is available even when we don't deserve it. His grace is "greater than all our sins," "for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:7). So every man can say, if he will but accept God's mercy:

"When sin-stricken,
burdened, and weary,
From bondage, I longed
to be free,
There came to my heart
the sweet message:
My grace is sufficient
for thee."

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GUION Church observed Dec. 4 as "Rev. George Roberts Day," honoring their pastor and elderly people with a dinner at the church. The occasion was the birthday of the pastor, Mrs. Lois Lamb, church clerk, reports. Several Methodist friends from the community, along with a number of out-of-town guests were among those present.

VERNE CARPENTER, formerly director of education and music

at 1st Church, Batesville, has accepted a position as associate pastor of West Batesville Church, Batesville, Leslie Riherd, pastor. Mr. Carpenter attended Ouachita College and University of Arkansas and is a graduate of Arkansas



MR. CARPENTER

Ohio State Paper Is Commended

BAPTISTS of Ohio, in their annual meeting recently in Cincinnati, adopted resolutions commending their state paper, *The Baptist Messenger*, for informing its readers about violations of religious liberty by the Roman Catholic Church and commending President-elect John F. Kennedy for "clearly stating" his position for church-state separation, indicating that Mr. Kennedy should have the support of Baptists as he serves as President. The Kennedy statements on religious liberty were declared "in keeping with the historic Baptist position on separation of church and state."

The convention adopted a budget of \$440,847 for the coming year. Its share for Southern Baptist Convention causes is being increased from 21 to 23%.

Newly elected president is C. Hoge Hockersmith, pastor of Columbus. The 1961 meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14-16 in Columbus, the state convention's headquarters city.

College, Batesville. Mrs. Carpenter is the former Miss Beatrice Jahay of Fargo, Okla., also a graduate of Arkansas College. She is English teacher in the Cushman High School. There are two children, Sammy, an Eagle Scout, 15; and Sylvia, a Girl's Auxiliary Queen, 13.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

Church Names

CHURCH names reveal something of how, when, and why churches were organized and show something of the attitude of those organizing them.



DR. SELPH

Some are biblical names, some memorialize, others take their names from the community, while others may indicate hopes, faith, or struggles undergone by their members.

For instance: "Rehobeth" was a favorite among early Baptists in America. It meant enlargement. It is an expression of belief that God would bless. "Ebenezer" was another. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped" was its meaning. The Lord had brought them thus far; he would lead them on. "Mt. Zion" stood for "fortress" or "the New Jerusalem"—spiritual kingdom. The members looked to their church for fortification and spiritual help.

Some churches were named in memory of a pastor or former religious leader.

A study of any associational minutes will reveal the fact that many churches take their names from creeks, hills, rivers, streets, towns, and other names.

Of course, "first" church suggests the fact that it was the first church organized in a town. "Second" the second church organized, and so it goes.

But a name often indicates struggles the organizers underwent. The names "Providence," "Pilgrim's Rest," and "Hope" suggest something of the belief and desire of the church fathers.

An odd name, often found in Arkansas during its early history, is "Little Flock" church. No doubt this term is taken from Luke 12:32 where Jesus said, "Fear not little flock." For a small, struggling group gathered from a

widely scattered area with its attendant evils, his admonition would be a consoling thought. It was their way of saying, "God is mindful though we are a small group; we accept his promises." However, in the hands of the Anti-missionary (Hardshell) Baptists it carried a pessimistic note. They were satisfied with "little flocks" and quoted this passage to scripturally sustain such.

Sunday School

Walk About Zion

DID YOU ever hear a good sermon and say, "The pastor walked about Zion today"? All of us have. We mean that we think the pastor did his best, had freedom of speech, was led by the Spirit and delivered a message from God that reached our personal need.



MR. HATFIELD

"He walked about Zion, he preached a good sermon."
Is this what the scripture really means? Read Psalms 48. To walk about Zion really means that one should take the time to walk, over the city. One should study the walls, count the towers, consider the bulwarks, note the position of the house of God, and remember well the splendor and the needs of the community. Walk about your church field. Don't just drive over it. An aerial view might help some, but the best view of the community is down on the sidewalks and at the front doors.

Make a map of your field. Note the geography. Consider the real and supposed social walls. Find the business houses, schools. Locate every house. Visit every home. Talk to a responsible person in every family. Introduce yourself. Make friends. Offer help of a spiritual nature. Ask about the family. Learn about the children. Inquire about their names and ages, determine their spiritual history. Ask questions, friendly questions, tactful questions, important questions. Don't be too business-like, too hurried and do not tarry too long. Walk about Zion. Get out among the people. Leave your desk, your books, your pen and pad. Go "where cross the crowded ways of life." Walk out into the needs of the people, you are surrounded by them. They will not look you up.

Take a census, call it a survey if that helps, but take a census. Divide the territory into workable units, go yourself, get others to help. Tabulate

the census, assign the prospects to the proper classes.

Walk about Zion. — Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

Hawaii Baptists Set 'Firsts' For Group

HAWAIIAN Southern Baptists celebrated several "firsts" during their 1960 convention in Hilo.

It marked the first time for them to meet on an island other than Oahu, which includes the capital city of Honolulu. Hilo is not only in the state of Hawaii; it is on the island called Hawaii, the largest in area of the nine islands making up the 50th state.

It was the first convention held since new organization of state Baptist offices. The island group Baptists, under the direction of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for 20 years, become responsible for their own work at the close of 1960.

The convention received its first invitation for an annual meeting from an association. This was extended by Baptists living on the garden island of Kauai, another in the Hawaiian chain of islands.

They will hold their 1961 meeting during November on Oahu. Jimmy Jones, pastor of 1st Church, Waipahu (Oahu island), was elected convention president.

Reports for the past year indicate nearly 1,350 new members, bringing the total membership to 5,686. Gifts through churches for the past year exceeded \$430,000, with \$60,135 designated for mission work. ■

IT IS foolish to worry about confused, miserable teenagers, says *Baptist-Banner*, of White County Association. Give them a few years, says the *Banner*, and they'll turn out to be normal, miserable adults.

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A GOOD sermon helps people in different ways, we are told. Some rise from it greatly strengthened and others wake from it refreshed.

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THOSE who cannot be thankful for what they receive might at least be grateful for what they have escaped, says another.

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SOMEBODY has defined "sins of omission" as "those sins you should have committed but didn't."



are you a 6-day parent?

That bright little face seems to appear about two inches from your own almost as soon as your head touches the pillow . . . It's the Sabbath, and it's time to get up . . . or it should be.

There's something to be done for your child on this special day of every week. Will you stir yourself to do it? Or put it off until next week?

Regular weekly worship, begun early and fostered with conviction and understanding, may be the most important single contribution you can make to your child's growing-up. As children grow, they will need every bit of strength they can find. Strength comes from Faith. Faith grows through worship. **WORSHIP TOGETHER THIS WEEK**

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Three Types of Meetings

IN ITS promotional work for the next few months the Brotherhood Department is planning three general types of meetings. These are:

1. **BROTHERHOOD** Planning meetings. These are one-night meetings, looking forward to church Brotherhood organization. They are largely instructional, and are used to point men to what Brotherhood is, what Brotherhood does, and what a Brotherhood can mean not only in the life and work of the church but also in the growth and development of the individual man who belongs.

Similar to the above is a meeting, largely instructional and inspirational, for Brotherhoods that are already organized and under-way.

(2). **CHURCH** Brotherhood Clinics. These are two-hour meetings for church Brotherhood officers, better to inform them about their work and also to help them to see the whole Brotherhood program in perspective. The Brotherhood Department has committed itself to sponsor one such meeting in every association. Where a particular church desires a clinic, and is willing informally to invite all other church Brotherhood officers in the association, along with the associational Brotherhood officers, the Brotherhood Department will supply the instruction and also the materials for such a meeting. Several meetings of this type have already been held, and they have proved to be very profitable.

(3). **TEACHING** Of Brotherhood Guidebook — The Guidebook is the basic study in the Brotherhood Leadership and Training Service Program. The course demands seven-and-a-half hours of instruction. The Brotherhood Department offers to sponsor the Brotherhood Guidebook in any church where 10 or more men will agree to read the book, go through the instruction period, and take the examination; also, on condition that the sponsoring church will agree to invite informally all other men in the association who desire to take the course. When the date is set the Brotherhood Department will help publicize the course, and will furnish the instructor.

The department will schedule the teaching of the Brotherhood Guidebook for dates after March 5, 1961. We suggest that the full seven-and-a-half hours instruction be given in one day, extending from about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon until 9:00 o'clock that evening, with a thirty-minute break for supper. It will be possible also for another plan to be used, as follows: If the men will agree to attend three-

hour and forty-five minute sessions on two consecutive nights (Monday and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday), the Brotherhood Department will endeavor to schedule the meeting according to this plan.

In addition to the above types of meeting the Department, of course, holds itself in readiness for Royal Ambassador meetings of every type, for man-boy banquets, and for every other type of meeting which is pointed at Brotherhood.

Call on your Brotherhood Department for any help we can give, any service we can render!

Nelson Tull

State Brotherhood Secretary

Church Music

Welcome Response

IT IS with delight that we receive letters of response concerning statements made in this column. This week



MR. McCLARD

I received a note from a layman in northern Arkansas about a statement I made a couple of weeks ago. The statement was, "The man in the pew, or the preacher, as the case may be, has every right to be unhappy with the minister of music or choir director who chooses music for its aesthetic value with no thought of spiritual impact in the music."

The comment from the layman was, "You, my friend, are so very right. But the choir director and the church also have the right to be unhappy when the minister spoils the effect with a 'warm-up' period of distractions. I wish you had said so."

I do say so! The most inspiring preachers I have known have been those who stood straight and tall reading from God's word and then proclaiming God's message without any hesitation or frivolity whatsoever.

Perhaps the real difficulty in worship is that we seek to entertain the man in the pew rather than to bring him face to face with a holy and righteous God. Could it be that we have developed a generation of passive listeners rather than active participants in worship?

Of course it should be said that we music directors have enough to do in keeping our own house in order.

In a recent letter from Mrs. B. W. Nininger, former State Music secretary, she stated that she planned to make her permanent residence in Santa Barbara, Calif. The Ningers originally intended to stay in California for one year. You may write Mrs. Nininger at Villa Constance, 2643 State, Apt. 1, Santa Barbara, Calif.

One paragraph of Mrs. Nininger's letter will be of special interest to those who attended the recent Junior High Choir Clinic. She said, "By the way, I must call to your attention that Polly Nation (accompanist for the Junior High Clinic) was among the first contestants in the first Hymn Playing Tournament ever held. Isn't this wonderful? She has obviously continued to grow until now, a college lass, she is taking a place of prominence in the field for which she has been so diligently preparing herself since childhood. We mustn't lose sight of the honor due also to her devoted teacher, Mrs. Jones of 2nd Church, Pine Bluff, I believe."

Mrs. Nininger will speak before the Mid-Winter Seminar of the Choral Conductors' Guild of California in January. She is also a member of the Church Music History Committee for the Southern Baptist Convention. We will remember to pray for this great lady as God continues to use her in such a marvelous way. LeRoy McClard, Secretary. ■

NEW pastor of 1st Church, Douglassville, is Floyd G. Davis, Little Rock, a graduate of Ouachita College who attended Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He formerly served as membership and adult program secretary of the Little Rock YMCA. He is a veteran of World War II.

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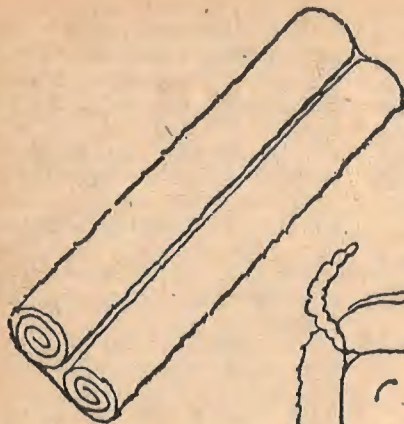


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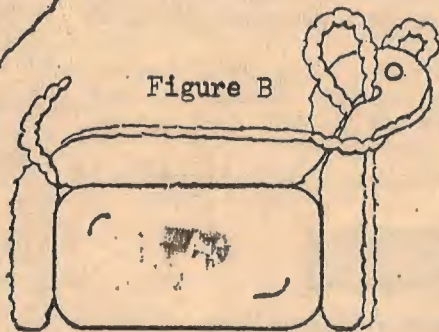


Figure B

Washcloth Puppy

By Pansy McCarty

MAKE this washcloth puppy as a pretty little gift for someone.

Roll a twelve-inch washcloth tightly from opposite sides to the middle, as in figure A. The ridge this forms goes on the top part of the body. Pin the rolls together to hold them in place.

Measure off two and one-half inches on the rolls for front legs. Loop the next four inches for the head, and bind this in with the front legs with a pipe cleaner (figure B).

Measure three more inches, and bind with another pipe cleaner. Tuck under one end of the pipe cleaner. Allow the other end to stick up for a tail. That leaves two and one-half inches for the back legs.

Use small buttons for eyes. Run a pipe cleaner through the head loop. Bend back the ends inside the loop to form ears.

To finish, fit the cloth puppy over a small bar of soap. Fasten it with pins pushed into the soap (figure B).

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A Christmas Letter

By Vincent Edwards

ON Christmas Eve in Concord, Mr. Alcott was getting ready to write a letter. It wasn't going to some famous friend miles and miles away, but it was to be written for his own little daughter at home.

Anna was six years old. Because she was just learning to read, her father would have to put his letter into very simple words.

What do you suppose he was going to write about on such a night? It should be easy to guess. Yes, it was about Christmas!

In Concord everybody knew and loved Mr. Bronson Alcott. Among his friends were writers and poets whose names were famous all over the country. They thought highly of him. They loved him because he was a great thinker and because he could not bear to do anything low or mean.

Some folk made fun of him because his ideas sounded so strange. Yet, when they came to think them over, they saw how noble and good they were.

The Alcotts were a gifted family. The day would come when one of the little

girls would be a famous writer. Her name was Louisa May Alcott, and thousands of girls have read her story, **Little Women**. As a matter of fact, Louisa wrote more than a dozen stories, many of which are children's favorites to this day.

But on this Christmas Eve Louisa was only a tiny girl, just four and a half. As she had not learned to read and was too young to receive a letter, this year Mr. Alcott was going to write to Anna.

What would he say? He wanted to tell her all about the dear Christ child. This is what he wrote:

For Anna

1837

To my daughter Anna,

A longer time ago than you can understand, a beautiful babe was born. Angels sang at his birth. And stars shone brightly. Shepherds watched their flocks by night.

The Babe was laid in his manger-cradle. And harmless oxen fed by his side. There was no room for him or his mother in the inn as she journeyed from her own home.

This Babe was born at this time of the year. His name was Jesus. And he is also called Christ. This is his birth night. And we call it Christ-mas after him.

I write you this little note as a Christmas gift and hope my little girl will remember the birth night of Jesus. Think how beautiful he was and try to shine in lovely actions as he did. God never had a child that pleased him so well. Be like a kind sister of his, and so please your father, who loves you very much.

Christmas Eve,
December 24th. 1837.
From your Father.

Wasn't that a lovely letter for a little girl to get from her father on Christmas Eve? Little Anna Alcott thought so. She always treasured that letter. Long years afterward, when she was grown and married and had become old, she liked to read again the letter her dear father had written her on that Christmas when she was only six years old. (Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

Wondrous World

By Thelma C. Carter

GETTING ready for Christmas is great fun, isn't it? We write Christmas cards and buy gifts for our family and friends. We decorate our Christmas trees and make plans for Christmas Eve or Christmas morning when we will open our gifts. Sometimes we prepare days ahead for the special Christmas dinner.

In our schools and churches we make preparations for special programs and for the singing of Christmas carols. Getting ready for Christmas is exciting and we look forward to it each year.

In fact, we are so busy getting ready for Christmas that we are likely to forget the great preparation God made before he sent his Son, the baby Jesus, into our wonderful world.

Have you thought about how busy the angels were getting the world ready for the birth of Jesus? The angels spoke to Mary and Joseph, giving them the message that Mary was to be the mother of the Son of God and that his name should be Jesus. The angels spoke to the shepherds on the hill, who were keeping watch over their flocks by night. "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12).

The stars were so arranged as to lead the Wise Men across the desert to Bethlehem, which is described in the Bible as one of the smallest Judean towns.

For hundreds of years before these events, God had been getting his world ready for Christ through the preaching of the prophets.

Isn't it wonderful, this privilege of "getting ready" for Christmas? To think that it was already arranged for us centuries ago!

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Compassion of Christ

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BIBLE MATERIAL: Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11; Matthew 11:27-30

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THE word "compassion" comes from two Latin words, "com" (meaning "with") and "pati" (meaning "suffer" and from which we get our word "patient"). We speak of the week of Christ's arrest, trials and crucifixion as Passion Week. It was the week of His sufferings. Putting together these two Latin words we have our interesting and beautiful word "compassion" which means to suffer or to feel with another. The word "sympathy" has the same meaning with a Greek instead of a Latin derivation.

But we need more than sounds or symbols to help us learn the meaning of compassion. It isn't just to feel sorry for someone but literally to suffer with them. Compassion isn't passive; it is active. It doesn't simply shed tears; it gives life.

Because all virtues are best understood when seen in the lives of others, we can best understand compassion when we study more of the One who was truly compassionate. "When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36; cf. Zechariah 10:2). Jesus is not to be understood only by the beauty of His person or by the spiritual charm of His teachings. He is always the "giving Christ." Giving is costly because it is based upon love and love is always expensive.

In our lesson today there are three things to emphasize: (1) the nature of Christ's compassion is explained in His Messianic mis-

sion; (2) the proper response to his redemptive work is joy, and (3) there is given an invitation for all to come to Him for salvation and rest.

I. An Explanation, Isaiah 61:1-4

Let us keep in mind the backdrop against which all that Isaiah wrote is to be understood. The keen and covetous eyes of Assyrian kings (Tiglath-pileser IV, 745-727 B.C.; Shalmaneser V, 727-722 B.C.; Sennacherib, 705-681 B.C.) constantly fell upon Isaiah's people. Isaiah tried to bolster them in their darkness and distress. Spending his entire life in Jerusalem he preached messages of salvation and comfort. The writings which bear his name are among the most profound in all of literature. It is in the midst of this gloom that God revealed to him the truth that even in the darkest night of despair there is always a star of hope. God would take over. And God will intervene for us if we will let Him.

He represents the Messiah as speaking and saying, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek . . ." (v. 1). He launches into the nature of Messiah's redemptive work and explains there is One who can and will enter into all of their hardships. This he does by making several approaches to their problems. Messiah will (1) "preach good tidings unto the meek." Christ did and does come to the humble, distressed and weary. Messiah will (2) "bind up the brokenhearted." Christ did and does come to bring heart release from sorrow and sin. Messiah will (3) "proclaim liberty to the captives." How well Isaiah's hearers understood.

Christ brought liberty and freedom through His atoning work. Messiah will effect (4) "the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Messiah will (5) "proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." God now stands ready to receive all who will accept Him. Messiah will also proclaim (6) "the day of God's vengeance" when His patience will be exhausted and His wrath turned upon His rejectors. Messiah will (7) "comfort all that mourn." Here is an expression of the tenderness of Christ's compassion. In verses 3 and 4 there is a veritable flood of promises. There would be given crowns instead of the ashes of repentance, oil of joy as a token of the Holy Spirit and they would be called "trees of righteousness" indicating that they had been brought into right standing with God.

Just think, all of this was revealed to Isaiah 800 years before Jesus came.

II. A Result, Isaiah 61:10-11

These verses transfer the words from the Messiah to those who receive Him. They comprise a little hymn of joy resulting from the fact of redemption.

Isaiah's words use the figure of the bride and the bridegroom to illustrate the mutual delight of God and His redeemed ones. Saved people should be the happiest people on earth and they should be the best people on earth. Verse 11 says that what God has planted within the soul of the saved should "spring forth" in righteousness and praise.

III. An Invitation, Matthew 11:27-30

In Luke 4:16-30 we have the record of an event that took place at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Going into the temple He read in Hebrew the above passage from Isaiah. Exactly why, we do not know. At the conclusion of the reading He handed the book to another and sat down. In words gracious and wonderful He announced, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:21b). He identified Himself as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah.



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It was He who would enter compassionately into man's dilemma of sin and sorrow. He would save and sustain.

Then in this passage He becomes the Teacher in all things pertaining to God. He told them that no one really knows the Son except the Father, or else He would be merely human. And further, no one could know the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son is pleased to reveal Him. Therefore, there is inferred the sublime invitation, "Come to me." John's beautiful passage put it "no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6b).

Verses 28-30 are beautiful but they are more than beauty in sound. They are sung but they are more than melody. Jesus said (and I give an interpretative translation or paraphrase), "Come to me and to no one else, all of you who are actively toiling in your efforts to keep the Mosaic law and are burdened down by its detail and tradition. It is I, not the ceremonies of written law, who will give you the support of grace. Take my yoke upon you by submitting yourself to my instruction. Become my pupil. I will not be harsh to you, for I am not proud or dominating. You will find release if you will. My yoke will not gall your neck and you will discover that submission and trust are much better than all laws and ceremonies."

That is the invitation of the compassionate Christ. His yoke is easy because it is lined with love. Life is too hard and its burdens (especially the burden of sin) too heavy for us to try to bear them alone. Jesus is always ready to enter human experience and to save and to keep.

Magazine on Atheism

BUDAPEST, Hungary — (EP) — A 64-page, glossy magazine called **Light** has appeared on Hungarian newsstands. Editors say the periodical will criticize religion "wherever it hampers the political development and activity of the masses." Publishers said their pilot issue was a sell-out.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Better change this announcement to read 'eminent lecturer will HONOR MUST our church,' not 'FILL our pulpit!'"

Here is an outstanding example of diplomacy . . . an attribute all ministers MUST have . . . an attribute they must use OFTEN. And if we study the qualities that go to make up a 'diplomat,' isn't the principal quality simply an inborn ability to deal with others in a spirit of Christian kindness?

That's Purty Cold!

TWO wind-jammers were comparing notes on how cold they had found it on a trip up north.

"It was so cold where I was," reported one, "that the candle froze and we couldn't blow it out."

"That's nothing," came the rejoinder. "Where I was our words came out frozen and we had to fry them to see what we were talking about."

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ACCORDING to Arnold H. Glasgow: Santa enters through a hole in the chimney and leaves through a hole in your pocket.

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Christmas Card Game

No matter the number

Of names on my list,

The first card I get

Is from someone I've missed.

—Maude Rubin,

Good Housekeeping

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