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ARKANSAS *Baptist*

NOVEMBER 26, 1959



Hot Springs Pastor Heads Executive Board

DR. O. L. BAYLESS, pastor of 2nd Church, Hot Springs, was elected president of the executive board of the state convention, at the organization meeting held upon adjournment of the annual meeting of the state convention at 1st Church, Little Rock.

A native of Wister, Okla., Ovid Lure Bayless received his education at Oklahoma Baptist University, Southwestern Seminary and Woolsey Hall, Oxford. He received the honorary D.D. degree from the Oklahoma School of Religion.

Mrs. Bayless is the former Miss Frances Ella Adams. They have three children, Ovid Lyndal, Darla Sue and Jon William.

Dr. Bayless was ordained to the ministry in 1937. His pastorates have included 1st Church, Duke, Okla.; Cordell, Okla., and Henryetta, Okla. He has been at the Hot Springs church since 1947.

Active in denominational affairs, Dr. Bayless has served in numerous capacities, including: membership on the board of trustees of Southwestern Seminary; on the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; on the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; on the board of Ouachita General Hospital, Hot Springs.



DR. BAYLESS

In 1951-52 he went on a preaching missions to Jamaica and the Bahama Islands. He is a Shriner and a member of the Lions Club, and is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

The Bayless family resides at 106 Wheatley street, Hot Springs. ■

Donald, Newport, Black River Association; J. M. James, Wadron, Buckner Association; Joe Anderson, Mountain Pine, Buckville Association; Bobby Denton, Glenwood, Caddo River Association; Harold White, England, Caroline Association; J. B. Measel, Berryville, Carroll County Association; Don Hook, Malvern, Central Association; C. C. Gunn, Van Buren, Clear Creek Association;

Murl Walker, Ft. Smith, Concord Association; Homer Bradley, Eudora, Delta Association; W. M. West, Conway, Faulker Association; James Yates, Paragould, Greene Association; Harold Elmore, Rison, Harmony Association; Leslie Riherd, Batesville, Independence Association; Hugh Cantrell, Stephens, Liberty Association; Harold Presley, Leachville, Mississippi County Association; Charles Taylor, Ponca, Newton County Association; Dillard Miller, Mena, Ouachita Association; Jay Heflin, Little Rock, Pulaski Association; Burton A. Miley, Springdale, Washington-Madison Association; and John Danner, Searcy, White County Association.

For one-year term: A. G. Escott, Ft. Smith, Concord Association; Thomas A. Hinson, Paris, Concord Association; J. B. Huffmaster, Success, Current River Association; Mason Craig, McGehee, Delta Association; Harold Coble, Cullendale, Liberty Association; Walter W. Warmath, El Dorado, Liberty Association; Merle A. Johnson, Jr., Mineral Springs, Little River Association; C. Frank Pitts, Blytheville, Mississippi County Association; Ernest G. Ward, Little Rock, Pulaski Association; Carl Overton, Clinton, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association.

For two-year term: P. O. Harrington, Hardy, Big Creek Association; Eugene A. Ryan, Charleston, Concord Association; Delbert Garrett, Yellville, White River Association; J. N. Shop-taw, Texarkana, Hope Association. ■

New Members of Boards, Committees Are Appointed

New members of boards and committees of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention institutions and agencies were elected as follows at the closing session of the convention here Nov. 19:

Arkansas Baptist Historical Society: Bernes K. Selph, Benton, and George T. Blackmon, Arkadelphia, each for three-year terms; and Mrs. J. R. Grant, Little Rock, for one-year term.

Arkansas Baptist Hospital: H. L. Lipford, Cabot, Keith Smith, Hot Springs, Lehman Webb, El Dorado, Ray Wilson, Little Rock, Wayne Smith, North Little Rock, and Carlton Harris, Pine Bluff, all for three-year terms; W. M. Freeze, Jr., Jonesboro, for one-year term.

Baptist Memorial Hospital: Alvin Huffman, Blytheville, Bob Bryant, Jonesboro, and Fred Carter, Lake City, all for three-year terms.

Baptist Foundation: Robert Smith, Pine Bluff, Walter Yeldell, West Memphis, and Paul Meers, Dardanelle, each for three-year terms; and Kendall Berry, Blytheville, for one-year term.

Bottoms Baptist Orphanage: Miss Mollie Center, Waldron, Raymond Farris, Biscoe, H. E. Trussell, Fordyce, Dexter Blevins, Hot Springs, Harold Bennett, Texarkana, and Mrs. Allen Toney, Helena, all for three-year terms; Fred M. Greeson, Monticello, for one-year term.

Ouachita Baptist College: Ernest

Bailey, Cabot, John Plumlee, Hot Springs, L. E. Burch, Hughes, J. E. Berry, El Dorado, W. I. Walton, Arkadelphia, John McClanahan, Hope, W. E. (Bill) Hargis, Warren, James Colvert, DeWitt, each for three-year terms.

Southern Baptist College Advisory Board: Harold Coble, Cullendale, W. H. Heard, Walnut Ridge, and Eugene Webb, Pine Bluff, all for three-year terms.

Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc.: Dale Barnett, Cotter, Tom Digby, North Little Rock, Dale Cowling, Little Rock, Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock, and Harold Bennett, Texarkana, all for one-year terms; Hugh Owen, Malvern, Amos Greer, Pine Bluff, Darell Ross, Little Rock, William J. Sewell, Searcy, E. Clay Polk, Piggott, all for two-year terms; Carl Bunch, Jonesboro, Lee Dance, Little Rock, Andy Heskett, DeWitt, Delbert Garrett, Yellville, and S. A. Whitlow, Little Rock, each for three-year terms.

Advisory Board for Arkansas Baptist College: W. A. Jackson, Benton, Dr. John Miller, Camden, and W. O. Vaught, Little Rock, all for three-year terms.

Convention Program Committee: B. J. Hickem, Crossett, for three-year term.

Executive Board: For three-year term: Arthur L. Hart, Bentonville, Benton County Association; Ed Mc-

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Dr. Selph Named Head of Arkansas Baptists

BAPTISTS OF Arkansas chose Dr. Bernes K. Selph, pastor of 1st Church, Benton, as president of the Arkansas annual meeting here Nov. 17-19 at 1st Church, Little Rock.

Other officers elected were: Dr. Charles F. Pitts, pastor of 1st Church, Blytheville, 1st vice president; the Rev. Roy Bunch, pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Crossett, 2nd vice president; and Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the State Convention, clerk and treasurer.

Dr. Selph, retiring chairman of the convention's executive board, was chosen over W. C. Blewster, well known banker and layman of Magnolia, in a run-off. Others nominated were the Rev. E. E. Grier, pastor of 1st Church, Hamburg, Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of 2nd Church, Little Rock and Rev. Fritz E. Goodbar, Little Rock.

Dr. Pitts was chosen over the Rev. Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock. Pastor Bunch was elected by acclamation.

\$50,000 Increase in Budget

The proposed record budget of \$1,725,000, approximately \$50,000 larger than the 1959 budget, was voted unanimously. Of this amount, \$933,075 or 56.6 per cent will go to state institutions and agencies of the convention and \$594,000, or 36 per cent, for world causes of the Southern Baptist Convention. Seven and four-tenths per cent, \$122,925, was designated for capital needs for Arkansas Convention institutions.

The convention approved the following recommendations from its executive board:

1. That the special Thanksgiving offering which has been taken each fall for the support of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello, be discontinued as a fund-raising plan as of 1961 and the total budget of the home be provided through the convention's Co-operative Program.



PASTORS CONFERENCE personalities: (l. to r.) President-elect Harold Coble, pastor of 1st Church, Cullendale; vice-president-elect Bill Cook, pastor of 1st Church, Harrison; retiring president E. E. Grier, pastor of 1st Church, Hamburg; and Dr. C. Gordon Bayless, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, and Dr. E. Butler Abington, pastor of 1st Church, Earle, both of whom, with Pastors Coble and Cook, were on the program held in connection with the meeting of the state convention. The Rev. Emil Williams, pastor of 1st Church, Russellville, not present when the picture was made, was elected conference secretary by the pastors.

2. That the convention approve the borrowing of \$200,000 for enlargement of its camp and assembly facilities and for acquiring a site for a new Baptist Building. Of this amount, \$125,000 will be used to improve and enlarge present assembly facilities at Siloam Springs and to establish a new camp somewhere near the center of the state.

The remaining \$75,000 will be available for securing a suitable site somewhere in the Little Rock area for a new Baptist headquarters building.

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The Cover

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

To shew forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep (Psalm 92:1-5).

Fayetteville Selected For '60 Convention

FAYETTEVILLE will be the meeting place for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in 1960.

The convention voted in its closing session Thursday to accept the invitation of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church, Dr. Andrew M. Hall, pastor, for the next annual meeting and fixed the date at Nov. 15, 16, and 17. Sessions will be in the new auditorium of First Church.

Dr. S. W. Eubanks, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, was designated to preach the annual sermon at the Fayetteville meeting, with the Rev. Wilson Deese, pastor of W. Helena Baptist Church, alternate.

This will be the third time in the 112 years of the history of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the an-

nual meeting to be held in Fayetteville. The University City was site of the meeting first in 1883, at which time J. P. Eagle was serving as convention president. The only other meeting there was in 1908, presided over by President W. E. Atkinson.

Not since 1953, when the convention met in Hot Springs, has the annual meeting been held outside Little Rock.

Little Rock, because of its central location and hotel and motel facilities, has been the most popular meeting place, year after year. A total of 31 annual meetings have been held here. Only twice since 1941 has the convention met outside the Capital City—in Texarkana, in 1946, and the 1953 meeting already mentioned, at Hot Springs.

Editorials

THE 106th annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, just passed into history, was in many ways reminiscent of Nehemiah and his people rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. There were repeated temptations to piddle with petty things,

'So Built We the Wall . . . For the People Had a Mind to Work.'

things that would have stopped our march of progress and turned us into a mutinous army fighting among ourselves. But the Spirit of God saved us. The love of Christ had its way in our hearts. And so we come to another blessed Thanksgiving season as a people with more for which to thank God than we have ever had before.

To God be the glory. But we can be grateful for dedicated men and women who gave themselves to be used as God's instruments. President T. K. Rucker and Dr. S. A. Whitlow and others who made the planning of this year's program an object of continuing prayer will always have us in their debt. From the moment Pastor Ed F. McDonald, Jr., of Newport's First Church, led the opening prayer, Tuesday morning, until the Rev. W. B. O'Neal, retired minister from Gravel Ridge, pronounced the benediction, Thursday noon, we could feel God's presence.

There is no earthly way of placing a value on the inspiring Bible messages of Professor Wayne E. Ward, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, or on the equally inspiring music directed by LeRoy McClard and featuring the marvelous voice of Miss Jo Ann Shelton, of the faculty of Southwestern Seminary. Or the compassionate appeal of the great Frank C. Laubach as he bared his heart bleeding for his beloved "little" people who are dying for light and food that only America can give. Or the masterful preaching of such pulpit giants as Warren Hultgren, of First Church, Tulsa; H. Guy Moore, of Broadway Church, Ft. Worth; and Evangelist John Edmund Haggai, of Louisville.

The preaching of two of our own men, Pastor Don Hook [see last week's *Arkansas Baptist* for his annual sermon in full] and President Rucker, in his president's message, did much to set the spiritual atmosphere for the whole convention. Dr. Merrill D. Moore, of the executive board of Southern Baptist Convention, warmed our hearts with his challenging message on stewardship. Never have we heard a better presentation of theological education than that of Dr. Millard J. Berquist, president of Midwestern Seminary, and Dr. Albert H. Fauth, of the Extension Department of the Seminaries.

Time fails us to speak of the inspiring and, in some instances, jarring reports of our leaders in the various areas of our work as Arkansas Baptists. The stirring appeal of a man like President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., of Ouachita College, who is the victim of his phenomenal success in building Ouachita to the bursting point, surely will not go unheeded. President H. E. Williams, of Southern Baptist College, in his timely address on the place of Christian education in our world today, has given us much food for thought and action.

In matters of business, the convention took far-reaching, forward steps. The way has been opened for immediate enlargement of our camps and assembly facilities and program, something desperately needed and long overdue. The approval of plans to eliminate by 1961 the special offering for our children's home at Monticello and to meet all the needs of the home out of our Cooperative Program gives cause itself for real thanksgiving.

The executive board was authorized to begin a special study of the advisability of accepting Southern Baptist College, as offered by that institution's trustee, as an institution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Action on this important matter will be before us next year.

Plans for a new Baptist building in a more favorable location in Little Rock moved another step forward with provision for the borrowing of funds to purchase a building site.

In the important matter of top leadership we feel that we are twice blessed to have the team of Dr. Bernes K. Selph and Dr. O. L. Bayless, Dr. Selph having been chosen by vote of the convention to be president of the convention, and Dr. Bayless having been elected chairman of the executive board in a meeting of the board following adjournment of the annual convention session.

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Personally Speaking . . .

Return of Revere

THEY have counted him out.

He is supposed to be retired—or dried up—or dead.

Who's Who in America has dropped him, except for his name and a note referring you to a previous volume.



ELM

Look in *Americana Encyclopedia*, and there's nothing about him.

That's strange. He has taught 100,000,000 people of the benighted parts of the world to read and many of them to know Jesus. He is going up and down our land marshalling our people by the thousands into his "Army of Compassion." And they have counted him out. He's 75!

But Dr. Frank C. Laubach won't quit. He really believes America must "grow up or blow up." He's praying that God will give us just 10 more years to do something about our tremendous stewardship of compassion and brotherly love to the hungry and angry millions.

His great regret is not being back in India with his beloved "little people," teaching more of them to read, to grow food crops, to know about Jesus. But the time is short and the impending peril great. Somehow he must awaken and enlist America, where we have half the total wealth of the world, all on our little, self-sufficient, self-satisfied island.

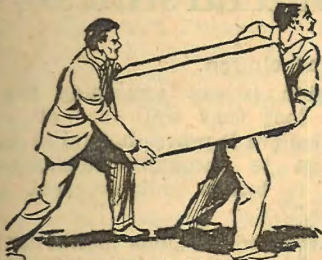
The great peril is not communism, not Russia, Dr. Laubach declares. The great peril is the world's exploding population. It has doubled in the past 60 years. It is expected to reach more than 6 billions by the end of the 20th century. The peril is the desperation pent up in hungry people, angry people, "little" people who are tired of doing without, of being ignored, of being downtrodden.

Every one must help. We need millions, he tells us, in this great "army." We must be through with the silly notion that nobody is any account after 65. There are enough retired people in America, he says, to save the world. If you are thinking of moving somewhere and retiring, don't do it. Nothing is so dangerous as retirement. And you are needed to help a hungry world.

Many can travel to foreign lands to serve as teacher-missionaries or to arrange for mission teams. All can give. One hundred banded together to give a dollar a week each can provide the support for one full-time literacy-agriculture missionary. Wake up, America, while there is time.—ELM.

Erwin L. McDonald

The Bible Speaks on "Thoughtfulness"

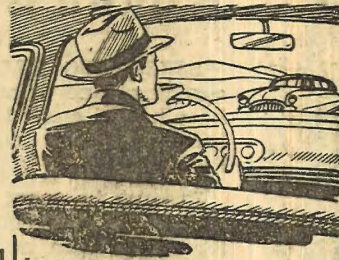


Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
MATTHEW 7:12



HEBREWS 13:2

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.



be courteous:
Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing

1 PETER 3:8, 9



PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Brother King: Friend to Man

*No one hears the door that opens
When they pass beyond our call;
Soft as loosened leaves of roses,
One by one, our loved ones fall.*

THE SHADOWS flit across the face of the earth, and are gone.

So it appears sometimes with our lives.

But like the sunshine, and the shadows, and the rain, which have their eternal effect upon nature, so also is the influence of our lives eternal.

Almost everyone who came within the influence of the Rev. T. J. D. King referred to him, both affectionately and respectfully, as Brother King. And that in itself was both a tribute to and a clear reflection of a man who was gentle, kind and good—a true brother of mankind, a living testimonial to Christianity.

Brother King devoted his life to the ministry, and in fact to all the things that were good in the sight of God. He was the type of man that might well have inspired the writing of this little gem:

"I shall pass through this world but once.

Any good, therefore, that I can do . . . or any kindness that I can show . . . to any human being

Let me do it now . . . Let me not defer it or neglect it . . . for I shall not pass this way again."

Brother King was soft-spoken. His voice carried a tone of humility, love and kindness; his prayers were beautiful to the ear. All who knew him loved him, and they will cherish the memory of this brother who followed in the footsteps of Jesus.

Thus it seems fitting to pay tribute to a beloved neighbor by citing a verse from Matthew:

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Paul Buchanan, in *Batesville Guard*.

The Cranberry Crisis

A BEHIND-THE-SCENES controversy between two public agencies is complicating the cranberry situation. The Department of Agriculture has encouraged the use of the controversial weedkiller aminotriazole. It recommended the poisonous compound as the best weapon against cranberry weeds. The Food and Drug Administration, on the other hand, is endeavoring to enforce strictly the new Miller Amendment to the Food and Drug Act which calls for a zero tolerance on pesticide chemicals until they are proven harmless.

Secretary Flemming's action warning the public not to eat cranberries was a bitter blow for the Department of Agriculture. It cost Extension Agents serious loss of face in the cranberry regions. Unfortunately, The Department of Agriculture is now in the position of placing profit considerations above public health. The cranberry growers took a gamble—a gamble condoned by the Department of Agriculture—and now the Department is obliged to help them pick up the pieces.

It is safe to predict that there will be more such conflicts between these two government agencies. Several skirmishes have already occurred. Last year the department sprayed large areas of Georgia and Alabama from the air with dieldrin and heptachlor in a campaign to control or eradicate the imported fire ant. At the time and since, there were loud outcries from wildlife and conservation groups. Large numbers of dead birds and animals were collected in the sprayed areas. Just last week, the Food and Drug Administra-

tion reported that heptachlor — the chemical that was sprayed from the air over thousands of square miles — forms a dangerous derivative on crops treated with it. According to a UPI dispatch, the new FDA order "practically eliminates" the use of heptachlor on food crops.

There is tremendous pressure from farmers and their spokesmen to develop poisons that will be capable of keeping crops 100 per cent free of harmful insects. Since insects have shown that they can become immune to many poisons in only a few years, the chemical companies must produce new materials of greater and greater potency. Farmers are so anxious to get the new materials that—with the encouragement of the Department of Agriculture—they take chances that a decade ago would be considered foolhardy. While farmers are using more powerful chemicals in more ways, the Food and Drug Administration is following its orders from Congress to keep our food supply more free of poisons. The two agencies, therefore, are working toward opposite goals, and the cranberry crisis of November, 1959, is likely to be duplicated in years to come with different plants and different poisons. —Organic Gardening and Farming, Emmaus, Pa.

Glass Salesman?

BIG BUSINESS finds it good business to have glass doors, perhaps our churches should adopt this idea. If the public could see the inside of more of our churches they might become more familiar with them and start to attend.—William R. Sullivan, 1116 S. Flower, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

EDITORIALS, continued

Next year we go to Fayetteville to be the guests of Pastor Andy Hall and First Church. Personally this editor is glad we are going to Fayetteville. It is true that there is no place quite like Little Rock for our convention sessions, because of the city's central location, hotel and restaurant facilities, and the large number of Baptist churches. But once in a while we should go "visiting" to some point out in the state.

Surely, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and we can step with assurance and firmness of purpose into the new convention year, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith . . ."

Arkansas All Over

Attendance Report

November 15, 1959

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Camden, Cullendale 1st	459	253	2
Crossett, 1st	602	237	1
El Dorado, 1st	904	341	3
Huntsville, 1st	126	50	
Jacksonville, 1st	610	290	
Little Rock, Life Line	223	114	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	242	125	1
Magnolia, Central	772	336	
McGehee, 1st	466	215	1
Mission	48	37	
Pine Bluff, South Side	642	257	
Springdale, 1st	482	169	2
West Memphis, Calvary	252	160	
Benton, 1st	639	148	2
Fort Smith, Calvary	346	145	4
Fort Smith, Trinity	365	181	2
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	415	159	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	784	258	8

Baptismal Goal Nearly Doubled in Canada

TEN CHURCHES in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, baptized nearly twice as many people as the goal they had set for an evangelistic crusade.

The churches were led by Southern Baptist pastors and used plans prepared by the Home Mission Board's evangelism division.

According to Vernon Yearby, evangelism associate, the churches baptized 321 during the two-week crusade. Their goal was 200, which was 60 more than they baptized during all of last year. Total additions during the crusade were 394, with 778 re-dedications.

At Boys Industrial School

Kindness Substituted for Harshness

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS, understanding, and genuine love for boys have helped many to get a new start in life at the Boy's Industrial School, Pine Bluff.

Because he spent 15 years in an orphanage in his youth, Rev. E. A. Richmond, chaplain of the school, has an understanding of the lad who feels rejected and unwanted.

For five years he has ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of the young men in this state institution.

"My salary is paid by the Arkansas State Baptist Convention," he said. "No money is appropriated by the state to care for spiritual needs. I am grateful to God for what Baptists are doing."

During this time, he has seen over 500 boys profess religion. Though many have gone into Baptist churches, they have the privilege of joining a church of their choice.

"Religion is a pretty touchy subject wherever you go," Mr. Richmond stated. "In a sense, we are non-denominational in the school. We are denominational to the extent of urging them to

MR. AND MRS. JAMES HAMPTON, missionaries to Kenya, East Africa, spoke at Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, at the evening service Nov. 15. (CB)

DR. W. O. VAUGHT JR., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will present slides of his recent tour of Russia at the Brotherhood meeting of 1st Church, Sheridan, Nov. 23. (CB)

join some church.

"Religion is not something like a rabbit's foot that will ward off evil. But we believe it proves helpful in leading them to recognize fundamental truths. It brings enlightenment and guidance."

Parents need religious instruction as well as their children, Chaplain Richmond asserted. Fully 81 per cent of those in the Industrial School are there because of parental failure, he said.

As they seek his counsel, the chaplain leads fathers and mothers to see the importance of forgiveness in their lives. They are urged to get into some church. Prayer is offered in their behalf. He believes these to be important steps in juvenile rehabilitation.

Donations from over the state have been used to build a chapel for worship services. Costing \$31,800, it is described as the most beautiful chapel in any industrial school.

Gifts from Christian friends brighten the Christmas holidays for those who have no home or who have been forgotten.

Such thoughtful acts go far in helping the boy readjust himself, Mr. Richmond observed. They need encouragement because of the feeling that they have become outcasts of society when they reach the school.

"I tell them that they are here for training and correction, not punishment," Mr. Richmond emphasized. "We don't know what your future is but we want to help you get a new start in life."

"Every boy is registered in a big book upon arrival. Two thousand names have been recorded in it since 1922. Many, whose names are there, have become good citizens and are now respected in their communities."

Each young man gets a chance at the honor cottage. Boys who live there are only supervised at night. The remainder of the time they are free to go and come as they please. These privileges are earned by obedience and proper conduct.

Employees of the school once carried guns and billet clubs but that day has passed. Love has been substituted for brute force.

Last year the school had only 3 per cent returnees. Five years ago, it had 38 per cent. Arkansas now ranks as one of the lowest in the nation on this point.

"I believe this low percentage is due to the religious emphasis given," Mr. Richmond asserted. "Pray for us. We know some will fall by the way but others will stay by their decisions to do right."—Bernes K. Selph, 1st Church, Benton. ■

FORWARD PROGRAM

YOUR BEST TOOL

for driving home
BIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Concord Notes

NEWMAN R. McLARRY, pastor of the Curtis Church, Augusta, Ga., has accepted the pastorate of 1st Church, Ft. Smith. McLarry will move to Ft. Smith sometime in December. He succeeds Dr. J. Harold Smith who resigned last July to devote his time to evangelistic work and his radio and TV programs.

The 36-year-old minister, a public accountant before entering the ministry, is a graduate of Texas A. & M. College and Southwestern Seminary.

The McLarrys have two daughters, 7 and 11.

WILLIAM McAFFEE has been ordained to the ministry by the Trinity Church, Ft. Smith. Missionary Moore led in the interrogation and Pastor Mason Bondurant preached the ordination sermon. McAfee has resigned the halftime Roseville Church and accepted the full time Moore's Rock Church near Lavaca. The young preacher is a second year student in the Concord Extension Center.

BRANCH CHURCH ordained Athel Vest, James King, and Irvin Kuykendall as deacons recently. Deacon Clyde Robinson prayed the ordination prayer; Jay W. C. Moore led in the interrogation, and Pastor Hugh McGehee preached the sermon.

JAMES SIMMONS, who has served the past two years at Moore's Rock Church, has accepted the Ratcliff Church. He succeeds Bobbie Joe Martin, who resigned to accept 1st Church, Huntington. Simmons is a third year student in the Concord Extension Center.

CONCORD ASSOCIATION led the state last associational year in the number of Training Awards earned. The awards totaled, 7,945. The association also led in the ratio of awards to the enrollment. Jim Chatham served as SS Superintendent last year. Robert Heartsell, minister of Education for South Side Church, is serving this year.

CONCORD ASSOCIATION reported 913 baptisms last year which was 47 more than the year before. A total membership of 20,442 was reported last year. Total gifts were \$927,060 with \$185,184 going to missions.—Jay W. C. Moore, superintendent of missions. ■

10,000 Expected At TU Convention

NASHVILLE (BSSB)—Ten thousand are expected to register at Southern Baptists' Training Union Convention December 28-30 in Atlanta, Ga., directed by J. E. Lambdin, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Training Union Department.

Said to be the biggest Training Union meeting in 19 years, the three-day convention will draw Southern Baptists from coast-to-coast with the aim of launching the 1960 Convention-wide Training Union program in Southern Baptists' Jubilee Advance emphasis.

The goal of the meeting is to give added thrust to the idea of churches giving membership training to all their members. ■



ROYAL AMBASSADOR leaders on hand for the Brotherhood meeting of the state convention were, left to right: Shelby Stewman, state recorder; David Wallace, assistant ambassador-in-chief; Wallace Thomas, assistant ambassador-in-chief; Don Ferguson, ambassador-in-chief; and Jim Bolding, 1st assistant ambassador-in-chief.

DR. BENNY BATES, pastor of 1st Church, Tahlequah, Okla., spoke at the Brotherhood meeting of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, Nov. 16. (CB)

L. E. HOLT, Texarkana, was the guest speaker at 1st Church, De Queen, Nov. 15.

REV. AND Mrs. Ross B. Fryer Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Indonesia, are returning to their field of service after furlough in the States. Their address is Djalan Gunung VI-23, Djakarta V-2, Java, Indonesia. Mrs. Fryer, the former Mary Lynn Baker, is a native of Warren.

CALVARY CHURCH, Benton, had the services of Jesse Reed in a one week revival. There were 10 additions by baptism and 3 by letter. Harris Flanagan, youth and music director of Calvary Church, had charge of the music.

EVANGELIST BILLY Walker, Walnut Ridge, and singer "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, were in revival with 1st Church, Heber Springs, November 1-7. There were 11 additions. Ray Nelson is pastor.

EVANGELIST BILLY Walker, Walnut Ridge, recently led the Gashland Church, Kansas City, Mo., in an eight day revival. There were 19 additions, most of them by baptism, and several rededications.

M. E. WILES assisted Pastor George W. Domerese, 2nd Church, Clarksville, in a revival which resulted in 15 additions, 11 for baptisms and three other professions of faith.

Pencil Bluff Church Dedicates Building

DEDICATION OF the new building of 1st Church, Pencil Bluff, was held Oct. 25 with Ivan Marks, Ft. Riley, Kan., and Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions and evangelism, bringing messages.

The church was started as a mission Aug. 17, 1958, by Thurlo Lee, pastor of Oden Church, and 11 members who were residents of the Pencil Bluff area.

The mission was organized into a church Oct. 26, 1958, with 31 charter members. Membership is now 48.

Ivan Marks, associational missionary, served as interim pastor until Jan. 1, 1959, when the church called Lewin Newcomb, the present pastor.

The new building consists of an auditorium seating 150, seven classrooms, pastor's study, kitchen and two rest rooms.

DAN COWLING, Frankie Jarrard and James Kafka were ordained as deacons by 1st Church, Paris, recently. Tommie Hinson, pastor, preached the ordination sermon. (DP)

MIDWAY MISSION, sponsored by 1st Church, Bauxite, had its first services Nov. 15. (DP)

JAMES CASH PENNEY, founder and chairman of the J. C. Penney Company, Inc., will be the honor guest of Baylor University in Waco for the 7th annual conference on American Ideals to be held on the Baylor Campus Nov. 20-21.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Missionaries Must Have Degrees

Monrovia, Liberia (EP)—All missionaries coming to this Negro republic in the future must possess college degrees.

So stipulates a new decree issued by the public instruction department which says the regulation is in line with the government's desire to improve educational standards.

Soviets Launch Red Weddings

LENINGRAD (EP) — Soviet Russia recently instituted Communist, rather than religious, wedding ceremonies in Leningrad's "wedding palace," a renovated nobleman's home on the banks of the Neva River. Nine couples were solemnly joined in matrimony to the strains of Tchaikovsky selections played over a loudspeaker system before a deputy mayor sitting at a desk under a bust of Lenin. The mayor gave rings to the newlyweds. Many of the brides wore long white wedding dresses.

Object of the Communist weddings is to make civil marriages in Russia more beautiful and to replace all "religious and bourgeois habits."

Eisenhower to Meet Pope

VATICAN CITY (EP)—President Eisenhower is scheduled to meet Pope John XXIII on Dec. 6—two days after the President leaves the White House on his historic 20,000 mile jet trip through Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa. The President's visit to the Vatican will be the first by an American President in 40 years. Woodrow Wilson was received by Benedict XV on Jan. 4, 1919, prior to the Paris Peace Conference. Like Eisenhower, Wilson was a Presbyterian.

Pope John will be the second Pope President Eisenhower has met in person. On Oct. 9 last year, Mr. Eisenhower expressed condolence over the death of Pope Pius XIII, recalling that he was privileged to know personally "this great spiritual leader who has ever been in the forefront of the defense of Christian civilization."

All Iraqi Refugees Rehabilitated

EDINBURGH, Scotland (EP) — The World Council of Churches has announced that all of Iraq's refugees have been rehabilitated, and predicted that by the end of 1960, all European refugees in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon also will have been resettled. Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, head of the council's Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service for Refugees, said the displaced persons will be settled in small businesses in their adopted countries or abroad. Chandler said the refugee situation is improving for the estimated 30 or 40 million refugees in 49 countries.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Southern Baptists Go North and Vice Versa

IN THE same mail a day or two ago came news releases with the following headings: "Southern Baptists Organize First Church in Pittsburgh," "Manhattan Southern Baptist Church Adds Fifty Members in a Month" and "American Baptist Convention Eyes South's Churches."

As we think of the latter report of the American (Northern) Baptist Convention getting ready to accept Baptist churches in the South which desire to affiliate with it, it is in order to say "we had it coming."

Considering the rapid expansion of Southern Baptist work into most of the Northern and Western states (territory regarded formerly as Northern Baptist territory) as Southerners have migrated to those areas in large numbers and started Southern Baptist churches, or as people in those areas have invited Southern Baptists to come and help them, it is not surprising that there would be at some points misunderstanding, and even that our earnest missionary endeavors would be labeled by many as an "invasion." The work of Southern Baptists is no longer only Southern but national in scope.

It was obvious to the alert when the Northern Baptist Convention some years ago changed its name to American Baptist Convention that certain implied geographical limitations of the former name were cast aside in favor of a name national in its outlook. Since our own Convention has declared its area of operation to be nationwide, though we have preferred not to change our name, we can certainly not consistently voice any opposition to the American Baptist Convention accepting affiliating congregations from within Southern states.

Of course we could hope that the churches now aligned with our own Southern Baptist Convention are convinced not only of the doctrinal integrity of our position but also of the advantages of our particular missionary, benevolent, educational and training programs, and will want to retain and strengthen their Southern Baptist affiliation. In the light of constantly shifting population, however, even frequently in groups, it is conceivable that some Baptists from other areas might not find themselves entirely at home in the atmosphere of Southern Baptist churches and the activity of the Southern Baptist program and might want to do their work as well as their believing after the American (Northern) Baptist pattern. So might a newly-organized church here and there from among our own people want to do the same for that matter.

In the meeting in which the General Council of the American Baptist Convention approved the American Baptist Home Mission Society as the denominational agency to "provide for adequate investigation and possible affiliations of such churches," it was reported that an increasing number of churches in the Southern area of the country have been seeking fellowship with the American Convention. In addition a large number of American Baptists now living in the South fail to find fellowship within local Baptist organizations, according to reports.

At the same meeting College Heights Baptist Church of Port Neches, Texas was accepted into the American Convention by its General Council.

It might also be well to keep in mind that while membership in the American Baptist Convention this last year showed an increase of 8,233 over the year before, the number of its churches decreased by 117 to the present total of 6,245.

In any event we should realize that vigorous doctrinal preaching, together with warm-hearted fellowship in generous service, and not criticism of American Baptists, will be the big factors in retaining the churches which are already Southern Baptist-related and in increasing the number as our work reaches into new areas.—

Editor W. G. Stracener, *Florida Baptist Witness*

Noted Missionary Addresses Baptists

By ROY REED
In Arkansas Gazette

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, a 75-year-old Methodist missionary, told the Arkansas Baptist State Convention that the free world must teach the illiterate masses of the world how to read or lose them to communism.

These people are "hungry and angry," he said—and the heart of their problem is illiteracy. Through literacy, they can learn the "secrets" that have put America ahead, he said.

Two things they never can know without some measure of education are birth control and better agriculture, Dr. Laubach said. They must improve their agriculture or starve and they must stop having unwanted babies or choke the world, he said.

In India, for example, 80 per cent of the people are illiterate, therefore cannot learn these essential "secrets," he said.

Dr. Laubach repeated a challenge he said was being taken up all over America: To help build his "Army of Compassion." This "Army" is made up of Americans in organizations that decide to give money to support missionary teachers. He asked listeners to add \$1 a week to their giving for foreign missions.

Nations Want Help

Many foreign government heads, such as Prime Minister Nehru of India, have told Christian missionaries to stop coming to their countries if they are willing to do nothing more than "talk." They want help, Dr. Laubach said. A missionary who is a literacy expert is welcome in any of the troubled countries and he can teach Christianity while he is teaching reading and writing, he said.

Dr. Laubach in 1930 originated a volunteer method of promoting literacy. He calls it "Each one teach one." He devised simple, easy to follow reading charts by which a person can learn to read his language in about 10 lessons.

Dr. Laubach uses a chart that associates pictures of familiar objects with language syllables. For example, beside a picture of a girl will be the alphabet symbol for the hard "g"—"guh."

He has helped educators make these charts in 274 languages. The only cost is for the charts and the simply written books given to the people who learn to read, because when one man learns to read he passes the skill on to a neighbor, Dr. Laubach said.

The result: More than 100,000,000 persons have learned to read and write by the "each one teach one" system, he estimated.

If the illiterates had to learn reading and writing the conventional ways there wouldn't be enough time, he said.



Photo Courtesy, Arkansas Gazette

DR. FRANK LAUBACH, Missionary

The black tape on the globe shows the Hunger Belt.

He told the Baptists he believed that "an unthinkable catastrophe" would befall the world if America failed to help the masses and turn the course of history. India faces the most terrible famine in history unless it can triple its food output in the next few years, he said. The "hungry and angry" millions are being converted to communism daily because the Christian world has neglected them, he said. ■

A DISTRICT judge, Theodore B. Knutson, speaking to a group of 21 judges and 70 clergymen in Minneapolis, Minnesota, said: "Young people are marrying too young and without adequate preparation for marriage." He disclosed that in 60 per cent of the divorces granted recently in his county one or both parties was under age 21 at the time of marriage, and the largest number was age 18.

S. G. Posey Announces Retirement Next Year

SAN DIEGO, Calif. —(BP)— S. G. Posey, executive secretary of California Southern Baptists, announced that he will retire Dec. 31, 1960 — just after the observance of the convention's 20th anniversary.

He has been leader of the convention of California since Jan. 1, 1951. He will be approaching his 68th birthday at the time of retirement.

A native of Brookhaven, Miss., Posey is a graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist), and of Southwestern Seminary. He served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, before going to California in 1947.

JAMES HAMPTON, missionary to Africa, spoke at both services at 1st Church, DeQueen, Nov. 8. Mr. Hampton, a native of Mena, is home for a year's furlough.

Convention

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3. That members of the board of trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, representing the Arkansas State Convention, not be restricted from serving on one other board of the state convention and that the Arkansas convention appropriate \$15,000 a year to the Memphis hospital beginning in 1960, to help the hospital expand its nurse-training program and provide additional rooms for patients.

4. That a request from the board of trustees of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, that all of the property of the college be given to the Arkansas State Convention for continued operation as a school be referred to the executive board for study and that the board report back to the convention in its annual meeting in 1960.

The Walnut Ridge College, a private Baptist institution headed by Dr. H. E. Williams, its founder, has received an annual appropriation from the state convention for several years.

5. That Ouachita College be permitted to exchange approximately half an acre of its present campus for a similar amount of property regarded as of more value to the campus and its purposes.

6. That all requests for capital indebtedness by any convention institution must be submitted to the executive board at least 90 days ahead of its annual July meeting.

On the motion of Dr. O. L. Bayless, chairman of the executive board's finance committee, a proposal that a debt ratio of 2½ in assets to 1 in debts not be exceeded by any institution or agency of the convention was referred back to the executive board for further study.

Foundation Plan Vetoed

A proposal by the executive board that the present board of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation be abolished and the foundation be made a regular department of the state work, operating under the direction of the executive board, was voted down by the convention messengers, following debate.

A motion by the Rev. Hugh Cantrell, pastor of the Stephens Church, which proposed that the president appoint a committee "to study the advisability and feasibility of setting up a commission to issue advice and with the power to request the ordination papers of Southern Baptist preachers who conduct themselves in a manner unworthy of service" was ruled out of order.

Dr. Walter Johnson, pastor of University Church, Fayetteville, rising on a point of order, pointed out that the convention's constitution states the convention has no power over local churches. This was sustained by President T. K. Rucker.

A motion by the Rev. Roy Lambert, South Side Church, Pine Bluff, "that the president appoint a committee to study the doctrine and practice of ordination and report back to the convention next year," was passed after



SPECIAL RECOGNITION to Harold Anderson, left, of Heber Springs, was a feature of the annual Brotherhood convention held in connection with the Baptist State Convention. With the honoree are Mrs. Anderson and State Brotherhood Secretary Nelson Tull who presented Mr. Anderson the plaque pictured here.

Said the inscription: "Presented to Harold Anderson, One of God's Chosen Men, Who for Seven Years Carried the Torch as State Brotherhood President, 1948-1955. Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant. We Love You, Harold, and Honor You as One of God's Own. Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood Convention and Brotherhood Department, Presented Nov. 16, 1959." ■

President Asked to Raise Religious Liberty Issue

A PREDOMINANTLY Protestant organization has asked President Eisenhower to raise the issue of religious liberty in Spain with both Pope John XXIII and Generalissimo Franco when he visits them in Rome and Madrid next month. A "blunt and forthright question" was suggested: "Why do you jointly suppress religious freedom for non-Catholics in Spain?"

Glenn Archer, executive director of

Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, raised the question in a letter to the President in which he declared that the question is doubly appropriate because "Franco is a political ally of the United States" and the Pope is "titular" head of the largest church in the United States." "These two supreme leaders," Mr. Archer said, "cooperate in carrying out the terms of a treaty, the Vatican-Spanish Concordat of 1953, under which no public manifestations of non-Catholic faith are permitted."

The letter charged that under present regulations in the Armed Forces American Protestant chaplains "are instructed never to make contact with Spanish Protestants because of Franco's hostility. No Spanish Protestant churches or Jewish synagogues in Spain are allowed to look like Protestant churches or Jewish synagogues, and they are forbidden to publish and distribute Protestant and Jewish literature."

Mr. Archer stated that if the President did not raise the religious liberty issue with the Vatican and Franco his visits would be accepted as signifying approval of present Spanish policy.

He pointed out that the British Government has raised the issue of religious liberty in Spain with the Spanish Foreign Minister, and that the American Government should not lag behind.

debate.

13,100 Baptisms Reported

Progress in all phases of the Baptist mission work was revealed in the annual reports to the convention. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions and evangelism, said a total of 13,100 baptisms were reported for the convention year ending Oct. 31, and that further reports will augment this. This is 181 more than the total for last year.

Dr. S. A. Whitlow reported financial receipts through the Cooperative Program totaled approximately \$10,000 a month above the receipts for the previous year.

(Further report, particularly dealing with addresses, sermons and other inspirational features of the convention, will be carried in next week's issue of *Arkansas Baptist*.) ■

Pacific Coast Leaders Set Top 1960 Goals

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP) — Associational leaders in the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington set three major goals here which will spark the convention's advance during 1960.

Convention Executive Secretary R. E. Millam, Portland, said the goals include:

(1) An enrolment gain of about 25 per cent in Sunday schools of affiliated churches. The gain would be 6,060 additional members. The suggested slogan is "One More for Every Four."

(2) Establishment of 10 branch Sunday schools, 10 institutional services, 45 new missions, and 35 new churches. These are in line with the Southern Baptist Convention's movement to create 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964.

(3) Baptism of 3,200 new converts during the year.

This, the second annual statewide associational leadership conference of Oregon-Washington Southern Baptists, convened at Camp Menucha here.

Moderators, missionaries and heads of the associational Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and church music organizations were present from 17 of the 19 associations of churches to consider plans for full participation in the 1960 Baptist Jubilee Advance—the year of emphasis on "Teaching and Training." ■

Alabama Fixes Goals For Baptisms, Churches

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — Alabama Baptists set a goal of 35,000 baptisms and establishment of 86 new churches and missions during 1960.

At their state convention here, they also adopted these goals—net gain of 25,000 in membership of affiliated churches to a total of 700,000; circulation of 113,000 for the weekly paper, *Alabama Baptist*; 515,000 members of Sunday schools; 235,000 in Training Unions, and 275,000 children enrolled in Vacation Bible schools.

The convention also approved a 1960 state Cooperative Program budget of \$3,162,000.

Travel Abroad Credit Planned by College

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — (BP) — Wake Forest College here will offer a German class in Germany next summer.

Plans for the college's first class in a "study abroad" program were announced by Kenneth Keeton, assistant professor of German and originator of the project.

Keeton said up to 20 students, including summer transfers, will be allowed to enroll in the class which will spend approximately 10 weeks abroad. The class will leave New York the middle of June and will return in August. ■

Candidacy of Catholic for President Opposed by Convention Resolution

MESSENGERS to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention adopted a resolution "opposing the candidacy of any Roman Catholic for President of the United States, in the interest of religious liberty."

The resolution, presented by the chairman of the resolutions committee, the Rev. Harold C. Bennett, pastor of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, made it clear that opposition is not being directed "at the freedoms of the Catholic people but at the allegiance they have to a foreign person who is outside the United States and above the laws governing forces of the United States."

Stated the resolution, further:

"Baptists have historically championed the cause of complete separation of church and state, but there are certain evidences that public tax funds are being used to support religious agencies and institutions, pointing to a gradual breakdown of the position of a free church in a free state."

Catholics, continued the resolution, "stand in direct opposition to this position."

A resolution addressed to President Eisenhower as a man "of religious feelings and convictions" and "the highest representative of the people of the United States" "respectfully requests" the President to attend services in a Christian church on the Lord's day while he is on his coming mission to Russia.

It pointed out that Premier Khrushchev of Russia, in keeping with his adherence to the principles of atheism, declined an invitation to attend church services while in the United States, and stated that "it will redound to the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ for our President to exhibit his faith in all countries in which he visits."

Other resolutions included expressions of appreciation to Dr. Paul E. Roberts and the staff of 1st Church and to the churches of Pulaski Association for their hospitality to the convention, and to the newspapers, radio and television stations for efficient reporting of convention actions and events.

Taking cognizance of the "excellent program" and reports of progress heard in the 106th Annual Session, and the "spiritual blessing to all messengers and friends of the convention" reflected in the fellowship of those in attendance, and the efficiency and Christian statesmanship of officers and leaders of the convention, a resolution expressed "gratitude to God for the progress, the unity, the spiritual blessing bestowed upon the Baptists of Arkansas."

Dr. T. K. Rucker, completing his second term as president of the convention and not eligible, under the constitution, for another term, was commended for faithful service and his "Christian statesmanship, stable leadership, friendly warmth, and Christ-like love exemplified in life and manner."

The convention gave a standing ovation to Dr. and Mrs. Rucker.

Another resolution, taking note of "definite evidence of the moral fibre becoming weaker in the lives of American citizens," and the fact that the gospel of Jesus Christ deals with the whole of human experience, resolved:

"That the cause of civic righteousness and Christian morality remain a prime concern for us in our individual and corporate labors and that we intensify our fight against gambling, legal or illegal, against the use and sale of alcoholic beverages, against the salacious literature being sold on newsstands, against the showing of demoralizing movies and television shows, and against other moral problems as they come to our attention in our several communities."

The Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas was commended for its work and churches of the convention urged to support it on the state, county and local levels.

The Cooperative Program, described as "the best method we have found to further the kingdom of God through our churches working together," was praised in another resolution urging all churches to support missions around the world through contributions to the Cooperative Program. The title was commended to the churches of Arkansas as "the Lord's plan for supporting His work." ■

Family Establishes Library Museum

A GIFT OF the Nicol Museum of Biblical Archaeology to the James P. Boyce Centennial Library, Southern Seminary, has been made by the Murray P. Nicol family, Bellewood Road, Anchorage, Ky.

A total of \$25,000 has been pledged for the project, according to James C. Austin, special assistant to the president.

In a letter to Austin Mrs. Virginia Boyd Nicol said the museum should be "always dedicated to the glory of God and the furtherance of His Word in the salvation of lost souls."

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president, asked Murray Boyd Nicol, Dr. Joseph Callaway, professor of Biblical archaeology, and Librarian Leo T. Crismon to serve on a committee to make plans for the museum.

Professor Callaway said that "many important items" will be added to the "already-outstanding" collection of museum pieces in the reserve reading room of the old library.

It is hoped, he said, that replicas of such famous monuments as the Rosetta Stone and the Hammurabi Stele will be secured for the new museum.

Murray Boyd Nicol, now a graduate student in the field of Biblical archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania, is an alumnus of Southern Seminary. In addition to him and Mrs. Nicol, the donors include his brothers, James L. and William C. Nicol. ■

Look to Year Ahead

THIS YEAR has been a good one with Arkansas Baptists. There have been gains all along the line. Our assets have increased. We have more members, more money, more cooperation and more of the old time "down-to-earth" Bible approach to our prob-

Texas Baptists Publish Dance Issue Statement

DALLAS (BP) — A joint statement designed to "define our harmonious position on the so-called controversy over the recent election of trustees at Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock" was issued here by representatives of the denomination and former board members.

The "controversy" started when members of the board of trustees whose terms had expired were not nominated for re-election during the annual Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting in Corpus Christi Nov. 2-5.

The dance issue, however, never came before the convention, Baptist leaders said. Messengers merely approved a routine report of a committee appointed to nominate trustees for the home. The committee nominated seven new members to replace members whose terms were expiring this year.

Press reports of the action in some Central Texas newspapers charged that the trustees were "purged" because they passed a resolution permitting youngsters at the home to "attend all social functions of the Round Rock public schools." Object of the resolution, the reports said, was to permit the youngsters to attend high school dances.

While the statement did not deny that dancing was the reason for the men not being re-nominated, it affirmed that the issue never came before the convention. No objection was voiced during the convention to the recommendation of the nominating committee.

The joint statement said: "The election of trustees to serve Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock was passed by the convention with no reference to dancing or any other issue. The convention has established a human welfare commission which will recommend general policies under which all of the denomination's four homes will be asked to operate.

"Children in our child care homes will be given the same consideration as children in our individual homes. Texas Baptist Children's Home is recognized by our convention and public welfare officials as having one of the finest child care programs in the state." ■

lems than we have seen in a long time.

Because of these and many other things, we look forward to 1960 with eager anticipation. Worthy goals have been set up in all phases of our Baptist life.

We are working toward a 20 per cent increase in baptisms. Our part in the 30,000 movement will be the establishment of one hundred new churches and missions.

Intensive training and educational programs have been planned by the Sunday School, Training Union, Music and Brotherhood departments.

To reach all of the above goals and to fulfill our mission, Arkansas Baptists must enlist more and more of our people in active service. We should go "all out" in teaching the Bible plan of giving. When 20 per cent of our church members give 80 per cent of the money to finance our work, we need to take a new look at the problem. Somewhere, we have been inadequate in our approach to Bible stewardship.

Recognizing this fact, our denominational leaders (at the request of the grass roots) have worked out a plan to help grow greater and bigger Christians and, at the same time, more adequately finance Kingdom work. This plan is "The Forward Program of Church Finance." About 100 churches in Arkansas have used the plan with splendid results. Next year we are setting a goal of 150 using the program. If we can reach this goal, it will mean many more tithers among Baptists, and

many finance problems solved and also many careless, indifferent and critical church members enlisted in Kingdom work.

Yes, 1960 will be an interesting year. Let's enter it with new determination and renewed courage.—Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary. ■

Forward Program Reports Received

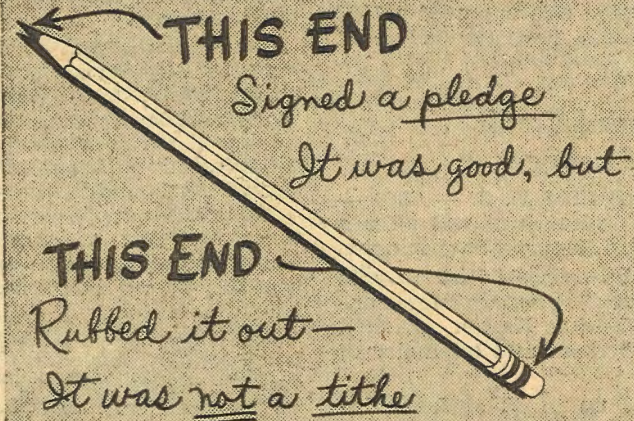
THE FORWARD Program of Church Finance reports for 1960 budget year have started coming into the office.

The first reports came from churches that were using the program for the second time. We are encouraged by the results. Each campaign was more successful in many ways than the one before, which leads us to know that as long as a church has members who have not signed a pledge card or members who do not tithe, The Forward Program can be helpful.

In many instances, the second Forward Program campaign was better than the first. The people learn more about the methods and follow the instructions better. Too, the results of the first campaign are known by all the church members and the leaders work with confidence in themselves and more faith that God will bless when they do their best.

Let us take this opportunity to urge each church that uses the Forward Program this year, to send a report to our office at 401 West Capitol, Little Rock. These reports are vital to all our work. They help us to help others, because we use the reports over and over again to encourage more churches to use, this all inclusive program.—Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary. ■

STORY WITH TWO ENDS



PLEDGE TO TITHE

Highway Signs of the Times

By J. W. STORER

JOURNEYING THROUGH the land one sees warnings, statements of fact, suggestions for the future, etc., otherwise known as "road signs." Some are questionable as to accuracy, such as "Men Working"—half of the time they aren't and those who are, quite evidently show no evidence of exhaustion.

Then there is the one, "Beware of soft shoulders"—which is apt indeed, fast driving and soft shoulders make for overlooking the curves.

"Construction ahead. For your future happiness. M. F. Childress, Governor," could well be true—also for his. But this summer on a journey of over six thousand miles, we saw a new series.

For years all who Jehu it over the highways have seen that delectable series concerning the virtues of "India Shave" (or is it Burma) which unfolds a tale, post by post, delineating the efficiency of the product in preparing for the painless departure of unsightly hair from the chin, etc.

Our Roman Catholic friends have seized upon the idea to catch the passing motorist's eye. Post by post they have painted the "Hail Mary" from the first "Hail Mary, Mother of God" right through to the end "be merciful to us sinners." Nothing to link it to the Roman Catholic Church, of course, except the content. Nor should they be condemned for doing this sort of thing—they have as much right as India Shave to spread their lather.

The point is, how many people driving along the road stop to analyze the "Hail Mary" and recognize its utter lack of any scripture authority, or basis of fact? "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?": Lamentations 1:12.

There is no scripture quoted at the close of the "Hail Mary" for the reason there is none to authenticate it. No wonder Martin Luther so loved the Roman Epistle—his worn study Bible opened automatically at the eighth chapter.

As I drove along my mind turned with joy unspeakable to Romans 3:20-26.

Living He Loved me,
Dying He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever

OVERHEARING HIS three-year-old daughter, Rebecca, talking about what she will do when the family arrives in the States for furlough, Missionary Billy B. Tisdale said to her: "Becky, why are you talking about the States? You were born here in the Philippines and do not even know where the United States is located." She quickly replied, "Oh, yes, I do. The United States is in Texas."

CURRENTLY, 50 per cent of the male population of the United States, and 36 per cent of women 15 years of age and older smoke regularly, according to the report.

Some day He's coming, Oh glorious day."

"There is One Mediator" (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9 and 10). Once that is seen and realized to be the truth, fictitious road signs remain just that.

But what should be the verdict concerning those who would post a sign "Safe Bridge" when there is no foundation beneath it? ■

Methods of Training For Ministry Discussed

RIDGECREST, N. C. —(BP)—Contending that specialized training for the Christian ministry should begin in college rather than in the theological seminary, the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion is urging a complete overhaul of traditional thinking.

The association has attacked the traditional belief that the liberal arts college should provide only the "broad background" for theological study. A spokesman of the organization, Past President William Angell, associate professor of religion at Wake Forest College, expressed an "acute sense of dissatisfaction with the present level of Biblical knowledge of the average man completing seven years of work in college and seminary."

He pointed out that the association at an August meeting at Ridgecrest, N. C., gave its endorsement to a proposal that Baptist seminaries give a series of tests in Old and New Testament studies to incoming freshmen, in order to put men with adequate college background in advanced sections.

Jack Flanders, chairman of the department of religion at Furman University and new president, is co-chairman of the committee set up to prepare entrance tests in the New Testament field, with Frank Stagg, of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The Old Testament committee headed by William H. Morton of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, with Allen Easley, dean of the school of religion, Wake Forest College, as co-chairman.

Morton has complained that the so-called "broad background" curriculum in colleges which neglects adequate study of religion and philosophy fails to give "adequate depth of preparation" for students who intend to enter the Christian ministry.

He pointed to a survey of theological students at Wooster Theological Seminary which indicated that only those students who did their major work in religion in college felt that they had a sufficiently "broad background" for seminary work. Without exception, Morton said, those students who did not major in religion felt that they were inadequately prepared to enter the seminary. ■

Arizona Disapproves Ike's Visit to Pope

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)—Arizona Baptists have informed President Eisenhower they do not approve of his visit with Pope John 23 at the Vatican.

They also have stated their opposition to election of a President in 1960 whose allegiance to the United States might be secondary to another organization.

Meeting here, the Baptist General Convention of Arizona further called for Baptist churches and institutions to consider carefully their financial dealings when public funds are involved.

Messengers elected Glen E. Crotts, pastor, 1st Southern Baptist Church, Tucson, president. (Mr. Crotts is a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Ouachita College.) A budget totalling \$546,381—including aid from Southern Baptist Convention boards for joint work—was adopted for 1960.

The Cooperative Program section of the budget is \$289,622, with 17 per cent of this amount being used to support Southern Baptist Convention activities.

In a pre-convention meeting, the convention's executive board employed Aubrey Halsell of Memphis, Tenn., as director of bond sales. It also voted to issue \$1 million in bonds to build new churches.

The convention went on record opposing any institution, particularly Baptist, which "for selfish gain would jeopardize this great Baptist principle" of separation of church and state. This was interpreted as being aimed at use of tax funds for religious purpose.

While Arizona Baptists believed that the President of the United States "should be a man of God, law, and devoted to his church," it did not believe that "any church has the right to set itself up as a state and demand a state religion for its constituents and oppose his allegiance to the nation to which he claims citizenship."

Eisenhower's visit to the Vatican, and an audience with the pope, was considered by Arizona Baptists as not in the best interests of continued religious liberty.

The convention will meet in Winslow next year.

Floyd Looney Observes 15th Press Anniversary

FRESNO, Calif. —(BP)—Floyd Looney is observing his 15th anniversary as editor of the California Southern Baptist here.

A native of Board Camp, Ark., Looney has taken his "land of opportunity" west with him and writes an editorial column regularly captioned "Arkioleology."

The California Southern Baptist, official publication of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, has a weekly circulation of more than 22,000.

He is past president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

Childhood Diseases Among the World's Children

IN MANY ways this is a child's world. Into this vast family of mankind three children are born every second and before a day passes 260,000 more are born. By the end of a single year, 30 million children are born. But the tragic truth is that the great majority of these children who are given life run the high risk of early death from diseases that lie in wait for them.

A baby born into the villages of Iraq or Pakistan, for instance, faces a fifty-fifty chance to live; and a large proportion of those who are left will face life crippled by disease or weakened by malnutrition. In America we speak lightly of "childhood diseases," but we dare not speak lightly of the diseases of childhood in large areas of the world.

In some of these geographic areas it is likely that the child will contract trachoma—a painful eye infection that frequently leads to blindness. In areas of Asia, as large as Europe, a large proportion of the children have, or have had, malaria. This disease has cost India as many as 100 million people in a year, and in countries all over the world it has taken as many as 400 million people in a single year. In some parts of Central Africa the percentage of children who have leprosy is greater than the percentage of American children who at any one time are suffering from a sore throat. The awful fact is that 650 million of the world's children are faced with a short life, a sick life, a hungry life.

Yes, something can be done about this. Something is being done by missionary doctors and nurses in hospitals who keep up a constant battle for the lives of the children in the lands in which they work. And much is being done through the United Nations Children's Fund through which more than 60 million of the world's children were treated last year.—A. C. Miller, Christian Life Commission

Pollard Speaker For Mission Assembly

CONVENTION PRESIDENT Ramsey Pollard, Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn., will preach during the Home Missions week at Ridgecrest Assembly in North Carolina August 18-24. Ralph Grant, 1st Church, Lubbock, Tex., will be preacher at Glorieta Assembly, in New Mexico, August 4-10.

Bible teachers for the two assemblies are Professor Clyde T. Francisco of Southern Seminary and Professor Leo Green of Southeastern Seminary, for Glorieta and Ridgecrest respectively.

Mid-year meeting of the Home Mission Board is scheduled for August 17 at Ridgecrest. ■

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Baptists Speak Out Concerning President

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, at their state convention meetings, had much to say about the President of the United States, both present and future.

Three states reacted against President Eisenhower's plan to visit Pope John 23 during a global peace mission. The potential religious issue in the 1960 Presidential campaign was discussed in the three states.

Church and state posed an issue, in various forms, in Virginia, Arizona, Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and Louisiana.

Two conventions voted to change their official names, after following the course required in their constitutions.

Tennessee and North Carolina acted on reports of their special survey committees, accepting some recommendations and rejecting others.

Ohio, Alabama, and Indiana set future goals or created planning committees to chart their future course.

Christian education became a subject for action in South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi. Baptists in Virginia, Florida, and South Carolina talked of new state Baptist office buildings.

Virtually each of the 13 state Baptist organizations which have met adopted record budgets.

The Christian life commission of Alabama Baptist State Convention termed Ike's visit to Pope John 23 at the Vatican "disturbing . . . from the viewpoint of religious equality and freedom. . . ."

"While our sympathies are for world peace, we cannot see this worthy goal furthered by favoritism to a church

group seeking political power," it continued.

Only one messenger voted "No" to action taken by the Baptist General Association of Virginia opposing the Eisenhower-papal meeting.

In Arizona, Baptists also took a dim view of this visit.

Arizona and Alabama also spoke their piece about the religious issue which American voters may likely face when they go to the polls in 1960 to elect Eisenhower's successor. Oklahoma added its voice of concern.

The Baptist General Convention of Arizona, resolved "without reservation" to oppose "the election of any man to the position of chief executive" whose religious affiliation might conflict with his allegiance to the United States.

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma took a similar stand. Without naming a candidate or the "other power" to which he might give first allegiance, it was understood by messengers as bearing on the 1960 Presidential campaign.

Alabama convention was explicit. Its statement read:

"It is our thought that any Roman Catholic serving as President, as a matter of course, would be subject to varied types of strong pressures to give favoritism to the Roman Catholic Church regardless of his personal desire and public commitment." —Theo Sommerkamp, Baptist Press staff writer. ■

Tokyo Church Dedicated In Colorful Ceremonies

TOKYO — The 70th anniversary celebration of Southern Baptist mission work in Japan was climaxed here Nov. 1 in the dedication of the Tokyo Baptist Church, Southern Baptists' New English-speaking ministry in this second largest city in the world.

In colorful and dramatic ceremonies, distinguished visitors from America and Japan joined together to dedicate officially a church building reputed to be one of the finest and best equipped in Asia.

In the dedicatory message Southern Baptist Convention President Ramsey Pollard urged the 500 people in attendance to teach and preach the gospel of Christ with compassion and fervor. ■

7th Day Baptists Urge 'Persistent' Peace Prayers

SALEM, W. Va., U.S.A. —(BWA)— Persistence in prayers for world peace was urged by the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in a resolution adopted at its 147th annual meeting here.

The resolution especially stressed perseverance in praying "for our national leaders to seek God's guidance as they continue their efforts to open the channels of peaceful negotiations with other nations."

BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS December, 1959

Theme: Problems
Dec. 6 "Does Salvation by Grace Encourage Sinfulness?"
13 "Do You Need a Psychiatrist?"
20 "Why Was Jesus Born?"
27 "Do Your Books Balance?"

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DeQueen	KDQN	1:00 p.m.
El Dorado	KELD	2:30 p.m.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hope	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
Jonesboro	KNEA	9:30 a.m.
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.
Monticello	KHBM	3:30 p.m.
Paragould	KDRS	8:30 p.m.
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Van Buren	KUFD	10:00 a.m.
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Paris	KCCL	4:00 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	10:00 a.m., Sat.

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Wynne	KWYN	9:15 a.m.
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El Dorado	KTVE	4:30 p.m., Sat.
Fort Smith	KNAC-TV	10:30 a.m.

Texas Baptist School Rejects Federal Loan

PLAINVIEW, Tex. —(BP)— Trustees of Wayland Baptist College here have rejected a \$668,000 federal loan originally sought for three new buildings, and plan to "depend on God instead of the government" for future capital improvements.

The action is the latest development in a denominational wrestle over the historic Baptist stand on church-state separation. Two weeks ago the Texas Baptist executive board heard lengthy pro and con discussions on accepting a Texarkana hospital partially financed with government funds. By a slim margin, the board voted to recommend to the convention that the institution be leased rather than accepted as a gift from Texarkana citizens who matched government funds to build the Wadley Hospital.

Wayland's action on the loan followed "serious reconsideration" by the trustees of the school's stand on the principle. Tom Parrish, vice president in charge of development, asked the board to re-examine its position.

Convention Boosts Mobile College Plan

MOBILE, Ala. (BP) — Plans for a Baptist college here received a boost during the recent session of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

The convention endorsed the move to appoint a steering committee which will assume basic responsibility for planning. Three member of the committee will come from the Mobile area.

When success of a financial campaign has been assured, and the steering committee has completed its work, the committee will relinquish its responsibility.

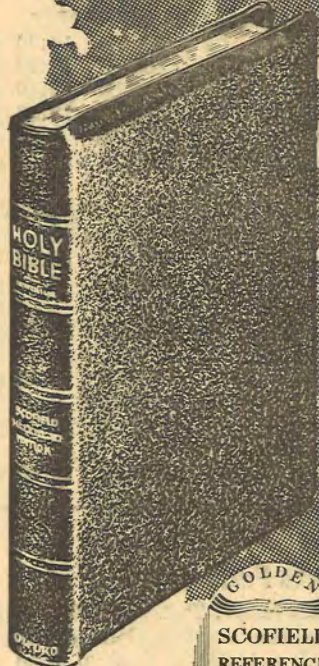
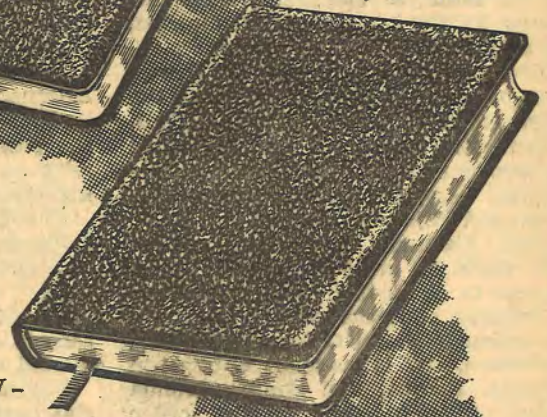
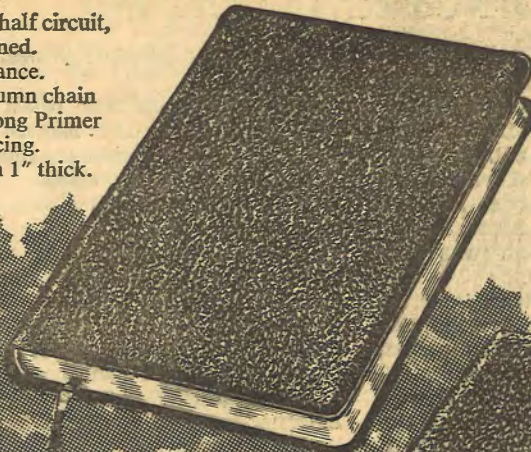
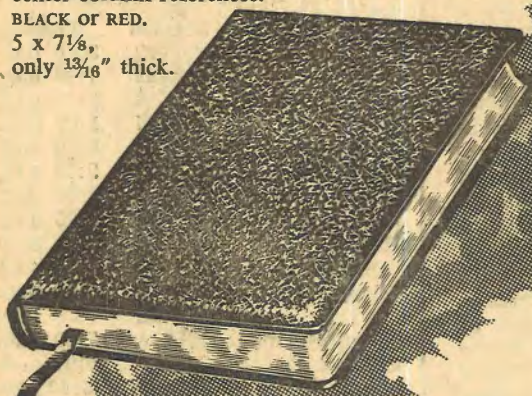
The Mobile college will then become affiliated with either Howard College at Birmingham or Judson College at Marion, both of which have full academic accreditation and are operated by the state convention.

A survey by the SBC Education Commission showed: (1) An urgent need for a college in the Mobile area; (2) Baptist potential alone is sufficient to justify at least a two-year college; (3) the potential exists for a \$1½ million financial campaign, and (4) Alabama convention can provide a subsidy for the college while increasing support for Howard and Judson Colleges. ■

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Missouri Acts On Race, College, Persecution

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—An eight per cent increase in Cooperative Program goal over last year, preliminary plans for a new Baptist college in St. Louis, a firm stand on Christian race relations, and aid to persecuted Baptists in Spain were among the major actions taken by Missouri Baptist Convention in its annual session here.

The convention noted the \$320,000 increase in receipts through the Cooperative Program during the year just closed, and increased its goal for the Cooperative Program to \$2,800,000 for 1960. This is an increase of \$200,000 over the 1959 goal.

Thirty-five per cent of total Cooperative Program receipts will go for Southern Baptist Convention causes and 65 per cent for causes in Missouri with no preferred deductions.

Plans for a Baptist college in Greater St. Louis, presented after two years of study by a special committee, called for a campaign by St. Louis Baptist Association to raise a minimum of \$1½ million in metropolitan St. Louis within a three-year pledge period.

In its unanimous adoption of a report on Christian life, the convention took its strongest stand to date on the issue of Christian race relations. The report urged all Missouri Baptists to hold "distinctively Christian attitudes" in race relations and to "insist on respect for our colored neighbors in Missouri and actively support their rights as fellow Americans, and in many cases, fellow Christians."

The report declared that "racial segregation cannot be maintained in a truly Christian society. Public facilities, community institutions, and places in which their nature and function are desirous to serve all the people, cannot be regarded as private institutions from which a group may be excluded because of color. That is a denial of basic human rights in a democracy; it is a rejection of Christian ethics."

Urging that a solution of the problem depended on "white people learning to separate their private lives from their public institutions," the report challenged "local churches to use their position of influence in the community to form and direct community sentiment for extending to our Negro citizens height and social respect of which they are entitled as free Americans to have."

The report also called for "more active leadership from our church groups in the field of endeavor which has been largely dominated by secular leadership."

Dramatic action took place under a large sign reading, "If the United States becomes 51 per cent Catholic, will Baptist churches be closed here as they are today in Spain?" Earl Harding of Jefferson City, convention ex-

Dr. Williamson Honored by Arkansas Baptists

DR. Edgar Williamson, who retired recently as secretary of the Sunday School department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was given special recognition at the closing session of the state convention recently.



DR. WILLIAMSON

Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive of the state convention, praised Dr. Williamson for outstanding achievements during the 22 years he was a state worker for the convention.

"No one person has contributed more to the state and to missions through the Sunday Schools than has Dr. Williamson," said Dr. Whitlow. "We are humbly grateful to God and give Him credit but we recognize Dr. Williamson as a mighty instrument in the hand of God."

Dr. Whitlow presented a bound volume of letters to Dr. Williamson from friends and associates of the years, something compiled without the knowledge of Dr. Williamson, and gave him and Mrs. Williamson, on behalf of a number of contributing churches of the state, a check of appreciation in the amount of \$1,500.

Also lauded was Mrs. Grace Hamilton, who recently retired after more than 30 years of service in the Baptist building. Mrs. Hamilton served with Dr. Williamson for his total tenure. The executive committee of the state convention voted her a \$500 bonus.

Dr. Williamson expressed warm thanks to Arkansas Baptists for their years of fellowship and praised the new secretary in the Sunday School department, the Rev. Lawson Hatfield, as one highly qualified "who will lead in a great program for Arkansas Baptists."

The convention gave a standing ovation to Dr. and Mrs. Williamson.

ecutive secretary, presented \$3,000 to Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State to provide legal counsel for the imprisoned pastor of a closed church in Spain.

The resolution, adopted in this connection, proposed "that we send a special word of comfort to our brother pastor in Spain who was recently seized by the federal court for holding religious services, after the chapel he pastored had been closed without explanation—and that we take a renewed interest in, as well as a fervent stand for, the cause of religious liberty and our heritage of American freedoms through enlarged local support of POAU, in addition to the financial undergirding which our state convention provides."

The new convention officers are: President, James T. Shirley, pastor, 1st Church, St. Johns; vice-president, Paul Weber, Jr., pastor Hamlin Church, Springfield; recording secretary, Wayne Rosecrans, pastor, 1st Church, California, and treasurer, Russell Wren, insurance executive, Jefferson City.

The 1960 session of the convention will be held in St. Louis, Oct. 25-27. ■

American Baptists List Membership Gain

NEW YORK —(BP)— A summary of American Baptist Convention statistics shows 117 fewer churches than in 1958. However, there is a Convention-wide membership gain of 8,233 over 1958, for a total of 1,563,593, as reported by state conventions.

Sunday school enrollment increased by 16,051, to a total 1,028,630. Church property value rose \$28,740,706 in 1959 to a total value of \$487,935,192.

American Convention Eyes South's Churches

GREEN LAKE, Wis. — (BP) — Machinery was set in motion here to accept Baptist churches in the southern area of the country wishing to affiliate with the American Baptist Convention. The action came by vote of the convention's general council.

An increasing number of churches in the southern area of the country have been seeking fellowship with the American Baptist Convention, the Council reported. In addition, a large number of American Baptists now living in the South fail to find fellowship within local Baptist organization in the South, according to reports given to the general council.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society was approved by the general council as the denominational agency to "provide for adequate investigation and possible affiliation of such churches."

At the same meeting, College Heights Baptist Church of Port Neches, Tex., was accepted into the American Baptist Convention by the general council. The Texas church had petitioned earlier for permission to affiliate, and registered a willingness to comply with the by-laws of the American Baptist Convention and to co-operate with its program.

Ruschlikon Enrollment Up

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland — (BWA)— The eleventh session of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon (Zurich), Switzerland, opened with a service in the new chapel building on August 31. Fifty-four students, the largest number to date, are enrolled.

Southern Seminary Alumni Name New Officers

ARKANSAS alumni of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in their annual meeting in connection with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, chose Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of *Arkansas Baptist*, president.

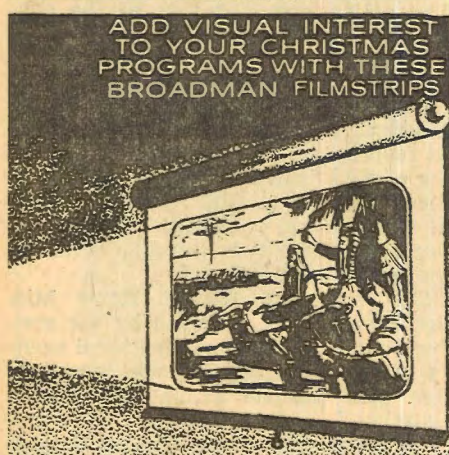
The Rev. W. H. Heard, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge, was named vice president; the Rev. James Brewer, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Helena, secretary; and the Rev. Darell S. Ross, pastor of Forest Highlands Baptist Church, Little Rock, Eureka Man.

Guest speaker was Dr. Wayne E. Ward, of the seminary faculty. Honored guests were Attorney and Mrs. Edward Maddox, members of First Baptist Church, Harrisburg.

Paper in Michigan To Change Its Name

FLINT, Mich. —(BP)— The Baptist State Convention of Michigan passed an amendment to its constitution here, changing the name of its newspaper.

Now known as the *Michigan Baptist Messenger*, the paper will in the near future change its name to *Michigan Baptist Advocate*. Editor Truett Smith of Detroit announced that the change became necessary because the name, *Michigan Baptist Messenger*, was already being used.



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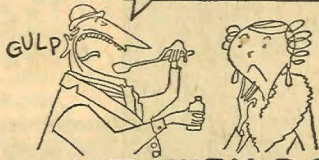
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TALKING ABOUT Christians of the United States, a Mexican Christian said, "Those people there to the North must have a lot of love, for without them when would we have ever heard the Gospel?"

IT IS much nicer to volunteer to be a missionary than to put up a fight and have to surrender.—Loren C. Turnage, missionary appointee to Colombia.

PRAY THAT we may not be overcome but that we may be overcomers.—Roger G. Duck, missionary to Venezuela.

NO ONE ever told the members of our church that you can leave between Sunday School and the preaching service.—George S. Lozuk, missionary to Venezuela.

I KNOW my people do not know how to read and write, but they do know how to love.—African Baptist pastor, Southern Rhodesia. ■

EDITOR ERWIN L. McDonald, of *Arkansas Baptist*, was the evangelist for a revival at 1st Church, Sherwood, North Little Rock, of which Rev. Charles Ragland is pastor, Nov. 8-15. Al Cullom, of the staff of Calvary Church, North Little Rock, directed the music. There were three conversions, one for church membership and a number of re-dedications.

RAVENDEN SPRINGS Church reports eight additions, including five by baptism, in the recent revival. John Davis, Winchester Church, Memphis, was evangelist. Billy L. Cartwright, student at Southern College, is pastor.

THE BOOKSHELF

The Efficiency Filing System, Revised and Enlarged, by L. R. Elliott, Broadman, 1959

This is a practical guide for indexing articles, clippings, sermons, and books for ministers and other religious workers. The author was for many years librarian at Southwestern Seminary and since his official retirement has been active in helping the new Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, to set up its library.

Standard Lesson Commentary, 1960, Orrin Root, Editor in Chief, John M. Carter, Editor, The Standard Publishing Company, \$2.95

This is the seventh annual commentary to be published by Standard, providing extensive commentary on the International Uniform SS Lessons.

Peloubet's Select Notes, 1960, by Wilbur M. Smith, W. A. Wilde Co., \$2.95

This is the 86th annual volume of Peloubet's Select Notes. It contains practical helps for pastors, teachers, and students on the International Uniform SS Lessons.

That Ye May Believe, by William W. Stevens, The American Press, 1959, \$3.

Here is a distinctive study of the Gospel of John. It is a probing of the question by Pilate: "What will you do with Jesus that is called Christ?" The author, professor of Bible at Mississippi College, is a graduate of Southern Seminary. He formerly served as pastor of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Owenton, Ky., and of 1st Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Ky.

I Have Called You Friends, by Francis C. Anscombe, The Christopher Publishing House, 1959, \$5

This is the story of a Protestant denomination which developed out of the religious experience of a man of very limited education who lived in England in the 17th century—George Fox. He devoted himself to prayer and the study of the Bible and at length, in common with many mystics, he came into a sense of direction from what he regarded as "an Inward Voice," assuring him that Christ could speak to his condition. He became a dynamic preacher and under his ministry the Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers, came into being.

Christian Evidences, or God Reveals Himself to Man, by Perry F. Haines, W. A. Wilde Company, 1959, \$2.95

This is a search by the author for the answer to the scientist's explanation that man came into being by slow processes of evolution. "God's Word teaches no such thing," he concludes. "Nowhere in all of God's Word do we find it contradicts true science, but it always contradicts theories," he declares.

JESSE REED was the evangelist for a recent revival at 1st Church, West Memphis. Dean Butler, minister of music at 1st Church, led the singing. There were 21 for baptism and 12 by letter. Walter Yeldell is the pastor.

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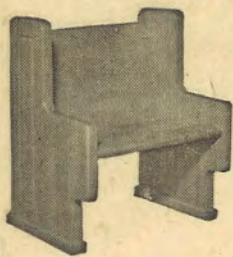
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Trial Counseling Center Established at Seminary

FORT WORTH —(BP)— An experimental center for marriage and family counseling has been established on the Southwestern Seminary for one full school year.

The center, sponsored jointly by the Seminary and the home education department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be directed by John Drakeford, a Southwestern faculty member.

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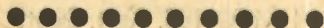


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Calls for World Opinion On Persecution in Spain

WASHINGTON —(BP)—The Washington Post-Times Herald, prominent daily newspaper here, has called for the pressure of world opinion to lift the heavy hand of persecution of Protestants in Spain.

The editorial in the Post took account of the recent trial of Pastor Jose Nunez, pastor of the 2nd Baptist Church of Madrid. He was charged with the offense of breaking into his own church after it had been sealed shut by the police. With the passage of time the seal on the church doors was loosened and torn so the doors were no longer sealed, whereupon the pastor took the liberty of entering his church. He was later arrested and has stood trial for entering a church that was closed by the police.

"This is typical," the Post editorial said, "of the kind of harassment which various Protestant sects have undergone in Spain, where the laws make it difficult for religious dissenters to conduct their own services."

The Post pointed out a "wry twist" to the current incident. Since Moscow has opened the doors slightly to the Baptist minority in Russia, the Post asked pointedly, "Can it be that the Baptists can operate more freely under communism than in Franco Spain?"

Asserting that "world opinion has played some part in affording a little more protection to minority beliefs in Moscow," the Post said, "perhaps it can do the same in Spain—or, for that matter, in any country where religious bigotry leaves its scars."

It is estimated that there are some 3,000 Baptists among the approximately 30,000 Protestants in Spain. Of the 42 Baptist churches and missions in Spain, there reportedly are now eight that cannot meet in their own buildings because they have been closed by the police. ■

ELWOOD SAYS there's no need to worry about your station in life—sooner or later someone is bound to tell you where to get off.

Missions and Evangelists

Makes Plans Now

THE ANNUAL meeting of our State Convention is over. A new year is only a few weeks away. Do you have your program and objectives adopted and ready to put in operation?

If we Arkansas Baptists have one weakness greater than others, it is our slow and indifferent spirit in carrying out plans.

An association will vote to have a Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade but fail to set the date or elect a steering committee. The date may be set but no director elected. A church plans to cooperate in the crusade but delays about engaging an evangelist.

A steering committee is finally set up but no clinic to train them is planned. A church plans to start a mission, but waits and delays until another group moves in and takes the field.

I would urge and plead that we plan thoroughly now, and then push with all our might toward those objectives. Plan to carry the spirit of the evangelistic conference back to the churches by having a great associational evangelistic conference and clinic.

If you are to have simultaneous revivals, set the date, select the director, engage the evangelist, secure the publicity, list your prospects, plan your visitations.

You hope to start another mission? When? Where? By whom?

Now is the time to plan it! What we accomplish in 1960 will be determined by the attitude and spirit we have in planning and promoting—we must be prayerful, persistent and enthusiastic. We must set objectives and work toward them.—Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Secretary. ■

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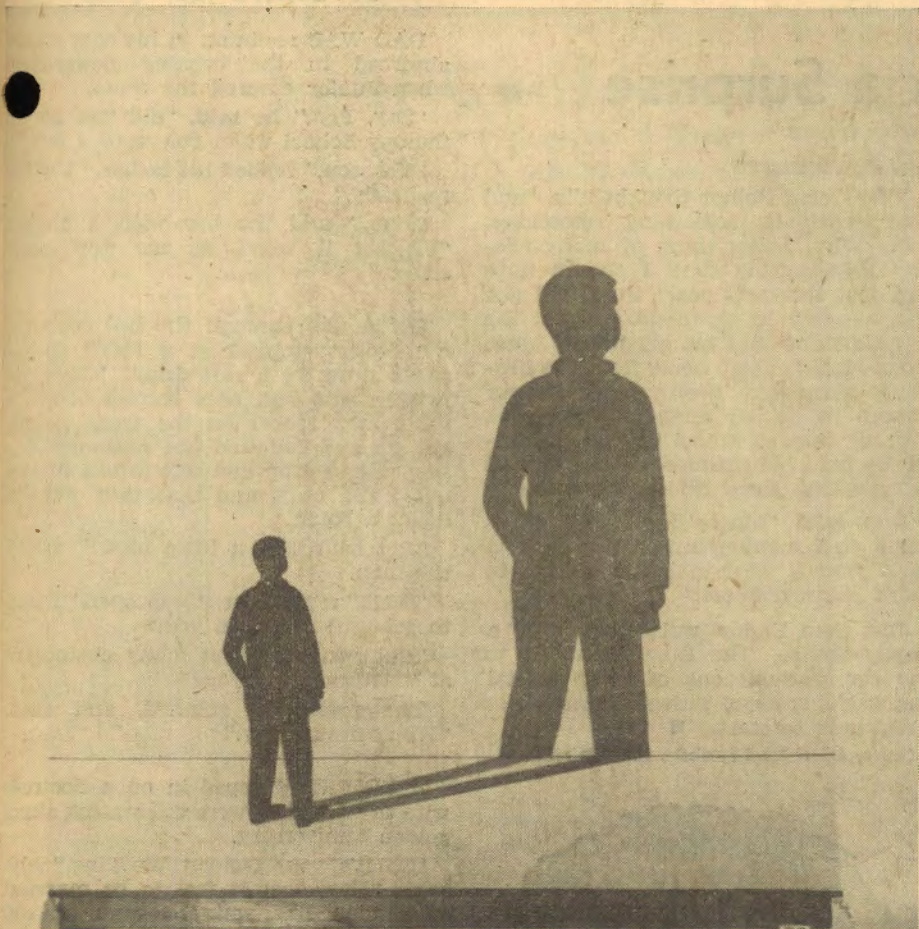
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REGISTRATION FOR the recent BSU Convention at Hot Springs numbered 551. Art work expressing the convention theme, "Toward Maturity in Christ," covered the baptistry of Central Church, the host church.

South Carolina Sets Goal of \$3,250,000

COLUMBIA, S. C. —(BP)— The State Convention of South Carolina will be asked in November to move back toward an equal division of its basic missions budget between state and Southern Baptist Convention causes.

The General board of the convention, meeting here, voted to recommend a 1960 current operations budget of \$1,428,000, an increase of \$227,000 over the 1959 budget, with 55 per cent of the total going for state causes and 45 per cent for SBC causes.

The SBC's share of the operations budget would be \$162,000 more than the comparable figure last year. But it would be \$50,000 less than the comparable figure in 1958 before the 50-50 sharing policy of this basic budget area was changed to give state causes 60 per cent and SBC causes 40 per cent. ■

Churches Give Men, Time for Missions

ATLANTA —(BP)— Churches not able to sponsor missions are sponsoring mission surveys. In Iowa, Everett Bryant, associate missions superintendent, says that in cases where there

is no sponsoring church, help in sponsoring a survey is sought from the closest association or church.

If a church is sponsoring a mission, they survey the area.

"Experience has taught us it is unwise to establish a new mission without a survey of the mission field," said Bryant.

A RECORD crowd of more than 30,000 persons attended the final rally of Billy Graham's Indianapolis Crusade and climaxed his 27-day series of meetings at the State Fairgrounds. The total attendance was 350,000, with more than 9,300 "decisions for Christ."

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Thanksgiving with a Surprise

By Justa Lee Allen

"THERE!" SAID Mother Kimmel as she tucked the cranberry sauce into the large basket right next to the golden-brown turkey. "Our Thanksgiving dinner is about to travel."

"Umm!" sniffed Robert. "Won't the Lacey family be surprised when we drive up tomorrow with a big, swell Thanksgiving dinner all ready to eat!"

"And pleased, too," added Ruth. "They're too busy moving into their new house to cook dinner."

"One thing I like about Thanksgiving Day," said Don, "you can make it a little different each year. This surprise idea is good. We'll have such a jolly day with our friends, and I love riding in the car."

"I don't care how it's done," said Robert. "I just wish we could have Thanksgiving Day every day in the year."

"I know of only one place in the world where every day is Thanksgiving Day," said Mother.

"Where?" asked Don.

"Tell us about it," begged Ruth.

"Let's move there," suggested Robert.

Ruth placed the last box of cookies into the basket. Mother sat down near the big tables.

"The place," Mother began, "is in faraway Switzerland, high in the Alps. While we're waiting for Daddy to get ready, I'll tell you about it."

"Years ago in those mountains there was a Christian minister. The men in his church were wood carvers and wood choppers.

"Cutting wood in the mountains is hard and dangerous work. The minister did not want the people to forget that God was tenderly leading them through their hard lives. So he started a new kind of religious holiday, or holy day as it was first called.

"Each of his people marked the dates on his calendar when God had blessed him in a special way. Those days were celebrated as his own special days.

"All his neighbors helped him celebrate by remembering him with some little surprise. For instance, milk or flowers were sent to an old man, because five years ago on that day he had recovered from a hard illness. The next day everybody brought toys to a little girl because a year ago she was saved when a large mass of snow swept her down the mountainside. The person who was celebrating a special day took flowers to the church and thanked God for all his goodness.

"So by and by," ended Mother, "the people could never forget God's goodness, for almost every day in the year was a special day of thanksgiving."

"Oh," said Ruth, "that is lovely. People in other lands do interesting things,

too, don't they?"

"Yes," said Robert thoughtfully, "and they teach us something sometimes, too. Why, I can think of many special thanksgiving days I should have had just this past year: the day I got one hundred in my number work, the day Grandpa sent me my nature book, when Mother came home from the hospital, when Mr. Brown came to our church to be our minister, the day I told my Sunday school teacher I wanted to be a Christian—" Robert went on counting them off on his fingers.

Don said, "Maybe most any of us could find many thanksgiving days in each year if we'd take the trouble to mark our calendars."

Just then Daddy walked in with a happy smile. The family hurried to the car, because one of their special thanksgiving days, with a surprise, was just ready to start. ■

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November

By Alice Whitson Norton

*Thanksgiving Day is here at last,
And though it's bleak November,
It's time to count our blessings over
And faithfully remember.*

*Ours is a land of peace and love
And every man is free.
Thus may our bells forever ring
With blessed liberty.*

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DAD WAS reclining in his easy chair absorbed in the evening newspaper when Junior entered the room.

"Say, Pop," he said, "did you go to Sunday School when you were a boy?"

"Yes, son," replied his father, "I went regularly."

"H'm," said the boy with a shrug, "I'll bet it won't do me any good either."

ON A trip through the hill country, a motorist stopped at a small cross-roads store for a soft drink. The proprietor, who had been resting comfortably in a rocker on the front porch, got up and followed the customer inside. He said he had soft drinks in the quart size only, and that they were a dollar a bottle.

"But isn't that a little high?" asked the man.

"Well," replied the storekeeper, "I had to get up to wait on you."

"But you won't get many customers at that price, will you?"

The proprietor grinned, and said, "Won't need many."

A FRIEND dropped in on a doctor's wife the day they were celebrating their golden anniversary.

"So it's your Golden Wedding," she said. "How does it feel to be married to a man like your husband for 50 years?"

"Well, it's just as if it was yesterday," replied the doctor's wife, "and you know what an awful day yesterday was."

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"...and thank Thee for the peanut butter sandwiches we are about to receive..."

With or without the traditional "turkey and trimmings" most of us have ample cause for giving thanks. Not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every day of the year. And especially in these times of turmoil we need to keep our sense of perspective by counting our blessings frequently.

Saul Confronted by Christ

By DR. C. GORDON BAYLESS
(Central Church, North Little Rock)

November 29
Acts 9:1-9

PAUL'S INTRODUCTION to the ages is recorded in Acts 7:58. Luke made the introduction: "And they cast him (Stephen) out of the city, and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul." We see him not only consenting to Stephen's death but he was probably the official who announced the charges against him. It cannot be said that Paul enjoyed watching this good man die, but he did believe it was the proper thing to do. After his conversion to Christ he included all his wicked attitude and deeds toward the Christians as being done "out of ignorance." He is a clear example that what a man believes even sincerely is not necessarily right. Centuries later the great Chrysostom described him as being "three cubits high, touching the sky." But before he became that tall before God and man, something revolutionary happened to him.



DR. BAYLESS

Saul, the Inquisitor

Paul never did anything half-way; for him there was no grey neutrality, no temporizing, no compromise. He was positive and dynamic in his nature. When he believed in a course, he put the full force of his great talents to advancing it. Unfortunately, before his conversion, his outstanding talent was his capacity to hate those who opposed his convictions. That was why he was so well equipped to persecute the Christians. He hated them because they said Jesus was the Messiah. Some day he would be lifted out of his one cell universe of hate, but until that time came, he would be an example of the injury a talented, unregenerate man can cause.

"And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any in this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem." (Acts 9:1-2) The Roman government recognized the Sanhedrin's right to extradite any Jew to Jerusalem. The Christians Paul pursued to Damascus, in Syria, were probably those who fled Jerusalem to avoid persecution. "The high priest's decrees, or the decrees of the Sanhedrin, were binding not only in the Jewish communities of Palestine but also to a great extent to those outside Palestine."

Saul was authorized to arrest gentle Christian women and uncomplaining men. "As for Saul, he made havoc with the church." (Acts 8:3) The word "havoc" could be used for boars uprooting tender vines. Saul was not satisfied with merely attacking their public gatherings; he must go into their homes, whip them, imprison them, and put them to death. If possible, he would have them blaspheme the One who had saved them. "He breathed out threatenings and slaughter." That is a good description of a dragon with fire pouring from its nostrils. There is persecution in merely threatening.

How Satan must have rejoiced over such an agent of de-

struction, but how torn the heart of God must have been. The only comfort to be found in this black and bleak period of Paul's life, is recorded in Galatians 1:15. "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen..." Some son may be breaking the hearts of his parents today who may also have been set aside by God to reveal Jesus Christ to the world. How mysterious are God's ways!

A Collision That Changed History

Luke must have been eager to pass from the dark and cruel phases of Paul's life to his glorious conversion. Paul was perhaps in the sight of Damascus when he was saved. Damascus was a city even during the time of Abraham's life. It must have been a large city because more than twenty-thousand Jews were killed there by the Romans in 66 A.D. Paul, being an important Jewish official, must have been riding a very fine donkey on his trip to Damascus. Nothing was heard but the clip, clip of the animal's feet as Paul and his companions traveled. He had no idea of what was about to happen to him.

Suddenly Paul was confronted by a bright light which no doubt came from the face of Christ. It was a fountain of light; a light above the brightness of the sun for visibility at noon day for it out-shone the sun. The light surrounded Paul so he could not look away! Christ was everywhere and He was everything. Paul fell to the earth like an eagle with a crippled wing. He heard the voice of Jesus speaking in Aramaic, Paul's native tongue. He knew it was Jesus. "Why do you persecute me?" was the question. How could Saul (his Jewish name) persecute Jesus who was in Heaven? Christ is the head of the church: the church is His body. You can't give pain to the body without giving pain to the head.

Paul assumed the attitude of a penitent—"He fell to the earth." God usually casts down before He bestows great honors. Paul was ready to listen. He saw the Lord. "Have I not seen Jesus Christ Our Lord?" Whether Paul saw Jesus at a distance as Stephen did, in the heavens, or nearer in the air, is not certain but it was necessary to see him in order to be an apostle. "Who art thou, Lord" showed that Paul was not yet acquainted with Jesus. He had been blaspheming, now he called Jesus, "Lord." "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." The very name he would bury forever! But before he could become a saint, he must see himself as a sinner.

"Lord, what will thou have me to do?" Paul was now a new man, not the old person patched up. Jesus had been watching him from the day he was born. He chose the lonely spot on the Damascus road to arrest him. His collision with Christ re-routed his life and changed the history of the world. He was suddenly changed from the man of hate to the one who said, "These three, but the greatest is love." God had emptied Paul of his sins and poured His grace into his empty heart.

It has been said that the Bay of Naples is the most beautiful body of water in the world. One time the place where the Bay is now, was a seething volcano. But the floor of the sea was lowered by an earthquake. The waters of the Mediterranean poured into the volcanic cavern and put out its fire. Something like this was the experience of Paul. It is also what all people experience who are genuinely born again. ■

22 Churches in Spain Still Are Closed

WHEATON, Ill. (EP)—At least 22 churches representing four different religious groups in Spain are still closed by government order, according to an anonymous Spanish Christian writing in the November issue of **United Evangelical Action**.

The author, while known, is not iden-

tified because of the fear of possible reprisal. Writing under the title, "The Truth about the Protestant Situation in Spain," the author says, "Veteran Christian leaders in Spain say that 1958 was one of the worst years for Protestants in that country since the close of the Spanish Civil War in 1939."

Poles Jail Witnesses

WARSAW, Poland (EP)—More Jeho-

vah's Witnesses have been jailed in Warsaw, this time on the charge of "widespread religious activities" instead of the usual charge of engaging in espionage for the United States. Sixteen Witnesses drew sentences ranging from one to five years in prison for printing and distributing "illegal religious pamphlets" in the Mazowsze region during the past two years.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

NO movement is stronger than its leadership. Baptists have had many leaders. Because of this, William Kiffen deserves mention.



DR. SELPH

Mr. Kiffen was born in London in 1616. Losing his parents in the plague that swept that city in 1625, he went to live with relatives. They apprenticed him to a brewer. Feeling this to be a "very mean calling," William ran away from his master

when he was 15 years of age.

Wandering aimlessly about town, he saw people going into a church and went in with them. The sermon that day was on the fifth commandment. Such stress was laid upon the duties of servants to their masters that young William returned to his master.

But his appetite was whetted for more teaching. He began seeking out other Puritan ministers. Soon he was under conviction of sin and not long

after found peace in believing. He joined an independent congregation. A short time later he joined the church where John Spilsbury was pastor. This was the first church organized by Particular Baptists. Before long Mr. Kiffen had begun preaching and was pastor of a Baptist Church in London.

By trade Mr. Kiffen was a merchant. His first venture of trading was in Holland. Two years later he and his partner were well established in this profitable business. He became one of the wealthiest and most influential men in London. He valued his success mainly because it enabled him to preach with less hindrance and gave him money with which to propagate the truth as he saw it.

He was a friend of the King. On one occasion Charles II wanted a loan of "40,000 pounds" from his rich subject. Knowing the King's weakness for not paying his debts, Mr. Kiffen told him he could not possibly loan that amount but would gladly give the King "10,000 pounds." The King graciously accepted. Kiffen often related this and laughed about his liberality saving him "30,000 pounds."

His wealth and influence counted much in establishing the work of the despised Dissenters. ■

FAIRDALE CHURCH, Hot Springs, has put the *Arkansas Baptist* in the budget. Carl Chote is pastor.

Daily Bible Readings

Nov. 26—God's Initiative in Conversion (Eph. 2:1-10).

Nov. 27—A New Way of Life (Col. 3:1-11).

Nov. 28—The Word Cleansing and Keeping (Psalm 19:7-14).

Nov. 29—Paul Speaks from Experience (Rom. 5:6-11).

Nov. 30—Faith Overrides Caution (Acts 9:10-16).

Dec. 1—Trust Replaces Fear (Acts 9:17-22).

Dec. 2—Barnabas Sponsors Saul (Acts 9:23-31).

Catherine Marshall Marries N.Y. Editor

LEESBURG, Va. (EP)—Mrs. Catherine Marshall, widow of the Rev. Peter Marshall, and author of the best-seller of her husband's life, *A Man Called Peter*, was married here on No. 14 to Leonard Earl LeSourd of New York, executive editor of *Guidepost* magazine.

Three clergymen, including the fathers of the bride and the bridegroom and clergyman-author Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, officiated.

The Rev. Peter Marshall was the colorful and much-quoted former chaplain of the U. S. Senate. He died in 1949.

LeSourd is divorced and has three children by his former marriage.

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