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## Calvary, Little Rock Does It!

CALVARY Baptist Church of Little Rock, Rev. Paul Fox, pastor, emphasized Stewardship through the use of the Forward Program of Church Finance. In the past the church had been using some elements of the program to get the members to subscribe the budget but for the 1961 church year, the congregation used the entire Forward Program of Church Finance.



DR. DOUGLAS

Even though the church had been teaching Stewardship and the pastor had been preaching on the doctrine of Stewardship, it took the extra emphasis of the Forward Program to do a better job of teaching and enlisting the people.

The results speak for themselves. Last year, the congregation pledged \$75,154 and gave \$74,510.26. This year the same congregation pledged \$85,718 or an increase of \$10,564 or 18 percent. If someone asks, "What does it cost a church to present Stewardship through the Forward Program of Church Finance campaign?" we can only answer by, asking another question: "What does it cost a church not to teach and emphasize Stewardship with the Forward Program?" It would have cost Calvary \$10,564 in pledges alone.

That is not all of the report. Last year 486 members made financial commitments to the church whereas 651 members made financial commitments for this year. This is a 75 percent increase. Actually 165 more members made commitments than last year.

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# Baptist Crosscurrents

## Baptism is by Immersion Only

BAPTISTS should never be hesitant about explaining their distinctive doctrinal positions, since these are founded on the plain teachings of the New Testament.

While we love our friends in other denominations, admire their faithfulness to their own churches and appreciate all the good which they do in the world, we must face the fact that practically all of them have compromised the teaching of God's Word on the subject of baptism. Baptism according to the teaching of the New Testament is by immersion only. Sprinkling a few drops of water on a child or an adult is not baptism. Pouring water from a pitcher on a person's head is not baptism. Furthermore, in the New Testament Christian baptism always follows conversion as a symbol of the spiritual experience which has taken place. It has no saving power whatsoever.

Jesus commanded his followers to "baptize." No man or council of men has the right to change this from immersion to sprinkling or pouring. Furthermore, no man or group of men has the right to teach that this ceremony has saving power. These are not the things Christ commanded. Real baptism is by his authority and should be what he commanded, immersion as a symbol of salvation.—Editor Jack Gritz, in *The Baptist Messenger*

## Parting with Bishop Pike

IN THE past in many ways we have admired Bishop James A. Pike—former agnostic, lawyer, Oklahoman, Roman Catholic—who became a bishop in the Episcopal Church. He is one of America's most articulate churchmen. He has said and written many good things.

But in a recent article in *The Christian Century* (Dec. 21) he has revealed himself to be the rankest kind of liberal who denies many of the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Pike starts out by saying that during the last ten years he has abandoned belief in the virgin birth of Christ. He says, "The biblical evidence and the theological implications seem to be in favor of assuming that Joseph was the human father of Jesus." He does not explain how he gets around such plain statements as those found in Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-38.

Pike also denies the Trinity. He says, "This 'three persons in one God' terminology is probably the best the philosophers of the early church could do to try to preserve the monotheism of God as against the natural tendency toward polytheism in that day." But Christ himself taught the fact of the Trinity, as in Matthew 28:19.

In addition, Pike denies that salvation is by the blood atonement of Christ. He writes, "To say that no one is saved except through the earthly Jesus Christ would be impossible . . . But as to that which can save, it is on this earth broader than any particular historical revelation, even the full revelation in Jesus Christ." But the Bible says salvation is in Christ alone (Acts 4:12).

Bishop Pike is really saying nothing new. These are the old-fashioned heresies known in Christian history as Arianism, Nestorianism and Pelagianism, named after their founders, and restated by him in modern terms. The bishop appears to have slipped a long ways back toward the agnosticism from which he claims to have come.—Editor Jack Gritz, in *The Baptist Messenger*.

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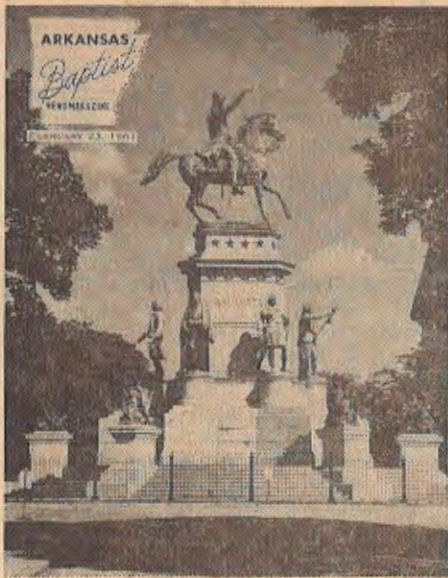
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# BULLETIN

Rumor indicates that repeal of local option law will be tied to beer tax for hospital and college construction. This would ruin our local option program. Contact your representative at once.—Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc.

[A list of representatives was printed on page 19 of Feb. 9 Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.—ELM]



—Photo by Louis C. Williams

“FIRST in peace, first in war, first in the hearts of his countrymen.” This equestrian statue of George Washington by Thomas Crawford is on the Capitol grounds in Richmond, Va. Around the base are standing statues of other giants of the era—including Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and John Marshall. ■

## Congressman Norrell Dies in Washington

FINAL funeral services for Congressman W. F. Norrell, 64, of Monticello, who represented Arkansas's Sixth District in Congress for 22 years, were conducted Feb. 20 at First Baptist Church, Monticello. Mr. Norrell died Feb. 15 after he was stricken at his desk in Washington Monday, Feb. 13.

Services in Washington were conducted Feb. 17 by Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and Representative Bernard Braskamp, chaplain of the House of Representatives.

A committee of nine members of the House and Senators John L. McClellan and J. W. Fulbright were in Monticello for the services conducted there by Dr. R. D. Adams of First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, Dr. Thomas Welch, of First Church, Monticello, and Rev. Carroll Wood, retired pastor of First Church.

Survivors include Mrs. Norrell, the former Catherine Dorris of Monticello, and a daughter, Judy.

## General Assembly Nears End

# Pending Legislation —

AS the 63rd General Assembly draws toward its close the legislators are diligently seeking to give due consideration to all of the pending legislation. Many of the budget matters have been taken care of and most of these remaining days will be given to bills which have already been introduced.

The House of Representatives passed House Bill 242 by Maddox of Montgomery County on Wednesday, Feb. 15, by a vote of 93 to 0. This bill prohibits the sale or gift to, or procurement, for minors of alcoholic beverages.

House Bill 302 by Maddox of Montgomery County, which would prohibit the sale of beer or other alcoholic beverages in food stores should come to a vote about Feb. 21 or 22. There seems to be considerable work being done against this bill by the opponents of our program of civic righteousness.

House Bill 361 by Hammons of St. Francis County, which would set up the machinery for chemical blood tests for drunken driving and include the implied consent of drivers to undergo blood tests when suspected of drunken driving, given automatically by application for driver's license, was reported out of committee on Thursday, Feb. 16, without recommendation.

There is on the statute books at the present time a law which sets forth the standards of blood tests for drunken driving but there is no provision made for its enforcement. Representative Hammons' bill coming out of committee without recommendation indicates that some are afraid that the provision which leaves it with the arresting officer to require the blood test when there is evidence of drunken driving could possibly be abused by some of our law enforcement officers.

House Bill 366 by Galyean of Benton County, which reduces legal possession of liquor in dry counties from one gallon to one-fifth gallon has been reported out of committee with a “Do Pass” recommendation. This bill will doubtless be considered during the week of Feb. 27 through Mar. 3.

House Bill 374 by Wahlquist of Nevada County came out of committee with a “Do Pass” recommendation. This bill makes it illegal to possess any part of the apparatus for illicit distilling.

One of our veteran legislators, Rep. Glenn Walther of Pulaski County, introduced House Bill 419 Feb. 14. This bill would make the possession for sale and the sale of salacious literature a felony, punishable by a maximum penalty of \$2,000 and one to five years' imprisonment. This is a good bill and is long over-due.

We are much encouraged by the wonderful spirit that we have seen displayed among our legislators during this the 63rd General Assembly of Arkansas and every indication is that our legislative matters are in good hands.—LEE I. DANCE, Legislative Secretary, Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas



ON the matter of healthful living, preachers not only are likely to be "physicians who cannot heal themselves"—in helping others to live the good life they frequently sacrifice their own health. Dr. Richard K. Young, associate professor of Pastoral Care at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, reports that a seven-year study just concluded by the North Carolina hospital shows that 60% more ministers than laymen suffer mental disorders and peptic ulcers. The study included 1,000 ministers and 1,000 laymen. It indicates, says Young, that "young ministers must take a long look at eight factors which produce nervous tension in the work of a minister:

*The Complicated Life Of Modern Preachers*

"The impossibility of the task; emotional drain; limitations of co-workers; murmurings of the minister's own consciousness; the necessity of working out a philosophy of life; inter-professional relationships; the desire to succeed; and home life."

How will the minister find time to do all that he has to do? This calls for a continual study by the preacher of his task, says Dr. Young.

How can the minister keep from completely emptying himself emotionally as he identifies himself with the problems of his church members? Suggests Young: "The answer to this must be a real effort to obtain and establish a balance between the objective and the subjective. The minister must realize he is not God; but only God's instrument."

How can the minister adjust himself to the limitations of people with varying interests and educational backgrounds? This takes time, patience, and understanding, says our specialist.

How can the minister cope with the background out of which his own personality developed, the hidden conflicts that seldom rise completely to the surface? This, declares Young, must be done as the minister has the courage to face realistically his own personality problems.

What is the minister's objective and what is his role? The answer to this, Young points out, lies in the willingness of the minister to engage in serious definition.

How does the minister get along with those of his own profession? By facing realistically the fact that he does have ambition and does have a certain amount of jealousy. Some ambition is healthy, says Dr. Young, but "a man must never walk on people in order to get where he is going."

What happens when the minister feels that he is failing? He must redefine success. [Or repent and start over?—ELM]

How does the modern minister preserve any semblance of home life? A line of defense has to be drawn and implemented, notes the professor. A minister must either "place too high a value upon his own ability or too low a value upon his home" if he fails to take time to be a husband and to be a father.

Now, so much for the expert. This lowly editor would offer his own two-bits worth: We preachers must add to our meditations, prayers, sermon-preparation, visitation, church administration, home life, etc., etc., fishing and/or golf at least half a day a week. And above all, we must keep our senses of humor whetted—not taking ourselves too seriously too much of the time.

After all, we are not yet in those glorified bodies we are assured in the next life. And the most of us are quite willing to go on in this present life for some time to come.—ELM

## Scripture Without Comment

**B**RETHREN, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each man will have to bear his own load.

Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap . . . And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart (Galatians 6:1-7; 9, RSV). ■

## No Power, No Light

THE other day I got me one of those new-fangled razors you can shave with while coming down out of the wild blue yonder by parachute. Not that I would



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be worried about my whiskers if I ever had to jump out of a plane. But the thing that sold me on the new gadget is the manufacturer's claim you can leave the razor plugged into an electric current for 24 hours and then have enough energy stored in it to mow your beard three weeks without the necessity of a new charge.

One of my friends who is going with us on the Scotland Crusade and tour of Europe and the Holy Land had told me about it. Since we may be where there is little if any running hot water part of the time, and, it may be, where electrical outlets are not always at arm's reach, he thought this would be a good investment. And, he pointed out, this is another thing you can carry in a pocket while boarding your plane and not have to have its weight counted against your free 44 pounds.

I took that razor home and sat down and read all the instructions that came along with it, including some that I was subsequently to ignore, as usual. Then I hooked the charging cord and receptacle in the electric outlet just under the shaving light in the bathroom, and was sure to set the razor into the charger as instructed, with the two red dots coinciding. This done, I turned the bathroom light off and went to bed with visions of a slick, quick shave the first thing in the morning.

Came the dawn. Eagerly I hurried to the new razor, took it out of the charger, and made one swath across my chin whiskers only to hear it expire. No amount of fumbling with the "on" button would start it whirring again.

I was about to box it up and carry it back to the complaint department of the store that had sold it to me when something I had read in the instructions suddenly broke through my befuddled mind: "plug . . . cord to any AC outlet that will stay 'alive' even though all lights are turned off."

No light, no power. That makes sense. But the light itself is a manifestation of power. Power must come before, there can be light. That must have been the great truth the Lord had in mind when he said to the earliest disciples: ". . . tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49b). If we Christians can do no great works of saving and healing, it is a matter of the power being off in our lives.

*Erwin L. McDonald*



## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

## Heart Preparation

PRAYER helps the mouth of the preacher utter the truth in its fulness and freedom. Praying makes the preacher a heart preacher. Prayer puts the preacher's heart into the preacher's sermons, as well as putting the preacher's sermons into his heart.

Sermon preparation has often been emphasized until we have lost sight of the important thing which needs preparing — the heart. A heart that has been fully prepared by God is much better than a prepared sermon.

Many hundreds of volumes have been written giving the details and mechanics of sermon making, until we have become possessed with the idea that this framing is the building. Some schools of thought go so far as to teach that the preacher is to lay out all his strength on the form, taste and beauty of his sermon as a perfect mechanical and intellectual product. Because of this a vicious taste has been cultivated among the people, and as a result a clamor for talent is sought instead of grace, for eloquence instead of piety, for rhetoric instead of revelation, for reputation and brilliancy in the place of holiness.

None of us would declare that preachers study too much. Most of us do not study enough. Some do not study at all. A great many do not study properly to show themselves workmen approved of God. However, our great lack is not in brain culture, but in heart culture. If most of us would admit the truth, the heart is our greatest hindrance to our preaching . . .

All of us will agree that the channel of preaching is the mind, but at the same time we must recognize that its fountain is the heart. You may broaden the channel, but at the same time if you do not deepen the fountain you will have a dry and stagnant channel.

The gospel has always flown through hearts of pure love. It was from the great heart of God that we received our gospel which is the power of God unto everyone that believeth.

One of the most serious, and most popular mistakes of the modern day pulpit is the putting of more thought than prayer, of more head than heart, into its sermons. . .

Praying gives sense, brings the wisdom of God, broadens and strengthens the mind of the preacher. The secret place is the best and most perfect school-teacher and school-house for any man of God who wants God's best . . .

The soul that seeks God with a whole heart in prayer can learn more in one hour of prayer, than from a dozen hours in a busy study where the interruptions come by the dozens. — Dr. Benny Bates, Pastor, First Church, Jacksonville.

## "Good Work"

"MR. MAC" . . . You are doing a superb job and we are certainly remiss in not telling you so. However, if we wrote you every time we had the urge to say "Good Work! Keep it up!" then you'd hear from us fifty-two times a year.

Thanks so much for sending us your magazine which surely lives up to being a "newsmagazine." You help us keep informed of Southern Baptist Convention happenings and currents in the world of religion as well as news from the Arkansas Baptists.

In appreciation — Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Martin, Jr., 36-117 Yoyogi Uehara, Shibuya-Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

REPLY — Thanks! And we couldn't hear those kind words too often!—ELM

## Open for Revivals

WOULD you please carry a news item that I have revival dates open in June, and October, November, and December of this year?

Address again is: 615 No. 8th Street, Paragould, Arkansas, Phone: CE 6-7393 —Bill H. Lewis.

## West Helena Church

A RECENT issue of our paper carried an article on the Mexican work done in Eastern Arkansas, and was quite nicely presented with the exception that it twice referred to the West Helena Baptist Church as the "First" church. I am speaking as an individual member . . . but just naturally get a little upset when we are misnamed. We have always been, still are, and I hope always will be the West Helena Baptist Church. There is no "First" in West Helena except a colored church. —Signed But Name Withheld.

## From Northwest

THE editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine has a recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Friend, formerly of Lonoke and now for many years of the great Northwest.

Mr. Friend writes that he has been a reader of the Baptist state paper since 1911, at which time it was known as Baptist Advance and was edited by Rev. E. J. A. McKinney.

The Friends moved from Lonoke in 1920 to Elk River, Ida. A letter from Mr. Friend to the Baptist Advance protesting the carrying of advertisements for Granger Twist tobacco, made the front page of the Advance and resulted in the change of policy eliminating tobacco advertising, in 1932, he reports.

For more than 22 years Mr. Friend served as postmaster at Elk River. He and Mrs. Friend moved to the Spokane Valley in November of 1957, after retiring from the position at Elk River. They belong to First Baptist Church, Dishman, Wash. They are to observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary in August. ■

## The Bookshelf

The Lifetime Reading Plan, by Clifton Fadiman; The World Publishing Company, 1960, \$3.75

In the April 12, 1959, issue of This Week Magazine was carried an article by Mr. Fadiman under the title, "The Lifetime Reading Plan." The article drew so many inquiries and letters that Mr. Fadiman's publishers requested that he do a book on the same theme.

The book, listing 100 all-time great books of Western thought, is based on the framework of the magazine article.

The books discussed here are intended to be an important part of the whole life of the reader. They may take 50 years to read or a much shorter time but they are meant to be a source of continuous internal growth. We heartily recommend this book.

Ozark Obie, by Virginia Whitman, Broadman Press, 1961, \$2.95

Here is a lively story for readers 11-14 years of age, and to older readers who are still young in heart. It's about an Ozark lad who longed to kill a deer, mainly to prove to his parents that he had grown up and was now a man, not "our baby boy," as they insisted on calling him. The story tells of many exciting experiences for Obie as he was earning money to buy his rifle. How these contributed to the maturing of the young man is an important part of the story.

The Riddle of Roman Catholicism, its history, its beliefs, its future, by Jaroslav Pelikan, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$4.

The author, a young Lutheran minister, is recognized as a scholar, author, and lecturer. He serves as professor of historical theology in the University of Chicago Divinity School. Catholic Gustave Wiegand has described the book as "probably the most important of the current Protestant expositions of Catholicism."

With the elevation of a Catholic to the highest office in the land, this book is peculiarly appropriate. The Roman views on marriage and celibacy, on the veneration of saints, and on the place of the Virgin Mary are among the things presented for non-Roman readers.

Leaves from a Spiritual Notebook, by Thomas S. Kepler, Abingdon, 1960, \$5.50

An anthology of select personal sketches, prayers, and devotional readings, this is a volume that will have lasting value. Here is a treasury of inspirational reading for personal meditation and a wide range of devotional resources for public speakers. Part I features human-interest materials; Part II, "Prayers of Yesterday and Today"; and Part III, reflections from the contemplative life of men and women of faith across the centuries. It has a triple index — of titles, topics and authors. ■



## The Meaning of America

AMERICA means far more than a continent bounded by two oceans. It is more than pride of military power, glory in war or in victory. It means more than vast expanse of farms, or great factories or mines, magnificent cities or millions of automobiles and radios. It is more even than the traditions of the great tide westward from Europe which pioneered the conquest of a continent. It is more than our literature, our music, our poetry. Other nations have these things also.

What we have in addition, the intangible we cannot describe, lies in the personal experience and the living of each of us rather than in phrases, however inspiring . . .

I have seen America in contrast with many nations and races. My profession took me into many foreign lands with their great spiritual leaders and their great statesmen. I have worked in governments of free men, of tyrannies, of Socialists and of Communists. I have met with princes, kings, despots, and desperados.

I have seen the squalor of Asia, the frozen class barriers of Europe . . . And outstanding everywhere to these great masses of people there was a hallowed word — America. To them it was the hope of the world.

Every homecoming was for me a reaffirmation of the glory of America. Each time my soul was washed by the relief from the grinding poverty of other nations, by the greater kindness and frankness which comes from acceptance of equality and wide-open opportunity to all who want a chance. It is more than that. It is a land of self-respect born alone of free men . . .

I have had every honor to which any man could aspire. There is no place on the whole earth except here in America where all the sons of a man could have this chance in life.

The meaning of our word America flows from one pure source. Within the soul of America is the freedom of mind and spirit in man. Here alone are the open windows through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit. Here alone human dignity is not a dream but a major accomplishment.—Herbert Hoover, in *Leaves From a Spiritual Notebook* by Thomas S. Kepler, Abingdon Press.

## Showing Progress

THE unlettered woman who testified once at a prayer meeting said it well: "I ain't what I ought to be; I ain't what I'm going to be; but I'm better than I was."—Rev. Gene E. Bartlett, *Current Religious Thought*.

## 'Home Life'

(The following quotes are from *Home Life*, March 1961.)

OUR family conferences have helped promote the feeling that home is a place where mutual courtesy, co-operation, and loving interest make life happier and more meaningful.—Joyce Smith Dahlberg

WHAT parents truly believe in, they can teach; and the reward can be a lifetime of happier living for themselves and their children.—Frances Mullican Russell

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A GOOD parent does not neglect the spiritual growth of a child any more than he fails to provide the necessary food for the table.—Louise Hannah Kohr

## These Changing Times

A well-known nutritionist hurried through the streets with a bulky package under his arm. Asked to account for his haste, he explained, "I finished the last chapter of a textbook and I want to get it to the publisher before something else happens."—Carolyn Valentine, *American Druggist*.

A STRANGER in Tennessee overheard this conversation between a country storekeeper and a farmer asking for credit. "Wilbur," asked the storekeeper, "you fencing in or fencing out this year?" "Fencing out, Jake." "All right, you can have everything you need." When the farmer left, the stranger said, "I've seen all kinds of credit systems, but never one like this. How does it work?" "Well," the answer came, "if he's fencing in that means the quack-grass and the sassafrass is getting the best of him. But if he's fencing out, it means he's whipping them and putting more instead of less land to the plow. I always give credit to a man that's fencing out."—*This Week*.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Eight signed pledges, two weren't home, and four gave me hard luck stories based on the television serial, 'John's Other Wife'."

We place so much accent on material possessions in our modern society, that it is often difficult to make a clear distinction between 'necessities' and 'luxuries'. Our giving to church must always be limited by the amount of money we have available for our real needs. But we should not so complicate our lives with needless luxuries that they, too, act to curtail our generous support.



# The Average Pastor Needs More Salary!

By JAY W. C. MOORE

HUNDREDS of Baptist pastors need larger and more adequate salaries if they are to stay in the full-time ministry, but this will never be done unless our laypeople have more than one valid reason why the pastor should have more salary than the average layman.

I want to give several of these valid reasons for serious study by all of the laymen who read this article.

[Mr. Moore is the superintendent of missions for Concord Association in Arkansas, and resides in Fort Smith. In May, 1961, he will observe his 25th year as an associational missionary in Arkansas and Oklahoma. His observations are not only pertinent to the rural church, but to all churches. — ELM.]

FIRST, the average pastor tithes his income, but the average layman doesn't. This is, I think, a very sound reason why a pastor should have more income than the layman. For example: Your salary is \$80 per week. Your pastor's salary is \$80 per week. The non-tither's income remains \$80 each week, but the pastor's weekly salary is cut to \$72 when he pays his \$8 tithe. Now, this simply isn't fair, right nor Christian.

On top of this, the wife of the layman who makes \$80 per week makes \$60 per week and she doesn't tithe either. The combined income of the layman is \$140 per week, but the pastor's remains at \$72, since the pastor's wife is not gainfully employed.

The layman expects his pastor and his family to live on the \$72 per week, but he has \$140 to buy groceries, clothing and other necessities for his family.

Something is really wrong here. This isn't an isolated case. There are hundreds of cases over the Southern Convention.

SECOND, the average pastor must buy books. The average layman does not. The only books the average layman buys are \$15 or \$20 worth of books for his school-age children. The average pastor needs to spend from \$50 to \$250 per year for books. This is a must



for any Baptist pastor regardless of his training or the size of his church. Books are the tools that a preacher must have. It doesn't matter if he has a string of degrees as long as your arm, he must continue to buy, read and study books.

The average layman doesn't have the faintest idea of the cost of books. I picked at random four new books out of my office library to check on the cost. Here were the prices: one book, with 170 pages, \$3; another, with 180 pages, \$3.50; another, 350 pages, \$3.95, and another, 382 pages, \$6.95. No preacher can buy the books he needs on less than a \$100 per week salary. This is another vital, valid reason why the average pastor needs more money than the average layman.

THIRD, the average pastor needs more and better clothing than the average layman. This fact should never be questioned by any layman, but it is. I was meeting with a committee to suggest a prospective pastor. I told them right off that the \$60 per week salary was very inadequate and that it should be increased ten dollars per week. One man said, "I live on that salary and the pastor can, too."

I asked him, "John, would you like to see your pastor on Garrison Avenue, main shopping area of Fort Smith, in jeans, khaki shirt and scuffed shoes?" He snapped back, "No, I would not." "This is the reason I am trying to show you that your pastor needs a larger salary," I continued. "You can go to Garrison Avenue in a garb of jeans, khaki shirt and work shoes, but your pastor cannot without being criticized. Therefore, he needs more salary to buy more and

better clothing than you do."

He admitted I was right. The average layman will buy one suit and wear it only on Sundays and for special services for eight and ten years. A preacher needs at least four suits.

Now, Brother Layman, the average pastor needs more and better clothing than the average layman and more and better clothing costs money.

FOURTH, the average pastor needs a better car than the average layman. He is called to the homes, hospitals, and morgues all hours of the day and night. He needs a car he can absolutely depend upon. The average pastor drives his car eight or ten times more than the average layman.

A rural pastor whom I knew conducted dozens of funerals each year. He had an old, beaten up, rusty-in-spots, unpainted, fenders-flapping car. The owners of the funeral home told this pastor he could not drive his car in any more funeral processions until he bought a better car. The pastor secured a secular job and bought a better car.

A better car for any pastor will require at least \$100 per week salary. If a pastor receives a \$100 per week salary, he should be given \$50 per month for car expenses.

Brother Layman, you do not have to wait until another budget is made out to increase your pastor's salary or to lead your church to vote a car expense allowance. That can be done now. Your pastor, if he is the average pastor, needs it now. In fact, if your church waits until its budget is made out for 1962 to increase your pastor's salary or to allow him car expenses, your pastor may be embarrassed with debts he cannot pay because of an inadequate salary for the six months. Or, by 1962, he may be forced to take secular work in order to keep the essentials of life for his family. An increase in pastor's salary, if one was not granted in your last budget, should be discussed and voted on in the next business meeting of your church. ■





"LOVE Through the Ages" was the theme of the Sweetheart Banquet at Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith. Deanna Terry (third from right), "Sweetheart of Single Young People I," was crowned as reigning Sweetheart for 1961. Other "Sweethearts" (l. to r.): Vivian Ramsey, Intermediate 13; Mary Oldham, Intermediate 15; Sally Duey, Single Young People II; Donna Bohannon, Intermediate 16; and Marilyn Cooper, Intermediate 14. ■

## Special Program to Honor Missionaries

MR. and Mrs. Walter Allen, recently appointed to Africa by the Foreign Mission Board, will be honored Feb. 23 by the Alumni and Former Student Association of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, under the direction of Rev. Amos Greer, Pine Bluff. The Allens graduated from Southern in 1949. They will leave for Africa around Mar. 1.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will speak during the program. Music will be furnished by the college choir directed by W. J. McDaniel, Mrs. Jake Shambarger, voice instructor, and Rev. Richard Perkins, pastor of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock. ■

DR. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the state convention, was guest speaker at Sunday services Feb. 5 at First Church, Russellville.

## First, Jacksonville, Gains

FIRST Church, Jacksonville, reports, on the close of four months in its present church year, Sunday School enrollment has increased by 145 and average attendance has climbed from 500 to over 600 per Sunday. Offerings have increased \$2,500 per month over the close of the past year, and a full time minister of education and music has been called. Training Union attendance has gained each week and now averages 290. There have been 137 additions in the four months, 48 of them during January. Five additional lots and houses have been purchased and a new mission has been established and is flourishing. Dr. B. Franklin Bates, Jr., is pastor. ■

FIRST Church, Prescott, elected Lindell Buchanan—a deacon and a trustee Feb. 8 to fill the unexpired terms of the late Vernon Foré. Rev. William R. Woodell is pastor.

## Fayetteville Church Ministers to Deaf

FIRST Church, Fayetteville has begun a ministry to the deaf. Miss Loretta McDonald, who recently moved to Fayetteville from St. Louis where she served as interpreter to the deaf at St. Johns Baptist Church, interprets in sign language the messages of the pastor each Sunday, and also teaches the Sunday School lesson. On Wednesday evenings she teaches a class in sign language for anyone who may be interested.

The Adult Choir of First Church, Ray Conner, director, will sing the Messiah with guest soloists from Fort Smith and Springfield, Mo., Mar. 19. Choir enrollment now stands at 76. Dr. Andrew M. Hall is First Church pastor. ■

## Cooperative Program Receipts Increase

THE Cooperative Program receipts in Arkansas for January were \$143,460.03. This was approximately one percent above that of January last year, and represents an all-time high for undesignated giving in January, Dr. S. A. Whitlow reports. ■

## Progress at Plainview

REV. Homer Haltom began his fourth year at Plainview Church, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Feb. 19. During his ministry Plainview has increased its budget from \$9,520 in 1958 to \$12,350 in 1960. There have been 34 additions by profession of faith and baptism and 58 by letter. The church has remodeled its sanctuary, built five new Sunday School rooms, added a new roof and painted throughout. G. A. units have increased from one to three, and enrollment is up from 19 to 36. A religious survey in preparation for a revival with Rev. Grady Estes as evangelist Mar. 20-26 is getting underway. Mr. Haltom is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. ■



## Parker To Speak At Walnut Ridge

REV. Robert A. Parker, pastor of First Church, Cullendale, will be guest evangelist at a revival Mar. 6-10 sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, Southern College, Walnut Ridge, in cooperation with College City Church, College City.



MR. PARKER

Mr. Parker is a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was formerly pastor of churches in Gravette and Fort Smith. ■

## Students Hear Harrison

JOHN Harrison, pastor of Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, was guest speaker at the Baptist student noonday devotionals at the University of Arkansas Medical School and Little Rock University the week of Feb. 6-10. ■

## Earle Church Goes 'Over The Top'

EARLE Church recently completed its financial campaign for the 1961 budget, using the major portion of the Forward Program of Church Finance. An enlarged budget of \$34,379 was over subscribed by \$500, it reports, with 79 percent pledged during the Sunday School hour of Pledge Day. The church will give 22 percent of the total budget to the Cooperative Program. Rev. Homer A. Bradley is pastor. Charlie Blanz served as general chairman of the Forward Program.

The church will be in revival Mar. 5-12, with Rev. E. C. Houston, pastor of Calvary church, Gadsden, Ala., as evangelist, and Clay Killion, minister of Music and Education, First Church, Miami, Okla., leading the singing. ■

## Committee in Action

FIRST Church, McCrory, Sunday School has organized an active committee for Enlargement and Evangelism. Members are the pastor, Rev. Carroll Evans; Minor Gipson, Jr., Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. O. O. Fraser, superintendent of Enlargement and Evangelism, and department vice presidents and group leaders. The group is engaged in a planned visitation program and has identified itself with a pin, aim, motto, goal and song. ■

## Grand Ave., Ft. Smith Concludes Revival

GRAND Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, has concluded a youth-led Revival with Rev. Joe B. Williams, pastor of First Church, Bluejacket, Okla., evangelist, and Bob Williams, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, in charge of the music. Grand Avenue's pastor is Rev. Paul McCray.

There were 10 professions of faith and three additions by letter. ■



*TWENTY-ONE members of the Girl's Auxiliary of First Church, Springdale, were recently recognized in a service which honored their advancement through the Forward Steps.*

*They are (l. to r., front row); Sharon Jessee, Linda Weir, Pam Gibson, Brenda Parsons, Susan Carmack; (second row) Linda Jessee, Linda Jo Harris, Shirley Loyd, Jeanine Barrett, Marjel Lane, Jolene Byers, Mary Helen Aday, Vickie Neil; (third row) Mary Francis Jones, Jennifer Barrett, Nancy Lawson, Jean Hunt, Jean Ann Loyd, Jerri Lynn Houston, Betty Loyd and Amelia Carter.*

*Mrs. G. H. Aday, W. M. U. president, presided, assisted by G. A. Workers, Mrs. Guy Miller, Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Mrs. Jewell Gramling, Mrs. Alice Buford and Mrs. Doyle Smith. ■*

FIRST Church, Coal Hill, has adopted a new budget of \$3,034, of which 10% is being given to mission causes—7% to the Cooperative Program and 3% to Associational Missions. The church also voted to participate in the Annuity program. Rev. Doyle Smith is pastor.

TWO Arkansans have registered for the second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men which will be held Sept. 13-15 at Memphis, Tenn. They are John H. Miller, Camden, and Leo E. Boyd, Paragould. These men bring to 15 the number of Arkansans planning to attend the conference.



## Ouachita Notes

CONRAD Carroll, Malvern, has been named associate professor of business at Ouachita College, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president, has announced.

He received his B. A. in business administration from Ouachita in January, 1960, and has just completed his M. B.A. in economics and math at the University of Arkansas. At Ouachita, Carroll was a member of Alpha Chi, a national honor society.



MR. CARROLL

## Ten to Speak

TEN speakers will talk during Religious Focus Week at Ouachita College Feb. 27-Mar. 3. The series of services is sponsored jointly by the Ouachita BSU and the student department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The speakers are Betty Jeane Weeks, Columbus, Miss.; Douglas Gow, Toronto, Canada; Dr. C. E. Harris, Pineville, La.; Dr. Joe A. Chapman, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bass, Lubbock, Tex.; Donald L. Orr, Cali, Columbia; Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, Louisville, Ky.; Luke B. Smith, Richmond, Va., and Samuel C. Gash, Forrest City.

Services will be conducted in Mitchell Hall during daily chapel meetings at 10 a. m. and at nightly meetings. Plans have been made by the BSU for seminars, class speakers, and discussion groups.

## On Dean's List

ELEVEN students at Ouachita College made all A's during the first semester, Registrar Frances Crawford has announced. Sixty others made a 3.5 grade average or better.

Those making all A's were William Mack Baker, Malvern; Pat Boldosier, Norphlet; Pat Brown, Blytheville; Martha Elam, Hope; Elsie Fallin, El Dorado; Doyle Herndon, Kansas City, Mo.; Drolene Plattner, St. Albans, West Va.; Jean Steed, Gurdon; Warfield Teague, Arkadelphia; Carolyn Timm, Little Rock, and Charles Tittle, Hope.

## Attends Conference

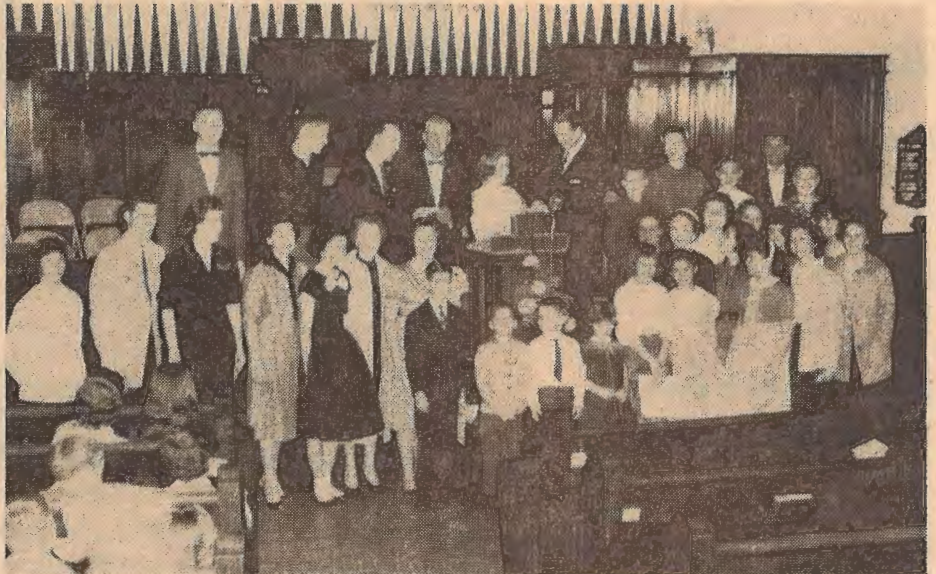
MRS. Hazel Thomas, chairman of Ouachita College Home Economics Department, is attending the Southern Regional Home Economics Education Conference in Roanoke, Va., this week. The conference is sponsored by the Federal Office of Vocational Education. ■

COOPERATIVE Program giving at First Church, DeQueen, Dr. E. Butler Abington, pastor, reached a record \$7,674.59 for 1960, covering not only the full amount earmarked for the Program but making up a \$300 deficit from 1959.

## On Dean's List

### At Southern College

DEAN Woodrow Behannon of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, has announced the roster of students who made the Dean's List the first semester, with Betty Brown, Walnut Ridge, earning all A's. Those with all A's except one were Joann Casey, Piedmont, Mo.; Paula Cole, Tuckerman, and Lucille Long, College City. Earning all A's except two were Janice Dail, Imboden; Jerry Gibbons, Black Rock; Dorothy Goff, Biggers; Gailene Rikard, Alameda, Calif.; Jim Shaver, Buchanan, Mich., and Bonnie Wyatt, Hoxie.



THIRTY-FIVE persons earn attendance awards at First Church, Hot Springs.

FIRST Church, Hot Springs; held a special service Feb. 12 to present 35 perfect attendance awards. Rev. James H. Fairchild, pastor, is shown making the award for ten years' perfect attendance to Earlene McWherter, eleven years of age, and Norman L. Sutton, minister of Education, is shown presenting an award for nine years' perfect attendance to E. C. Ledbetter, general superintendent of the Sunday School.

Other awards were made to the following:

One Year: Mrs. George Hartsell, Edwin Lawrence Hartsell, Joyce Leigh Hartsell, Richard Hartsell, Timothy Wayne Hartsell, Mrs. Maxine Wix, Donna Hower-

ton, Mrs. Loyal Rowe, Carol Ann King, Raymond Rowe, Linda New, and Mrs. Gertrude Ames.

Two Year: Debra Merchant, Betty Rowe, Loyal Rowe, Helen Ruth Rowe, Albert Atkinson, Rosemary Brooks, Phyllis Atkinson, Jacklyn Riley.

Three Year: Frances Ann Hensley, Janet Merchant, Judy Merchant, Mrs. Mary A. Shive, Faith Riley.

Four Year: Mrs. E. C. Ledbetter, Mark Allen Sutton, Paula Kaye Parsons, Acey Atkinson.

Five Year: Mrs. J. E. Harmon, Victor Gore.

Six Years: Jerry Lee Reynolds, DeWitt Gore. ■



## Summer Sunday School Leaders

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, has announced Sunday School Conference leaders for Glorieta, N.M., and Ridgecrest, N.C., Baptist assemblies this summer.

Glorieta (preacher, Bible hour leader, and music director, by weeks in that order):

June 22-28, Luther Joe Thompson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ray F. Robbins, professor of New Testament, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; and Mark Short, Jr., educational director, First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla.

June 29-July 5, W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.; Herbert C. Gabhart, president, Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.; and Harold A. Souther, educational director, Kansas City (Mo.) Baptist Association.

July 6-12, Wayne Dehoney, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.; Millard J. Berquist, president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; and Gene Bartlett, secretary, department of church music, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City.

Ridgecrest, in like order:

July 20-26, Grady C. Cothen, pastor, First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Walter L. Moore, pastor, Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.; and Fritz Smith, minister of education and music, First Baptist Church, Garland, Tex.

July 27-Aug. 2, C. E. Autrey, director, Division of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Dallas, Tex.; Kyle M. Yates, professor of religion, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; and William H. Souther, associate professor of church administration, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Aug. 3-9, H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; D. J. Evans, pastor, Gordon Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; and W. Hines Sims, secretary, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. ■

## Annie Armstrong Offering

# Looking Ahead In Building 30,000 Churches

By MRS. R. L. MATHIS



WHAT we do about the 1962 Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis, *Church Extension*, depends upon our getting "a good ready" in 1961.

Through the 1961 Annie Armstrong Offering we can accomplish much if we can set aside a sizeable amount for Church Site Funds and for Mission Pastor Support.

At a recent meeting of the Home Mission Board it was decided to place in the 1961 Annie Armstrong Offering \$250,000 for site funds. And, in an additional vote of the Board it was recommended that all that comes in over the goal of \$2,470,000 be used for church sites.

This offers a tremendous challenge. We have spoken often of the magnificent dream of building 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964. Our minds have been stirred with what this would really mean for the cause of Christ here in our own land. It is a gigantic task. But surely God did lead us to adopt this goal. Now comes our first big, "all out" opportunity to show that we are truly in earnest about this matter.

Recently, I heard one of our leaders in the Colorado Convention tell about seeing signs in various places throughout that vast territory that comprises the Colorado Baptist Convention. In Wyoming, South Dakota and Montana there are notices posted that all may see, "Site for one of Southern Baptists' *Thirty Thousand New Churches*" and "Here is one of Southern Baptists' *Thirty Thousand New Churches*."

In this coming, just a few days away, Annie Armstrong Offering we shall have an opportunity to give more than ever before to make possible additional such signs all over the United States.

Not until we give the first \$2,220,000 will we be able to set aside this \$250,000 for sites. It will take all of the \$2,000,000 for operation of work already established. It will take \$220,000 for buildings already promised. Then comes this \$250,000 for sites and more, too, as we go beyond the total of \$2,470,000.

Let's face it: the tomorrow we "boast about" may never come. All that we have for sure is the present conscious hour. If we are going to build a stronger Christian America with Christ for time and eternity, we had better work for Him now. The year 1964 is near at hand; too near when we think of the mighty task which we accepted of building 30,000 new churches and missions by that time.

As pastors preach on this challenge on Mar. 5, as Woman's Missionary Union organizations meet Mar. 6-10 to study and pray and give, as Sunday School and Training Union leaders emphasize it on Sunday following the Week of Prayer, as the Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors take it up, all of us together can take a forward step that we have never before taken . . . give a truly worthy gift for home missions. And, the more we have here the more we will have to share with the whole wide world.

The theme for this Week of Prayer is "my prayer to God . . . that they might be saved." This is a significant theme for this year of Stewardship emphasis as we make ready for a mighty advance in church extension and enlistment. May God help us to be worthy of all that He has given us and guide us in looking ahead. ■



# \$1.5 to \$2 Million More Needed Each Year

—By IONE GRAY—

"SUSTAINED advance in foreign missions calls for increasing annually the budget for operating expenses as well as the resources for capital needs," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its February meeting. "With 160 appointments anticipated this year, the operating budget for 1962 will need to be increased by \$1,100,000 over that of 1961. The sum of \$700,000 will be needed in the missionary section of the budget and \$400,000 will be needed for carrying on work on the fields.

"In addition, capital needs grow yearly. Therefore, resources for foreign missions ought to increase by from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 each year in order to undergird sustained mission advance."

## Radio Helps Baptists Work in Latin America

DR. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, summarized for the board a recent report from the Latin American Missions (organizations of Southern Baptist Missionaries) on the use of radio evangelism in their countries. The report revealed that a surprising amount of radio work is now being done by Baptists.

"Where the Roman Catholic Church is dominant, costs are often prejudicially high for evangelical groups," he said. Some stations refuse to allot time to Baptists and other evangelicals. And when a program which has been permitted begins to become influential, pressures — ecclesiastical coercion or the potent threat of boycott — may be exerted to have it taken off the air.

Despite the difficulties, radio programs are sponsored by all levels of Baptist organizations, he pointed out. Some pastors and individual churches have their own programs, usually 15 to 30-minute weekly broadcasts of a devotional or evangelistic nature, although practically nothing has been done with live broadcasts of the Sunday worship services.

The Chilean Baptist Convention has its own "Baptist Hour." The weekly, 30-minute program is prepared in a studio at the Baptist theological seminary in Santiago, tape-recorded, and sent to 10 sta-

tions scattered through the country.

In 1946 the South Brazil Mission launched a religious news program to excite interest in and encourage tolerance toward the work of evangelicals in general and Baptists in particular. In 1951 the Brazilian Baptist Convention created a committee to study ways in which radio might be used, and eventually it set up a radio commission. "Baptists on the March," sponsored by the Brazilian Convention, made its appearance in 1955, and since then it has been broadcast 5,265 times, Dr. Means reported.

Southern Baptists provide the major share of financial backing for radio programs maintained by state and national Baptist conventions in Latin America, Dr. Means told the board.

More than \$71,000 has been designated by the Foreign Mission Board for radio work as a regular part of its mission program in 1961. Studies are being made in several countries with regard to television possibilities, although the chief obstacle in the matter is the high expense involved.

## Goerner to Visit Europe, Near East

DR. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, outlined for the board his proposed trip to the latter two areas in March to confer with missionaries and national Baptist leaders on plans for strengthening



established work and beginning new projects. He will spend the major part of the time in the Near East, stopping briefly at points in Europe. ■

## California Beckons Cothen of Alabama

THE Southern Baptist General Convention of California has called Grady C. Cothen, of Birmingham's First Church, as executive secretary. He will take office by April 1.



MR. COTHEN

Cothen will succeed S. G. Posey, retired. The California convention, in cooperating affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention, has over 156,000 members in 723 churches. Cothen is a native of Poplarville, Miss., born Aug. 2, 1920, the son of a minister. He graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, and New Orleans Seminary. Ordained to the ministry in 1939, Cothen has been a Navy chaplain. He was a pastor of Olivet Church, Oklahoma City, from 1948 to 1959, when he went to Birmingham's First Church.

He has been a member of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, of the directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and of New Orleans Seminary trustees. (BP) ■



# Public Schools Everybody's Job—

WASHINGTON — (BP) — “The payment of taxes for the support of the public school system and the preservation of democracy is a privilege and a duty of every citizen,” declares C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

“Whether or not a person has children, and whether or not he uses the public schools have nothing to do with his payment of taxes for the support of the public school system,” Carlson pointed out.

“A community needs roads for many reasons, so public funds are used even though I may prefer to travel other trails or by other means. The communities need public schools more than they need public roads if democracy is to survive and be strong.

“People who have no children pay school taxes the same as those who do, and this does not constitute unfairness or discrimination. Public education is the responsibility of every citizen, whether he is a bachelor or a family man or a devotee of a private school system.”

Public education as a bulwark of American democracy was emphasized in Carlson's statement. “Freedom loving Americans must rally to the support of the public school, and if there are shortcomings or problems, the sensible thing to do is not to scuttle the ship but to plug up the leaks.”

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of the New York Roman Catholic Archdiocese recently criticized the advisors of President Kennedy for recommending Federal aid to public education without aid to Catholic schools or to schools of other denominations.

The Kennedy task force report, prepared by six educators, outlined a general program of financial assistance for all public schools. It recommended \$30 per pupil based on average public school attendance and other means of aid.

The Cardinal charged, “For many millions of American

parents, this means that they will be taxed more than ever before for the education of their children but that they cannot expect any return from their taxes unless they are willing to transfer their children to a public grade or high school.

“I cannot believe,” he said, “that Congress would discriminate against Lutheran, Baptist, Catholic or Jewish parents — Americans all — in the allocation of public funds.”

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation

of Church and State (POAU) issued a bitter statement in response to Cardinal Spellman's remarks. He said:

“Cardinal Spellman's statement was a declaration of war against the separation of church and state as interpreted by the Supreme Court. It presents a dramatic challenge to Mr. Kennedy at the very threshold of his term in office. Millions of voters will want to know immediately whether our new President will bow to the wishes of Cardinal Spellman or respect his magnificent pledges given in the last campaign.” ■



## The First Sign

NOBODY knows what Jesus' first sign (miracle) was. According to Mark 1:23 ff. it was the healing of a man with an “unclean spirit” in a synagogue in Capernaum. Matthew singles out no special miracle but first describes the miracles of Jesus in general terms (see 4:23 ff.) before eventually telling of the healing of the leper in detail, (8:2-4). Luke like Mark, tells of the healing of the man with the unclean spirit in Capernaum as the first special miracle recorded in detail (Luke 4:33 ff.). But Luke 4:23 had already implied that an extended healing ministry preceded Jesus' visit to Nazareth presently under discussion. Some of the Apocryphal “gospels” (stories about Jesus never accepted as part of the Bible) tell about miracles performed by Jesus as a boy.

At first blush, John 2:11 would seem to settle the matter. Alluding to the changing of water to wine, John 2:11 says: “This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee.” And after the

healing of the nobleman's son, John 4:54 says: “This is . . . the second miracle.” But the matter is complicated by the fact that John 3:2 speaks of miracles (plural) already having been performed before the healing of the nobleman's son. Significantly, there is no article with either of the adjectives “first” in 2:11 or “second” in John 4:54. So, they may be translated “a first” and “a second.” As for that matter, “first” may be translated “chief.” And “second” in John 4:54 may refer only to the second miracle performed in Cana, “that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judea into Galilee.”

So, perhaps the Gospel of John does not settle the matter. In fact, about the only way to avoid confusion and hopeless contradiction is simply to admit that nobody knows what the first miracle was. Moreover, it is only reasonable that the writers of the Gospels followed the selective method of historical writing. Each included what was most suitable to his purpose and organized his materials according to the same principle. ■

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## Baird Receives Doctorate

DOYLE J. Baird, director of administration in the Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, received the doctor of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., Jan. 20.



DR. BAIRD

His dissertation was on "The Place of the Baptist Student Union Director on a Tax Supported College or University Campus." Prior to his coming to the Student Department in 1956, Dr. Baird served as BSU director at North Texas State College, Denton, 1946-56, and city-wide director, Nashville, Tenn., 1939-43. He served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps for three years during World War II.

## Shares in Will

FIRST Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., will accept its share of \$1,786,143 left to it and First Methodist Church of Shreveport provided both retain racially-segregated worship services. The money was one-third of the estate of the late S. D. Hunter, who died last May 16. The exact share coming to First Baptist Church was not indicated.

## Virginia Reports Record

FOR the first time in their history, Virginia Baptists have given more than \$4 million in a year to all mission causes. Also a record is the more than \$1 million they gave in 1960 to Southern Baptist Convention objectives. Total receipts for the year for the Baptist General Association of Virginia were \$4,144,834, with \$2,954,381 of this amount for the Cooperative Program, an increase of 4 percent over 1959. Cooperative Program funds shared with the Southern Baptist Convention came to \$1,084,033, an increase of 3.4 percent.

## Three-Continent Tour

AN eight-week itinerary will take Joseph B. Underwood, Albuquerque, N. M., secretary of stewardship promotion for the New Mexico Baptist Convention, to three continents for stewardship conferences. He will visit Portugal, the Union of South Africa, Sudan, Jordan, Israel and Lebanon on a tour sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board.

## Interest-Free Loans

LOANS for church sites from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will be interest-free for the first 2½ years. The action was authorized to help struggling churches and give added impetus to the 30,000 Movement, Executive Secretary Courts Redford announced.

"This is strictly a mission project," Redford said, "and a donation to these new churches. Many times sites are purchased a year or more before they can build."

## Honorary Texan

J. V. JAMES, Atlanta, Ga., assistant secretary of the city missions department, Home Mission Board, has been made an honorary citizen of Texas by Gov. Price Daniel for his contributions to the state. Mr. James has led in juvenile rehabilitation work in more than 30 cities throughout the nation.

## \$45 Million for Education

A SPECIAL convention of North Carolina Baptists will convene May 4 to discuss a \$45 million fund-raising program for Baptist higher education. The money would be distributed among seven Baptist colleges operated by the state convention to help them improve facilities and increase staffs. Baptist Student Union would receive \$1 million for student centers.

## More Radio Coverage

RADIO stations in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Philadelphia are currently carrying the Southern Baptist Convention's radio show, "MasterControl," in-

cluding the 50,000-watt Columbia Broadcasting System station, WCBS, New York. The program is produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth.

## No Federal Money

TWO Southern Baptist Convention hospitals, in Jacksonville, Fla., and New Orleans, La., seek \$8 million for capital needs in the 1960's, but they won't ask the federal government for grants. The board of Southern Baptist Hospitals voted not to ask for Hill-Burton funds, which many denominations have used for hospital construction. To accept the money would be a violation of the principle of church-state separation, the board felt. Its decision affects directly only the Jacksonville and New Orleans hospitals, which are the only institutions operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. Other Baptist hospitals are supported by state Baptist groups.

## Curriculum Strengthened

NEW Orleans Seminary has taken action to strengthen the curriculum for the bachelor of divinity degree, the basic theological degree offered by all seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. Beginning with 1961-62, candidates for the degree will be required to earn a minimum of six hours of credit in Greek and six hours in Hebrew.

"This modification of requirements represents an effort on the part of the faculty to enrich and strengthen the bachelor of divinity degree curriculum," according to Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, dean of the school of theology.

## \$10,000 Gift to Baylor

A \$10,000 gift to be used in a scholarship fund for business students has been made to Baylor University by Mrs. Zulette Jackson Hughes, San Angelo, Tex. The fund was set up with an initial \$10,000 by Mrs. Hughes in 1958, as a memorial to her son, Jackson Hughes. Three scholarships have been awarded since its establishment.



## Assignment in Congo

STUART McConaughy, Baylor University Literacy Center's director of training, will teach English to leaders in the Republic of the Congo. He has been employed by English Language Service, Inc., Washington, D.C., and placed under appointment by the International Cooperation Administration of the U.S. State Department for a two-year mission in Leopoldville, as one of a seven-man training team.

There will be some 300 Congolese in the program. According to McConaughy this will be the only such team teaching English in the Congo. The Russian program provides grants for Congolese to study in Moscow. The U.S. team is going at the request of the Congolese government.

## Anti-Gambling Move

BAPTISTS are participating in a combined Protestant-Catholic crusade against slot machines in southern Maryland. The gambling devices are legal only in four Maryland counties and Nevada and, as in Nevada, are to be found not only in road houses but in restaurants, drugstores and grocery stores.

Rev. Parker S. Hooper, pastor of Indian Head Baptist Church, Indian Head, Md., estimates there are 2,300 "one-arm bandits" in Charles County alone and "they are robbing the people of an estimated \$8,000,000 a year." The Charles County Ministerial Association was to present a petition to Maryland Gov. Millard Tawes on the matter, calling for a state-wide referendum to declare the machines illegal throughout Maryland.

Official Roman Catholic condemnation of "inordinate use" of slot machines followed publication of an article in a national Catholic journal written by an aroused Catholic layman. The Catholic deans of three southern Maryland counties then broke an 11-year silence (it was 11 years ago that the machines were legalized) by condemning the excessive use of the machines in their archdiocese.

## Book Stores Discontinued

THE Baptist Sunday School Board has voted to discontinue three of its Baptist Book Store outlets and consolidate the service in two states. It approved closing of the Austin, Tex., store Feb. 1, the Oakland, Calif., store Feb. 15 and the Huntington Park, Calif., store Feb. 28. Other Texas Baptist book stores, in Houston, San Antonio, Ft. Worth and Dallas, will serve the Austin area. In California operations will be consolidated in Fresno with the store on the Golden Gate Seminary campus continued as a branch of the Fresno store.

## Texas Adds 676

A TOTAL 676 Baptist churches and missions have been organized in Texas since the \$0,000 Movement was begun in 1956. This is an estimated six percent of the number of new churches and missions established throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. During 1960, 66 new churches and 53 new missions were organized in Texas.

## Recreation for 'Aging'

CHURCH recreation is one of the new approaches Southern Baptists are taking in their ministry to the aging, according to Adelle Carlson, Nashville, Tenn., consultant with the church recreation service of the Sunday School Board.

"We find in most churches the senior adult group, ages 65 and over, runs about 10 per cent of the church roll," she said. "The extension department of our Sunday School reaches only one-fifth of the senior adults. It does a good job in providing Bible study and visitation in their homes, but it is designed to reach only those who cannot come to the church."

Recreation for the senior adult takes on a new meaning, Miss Carlson said, and education may be one phase. The church is in an ideal position to offer recreation opportunities to this age group, because "there is a natural turning to the church as a person gets older."

## Negro Missions Schools

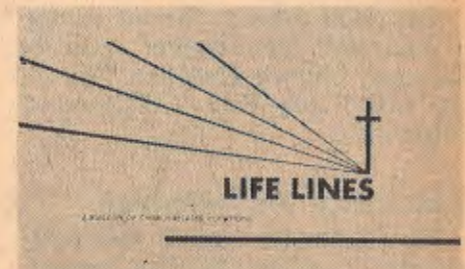
THIRTY-four National (Negro) Baptist churches took part in schools of missions in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 22-27, the first effort of this size in the Southern Baptist Convention. The schools were arranged by Durward V. Cason Sr., secretary of the program of Negro work of the Georgia Baptist Convention with support of the SBC Home Mission Board.

## StarBooks Make Debut

THE newest line of Broadman Press materials, *StarBooks*, were introduced in January. This is the name under which Broadman will distribute paper-backs.

"With the publication of *StarBooks*, Baptist book stores will be able to recommend without reservation tested and proven titles to our own people," Jay O. Turner, manager of the Sunday School Board's Book Store Department said. "A whole new realm of inspiration and information is now available."

## New Volunteers' Bulletin



CHURCH-related vocations volunteers are now receiving a new free quarterly bulletin especially for them from the Baptist Sunday School Board's Education Division.

"Life Lines" is a new version of the former "Church-Related Vocations Bulletin." Begun in 1959, the old bulletin reached a circulation of 30,000. Lloyd T. Householder, church-related vocations counselor, is editor of the new bulletin.

The first issue of "Life Lines" is on the theme of stewardship and enlistment. Free copies may be secured by writing the Church-Related Vocations Counselor, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville 3, Tenn. ■



## Independence Assn.

A HYMN sing at Desha Jan. 30 drew three pastors, five music directors and five pianists. Six churches were represented among the 35 in attendance.

Rev. Paul Fox, pastor of Calvary Church, Little Rock, will speak at the District Brotherhood convention at Calico Rock Feb. 27.

## Mt. Zion Association

APPROXIMATELY 20 churches will participate in simultaneous revivals Mar. 12-26. Most will have only one week beginning Mar. 12; a few will begin Mar. 5 and some Mar. 19. Rev. E. B. Brown, Memphis, Tenn., the evangelist for First Church, Monette, will serve as association campaign director. Rev. James Sanders, Monette, is chairman of Evangelism.

Rev. Lowell Jamieson has resigned from New Antioch Church to accept work in Greene County Association and Rev. Harold Martin has resigned at Childress and plans to work on a master's degree at Memphis State University.

Rev. Bob Adams, former pastor at Lunsford, has accepted a call to Caraway Church. Needham Church has called Rev. Leon Childress of Jonesboro.

## Harmony Association

PLUM Bayou Church was completely destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29. The church had installed a new heater in the auditorium, and because it was not functioning properly the morning service was dismissed. Fire was discovered about 1:30 p.m. near the new stove. Insurance covered \$5,000 of the loss, not enough to rebuild for similar space. The building was erected in 1946 with assistance from the state convention and churches and individuals in this area. Plans are now being made for rebuilding. Rev. Jeff Batson, of Wright, is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Pat Titsworth of First Church, Star City, have a new daughter, Carol Ann, born Jan. 11. The Titsworths have two sons.

Forrest Park Church occupied its new \$86,000 auditorium for the first time Jan. 29. There will be a dedication service Mar. 5. Rev. G. W. Smith is pastor.

Harmony Association W.M.U. received the approved status for 1960. There were only two associations in the state which met the requirements. Mrs. W. E. Green, Star City, is president.

First Church, Star City, has called Vern McGraw of Houston, Tex., as music director. Mr. McGraw is a native of Star City and a graduate of Hendrix College. He received his master's degree in music from the University of Indiana and has also studied at the University of Texas, South Texas Junior College and the University of Saint Thomas.

Rev. R. Gaston Dunnigan resigned as pastor of New Bethel Church Jan. 15, after serving 18 months.

Rev. Garner S. Autry of North Little Rock has accepted a call from Oak Grove Church. Mr. Autry has held a number of pastorates over Arkansas and served as associational missionary in the Trace Ridge Association, now Stone-Searcy-Van Buren Association. Mr. and Mrs. Autry have seven children, all of them married. Oak Grove is now adding new rooms and doing other repair work to the pastorium.

Rev. Eugene Webb, pastor of Lee Memorial Church for the past three years, resigned effective Feb. 12. Mr. Webb has served on various associational committees and two years ago led the association by conducting five mission Vacation Bible Schools. He is a state-elected board member for Southern Baptist College.

First Church, Dumas, held a "note-burning" ceremony Jan. 8 to celebrate debt-free services. Dr. S. A. Whitlow was guest speaker. Records show that during the past 10 years over \$300,000 have passed through the church treasury and over 35 percent of this has gone into buildings and equipment. Rev. Minor E. Cole has been with First Church more than 10 years.

Rev. Harold Wilson has accepted the pastorate of First Church at Wabaseka and began his service Feb. 19. Mr. Wilson is married to the former Novella Percefull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Percefull of Carlisle. The Wilsons have three daughters, Karen, Avis and Cindy. He has held pastorates at Antioch Church, Colt; First Church, Beirne; Southside, Heber Springs, and First Church, Canfield. ■

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By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

(Author of the new book, "Sir I Have A Problem," at your Baptist Book Store.)

### Teenage Disobedience

**QUESTION:** What do you think of a pastor who sides with a disobedient teenager against her parents and walks up and down the streets openly berating the parents? Also, he betrays confidences of people who have told him things about themselves, both from the pulpit and on the street. If he keeps on taking sides with young people against their parents, what will become of authority in the home?



DR. HUDSON

**ANSWER:** Really, now, pastors don't have that much influence, do they? It doesn't matter what the pastor or anyone else says, parents are to be the authority in the home.

Of course, a pastor should not betray confidences. And who is he to take sides against parents and encourage teenagers to be disobedient? They will do enough of this on their own.

But did it ever occur to you that pastors are human and limited, like everyone else?

We are living in a day when disobedience and defiance of authority are quite popular. This is a real problem to parents of teenagers and a real hazard to teenagers. Perhaps the solution is for parents to develop more back-bone on important issues and more permissiveness on unimportant ones.

Come to think of it, this pastor might be right in siding with the teenagers. Some parents are terribly unreasonable. It would be safer if he takes sides with the parents. They pay his salary. But, of course, he may wish to be a prophet as well as a pastor. It is hard to be both in a modern pulpit. Stand by him! ■

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

## Son Leads Family to Profess Faith

By VIRGINIA HARRIS HENDRICKS

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia — (BP) — Steve Orcic is the young pastor of the largest Baptist church in Yugoslavia, located in Novi Sad. I am glad he speaks English so he could tell us his story!

Orcic is a graduate of Zagreb University and of the Baptist Seminary in Novi Sad. He also teaches at the seminary, assisting the president, A. Lehoskey. As we sat in the Lehoskey home, eating luscious fresh apricots from their garden, Orcic told us his story:

"I am the youngest in a family



MR. ORCIC

of seven sons. Ours was a very strong Catholic family. My oldest brother was the first member to be converted to the Baptist faith. Our father refused to speak to him when he would not waver from his new beliefs, and we all made him suffer in the home. For two years our home life was like this.

"One day our father called my oldest brother to him, saying, 'I can no longer live like this. You must call all your brothers to come in here. You must tell us all how to be followers like yourself. I must know your Lord too!'"

Now the parents and sons are all active Baptists, happy in their personal and real relationship to Christ. They are very proud that the youngest became a Baptist pastor. ■

### 'Typical Baptist' Woman

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — The typical American Baptist: "a middle class white woman, 42 years old, married, with two children."

This perhaps startling fact was revealed by a recent study of the denomination. It was presented to more than 1,000 men and women attending the "convocation of the Mission of the Church" in Minneapolis in late January.

American Baptist women outnumber the men two to one, the survey showed. It was pointed out, however, that men hold most of the influential positions as pastors and moderators of congregations and denominational executives.

More than 95 per cent are Caucasians, about four per cent are American Indians, and the rest are Negroes or Orientals. Other facts about the "typical American Baptist": lives in a city of at least 100,000 but was born in a town of less than 10,000; is a high school graduate, votes in most elections but does not give time or money to political causes, has a family income somewhere in the \$5,000-to-\$10,000 bracket. (only about 15 per cent have an income

of more than \$10,000, while 43 per cent get less than \$5,000) gives \$5 a week, or five per cent of income, to church, attends worship about three Sundays a month and goes to Sunday School almost as often, believes the minister, while not taking a political position or role in government, should preach on subjects like alcoholism and gambling.

### Contraceptive Pills

WARSAW, Poland (EP) — Mass production of contraceptive pills has been started in Poland under the auspices of the Polish Planned Parenthood Society, according to the Warsaw Radio. The pills, it is reported, will be sold for "a few cents each." The station urged Communist youth organizations to push campaigns, especially in rural areas, to acquaint women with the use of the contraceptive drug and other birth control devices.

### Thailand 'Best Seller'

ANGTHONG, Thailand (EP) — Missionaries here report that Buddhist priests of the town have become regular borrowers of one particular book. Its title: *Peace With God*, by Billy Graham.



# DEPARTMENTS

## Missions-Evangelism

### Dedication at Jonesboro

IT WAS my privilege to participate in the dedication service of North Main Church of Jonesboro, Sunday, Feb. 12.



DR. CALDWELL

It was in 1957 that pastor R. L. Williams led Friendly Hope, a rural church, to sponsor a mission on the north side of Jonesboro. In October of the same year the mission was constituted into a church and called Brother Williams as pastor.

The place of meeting was an unsightly garage with dirt floor. The pastor and church had visions of their future and Feb. 12 rejoiced in part of their dreams come true.

The church is now located on two acres of ground and has completed the second unit of their building program, costing above \$30,000. The First Church of Jonesboro and State Missions Department both gave financial help and the Home Mission Board made a substantial loan.

Since the organization 104 have been baptized and the present membership is now 213. The Sunday School enrollment is 238 and the average attendance last year was 132.

Dr. C. Z. Holland, Carl Bunch and C. W. Caldwell brought messages and Marcus Wilkerson, pastor of Friendly Hope, led the closing prayer. All visitors and friends seemed to rejoice at the marvelous progress made, in so brief a time, under the leadership of R. L. Williams. — C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent. ■

## Church Music

### 'Wonderful Time'

FOUR associations conducted "pilot" associational hymn festivals on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. They were Concord, Bartholomew, Buckner and Mt. Zion. Typical comments were like the ones received from Jack Reed, associational director in Bartholomew association. He writes: "We have something to brag about today. Our association, Bartholomew, held its first hymn festival yesterday, Jan. 29, and the attendance was amazing, beyond any of our wildest dreams. The weather, as you are aware, was bad all week, but cleared up into a beautiful Sunday. The people came and we had a wonderful time together.



MR. McCLARD

At our last associational meeting, a

Sunday school rally, there were 207 present. We had 289 present yesterday, with a slim possibility that we could have missed a small child or two in counting. We believe that the people of this association are re-awakening to the fact that associational meetings are for them, and we are having wonderful programs for them.

We selected the Second Church of Monticello for yesterday's meeting because it is one of the three having an organ and Baptist hymnals. We saw yesterday that we cannot use it next time. We needed to move the walls outward to make room for the people. If 25 more had come, I don't know where we could have given them room to sit down.

As for statistics, we give you the following: five out of 25 churches participated; we had seven choirs, five soloists, one ladies' trio, one girls' quartet, (using four-part music), one girls' sextet (using two-part music), and one

male quartet. There were 16 units in all. In the total attendance figure there were three churches that did not participate, meaning that only eight out of 25 churches were represented. However, we are very happy and pleased at our first hymn festival, and feel that next time will be even better.

A survey of summary of book awards in Category 19 of Church Study Course for Teaching and Training reveals that 42 churches from 17 associations have earned 414 music awards from October, 1960, through January, 1961. This report does not reflect the awards earned in January Bible Study. As we enter the heavy season for association and church schools of music, we feel sure the report will be higher than any previous year.

Associational music officer strength report is the highest ever this year. This far, we are 70 percent organized. — LeRoy McClard, Secretary. ■

## Brotherhood

### Tentative Brotherhood Convention Program

Pike Avenue Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas, March 3 and 4, 1961.

Theme: "LABORERS TOGETHER"

Friday afternoon session — (Monroe Drye, Presiding).

Past Actions—Present Operations—Future Programmes.

- 2:55 Song Service
- 3:05 Scripture and Prayer (1 Cor. 2:1-5) — Rev. W. Harry Hunt
- 3:10 Special Music
- 3:15 Levels of Brotherhood Endeavor: The Brotherhood Commission — R. L. Sherrick
- The State Brotherhood — G. C. Hilton
- The District Brotherhood — Harry Brewer
- The Associational Brotherhood — Monroe Drye
- The Church Brotherhood — C. H. Seaton
- 3:40 Message: "BOYS! . . . ACCEPTING ANEW AN OLD RESPONSIBILITY" — Tommy Knotts
- 3:55 The Brotherhood Leadership and Service Training Program — Nelson Tull
- 4:00 "Available, and in the Mill" . . . New Brotherhood Promotional Aids — R. L. Sherrick
- 4:10 Song
- 4:15 Message: "WHILE THE IRON IS HOT" — G. A. Ratterree
- 4:30 Special Music
- 4:35 Message: "BACK TO THE OLD BOOK" — Rev. K. Alvin Pitt
- 5:00 Benediction — Rev. R. H. Dorris

Friday evening session—(G. C. Hilton, Presiding).

Past Achievements—Present Opportunities—Future Possibilities.

- 7:00 Song
- 7:05 Welcome — Rev. R. H. Dorris
- 7:10 Scripture and Prayer (1 Cor. 3:6-15)
- 7:15 Words from our President — G. C. Hilton
- 7:25 Special Music
- 7:30 Greetings from the Brotherhood Commission—Brotherhood Publications — R. L. Sherrick
- 7:40 Message: "OLD FRONTIERS—NEW EXPLORATIONS" — G. A. Ratterree
- 8:00 Song
- 8:05 For Consideration: "Present Attention and Future Prosperity" — T. K. Rucker
- 8:20 Business Session — Election of Officers
- 8:30 The Laymen's Tour of Ohio — Nelson Tull
- 8:35 Song
- 8:40 Special Music and Offering
- 8:45 Message: "LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD" — Dr. Paul Roberts
- 9:15 Benediction — Rev. J. C. Myers

Saturday Morning Session—(Harry Brewer, presiding).

- Past Experiences—Present Resolutions—Future Aspirations.
- 9:00 Song Service
- 9:10 Scripture and Prayer (1 Cor. 3:1-17) — Tommy Hollowell
- 9:15 Special Music
- 9:20 Message: "SEEN AND HEARD AND FELT" — Tommy Knotts
- 9:40 "Eyewitnesses of Divine Power"—Testimonies
- 10:00 "The Strong Heartbeat of Brotherhood" — R. L. Sherrick
- 10:15 "EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN WITNESSING"—a New Book in SOUL-WINNING—Nelson Tull
- 10:20 Song
- 10:25 Special Music
- 10:30 Message: "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" — G. A. Ratterree
- 11:00 Benediction — Nelson Tull ■



## State Vacation Bible School Clinic

THE STATE Vacation Bible School Clinic was a grand experience for 240 people who attended from 38 of our 44 associations.



MR. HATFIELD

Invited to attend this Clinic were eight people from each association, who trained to conduct Associational Vacation Bible School Clinics in their own associations.

Arkansas reported 885 Vacation Bible Schools last year, some 42 short of the number for the year before. Of this 885, 150 were not reported. These were found in the church letters to the associations. It is most helpful if these schools are reported. Some of our most well known churches failed to send in a report, and it is known that some of these conducted schools. Every church is important and it is important that every Vacation Bible School should be reported. Let us know when you complete your school this summer. It helps those who plan the materials for the schools for the next year.

For growth and evangelism it is important to recognize the opportunity to follow up the Vacation Bible School with visits to pupils who are not enrolled in Sunday School. There was an average of seven per school or 6,284 in Arkansas last year. — Lawson Hatfield, Secretary. ■

## Executive Board

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Again, someone may ask, "What did it cost the church?" Well, we can answer: "It would have cost the church 165 pledgers but actually it would have cost much more. It would have meant that a church failed to do its best to help people do the thing that honors Christ and helps preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth."

Now, if all of the work, all of the reporting and all of the writing does not add up to a spiritual victory, then we are at a loss to know exactly what Jesus was talking about when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." If all of this is not Kingdom work, then we cannot understand Paul when he wrote these words to the church at Corinth, "Let all things be done decently and in order." — Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary. ■

## Outstanding Personalities To Speak for YWA Houseparty



Miss DeVault

MISS Doris DeVault, YWA Director of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and former youth director for Arkansas; Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain College, Mississippi; Miss Ann Wollerman, missionary to Brazil, and Mrs. E. L. Holloway, Jr., missionary to Japan, will be four of the speakers for the High School YWA Houseparty to



Miss Wollerman

be held at Ouachita College Mar. 3-5.

This is the first of two winter houseparties for members of Young Woman's Auxiliary in Arkansas this year. The second is scheduled for April 14-16 and is planned especially for business girls, college students and students in schools of nursing.

Information concerning the March Houseparty at Ouachita has been mailed to YWA leadership and may be obtained by writing the WMU office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Reservations may be made by sending name and address with \$2.00 reservation fee to this same address. All YWA girls, directors and counselors are invited. ■

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# George Stops A Snowball

By CLARENCE M. LINDSEY

THAT winter day in 1743 was unusually cold for provincial Virginia. In the northern part of the state, snow had been falling for several hours, to the delight of the boys who attended Field School, two miles from Falmouth Church. No sooner had Master Hobby dismissed the pupils than they rushed pell-mell outdoors, eager for fun.

"Let's build a snow fort!" suggested a sturdy lad known as Billy to his mates. "What say, George?"

George shook his head. "It would take too long, Billy; and we have no shields or staves to build with."

The others nodded agreement. "That's right, George," said one, "but we can have a snow fight."

"Yes, we can do that. We'll have a battle between 'settlers' and 'Indians' with snowballs as bullets."

At that period Indian outbreaks threatened, and often there was talk by both young and old about what might happen should the savages again go on the warpath.

"All right!" said Billy. "I'll be the leader of the settlers and you, George, can lead the red men!"

At this proposal loud protests rose from most of his hearers.

"No, no! That won't do! George has always led and drilled us when we played soldiers. You'll have to lead the Indians, Billy."

Billy scowled at this, but George said with a smile, "Indians can throw snowballs just as fast as white men, Billy. Don't forget that."

The other boy didn't return the smile. He was sadly disappointed, but he saw that he would have to yield. A few moments later, after sides had been chosen, all the boys hurried into the woods, the Indians going one way and the settlers another.

"Now then," said George, addressing his followers, "Let's keep hidden behind the trees as much as we can! Have your snowballs ready, and whenever you see an enemy, let him have it!"

As George finished speaking, there came a bloodcurdling war whoop from the Indians which, indeed, sounded almost too real. Billy led his party forward, rather slowly, all keeping concealed as much as they could. Soon the snowball bullets began to fly thick and fast from both sides, with much shouting and yelling as the boys warmed up to their work.

"Don't let 'em get any nearer!" cried George, his voice hoarse with excitement. "We must win this fight."

As he spoke, he moved swiftly forward, intent on gaining shelter behind the trunk of a huge pine. At the same instant Billy stepped into view and threw a ball which struck George in the face so forcefully that he fell to the ground.



The settlers were greatly astonished at seeing their leader fall. He was up again in no time, but his cheek was bleeding. Regardless of the bullets which were now aimed at his exposed figure, he stopped, picked up the missile which had struck him, and broke it open.

"Look here, fellows!" he cried. "There's a stone in this one! That's not playing fair!"

His mates shouted as they left the shelter of the trees and rushed forward, resolved to put an end to the fight and avenge the cowardly act of the leader of the enemy.

"Drive them back, boys, but leave Billy to me! I'll settle him without any help."

A moment later the angry settlers had the Indians in full flight. Billy, though he tried hard to get away, was soon overtaken by George, who proceeded to give him a thrashing. George had large hands and great strength, and ere long Billy cried for mercy.

George was too angry to stop at once. When he let up, Billy shamefacedly admitted that George had not only won the snow fight, but also their personal encounter.

"I guess I had it coming to me, George. It was a mean thing to do, putting that stone in that ball."

"Why did you do it?" demanded the victor.

"Well, I was mad because I didn't get to lead the settlers. I'm sorry now. I don't wonder the boys always look up to you."

Though his face was still flushed, George smiled.

"I'm sorry I didn't stop pommeling you when you begged me to quit. My temper got the best of me, but it won't happen agan. That's another fight I must win."

Is this a true story? We can only guess the answer. We do know that in later years Gen. George Washington led the patriotic Americans in the fight for liberty which finally ended in the establishment of a new nation. That same leader was its first President, and now it took a great deal to make him lose control of himself. Perhaps he remembered that fight in the woods so long ago and kept his temper under leash. ■

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## God's Wondrous World

# Lunch-Box Flowers

By THELMA C. CARTER

SOME of the earliest spring flowers, the crocus, snowdrops, daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and lilies, grow from bulbs. The bulb flowers are sometimes called lunch-box flowers. Amazingly true is the fact that bulbs contain all the food elements necessary for the growth and blooming of the satiny, smooth flowers.

Nature can hardly wait to open her lunch-box flowers. The first green leaves of bulb flowers appear while the February world is still cold, the sky gray, and the earth covered with brown stubble.

Solomon speaks of the early flowers. "For, lo, the winter is past, . . . the flowers appear on the earth" (Song of Solomon 2:11-12). Bible historians tell of bulb flowers, such as the lily, crocus, and hyacinth, growing in the mountains of Lebanon.

The hills and the fields of Judea and Galilee, which Jesus knew so well, were covered in early springtime with bulb flowers. He spoke in the Sermon on the Mount of the beauty of the lilies in the field (Matthew 6:28-29).



A flower bulb is a miracle in itself. Not only does it contain the food store of sugar necessary for the flower's growth, but also within the bulb is the small green bud growing from the bottom pad. There are the little roots, soft bases of future leaves, and the thin, brown, protective scales, which are really the shriveled bases of the green leaves of last year. ■

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## Dooley's Letter Reveals Thoughts

IN HIS last days, the thoughts of Dr. Tom Dooley turned to a Divine Doctor who could calm his heart and soul.

So says the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, in disclosing a letter he received from the famed "Jungle Doctor" of Laos some six weeks before his death.

Wrote Dooley: "Two things prompt this note to you, sir. The first is that whenever my cancer acts up . . . and it is certainly 'acting up' now . . . I turn inward a bit. Less do I think of my hospitals around the world, or of 94 doctors, fund raising, and the like.

"More do I think of one Divine Doctor, and my own personal fund of grace. Is it enough? . . . The storm around me does not matter. The winds within me do not matter. Nothing human or earthly can touch me.

"A wilder storm of peace gathers in my heart. What seems unpossessable I can possess. What seems unfathomable, I fathom. What is unutterable, I can utter. Because I can pray. I can communicate. How do people endure anything on earth, if they cannot have God?" (EP) ■

## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

### Seventh-Day Baptists

DISSENSION over Sabbath observance split the Baptist Church, Newport, Rhode Island, December, 1671.



DR. SELPH

Leader of this division was Stephen Mumford, an English Seventh Day Baptist, who united with the American church in 1665. He soon had a following of his views.

This group regarded the Sabbath as an ordinance of God, binding for all time, without any scriptural warrant to change to the first day of the week. Otherwise, they held to the commonly accepted Baptist doctrines of that day.

This break did not come quickly nor without wounded feelings. Increased insistence on the importance of the ordinance brought forth some plain statements of opposition by the pastor. Convinced, that the observance of the first day of the week was sinful, and censorious of its acceptance, the Sabbatarian advocates pulled out and formed a new church.

The Baptist church of Boston addressed a letter to the newly formed group. It is an expression of Christian love and sanity. Without criticism it plead for patience, knowledge, and longsuffering. It deplored the fact that so many schisms occur among God's people and urged reconciliation.

This is the first of the many Baptist groups which arose in the United States. ■

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# The Challenge of the Cross

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Bible Material: John 12

Verse to Remember—

*"He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal" (John 12:25).*

**T**HE best remembered week in the life of Jesus was the week of the crucifixion, the Passion Week. Jesus had stirred great resentment amongst the Jewish leaders by the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Time was running out in the life of our Lord, and He recognized that His hour had come.



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Plato said, "The just man will be scourged, tortured, bound, blinded by fire, and when he has endured every kind of suffering will at last be impaled on the cross." Jesus never read Plato but He knew human beings better than any other man has ever known them; knew of the conflict in man between righteousness and unrighteousness—the struggle between God and the world. Thus, Jesus knew perhaps of His death on the cross from the very beginning of His ministry.

He was acquainted with the Suffering Servant passages of the Old Testament and associated Himself in this role. Indications of His knowledge of the cross are found in such statements as:

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28);

"If any man would come after me, let him . . . take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34);

Passion Week included the greatest event ever to occur in the history of man. This was the drama of the cross. Without a doubt no single action performed in the life of any individual has ever received the acclaim that the cross did in the life of Jesus.

## I. The Cross a Challenge to Jesus, John 12:20-24

**A**S indicated previously, Jesus was a keen student of mankind and of the times. He saw at the close of His life a cross looming in the picture, a cross that He had seen for some months. Yet, now He saw it clearer than ever before. He was not fooled by the shouting of the people. As He rode into Jerusalem at the Passover time the streets were lined with an enthusiastic

crowd, a crowd shouting "Hosanna," which means "Save now," a crowd spreading palm leaves before the soon-to-be-crucified Saviour. But all of this did not dim for a minute the picture that Jesus had in His mind, the picture of a cross.

From the very beginning the cross had been a challenge to Jesus. Somehow we are led to believe that Jesus was wrestling with the cross as He was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. The victory over this temptation literally sealed the death warrant of Jesus. He chose the difficult way, the bitter way, the unpopular way, but the glorious way. From this day forth there was never a moment when Jesus did not see the cross.

Jesus related the cross as a necessity in the plan of God's redemption of man. Using the illustration of a grain of wheat, He set forth the principle that self-realization comes through self-sacrifice. The cross was a challenge to Jesus in the sense that it was the only way now in which man could understand the mind and plan of God. A grain of wheat cannot be "glorified" unless it is planted. When it is planted it dies and produces that for which it was created. Only in this way can it be realized what the seed really is. Only by dying would Jesus be able to reveal the full knowledge of His nature. In a sense, He was man's grain of wheat. The only way by which He could gather the Greeks (v. 20) and the Jews together into one kingdom was that He die on a cross. Thus came the challenge of the cross from the need of man, and to this He said, "The hour is come."

The challenge of the cross to Jesus came from another source, other than the ignorance and sinfulness of the people. It came from the Father. The cross was a challenge because it was in the mind of God for Jesus to die, giving His life a ransom for many. Jesus, the Lamb of God, slain before the foundations of the world, was a completion of the redemptive purpose of a Divine plan. Paul expressed it clearly:

" . . . Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father" (Galatians 1:4).

Jesus was put to death by a coalition of two historic forces, church and state. Both combined in a coalition to destroy. There is only one thing that permitted these forces to carry out their cruel plans and that one thing was the challenge of the cross. A challenge that came from Jesus' love for the human race and from Jesus' love for His Father. The final decision of the cross

was left into the hands of Jesus. He was not driven to death but went in the Freedom of his own soul:

"No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself" (John 10:18).

Yet, because of His love for the human race and His love for the Heavenly Father, Jesus bowed to the challenge of the cross. This was the only way in which sinful man and Holy God could be drawn together, and if this was the only way then Jesus was prepared to walk in it. To the cross Jesus replied, "But for this cause came I unto this hour."

## II. The Cross a Challenge to the Christian, John 12:25-28

**T**HERE is something about Jesus dying on a cross that sends forth a challenge to the heart of every Christian. If you can read the cross in the life of Christ and not feel a cross in your own life there must be something wrong with your religion. We are edified by the idea of the cross of Jesus; we are changed by it.

There is no higher view of God known to man than that revealed through the cross of Christ. God's plan of redemption through the cross gave mankind its most complete picture of the Divine Father. But the idea of the cross does more than redeem mankind and reveal the nature of God. It becomes a challenge to every disciple, a cross if you please.

Jesus is the only evangelist ever to discourage His followers from coming after Him. He spoke of the cross in the life of the Christian when He said:

"He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:38);

"The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head" (Matt. 8:20).

Jesus never tried to picture the way of the cross as an easy way. He never wanted a single disciple who was not willing to "take up his cross" and serve where needed. This is the significance of His challenge to "hate life" (v. 25). It is hard to be a real Christian in any age, in any country. Hard as it may be, it is the way of life. Jesus lived a life of service and devotion to the human race. He told us that the only great people are those who learn to be (as He was) servants of all. The best defense that can be offered for the validity of the cross in the life of Christ is the living of the life of the cross by a Christian. We need not argue for the Christian faith, rather we need only to live it.

## III. The Cross a Challenge to the Sinner, John 12:29-36

**T**HE challenge of the cross to the sinner is a simple challenge to believe.



To some this cross is a "scandal" and "foolishness." Why should man believe in a humble Jew who was divorced from His own family, rejected by His own followers, and crucified while He was still in the prime of life? How can one like this mean anything to a man who is dying in sin?

The challenge of the cross is to forget the seeming failure of Calvary and look beyond to the empty tomb. It is a challenge for man to see himself as something worth while in life. When a king stoops to pick up something, it must have value. When Christ died on the cross for someone there must be something in him worth dying for. Christ's cross was a cross borne for every person. The cross, where man is at his worst, has, more than anything else, made man believe in his best. ■

## Attendance Report

February 12, 1961

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alpena, First	92	57	
Benton,			
Highland Heights	138	75	2
Berryville,			
Freeman Heights	157	92	
Camden,			
Cullendale First	467	242	4
Cherry Valley, First	114	75	
El Dorado			
East Main	265	129	4
Parkview	256	118	
Trinity	224	116	
Ft. Smith			
Grand Avenue	702	298	7
Kelley Heights	186	85	4
Hampton	162	62	
Harrison,			
Eagle Heights	277	110	1
Hot Springs,			
Park Place	468	158	1
Huntsville, First	161	102	
Jacksonville			
First	638	254	11
Gravel Ridge	128	85	
Second	286	137	6
Levy	623	250	1
Little Rock			
Forest Highlands	168	67	1
Gaines Street	412	263	
Immanuel	1,428	573	4
Second	815	251	4
South Highland	637	256	13
Tyler Street	305	144	
McGehee, First	474	206	1
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	822	272	8
Highway	213	114	
Park Hill	776	234	
Sylvan Hills	350	183	6
Pea Ridge, First	161	72	1
Pine Bluff,			
Sulphur Springs	84	53	1
Springdale, First	566	189	4
Van Buren, First	438	160	3
Waldron, First	278	94	
West Memphis,			
Calvary	210	116	

(Churches are urged to mail their reports—on postcards—on Mondays. The deadline for receiving Attendance Reports is Wednesday.)

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**OFFICER** (pulling boy out of creek):  
 "How did you come to fall in?"  
 Boy: "I didn't come to fall in — I came to fish."

**Difficult Feat**  
**JUDGE** (to witness) — "Was your friend in the habit of talking to himself when he was alone?"  
**Witness** — "To tell you the truth, your honor, I never was with him when he was alone."

**Well?**  
**PSYCHIATRIST**: "Do you have trouble making up your mind?"  
**Sam**: "Well — yes and no."

**How to Win a Lawsuit**  
**THERE** was a professor of law who said to his students:  
 "When you are fighting a case, if you have the facts on your side hammer them into the jury, and if you have the law on your side, hammer it into the judge."  
 "But if you have neither the facts nor the law?" asked one of his listeners.  
 "Then hammer on the table," answered the professor.

**Self-Contained**  
 "SAY," said the proud purchaser of a sports car to the salesman, "I don't have a garage yet. Would you mind leaving it right in the box?"

**On the Ball**  
**WOMAN** golfer to companion: "I'll never forget the day I played the entire hole with just one ball!"

**Go-Between**  
 "HOW do you meet expenses?"  
 "My wife introduces them to me."

**The Cynic**  
 "IS IT unlucky to postpone a wedding?" asked Harry.  
 "Not if you keep on postponing it!" replied John.

**Record-Breaker**  
 "HOW does that clock go that you won at the fair?"  
 "Fine — it does an hour in fifty minutes."

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## Famine Threat in China

**HONG KONG (EP)**—The most critical food shortage that Red China has faced in six years may be reducing its "Great Leap Forward" to a mere faltering step.

A recent series of communiques from Peiping have confirmed what some observers have been saying all along: that the food production claims Communist China has been making for the last three years have been vastly exaggerated.

In recent weeks, in an apparent effort to avert mass starvation in some areas, Peiping has bought 300,000 tons of wheat from Australia and 350,000 tons of rice from Burma. It is reported that an even larger wheat purchase is being negotiated with Canada.

Hong Kong observers claim that China does produce enough grain to feed itself, but exports a disproportionate amount to Soviet bloc countries to finance its "Great Leap Forward" industrialization program.

## Missionaries Murdered

**ELIZABETHVILLE, Katanga (EP)**—New Zealand Missionary Elton George Behrent Knaus, 50, and Edmund Hodgson, 62, of Blackpool England, were hacked to death by fierce Baluba Tribesmen in North Katanga. And since the bodies of these two veteran Protestant missionaries cannot be found by UN troops, officials believed they may have become the victims of cannibals.

Reliable sources reported to UN soldiers that the two missionaries were attacked with machetes and put to death near Mukaya, a small village about 150 miles from Albertville.

## Religion in Politics

**THE** election of Sen. Stuart Symington (Dem.-Mo.) to head the Alfalfa club (fun and frolic organization) was a heartening sign, says Comedian Bob Hope.

"It proves," he said, "that a Protestant can become President." (EP)

## Bible Reading Up

**SYDNEY, Australia (EP)** — "Not for two generations or more have the people of the churches been reading their Bibles as widely and as seriously as they are today."

This is the evaluation of current interest in the Scriptures all over the world, according to the Rev. R. A. Hickin, deputy secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Speaking to a congregation at St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral here, Hickin said that "some great churches hitherto concentrating all their teaching on sacraments and the Church's authority . . . are now encouraging their people to read the Bible."

## Seize U. S. Missionaries

**USUMBURA, Ruanda - Urundi (EP)** — Six American Baptist missionaries and their families have been arrested by Congolese troops as they fled the Congo's rebel-held Kivu Province, white refugees report.

Dr. R. H. Bothwell of the Baptist Mission had arranged for the entire party of 29 missionaries to be evacuated and the United Nations escorted them to a bridge opposite the frontier of Ruanda-Urundi, a Belgian trust territory.

The six missionaries, their wives and 17 children were reportedly put into Congolese army trucks and driven to Bukava, the provincial capital run by followers of the dead Premier, Lumumba.

## Ceylon Schools Seized

**WASHINGTON — (BP)** — All except one of the 39 Baptist schools in Ceylon have been taken over by the government there, according to the *Baptist Times* in London.

Carey College, founded by the Baptist Missionary Society of London in 1913, has been allowed to continue operation as a private school. Most of the Ceylonese schools were nationalized on Dec. 1, 1960. According to the legislation nationalizing the private schools, those in certain categories were allowed to decide whether or not they would remain private or be taken over by the government. Others had no choice.

## Christ and Racial Laws

**CAPETOWN, So. Africa (EP)**— "There is no doubt that Christ would have rejected South Africa's racial laws had He been alive today."

So said J. P. Duminy, principal of Capetown University and a prominent Presbyterian layman, addressing delegates to the annual meeting here of the South African Institute of Race Relations.

"Would Christ," asked Duminy, formerly a noted international cricketer, "have accepted a job from which a fellow human being had been debarred on grounds of color? Would Christ have any part with laws which wrecked the family and ruined human lives? Would Christ have closed the door of any place of worship to any non-white or white member of His Church?"

## Canterbury's Resignation

**LONDON (EP)** — A Budapest Radio commentator has charged that Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher had been "forced" to resign as Archbishop of Canterbury "because of his growing popularity among ordinary men in the street."

Meanwhile, Oggi in Italia, a Communist radio station whose name does not reflect the fact that it is actually located in Czechoslovakia, said that the 73-year-old Primate's retirement resulted from pressure by "circles opposed to closer relations between Anglicans and Roman Catholics." ■

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