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ARKANSAS

*Baptist*



NOVEMBER 21, 1957

# Presenting Arkansas Baptists' New Executive Secretary

DOES GOD call a preacher to move twice in one calendar year? Dr. S. A. (Jack) Whitlow would probably have been slow to say yes to this — until it happened to him!

The call to Dr. Whitlow to become executive secretary of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention came just eight months after his move to Arkadelphia to become pastor of First Church — and before he and his family had finished unpacking!

The Whitlows moved to Arkadelphia from Hope, where he had been pastor of First Church for 12 years. No doubt many, including the Whitlows, thought this might be their last move before retirement.

The fact that he had felt so definitely the leading of the Lord in the call to Arkadelphia caused Pastor Whitlow no little concern when he learned that the Executive Committee, out of a field of more than 30 men they considered for the executive secretaryship, had, through much prayer and deliberation, chosen him.

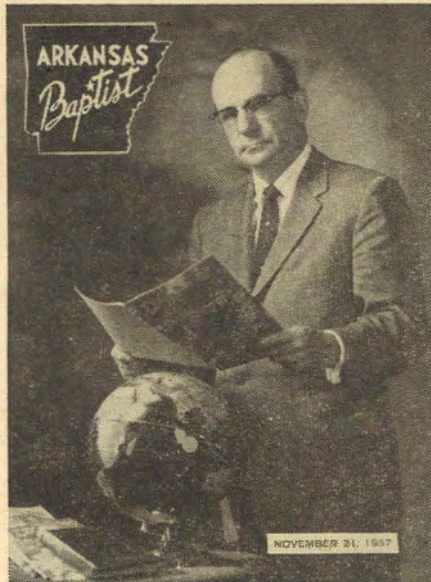
One thing is certain. If he had declined the call to Arkadelphia and had remained at Hope, he would not have been chosen for the new post. His move from Hope to Arkadelphia had cost him his membership on the State Board and the important post of chairman of the Executive Board.

As he looks at it now, Dr. Whitlow sees evidence of God's leadership even in this. If he had not accepted the Arkadelphia call and had remained at Hope, he would have been, as chairman of the Executive Board, head of the Executive Committee whose assignment it has been to nominate a state secretary. This position would have eliminated him automatically from the prospect list!

Feeling as he does that God is leading him to Little Rock and the place of executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Dr. Whitlow has tendered his resignation to the Arkadelphia church to become effective December 15.

Stephen Andrew Whitlow began his earthly career almost 52 years ago — on December 26, 1905 — at Bradford, in northern White County, in a large, two-story frame house in which his mother had been born.

His parents, Almedia Falwell and Stephen Marion Whitlow, concurred in naming him, but his father began soon afterward calling him "Andrew Jackson." The rest of the family seemed to think this was too much of a mouthful and shortened it to "Jack." And so, to this good day, he has been Jack Whitlow to his relatives and friends. And those who know him best will be first to agree that Stephen Andrew



Whitlow even by the name of Jack is the same fine, Christian gentleman.

At the age of four, Jack lost his father by death. His mother later married G. W. Huff, a timber man, and by the time he was 14 Jack was making a regular hand at his step-father's sawmill.

Upon his graduation from high school, with a \$100 cash bonus in his jeans from his work at the mill, and a New Testament planted among his belongings by his mother, Jack went to Tupelo to apply for his first job away from home.

As he talked with Banker John F. Coffman about beginning work as assistant cashier in the Tupelo Bank, he was a little surprised to learn that one of the requirements of the job would be attendance of Sunday school and church.

"What church you attend is none of my business," the benign banker said, "but I want it understood that if you take this job I will expect you to be a regular attender of both Sunday school and church."

Although he was not yet a Christian, young Whitlow had been brought up in church. His father had been a Baptist preacher and merchant. "I wanted the job so badly that I was willing to go to church to get it," he says facetiously, with a twinkle in his blue eyes.

It was not until he was 21 that he became a Christian and felt God calling him to preach. "It all came in the same package," he recalls. Finally, at the age of 27, he resigned as cashier of the Tupelo Bank to prepare for the ministry.

His pastor advised him to skip college, because of his "advanced age," and to go directly to seminary. So, with his wife, the former Lorene Pouless, and their children, he resigned as cashier of the Tupelo Bank, in August, 1933,

and moved to Fort Worth, where he enrolled at Southwestern Seminary.

"I had not been there two weeks till I knew I had made a mistake in passing up college," he reports.

But he stayed on to complete a full year at the seminary before returning to Arkansas for a regular, four-year course at Ouachita College. In the course of events he was to complete his seminary training at Southern Seminary, Louisville, from which he was graduated with the Th.M. degree. He became "Doctor Whitlow" last spring when Ouachita College conferred the D. D. degree upon him at the annual spring commencement.

His first pastorate was at Tupelo and he was ordained by First Church, Augusta, of which W. E. Barnes was pastor at the time. While a student at Ouachita, he served as pastor of Washington Church, and, later, was pastor of Amity Church. During his two years as a student at Southern Seminary he served Port Royal Church, on the Kentucky River.

His first pastorate after graduation at Louisville was First Church, Morganfield, Ky., where he remained for three years. From here he returned to Arkansas, serving a brief pastorate at Ohio Street Church, Pine Bluff, before moving on to First Church, Hope.

One of the heartaches of the Whitlows was the loss of their middle child, Sherman Marion, who died suddenly at the age of six at the time his father was pastor at Amity.

The Whitlows have two children living, Betty (Mrs. Jewel Moore, Jr., of Hope), a graduate of Ouachita College and the mother of their three grandchildren; and John David, a senior this year at Ouachita, where he is a science major.

A gifted speaker and natural-born leader, Dr. Whitlow has been in wide demand as an evangelist and speaker on special occasions. His denominational leadership is seen in the fact he was associational moderator on three different occasions, served as a member of the Executive Board both in Kentucky and in Arkansas, and was formerly president of the Executive Board in Arkansas.

His hobby used to be hunting. But the last time he went squirrel hunting he shot a squirrel out of a tree, only wounding it, and its cry was so plaintive, he has had no desire to go hunting again.

The noted Quaker D. Elton Trueblood is one of his favorite authors.

A deeply spiritual man, Whitlow is, nevertheless, the possessor of a keen sense of humor. When someone asked him recently if he had not gained weight, he replied, "No, I am no fatter — I just sag more than I used to!"

—Erwin L. McDonald

Art on Exhibit

AN ART exhibit by Ouachita College will be held at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention this week at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, with Wayne Smith, director of public relations, in charge. Featuring the work of Ouachita students, it will include oils, pastels and water-color drawings, according to P. H. Raybon, associate professor of art.

"AROUND THE WORLD," the second annual beauty pageant at Ouachita, will be held December 4-5. Miss Carole Pearson, director, has announced. The beauties will be presented in chapel on December 4 and in pageant December 5.

THE OUACHITA debate team won three out of six debates with teams from Harding College, the University of Arkansas, and Little Rock University, in a tournament recently at the College of the Ozarks.

THE OUACHITA Choir, composed of 48 singers, will present a program of religious anthems and spirituals Wednesday night of this week at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in Robinson Auditorium, preceding the annual report of Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president of the college. The choir is directed by Dr. James Luck, head of the Fine Arts division.

FIRST CHURCH, Thornton, has called as pastor W. L. Poole, missionary of the Little River Association, and he will begin his new work December 1.

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... the best medium ...

"PLEASE CONTINUE to send the Arkansas Baptist to the members of Church and send the bill to me," writes one of our fine Arkansas pastors. "I am going to pay it myself until I can lead our church into the budget plan," he writes. "I believe as our people read the Arkansas Baptist and begin to know more about our work, they will put it in the budget."

Treasurer M. P. Downs, of Winslow Church, which has our paper in its budget, writes: "We think it is a great paper and would not be without it in our home. It is the best medium to keep the members informed on all phases of our work."

This leads us to say what you are anticipating:

If your church is not sending the paper to all its families, our special introductory offer is still open. Send us the mailing list of your families and we will mail the paper free for one month to all your homes. All you need to do is to indicate that you will propose to your church that it place the paper in its budget.

EVANGELIST BILLY WALKER assisted Woodlawn Church, Little Rock, in a recent revival, resulting in 12 additions, nine by baptism. Val Davis led the singing, Mrs. David Keegan, organist. Horace G. Grigson, Jr., is the pastor.

NASHVILLE — (BP) —W. J. (Bill) Reynolds, associate editor of church music materials for the Baptist Sunday School Board here, will be music director at the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Convention President Brooks Hays announced the selection of Reynolds for the Convention next May in Houston.

H. L. LIPFORD recently resigned as pastor of First Church, Brinkley, to accept a call to the pastorate of First Church, Cabot, and has moved with his family to the new field. During the ten years of his Brinkley pastorate, Mr. Lipford received 655 new members, of which 274 were by baptism and 381 by letter. There were a total of 100 additions during the past year, four of whom were received by baptism and one by letter the last Sunday he preached before moving to Cabot.

Other achievements at Brinkley included: More than doubling of Sunday school attendance, erection of a three-story educational building now debt free, airconditioning of entire church building, and total gifts of \$251,701.47.

CORD CHURCH dedicated its sandstone building on a recent Sunday, with Stanley Cooper, pastor of Mountain View Church, preaching the dedicatory sermon. Mr. Cooper was associational missionary acting as supply pastor of the church at the time it began its building program 10 years ago. Among those present was Associational Missionary Harrison Johns, of Batesville.

Lunch was served at noon. The afternoon program included group singing, music specials, the church history by Charles N. Osborne, Jr., the burning of the note by Pastor Cooper Reid and Mrs. W. N. Osborne, the latter of whom became a member of the church in 1912, and the dedicatory sermon.

The church was organized in 1906 by seven charter members and at first was quarter-time. Today it has full-time preaching services, Sunday School, Training Union, and mid-week prayer services.



Ouachita Singers on Convention Program

## Editorials

### Welcome to Little Rock, Arkansas Baptists

WELCOME, Arkansas Baptists, to Little Rock, "The City of Roses," headquarters of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the site of two of our Baptist institutions — the Baptist Book Store and Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

Greater Little Rock, or the Twin-Cities area comprising Pulaski County, with a population estimated at near a quarter of a million, is the home of the Pulaski County Baptist Association. The largest of our 44 associations in the state, Pulaski has a membership of 75 churches, with memberships totaling 37,761, and property valued at \$8,899,209. According to Pulaski County Superintendent of Missions O. C. Robinson, the percent of Baptists in the county, about 15% of the total population, is about as high as that of any of the cities in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Eight missions and three mission Sunday schools are operated in the Association. Our host church, Immanuel, has three missions; Second and Baring Cross each has two missions; and First, Little Rock, has one. South Highland, Reynolds Memorial, and First, Jacksonville, each sponsors a mission Sunday school class. In addition to the missions, Pulaski Heights sponsors two churches—Bellevue, in Little Rock, and Bismarck (N. D.) Church. Park Hill sponsors two churches out West — First Church of Kearns, Utah, and Yuma (Colo.) Church.

For the year just closed, Pulaski County Association churches gave a total of \$1,990,700 to all causes, of which \$420,674 was for missions, including \$288,518.34 through the Cooperative Program.

Through its New Church Foundation, Pulaski Association has a 25-year plan for the starting of new work in the area, with a view to growing as the population increases to an estimated half-million.

We trust that your days with us shall be spiritually profitable to you personally and to our Lord's Kingdom.

### The Forward Program of Church Finance

DOZENS OF Arkansas Baptist Churches are now engaged in Forward-Program-of-Church-Finance campaigns and enthusiastic reports are coming in from all sections of the state. Again and again we have heard this new Southern Baptist stewardship program described as "the greatest thing since the beginning of the Cooperative Program."

The development of the program, which came through prayerful counseling by a large group of Southern Baptists, comes none too soon. Never have the needs which only Christians and churches can meet ever been so great. Our expanding program of world evangelization calls for new building programs, expansion of the local church program in many other ways, and undertaking greater things out on the world mission fields. All of this involves the stewardship of Christian lives and possessions.

The real success of the Forward Program is not to be measured in increased giving of tithes and offerings — phenomenal though this is proving to be—but in the spiritual revival that is coming to the churches which participate. Churches which have been dead for years are feeling a new surge of spiritual life as members long on the inactive or indifferent list are entering again into the joy of faithful giving of their tithes, offerings, and themselves.

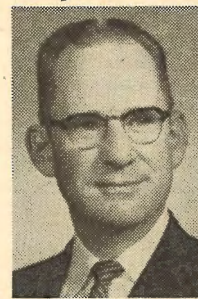
The Forward Program does not start by taking anything for granted but the promises of God. As carefully outlined in the Guidebook, adequate time and effort are allowed to survey the church membership for its potential, and also for informing the people as to the findings and the possibilities.

Perhaps a word or two of caution might not be out of place here. Since this plan was born of prayer and represents methods which are scientific as well as spiritual, the local church will do well to take it as a package, rather than to try to "adapt" it to a given situation. Results prove that when the plan is followed all the way through, it will bring phenomenal results in any type of church in any kind of community.

The great danger is that we will use the enlarged budgets for buildings and other local church needs, and not increase the percentage of our giving to world missions. Today, our churches are giving only 17.5 per cent of their total offerings to missions as compared with 19.7 per cent ten years ago!

### Personally Speaking . . .

#### Prayer for a Paper



MR. McDONALD

ACCORDING TO native Georgian William Heard, now pastor of First Church Walnut Ridge, an editor of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX — long before the time of Editor John Jeter Hurt, Jr. — was making his rounds of the annual associations.

In a "report" to an association one day the editor really bore down on why every Georgia Baptist ought to take and read the Baptist state paper. When he had finished, the moderator called on one of the local brethren to lead in prayer and asked that he include a petition for THE INDEX.

"O, Lord," prayed the brother, "help us to get THE INDEX into all our homes. And, Lord, help us to get something worthwhile into THE INDEX!"

Surely there is more truth than humor in this prayer. It is a good prayer for Baptists in Arkansas to pray for their own paper, and it certainly is the daily prayer, in reverse order, of this editor!

The mailing-list tally will reveal whether or not a paper is being received, but it is not so easy to determine whether it is being read. For this reason, and to avoid the danger of embarrassment, when we are checking on a congregation for the circulation of the Arkansas Baptist we always ask "How many of you receive the paper?" Never, "How many of you read it?"

The determination of whether or not the contents of a publication can be rated "worthwhile" is something else, for here every reader is a critic unto himself. The editor can no more please everybody with what he puts in his paper than he could take a tray and walk down the line at a cafeteria and choose a meal that would appeal to the tastes of every one.

And just as you sometimes wish, after you have chosen a meal and started eating, that you had taken something else in the place of something on your plate, an editor sometimes decides, after an issue is off the presses and in the mail, that if he were writing at this time some article or editorial now in cold print, he might give it a little different slant. But, alas, once it is in print, it has become a part of the permanent files!

So you can see why an editor needs to be a man of prayer and needs the prayers of others that he may have wisdom beyond himself.

*Edwin L. McDonald*

## THE BOOKSHELF

THE LATEST volume of Peloubet's *Select Notes*, for 84 years a favorite Sunday school lesson commentary, is off the presses of W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, and available at book stores at \$2.95.

Author of the 1958 volume is Dr. William M. Smith, formerly a teacher of the English Bible at Moody Bible Institute and now at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.

Many of our Baptist Bible teachers will want this as a companion volume of our own *Broadman Comments*.

THE IMPORTANCE of finding one's proper occupation can scarcely be over-emphasized. A most helpful book for those trying to decide how to invest their lives, and for counselors such as teachers, preachers, psychologists, social workers, employment interviewers, personnel directors, librarians, parents, etc., is *Occupational Information*, by Robert Hoppock, just published by McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York City, at \$6.75.

The subtitle of the book reveals its nature: "Where to Get It and How to Use It in Counseling and Teaching."

In Chapter 1, "Why Study Occupations?" Author Hoppock points out that the choice of an occupation may determine whether one will be employed or unemployed; whether one will succeed or fail, enjoy or detest his work.

The choice of occupation influences almost every other aspect of life," he continues, including a woman's chances of marriage, where the family will live, where the children will go to school (and, we add, to church), and how often the family will move.

It determines the persons with whom the worker will associate, and in subtle ways, changes the values, ideals, standards and daily conduct and helps determine the kind of person one will be.

Here is a gold mine of direction and materials for all who are interested.

HISTORY IS one of the most profitable fields of study, for the present is a lengthening shadow of the past.

An attractive and, for us, an interesting new book in this field is *An Educational History of the American People*, by Adolphe E. Meyer, one of the McGraw-Hill Series in Education of which Harold Benjamin is consulting editor.

Aim of the book is "to examine the great landmarks of American educational history" . . . stretching "over a trail which begins in the 17th Century and reaches into our own time." It is written primarily for college juniors and seniors.

In the author's view, an understanding of educational history requires an understanding of the society which produced it. This book blends the educational with the cultural context.



### Standard Music Ministry For Entire Year

THE FIRST church in the history of Arkansas Baptists to make the Standard of Excellence for the Music Ministry for an entire year is pictured here, a portion of the members of the First Church, Malvern, who are participating in the Music Ministry. Rev. Don Hook is pastor; Dr. C. R. Ellis is chairman of the Music Committee; Mrs. C. J. Baker is the organist and co-ordinator of the Music Department. Mrs. Orville Yeager was director of the Church and Youth Choirs during the period Standard recognition was earned. —LeRoy McClard, Secretary, Church Music Department.

## EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

### Soul Winners Needed

THERE IS NO Christian experience that is more thrilling and soul stirring than winning lost people to Christ. It is always exhilarating to get reports of a fruitful revival. The tabulation of baptisms reported by our churches for the convention year is now complete.



From the reports we have, there were 13,322 baptisms during the year. This is a few less than

DR. YEARBY were reported in 1956. We are truly grateful to God for his blessings upon the efforts of Arkansas Baptists enabling them to win and baptize this number during the year. The tabulation, by associations, with comparison of baptisms for the last four years will be available during the Convention. I trust we will all be challenged to greater and more persistent, consecrated efforts in soul winning for the days ahead.

Let every pastor and church make adequate preparation for observing "Soul Winning Commitment Day," Sunday January 5. Our one best hope for reaching more people for Christ is the enlistment of more soul winners. The only place we can secure soul winners is from the membership of our churches. We all agree that "Soul Winning is Every Christian's Job." Both the South-Wide and your State Department of Evangelism are going all out with emphasis on personal soul winning during the year '58.

I plead with the pastors that you give the most consecrated and compassionate leadership of which you are capable in calling your people to actually become personal soul winners. It would be an inspiring example if pastors would commit themselves to do personal soul winning. Supplement your evangelistic preaching with personal witnessing for Christ week by week. There are many duties and responsibilities on pastors. However, the chief business of every pastor is the winning of the lost to Christ. There is no substitute for personal soul winning. Let every pastor try to win one soul to Christ through personal work each week.

## TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

### Going to Los Angeles?

Los Angeles will be host to the Convention-wide Training Union Enlargement Clinic and Leadership Workshop, February 2-14, 1958. The first week will feature simultaneous enlargement campaigns in the churches with "on the job" experience in how to build a great training program. During the second week there will be seven area graded workshops. Campaign directors will include state Training Union secretaries, associates, etc.

#### The Plan

1. Those who are accepted as clinicians will be furnished free entertain-

ment for the full two weeks by the Southern Baptist Churches of the Los Angeles area.

2. The only expenses to those who are accepted as clinicians will be transportation to and from Los Angeles and a registration fee of \$10.00, payable before December 15, 1957. Checks should be made payable to Mr. Harvey Gibson, Training Union President, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Mail your application to James E. Frost, State Training Union Department, Box 1231, Fresno, California. Give name, address, church, church membership, Training Union enrollment, position in Training Union, and vocation.

# Directions For Christian Giving

By FRITZ E. GOODBAR

November 24, 1957

Scripture Lesson: I Corinthians 16.

THE APOSTLE PAUL is bringing his letter to the church at Corinth to a conclusion. It has been a short letter



MR. GOODBAR

but overflowing with inspired and loving admonitions and teachings. He has just concluded his great treatise on the resurrection of the dead and the ultimate victory of the believer on the Lord Jesus Christ over death and the grave. He has soared to majestic heights and with triumphant shouts has urged his fellow-Christians to be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as their labor in the Lord would never be in vain.

And then he turns from these great, soul-stirring doctrines to the plain, practical doctrine of a collection. In a few words he outlines for us —first, the way a church should handle its finances; second, he reveals his personal plans; third, he comments on his fellow-laborers; and fourth, he gives his closing admonitions. We will outline this portion of the 16th chapter, then, as follows:

## I. The Offering

### I Cor. 16:1-4

1. The Preparation. (1) "On the first day of the week."

It is significant that the first day of the week rather than the Jewish sabbath is here suggested by the Apostle. It is evident that the early Christians were observing the day our Lord arose from the dead as the Christian sabbath and the implication is that the membership of the Corinthian church was meeting on this day.

(2) "Every-one of you."

This is emphatic and provides no exemptions. We are made to wonder if there were "hitch-hikers" among the membership in those early days as we too often have in our churches today.

(3) "Lay by him in store."

This simply means that the gift was to be taken out of the other funds of the giver and set apart as the Lord's portion and therefore not to be spent otherwise.

2. The amount.

"As God has prospered him."

Here the wisdom of God's plan for financing his Kingdom's work on earth is again revealed. Paul was well versed in the teachings of the Scriptures to the effect that the tithe is holy unto the Lord. The Christian under grace has a new motive for giving and to do less than the Jew under the law would be saying that the motivation was less under grace than under the law. The Corinthian church member could readily see the equality of the plan as he considered his gift in the light of the gifts of his fellow-members. Give as the Lord has proportionately given unto you, Paul is instructing them.

*Mr. Goodbar recently retired from the pastorate following several years as pastor at Danville. He and Mrs. Goodbar now reside in Little Rock.*

3. Its Readiness.

"That there be no gatherings when I come."

How fine is the plan of bringing our gifts and placing them upon the altar at God's house, rather than having a collector presenting a statement of amount due or of a solicitor requesting a donation.

4. Its Purpose.

"Now concerning the collection for the saints."

There is always more than one purpose behind God's plan for our giving. There is the immediate objective or need and then there are what might be called the "by-products." In this instance the immediate need was to relieve the destitution of the saints at Jerusalem. The by-products could have been the revelation both to the Corinthian Christians and the Jerusalem Christians of the unity of all believers and by these Gentile Christians making a love offering to the Jewish Christians would be proof of the break down of the wall of separation between the races. Then to the Corinthian Christian would flow a blessing in keeping with the statements of the Lord that "It is more blessed to give than to receive;" and "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Surely, the twice-blest grace would be the portion of those Corinthian Christians.

5. Its practical transmission.

"And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me." (vs. 3 and 4)

Paul is instructing this church in the care that should be taken in handling the Lord's money. His careful provision for its transmission and distribution would leave no ground for the accusation of misappropriation or perversion. His suggestion to this church was but a practical demonstration of what he declared to the Roman church when he said: "Provide things honest in the sight of all men" (Romans 12: 17). Our churches of today do well to recognize the value of this teaching.

## II. Paul's Personal Plans

Paul knew that these Corinthian Christians would be interested in what he was doing and his future plans, so he informs them: first, that he would pass through Macedonia; second, that he would possibly spend the winter in Corinth which would give them an opportunity to help him in his work; and, third, that he would remain in Ephesus (where this letter was written) until Pentecost. Whether this covered the time he had allotted for his work there or whether travel would be easier and more comfortable after Pentecost, we do not know; and fourth, he speaks an encouraging word when he says: "For a great and effectual door is opened unto me." And then lest they should misunderstand he adds: "And there are many adversaries."

## III. Paul's Fellow-Laborers (verses 10-11-12)

Paul greatly loved the young men with whom he labored and was always attempting to make their work more effective by preparing the way before them, and this he does here as he mentions two. He puts his unqualified stamp of approval upon Timotheous and Apollos and thus when they arrived in this great cosmopolitan city they would not be unknown and their efforts tremendously helped.

## IV. Concluding Admonitions (verses 13-14)

Our lesson is concluded with two admonitions: first, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." And, finally, "Let all your things be done with charity."

Paul has poured out his heart to this church which has missed the mark in many ways. It was an imperfect church consisting of imperfect people, and he concludes by pointing them to the upward way. It takes real manhood to live the Christian life and when a church member takes the admonition, "Let all your things be done in love" and then weighs his actions and his speech in the balances of this precious word he will prove himself to be a light shining in a dark world to the glory of God and his Savior.



Round-Up of

# World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

The Methodist Church has reported the greatest number of new workers ever received in a twelve-month period — more than 475,000 members during the past year.

Contributions to 52 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions in the United States reached a record total of \$2,041,908,161 in 1956 — for the first time in history going over the \$2 billion mark. The Methodist Church reported the largest amount, \$413,893,955, compared with Southern Baptists' total of \$372,136,675. The total represents a \$199 million increase over 1955. The average per capita gift of forty-one bodies was \$56.74, an increase of \$3.86 over the previous year. Of the total amount given by the fifty-two bodies, \$69,609,916 was for foreign mission work.

## Facts of Interest

According to an estimation resulting from a survey by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, there are about 700 million illiterate adults in the world, approximating 44 per cent of all persons more than fifteen years of age.

There is one more person in the world each second. Actually, the excess of births over deaths is more than one per second. Worldwide, this means a gain of 110,000 people a day, 40 million a year.

Despite reports linking smoking and lung cancer, if the estimated January-July cigarette consumption is maintained for the rest of the year, cigarette consumption will reach a record of about 405 billion in 1957. The record was 394 billion in 1952. Last year 392 billion cigarettes were smoked.

A recent *Fortune* magazine survey reported 76 Americans with a personal wealth of \$75 million or more. Seven individuals were reported as having \$400 million to \$700 million. Another 155 were reported in the \$50 million group.

More than half of the multi-millionaires reported they worked more than an eight-hour day. Fifty per cent have only one house or apartment. Cost of maintaining their homes ranged from \$6,000 to \$75,000 a year.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "People don't want to work much, they just want."

**DALLAS** —(BP)— A six-ton, 2-million-volt giant at Baylor University Hospital here has entered the fight against cancer. The next X-ray unit is the only one of its kind in the Southwest, according to Hospital Administrator Boone Powell. The unit is known as the Maxitron 2000. It went into operation recently.

## Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

### Baptised and Not Know It?

**QUESTION:** Is it possible for a person to be baptised in water and the Holy Ghost and not know it? Acts 11:16.



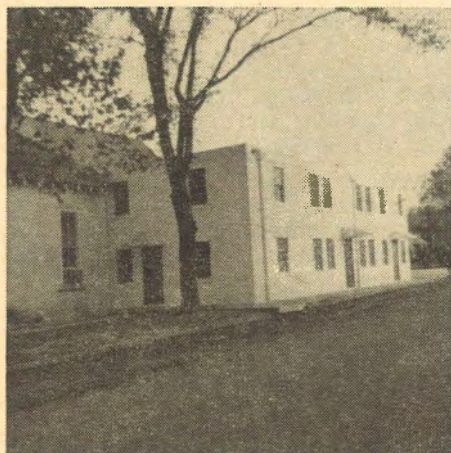
DR. HUDSON

**ANSWER:** Your letter sounds as if you have been mingling with some very unstable people. Often professing Christians backslide and feel that they are lost — this is a part of their self-punishment. But God has not changed. Fellowship is broken but relationship is not.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit is what takes place when a person is genuinely saved. There may be many infillings and special experiences in which we are very close to God and thoroughly dedicated. Really words are inadequate to describe the wonders of God's miraculous grace.

But to think that a person would be dealt with by the Holy Spirit and not know it seems a little far fetched to me. Either conversion or full surrender are conscious experiences. God usually speaks to us while we are awake.

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



Barnes Building

● **BARNES MEMORIAL** is the name of the new educational building of First Church, Mansfield, made possible by a bequest of the late Mrs. Martha Barnes. The structure was dedicated on October 6. Former pastor Earl McClen-don delivered the dedication sermon. James R. Walker, another former pastor, gave an introductory address and Associational Missionary J. T. McGill offered the dedicatory prayer. Clifford R. Lyon is the pastor.



J. T. MIDKIFF

J. T. MIDKIFF, a member of the faculty of Southern Baptist College, is directing the Baptist Student Union on that campus for the second year. Mr. Midkiff is social science professor and is the former pastor of First Church, Turrell.

By Jay W. C. Moore

## Concord News Notes

**NORTHSIDE CHURCH**, Charleston, has extended a call to Bobby Watson as pastor. Bobby is coming to our Southern Baptist work from the American Baptist Association. Reared in our Southern Baptist children's home in Portales, N. M., he is a graduate of Hobbs (N. M.) high school. He later finished the ABA seminary, Little Rock, and the Modern School of Business, Pine Bluff. He has been an active pastor for six years in Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. He comes to Charleston from Little Elm Church near Farmington. Mrs. Watson is the former Eva Mae Conner. They have two children, Bobbie Ann, 8, and Brenda Gayle, 5.

**DEE BIRDWELL**, a student in Ouachita College, and Harold Law, a student in Fort Smith Junior College, were ordained to the ministry by First Church, Fort Smith. Cliff Brannon preached the sermon; Dr. J. Harold Smith gave the charge; Merle Walker presented the Bibles; Elva Adams, moderator of Concord Association, led the ordination prayer; Paul Cook served as clerk and C. C. Roberts was the moderator. Young Birdwell is pastor of the Sulphur Rock Church and Law is pastor at Uniontown, Clear Creek Association.

**FIFTEEN CHURCHES** in the association that held revivals the last of October reported 185 professions of faith with 149 received by baptism and 58 by letter. Robert Scales, pastor of Trinity Church, Oklahoma City, directed the campaign the first week and Cliff Brannon, of Texas, directed it the second week.

**THE NOVEMBER Workers' Conference** emphasized Sunday school standards. Bill Hickem, pastor of First Church, Bentonville, was the speaker. Mr. Hickem's Sunday school is Advanced Standard.

**MRS. JAY W. C. MOORE** spent three nights recently teaching the book, *Continent in Commotion*, in a school of missions for First Church, Conway, James H. Street, pastor.

**HONG KONG** — An emergency grant of \$5,000 has been received from Lutheran World Relief for use in aiding victims of the typhoon "Gloria" which struck the British Crown Colony a couple of weeks ago.



# Arkansas Baptist Convention Annual Sermon

By HUGH CANTRELL

Pastor First Church, Stephens

Out of a world population of between two and three billions of people, there are today at least one billion eight hundred fifty million non-Christians. Of that number at least a billion have never heard of Jesus.

Therein lies our task.

It was Lloyd George, I think, who said, at the end of World War I, "It is now either Christ or chaos."

We ignored his words as the babbling of an old man who wanted to say something that sounded impressive. God has been better than we deserved and has given us more time than appeared likely to Lloyd George. But we stand at the crossroads.

I read the other day of a man developing a new lily. In doing this he tore up lily bulbs scale by scale and shocked the scales either by placing them for a short time in an acid bath or by subjecting them to Roentgen rays. These scales were then planted. The genes within the chromosomes went wild and rearranged themselves so that the resulting plants were entirely different from the parents. Many of these new lilies were reversions to things of ugliness and were worthless, but one out of several hundred would be things of surpassing beauty. The undesirable were discarded and the beautiful were produced.

You and I and your children and grandchildren are being subjected even today to the shock of Roentgen rays or their component parts from the fall out from experimental atomic blasts. The prospects are for the degree of saturation of the atmosphere with that fall out to become higher and higher.

I read in a half hidden corner of my morning paper the other day, that it was reported that out of a ditch, somewhere in France, into which atomic waste was dumped, they had taken a collection of frogs having two heads, five and six legs and showing other malformations.

I tell you that the day may be in the foreseeable future when a two-headed calf will be no attraction at a side show, because the people who walk the midway may have two-headed babies in the cribs at home and may be leading three-legged children on their rounds of amusement, while the community may be terrorized by roving bands of individuals whose twisted personalities, caused by this atomic curse, know no moral restraints.

When you're developing a lily, you can discard the undesirable, but when the law of Mendel is upset in the human race, we cannot place small gas chambers in delivery rooms in order to exterminate the undesirable. We'll have to live with what we produce.

I am told that in some of the states of ancient Greece, the penalty for murder was to have the dead body of the victim chained to the murderer. Whenever he went he had to carry that putrefying, awful thing with him until exhaustion and hunger, for no one would feed him, took his own life. And I tell you that as surely as we create or permit to be created, such conditions as these, just that surely we'll have to live with them.



Mr. Cantrell

In Luke 12:3 Jesus said, "Whatever ye have spoken in darkness shall be proclaimed in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops." I need not remind this congregation that what is said in Little Rock is amplified in Berlin, and Cairo, and Calcutta, and Tokyo, and Bangkok, and Moscow.

What I do need to bring to your consciousness is that what is done and said in Stephens, and Jonesboro, and Lake Village, and Helena, and Texarkana may result in a rejection of America as insincere by the peoples of the world that will make necessary a continuation of this atomic armaments race that will mean the continued exposure of our life cells to the shock of atomic fall out to the extent that if I live to lift my grandson to my knee I may lift a gibbering idiot or a hideous monstrosity.

Because these things are true, and because my soul recoils in horror at what inevitably lies ahead, I plead on bended knee that Arkansas Baptists and all thinking Christians shall assume their proper responsibility in preparing this world as God's temple for the coming in the flesh of Him whom we worship in that temple.

Any mind that grants missionary responsibility, acknowledges that the

world is our field. In that sense, then, the world is God's temple and we are his "temple sweepers" to get it ready for the return of His Son.

We stand in an entirely different category from the Jewish layman who counted the moment when he peeped through the door of the sanctuary as the high spiritual experience of his life. His was largely the part of an observer. Ours is an active part. In passing I would call your attention to the fact that the word "witness" which is so prominent in the recorded conversations of Jesus is nowhere in the New Testament used in the sense of being a watcher, but is always used with the meaning, "one who offers his testimony and suffers the consequences." It has the same root word as our word martyr. Ours is the task of getting the temple ready for the return of the Son of God.

Under the Mosaic system, only the Levites could have a part in the keeping of the sanctuary. But under Christ, every individual who knows Him as Saviour has a significant part in the preparation of his temple.

Although God Himself has assigned us an important and significant responsibility in the advancement of God's plans for the ages, we have failed to understand the seriousness of our task. Every sermon I ever heard preached on the Second Coming of Jesus has been preached on this theme "You'd better get busy; Jesus might come and catch you fiddling around."

We preach a sermon on dancing and ask, "How would you like to be on a dance floor when Jesus comes?" Then we preach on honky-tonking and ask, "How would you like to be at one of those joints when Jesus comes?" Then we tear out on card playing and ask, "How would you like to be in a Bridge game when Jesus comes?"

My people will tell you that from time to time I pay my most cordial respects to all of these and others, but I tell you that our preaching concerning the return of our Lord ought to be something more significant than a tip not to let His coming catch us in some of the secondary sins of the flesh.

Does the thought of the return of our Lord fill you with a sort of nameless dread that you cannot describe? I'll tell you why. We haven't been working at the job of getting things ready for Him to come, for we have a task, delineated by Jesus, and we have ignored it.

In Matthew 24:14 Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

There is our task!

For the first time in the history of

the world, man holds in his hands the means of race destruction.

Theoretically, it is now possible for 50 per cent of the heavy manufacturing and transportation facilities, together with an unpredictable segment of the world's population, to be destroyed within one 24-hour period.

With this tragic situation facing us, we are trying to solve the problem with threats and conferences.

I passed by a dormitory room during my college days and saw a Pitch game in progress. One boy had a Springfield rifle leaning against his corner of the table. The second had a bayonet lying on his corner; the third had an enormous hunting knife on his corner, while the fourth had an army .45 automatic right by his right hand.

There in miniature is a picture of the nations of the world as they seek for peace.

God has never indicated that this world will go on forever with an endless, upward spiral of living conditions and prosperity.

God has indicated that His purpose is to redeem to Himself a people out of this world.

Jesus' statement in our text is that this world will continue until every people has an opportunity to participate in that redemption.

We have our choice of total dedication to the task of presenting this "Gospel of the kingdom" to this vast multitude in our generation. Jesus never indicated that we were to expect to win them all. He merely said to present it. We have the choice of presenting it and thus preparing the way for Jesus' return at which time He will redeem His people from this mess of fear and frustration. Or, if we refuse to accept this responsibility, we are going to see this world plunged into a total war which will revert us to a "dark age" that will make the "Middle Ages" of Europe look like a passing cloud on a bright August day.

And that dark age will rob the church of all opportunity other than that of maintaining a bare spark of existence on a local level.

And that dark age will populate Hell with almost the total population of the earth for the period of that dark age's duration.

And that dark age will completely dethrone the white race from its place of world supremacy; for the white race has failed God by its rejection of God's task for them. The white race has been too busy primping before the mirror of time to study God's blueprint for eternity.

The time has come when it is a larger question than just that of de-nomination. The whole race is involved.

It is not that God loves another race better than He loves ours. Rather

it is such a case as Paul described in Romans 1:28 when he said, "Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient."

We have insisted on our own way rather than God's way until presently God will give us our way, together with the results of that way.

Because it is our race that is in possession of the material of the world, it will be our race that is destroyed as others seek that material and as we seek to retain it.

I am told that in India they catch monkeys by placing a bit of fruit in a stone jug with a mouth just large enough for the monkey to slip his open hand through. When he grasps the fruit and as long as he holds that fruit he cannot remove his hand from the jug. The next morning the trapper comes and as he picks up the monkey, the monkey in terror drops the fruit and the trapper drops the monkey into his bag.

Unless we determine to use these hands to serve God instead of holding onto the material world, we and that world are doomed.

Some of you are old enough to remember those old movies in which a little girl crawled across a flood-weakened bridge in the dark to flag an onrushing train just before it plunged to its doom in the rolling torrent.

That has been the philosophy of Christianity for ages. But we must do better than that. We must be at the central stations and at the flag stops to warn the people not to get aboard.

We must be in the great metropolitan centers like New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Houston, Miami, London, Paris, Berlin, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Rio de Janeiro, Bangkok, Manila, Cairo, Honolulu, Bombay, Calcutta, Mexico City, and Melbourne. And we must be in the villages up the Niger, the Nile, the Amazon, the Orinoco, the La Plata, the Youkon, and the Mackenzie Rivers, to warn the people not to get aboard Satan's transportation to Hell.

When they have all been warned, God will redeem His people. But until that time this torrent of humanity will continue to plunge over the precipice of eternity into Hell, for, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus," and may Thy temple sweepers be busy at the task of hastening Thy Day.

SARDIS BEVER has gone to Unity Church, Flint, Mich., from First Church, Decatur. During his ministry at Decatur there were 88 additions to the church, 46 by baptism. One was ordained to the ministry. Additional acreage and a pastor's home was purchased.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

### The New Nursery Organization

Corrections to observe in **The Nursery Department of the Sunday School**

THE NEW correlated church Nursery program has brought some significant modifications in Sunday school work. The following information replaces chapter 3 of the textbook:

**1. How many Nursery departments should a Sunday school have?**

The four basic departments are (1) a Baby department, (2) a Toddler department, (3) a Two-Year department, (4) a Three-Year department. If at all possible, even the one-room church should provide these four departments. Some churches will need multiple departments for each of the four basic classifications.



DR. WILLIAMSON  
department have?

**2. How many children and workers should be in one department?**

The maximum enrollment of Nursery children in one room would be as follows: babies, twelve; toddlers, fifteen; two-year-olds, twenty; three-year-olds, twenty.

There should always be at least two workers in each Nursery room. One is a superintendent; the rest are associate superintendents. It is desirable to have one worker for every four enrolled Nursery children.

**3. How many centers of activity should a Nursery**

Centers of activity are used for two-year-olds and three-year-olds. If there are twenty children enrolled, there are usually four centers of activity: block, books, nature, and home living. Usually a center is assigned to a worker for a month at a time (corresponding to one unit in **Church Nursery Guide**). All assignments for the quarter should be made before the beginning of the quarter.

**4. What Nursery guidance materials are now used in the Sunday school?**

**Church Nursery Guide**, the quarterly periodical for workers, offers lesson materials and specific guidance for activity teaching in every Nursery department. **Living with Children** is the home magazine, published quarterly. These two periodicals replace all the former Nursery lesson materials.

**5. How do you co-ordinate the ministry of the several Nursery departments?**

The work is under the general oversight of the church Nursery committee. The chairman of this committee should be the individual in the church who is best qualified to lead out in the Nursery program. The Sunday school co-ordinator serves on the Nursery committee and works with all the Nursery superintendents to see that the best provision is offered for all Nursery children.

**6. What is the plan for keeping Nursery records?**

There are no Nursery department secretaries, since the superintendent greets the children at the door and marks the record card (Form 35Q) as the children arrive. Each child is graded only on attendance. Nursery superintendents use **Nursery Department Record Book No. 21**; associate superintendents use **Nursery Group Record Book No. 22**. Each associate is assigned a group of from three to five children for visitation.

There is a general Nursery secretary to handle records for all the Nursery departments. This secretary functions as would a department secretary in other age groups. When the Nursery department superintendents return their record cards to the secretary, he compiles the report for all the Nursery departments (using Form 65S) and sends it to the general secretary of the Sunday school. If there are only three to five Nursery departments, the co-ordinator may serve as the secretary.

**7. Are there new Standards of Excellence for Nursery departments?**

No, the correlated program has not changed the basic requirements of the Standard. Follow this as a safe guide for each department.

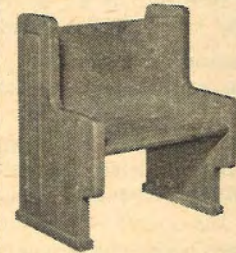
NOTE: Three other changes are suggested in the Nursery textbook: We recommend from sixteen to twenty-five square feet for each child (cf. p. 66). We do not recommend the bulletin board mentioned on page 74. Baby's Schedule Card replaces Baby's Sunday Diary (cf. p. 131).

### Correction

Due to a typographical error in the recent **Quarterly Report**, Shannon Church, Current River Association failed to receive credit for \$180.84 to the Cooperative Program and \$10.07 designated.

Joe Weldon Bailey, pastor, East Grand Avenue Church, Dallas, Tex., for more than four years, became pastor of Columbus Avenue Church, Waco, Tex., on October 7.

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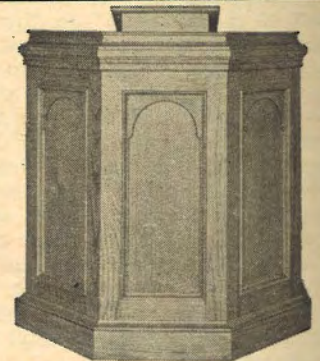
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## FOUNDATION

B. L. Bridges, Secretary

### Foundation Information

In a recent article we said that the Oklahoma Baptist Foundation has more than one and a quarter million dollars. It should have said "more than two and a quarter million dollars."

WE FIND THAT our Baptist people need more information about the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. We can supply this information in simple form either by pamphlet or by public address. This secretary can fill your pulpit on Sunday morning or Sunday evening and preach a sermon on the Baptist Foundation. We have had some requests for this kind of publicity. If you want me to do it correspond with me about it.



DR. BRIDGES

If other states have made far reaching gains in providing endowment gifts for their institutions and agencies why cannot Arkansas achieve more or less

the same great results? We believe that it is good to preach a sermon on the objectives of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. We like to preach on Heaven, and although we do not enjoy preaching a sermon on Hell, yet we must do it if we qualify as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. There is a spiritual content in anything that is right and biblical and when any sermon subject is planned prayerfully it will contain the spiritual content. Any servant of the Lord will be a happier Christian when he yields to the appeal of a good stewardship message.

Perhaps there have been reasons for our pastors failing to preach on the work of the Baptist Foundation, but suppose, Brethren, that we prayerfully

divest ourselves of all the excuses and obtain sufficient information and inspiration to preach on the benefits that come for the work of Christ through the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. Write us if you need a preacher to come to you.

Assets of the SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION here increased about \$736,000 during the month of October, the greatest monthly increase in Foundation History.

Executive Secretary J. W. Storer reported that final October figures were not available but that total assets of the Foundation as of Oct. 31 approximated \$3,095,897. It is the first time in the agency's history that total assets have surpassed \$3 million.

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## WMU

### Nancy Cooper, Secretary Lottie Moon Offering

By Dr. Baker J. Cauthen

I AM GLAD to write, upon the request of Woman's Missionary Union, a personal word concerning the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



MISS COOPER

The value of this offering in meeting needs on mission fields can hardly be overstated. Every year missionaries meet in each field and prayerfully draw up lists of urgent needs which should be met. These lists are always much larger than resources will provide.

Through the Lottie Moon Offering it becomes possible to do something about many of these needs. Funds are provided for church buildings, schools, hospitals, publication centers and missionary residences. Ministries of evangelism and teaching becomes possible which otherwise could not be undertaken.

The Lottie Moon Offering is not only a gift of money, it is a gift of intercessory prayer made vital by the study of missions in the light of world need and our Lord's expectation. It is my hope that emphasis upon prayer may be increased every year.

The Lottie Moon Offering reaches its highest point in the dedication of life to Christ's service. There are splendid missionaries on fields today who heard God's call as they gave to the Lottie Moon Offering.

There is blessing abundant for all who share in this offering. Christmas has a richer meaning for each one who brings a gift to Jesus that the message of His redeeming love may be shared with all the world.

In Christ-honoring hearts springs of compassion are opened through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. These springs keep flowing year 'round in ever increasing gifts through the Cooperative Program. Reinforcement is produced for every phase of our world mission responsibility.

We are praying that the Lottie Moon Offering this year may be larger and may bring greater blessing than ever before in its history.

(Special offering envelopes are available in whatever quantity needed from the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Arkansas' goal is \$150,000.)

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LONDON — The Roman Catholic bishops are protesting the action of the British government in raising the interest rate on bank loans from five to seven per cent. They say it will make it very difficult for them to finance the construction of the new parochial school buildings that are needed to comply with legal standards.

## BROTHERHOOD

### Complete Your Organizations

HAVE YOU COMPLETED your Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador organizations? If not, now is the time



MR. SEATON

A Brotherhood, to function as a Brotherhood should, needs all its officers and the six committees. Of course, each officer and committee must then do its job.

Royal Ambassador Chapters need to complete their organizations at this time. The Royal Ambassador Committee of the Brotherhood should see that counselors are provided for all the chapters. Also that the Counselors have an assistant counselor if at all possible. The committee needs to make sure that the counselor has the material needed to carry on the work of the Chapter. The counselor should make sure that all officers are elected and functioning and that all embassies have been appointed and are busy at their job. It will be well to take some time to explain to the new officers and embassy members their duties and how they are to carry on their work. In Junior Chapters there will probably be many new members that have just been promoted to the Junior Department. They will need special attention in their work.

For Associational Officers this is the time for you to complete your organizations for both Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador Work. Associational Brotherhood presidents should see that all the other necessary officers are elected giving special attention to the associational royal ambassador leader, making sure that one is elected and given the material needed for him to do his work. Let us complete all of our organizations now and be ready to begin the New Year with complete organizations and a program that will make this one of the best in the history of Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador Work.

The Brotherhood Office will be happy to help you in any way that we can. Just call on us.—C. H. Seaton, Associate

### OUACHITA ALUMNI SUPPER

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## MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

### Here N' There

ARTHUR L. HART, missionary in Benton County, writes: "Our Schools of Missions have gone over in a fine way.



DR. CALDWELL

The folks are so delighted over the results that the Executive Board voted unanimously to have another school just as soon as it can be arranged."

If any association desires Schools of Missions in 1960 or 1961, now is the time to make appli-

cation.

Ewell M. Logue, Pastor Second Baptist Church, Fayetteville writes: "It was our pleasure to have Reverend M. E. Wiles of your department in a revival meeting, September 29 through October 6. Brother Wiles' messages were great as they always are. He delivers his messages in a convincing manner and presents our denominational work so as to sell the people on our program. I think Arkansas Baptists are fortunate to have him in the Missions Department."

During the first nine months of this year, M. E. Wiles conducted 17 revivals, witnessed 115 professions of faith and 95 other additions.

Billy Graham, in discussing Southern Baptists Convention's effort to double our preaching, said: "I have never been so enthusiastic for a program in my life as I have this! I am willing to go and do what little bit I can do to assist in this program of expansion . . . We have a mission field in this country . . . I believe in foreign missions, and I invest part of my time and money and efforts in foreign missions; but I have a burden for America, because if America fails, may God have mercy on the rest of the world."

Certainly each of us should want to "go out and do our little bit." And that "little bit" may mean another mission station.

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## A Bird In Your Hand

By CORAL MORTON

If you have never held a bird in your hand, you don't know what you are missing. Not a baby bird or one that is injured, but a real, healthy, wild bird, pecking away at bits of food on your hand.

To accomplish this takes a bit of planning, to be sure, but the results are well worth the time it takes. Summer birds have enough food all around them so that they are not likely to come close to you. The winter residents are the birds we are after.

In November when the trees have let their leaves fall, the insects are gone. The grubs and beetles have burrowed deep into the ground. Winter birds really have to hustle to obtain food. This is the time to start making a cafeteria or two which will lead the birds into your yard and eventually into your hand.

There are several types of bird feeders which you can make yourself. One of the easiest to make is a hanging peanut butter holder. Find a tree branch about two inches in diameter and cut it into twelve-inch lengths. With a brace and bit drill six or seven holes in each one. Put a screw eye in the top. Fill each feeder with peanut butter and hang it in a tree near the house. Chickadees, woodpeckers, and many other birds soon will show you how much they like this fare.

Another feeder you can make easily is a wire suet rack. Take a piece of chicken wire about ten inches square. Fold it in half, and tie the ends together. Get some suet from your butcher, stuff it into the rack, and hang near a window where you can watch your satisfied customers eating.

If you like to make things out of wood, you will probably want to construct a more elaborate feeding station. One of the most popular models is the open birdhouse. It consists of a traylike bottom with four corner posts and a

roof set on top of them. The birds can enter from all four sides to get sunflower seed, hemp, millet, or any of the wild bird seed mixtures which your hardware store carries.

Be sure to provide grit (sand or fine gravel), which birds must have in order to digest food, and plenty of water for your wild friends. Once you have started feeding them, don't stop until spring arrives.

You'll be surprised and delighted at the variety of birds you will attract to your cafeterias. It will take a few weeks or longer for the birds to find your "fly-in" and decide that there is no danger from cats or humans. Then you will see downy woodpeckers, flickers, nuthatches, titmice, snowbirds, juncos, a brilliantly colored cardinal or two if you're lucky, chickadees, and many others. Don't be discouraged if you see nothing but sparrows at first; the rest will follow.

As soon as your cafeteria business is well established and thriving, try standing fairly near the tree in which you have your feeding stations. At first the birds will be suspicious, but soon they will get used to you and go right on eating with just a glance or two in your direction. Then move a bit closer. Day by day and inch by inch you will be able to get nearer the feeding racks without frightening the customers away.

With this much accomplished, get a bit of food in your hand. Try to stand quite still with your hand outstretched. The chickadees will be the first to come and investigate. They may fly off quickly, come back, and fly off again. Be patient. Before many days have passed, you will have a bird in your hand.

If anyone tells you that this is strictly for the birds, you can tell them that isn't quite true. You will enjoy it every bit as much as the birds do.

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### By MARY PETERSON

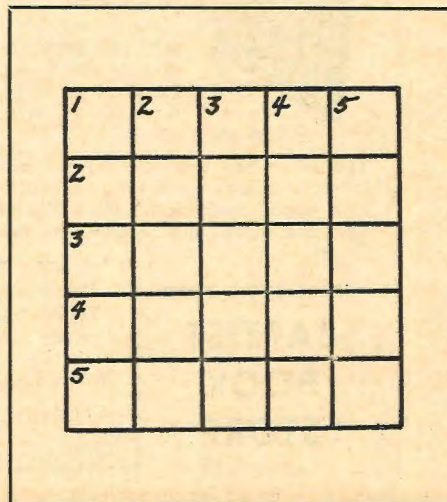
A word square is a puzzle in which the words, when correctly entered, read the same across and down. Can you complete the square from these definitions?

1. Amounts of money charged for bus trips
2. To one side
3. Range of hills
4. Tool to make the margins of a lawn neat
5. People who can foretell the future

### ANSWERS

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ASIDE  
FARES

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## A Smile or Two

AN ASYLUM patient was pronounced cured and was saying goodbye to the examining board of doctors.

"What are you going to do on the outside?" asked one.

"Well," said the patient thoughtfully, "I have passed my bar examination and may practice law. I have also had some banking experience and might try my hand there. Then on the other hand, I'm not certain just what I'll do. Maybe I'll be a steam engine."

—Watchman-Examiner

THE HUSBAND: "I wish you wouldn't talk while I'm shaving. You've made me cut my chin!"

THE WIFE: "Never mind, dear — you've got two more."

—Clipped

SELFDRIDGE'S in London once created a sensation and blocked traffic by putting a peephole in a curtained window with the label: "For the clean-minded."

Behind it was a display of towels.

—Clipped

IF YOU FOOL the people to get their money, that's fraud, and you can be jailed; but if you do it to get their votes, that's shrewd politics.

—Clipped

MORE THAN 1,000 women are reported to have taken up the law. But millions more are laying it down!

A COUPLE of Scotchmen were walking along a road and one was jingling something in his pocket. His pal asked, "Jock, you must have plenty of money in?"

"Oh, no," said Jock, "that's my wife's false teeth . . . there's too much eating between meals in our house."

—The Baptist Observer

"JOHN," said the teacher, "you shouldn't laugh out loud in the school-room."

"I didn't mean to," he apologized. "I was smiling, and all of a sudden the smile busted on me."

—Baptist Beacon

THE CONGRESSMAN who first proposed that a House committee look into the question of sovereignty over space, is, naturally, from Texas.

—Arkansas Gazette

FROM ONE of our exchanges:

"We were sorry to learn that Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_'s husband underwent surgery the middle of the month."

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