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NOVEMBER 14, 1957

Arkadelphia Pastor Called to Secretaryship



DR. S. A. (JACK) WHITLOW, right, confers with Arkansas State Convention President Rel Gray, pastor of First Church, Helena, following the unanimous vote of the Executive Board of the State Convention asking him to become State Executive Secretary.

Dr. Whitlow has the call under consideration and is expected to give his answer within the next week or two.

A native of Bradford, White County, Dr. Whitlow was educated at Ouachita College, Southwestern Seminary and Southern Seminary. His pastorates include: Port Royal and First Church, Morganfield, both in Kentucky; and

Tupelo; Washington; Ohio Street, Pine Bluff; First Church, Hope; and his present pastorate, First Church, Arkadelphia, all in Arkansas.

Mrs. Whitlow is the former Miss Lorene Pouless of Newport. They have two children, Mrs. Jewell Moore, Jr., of Hope, and John David, a senior at Ouachita College.

● DECEMBER 17-18 are the dates for the second annual workshop on pastoral care, sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock. Tuesday, December 17, is designated for pastors outside Pulaski County and Wednesday is for Pulaski County pastors.

The theme will be, "The Pastor and the Sick." A discussion of "The Minister's Responsibility to the Sick" will be led by Dr. Richard K. Young; "Cooperation Between the Professions of Medicine and Religion," by Dr. E. Lloyd Wilbur, chief pathologist at the hospital. Literature will be reviewed in the field of counseling, national facilities for clinical pastoral education will be discussed and the ministry of counseling.

Dr. J. Don Corley, hospital chaplain, requests reservations be made at once by telephone, card or letter.

● DURING THE YEAR that H. T. Brown has been pastor of First Church, Trumann, there have been 51 additions. A budget was adopted, resulting in \$7,000 additional income and an increase in gifts to the Cooperative Program. A Brotherhood was organized, which now has 40 members, and Junior and Intermediate RA chapters. The Sunday school was graded and departmentized, with extension and cradle rolls set up, which called for remodeling to provide more space. A baptistry was installed and the buildings air conditioned. Five deacons were ordained: Alvis Houston, Steve Langhingham, Crawford Harlan, Mayor Francis Gregson and Austin Stephens.

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● LUCIEN E. COLEMAN, Brotherhood secretary for Kentucky Baptists, is currently engaged in revival services with First Church, Tuckerman. Byron King is pastor. (DP)

Conway-Perry Notes

FIRST CHURCH, Nimrod, ordained three deacons on November 4. They were Joe Cobb, Homer Johnson and Robert McNeil. The associational missionary served as moderator of the council. E. F. Irby conducted the examination. Leonard Lovell offered the prayer. L. B. Gustavas delivered the message and R. L. Williams led the benediction.

NEW ASSOCIATIONAL officers for next year are: L. B. Gustavas, moderator; C. Glynn McCalman, First Church, Morrilton, vice moderator; Mrs. H. D. Palmer, clerk; Mrs. Howard Bradley, treasurer. Mrs. Madge Heguland, WMU president; Mrs. Don Gravenmier, vice president; Don Gravenmier, Plummerville, Sunday school superintendent; Andrew Rainey, Training Union director; Earl Smith, music director; O. O. Smith, chorister; Mrs. Dale Kirkland, pianist; Mrs. H. D. Palmer, assistant pianist; Don Gravenmier, VBS director; and C. W. Bettis, Brotherhood president. Mr. Bettis is also the regional Brotherhood president of Dardanelle-Russellville and Conway-Perry Associations. — H. D. Palmer, missionary

● OUACHITA COLLEGE alumni, former students and other friends will attend the annual supper held each year at the time of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, on Wednesday, November 20, at the First Christian Church, Little Rock, at 10th and Louisiana, at 5:30 p.m., Lawson Hatfield, president of the Ouachita Alumni and Former Students Association has announced. Plates will be \$1.50 each.

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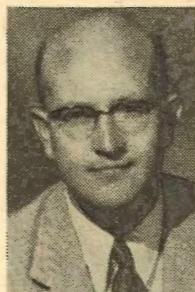
104th Annual Session of Arkansas Baptist State Convention Opens Tuesday



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MR. MIKELL



MR. CANTRELL



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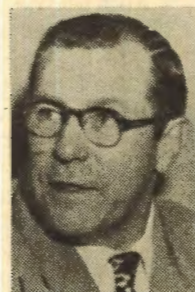
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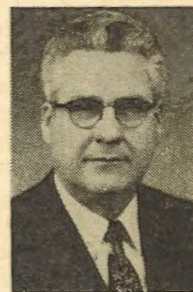
DR. SULLIVAN



DR. MILAM



MR. McLOUGHLIN



DR. GREY

THE 104TH ANNUAL session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will begin at 9:30, Tuesday morning, November 19, at Immanuel Church in Little Rock, with President Rel Gray presiding. Dr. Gray is pastor of First Church, Helena. He will be assisted during the Convention by vice presidents B. K. Selph, pastor, First Church, Benton, and Fritz E. Goodbar, until recently pastor at Danville. Theme of the 1957 Convention is "Our Maximum for Christ," I Corinthians 15:57-58.



DR. GRAY

The devotional services throughout the meeting will be under the direction of A. M. Mikell, associate pastor, North Fort Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., and LeRoy McClard, director of church music for Arkansas Baptists.

The President's message by Dr. Gray will be followed by the annual sermon by Hugh Cantrell, pastor, First Church, Stephens.

Two new-comers to the Arkansas Baptist work — T. Bradley Bolin, manager of the Arkansas Baptist Book Store, and

Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* — will be heard at the opening session.

Out-of-state speakers will include Dr. Duke McCall, who will speak Tuesday at 3:20 p. m., on National Temperance. Dr. McCall is president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Dr. S. A. Newman, professor of Religion at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., will discuss the place of the seminaries in Baptist life, Tuesday at 3:50 p. m.

The evening services, both Tuesday and Wednesday, will be at Robinson Auditorium. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will be the featured speaker on Tuesday evening. His topic will be, "Our Maximum for Christ in Other Lands."

Business items will intersperse the program. The Wednesday morning message will be delivered by Dr. Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

Dr. James Sullivan, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will bring the Wednesday afternoon message, following the reports of Bottoms Orphanage, Monticello and the promotional agencies at Baptist Building.

Christian education will take the spotlight Wednesday evening at Robinson Auditorium, followed by a message from Congressman Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The session will be climaxed with a recognition service for Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Bridges in appreciation of Dr. Bridges's 26-year ministry as executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. This service will be under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Douglas.



DR. HAYS

A Thursday morning feature will be "Our Maximum for Christ in the Northwest," by Dr. R. E. Milam, of Portland, Ore., executive secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington. Emmett McLoughlin, converted Catholic priest and administrator of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz., will discuss "The Separation of Church and State." The closing message of the 104th session of the Arkansas Baptist Convention will be by Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Church, New Orleans, La.

● DR. ANDREW M. HALL, First Church, Fayetteville, was the featured speaker at the recent Kansas State Student Convention, Pittsburg, Kans., and Jamie Jones, BSU director at the University of Arkansas, was conference leader.

Dr. Hall served on the Focus Week program at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., November 4-8.

● DR. A. E. PRINCE, First Church, Lafayette, La., recently assisted Temple Church, Crossett, and Pastor J. W. Buckner, is a stewardship revival.

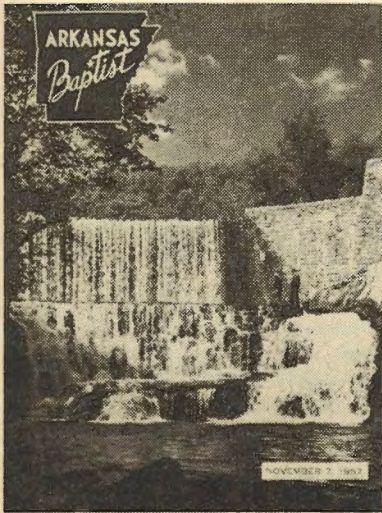
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● THE RURAL WORKSHOP at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, has been changed from December 2-6 to December 9-13, according to Billy Walker, public relations director.

● REV. AND MRS. Logan C. Atnip, missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, announce the birth of a son, Clifton Edward, on September 15. They may be addressed at Kumalo, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. Mr. Atnip is a native of Marmaduke, Ark., where he and Mrs. Atnip make their permanent American home.

Arkansas Beauty Spot

OLD MILL DAM at Blanchard Springs, 17 miles from Mountain View, in the Sylamore District of The Ozark National Forest, is captured for us in this week's cover, another of a series of Arkansas scenes. Again the photographer is Mr. Phelps, of the Arkansas Publicity & Parks Commission, with darkroom in the State Capitol, Little Rock.



Within easy reach of the Arkansas motorist, Blanchard Springs has an inn, cabins, and camping grounds for those who can stay a while. It has a large recreation area established by the federal government through the Civilian Conservation Corps of a number of years ago. Swimming might be a little on the cool side at this season, but fishing is still good, we understand. And as mentioned in a previous cover story, Blanchard Springs boasts a nationally famous Crossbow Deer Hunt.

● O. C. ROBINSON, Pulaski County Associational missionary, recently led Trinity Church, Little Rock, in a "fishing revival." There were six additions and many rededications, according to Pastor Floyd Simmons. Five deacons were ordained at the closing service: Kenneth Johnson, Bennie Gore, George Evans, Walter Proctor and Dallas Vire. Mr. Simmons served as moderator and Norman Ward as secretary. Horace Griggson, pastor at Woodlawn Church, Little Rock, conducted the examination. Thomas Bray, Remount Church, North Little Rock, led the prayer and O. C. Robinson delivered the sermon.

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● FORMER PASTOR of First Church, Bentonville, Dr. J. B. Maxwell, has been elected moderator of the Tuscaloosa County Baptist Association in Alabama. Dr. Maxwell is pastor of the Alberta Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa.

First Church, Blytheville, Sunday School Leader



FIRST CHURCH, Blytheville, Dr. Charles F. Pitts, pastor, has the distinction of being the first church in Arkansas and the fifth in the Southern Baptist Convention to reach the Advance Standard in Sunday School achievement, every department in the Sunday School being standard.

Four women of the church have received the Worker's Citation. Shown in top picture with Sunday School Superintendent James Gardner, they are, left to right: Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Mrs.

M. C. Outlaw, Mrs. Jake Huffman, and Miss Luna Wilhelm.

The lower picture is of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School, of whom 85 received the Worker's Diploma; 11, the Advanced Diploma; 4, the Master's Diploma; and 4, the Worker's Citation.

Total training awards reported was 765 as of last June.

First Church will soon complete a \$155,000 educational building and plans to organize ten new Sunday School departments.

● EDITOR McDONALD supplied for Pastor Wilbur Herring and Central Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday, November 3. Other preaching engagements this month include: First Church, Rogers, Nov. 17; and Central Church, North Little Rock, Nov. 24.

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● EVANGELIST JESSE REED and Singer Mark Short, Sr., led in a revival at Park Hill Church, Arkadelphia, resulting in 14 additions. Ivan Marks is the pastor.

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● EVANGELIST BILLY WALKER assisted First Church, Conway, in a recent revival, resulting in nine additions. Others made professions of faith and "there were scores of rededications," according to Pastor James H. Street.

● EUGENE WEBB has resigned Riverside Church, Little Rock, to accept the pastorate of Lee Memorial, Pine Bluff. A native of Blytheville, Mr. Webb has the BA degree from Arkansas College. He attended Southern College, Walnut Ridge, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Former pastorates are Deleplaine, First Church, Bay; and 16th Street Church, North Little Rock. Mrs. Webb is the former Elizabeth Pierce of Blytheville. The couple has a nine-month-old son, Perry.

Associate pastor with Mr. Webb is Derrel Watkins, a student at Ouachita College. He will direct youth activities and serve as minister of music. Mr. Watkins is a native of Detroit. He has served First Church, For-dyce, as youth director.

Relief and Annuity Names Investor

FRED W. NOE, treasurer of the Relief and Annuity Board, has been named director of the Investment Department to succeed R. S. Jones who is retiring. Mr. Noe will assume the duties of his new position January 1.



MR. NOE

Election of Noe was made at the Relief and Annuity Board's third quarter Board meeting held October 23, in Dallas. Mr. Noe has served as treasurer of the Board since June 1, 1954, and will continue in this capacity along with his new position.

A native of Morristown, Tenn., Mr. Noe was business manager of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for five years before coming to the Relief and Annuity Board. Previous to that, he held the position of Professor of Business Administration and assistant football coach at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee for 15 years.

Negro Congregation Joins Mojave Desert Association

A DELAYED announcement from W. P. Brian, superintendent of area missions for Mojave Desert Association, reveals that a Ridgecrest Negro church has joined fellowship with the Mojave Desert Association.

Known as New Hope Baptist Church, Ridgecrest, the congregation voted to give ten per cent of all gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program, to give three per cent to associational missions, and to send The California Southern Baptist to all families in the membership.

Arkansas Baptists Prepare for Ministers' Security

Last year 64 Arkansas ministers and widows received a portion of the \$1,626,211.59 paid out by the Relief and Annuity Board in disability, widow and retirement annuities.

The Arkansas Baptist Convention and Arkansas Baptist churches had provided for two-thirds of the money that went to these Arkansas annuitants when they shared the cost of their retirement plan dues.

The denominational retirement plan provided for pastors and educational directors in Arkansas is an individual state plan. The Relief and Annuity Board administers this plan for Arkansas, as it does for all the other Southern Baptists states, but each state plan is handled separate and apart from the rest.

Services Conducted For Mrs. Alice Routh, 84

LOCKHART, Tex. —(BP)—Funeral and burial services were conducted here for Mrs. Alice Routh, 84, mother of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, and wife of E. C. Routh, retired Southern Baptist Editor.

Mrs. Routh died Oct. 24 in a Galveston, Tex., hospital after an illness.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, Porter Routh, Nashville, Ross H. Routh, Oklahoma City, and Copass Routh, Midland, Tex., and three daughters, Mrs. Wendell Arnett, Louisville, Mrs. Clinton Burnett, Harlingen, Tex., and Mrs. J. C. Pool, missionary serving in Nigeria.

E. C. Routh was a missionary in Lockhart before serving as editor of three Baptist periodicals — the weekly **Baptist Standard** in Texas and **Baptist Messenger** in Oklahoma and the monthly **Commission**, publication of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

WEST POINT, Miss. —(BP)— First Church here has adopted a budget of \$88,000 for next year and allocated 46 per cent to the Cooperative Program to support Mississippi and Southern Baptist Convention missionary and educational work.

"This percentage is one of the highest, if not the highest percentages ever adopted in Mississippi history for the Cooperative Program," according to Joe T. Odle, Jackson, associate executive secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention.

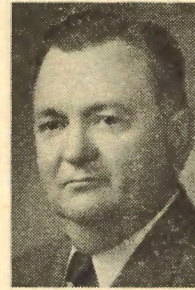
Clifton Perkins, pastor of the local church, credits the record budget with its correspondingly high allocation to missions to use of the Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists.

When a pastor or educational director in Arkansas decides to join the Southern Baptist Protection Plan, he has the assurance that his state convention is ready to pay one-third of the cost of his dues. When his church agrees to pay its share (also one-third) he may begin participation in the plan. All that he has to pay is the remaining one-third. (The convention, church and member each pay 5 per cent of the member's salary, up to \$4,000).

Presently, there are 356 pastors and educational directors in Arkansas actively participating in one of the retirement plans. This means that there are still hundreds falling to take advantage of this plan which gives them excellent retirement, disability and widow protection at such a small cost to the member.

Lucien E. Coleman New Brotherhood Associate

MEMPHIS —(BP)— Lucien Edwin Coleman, of Middletown, Ky., Brotherhood secretary in Kentucky, has accepted a position with the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as associate secretary in charge of church Brotherhood promotion.



MR. COLEMAN

He will assume his new duties in the offices here Jan. 1, according to George Schroeder, commission executive secretary.

Coleman will replace James Sapp who has been elevated to the position of director of promotion.

A native of Arkansas, Coleman studied at Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon, Tenn.; Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and Cumberland University, Lebanon.

He has served as state Baptist Brotherhood secretary in Kentucky since December, 1953. During this time the number of Brotherhoods has increased from 253 to 630. The enrollment has increased from 8,600 to 21,000 members.

From 1949 until he became Brotherhood secretary, Coleman was assistant to the general secretary of the Arkansas State Convention. Prior to that he served as associate pastor and minister of education at First Church, Springdale.

For one term Coleman was in the house of representatives in the state of Arkansas as secretary to the speaker, and later served four years in the state senate of Arkansas.

He was a successful lawyer before surrendering to full-time Christian vocational work in 1947.

Schroeder, commenting on Coleman's coming to the Brotherhood Commission, said, "He has proven himself to be one of the most capable and outstanding state Brotherhood leaders."

Baptist Highlights

There is a total of 53,138 students enrolled in Southern Baptist schools as of October 1. The enrolment is broken down as follows: Seminaries, 5,602; senior colleges and universities, 36,514; junior colleges, 8,212; academies and Bible schools, 2,810. These figures include enrolments in noncredit, special, extension, and correspondence classes.

Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., broke ground October 13 for a new sanctuary seating 3,200 and costing \$1.5 million. Robert E. Naylor is pastor.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Army Chaplains May Take Special Leave

ATLANTA —(BP)— A new regulation permits Army chaplains to take up to 90 days a year in administrative leave with salary, during which they can study, serve as associate pastors of churches, and take part in denominational camps and assemblies.

The regulation applies to Army chaplains with at least five years' service. There are approximately 150 Southern Baptist Army chaplains, although not all of them would have five years' service and be eligible for this type leave.

Chaplains are customarily interested in keeping in touch with their denomination and in taking part in whatever activities they can from time to time.

Churches which would like to have an Army chaplain as associate pastor; Baptist colleges or seminaries interested in having chaplains study or undertake research projects on their campuses; and state convention boards wanting chaplains for assembly programs should contact the Chaplains' Commission, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St. N. W., Atlanta.

While the chaplain's salary continues, his travelling expenses and other special expenses must be paid by the chaplain himself or some church, college, or denominational agency.

Oregon-Washington Changes Staff Plan

SPRINGFIELD, Ore — (BP) — The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington elected John R. Canning, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church here, to his second term as convention president.

The convention approved a new plan of organization for its departments. Under the new plan R. E. Milam continues to serve as state executive secretary. State offices are located in Portland.

Roland P. Hood heads the department of missions and church finance; Mrs. Hood is secretary of the state Woman's Missionary Union, and C. E. Boyle continues to serve as editor and business manager of the *Pacific Coast Baptist* and also as assistant executive secretary-treasurer.

Bob Dove is state Training Union secretary and Ed Seabough is secretary of the Baptist Student Union and music departments. Vacancies exist in the department of evangelism and brotherhood work and in the Sunday school department.

C. MICHAEL WARR, pastor, College Ave. Baptist Church, Fort Worth, has moved to South Carolina to become pastor of First Church, Rock Hill.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Badge of Distinction

Criticism is the price of leadership and so we congratulate Congressman Brooks Hays for having earned his badge of distinction.

Criticism isn't new for the Congressman. In fact, we would imagine that he is somewhat accustomed to it and more particularly in what he and his associates in the House refer to as the "even (election) years." But, even his foes must admit that he is doing all right as attested by the regularity with which he is returned to Washington.

Criticism came to Mr. Hays the other day, officially, as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. One of the churches in Mississippi asked that the invitation be withdrawn for him to speak to that State Convention. The request was because of his part as mediator in the Little Rock integration crisis. Mr. Hays was described as "an avowed integrationist."

Let it be said quickly that the chairman of the committee which arranged for the speakers said the invitation would stand. He described the church's action as "very unfortunate." And, let us add that Mr. Hays added to our appreciation of him by saying he regretted his position had apparently been misunderstood.

Mr. Hays isn't an "avowed integrationist." Anybody who can place him in either camp on the issue will be one step ahead of the newspaper gentlemen. Because of his role as mediator he has stayed away from public discussion of all the issues.

But, those privileged to hear him two weeks ago in an "off-the-record" discussion of the Little Rock crisis can't help but appreciate his efforts. He's a citizen of Arkansas. He's a member of Congress. He's a Christian. For him to sit idly by in these days would be to violate his stewardship. This is no time for silence on the part of Christian statesmen. Silence is a coward's role. Only the silent avoid criticism.

None of our Baptists need bother about Mr. Hays embarrassing them on any Baptist platform. We don't believe they need bother about him bringing embarrassment anywhere at any time.

Those who attended the press conference immediately after his election as president of the Southern Baptist Convention will remember his voicing the prayer that Southern Baptists would never have cause for embarrassment for anything he might say or do. We have not. We don't believe we will.

There are no honors for mediators. They usually are condemned by one faction and often by both.

—Editor John Jeter Hurt in *The Christian Index*

DALLAS — Ellie Hopkins, a reporter and editor for the *Longview Daily News and Morning Journal* for more than 27 years, recently was named recipient of the 1957 Annual Press Award sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He is now vice-president of Carl Estes publications, which include the two daily newspapers, weeklies and magazines.

Hopkins received a \$150 engraved wrist watch and a commendatory plaque in presentation ceremonies Thursday afternoon, Nov. 7, at the convention's annual meeting in Fort Worth.

The BGCT makes the award on behalf of 3,807 churches and 1,558,000 members each year for outstanding contributions to Christianity through religious news reporting.

CASPER, Wyo. —(BP)— The Colorado Baptist General Convention voted here to establish a city missions program in Denver, Colo., on Jan. 1 in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Executive Secretary Willis J. Ray said the convention will employ a superintendent of city missions for the new Denver program.

CLOVIS, N. M. —(BP)— New Mexico Baptists, meeting in annual session here, studied plans that will further their student work at two colleges in the state. Plans were laid for "an early dedication" of the new Baptist Bible Chair Building adjacent to New Mexico Western College at Silver City. The staff for the Bible chair adjacent to New Mexico College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts, at State College, N. Y., will be increased.



A. S. Dawson and Harlan Abel

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 28, has been chosen for the first service in the new Towson Avenue Church, Fort Smith, with dedication services in December.

A. S. Dawson (left) chairman of the building committee, and Pastor Harlan Abel (right) laid the cornerstone in a brief ceremony on a recent Sunday morning. Other members of the building committee were: H. M. Weeks, Sr., Stanley Francis, Raymond Jensen, Mrs. Truman Witcher, Mrs. John Clement and Burt Balser.

The new building is 140 x 52 feet, with a seating capacity of 700. It is air conditioned and when completed the building and furnishings will be valued at \$100,000.

Paris Church Shows Steady Progress

FIRST CHURCH, Paris, is running considerably ahead of schedule with its program of retiring the indebtedness on its educational building, which was dedicated in February, 1953. Two of three notes on an indebtedness of \$78,000 that existed at the time the building was dedicated have been paid off and the present plans call for the paying off of the final note in the next eight years.

Although the church lost a large segment of its membership several years ago when the most of the local coal mines closed, it has succeeded in keeping its average Sunday School attendance around the 400-mark. New industries moving into the Paris area are expected to increase the prospective outreach of the church.

Not yet in the planning stage, but in the thinking of many of the church members as they face the future is the erection of a new auditorium when the present church debt is cleared, it is reported.

Dale McCoy has been pastor of the Church for the past four years.

Watching Ouachita

Ouachitonian Staff Members Announced

Arkadelphia — Jim Maxwell, senior from Shreveport, La. editor-in-chief of the Ouachitonian, has announced staff positions for the college annual. Maxwell was elected last year by the student body.

His organization includes assistant editors Carole Pearson and Jane Middlebrooks, seniors from North Little Rock, and Earl Jones, sophomore from Texarkana. This year there will be two people in charge of each class section.

Editors for the senior class are Patsy Keller, senior from Lonoke, and Ken Hughes, senior from DeQueen. Mary Beth Taylor, junior from Fort Smith, and Gene Blagg, junior from Little Rock, are junior class editors.

Gene Dolby, sophomore from Little Rock, and Jim Wallis, sophomore from Beaumont, Calif., are in charge of the sophomore class and Aloah Henderson, freshman from Stann, Mo., and Marian Sadler, freshman from Carlisle, are in charge of the freshman class.

Bebe Booker, senior from Fort Smith, and Earl Jones will edit the social clubs, with Sally Beth Guthrie, sophomore from Newport, as editor of the religious clubs section.

Ann Seward, junior from Arkadelphia, will edit the academic club section.

Music editors are Helen Reed, sophomore from Bauxite, and John Paul Archer, senior from Hindsville. Bob Jones, sophomore from North Little Rock, is the military editor.

Editing sports will be Denny Bray, sophomore from North Little Rock, and E. B. Duke, freshman from Brinkley, covering men's sports activities, and Aileen Kemp, sophomore from Prattsville, covering the women's sports.

Ken Hughes, senior from DeQueen; Eddie Lou McOwen, freshman from Pine Bluff; and Billie Bob Johnson, freshman from DeWitt, will be in charge of student activities pictures. Sammie Mills, freshman from Benton; Marie Lambert, freshman from Forrest City; Shirley Wood, freshman from Newport; and E. B. Duke, freshman from Brinkley, will direct the snapshot section.

Yearbook business managers are Ray Utle, senior from Cabot; Franklin Scott, senior from Malvern; and Peggie Sharp, freshman from Pine Bluff.

OUACHITA COLLEGE has received a \$2,000 unrestricted grant from the Esso Foundation, James Edmundson, vice president of the college announces.

DR. D. M. SEWARD, acting dean of the faculty at Ouachita Baptist College, was elected president of the Deans' Association at a recent meeting of deans and registrars of Arkansas Colleges and universities at John Brown University, Siloam Springs.



Ebenezer Building

EBENEZER CHURCH, Warren, recently dedicated four Sunday School rooms, a kitchen and dining room. Former pastor Marvin Jagers conducted the dedication service. The building committee from left to right are: Pastor Jesse Whitley, Jack Adams, chairman of the deacons; Allen Spraggins, treasurer; Ben St. John, building committee chairman and construction foreman. During the year that Mr. Whitley has been pastor there have been 11 additions, a substantial increase in attendance and in contributions.

Our Cup Runneth Over

WE HAVE HAD such marvelous response to our special offer on the Church Budget plan of sending the ARKANSAS BAPTIST to entire church memberships that we have not been able to keep up with the making of new mailing plates. Please be patient with us if it takes a few extra days for us to get the paper coming to you.

We are deeply grateful for the Lord's blessing on our work. The circulation of our paper is now at an all-time high of more than 49,000, and we are hoping to see it reach 50,000 soon.

Let us encourage any church which does not yet have the paper in its budget to take us up on the special offer. We will send the paper free for one month — four issues — to all your families. All you need do to qualify is to send us your mailing list and indicate you are wanting our special offer and that the church will consider within the month putting the paper in its budget.

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Departments

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Another Standard Union



"The King's Workers" Intermediate Union, a 13-year union of North Maple Church, Stuttgart, has been standard for the past two years. The leaders and sponsors of this union are Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Craig. James Case is the director of the department this year, and Robert Inman was director last year. Mason W. Craig is pastor.

Back row, left to right, are: Billy Glover, Tommy Craig, Ronnie Hackleton, Pat Mayfield, and Mr. P. B. Craig. Front row: Mrs. P. B. Craig, Kathy Story, Catherine Pruett, Bertie Grace Hatfield, Nancy Keys, and Annabell Black.

BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull, Secretary

Let Your Men Know!

EVERY CHURCH in Arkansas has been sent Brotherhood Night publicity materials, including a double poster which sets forth information in detail concerning the program and the program personalities.



MR. TULL

See that this poster is put up in your church in a place where it will be seen!

And call the attention of your men and boys to it.

Boys? Yes, the poster also tells about the Annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper which precedes the Brotherhood Night meeting. The boys will be the special guests of the men on Brotherhood Night.

The Fellowship Supper will be held at the Sportsman's One-Stop Restaurant, 3304 East Broadway, North Little Rock. The time is 5:00 o'clock.

The Brotherhood Night Program will get underway at 7 o'clock. Singing be-

gins at 6:50. Remember the place: Immanuel Baptist Church, Tenth and Bishop Streets, Little Rock. Remember the date: November 18.

The Brotherhood Department and the Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood Convention, together, ask every man in the state to do some personal work in a sustained effort to get to the Brotherhood Night meeting a worthy representation of the men of your church. Why not organize for the business of getting your men there? Why not plan to come and bring a car-load with you? Why not see to it that some of your boys are brought along? Why not bring your wife with you?

Mr. Thel Smith of First Church, Fort Smith, will be in charge of the program on Brotherhood Night. Thel is president of the Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood Convention. On the program with him are some of the South's choicest speakers, including Dr. Eual Lawson of Dallas, Tex., associate in the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board; and Dr. R. Paul Caudill, long a good Brotherhood man, and pastor of the First Church, Memphis, Tenn.

We'll be looking for you and yours on Brotherhood Night!

At this writing, the Regional Clinics for Associational Brotherhood Officers are well underway throughout the state. These clinics should be over by November 15, in order to have time before the end of the year for an Associational Clinic for Church Brotherhood Officers. Clinic materials are being mailed out to associational Brotherhood presidents, upon their request. Most of the Associational Clinics will be held during the period of November 15-December 15.

We hope that every Associational Brotherhood Executive Committee is planning to hold the Clinic for the purpose of training the Church Brotherhood Officers throughout the Association. Such a Clinic is well worthwhile, and results in a better level of Brotherhood work throughout the year.

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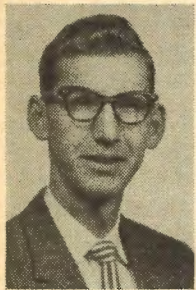
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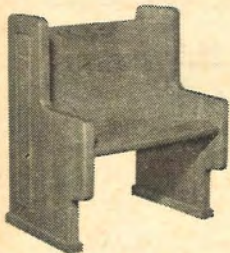
MR. MAXWELL

Revival Team at Baptist Hospital

CONDUCTING A youth revival this week at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital are the youth team pictured above.

Pictured above are Leon Lowe of Southern Baptist College, Jennings Partin, Arkansas Tech, Reuben Setliff and Jim Maxwell of Ouachita, who are four of the team of young college students holding a youth revival this week (November 11-15) at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital. Also on the team is Don Halum, Arkansas Tech. The theme of the week is "This I Know." Betty Dean, BSU Council President, Edna Dawdy, YWA President, are serving as co-chairmen for committees planning the week's activities.

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C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

This n' That

Big Creek Association has extended a call to Carl Nelson, Alma, to become Associational Missionary. If he accepts, that leaves only two associations in the state without a missionary — Centennial and Buckville.

Correction: a few weeks ago, in this column, it was reported that in the first service Cecil Guthrie and his Spanish preacher conducted with the Mexicans, there were 200 conversions. It was a typographical error and should have been 20. However, the total number in all the services was 367.

White County Association, in its desire to help the churches in their work, has purchased a slide and film-strip projector for their use. They have 14 sets of slides and film-strips, portraying various phases of our Baptist work, available for use.

Among the ten converts Chaplain Finch reports for October in his work with patients in the State Sanatorium was an atheist. The constant visits and special courtesies finally won him. He stated, "I didn't believe in preachers until you came along and treated me so good."

Linwood Church, 15 miles from Pine Bluff, has started a mission at Gliden Air Base. A few years ago the Linwood Church was a mission of Southside Church, Pine Bluff. Now Southside Church has a mission grandchild.

S. A. Wiles, Missionary in Clear Creek Association, is endeavoring to establish a new mission in Batson Community, north of Clarksville.

Brother Missionary, send us a copy of the program your association plans to follow in 1958. We want to make up a little booklet of the programs of work in our 44 associations.

EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

We Must Win More Souls

THE BAPTIST RECORD, official organ of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, in a recent editorial tells of a 73-year-old Des Moines, Iowa merchant who brought 647 people into his church during the past three years. The editor comments, "This is an example of personal evangelism that harks back to the first days of Christianity."



DR. YEARBY

This man was a Mr. Huntoon who started out spending one hour a week in visitation. Now he spends four hours each day ringing doorbells for Christ. The editor writes, "Here is the ancient pattern that must be restored. In evangelism there never has been a substitute for the personal encounter. During apostolic times Christians were untrained, unequipped, and unorganized — according to Twentieth Century fashions — but they had a burning personal experience to share. And share it they did! Converts to the faith were won first and foremost by personal soul-winning."

"The effectiveness of personal testimony has not dimmed with the years. It is still our greatest hope for winning America to Christ."

There are approximately 852,000 people in Arkansas who have no church affiliation. These are lost people. Arkansas Baptists are responsible unto God to witness to them about Christ and to win them to Christ. Multitudes of these could be won to Christ during 1958 if as many as half of our total membership would get a vision like the brother from Des Moines and consistently, week by week, personally win the lost to Christ.

The first Sunday in the new year, January 5, has been designated among Southern Baptists as soul winning commitment day. What greater cause for recruitment could challenge our churches than this? Now is the time to be laying the groundwork necessary for a meaningful and victorious Commitment Day. To win more people to Christ, we must have more people in our churches and work at the task of winning them. Let every Baptist sign the soul winning commitment card Sunday, January 5.

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D. A. WILLIAMS has begun service as pastor of Memorial Church, Tulsa, Okla. He was formerly pastor of First Church, Gilmer, Tex.

ROBERT L. BRADEN has begun pastorate at Central Heights Church in suburban Phoenix, Ariz., following a pastorate at First Church, Baxter Springs, Kans.



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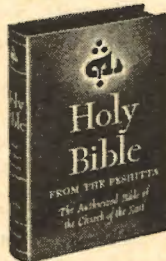
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B. L. Bridges, Secretary

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The list is as follows: Arkansas Baptist Hospital; Ouachita Baptist College; Bottoms Baptist Orphanage; Southern Baptist College; Arkansas State Mis-

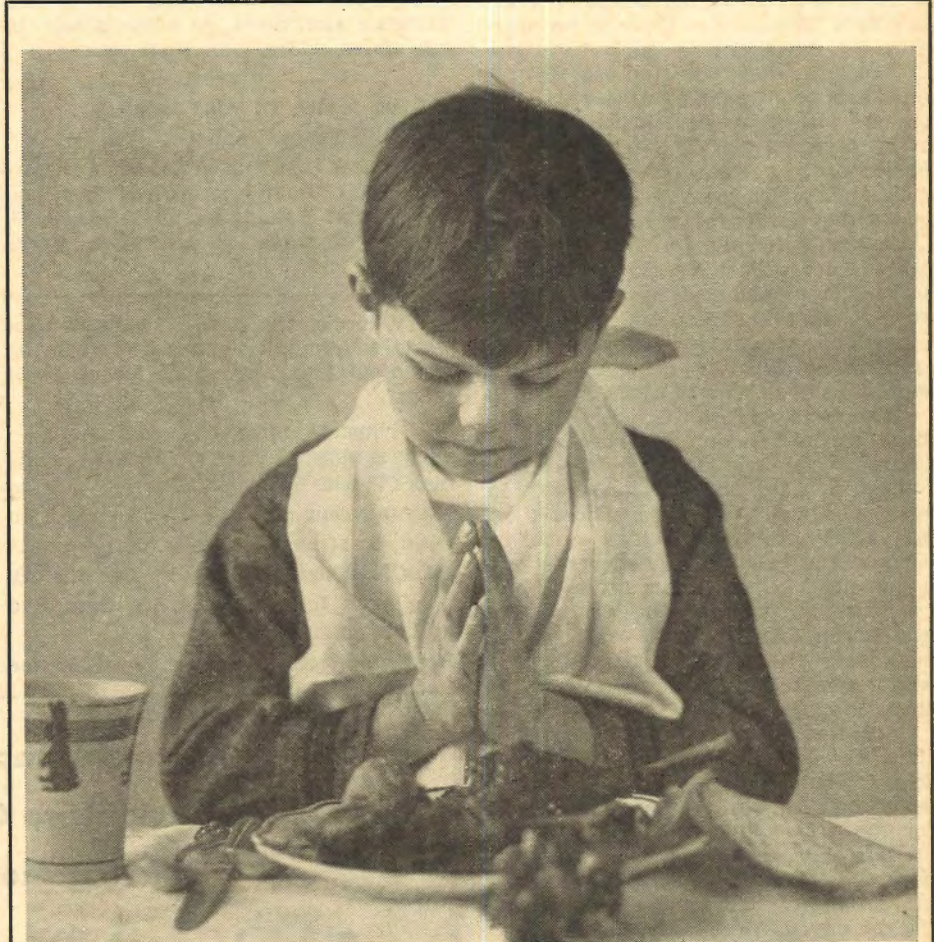
sions; Chair of Bible; Baptist Assembly; Baptist Student Centers; Baptist Camps; Arkansas Baptist (paper); Baptist Headquarters Building.

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation is authorized by an Arkansas Charter to procure and safeguard funds for any Baptist agency or Institution, including agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention, such as the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif.; Southeastern Baptist

Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., etc.

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● NEW PROVIDENCE Church, Mississippi Association, recently ordained two deacons: Eugene Galyean and Euell Young. Pastor F. M. Robinson served as moderator; W. W. Cox, Leachville, clerk. Harold Presley, First Church, Leachville, delivered the sermon. Lester Thompson, Silverdale Church, Arbyrd, Mo., conducted the examination. Jesse Williams, Fairview Church, Leachville, presented each candidate with a copy of "The Baptist Deacon," by Robert Naylor.



H. Armstrong Roberts

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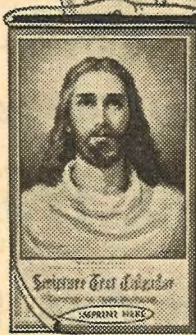
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\$5 Million — Our Goal

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, wrote the following challenge for larger, more dedicated giving through the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions. Arkansas' goal is \$150,000. (And what is YOUR'S?)

"Five million dollars, our goal for the 1957 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" . . . the idea challenged the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union . . . Dr. Baker James Cauthen and other secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board . . . in fact, all who heard of it thought it a goal possible of attainment. Everywhere there is enthusiasm.

"Now, the idea must appeal to the members of Woman's Missionary Union everywhere — in every church, in every organization. The idea must be passed on to yet others and others.

"Ours is a rich heritage — particularly in the matter of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. The Lord has blessed us with major achievements, and its growth from year to year has been phenomenal. A realization of our heritage stimulates spiritual growth as women become more sensitive to world needs.

"Therefore, we will study . . . the story of how the offering began . . . the story of Lottie Moon for whom it is named . . . the story of its growth in spiritual impact in many places . . . the story of what it has done in schools and hospitals, in churches and camp sites, in missionary salaries and residences, in winning the lost in Asia and Europe, Africa, Latin America, the islands of the seas . . . the story of what it yet will do to help bring in Christ's kingdom.

"And, let us pray . . . for ourselves that we shall measure up spiritually to this challenge . . . for the missionaries, for the work we undergird . . . for the women and young people . . . for our churches — that we shall support the Week of Prayer by continuous praying as we come together during the days of December 2-6.

"And how we shall give . . . seeking to be worthy stewards of the trust which God has placed in our hands as an organization to lead the people in our churches to bring an offering on His birthday for the world's lost people . . . that we may meet every need which has been sent to the Foreign Mission Board from mission meetings in which concern and prayer determined the requests.

"Where'er the sun . . . we sing. We sing of people and realms of every tongue. We sing with confidence. We sing in faith . . . we picture a world filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

"When we sing, we say we believe that Jesus meant for us the words he spoke to his disciples, 'Go ye into all the world . . .'

Open Letter to All Pastors' Wives

For several years the wives of our Arkansas Baptist pastors have met in conference on the afternoon preceding our annual Baptist State Convention. These conferences are held simultaneously with the Pastor's Conference and provide helpful information, inspiration, and good fellowship.

This year the Pastors' Wives' Conference will meet in the afternoon of November 18, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock. As a member of the Welcoming Committee, I would like to extend a personal invitation to all the pastors' wives to attend and enjoy this conference. We especially invite and welcome the wives of new pastors in our state. —Mrs. Don Hook, Malvern

\$95,000 Motel To Aid

Work of Texas Baptists

DALLAS —(BP)— A \$95,000 San Antonio, Tex., motel has been given to the Baptist Foundation of Texas, J. C. Cantrell, Foundation Executive secretary, reported.

"Where'er the sun . . . calls us to a world-wide mission endeavor and to the vision of the day when 'Jesus shall reign.'

"Giving \$5 million — and more — what a glorious way to bring to a climax World Missions Year! . . . to maintain our heritage . . . to send, to build, to strengthen, to give the greatest Christmas offering in our history . . . even to give far more than five million dollars."

Reprinted from November Royal Service

MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Secretary

Twelfth Youth Choir Festival Information

March 1, 1958
Second Baptist Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Youth Festival Schedule

- 8:00 Adjudication of Sextets, Quartets, Trios, Duets, & Soloists.
- 8:00 Registration of Choirs & Ensembles.
- 8:50 Welcome to Festival.
- 8:55 Introduction of Festival Personalities.
- 9:00 First Rehearsal
- 10:00 Choir Auditions
- 12:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Choir Auditions
- 3:00 Final Rehearsal
- 4:00 Festival Program.

Youth Festival Selections

Oct. No. 1656 Sing Praises, Glarum—Hall & McCreary.

Oct. No. 1162 When God Made His Earth, Sateren—Augsburg.

Oct. No. 2108 Now Let Us All Praise God, Young—Galaxy.

SATB What Shall I Render To God, Arr. by Lovelace—Canyon.

Oct. No. 1409 When I Think Of Calvary, Dieterich—Pro Art.

Oct. No. TC13 Now It Is Christmas Time, Arr. by Pooler—Augsburg.

Oct. No. 7819 Twas On One Sunday Morn, Arr. by Work—J. Fischer.

"Early On That Easter Day," Brahms February Church Musician, 1958 (MF 453).

"O Come Let Us Sing To The Lord," from the Scottish Psalter, January Church Musician, 1958 (MF450).

"Unto Thee, O Lord," Graham, March Church Musician, 1958 (MF457).

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DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM

I. L. YEARBY, Secretary

New Church at Sheridan Has Steady Growth

IT WAS my pleasure to be with First Southern Church, Sheridan, recently in a revival. The Lord blessed us with four professions of faith and the addition by letter. The attendance was very encouraging throughout the meeting.

The church was organized in July, 1956, with about 42 members. A few months later about a dozen of these went back to First Church. But the clerk told me that they now have about 67 members, which indicates that they have had steady and consistent growth.

A new high attendance record was set during the revival for the Sunday school, and I have never seen any finer spirit among the membership of any church. They have a fine group of capable, loyal and consecrated people, and I believe this will be one of our very strongest churches within a few years. Brother Delbert Garrett is their very capable and consecrated pastor. The people love him and he is doing a monumental work in Sheridan. —James A. Overton, pastor, Elliott Church

Independence News Notes

PFEIFFER CHURCH is meeting in their new building.

ROSIE CHURCH has begun the construction of an educational building.

SULPHUR ROCK has called Dee Birdwell as pastor. He is a student at Ouachita College. — Harrison Johns, missionary

● DR. REL GRAY, pastor of First Church, Helena, recently assisted First Church, Walnut Hill, Tex., in a revival which resulted in 11 additions, seven by baptism. Johnny Jackson, a former Arkansan, is the pastor.

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● MYRON SMITH, a student at Ouachita College, has been named part-time music and education director for First Church, Fordyce, Lawson Hatfield pastor.

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● WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION elected the following officers to serve next year: James E. Birkhead, First Church, Mountain Home, moderator; J. M. Langston, Gassville Church, vice moderator; Everett Wheeler, Mountain Home, clerk; Clifton Morris, Mountain Home, treasurer, C. E. McDonald is the missionary.

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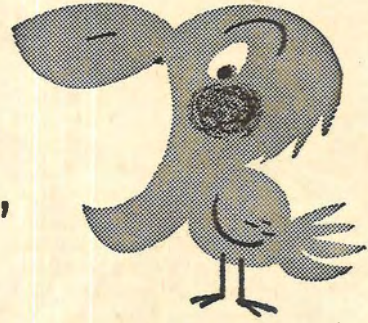
● NORTHSIDE CHAPEL, El Dorado, has called Floyd Taylor as pastor. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Ouachita College and former pastor of Galilee Church, El Dorado, and Salem Church, Stephens. He teaches school at Norphlet. The Taylors have three children.

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● IMMANUEL SOUTHERN Baptist Church, Ridgecrest, Calif., where former Arkansan Dr. Ellis L. Tiffany is pastor, recently broke ground for a new educational building. Costing \$40,000, the new structure will add four times as much facilities as they now have.

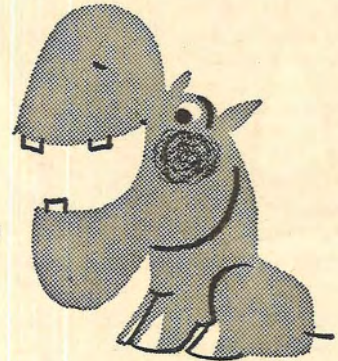
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A Clever Monkey

By FRED CORNELIUS

Ted and his sister Betty always had fun at the zoo. This morning it seemed more fun than ever, especially as they visited the monkey house.



The monkeys were all very busy. Some of them chased each other around and around. Some sat in the sunshine in little groups, chattering and nodding just as though they were talking to one another.

"You know," said Betty, "I believe they are talking."
"Sure," agreed Ted, "monkey talk."

Old Jocko seemed to be the king of all the monkeys in the zoo. He was very wise and indeed the boss. The other monkeys respected him and tried to do everything he asked them to do.

This morning the old king sat half-asleep on top of a small dead stump. Jocko spent a great deal of time on this stump. From it he could see all over the monkey house and know what each one of his tribe

was doing. He kept them out of fights and supervised their play. He saw to it that each member got his share of the food. And so he ruled.

A crowd of boys and girls stood just outside, watching every move the monkeys made. Because it was a bright, warm Saturday, almost every boy and girl in the little city was at the zoo having a wonderful time. They tossed peanuts to the monkeys and watched them crack the nuts, throw away the shells, and eat the kernels, just as a boy would do.

Then, all of a sudden, something happened which made every monkey in the house jump up and down and chatter excitedly. A small stream of water shot across the floor. The old water pipe had sprung a leak. Rust had caused a tiny hole to come in it, and the water came shooting out.

Old Jocko opened his eyes wide and saw at once what had happened. He made a long jump and a hop, which took him to the broken pipe. He put his finger over the hole, and water spurted all over his face. He barked an order to the other monkeys and began digging in the ground and making mud to show them what he wanted done.

At once they all went to work. They brought balls of mud to the old king, and he tried his best to seal the break in the pipe with it. The pressure was too great. He, as well as most other monkeys, was wet to the skin.

At last the manager of the zoo came. He put the monkeys in another cage while a plumber took care of the broken pipe.

"Well," said the plumber, "I do believe that, if old Jocko had had my tools, he could have done the job himself. Anyway, the old fellow did the best he could with what he had. He is indeed, a smart monkey."

And to this Ted and Betty quite agreed. Jocko was a clever monkey.

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● WESTSIDE CHURCH, Manila, was organized on October 20. Charles Caery is pastor of the new church which has been a mission of First Church, Manila, since December 24, 1954. First Church erected the building and organized the mission while Guy Magee was pastor. Richard Vestal is present pastor of First Church. Sixty letters were granted to the new organization. They have a Sunday school enrollment of 99.

● CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION meeting at First Church, Stuttgart, elected Graham Fowler, pastor of First Church, Almyra, moderator; Norman Lerch, First Church, DeWitt, vice moderator; Ermon Webb, First Church, Stuttgart, clerk; and P. C. Greer, Stuttgart, treasurer. There are eleven churches in the association, all having full-time services and nine have the ARKANSAS BAPTIST in their budgets.

A Smile or Two

NOTE TO husbands:

SCIENTISTS HAVE discovered how the husband can always have the last word in any discussion with the wife. It is based on the right choice of word. "Okay!"

TEACHER: "What is your greatest ambition?"

JUNIOR: "To wash Mommy's ears."

TRYING TO keep a good man down is about as hard as trying to keep a good-for-nothing one up.

POLICEMAN: What were you running up the street for?

MAN: I was running to stop a fight.

POLICEMAN: Who was fighting?

MAN: Me'n another fellow.

TEACHER: "Which is farther away, England or the moon?"

JOHNNY: "England."

TEACHER: "England? What makes you think so?"

JOHNNY: "Cause we can see the moon, and can't see England."

TWO MEN were flying east in a passenger plane, making the first air trips of their lives. The plane touched down in St. Louis, and a little red truck sped out to its side to refuel it. The plane landed at Cleveland, and again a little red truck dashed up to it. The third stop was at Albany, and the same thing happened.

The first of the two men looked at his watch and turned to his companion. "This plane makes wonderful time."

"Yep," said the other, "and that little red truck ain't doin' bad either."

—Brooks Hays

GRADE ONE was having a lesson on birds. After some discussion the fact was established that birds eat fruit. One little girl, however, was unconvinced.

"But teacher," she asked, raising her hand, "how can the birds open the cans?"

THE SENATOR was back home looking after his political fences and was asking the minister about some of his old acquaintances.

"How is old Mr. Jones? Will I be likely to see him today?"

"You'll never see Mr. Jones again," replied the minister. "He has gone to heaven."

Trick-or-Treat

EACH WEEK we mail out to our county and district missionaries bundles of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST to be distributed the way they see best on their fields. One of them, it is reliably reported, used his paper bundle for Hallowe'en week-end to give to trick-or-treat youngsters to take to their parents.

However it comes about, we are always grateful to learn that our paper is getting out to the people!—The Editors

The Resurrection And Our Faith

By FRITZ GOODBAR

November 17, 1957

I CORINTHIANS 15:3-8 and 42-52.

MEN HAVE argued the teachings of the Scriptures through the years. During the ministry of Jesus on earth He



was called upon more than once to state His belief about the sacred writings. The doctrine of the resurrection of the dead was one. The sect of the Sadducees generally did not believe in the resurrection and to prove their point they presented a hypothetical question to Jesus based upon human reasoning. Jesus replied to them: "Do you not err, because ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God?" (Mark 12: 24)

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

There are many in this day who doubt or disbelieve the teaching of the resurrection of the dead and they likewise do so because they do not believe the Scriptures and know not the power of God. Jesus not only believed it, but based his claim of being the Son of God upon the fact that he would rise from the dead. We are therefore justified in saying that Christianity must stand or fall upon the fact of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Paul recognized this and begins this great portion of his letter to the Corinthian church by declaring that he was repeating the gospel which he had preached; the gospel that he had divinely received and based upon three things. First; That Christ died for our sins; second, He was buried; and third, He arose again the third day.

Later in his letter he says: "If the dead rise not, then is Christ not raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they that have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. BUT NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BECOME THE FIRST-FRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEPT" (I Cor. 15:16-20).

No one seemed to doubt that Jesus had died. His crucifixion was a matter of public record. Neither did they deny that He had been buried, but the fact of His resurrection needed to be verified. Paul recognized that infallible proof was needed and he mentions six instances when Jesus was seen alive after coming forth from the grave.

Those who saw Him were Cephas (Peter), the twelve; above 500 at once; James; all of the Apostles and then by himself. He tells this church that many besides himself were still living, if they doubted his veracity.

Paul did not here state other proofs of the bodily resurrection of Jesus which we have today: proofs from other portions of the Bible but also undeniable evidence which makes the resurrection of Jesus "The best attested fact of human history." Some of this evidence has been pointed out as the empty grave; the marvelous change in the disciples after they had seen Him, had eaten with Him, conversed with Him and had received His parting commands and had then seen Him ascend into heaven; a new Sabbath (the Lord's Day); a new Book (The New Testament); a new ordinance (baptism) with a new significance; a new institution (the church) with its steady, triumphant march through the centuries. These proofs we enjoy as well as the reality of the risen Lord in our lives and which we see manifested in the lives of our Christian friends.

The Apostle knew that questions would arise about our bodies that are placed in the earth upon our death, for he knew that observation had proven that dead bodies ultimately return to dust. Anticipating this he answers by calling attention to the remarkable transformation that takes place in a grain of wheat that is planted in the ground. The planted seed seems to die but in doing so it brings forth a new body; a body very similar to the original but an altogether different one and he then goes on to point out that the risen body shall be different from the body buried in at least five different and important ways. He says our bodies are sown in corruption but raised in incorruption; they are sown in dishonor, but shall be raised in glory; they are sown in weakness and raised in power; they are sown a natural body and rais-

ed a spiritual body; they are sown an earthly body and raised a heavenly body.

He continues by telling us that though we may be living at Christ's return it will still be necessary for our bodies to go through this change, for he declares that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God and corruption cannot inherit incorruption. He then states that even in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, our living bodies will be changed and the final triumph of the Christian achieved. Thus by the resurrection of Jesus was His claim to be the Son of God proven and He has promised that when the trump shall sound the stones before the graves of every sleeping child of God shall be rolled away and then the spirits of just men made perfect shall be reunited with the risen and changed bodies which were earth's tabernacle of flesh. By all of this truly the sting has been removed from death and victory has been snatched away from the grave. All of this has been made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ who won the victory for us and has become the first-fruits of them that sleep.

He concludes this triumphant shout by saying: "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

In the process of the thing we call death, Christians leave behind a corruptible and sinful body in order to be with the Lord and on the morning of the resurrection our immortal spirits shall be reunited with an incorruptible, sinless body and thus shall we ever be with the Lord.

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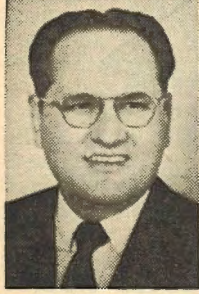
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Forward Program Campaign Reports

MANY OF OUR Baptist Churches in Arkansas are using the Forward Program of Church Finance for their Fall Stewardship Campaign.



DR. DOUGLAS Because this is a new approach to our Stewardship Emphasis and also because the results have been phenomenal, in many places, we are trying to get a complete report from all of the churches that are using the plan this year.

In order to make the reporting a little easier for the churches, we are asking that you please, pretty please, if you please, fill out the report blanks that you will receive from the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Services about November 15 and mail them to our office: The Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.

In order to understand exactly what we are asking you to do, we quote from a letter that we received from Dr. Merrill D. Moore, secretary of promotion of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"On about November 15, we will mail out to our customers who have purchased materials from SBC Stewardship Services for the Forward Program of Church Finance a set of three report blanks for their use in reporting their campaigns. We will ask that they fill out the three copies, keep one for their church files, and mail two copies to your office. We ask that your office send to us one of these copies.

"This report will be of great helpfulness to your office and ours in our effort to make the Forward Program serve the largest number of churches in the best possible way in the years to come.

"We are making this report blank rather full so as to meet the needs in every state. We hope that only this one report will need to be called for from each church, to save them confusion.

"We plan to punch the information on IBM cards. With the co-operation of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board, we will undertake to make thorough analyses of these reports and give the results to you."

We realize that our church leaders have many requests and perhaps some

of them seem trite and others, no doubt, appear useless; but, we are doing our best to promote a program that can help Southern Baptists solve one of our greatest problems: the enlistment of all of our people in all phases of kingdom work. So, if every pastor or church clerk, where the Forward Program of Church Finance is used, this year, will fill out the report blanks and mail to our office, we shall be grateful.

Absentee Church Membership

THE BAPTIST work in Arkansas is strong. Much of that strength lies in the fact that Arkansas Baptists have stayed close to the soil; therefore, our constituency has always been predominantly rural. That picture is rapidly changing. Our people are moving to the towns and cities. Since 1950, our state has lost 149,000 people or 7.8 per cent of the total population. More and more houses are being vacated in every area of our state. You can see these vacant houses on the hillsides, on the mountaintops, in the valleys, in the delta, and down the lanes. More and more new houses are being built in the "county seat towns" and in the cities. These changes have brought challenges as well as added responsibility to the city churches. Many of these town and city churches have found themselves without enough space for a Sunday School and other church activities.

When these Baptists leave their home churches, on their way to the far-away urban countries, it is the responsibility of the home churches to keep in contact with the absentee members and help them find new church homes as soon as possible. This type of ministry has been neglected in the past; therefore, non-resident church membership, in many instances, make up a large portion of the church membership reported. This should never happen. We are sure that some of the city and town churches have not gone after these transplanted Baptists with the right motives, and share in the failure to enlist them. But, the problem of non-resident church membership will continue to grow unless more of our church people, all up and down the line, from the rural church to the city church, become more concerned.

The time should never come when a church is more concerned about people helping in a church program than they are promoting a church program to help the people. We must not forget that the church is to be the hearth of

faith for the believer, the center of devotion to the worshiper, the inspiration of the servant of Christ, the home of those Christians who are banded together by the love of God, and the altar for all these who need to confess their sins to God. When a church member becomes a non-resident member, he is lost to his church and ultimately is lost to kingdom service.

Let us, therefore, highly resolve that during the year ahead, we will do our best, or at least our part, in helping the church members who move from our ranks find a new church home as soon as possible. On the other hand, let us do our best, or at least our part, in helping to find every transplanted Baptist in every city and town, and encourage them to join a church where they can worship God and render kingdom service.

To do that, we must pledge, anew, our allegiance to the King of Kings, and above all things else, love Jesus Christ and the Church which he purchased with his own blood.

Treasurer's Report

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS gave \$124,904.60 through the Cooperative Program during the month of October. This was enough money to satisfy all of the needs of the Cooperative Program Budget for the month. During the two months that your Associate Executive Secretary has been Acting Treasurer, \$251,030.20 has been received in the Executive Board Offices. This represents an average of \$1,401.56 for the period.

We would remind you, however, that we are short \$92,503.06 for the ten-month period. This means that we have only received \$79,580.27 of the Capital Needs portion of the budget, or 46 per cent of the Capital Needs Funds.

Somehow, we cannot believe that Arkansas Baptists, who have been blessed of God, can afford to let this year of 1957 close without giving enough money to satisfy the needs of the Cooperative Program Budget, because the needs, represented in this budget, are world wide. Let us urge every church if you are behind on your Cooperative Program gifts for the year, do your best to catch up. There are a few churches, and I mean a few, who have not given anything through the Cooperative Program this year. Let us urge those few churches to not let this year pass without registering something for Christ, in a World Program.—Ralph Douglas

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