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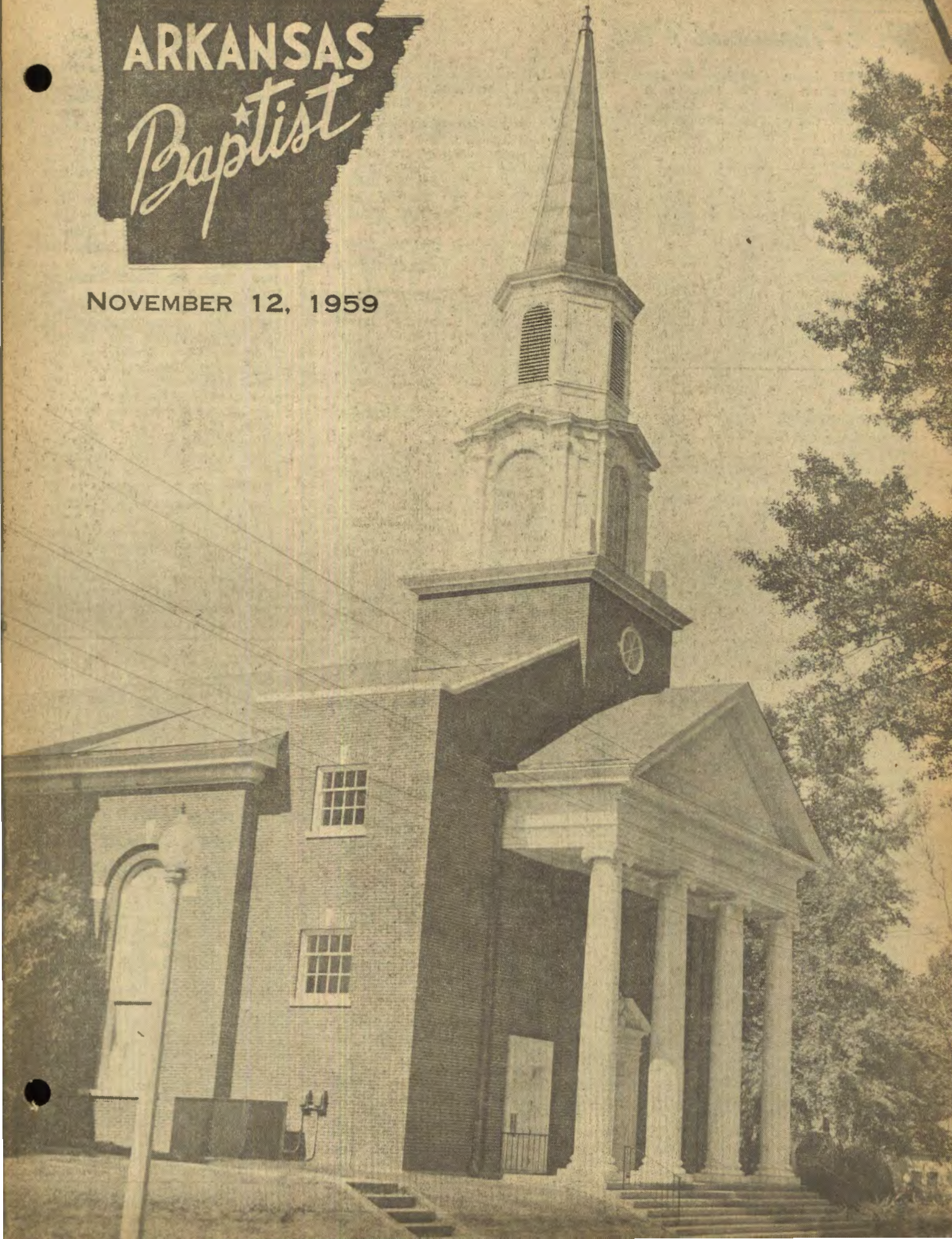
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ARKANSAS

*Baptist*

NOVEMBER 12, 1959



## 'Five Thousand Plus'

AN EVEN dozen churches in the State Convention gave over \$5,000 each to world missions through the Cooperative Program during the third quarter (July, August, September) of this year. These twelve churches are listed in the order of their contributions:

El Dorado, First	\$13,172.72
Ft. Smith, First	12,292.41
Immanuel, Little Rock	11,917.06
Little Rock, First	7,695.02
Baring Cross, North Little Rock	7,542.02
Pulaski Heights, Little Rock	7,237.94
Blytheville, First	6,625.89
Pine Bluff, First	6,474.24
Park Hill, North Little Rock	6,417.80

### The Cover

#### 'Deepening Devotions'

AN IMPOSING part of the Monticello landscape is this new sanctuary of 1st Church, dedicated this fall, a little less than a year after the official groundbreaking services Sept. 27, 1958.

Said Dr. Thomas J. Welch, at the dedication:

"With the dedication of this spacious temple for the worship of God and the preaching of His Word, our church has reached 'higher ground' in her ascending journey toward reaching God's perfect will.

"From this vantage point, we will be able to glimpse larger areas of service for Christ, will breathe the invigorating air from the hills of God's strength, and will formulate new dreams for the tomorrows of our church.

"Freed from the limitations of inadequate space, the next decade should bring us into everlasting service and ever-deepening devotions."



Second, Little Rock	6,074.15
Beech Street, Texarkana	5,803.75
Camden, First	5,691.69

These twelve churches have a total membership of 29,088, or 9.89 per cent of the total membership of the State Convention. The churches gave \$96,-944.69 or 24.59 per cent of the total amount contributed through the Cooperative Program in Arkansas during the quarter.

We recognize the fact that the most of these churches are in the high income areas of our state, but it is significant that nine out of twelve churches have used the Forward Program in its entirety. Two others have used a modified plan of the Forward Program of Church Finance. Eight churches in this group have used the Forward Program of Church Finance twice.

If space permitted, we could show that the per capita Cooperative Program gifts are high in these churches and the percentage of total receipts are also in the top bracket in our state.

It pays in dollars and cents to use the Forward Program of Church Finance, but more than that, it brings a spiritual depth to giving as it shows the people God's plan for rearing His children. The scripture, "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it," applies to any church that will put forth a genuine effort to get the people to become good stewards with their money and their lives.

It pays, and pays, and pays to use the Forward Program of Church Finance. Try it!—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary. ■

PINEY CHURCH, Central Association, in a recent revival had Jesse S. Reed as evangelist and Mark Short, Sr. as song leader. There were nine professions of faith and 12 by letter. Oscar Golden is the pastor.

MT. ZION Association has a new male choir which was organized recently at 1st Church, Jonesboro. (CB)

L. S. PINNELL has resigned as pastor of Altus Church to go into business in Clarksville. (DP)

REV. AND Mrs. Gilbert A. Nichols, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Paraguay who have been in the States for a brief visit after a year of language study in Costa Rica, have sailed for their permanent field of service. Their address is Casilla 1194, Asuncion, Paraguay. Both are natives of Arkansas, he of Mountain View and she, the former Mabel Dean Marshall, of Cabot.

## Pastors Urged To Talk with Rucker

DR. T. K. RUCKER is now established in the work of enlisting the pastors and churches in the retirement plans of our denomination. This is a much needed service. Dr. Rucker is eminently qualified to serve in this capacity. Since he comes directly from the pastorate to this responsibility, he will naturally have the pastor's point of view. All of our pastors have in this man a genuine friend.

Since there are few more than one-third of our pastors and less than one-half of our churches participating it is easy to see that a major task lies out before us.

We would especially like to appeal to our younger pastors to give us an opportunity to discuss with you and your church the service rendered at this point by our Relief and Annuity Board. It provides a measure of economic security for the pastor and his family, and a strong assurance for the church. The retirement plans provide a number of specific appeals for our young men. For the sake of everyone involved our pastors and churches should seek for a full understanding of the plan.

Dr. Rucker will be available to all of our pastors and churches to explain fully the retirement plans. I would suggest that you write him soon so that an early engagement might be made. His time and talents are dedicated to this important ministry. You may address him at the Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

### Ministers Wives Site Changed

THE MEETING place of the Ministers Wives Conference Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. has been changed from Immanuel Church, Little Rock, to Gaines St. Church, Little Rock.

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# Church Discipline; Lost, But Recoverable

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ONE OF the most neglected and unpopular themes of our era is church discipline. To consider it one needs no crusading complex, but to do anything about it calls for a yearning to be a "prophet" rather than a "priest."

The contemporary age is characterized by a lack of discipline. This begins with the individual and the paucity of true self-discipline. Most people like to be entertained, to be helped, to be passively taught, to be served. Only a few are willing to discipline themselves in work, in study, in unselfish service to others. Many are caught up in the grandiose delusion of "something for nothing." The same absence of discipline is manifested in today's homes in America.

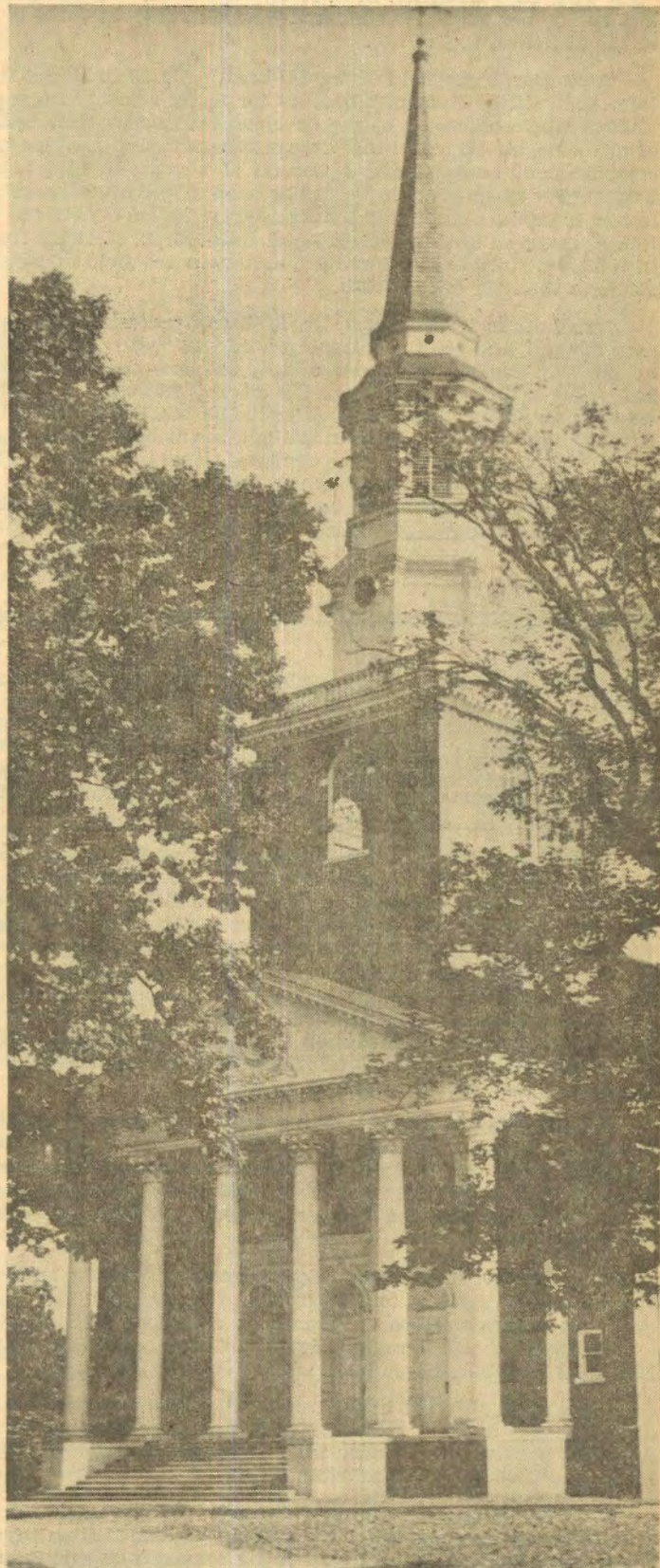
Parents are often not willing to provide either the positive nurture for children which grows out of spiritually and emotionally mature family life or the negative correction which curbs disobedience and those attitudes which issue in juvenile delinquency. Young people, reared in and conditioned by domestic life without discipline, expect the school, society, and the state to provide a similar *laissez faire* environment. Thus the school must necessarily inherit the problems of discipline unsolved by the home and is supposed to attempt the discipline which inheres in education itself. The civil order is burdened with the problem of discipline, not only in its prosecution and punishment of those who commit crimes but also in the failure of so many of its citizenry to submit to the discipline of public service. The lack of discipline in international relations is clearly indicated by the hot wars of aggression and the "cold war" of "peaceful coexistence."

Unfortunately, the churches for the most part are no exception to this contemporary trend toward the breakdown of all discipline. Church discipline, which was of so great concern to our forebears in the gathered church tradition of Protestant Christianity, and this includes Baptists, no longer affects the lives or even is registered on the lips of their spiritual descendants. To paraphrase MacArthur, church discipline has never officially died; it has just faded away!

## Is It Biblical?

Is church discipline biblical? Without raising the question of internal discipline in the community of Israel, one may turn to the New Testament where an affirmative answer awaits the inquirer. Some discipline within the Christian congregations was wrought by direct and divine agency, as in the instance of the sudden deaths of Ananias and Sapphira, who "lied to the Holy Spirit" by retaining part of the proceeds from the sale of a certain piece of property while pretending to give all to the Christian community (Acts 5:1-11).

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Dr. A. C. Kolb

**I**N THE DEATH of Dr. A. C. Kolb, beloved Little Rock physician, the South has lost one of her finest citizens, and Southern Baptists, one of their best exponents of the Christian way of life.

A pioneer in the field of mental health, Dr. Kolb blazed trails and laid foundations that will be blessing humanity for many years to come. Not only did he give himself whole-heartedly to the development of new techniques in his chosen field of medicine, but he led in the preparation and passage of legislation essential to the establishment and efficient operation of a great mental health program for Arkansas. For many years he served as head of the State Hospital at Little Rock, following which he was chief of the Neuro-Psychiatric Unit of the Veterans Administration Hospital on East Roosevelt Road, Little Rock. Retiring from the latter position, in 1958, Dr. Kolb entered private practice in the field of psychiatry and continued active to the hour of his death.

In all of his relationships, Dr. Kolb was preeminently the Christian. He was a man of great and abiding faith, one who was "ready always to give reason" for the hope within him. He was a man of deep, religious convictions, one to be found always at his post of duty in his church. His interest and support reached out from the local church into all the world. He was, as his pastor, Dr. W. Harold Hicks, of the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, said in the address at his funeral, one who "left no one to doubt where he stood on the great moral issues of the day." He stood for the truth in love. His heart was big enough to include within the circle of his compassionate concern every one within the bounds of his wide acquaintanceship. Many were his deeds of healing and benevolence. ■

*Arkansas Baptists in Annual Session*

**S**OON AFTER this paper is printed and distributed, Baptists of most of the more than 1,100 churches affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will convene at First Church, Little Rock, for the convention's 106th annual meeting. First Church, scene of last year's sessions, is relieving Immanuel Church of the host responsibilities due to the current remodeling in progress at Immanuel. And this year none of the sessions will be held at Robinson Auditorium, all being conducted at First Church.

From the opening of the first session Tuesday morning at 9:30 to the closing service Thursday noon, the calendar will be full of information, inspiration, business and worship. Bible messages by Dr. Wayne E. Ward, Arkansas native now on the faculty of Southern Seminary, will open the Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning sessions. Following the enrollment of messengers, at the Tuesday morning session, Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Executive Board of the Convention, will introduce new pastors and ministers of music and education who have accepted work in the state during the past year. Convention President T. K. Rucker will give his address and Pastor Don Hook of First Church, Malvern, will preach the annual sermon, both of these being events of the opening session.

The Tuesday afternoon meeting will feature reports on civic morality, the children's home, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, the extension work of the seminaries, and the seminaries. Tuesday night Dr. Frank Lauback, the noted linguist who has taught more people to read and write than anyone else who has ever lived, will be the featured speaker. Reports will be heard on Southern College and Ouachita College.

An item of interest Wednesday morning will be the annual election of officers. Reports will be received on stewardship, from the Executive Board, and on the Co-operative Program. Reports Wednesday afternoon will include the Relief and Annuity Board, the Radio and Television Commission, Arkansas Baptist and Baptist Memorial hospitals, Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

Something different in the presentation of the state work of Baptists will come on Wednesday night, in an audio-visual feature embracing all departments and the Arkansas Baptist. This session will close with an address by Dr. Paul Stevens, of the Radio and Television Commission.

Closing session Thursday morning will include resolutions, memorials, introduction of new officers, report of the nominating committee, an address by Herman L. King, of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a sermon by Rev. John Edmund Haggai, full-time evangelist.

Every Baptist should pray that the convention may have the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and all who can should make their plans to attend the convention sessions. ■

Who Deceives Whom?

**W**HAT WAS it Lincoln said about fooling the people? "You may fool some of the people all of the time, you may fool all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." The terrible plunge television has taken with the exposure of its rigging of the popular quiz programs reminds us of the lament of Juliet (*Romeo and Juliet*, Act III, Sc. 2. 1. 84): "Oh that deceit should dwell in such a gorgeous palace!"



ELM

These words from Scott's *Marmion* seem written for our times:

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave,  
When first we practise to deceive."

Alexander Pope said ("Thoughts on Various Subjects"):

"He who tells a lie is not sensible how great a task he undertakes; for he must be forced to invent twenty more to maintain that one."

That the practiced deception of the public by certain television programs is to be deplored no one would deny, but even this terrible cloud has some silver lining. Now we can go back to having more respect for ourselves since we know nobody is really as smart as some of them appeared to be on the quiz programs!

Another good thing that will come, no doubt, from the blare of light on TV's duplicity will be an even less likelihood than before for TV viewers to "swallow" everything that is dished out to them, particularly in the "commercials."

Drew Pearson pointed out in his column of Oct. 8 that a lot of products are proved "superior" on TV by the same sort of deception that caused certain contestants to appear to stand as mental giants above the common herd.

That car, for example, which is supposed to have such smooth performance that you can drive across country with a glass of water riding on the front panel and never spill a drop. Well, says Mr. Pearson, photographers have revealed that this is all a fake. The car never moves, they report, but is photographed dead still against a moving background!

And what of the margarine that has such a glisten when compared with butter? Well, it ought to glisten, for, we are told, before it is photographed it is sprayed with glistering drops which the butter is not!

If you do not believe "The way of the transgressor is hard," consider the plight of the quiz winners who have plummeted over night from the place of national heroes to national heels.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

New Baptist Words

**D**ID YOU ever watch a girl newly engaged and wearing a diamond engagement ring? It is an illustration of the solar system—everything revolves in orbit around one center, and in the girl's case the center is that ring. Every movement she makes is relative to it. She cannot walk into a room without following the ring in.

But she is no different from the rest of us. She is simply putting out to the front what is for the moment most important to her. We all do this. If I get a new car, I park it where everybody can see it. For the moment, it is the most important thing. Watch proud parents with a new baby if you want to see this principle clearly illustrated.

Now let us ask, what is the most important thing in most Baptist churches? As far as I can see, it must be the boards which show the attendance and contribution record of the church Sunday by Sunday! These are placed, in my church, in the most conspicuous place possible. If in a Roman church I see the statue of the Virgin given a central place, I conclude that that is most important in that church. How can I avoid coming to a similar conclusion concerning the count in a Baptist church? Remember the engagement ring. We put that which is important front and center.

**B**UT IT IS not just in appearance that counting is made central. I go to a pastor's fellowship breakfast and discover that the central item of business is reporting the count. Indeed, I find that two new words have been added to the language. The first is "jave" which is pronounced to rhyme with "have." It is used in sentences such as "How many jave for baptism yesterday?" and "How many jave at the associational worker's conference last night?" The other word I have learned is "jarun," in sentences such as "How many jarun in Training Union?" or "How many jarun in Sunday School?"

No one ever asks; "Did you grow in grace yesterday?" No one ever asks, "Do the people care more about Jesus Christ?" We seem to go on the confident assumption that if the numbers increase, all is well; if they do not, all is wrong. Enlargement is made a synonym for improvement; the quantitative is the measure of our work for Lord, and no pious profession to the contrary ever sounds quite persuasive. We really believe that the man who says "The revival brought a better spirit to our people" is ashamed because the count was not larger, and is trying to cover up.

"Well, I See You Got The Rascal"



MAULDIN

**I**SN'T THERE something basically wrong about such a center for our thought? I learned in grammar school that one thousand times peanuts is still peanuts. It seems to me that a hundred times mediocrity is still mediocrity, and that the preacher who is tickling the ears of his flock is still only an ear-tickler, even if he tickles a thousand pairs of ears every Sunday. Someone will say, "That is just the Baptist way, though, and you can't change Baptists." I answer, first, that it is not exclusively the Baptist way. Other denominations have their count boards front and center also. Some other denominations are just as guilty as we. It is not a Baptist characteristic, I believe, but an American. We Americans have come to believe that the big one is the good one, and that you can count your way to glory.

**T**HIS COUNTING is not evangelistic zeal; some of those who do the most counting are least concerned with preaching the gospel. Indeed, too much gospel preaching is not the best way to bigness—the gospel has been known to repel men as well as to attract them. Very few are more evangelistic than the Apostle Paul, and it is impressive to note that he actually couldn't remember, even while he was writing Holy Scripture, just how many converts he had baptized in Corinth.

I further answer that you can change Baptists, or rather that we can change ourselves. Baptists are by definition people who can be changed and have been changed—converted, we call it. I believe that we can face our obses-

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# Arkansas All Over

## Hughes Girl Queen For OBC Homecoming

HING FONG of Hughes was crowned 1959 Queen of Homecoming by President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., Saturday night, Oct. 31, as a climax to homecoming festivities at Ouachita College.

After the pre-game crowning, the Ouachita Tigers defeated the College of the Ozarks, 13-0, in the homecoming game on A. U. Williams Field.

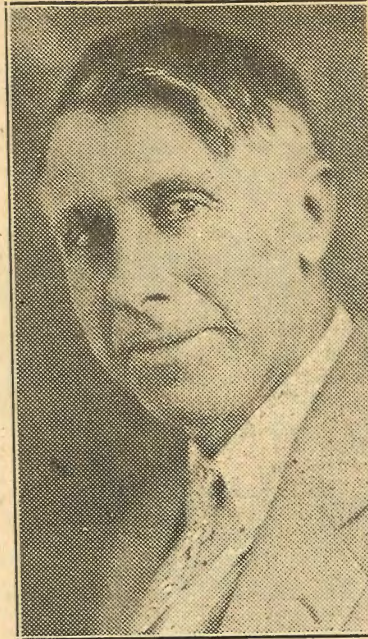
Miss Fong was a sophomore class queen candidate and rode a red and black parade float with an Oriental theme. First runner-up was Verna Westerman, a sophomore from Weiner, while second runner-up was Phyllis Rankin, a junior from Eudora.

Rebecca Morgan, a freshman from Fordyce, was third runner-up. Tying for fourth place were Sondra Wallis, a sophomore from Clinton, Mo., and Gail Harrison, a sophomore from Muskogee, Okla.

The WCF women's social club float was judged the best float in the parade, while the Arkadelphia High School band, directed by Bill Clark, received a trophy as best band in the parade. First prize for the best dormitory decoration went to John Hall for women. ■

CENTRAL AVENUE, Bentonville, reports three baptisms and three rededications at the recent revival led by Pastor Loren V. Henson, assisted by Jack Lawson. Many made decisions to begin family altars.

FIRST CHURCH, Cotton Plant, had the services of Dr. C. Gordon Bayless, Central Church, North Little Rock, in a revival Oct. 26-Nov. 1. There were 14 by baptism and 1 by letter. Irving M. Prince is pastor.



T. J. D. KING

JOSEPH A. HOGAN, pastor of 1st Church, Marshall, for more than four years, resigned Nov. 1 to accept the pastorate of Pine Grove Church, Sweet Home. He has served his association as moderator and other offices while in Marshall and had served on the executive board of the State Convention about three years. Mrs. Hogan has served as Associational W.M.U. President for several years, on the executive board of the W.M.U. and served as district president. There have been 53 baptized into the church under his leadership and total gifts to missions amounted to \$9,018.00. His work with the Sweet Home church will begin Nov. 15.

## T. J. D. King, Retired Minister, Dies at 86

BATESVILLE—Rev. T. J. D. King, 86, a retired Batesville Baptist minister, died Nov. 3 in a Little Rock hospital. He had retired as pastor of the West Baptist Church here after 37 years in the ministry.

Mr. King was born in Timbo, near Mountain View, the son of the late Rev. Jacob King and Harriet Fisher King. He had estimated that he had performed over 1,000 marriages.

Survivors include five sons, Roscoe and Milan King of Batesville, Rev. Byron King of Tuckerman, Kenneth King of Searcy and J. D. King of Lawrence, Kan.; a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Edwards of Union City, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Viola Webb and Mrs. Laura Lancaster of Mountain View; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the West Baptist Church by Rev. Leslie Riherd, Rev. J. I. Cossey and Rev. R. A. Bone. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery. ■

MIKE CAROZZA, public relations director at Ouachita, was the guest preacher Nov. 1 at 1st Church, Boonsville. The pastor, Norman E. Lerch was engaged in a revival in New Iberia, La. (CB)

CURTIS MATHIS, pastor Central Church, Jonesboro, sprained his ankle Oct. 29, and was unable to preach Sunday, Nov. 1. S. C. Swinney supplied both services.

DR. T. K. RUCKER, president of the Arkansas State Convention, will be the speaker for the Loyalty Dinner of 1st Church, Paris. Tommy Hinson is pastor.

VERNON CAVENDER has accepted the call of Webb City Church, Clear Creek Association. Mr. Cavender, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, has recently been pastor of 1st Church, Wanette, Okla.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS DAY—First Church, Morrilton, held its first annual Sunday School awards dinner Oct. 21. Among those honored were, left to right, Roy Cutsinger, Sunday School superintendent for more than 20 years; Mrs. C. N. Crow, named the "outstanding teacher" for 1959 and a veteran of almost 50 years service in the school; Albert Harris, a deacon who has taught intermediate boys for nearly 35 years, and Dr. Amos M. Bennett, pastor.

## Attendance Report

(November 1, 1959)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Camden, Cullendale, 1st	487	269	3
Crossett, 1st	605	250	2
El Dorado, 1st	903	320	1
El Dorado, Immanuel Mission	695	360	4
Ft. Smith, Calvary	341	143	2
Ft. Smith, Trinity	336	172	
Hot Springs, Park Place	448	180	4
Huntsville, 1st	122	36	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	388	130	2
Magnolia, Central	750	354	
McGehee, 1st	415	200	
Mission	51	42	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	847	293	2
Pine Bluff, South Side	644	255	
Springdale, 1st	471	178	4
West Memphis, Calvary	301	159	3



THE OUACHITA College choir will make two appearances in Little Rock Nov. 17. The choir will appear on Little Rock Today over KARK-TV during the noon hour and will sing at 7:30 p.m. that night at the Arkansas State Convention in the First Baptist Church.

## Texarkana Editor Gets Baptist Press Award

DALLAS — (BP) — J. Q. Mahaffey, Texarkana newsman, received the 1959 Press Award sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas at the denomination's annual convention in Corpus Christi Nov. 2-5.

Editor-in-chief of the Texarkana morning Gazette and the evening Daily News for the past 14 years, Mahaffey was selected for the annual award by the nine-member public relations advisory committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The 51-year-old newspaperman received an engraved gold wrist watch and a commendatory plaque.

The BGCT makes the award each year on behalf of 3,850 churches and more than 1½ million members for outstanding contributions to Christianity through religious news reporting.

Mahaffey says the churches seldom use all of the space he allots to them. He makes a full eight columns of news space available to them each Saturday morning.

In addition, he makes talks, advising churches how to best utilize newspapers in promoting Christianity.

Shortly after he became editor in 1945, the responsibility became so great he nearly suffered a nervous breakdown.

"There must be someone I can turn

to for help," he thought. He tried God and the Bible.

Today he is a deacon of Texarkana's 1st Church where he teaches a Sunday School class.

The veteran newsman is a graduate of Furman University.

## 'An Open Door' Challenges Church

AN ATTRACTIVE booklet, with the cover title reading "Behold, I have set before thee An Open Door," has been prepared by O. L. Bayless, pastor of 2nd Church, Hot Springs, "to inspire and challenge" the membership in evangelism, stewardship and activities.

Dr. Bayless, who has led the church in greatly extended ministry, said in the publication: "My own heart quickens in breathless anticipation as we join hands and hearts and purses in making possible the program for 1959-1960. I appeal to you to seek Divine leadership through earnest prayer, and to be ready to do your part in the inspired light of God's will."

In the past 13 years, the booklet points out, 2nd Church has had a membership growth of 161 per cent; Sun-School enrollment growth of 85 per cent and Training Union enrollment growth of 92 per cent.

In the next five years, Hot Springs is expected to grow 10 per cent and 2nd Church expects its membership to grow to 3,000, with Sunday School en-

rollment to climb to 2,300 and Training Union to 800.

Second Church's five-year program of advance includes building plans to provide for 2,400 men, women and children.

Since 1946 the church has baptized 1,320 persons, an average of 102.

Also contained in the publication is a 12-month calendar of activities for the entire church program. ■



DR. BAYLESS





Round-Up of

## World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

### French Laymen Replace Worker-Priests

PARIS (EP)—Since the Vatican has ordered an end to the worker-priest experiment in France, the French Roman Catholic hierarchy has voted to replace them in factories and on the docks with laymen trained as priests but not ordained.

### Group Urges Celibacy Ban for Priests

ROME (EP)—A group of abolitionists in Rome is advocating the lifting of celibacy requirements for Roman Catholic priests on the ground that it is impossible for a man to be totally continent. Its main arguments in favor of permitting priests to marry were: (1) All men need, if not a physical, at least a spiritual "completion" in women, (2) Marriage would help eliminate the occasional offenses against chastity which some members of the clergy, as unmarried men, have committed, (3) Doing away with the celibacy requirement would make it easier to attract more men to the priesthood in areas where vocations are now disturbingly scarce. In reply to these resolutions, *Civiltà Cattolica*, influential Jesuit fortnightly in Rome, said: "Such people have obviously slipped into a naturalistic position which takes no account of grace, principal protector of celibacy."

### Christians, Moslems, Jews Cooperate

JERUSALEM (EP) — Around the cornerstone laying of a new synagogue in Jerusalem stood representatives of Christianity, Islam and Judaism recently, all joining in the ceremony performed by Israeli Minister of Religious Affairs Rabbi Jacob Toledano. Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Isidoros of Nazareth expressed the hope that the new synagogue would serve to symbolize intercreedal brotherhood in Israel.

### Survey Shows Literacy Up in India

NEW DELHI, India (EP)—In a limited survey designed to prepare for its 1961 census, the Indian government discovered from a questionnaire that literacy has gone up to 40.7 per cent from 16.6 per cent in 1951. The survey showed that education among women had progressed at a much faster pace than among men. It showed an almost four-fold increase in female literacy, from 7.9 per cent in 1951 to 28.8 per cent while male literacy rose from 24.9 per cent to 51.7 per cent.

### Church Construction Totals Up Again

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—During the month of September, church construction totaled \$86 million.

According to the Departments of Commerce and Labor, this was a new record for September, topping figures for the same month last year by \$6 million. It was, however, \$3 million less than August when the all-time high for a single month was established.

So far this year, church construction has totaled \$687 million, which is a 10 per cent increase over the first nine months of last year.

# Baptist Crosscurrents

## An Editor's Most Undesirable Task

"I WOULDN'T have your job under any circumstances," declared a former editor of a Baptist state paper. "Being an editor of a Baptist state paper anywhere is the hardest job on earth and more especially in California."

Can't say that I agree with the brother. The pleasantries far exceed any of the unhappy incidents which have been encountered during the past 15 years. There are, however, a few unpleasant tasks which one must perform. Among them, the most difficult, undesirable task, one from which any self-respecting editor would like to have an escape, is that of reporting the action of a Baptist church when a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ has been unfaithful to the trust committed to him and has fallen into the stream of temptation where he has been washed asunder by the roaring torrents of immorality.

To talk about such a tragedy, even in the closest confidence with a trusted friend, is a conversation to be spurned and discouraged rather than enjoyed. It is much worse when one has to put such tragic and unwelcomed news upon the pages of a Baptist state paper.

In most cases the man involved has been saved by the grace of God and he has been called to the ministry. Somewhere in a Baptist church he has convinced a council of ministers and deacons and a church itself of his fitness for the gospel ministry. In most cases multitudes have accepted Christ under his ministry, but alas, the curtain falls and he is judged no longer fit for service.

In California's high Sierras one finds giant Redwoods and Sequoias broken in two or there pieces and lying dead and prostrate on the ground. They once stood like huge sentries, defying the wind, until one day they lost their footing and came tumbling down, never to rise again. In falling down they crushed to death many a smaller tree which stood beneath their branches.

It is a tragedy, yes, an indescribable tragedy, when a man of God falls. So grave is the tragedy that it behooves preachers to pray for each other and it behooves lay members to pray for their ministers that they may be able to withstand the temptations which come to them as well as to other men.

—Editor Floyd Looney, *The California Southern Baptist*

## Motivations for Personal Soul Winning

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT there are three basic motivations for this job of evangelism. One is the awareness of the needs of lost people, Jesus never forgot human need. He kept it in view and He did something about it every day. In this respect we must follow His example.

The second motivation is our own experience of the love of God. God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. The love of God moves us to share the Gospel with others.

The third motivation is the inner compulsion of obedience to Christ. Jesus has commanded us to witness. He said "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The Lordship of Christ commands us to be fully missionary and fully evangelistic.—J. R. White, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

## A Good Example

WE WERE grateful when we heard the news that President Eisenhower had invited Russian Premier Khrushchev to attend church with him. Also we were grateful that the President, although engaged in conferences which may so vitally affect the peace of the world, took time on the Lord's Day for his own worship and meditation.

For two reasons we were grateful. The President has given us a great example. He invited his company to church, but when the guest declined he went on. We wonder how many Baptists in New Mexico stayed at home with their guests last Sunday, and how many invited their guests to come along with them to the house of God.

Of course we were disappointed that the Russian Premier failed to accept the invitation. But if enough Russian officials are invited, sooner or later some of them will accept.—Editor Horace F. Burns, *Baptist New Mexican*

## Central Association News

THE LEONARD St. Church dedicated their new building Sept. 20. This was their first anniversary as a Church. Hugh Owen made a few remarks about the history of the church; Jimmy Watson, the pastor, led the dedication prayer; Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions for Arkansas Baptist, brought the message.

THE HARVEY'S Chapel Church building burned Thursday Sept. 19. The building and contents were all lost. There was only \$4,000 insurance, and it is estimated that the replacement cost will be about \$40,000.

PINEY CHURCH began using their new educational building Nov. 1. It is a two-story building, 90 by 46 feet, of hadite block and brick construction. The building is fireproof. Provisions are made for four nursery, one beginner, two primary, two junior, one intermediate, one young people's department, and a kitchen and fellowship hall.

PINEY CHURCH ordained Paul Hunter, J. W. Grisham, and James McInnis as deacons, Oct. 4. Hugh Owen acted as moderator; Roy Reed, Clerk; D. O. Stuckey led the questioning; W. L. Pepper led the ordaining prayer, and Oscar Golden brought the message.

MEMORIAL CHURCH has bought a lot immediately back of their building containing about an acre. This lot is for parking and future expansion.

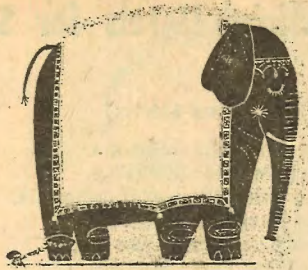
BAUXITE CHURCH began a mission Nov. 1 in a building between Benton and Bauxite. The building is 40 by 76 feet of frame construction to be bricked at a later date. There are 10 classrooms and an auditorium.

LEE CHAPEL Church has called Herbert Sparler as pastor. Mr. Sparler has been pastor at Turrell.

OFFICERS OF Central Association elected for 1960 are as follows: moderator, Phil Beach; vice-moderator, Dr. O. L. Bayless; clerk, W. A. Jackson; treasurer, E. A. Galloway.

REPORTS OF the annual association revealed that every Church in Central Association gave something to missions through the Cooperative Program, and to associational missions. There was only one church that reported no baptisms. The total baptisms reported were 604, an increase of 31 over last year.—Hugh Owen ■

IMMANUEL CHURCH, Paducah, Ky., held first services in the new auditorium on Oct. 25. Dr. Frank F. Norfleet, a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Ouachita, is pastor. The church staff includes eight full time workers, and the new building provides for a well rounded program of activities including special attention to the youth and children. The five modern nurseries are manned by registered nurses. The auditorium, the first unit in a 10-year building program, provides seating for 600.



# H A B I T

People often make the mistake of supposing that the iron pegs to which elephants are chained in the circus menagerie are anchored deeply enough to keep the mountains of strength from running away.

Probably at one time in the early stages of captivity each elephant has been chained so thoroughly that he couldn't possibly escape. Therefore, he believes himself to be securely fastened, no matter how weak the chain and stake that retain him.

When it comes to certain ways of living and thinking, we are very much like the elephant. We believe we cannot break away from habit; we believe we are chained to it by unbreakable fastenings, when in reality we are chained to it simply by the thin thought of believing in our inability to be free.

That's an elephant's way of thinking!

Our resources, compared with our bad habits and our handicaps, are as bulky as the elephant compared with peg and chain. So do not take it for granted that you cannot be free. TRY TUGGING!

—Hickory Spoke.

## Missionary Kids'

### Quotes

MANY TIMES all colors, as well as nationalities, are represented in the nursery at our church. Our Jimmy (five years old) came in and told his daddy one day, "You know, I'm a children of the world."—Mariruth (Mrs. Fred L., Jr.) Hawkins, missionary to South Brazil.

LITTLE MAJORIE Olive, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Howard D. Olive, missionaries to the Philippines, heard much talk of the family's planned around-the-rest-of-the-world trip home for furlough, and asked, "Daddy, will we go through the Holy Land or Disneyland or any place like that?"

SIX-YEAR-old David Low, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Low, missionaries to Nigeria, explained the difference between people and birds: "People have souls and birds have gizzards."

FOUR-YEAR-OLD Tommy Wasson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin K. Wasson, missionaries to Nigeria, commented on the last lap of the family's 23-day voyage across the Atlantic on a Norwegian freighter: "Momie, I'm getting tired of going somewhere."

MR. AND Mrs. Hugh T. McKinley, missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, report they are learning much trying to answer the theological questions of five-year-old Marsha Lynn: "How did God get to heaven? How did Jesus get to earth? What is the difference between Santa Claus and the Holy Spirit?"

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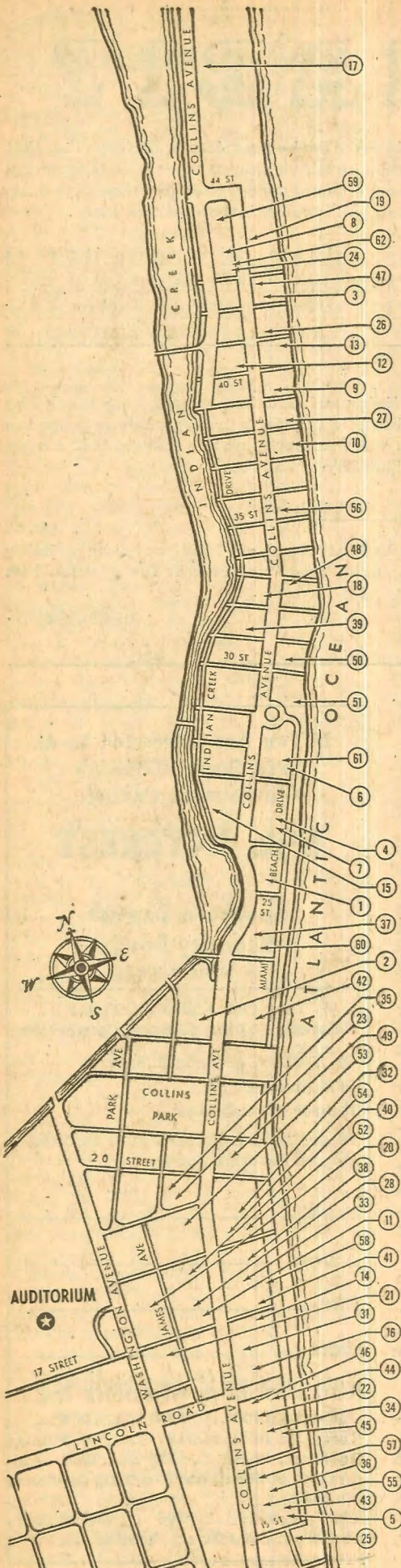
# Official Hotels for Southern Baptist Convention

No.	Name and Address	One Occupant	Two Occupants	Add'l Person	2-Room Suite
1.	Algiers Hotel, 2555 Collins Ave.	\$10	\$12/14		\$28/42*
2.	Ankara Motel, 2360 Collins Ave.	\$5	\$6	\$2	
3.	Atlantic Towers Hotel, 4201 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$7	\$1	
4.	Atlantis Hotel, 2655 Collins Ave.	\$7	\$8	\$3	
5.	Bancroft Hotel, 1501 Collins Ave.	\$4	\$5	\$1	
6.	Billows Hotel, 2701 Collins Ave.		\$6	\$3	\$12/17*
7.	Belmar Hotel, 2613 Collins Ave.	\$7	\$8	\$2	
8.	Broadripple Hotel, 4370 Collins Ave.	\$3/4/5	\$4/5/6/7	\$1	
9.	Cadillac Hotel, 3925 Collins Ave.	\$10	\$12/14	\$3	\$28
10.	Caribbean Hotel, 3737 Collins Ave.	\$8	\$10	\$2	
11.	Claremont Hotel, 1700 Collins Ave.	\$4	\$5	\$2	
12.	Continental Hotel, 4000 Collins Ave.	\$5	\$6/8	\$2	
13.	Crown Hotel, 4041 Collins Ave.	\$10	\$12/14	\$4	\$25
14.	Delano Hotel, 1685 Collins Ave.	\$8	\$10/12	\$4	
15.	Del Prado Hotel, 2642 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$8	\$3	
16.	di Lido Hotel, 155 Lincoln Rd.	\$8/10	\$8/10/12	\$3	\$16/36*
17.	Eden Roc Hotel, 4525 Collins Ave.	\$12/14/16	\$18	\$3	\$25/56
18.	El Morocco Hotel, 3200 Collins Ave.	\$4	\$5	\$1	\$8
19.	Empress Hotel, 4333 Collins Ave.	\$10	\$12	\$3	
20.	Fairfax Hotel, 1776 Collins Ave.	\$5	\$6/7/10K	\$2	
21.	Gale Hotel, 1690 Collins Ave.	\$5	\$6	\$1	
22.	Georgian Hotel, 1621 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$8		\$18
23.	Greystone Hotel, 1920 Collins Ave.	\$3	\$4		
24.	International Hotel, 4300 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$6	\$1	
25.	Jefferson Hotel, 121 - 15th St.	\$6	\$8		
26.	Lucerne Hotel, 4101 Collins Ave.	\$10	\$10/12		\$30
27.	President Madison Hotel, 3801 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$6	\$2	
28.	Maxine Hotel, 1756 Collins Ave.	\$4	\$5	\$2	
29.	Monterrey Motel, 40 Belle Isle <sup>2</sup>	\$6	\$8		\$14
30.	Moulin Rouge Motel, 41st at Pinetree Dr. <sup>1</sup>	\$10	\$12/14	\$3	
31.	National Hotel, 1677 Collins Ave.	\$8	\$9	\$3	
32.	Nautilus Hotel, 1825 Collins Ave.	\$8	\$10/12	\$3	\$14
33.	New South Seas Hotel, 1751 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$7	\$1	
34.	New Yorker Hotel, 1611 Collins Ave.		\$7	\$3	
35.	Peter Miller Hotel, 1900 Collins Ave.		\$4	\$1	
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37.	Promenade Hotel, 2469 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$8	\$2	\$16/24*
38.	Raleigh Hotel, 1777 Collins Ave.	\$5	\$6	\$2	
39.	Rendale Hotel, 3120 Collins Ave.	\$4/5/6	\$5/6K/7K	\$2	
40.	Richmond Hotel, 1757 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$6	\$2	
41.	Ritz Plaza Hotel, 1701 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$7	\$3	\$15
42.	Roney Plaza Hotel, 2301 Collins Ave.	\$10/12	\$12/14/16	\$5	\$25/50*
43.	Royal Palm Hotel, 1545 Collins Ave.	\$5	\$6	\$1	
44.	Sagamore Hotel, 1671 Collins Ave.	\$7	\$8		\$14
45.	Sands Hotel, 1601 Collins Ave.	\$8	\$10		\$12
46.	San Juan Hotel, 1680 Collins Ave.	\$5	\$7	\$2	\$12*
47.	San Marino Hotel, 4299 Collins Ave.	\$7	\$9	\$3	\$26
48.	Saxony Hotel, 3201 Collins Ave.	\$10	\$12/14		\$18
49.	Sea Gull Hotel, 100 - 21st St.	\$8/10	\$8/10	\$3	
50.	Sea Isle Hotel, 3001 Collins Ave.	\$8	\$10/12/14		
51.	Seville Hotel, 2901 Collins Ave.	\$10	\$12/14/16		\$28/32
52.	Shelborne Hotel, 1801 Collins Ave.	\$10	\$12/14P	\$3	\$28
53.	Shelby Hotel, 1826 Collins Ave.		\$4		
54.	Shore Club Hotel, 1901 Collins Ave.		\$8/10		\$16
55.	Shorecrest Hotel, 1535 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$7	\$1	
56.	Shoremede Hotel, 3585 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$8	\$2	\$15
57.	St. Moritz Hotel, 1565 Collins Ave.	\$5	\$6	\$1	
58.	Surfcamber Hotel, 1717 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$8	\$2	\$16/27*
59.	Surrey Hotel, 4390 Collins Ave.		\$8		
60.	Traymore Hotel, 2445 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$7	\$2	
61.	Triton Hotel, 2729 Collins Ave.		\$7		
62.	Vendome Hotel, 4301 Collins Ave.	\$6	\$8	\$2.50	
63.	Venetian Isle Motel, 20 Venetian Way <sup>1</sup>	\$6	\$6/8	\$1	\$15K
64.	Barcelona Hotel, 4343 Collins Ave. <sup>1</sup>	\$8	\$8/10/12	\$3	\$28

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## Miami Place to Pray As Well as to Play

MIAMI, Fla. —(BP)— People come to Miami to pray as well as to play.

While the south Florida tourist resort may be better known for its horse tracks, it is also a city of churches.

Churches in Florida — particularly in the Miami area — may be a little more than contemporary and varied in architecture and people who attend them may be a little more informal in dress. But there are just as many places to worship here as in the average cities around the nation and just as many folks, percentagewise, attend.

The religious community here is doing its best to keep abreast of the flood-tide of visitors and new residents. In Greater Miami alone, churches are building at a \$2 million a year clip.

Like most Southern states, Florida has more Baptists, Methodists, and Catholics than anything else. There are 450,000 members of 1,340 Southern Baptist churches in the state. Of those, 87 churches and 50,000 members are in the Miami area.

There are 221,000 Methodists in 522 churches across the state, of which there are 35,000 in 52 churches in the Miami District.

Catholics have 190 churches serving about 276,000 people throughout the state, thirty-five of those are used by nearly 100,000 Roman Catholics in Greater Miami.

Miami has the largest Jewish population in the South — about 100,000 persons — and has 40 synagogues for their worship.

And Lutherans are probably stronger in numbers here than anywhere in the South.

More and more Miami is becoming the site of the big religious conventions (such as the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention) because it is one of the few cities with an exhibition hall and hotel facilities capable of handling such crowds.

In addition, Miami offers one of the nation's largest outdoor Easter pageants in the Orange Bowl, and a unique Biblical garden at St. James Lutheran Church in Coral Gables.

There are roughly 5,000 churches in the state with about 2 million official members out of a state population in the neighborhood of 4,000,000.

That's slightly under the national average of 60 per cent of the population who are members of churches and synagogues.

But the figures are a little deceiving since the number of Florida residents is growing so fast and surveys indicate that the average newcomer takes two years before officially transferring his membership from his church up north. Yet he is attending services here all the time. ■



EDITOR GRANT

### Marse Grant Elected By Biblical Recorder

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — J. Marse Grant of Thomasville, N. C., editor of *Charity and Children* at the Baptist children's homes for the past 10 years, is new editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, state Baptist paper here.

The 39-year-old layman was elected by the Recorder board to succeed Dr. L. L. Carpenter, who retires Dec. 31 after 17 years in the post.

Grant becomes the first layman to edit the *Biblical Recorder* since 1907 when the late U. S. Sen. Josiah W. Bailey served as editor. There are only three other laymen among the state editors in the Southern Baptist Convention. They are John J. Hurt, Jr., Georgia; Joe Novak, Kansas; and Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., Maryland.

A native of High Point, N. C., Grant was in secular newspaper work and industrial editing before becoming editor of the Baptist Children's Homes weekly publication in 1949.

He is a magna cum laude graduate of High Point College where he was named the best all-round male graduate in 1941.

Under his editorship, *Charity and Children*, a children's home publication, has reached a record high circulation of 52,000, increasing from 34,000 in 1949.

Grant is president of the Southern Baptist Public Relations Association, and has been a member of the public relations advisory committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. ■

NEW OFFICERS named by the Brotherhood of 2nd Church, El Dorado, include: E. R. St. John, membership vice president; Melton Ward, program vice president; Eurville Baker, activities vice president; Doyle Norman, secretary treasurer, and Wayne Murphy, chorister. (CB)

### Training Union

### Goals Announced For 'M-Night'

THE FOLLOWING 43 associations are planning to observe "M" Night:

- Arkansas Valley, 1st, Marianna, 350.
  - Ashley, Mt. Olive No. 2, 300.
  - Bartholomew, 1st Church, Warren, 350.
  - Benton Co., 1st Church, Rogers, 603.
  - Big Creek, Salem, 100.
  - Black River, Grubbs and Walnut Ridge, 400.
  - Boone, Eagle Heights Church, Harrison, 250.
  - Buckner, 1st Church, Waldron, 176.
  - Caddo River, Mt. Ida, 110.
  - Carey, 1st Church, Fordyce, 400.
  - Caroline, England, 500.
  - Carroll, 1st, Berryville.
  - Centennial, Almyra, 350.
  - Central, 1st Malvern and 2nd, Hot Springs, 1,000.
  - Clear Creek, Clarksville and Van Buren, 850.
  - Concord, 1st, Ft. Smith and 1st, Booneville, 1,500.
  - Conway-Perry, Perryville, 200.
  - Current River, 1st, Corning, 150.
  - Dardanelle-Russellville, 1st, Russellville.
  - Delta, 1st, McGehee, 600.
  - Faulkner, 2nd, Conway, 150.
  - Gainesville, Piggott, 150.
  - Greene, 1st, Paragould, 500.
  - Harmony, 1st, Pine Bluff, 550.
  - Hope, 1st, Hope, 850.
  - Independence, Calvary, Batesville, 350.
  - Liberty, Strong, El Dorado, 1st and Immanuel, and 1st, Cullendale, 2,500.
  - Little R. River, 1st, Heber Springs, 200.
  - Little River, Ashdown, 250.
  - Mississippi Co., 1st, Blytheville, 1,500.
  - Mt. Zion, 1st, Jonesboro, 1,250.
  - Newton, Walnut Grove, Boxley, 100.
  - Ouachita, 1st, Mena, 200.
  - Pulaski Co., Baring Cross, Baptist Tabernacle, 2,000.
  - Red River, High School, Gurdon, 400.
  - Rocky-Bayou, 1st, Melbourne, 200.
  - Stone-V.B.-Searcy, Clinton High School, 501.
  - Tri-County, Cherry Valley, 730.
  - Trinity, Tyrone, 750.
  - Washington-Madison, 1st, Springdale, 600.
  - White County, Judsonia, 250.
  - White River, Flippin, 225.
  - Woodruff, 1st, Cotton Plant, 300.
- Ralph Davis, Training Union Secretary.

### Korea Honors Missionaries

PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES to Korea were honored by the Korean Government on Oct. 8, the 75th anniversary of Protestant missionary work in the country. Celebration ceremonies, sponsored by the Office of Public Information, were held at Yungnak Presbyterian Church, Seoul.

## ... Church Discipline: Decreed by New Testament

(Continued from page 3)

Some discipline was also accomplished by the voluntary withdrawal or departure of those who were not truly Christians. This seems to be the import of the statement in I John 2:19: "They (i.e., many antichrists) went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us."

However, the discipline of the Christian churches of the New Testament era was, according to the Apostle Paul, also to be exercised by the specific action of the churches. Perhaps no passage makes this clearer than I Corinthians 5. Christians and churches of the twentieth century may neglect, abandon, or deny the validity of church discipline in its negative aspects, but they cannot claim the authority of the New Testament.

### A Baptist Practice

The early Baptists—indeed, most Baptists through the 19th century—were greatly concerned about and definitely engaged in the practice of church discipline. They found in the New Testament not only Acts 2:47 (RSV), "and the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved," but also Matt. 18:17 (RSV), "If he (your brother) refuses to listen to them (witnesses), tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

One of the clearest statements about church discipline in Baptist history is the "Summary of Church-Discipline" framed and set forth in 1774 by the Charleston (S. C.) Baptist Association. As a well-ordered presentation of church discipline the "Summary" deals with both positive and negative aspects.

Present-day Christians should realize that all Christian nurture, whether through the educational organizations of the church or in the direct spiritual and moral confrontation of member with members in the fellowship of the church, is Christian and church discipline. Such church discipline, according to the "Summary," has as its negative side the censures of the church, namely, rebuke or admonition, suspension, and finally excommunication. Basic principles and specific procedures for the application of these censures are described.

Furthermore, it is the duty of every church member to submit repentantly to the church's discipline "so far as it is consistent with the Word of God." It is the duty of the church to administer the discipline with prayer and solemnity. It is the duty of the minister, says the Charleston "Summary," to see that the discipline determined by the congregation is duly executed, and he himself as a member of the congregation is subject to its discipline.

Present-day Baptist churches, whether they claim an historical succession to the apostles or affirm a qualitative likeness to New Testament churches, do not for the most part stand in the apostolic and/or Baptist tradition of church discipline. The

factors making this so may be legion: the breakdown of the distinction between "church" and "world," the stressing of numerical gains in church membership, abuses in the former practices of church discipline, a gradual substitution of professional efficiency for genuine ministerial piety, the popularization of church membership, the admission of the unregenerate to the churches, the blurring of essential lines of moral and ethical distinction! The question may aptly be raised, "Are we today the neo-Baptists?"

What is to be done about the present abandonment of church discipline, especially in its negative aspects? Can the trend be reversed? Can discipline be rightly restored without the abuses that often accompanied its abandonment? Can its restorative, reclamatory purpose be kept in view while it is being administered? These are major questions that call for clear and dedicated answers.

Church discipline is a corollary of the doctrine of the Christian life, wherein Christians must, as Paul said, keep on "putting off the old man" and "putting on the new man." "Discipline" and "discipleship" come from the same Latin word, meaning "to learn."

Church discipline is implicit likewise in our Baptist ecclesiology, which has in its best expressions always held forth the necessity of a disciplined as well as a regenerated and baptized membership.

Church discipline is needed as a deterrent to the moral decline of our time. It used to be said of Baptists because of their congregational polity and tendency to air disputes publicly, "The Baptists wash their dirty linen in public." One wonders whether the time may fast be approaching when Baptists just "hang their soiled linen out to dry."

Church discipline, because of its New Testament basis, should have its rightful place in Baptist life and practice. The New Testament has more clear statements on church discipline than on the millennial reign, but there seem to be no pro-, anti-, or a- parties shaping up. Dr. J. B. Gambrell said that "we Baptists are many but not much." But church discipline of both positive and negative variety can help Baptists to be both "many" and "much."

Church discipline will depend to a large extent on those who have the responsibility not only to proclaim the gospel of Christ but to instruct, exhort, and admonish Christians as to the well ordering of their lives in the fellowship of the body of Christ. Yet it should be the concern of all church members. The tide cannot be turned overnight, as readily as one would obtain money to get a ping-pong table or volleyball court for the church's young people or get the Brotherhood to have a supper. Christians can bear witnesses to and practice the truth of Christian discipline both in their individual lives and in the fellowship of the people of God. What do you say? Are you willing? May God help us so to do. ■

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### Test Tube Baby

**QUESTION:** We would love to have a child of our own. My husband is sterile and we are thinking about having a test-tube baby, by artificial insemination. Please help us out on this problem, as we don't want to break any of God's rules.

**ANSWER:** God has no rules about this matter. There is no guidance on this in the Bible, for the very simple reason that artificial insemination was not heard of in Bible times.



DR. HUDSON

This leaves you to ask some very simple questions about this matter and have the courage to answer them to the best of your ability. Does this violate your convictions about the sacredness of life? Is it contrary to love and common sense? Will the child be handicapped in any way? Can your husband accept a child by you, not knowing who the father is?

Christian leaders would no doubt disagree on the answer to your questions. Therefore, use your own judgment, after prayer about this matter. ■

### Inspired by Laymen

ON SEPT. 18-20 the Pleasant Hill Church, Sardis, had the services of a group of laymen from 2nd Church, Hot Springs, O. L. Bayless, pastor. On Oct. 28 some returned to discuss plans for building better Sunday Schools.

I was so inspired, so enlightened, so humbled by these fine laymen under

the direction of C. E. Precise, that I felt the pastors and churches of Arkansas should know they are available for week-end laymen's revivals or any phase of Sunday School planning.

I recommend these men of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, to the churches of Arkansas. They are: Bob Taylor (song leader), B. N. Nusko, Calvin Roach, Charles Fagan, Charles Bettis, Vondel Tippet, Joe Angel, Dale Lewis, Sammy Black, C. E. Precise and Bro. Bandy. Their services are free, no collections or offerings. All they want is an invitation. They may be contacted through C. E. Precise, c-o 2nd Baptist Church, Hot Springs.—W. F. Pannell, Pastor.

**FIRST DOG:** "I feel so tired lately."  
**SECOND DOG:** "Have you thought of going to a psychiatrist?"

**FIRST DOG:** "Heavens, no! I'm not allowed on couches."—Grocers Advocate.

## THE BOOKSHELF

**Pictures of the Apostolic Church,** Studies in the Book of Acts, by William M. Ramsay, Baker Book House, 1959, \$3.50

This book is written as a commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons on The Book of Acts, designed to give a series of typical pictures of the life, teaching and development of the early church.

**The Cokesbury Party Book,** Revised Edition, by Arthur M. Depew, Abingdon, 1959, \$2.95

Nearly every conceivable occasion, including hikes and picnics, is given consideration in this all-purpose book of nearly 600 games and stunts, planned around a whole year's entertainment.

**Putting Your Faith to Work,** Answers to Questions People Ask, by John A. Redhead, Abingdon, 1959, \$2

Fifteen of the questions most commonly asked about the religious approach to life's problems are dealt with by the author, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N. C.

**Readings in the Psychology of Religion,** Edited by Orlo Strunk, Jr., Abingdon, 1959, \$4.50

This book sets forth something of a background history and compiles some of the standard studies in the field of psychology of religion. The 49 readings in the collection include material from such authorities in the field as Hall, James, Allport, Freud, and Johnson.

**Broadman Comments,** International Sunday School Lessons for 1960, by H. I. Hester and J. Winston Pearce, Broadman, 1959, \$2.95

A skilled college teacher of Bible and a stimulating writer and preacher make up the new team of authors for this volume of Broadman Comments. Dr. Hester has written the exposition of each lesson and Dr. Pearce points out the meaning of each Bible lesson for present-day needs, in his "The Lesson in Life."

**God's Grace,** Vol. V of Exposition of Bible Doctrines, by Donald Grey Barnhouse, Eerdmans, 1959, \$3.50

Each passage is examined by Dr. Barnhouse, phrase by phrase, in the light of its immediate context, and also in the larger context of the entire teaching of Scripture. Here is a wealth of material for the minister and student, and practical and positive spiritual food for the general reader.

**You Can Have a New Life!** by Everett W. Palmer, Abingdon, 1959, \$2.25

In spite of the anxieties, insecurities and apprehensions thrust upon us by the pressures, tensions and frustrations of contemporary living, we of the 20th Century can have a new life—one built upon a sustaining faith, a cleansing holiness, a healing hope and an empowering love, declares Dr. Palmer. ■

**CHARLES McCOLLUM** has been elected chairman of the deacons of 1st Church, Pine Bluff. W. O. Percy was named vice chairman and Carl Goolsby, secretary. (CB)

## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

**B**APTISTS IN America have a growing concern for their brethren in England and Europe. Within this year, a party of ministers and business men have gone there to preach and explain organizational methods practiced by Southern Baptists.



There was a time when their forefathers were helping ours.

In 1772, the Society of Ministers of the Particular Baptists Persuasion was organized at the Gloucestershire Coffeehouse.

A voluntary, self-constituted body, it raised money for the assistance of needy churches and ministers, distributed religious literature, passed upon the qualifications of candidates for the ministry, and took measures to silence unworthy ministers. It led the denomination to seek redress of grievances from the government. From time to time it defended the honor of the denomination.

Corresponding with the Baptists in the American colonies, it counselled with them and extended financial help when needed. In addition, it interceded with the home government on behalf of persecuted brethren in the colonies. ■

## 'Retired' A. Worthington Still Going Strong

A FORMER Arkansas preacher, A. Worthington, of Shidler, Okla., is still going strong several years after his official "retirement" from the service of the Home Mission Board and is interested in coming back to Arkansas for revivals, training classes, schools of mission and Bible study classes.



A. WORTHINGTON

Preacher Worthington received his education at Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary and spent the early years of his ministry in Arkansas as pastor and as missionary. Employed by the Home Mission Board in 1930, he served as a missionary to the Indians in Oklahoma for 24 years.

Since his retirement he has preached regularly for Foraker Mission, near Shidler. On Oct. 11 the mission held open house honoring Pastor Worthington on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry.

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## Letters—

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sion with the count, and overcome it. I think I have seen some churches and some pastors which have begun to do this. For a start, we might study the use made of statistics in Judges, chapter seven. Gideon was also a counter, but he had a different way of winning battles.—James W. McClendon, Jr., Associate Professor of Theology, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, Calif.

## Flowers in the Church

IN RE: "Flowers in Church," J. Q. Pond, Louisville, Ky.

Real genuine Christians do not worship the flowers, nor do they love any creation more than they love the Creator. Neither do they worship days, months, or years (Romans 4:5, Gal. 4:10, Col. 2:16-17). The only detraction that could possibly come would be to one who had not fallen in love with God. A person of this position may easily be detracted by the building, the pews, or any visible thing. A true Christian does not see the flowers as God, but sees God in the flowers. The flowers are evidence of God. Christ said, "Consider the lilies how they grow," etc.

There is positively nothing against the bringing of flowers into the church,

found in the Bible. Then we can not speak against it, except without authority. Like music, flowers may be the means of placing us in the mood to worship.

The Scripture quoted by Mr. Pond concerns our love for God. Those who love the Giver, love also the gift, but each in its place. Another good thought comes from this quotation. "Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Flowers are some of the other things. Flowers or anything else may keep a sinner from even thinking of God, but it will never hinder one of his children.—C. R. Cantrell, Glenwood.

## About Lottie Moon

AS USUAL your pencil is extremely sharp. The October 29 editorial entitled "Another Look at Lottie Moon" is by far the best that I have seen anywhere. I want permission to run it in our publication. . . —C. R. Daley, Editor, *The Western Recorder*, Middleton, Ky.

REPLY: Certainly Dr. Daley has our permission to reproduce this editorial and anything else he may see in our pages from week to week that might appeal to him. We have been lifting material from *The Western Recorder* for, lo, these many moons without any thought of asking permission!—ELM

## Associational Minutes Requested for Records

By DAVIS C. WOOLLEY  
Executive Secretary, SBC  
Historical Commission

MINUTES OF Baptist associations of churches continue to be recognized as one of the valuable sources for materials used by Baptist historians. Clerks of the associations have been designated as the most important officers for recording Baptist history.

The research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board and the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention have cooperated in magnifying work of the clerks by encouraging better methods of securing and keeping records.

Clerks have been reminded to mail copies of associational minutes, as soon as printed, to their state historical society and Baptist college libraries, as well as to the research and statistics department and the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in Nashville.

The Historical Commission has under way a project of microfilming all recoverable minutes of every Baptist association on record. ■

RISON CHURCH recently held their loyalty dinner in connection with the Forward Program plan of Church Finance. Pat Titsworth of Star City was the speaker. Harold Elmore is pastor. Officers for the Forward Program include: Van McKinney, general chairman; Ray Martin, budget planning; Mrs. E. H. Harper, budget promotion; James G. Mosley, budget pledging; Mrs. Lewis Bennett, lesson chairman; Mrs. Jack Owen, dinner reservation; Shirley Reid, office help; Mrs. O. F. Reed, tally; Lewis Bennett, loyalty dinner; Mrs. Edwin McKinney, children's party; Mrs. Ray Martin, assignment supper; and Mrs. O. N. Eubank, campaign secretary. (DP)

## Not Quite Adequate

FROM "Letters to Editor" department of *Ouachita College Signal*:

"I haven't sewed my Ouachita patch on my uniform yet. Do you think I should wear it to drill?—MS-1"

"Dear MS-1,

"Personally, I don't think a Ouachita patch is enough to wear anywhere.—Editor"

## Latest from Texas

A NEW TEXAN not yet accountable for all of his ways sends this Texas yarn: "Sign on an Anchorage, Alaska, cafe window: 'Alaska Clam Chowder, 50 cents, Texas size, 25 cents.'" (Texans may have the name and address of the sender by writing to the editor of this paper and enclosing checks for \$25.)

DEFINITION of an atheist: Anyone who didn't care who won the Notre Dame-S.M.U. game.

## fun galore is in store for you

Gay, new ideas for your autumn parties—plans for Christmas get-togethers, too, are at your fingertips in these two fun-filled recreation guides.



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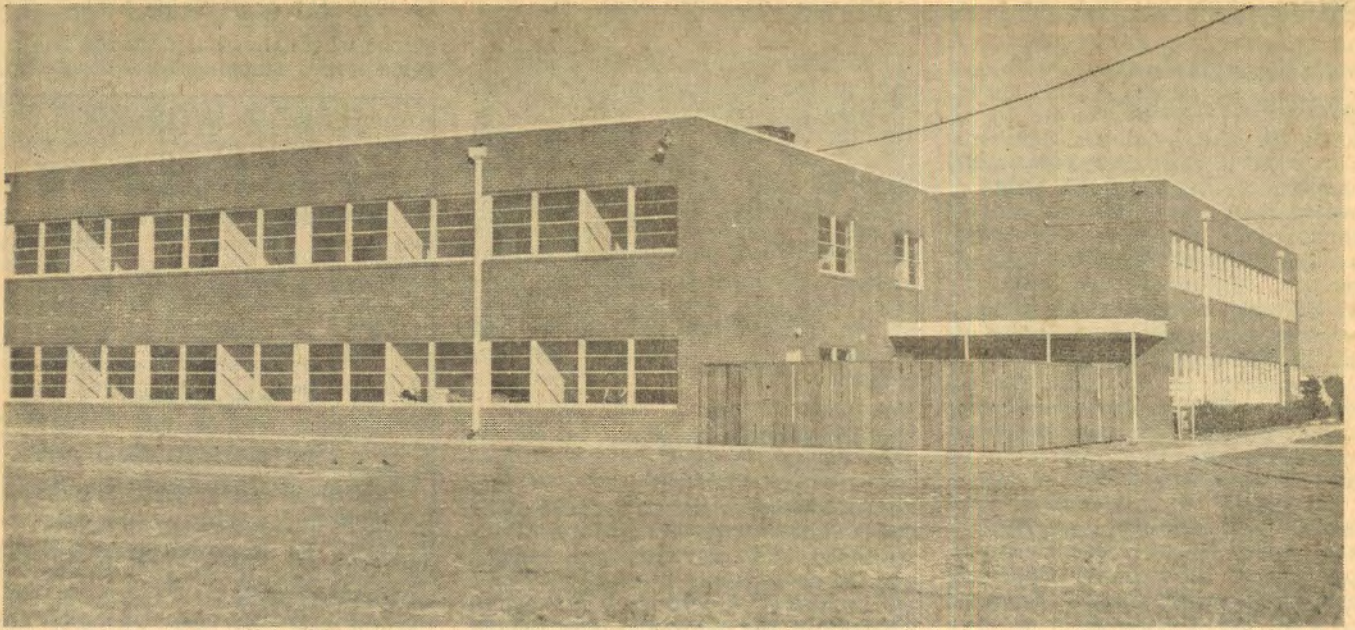
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**CALVARY CHURCH, W. Memphis, dedicated a new educational building Nov. 1. Dr. S. A. Whitlow was the speaker for the morning worship hour. Russell J. Clubb, former pastor, was the speaker at the afternoon dedication program which followed dinner on the ground. The \$82,000 brick veneer building, 50 by 90 feet, provides 11 departments with 24 classrooms for elementary children. During the 22 months William G. Sawyer has served as pastor membership has grown from 189 members to 414, with 340 additions, 172 by baptism.**

### Evangelistic Singer

COULD I ASK you to do a favor for a real fine young man? John Rodgers has been the minister of music in our church for several years and has resigned because he feels definitely called to do evangelistic singing. He is one of the best congregational song leaders that I have ever known. His talents are specifically in that realm.



MR. RODGERS

His resignation came as a complete surprise to us and was entirely voluntary on his part.

Now the favor is this. If it is not inconsistent with your policy, would you please put the enclosed picture in your paper. I will deeply appreciate it for I would so much like to get him launched as an evangelistic singer. He can be a great help in the Kingdom work.—C. Roy Angell, Minister, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Fla.

### Southeastern Dedicates \$50,000 Pipe Organ

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)—Southeastern Seminary here dedicated its new \$50,000 Reuter pipe organ in a service held in the Seminary chapel.

The organ is the gift of the late Walter M. Williams and his wife, Flopie Cooper Williams, of Burlington, N. C. A member of the seminary board of trustees almost from its beginning, Williams served continuously until the time of his death in May of this year. Mrs. Williams was present at the dedication service.

November 12, 1959

### Race Relations

#### Promoting Unified Budget

OUR MAJOR emphasis for 1960 for our Department will be to assist the Regular Missionary Baptist Convention, of which Dr. C. B. Knox is president, in promoting the Unified Budget Plan of Church and Convention Financing. This convention has already adopted the Unified Budget Plan and elected an executive secretary and is in the process of setting up a promotional office. We have already jointly planned a state-wide meeting and 17 district meetings for the purpose of assisting them in promoting the plan.

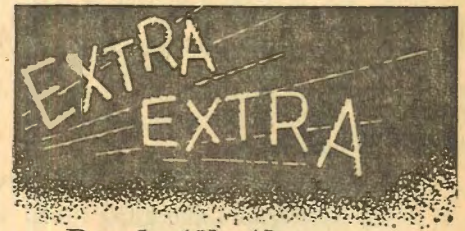
We believe this is the greatest forward step ever taken by either of the two major Negro conventions in our state. We will also assist many local Negro churches in this new plan which has been patterned after our Cooperative Program plan based on a local church budget and systematic scriptural giving.

#### Promoting Goodwill

The Department director has a responsibility to promote a better spirit of understanding and Christian goodwill between Negro and white Baptists in Arkansas.

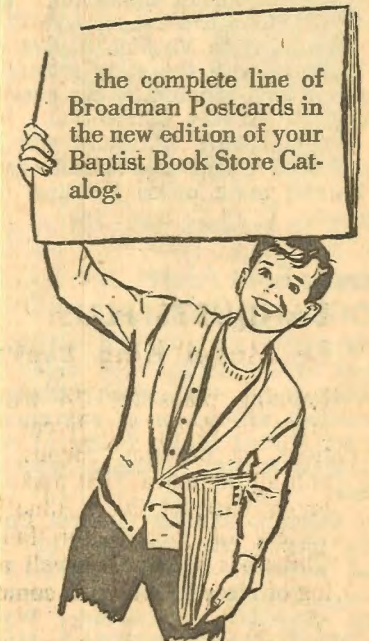
The Department director has the opportunity to meet with and speak to scores of Negro Baptist groups throughout the year. He has also been invited to many white churches, associations, youth groups, and schools of missions to present the needs of this great mission field and to inform our white Baptists of the Department program.—Clyde Hart, Director. ■

A MAN WENT into a restaurant one day. After he ordered his meal, a cockroach walked across the table. He called the waiter and said, "Waiter, there's a cockroach." The waiter replied, "But he won't eat much."



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## ...What Other State Conventions Are Doing

### Illinois Association

#### Approves 3 Projects

ANNA, Ill. (BP)—Illinois Southern Baptists voted to start three new building projects in the next five years.

Coupled with this action was adoption of a goal of \$1 million to be raised during the five-year period for capital needs.

The building projects include a Baptist student center at the University of Illinois in Champaign, completion of a girls' dormitory at Southern Illinois College of the Bible in Carbondale, and erection of another cottage at the Baptist children's home in Carmi.

The 1960 association budget of \$495,000, adopted at the session, will be divided 65 per cent for state Baptist work and 35 per cent for missions, education, and benevolence supported through the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. C. Dobbs, pastor, Winstanley Church, East St. Louis, will succeed A. E. Brown of Vandalia as president of the state association.

Three new associations of churches were recognized at the session.

### Virginia's '60 Budget

#### Put at \$3,125,000

RICHMOND, Va. —(BP)—The Virginia Baptist board of missions and education will propose a budget of \$3,125,000 when Baptists of the state hold their annual associational session here.

The budget will cover work of the Baptist General Association of Virginia for 1960. It is \$125,000 higher than the 1959 budget.

There won't be any "preferred items" in the 1960 budget, for which money will be deducted before allocating funds to other objectives.

The association, in approving the budget, will share the Cooperative Program receipts from Virginia budget on a 65-35 basis, with the state retaining 65 per cent and sending 35 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention.

All receipts above \$3,125,000 will be placed into a construction fund for a new Baptist state office building in Richmond.

### Colorado Sent Alert

#### On Office Candidates

COLORADO SPRINGS —(BP)—Baptists of six states were urged in a resolution here to consider whether the religious affiliations of any candidates for United States President will affect their service to the country as a whole.

The Colorado Baptist General Convention passed the resolution at its annual meeting, attended by 1,000 persons. The convention has co-operating churches in Colorado, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Montana and western Nebraska.

Another resolution pledged support

to Postmaster-General Arthur Summerfield in his "resolute stand" against pornographic literature being distributed in the mails. It said that such a fight can be waged only "through continued support of the citizens."

The resolution about a Presidential candidate's religious affiliation did not mention any specific church or denomination. A convention observer, however, said that the possibility of a Roman Catholic candidate in the 1960 election was "in the minds" of the messengers.

### Carolina Studying Church-State Issue

GREENSBORO, N. C. —(BP)—The independence of the church and its institutions from governmental control, and the concern not to use public funds for sectarian purposes is contained in a report to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention by its public affairs committee.

Herbert W. Baucom, Jr., of Oxford, is the chairman. The convention meets here Nov. 10-12.

Last year the convention adopted a position that there can no longer be absolute or complete separation of church and state since the state has moved into areas of ministry formerly the sole concern of the church. The report this year is an attempt to answer many questions and to clarify some of the problems raised by last year's action.

Within the framework of "separation" and "independence" three possible areas of cooperation between church and state are pointed out by the Committee. They are (1) aid to the needy, both young and old, (2) higher education, and (3) medical and scientific research.

### Virginia Baptists Asked To Practice Separation

RICHMOND, Va. —(BP)—Virginia Baptists are again being asked to withdraw from programs of Bible teaching in the public schools.

The recommendation is being made by the religious liberty study committee in its report to the Baptist General session here, Nov. 10-12.

The report, printed in the *Religious Herald*, Virginia Baptist paper, lists 28 counties and one town in Virginia where some type of Bible teaching in the public schools takes place. A number of Baptists, individuals and churches, the report says, continue to support the program.

The committee points out that, although the general association for three years has discouraged Baptist participation in programs of teaching the Bible in public schools, very few have responded to the appeal.

The report continues, "It seems the most effective way to get the counties and cities to give up such activity is

to have the Roman Catholic Church ask for the same privilege. In no instance where that has occurred has the Bible school teaching been continued."

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## Missions and Evangelism

PASTOR JOHN Pyles of Shirley writes to commend M. E. Wiles who was with his church in a revival Oct. 18-25. He states that there were many handicaps — furniture factory working each night, ball game Friday night, Annual Meeting of Association, and other conflicts, but God blessed His word with a 55 year old father and his four children saved; another joined for baptism and there were many rededications. "Brother Wiles was a great help to me," the pastor states, "we thank God he came our way."

JESSE REED reports 46 sermons preached in October which includes associational meeting and street preaching. In those services there were 38 additions and 32 rededications.

A LETTER came recently from another state commending our Mission Program. The writer stated, "From my study I believe your associational mission program leads all other states." Another letter came from another state saying, "We have heard of your mission program." Information was requested. If our program excels other States the credit goes to the superintendents of associational missions.

IN A few days we will have the total number of baptisms. It looks as if Arkansas will have a slight increase over 1958. Many associations have already adopted monthly goals for 1960.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE been made for a "supper get-together" for superintendents of associational missions and their wives and other employees in the Department of Missions-Evangelism at the 2nd Church, Little Rock, at 5:30

## Inabelle Coleman Dies



MISS COLEMAN

MISS INABELLE Graves Coleman, 61, missionary to China and Taiwan (Formosa), died Oct. 15, in a Durham, N. C., hospital. She had been ill with

p.m., Nov. 16. It is our hope that every missionary and his wife can be present. There will be no program, just fellowship.

WE HAVE moved again! Our present office is 301 Baptist Building — back where we used to be. The department has a new office secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Sosebee. Mrs. Lou Alice Watson remains as secretary for Dr. Clyde Hart and Dr. T. K. Rucker.

## A Little Missionary

By Julia DuPriest

SAILING TO Japan for missionary service, our family was in port in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Sunday, and we were able to attend both morning and evening church services. Soon after the evening service it was time for our ship to embark.

My husband, two small daughters, and I were among the crowd on deck who had gathered to wave good-bye to the hundreds of friends, relatives, and bystanders on the docks. My husband held our 2½-year-old daughter Jan at the ship's rail where she could see the people and the aloha activities. She waved to the multitude ashore and said loudly, "Good-bye everybody, Jesus loves me."

As I think of our "little missionary" and this incident, I am reminded anew that what the world needs today is more people to shout boldly the same message to the multitudes lost in darkness, "Jesus loves me, and he loves you, too." ■

cancer for some time. Miss Coleman went to China in 1940 to join the faculty of the University of Shanghai as a contract teacher under the Foreign Mission Board. She was given regular missionary appointment in 1943.

Interned in 1942, during World War II, she was repatriated the following year. After the war, she returned to her teaching post in Shanghai. Because of the Communist occupation of the China mainland she transferred to Taiwan in 1952. There she taught foreign languages at the National Taiwan University, Taipeh, and worked in Grace Baptist Church, near the University. She devoted much time to evangelistic work and Christian counseling in her church.

NEW YORK (EP)—The first annual Rector's Award, a silver cross, has been presented to Negro contralto Marian Anderson for her "ministry of music."

Dr. M. Moran Weston, rector, said that similar presentations will be made in the future to persons who have performed some outstanding service, or whose lives, like Miss Anderson's, reflect "great spiritual beauty."

## Israeli Bookstore Opens

THE BAPTIST Convention of Israel opened a book store in Tel Aviv on Oct. 1, with Missionary Frank A. Hooper as director.

### Case Dismissed!

THEY HAD reached a juncture in the trial when the court advised the attorney to withdraw with his client and give him the benefit of the best advice he could think of.

After 15 minutes, he returned to the court room without his client.

"Where is the prisoner?" asked the judge.

"He's skipped," replied the lawyer. "That was the best advice I could give him."

### Plain Clothes

MAN (to a boy leading a mongrel pup): "What kind of a dog is that, my boy?"

BOY: "A police dog."

MAN: "He doesn't look like a police dog."

BOY: "Nope. He's in the secret service."

### Boomerang

WHEN suffragettes were stumping the country, trying to get women to vote; a fragile little fellow heckled a lady in Boston. "Wouldn't you," he called out, "really like to be a man?"

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## Pilot Worship Held In Boone County

OVER 150 ATTENDED the first annual Boone County Baptist Associational Graded Choir Workshop held in the 1st Church, Harrison, Monday Oct. 26, announced E. L. Crosby, Jr., associational director. This attendance from over 11 churches of the county was considered very excellent, stated Associational Missionary Dennis James.

The purpose of the worship was to give a musical experience to children who attended, to train present and future directors of children's choirs, and to inspire pastors, parents, and prospective choir directors to organize and to improve the graded choir ministry in the local churches of Boone County.

The worship began at 5:00 p.m. with choir rehearsals for groups as follows: (1) Beginner Music Activity for 4 and 5 year old children was directed by Mrs. LeRoy McClard, Graded Choir Director from Little Rock, Ark.; (2) Primary Choir for 6, 7, 8 year old children was directed by Mrs. Frank Baker, a former Graded Choir Instructor at the Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth; (3) Junior Choir for 9, 10, 11 and 12 year boys and girls was directed by Mrs. E. Amon Baker, Graded Choir Director for the Immanuel Church, Little Rock; and (4) Youth Choir for youth 13-24 years was directed by E. Amon Baker, minister of music for Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

At 6 p.m. a fellowship supper and relaxation period were enjoyed by all. Demonstration rehearsals for the above groups were held at 6:45 p.m. for the parents and many adults who were present. Various choir activities were demonstrated such as vocal technique, rhythm activities, hymn studies, sight singing choral blend, and the reading or learning of new music. These demonstrations were informative and inspirational as the singers shared musical experiences with the adult observers. They showed everyone the joy to be had by singing in a choir and

the value and vision of regular choir rehearsals.

At 7:45 p.m. a joint conference of all choirs, music leaders, parents, and pastors present for the worship heard a presentation of the scope and steps to organize a graded choir program in a local church given by LeRoy McClard, state music secretary for the Arkansas Baptist Convention. Following this conference there were question and answer periods for the leadership of each choir age group by their director of the evening:

"The worship has been helpful in that these many churches who attended now have boys and girls who have had the joy of a musical choir experience and will look forward to such experiences in the future under the music ministry of their own Baptist Church," stated Mr. James. "It is the plan of Boone County Baptist Association Music Officers, to help organize children's choirs in any church of the Association that contacts the associational missionary or E. L. Crosby, Jr., who is minister of music for the Harrison 1st Church and serves as associational music director" said Mr. James.

Similar workshops will be conducted in other associations this year.—LeRoy McClard, State Music Secretary.

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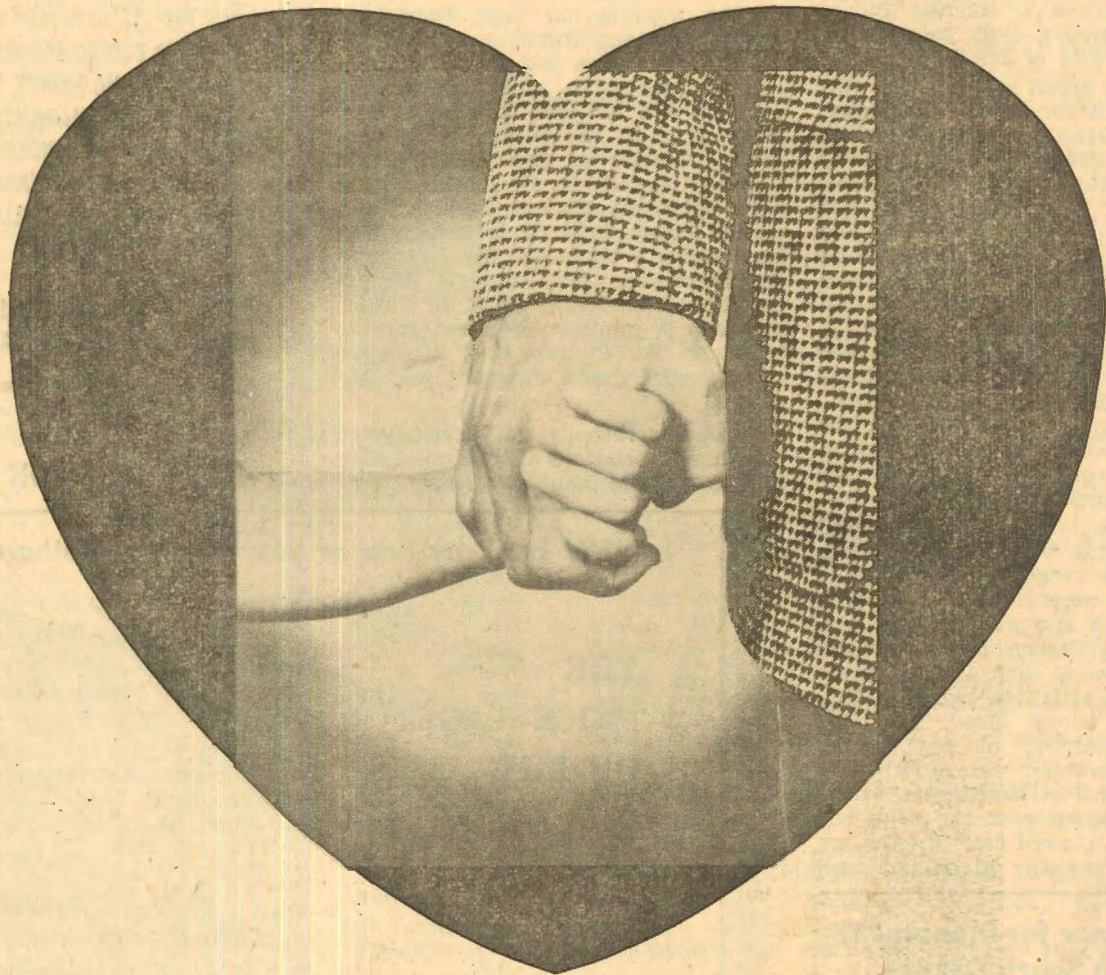
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## Plans Advance for Monument To Christ in South Dakota

WASHINGTON —(BP)— A move for the erection of a "Christ On The Mountain" monument in the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota has been given impetus by an action of the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior. The Bureau has withdrawn from all forms of appropriation 224.21 acres as the site for the monument.

The movement for the erection of the monument is headed by Sen. Francis Case (R., S.D.) and a private group in Spearfish, S. D. While on Government business in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, last year, Sen. Case saw the statue of "Christ the Redeemer" and upon his return thought that such a monument would be appropriate in America.

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 2:15 p.m. Expect Results from Preaching \_\_\_\_\_ E. Butler Abington  
 2:45 p.m. Preaching for Conviction \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Cook  
 3:15 p.m. Business Session  
 4:00 p.m. Pre-Eminence of Preaching \_\_\_\_\_ C. Gordon Bayless  
 Adjourn

## PASTORS WIVES CONFERENCE

November 16 — 2:00 p.m.

Gaines Street Baptist Church

Hymn—"O Worship the King"  
 Scripture and Prayer—Mrs. Seibert Haley  
 Business Session  
 Address—Dr. W. Payton Kolb, "Women, Witches, and Wives"  
 Discussion Period  
 Panel: Mrs. Harold Hicks  
 Mrs. Lawson Hatfield  
 Mrs. Bob Parker  
 Dr. Don Corley  
 Tea

### Sunday School

## Standard Schools At All-Time High

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Be standard — it is a good guide to better work.

Suggestion. Make Dec. 6 or 9 standard check up day. Write if you need application forms.—Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School Secretary. ■

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## Smoke Messages

By Thelma C. Carter

IN THE early days of our country, there was always the smell of wood smoke in the air. Smoke could be seen coming from the chimneys of pioneers' log houses as well as from the Indian campfires burning in the hills and on the mountain ledges.

Smoke signals were well known to both Indians and pioneers. Boys and girls were taught early to read the smoke messages. Smoke could mean a war party, sickness, or a wild game hunt. Often it was watched as a weather forecaster. Because smoke, with its tarry, sooty dust and ashes, follows closely the movements of air—that make our weather, it is usually a trustworthy weather forecaster.

Pioneers foretold the coming of frost when the smoke hung close to the chimney, pressed down by cold, heavy, moist air. Low smoke meant the time for wood boughs and logs to be piled against the log homes to burn later in fireplaces. This was the time for wild berry jams and jellies, cabbage, and squash to be tucked away for winter.

When the Indians' campfire smoke hung close to the ground, the Indians moved to the rocky hills for protection from the cold winds. This was the time for hunting wild game for food and for the skins that would be used for moccasins and clothing.

Smoke streamers floating on light, warm, moist air foretold the springtime, the coming rain, and seed-planting time. Smoke whisked about in wild, crazy ribbons usually meant storms.

Today our weather is forecast by instruments, radar, and weather balloons. No longer are smoke messages so important. However, another old message is yet a new message that will always be important to people: "Jesus saith . . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

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## Loading the Ark

By Ida M. Pardue

LOADING THE animals into the ark was a long, hard job for Noah. You can try it a simpler way.

Give each player a piece of paper and a pencil. At the word go players start "loading" animals by writing animal names on their papers. Call time at the end of one minute. The player who has listed the most animals wins the game. ■

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God's Wondrous World

## The Tallest Animal

By Thelma C. Carter

SIX-YEAR-OLD Davy asked his father, "Please, may I have a giraffe for a pet?"

You can imagine how surprised his father was. The giraffe is the tallest animal in the world. It is a wild animal and is seldom tame or friendly. Sometimes the giraffe is 18 feet or more in height. With its short horns covered with skin and hair and its large, closely spaced, colored spots ranging from sandy color to red-brown, it is strange and fearful to see.

In all the animal kingdom the giraffe is the one animal that can strike fear into the heart of the lion. The king of beasts cannot live if it has been struck time and time again by the terrible hoofs of the long-legged giraffe.

The big open country of Africa is an ideal home for the giraffe, which can gallop between 30 and 40 miles an hour over the land. God planned his natural world wisely, didn't he? "Thou art the God that doest wonders" (Psalm 77:14).

The giraffe is about the only large animal that can live in the open, unprotected country of Africa near the hot Sahara Desert. Miraculously it is able to graze in the few tall trees of the hot sands, and it can exist on very little water.

The favorite foods of the giraffe are the leaves of the acacia, a kind of locust tree, and the mimosa tree. It is an odd sight to watch a giraffe winding its long tongue about the tree foliage, stripping a branch of leaves in a few seconds.

Oddly enough, if a giraffe grazes on low land or drinks from a pond or lake, it must spread its forelegs apart. The animal cannot bend its head and neck down with ease as cattle and other animals do.

Do you agree that a giraffe would not make a good pet for Davy? ■

## A Smile or Two

### Wrong Denomination

A CUTE little Negro boy on the Art Linkletter show was asked the other day: "Who's boss at your house, you dad or your mother?"

"Both," replied the boy.

"Ah," replied Linkletter, "I see you are a little diplomat!"

"No, sir," replied the lad. "I'm a Baptist boy!"

Which reminds us that sometimes we Baptists may be more Baptist than diplomatic!

### Arkansas Corn

MANY YEARS ago a singing-school teacher was orally examining those who had been present for the week's classes. Singling out one of the older men in the group, he asked him a question.

After a moment's hesitation, the lanky Pope county farmer drawled:

"Ask my old woman, my recollection is poor!"

Which reminds us of the fellow who had gone to see his physician because of loss of memory.

"I am in a bad fix," reported the patient. "When I meet new friends, I cannot remember their names. And a lot of times I meet old friends on the street and cannot even call their names. Worst of all, when my little wife tells me things to do around the house, I forget to do them."

"What are you doing for it?" asked the doc.

"For what?" asked the puzzled forgetter.

## Church Chuckles

by CARTWRIGHT



"I wouldn't have missed THAT sermon for anything . . . two mispronounced words, a dangling participle, and three sentences ending with prepositions!"

It so happened the TOPIC of this 'ungrammatical' sermon was a stirring appeal for tolerance toward each other . . . something which would have helped this critical lady, had she bothered to listen.

# Faithful Unto Death

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

November 15  
Acts 6:8-15 Acts 7:54-60

**WHO WAS Stephen?** He was the chief of the Seven who later became known as Deacons. His name implies he was a Hellenistic Christian. No doubt he was the leader in caring for the Hellenistic Christians who were being neglected in the Jerusalem church. Strong, superlative words are used in Acts to emphasize his importance: "full of faith and of the Holy Spirit"; "full of grace and power"; irresistible "spirit and wisdom"; "full of the Holy Ghost."



DR. BAYLESS

Just what these teachings were is not quite clear but it was the beginning of disputations that led to his death. Stephen was active, able, and aggressive. His teaching was definitely different from what the Hellenistic Jews had ever heard. It was this difference that caused them to have Stephen brought before the Sanhedrin.

### The Charge Against Stephen

He was accused of speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God. Stephen was not guilty. His accusers lied. Those who reported his talks to the Sanhedrin were not truthful reporters. Blasphemy was justly reckoned as a wicked crime. It means to speak impiously or irreverently of God and sacred things.

But Stephen did not blaspheme Moses. He quoted Moses and honored his writings as Christ and all the apostles did. The quotation from Moses that got Stephen into trouble is found in Deuteronomy: "The Lord thy God will raise up a prophet like to me, to him hearken." Deut. 18:15 Stephen phrased it, "A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me, him shall ye hear." Acts 7:37. He told the Jews that this prophet had come in the person of Jesus.

Such teaching scared the Jews unto the point of "temporary insanity". Naturally, if Jesus was the Messiah, His teachings would supersede the law of Moses and the temple would no longer house God exclusively. God would now be everywhere. Any threat to the temple was a threat to the priest's livelihood. This is an early example of occupational prejudice.

Blasphemy against God meant about the same thing to the Jew as blasphemy against Moses. Stephen's sermons appeared

to challenge or undermine the temple order, the very foundation of national worship. No temple, no God—no religion as the Jews saw it. Stephen, in his long sermon of defense, did make it plain that since Christ had risen, God could be worshipped wherever there was a reverent and needy heart. The sacred temple did not have a monopoly on the presence of God. No wonder they destroyed Stephen.

### Hate In Action

Hate is never constructive, always destructive. The Jews of the Sanhedrin thought if they battered the voice of Stephen into silence all things would remain as they had been. God would remain the God of the Jews only, while the other people of the world would remain heathen. This is the way Stephen's accusers wanted it. The defense of Stephen as recorded in Acts 7 pointed up one great principle. It showed that the purpose of God from Abraham through all the Jewish leaders and prophets was to raise up a God-fearing people through whom God could send a universal redeemer.

Stephen said in substance, "As a people, you rejected all of God's leaders at times, even to killing men like Isaiah and Jeremiah, climaxing your hatred and blindness with the crucifixion of Jesus." He also said, "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did so do ye. You also betrayed and murdered Jesus." As F. F. Bruce says, "And when he flung the charge of blasphemy, persistent opposition to the ways of God, back upon themselves, their vexation and rage could no longer be restrained."

"When they heard these things, (that they murdered the prophets and Jesus), they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth." Stephen remained calm; he was getting inspiration and courage from above. When he was first brought into court Luke says, "And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." The near presence of death had not changed him. While the court room was boiling and seething with hate and insanity, Stephen was looking into heaven, enjoying the glory of God and looking at Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

Why standing? In that day witnesses always stood. Stephen had been witnessing for Christ, now He was witnessing for Stephen before God. Moreover, the standing Lord maybe the better could pour His spirit into Stephen; He could also be more visible to His suffering child.

The stoning was really a lynching. There had been no trial, no authorization by the Roman government for Stephen's death. The Jews could legally execute only after the Roman government had legalized it. No doubt the bystanders took the law into their own hands like many mobs have done.

No cowardly confession came from Stephen's lips before or during the stoning. Jesus, when dying, commended His spirit to God. Stephen commended his spirit to Jesus. Like Jesus, he asked the Lord not to "put this sin to their account." ■

## T. C. Bagby Suffers Stroke

T. C. BAGBY, emeritus missionary to Brazil, suffered a stroke Nov. 2 and is in critical condition in a hospital in Corinth, Miss. Mr. Bagby was participating in a School of Missions in the Alcorn (Miss.) Baptist Association. The son of pioneer missionaries William B. and Anne Luther Bagby, Mr. Bagby retired from active service in 1955 but remained in Brazil, pastoring a church in Sao Vicente, until early this year. He and his wife make their home in San Antonio, Tex.

### Daily Bible Readings

- Nov. 12.—The Martyr's Counsellor (Matt. 10:16-20).
- Nov. 13.—The Martyr's Assurance (Matt. 10:24-32).
- Nov. 14.—The Martyr's Crown (Rev. 2:8-17).
- Nov. 15.—Strengthened Through Trial (1 Peter 1:3-9).
- Nov. 16.—Broadcasting the Gospel (Acts 8:3-13).
- Nov. 17.—Sent by the Spirit (Acts 8:26-33).
- Nov. 18.—Instructed in the Word (Acts 8:34-40).

## William Jewell Honors Graham and Associates

LIBERTY, Mo. —(BP)— Evangelist Billy Graham and his associate, Grady B. Wilson, received honorary doctorates at the 16th annual "Achievement Day" at William Jewell College Nov. 3.

Graham, a member of 1st Church, Dallas, Tex., is on the Foreign Mission Board.



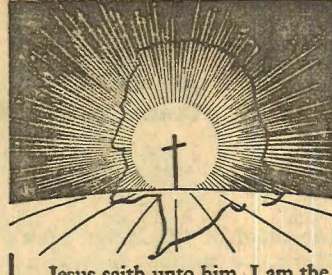
# The Bible Speaks on "The Way"



I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **JOHN 10:9**



I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. **JOHN 10:11**



Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **JOHN 14:6**



**II COR. 5:17**

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

## Southern College Dinner Slated

The Southern Baptist College dinner for the Arkansas Baptist Convention will be held at Franke's, Capitol Avenue entrance, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. T. K. Rucker, convention president, is to be the featured speaker. All Southern College alumni and friends are encouraged to attend this period of fellowship. Tickets will not be sold for this event.

ERNEST R. ADAMS, associate state Sunday School secretary, is author of the lead article in the October **Sunday School Bulletin**, published for associational Sunday School workers of the SBC. The article is entitled "Early Planning Necessary for Group Training Schools."

PAUL VINING Sunday was observed by the Sunday School of 1st Church, Pine Bluff, Oct. 25. Mr. Vining, who has served as superintendent for the last three years, left Nov. 1 for Tuscaloosa, Ala., to enter business. (CB)

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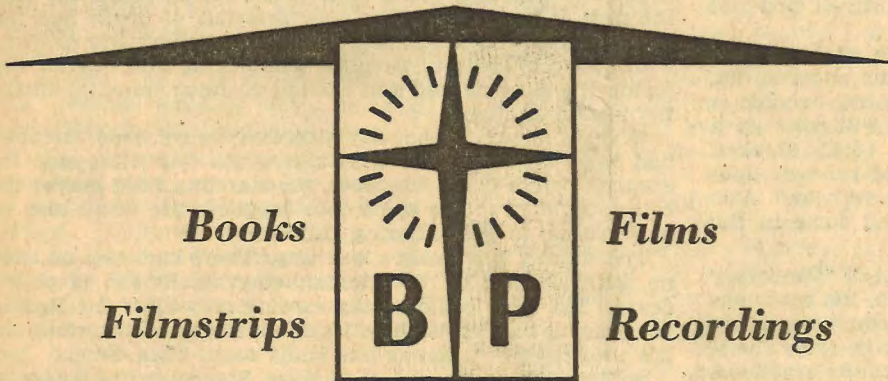
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