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ARKANSAS

*Baptist*

OCTOBER 24, 1957

## ARKANSAS BAPTIST

BAPTIST BUILDING  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

ERWIN L. McDONALD  
EDITOR

October 17, 1957

### OPEN LETTER TO CHURCHES:

As a special, introductory offer to churches which do not have the ARKANSAS BAPTIST in their budgets, we will send the paper free to every family in the church every week for one month. All you need do to qualify is to send me your current mailing list of families and agree to consider in a business session within the month that the paper be placed in the church budget for the coming year.

Of course, our object in making this offer is to get more of our Baptists in Arkansas to read their state paper. If for any reason your church does not vote to do this, the papers for the trial period still are free! So you can't lose. Unless you lay this aside and fail to send your mailing list!

More than 450 churches of the state now send the paper every week to all their families, just as they provide Sunday School and Training Union quarterlies for all.

On the Church Budget Plan, subscriptions are billed to the church monthly, or quarterly if preferred, in advance at the rate of only 14¢ per month per family. This is just a little more than a 3¢ postage stamp per week per family.

Send me your mailing list today, indicating you are accepting our introductory offer!

Yours in Christ,

*Erwin L. McDonald*

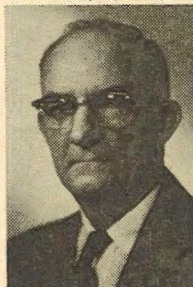
● CHURCHES NOW SENDING the Arkansas Baptist to all of their members under our introductory plan of one month free, include:

Arkadelphia Second, Tom Dove, pastor; Curtis, Ray Tweed, pastor; East Whelen, Quinton Farmer, pastor; Harmony Hill, Forrest Bynum, pastor; Lakeview, Arthur Middleton, pastor; and Whelen Springs, Theo Cook, pastor, all from the Red River Association.

The Third Avenue church, Paragould, Jack D. Mick, pastor, is also accepting our special introductory offer and sending the paper to all their families.

Pilgrims Rest Church, Gassville, White River Association, sends in an annual budget. Otha McCracken is pastor. And a new club has been received from Rosie Church, Independ-

● L. W. WILLIAMS recently moved to Wilmot as pastor of the Wilmot Church, going from Magnolia Church in Crossett. Other pastorates include Highway Church, North Little Rock; Gould, Sulphur Rock, Calion, and Galilee Church, El Dorado.



Mr. Williams attended Central College when it was located in North Little Rock and served the institution as business manager following the resignation of Fritz E. Goodbar. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have three married children.

ence Association. W. E. Davis is pastor.



SALLY RUTH



MARY JOHN

● THE TWO daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eary, First Church, Cotton Plant, have an outstanding attendance record. Sally Ruth, 13, has not missed Sunday school in 10 years. Mary John, 12, has a seven-year perfect attendance record. Both girls are active church members. Their mother and grandmother are both Sunday school teachers at Cotton Plant. —F. E. Wisner, Sunday school superintendent.

● JAMES P. HILDABRAND, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Church, Wynne, was recently ordained by Ardmore Church, Memphis, Tenn. Former Arkansan Russell Duffer is pastor of the Memphis church.

● A YOUNG MAN who was born and reared in historic Nazareth, scene of the boyhood of Jesus, is among those enrolled this fall at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge. He is Amal Olaimy, an Arab who was won to Christ by Southern Baptist missionaries.



MR. OLAIMY

Amal formerly attended the Baptist church in Nazareth and served for some time as director of statistics for the Bureau of the Nazareth District dealing with the Arab manpower situation. He is active in the Royal Ambassador work and has taught in Sunday school and Vacation Bible schools for the Moslems. He is attending Southern Baptist College on a two-year scholarship and his goal is to secure the M.D. degree and return to his native land as a Christian and physician.

The young man accepts speaking engagements in churches and can be contacted at the college.

● HAROLD ELMORE is the pastor of First Church, Rison, effective October 15. Mr. Elmore goes to Rison from First Church, Portland.

● W. J. MORRIS has resigned as pastor at Moores Chapel, near Pine Bluff.

● MISSIONARY CARL BUNCH, Mt. Zion Association, conducted a revival at Bono, resulting in six additions.

● R. WILBUR HERRING and Central Church, Jonesboro, celebrated the fifth anniversary of Mr. Herring as pastor on September 15, when the Sunday school attendance reached 511 and the Training Union, 345, for an all-time high. It was also the first day of their fall revival conducted by Evangelist Tom Landers and Singer Mel Mintz, which resulted in 44 additions, 14 by baptism, and one surrendered for special service.



MR. HERRING, which resulted in 44 additions, 14 by baptism, and one surrendered for special service.

During Mr. Herring's ministry at Jonesboro, 856 have united with the church, 264 by baptism. Sunday school enrollment has grown from 296 to 721 and value of property has increased from \$75,000 to \$250,000, including a new auditorium, an educational building, and the remodeling of the pastor's home.

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● EVANGELIST EVERETT Crites assisted Mounds Church, Greene County Association, and Pastor Jack Sharbutt in a revival recently which resulted in nine professions of faith and four rededications. (CB)

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● J. W. TISDALE, whose term as deacon in Central Church, Hot Springs, expired October 1, was elected deacon emeritus by the church with the privilege of attending all regular and called meetings of the deacons.

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● L. D. EPPINETTE has resigned the pastorate of Oak Grove Church, Harmony Association, to become superintendent of missions for Trinity Association. The family will reside in Lepanto.

### Watching Ouachita

JIM MAXWELL, senior from Shreveport, La., has been elected president of the Symphony Orchestra, it was announced by Dr. James T. Luck, professor of music, and director of the orchestra. Maxwell plays the viola.

Other officers are Wordy Buckner, freshman from Crossett, vice-president; Helen Reed, sophomore from Bauxite, secretary; Robert Hall, junior from Skubuta, Miss., librarian; and Dennis Keath, senior from North Little Rock, reporter.

NORVIN T. JONES, graduate of 1950, has copyrighted his first religious musical composition, "Born Again of His Word," which he wrote while pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, in Millington, Tenn.

He is presently pastor of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church in Cairo, Ill.

OFFICERS FOR the Ouachita Ministerial Association were elected at a recent meeting including Richard Lamborn of Springdale, Mo., president; Howard Nix of Benton, vice president; Glenn Toler of Arkadelphia, recording secretary; Bob Meggs of Warren, treasurer; R. V. Wilson of W. Helena, corresponding secretary; Benny Bledsoe of Booneville, chorister; and Clifford Moeller of Uncyrcial, Mo., pianist.

● ONE MONTH'S leave-of-absence and gifts totaling \$1,500 was the send-off for Oster R. Daniels, pastor of First Church, Carthage, Miss., on a mission tour with 20 other Mississippi pastors to Argentina and points in South and Central America. Mr. Daniels was pastor of First Church, Siloam Springs, for three years prior to his present pastorate.

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● REV. HAROLD HIME, former pastor of the Kellum Church, Jacksonville, N. C., supplied the pulpit for Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, Sunday, October 13. Brother Hime is a member of the Bradley school faculty.

● NEW OFFICERS OF White County Association: Reece Howard, pastor of Beebe church, moderator; John Pruitt, pastor of Rocky Point and Crosby churches, vice-moderator; William Burnett, pastor of First Church, Judsonia, clerk; and B. C. Huddleston, of Searcy First Church, treasurer.



MR. CARPENTER, VERNE E. CARPENTER is the new minister of music and education at First Church, Batesville, following a five-year ministry with South Side Church, Fort Smith. Mr. Carpenter is a student at Arkansas College. He plans to enter a Baptist Seminary following his graduation in May, 1958, to work toward a degree in religious education.

### The Cover

## Ozarks Wonderland

THERE IS something regal and majestic about a mountain; especially if one is considering the Ozarks in Northwest Arkansas.



Have you driven the 50 miles from Alma to Fayetteville on U. S. Highway 71, where you ascend mile after mile to finally land on top of Mount Gaylor? As one rides the rim of the mountain ranges, overlooking first the valleys, then companion hills that may be seen for several miles from one side and then the other, one is reminded of the Psalm that describes the righteousness of God as a great mountain — something stately and splendid, unchangeable and immovable — both beyond verbal description.

To drive through the mountainous wonderland of Arkansas, which world travellers claim to be the most beautiful in the nation, is to understand with fresh wisdom why Jesus, time and time again, "went up into the mountain" to rest, to pray, to be alone with God!

Nothing lifts the spirits like driving through the hills in the summertime where innumerable shades of green greet one from the rolling terrain. But how impoverished is that person who has never driven through the mountains in the fall when the trees are dressed in every possible shade of red and yellow, brown and green. The beauty of nature at this time of the year is something else that is beyond verbal description.

Our cover this week was made from White Rock Mountain, 19 miles east of Mount Gaylor, in the heart of the Ozark National Forest. Photo is by Phelps. — Mrs. Homer D. Myers

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## A Small World Demands Big People

THE SMALLER the world becomes, the greater is the necessity that people be big — big in their sympathy, big in their compassion, big in their helpfulness, big in their love.

Once mountains and oceans and deserts shut us off from one another even in our own land. This is true no longer. The world has become a neighborhood.

Once we could send our missionaries out to "benighted lands" and have our homeland judged by the gospel they preached and the loving, sacrificial lives they lived. No more is this true. Now the people to whom our foreign missionaries go judge the missionaries and their message by the conduct of American tourists on sight-seeing trips and by the way we live here at home. Radio, television, and the daily press are making our lives open books for the world to read. Our claims as a Christian nation must stand or fall not on how many of us belong to churches, or on the magnificence of our church buildings, or even on the amount of money we give to "missions." The real deciding factor is how we live and how we treat each other.

The smaller the world community becomes, the more we see that when one of us dies, a little of all of us dies.

"Do not ask for whom the bell tolls—  
It tolls for thee!"

Poverty, with its hunger, disease, and blighted opportunities, cannot be restricted to individuals or even to nations. If one person is poor, or sick, or lost, regardless of where he lives in the world, the world itself is impoverished. Whatever we can do, then, to help one person live a better life and fulfill God's purposes is a contribution toward a better world.

The world we live in cries out for people who are big. Christ in our hearts can make us big enough to live in a shrinking world. —ELM

## Personally Speaking . . .

### Sputnik

YOU NEVER know what new word the next edition of the daily paper will bring you these days.



MR. McDONALD

One of the thrills of living is hearing and learning new words. I can remember the first time I ever heard the word "program." I should for I was past six and a first-grader at Lone Gum. I ran most of the three miles home that day to tell my folks that teacher had "put me on the program." But, enroute, I got my philology mixed up with a history lesson, and what I actually announced to my puzzled parents was: "Teacher has put me on the Pilgrim."

Until a few days ago, if we had heard someone muttering the word "sputnik" we would have thought he had laryngitis or that he had missed an appointment with his psychiatrist. But now everybody knows about sputnik, the Russian word for the first man-made satellite to be launched successfully into outer space. And the object for which the new word stands is travelling around the earth in its orbit between 500 and 600 miles above the earth and at a speed of 18,000 miles an hour. Broken down, this means sputnik scoots five miles while you are saying "Jack Robinson."

Sputnik will have its place in the history books and the dictionaries from now on, for, almost surely, it marks the beginning of a new scientific age. Not even the scientists will attempt at this time to predict what the Russian moon portends for the world and mankind in the future, or even in the next few years.

Will man turn the new gadgets into lethal weapons to destroy in the twinkling of an eye whole countries or even continents? Or will man make use of his new scientific achievements to expand and broaden opportunities for living? Will we soon be going to the moon on week-end excursions, or, possibly, to some of the planets?

Some are suggesting that, in the event of atomic warfare on earth, some of the human race may escape to the moon. But, unless there is a big change in the quality of our lives, we'd soon be having war on the moon. It appears we may be able to move to the moon before we have learned how to live on the earth!

While there are many questions about sputnik and the sputnik era that cannot yet be answered, certainly not by this columnist, there are some things relating to it that can be known as of now. The world without Christ still is lost. Science can never provide the way of escape from our sins. Christ is still the hope of the world. —ELM



## Negro Colleges Thank Baptists

HEADS OF TWO Negro Baptist colleges in Arkansas have written letters of appreciation to Dr. Clyde Hart, director of Negro work, for contributions.

Oscar Allan Rogers, Jr., president of Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, writes:

"May I take this way of expressing the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Arkansas Baptist College family and Board of Trustees to the churches and associations of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for their financial contribution to our college.

"We are indeed grateful not only for the sizeable amount of funds raised, but for the spirit in which our plea was received. I shall never forget the Christian fellowship and hospitality our choir members received when they came among you."

Writing of a recent visit of Dr. Hart to Morris-Booker Memorial Baptist College, Dermott, President York W. Williams, Jr., of the school, writes:

"Your recent visit to our campus was a major event. My heart was lifted when I received a letter from Dr. Caldwell stating that your convention had allotted an additional \$1,000 for our school this year.

"We are facing a crisis in our work here but God has answered our prayers and assured us of means with which to continue to operate in the interest of training young people who will be disciples of goodwill and understanding."

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### A SAFE INVESTMENT

FEW PASTORS AND other church leaders realize that the state paper is available for only three cents a week for each home. At this price a church could hardly go wrong. It is worth three cents an issue to stuff in cracks to keep the wind out or to use for wrapping paper. — Editor C. R. Daley in WESTERN RECORDER (Ky.)

### Three Churches Take Paper

● PASTOR SIMON O. NORRIS, who serves three country churches, writes that all of the churches have voted to include the *Arkansas Baptist* in their budgets for the coming year. The churches are: New Hope, Route 1, Hardy; Bank, Route 1, Hardy; and Pleasant Ridge, Star Route, Poughkeepsie. All three of the churches are in the Black River Association.

### Layman of the Year Named

● W. H. BRYAN, who was designated "Church Layman of the Year" in 1956 and who is a member of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, will be the featured speaker at a laymen's rally and dinner at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, October 25 at 6:30 p.m., President H. E. Williams, of the college, has announced. Men from Baptist Brotherhoods all over the state are invited, Dr. Williams said.

## Southern Baptists Advance in Ohio

By OTTIS E. DENNEY, Pastor  
Fairlawn Baptist Church, Akron, O.

When we first heard the call to come to Ohio we were serving as pastor of Highland Park Church in Mt. Pleasant, Tex. An opportunity was offered us through the Home Mission Board and the White Water Association of Baptists in Ohio to become their first pioneer missionary in northern Ohio. This call was gladly accepted and here is what we found on our arrival: Only three Southern Baptist churches in all of northern Ohio where over four and a half million people live; no association; no state assembly and no state convention.

Today, "in spite of some of us, without some of us and because of some of us," here is the picture, since September, 1953: In the northern half of Ohio we now have over 30 churches and 23 missions — several of these churches and missions are without pastors and other missions to be opened when pastors can be found; three associations have been organized and work extended as far as New York City.

In the state: We now have a state convention with a state secretary, a department of Evangelism, Missions, Religious Education, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, a state paper, a state assembly at Lake Seneca; a Baptist headquarters, a Baptist book store; six associations and five area missionaries.

In Ohio there are more people than we have in the whole Southern Baptist Convention and over half of these have never heard the Gospel preached once in its purity and simplicity; and have never been given an opportunity to accept Christ as their Saviour and Redeemer apart from circumcision or ordinances.

Southern Baptists in coming to Ohio, like Jesus in His day, have found the multitudes confused, misled, hungry, unconcerned and unwanted; they have found opposition, discouragement, distress on every hand, limited funds and hardships. And yet, they have found, as Jesus found in his day: great possibilities and potentialities for great Christians, leadership, churches, colleges, seminaries, institutions of mercy, and statesmen to lead America back to God!

Even though our coming has been under extreme hardships and sacrifice, we have seen great things take place in the past four years. It is beyond our imagination and comprehension. It is "The doings of the Lord Himself." He has done it — in spite of some of us, without some of us, and with a few of us! To our knees let us go: For more humility, grace, compassion, vision, strength and patience. To God's

## Chaplains on Duty With National Guard

By CHARLES FRANK PITTS

ARKANSAS NATIONAL Guardsmen have included a full program of religious activities in their schedule since mobilizing at Camp Robinson.

Three chaplains of the 153rd Infantry Regiment arrived in camp on the first day of mobilization and immediately set up a full schedule of activities. The Post Chapel was opened to service and a chaplain's office set up. Each Sunday, three Protestant services are conducted in the chapel, including Sunday School for the soldiers and the families of permanent party personnel. Transportation is furnished for all Roman Catholic and Jewish men to attend local churches.

A special day of prayer was observed on Saturday, October 12th, in cooperation with the other churches of the nation. Training was suspended for these services which were held in Lloyd Endland Hall.

In addition to religious services, the chaplains maintain a constant program of visitation among the men, provide Bibles and other literature, visit the sick and assist in the handling of personal problems of the soldiers.

Attendance at public services has been good, with all seats taken at last Sunday morning's preaching service.

According to the chaplains, the conduct of the Guardsmen has been far above the average with a minimum incidence of moral problems. "Such conduct," say the chaplains, "is a reflection upon the high type of men who constitute the Arkansas National Guard and the churches from which they come."

Chaplains mobilized at Camp Robinson are Chaplain (Major) Charles F. Pitts, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Blytheville and author of the recently released book, "Chaplains in Gray;" Chaplain (Captain) Dexter Blevins of the Third Baptist Church of Malvern; and Chaplain (First Lieutenant) Ivin N. Marks, pastor of the Park Hill Baptist Church of Arkadelphia. All three of these chaplains saw service in World War II as either line officers or enlisted men.

Word let us go: For a deeper understanding, a renewed challenge, greater Christian living and stewardship of the doctrine, our talents and time, as well as our money. To the Holy Spirit let us go: For added comfort, guidance and power. Southern Baptists, "as a root out of a dry ground" this is your day! Millions have not heard. We have the Gospel. God is calling. Shall we answer?

(Editor's Note: Mr. Denney, formerly of Arkansas, was recently re-elected moderator of Ohio's Erie Association.)

# THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

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**TUESDAY MORNING — NOV. 19, 1957**  
**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

9:30—Worship — A. M. Mikell, LeRoy McClard  
9:50—Welcome — W. O. Vaught  
10:00—Enrollment of Messengers — W. Dawson King  
10:10—Introductions — Ralph Douglas  
10:25—The Baptist Book Store — T. Bradley Bolin  
10:40—"Arkansas Baptist" — Erwin L. McDonald  
10:55—Congregational Singing  
11:00—Forecast of Program — B. K. Selph  
11:10—Special Music  
11:15—"Arkansas Baptists Giving Their Maximum for Christ"  
— Rel Gray  
11:40—Congregational Singing  
11:45—Special Music  
11:50—Annual Sermon — Hugh Cantrell  
D. Bernard Beasley, Alternate  
12:30—Adjourn

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**  
**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

2:00—Worship — A. M. Mikell, LeRoy McClard  
2:20—Miscellaneous Business  
2:35—"Our Maximum for Christ Through the Relief and Annuity Board" — R. S. Jones  
2:55—"Our Maximum for Christ Promotes Civic Morality"  
— Rheuben L. South  
3:15—Congregational Singing  
3:20—"Our Maximum for Christ Undergirds National Temperance" — Duke K. McCall  
3:45—Special Music  
3:50—"Our Maximum for Christ Through the Seminaries"  
— S. A. Newman  
4:30—Adjourn

**TUESDAY EVENING**  
**ROBINSON AUDITORIUM**

7:00—Worship — Alfred Mikell, LeRoy McClard  
7:20—"Our Maximum for Christ in the Ministry of Healing"  
— J. A. Gilbreath  
7:45—Special Music  
7:50—"Our Maximum for Christ Through State and Home Missions" — C. W. Caldwell  
8:30—Congregational Singing  
8:35—Special Music  
8:40—"Our Maximum for Christ in Other Lands"  
— Baker J. Cauthren  
9:30—Adjourn

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOV. 20, 1957**  
**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

9:00—Worship — Alfred Mikell, LeRoy McClard  
9:20—Reading of Journal — W. Dawson King

9:30—Election of Officers  
9:55—Miscellaneous Business  
10:10—Special Music  
10:15—Arkansas Baptist Assembly Camp Board of Control  
10:35—Baptist Foundation — E. E. Nowlin, B. L. Bridges  
10:55—Special Music  
11:00—Executive Board — T. K. Rucker, Ralph Douglas  
12:00—Message — Albert McClellan  
12:30—Adjourn

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**  
**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

2:00—Worship — Alfred Mikell, LeRoy McClard  
2:20—"Our Maximum for Christ in the Children's Home"  
2:45—Miscellaneous Business  
3:00—"Our Maximum for Christ Through the Offices in the Baptist Building"  
3:55—Special Music  
4:00—Message — James Sullivan  
4:30—Adjourn

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
**ROBINSON AUDITORIUM**

6:45—Worship — Alfred Mikell, LeRoy McClard  
7:00—"Our Maximum for Christ Through Christian Education"  
Arkansas Baptist School of Nursing  
— J. A. Gilbreath  
Southern Baptist College — H. E. Williams  
Ouachita Baptist College — Ralph Phelps  
8:00—"Southern Baptists Giving Their Maximum for Christ"  
— Brooks Hays  
8:25—Special Music  
8:30—Recognition Service in Honor of B. L. Bridges —  
Directed by Mrs. Ralph Douglas

**THURSDAY MORNING — NOV. 21, 1957**  
**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

9:00—Worship Service — Alfred Mikell, LeRoy McClard  
9:20—Reading of Journal — W. Dawson King  
9:30—Resolutions  
9:45—Memorial Service — W. B. Stratton  
9:55—Miscellaneous Business  
10:15—"Our Maximum for Christ in the Northwest"  
— R. E. Milam  
10:45—Congregational Singing  
10:50—Separation of Church and State  
— Emmett McLoughlin  
11:20—Congregational Singing  
11:25—Special Music  
11:30—Closing Message — J. D. Grey  
12:30—Adjourn



## New Motto on New Dollar Bills

THE WORDS, "In God We Trust," which were adopted by Congress last year as our national motto, appear on some twenty-five million dollar bills which were put into circulation by the U. S. Treasury Department last October 1. They are the first American paper currency to bear the motto, although it has appeared on U. S. coins since 1864.

## Tennessee Governor Bids Christians Tackle The Hard Jobs

IT IS UP TO Christians to "tackle the hard jobs of the world today," Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee told a gathering of businessmen at Atlanta, Georgia. "God needs the first-string players in these perilous times," he said, "and if Christian ministers and laymen aren't that first string I should like to know where to find it." (The governor spoke at the first breakfast meeting of the newly-formed Men in Action for Christ, an association of Christian business and professional men living in Atlanta.)

Governor Clement said the time has come for "all of us to decide whether we are Democrats, Republicans, Americans, segregationists or integrationists first and Christians second, or whether we're Christians first and everything else second."

## Missionaries Say Race Discrimination Hurts Their Work

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES of various denominations are writing home, complaining that the racial disturbances caused by desegregation of the public schools are making their task more difficult. "Every act of racial discrimination in America makes it harder for every missionary to do his work in other lands," said the Rev. Dr. William Middleton, addressing the Methodist Council on World Service and Finance at its annual meeting in Los Angeles. "We cannot convert the world to Christianity unless we can demonstrate brotherhood in America."

PERMISSION TO construct and operate a Missionary radio station on the Caribbean Island of Aruba has been granted to The Evangelical Alliance Mission, assistant general director Vernon Mortenson has announced. The station will serve the Netherlands Antilles "A.B.C." islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. It will also penetrate the thickly-populated countries of Venezuela and Colombia. The 1,000-watt station must be on the air by August 1, 1958. It is planned to increase the power later to 5,000 watts.

# Baptist Crosscurrents

## Mixed Faith Marriages

Someday mixed faith marriages will be given the study they need. From limited survey it is clear that a large number of them end in tragic failure. After the early glow of marriage-love has worn down to normal living the intolerable nature of mixed religion brings estrangement. The distressed couple may try to make a go out of their marriage, particularly if children begin to come. But the strain is there. The one who is a Roman Catholic receives pressure influences from the church. Family connections likewise make demands on the Catholic. If evangelical influences lead to the Catholic's conversion it very often means alienation from the family. If the Protestant becomes a Catholic to please the other's family, that church gains nothing while the convert breaks life-long ties of family and church fellowship. More often than not both husband and wife, in the interest of peace, cut out religion, becoming virtual pagans. There is no satisfactory way to look at the problems mixed-faith marriages create. Young people should be warned against them. Their happiness is at stake. More than the man and woman are involved. If they were left to their love and freedom they would work things out, but they are not. Forces and circumstances beyond their control intervene.—*The Watchman-Examiner* (N. Y.)

## Keeping It on the Bright Side

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, the first editor of the BAPTIST RECORD and the "first" in a lot of other worthy enterprises for the Kingdom, had some timeless advice on the subject of giving.

"The wise pastor," he said, "will never let any ice form in the church on the subject of giving. He will keep the question alive by frequent allusions to it, and positive teaching concerning it."

"The associations used to recommend that the pastors preach a missionary sermon once a year and take a collection. That was like putting all the salt the human system would need for a whole year in one dinner. It caused a revulsion. People rebelled against money sermons.

"The philosophy of teaching is line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little. This gives the salt of sound doctrine time and a good chance to strike in. The thunderous once-a-year sermon on giving is about like starving a cow to a shadow, then giving her ten bushels of meal and a wagonload of hay at once, expecting to get a barrel of milk next morning. Nature and grace have processes that we must regard if we do well with either.

"But note, now" says Dr. Gambrell, "that in teaching concerning giving, it is quite necessary not to connect the fine grace of giving in the public mind with the very ugly habit of scolding, as the manner of some is. Keep on the bright side of it. It is a delightfully bright subject. It IS more blessed to give than to receive. Once people see it and try it, they will glory in it. It is no tooth-pulling business, once we get at it right."—*The Baptist Record* (Miss.)

GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL has as its goal for the 1957-58 fiscal year the placing of a Bible in each of the 720,200 hotel and motel guest rooms in the United States and Canada without one. There are 1.3 million hotel and 500,000 motel guest rooms in the United States. During the year, the Gideons placed 277,349 Bibles in hotels and motels. The total of all Bibles and Testaments placed was 2,364,192—an increase of more than 550,000 over last year.

THE KOREAN G.I. Bill which was recently five years old has provided educational opportunities for 2 million veterans.

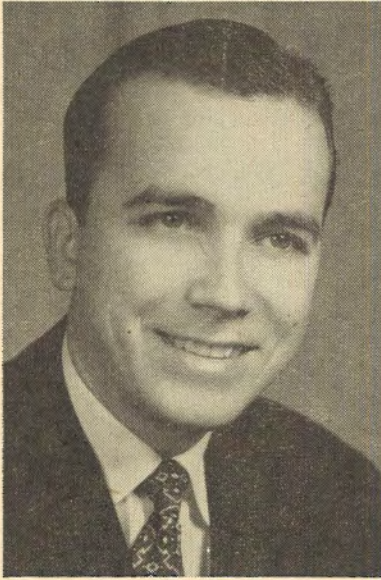
EVERY 24 HOURS, more than 150 children in the United States are poisoned by their own curiosity, which causes them to eat aspirin and sleeping pills, drink kerosene, etc. And, every 24 hours at least one child dies as a result.



## Clarksville Minister Heads Pastors

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

THE PRESIDENT of the Arkansas Baptist Pastor's Conference, which will meet in annual session on November 18, is J. Leland Hall, pastor of First Church, Clarksville. A native of Little Rock, Hall is the son of Mrs. J. W. Hall and the late Mr. Hall, who was a deacon in Little Rock First Church for 25 years. Mrs. Hall has been a Sunday school teacher at First Church for 30 years. One of six children, Mr. Hall has four brothers and a sister. One of his brothers, Dr. Andrew M. Hall, is pastor of First Church, Fayetteville.



Mr. Hall

Following his graduation from Little Rock High School, Hall entered Ouachita College, where he earned the BA degree. He enrolled at Southwestern Seminary, but transferred to Southern where he graduated with the ThM degree.

While a student at Ouachita College and a member of the Symphonic Choir, Hall met and married Miss Bette Cochran of Corning, who is a graduate of Ouachita and of the Carver School of Missions, Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Hall was a music major.

Student pastorates of Mr. Hall included a church in Malvern, Shiloh Church, Texarkana; Immanuel mission, Little Rock; Covert Avenue Church, Evansville, Ind.; and Bellfield Church, Henderson, Ky.

Upon his graduation from the seminary, Hall served as co-pastor of Crestwood Church, Oklahoma City, for two and one-half years; then First Church, Rector, and First Church, Heber Springs. While in Oklahoma he was a member of an evangelistic team sent to the Bahama Islands by the Home Mission Board to initiate the mission work that is being developed there.

Beginning his denominational work as a summer field worker while a college student, Hall has served as moderator of Little Red River Association, a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, president of the Arkansas Valley Pastors Conference, and as an approved state Training Union leader. He is a writer for the Training Union quarterly and is the author of three booklets: *Challenge to Youth*, *Youth's Dedicated Virtues* and *A Melody of Thought*.

His hobby is amateur radio.

The Halls have four children: Bette Lee, Alma Charlene, Jimmy Don and Lydia Ann.

primary principle in meeting health problems and in curbing juvenile delinquency, according to Mrs. Mildred Wilkerson of Little Rock.

In seeking the cooperation of the churches, Mrs. Wilkerson says, "Some church members do not realize the scope of WCTU work in its stand on moral issues and its positive efforts to defeat the forces of evil."

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A PHYSICIST with the Armour Research Foundation has developed an X-ray instrument that is smaller than a matchstick. The tiny radiation generator, coupled with an image intensifier, could be carried in a physician's bag for on-the-spot X-rays.

## Baptist Students In Annual Convention

Registration at the 21st annual Baptist Student Convention at Jonesboro totaled 360, with 14 colleges represented. The convention theme, "Christ in You the Hope," was emphasized not only by the speakers and conference leaders, but also by the opening theme interpretation, a song written for the convention by Richard Essman of Arkansas State, and by the music directed by Henry Fudge of the University of Arkansas and Don Hallum of Arkansas Tech.

Presiding at the student convention was President Dale Jones of the University of Arkansas and Vice President John David Whitlow of Ouachita. Speakers and conference leaders included Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, Dr. and Mrs. Peyton Kolb, Dr. David Garland, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Ruben Franks, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Dr. H. E. Williams, Grover Dowell, and Mrs. J. H. Cox.

In the Saturday afternoon business session those attending the convention unanimously accepted the recommendations of the state council that Arkadelphia be chosen as the 1958 convention site and Fayetteville for the 1959 convention. Also a plan to promote student summer mission activities was adopted unanimously. A statement of belief concerning race relations was adopted with one dissenting vote, after a few minor changes were made in the original statement. The statement was presented by John Wikman of the University of Arkansas Medical School, chairman of a resolutions committee appointed earlier in the meeting by President Jones. The following statement was adopted:

"In the light of present racial tension, we the students attending the 21st Arkansas Baptist Student Union Convention make the following statement of beliefs.

"We believe that the Christian position in the matter of race relations includes:

"1. Upholding the teaching and example of Christ regarding the equal worth of all individuals, regardless of race, creed, or station in life.

"2. Upholding the law of the land.

"3. Abstaining from and discouraging violence in the settlement of any difficulty."

### Now We Have Heard Everything

WE THOUGHT we had heard every angle in our efforts to get the churches of Arkansas to place the Arkansas Baptist in their budget, but we got a new angle at an associational meeting recently. The pastor of a church confessed publicly that his church voted last year to place the Arkansas Baptist in its budget but they just never got around to preparing a mailing list!

## WCTU Solicits Help of Churches

NOTING WITH increasing concern the inroads of the liquor traffic as it invades the security and welfare of our state, the WCTU in its recent convention in West Memphis voted to ask the Arkansas churches to strengthen and emphasize their training programs against liquor and narcotics for the protection of youth; for adults to establish a pattern of total abstinence; to continue their effort to prohibit advertising of liquor by radio, television and the printed page; and to protest the sponsorship of national sports by brewers.

The prevention of alcoholism is a

## Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

Budget of \$9,633,162

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has adopted a budget of \$9,633,162.51 for 1958, an increase of \$1,465,817 over 1957; named Dr. George W. Sadler as special representative to Europe, effective upon his retirement as secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East at the end of this year; and appointed 18 new missionaries, bringing the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,180.

### Officers Re-elected

All officers of the Board were re-elected. Dr. L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond book publisher, begins his 26th year as president and his 43rd as a member of the Board. Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., was re-elected first vice-president; Dr. Howard L. Arthur, Richmond, second vice-president; Dr. Herman P. Thomas, Richmond, recording secretary; Miss Mary Elizabeth Fuqua, Richmond, assistant recording secretary; and Dr. Oscar L. Hite, Richmond, medical adviser.

### Christianity Examined

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, told the Board that the world wide responsibilities of Southern Baptists have taken on renewed and compelling significance. "Christianity is under critical examination by the peoples of the world as never before in history," he said. "The millions who are looking upon Christianity are in the main long-suffering, needy people who are desperate for a better way of life. Many have heard a little of the Christian message. Most of them know that the Christian faith is widely accepted in this country.

"Peoples across the world have seen much of religion. In many areas the pattern of life is determined by the religious beliefs and customs of the people. Amid all the jungle of religion in the world, mankind asks, 'What is the difference between Christianity and what we now have?'

"The peoples of the earth are confronted by the claims of materialism in its most highly developed form. Already a vast section of the world has come under its control, and in those countries far-reaching economic and political developments are taking place.

"We may be inclined to discount the potential of the Communist world, but when word comes of its vast scientific achievements and its growing military might, the free world is given reason to pause and meditate.

"Such nations as Japan, Indonesia, India, and countries in South America, Africa, and the Near East will have to make decisions with regard to the course they will follow. Their decisions

will determine the course of the world's history.

"Amid the confused conditions growing out of racial strife and controversy in our country, many people across the world may wonder whether Christianity has any real concern for human welfare.

"The going of every missionary is a tangible expression of love. It says to people of all races and nationalities that Christ died for all and that we in him can be bound together in ties of Christian devotion.

"We are convinced that God is calling us to renewed efforts to press ahead in a world mission labor. God has placed in the hands of Southern Baptists the resources in finance and personnel. It is our task to bring these resources in dedication to the feet of our Lord that he may use them for his glory to the ends of the earth. The next two years present an unusually significant call. We have designated 1958 as a year of intercessory prayer and 1959 as a year of worldwide evangelistic effort.

"It looks as if God has called Southern Baptists into this hour of world history with burning hearts and a world vision to be used of him in a definite way on a world scale. We must pray. We must give ourselves and all we possess, looking to God with hope and anticipation that he may be pleased to use us as channels of his blessing in a worldwide spiritual awakening."

### Overwhelming Need

Missionary appointments at the October meeting of the Board brought the total for the year to 92; and Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, reported that present prospects indicate the total for 1957 will be around 110.

### October Appointees

Young people appointed by the Foreign Mission Board at its October meeting were:

Justice C. Anderson, Texas, and Mary Ann Elmore Anderson, Louisiana, for Argentina; Daniel H. Burt, Jr., and Mary Smith Burt, of Texas, for Brazil; Milton E. Cunningham, Jr., and Barbara Schultz Cunningham, of Texas, for Southern Rhodesia; R. Kenneth Evenson, Oklahoma, and Mary Ann Van't-Kerkhoff Evenson, Michigan, for Uruguay; Theron V. Farris and Juanita Peacock Farris, of Texas, for Japan.

Howard Hamrick and Betty Jane Spiers Hamrick, of Mississippi, for Indonesia; Glenn L. Hix, North Carolina, and Mabel Green Hix, Alabama, for Taiwan; Ruth Kube, Virginia, for Nigeria; Hugh T. McKinley, Alabama, and Rebecca Knott McKinley, North Carolina, for Spain; and Bennie May Oliver, Texas, for North Brazil.

## THE BOOKSHELF

AMERICAN PAINTING, by Alexander Eliot, Time Incorporated, New York, 1957, \$13.50

TIME Magazine's Art Editor Eliot presents a comprehensive and most attractive coverage of American art over a period of 300 years. This is the first time the masterworks of America's painters have been assembled in a continuing story that reflects the full sweep of American life and thought.

The 250 carefully selected illustrations demonstrate the stature American painting has achieved and also captures for all time many of the people and places prominent in the founding and building of the nation.

The text has been in preparation for the last two years and required the help of many of the nation's leading art authorities. It will help Americans to today and of future generations to have a better understanding of the American way of life.

BROADMAN COMMENTS, by E. F. Haight and Duke K. McCall, Broadman Press, 1958, \$2.50

A "MUST" for Sunday School officers and teachers, **Broadman Comments** is the excellent Southern Baptist source book of lesson materials designed to supplement the teachers' periodicals published by the Sunday School Board of the Convention.

In addition to the scholarly and timely exposition of Dr. Haight, who has been the author for the last several volumes, the 1958 edition includes an application of each lesson to everyday living, by President McCall of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, under the heading, "The Lesson in Life."

The book is already available through the Baptist Book Stores.

### OTHER BOOKS RECEIVED:

**Evangelical Sunday School Lesson Commentary**, published by the Higley Press, Butler, Ind., 1958, \$2.25

**Higley's Sunday School Lesson Commentary**, published by The Higley Press, Butler, Ind., 1958, \$2.25.

**Putting God First**, by Harry R. R. Neat, Greenwich Book Publishers, New York, 1957, \$2.50.

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THE UNITED STATES Office of Education reports that in the last five years the volume and value of undergraduate scholarships in colleges and universities has increased by more than two and a half times. In the current year there are almost a quarter of a million scholarships with a value of \$65,700,000. Graduate fellowships have about doubled. Money for the scholarships is coming largely from private sources.

## Departments

### BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull, Secretary

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MR. TULL

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Brotherhood according to the suggestions given in the Brotherhood Guidebook? If you will do this your Brotherhood will be in position to develop as a Brotherhood and to serve through the year with real effectiveness.

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Also, a Brotherhood should have committees working in the various major areas of church life. These areas are: Worship, Education, Stewardship, Evangelism, Benevolence, and Boys' work. In small Brotherhoods, committee responsibilities may be combined as follows: Worship and Education; Stewardship and Benevolence.

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Remember the three keys to Brotherhood success:

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2. Set up a worthy and comprehensive activities program.
3. Get to work (and stay at work!).

Why not do it this year according to the Guidebook? It works!

The Brotherhood Guidebook is available from the Baptist Book Store, in Little Rock, or from the Brotherhood Department.

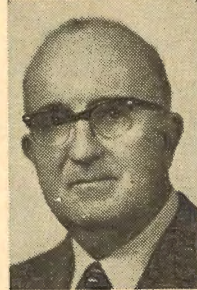
Also available from the Brotherhood Department are free printed tracts and mimeographed helps. One of these, "The Setting, Purposes, Organization, and Work of a Church Brotherhood," is very helpful in showing how a Brotherhood should be organized for work. Another, "Sensible Steps in Organizing a Church Brotherhood," sets out a plan which, if followed faithfully, will help you get your Brotherhood off to an ex-

### MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

#### Mission Notes

THE HUMNOKE mission was constituted into a church, Sunday, October 13. Harold White, associational moderator,



DR. CALDWELL

presided. Don Williams gave the history of the mission and C. W. Caldwell preached the sermon. Pastors and deacons in the association served as a council. The mission was begun several years ago by H. S. Coleman and his successor, Don Williams, led in construction of the building. T. S. Cowden became pastor and led the mission to the point of being constituted into a church. Coy Church has been receiving the members, and Caroline Association, with the aid of State Missions, has financed the program.

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PROVIDENCE CHURCH, formerly Landmark, has voted to cooperate with Mt. Zion Association. They have secured Southern Baptist literature and voted to give ten per cent of their income to the Cooperative Program and associational missions. Carl Bunch is associational missionary.

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L. D. EPPINETTE, pastor of Oak Grove Church near Pine Bluff, has been called as missionary of Trinity Association. He has accepted and will live at Lepanto. He succeeds E. C. Cloud, who went to Bartholomew Association.

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FIRST CHURCH, Piggott, has written \$100 per month in their 1958 budget to begin a new mission in their town. E. C. Polk is pastor.

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A NEW MISSION has been opened in north Jonesboro. The Friendly Hope Church, a rural church, is sponsoring it. R. L. Williams is pastor. The mission will have two acres of ground for their use. They plan to begin permanent buildings soon.

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LITTLE RED RIVER Association is raising money to purchase a filmstrip projector and screen. That is a wise move. Every association ought to provide equipment for the associational work and not expect the missionary to do it. H. M. Dugger has just completed two years of service as their missionary.

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RICHARD VESTAL, pastor of First Church, Manila, informs us that the mission his church has been sponsoring is being constituted into a church.

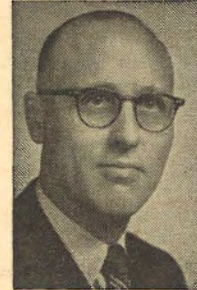
cellent start. Write for these from the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

### TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

#### Two or Four Services?

WE OFTEN HEAR the expression "We are going to Sunday School and then we are going to church," or "We



MR. DAVIS

are going to Training Union and then we are going to church." We do not have two services on Sunday morning and two services on Sunday night. When we go to Sunday School we are going to church at that time. When we go to Training Union we are going to church at that time. On Sunday morning we have one church service that is divided into two parts. The first part is the church teaching the Bible. The second part is the church in worship. On Sunday night we have one meeting of the church. The first part is the church training its people. The second part is the church in worship.

At 6:30 one Sunday evening an educational director answered the church phone. "When does church begin?" was the question. The educational director said, "Church began 15 minutes ago." The lady was somewhat surprised and wanted to know the explanation. The educational director explained that the church service began at 6:15 with the meeting of the Training Union, and that at 7:30 the church would be in worship.

Our Sunday School superintendents and Training Union directors have done a great disservice to our churches by calling on someone to dismiss in prayer. On Sunday night the Training Union should not be dismissed. The pastor will dismiss the Training Union at the close of the evening worship service.

Instead of having a closing assembly or a dismissal prayer, the Training Union members should come immediately into the church auditorium at which time the evening worship service will begin. After a song and a prayer, or later in the worship service, there can be a three to five minute Training Union feature, at which time the Training Union is presented to church members for the benefit of the people who failed to attend the training service of the church as well as for the benefit of those who did attend. This is what we call the integrated service. Some pastors prefer to have this during the time of announcements immediately before the offering. We need to realize that we have only one church meeting on Sunday night divided into two parts, and we need to realize that the Training Union is the church itself training its people.

**WMU**

Nancy Cooper, Secretary



**Miss Camie Jay**

MISS CAMIE Jay was voted to be the recipient of month-by-month aid from the state Business Woman's Circles at their annual Conference. Miss Jay, known and loved by many Arkansas camp-goers, is of Chinese ancestry but was born and reared on San Andres Island. Left fatherless when an infant, her mother gave her to a native family and returned with older children to China and has never made contact with the baby she left behind.

Camie's unusual ability was recognized by Southern Baptist missionaries on the island, and she joined the "M. K.s" (missionaries' kids) in their school work directed by the missionary mother. Upon completion of work equivalent to high school she came to Texas for college and seminary work financed by a Baptist widow, now deceased. Her record is enviable. Her goal has ever been to return to San Andres — a possession of Colombia and 400 miles off the mainland — to teach. The island is now closed to Southern Baptist missionaries. Baptist work is not new there, but unspeakable poverty abounds.

Miss Jay's return in September was made possible by offerings taken at the Girls' Auxiliary camps in Arkansas and gifts from other friends. The Business Woman's Circles Federation voted to send her \$50 each month for a year beginning October 1. This will help support her as she establishes a school in the small, poor church where she has no assurance of support from the people.

Other worthy projects completed by the Federation included the gift of a station wagon to Evelyn Stanford, Home missionary, and a four-year scholarship to Ouachita College granted Gloria Billiot, a French-Indian girl from south Louisiana who has now returned to teach among her people.

Contributions for Miss Jay should be sent to Miss Nancy Cooper, treasurer,

310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, and should be sent immediately and regularly. This is an "extra" — most worthy.

Miss Mary Luck of Magnolia is the new president of the State BWC Federation.

**PLEASE ORDER**—record sheets for the local WMU Executive Committee now available at the State WMU Office without cost. Each member of the committee should have one.

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## FOUNDATION

B. L. Bridges, Secretary

I HAVE ACCEPTED the position as Arkansas Baptist Foundation Secretary. On the last day of September the Foundation Board met again after searching for a year for a Foundation secretary. I was unanimously elected but did not accept and make an announcement of it until a few days ago.



The Arkansas Baptist Foundation was created to raise money for our Baptist work throughout the state. When a gift is made to the Foundation the principal amount of the gift is never spent but it is invested and the income of it goes for the support of one of our several Baptist agencies: The college, the hospital, the orphanage or any other department or agency in our work.

We think we can see an opportunity to strengthen every agency that we have working for the Master. We decided that if we could put the work of the Foundation up where it ought to be we would be doing a good service for Christ and a worthy help for our institutions and mission work. It is one of the best ways to build and strengthen our denominational units.

Also many of our people are making their wills and remembering the Foundation in their wills. Perhaps you are not doing as much for Christ now as you ought to do, but you could make your will and leave some of your possessions to His work and let them be working for Him through the many years that lie ahead. We can help you to make your will and save you money if you can get in touch with us.

Please send us the name and address of anyone who should make a will or who might like to make a contribution to the Foundation. This information will be kept in strict confidence.

B. L. Bridges, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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## Facts of Interest

MORE MAJOR crimes occurred in the United States during the first half of 1957 than in any like period in the past. The FBI reports a national total of 1,399,670 major crimes at the mid-year point, an increase of 8.4 per cent over the same period last year. Since 1951, crime increased 45.7 per cent, while the population increased 11 per cent.

IT HAS BEEN predicted that in the next ten years tranquilizing drugs will change the mental disease picture as much as antibiotics have changed the germ-disease picture in the past fifteen years. Three out of ten prescriptions are for tranquilizers. Result is that hundreds of millions of dollars

## STRUGGLE

It was no surprise that *The Old Man and the Sea* won the 1953 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. This simple story also won for its author the 1954 Nobel Prize for literature. It is powerful and great because it strikes a sympathetic chord in every life. Every person has his struggle with something difficult to master. We can readily understand the feeling and attitude of the old man in his experience with the giant fish.

Life is a succession of struggles. A person has to cope with his environment, his rivals, and his inability to reach all his ideals. No man has yet lived who did not have an adversary with which to grapple. However, you need not be discouraged by the problems you face — though at times they overpower you. You need to fear only when you have no desire to give battle. There are few who have failed to gain something from every struggle of life. Abraham was no stranger to struggles as he ventured into the unknown.

Jacob worked and wrestled for what he got, and Moses had his problems also. Jesus was tempted within and confronted by adversaries from without. Paul fought the good fight and was a better man for it. Luther had to plow in ground that was rough and hard. There is no doubt but that in direct proportion as you let God help you face life's problems, you will gain by each encounter.—By David E. Mason, in *Now Then . . .*

have been spent, mental hospitals have become quieter and less congested, 90 per cent of shock treatments used on mentally ill war veterans have been eliminated, and anxiety or tension has been reduced.

DEBT OF individuals in the United States increased from \$60.6 billion in 1946 to \$207.5 billion in 1956. The debt of the Federal government was \$259.5 billion in 1946, and \$276.7 billion in 1956.

MARRIED COUPLES not maintaining their own households represented only 3.3 per cent of all married couples in 1957, whereas in 1950 the corresponding figure was 5.6 per cent, and in 1947, 8.7 per cent.

THE NUMBER of persons sixty-five years old and over in the United States has quadrupled since 1900. The total population has only doubled in the same time.

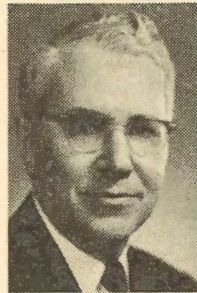
HALF OF ALL families in the United States had a total income of \$4,783 or more during 1956, an increase of 8 per cent over the 1955 median of \$4,429.

## Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

### OLDEST CHURCH

QUESTION: The Catholic Church is proven to be the oldest church of all. The others are said to have launched out from it. If the Catholic Church is the church Christ founded, then how can any other church be right? Exactly where did the Baptists come from? Could you recommend a book on the history of Baptists?



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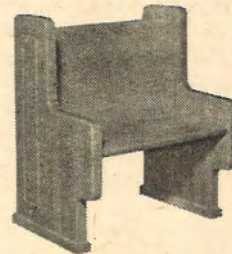
ANSWER: Your letter shows that you are all mixed up on your history. All you have to do to know that the Roman Catholic Church is not the oldest of all churches is to read your New Testament. Rome gradually in the second and third centuries gained control of the other churches and then took the name Catholic, which was not heard of in the first Century.

No church can trace its lineage back to the Jerusalem Church which was the first one started by Jesus. Apostolic succession is not a part of the New Testament tradition, but a political idea introduced later. The true church of Christ is a spiritual entity, a group of people under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Now as to Baptists, we go back to the Lord himself so far as our spiritual forefathers are concerned — there have always been believers outside any Catholic Church, Greek or Roman. But by the name Baptist we can trace our lineage back to about 1600.

A good modern book on Baptist history is one by Robert G. Torbet, *A History of Baptists* published by the Judson Press.

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## EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

### Compassion Is the Test

No curtain ever fell over a tragedy more horrible than a church member who dies thinking he is saved — yet waking up in hell.

John Bunyan in "Pilgrim's Progress" has a road that leads from the gate of heaven to the gate of hell. It is based on the words of our Lord in Matthew 7:22-23, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord,

have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And I will profess unto them I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

People go to heaven through faith in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But faith is something more than piously saying "Lord, Lord" and even preaching and doing wonderful works in His name. Jesus said, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" When one is born again, he becomes a partaker of the nature of Jesus. This nature is one of compassion for lost people. Satan would have us to be complacent about our salvation. "Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, but he that doeth the will of my Father" means having compassion on the unsaved and trying to win them to Jesus. Christian, do you love lost souls?

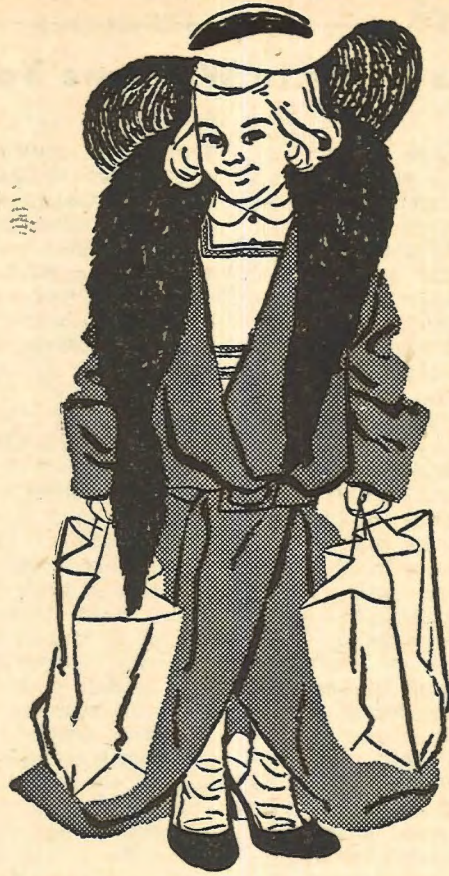
The proof that a person has been born again is that he is obedient to the Great Commission. And this does not mean by proxy. God says in I John 2:4, "He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him." The one command that God is concerned about more than any other, is witnessing to others.

God does not prefix His command, "Go . . . make disciples," with the words, "If you are so disposed, if you have a talent, if you are not a religious writer, if you are not a church soloist," or any other prefix. The "ye" in the great commission is a personal pronoun meaning every person redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. No one can find any exemption for himself anywhere in God's Word.

The Bible terms describing a Christian as salt, light, ambassador, priest, and many others carry out the idea. The fact that one becomes a partaker of the nature of Christ would prove that he could not keep from witnessing. Anyone who is as close to Christ as a branch is to a vine is going to love lost people and try to bring them to the Father. If the church is the Bride of Christ and we are church members, we are too close to Christ not to feel as did the bridegroom, "My meat is to do the will of my Father." We are told "By their fruits ye shall know them."



DR. YEARBY



## Trick or Treat?

"Trick or treat" is part of the fun on Halloween. But there's nothing funny about it when it's played with your taxes.

For instance, certain groups in this country would have you believe that federal government electricity is a "treat" for everyone. But it's no treat for you—it's a trick. The government taxes you more so that customers of federal power systems can get their electricity for less.

First, your taxes go to build the government power plants that serve these people. Then, because they don't pay taxes in their electric bills as you do (about 23 cents out of each dollar spent for electricity), you are taxed further to make up the difference.

This trick of taxing you to subsidize electric service for customers of federal government power systems is one of the little-known facts about "public power." And it's a far cry from normal American standards of fair play.

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## She Waits to Welcome You

By Jean McAlister

FOR 71 YEARS, since October 23, 1886, a lady has given a welcome to all strangers that have arrived in New York Harbor. Millions of people have waited eagerly to see her as they have completed their voyages across the Atlantic. To each of them she means liberty and a chance to work and worship in his own way. She is really a foster mother and brings hope to every stranger who comes to our land of the four freedoms.



She may look small as she is first sighted from a distance, but she is immense. She stands 150 feet tall on top of a pedestal of another 150 feet. She carries in her right hand a lamp or torch, the light of which is never extinguished. Americans sailing to Europe watch it until the ocean fog covers it from view.

This lady is of French and American ancestry. Because of our friendship with France and the help they gave us in the American Revolution and because of our sympathy to France as a new republic, one of France's great statesmen, Edouard de Laboulaye, proposed a great statue at the time of the close of the War Between the States.

There were many delays in getting started, but ten years later the French-American Union was formed and the statue was assured.

The sculptor chosen for this work was Auguste Bartholdi, quite a young man at that time. He came from France to plan his work, and as he entered New York Harbor, this thought came to him. The statue must be a mighty woman breaking the chains of slavery. In one hand she would carry the Declaration of Independence. At her feet would lie the broken chains of tyranny. In her other hand she would hold aloft a mighty torch to give a never-ending light of liberty to the whole world. This statue would greet every refugee and bring hope to his heart.

This statue is one of the best examples of Laboulaye's work and the one by which he wanted to be remembered. The French people were as delighted with this work as were the Americans and every cent of the cost was met by the French citizens with not one penny taken from the government's treasury. The cost was about \$450,000.

There is no statue like this anywhere else in the world. It is a lasting example of friendship between two nations.

What a wonderful world it would be if every country could have that feeling of security and friendship with its neighboring country. We would be farther on the road to world peace if more people had the feeling that prompted the making of our lady greeter in New York Harbor, the wonderful Statue of Liberty.

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## God's Wondrous World

By THELMA C. CARTER

HAVE YOU TAKEN a moment to look at the October world about you? Strangely, the natural world takes on a Halloween appearance! Tattered cornstalks remind one of scarecrows in the field. Pumpkins cling to withered vines. Skeleton-like in profile, trees stand stripped of foliage. Any remaining tree leaves are dark red and brown. The summer grass is burned to a golden carpet.

For the natural world warm temperatures, open streams, and abundant food are ending. Birds have migrated to warm winter homes. The few remaining ones make sharp, anxious calls to each other — as if they were waiting for something to happen.

And something does happen when October opens the door to cool weather! The sky becomes sapphire blue, as do the lakes and streams. Clouds are lower in the sky. Days are shorter.

On our North Atlantic coast line at Cape Cod, Massachusetts, fishermen are faced with the hazard of "river

steam" or fog as the cool air slips in over the warm water.

October, the tenth month of the year, is a month of waiting: waiting for the harvest to end; waiting for green summer growth to settle down to the quiet earth; waiting for the first misty light of winter to filter into Indian summer days.

Animals go about their task of preparing snug winter homes. There is little bird song anywhere in the open. People stay inside their homes more—grow closer to each other as October takes over our calendar for thirty-one days.

Wonderfully true is the fact that we long to be closer to the warmth and security of God's love. The writer of the psalm must have felt this longing as he wrote: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" (Psalm 42:1).

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## A Smile or Two

CLYDE KING, chairman of the board of deacons at First Church, Marked Tree, and secretary of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, says the Board recently informed a prisoner at the state penitentiary that he had been approved for parole. Another member told the man to "go home and get your house in order. We don't want to see you up here ever again."

Replied the prisoner: "If I ever get out of this place the only reason they'll ever send me back will be for singing too loud in church or for carrying an oversized Bible!"

A TOURIST spending the night in a small Vermont town joined several men sitting on the porch of the general store. They were a taciturn bunch and, after several vain attempts to start a conversation, he finally asked, "Is there a law against talking in this town?"

"No law against it," answered one of the men, "but there's an understanding no one's to speak unless he's sure he can improve on silence."

A KINDLY BUT somewhat patronizing landlady was inquiring of the professor's young bride as to her prospective summer outing.

"Our plans thus far," replied the bride a little distantly, "are only tentative."

"How delightful!" the landlady exclaimed. "I'm sure you will enjoy camping out more than anything."

A LITTLE GIRL at a church wedding suddenly exclaimed in a stage whisper: "Mother, has the lady changed her mind?"

"What do you mean, dear?"

"Well, mother, we saw her march up the aisle with one man, and here she comes back with another!"

DOROTHY, LEARNING to dress herself, tearfully approached her mother: "I can't fasten my dress, Mama. The buttons are all in the back, and I'm in the front."

AT A CIRCUS a thoughtful-looking gentleman stood for a long time, studying a camel. At length, he stooped, picked up a straw, and placed it on the camel's back. Nothing happened.

"Wrong straw," the man shrugged, then walked away.

A WOMAN was having an upstairs room painted and was worried at the workman's slow progress, since she was paying him by the hour. Listening at the foot of the stairs, she couldn't hear a sound.

"Mr. Henry," she called up, "are you painting?"

"Yes, ma'm," came the reply.

"That's funny," she snapped, "because I can't hear you working."

"Listen, lady," was the exasperated reply, "I ain't putting it on with a hammer!"

## The Problem of Christian Freedom

By S. A. WHITLOW

October 27, 1957

I Cor. 8; 9:19-27; 10

"IF IT doesn't harm me, I don't consider it anyone's business what I do." How many times have we heard this said? A little closer home — how many times have we thought it even though we did not speak it aloud? But, is it true? Can a Christian rightly consider any question only in terms of how it affects him? How far can Christian liberty go before it becomes license?



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### The Problem

These questions came to the forefront in the form of a problem at Corinth. It involved the matter of the influence of the Christian community in a

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pagan city. It was the problem of eating meat offered to idols. A part of an animal was offered in sacrifice to the gods in a religious ceremony. Then the part which was not so used in official worship was put on sale. Anyone could buy and eat such meat as food. Perhaps some of the Christians in Corinth purchased this meat because of it being cheaper in price. It was an economic question with them. Others were being entertained at feasts where they knew meat like this was being served. However, there were those in the church who felt that to eat this meat was to compromise the faith — to participate in idolatry. A sharp division arose in the Christian community over this issue. The faith of some was in jeopardy, and the influence of all was involved. They wrote to get Paul's counsel in the matter. A proper solution was imperative.

### Knowledge Alone is Insufficient

There were those in the church who were insisting that since there is no reality in an idol, that eating meat offered to an idol could have no meaning. To them this was perfectly clear. But Paul warns those who are approaching the problem solely from an intellectual point of view that a danger was involved. "Knowledge puffeth up." It had already begun to assert itself. Those who knew this were beginning to look with contempt upon those who did not fully understand. Then, the Apostle goes on to point out that the person who has all the answers does not possess the basic ingredient of true knowledge. Knowledge alone is not sufficient to find a solution. Knowledge must be tempered with love. It is love that builds.

We know, of course, says Paul, that an idol is nothing, and even though there are many gods, in reality there is but one God. He is the Father of whom are all things. We know these things are true. Knowledge recognizes these facts and says there can be no meaning in things exercised to idols. Therefore, it does not matter. We can eat this meat. Men can go out to the temple and offer a part of the sacrifice, and the part which is not offered to the gods may well be eaten, because there is no reality in idols. There is one God. Consequently, we can do as we like; we can eat.

### Love is Considerate of Others

But, wait a minute! Knowledge does not have the last word. Knowledge puffs up, it fills with pride. Love has a word. Knowledge deals only with the fact involved. Love deals with others in the light of the fact. Knowledge has to do with the intellectual aspect only. Love has to do with the welfare of others in view of the fact. Knowledge is concerned with a right. Love is willing to forego a right in the interest of others.

There are those who do not possess full knowledge. Some there were who had been used to idol worship so long that they were not able to make this distinction so accurately. But to witness their brethren partaking of meat offered to idols was making shipwreck of their faith. Love says that those who possess the more complete knowledge must exercise care that their liberty might not become an instrument for the destruction of the weaker brother for whom Christ died.

### Misused Liberty Is Disastrous

Christian liberty is to be exercised with restraint and self-control. "But I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage; lest by any means, after I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected." Paul is not here thinking of his personal salvation. That is not involved, but rather the worth of his ministry. To presume upon one's privileges is to travel the road that leads to disaster. He cites the case of his own people as an example of this truth. "For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual food; and did all drink the same spiritual drink."

Notice what those simple things reveal. "Under the cloud, guidance; through the sea, divine emancipation; baptized unto Moses, a divinely created freedom, and a new community, joined together in that way. Divine sustenance, as they ate and drank, su-

pernaturally provided food and drink." Mark these privileges! But the next chapter in their story was "Howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness." Here was high privilege misused and liberty abused. The result: That generation of Israel — except Joshua and Caleb — were rejected as instruments of God's purpose. The central warning is "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

### Right Motives Impel Right Actions

The Christian's action cannot properly be gauged by his right. All things which are not basically wrong constitutes the Christian's rights. But everything that is right is not always for the best. How what we do affects others is a part of the solution to any problem. Our liberty should be guarded so that it might not become a stumbling block to any. There is only one motive which guarantees such actions. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." What would this do for us as we face many of the problems of life?



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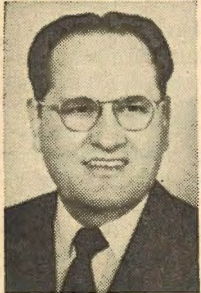
# ★ Executive Board STATE CONVENTION ★

Ralph Douglas, Acting General Secretary; 100 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

## The Little Rock Prayer Meetings

THE PRAYER meetings at Little Rock, in the interest of the school integration problem, have stirred the hearts of church people everywhere across the country.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention office has been deluged with mail from many sections of the nation. Your "acting Executive Secretary" has received long distance telephone calls from the far corners, asking, "What is really taking place in Little Rock?" and "Can we believe all that we hear on the air waves and read in our papers?"



DR. DOUGLAS

In some instances, it was implied that we have waited too late to pray about racial affairs. Then, some seemed to imply that our praying was merely asking God to agree with our attitudes, or sanction our plans, instead of praying, "God, Thy will be done."

All of these communications have made us vividly aware of the fact that there is a vast breach between our citizens. Apparently, some believe that there is no middle ground in the Little Rock situation. These people are what we term "radicals." They are either far to the left, or they are far to the right.

These "fringe people" keep stirring the caldron and calling any other people "names," who do not agree with them.

I have been asked point-blank "Whom do you think is right: the Governor, or the President?" To answer that question, we were forced back upon experience in the pastorate. I remember the time when a husband and wife were quarreling and contemplating separation and divorce. As a last resort they came to me for advice, each hoping I would say the other was wrong. As I counseled with them, I kept trying to remember that it was more important to save a home than to find out who was the "righter" or who was the "wronger."

It is not our task to decide who did right and who did wrong, but it is our responsibility to do what we can to resolve the problem and help our people live together in peace, as good citizens in a great nation should live.

We believe that the best place to begin our prayers about the matter is to ask God to help us review our position, under the burning searchlight of His Holy Spirit. Then, and only then, can we be sure of our actions; then and not until then, will we be sure that our actions are designed to help and not hinder; then and only then, will we follow the right course in living with our fellow man.

In answering the many inquiries that

have come to our office, we have tried to be honest and Christian. We are trying to be God's man ministering to people with different ideas, because they are from different backgrounds and different environments.

We are not dogmatic in our approach to the matter. Some have said, "Well, Jesus was dogmatic and if you are one of His followers you must also be dogmatic." Well, to that we could only say, "Everything Jesus advocated was dogma. Because HE WAS TRUTH, His decisions were always perfect, and He could always speak the last word on any subject. Therefore, he was dogmatic. But our decisions, as human beings, are clouded with the limitations of mortals; mortals who are part and parcel of their backgrounds and environments."

This we know: Many inquiries have come to us from people on both sides of the Little Rock school situation. But, the amazing thing about some of these calls was this: Some of the "callers," who had implied that our praying was merely getting God to sanction our attitudes and plans, were not willing to listen to my suggestions and apparently had their minds "made-up" and merely wanted me to agree with them.

In the meantime, let us pray for GOD'S WILL TO BE DONE and then we shall be able to "shift our gears" if need be, in order to conform our lives to His will.—RD

### Church Membership Up By 26 Millions

ACTUAL CHURCH membership in the United States is 26,000,000 higher than the total reported by the 1958 Yearbook of American Churches, according to a survey just made by Presbyterian Life, official organ of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The Yearbook places the membership total at 103 millions, based on figures supplied by the various denominations, but the magazine says it really should total 129 millions.

The discrepancy is due to the different methods used in determining membership. Most Protestant bodies include only those young people and adults who are over 13 years of age, whereas the Roman Catholic Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church and

Lutheran bodies report all baptized members including small children. The Presbyterian Life survey included all baptized Protestants, even if they are not counted as "official" members. This placed the total Protestant constituency at 86,250,000 as compared with 34,563,000 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews and 2,598,000 Eastern Orthodox.

"There are some saints as upright as marble columns, and just as cold!"

—Perry F. Webb

### NOTICE

CONVENTION DATE CHANGED

After Your 1956 Diary Was Published the Convention Met and Changed the Date to:  
NOVEMBER 19-21

DID YOU KNOW? The Southern Baptist Handbook for 1957 shows there are approximately 21.5 million Baptists in the world. North America has approximately 19,167,835; Europe, more than 1,123,070; Central America and West Indies, 98,455; Asia, more than 706,321; South America, 138,098; Africa, 237,788; Australia and Oceania, 45,617.

"Doing good is about the same thing as forgiving one another. It takes a great deal of faith to do either!"

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### WANTED—TWO BOOKS

The late Dr. Allen Hill Autry wrote some books. We want two of them "Warning Signals" and "Grapeshot and Canister". Do you have a copy, you could let us have?

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