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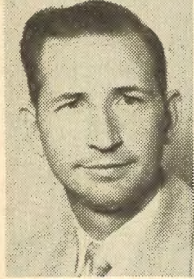
Baptist



OCTOBER 17, 1957

Faulkner County News

JAMES M. EVANS, formerly pastor of First Church, Humphrey, began his work as missionary of the Faulkner County association on Sept. 1. Missionary Evans is a graduate of Thornton High School and of Southwestern Seminary, where he received the diploma in Theology. Mrs. Evans is the former Miss Joyce Oldner, of Gurdon. They make their home in Conway where their mailing address is Post Office Box 807.



MR. EVANS

WILLIAM WEST, pastor of Second Church, Conway, is the new moderator of Faulkner County association. Other officers include: Morris Smith, pastor at Pickles Gap, vice-moderator; and Sherel Blake, Conway, clerk and treasurer.

EUGENE SMITH has accepted a call as pastor of Beryl Church, where a parsonage is now being built.

FRED H. M. SMITH, formerly pastor of Plainview Church in the Dardanelle-Russellville association, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Pleasant Grove Church.

CHURCHES IN THE Faulkner County association reported a total of 142 baptisms for the year just closed. This compares with 117 for the previous year.

Hope Association

J. M. STAGNER is the new pastor at Immanuel Church, Texarkana, coming from First Church, Edgewood, Tex.

JIMMY WILSON has resigned Pisgah Church and accepted Shiloh Memorial, both in Hope Association. In two years at Pisgah, Mr. Wilson led the church to remodel the building. Sunday school rooms were added and new pews purchased. The Cooperative Program and associational missions were placed in the budget. Thirty-three new members were received, 29 by baptism.

IN THE VBS department, there were 27 church schools, three mission schools, and six Negro schools, for a total of 36 schools.

MAJOR LEWIS, pastor at Immanuel Church, Magnolia, did the preaching in a revival at Midway Church, Serapta, La., resulting in 13 additions by baptism and 20 by letter.

FIRST CHURCH, Fouke, and Pastor J. C. Crabbe were assisted in a revival by Sam Pace, Winnsboro, La. There were five additions by baptism and two by letter. — M. T. McGregor, missionary.

By Jay W. C. Moore

Concord News Notes

DR. WILLIAMS James Robinson, 87, former pastor of Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, when it was the Lexington Avenue Church, died in Kansas City recently. Dr. Robinson left Ft. Smith in 1928, after serving Lexington Avenue for several years. While in Kansas City, until he retired, he served Immanuel Church. He retired in 1932 and since then has contributed many articles to religious and secular papers and magazines.

HAROLD REGAN, who has served as minister of music-education of Temple Church, has accepted a similar position with the Nicoma Park Church in Oklahoma City.

E. L. BRISTOW has resigned the Ratcliff church to accept the Highway Church in Fresno, Calif. A native of Missouri, Bristow has held pastorates in Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Frank Faries of Ft. Smith has accepted the Ratcliff pastorate.

THIRTY-FIVE children are enrolled in the First Church, Ft. Smith, kindergarten. This is the third year for the school. David Meir, minister of education, is the director, and the teachers are Miss Ora Wilburn and Mrs. Argurite Roths. They are certified teachers with 15 years of experience.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES were held recently in Kelley Heights Church for 24 Sunday school workers who had earned diplomas. Eighteen Workers Diplomas were awarded; four Advanced Diplomas; one Master Diploma and one Worker's Citation. Ernest Adams was the speaker. Murl Walker is the pastor of Kelley Heights.

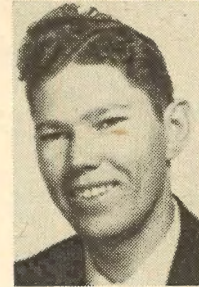
GRAND AVENUE church has begun two Sunday school services and two preaching services each Sunday morning to care for those in the Sunday school and worship service. Jim Pleitz is the pastor, Jim Chatham, the minister of education, and Jerry Howell minister of music.

USING THE THEME, Hands United in Kingdom Service, Mrs. Jay W. C. Moore installed the officers of the WMS of the Grand Avenue Church recently. Thirty-five officers, chairmen and counselors were installed.

THERE WERE 28 church Vacation Bible Schools conducted in the association last season; four Negro schools, and four mission schools. The Negro schools were conducted by Temple, Paris, Immanuel and Grand Avenue churches. The missions schools were conducted by First, Ft. Smith, and Grand Avenue. Orvil Haley, pastor of the Northside Church in Ft. Smith, is the associational VBS Director.

THE SALADO CHURCH, in the Independence Association is now sending the Arkansas Baptist to all its church families.

SULPHUR SPRINGS Church, Caddo River Association, recently ordained their pastor, John E. O'Neal, who is a student at Ouachita College.



MR. O'NEAL

Associational missionary W. O. Miller was moderator of the ordaining council. Bobby Denton, Glenwood, introduced the candidate. Thurlo Lee, Oden, conducted the examination. Edd Anderson, Houston, Tex., delivered the sermon. Ode Maddox, Oden, offered the prayer. C. H. Moore, Pine Ridge, presented the charge. Sam Sherman, Sulphur Springs, presented the Bible and Deacon Charles Hughes, Sulphur Springs, served as clerk.

A NEW CHURCH has been organized in Wooster, Ohio, by former Arkansan R. Gaston Dunigan of Pine Bluff. Mr. Dunigan graduated from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., last May, moved his family to Wooster where he started a Sunday school in the YMCA on June 16. Eleven weeks later the mission was organized into a church and called him as their pastor.

SIX PER CENT — or 120 students — of the total enrollment at Southwestern Seminary are students from Arkansas.

Thirty-four states and the District of Columbia are represented in the enrollment of 2,005 students. There are 50 students from 14 foreign countries.

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● TRINITY CHURCH, Ft. Smith, ordained their pastor, Charles Abraria, on September 29. Moderator of



MR. ABRARIA the ordaining council was H. J. Morris, pastor at Dyer, and father-in-law of the candidate. Curtis Bryant, Oak Grove, was clerk. Missionary of Clear Creek Association S. A. Wiles examined the candidate. S. A. Haley delivered the sermon and H. G. Milam delivered the charge. David L. Land, Cedarville, presented the Bible and L. H. Harwell, mission pastor for First Church, Van Buren, led the prayer.

Mr. Abraria was born in San Jose, Calif., of Italian and Portugese parents, who reared him in the Roman Catholic faith. His paternal grandfather had six brothers who were Catholic priests in Italy. While in California, Mr. Abraria was married to Wanda Morris. The couple went to Fort Smith to live where early this year he was saved and united with Immanuel Church. He is a student at the Ouachita Extension School with classes being held in First Church, Fort Smith.

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● DR. JOE W. Burton, editor of HOME LIFE magazine, is assisting First Church, Hamburg, in a stewardship revival this week. Burton, a native of Miles, Tex., received the AB and DD degrees from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and the ThM from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

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● FORMER ARKANSAS BAPTIST Editor Dr. Thomas W. Croxton writes that he and Mrs. Croxton are now located at 1408 Major Drive, Jefferson City, Mo.

"My wife and I are beginning to enjoy the change since moving to Jefferson City," Dr. Croxton writes. "I will have enough to do to keep me from being idle — supplying pulpits, holding meetings occasionally, and doing some writing. I needed the relief from the constant rush in a busy pastorate, and I welcome this for myself as well as my wife.

"We gave some thought to settling in Arkansas, but in view of a long absence, I felt out of touch with Baptist affairs in Arkansas. At present I know more people and am in closer touch with Baptist affairs in Missouri. This is the main reason for choosing a residence in Missouri."

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● TWENTY-THREE were added to South Highland Church, Little Rock, a recent revival led by Evangelist Billy Walker, according to Pastor Ray Branscum. Eleven were by baptism. Jack Riley, minister of music at South Highland, was in charge of the music.

The Cover

Thy Word Is a Lamp—

THY WORD is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.



Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies. —Psalms 119: 105-119

● H. DALE JACKSON has accepted the pastorate of Eagle Heights Church, Harrison, following a two-year minis-



try with First Church, Des Arc. Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo. The Jacksons have three children: Paula Marie, 6; Debra Sue, 4; and Paul Ernest, 2.

MR. JACKSON The church recently began a youth recreation program in the educational building each Saturday night. Beginning with a devotional period, the program includes games and refreshments. —Ola Sue McDonald, Reporter.

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● EVANGELIST BILLY WALKER assisted First Church, Cotter, in a recent revival resulting in five additions by baptism and "many rededications," according to Pastor M. E. Dark. Roy Tweed, Curtis, was in charge of the music.

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Watching Ouachita

Debate Team Chosen

SIXTEEN STUDENTS have turned out for the debate team, according to Mr. Dennis Holt, team coach.

Holt stated that the college debaters will enter several tournaments during the academic year. Topic for the year is "Resolved: That the Requirement of Membership in a Labor Organization as a Condition of Employment be Illegal."

DR. RALPH Kirkman, dean of students, will visit Earlham College in Richmond, Va. and Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, to study methods of integrated learning through faculty improvement. This study is a part of a self evaluation study being conducted at Ouachita.

RANDOLPH QUICK, associate professor of sociology, has been granted a twelve-month leave of absence to continue work toward a doctor-of-philosophy degree at the University of Texas in Austin.

THE RIFLE team has slated a number of matches for the year, it was announced by Sfc. Morris Johnson, team coach.

THE FIRST PLAY of the season will be presented October 24-25 by the Speech department, "The Silver Cord," a psychological drama of overpossessive and destructive mother love.

● REV. AND MRS. W. Trueman Moore, missionary appointees to East Pakistan, have gone to their field of service and may be addressed in care of Rev. Troy C. Bennett, P. O. Box 99, Ramna, Dacca, East Pakistan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore are natives of Greenwood, Ark., and make their permanent American home in Fort Smith.

Washington-Madison Shows the Way

THE WASHINGTON-Madison Association, in the adoption at Fayetteville October 4 of its budget for the coming year, became the first Association in the State to vote to use the front page of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST each week for Association news and promotion materials.

Before this plan was adopted, Tommie Hinson, superintendent of missions for the Association, had published a mimeographed, monthly bulletin which had a mailing list of 750. Now Superintendent Hinson, who will edit the Association's page, will be in direct contact each week with the 5,629 members of the 18 churches of the Association which have the ARKANSAS BAPTIST in their church budgets. It is hoped that the 1,002 members of the nine churches of the Association which have not yet placed the State paper in their budgets will soon be on the mailing list.

Several of our larger churches of the State now carry their church bulletin material on the cover page of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST each week. This is a service which is available to any church mailing the paper through the family budget plan. Whereas the advertising rate for space in the ARKANSAS BAPTIST is \$125 per page per week, the cost to churches arranging for the cover page is only \$15 per week for mailings up to 500 and \$17.50 per week for mailings above 500. This is the actual cost of having the type set and the printing forms changed for the special runs.

The printing and mailing of church bulletins or newspapers is an expensive item in the local church budget, in secretarial hours and postage. Most of the larger churches, for this reason, will find the front-page arrangement more economical than mailing out their own materials. A further advantage is seen in the packeting of local church news and promotion with Arkansas Baptist and world religious news as carried in the ARKANSAS BAPTIST.

Superintendent Hinson and the pastors and people of Washington-Madison Association are to be congratulated on the challenging program of missions they have planned and approved and on their wisdom in making adequate provision for keeping in touch with their people. Informed Baptists are interested Baptists, and it is the interested Baptists who give themselves to be used of the Lord in carrying out the local and world mission program.

It is interesting to note that the more churches of a given Association placing the ARKANSAS BAPTIST in their budgets, the more wide awake and aggressive the Baptists of the Association are in their work for the Lord. We do not claim that the State paper is solely responsible for this. Sometimes churches put the paper in their budgets because they are already awake, but, we believe, some awaken to accept greater challenges because the paper is being read by their members. It works both ways.

Churches of the Washington-Madison Association sending the paper to all families include: Berry Street, Huntsville; Bethel; Black Oak; Brush Creek; Caudle Avenue, Springdale; Elkins; Farmington; Fayetteville First; Hindsville; Johnson; Lincoln; Ogden; Providence; Sonora; Springdale First; Sulphur City; University, Fayetteville; and Winslow.

It will be interesting to watch this forward move by the Washington-Madison Association, which becomes effective with our first issue in November. Other Associations may be interested in similar plans.

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BUT THIS I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (II Cor. 9:6).

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SOMEWHERE we have heard of a Baptist church designated Independent Baptist Church. Who ever heard of any other kind of Baptist Church? To call a church "Independent Baptist Church" is like referring to a dentist as a "tooth dentist."

Personally Speaking . . .

Tight Budgets

"TAILOR MADE" were magic words about the time some of my generation were qualifying for their first "long pants."



MR. McDONALD

Somewhere I got the idea back there that "tailor-made" clothes meant clothes that fit about as tight as a fellow's original birthday suit. So, when I went shopping for my first pair of blue serge pants, I was looking for some ready-made trousers that would fit me like I had imagined they would if made-to-order by a tailor.

I was pretty well pleased with myself in the newly acquired apparel until I got with my gang of young fellows on the front of Shinn & Petray's Store at London and one of the boys said where all could hear: "Erwin looks like he had been melted and poured into his new breeches!"

From this experience I learned that sometimes we find ourselves unnecessarily in close circumstances. I could have had considerable more cloth in my trousers at no greater expense.

On one of my visits this fall to an annual Association meeting one of the pastors told me his church did not send the ARKANSAS BAPTIST to its church families "because we have a tight budget." As he talked I gained still more insight into his local church situation.

"I never have set my heart on a high salary," he said, "and I don't mind sacrificing to be a preacher. But I sometimes worry," he confided, as he scratched his greying head, "because I can't afford to carry any insurance and my church is not able for me to be in the Ministers' Retirement Plan."

I could not help wondering if his church is by its budget like I was about that first pair of store-bought pants — if there are some people on the budget committee who feel that the best church budget is a "tight" budget, as small as the church can squeeze itself into.

Sometimes a church — or a church budget committee — thinks it cannot afford to do a lot of things that it should do, because the money is not in the bank. But running a New Testament church is different from running an ordinary business. When God's people set their hearts on doing his work and start putting first things first, God fulfills that part of his Great Commission which is sometimes overlooked:

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth . . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Erwin L. McDonald

Cartoon Offends

Crossett, Arkansas
September 14, 1957

WOULD YOU SEND me the address the Baptist Standard paper from which was taken a cartoon which you printed in Arkansas Baptist recently, showing a man labeled "Pulpit Committee" standing on a church, shouting, "Lord, lead us to a man under 40, with a doctor's degree, a good mixer, and . . ." I want to register my complaint as a layman that has served on pulpit committees, as this being unfair to the consecrated men composing our pulpit committees, unless the other side of the question is presented as I have tried to do, in the rough pencil sketch that I am enclosing. We have heard these and a lot of other stipulations from the men who fill church pulpits, so let's show some other causes when a committee fails. One minister turned down a church when they would not allow him to pastor their church and live in another town in another state. Also I continue to be confused when 15 to 20 men all say they feel led to the same church at the same time! No wonder we reach so few people for Christ!

Thank you for this information.

(Name withheld)

(This communication bears a signature, but at the request of the writer it is not being published)

Answer: You are right. The fault does not always lie with the Pulpit Committee. Sometimes the prospective pastor is out of line. But we can be thankful that, for the most part, both the committees and the preachers are seeking prayerfully to know and follow the will of God. The cartoon and your letter are "shoes" to be worn by those whom "the shoes fit."

News of Other Days

One of our professors, Mr. William I. Marable, found this summer in the attic of his home near Chase City, Va., a copy of *The Religious Herald* dated Thursday, May 31, 1883. He presented it recently to our college library where it is now on display.

I took the time the other day to read this old paper and discovered in it three comments which I thought might be of interest to you.

It seems that the Editor of *The Herald* while returning from the Southern Baptist Convention in Waco, Texas, had passed through the state of Arkansas. He mentioned the names of several outstanding Arkansas Baptists of that day.

First, he spoke of a certain J. P. Eagle and referred to him as "a colonel, a preacher, a rich farmer, an elegant and courtly gentleman and a generous friend of the Baptist cause."

Also, he mentioned the Reverend M. D. Early of Lonoke and called him "the most popular Baptist pastor in Arkansas."

Then, too, he spoke of Brother Searcy, then Editor of *The Arkansas Evan-*

gel, and made this comment: "He and Brother Womach are struggling hard to establish a good Baptist Paper for Arkansas."

John C. Gill, Jr.
Director of College Relations
Chowan College
Murfreesboro, N. C.

A Missions Glimpse

We would like to come into your home for just a few minutes, draw back the curtain and let you take a peep into the lives of the Papago people. See them this month as they struggle and sacrifice that their children may get back in school. Their meager way of making a living makes it very difficult for them to have the clothing and provisions that each child needs.

With so little the Papagos are making great strides toward adjusting themselves to the new age in which they live. As we look into the future we can see them taking their places because of education and religious training.

Our hearts were thrilled as we saw one of our fine girls, Viola Antone, enroll in high school in Phoenix this month. She did not go alone because Christ went with her. When she was crowned Queen in her GA work it seemed to inspire her to aim at even a higher goal in life. She will take her place in this world as God planned for her because you sent Baptist missionaries to this reservation.

One girl had to be sent to a correction school because of the influence of sin at a dance. However, she could not forget the training that she had received at the mission. This week her mother received a letter from her saying, "Send me my Bible and my GA Manual. I am going to learn my work and get ready to be crowned Queen when I get back home." Will you pray that this dear girl will surrender her heart to Jesus. Her father is in jail now because of drunkenness.

As we try to work with the young people the priest tries to poison their minds against us. He calls Baptists "thieves and robbers." He says, "I will give the children their religious training."

Your prayers, love, and thoughtfulness during the summer months have meant much to us.

Sincerely,
Hazel and Marvin Sorrels,
Missionaries to the Papago Indians,
Sells, Arizona

THE MOUNT ZION Church, Batesville, has voted to accept your proposition of one month's trial subscription with the view of putting the paper in its budget, if possible, at the end of the month. The church is in the Independence Association.

Fraternally,
—W. B. O'Neal

SONORA CHURCH, Washington-Madison Association, has voted to put the paper in the budget for next year, 1958. We will get our subscriptions in soon to you.

—Mrs. Stanley Cate, Springdale

The Faith Preached

MONDAY AFTERNOON after Dr. Harold B. Tillman had preached on Sunday, September 15, to his people of Orcutt Avenue Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., on the topic, "Justifying Support of the Church," he went on to join that great invisible church which he has supported across the years.

Among other things he said in his sermon: "The church has proved herself worthy. Her nature is grounded in love and benevolence, having the greatest characteristic of God, that is: 'God is love.'"

Dr. Tillman continued: "The church is a profitable investment and has a holy past. The church is extensive — all the world is her field of activity. The church has proved herself to be a pillar and ground of truth. She has Christ as her foundation."

Coming to the close of his message the pastor added: "The church is unchangeable in a changing world."

The passing of Dr. Tillman reminds us of the truthfulness concerning this changing world. In our sorrow we find comfort and encouragement in the thought that Christ and his church are unchangeable.

A few hours after his death, Mrs. Tillman said to Sue, "We must accept this with the faith that daddy has preached."

Thank God for the contribution of Harold Tillman. He was a man with a missionary mind, having served on the Home Mission Board and for the past six years, on the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Only those who were close to him understood the deep love and appreciation which he had for the membership of Orcutt Avenue Baptist Church. These nine years serving this great church were filled with happiness, the most satisfying and fruitful years of his life.

And so with the memory of our dear friend in mind, may his loved ones and friends accept this with the faith that he has preached.—Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Virginia.

Liquor and Mad Dogs

The "old goat" of alcohol breaks up the home and is responsible for 45 per cent of the divorces in our nation and 50 per cent of the accidents resulting from drunken driving.

A mad dog in a community can terrorize the people. But statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by intoxicating liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog. Yet we shoot the dog and glorify the liquor.

—Herald of His Coming

Arkansas Baptist Giving on Increase

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists' total gifts to Convention-wide work through the Cooperative Program and designated offerings are running 8.74 per cent ahead of last year's total gifts, according to Porter Routh, Nashville, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Total gifts for the first nine months of the year were \$18,704,468 compared with \$17,200,326 in 1956. Cooperative Program gifts were up \$673,591 (6.84 per cent) to \$10,526,727 and designated offerings were up \$830,550 (11.3 per cent) to \$8,177,741.

With the exception of four states — California, District of Columbia, North Carolina, and Oklahoma — gifts through both categories were ahead of last year. In these four states, designated gifts were up but Cooperative Program gifts were lagging. In California and North Carolina, total gifts were running behind 1956.

Arkansas reported total gifts to date this year of \$601,734 which included \$399,359 through the Cooperative Program and \$202,375 through designations. At the same time in 1956, total gifts in the state were \$517,493, with Cooperative Program offerings amounting to \$334,587 and designations to \$182,906.

Comparing September, 1957, with September, 1956, Cooperative Program gifts were up slightly this year surpassing the million-dollar mark. Designations for the month dropped slightly but total gifts for the past month were greater than for a year ago.

During September, 1957, Arkansas forwarded a total of \$43,323 to the Southern Baptist Convention of which \$43,239 was through Cooperative Program and \$84 through designations.

Figures do not include funds kept for local church activities or state missions.

MISS BETTY Jeane Weeks, of Baltimore, Md., has accepted the position of Baptist Student Union director at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Miss., succeeding Miss Kathryn Jasper, who resigned to become student director for Hinds County (Miss.) Association. Miss Weeks, now associate in the department of religious education of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, assumed her new duties Oct. 16.

PARIS, France — BWA — The president of the European Baptist Missionary Society, Rev. Henri Vincent of Paris, reports that there is a group of more than 100 Baptists in Lome, Togoland. They are mainly persons who have moved to that city from Nigeria and Ghana. They are desirous of contacts with Baptists in other lands.

Agency Asks Permission To Enlarge Its Service

NASHVILLE (BP) — The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission said here that it believes the work of the Commission ought to be enlarged to give increased service to Southern Baptists.

The Commission has voted to seek funds for 1959 from the Southern Baptist Convention to employ an associate secretary who would further develop the Commission's work in the six major areas assigned to it.

The associate would devote his time to research into important moral issues and would help conduct conferences on these issues among states and associations of churches when requested.

The Commission said that an associate secretary would enable the Commission to make more probing studies of such issues as the liquor traffic.

Increasing the staff would allow the Commission to make more material available to writers and speakers among Southern Baptists who need factual information about moral issues, the Commission added.

THIRTEEN OF THE nation's governors are Methodists, eight are Baptists, seven are Episcopalians, six are Presbyterians, five are Roman Catholics, four are Lutherans, two are Congregationalists, one is Jewish, one is a Mormon, and one lists no affiliation.

—The Baptist Reminder

If You Are Moving

OUR SUBSCRIBERS, who are changing their addresses, are requested to please notify the **Arkansas Baptist**, if possible, one week ahead of their move so the paper can correct your address.

A good many people are on the move. Many subscribers to this paper change their address. Each time an undelivered paper comes back to our office we must pay for it. Where the Post Office used to charge us 2c they now have raised the charge to 5c for each paper returned to our office because a subscriber has moved and failed to notify us of the change. This has become expensive to your state paper. We do not make money. We try to "break even," but we will not be able to do so without the cooperation of you as a subscriber.

If you change your address, please advise us one week ahead, giving us your old address and your new, as well as the name of the church of which you are a member. Thank you!

—The Management

Clergy Salaries To Be Studied

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 — The National Council of Churches will launch a pioneer study of ministers' salaries, aided by a \$33,500 grant from the Rockefeller Brothers' Fund.

The special clergy research and action project will be carried out by the Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Blizard, a recognized authority on the life of the parish minister, whose appointment as its director was made recently by the National Council's General Board.

SPECIALISTS IN many areas of adult life will help professional workers with adults in churches and the denomination better to understand this age group and their needs at the first Conference on Adults, to be held in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 15-17.

Conference leaders will include educators, doctors, pastors, sociologists, and other authorities, according to W. L. Howse, Education Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Program Chairman.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — BWA — Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, is in Europe this fall observing the activities of Baptists in that area and making plans for 1958 Baptist meetings there.

One of his chief items of business on the continent will be arrangement of details for the 1958 meeting of the BWA Executive Committee at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland in August 1958. He also will confer with European Baptists in their plans for a meeting of the European Baptist Federation in Berlin next July and an evangelistic conference immediately following.

NEW YORK, N. Y. — BWA — Word has been received through Hong Kong of the death on September 2 in Hangchow, China, of Dr. T. C. Bao. For more than 25 years Dr. Bao was executive secretary of the Chekiang-Shanghai Baptist Convention, official body for churches in East China related to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

HAMILTON, Canada — BWA — Approximately 20,000 people have been assisted by the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance since 1947, Dr. R. Paul Caudill, of Memphis, Tenn., committee chairman, reported to the BWA Executive Committee.

The committee voted continuance of the relief office in Washington and praised Rev. A. Klaupiks for his work as coordinator.

TORONTO, Canada — BWA — Canadian Baptists, who have set a marvelous record already of maintaining one missionary on the field for every 1,000 members at home, have appointed 15 new missionaries to leave this fall for fields in Africa, India and Bolivia.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

WASHINGTON (BP) — Adiel J. Moncrief, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo., attended a meeting of the Churchmen's Committee for Decent Publications held here Sept. 19. Moncrief represented the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, of which he is chairman. The Christian Life Commission has called on Southern Baptist churches to work together in an effort to rid newsstands of morally-objectionable periodicals.

THE HONG KONG Baptist College opened its second session Tuesday, September 10, with President Lam Chi Fung delivering the principal address. A capacity enrollment of 317 freshman and sophomore students in five departments has already been registered. Ninety of these are returning sophomores, 13 are transfer students, and the remainder are freshmen from Hong Kong, Macao, China, Formosa, Malaya, and Thailand.

MASSACHUSETTS churches are continuing to hit hard at a state-wide "boom" in gambling. Ten thousand copies of a shortened form of an official report on gambling were distributed this week to the 1,800-member churches of the Massachusetts Council of Churches.

"Wide circulation of the report," declared the Rev. Dr. Myron Fowell, "is one step in the churches' campaign against organized gambling in the state." Dr. Fowell is director of the council's Department of Social Relations.

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — Mississippi Baptists' first \$2 million Cooperative Program budget will be recommended to the state convention in November.

The proposed budget for next year is \$2,025,000 as compared to the current year's objective of \$1,900,000.

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Southern Baptist minister, pastor John Halderman of Allapattah Church, Miami, Fla., will be one of several ministers of various faiths taking part in a Protestant Preaching Mission to U. S. Air Force bases in Europe and North Africa, the Air Force chaplains office announced. The five-day mission will be held the last part of October and first of November.

OUR WORLD is not very tranquil, if the present sales of tranquilizers are indicative of the emotional instability of people. It has been estimated that 40 million prescriptions for tranquilizers will be written in 1957, costing approximately \$200 million. Yet, the product is only three years old.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Catholics and Their Paper

If you are a preacher, don't be surprised if you begin receiving a Roman Catholic magazine each week and if you are a church member don't get alarmed and call a special business meeting if you happen to see a Catholic publication in your pastor's mailbox. It's all part of a plan of the Roman Church to use their publications to win converts from other faiths.

On the desk before me is the August 4 issue of *Our Sunday Visitor*, the national Catholic weekly. The front page headlines read: "Your Catholic paper can help win converts. Pass it on regularly to a non-Catholic reader." In the article which follows it is claimed that already the O S V (*Our Sunday Visitor*) is passed on so that each copy averages at least one non-Catholic reader. The circulation of this periodical is reported to be nearly 900,000 which means that nearly a million non-Catholics receive it second-handed each week. The writer stated further that "not a few have actually entered the Church as a result of reading it."

As a Baptist editor I am not only interested but greatly concerned by this report. Each week about 57,000 copies of *Western Recorder* are sent out, and naturally I'm anxious about what happens to them. How many of them eventually reach non-believers and non-Baptists? A thought even more alarming is how many of them are actually read by the subscribers? A rural mail carrier wrote recently that his observation led him to believe that maybe 30 per cent of those mailed were never opened. He said this in trying to be of help, and I hope he is wrong, but it's deadly serious with me. Let me bare my heart and be perfectly honest. It is no comfort to me to see on the front page each week, "Kentucky's Largest Denominational Paper," if we're fooling ourselves. In fact, it's of questionable comfort even if it's true. Naturally I am concerned about the circulation but I am not nearly as interested in the total circulation as I am the total effect. Maybe as Baptists we are guilty of the numbers racket from reporting church membership to counting subscribers to Baptist papers.

Why don't we use our Baptist paper both for ourselves and to pass it on to others? Is it not worth it? Does it need something it doesn't have? If so, let's be quick to give it what it needs or else give up on it. Let's use it or stop wasting money. Let's not damn it with faint praise nor kill it with slight use.

It is not unusual to hear the smug braggadocia of Baptists who believe they have the pure light while Roman Catholics dwell in spiritual darkness. It must not be too convincing to outsiders who see these same Baptists drop into the waste basket their denominational paper which bears the light they claim to have while those who dwell in darkness and worship in superstition and fear not only use their publications but also pass them on to convert non-believers. Brethren, let's wake up!—C. R. Daley, Editor, *Western Recorder*

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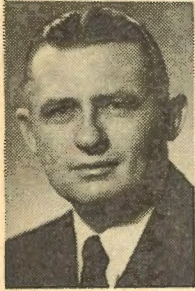
A Service to Render

A feature of the new spirit of Evangelism that is abroad among the churches is a recognition that the fellowship of the Church is not an enclosed, isolated group, but that it is set in a community for which it has social and spiritual responsibilities. At present only a few churches are beginning to look around in this new way. Too many are still self-contained, or worse still, selfishly contained. They view the community as a group to be preyed upon with canvasses, the aims of which are to boost Sunday school or church attendances. That they themselves, as part of the Body of Christ, have a community service to render, has scarcely dawned on them.—*The Baptist Times*

The Total Program Study

By ALBERT McCLELLAN, Director of Publications
Southern Baptist Convention

WHEN THE Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Program was appointed there were many who thought its chief function would be to confirm the efficiency of existing boards and agencies. They saw little to be done in the way of adjustment or realignment. This was a natural reaction because without either noisy friction or close analytical scrutiny it is difficult to see flaws and when finally seen only the most dedicated thought can confirm them.



DR. McCLELLAN

The committee is made up of dedicated thinkers and is proving wise in its procedures. Its report will be the best report that consecrated brains and unceasing prayer can produce.

Even though the report is being withheld until it is completed and only the committee knows its tentative content, we can guess that when it is released part of it will seem strange to some. This is because the average person is absorbed with the problem of the present. Tried and proven organizational relationships are like old chairs. They are more comfortable than strange and unproven ones, a fact that is well known to the committee. The committee is certainly mindful of our denominational momentum and its evident efficiency. It is trying hard not to upset the balance. It is mindful also of the historic beginnings of each separate agency function and is endeavoring in every instance to scrutinize the function in its relation to Baptist polity and doctrine.

But awareness of present efficiencies and historical foundations is not enough. Really to do its work well the committee must look at two other things.

(1) The first is that in some instances agencies and commissions have been built shed-room fashion. Facing the strains of accelerated growth and its accompanying demand for services, the boards, agencies and commissions have added functions much like a man sometimes adds to his house as his family grows larger. Most of the added functions are based on convention ac-

tions, sometimes in the distant past, sometimes as an obscure point in a wordy convention document, often hidden from all except those who have time and patience to search the labyrinth of Southern Baptist Convention actions for 102 years. The committee undoubtedly realizes that it is its business to examine the shed-rooms to see if they should be torn away completely, moved to other locations, or integrated into the structure to which they have been attached. The committee surely feels that it is time to bring order, consistency and simplicity into the organizational picture, a change that will be welcomed most of all by the men and women who serve as officers of the various boards and agencies.

(2) The second is the necessity for looking ahead. Our present way of working is perhaps good enough for today because as everyone knows every single agency is succeeding. Yet it is a painful fact that too much leadership energy and time is expended in just keeping ahead of the natural progress of the denomination. Stop-gap measures are often taken when permanent measures, though more costly for the present, would be less costly in the long run. A few of the agencies have already taken the long look and have risen to its challenge, notably among them the Baptist Sunday School Board. Under the leadership of Dr. James L. Sullivan, the executive secretary, the Board completely reorganized its internal life utilizing the very best professional advice. Recently it has completed a four-month study of building facilities and found that it could no longer keep up by simply meeting year-to-year emergencies. To keep up it must look ahead 25 years and plan its building needs accordingly. The Committee to Study the Total Southern Baptist program surely realizes that its duty is to look ahead fifty years or even a hundred years and at every point possible to realign and regulate so that in the future, at a time when we can least afford it, we will not be burdened with a clumsy, inarticulate, unresponsive, unapproachable, unmanageable organizational machinery.

The Committee to Study the Total Program is God's committee and its action in our day will be as significant as formation of the Cooperative Program was in its day.

"IT IS NOT the policy of Southern Baptists to go as invaders anywhere. We prefer to be regarded as allies, but where there are large numbers of unsaved and unchurched people, we feel compelled to go to the limit of our ability in getting the message of salvation to them."—Dr. C. C. Warren, in his opening address as president, to the Southern Baptist Convention.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, including bequests, of American people to religion, education, health, and social welfare were estimated at \$6 billion — or approximately 2 per cent of the national income — in 1955. About half of all gifts go to organized religion, according to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel.

THE BOOKSHELF

● CHURCH MUSIC COMES OF AGE, by Mrs. Ruth Nininger, Carl Fischer, Publishers, New York City.



MRS. NININGER

THE BASIC needs of church music from the cost budget-wise to the cost in time and effort is thoroughly discussed by this widely known church music consultant, who built the Church Music Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Con-

vention. The foundation of her work is the ideal that music is for everybody and "Congregational singing is and always will be the most important form of church music." Mrs. Nininger goes on to show how an adequate church music program may be developed in any size church through adult and graded choirs with the cooperation of the people, the pastor and the music director. Every musical need of people is revealed showing the benefits of a musical education and its far reaching effects through its many phases of expression, whether vocal or instrumental. Organization is explained, how to discover and enlist talent and information for a complete program of training.

A bibliography is furnished of musical numbers, names of composers and publishers, for all age groups and for special occasions. The book has inspiration and information designed to aid either the inexperienced desiring to learn, or the music leader in need of a handbook.

BOOKS RECEIVED include:

The Fountain of Youth, by Angel Martinez, Zondervan, 1957, \$2.

John 3:16, by Robert L. Moyer, Zondervan, 1957, \$2.

He's Standing By You, by Grace Loveless, Vantage Press, 1957, \$2.

Destination Hell — Standing Room Only! by Millard F. Day, Greenwich Book Publishers, 1957, \$2.75.

Making the Most of What Life Brings, by Theodore F. Adams, Harper & Brothers, 1957, \$2.50.

Plain Statements on Baptist Faith and Practice, by M. E. Ramay, The Messenger Press, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Building a Better Sunday School, by Gaines S. Dobbins, Convention Press, Nashville, Tenn., 60c.

Church Music Manual, by W. Hines Sims, Broadman Press, 1957.

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● CENTRAL CHURCH, Hot Springs, ordained two deacons, Earl Groom and Guy Swearingen, on October 6. Interim pastor Dr. Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, delivered the ordination message. (CB)

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!

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Yours in Christ,

Erwin L. McDonald

Racial Goodwill

By Clyde Hart

In the midst of all the noise and confusion relative to the integration crisis, one thing stands out like the sun breaking through dark storm clouds, the spirit of goodwill between Baptist leaders of both races has not been destroyed. In fact, there are many indications that it has been strengthened.

On September 17, the Arkansas Baptist College Board of Trustees held a meeting and invited Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., and the writer to attend. At this meeting, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to request our convention to elect eight white men to serve on the college board of trustees. They also voted to request the Home Mission Board and our convention to employ a white man to serve as Bible teacher and head of the department of Religion for the college.

A few days later, one of our outstanding white Baptist laymen came by to see me and offered to give us an assembly site in the beautiful Ozarks, less than 100 miles from Little Rock, for a Negro Baptist Assembly ground. Furthermore, offerings are continuing to come in from our white Baptist churches for Arkansas Baptist College. Many of our churches will carry through their plan to take this offering during the harvest season between now and the end of the year.

True Christian goodwill and understanding continues. Storm clouds come and go, they change with the wind, but the sun remains the same. The spirit of Christ abideth forever. Jesus never fails. Goodwill founded on the "Rock of Ages" is eternal.

"Misplaced faith will lead to doubt, but faith in God will lead to victory."

—Perry F. Webb



Little Rock Site, BSU Center

View of the new University of Arkansas Medical School and the lot which Pulaski County Association owns adjacent to that campus. The association has voted to set aside \$2,000 in next year's budget toward the erection of a Baptist Student Center at the Medical School on this lot.

DID YOU KNOW? Vacation Bible schools reported by Southern Baptist churches in 1956 resulted in 54,016 conversions, were responsible for gifts to the Cooperative Program totaling \$322,497, and reached 208,304 children not enrolled in any Sunday school.

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EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Let's Follow God's Plan

TODAY, AFTER two thousand years of Christian history and the efforts of churches and denominations to win the lost to Christ, the world of humanity is growing more heathen at the rate of a million annually. The world population is increasing at the rate of 83 persons per minute, or about 5,000 an hour. At the present rate of increase, the population will double by the end of this century. Far more people are being born physically into the human family than are being re-born spiritually into God's family each day. More than half of the population of the United States remain unreached for Christ.

In the face of such startling facts, we should all tremble at the terrible truth that very few professed Christians ever open their mouths during the week to tell the glorious story about Jesus and the plan of salvation as Jesus taught. If we believe what the New Testament teaches, by precept and example, concerning God's evangelism plan, that it is the duty of every Christian to be a witness unto Christ daily, we certainly should try to get more of our people to follow this God-ordained plan and to witness to the lost day by day and week by week.

Not only on the day of Pentecost do we find all the church members witnessing, but all along they were doing that. The reason there were some 5,000 men, and, later, multitudes who became believers, was because "every day in the temple and in the home, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus as the Christ." Is it not strange that Christians today want to win lost people to Christ by some other plan than the one Jesus used and taught?

Pointing lost souls to Christ is the highest and holiest business known on earth or in Heaven. The paramount concern of every individual believer and of every church should be the salvation of souls. God intended that evangelism would have the place of primacy and pre-eminence in the life of every individual Christian and in the program of every Baptist church. Personal evangelism is supremely important to every individual Christian and to all our churches in their corporate existence.

There should be a concentrated and prayerful effort to lead every member of every Baptist church to make a personal and decisive commitment consistently, week by week, to bear witness to Christ as Saviour and Lord to the lost who are about them, seeking to

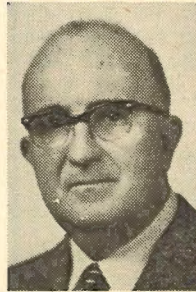


DR. YEARBY

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

CHARLES W. Finch gives the following report of his work in the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium:



DR. CALDWELL

"September has been a very busy month. We have had a lot of very seriously ill people and a lot of newcomers, and it's important that we see them for they really need you when they first get to the Sanatorium."

"The Lord has been wonderfully good to us this month. Services conducted, 18; professions of faith, 14; rededications, 12. Have given out HOME LIFE to 100. OPEN WINDOWS, 50; ARKANSAS BAPTIST, 160, along with many tracts and other good reading materials. Have made over 2,000 personal visits and read from God's Word and offered prayer many times. Have spent some time with families that were giving up their loved ones, and some time with those that had people here very ill. Those are the times that they need you. Have conducted three funerals. Had to travel over 100 miles to do it."

Cecil Guthrie, missionary Black River Association, writing about the Mexican mission work, says, "I was thrilled last night in our first preaching service. We had about 200 professions of faith. The service was held in a bunk house. We are busy day and night."

Dr. Rogers M. Smith, Associate Secretary for promotion of Foreign Mission Board, announces a conference on schools of missions at Atlanta, Ga., December 30-31. He states, "We thank God for the influence and power of the schools of mission. Our schedules are full for 1958 and 1959. There are around 100 applications in for 1960 and some for 1961 and 1963."

The mission tent has been kept busy this year as it has since it was purchased a number of years ago. This may be the last year it can be used. Through the years, it has soaked up rains, been wrecked by winds, damaged by fire, pelted by hail, cut by vandals, and mildewed while in storage. It may not be fit for use another year.

We are unable to give the number of professions of faith in services conducted under it or even the total number of churches constituted. All over Arkansas, there are new churches and missions which grew out of revival meetings conducted under this tent. Somehow, maybe, the Lord will give us another tent.

bring them to confession of faith in Christ and to unite with the church for baptism.

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Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

STATE PLANNING MEETING FOR ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION OFFICERS

October 21, 1957

Theme: Our Baptist Heritage

First Baptist Church, Little Rock

10:00 Hymns: "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" — Leland Hall; Curry Coker. Scripture Reading: John 4:31-38 — Henry Collie. Prayer.

10:15 Good News from the Associations: Reports by associational officers — Led by Ralph W. Davis.

10:40 Roll Call and Announcements — Ralph W. Davis.

10:55 Do You Need to Know? 1. How a New Association Director Should Begin — Amos Greer. 2. How to Train Associational Officers — Gilbert Nichols. 3. How to Lead a Conference (Officers and Leaders' Conference) — Mrs. Ruth Tolleson. 4. What are your Questions?

11:45 The Associational Training Union — A Service Organization, R. V. Haygood.

12:00 Adjourn for Lunch.

1:00 Song: "Glorious Is Thy Name" — Leland Hall, Curry Coker. Responsive Reading and Prayer.

1:10 Do You Need to Know? 1. How to Have Good Associational Meetings? — Tommie Hinson. 2. How to Prepare for a Leadership School? — Lowell Wright. 3. How to Prepare for "M" Night? — R. C. Morrison.

1:40 Planning the Calendar for the Year Ahead — (Panel of state and Sunday School Board workers). Presenting the new materials and the promotional calendar (both state and Convention-wide) for 1958 month by month.

2:40 Song: "Higher Ground"

2:45 Setting Goals for 1958 — Ralph W. Davis.

3:15 Insuring Tomorrow's Heritage (John 4:35-38) — C. Aubrey Hearn (Sunday School Board).

3:30 Adjourn.

WMU

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Another Reminder

THE 1957 DISTRICT WMU meetings are listed below and every member of Woman's Missionary Union, pastor, missionary-hearted person is invited to attend. The morning's program will feature messages by Miss Josephine Scaggs, missionary to Nigeria, and Miss Elma Cobb, president of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas. The afternoon session will be devoted to organizational conferences as follows: WMS, Miss Nancy Cooper; YWA, Miss Elma Cobb; GA, Mrs. R. E. Hagood; Sunbeam Band, Miss Sara Ann Hobbs. The challenging theme for the meeting will be "Lead On . . . We Follow."

October 22, Northwest, First Church, Springdale;

October 23, West Central, Grand Avenue, Fort Smith;

October 24, Central, Park Place, Hot Springs;

October 25, Northwest, Central, Mag-nolia;

October 29, North Central, First, Har-dy;

October 30, Northeast, First, Blythe-ville;

October 31, East Central, First, For-est City;

November 1, Southeast, Immanuel, Pine Bluff.

"Africa . . . an Emerging Continent"

"Africa . . . An Emerging Continent" is the theme for the 1957 series of mis-sion study books, and the season is here for the study in preparation for the Week of Prayer, December 2-6. There is a splendid book for each age group

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Veteran Teacher and Class

MRS. LILLIE M. Stranburg, left, is shown with her Sunday school class at Second Church, Hot Springs. Mrs. Stranburg has taught a class of junior girls at Second Church for 37 years.

Pictured above, first row, left to right, are: Sue Flake, Vickey Payte, Alice Davidson.

Second row: Mrs. Stranburg, Charlotte Steuart, Mollie Lollis, Patricia Mophew and Suzette Myers.

Third row: Mrs. Christine Steuart, Mrs. Martha Lollis, Mrs. Marjory Mophew and Mrs. Martha Myers, who are mothers of four members of the present class. The mothers were pupils of Mrs. Stranburg when they were junior girls.

Central Association News

GILEAD CHURCH, Malvern, has completed an addition to their educational building.

THIRD CHURCH, Malvern, has the only standard Sunday school in the association.

GRAND AVENUE Church, Hot Springs, has begun construction of the second story of their educational building.

THE MISSIONARY assisted Third Street Church, Arkadelphia, in a revival resulting in 33 additions, 28 by baptism. Derrel Watkins, minister of music at Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, was in charge of the music with Mrs. Ann Webb, pianist. E. S. Ray is pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, Malvern, is offering two junior and two intermediate scholarships to Spring Lake Encampment next year. To win, 100 per cent in Training Union activities is required from October to next June. — Hugh Owen, missionary.

ANDERSON COLLEGE, Anderson, S. C., has as its new president, Dr. John Ed Rouse. Dr. Rouse fills the vacancy caused by the resignation recently of Dr. E. F. Haight, who is now a member of the faculty of Louisiana Baptist College. He is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Seminary, Louisville, and formerly was pastor for many years of First Baptist Church, Laurens, S. C.

Can You Say This?

The SERVICE of Jesus is the vocation of my life.

The WILL of Jesus is the law of my life.

The PRESENCE of Jesus is the joy of my life.

The GLORY of Jesus is the crown of my life.—Copied.

Correction

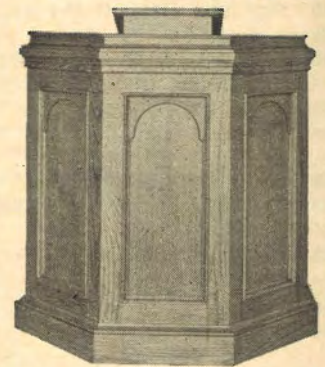
THE MINISTER'S Wives Conference will be held on November 18, instead of November 11, as was announced in a recent issue of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST. The meeting will be in the Green Room at Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

THE LONELINESS of the patient in a mental institution, who often has been deliberately forgotten by family and former friends, has been a major concern of the Indianapolis Council of Church Women for the past two and a half years. Working closely with hospital staffs and the Marion County Association for Mental Health, the church women have "adopted" hundreds of "forgotten" patients in county institutions.

"Conferences with his doctor and a brief background on each patient, listing his former interests and occupation, help each sponsor provide the 'friendship therapy' so necessary to recovery," Mrs. Royal L. W. McClain explained. Mrs. McClain is chairman of the program which was initiated by the local mental health association and is supported by the Indianapolis Council of Church Woman.

MORE THAN five million Americans — one out of every five — moved from one state to another between 1955 and 1956, and the churches are feeling its effects. This and other startling facts are included in a report on "The Mobility of Population" which the Rev. Lauris B. Whitman presented before the Faith and Order Conference in Oberlin, Ohio, which concluded recently.

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BROTHERHOOD

By Nelson Tull, Secretary

Corrections and Announcements

A PRINTER'S omissions in this column in last week's issue of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST have led to some confusion which needs to be cleared up. The omission made it appear that Regional Brotherhood officers are responsible for planning and holding the Associational Brotherhood Clinics for Associational Brotherhood Officers. But it is not that way! The confusion resulted in the printer's leaving out the words "to Associational Brotherhood officers", and two short paragraphs. Here is a portion of the copy as submitted to the printer:



MR. TULL

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Brotherhood Night

Brotherhood Night will be observed again this year. The date is November 18. The place is Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. The time is 7:00 o'clock.

An unusually good program is in prospect. Two outstanding speakers are on the program for the evening. They are: Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; and Dr. Euel Lawson, of Dallas, Texas, Associate in the Department of Evangelism, Home Mission Board.

The program will feature every ele-

ment of a good Baptist men's meeting.

Plan to be there on Brotherhood Night!

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ROYAL AMBASSADOR FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Preceding the Brotherhood Night meeting the annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper meeting will be held at the Sportsman's One-Stop Restaurant, 3304 East Broadway, North Little Rock. Tickets for the Supper will be \$1.25 each. Reservation sheets have been mailed to Royal Ambassador Counselors.

Following the supper, the Boys and their Counselors will be special guests

of the Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood Convention at the Brotherhood Night Service.

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP) — William E. Tisdale, pastor of Draytonville Church, Gaffney, S. C., has been elected business-circulation manager of **The Baptist Courier**, weekly Baptist newspaper in South Carolina. He took his new position on Oct. 1. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he studied business administration, and has a master-of-theology degree from Southern Seminary.

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The Little Brown House

By RON WAGNER

THE LITTLE BROWN house was very lonely. It sat away back in a beautiful wooded place upon a hill. The reason the little brown house was so lonely was that no one lived there.

Once there had been laughter of children all around. But the little brown house had grown very old, and it seemed no one wanted to live there any more. The little brown house wished so hard that someone would come to live there again.

One time the salesman brought a very old lady and her husband to look at the house. But the very old lady said, "Dear, dear, this house is too drafty. It makes me shiver. We shall not live here."

This made the little brown house lonelier than ever.

Two brothers came to look at the house. One brother said, "The doors are sagging." The other brother said, "The basement is damp." So the two brothers would not live in the house either.

The little brown house grew sadder and lonelier as the days went by. From time to time people would come to look at the house, but they always found something wrong and would not live there.

Every morning the little brown house would awake early, with the sun beaming a cheery welcome to it. But the little brown house would hardly bother to smile back at the sun, for it felt so lonely.

When the boys and girls would go skipping off to school, the little brown house would sit on the hill and watch them. It would think to itself, "If only one of those happy children would come to live here, how happy I should be."

Then the little brown house would think of the happy times it had had when other children had lived there in the past. It remembered boys and girls skipping rope and bouncing balls and riding scooters. It remembered baseball games and games of hide-and-seek. It remembered marble shooting and model airplane flying and top spinning, yes, and the pushing of doll buggies. Thinking of these happy times made the little brown house feel better.

It was on just such a morning that a little girl and her dog with her

mother and her father came to look at the little brown house.

The salesman first showed the family that the house was in a beautiful wooded area. He pointed out how far one could see from the hill.

"Look!" cried the little girl. "There's the schoolhouse."



The little brown house was very quiet. It kept hoping the family would like the house and come to live in it. The little girl had pretty yellow hair and her dog had a smiling face. The mother had a friendly look in her eyes and the father walked straight and looked handsome.

As the family went through the little brown house, they looked at everything. The mother noticed the draftiness.

"I can fix that," said the father, "with some weather stripping along the doors."

The little girl noticed how the doors sagged.

"I can fix them very easily," said the father.

When they looked at the basement, the mother noticed how damp it was.

"Don't worry," smiled the father. "I have a friend who can tell me how to fix it."

Then the time came to decide whether they would take the house.

"It is in a fine location," said the mother.

"It has a nice yard for my dog and me to play in," said the little girl.

"I can fix those little things that are wrong with it," said the father. "We shall live here."

When the little brown house heard the father's words, it forgot its sadness and its loneliness. It did not worry about being an old house any more. Just to be wanted by someone made it feel happy again.

● REV. AND MRS. J. A. Harrington, missionaries to South Brazil who are now in the States on furlough, have moved from Tulsa, Okla., to Fort Worth Tex., where they may be addressed at 2000 Broadus Street, Seminary Hill Station. Mr. Harrington will be studying at Southwestern Seminary this semester. Mrs. Harrington is a native of Cauthron.

A Smile or Two

FOUR-YEAR-OLD Tommy was jealous of his sister because relatives were always saying what a big girl she was.

Walking down the street with his mother one day he braced his shoulders and asked: "Mummy, how old would you say I look?"

Anxious to please him, his mother replied: "Why, Tommy, you look about seven."

Tommy beamed gratefully at his mother, then paid his biggest compliment: "D'you know, Mummy, you look a hundred!"

THE SUMMER tourist was new to the ocean, but he didn't think much of the prices he was being charged.

"Say, why don't you sell that sea water?" he remarked caustically to a Cape Cod dock owner, as he walked off the pier. When he returned that afternoon, the tide had gone out. Stupefied for a minute, he exclaimed, "I didn't actually think you'd do it."

—Quote

Biding the Market

THE DAUGHTER of a congressman was sitting one evening on her father's knee. She had a new little brother whom she regarded with wonder, as children do regard the latest usurper before they have learned to love him.

"Today," said her father, "a man offered to give me a whole roomful of gold for little brother. Shall I sell him?"

The child shook her head.

"But," said the father, "think how many nice things a roomful of gold would buy! Don't you think I better let the man have him?"

"No," answered the girl, thoughtfully, "let's keep him till he's older; he'll be worth more then."

"SO WHAT if your husband does snore?" said the neighbor. "Lots of husbands snore."

"Yes," sighed the baggy-eyed wife, "but my George is a ventriloquist and he snores on both sides of me at once."

THE NEWLY-WEDS were having their first quarrel.

"You promised me before we were married that you would never look at another woman."

"I did, but I thought you understood it was just a campaign promise."

Maybe Yes, Maybe No

AN ELDERLY lady was asked which she thought were happier, people who were married or people who were not.

"Well, I don't know," she remarked, "Sometimes I think there are as many is that ain't as ain't that is."

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Changing Dimes

WHEN WE were kids, ten cents was really big money. Wow! How dimes have changed!

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The Christian Minister

By S. A. WHITLOW

October 20, 1957

I Corinthians 9

IS A MINISTER one who is something apart from all of the normal relationships of life? Is his calling of



DR. WHITLOW

such a nature that he is separated from the common interests that make up life? Is his office one that so restricts him that he is out of his field when he voices a conviction that is bound up with the social, economic, and political issues which confront mankind? Does he have any rights as a citizen, as an individual member of the society in which he lives? These are questions which every minister faces time and again. It is not uncommon that he meets people

(Editor's Note: Dr. Whitlow is pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia.)

who have all the answers to these questions. When he speaks on issues which are basically moral and spiritual, and only incidentally political, these "advisors" make it plain that the minister is to "stick with the gospel" and have nothing to do with politics. Of course, what is really meant by "sticking to the gospel" is to proclaim a message which is not related to life. I recently heard of a church which passed a resolution prohibiting anyone from speaking from their pulpit on "controversial" subjects. My soul, what an order! This would have eliminated the Master and such men as the Apostle Paul. This restriction would rob the message of Christianity of any salutary power.

A Right Proclaimed

Paul faced these problems in various forms. His apostleship was brought into question more than once. "Am I not an apostle?" A delegated authority he is claiming. "Am I not free?" That is, free within the limits of his delegated authority? Then he comes to this question, "Have I not seen Jesus the Lord?" Paul had definitely seen Him, and if that be a qualification for apostleship, then Paul could claim to be an apostle. He further asks, "Are not ye my work in the Lord?" The church at Corinth was a guarantee of his apostleship. "If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord." So he stated and defended his apostolic rights. This right he could never renounce.

Other inherent rights had been challenged. "Have we no right to eat and to drink? Have we no right to lead about a wife that is a believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have we not a

right to forbear working?" Was Paul married? This we do not know, but we do know he asserted he had a right to be. He likewise claimed that he and Barnabas had a right to be maintained on the level of the material by those whom they served in the spiritual realm. He claimed the right to be maintained by the church. This is the real issue at stake.

Paul then goes on to use five illustrations to show that if a man toils he has a right to expect to share in the result of his toil. The soldier, whom they saw on every hand, did not serve at his own expense. In order to be good soldiers, they gave their entire time. It would have been unthinkable for soldiers to find employment on the side to support themselves. Also, the farmer who plants a vineyard does it with the hope of consuming a part of his produce. The keeper of a flock expects to use the milk and consume the meat.

Paul further appeals to the purpose of God as expressed in the law given by Moses. According to the law one was forbidden to muzzle that ox while it was treading out the corn. God showed that he cared for the oxen, but he showed a deeper meaning in the interest of those toiling for gain. And the reason for it, "If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your carnal things?" Still dealing with the law, he reminds the Corinthians "they that minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar." Now he reaches the conclusion of the whole matter and grounds such conclusion in the purpose of God, "Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel."

Paul Renounces This Right

It is not always the better part of wisdom to demand one's right. Not long ago I was driving down the highway. An oncoming car pulled from behind a truck and came across the yellow line to my side of the road. Immediately I pulled to the shoulder to prevent a collision. The law would have protected me in the right to maintain my side of the road. Good judgment dictated the surrender of that right. Paul was motivated by something higher than self-interest in giving up this right, "Nevertheless we did not use this right; but we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ." God had called Paul to proclaim the good news. This was a stewardship committed to him. He could do no other. However, he gloried in the privilege of willingly proclaiming the gospel "without charge, so as not to use the full right in the gospel."

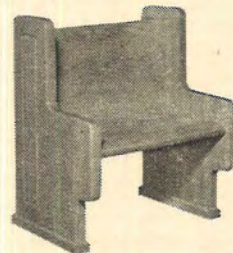
A Bondage Assumed

Paul was not only willing to re-

nounce a personal right, but he was willing to subject himself in bondage to all men. Thus he speaks, "Though I was free from all men, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more." That was the deep passion of his soul — to win men. He was willing to become all things to all men that he might by all means win some. To the Jew, he became as a Jew. To those under the law, as under the law. To those without law, as one without law. All this he did that he might gain the more. This is not to say that Paul was willing to lower standards and compromise the truth in order to gain men. He was not subscribing to the theory that the end justifies the means. Nor was he advocating that while in Rome do as the Romans do. But he was simply saying he was willing to forego personal rights and privileges in order to win men. He was ready to adapt himself to circumstances and conditions to the end that men might know Christ.

He illustrates his intent with two examples of which the Corinthians were thoroughly familiar. He points to the man on the race course, and to the boxer in the ring. They train and practice self-control that they might win. They do this to win a crown which perishes. The crown for which Paul sought is imperishable. He was willing to practice self-control and self-denial to lay hold of the crown which perishes not. He would make every blow count in discharging the full measure of his responsibility, lest after he had preached to others he himself might be rejected. That is, lest he should fail the real meaning of his ministry. He was demonstrating something of the spirit of which Jesus spoke when he said a man must die if he is to live. It is only the genuine spirit of sacrifice that will enable the minister — or anyone else — to fulfill his glorious responsibility to all men and his high calling in God.

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Annual Associational Meetings

THIS IS THE time of year when our Baptist people in Arkansas are attending the Annual Associational meetings. To date (October 7), there have been fourteen of such meetings, which



DR. DOUGLAS means that there are thirty more meetings scheduled for the next twenty-three days.

It has been our privilege to speak on the Cooperative program at many of these meetings. Wherever we have gone, we have found a good spirit of cooperation and a fine attitude on the part of our people toward all our Baptist work.

Much progress has been made during the past year on all phases of work. More churches are full time with pastors living on the field than ever before. New missions and new Sunday schools have been started; new churches have been organized and more and more of our churches are giving through the Cooperative Program.

A Progress report will be given of the work done and victories won at the State Convention meeting when it convenes November 19-21, at Little Rock. At this meeting, our people will learn more about all of our work. The messengers will also be challenged with new plans for the future.

Every Church in Arkansas will do well to urge many of the membership to put the Convention date on the calendar and attend this 104th Annual Session of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. The date again: November 19-21. See you then. —Ralph Douglas

OCTOBER 29-30 is the date of this year's conference on church architect and equipment display in Price Hall, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. W. A. Harrell, Roland Crowder and Hardie Bass from the Sunday School Board will meet with seminary classes, in private conferences, and with church building committees. Churches desiring appointment with these men should write immediately to Dr. J. D. Heacock, Box 6761, Fort Worth, 15, Tex. A dozen distributors will have church furniture on display.

"Mercy is fragrance which the flower gives back when you step on it." —Perry F. Webb

Cooperative Program Receipts

IT TAKES \$124,814.33 per month to satisfy all of the State Convention Cooperative Program budget needs for this year. During the first nine months (January - September), your Convention Treasury has received an average of \$114,521.18 for a total of \$1,030,690.64. This leaves a deficit for the first eight months of \$92,638.33.

Some of our deficit was cut down during the month of September; the churches gave \$126,080.60. This was \$1,266.28 more than the requirements.

Here is the pattern of giving thus far in 1957:

January, \$111,565.95; February, \$105,420.37; March, \$129,337.44; April, \$109,247.31; May, \$117,433.46; June, \$104,295.87; July, \$113,824.97; August, \$113,484.67; September, \$126,080.60.

The month of June brought the "low-water mark," when your Treasurer received only \$104,295.87. But, there is one bright spot in that pattern — September. We not only satisfied all immediate needs, but picked up some of our deficit. But we still have a long way to go. It will take \$155,693.77, per month, during these next three months, to reach our 1957 goal. Would we be expecting too much to ask our churches to give \$30,000.00 more to the Cooperative Program in October than they gave in September? That would mean about a .20 per cent increase. Surely, this can be done by 300,000 Arkansas Baptists! Let's try it —Ralph Douglas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Southern Baptists' newest seminary, to be opened in September, 1958, is looking for library books. L. R. Elliott, former librarian at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, has been employed to assemble a library by opening date for Midwestern Baptist Seminary here. Elliott wants books in a large number of fields of study but asks that no books be sent until he is contacted. He may be addressed at Box 6500, Fort Worth 15, Tex.

"Jesus did not say it was not blessed to receive, but He did say that it is more blessed to give!" —Perry F. Webb

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For the Love of It

Carved in the heavy oaken door of the Roycroft Inn, East Aurora, New York, are these immortal words of Elbert Hubbard: "The love you liberate in your work is the love you keep."

To do great work one must fall in love with his task. Cellini, the goldsmith, pouring his whole soul into his creations, achieved masterpieces, and the love he thus liberated brought him the praise of kings. You have seen the designer of a piece of machinery pat it with pride, as he might pat the head of a son. It is a part of him. He has built his personality into it. That is why it is such a fine machine.

Luther Burbank's devotion to an ideal brought him the thrill of new plant creations. Henry Irving, practicing more than thirteen years to perfect his acting of Macbeth, a part he loved, found that love coming back to him in the applause of his audience.

Work that is done in the spirit of love glows with a mystic quality no one can explain. And the worker feels as did Robert Louis Stevenson, who said, "I know what happiness is, for I have done good work." —Copied

Another Appeal

BROTHER W. DAWSON King, recording secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, is receiving the record from the clerks of the associations.

We want to urge every associational clerk to mail the pink sheet which Brother King sent out, into his office as soon as possible. Too, we remind those who fill out the record sheets to make sure that all figures are copied accurately. These records are used in many ways, and if they are not accurate, our plans in promoting Kingdom work are less effective.

Don't forget associational clerk, copy accurately the church records on the pink sheet and mail to Brother W. Dawson King, Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol. Do this as soon after the annual associational meetings as possible! —Ralph Douglas

SAM MORRIS, widely known "Voice of Temperance" crusader, will speak to the nation by NBC network on World Temperance Sunday, October 27, at 6:15 p.m. Central time. KARK, Little Rock, is expected to carry the program. Dr. Morris is president of the Abstainers National Insurance Company, selling automobile insurance to non-drinkers only. He has an advertisement elsewhere in the paper.

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