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Arkansas Baptist State Convention
**Baptist Crosscurrents**

**On Merchandising Missions**

[An editorial reference to this guest editorial will be found on page 4 of this issue.]

**World**-missions is not a commodity that can be had or not, depending upon the whim of the pastor or his people. World missions is not a thing that is related to over-indebtedness and when a financial squeeze is felt can be cut off awaiting better times. Yet, all too often, it is treated like a product, its value measured in dollars and cents and made a part of the budget or left out entirely, depending upon the economic status of the church at a particular moment. In the eyes of the finance committee of too many churches the Cooperative Program is comparable to a new typewriter or an organ or a needed piece of property or air-conditioning equipment. All that has to be said to stop a percentage increase to the world mission program is the statement, “We can’t afford it.”

If our churches are going to treat the Cooperative Program like it was a piece of merchandise then why do they not also pay for it in the same way? Can you imagine a church going to the realtor and contracting for additional land and then, after a few months of monthly installments, abandoning the pay schedule, and naively believing that all is well? Yet that is exactly what some Baptist churches in our convention have done relative to their world mission program. They have entered it—they have, in a sense, contracted for so much of a sound mission program, yet, somehow they feel that their payments can be decreased or abandoned altogether and that, “when better times come around”—they will purchase another world mission program. This is not morally or spiritually defensible. We are failing to remember that the Cooperative Program is not a part of the gross national product of our nation. It is the heart and soul of the Christian faith. A Baptist church must be missionary to live—she must increase her missionary zeal to make progress.

WHERE have we failed? We have failed, first of all, in preserving the integrity of Baptist people. You say, “Is this a question of honesty?” Yes, indeed. We feel it is basically dishonest to purchase a new building at the expense of missions. We cannot defend providing for ourselves at the expense of hungry, homeless people around the world. The Baptist church member that can vote to cut missions because they have over-extended themselves has something wrong with the moral warp and woof of his life. Part of the answer to building spiritual backbone in our people is related to the man in the pulpit. Somehow that voice has not been clear and clarion. May be we have gotten too used to adequate salaries (sometimes) and fine housing (sometimes).

Then we have failed to preserve the intent of a Baptist church. Jesus intended for His church to have a world vision. Jesus did not say that we were to build the home base and then preach the gospel around the world. He said both had to be done and at the same time. It is not, nor has it ever been, going or giving—it is going and giving. Jesus intended for us to reach people. It is at this point that we have made our fatal mistake. We must reach people. Fresh ideas, new program, enlarged vision must be a part of our daily existence if we expect to be successful. We must be sure we are using all available floor space now before we contract for additional space. We must be sure that there is a proper balance between our giving and our expansion plans. If our plans to expand cost us a mission program we have made a mistake.

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Abner V. McCall
New Baylor President

ABNER V. McCall, executive vice president of Baylor University for the past two years, has been named president of the 115-year-old Baptist university. He succeeds Dr. W. R. White, who relinquishes the presidency after 13 years to accept the newly-created position of chancellor.

McCall, who was dean of Baylor’s law school for 11 years prior to his elevation to the vice presidency, becomes the 10th president of the institution, largest Baptist college in the nation. He holds the bachelor of arts and bachelor of law degrees from the university he now heads and a master of law degree from the University of Michigan.

McCall attended the Masonic Home and School in Ft. Worth following the death of his father in the 1917 influenza epidemic. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1938 and practiced in Longview, Tex., for four years.

Dr. White, who had asked for retirement from administrative responsibilities, will work in the area of securing endowment and other funds for Baylor and also help in a $28 million crusade for all Texas Baptist colleges. (BP)

The Cover

WHAT’S a feller gonna do when duty — and mother — call? That tune he’s picking out while his practice piece stands ignored couldn’t be “Take me out to the ball game,” could it?

Photo by Harold M. Lambert

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Over 300 Attend BSU Conference

CLEMENT Richard Berko (left) and Emanuel Ohemeng (center), two Philander Smith College students from Ghana, talk with Ouachita College student Charles Petty, who will be a summer missionary to Ghana.

OVER three hundred Baptist students from 16 campuses in Arkansas, registered for the annual Baptist Student Union Spring Planning Conference, elected Johnny Jackson, Waldo, of Ouachita College, president; Bob Worley, Piedmont, Mo., of Arkansas A & M College, vice president; and Sandy Young, Parkin, of the University of Arkansas School of Nursing, secretary.

With “A New Commitment to an Old Covenant” as the theme for the week-end, the students heard Emil Williams of First Church, Russellville, attack the popular concept of an easy Christianity that sees religion as something one might “cash in on” and a trap door that will enable one to escape from his troubles.

“The idea of the Christian faith as only peace, power, and poise is not a New Testament concept,” he said. “ God and man are not partners,” Williams stated emphatically, “ God is God, and we are his servants,” the students were told.

Nine summer missionaries were appointed to represent the Arkansas Baptist students in Africa, Jamaica, Alaska, Central America, New York City, Oregon, Chicago, and Arkansas. The mission efforts this year are the most ambitious that have been undertaken, and the students have pledged approximately $3,500 travel expenses to underwrite the project. The young missionaries serve without pay.

A study of the Ten Commandments was led by Dr. Vester Wolber of Ouachita College. Dr. Wolber told the students that our trouble with the real war and the cold war was actually at the point of our defeats in the moral war. “Our only hope in this generation,” he said, “is to launch a counter offensive of the moral and spiritual.”

Saturday night’s service included a gala installation banquet for new state officers and local presidents. Dr. S. A. Whitlow spoke of the physical and spiritual destitution of South America and said, “Many feel that the greatest opportunity today for evangelical Christianity lies in Latin America.”

A theme interpretation by Ouachita and “The Terrible Meek” by Arkansas State Teachers College presented in dramatic form the theme of the week-end.

Other speakers were Sam Gash, Forrest City, and Ed Seabough, Nashville, Tenn. Don Edmondson, Magnolia, led the music.

Bulletins

SOUTHERN Baptist missionaries in Cuba must decide whether to remain or return to the United States. “Our six missionaries are registered with the Swiss embassy, and, except for transportation problems, can leave the country,” Loyd Corder of the Convention’s Home Mission Board in Atlanta, said. “With mail and telephone communication stopped, we do not know what the Baptist mission situation is (now) in Cuba,” Corder added. “We were in touch up until the time of the reported invasion.” (BP)
WORLD missions is not a church elective, declares Editor F. Paul Allison, of Baptist Digest, Wichita, Kan., in an editorial entitled "On Merchandising Missions," which is our Baptist Crosscurrents feature this week.

How true this is. Even a casual glance at Matthew 28:19-20 reveals that Jesus minces no words in proclaiming the Great Commission. Nor does he make his marching orders to Christians conditional. He says (in The New English Bible):

Go forth therefore and make all nations my disciples; baptize men everywhere in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. And be assured, I am with you always, to the end of time.

Jesus does not say to a church, "Go if you feel so inclined or if it is convenient." Nor does he say, "Go if you are a big, strong church," or "Go if you have a big, pretty building erected and paid for in full."

Southern Baptist churches—big, little; rich and poor; in country, town and city; and on both sides of the tracks—have two great weaknesses that are crippling their usefulness to the Lord and their ministry to the people of the world. The first is that, according to our denominational leaders in the field of evangelism, not more than three church members out of a hundred ever do any personal soulwinning, seeking lost people out to talk with them about their destitute and hopeless condition and pointing them to the Christ, who came "to seek and to save that which was lost."

What would become of a commercial firm if only 3% of its employees ever turned a hand toward accomplishing the purpose for which the firm was organized and exists? What would happen to the 5 and 10-cent store if only 3% of the clerks hired to work there ever offered to sell anything? How long would a restaurant stay in business if only 3% of its waiters ever showed enough interest in the business of the restaurant—feeding people—to take an order for a meal?

Of course, we'll never have that great revival that we talk about and say we pray for until we church members start taking the orders of our Lord seriously and begin working at the business of the church—winning lost souls, teaching those who are won to follow the instruction of Christ himself.

The other great weakness of our Baptist churches is one that Editor Allison deals with most effectively in his editorial—a growing tendency to run our churches with budgets grotesquely unbalanced in favor of the home base. Some have thought that the millennium was about to come when we discovered the Forward Program of Church Finance—a marvelous plan that frequently brings twice as many dollars into the church treasuries as just a year before. Surely there would be more money now for a needy world. In some cases, all too rare, this has been the result. But time after time the striking of new gold by a local church has meant primarily the stock of church government decisions got us down safely at Prestwick about 1 p.m., or 5 a.m., Arkansas time.

[As it happened, the Prestwick Airport at Glasgow was fogged in too much to risk landing a jet and we went on to land in New York at 6 a.m., and six hours later were scheduled to arrive in Glasgow, not at 12 o'clock midnight, but at 6 a.m.]

[In America you have to be pretty shrewd to keep somebody from putting something over on you. But on our venture into the United Kingdom, somebody actually shortchanged us six hours of our time! We left New York at 6 p.m., and 3,200 miles later were scheduled to arrive in Glasgow, not at 12 o'clock midnight, but at 6 a.m.]

You can't make a trip such as this without taking a new slant on the Great Commission for Christians of our generation. No generation of Christians has ever been endowed with opportunities and corresponding responsibilities to compare with what we American Christians have at this moment. God, help us to be found faithful.
The People Speak

The Name Change

IT IS with keen interest that I reviewed your suggestion for a convention name change. I heartily agree.

I wonder, however, if the name "Baptist Convention, U. S. A." would confuse some with the National Convention, incorporated and the National Convention, Unincorporated, two colored conventions. Furthermore, we already have some conventions in Canada who by their own will have chosen to fellowship with us.

May I suggest the name Continental Baptist Convention? — M. R. Douglas, Pastor, Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, Mo.

'More Than Milk'

WITH reference to the criticisms of your editorial writings on school desegregation and on the special offerings, I would like to commend you for giving us your viewpoints on these, as well as on all other matters that concern us as Christians and Southern Baptists.

It is my feeling that an editor's writings are supposed to be his own convictions, and that he is not presuming to attempt to give the viewpoint of thousands of us scattered over the entire state. And that whether we agree with his viewpoint or not, he is still giving us food for thought, thus helping us to form our own convictions one way or the other. It would be a pretty sorry publication that did not give the reader any viewpoint except that already had. There are indeed some who need other food than milk, and while I may not agree with every word you have in each editorial, on the whole they are thought-provoking and add greatly to our interest and enjoyment of the Arkansas Baptist News Magazine.

Some of those people who wrote in protesting your comments on the special missions offerings surely must not know that our WMU leaders themselves have been advocating that all of us be careful in these weeks of prayer. It is our belief that no one in the Winslow Baptist Church fails to put in his or her tithes and offerings through the regular means, and that our special missions offerings, which are good for our small church, are a direct result of the interest in helping further mission efforts due to the information and prayers offered in these special weeks of prayer.

We trust that you are now having a very fruitful ministry in the Scotland tour and that you will continue to give us editorials that are soul stirring.— Mrs. M. P. Downs, Rt. 1, Box 72, Winslow.

The Bridges Article

I FOR ONE, and I have heard many others say they did not feel the official polemics. The Baptist people should be used as a propaganda organ for the editor to further his views on integration. His view is not the view of our church nor do I think the view of any other church in Arkansas.

I don't think as editor of the paper that he should have to apologize (so to speak) for printing the article of Dr. B. L. Bridges when he has printed so many on the other side of the issue without a word of explanation to state they were not the view of the paper.

Dell W. Hathorn, Ferryville.

'Excellent Paper'

LET me thank you for sending me copies of your excellent paper in which the talk I gave to the editors appeared ["Baptist Paper Contending for the Faith" in issues of March 16, 23 and 30]. I like your incisive writing and also the breadth of your paper which permits the discussion of varying points of view.

Penrose St. Amand, Dean, School of Theology, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Special Offerings

DR. COURCTS Redford, in his response to the "Special Offerings" discussions, has proven without any doubt the necessity of the offerings. I am so very grateful for his letter in the April 13 magazine. He not only pointed out the ways in which the seasons of prayer and offerings help, but he also pointed out what would happen should they be discontinued.

I, too, am concerned about the money Baptists have, and the money Baptists give through the Cooperative Program; but, please, won't you just quietly forget what you have started—the impractical, improbable and impossible plan to do away with the special offerings? — Mrs. James F. Sawyer, 10 Hyten St., Benton.

The Bookshelf

Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible, in One Volume, Zondervan, 1960, $9.95

Dr. Leslie F. Church, British editor, has condensed into this volume "all that Henry has said in the monumental work of Matthew Henry" in the noted Bible expositor's own words.

Retained for a new generation of Bible students is the wealth of exposition and comment, metaphors, analogies and illustrations which has made Matthew Henry's Commentary a mainstay for two centuries.

Matthew Henry continues to be the best-loved and most widely quoted of Bible commentators. His materials are generally regarded as full of practical wisdom and abiding freshness and aptness of thought. His commentary is widely used for private devotions, for group discussions and Bible study, and for public and private exposition of the external truth of the Scriptures.

Pathways to Personal Contentment, by Frank A. Kostyu, Prentice Hall, 1960, $4.95

Offered here is a day-to-day program aimed at freeing people of tensions, pressures and bad "life habits" so common among us. The author is pastor of Emanuel United Church of Christ (Evangelical and Reformed), in Allentown, Pa. He has drawn upon his study and time to pastoral counselling.

The Health of the Presidents, by Rudolph Marx, M.D., Putnam, 1960, $5.95

Dr. Marx has spent years in extensive research to obtain all the material known to exist on the medical history of every United States President from George Washington through Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He has combined his research with his knowledge of medicine and an avid interest in American history to produce a most interesting and enlightening book. Some of the highlights include: Monroe might never have lived to give us the Monroe Doctrine if by chance a country doctor had not been at hand to stop a severe hemorrhage from a wound received at the Battle of Trenton; James Polk at 17 was successfully operated on for bladder stones by the great pioneer surgeon, Ephraim McDowell of Kentucky ... The Presidents wives suffered more from the germ laden swampy atmosphere of the White House of old than the Presidents themselves ... Lincoln was in the early stages of smallpox (incubation period) when he delivered his Gettysburg Address ... Franklin D. Roosevelt was a "blue baby." His mother having been given too much chloroform, and he was resuscitated with difficulty.

A Testament of Devotion, by Thomas R. Kelly, Harper & Brothers, $1.50

The adequate life Thomas Kelly had known he described with unusual simplicity and grace in the collection of his writings gathered here.
Bring the Regiment

A YOUNG soldier carried the flag far ahead of the rest of the regiment and placed it near the enemy lines. The captain cried: "Bring back the flag, you fool!" But the soldier said: "Never! You bring up the regiment!" When the regiment of soldiers finally arrived at the place where he was under heavy shell fire, they found him dead, but the flag was flying triumphantly in the breeze.—Pulpit Digest.

Happiness and Mediocrity

DO YOU remember Clym Yeobright in Thomas Hardy's novel, The Return of the Native? He was a man who loved people. He wanted to help them. That meant he wanted to change their thinking—to make them dislike what they had and desire something better.

The author denies that Yeobright's mind was well-proportioned. "A well-proportioned mind," he says, "is one that shows no particular bias; one of which we may safely say that it will never cause its owner to be confined as a madman, tortured as a heretic, or crucified as a blasphemer. Also, on the other hand, that it will never cause him to be applauded as a prophet, revered as a priest, or exalted as a king. Its usual blessings are happiness and mediocrity."

Progress and Balance

PROGRESS is always made by men whose minds are out of balance.—Pegmatites.

Playing it Safe

TOO MANY men in business are like the Maine farmer to whom Dr. William Trufant Foster applied for a job at the confident age of eleven. "No," the farmer said to the future college president and economist, "I reckon I won't hire no help. I can't tell how the crops are going to turn out, so I'll just putter along by myself." Twenty years later Dr. Foster found him still puttering along by himself, his apple orchards still overgrown with weeds and caterpillars.

Farmers and business men usually get what they prepare to get. Unless you see good results mentally, you'll not get them in the practical world of affairs.—Nashua Cavalier.

I Want To Be...

I WANT to be a mother like Hannah who prayed that God might give her a child and then dedicated that child to God's service.

I want to be a mother like the Shunammite woman who could truthfully say of her child, "It is well with my child," and could find such peace in her own heart and in her own home that she could say, "I am content."—Helen M. Young in Christian Woman.

Steps of Learning

WHEN our first-grader was asked what he learned in school, he replied, "I learned things I didn't understand and then I learned to understand them."—Kathryn Coffey Glennon in Ladies' Home Journal.
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

Foreign Board Actions Expand Outreach, Staff

By Ione Gray

IN ITS semianual full meeting, April 11-12, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board
1. Appointed 13 missionaries, bringing the number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,500.
2. Elected Dr. Franklin T. Fowler medical consultant.
3. Voted to open English-speaking work in the Federation of the West Indies, British Guiana, and Bermuda; Spanish-speaking work in the Dominican Republic; and French-speaking work in the French West Indies; and reassessed its willingness to assist the Jamaica Baptist Union in special projects and with specially trained personnel for specific ministries.
4. Approved a period of overseas residence for Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, and Mrs. Goerner from October, 1961, to July, 1962. They will establish residence of periods from one to two months at Ibadan, Nigeria; Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia; Nairobi, Kenya; Beirut, Lebanon; Tel Aviv, Israel; and Rome, Italy.
5. Asked for the appointment of an additional missionary couple for English-speaking work in France.
6. Approved a conference for all Southern Baptist missionaries in Europe to be held at Santa Severa, Italy, in June, 1962.
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8. Raised the age limit for the regular appointment of missionaries from 32 to 34. Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, said the Board will, in special cases, continue its policy of making age exceptions for those beyond 34 who are in the middle 30's and who meet all other requirements.
9. Appropriated $3,802,502 of the 1960 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for use overseas, with $1,053,704 going to Africa, Europe, and the Near East, $1,357,779 to Latin America, and $1,391,319 to the Orient. It was announced that the 1960 offering has now reached $7,962,962, or $256,115 more than the total offering for 1959. The final total will not be known until books close May 1.

Two from Arkansas

NEW missionaries include Rev. Billy J. Walsh, who was reared in Little Rock, and his wife, the former Geraldine Dugger of Beebe, appointed for Mexico.

Others are Marvin T. Bond and Jean Faulkner Bond, both of Mississippi, for Hong Kong; Ralph W. Burnett, Oklahoma, and Patricia Hawk Burnett, Kansas, for Argentina; John M. Carpenter and Betty Hawkin Carpenter, both of Georgia, for Liberia.

Also, Adrian W. Coleman and Norma Tinsley Coleman, both of Texas, for Liberia; Frances Knight, Texas, for Nigeria; and Lawrence M. Southerland, Jr., and Marecella Brown Southerland, both of South Carolina, for Japan.

Dr. Fowler has been a missionary since 1947, first in Paraguay and then in Mexico. Since returning to the States last year for furlough, he has been serving the Foreign Mission Board as missionary associate for medical work.

Board action calling for expansion in the Caribbean followed a report of Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, on a recent three weeks' survey trip

which he made along with Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, and Rev. Charles W. Bryan, field representative for the area.

Dr. Goerner reported that he found increased opportunities for English-speaking work in France on his recent visit there. In slightly less than a year, since Rev. and Mrs. Jack D. Hancox, Southern Baptist missionaries, went to France, the work has grown from one to three organized churches and one mission and there are calls for the beginning of services from groups of Americans in two other cities.

Dr. Goerner said he found equally challenging opportunities for English-speaking work in Germany where there are already two self-supporting churches and seven smaller groups. The Foreign Mission Board has voted to seek a couple for Germany to serve as associational missionaries for the English-speaking group and as fraternal representatives to German Baptists, "I confidently predict a repetition of the experiences in France for the fortunate couple who may be assigned to this strategic post in Germany," Dr. Goerner said.

Objectives Clear

There can be no question as to the basic objectives of mission work because they are so clearly defined in the commission given by our Lord," said Dr. Cauthen in his report to the Board. "We are to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to observe all things our Lord has commanded."
Arkansas All Over

FIRST Church, Conway, observed Youth Week April 16-23, with Marcus Rackley (center), a freshman at Hendrix College, serving as youth pastor, Kent Darwin, freshman at Arkansas State Teachers College, serving as youth educational director and Kay Nichols, a junior at Conway High School, as youth music director. Approximately 100 Intermediates and young people filled 115 places of leadership in the church.

The week was climaxed with a Youth Retreat at Petit Jean State Park. Wendell Ross, a student at Ouachita College, was the inspirational speaker, and Charles Wright, also of Ouachita, music director.

Russian Baptists
On Arkansas TV

"REPORT from Moscow," filmed by the NBC television religious programs unit in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, will be broadcast in Arkansas Sunday April 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon by Little Rock TV Station KARK-TV (Channel 4).

The TV unit filmed dramatic pictorial and musical highlights of six typical Baptist worship services, including a wedding, an ordination and a group baptism, in Russia's Moscow Baptist Church.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens supervised production for the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and TV Commission. The film is an offering of "The Southern Baptist Hour," which is on view three times a year during a 52-week schedule of NBC television religious programs.

Charles Baskin
To El Dorado

REV. Charles Baskin, Magnolia, accepted the pastorate of Temple Church, El Dorado, April 16. Rev. Baskin was formerly pastor of Villege Church. He attended Ouachita College.

Temple Church started as a mission, has grown to 150 members, with an active WMS, Brotherhood, RA's and GA's.

Degree Candidates

Mr. May          Mr. Blackwood

TWO FROM Arkansas are among 137 candidates for degrees and awards at spring commencement exercises May 18-19 at New Orleans Seminary.

They are Milton Davis May, Rose Bud, who will receive the Bachelor of Divinity degree, and Rolland M. Blackwood, Russellville, who will receive a Bachelor of Theology degree.

Correct Address

THE Arkansas Baptist News magazine was in error in reporting [April 13 issue] that Miss Martha Hairston, Southern Baptist missionary now on furlough from Brazil, had moved to Hawthorne, Calif. Miss Hairston became ill while on a speaking tour in California in February but expects to return home to Warren this month to stay for the remainder of her furlough.

First, Stuttgart
Observes Youth Week

FIRST Church, Stuttgart, observed "Youth Week" April 3-9 with 69 officers and teachers in charge of the Sunday School program April 9.

Activities during the week included a three-act religious play which was presented at the church's Southside Mission Wednesday evening.

On Friday night, the Intermediates and young people were treated to a "Youth Week Banquet" with the theme, Dare to be Different. On Saturday night, Centennial Association "Youth Night" was held at First Church.

Dale Keeton is youth director and Charles Bellnap minister of education. Rev. Doyle Bledsoe is the pastor.

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Wayne McDougal Gets Award for Heroism

WAYNE McDougal, a deacon of First Church, Hot Springs, and a member of the church's Building Committee, was signally honored recently by his employer, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., when he was awarded the Theo. N. Vail Citation for Heroism, one of the company's highest awards.

Mr. McDougal was honored for saving the life of a Hot Springs beauty shop owner when a cleaning fluid exploded in a room where both were working.

First Annual
YWA Houseparty at SBC

THE FIRST annual YWA Houseparty at Southern Baptist College was held Mar. 24-25. Dorothy Goff, a sophomore, of Biggers, recently by her employer, Southern Baptist, Pocahontas, and Jerry Greer, sophomore, Pine Bluff. Mrs. Herbert Haney of College City presented a devotional.

SW Arkansas State
Music Teachers Meet

AN organizational meeting for the Southwest district of the Arkansas State Music Teachers Association was held April 23 at Ouachita College, Dr. James T. Luck, vice president of the association, has announced.

The meeting featured a lecture-recital by Bill Trantham, head of the department of applied music at Ouachita. Music teachers from approximately 20 counties in the area attended.

GRANNIS Church, Rev. J. H. Westlake, pastor, has installed new fluorescent lighting in its sanctuary as part of an improvement program.

Arkansas Couple to Go to Mexico

REV. AND Mrs. Billy J. Walsh, of Granbury, Tex., newly appointed missionaries to Mexico, examine a Chinese scroll at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va.

REV. Billy J. Walsh, who grew up in Little Rock and pastored churches in Lewisville and Heber Springs, and Mrs. Walsh, the former Geraldine Dugger, native of Beebe, and daughter of Association Missionary H. M. Dugger and Mrs. Dugger, of Heber Springs, were appointed missionaries to Mexico at the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. Walsh is pastor of Murphy Baptist Church, near Plano, Tex., and a student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., where he is working on his doctoral thesis. Mrs. Walsh teaches fifth grade in Granbury, Tex., where they have been making their home.

Mr. Walsh told the Foreign Mission Board that he decided to enter the ministry when he was 14 and that he began preaching in Little Rock, where he lived then. He was ordained to the ministry the day before his 18th birthday and held several pastorates while a college and theological seminary student. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Ouachita College and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, where he expects to receive the doctor of theology degree after completing his thesis.

He has also pastored churches in Bridgeport, Presidio, and Dodson, Tex., before going to his present pastorate in September, 1959, and was assistant pastor for a Harrison, Ark., church. He said it was during his Heber Springs pastorate that his vague thoughts about mission service became more vivid. Feeling content in his own work, he was impressed when a friend resigned an established pastorate to become a missionary to East Africa. He said his decision to do graduate study at the seminary was a step toward his later decision to do mission work.

Mrs. Walsh received the Associate of Arts degree from Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and the Bachelor of Arts degree from Ouachita College. She also attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, and Southwestern Seminary.

During three summers between college studies she was a field worker for the Arkansas Training Union Department, and a Vacation Bible school worker in Arkansas and Missouri. She has been a public school teacher in Williamsville, Mo., Rose Bud and Viola, Ark., and Paradise and Fort Worth, Tex., and a substitute teacher in Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh have two daughters, Elaine Beth, 8, and Debra Carol, 5.

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Deaths

WALTER Holloway Oathout, 52, of Little Rock, co-owner of the Lido Inn and Lido Cafeteria in Little Rock, died April 14 in a Little Rock hospital.

Mr. Oathout was a member and deacon of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, a member of its Berean Class and taught a Sunday School class there for many years.

A native of Booneville, he was a graduate of Ouachita College. He was a member and former president of the Arkansas Restaurant Association, vice president of the Arkansas Frozen Food Company, a Mason and past master of the Western Star Masonic Lodge 2, the Arkansas Consistory, Knights Commandery Court of Honor, the Union Chapter and Occidental Council and Scimitar Shrine Temple.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Helen Louise Seago Oathout; a son, Marshall Oathout, and a daughter, Martha Lynn Oathout, both of Little Rock.

Rev. T. N. Morrison, 46, pastor of Hickory Street Church, Texarkana, died April 7 at Texarkana of a self-inflicted bullet wound. Mr. Morrison had been in ill health for several years.

He had been pastor of Hickory Street Church for almost eight years during which the church grew from a small congregation which met in a tent to a membership of 300. Under his leadership the church had just completed an extensive building campaign which resulted in a new auditorium and conversion of the old auditorium to educational facilities.

Funeral services were conducted April 10 at Hickory Street Church by Dr. L. E. Holt, Texarkana, retired Baptist minister, assisted by Rev. Hollace Combs, pastor of Elylau Church, Texarkana, and Rev. Leo Hughes, pastor of Trinity Church, Texarkana. Burial was in Mr. Morrison’s native state of Alabama.

Dr. Pollard To Speak at OBC

DR. RAMSEY Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be guest chapel speaker at Ouachita College May 4, it was announced by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president.

Dr. Pollard, who is in his second year as pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, formerly served as president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, chairman of the Radio and Television Commission, and as chairman of the Convention Executive Committee.

Revivals

SOUTH Highland Church, Little Rock, was in revival April 2-9 with Dr. Joe Henry Hankins the evangelist and Haskell Lindsey leading the music. There were 45 additions by baptism, six by letter and over 50 rededications. Sunday School attendance April 9 broke the record with 840 present. Rev. Ray Branscum is pastor.

PHILADELPHIA Church, Jonesboro, was in revival Mar. 12-19 with Rev. D. B. Bledsoe of First Church, Stuttgart, the evangelist and Jackie Hancock of Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, leading the music. There were 14 additions, eight by baptism and six by letter. Rev. Paul Stockeemer is pastor.

Fast-growing Mission Becomes Church

Mr. Barnett

ON APRIL 2—Easter Sunday—Elmdale Chapel, which had been a mission of First Church, Springdale, became a full-fledged church, capping a period of growth in which, in six months' time, Sunday School enrollment had grown from 65 to 127 and there were 48 additions to the church. Gifts were averaging $234.34 per Sunday and $400 had been given to Foreign Missions.

There were 68 present April 2 when Elmdale was constituted a church. A roll of charter members will be held open until the end of April and the list has already grown to almost 100. The building fund now holds over $4,400.

Rev. Weldon Barnett has been pastor at Elmdale since December, succeeding Rev. Harlin V. Nelson of Huntsville, who, although retired, had served as interim pastor.

A native of Texas and a graduate of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary, Mr. Barnett came to Elmdale from California where he had done graduate work at Golden Gate Seminary and pastored churches in San Luis Obispo and Grass Valley.

Mrs. Barnett has two children, Donald, 10, and Susan, 2.
Arkansas All Over

**Revivals**

**Bethel Heights Church, Fayetteville** has closed a week-long revival with Rev. M. E. Wiles as evangelist. Two surrendered to full-time service, there were six additions, three by baptism and three by letter, and many re dedications. Rev. John P. Teas is pastor.

**Rev. Allen T. McCurry**, of Martindale Church, led in a revival at Second Church, Tulsa, Okla., during which there were 18 additions and 42 re dedications. Rev. Pat Murphy is pastor of the Oklahoma church.

**Hicks Church**, Ashdown, held a week-end revival April 14-16 with Dr. Theodore F. Boushy, of Lebanon and now professor of History and Political Science at Ouachita College, as the evangelist. The pastor, Rev. Ray D. Bos tian, led the singing. There were four professions of faith and many re dedications.

**Gaines Street Church**, Little Rock, conducted a revival April 9-16 with Wilbur Herring, North Jackson ville Church, Jacksonville, Fla., as evangelist. Music was directed by John M. Parrish, minister of music. There were 21 additions. Rev. Richard Perkins is pastor.

**Eto wah Church** will begin its revival June 11 with Rev. Bill Lewis the evangelist and Red Johnson leading the music. Rev. Bill Wiles is pastor.

**First Church**, Tyronza, was in a revival Mar. 19-26, with George Hern, Memphis, Tenn., as the evangelist and Orman Norwood, also of Memphis, as song leader. There were 27 additions, 24 for baptism and three by letter, one surrender to special service and 20 re dedications. Rev. E. C. Edwards is pastor.

**Central Church**, North Little Rock, will hold a revival April 30-May 7 with Rev. Billy Walker as evangelist and Clarence White, Central's minister of music, leading the singing. Dr. C. Gordon Bayless is pastor.

Dr. Bayless was the evangelist during revival services April 9-16 at Rancho Village Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. Russell Clearman, formerly pastor of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, pastors the Oklahoma church. There were 24 additions, 16 for baptism and eight by letter.

**Rose Dale Church**, Little Rock, closed its revival April 16 with 41 additions, 29 for baptism and 2 by letter. Rev. Benny Bates, of Jacksonville, was the evangelist and Ed Haynes was song leader. Rev. Gerald Rowe is pastor.

**First Church**, Mountain View, has just completed a revival with seventeen conversions, seven by baptism, and four by letter, and several re dedications.

**De Rrel Watkins** was the evangelist during a revival at Leonard Street Church, Hot Springs, March 26-April 2, and Clarence Hill led the music. There were eight additions for baptism and one by letter. Rev. James Heard is pastor.

**Wynne Church** has completed a revival with its own pastor, Rev. R. B. Crotts, as evangelist and Bob Glenn of First Church, Forrest City, leading the music. There were 15 additions by baptism and nine by letter and 60 re dedications.

**Association News**

**Mt. Zion Association**

J. Carl Bunch, Missionary TWENTY - NINE of the 34 churches in Mt. Zion Association reported spring revivals with 194 baptisms and 74 other additions.

Total baptisms for the association for the first half of the Associa tional year were 303. There were 330 other additions to the churches for the same period. All but three of the churches reported one or more baptisms for the six months period.

Each of the three churches that reported no baptisms last year have had a revival and report baptisms this year. Total baptisms for the association last year were 416.

**Hope Association**

M. T. McGregor, Missionary FIRST Church, Canfield, ob served Youth Week April 2-9. The young people directed all activities during the week, and on the closing Sunday all the officers' and teachers' positions were occupied by the Intermediates and young people of the church.

The week was climaxed with a youth-led revival in which Charles Hamil, Jr. did the preaching and Kenneth Robertson directed the music. Both are students at Ouach ita College.

There were a number of re dedications among both the young people and adults. Rev. L. W. Rhoads of Magnolia is serving as interim pastor.

**Bronway Heights Church**, Texarkana, had Dr. Theodore Boushy, professor of History at Ouachita College, as evangelist in a revival during the week of April 2-9. There were seven additions by baptism and a large number of re dedications. Sidney Peterson is pastor at Bronway Heights.

IN A revival April 3-9 at First Church, Stamps, C. N. Rue, pastor at Beech Street, Texarkana, was the evangelist. Brother W. E. Perry, pastor, reports an excellent revival, with a total of 15 additions.

The Stamps church is considering plans for the erection of a new educational building in the near future.
Dispatch from Overseas

Evangelistic Crusaders in Scotland

By Erwin L. McDonald
[Editor, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine]

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND—Not everyone in this shrinking world has heard of Little Rock and our segregation-integration controversy. This is true, I have found, in spite of the sonic boom of jet transports that can whisk you across the Atlantic in six hours—as our British Overseas Airways Corporation plane, did our Scotland Evangelistic Crusade party—and radio, television, and the several-times daily newspaper notwithstanding.

The beautiful, Irish colleen who sold me a McDonald coat-of-arms in a Glasgow shop had never heard of us. Little Rock was just a strange name of a far-away place to her. But this was not the case with the representatives of the Scottish press who interviewed several members of our group at our opening services of the Scotland Crusade, at Adelaide Place Baptist Church, here in Glasgow.

What About Little Rock?

AFTER the usual, “What do you think of Scotland?” series of questions, they wanted to know about Little Rock, and what we are going to do about equal rights and privileges for all of our citizens.

I felt compelled to say to the press—as many others of our fellow Arkansas citizens have said from time to time—that race conflict is not peculiarly the problem of Little Rock, the southern United States, or of any one nation and that Little Rock’s part of the conflict has been greatly overplayed.

“But what do you think?” the reporters pinned me down. “Should all race barriers be removed, in your churches as well as elsewhere?”

To this I replied cautiously, for it is so easy to be misinterpreted or misunderstood. “Race barriers,” I said to them, “are artificial and man-made and cannot be justified in our world today.”

An Arkansan’s Answer

THE REMOVAL of racial barriers and the accomplishment of dignity and basic human rights for all men is not something, however, that can be forced. There are certain steps that can be taken by the courts, the legislatures, and the law enforcement branches of our government toward this goal. But the real conquest is in the hearts, minds and souls of the people of the world.

For this reason I am convinced that the major responsibility for the solution of the race issue, as of the many other problems that threaten the peace of the world, lies squarely upon the church and upon the shoulders of every Christian.

THE 64 members of the Scotland Evangelistic Crusade, on their way to conduct evangelistic services in Scotland from April 8 through April 16, were ready to board their British Overseas Airways Corporation jetliner for the flight overseas when this picture was taken.
Near Miss for One Crusader

ONE MEMBER of the Scotland Evangelistic Crusade owes his presence with this Arkansas preaching group to the help of his subconscious mind in the solution of a baffling problem.

A native of Ireland, Dr. Alexander Best, now superintendent of missions for the Washington-Madison Baptist Association, almost missed getting his passport in time to join the crusade party.

It all hinged upon finding the naturalization papers he secured when he became a citizen of the United States, in 1943. Without this official proof of his citizenship he could not qualify for the necessary passport. This was the first time he had needed the citizenship paper since it was issued. He knew he had it safely stashed away somewhere, but where? A several days' search of the Best premises failed to reveal it.

With the time for the trip drawing near, Dr. Best wrote to the government office in Muskogee, Okla., through which he had secured the paper. This office referred him to an office in Dallas. But when he wrote to Dallas, he was told to get in touch with an office in Memphis. The Memphis office, in due time, said he should write to Atlanta. Time would not permit further correspondence. With only ten days remaining before the departure of the Scotland Crusade group, Dr. Best decided he had not another day to spare. After another frantic search of every place he could think of that he might have placed the certificate, he went to bed in a frustrated state of mind.

At 4 a.m. the next morning he awoke with the strange impression that he should look for the paper back of the framed pictures. With the help of Mrs. Best, he unframed all of the pictures on the walls of their home, but found nothing. A similar unframing of pictures and certificates on the walls of his office was no avail.

It appeared that this trip of a lifetime that had been provided for him by the churches of his association was off. Not only would he have to give up his preaching mission, but he would not have the privilege of going on, as he had planned to do, to Ireland after the Scotland Crusade for his first visit in 27 years with close relatives and friends.

Catholic Praises Bible

BOSTON (EP) — A Roman Catholic biblical scholar has described the "New English Bible" recently published by the Cambridge and Oxford University presses as "an entirely new undertaking bursting with vigor and vitality."

Father Philip J. King, a professor of sacred scripture at St. John's Seminary here, said "the publication of this fresh translation of the New Testament affords us an opportunity to salute our Protestant brothers who have made such outstanding contributions to the field of sacred scripture."

The Lost is Found

At this juncture the office telephone rang. "I've found your paper," Mrs. Best reported. She had discovered some framed pictures in an old trunk. Inside one of the frames, back of a family portrait, was the coveted certificate, as fresh and official as the day it was issued.

Feverishly the Bests completed the required forms requesting his passport and sent them off, with the certificate of naturalization, to Washington. There were anxious days of waiting. Would the passport arrive in time? Then, five days after the mailing, about the shortest possible time for the securing of a passport, he received it.

So it is easy to understand, under these circumstances, why Dr. Best is one of the happiest members of our party. "God used my subconscious mind, while I slept, to answer my prayers," he told me, gratefully, as we landed in London on our way to Glasgow.

Following a week of preaching at Trinity Baptist Church, Maryport, Cumberland, England, on the Scotland-England border, Dr. Best will go to Ireland for an extended visit with a sister in Belfast and with a brother nearby, and with other relatives, some of whom he has never seen.

While in Ireland he will visit in Belfast and Londonderry, the business districts where he served as a dry goods clerk for several years before entering the ministry.

Dr. Alexander Best, of Fayetteville, beams gratefully after landing at London, England, airport on a trip he almost missed.

His citizenship papers, needed to secure a passport, obstinately refused to be found until almost too late for the Scotland Crusade.

Finds 70 Scrolls

JERUSALEM (EP) — An amateur archeologist recently drew out of a cave near the Dead Sea 70 significant scrolls relating to the period of Simon Bar-Kochba, leader of the last Jewish revolt against the Romans in the second century.
**State Royal Ambassador Congress**

**THE EIGHTH annual state Royal Ambassador Congress will be held Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, 1961, at the South Highland Church, 27th and Elm Streets, Little Rock.**

There will be three sessions of the Congress, Friday afternoon, Friday night, and Saturday morning. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The first session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. The evening session will begin at 6:55 p.m. All sessions of the Congress will be held in the main auditorium of the church.

The missionary speaker for the Congress will be Rev. Ernest L. Holloway, missionary to Japan. Rev. Holloway is a native of Cuming, Arkansas, and a graduate of Ouachita College. He will speak at the Friday evening session of the Congress.

The program for the Congress will include other interesting features. Pictures of a recent mission tour to Mexico, sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, will be shown. There will be a recognition service for boys who have reached the rank of Ambassador. Every session will feature good singing and special music along with fun and fellowship.

Information and publicity material has been mailed to all pastors and counselors of record in the state. Every Royal Ambassador chapter and church in the state should be represented at the Congress. If at all possible, every chapter member should attend. Churches that do not have Royal Ambassador chapters should send some boys to learn about Royal Ambassador work.

Royal Ambassador committees from Brotherhoods along with the Brotherhood president and pastor should attend. The Brotherhood could help send some boys and provide transportation for the entire group. Make plans now to bring the boys from your chapter and church.

State Royal Ambassador camp time will soon be upon us, in fact it is less than two months away.

Every chapter and church should have, some boys attending one of the weeks of state camps. It will be an experience that they will always remember. Decisions may be made that will change their lives completely and give them an entirely new outlook on life. Every boy should have the privilege of attending at least one week of Royal Ambassador Camp in his lifetime.

There are five weeks of camp planned for 1961. The camp dates are: June 12-16, First Intermediate; June 19-23, First Junior; June 26-30, Second Junior; July 10-14, Third Junior; July 17-21, Second Intermediate. Each of the camps will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Monday and close at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. More information, publicity material, and registration forms will be mailed to all pastors and counselors soon. Make plans now for boys from your chapter and church to attend one of the weeks of camp. More information may be obtained from the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

**Race Relations**

**Department Goals—1963**

1. SIX Extension classes for in-service Negro Baptist preachers and lay leaders.

2. Enlarge encampment program to an assembly program for 10 weeks. Enrollment goal 800.

3. Twelve Negro Baptist College students appointed by Home Mission Board for work in Arkansas. Plan to use them in assembly programs.

4. Scholarship assistance for 12 students.

5. Enroll 300 churches in using Unified Budget.

6. (1) Complete Center Building at Camden and Blytheville and enlarge classes from one to three.

(2) Complete Baptist Student Center Building at AM&N College, Pine Bluff and start BSU program and Chair of Bible.

7. Assist 250 churches in VBS clinics.

8. Assist 250 churches in Sunday School clinics.

9. Assist 250 churches in Training Union clinics.

10. Assist 250 churches in WMU and Brotherhood work.

11. Conduct five District Leadership Conferences.


13. Continue work at T.B. Hospital.


15. Conduct at least 10 Associational Conferences on Missions and Evangelism. — Clyde Hart, Director

**Training Union**

**Two Assemblies**

“WE WILL have more at the Training Union Assembly this year than ever!” This is the information we are getting from the churches. Dates for the assemblies are July 3-8 and July 10-15. Send your $2 reservation fee to Mr. Melvin Thrash, 111 Baptist Building, Little Rock, immediately. This will apply on the total cost of the assembly.

We have sent an assembly bulletin, giving the assembly rates, to all the churches. Be sure that the bulletin is on your church bulletin board.

Lee Porter, Baton Rouge, Louisiana will direct the recreational program at both assemblies. Mr. Porter comes highly recommended by the Church Recreation Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He directed recreation at Glorieta for several years. Dr. Gordon Clinkard is considered by many people as one of the greatest preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention. He will be the inspirational speaker at both assemblies.

Last year 1,295 people attended the two Training Union assemblies at Siloam Springs. We are expecting 700 at each assembly this year. We are in need of dormitory counselors and older Intermediate and young people to serve in the dining hall. All expenses while there will be provided.

**State Training Union Youth Convention, April 14**

Attendance: 1,375 — 855 Intermediate; 226 young people; 269 adults; 5 Juniors; 20 others.— Ralph W. Davis, Secretary
Outstanding Rural Church Conference

THE ANNUAL Rural Church Conference will be held this year at Spring Lake Assembly, Lonsdale, June 19-22. This conference will really be three in one. In addition to the program for pastors, there will be special sessions for the pastors' wives and still another for the associational missionaries. Three Seminary professors, a representative of the Home Mission Board, a professor from Ouachita College and a large number of pastors and missionaries will be on the program.

Dr. Joseph Stiles, a native of Little Rock and a graduate of Ouachita College, who is now professor of Church Administration in Southern Seminary, Louisville, will conduct conferences on "The Pastor and Church Administration."

Dr. William S. Garmon, associate professor of Social Ethics, New Orleans Seminary, will speak daily on "The Pastors' Pulpit and Public Ministry."

Dr. Clifford Ingle, professor of Religious Education in Midwestern Seminary, will conduct conferences on "The Pastor and the People's Personal Problems."

Dr. Vester E. Wolber of Ouachita College will be the Bible Teacher in each day's conference.

Dr. Lewis Newman of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will present the "Church Development Program" which is becoming a very popular program throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. He will also be in conference with the missionaries as well as pastors.

In addition to these guest speakers a large number of pastors and missionaries over the state will appear on the program. Everything seems to be shaping up for one of the best conferences ever held. We believe it will be the largest in attendance and perhaps the most practical in subjects discussed.

We wish that all of our churches would arrange to provide expenses for their pastors and their wives to attend this important conference. It will be an opportunity for many of our men who have not been to the seminaries to sit under the instruction of some of our great teachers and for those who have been to the seminary, it will be a good refresher course for all. This program will have something in it that should appeal to everyone, so whether your pastor serves a rural or a town church, he will profit by this good conference.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent.

Missionary Union

WMU at SBC

THE ANNUAL meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will be held May 22-23 in the Opera House of Kiel Auditorium, Sault Louis, Arkansas. Arkansas is entitled to 50 delegates with voting privileges and unlimited number of visitors. Registration is on the basis of "first come, first served," and every person is urged to register immediately upon arrival. Arkansas attending should far outnumber the "official" delegation. The theme of the meeting which will open at 9 o'clock Monday is from Acts 1 — Ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem.... in all Judea.... in Samaria.... and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Miss Ann Wollerman, missionary to Brazil and a native Arkansas, will speak on Monday. Mary are the unusual opportunities offered by the meeting.

Off to Glorieta!

Buses will be provided by Arkansas WMU for those attending the WMU Conference, July 20-26, and the YWA Conference, July 27-August 1, at Glorieta, N. M. Departure dates will be July 18 and July 25, respectively. Many mission home stations and other points of interest will be visited en route.

Detailed information may be secured by writing State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, and registration accompanied by $15 deposit should be sent to above address.

Glean! Remit!

The urgency of the hour — the spiritual hunger of our nation — adds import to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Organizations—churches—are urged to continue in special prayer for Southern Baptist mission work in America and to glean well for the offering. Remittances should be sent to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, for Home Missions. — Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

Sunday School

These Are Your Children

DAILY WE are planning for them. Have you made your reservations to attend Sunday School Leadership Week August 7-11 at our Siloam Springs Assembly? If not, hurry. We have something exciting and new for our boys and girls, workers with our boys and girls, and parents, too. Have you seen the new Children's Building that was used for the first time last year?

The following quote from Primary Sunday School Work by Allene Bryan speaks for all our boys and girls: "There is no time to lose for the days of childhood pass quickly. Those who influence children, who teach and train them, not for tomorrow only, but for eternity must redeem the time. They cannot afford to waste time and neglect the important things, lest suddenly it be too late to do them because childhood is gone." One of long ago must have understood this when he said: "Lost not time. Childhood is like dawn, the most beautiful time of the day but so fleeting."

That is the reason we are working constantly toward finding new methods, equipment and approaches to learning situations for our precious boys and girls. As we launch these things into our courses of study, it is our desire to continually train these wonderful workers that they may be the best for the Lord, and the children they lead.

We are providing new and exciting equipment, trained leaders and an atmosphere for learning for the children who attend the Assembly this year so that the teachers and parents may observe the best teaching methods in action. There will also be classes each day for those who do not wish to observe.

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Crosscurrents

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We have failed in instructing our people about what the Cooperative Program really is. What is the Cooperative Program really like? The Cooperative Program is people... thousands and millions of them, near your church and far, far away. Constantly pastors must educate their people about the drama and glamour of the Cooperative Program. What do these people say—what do they do—how do they do it—the circumstances under which it is done—all these things must be kept before Southern Baptists all of the time. What is the Cooperative Program really like? The Cooperative Program, finally, after all has been said and done, is a man, woman, boy or girl confessing the sin of unbelief and accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour. If the Cooperative Program does not end in this then we doubt if it can be defended.

Missions is both long-range and immediate. We dare not forfeit the immediate privileges of missions to acquire the remote possibility of giving larger amounts if we can just enlarge. Our churches in Kansas—Nebraska must do both. Missions wait on a stewardship and stewardship waits on you.—Editor F. Paul Allison, in Baptist Digest, Wichita, Kan.

Executive Board

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This is not all, however. These children are taught true worship. They learn about God and how to better worship Him. This includes giving. Every day an opportunity to give is presented to the children.

The churches are urged by the Sunday School department to send these offerings around the world through the Cooperative Program. This is a wonderful way to teach the children about world missions. The children can be told that their gifts will go all over the world where Baptists send missionaries. This can light a spark in the hearts of our children that could break out into a flame of evangelism and missions, at home and abroad in the years to come.

From a monetary standpoint, the offerings may not be the biggest thing about giving but from an educational and spiritual standpoint, the offerings can be used as a tool to build great Christians and world-wide Baptists.

Let me join hands with the Sunday School Department to urge every church to send the Vacation Bible School offerings to World Missions through the Cooperative Program.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

The Soviet Peril

PRINCETON, N. J. (EP)—A copyrighted poll by George Gallup for his American Institute of Public Opinion shows that most Americans see Russia as a greater threat to world peace than Red China.

Some 43 per cent of those quizzed named Russia as the greater danger, while some 32 pointed to burgeoning Communist China.

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**Arbor Day Around the World**

By Kathryn W. Meals

"WOODMAN, spare that tree! Touch not a single bough! In youth it sheltered me, And I'll protect it now."

Sentiment for a particular tree prompted these words from the inspired pen of George Pope Morris. More men should have felt the same way.

The destruction of American forests by the early lumbermen who thought the forests were inexhaustible is one of the near tragedies in the history of our country. Only in recent years have conservation-minded men begun doing something about it. That is another story, but it was probably these efforts to preserve our forests that first gave rise to the idea of Arbor Day.

The first American Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska, a state that was then almost treeless. Gradually, other states instituted an Arbor Day. In six states—Arizona, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming—Arbor Day is a legal holiday. Hawaii has had an Arbor Day since 1905.

Because of differences in climate, different states observe Arbor Day on varying dates, usually at some time during the spring. Georgia's Arbor Day is in December and in the balmy deep South, Louisianians plant trees in January.

Arbor Day is not strictly an American observance. Jewish refugees settling in and Israel after World War II realized that if they were to have fertile farming lands, they would need trees to hold the thin soil in place and to provide shade. Each year around the fifteenth of February, Israel observes its New Year of the Trees, when the people have tree-planting ceremonies, much like ours.

Because trees are expensive, it is customary for Jews of other countries to send money to Israel for tree memorials for themselves, for members of their families, or for friends. These trees are planted by the children at the New Year of the Trees.

In the heart of Kenya, Africa, Arbor Day lasts all year. A young Englishman, who was in the forest service of tropical Africa, started the idea about fifteen years ago. Appalled by the destruction of the forests as natives cleared land for crops, exhausted the soil, and then moved on to a new place, he decided to do something about it.

He called together a council of thousands of native warriors and organized them as Forest Scouts or Men of the Trees. They were to plant ten new trees a year and take care of the trees at all times. The idea has been quite successful.

In 1895 young King Alfonso began the practice of planting trees in Spain. Now Fiesta del Arbol, or Feast of the Tree, has become an annual event.

Germany plants trees on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

That Arbor Day is a modern practice is a mistaken idea. During the fifth century the people of a village in Switzerland began a practice which they called Tree-planting Day. The whole community on this day marched to the woods and dug up saplings. Then they marched back to town and planted the young trees on the village common.

The Aztec Indians also had an old tree-planting ceremony. Whenever a child was born, the Aztecs planted a tree. Later, other Indian tribes continued this worthwhile custom.

An old colonial custom in America was for a bride to bring a tree from her father's home and plant it beside her new house.

Trees are vital to the welfare of our country. Arbor Day is important in helping us remember this.

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**DO YOU know that there is a giant water lily called victoria regia, whose rounded floating leaves, upturned around the edges, are sometimes eight feet across? Imagine a leaf as big as a small room! These huge water lily leaves are strong and buoyant enough to support a small child.**

The victoria regia grows in the backwaters of the great Amazon River of South America. It grows so thickly in the muddy river channels which creep through the humid, tropical forests that it sometimes covers the water surface for hundreds of miles.

Each victoria regia stalk has a single white flower which later turns pink. The lily blossom is from eight inches to sixteen inches across. Can you picture a white silky-smooth blossom as big as a serving tray? The victoria regia flower is known as one of the largest and most beautiful blossoms in the world.

The rootstocks or tubers of this giant water plant are very strong. They fasten themselves deeply into the mud to anchor the lily.

Needless to say there are thousands of insects, frogs, lizards, and other small water creatures which rest, feed, and take a free ride on these floating plant leaves. The floating leaves also provide a feeding station for the thousands of birds found in the tropics.

This strange, wonderful water lily belongs to the same flower family as the beautiful lotus flower of India and the lotus which grew in Egypt in Bible times.

We cannot help but say with the psalmist concerning God's world: "Come and see the works of God" (Psalm 66:5).
Sunday School Lesson
When God's Wisdom Prevails
By H. L. Lipford
Pastor, First Church, Cabot
April 30, 1961
Scripture: Job 42
Devotional Reading: Psalm 34:1-8
Printed Portion: Job 42:1-12

MEMORY PASSAGE: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understand and knoweth me, that I am the Lord." Jeremiah 9:23-24

THE GREATNESS of God is revealed to Job in the closing chapters of the book of Job. In the previous chapters Job had shown a spirit of pride and self-righteousness. He had questioned the judgment of God in running the universe. Job had sinned, but not as Satan had predicted to God. Job's life was changed as a result of his experiences with God. In all of the sufferings that Job endured, he continued to hold onto God. To reveal to Job that God was not unjust in his dealings with the world it was necessary for God to intervene. God came in a whirlwind to rebuke Job for the words he had spoken against Him.

Peace was brought to Job again after this personal encounter with God. When Job accepted God's rule of the world, his faith was strengthened and he became a joyful and enthusiastic believer in the wisdom of God. In God's message to Job, as recorded in Job 38-41, there is no specific explanation of Job's sufferings, but Job is led to realize that as God had rule over the physical world He also had authority over the moral affairs of the world. Although Job never understood his sufferings he became convinced that God was with him in his sufferings, and that was enough to bring satisfaction to his life. The fact that God came to him was the comfort that Job's troubled soul needed.

I. Job's Repentance, Job 42:1-6

GENUINE repentance was produced as God revealed himself to Job. The greatness and goodness of God was recognized. That God's purpose should be recognized was impressed upon the repentant patriarch. There was nothing too great for God to do and everything was known to God. The eternal purposes of God could not be overruled by man. Job agreed that God was all-powerful. Not even a thought can be withheld from God. The secret counsels of men are known to God.

Job confessed that he had talked about things that he knew nothing of. His statements regarding God and His wisdom had been unbecoming. The things of God were too wonderful for him and beyond his comprehension.

The knowledge Job had of God was by hearsay and all of his fear of God and avoidance of evil was based on second-hand information. He now for the first time had a personal encounter with God. The affliction that God permitted to come upon Job was to prove his faithfulness and to lead him to an experience with God that would restore to him the center of his entire life. Suffering often brings one to a real personal experience with God that is immeasurable.

Job came to the place where he violently despised himself and everything he had done and said. It was all repulsive to him. Now he would repent in sackcloth and ashes even if God did not remove his suffering. He had demanded that God sure him, but now he had no demands upon God. He would trust God without question.

II. God Calls Job's Comforters to Repent, Job 42:7-8

Job was the central figure in the drama, but along with him, his Comforters had been brought to the center of His dealings with these men must be mentioned. They had been involved in the drama of this one who was called upon to suffer and to stand the test. God spoke to Eliaphaz saying, "my wrath is kindled against thee and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the things that are right, as my servant Job hath" (verse 7). They were required to offer up seven bullocks and seven rams for themselves as a burnt offering, and in turn Job would pray for them.

This was an unusually large offering but their sin was large. They had abused Job and talked in an untrue manner about God. These three men had been expressing their opinions about God and what He would do with Job for a long time. Even though they said many things that were true and profound and Job had said some things that were wrong, their testimony of God's providence was wrong and Job's theory was right. God assured the men that Job would pray for them and that He would hear Job's prayer for them.

III. Job's Prayer for Those Who Had Wronged Him, Verse 10

The three men had sinned against Job, therefore, he must pray for them. As a result, Job was charged with misjudging Job they were sinning against God. They had to be reconciled to Job first and then to God. The Lord accepted Job and his prayer for his friends. Jesus taught that amends must be made to those who have offended and that forgiveness must be extended to those who have offended (Matt. 18:15-18).

When Job prayed for those who had wronged him, God restored his prosperity. His ill feeling toward them had made it impossible for God to pour out blessings upon him. Oftentimes an unforgiving spirit will prevent the blessings of God upon individuals and churches. Jesus is our example in praying for others. He said that prayer should be made for those who persecute even before they seek reconciliation. The consciousness of how much God has done through Christ to forgive sinners should be an incentive for every Christian to make amends and to forgive when wrong has been done.

IV. The Results of God's Prevailing Wisdom, Job 42:10-12

The Lord accepted Job because of his repentance and faith and his willingness to pray for those who abused him. Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar made acceptable sacrifices and were accepted by the Lord.

God restored the fortunes of Job with twice as much as he had before. His health was restored also. He was given ten children, which was the same number of children who had died. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than the first days.

The drama of Job had a happy ending. The reward of Job was material prosperity for doing right. It was necessary for Job to receive material prosperity in order that the people of that day understand that God cared for one who trusted in Him. Sometimes God rewards people in this day with material prosperity when they are faithful to Him. It is not always in the will of God for everyone who is faithful to Him to have material prosperity, and be relieved from hardships and sufferings. God promises to be with His people through all experiences of life, but He does not assure wealth, health and happiness all the way.

At times poverty, sickness and sorrow

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A Smile or Two

The Alternative

ONE housewife to another, over the back fence: "I got to thinking yesterday — what you know you'd do when the television set is broken?"

One Right Answer

ENGLISH Teacher: "Will you correct this sentence. 'Girls is naturally better looking than boys.'"

Sophomore: "Girls is artificially better looking than boys."

And Don't Mumble

A BUSY doctor says he has found that much time can be saved by a notice prominently displayed in the waiting room: "Have Your Symptoms Ready."

Fish Story

THE FATHER was royally outfitted in complete fishing regalia including a hat with his fishing license prominently displayed on the side.

After some hours of fruitless casting his small son said to him, "Daddy, why don't you turn your hat around so the fish can see your license?"

Under Age in Grade

WHEN the first-grade teacher began to check birth records she found that little Alice was several months under school age, so the child was sent home.

"What is the matter?" asked the little girl's mother when the child returned.

"What has happened?"

"I—I got laid off," sobbed the child.

Feeling of Power

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Why Does He Wonder?

"WHAT if I were one of those husbands, my dear, who get up cross in the morning and bang things about and scold like anything just because the coffee is cold?"

"John," responded his wife, "I would make it hot for you."

"John is still wondering whether she meant him or the coffee."

Automatic Stop

ROBERTA—"There's a lot of talk nowadays about a woman president. Do you think we will ever have one?"

"Ruth—'No, of course not. A president has to be at least 35 years old.'"

NO Answer

CODE letter from a College Student:

"Dear Dad: Gues$ what I need most of? That's right. send it along. Best wishes. Your Son RUS$."

The Dad answered:

"Dear Russ: I am glad to know that you are NOT doing badly in college. Nothing pleases me more. Write another letter soon. As I have NO news I must close NOW."

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