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ARKANSAS

*Baptist*



OCTOBER 15, 1959



# Elimination of Thanksgiving Offering by '61 Eyed

THE EXECUTIVE Board is recommending to the Convention this fall that as of 1961 we eliminate the Thanksgiving offering as a fund-raising plan for Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. There is every reason to believe that this meets with almost unanimous approval of the Baptists of our state.



DR. WHITLOW

In the 1959 budget we have \$40,000 allocated to the orphanage. It requires approximately \$150,000 annually to operate the home. This would mean that we would have to increase the budget allocation by more than \$100,000 to meet the needs of the home. This increase is almost more than our state budget could bear in one year. Thus the reason for looking toward 1961 in reaching this objective.

However, we should bear in mind the fact that the objective hinges to a great extent on the success of our special offerings in 1959 and 1960 for the home. Our goal for the Thanksgiving

offering for this fall is \$100,000. The proposed goal for 1960 is \$75,000. To fall far below these goals would make our 1961 objective of including the budget for its entire support very difficult.

Even a casual reading of the New Testament will impress one with the Master's concept of the worth of a child. When that child has met with misfortune that makes it necessary for him to be placed in a children's home, the need for adequate support becomes even more important. There are approximately 140 children like this being cared for in our home at Monticello. Every Arkansas Baptist can well be proud of the kind of care that is being given these children. This includes not only the food and clothing they must have, but spiritual guidance as well. We have in Brother and Mrs. Seefeldt a couple who attempt to provide a real Christian home for the homeless. The staff takes a personal interest in each of the children. When you and your church have a part in the Thanksgiving Offering you can do it with the assurance that you are supporting a cause that stands near the heart of the Master.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

## 2 Plus for World Missions

FOR TWO years, Southern Baptists have had a slogan "2 Plus for World Missions."

This means that each church in the Southern Baptist Convention will strive to increase its gifts at least 2 per cent to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Now let's take an average church with a budget of \$10,000.00. Increase by 2 per cent next year and you have \$200. Multiply that by 1,160 (the number of churches in Arkansas) and you increase the Arkansas State Convention budget \$232,000.00 for 1960.

Many churches have proposed the 2 per cent increase for next year. Therefore, we dare make a suggestion to our church leadership. Please check the budget of your church and see if the proposed 2 per cent increase has been included for next year. If not, may we urge a reconsideration of the matter.

This small amount may seem inconsequential to some, and therefore they will fail to do it, but a 2 per cent

increase from every church means better Baptist schools, more Baptist missionaries, more radio and television gospel messages, and more souls saved.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary. ■

## Forward Program Reports Wanted

IT IS most important that each church using the Forward Program this year report the results.

For three years, our churches have been using the Forward Program of Church Finance. Many of these have reported the results of the campaign to our office. We have used the reports to present the Forward Program to other churches. In fact, the reports from the churches have done as much to sell the Program to other churches, as anything that we have used.

Again, we are asking (we might add pleading) the churches to fill out the report blank that will be sent with the Forward Program material, and send them to our office.

We are aware of the fact that there are many demands made of our church leaders, all up and down the line, and some things must, of necessity, be left undone. But, we are sure that if each Forward Program Campaign chairman knew the help that he gives to his fellow Baptists by sending a report to the Baptist Building, no one would fail to report the results of the 1958 campaign.

Let us suggest that each campaign



The Cover

## 'Amend Your Ways'

THIS SCENE OF 'Camark' pottery in the making, at Camden, recalls the lesson the Prophet Jeremiah drew from his visit to the potter's:

"... So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

"Then the word of the Lord came to me: 'O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done?' says the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will repent of the evil that I intended to do to it. And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will repent of the good which I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Thus says the Lord, Behold, I am shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.'" (Jeremiah 18:3-11). RSV

chairman see to it that a report blank on The Forward Program of Church Finance Campaign is filled in completely and mailed to Ralph Douglas, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary.

## Tract Orders Delayed

DUE TO the fact that the Sunday School Board at Nashville is moving into its new building, there has been a delay in our tract orders.

If you have ordered tracts from our office and they have not arrived, be patient. We will keep the order on file, and send your tracts as soon as possible. We still have a good supply of many tracts, but are short on others. Remember! Be patient.—SS Board



# Calling the Called

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

IN THINKING ON the continuing need for nurses in our medical installations on the mission fields around the world, one question arises:

What can be done to challenge the hundreds of young women who are now in schools of nursing to lay their lives on the altar of service for Christ in foreign lands? What can we do in a practical way to help "call the called"?

One thing we can do: we can begin now to make it possible for the student nurses in our Baptist hospitals throughout the south to attend the foreign mission weeks at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. There the interested but uncommitted could be brought under the challenging inspiration of the white fields of opportunity as they are presented by our gifted missionary leaders. There they would have an opportunity to search their own hearts and to look afresh into the face of God with regard to His will for their lives.

Dr. Ralph Bethea, recent appointee to Indonesia, informed me that at the moving Sunday morning service of the Foreign Mission Conference at Ridgecrest in June, there were something like 160 young people who came forward indicating their desire to volunteer for life service. Another host came forward at the evening hour.

But among all the volunteers, there was not one young woman, who is already a nurse, to volunteer.

Here in Memphis where we have a number of schools of nursing, plans are already under way to see that student nurses, who are interested in medical missions, are enabled to attend one of the Foreign Mission Conferences next year. Three have already signified their desire to go. Funds are being raised to provide for the expenses of those who otherwise could not attend.

What is being done in Memphis could be done on the campus of every school of nursing in our Convention. All that is required is faith, vision, initiative, enthusiasm and holy resolve. If we could see to it that several hundred of our young nurses attend our Foreign Mission Conferences next year, only God knows what a corps of volunteers might come out of that experience. ■

## The Board of Absentees

THE BOARD of Absentees will meet each time the services of the Church meet. At this meeting they will discuss ways of keeping attendance as low as possible.

They will see that there is no enthusiasm for increased attendance. The Board of Absentees will seek to weaken the preaching of the Word.

They will discuss ways of decreasing the evangelistic efforts of the Church. The Board is composed of these members: Mr. Unconcerned, Mrs. Take It Easy, Mrs. Sleep Late, Mrs. Do Little, Mrs. U. R. Lazy, Mrs. Don't Come At All.—From *The University Baptist*, bulletin of University Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., Rev. James G. Harris, pastor.

WHAT ABOUT Mr. Sports Enthusiast, who spends the week ends, including the Lord's Day, fishing, hunting, boating? Or Mr. Got-His-Feelings-Hurt, who hasn't been to church since he was rotated off the board of deacons? Or Mr. Tight-Penny, who stays away because "all they talk about is money"?—ELM.

AN ORGANIZATIONAL meeting of writers and composers will be held in the Southern College Cafeteria, Oct. 16 at 6:30 P.M. Mrs. Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni, poet laureate of Arkansas will address the general meeting.

## Convention Nears '59 Budget Needs

NASHVILLE—(BP)—September Cooperative Program receipts brought the Southern Baptist Convention to within about \$2½ million of its budget requirements for 1959.

Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville said the year's receipts on Sept. 30 stood at \$12,420,990. The requirement to meet operating and capital budget allocations to agencies this year is \$15 million.

September undesignated receipts amounted to \$1,221,349. This was ahead of September, 1958, but behind August, 1959.

Cooperative Program receipts for 1959 to date are 7.84 per cent ahead of the 1958 nine-month figure of \$11,517,547. Collections have surpassed a million dollars a month this year.

During September, 1959, the treasurer's office received another \$121,598 in funds designated for specific agencies of the Convention.

Undesignated, or Cooperative Program, funds are shared by the agencies according to a percentage scale approved by the Convention, with no agency having priority.

Total funds received during September were \$1,342,948, again running ahead of the same month a year ago but slightly behind August, 1959. Total 1959 funds to date are \$22,367,919, up 9.95 per cent over a year ago.

Figures reported by the SBC treasurer do not include gifts retained by 31,000 churches for their local expenses, nor by 28 state Baptist bodies for their operations.

Largest disbursement of the month was to the Convention's Foreign Mission Board, \$573,000.

During September, Arkansas forwarded \$48,000 in Cooperative Program gifts and \$1,354.65 in designations, a total of \$49,354.65.

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## Distribution of Southwide Funds

Executive Committee S.B.C.  
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS  
(Operating and Capital Needs—1960)

|                               | 1960 Total          | Per Cent      |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Foreign Mission Board         | \$ 7,090,000        | 43.27         |
| Home Mission Board            | 2,980,000           | 18.19         |
| Relief and Annuity Board      | 325,000             | 1.98          |
| Seminaries                    | 4,510,000           | 27.52         |
| Radio & Television Commission | 600,000             | 3.66          |
| American Seminary             | 105,000             | .64           |
| Carver School                 | 150,000             | .92           |
| Southern Baptist Hospital     | 75,000              | .46           |
| Brotherhood Commission        | 170,000             | 1.04          |
| Public Affairs Committee      | 33,000              | .20           |
| Southern Baptist Foundation   | 31,400              | .19           |
| Education Commission          | 48,000              | .29           |
| Historical Commission         | 38,000              | .23           |
| Christian Life Commission     | 31,500              | .19           |
|                               | 200,000             | 1.22          |
| Miscellaneous                 |                     |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$16,386,900</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

All over \$16,386,900 to go 75% to Foreign Mission Board and 25% to Home Mission Board.



## The Seventh Day Baptists

THE ORGANIZATION of a Seventh Day Baptist Church in Little Rock, reported recently by the daily press, focuses attention upon one of the oldest and most interesting groups of organized Baptists. Springing from the Baptists in the English Reformation, they have differed from Baptists only in their observance of the seventh day (Saturday) as their day of worship, rather than Sunday, which, since the resurrection of Jesus Christ has been observed by the great majority of Christians as the Lord's Day.

Historian A. H. Newman, in his *A Manual of Church History*, published in 1903 by the American Baptist Publication Society, says of Seventh Day Baptists that they "have perpetuated themselves with considerable vigor, but without much increase in membership" and that they contend "that the substitution of the Lord's Day for the Jewish Sabbath is a heathen perversion that involves a plain violation of a command of God meant to be of perpetual obligation." Dr. Newman reported the total membership of the group at that time—more than half a century ago—at "about ten thousand." The *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*, published in 1958, reported that Seventh Day Baptist churches include 62 American and 67 foreign, with a total membership of 8,812. Their Sabbath school membership in 1955 totaled 2,983, and their churches reported a total of 102 baptisms for the year, with gifts per capita standing at \$43.56.

While some feel that these friends are mistaken in their interpretation of the Scriptures on Sabbath observance and that they make too much ado as to which day is to be observed as holy unto the Lord, all will agree that too many of our people these days, including many church members in good standing, do not keep any day as a day of rest and worship. The desecration of the Lord's Day, whether it be Saturday or Sunday, is one of the most serious symptoms of the widespread apostasy in our land.

## Personally Speaking . . .

### How Can It Be?

LITTLE ROCK clothier Jimmy Karam "made" *Time Magazine* recently. And, of all the various categories into



which *Time* divides its materials from week to week, Jimmy was featured with Billy Graham in the "Religion" section. The "big news," the angle that made his story of international note and worthy of being spread across the pages of the national news-weekly, was Jimmy's conversion experience.

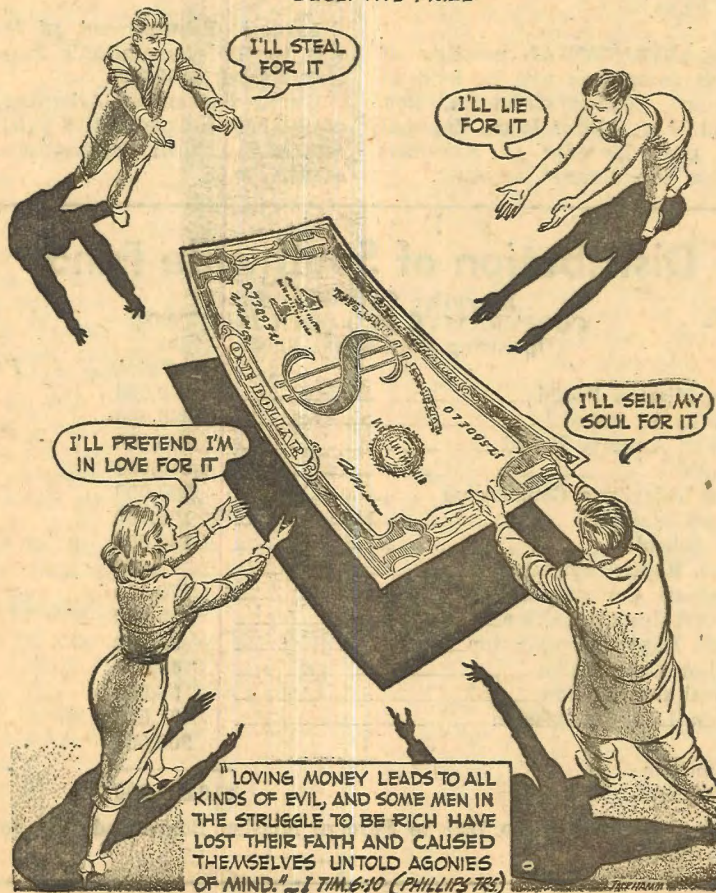
Is it still "news" when a man gives his heart to God through Christ? Well, you certainly do not "Read all about it!" as the newsboys shout, every time someone becomes a Christian. For not all conversion experiences are outwardly sensational. Not every one has a conversion experience like that of Saul of Tarsus, who became the great Apostle Paul. But when one does, brother, that's news!

While visiting in another state recently I was telling a young couple, both of whom have been Christians and church members from early childhood, about Jimmy. That was before the *Time* story. As I related what Mr. Karam had been like before his conversion—a worldly man whose heart had been set on the acquisition of worldly wealth and the sensual enjoyment thereof—who delighted in using his influence to stir up trouble in Little Rock's racial strife, and how that the love of Christ in his heart had changed him into a man of goodwill who is now a mighty witness for the Christian way of life, something he formerly had despised, my young host suddenly exclaimed: "But how could this be?" How could one who not only had been godless but actually was anti-god, in a split second of repentance and acceptance become a Christian and a flaming evangel for Christ?

Many among those who have known Jimmy Karam first-hand will not accept him yet as a new man. To all of this Jimmy makes no reply in kind but answers with the only real answer—the life of a man who is not and claims not to be perfect, but who is giving his full allegiance to Christ and his church. Says Jimmy to his Christian friends who speak words of encouragement to him, "Pray for me!"

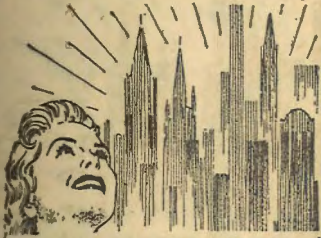
Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." And Nicodemus asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?" Not all of us, as Mr. Karam, have Pauline conversion experiences, but none is saved without a miracle of grace. "It took a miracle!" And that miracle is the New Birth.—ELM

### DECEPTIVE PRIZE

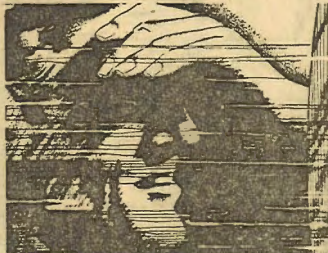




# The Bible Speaks on "Heaven"



As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.  
I CORINTHIANS 2:9



For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.  
I COR. 13:12



For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

LUKE 12:34



II TIM. 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

## Southern Convention Action on Liquor

THE SOUTHERN Baptist Convention has taken the following action concerning the beverage alcoholic traffic:

"Whereas, this convention is concerned for the sanctity of the American home and the spiritual growth of the nation, and is convinced that no good can come from the moderate or excessive use of alcoholic beverages, be it therefore resolved that we urge the churches:

"1. To educate all members concerning the effects of alcohol on health, personality and behavior, and on home and society.

"2. To continue to promote personal abstinence from all alcoholic beverages as the Christian way.

"3. To support wise legislation at local, state and national levels to eliminate the traffic in alcoholic beverages.

"4. To support wise national legislation to ban liquor advertising and beer-casting, to ban the serving of alcoholic beverages on airlines, to call for an investigation of the results of the sale and use of alcoholic beverages in the armed services at home and overseas, to seek studies by the U. S. Public Health Service looking toward prevention of alcoholism and rehabilitation of alcoholics."

## Paul Rowden, Missionary To Israel, Dies

DR. PAUL D. Rowden, Jr., 34, Southern Baptist missionary to Israel, died Oct. 3, in a hospital in Atlanta. Though he had been suffering from cancer for two years, the immediate cause of death was attributed to a heart attack.

Appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1951, Dr. Rowden spent his first term of missionary service directing the George W. Truett Orphanage, Nazareth, Israel (the orphanage is now located in Petah Tiqva), and the Nazareth Baptist School. After a year's furlough in the States he took up residence in Haifa, planning to do evangelistic work.

## Too Few Do Too Much

FREQUENTLY the accusation is heard that our churches are overly organized. Such criticism is evidence of error in the analysis of the problem as it really is. The fact is we are not over-organized but undermanned. All too few people are having to do all too much. The solution is not retraction of organization or effort but a more equitable distribution of the work load.

The time to intensify efforts and enlistments is immediately after one has become a member of the church. Doing it then is comparable to striking while the iron is hot. There is a spirit of readiness at that time, and habits can be formed the right way from the very first. It is easier to preserve good habits than to try to revise bad ones.

Each church member needs a job, and he needs to know how to do it. The training does not come easily. Like learning in any field, progress is slow and prolonged. When one fully engages in it, however, it is most rewarding and makes one's life all the more effective and happy.

One of the most readable and helpful writings in the field of conservation of evangelism is Dr. Sidney W. Powell's book "Where Are the Converts?" It follows an earlier writing of his entitled "Where Are the People?" (now out of print) and tackles realistically the problem of inactive church members. Not only does the book show the importance of solving this problem but offers suggestions concerning ways in which it might be done. It is a most delightful and interesting book and will touch the heart as well as thrill the mind of the reader.—Dr. James L. Sullivan.

## Nasser Aids U. S. Moslems

CAIRO, Egypt (EP) — A Michigan sheriff and an Ohio restaurant owner have returned from a visit to Egypt with a \$50,000 donation from President Gamal Abdel Nasser for a new Islamic center in Detroit. The men are James Kalil, Detroit, and Casim Olwan of Toledo.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### Work is Honorable

**QUESTION:** Do you think as a mother of nine children and grandmother of eight that I should work out of the home? All the children are married but two and they are in high school. I like to work out and make extra money for my family. My husband keeps his money a secret from me and objects if I ask him for any. Is it wrong for me to work out of the home? Some say a wife's place is in the home.



DR. HUDSON

**ANSWER:** Over 22½-million women in the United States work out of the home. This is one-third of all workers in this country and more than one-third of all women over 14 years of age. More than half of all working women are married and living with their husbands.

Frankly, I see no reason why you should not work. If you had young children, and if your husband provided properly for you, the picture would be different. However, even some mothers with young children are not happy as housekeepers and have an emotional need out of the home. Each case must be considered separately.

Work is honorable, in the home or out. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17). Paul wrote, "If any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thess. 3:10).

Your husband certainly has a strange attitude, but after all these years you probably will not change him. Work, love your husband, and try to use your money for the kingdom of God.

Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)



# Arkansas All Over

## Ouachita Gets Go-Ahead On Graduate Studies

OUACHITA COLLEGE has received full approval from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to proceed with graduate studies in religion and American civilization, President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., has announced.

Notification of approval was received recently from Dr. John Forbes, assistant secretary of the North Central Association.

Ouachita had previously submitted a self study to the executive board of North Central. After reviewing the study, the board had given preliminary approval in August.

Sixteen students are presently engaged in graduate work at Ouachita, with 10 doing studies in religion and six in American civilization. ■

## Southern College Plans Focus Week

The annual Baptist Student Union Focus Week at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark., will be Oct. 19-23, according to the Baptist Student Union director Dr. Herbert M. Haney. B.S.U. President Carroll Fowler is in charge of the program committee.

A highlight of the week's activities will be Parents and Pastors Day Wednesday, Oct. 21. The parents and pastors will attend the chapel service at 9:30 a.m. and will be the guests to lunch at the college cafeteria in 12:30.

The theme for the week will be "Thou Art The Christ." Visiting team members are:

Elgin Lee, secretary Missouri Department of Student work of the Missouri Baptist State Convention; Alvin Haton, missionary to Brazil; Sheriff Robert Moore, Desha County; Wilson Deese, 1st Church, West Helena; John M. Harrison, 1st Church, Nashville; Miss Rosemary Lambert, missionary from Japan; Jim Caldwell, B.S.U. director, Southern State College, Magnolia; Miss Barbara Davidson, B.S.U. director, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis; Windy Burke, student at State College, Jonesboro; and Dr. Tom Logue, state B.S.U. director.

## Focus Week Leaders Named at Southern

LEADERS IN the Baptist Student Union Focus Week at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, Oct. 19-23 are Dr. Herbert M. Haney, sponsor, and Carroll Fowler, president of the BSU.

Dr. Haney is a native of New Brunswick, Canada and came to Southern College in 1958. He completed his doctorate at the New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La. and has served Baptist pastorates in Arkansas City and Marianna. He is chairman of the English department at Southern.

Carroll Fowler, sophomore from Manila, is pastor of the Amogan and Pennington Churches near Newport.



FRED LOVE, 1st Church, Norphlet, Sunday School Superintendent, presents perfect attendance pins to 11 persons. He is pinning a 12-year award on Ruth Ann Womack. Left to right are: front, Mrs. Jess Womack, 5; Kay Anderson, 11; Rod Corley, 1; Mrs. Billy Brint and son, Bruce, one; back, Mrs. E. J. Clawson, 3; Elmer Langley, 3; Jess Womack, 2; Barney Banks, 2; Franklin Womack, 6.

R. V. GEAN has resigned as pastor of Blackwater Church, Mississippi County Association. (CB)

DR. C. W. CALDWELL, superintendent of missions and evangelism, was the evangelist for a recent revival in Levy Church. There were 21 by baptism, 12 by letter and two surrendered for special service, W. Harry Hunt is pastor.

DENNIS WHITAKER, formerly of Ferndale, is the author of "God's Ambassadors," a feature appearing in the October issue of *Ambassador Life*. The article was written as a project for the RA rank of ambassador plenipotentiary. He was a member of Hebron Church before the family moved to Dallas in September.

THE EXECUTIVE Board of Bartholomew Association has called Don Williams, Lonoke, as association missionary. He will move to his new field Nov. 2. A former pastor of Ebenezer Church, Warren, he has been serving as associational missionary for Caroline Association. (CB)

DR. WILLIAM E. Brown, executive director of Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, and Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, Editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* and member of the Executive Committee of the Foundation, attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Temperance League in Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 6-8. They are Arkansas representatives on the board of directors of the National Temperance League.

OUACHITA COLLEGE will play host Nov. 7 to the second library workshop of the Arkansas Foundation of Associated Colleges.

DEACON G. D. BURLESON, of Okolona Church, reports that the church has called Ed F. McDonald, III a student at Ouachita College, as pastor. Brother McDonald is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Ed F. McDonald, Jr. of 1st Church, Newport.

FRITZ GOODBAR of Little Rock will serve 1st Church, Brinkley, as interim pastor until a new pastor is called.

W. LEE PRINCE of Cotton Plant returned to Memorial Hospital, Houston, Tex., in September to become a chaplain intern while continuing his studies at the Institute of Religion. Chaplain Prince will intern through May, 1960. He was with Memorial last summer while taking studies at the Institute. He has a B.A. degree from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., where his major areas of study were political science and psychology. He earned his B.D. degree at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. While studying at the Institute, Chaplain Prince is working on a special research project on out-patient clinics for religious counseling. Chaplain Prince plans to be a church pastor when he finishes his course. His wife, Robbie Ann, teaches first grade at Parker elementary school in Houston. His father, Irving M. Prince, is pastor of 1st Church, Cotton Plant.



MR. PRINCE

MR. PRINCE



## Graham in Wheaton Announces '60 Schedule

WHEATON, Ill. (EP)—As his 8-day crusade at Wheaton (Ill.) College rolled along, Dr. Billy Graham revealed his 1960 schedule.

The famed evangelist will launch the new year with a three-month African tour beginning in January and taking him to Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, the French Cameroons, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi, Ethiopia and possibly Cairo, Egypt.

Two new short crusades, marking a new concept in Graham's evangelism appear on the 1960 agenda. In June, he is scheduled to conduct a one-week effort in Washington, D. C. In November, he is slated to hold a one-week crusade among Spanish-speaking people in New York.

During the May 17-20 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida, Graham plans to speak during "Home Missions Night."

Other important events for the evangelist and his Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, as announced by Secretary-treasurer George M. Wilson: "increased television coverage" for 1960; and, on January 1, the appearance of *Decision*, new monthly magazine to be published by BGEA in four countries and in several languages with an initial circulation in excess of a million.

In one typical meeting at the September 27-October 4 Wheaton Crusade, the 13,000 in attendance heard Graham declare that the Ten Commandments are "a mirror to show us our sinful condition before God." Over 300 persons responded to his evangelistic invitation at the end of the service. ■



**SPECIAL RECOGNITION** is given the E. J. Hosey family for perfect attendance in the Sunday School of 1st Church, Marvell. Holding first year certificates and pins are Mr. and Mrs. Hosey and Cinday. Five-year-old Gene is holding his fourth year bar. Mr. Hosey is superintendent of the Sunday School. The presentations were made by John Riggs, pastor.

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## Dave Meier Accepts Memphis Position

DAVE MEIER, minister of Education for 1st Church, Ft. Smith, has accepted a post with Cherokee Church, Memphis, effective Nov. 1. Cherokee, with 2,000 enrolled in Sunday School although only six years old, has been described as SBC's "miracle church."

Mr. Meier, 27, has been at 1st Church for two and one-half years. During this time the church led the state in training awards for both Sunday School and Training Union. Under his direction the Ft. Smith Sunday School staff increased from 240 to 300 and 10 new departments and 18 classes organized.

He has served as Concord Association superintendent of training for two years and currently is associational Sunday School superintendent. He is secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist Education Conference. ■

## 23 Per Cent Hike In Baptisms Noted

AN INCREASE of 23 per cent in baptisms was reported at the annual meeting of the Ouachita Association in 1st Church, Mena, and Grannis Church, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Contributions were up six per cent.

Officers chosen for the coming year include: Dillard S. Miller, moderator; Claud Hughes, vice moderator; Lewis McClendon, clerk; J. I. Grant, treasurer.

Reports showed a jump in Vacation Baptist Bible Schools from 10 to 16.

Attention was called to two stewardship reports. Mena's 1st Church, Dillard S. Miller, pastor, reported mission giving of 42 per cent of total receipts. The church reserved 22 per cent for building funds and operated the local work on 36 per cent. New Hope Church, Shady, with Emmett Sherman as pastor, reported contributions of 27 per cent to missions. ■

## Highway Church Dedicates Building

DEDICATION SERVICES for Highway Church, North Little Rock, were held Sunday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m., with Dr. S. A. Whitlow as the featured speaker. Bunyan A. Wallace is pastor.

The church was started in 1940 as a mission of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. In August, 1949, with 117 charter members the mission was organized into a church. Previous pastors include E. J. Evans, L. W. Williams, Roy D. Bunch and G. E. Nethercutt.

Approximate cost of the new building is \$30,850. It is the first in a four-unit church plant and will be used as an auditorium until the future erection of that unit.

Members of the building committee were Marvin Johnson, chairman, S. J. Smart and Carl Robinson. (CB)

## H. A. Nettles Accepts Rocky Point Pastorate

H. A. NETTLES, one of the Arkansas Baptists' ardent backers, has resigned from the Cold Springs and Lone Star Churches in Faulkner Association to become full-time pastor of Rocky Point Church, White County Association.

He was instrumental in getting the paper in the budgets of both his previous pastorates, and has encouraged the Rocky Point membership to accept the free trial offer.

Mr. Nettles explained that he thinks that through the paper his people "will receive news and inspiration items that they would receive nowhere else."

ANNUAL MEETING of Independence Association will be Oct. 19, 20 and 22. The first night will be at Pilgrims Rest; the second at Mt. Zion, and the third at West. (CB)

REUBEN "SONNY" Setliff has begun duties as part-time youth and mission director for Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. (CB)



**BREAKING GROUND** for the new Roland Church, Pulaski County, are members of the building committee: from left, Wade Morgan, Frank Cline, Ansel Pedigo and Eual Boyles. The new building, slated to be completed about March, will cost approximately \$12,000 and will seat 111.

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# World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

## Parochial Schools Increase

HARRISBURG, Pa. —(EP)— While enrollment in public elementary schools drops some 18,000 in Pennsylvania this year, parochial grade schools totals will show a 20,300 increase.

Authority for these figures is Dr. Carl Morneweck, Director of Research for the State Department of Public Instruction.

He said that total parochial school enrollment in Pennsylvania will hit 598,000 compared to 572,000 for the 1958-1959 school year.

Probable cause of the jump: "The fact that parochial schools are growing both in number and in school population, thereby drawing considerable numbers of children which would normally have gone to public schools."

## New Medals for Sale

MEXICO CITY —(EP)— The Roman Catholic church in Mexico once sank a huge bronze image of Our Lady of Guadalupe of the Sea in the waters of Acapulco as Patroness of Skin Divers and all persons who work under water.

Now the Church has begun casting gold and silver medals of that image and is selling them in Mexico to the faithful. It is the first new medal to be cast and offered for sale to the public in Mexico in more than 20 years.

## Party Liquor Out

OTTAWA, Ontario —(EP)— At all official entertainment given by the Canadian government in the future, something will be missing — liquor. The temperance move was inaugurated by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, a devout Baptist, at a Montreal dinner to celebrate the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Diefenbaker banned cocktails on that occasion, and the experiment was so successful the government decided to make it an official and regular practice.

## Vietnam Evangelicals Report Gains

VINH LONG, So. Vietnam —(EP)— In Buddhist-dominated South Vietnam, the Evangelical Church there reported at its 27th annual General Assembly an increased membership last year which rose to 18,328 from an estimated 15,000. Converts not yet baptized by the country's largest Protestant body number 5,491, the report indicated, and Sunday School enrollment totals some 3,800 pupils and 271 teachers. (The nation of 12 million population includes 1,500,000 Roman Catholics.)

The 1,000 delegates to the assembly heard these statistics on Protestant gains: four Protestant chaplains in the National Army; evangelical radio broadcasts, currently reaching four Vietnamese cities, will soon serve five other areas; a mobile medical team will soon be operated in cooperation with the Mennonite Central Committee.

# Baptist Crosscurrents

## A Time to Put to Sea

**I**F YOU have had reservations about some phases of the Jubilee Advance program, you are not alone. Since it is a Baptist project for Baptist churches, some dissent is par for the course. The millenium will have arrived in fact when plans emanating from headquarters fail to stir some rustling in the mulberries.

Fortunately the Baptist Jubilee Advance has something in it for everybody. Are you, Mr. Pastor, in favor of rousing revival services? Have your revival. Do you prefer visitation evangelism? Organize your teams and send them out. Do you feel that the cutting edge of the church is most apparent when the Christian gospel is applied to social ills? Then march into the market place with your banners waving. Or are you persuaded that there is still more gold to mine in further study of the nature of the church? Then study.

But get going. September brings us to the active phase of the first of our yearly emphases. There is more, much more, to come. There will be little chance to regain ground lost now by doodling and dawdling.

For a starter we'd like to suggest that every church in the American Baptist Convention begin the practice at Worship services of extending an invitation to accept Christ and/or unite with the church. Many already do, but there are others, particularly in the more formal East, who shudder at the thought of such goings on.

Contrariwise, we think it psychologically stultifying for a salesman (pastors will pardon this simile) to bring his prospects to the brink of decision and then give them no opportunity to do something about it. Or (to change the figure) we doubt that it is sufficient to allude continually to the thirst-quenching properties of a pool of pure water without making some explanation as to how it can be piped to the homes of parishioners.

A psychologically satisfying conclusion to an effective spiritual service may well require an invitation to walk down the aisle as a means of formalizing decision. At very least it will call for an announcement that the pastor (or capable lay leaders) may be consulted at a designated time and place for further counsel.

We have come to the end of some services with the feeling that the pastor did not give an invitation because he feared that there would be no response. What would such a predicament say about his effectiveness as a preacher? In reality it has more to say about his pastoral calling and the visitation evangelism of his people, for in a large number of instances the response to a public invitation is set up in private conversation in advance. The walk down the aisle is a public acknowledgment of a new loyalty much like the first salute to the flag by a new citizen.

We know that some pastors shy away from extending an invitation because they associate it with the hysteria of the old sawdust trail, or because they feel that dignity and decorum would suffer. We remind all such that there is a right way and a wrong way to do all things. A becoming dignity is not nearly so dependent upon program content as program conduct.

For a second "starter" we might well refrain from further downgrading of statistics in evangelism as of little significance (a point of view we wouldn't dream of advocating in the field of finance). Everyone agrees that in measuring spiritual values numbers have very real limitations. But they do say something. Why prepare psychologically for defeat before we have entered the fray? Who knows what triumphs God may give?

And for a third "starter" we suggest membership classes for all who would enter the portals of faith. At the First Church, Des Moines, Pastor Roland Turnbull's recent class included a Baptist pastor and his wife with 40 years of service to the denomination.

Now is the hour for setting out on a great voyage. It is a weary wait for the return of ships which have never put to sea.—Crusader, The American Baptist Newsmagazine



# One Foot on The Land

By Carl A. Clark

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**T**HE ECONOMIC structure of a rural church community is at present undergoing very rapid changes. We used to think of a rural community as being a farming community. Now, however, many who still live on the farm receive most of their income from off-the-farm sources. Because of this the United States Census Bureau classifies people as those who are rural farm and those who are rural non-farm.

## Mixed Income Community

We are conscious of the fact that the occupation of the people is not the primary factor in the mind of the pastor and of the church. The strategic factor in the rural community is its size. A small community where people know one another intimately has a different kind of social structure from the city community where people are strangers to one another. At the same time it seems wise that rural church leaders understand something of what is happening all across America to the economic structure of the rural community.

Whereas formerly a community was made up of people who farmed exclusively, now many of those people have industrial employment or some other type. The percentage of the people who live in the small town and open country area but who make their sole earning from the farm is decreasing rapidly.

These changes have been so significant in the last ten or fifteen years that it is affecting most churches. This means that since the people of the community have more diverse occupations they are less likely to have uniformity of interests. Whereas many communities grew nothing but cotton and were considered a one-crop community now the farmers are diversifying their crops and more and more are working off the farm.

In 1939, 47 per cent of the rural population was classed as rural non-farm. This had increased to such extent that by 1954, 63 per cent of the rural population was classed as rural non-farm.

Many of these people still live on



the farm but operate only a very minimum farming operation and spend much of their time working off the farm. Even those who are farm operators and are classed as farmers work off the farms a hundred days or more a year. At present, apparently a third of the farmers do this. In 1957 approximately 40 per cent of the net income of farm families was from non-farm sources.

It is predicted that by 1975 the United States will have 230 million population. All of the studies predict that the rural non-farm population will continue to increase.

Complicating these factors is the fact that many farm wives have taken jobs in the small towns in industries or commercial establishments. The city has always had to deal with the problem of the working wife and mother. On farming areas this has not been a problem. Within the last years, however, the extremely rapid increase of farm wife employment has created in the rural area something of the same problem that the city has experienced. The farm wife who is away from home all day and away from the children much of the time creates many prob-

lems in relationship to the home, the farm, the school and the church.

## The Youth

Aggravating this problem is the fact that many of the young people who are now growing up on the farm cannot expect to remain on the farm. In 1954 there were 2,200,000 farm boys between 10 and 19 years of age and yet the Agricultural Marketing Service estimated that replacement needs for farm operators for the period from 1955 to 1964 was only 227,000. This looks as if two million or more of these farm boys will have to look to off-the-farm employment for their source of income. This means that these young people are in serious need of some vocational guidance that will assist them in obtaining adequate income from other sources. The pastor and other rural church leaders must have a compassion at this point.

## The Church

The question arises then, what does all of this mean to the church and to the pastor and other church leaders? Is the church concerned with the kind of income people make? Why should the church be interested in whether

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its people farm or do something else?

It seems to me that rural church leaders should be interested in the fact that the people of its community have an adequate income. This means not only an annual income that is sufficient for the common needs of life but it means also a sustained or dependable income.

A church is interested, second, that the people of its community earn its income from honest and legitimate sources. Christ has a message as to the dignity of labor as well as he does for other areas of life.

Third, the church is vitally interested in the tithe of this income. Whereas many times farmers have claimed that it was extremely difficult to calculate their income because of fluctuating costs of production, now that more are receiving income from salary sources, the tithing problem is greatly minimized. Rural church leaders need to be alert to this fact and take advantage of every opportunity to train its people in a definite tithing program.

This also means to the church that the diversified income in the community will come nearer producing a stable income for the church. The church can more easily plan a budget for the future and more readily borrow money for major construction and can operate on a dependable base. All this can be used to the honor and glory of Christ when dedicated Christian leaders are ready to use it in that way. ■

## Churches Urged to Send Literature to Prisons

PRISON INMATES need to know what is taking place in the religious world outside, according to James C. Peck, elected only a few months ago to lead in the institutional chaplains program of the Home Mission Board.

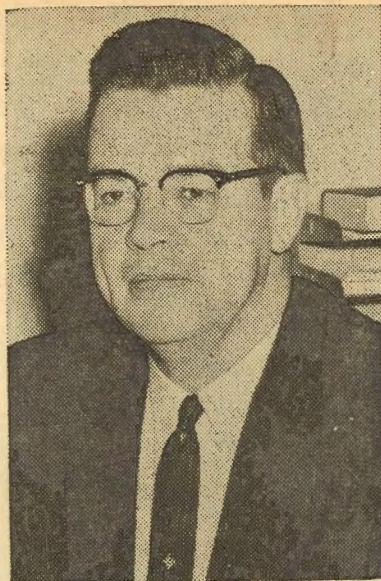
"In addition to having a chaplain available, the inmate needs to feel part of something bigger than the prison chapel routine," said Peck.

"He (the inmate) needs to prepare for the day when he will shift his identification from the fellowship of the prison chapel to an active participation as a member of a local church.

"Baptist periodicals, placed in the prison libraries or sent personally to inmates with Baptist preference, will supply information on movements, activities, and programs of Southern Baptists," said Peck.

Peck revealed that there is an appalling lack of Baptist publications in the libraries and on the reading shelves of the nation's penal institutions.

Publications which he suggested included: Baptist state papers, **The Commission, Home Missions, Home Life, Open Windows**, church bulletins and newsletters. ■



**GEORGETOWN PRESIDENT — Dr. Robert Lee Mills will be formally inaugurated as president of Georgetown College Friday, Oct. 16 at 2:30 p. m.**

**Named to bring the principal address for the occasion is Dr. Dick Houston Hall, 1st Church, Decatur, Ga.**

**Dr. Mills, named president last February, is Georgetown's twentieth to fill the post since the college was chartered in 1829.**

## Brotherhood Urges Ike To Go to Church in Russia

AUSTIN —(BP)— President Eisenhower was encouraged by the Texas Baptist Brotherhood Convention which met here Sept. 28-29, to attend church should he visit Russia.

The convention also commended the President for his efforts to take Russian Premier Khrushchev to church.

Texas Gov. Price Daniel, welcoming the 1,300 registrants to Austin, congratulated the Texas Brotherhood for "carrying out God's Great Commission." He said he is "glad that Khrushchev had his attention called to the belief of the American people in a life hereafter."

Baptist evangelist Angel Martinez of Fort Smith, Ark., said that the "answer to the world's problems is not in luxury, learning or liquor but in the Lord."

"Men drink because they are empty," Martinez added. "If they are filled with the Spirit of the Lord, they will not need to drink."

## Spanish Mission Becomes Church

MIAMI, Fla. —(BP)— The first Spanish Baptist church ever constituted in Florida achieved full stature here.

It was begun as a mission of Central Church in 1948, and now bears the name 1st Central Church. Pastor Jose M. Flites built the membership up to 268.

The new church is one of 10 Spanish houses of worship operated by Baptists in the Miami association.

## 'Spirit of Conquest' Said Characteristic

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Compassion, conviction, and conquest are key words to Southern Baptists, their president declared in a speech before the Convention's Executive Committee here.

Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, Tenn., said, "One of the most hopeful signs among Southern Baptists is the spirit of conquest."

He explained that Southern Baptists are not engaged in a "pugnacious conquest" in which they compete with other denominations. "We're not here to compete," Pollard added.

But Pollard firmly declared, "If we lose the spirit of conquest, then God will have to raise some other group to carry the banner of Christ." He said the Convention's "30,000 Movement" is evidence of its spirit of conquest.

During this movement, Southern Baptists are endeavoring to establish 10,000 new churches and 20,000 new missions before the end of 1964.

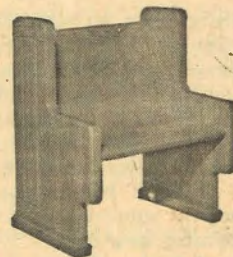
"Compassion and conviction," Pollard continued, "are tied together. Without conviction we'll never have a compassionate heart. Without compassion and evangelism our seminaries would not prosper."

The reason Southern Baptists' six seminaries have high enrollments, the reason Southern Baptists are raising great amounts of money for Christian work is because Baptists possess "the spirit of wholesome Bible evangelism," the Southern Baptist Convention president asserted.

With regard to conviction, Pollard said there is a need to "patiently and thoroughly indoctrinate our people. We need our seminaries to be rocks on which we can build for eternity."

On another subject, Pollard, pastor of Knoxville's Broadway Church, said that people often think that the president of the Southern Baptist Convention is the official spokesman for the Convention. He pointed out, "I speak as an individual." ■

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## Pay for Promiscuity?

**DOES PROMISCUITY** pay? Unwed mothers and others who care for the 200,000 illegitimate babies born this year in the United States will receive \$210,000,000 from the public tax treasury. This amount in no way represents all that is spent on the harvest of unchastity but represents the cost to federal, state, and local governments through the A.D.C. (Aid to Dependent Children) program.

Illegitimacy is thereby subsidized to the tune of \$27.29 a month per child. One Raleigh, N. C., unmarried mother of ten children is receiving support for nine of them from public funds. This is a sorry way to make a living, but more and more are turning to it each year.

In the last two decades births to unwed women have tripled. Twenty of every 1,000 white babies born today in America are illegitimate and over 200 of every 1,000 non-white babies are illegitimate. Add to this recorded number the thousands of unrecorded of illegitimate births concealed by those of wealth and influence, the tens of thousands of abortions, and the great number of forced marriages and the present predicament of America in the realm of sex morals begins to become apparent.

### How Did We Get This Way?

**IF YOU ARE** not ready to cry from hearing these records, consider the tragic fact that nearly 5,000 illegitimate babies are born each year to girls under 15 years old.

How in the world did we get this way? Is it inevitable that a nation which starts out with rather high and strict moral standards gradually drifts into moral laxity and softness? Whatever the contributing factors to our present predicament, it is obvious that we now have the greatest possible encouragement toward unbridled lust.

We live in a sex civilization. Everything we see, touch, hear, smell, or feel in the modern world has sex suggestiveness. Everything from the lines of automobiles to the hindmost skirt seems to be designed to make commerce of man's animal instincts.

**CONSIDER** the following list of explanations for increase of illegitimacy offered by a recent study and it becomes a wonder that anyone escapes.

1. Raw sex is everyday modern living.
2. Torrid sex movies and T-V shows.
3. Obscene literature.
4. Night rides and hard liquor.
5. Lack of parental discipline.
6. Police winking at teen-agers registering at cheap hotels and motels.
7. Expose magazines.
8. Pep-pill and reefer parties.
9. Teen-age codes requiring illicit sexual relations.
10. Steady dating for teen-agers.

### When We Come In

**THE QUESTION** immediately rises as to what this sordid mess has to do with Baptist churches. Some Baptists would disclaim any responsibility, but how wrong can we be? It should disturb us that just when we are making the most converts, having the best Vacation Bible Schools, youth organizations, and in every other way doing the best job ever by our standards, life about us is rotting. It is no secret that Baptist young people help make the alarming statistics.

What does the average Baptist church or Baptist parent do to help young people resist the avalanche of temptation? We spend millions in Baptist churches teaching young people how to sing, how to be committee members, and even how to be good sports through recreational programs, but to avoid modern, moral pitfalls our help is mainly restricted to a popular attendance-boosting series of sermons on courtship and marriage by the pastor and a few question-and-answer periods at a youth church meeting or a youth camp. We prepare them for organizational recognition services by teaching them scripture verses, missionary stories, names of denominational officials and locations of denominational agencies and we prepare them for the night ride after the services by saying, "Be a good girl and don't be too late coming home."

Of course, dealing with this area of youth needs is difficult and has hazards, as do all worthwhile ventures. It would require trained leadership and it would cost a little. But any amount spent in a prevention effort would be infinitesimally small compared to the \$210,000,000 now spent to care for after-effects. We might try subsidizing legitimacy instead of subsidizing illegitimacy. —Editor C. R. Daley, in *Western Recorder* ■

### Hearts 'Boiling Over' Because of New Church

"THE POT is on the fire and the water is boiling over," said Babe Mhlanga as he tried to express the fullness of his heart at the dedication of the new building of the Baptist church at Karoi, Southern Rhodesia.

The people responded, "Our hearts are bubbling over with joy which cannot be contained."

The service of dedication, held on Aug. 30, was the culmination of nine years of concern and prayer by the Baptists in Karoi. Shortly after Southern Baptists opened work in Southern Rhodesia in 1950, Rev. Clyde J. Dotson and Dr. Ralph T. Bowlin passed through this village, which marks the

half-way point between Salisbury and Lusaka. Here they met Baba Mhlanga, a carpenter, who had come out of a Baptist background. From that day on he never stopped dreaming, praying, or working for the day when Karoi would have a little chapel.

Missionary John R. Cheyne writes of the dedication service: "The little chapel was filled to capacity. There were the usual round of congratulatory statements from representatives of the various denominations, as well as from the town management board; but the words of Mr. Mhlanga came closest to expressing our feelings. This building is truly a love token of Southern Baptists, first in dedication to Christ and then to the cause of missions around the world." ■

### Georgia Cooperative Budget \$3 Million

ATLANTA —(BP)— The Georgia Baptist Convention will receive a Co-operative Program budget recommendation of nearly \$3 million for next year.

The Convention's executive committee agreed on a recommendation of \$2,988,660, an increase of \$126,724, which will go before the convention in November. The budget provides \$1,334,830 for state causes, an increase of \$57,987, with a similar amount for the Southern Baptist Convention. The remaining \$319,000 is for administration, promotion, Relief and Annuity Board retirement plans.



## ON BEING 'TIED DOWN'

A PASTOR was trying to persuade a woman to teach a class in the church school. She was well-qualified and had time for it. She declined, saying over and over, "I don't want to be tied down to things." Finally, the pastor had all of that he could take. He looked her in the eye and said, in a kindly voice, "You know we serve a Master who was willing to be nailed down to things. He was nailed to a cross."—Halford E. Luccock, *Christian Herald*.

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*From the Records*

## Most New Orleans Traffic Deaths Caused by Liquor

INTOXICATING beverages played major roles in more than half of the 510 traffic deaths registered in the past five years in the New Orleans area. This fact and other findings were released by Dr. William T. Kemmerer, a fellow in the Tulane University medical school's department of surgery. They were based on an intensified medical study of all area traffic deaths.

The contributory role of alcohol was based on blood-alcohol tests, official police reports and physicians' notes.

Dr. Kemmerer and associates began their study of each traffic victim's autopsy by the staff of Dr. Nicholas J. Chetta, Orleans parish coroner, on May 1, 1954. In addition, hospital records were checked of the 60 per cent of the victims admitted before death.

Others associated in the study were Dr. William Eckert, then a pathologist on the coroner's staff; Dr. Chetta and Dr. Byron Gathright, a Charity Hospital resident.

The findings of the team will eventually be published for benefit of physicians, a type of report which reportedly has never been successfully accomplished elsewhere.

Of special advantage to the study is the fact that in New Orleans almost all fatalities in the area are autopsied by the parish coroner and that about 90 per cent of persons injured are first taken to Charity Hospital, greatly centralizing the record data for this project. Some of the startling facts revealed by the study were:

Not one of the 510 cases could have been saved by having an ambulance exceed the regular traffic speed limits, and that two of the fatalities were directly involved with ambulances. Forty per cent of the victims were pedestrians, 54 per cent in automobiles or other vehicles, 3 per cent cyclists and 3 percent involved in vehicle-train collisions.

Fifty per cent died after hospitalization for a period of longer than one hour, 10 per cent after a shorter period. Forty per cent died at the scene of the accident or en route to the hospital. Average period of survival in hospitals



was 3.7 days.

Three of every four fatalities of traffic were between the ages of 15 and 50. Of the pedestrian deaths, 62 per cent were under 6 or over 60 years of age.

Other - than - collision deaths and struck-pedestrian deaths included six drownings in vehicles, three men electrocuted when power lines were knocked down and two cremations within burning cars.

Full information has been obtained on the first 302 cases studied but other cases, including 15 in which treatment delay was caused by inaccessibility or no knowledge of the accident, are in advanced stages of analysis.

One finding was emphasized by Dr. Kemmerer; a good portion of the victims were injured while emotionally upset, such as after a domestic quarrel or business setback. Although there was no indication of suicidal feelings, he said "for some reason at the time of the accidents they didn't have the normal will to live, and thus were not as careful."

—From the front page Sunday, April 5, 1959, of the NEW ORLEANS TIMES PICAYUNE, submitted to ARKANSAS BAPTIST by the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Dr. Wm. E. Brown, Executive Director.

## 1960 Revival Plan Book Ready Dec. 1

DALLAS —(BP)— The Southern Baptist 1960 revival plan book will be available about Dec. 1, said Vernon Yearby, editor. Yearby is an associate in the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board here.

Theme of the 72-page book will be "The Bible Way to a Spiritual Revival." Free copies will be distributed to all Southern Baptist pastors, church councils, Home Mission Board missionaries and to all foreign missionaries.

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## Jubilee Committee Forum for Discussions

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Southern Baptists will use the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee to continue their discussions with Negro Baptist leaders about matters of common religious interest.

This was voted by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here, following up a reference given to the Executive Committee by the 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Executive Committee noted that "the principle of maintaining open communications with Negro Baptist leaders is sound and ought to be encouraged." It observed further that "Southern Baptists have established liaison with the leaders of the two Negro Baptist conventions through the Baptist Jubilee Advance, where mutual problems have been discussed and mutual objectives established."

The three Southern Baptist representatives on the Advance Committee were asked to "continue discussions on mutual denominational problems and . . . were authorized to obtain assistance as necessary from other Southern Baptist leaders who might be of service in particular areas of discussion."

There are two Negro Baptist bodies, largest of which is the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc. This body and the Southern Baptist Convention already jointly maintain a seminary for Negro Baptist students in Nashville. The other Negro group is the National Baptist Convention of America (unincorporated).

In addition, the SBC Home Mission Board and most state Baptist conventions working with SBC have "departments of work with National Baptists." ■

## Gray on Mission

DR. J. D. GREY, 1st Church, New Orleans, departs Oct. 5 on a four weeks' preaching mission to the United States Air Force personnel in Germany. He is one of twelve Protestant ministers selected by the Air Force for this assignment. One other Southern Baptist, Dr. Paul Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission, being the other. Each of the preachers will go to different Air Force bases throughout Europe and North Africa.

## TV Station Permit

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The Norbertine Fathers, a Roman Catholic religious order, have been granted by the Federal Communications Commission a construction permit for a new commercial TV station in Green Bay, Wisc. It will broadcast on Channel 3, using a 60,000-watt transmitter. The priests, who operate St. Norbert's College in Green Bay, were recently given a license for a new 6,600-watt FM radio station.

## 'Dear God, Make Me Big'

THE TINY tot knelt by his bed at eventide, His little mind fixed upon a moment during that day when he, a little lad, had longed for height and strength to stand his ground with those much larger than himself. Not realizing, of course, the implication of his plea, he prayed, "Dear God, make me big."

There is a place in every Christian's life for this child's prayer. My reference is not to the connotation of his cry—to make one big in a physical sense. I refer, rather, to one's attitude toward life. There is room in the life of every child of God for the prayer: "Lord, make me big enough to live above the blight of prejudice, both imagined and real ills, demands for personal recognition, and other attitudes which mark me as a little person." We would do well to ask God daily to remove pettiness from our lives and to make us big in character and in spirit.

In this day of world unrest, the ceaseless prayer of every child of God should be, "God, make me big—bigger of mind and soul than I was yesterday, bigger in attitude toward all men, bigger in Christlike love for all men. God make me big."

—G. Kearnie Keegan, in *Charity and Children*.

## Committee Undertakes Tax Law Study

NASHVILLE — (BP) — A committee very soon will begin "exhaustive research" into the tax statutes of property owned by Baptist churches and denominational agencies.

The committee was created by the Executive Committee at its September session. The chairman of the Executive Committee will name five members at large. Each denominational agency owning property will name a representative to serve on the committee.

The request for the study committee came from the Sunday School Board, which for the first time this year was asked by the City of Nashville to pay taxes on six employee parking lots and the Nashville branch of the Baptist Book Store.

The city tax assessor declared the evaluation of the six parking lots at \$80,500 and asked a year's taxes of \$2,415. He assessed the Baptist Book Store taxes of \$1,512 on an evaluation of \$50,400.

Sunday School Board Executive Secretary James L. Sullivan declared that these properties have heretofore been considered tax exempt under Tennessee state laws. County and state government units have not asked taxes to be paid on the properties.

J. Ralph Grant of Lubbock, Tex., chairman of the subcommittee recommending the study, said:

"Baptists are in big business now. We want no preferential treatment. We want to do what is legal, moral, and right (concerning taxes). This study committee will do an exhaustive research job. It will weigh the questions of what should be considered tax-free and what should not be considered tax-free among church and denominational property."

He pointed out that the study committee will be concerned with principles involved in taxes on church property rather than in specific cases.

A policy of the board concerning its Nashville property was cited in the discussion. It has been the policy of the Sunday School Board to lease out any of its property not absolutely necessary to its operations.

Recently, several thousand square feet of the new operations building in Nashville, not needed for immediate use,

was leased to Genesco, a national shoe manufacturing firm. The portion of the building under lease will be on tax books for 1960, Sunday School Board officials added.

The Executive Committee's decision to study the matter was the second such announcement of a tax study by Baptists in two weeks. Earlier it was announced that the 1960 Baptist religious liberty conference in Washington, D. C., would have as its subject "Church and the American Tax Policy."

The conference there next year will consider the problem involved in unlimited tax exemptions for church and church-owned business enterprises. ■

## Baptists Purchase Long Island Property

A TWO-and-one-half acre gladiola farm at Farmingdale, L. I., has become the property of Southern Baptists.

This will be the home of Long Island Chapel, one of four chapels sponsored by the Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City.

Purchased for \$70,000, the property provides a bulb barn, immediately convertible to a 300-seat chapel; a brick house for educational purposes; a three-car garage with living quarters; and a two-car garage.

The downpayment on this first property purchased in New York City by Southern Baptists was paid by the Home Mission Board. (The property of the Manhattan church is under long-term lease.)

The Long Island Chapel has been meeting in rented quarters in Hempstead, L. I.

The property, situated in the fastest-growing county in America percentage-wise, has a half-million people living within a 10-mile radius; about 800 of these have Baptist backgrounds. ■

JAMES A. OVERTON, Cavern Church, Carlsbad, N. M., plans to return to Arkansas sometime in November and will be available for revivals, supply or interim pastor. He may be contacted at 207 Russell, Carlsbad, phone TUxedo 7-2100.



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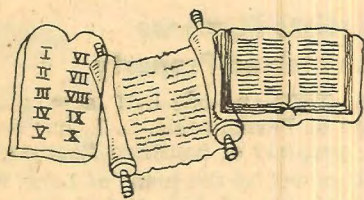
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## Doctors Back Anti-Smoking Program

BOSTON — Massachusetts doctors report pronounced changes in their own smoking habits in the last five years. Now, almost all say teenagers should be warned they risk lung cancer from cigarette smoking, a survey in the New England Journal of Medicine has reported.

More than 93 per cent of 4,576 physicians polled by representatives of the New England Deaconess Hospital Cancer Research Institute and the Harvard School of Public Health favored warning youth of the potential dangers from smoking cigarettes.

The five-year follow-up study of a survey made in 1954 was reported by Dr. Leonid S. Snegireff and Miss Olive M. Lombard of the Hospital Research Institute and the Harvard School.

Among the 4 per cent who opposed an educational campaign, some expressed the opinion that teenagers would not heed the advice.

In five years the percentage of doctors who do not smoke at all jumped from 34 per cent to 45 per cent, the survey said.

Those smoking only cigars and-or pipes now total 17 per cent.

The number smoking cigarettes fell from 52 per cent to 39 per cent.

There was a 40 per cent drop in the proportion smoking a package or more per day. (DP)

## Mission Report

DON WILLIAMS, missionary in Carline Association, has been elected as missionary in Bartholomew Association.

The migrant mission work is on. Four Spanish preachers are serving in Arkansas Valley Association; two in Trinity, two in Mt. Zion; six in Mississippi County; one in Tri-County.

J. W. Gardner, who conducted services for "silent" people, has moved to Texas and Robert T. Marsden will take up the same work.

Two church houses were recently destroyed by fire: Mounds in Greene County and Harvey Chapel in Central Association. Some financial help is given to both out of mission funds.

Your superintendent of Missions experienced a great revival with Pastor Hunt and the Levy Church in September. There were 31 additions, 21 for baptism.

Chaplain Charles Finch's report for August shows 16 professions of faith, 9 rededications, 200 Home Life magazines given out, 75 Open Windows, 160 Arkansas Baptists, 22 Testaments, conducted four funerals and two weddings. He also spoke to the Mansfield WMS on state missions.

Delta Association will have Schools of Missions, Dec. 6-11. A great corps of foreign, home, and state missionaries will be speaking in all the churches.

The program for the Evangelistic Conference, Jan. 25-27 has been completed and submitted to the printer.

Oct. 25 is State Mission Day in Sunday School. Program material has been mailed to the superintendents. This is a cause that needs to be emphasized.

Large associational charts have been prepared for each association to show record of baptisms by the churches month by month. Display this chart in every associational meeting.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent, Missions & Evangelism. ■

## Polish Leaders Visit Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Two distinguished Polish Baptists recently visited the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Alexander Kircun, president of the Polish Baptist Union, Warsaw, and E. L. Golonka, pastor of a Baptist Polish Missionary Center in Chicago, Ill., made the Sunday School Board a major stop on a tour they have just completed through Kentucky and Tennessee visiting various Baptist organizations.

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# Two Impressions about Missions

By BRUCE H. PRICE  
Newport News, Virginia

"THERE IS an open door for Baptist work in Italy," remarked Dr. Dewey Moore, who has served over 20 years as a Southern Baptist missionary in Rome. Pausing for a moment, he continued, "Our greatest need is more native pastors."

Three weeks earlier Rev. S. W. Girgis had used almost the same words in discussing the future of Baptists in Cairo, Egypt.

"There are only five Baptist churches and eight mission stations in Egypt,"

## Evangelist Fires Burn in Brazil

IT IS believed that total public decisions in a simultaneous evangelistic campaign in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will go beyond 2,000, reports Dr. Lester C. Ball, Southern Baptist missionary serving as general secretary of the executive board of the Brazilian Convention.

A launching rally for the campaign, held in the stadium where the meetings of the Baptist World Alliance will be conducted next year, was attended by a crowd estimated to be 17,000.

The Rio campaign, promoted by Brazilian Baptists, is part of a nation-wide emphasis on evangelism throughout this year. Earlier reports from a campaign among 16 Baptist churches of the equatorial state of Maranhao showed 668 decisions. "The revival meetings in Maranhao were of such power that the interest of the entire state was awakened," says Dr. Bell.

More than 800 decisions have been reported as a result of a campaign in the northern city of Recife, and the total is expected to reach 1,000 by the time all figures are in.

"Not only are the evangelistic fires being kindled by such campaigns," says Dr. Bell, "but they are aglow in the individual churches themselves through their regular programs of work." First Church, Vitoria, in the state of Espirito Santo, has reported 70 baptisms in a year, with 50 other people preparing for the ordinance. First Church, Rio, had 150 decisions for Christ during August when it gave special emphasis to evangelism in regular services.

Accompanying the evangelistic spirit is the organization of churches and missions. First Church, Brasilia, organized two years ago in this new capital of Brazil being constructed on the high plains of the state of Goias, has begun four missions in construction camps surrounding the site. Two of these missions are soon to be organized into churches.

"It is my conviction that we are seeing the greatest advance along evangelistic lines and also with reference to church organization and development in Brazil that we have had in the history of the work," says Dr. Bell. ■

he said. "If we had more trained native pastors we could begin more preaching stations and organize more churches. Five of our young men are ready for seminary training and it is my prayer that they will soon be prepared to build new church organizations."

Visiting Baptist missions in eleven countries during a tour around the world, I returned home with the definite impression that doors of opportunity are open wider today than ever before, and that trained and dedicated native pastors and teachers are able to enter these doors.

This does not mean that converts are rushing into the churches. Indeed, results are few in Thailand where one denomination worked 18 years before winning the first convert. In places like Jordan and Israel the response to the Gospel is often discouraging in comparison to Japan and the Philippines, but again I say that the door of Christian mission work is open wider now in all the lands visited than a few years ago.

And everywhere our missionaries seem to agree that if a nation is won to Christ, it will be by the natives.

The day of missionaries is not over. The dawn is just beginning. More and more missionaries are needed to train, direct and inspire God-called natives to win the lost multitudes to our Redeemer.

Now has come to pass the saying that is written, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door" (Rev. 3:8).

Are Southern Baptists ready to enter? ■

## Tokyo Church To Be Dedicated

THE NEW building of English-speaking Tokyo (Japan) Baptist Church, which was completed in August, will be dedicated in week-long services Nov. 1-8, with several Southern Baptist leaders assisting.

On September 20 the two-year-old church had 350 in the morning preaching service, 229 in Sunday school, and 149 in Training Union. Thirty-four people have made decisions for full-time Christian service in the two years. A number of these are now in theological seminaries in the States.

United States military personnel make up a large part of the congregation of this English-speaking church, but Missionary William H. Jackson, Jr., writes of another group being blessed through its ministry:

"The impact and effect that this church is having upon our missionary children is something to cause all of us to rejoice. Several have accepted the Lord, which I am sure they would have done in their homes, anyway; but it has been a joy to see them make their decisions public in this church. Four children of missionary parents have

## Persecution Flares Again in Columbia

LA PLATA, Huila, Colombia (EP)—Fanatical citizens of this little Colombian town staged violent anti-Protestant demonstrations on Sept. 3, causing damage estimated at 10,000 pesos on the construction site of an evangelical chapel. School teachers, an ex-mayor and other prominent townspeople led several hundred people in tearing down a fence surrounding the chapel, breaking up bricks, stamping on an estimated 7,000 heavy-bearing tomato plants nearby and hurling stones against the houses of the Protestants.

The spark of this explosive outburst was traced to a local priest who had read a pastoral letter from the Bishop of Garzon stating that Protestant advance must be stopped at all costs. Upon hearing the threats that followed, evangelical missionaries advised the mayor of their danger as an announcement by loud-speaker called volunteers to anti-Protestant demonstrations following mass the following Sunday. The La Plata mayor sent a telegram to the Huila Governor on Sept. 2, informing him of the petition of the Protestants for protection. No reply was received from the governor, as far as the missionaries know.

Missionary Fred Smith arrived from the other side of the Andes on Sept. 4, and talked with local authorities, with the chief of police in the state capital city (Neiva), then went to Bogota to visit authorities there. The ministers of justice and government there were attentive and declared that there was complete freedom to construct the chapel. They produced copies of telegrams from the files, which proved they had authorized the government in Neiva to permit the construction of the chapel.

In Neiva, however, the governor declared that it was best to suspend the chapel construction until official permission might be granted by the Roman Catholic authorities in Bogota. The governor indicated that he, naturally, could not give orders to a priest in these matters, because the clergyman was subject only to his ecclesiastical superiors.

The lot on which the chapel is being constructed is named after the American Missionary Corporation: "The Christian and Missionary Alliance." ■

## Athletes Set Example

ESTES PARK, Colo. (EP) — A group of over 600 high school and college athletes meeting here for the annual summer conference of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes were challenged not to fail "the many young people (who) idolize and hero-worship athletes."

Paul Dietzel, Louisiana State head football coach added: "You don't have to be a sissy to be a Christian."

surrendered their lives for full-time service, probably missions; and another said recently that she feels God is calling her to full-time service." ■



## THE BOOKSHELF

**Conversion**, by E. Stanley Jones, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$3.25.

The author, world-famous missionary and religious writer, examines various aspects of conversion in an effort to help men and women find this new life.

**Meditations on the Gospel**, by J. Calvin Keene, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$2.

"The art of mental prayer, as the practice of meditation and contemplation used to be called, is largely a lost art," Dr. Keene says. He seeks to revise and renew this art in this collection of 80 meditations on the gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John.

**The Old Testament as Word of God**, by Sigmund Mowinckel, translated by Reidar B. Bjornard, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$2.75.

"How can the Old Testament be divine revelation—Word of God—and at the same time be a very human book?"

Using this question as a basis, this widely known scholar presents a logical and lively presentation of a subject that concerns Christians who would investigate the Old Testament in relationship to their own faith and understanding.

**Sermons and Stories for Children**, by Graham R. Hodges, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$1.75.

"Always do your best . . . Be Unselfish . . . Stand Up for Your Convictions . . . Be Courteous . . . Love One Another"—These are the teachings parents would instill in their children. But how can this be done? In human-interest stories, the author speaks to illustrate Christian teachings in examples of daily living.

**Values in the Church Year**, by William F. Dunkle, Jr., Abingdon Press, 1959, \$2.50.

Within the past century, Christmas, Lent, and Easter have come to be widely observed by nonliturgical churches. The author makes a plea for the use of the entire cycle of the church year.

**Sermons on Simon Peter**, by Clovis G. Chappell, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$2.

In 12 sermons, Dr. Chappell depicts the impulsive, blustering fisherman—Simon Peter—whose dynamic qualities put him in first place in any estimate of Jesus' 12 apostles.

**This is Our Gospel**, by A. C. Archibald, Broadman Press, 1959, \$2.95.

This book consists of twelve sermons based on such central Christian doctrines as Jesus' Designed-Human Nature, Man's Spiritual Need, The Saving Power of the Cross, God's Coming Judgment, and the Life Beyond Death.

**The International Lessons Annual for 1960**, edited by Charles M. Laymon, with lesson analysis by Roy L. Smith, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$2.95.

This is a comprehensive commentary on the international Sunday School lessons, using both the King James and the Revised Standard Version of the scriptures. A special feature added this year is the subject index. ■



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## Stewardship Agency Programs Proposed

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Three programs have been tentatively proposed for the newly-created Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, which will come into existence next year.

The SBC Executive Committee heard the proposal that it should have programs of stewardship development, Cooperative Program promotion, and endowment and capital giving.

The proposal is subject to both Executive Committee and Convention adoption.

The new agency is to work directly with churches on "a demonstration basis only, it being understood that the state conventions are primarily responsible for stewardship promotion within their given areas."

In stewardship development, the new Stewardship Commission will seek "to make clear the meaning of stewardship in the lives of (church) members and to raise the level of giving to standards consistent with the highest ideals of biblical stewardship."

In this realm are tithing, church finance, church budgets, the every member canvass, and conservation of gains in giving.

In Cooperative Program promotion, it will seek to "make the members aware of the Cooperative Program as the vital central plan for support of mission, educational, and benevolent undertakings of the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention."

Its program of endowment and capital giving would seek "to coordinate the efforts of the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention agencies in the rising of money from individuals through wills, annuities, and outright gifts." ■

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## Faithful Critics

By FORREST FEEZOR

AFTER A YEAR in college, I was ordained to the ministry. My conception of good preaching was loud preaching. On finishing a sermon in the little country meeting house before returning to college, the widow of a minister came to tell me goodbye. She lived in the county seat town. "God has given you a good voice. You should take good care of it," she said. "My husband had a good voice, but over used it. He lost the quality of his voice," she said. That was 42 years ago, but I rarely speak that I do not remember her warm and helpful words.

We shall be helped by a few faithful friends more than by a thousand flatterers. Let me again specify. The young preacher was sent as a supply to a rather fashionable place. He regarded it as a signal honor. After the service, one came to him saying, "I wonder if you will do me a favor?" "Of course," responded the young preacher. Whereupon he was handed a sheet of paper with this explanation: "Here on this sheet of paper is a list of your unfinished sentences; will you kindly fill them in on the dotted line." The preacher was in the habit of dropping his voice at the end of the sentence. What he said was lost. Regarding as cruel at first, the preacher now says his critic was his best friend.

A promising young preacher did well for five minutes, then the rest of his sermon he would discuss his family. People were becoming annoyed, disappointed, and irritated. The problem was referred to the deacons. The deacons

placed the problem in the hands of the senior member. Inviting the pastor for dinner, the old deacon finally brought himself to mention to the youthful minister his fault. The explanation given was that after a few minutes he became scared, his mind would go blank. All he could think of was his family, so he just talked about it. The old deacon's gentle suggestion of making an outline worked. That preacher, by the help of a faithful critic, became one of the outstanding preachers of the American Baptist convention.

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Dr. Herring has been twice president of the North Carolina State Convention; a Foreign Mission Board trustee; a trustee of Southern Seminary, Wake Forest College, and Campbell College; and is now a trustee of the Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C. He is the author of the books, "Studies in Philippians" and "God Being My Helper".

Under assignment by the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Herring has participated in work with mission stations in South America (1949), and in the Great Hongkong-Macao Crusade (1956). He has recently returned from a trip to South America, where he worked



DR. HERRING

with six Baptist seminaries. Following the South American trip he toured the Bible lands of Europe, Africa, and the Near East.

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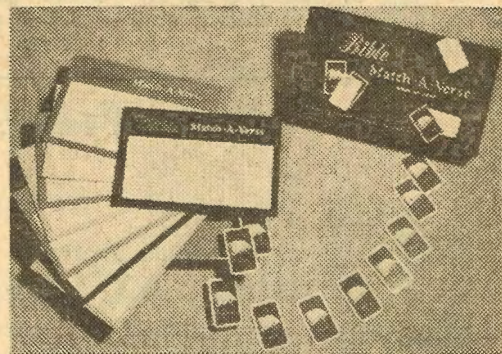
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—C. W. Caldwell,  
Supt., Department Missions  
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### New Approach: Young People Away Department

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — A new approach to an old problem in Sunday School is being put into practice as a recommendation of the Sunday School Department.

The problem: young people away from their home church. The recommendation: a Young People Away Department.

Two Virginia associations, Pulaski and Valley, have already reported an enrollment of 119 and 198, respectively, in Young People Away Department of their churches.

### Attendance Report

| Church                 | Sunday School | Training Union | Additions |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| <b>(October 4)</b>     |               |                |           |
| Camden, Cul'ndale, 1st | 486           | 267            | 1         |
| Crossett, 1st          | 657           | 255            | 1         |
| El Dorado, Immanuel    | 801           | 345            | 3         |
| Fort Smith, Calvary    | 351           | 119            |           |
| Hot Springs, Park Pl.  | 456           | 180            | 4         |
| Huntsville, 1st        | 111           | 48             |           |
| Jacksonville, 1st      | 682           | 292            | 2         |
| Jonesboro, Central     | 447           | 179            |           |
| Jonesboro, Walnut St.  | 405           | 165            | 9         |
| Little Rock, Life Line | 265           | 131            | 9         |
| Little Rock, Tyler St. | 272           | 113            |           |
| Magnolia, Central      | 820           | 346            | 1         |
| McGehee, 1st           | 499           | 233            |           |
| Mission                | 54            | 32             |           |
| NLR, Baring Cross      | 941           | 281            | 11        |
| NLR, Calvary           | 443           | 136            | 1         |
| NLR, Sylvan Hills, 1st | 344           | 167            | 3         |
| Pine Bluff, South Side | 674           | 223            | 2         |
| Springdale, 1st        | 501           | 148            | 1         |
| W. Memphis, Calvary    | 240           | 144            | 3         |

### Charles Whitten Recovering

Charles W. Whitten, Southern Baptist representative in Spain who was injured in an automobile accident September 4, is now out of danger, and has been moved from the U. S. air base hospital at Zaragoza, near which the accident occurred, to the British-American Hospital in Madrid, where the Whittens make their home.

### Race Relations

#### Helping Churches

THE PURPOSE of the Department of Race Relations is to project a program that will assist Negro churches in overcoming deficiencies. We believe the best way to do this is by helping them to help themselves, by beginning with them where they are and trying to lead them to higher ground and greater service in Kingdom building. This we must do in a spirit of voluntary co-operation, always recognizing the autonomy of their churches.

Hundreds of their pastors and churches have welcomed the services of the department; the number has increased year by year. These pastors have a deep sense of dedication and unusual natural ability; all they need is training and opportunity. These men take advantage of every opportunity of self-improvement made available to them.

#### Program and Duties of Department Director

I. Extension Classes for In-Service Negro Baptist Pastors and Church Workers.

There are 8 extension classes with an enrollment of 257, located at Magnolia, Camden, Pine Bluff, Hot Springs, Helena, Blytheville, Little Rock, and Alexander. The teachers are Dr. T. L. Harris, Rev. Lonnie Lassater, Rev. Norman Sutton, Rev. M. W. Williams, Rev. S. M. Taylor, Rev. Wilson Deese, Rev. Hershaw Williams, Dr. Charles F. Pitts. These classes offer from two to four hours study per week for nine months each year.

It is the Department director's duty to plan courses of study, monthly reports, recommend and provide textbooks and other material, plan and provide suitable awards for the completion of a course of study. These classes are also used as "beach-heads" for the projection of other phases of our program.—Clyde Hart, Director

DR. ROWLAND Crowder, consultant with the Church Architecture Department of the Sunday School Board will be the guest speaker in the chapel of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, Nov. 11.



DR. CROWDER

Dr. Crowder is a graduate of Ouachita and received his doctorate of religion education from Southwestern Seminary. He has been pastor of the following Arkansas Churches: Wheelen Springs, Parkin, Stamps. He was associate pastor of the 1st Church Shreveport, for five and one-half years. He went to the Sunday School Board from the pastorate of the Central Church, Springhill, La., in 1952.

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# Birds that Made History

By E. M. Hansen

ASIDE FROM the mention of fowl in the story of creation, among the first birds mentioned in history are the raven and the dove which Noah sent from the ark. They did not change the course of history, but they enabled Noah to know what course he was to take, a course which was of major importance to sacred history.

It was a raven that brought food to the prophet Elijah, one of the most remarkable men ever to come out of Israel. Had that raven permitted Elijah to starve, had its mission failed, an important page in ancient history would have been altered. The raven of Palestine is a large black bird similar to the common crow but larger. Its feathers are more iridescent, and the raven probably is more intelligent.

The song or cry of the raven is by no means musical, as is that of the lark, for instance. The lark's lovely morning song was the inspiration for a famous painting, a picture which made artistic history for many lovers of beauty.

The mockingbird's song must not be forgotten when one speaks of beauty. Few musical numbers are more widely enjoyed or known than the well-loved "Listen to the Mocking Bird" by Septimus Winner. A century of musical history has been made by the beautiful melody.

Canaries, the gold and black songsters originally from the islands of the same name, have made their own kind of history. Beautiful to the eye and beautiful to the ear, they have written an interesting page in the annals of artistic delight.

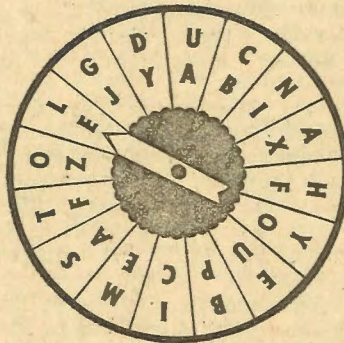
The turkey has also made its own type of enjoyable history, beginning with its days in the wild state when it provided food for the starving colonists. The wild pigeon has likewise gone down in history but, unfortunately, in so doing it has become extinct. It would be a day of rejoicing for the naturalists should any passenger pigeons be discovered still in existence.

Years ago in southwestern United States, people were being plagued by a

horde of huge grasshoppers or locusts. The situation was growing serious, and no method of eradicating the pests seemed effective. Then in from the ocean swept a flock of gulls. Grasshoppers or locusts, it made no difference to them. The gulls had a feast, and the people had respite from their plague.

In loving gratitude and remembrance the inhabitants of Salt Lake City have erected a monument to their bird friends. Two bronze gulls perched on a memorial edifice tell the story of the service done by the birds. It is perhaps the only monument in the world erected to members of the bird kingdom. ■

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## Dial Spelling

By Pansy McCarty

ARE YOU a good speller? If you are, this is the game for you. Make it and play it with a friend.

Draw a large circle on cardboard. Divide it into sections, and letter it as the picture shows. Cut a spinner from cardboard and fasten it in the center of the circle with a long paper fastener. Leave it loose enough to turn easily.

To play, each player flips the spinner for one turn and marks on paper the letters to which it points. When a player has enough letters to spell any three-letter word, he writes down the word and crosses out the letters used from his list.

The same word may be used only once in a game by any one player. Decide on a time limit or a certain number of turns for a game. The lucky player who spins letters that will spell the most three-letter words wins the game. ■

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## Silver Lining

TWO SHOPPERS in the supermarket were discussing inflation. The first woman remarked, "At least it has one point in its favor."

"Just what can be good about inflation?" asked the other.

"Well, these days it is almost impossible for kids to get sick on a five-cent candy bar."

## A Smile or Two

### The Perfect Squelch

A TOP-RANKING British official in the Orient entertained a sophisticated lady as his guest. It seems that general's assistant had seated this lady at the left of her host rather than in the place of honor at the right.

Having borne the matter as long as she could, the lady burst out, "I suppose you have great difficulty getting your aide-de-camp to seat your guests properly at the table?"

"Oh, not at all," replied the general. "Those who matter don't mind, and those who mind don't matter."

### Gentle Hint

"What makes you think your wife is getting tired of you?"

"Every day this week she's wrapped my lunch in a road map."

TELEPHONE: Long distance? I want to place a call to Damariscota, Maine.

OPERATOR: How do you spell that, please?

TELEPHONE: Shucks, lady, if I could spell it, I'd write.

### Polygamous?

THE PRETTY blonde steno was rather conceited. During lunch hour one day she boasted to the other girls about the number of young men she was currently dating.

"You know," she said cooly, "a lot of men are going to be miserable when I marry."

"H'm," commented one of the girls acidly, "how many men are you going to marry?"

## Church Chuckles



"Relax! Your congregation knows we have a teen-age son!"

Football season will soon be over, Rev. Tweedle; then you can quit feeling like a wanted fugitive. The world would be a mighty dull place without "teen-agers". But their boundless energy and enthusiasm need the combined guidance of school, home, and church. Nothing else can take the place of these three vital influences in shaping their character.

## Nature's Arts

By Sallie Anne Locke

While looking through a window,  
I ponder with delight  
That God has made so many things  
To see both day and night:

A sky of soft blue velvet,  
Bright clouds at close of day,  
At night the stars to twinkle,  
The moon to guide the way.

There is no other beauty  
Compared to Nature's art;  
It keeps man looking upward  
And glorifies the heart.

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# Sharing Christ

By RALPH PHELPS  
(President, Ouachita College)

Lesson: Acts 2

October 11

ONE OF the identifying characteristics of a genuine Christian is his desire to share Christ with those he meets. This has been true from the first days of the Christian church to the present.



DR. PHELPS

An impressive example of Christian sharing is related in Acts 3 in the story of Peter's experience with a crippled beggar. The incident illustrates graphically the attitude a believer should have toward those who do not know his Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit which his servants can have when serious about sharing Christ.

### A Man In Need

One afternoon Peter and John, still observing the Jewish custom of going to the temple to pray at three o'clock, encountered at the Beautiful Gate of the temple a man who was a familiar figure to those who came here regularly. He was a helpless cripple, lame from birth, who was carried daily to this place and put down so that he could beg from the people as they went in to worship. His post was here where the traffic was busy, and he was just being put in position as the apostles entered.

One needs little imagination to picture the kind of life this man had lived. Since he had been unable to walk from birth, he had been a great source of responsibility to those around him all of his days. As a lad he had been unable to run and play with the other boys and must have felt keenly the difference his affliction made. As a man he could do nothing but sit and cry out for alms, his livelihood dependent upon the sympathy his pathetic appearance aroused in passers-by.

That he needed material help this beggar understood, but whether or not he realized that he had needs even greater than the physical we do not know. Sometimes we are so close to our material wants that we fail to realize our deeper spiritual needs.

### A Minister with Compassion

In response to the plea for money, Peter and John stopped and looked intently at the man. Then Peter commanded that the man look straight at them, perhaps to gain his full attention to their words. The man looked at them expectantly, hoping that they were about to give him something.

Instead, Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." Just why the apostles had no money we do not know, but it was certainly not because they had taken a vow of poverty, as some contend. Nor was this the ancient equivalent of the modern practice of a few who leave gospel tracts in lieu of tips after eating in a restaurant; Peter and John were not working a religious gimmick to save their change. The best explanation is that they simply were "broke" at the moment of this request, a not-unusual condition for God's children even at present.

The important thing to remember is that while the apostles were without funds they were not without compassionate concern. What a far cry is their response from that of the priest and the Levite in the story of the good Samaritan; Peter and John did not rush on to religious duty while a man in need lay beside the road, for they were followers of the Christ "who went about doing good."

Peter's further compassion was seen when he stretched forth his big hand with the iron grip of a fisherman and lifted the beggar up to his feet. There was no self-righteous sanctimoniousness in Peter to make him shrink from contact with a sinner.

### A Miracle from God

Instead of a few pennies which he had hoped for, the deformed man received something infinitely more valuable as a miracle quickly unfolded.

1. **The instrument.** The human instrument used by God to

perform the miracle was Simon Peter. This does not mean that Peter was divine or above the other apostles, but it does remind us that many times God works through human agents his wonders to perform.

2. **The method.** A command spoken in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene was what triggered the miracle. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk," Peter ordered. There was no dramatic buildup of the apostle personally, for this was no quack faith healer at work. The emphasis, as it always is when true healing is involved, was upon the person and power of Christ.

3. **The purpose:** Peter made it clear that the miracle was not to glorify the miracle-worker but was to honor God's son, Jesus. In fact, the people were rebuked for looking "so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk." Modern "healers" whose primary interest is in the size of the offering they get are a far cry from what motivated the apostles.

4. **The result:** What happened at Peter's command was electrifying. Immediately the man's feet and ankle bones received strength, he jumped to his feet, tested them first by standing, then walked about. Finding that he could do this, he then leaped into the air and ran about, praising God for what had happened to him. Quite naturally, he clung to Peter and John while the people in their excitement crowded around the trio on Solomon's porch of the temple. Others had given him alms, but these men had given him something vastly more valuable! Everybody recognized him as the beggar who used to sit at the temple gate, and they were all overcome with the sheer wonder of it all.

### A Message for Christ

Seeing the great crowd pressing eagerly forward, Peter capitalized on the moment to deliver a message in behalf of Christ. His message followed the same general line as that on the day of Pentecost as he emphasized the power of the risen Saviour.

Peter made it plain that the one responsible for this miracle was their own God, "the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers." He then in sledge-hammer blows indicted them for what they had done to the Son of this God—"delivered up . . . denied . . . killed the Prince of life." However, the callousness in asking for the release of a murderer while crying for the death of the holy and righteous Jesus could not thwart God, for he raised his Son from the dead, "whereof we are witnesses."

It was faith which had just healed this man, Peter said, as he again related the event to the Christ he proclaimed. Whether it was faith on the man's part or the apostles' faith which did the job, Peter did not specify; but he did emphasize that the miracle was the result of faith, not of some hidden trick. This was done "in the presence of you all"—i.e., in plain view; there were no hidden wires pulled, no "poofle dust" sprinkled or healing cloths applied.

Peter then turned to an appeal for repentance (verses 17-26). He urged them to "repent therefore," since their guilt was not such as to make it impossible for them to know God's mercy in the Saviour whom they had crucified. If they thus repented and were converted, their sins could be blotted out and "seasons of refreshing" could come from the presence of the Lord. Although they had murdered his Son when God had sent Christ first to the Jews, they could still embrace Jesus and be forgiven. Thus is God's love.

Throughout Christian history beggars have waited at the doors of churches to beg for material help. Real as physical needs may be, spiritual poverty may represent an even more acute condition. While we should share what we have with those in need, we should ever remember that the greatest thing we can share is Jesus Christ; for when we give knowledge of the Saviour we supply something that will last forever. ■



## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

**T**HE KING JAMES translation of the Bible and the English Baptist movement came to the British Isles the same year, 1611. Though some historians hold that Baptists were already here in large numbers.



DR. SELPH

Perhaps it is no coincidence that the Baptists' greatest asset — the Bible in the native tongue — would be published the year that Baptists began their work in England. Wycliff's English translation of the Bible was 300 years old at this time but this new translation was the first sponsored by a King.

In 1606, John Smyth had taken refuge in Holland because of religious persecution. As pastor of a small group he led them to see that infant baptism was wrong and that the ordination of the Church of England was to be refused. Accordingly, he baptized the group and reorganized the church.

A few months later, he felt that he had done wrong in not seeking baptism at the hands of the Mennonites who claimed to perpetuate primitive Christianity. Thomas Helwys, John Morton, and others defended what they had done. They held that the validity of baptism did not depend upon succession of one body to another but on the teachings of the New Testament.

Mr. Smyth was excommunicated.

Mr. Helwys, as leader of the church, was convinced that his group should go back to England and give its testimony. They left for the island in 1611. Their position on baptism and church life could be examined in the light of the New Testament. People could now read for themselves. ■

## Philanthropy or Communism?

PEOPLE OF the world will no longer do without. They have learned that there are those in the world enjoying the "better things of life" and are no longer willing to remain in desperate condition.

To get these advantages they have found they can acquire them through the governments of the world. This method results in two eventualities: In some countries the government innovates welfare programs, state owned institutions and enterprises, handing the bill to the tax payer. This is the method employed by America which has resulted in taxes rising to the tune of 558 per cent in only ten years, running now over \$98,000,000,000 per year. In the poorer nations of the world they use the second method, that of taking over all of the private property and setting up the system of communism. These nations in turn try to destroy capitalism and free enterprise.

Most of the ills encouraging the establishment of a tax supported "welfare state" or "the dictatorship of the proletariat" (communism), should have been cared for by philanthropies of free people. Failing to do this out of concern for the needs of people has resulted in the waste of bureaucracy and the tyranny of communism.

If free people would give to evangelize the world, educate the unlearned

in Christian colleges and universities, heal the sick and feed the helpless hungry, then statism would not be the terrible spectre it is rapidly becoming in our world. In addition to this generosity every business man has a duty to society to meet competition fairly and with service and goods needed by modern man at the best price possible with a fair profit for his efficiency.

The rise of statism is inevitable if philanthropies fail. Philanthropy would be infinitely better than forced assistance by taxation. Voluntary philanthropy helps make a better world as well as a better person of the one giving. In the end philanthropy is much more economical. The cost of educating a young person in a Christian college is far less than in a state supported college. When our philanthropy fails waste and statism takes over.

The final result is quite clear — either we support Christian education voluntarily, which is the only way it can exist, or we surrender the mind to the state. When that happens intellectual freedom will die in the court of time. If intellectual freedom dies all other freedom will soon wither away.—Dr. H. E. Williams, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

### Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 15 — Having Christ, We Have All (Col. 1:9-20).

Oct. 16 — We Owe It to Share (Rom. 1:11-17).

Oct. 17 — Following Christ (Mark 8:34-38).

Oct. 18 — The Blessings of Salvation (Psalm 103:1-8).

Oct. 19 — Bold Witnesses (Acts 4:1-14).

Oct. 20 — Christians on Trial (Acts 4:15-22).

Oct. 21 — Courage Through Prayer (Acts 4:23-31).

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