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A sepia-toned photograph of a river scene. In the foreground, several trees are reflected in the calm water. The trees have dense foliage, and their reflections are clearly visible. The background shows a distant shoreline with more trees under a hazy sky.

**ARKANSAS**

*Baptist*

**NEWSMAGAZINE**

**MAY 18, 1961**

## Mission Gifts Up

MISSION GIVING through the Cooperative Program in Arkansas for the first four months of this year amounted to \$561,688.87. This represents a 5.46 percent gain over the same period for last year.

Use of the Forward Program of Church Finance and the 2-PLUS point the way to increased mission giving. Percentage giving is being practiced by a number of our churches. That is, they are giving a certain percent of their total receipts to world missions through the Cooperative Program rather than a stated amount. The percentage plan of giving is simply following the Biblical injunction of giving as the Lord prospers.

We are grateful for this added emphasis on mission giving by our pastors and our churches. We would like to urge careful and prayerful consideration by the budget committees on percentage giving and 2-PLUS as the budgets for next year come up for study.

2-PLUS simply means that if a church is contributing 15 percent of their total undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program this year they would raise this to 17 percent for next year.

The commissions of our Lord and the needs of our world, especially beyond our borders, require an ever increasing concern for witnessing to the peoples of the world. If a church cannot increase their mission contributions by two percent, we would like to suggest that every church increase by some

## Ministers' Wives to Meet



*DR. WALLACE Denton, Midwest Christian family counselor who will address a conference of ministers' wives during the Southern Baptist Convention, is shown with Mrs. DeWitt Matthews, Kansas City, Mo., president of the Ministers Wives Conference.*

*The sixth annual meeting of the conference and a tea will be held at the Opera House, Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo., the afternoon of May 24 from 3:30 to 5 o'clock. ■*

percent. It is better to light a candle than to curse the dark. It would be much more effective to carry the Way of life to the needy multitudes than to be content to merely curse communism which will surely become the way of life for the masses of men unless we become more effective witnesses of our Lord.

May it, not be said of Baptists that they got there with too little and too late. — S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

examples the children will be led to give gladly, joyfully and worshipfully.

We, long ago, learned that it is one thing to talk about missions but we need more of the doing. We have known children to spend their VBS offering money for candy or cold drinks. Perhaps this happened because the child was told to bring an offering by the leaders, instead of being challenged to help by a worthy objective. Precept upon precept and example upon example is worth much in the life of a growing child.

No doubt, some of our Baptists do not know about what can be done through the Cooperative Program. They have heard the term "The Cooperative Program" all of their lives without ever really understanding its meaning. To them the Cooperative Program has become an abstraction and it only means a place to "soak up" a few dollars.

Perhaps, we are all to blame for this situation. We use terms that our Sunday school pupils and church members do not understand. Not only do we use terms that are "far-fetched" and obsolete, we sometimes are afraid to confront the people with hard, cold, stark facts.

Let us again urge all of our leaders to give the VBS children a challenge at the offering time by explaining how they can serve in mission fields at home and abroad through their gifts through the Cooperative Program. — Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary ■

## A Good Time To Do Missions

VACATION Bible schools afford a wonderful opportunity to teach the children missions by actually leading them to participate in world missions. This can be done by sending the VBS offerings through the Cooperative Program.



DR. DOUGLAS

In the joint worship service, the children are led in a worship experience. This always includes an offering. Instead of urging the children to bring money, the leaders should explain what happens to Cooperative Program money—where it goes and what it does. Through illustrations and

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## Mrs. J. I. Cossey Claimed by Death

MRS. J. I. Cossey, whose husband was editor of the *Baptist Advance* (now *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*) for many years, died in a Jonesboro hospital last Friday at the age of 65.

Mrs. Cossey was well known in Arkansas as a school teacher and church leader. She taught in Walnut Ridge, Jonesboro and Hoxie schools for many years.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Mr. Cossey, and a son, Robert, of Jonesboro.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at College City Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge, with Rev. W. K. Wharton and Rev. Richard Perkins, pastor of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, in charge. A second service was held Saturday afternoon at First Church, Searcy, where Mr. Cossey was pastor at the time of his editorship. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery, Searcy. ■

## The Cover

### God Created the Earth



**I**N the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters...

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.

... (Genesis 1:1, 2, 9).

# Arkansan Mentioned for SBC President



DR. W. O. VAUGHT, JR.

**I**N AN article in the May 11 issue of *The Christian Index*, Georgia Baptist paper, Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, is mentioned as one of three Southern Baptist leaders expected to be nominated for convention president, at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention next week in St. Louis.

Others mentioned were Dr. Roy O. McClain, pastor of First Church, Atlanta, who was in the run-off with Dr. Ramsey Pollard two years ago, at which time Dr. Pollard was elected; and Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City.

Dr. Pollard will be completing his second term as SBC head, with the close of the convention next Friday, and under the convention constitution would not be eligible to be re-elected.

Pastor Vaught is currently serving as first vice president of the Convention and a member of the Foreign Mission Board. During the past year he represented SBC at the meeting of the American Baptist Convention, in Rochester, N. Y., and led a prayer at the Republican presidential convention in Chicago just before Mr. Nixon's speech accepting the presidential nomination. Last year he served as president of the Pastor's Conference of SBC. He is in his seventeenth year as pastor of Immanuel Church. ■

## Dr. John L. Dodge Dies Suddenly

DR. JOHN L. Dodge, 65, former pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, died May 12 in San Antonio, Tex., following a heart attack.

Dr. Dodge, one-time chaplain of the Louisiana State Legislature, had just recently retired from the active ministry. He had served First Baptist Church of San Antonio as assistant pastor since moving there from Hot Springs nearly four years ago.

During his 10 years as pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, he took an active part in community and civic affairs. He held membership in the Chamber of Commerce, Civitan club and York Rite of Freemasonry.

Survivors include his wife and one son, Dr. John M. Dodge, a physician, and grandson, all of San Antonio.

Burial was in Pineville, La. ■

## Dual Services Voted at Jacksonville First

FIRST CHURCH, Jacksonville, voted this week to begin dual Sunday School and morning worship services beginning June 4, Dr. B. Franklin Bates, pastor, reports. The new arrangement will make it possible for the church to accommodate 1,100 in Sunday School and 1,300 in the worship service.

In a recent revival with Rev. J. Harold Smith, formerly pastor of First Church, Ft. Smith, as evangelist, 121 new members were received, 91 for baptism and 30 by letter. Sunday School attendance totaled 951 for May 7, closing day of the meeting, and Training Union attendance was 391.

According to the church secretary, the church has added 356 new members since last Oct. 1, 190 for baptism and 166 by letter. Five were saved at mid-week prayer service Wednesday of last week, at which time the church auditorium was filled. ■

A DARK threat heard from time to time in Baptist ranks is: "I'll take it to the Convention floor." And the way our conventions operate—state conventions as well as the Southern Baptist Convention—any messenger of the convention has the privilege of bringing any proposal "to the floor of the convention," regardless of whether the matter is on the agenda, and whether the proposal is worthy of consideration or is the hallucination of a crackpot.

## 'Taking It to the Convention Floor'

But, necessarily, the Convention refers most of the proposals that come to it "off the cuff," to appropriate committees for full consideration before they are brought to the Convention for final action. For example, all proposed resolutions go automatically to the Resolutions Committee. Many proposals are referred to the Executive Committee or to other standing or special committees. This is done by the Convention not to throttle anybody but in the interest of expediting the Convention's business and to allow more time than the Convention as a whole would have for full consideration.

The Southern Baptist Convention has many institutions and agencies, but the control over these is delegated largely to boards elected by the Convention. For example, if a messenger or messengers have what they regard as grievances against one of the Convention's institutions or any one connected with these institutions, they may take their grievances to the Convention, but all the Convention could do, under its own established pattern of operation, would be to refer the matter to the board of the respective institution.

So there is not much prospect, despite the headlines you may see, say, that any of our Seminary presidents will be fired by the Convention meeting soon in St. Louis—or at any future Convention sessions. That is not the way we conduct our Convention affairs.

One thing that should be kept in mind by all of us is that the Southern Baptist Convention has no control over local churches, and local churches have no control over the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention is not composed of churches, but of messengers elected by cooperating churches. It would be no more appropriate to conduct Convention business by a poll of local churches than to act on the affairs of a local church by vote of Convention messengers.

Another threat sometimes heard is, "Our churches will withhold their support of the Convention if . . ." A local church is certainly within its parliamentary rights in deciding how it will use or misuse its funds and influence. But it is no less true of churches than of individual Christians that each one is responsible for the stand taken. We make much of every Baptist's right to speak in business session, but that does not mean every one of us should speak every time he has the privilege. If one is going to claim the right to be heard, let him be mindful of the fact that he is responsible for what he says. And if one is taking a stand, let him try earnestly to take the right stand.

So, Brother, before you and I grab one of those "mikes" that will be available to us as messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis this month, let's be sure we have something to say and that our motives and attitudes, as well as our proposals, are at least Christian. We would do well, too, to respect the intelligence and Christian dedication of the body as a whole. The messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention on the whole are not easily stampeded. And they have their own way of spanking anyone who abuses the privilege of "taking it to the floor of the Convention."—ELM

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LEARNING to live with your tensions is a lot like learning to ride a bicycle. The sooner you get your mind off yourself, the sooner you are likely to go zooming along in balance. And you can't learn how to ride a bike by reading a book. It's all right to read how. But sooner or later you must mount the bike and start pedalling.

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SOMETIMES when a fellow says he got his education in the University of Hard Knocks, he means he got married at an early age.

## Home Again!

"WHO'S getting your paper out while you are away?" one of my friends of the Scotland Crusade party asked me one day in Cairo, in the presence of my thoughtful Crusade roommate, Lawson Hatfield. Before I could reply, Friend (?) Hatfield answered: "The same ones that get it out when he's at home!"



ELM

My only observation at this point is that the Dale Carnegie course itself could not help some denominational serpents—excuse me, servants—I have been thrown with recently.

Chief Whitlow added kindling to the fire by remarking to me on my first day back at the Baptist Building on how much the Arkansas Baptist News-magazine had improved during the weeks I had been away!

Well, one of the calculated risks a fellow has to run in going on a trip such as I have just completed is having the folks find out he is not as indispensable as he might have been leading them to believe.

Seriously, the readers of our paper do not know how fortunate they are in the high caliber of the people other than the editor who have a part from week to week in getting the paper into print and into the mails.

Here is a toast to our paper's staff—Juanez (Mrs. E. F. Stokes), Mary (Mrs. Harry P. Giberson), and Pat (Mrs. Gary LaRue), and to our printer, John F. Wells, and his helpers, particularly Mrs. Edith Sweezy. Whether the editor is hither or yon, they get the paper out on schedule each week.

Juanez, as many of you will recall, was recently promoted to the place of associate editor. She has been on the staff for more than 15 years and is one of the most dedicated and versatile persons I have ever known. Among other things she keeps up with the bookkeeping, including billing, on all subscriptions; collects all accounts due the paper; promotes the circulation through a continuing direct-mail campaign; and does whatever is necessary to keep things moving in the paper's daily and weekly routine.

Mary is the editor's secretary. She also has been on the staff for many years and is a most valued member of the team. She deals primarily with the mail, with correspondence, and with filing. But she, too, can lend a hand at many other phases of the work.

About all Pat does is to keep mailing plates current on all of the more than 55,500 subscribers, adding new names, dropping the "drops," making changes

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**THE PEOPLE SPEAK**

**BSU Work in New York**

I AM writing to thank you for publishing the fine article on BSU work here in New York City. Since some of the schools here do not allow us many types of campus publicity, we are especially glad for an opportunity of making known the work here — Wayne Bar-tee, BSU President, 434 Fernald Hall, Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y.

**Name Change**

IT WAS suggested some time ago that readers of the Baptist papers should let their opinions be known to their State papers concerning the change of the name of the Southern Baptist Convention, the idea being to eliminate the word "Southern."

It seems to me that no action of this kind should be taken simply by the Convention itself, which is to meet this month in St. Louis, but rather to comply with our oft repeated statement that we are a **democracy**; that the churches which are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention should be polled to determine their wishes in the matter. There is hardly any doubt but that a majority of the members of the Baptist Churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention would vote "NO"...

To take the word "Southern" out of the name of the "Southern Baptist Church" would be like taking the stars out of our American flag.

Are we going to change the name of the "Southern Baptist Theological Seminary" at Louisville?—Cullen King, Rt. 1, Mena.

**REPLY:** You seem to be confusing the local church with the Southern Baptist Convention. Each church is self-governing and can call itself whatever it wishes without asking any outsiders. But it would certainly be in line with our ideals of Baptist democracy for the Southern Baptist Convention itself to decide what its name shall be, without any polling of churches. The convention, too, is self-governing.—ELM

I HAVE noticed in the **Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine** that the letters to the editor for a change in the name of the convention have all been in approval. I'm against the change of the name because of these reasons.

First, I've noticed in the past issue that a letter from South Dakota stated the people in that area were still "fighting the war." As a Christian I don't believe our Lord would approve of prejudice in one's heart, especially a Christian. If this is the reason for a change in the name then I would say, their motives are not just, and they need first to have a personal relationship

with Jesus. From there instead of bucking the Southern Brethren, join them in an all-out effort to win the lost to Christ.

Secondly, when the United States sends an ambassador to a foreign country, he doesn't change the United States name because that country dislikes the name, but rather stands for our country and the standards set forth. Likewise when our men (SB) go into other parts of our country and abroad, they are going to preach Christ and uphold the convention's standards, not compromising with a few of our Northern brethren who still are fighting a war and don't like the name Southern.

Thirdly, I don't believe it's time to change. We are making great strides and have made great progress in the last ten years and will continue to do so: There have been men and women who have given their lives for Christ and the convention since it was founded in 1845. It has become a symbol, a spirit which if broken will not cause gain but rather a possible setback. Possibly within the next 25 years we will need a change, but even then let us examine our motives and make sure it's for the advancement of God's kingdom and not our own.—Rev. Dick Goodwin, First Church, Cove, Ark.

**'What We Found'**

THANK you for your wonderful comments on **This is What We Found** by Ralph and Carl Creger.

It has indeed generated much interest and comment, and we are grateful for the work of publications like yours in letting people know about it.—Eileen Brand, Editor, Lyle Stuart, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City 12, N. Y.

**New Mission**

THE work in pioneer states is a difficult work. In spite of the reports of a fast growing enterprise, for the most part it is slow and difficult. Several reasons may account for this. For one thing, as in the case of Michigan, the

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**The Bookshelf**

**The New Dictionary of Thoughts**, originally compiled by Tryon Edwards, Standard Book Company, 1961, \$10

Mr. Edwards published his first book of quotations in 1852 under the title, **Jewels for the Household**. The title **Dictionary of Thoughts** was first given to the larger volume of 644 pages appearing in 1891. Recent revision includes quotations from many 20th Century writers. The book includes a subject-finder section with cross references and a thesaurus index, as well as an index of authors.

Fields covered include philosophy, music, art, politics, physics, medicine, biology, religion, poetry, and chemistry.

**Race and Science, Scientific Analysis from UNESCO**, Columbia, 1961, \$5

This volume is composed of eleven monographs on race, prepared by natural and social scientists taking part in UNESCO's program on Race and Culture. Object of these studies is to define the concept of race and to state the present scientific knowledge on race differences and racial prejudice. Contributors include anthropologists, sociologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, historians, and geneticists.

The roots of racial prejudice—and the relationship of race relations to mental health and psychology—are analyzed. Scientists examine the complex factors leading to prejudice, such as personal advantage, ignorance of other groups of people, and racism, or the "superiority complex."

**Words to Live By**, edited by William Nichols, Simon and Schuster, 1959

This is a companion volume to **The New Dictionary of Thoughts**, reviewed in this column, and is distributed with the **Dictionary of Thoughts** by J. G. Ferguson and Associates, 6 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 2, Ill. Originating in **This Week** magazine in 1947, "Words to Live by" was conceived as a collection of sayings combined with the actual experience of the people who chose them. This collection is designed to add meaning to life for its readers. It is not available at book stores.

**The Joy of Words**, J. G. Ferguson Publishing Company, Chicago, 1960, \$5

The main purpose of this attractive volume, as set forth in the preface, is "to amuse by exposing the reader to many things he has read before and may wish to read again. Perhaps that poem he had to learn, to pass freshman English. . . He may even enjoy re-reading it under different auspices."

Major divisions are: Wisdom, Humor, Benjamin Franklin, History, Beauty, and Business. ■

**Church Chuckles**  
by CARTWRIGHT



REV. TWEEDLE, D.D.

"I'll bet YOU have days when YOUR prayers don't work so good, either!"

# Nuggets of Gold

## Lindbergh Lands at Le Bourget

May 21, 1927

IN SPITE of my speed, the Spirit of St. Louis seems about to stall. My lack of feel alarms me. I've never tried to land a plane without feel before. I want to open the throttle wider, to glide faster, to tauten the controls still more. But—I glance at the dial—the needle points to eighty miles an hour. The Spirit of St. Louis is lightly loaded, with most of its fuel gone. Even at this speed I'll overshoot the lighted area before my tail skid strikes the ground.

No, I'll have to pull the nose higher instead of pushing it down. I'll have to depend on the needle, on judgment more than instinct. I kick rudder and push the stick to one side, just to be sure—yes, controls are taut, there's plenty of speed. And feeling is not completely gone. I still have a little left. I can feel the skid and slip. But the edge of perception is dull, very dull. It's better to come in fast, even if I roll into that black area after I land. And it's better to come in high—there may be poles or chimneys at the field's edge—never depend on obstruction lights—especially when you don't see any.

It's only a hundred yards to the hangars now—solid forms emerging from the night. I'm too high—too fast. Drop wing—left rudder—sideslip—careful—mustn't get anywhere near the stall. I've never landed the Spirit of St. Louis at night before. It would be better to come in straight. But if I don't sideslip, I'll be too high over the boundary to touch my wheels in the area of light. That would mean circling again—still too high.

I push the stick over to a steeper slip, leaving the nose well down—below the hangar roofs now—straighten out—a short burst of the engine—over the lighted area—sod coming up to meet me—deceptive high lights and shadows—careful—easy to bounce when you're tired—still too fast—tail too high—hold off—hold off—

But the lights are far behind—the surface dims—texture of sod is gone—ahead, there's nothing but night—give her the gun and climb for another try?—the wheels touch gently—off again—no, I'll keep contact—ease the stick forward—back on the ground—off—back—the tail skids too—not a bad landing, but I'm beyond the light—can't see anything ahead—like flying in fog—ground loop?—no, still rolling too fast—might blow a tire—the field must be clear—uncomfortable though, jolting into blackness—wish I had a wing light—but too heavy on the take-off—slower, now—slow enough to ground loop safely—left rudder—reverse it—stick over the other way—the Spirit of St. Louis swings around and stops rolling, resting on the solidness of earth, in the center of Le Bourget.

I start to taxi back toward the flood lights and hangars—but the entire field ahead is covered with running figures!—Charles A. Lindbergh, in *Leaves From a Spiritual Notebook*, Thomas S. Kepler, Abingdon Press. ■

### Courage

*The brave man is not he who feels  
no fear,  
For that were stupid and irrational;  
But he whose noble soul its fear  
subdues,  
And bravely dares the danger  
nature shrinks from.  
As for your youth whom blood and  
blows delight,  
Away with them! there is not in  
their crew one valiant spirit.*

—Joanna Baillie

### Tranquillity

*How glad I am to see the sun  
Rise from behind the hill,  
For often in the lonely night  
The darkness seems too still.  
Yet, if I think to say a prayer,  
No matter what the time,  
A peacefulness comes over me,  
The sun begins to shine.*

—Peggy Ann Boggs, Searcy

## Quotes

[From CHRISTIANITY TODAY, May 8]

“WHILE the modern space man's success is measured by the fact that he accomplished his mission by remaining alive; this ‘Other Man in space’ accomplished His mission by becoming ‘obedient unto death’; by dying ‘He abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.’”—From a sermon by Dr. Lee Shane, pastor of National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.

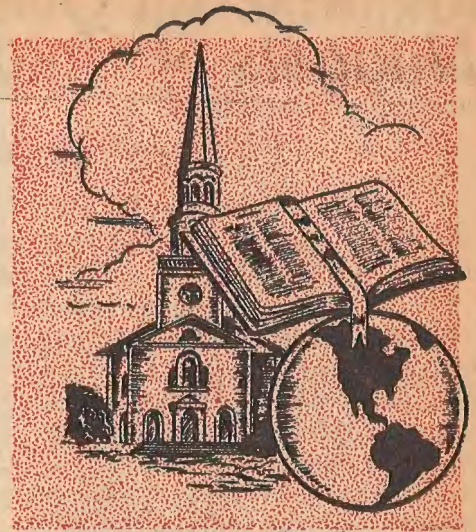
“HAVING lost the clue to man's nature, people in general, even the experts in general have lost the clue to man's deepest need and therefore have only superficial answers . . . what is wrong with man is profoundly and totally wrong so that until he becomes a new kind of creature (let's just call it ‘new birth’) then even his best efforts are always being founded on vanity; ‘except the Lord built, they labor in vain that build.’”—Dr. Addison H. Leitch, Professor of Theology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

“MAN NEEDS desperately to be reconciled to God. The natural man, steeped in the things of this world, a sinner by practice, needs the cleansing, redemption, and empowering which are available through faith in Christ. In other words, man's primary need is salvation and this is the most desperate of all needs.”—From the bi-weekly column of Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Executive Editor.

“AT THE core of the doctrine of creation stands the mighty assertion that the universe is ‘the product of the release of creative energies of an infinitely free and completely holy God, utterly self-sufficient in his being and infinite in his ability to perform that which his heart of love dictates. And in the person of the eternal Son, the activities of creation and redemption meet and conjoin.’”—From an essay by Dr. Harold B. Kuhn, Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Ashbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.

# Election Major Item Known for St. Louis

BY THE BAPTIST PRESS



**M**ORE THAN 15,000 Southern Baptists move into St. Louis May 23-26 to hold their annual Convention.

The major item of business known ahead of time to come to attention of the messengers, from more than 32,000 churches with over 9.7 million members, is the election of a new president succeeding W. Ramsey Pollard of Memphis.

Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Church, has served two successive one-year terms. The Convention constitution forbids reelection after that point.

No one has been formally advanced as a candidate for the presidency but it is almost certain the next president will be a man and a minister. Since no formal announcement of candidacy is required ahead of time, Convention messengers are often kept guessing until the very hour for nominations.

## *Final Address by Pollard*

**P**OLLARD will deliver his final address as Convention president at noon Wednesday, May 24. The Convention opens on Tuesday night, May 23, with the main item on the agenda being the annual Convention Sermon. A. B. VanArsdale, Decatur, Ala., minister pinching for Evangelist Billy Graham, will preach the sermon.

The adoption of a budget on which Southern Baptist Convention agencies will operate during 1962 is another major point of business. The Convention's Executive Committee will recommend a budget basically the same as the one being used in 1961. The operating expense total of the Cooperative Program budget will be the same—\$13,938,500. Only the amount for capital needs would be increased, from \$4,575,000 to \$5,075,000, a half-million dollar gain. This total budget, considered to be the minimum agency needs for operating and expanding, is a proposed \$19,013,500.

## *Several Issues Possible*

**S**EVERAL possible issues lie in the background. Although some have said they will make some of these issues on the floor of the Convention, it can not be predicted with certainty they will be.

Potential newsmaking questions could be:

1. Changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. A recurring issue every year or two, this

question was raised again by Southern Baptist pastors serving churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin. They feel the term "Southern" handicaps the denomination in the North. No substitute name yet suggested appears to be ready for passage.

2. Segregation. This could be a question, but the elements which made this perhaps the most vital issue before the 1954 Convention session in St. Louis are not the same today.

3. Relations with other Baptist groups in North America. Baptists on the continent are at the midway point of a six-year emphasis called the Baptist Jubilee Advance. About 20 million Baptists from seven separate Conventions or Associations are cooperating in this venture. Several reports to the Convention this year deal with this advance. A number of calls have gone out for closer harmony with these groups.

4. A so-called slackened pace in Southern Baptists' rapid growth in numbers, church contributions and church extension. President Ramsey Pollard does not feel such a slackening off is in existence but others have pointed to statistics which they say indicate a slowed pace.

5. The report on church extension. Chairman C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., reporting for the 30,000 Movement, has declared more than 11,000 churches or missions have been established in the Convention since the movement originated with his appeal in 1956 while president of the SBC. His challenge goal: 30,000 new churches or missions over the period 1956-1964.

6. Parochial school aid. Observers of past Conventions, where many resolutions on church-state issues have been passed, would say there is a good chance of some action being proposed at St. Louis in light of Roman Catholic Church leaders' current demands for government tax support for their sectarian schools. Baptists staunchly oppose such aid to themselves and other religions.

7. Choice of meeting place for the 1966 Convention. Kansas City, Mo., and Detroit will be recommended. Since so many hotel and motel rooms are needed to house the messengers, and since much advance preparation goes into the Convention each year, the Convention votes five years ahead on future sites. The Convention has never met in Detroit, while 1963 has already been selected as the date for a return to Kansas City. ■



# Arkansas All Over

## Imboden Church Dedicates Building

IMBODEN Church dedicated its new educational addition Sunday, May 7, with special services featuring an address by a former pastor, Rev. Basil Goff.

The church was organized in 1893. In 1894 it had only eight members who met in a public school building. The first church building was erected in 1896 or 1897. This building was destroyed by a tornado in 1927 and was replaced by a rock building on the same location. In 1940 the second building was leveled by a fire. The present church was built in 1941 with construction on the new educational unit begun in 1960.

Rev. J. C. Smith is pastor. ■

## Storm Damage Reported

FIRST Church, Fayetteville, reports the recent storms resulted in some damage to the church. The wind blew out the large "deacon's window" in the front of the sanctuary "right into the street in a thousand pieces." ■

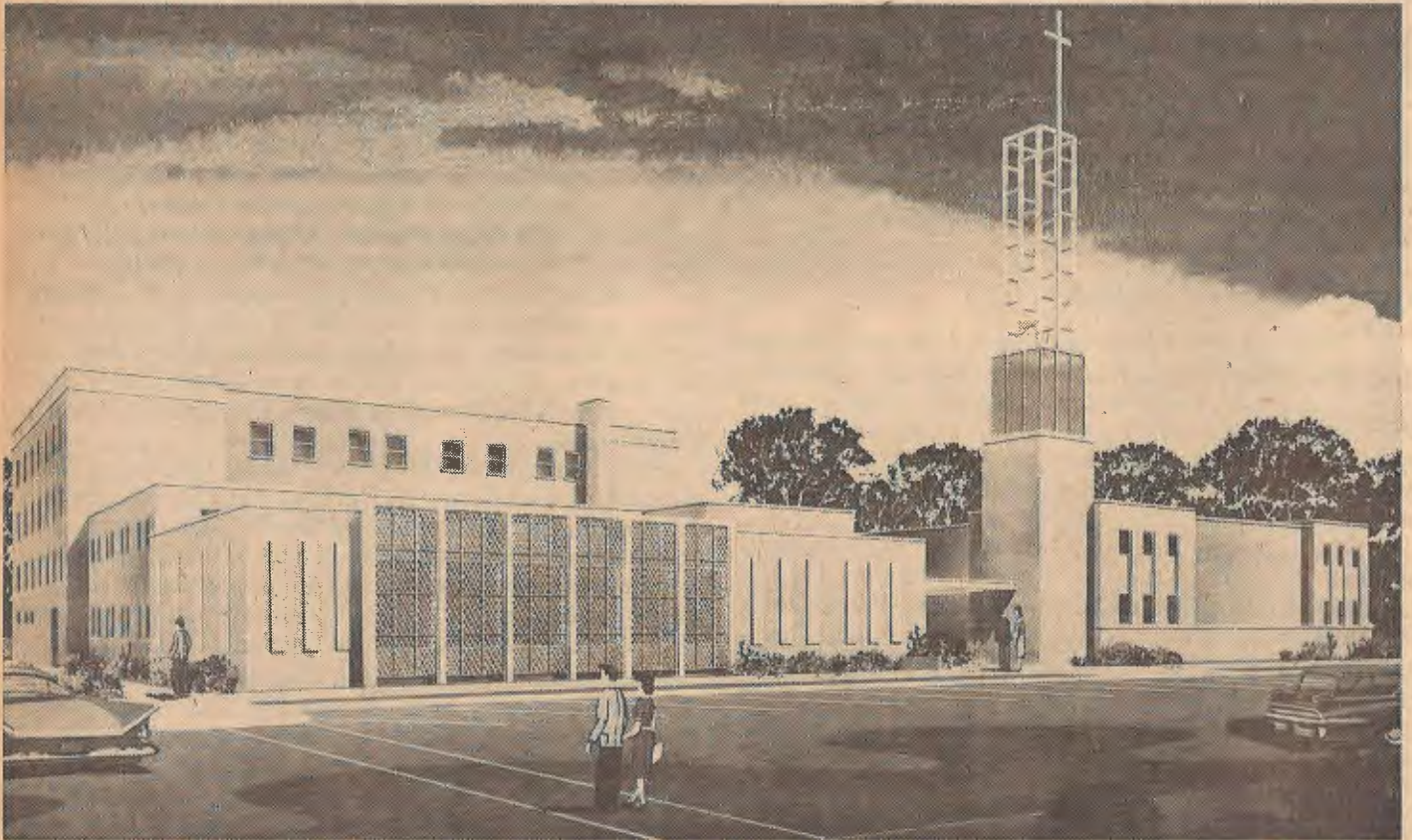
FOUR STUDENTS at Southern Baptist College have been appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, to serve in the 1961 Summer Mission Program. They are Rita Cadwell, sophomore, Hoxie, who will work in California; Joyce Reeves, sophomore, Shirley, who has been assigned to Ohio; Louise Threet, sophomore, Peel, who will go to Missouri, and Joann Casey, sophomore, Piedmont, Mo., who has been placed on the reserve list.

## Norman Church Has Youth Week

FIRST Church, Norman, observed Youth Week April 9-16. Young people in charge of the program were George Burrow, Sunday School superintendent; Frankie Gray, song leader; Douglas Dumont and George Burrow, deacons; Barbara Lybrand, Training Union director and Kay Green, pianist. Margaret Jackson did special songs.

Nathaniel Dutton, a 17-year-old junior at Norman High School, did the preaching. A testimony meeting was led by Paula Gayle Hair and devotional was led by George Burrow.

Lindell Dalrymple is Youth Director and Rev. Walter J. Gilbreath is pastor. ■



*THIS is an architect's drawing of the new educational and chapel building planned by First Church, Pine Bluff. To be built at an approximate cost of \$400,000, the two-story structure will provide classroom space for 1,250, including two Nursery, two Beginner, three Primary, two Intermediate and two Adult departments, a dining-hall seating 300, enlarged library and office space, and a chapel to accommodate 250.*

*Rev. Robert L. Smith is pastor of First Church. Members of the Building Committee are Charles A. Gordon, Jr., chairman; Mrs. W. B. Tatum, Miss Ethel Winters, W. S. Fox, Harold Winger, Wallace McGeorge, Richard E. Booth, B. T. Kaufman, R. K. Glover, Mrs. W. L. Rugg, Mrs. Fred Hyatt, Mrs. F. A. Stringer, Charles R. Bonner, Charles E. McCollum, Pitt Holmes, Stewart Sanders, O. V. Ferguson, Edwin Wollerman, Carl G. Schrader, Frank J. Baker, H. W. Cromer, Mrs. Margaret Gammill, Charles A. Gordon, Hoyt A. Mulkey, Clarence Roberts, Jr., Dr. John Trice and Wilbur C. West. ■*



GROUND breaking ceremonies were held Easter Sunday by First Church, Pocahontas, for a \$70,000 educational building. Church officers who participated are pictured holding shovels (l. to r.): Mrs. Robert Randle, Nursery Department; Mrs. Bill Holobaugh, Primary Department; Mrs. Jimmy Black, Cradle Roll; Mrs. Cona Thomas, Beginners Department; Mrs. Guy Barden, assistant in Junior Department; Mrs. Harry Belford, Young Peoples Department; Mrs. Erman Haynes, Intermediate Department, and Max Poe, Adult Department. Roy Bennett, extreme right, is church treasurer.

Construction is expected to be complete by January, 1962. The three-story addition will include an assembly room, classrooms, a library, a pastor's study and a nursery. Rev. Lawrence Ray is pastor. ■

## First Church, Lepanto Remodels Facilities

FIRST Church, Lepanto, has just completed a \$10,000 interior remodeling program. This included expansion of the seating facilities in the auditorium, and especially created choir loft designed for the 30-voice junior choir adjacent to the adult choir, an area designed especially for the seating of families during funeral services, affording them complete privacy, central heating and air-conditioning and remodeling of the auditorium and church kitchen and dining room area.

The church was in revival April 23-30 with Billy Walker as evangelist and M. G. Smith, its music director, leading the music. There were 63 professions of faith and six additions by letter and state-Rev. Jeff Campbell is pastor of First Church. ■

## Special Program Planned

REV. Amos Greer, Pine Bluff, president of the Former Students Association, Southern Baptist College, has announced that the alumni will give special recognition to the graduates of the first and 10th graduating classes of Southern Baptist College at the 20th commencement exercises May 22.

Rev. Homer Bradley, pastor of First Church, Earle, and a member of the first graduating class of Southern Baptist, will be alumni speaker. ■

## Eubanks Honored

IMMANUEL Church, Ft. Smith, honored Dr. S. W. Eubanks, May 9 on the occasion of his 8th anniversary as the church's pastor. The church Brotherhood arranged a special "appreciation" program. ■

## OBC Student Body President Named

JOHNNY Jackson, Waldo, has been elected president of the student body of Ouachita College.

Salih Shibley, Nazareth, Israel, was elected first vice president: Ed Lawhon, Little Rock, second vice president; Rebecca Robertson, Jonesboro, secretary, and Don Wood, Hot Springs, treasurer. Class presidents elected included Charles Petty, England, senior class; Boo Heflin, Little Rock, junior class, and David Tucker, McGehee, sophomore class.

Lloyd Pearcy, Norwalk, Calif., was selected as editor of the *Signal*, the campus newspaper, while Brian Nelson, Lonoke, was named editor of the *Ouachitonian*, the yearbook. Linda Tyson, Dermott, was chosen business manager of the *Signal*, while her brother, James Tyson, was elected business manager of the *Ouachitonian*. ■

## East Side, Paragould Plans Homecoming

EAST Side Church, Paragould, and its pastor, Rev. Lendol Jackson, invite all former members and pastors to a Homecoming Sunday, May 28. Lunch will be served at the church after morning worship and a special program will be given in the afternoon. There will be special recognition of charter members of the church.

East Side closed a revival April 9 with 35 additions and several rededications. Rev. Jesse Holcomb of Monticello was the evangelist and Buck Rogers was song leader. ■

## Fellowship Church Reports Progress

FELLOWSHIP Church, Witcherville, reports recent redecoration of the outside of its sanctuary and construction of a new vestibule and restrooms. Future plans include repainting of the outside of the Sunday School rooms and new screens for all windows.

The church was in revival April 10-16 with Charles Fannin, pastor of Pinecrest Church, Linden, Tex., the evangelist and Wesley Hogue, Atlanta, Tex., leading the music. There were 10 additions by baptism. Rev. E. B. Lancaster is pastor. ■

## New Youth Director

BEECH Street Church, Texarkana, will have a new youth director June 1. Miss Maud Brasfield, youth director at First Church, Midland, Tex., has accepted a call from Beech Street. ■

REV. and Mrs. Billy B. Tisdale, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines, have a new daughter, Pamela Gaye, their third child, born March 17. They may be addressed, Philippine Baptist Mission, New Tarlac Heights Addition, Tarlac, Philippines. He is a native of El Dorado.

## Ragland to Florida

REV. Charles F. Ragland, pastor of Sherwood Church, North Little Rock, for the past five years, has resigned to become pastor of Main Street Church in Leesburg, Florida. ■

## Ouachita to Grant Honorary Degrees

OUACHITA College will confer honorary degrees on three persons at its spring commencement.

The doctor of laws degree will be conferred on Marvin A. Green, Stephens, former chairman of Ouachita's trustees.

Another doctor of laws degree will be conferred on Miss Emma C. Riley, Little Rock. Now retired, Miss Riley was a schoolteacher. She, too, was a member of Ouachita's board of trustees.

The doctor of divinity degree will go to Loyce Neil Nelson, Texarkana, missionary to Japan. ■

## Arkansans to Washington State

REV. and Mrs. Raymond H. Reed have accepted a call to First Church, Dishman, near Spokane, Wash. Mr. Reed, who was born and reared in northwest Arkansas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed of Hindsville. He attended Ouachita College and graduated from the University of Arkansas. He received his BD from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. Mrs. Reed is the former Norene Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Allen of Searcy. ■

REV. and Mrs. Lowell E. Ledford, Southern Baptist missionaries to Peru, have returned to the States for furlough. Their address is 5131 Cantrell Rd., Little Rock. He is a native of Conway. Mrs. Ledford is the former Shirley Stephan, of Little Rock.

MISS Martha Hairston, Southern Baptist missionary now on furlough from North Brazil, has returned from Hawthorne, Calif., to Warren, where her address is Rte. 2, Box 516.

## Revivals

FIRST Church, Walnut Ridge has just closed a revival with Rev. Bill Sewell, pastor of First Church, Searcy, as the evangelist and Gayle Bone leading the singing. There were eight additions by letter, 17 by profession of faith, and eight rededications. Rev. W. H. Heard is pastor.

DR. RALPH Dodd, pastor of Greenwood Church, conducted a revival April 10-21 at First Church of Carmi, Ill. There were 28 professions of faith and over 50 rededications.

PERRYVILLE Church has just completed a very successful revival with Rev. Jesse Reed as evangelist and Pat Mehaffey as song leader. Record crowds attended, with 170 in Sunday School, five more than enrollment. There were 15 additions by baptism and five by letter. Rev. L. B. Gustavus is pastor.

TRINITY Church, Blytheville, was in revival April 10-19 with Rev. Bill Lewis as the evangelist and Jimmie Lee Stevens leading the singing. There were 30 professions of faith, 26 additions by baptism, six by letter and one by statement. One person surrendered for special service. Rev. Henry Applegate is pastor.

JESSE S. Reed was the evangelist for a revival April 2-9, at First Church, Warren, Rev. W. E. Speed, pastor. Mark Short, Sr., Arkadelphia, was song leader. There were 21 additions by baptism and six by letter, nine professions of faith not joining and 13 rededications.

FIRST Church, Paris, Rev. Tommie Hinson, pastor, has just completed a revival with Dr. Warren Hultgren as evangelist and Sam Allen leading the music. There were 18 additions, 10 by baptism, and eight by letter.

## Clear Creek Association

Paul E. Wilhelm, Missionary

UNION Grove Church, near Clarksville, has added two new departments to its Sunday School. The church, organized in 1876, will conduct its first Vacation Bible School this year. Rev. John Woodward is pastor.

## Revivals

ELMDALE Church, Springdale, which was constituted April 2 with 81 members, conducted a revival April 16-30 with the pastor, Rev. Weldon I. Barnett, preaching, and Jim Maloch, student at the University of Arkansas, directing the music. There were 13 additions to the church, 10 for baptism and three by letter, making additions for the month 24 and bringing total charter membership to 105.

TEN were baptized after a week-long revival at Winslow Church. Pastor Bill Massey was the evangelist. There were 25 decisions, four by profession of faith other than those being baptized. Gerald Bishop led the singing, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Bradley, and special music was furnished by the young people.

FIRST Church, Hoxie, recently completed a revival led by Evangelist Alvis Moore of Pine Bluff. There were 17 professions of faith, one by letter, and one for special service. Rev. Ralph M. Cadwell is pastor.

HARLAN Abel, pastor of Towson Avenue Church, Fort Smith, was the evangelist for a recent revival meeting in First Southern Baptist Church, Manhattan, Kansas. The Manhattan pastor, Rev. Robert L. Hartsell, former minister of education at South Side Church, Ft. Smith, led the music. There were five professions of faith, three united by letter, and 15 came for rededication.



WESTERN Grove Mission, sponsored through the cooperation of Boone County Association and First Church, Harrison, took the first step toward construction of its church building with ground-breaking services Sunday afternoon, April 30.

The mission plans a concrete block structure with rooms for educational purposes. Rev. Paul Taylor is the mission pastor. Dennis James is associational missionary and Rev. Roy B. Hilton is pastor of First Church, Harrison. ■

## Central Association

Hugh Owen, Missionary

REVIVAL reports:

Rev. James Heard, pastor of Leonard St. Church, reports a good revival with eight additions by baptism and one by letter. Derrel Watkins was the evangelist.

Rev. Roy Simpson, pastor, First Southern Church, reports a good revival with nine additions by baptism and two by statement. Rev. M. E. Wiles did the preaching.

The Harvey's Chapel Church reports three baptisms as the result of their revival. Lex Eaker was the evangelist. Rev. W. L. Peppers is pastor.

Ridgecrest Church reports 11 by baptism and two by letter as a result of their revival. Bobby Denton was the evangelist. Loy Garner is pastor.

Park Place Church reports five for baptism and four by letter from their revival. Dr. S. A. Whitlow was evangelist and LeRoy McClard had charge of the music. Dexter Blevins is pastor.

Trinity Church reports six by baptism and six by letter. Rev. J. C. Myers was the evangelist. Rev. Eddie McCord is pastor.

REV. Robert Feazel resigned as pastor of Gilead Church April 9. He had pastored the church for about 1½ years. He is a student at Ouachita College.

REV. W. L. Brock resigned as pastor of Gravel Hill Church effective May 7. He has been pastor for more than two years. The church made good progress under his leadership, adopting the six point record system in Sunday School, putting the *Arkansas Baptist* in the budget, redecorating the church interior, and planning a VBS this year.

FAITH Church has bought a parsonage, immediately across Hazel Street from the church. It is a two-bedroom frame house.

REV. Oscar Huston has accepted the call of Mountain Pine Church. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and has had some work in the seminary at Ft. Worth. He formerly pastored Hickory Grove Church in Harmony Association. We welcome him, his wife, and their three children to our Association.

# Missionary Family Marks an Anniversary

**T**HE SEVENTH child, a boy, was born to the James W. P. Moores in a log cabin in the hills of north Arkansas. He wasn't to be the last child, but he, named Jay Walter Clark Moore, was to become the only preacher and full-time Christian worker of the couple's ten children.

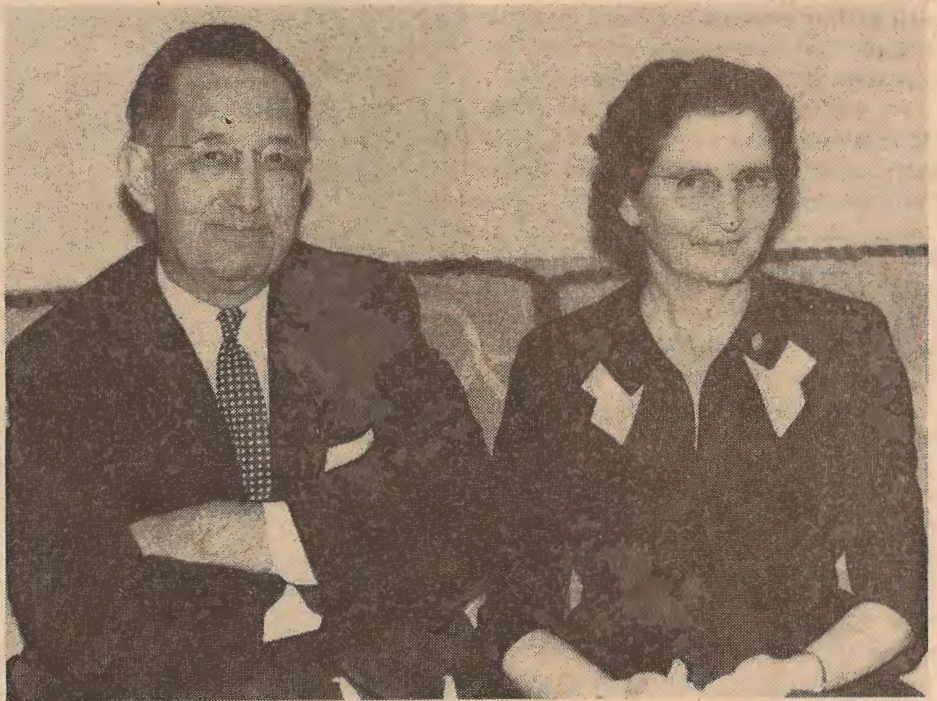
At the age of 18 came the conversion of young Moore in a rural church, the Concord Baptist, in the hills northeast of Van Buren under the ministry of Rev. Silas A. Haley, and also his call to the ministry, with a full surrender to that call four years later before he entered Mountain Home Baptist College, deep in the Ozark mountains of Arkansas.

Here, as a ministerial student, on Sundays young Moore ministered to the spiritual needs of the mountain people far back in the dense Ozark forests 20 miles from the school. The teen-age lad from the farm fell in love with the rugged, mountain people, and the first year in school he dedicated his life's work to the rural people in the hills and mountains. Twenty-five years as an associational missionary have been spent with the people in the Cookson Hills of eastern Oklahoma and the Ozark mountains in Arkansas.

## **Mrs. Moore Was Born to It**

**M**RS. MOORE, the former Maxie Johnson, daughter of Teman Johnson of Hagarville, Arkansas, was born, it seems, to be a rural missionary. She spent her first 12 years, grade through high school, in the Hagarville Baptist Academy, a mountain school jointly supported by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Mission Board of the Arkansas State Convention. Here in the academy, [the school and Baptist church were located in the same building] Mrs. Moore was converted as a Sunbeam. Miss Ruth Gilbert, the Sunbeam leader and a teacher in the academy, was also a foreign mission volunteer.

For 25 years Mrs. Moore has thrilled at the many activities conducted by her husband and herself. Although childless the Moores have loved the thousands of children with whom they have worked—an estimated 50,000 in Vacation Bible Schools, RA and GA Camps, revival meetings, summer assemblies and study courses. They have seen hundreds of these children become pastors, foreign missionaries, nurses, surgeons, deacons, Sunday-school teachers and happy Christian parents. Their "children" are scattered all around the world.



*MISSIONARY Jay W. C. Moore and Mrs. Moore in a rare moment of repose at their home in Ft. Smith.*

The couple has spent 263 weeks working with 16,272 children in 187 vacation schools. They have conducted 49 associational VBS Clinics with 6,339 workers attending from 773 churches in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and California. The Moores feel that one of their greatest contributions to child life and the cause of Christ has been through the vacation schools and clinics.

They are extremely distressed in the increase from year to year in juvenile delinquency and feel strongly that more and better Bible Schools will cut down on crimes committed by children. The Moores have kept up with thousands of their Bible School children and out of the 16,000 with whom they have worked, they only know of two children who were arrested and sent to reform schools for breaking the laws.

## **10,401 Talks and Sermons**

**T**HE MISSIONARIES have spent 272 weeks conducting 156 revival meetings. There have been, in all of their services, 2,336 coming into the churches for baptism and 403 coming by letter or a total of 2,739 additions to the churches. Mr. Moore has preached 2,643 sermons in the 25 years, and he and Mrs. Moore have made 7,758 talks or a total of 10,401 talks and sermons.

Missionary Moore has written and dictated 11,943 personal letters besides the thousands of form letters and the monthly news letter, which contains four pages and goes out to 800 church officers and leaders each

month. He has held 11,946 group and individual conferences on dozens of subjects. The missionary stated that when he began his service as a missionary in 1925, no one counseled with him about anything. Today he counsels with hundreds of men each year about everything. The big majority of the conferences today are with pulpit committees and chairmen of these committees. He also counsels with scores of pastors each year who are wanting to go to new fields as pastors.

Both the missionaries find some time for writing. Mrs. Moore has had her ideas on Junior work published in the Southern Baptist Training Union Magazine. She also edited a 16-page booklet for the Oklahoma State WMU which was studied by women in all of the Oklahoma churches during the week of prayer for state missions. Mr. Moore has had several one-page articles published in 20 of the Southern Baptist weekly papers that have a combined circulation of 700,000. He has contributed hundreds of church news articles to nine of the larger daily papers in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Brother and Mrs. Moore have served as missionaries on five different fields: Clear Creek, Faulkner, and Concord Associations in Arkansas and Pawnee-

Creek and Muskogee associations in Oklahoma.

Currently Mrs. Moore is serving as state Mission Study director for the Arkansas state WMU. Mr. Moore, other than his regular responsibilities as pulpit supply, teacher in study courses, and other local activities, is serving as director of the Concord Seminary Center, in which there are currently enrolled 42 young ministers in two classes. He also serves as director of the annual summer Youth Assembly each year.

### *A Million Miles of Travel*

THE MISSIONARY says he really gets dizzy when he thinks of the number of miles he has traveled during the 25 years. He has traveled *one million miles* by train, plane, street car, taxi, bus and car. He has worn out 10 automobiles in traveling that million miles. He says he will leave the next million up to some younger preacher who will be taking his place within a few years.

An informal, open house was held for their friends of all faiths on Sunday afternoon, May 14, in Ft. Smith to celebrate their 25th anniversary in association mission work. ■

### Globetrotting with Ginny . . .

# Hendricks' Warmed By Yugoslav Church

By VIRGINIA HARRIS HENDRICKS

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia (BP) —Our motor trip through Yugoslavia was not landing us in Novi



MRS. HENDRICKS

Sad on Sunday. We had little hope of finding mid-week services in this far away place on Wednesday evening. But that is just what happened!

We arrived at the Baptist church 30 minutes early. The "sisters" were having their meeting in the auditorium. I hoped to sit in on a Yugoslavian "WMU," but they were having closing prayer.

Later, our children and I took seats on a rear bench. We felt the curious glances thrown our way. My husband was escorted to a pew seat beside the minister.

I learned later their earnest conversation was an apology, on the minister's part, that my layman-husband could not be invited to bring the message due to state laws. And an assurance, on the

part of my capable but very un-talkative spouse, that he did not feel slighted at all!

Our drive through Yugoslavia had been thrilling, full of discoveries and adventures. Very seldom had we met people who were genuinely friendly toward us. Due to hotel shortages, we had spent one night in a private home where we were coldly received.

In Novi Sad we found all the love and friendliness that had been lacking elsewhere! Every person present shook the hands of all five of us. Some claimed kinship other than our Baptist bond. "I have a sister living in California!" "My son is working in America!"

We did not understand the sermon, but the hymn tunes were familiar. We followed the Yugoslav words in the hymnals. The prayers were fervent and moving. Though our languages were different, our family all knew we had been in a Baptist prayer meeting when we left Novi Sad Baptist Church! ■

### **'If Baptists Fail . . .'**

IF OUR Baptist denomination fails in its worldwide program, our churches will be responsible. If the Cooperative Program is endangered, missions, Christian education, and benevolence, including hospitals, Children's Homes, seminaries, and Homes for Aging People, all of which have endeared themselves to our hearts, will be the losers, as well as the churches themselves.

What can your church do to decrease these dangers? First, cease placing designations in the church budget for objects already in the Cooperative Program. Second, meet its obligations to our denominational program with a greater percentage of all offering-plate dollars; and then send the amount through the Cooperative Program for the challenging opportunities which we as Baptists face *today*. Third, let the local church spend less on itself and thus prove not only to itself but to the world that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

—M. A. Huggins, in *Biblical Recorder* (N. C.)

BY THE BAPTIST PRESS

## Jamaican Crusade Reports Success



THE team of 90 Southern Baptist evangelists in Jamaica, British West Indies, report more than 4,800 decisions at the mid-point of the Jamaica crusade. Seen at the orientation program in Montego Bay, Jamaica are (from l. to r.): Dr. David E. Mason, one of the directors of the crusade, and pastor of First Church, Alice, Tex.; Jamaican pastor, S. H. Helwig; Dr. Henry Stokes, First Church, Macon, Ga., and Rev. Don Bryson, First Church, Joplin, Mo.

### Gobles Reach Guam

REV. and Mrs. Harry A. Goble, first Southern Baptist missionaries to Guam, arrived on that island April 4. They will work primarily among English-speaking people, with Mr. Goble pastoring a Baptist mission already established.

Composed largely of American military personnel and their families, the mission is currently meeting for worship in a U. S. Navy chapel and for Sunday school and Training Union in a house across the street. Mr. and Mrs. Goble may be addressed c/o Ardmore Baptist Mission, P. O. Box 2106, Agana, Guam.

### Minister to Indians

TWO Arkansas laymen will visit the San Blas islands off the coast of Panama this summer to minister to the medical and dental needs of the Indian inhabitants.

The two-week trip of Dr. John H. Miller, Camden physician, and Dr. James Sawyer, Benton dentist, was arranged by the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two years ago the same laymen spent 14 days pulling 650 teeth and treating the ailments of 750 persons on the small group of 50 islands.

### 4,800 Decisions

#### In West Indies

AT THE half-way point in a simultaneous crusade on the island of Jamaica, British West Indies, more than 4,800 decisions were reported.

Among the more than ninety Southern Baptist evangelists led by Dr. David E. Mason, pastor of First Church, Alice, Tex., and Rev. J. P. Owens, pastor of First Church, Nederland, Tex., are two from Arkansas.

The Arkansas ministers participating are Rev. Charles D. Graves, pastor, First Church, Van Buren, and Rev. H. B. Fuller, pastor, Junction City Church.

Rev. Jack Stanton, associate director of the evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, says of the crusade: "These meetings have been held for nine years, but this is the most extensively planned and the largest. Last year there were over 2,800 additions to the churches."

The Evangelism Committee of the Jamaica Baptist Union has invited Southern Baptist ministers to conduct crusades since 1953 with the churches in the United States paying the expenses of the minister. Pastor and Baptist writer Dr. David E. Mason and Rev. Owens, who have directed the crusades for several years, are again representing the Evangelism Committee, leading evangelists from 18 states in this greatest crusade.

Jamaica, the largest and most valuable Caribbean island of the British West Indies, has a population of 1,600,000. Baptists on Jamaica received their start from a freed United States slave in 1782. The Baptist Missionary Society of Great Britain sent missionaries between 1814 and 1842. Jamaica Baptists now have an autonomous denomination, with 250 churches but only 50 ministers. "Their ministers are well-educated, alert, and progressive," said Mason, "but they need more young men to dedicate themselves to train for the ministry."

The crusade was concluded April 30.

## Becomes Senior College

OFFICIAL announcement of the plans of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., to become a senior college has been made by Dean Ralph M. Lee. The Baptist college dean said, "Mars Hill will begin its senior college program by adding the third year in the fall of 1962 and the fourth year at the beginning of the 1963 fall term."

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## Cubans Reelect Pena

LUIS M. Gonzalez Pena, pastor of the Baptist church at Santa Clara, Cuba, was reelected president of the Cuban Baptist Convention.

Reports to the convention showed 85 churches in the four western provinces where Baptist work is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Baptisms in the churches were reported at 611, and gifts to all purposes were more than \$205,000, and \$33,000 was designated for mission work on the island.

Herbert Caudill of Havana, superintendent of Baptist work for the mission board, reported an evangelistic service during the convention attracted 1500. More than 130 responded to an invitation to accept Christ.

"Among those attending was the commissioned or mayor of the municipality of Caibarien," Caudill said. "He showed interest during the sermon, and remained for further instruction of what it means to be a Christian."

## Cuban Work Continues

A SOUTHERN Baptist missionary to Cuba, writing in the aftermath of the invasion, said Baptist work there is continuing uninterrupted and the missionaries are "fine."

The letter to the *Christian Index* was from Mrs. David J. Fite who with her husband was appointed by the Home Mission Board in 1960. She is the former Margaret Caudill whose parents, the Herbert Caudills, have been serving in Cuba since 1939.

"If half of the money and energy which was spent on the recent invasion had been spent on evangelism all over this island, there is no telling what would happen. People everywhere are eager and hungry for God's word."

She added there are "very few" refusals of the Bible and "those who have refused were members of the hard-core communist party." Mrs. Fite said concerning the political-military situation "this is a battle for men's minds and hearts and cannot be fought with dollars and weapons."

## Sampey Receives Award

DR. JOHN R. Sampey Jr., professor of chemistry at Furman University, has been selected as one of the six recipients of the 1961 national College Chemistry Teacher Awards by the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc. Dr. Sampey will receive the MCA Medal and Citation and a check for \$1,000.

Dr. Sampey's father was a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., for more than 60 years and was president of the seminary for a number of years. His mother, Annie Renfro Sampey, the daughter of a chaplain in Gen. Robert E. Lee's army, was a graduate of the New England Conservatory in Boston.

## Hong Kong Meeting

THE SECOND Orient Missions Conference, held in Hong Kong Mar. 20-30, brought together 66 Baptist leaders from all over east and southeast Asia for intensive study and discussion of Baptist mission work. Forty-five of the conference members were Southern Baptist missionaries and 21 were Asian Baptists representing churches or conventions in Korea, Japan, Taiwan (Formosa), Hong Kong, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, and Pakistan.

The over-all emphasis of the conference was on gospel outreach and church growth. All participants were united in seeking new ways to give the gospel to all the area more rapidly and to develop better and stronger churches.

The first such Orient Missions Conference was held in Hong Kong in 1957. The Foreign Mission Board also sponsored similar conferences in the Latin-American area in 1956 and 1959.

## Arkansan Takes Office

CARLOS J. R. Smith, administrator of the hospital at Helena, Ark., was installed as president of Midwest Hospital Association succeeding C. E. Copeland, St. Louis, administrator, Missouri Baptist Hospital. The association met in Kansas City, Mo. ■



By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON  
(Author of the book, "Sir, I Have A Problem," at your Baptist Book Store.)

**Mixed Marriage**

QUESTION: I am a Baptist and my wife is Church of Christ. We have three small children. My

wife won't go to church with me nor allow my children to do so. Periodically she goes to her church and leaves the children with me.

She says that I should join her church. I think that it is the woman's place to go with her husband if he is church minded. What do you think of this?



DR. HUDSON

ANSWER: I feel sorry for your poor little children. They stand a pretty good chance of being confused about religion.

Personally, I think each of you is trying to control the other and somebody has to come up with a sensible, adult solution if this marriage is to be made a good one.

In mixed marriages, couples usually find one of three solutions. One, they talk out their differences and join the church that is nearest their own deep, personal beliefs. Two, they find a third church on which they can agree. Three, each goes to his own church and they leave the children free as they get older to decide which church they prefer.

If both of you are real Christians there ought to be some reasonable solution. ■

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# On The Agenda for SBC Messengers

[The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has under preparation an "organizational manual" which, when completed, will set forth all Convention programs as assigned to various Convention agencies. The following article is one of several based on program structures which will come under consideration when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in St. Louis, Mo., May 23-26.]

By THE BAPTIST PRESS

## The Education Commission

THE EDUCATION Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has a major responsibility for conducting studies of higher education in the denomination, recruiting teachers for Baptist colleges and serving as a central source of information about Baptist schools.

Among the studies the Education Commission should conduct are those in curriculum and administrative matters, enrolment trends both in Baptist schools and in other colleges and universities, recruiting students and teachers for the 71 Southern Baptist schools and those in which it gives advice to the school making the survey.

It should provide material bringing together the views of leaders in Christian higher education, such as the *Southern Baptist Educator*, which it now publishes monthly.

It should work directly with state conventions in planning higher education advances. [The commission itself operates no schools; except for six SBC seminaries which themselves are separate agencies, schools are financed by state Baptist groups.] It should also work directly with individual schools in institutes, workshops and conferences.

It should keep abreast of major trends in higher education, informing Baptist educators of significant developments. It would encourage Baptist young peo-

ple in a desire to teach in Baptist colleges. It would take advantage of numerous opportunities to press the claims of the teaching profession.

It would continue to organize the annual Conventionwide emphasis on Christian higher education. It would maintain an up-to-date Campus Directory of Southern Baptist Schools as requested and financed by the colleges.

The Education Commission also would provide liaison between Baptist colleges and the agencies of the SBC having specialized vocational choice programs. It would help relate Southern Baptist colleges to these programs.

Its objective, as stated, would be:

"The Education Commission shall assist the Southern Baptist Convention in the propagation of the gospel by (1) constantly apprising Southern Baptists as to the objectives, needs, and values of Christian higher education especially as it is related to and needed in the provision of Christian enterprise; (2) conducting varied services to enable schools and colleges to function more in the affairs of the denomination, and to maintain a higher degree of efficiency in their educational undertakings. Pursuit of this objective should be with the conviction that Baptist interests should be served in Baptist schools and colleges, under Baptist ownership and control, and supported all or in part by Baptist tithes and offerings." ■

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### To Last-Minute Folks: Come On To St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (BP)—"Come on to the Convention."

That's the word from Mack R. Douglas, pastor of the city's Tower Grove Baptist Church and general arrangements chairman for the forthcoming 1961 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He believes there'll be room for those who made last-minute decisions to come. A number of cancellations of reservations has opened space in some hotels, although there are waiting lists to refill some of these.

In addition a number of homes still are available to house Conventiongoers as guests, according to Douglas. ■

## DEPARTMENTS

### New BSU State Officers



*STATE OFFICERS for the Baptist Student Union were elected at the Spring Planning Conference recently held at Ferncliff. Those elected were Johnny Jackson, Waldo, from Ouachita Baptist College, president; Sandy Young, Parkin, from the University of Arkansas School of Nursing, secretary; and Bob Worley, Piedmont, Mo., from Arkansas A & M, vice president.*

#### Sunday School

#### Church Literature

"FOR BRINGING lives closer to God," was the heading on a new publication our Baptist Sunday School



MRS. HUMPHREY

Board has published for us. As we are aware, Southern Baptists are blessed with the best in literature to assist in teaching the Word. Not one age group or department is forgotten when it comes to the printed page. Without these purposeful helps we could not present God's truths as we do, from the youngest to the oldest, in such an interesting manner. Teaching has been defined as, "Changing lives through the word of God, according to the standards of Jesus Christ."

Let's look at some of these publications edited and written by those who are particularly interested in the individual teaching needs: The Sunday School Builder, monthly, gives leaders the "want-to" and "know-how" needed to make a good Sunday School. The Intermediates in the Sunday School down through the Primary department have two sets of literature, closely graded where there is one department for each age and group graded when there

are not enough boys and girls to have separate departments and they are graded according to age groups.

Both of these lesson courses are written with the boys and girls in mind. Primary and 9 and 10-year Juniors are blessed with Superintendent manuals that are published each quarter and coincide with the lesson courses. More are in the making for other age groups.

The Sunday School and home work together—are you using the wonderful helps for parents? Junior and Primary Parents' letters are to be taken into the home each quarter. Then there is "Living With Children" for parents of children under four, explaining the work of the various nursery organizations of the church and enabling home and church to work together effectively. We must not forget the four series of "Messages to Cradle Roll Parents," one of our home departments. Each age group has beautiful and meaningful colored pictures to be used with the lesson materials.

Lest we forget we must mention the many free helps that are yours for the asking—contact our office. "Home Life" and "Open Window" are devotional publications that you won't want to miss if you have not been using them.

May we avail ourselves of these outstanding publications written and designed to assist us in using the very best teaching methods—then use them. —Mary Emma Humphrey, State Elementary Director ■



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## Race Relations

### Summer Camps for Negro Children

IT IS TIME again to promote our Summer Camps for Negro Baptist boys and girls. As you perhaps know, these two camps represent the only church-sponsored encampments for Negro children conducted by any denomination in the state of Arkansas.



DR. HART

God has richly blessed our encampment programs since their beginning several years ago. Many boys and girls have found Christ as their personal Savior. Many others have surrendered to God's call to full-time Christian service; some to be missionaries, some to be preachers, and others in various fields of service. We believe we have already lined up the best leadership personnel for this summer available in the state of Arkansas.

To supplement the fine dedicated, mature, adult leadership we will be using the six Baptist College student summer mission workers recently appointed by the Home Mission Board to work with us this summer. (You will be reading more about the Summer Mission Program in a later article.)

We would like to appeal to the readers of the **Arkansas Baptist** to lend your encouragement to worthy Negro Baptist children to attend the camp this year. This could become a very worthy project for a Sunday school class, a Missionary Society, or some other group within your church. Some of our churches and Baptist individuals have, in recent years, found a real blessing in making it possible for one or more children to attend the encampments.

We rent the Methodist Aldersgate Campground, and pay the owners \$12 per camper, per week. Our Department pays \$3.50 on the cost of the first 75 boys and the first 75 girls to register for their respective camps.

This consideration is made possible largely by the generous contribution coming from the state WMU in support of our camping program. The balance of \$8.50 per week, per camper, must be paid by the individual camper, his church, or some other interested party.

The date for the Girls' Camp this year is June 26 through June 30. The Boys' Camp is July 10 through July 14. Our office will be happy to provide additional information concerning the camps.—Clyde Hart, Director ■

## Brotherhood

### The Price of Freedom

SOMEONE has said: "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom." Even when freedom is won at the terrific cost of bloodshed, those who follow after must remain alert and awake and watching, if freedom is to be preserved and enjoyed.

Compromise is the first step down to the surrender of freedom. For instance, Socialism is about half-way down the road toward Communism. Political compromises start a nation down the road towards loss of freedom and all of freedom's privileges. But this article is not about Socialism or Communism. It is about compromise.

Several years ago the Brotherhoods of the Southern Baptist Convention took over the operation of the Royal Ambassador work with boys. Under the leadership of the men the work has grown tremendously, all over the Southern Baptist Convention. There has been however, one serious hindrance and that is that it takes spiritually-minded men to head and to lead a spiritual work. And Royal Ambassador work is a spiritual work with boys.

There has been, and still is, a dearth of such men, because so many Baptist men are civic-minded rather than spiritually-minded; and thus they can see a civic movement more readily than one that is spiritual. A man's viewpoints are naturally determined by where he is and where he lives.

All of the above is written simply to introduce the fact that a terrific battle is shaping up over the issue of whether the Southern Baptist Convention is (or is not) going to put its approval on the sponsorship of Boy Scout troops by Baptist Churches, and on the giving of the "God and Country Award."

The author of this article believes from his heart that the best organization for Southern Baptist boys is the Southern Baptist Convention's organization for Baptist boys, and that is the Royal Ambassador organization.

The author believes that the Royal Ambassador movement has in it all that all other worthy boys' organizations have, plus Christ. And Christ makes the difference!

For the Southern Baptist Convention to put its approval on a competing boys' organization would hurt tremendously the efforts of spiritually minded men to lead boys into those spiritual activities that make up the Royal Ambassador program. For our Convention to yield to the terrific pressures from leaders in the Boy Scout movement and descend to the compromise of putting denominational approval upon a civic organization as one worthy to put alongside the Royal Ambassador movement, would mean a terrific defeat for those who need all possible freedom to develop and promote a program that is designed to lay hold of boys for God, build them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and point them towards God's will for their lives in conduct, in work, and in service to others.

Remembering Paul's admonition, "that ye may approve things that are excellent," let us all vote to stay free of all entangling alliances!—Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Department ■

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**"Meet Me In St. Louis"**

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of addresses as requested, and supplying our printers with mailing lists from the plates each week. That's just about full time.

Much of the routine handling of copy, layout, proofreading, etc., is done by the printers, who have been printing the Baptist paper for 17 years.

If anyone asks what the editor does—well, we are back where we started.

It certainly is good to be back in Arkansas. But you have to be careful here where people can understand what you say.

*Edwin L. McDonald*

Letters

(Continued from page 5)

Catholic Church has a mighty influence. . . .

Another difficulty comes from the fact that many of the Southerners with whom we should be working have come here to make money, not to build churches.

The third reason church growth is difficult stems from the fact that money is hard to get for the purchase of property and the construction of buildings. . . .

Most of our churches here in Michigan raise their money with the sale of church bonds. Even so, these have been most difficult to place. Many bonds in our state have been sold to our brethren in the South. Such purchases of bonds at the rate of 6 percent interest is not only a good investment but a mission endeavor as well. Our state convention . . . has a fund which secures every bond issued by the churches in our convention. This fund is kept alive by the deposit by each church of 3% of the issue of bonds which the church floats.

Our church here is about two years old. Since its beginning, the church has been trying to purchase a suitable church site. Until recently this looked like a hopeless case, mainly because of the high price of property in this city. However, because the Home Mission Board selected Detroit as another "Big City," we have been able to purchase property.

What a marvelous thing this has been for our church. Adjacent to the property which the Home Mission Board has purchased for us, we have been able to buy a lot with the sale of church bonds. On this we plan to construct our first educational unit. However, we must sell about \$15,000 worth of bonds to do this.—Roy G. Adams, 25428 Dartmouth, Inkster, Mich.

Bumpuses Report

WE HAVE had a very busy time during the past few months. After a very enjoyable Christmas season which the H. V. Davis family spent with us, we went to our Mission Meeting for a week where we were able to discuss many problems and make plans for the advancement of our work here. Then we had a week's vacation at the beach with the Davises.

During the months of February and March we have engaged in the very "enjoyable" task of packing and getting ready to move. The Foreign Mission Board at its March meeting voted that we move to Rio to become All Brazil auditor and then serve as substitute treasurer when the present treasurer, Bro. Sam Qualls, goes on furlough in June or July of this year. We have been happy in our work here but feel the Lord has opened up new areas of service for Him and we are looking forward to this new opportunity of service. We feel our own unworthiness and incapability in this new work. Pray for us that we may be used of Him and give our best in this new field of service.

The work here in our state for the time being will be carried on by the Charles Dicksons who are planning to move to a neighboring state when they find a house.

We have had the privilege of having Frances' mother with us. She came in on Jan. 18 and left on March 13. Linda went as far as Rio with her so that she could get started in school. Needless to say we enjoyed her visit and especially

did the children enjoy it. Allen Ray, our 11 mos. one, really enjoyed his grandmother's attention.

Hope we will be hearing from you real soon.—Claude, Frances, Linda, LaDonna, Larry and Allen Bumpus, Caixa Postal 950, Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil, S. A. ■

Attacks Birch Society

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—Berating the John Birch Society for its silence about its aims and purposes, Dr. Raymond B. Bragg, prominent Unitarian minister, urged the society be forced to state its intent by extensive publicity of the society itself.

"We know what they don't want, but they've been distinctly quiet about what they do want," said Dr. Bragg, former executive vice president of the American Unitarian Association and former executive secretary of the Western Unitarian Conference.

"I want the society to say more about itself than it's been willing to say," Bragg declared.

In Los Angeles, Robert H. W. Welch, founder of the controversial society, charged widespread infiltration of Communism among the Protestant clergy in a speech there.

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# Children's Nook

## The Surprise

By HILDA V. RICHARDSON

THE day was hot on the tropical island. Kai and Ping thrashed around in the muddy waters of the canal. Suddenly, Kai remembered something important.

"The missionary will be waiting," he told Ping. "He has a surprise today.



Come, we must go."

"I cannot go," said Ping in disappointment. "I must catch fish."

Kai pulled on his shirt. He ran through the busy streets and along the alley where his father sat in the doorway of his shop.

"Where are you going in such a hurry?" his father called.

"To meet a friend," answered Kai.

Kai finally reached the place where the missionary waited. The man sensed a special eagerness about the boys and girls today. They were all wondering about the surprise.

After the songs and Bible story the missionary announced, "Now for the surprise. You are going to learn to read some words."

"Read!" the children chorused.

They looked at one another in wonder. The missionary unrolled a large sheet of paper with queer marks on it.

Soon they were able to repeat familiar sounds and words, then to read the marks on the paper. One mark meant "believe." Another meant "Jesus." When the words were put together, the writing on the paper took on meaning.

"Don't forget the lesson tomorrow," said the missionary when it was time to go. Then he added, "Oh, yes, there's one thing I want you to do. Teach

someone else what you have learned today."

Instantly Kai thought of his friend Ping. Ping was disappointed because he had missed the surprise.

Kai rushed off to find Ping. The boy was gliding along the surface of the canal, throwing a net into the water. When he pulled it back, there were a few shining fish to sell in the town market. Some he would take home for the evening meal.

"I'm going to teach you to read!" called Kai. Then he explained how the missionary was teaching the class to read some words.

"It is hard to realize that I am learning to read," said Ping. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Then he added, "I can hardly wait till tomorrow!"

The next day Kai finished learning the words on the paper.

"You have learned to read a Bible verse," said the missionary. He opened the Bible and showed them the verse they had learned.

"You mean I can read a verse in the Bible? I must tell Ping."

"Wait," called the missionary to the fleeing boy. "Here is a Bible for your own."

"Oh, you are so good!" said Kai, his face aglow.

"Look, Ping," said Kai as he found the place in the Bible. "I'm going to finish teaching you the marks on the paper."

"May I hold your Bible and read from it?" asked Ping, wiping his fishy hands on his shirt.

"You can read it from your own," said Kai, reaching inside his shirt. "The missionary sent you one, too."

"For me?" Ping exclaimed. "What a nice surprise!"

After Ping had his lesson, they read the verse together. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

"Such a wonderful book. I shall read it every day," said Ping.

"And believe it," declared Kai.

"And live it," added Ping.

"And teach someone else to read it," promised Kai. ■

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*God's Wondrous World*

## Look for the Lotus

By THELMA C. CARTER

THERE is great excitement in a city today when a beautiful new building is finished. It looks like a giant glass box, or it is shaped like an umbrella or a great upside-down kettle, you may think.

Long ago many buildings, even entire cities, were built of pure marble. These buildings had many columns or pillars whose tops were carved to look like the bell-shaped lotus blossom.

There was also a time when ancient roofs were shaped like lotus buds and blossoms. Think of the time, planning, and careful workmanship of the people who built them.

The lotus, a water plant with either a blue or white blossom, was loved and carefully tended by Egyptian people. Today it is a national emblem of Egypt.

The perfect lotus blossom has eight flower leaves. However, there are several kinds of lotus flowers, some with less than eight petals.

The Bible tells of the architects of

Solomon's Temple decorating the tops of the columns with leaves and flowers, which were like the lotus carvings found on other buildings of the cities.

Portions of ancient buildings standing today have ornamental decorations of lotus leaves and petals around doorways and porches. If someday you visit the Holy Land, you will see these beautiful carvings.

In Cairo, Egypt, is a museum with five priceless silver bowls which were found in an ancient temple of worship. Each of the bowls is molded in the form of a lotus blossom. They are the work of skilled silversmiths such as those who worked when Jesus lived.

Take a moment to look about you. You will find the ancient lotus pattern, or at least a few curving petals, in the ironwork which decorates our homes and household items today. The lotus design is found in beautiful jewelry with precious stones. It is also found in fine lace as well as in lotus ceramics. ■

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# The Importance of Diligence

By DENNIS M. DODSON

Pastor, North Crossett First Church, Crossett

Bible Material: Proverbs 6:6-9; 22:29; 24:30-34; Ecclesiastes 3:22;

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Memory Selection: "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Colossians 3:23.

**I**NTRODUCTION: Not too long ago a man talked to me about his concern for his son. He was extremely disturbed because the boy had no interest in finding a job and supporting himself. The boy had finished school and was living a life of indolence and ease off the hard work of his father. The man was not so much disturbed about providing for his son as he was about the attitude of the boy concerning work. He had no real ambition to be diligent in anything. This was something to be disturbed about! It is a shame that the disturbance had to be in the father instead of the son. Our lesson this Sunday is concerned with this problem. We are going to study the importance of diligence.



MR. DODSON

his life. Poverty and want will come unexpectedly and irresistibly to his life. A man may invent excuses for his indolence and slothfulness but they will not alter the consequences of poverty and want which come thereby.

## II. The Lesson Applied

Proverbs 22:29

**A** Man who is diligent, with skill, is fitted for a high situation. He may be employed in the affairs of state and enjoy the confidence of kings. His life will not be in the service of men of no importance.

Proverbs 27:23 says: "Be diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds." A man should be diligent in his own flock — responsibility, place of service — and not look to the business of another. Any work, whether ditch-digger or President, has a place for diligence and offers distinction when it is used therein. Whatever the sphere may be, diligence is the invariable condition of success.

## III. The Lesson Neglected

Proverbs 24:30-34

**T**HE FIELD and the vineyard were the farmer's objects of care. Their neglect revealed the sloth and lack of understanding in the man. Our care or neglect of our responsibilities are indicative of our true selves. The condition of the field and the vineyard teach the results of laziness. They became a visible illustration of the expressions: "No sweat, no sweet," "No pains, no gains."

One of the real problems of our charitable institutions, whether government, private or church, has been the man without any ambition. He usually has no conscience and will take advantage of any charitable act without remorse. The continual care of such people is not the solution to the problem. Unless they come to know the worth, the dignity and the rewards of honest work, the full impact of our charitable work will never be realized. It should be given to those who have no way of helping themselves and not to the slothful who refuse to help themselves.

## IV. The Wisdom of the Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3:22

**T**HE WISE person who has found purpose and meaning in life is thorough in his work, honest in his toil and diligent in his business. He becomes genuinely satisfied in using the opportunities at hand to do his work well. He is not unduly concerned about the future because he realizes that he has done his best with the past and the present and that the future is in the providential care of God. He is a diligent man who will enjoy freedom from want, a measure of independence, the respect of his neighbor, and the approval of God.

## V. The Christian Way

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

**D**ILIGENCE is the Christian way. A person who neglects daily labor is like a soldier who is out of line, has left his ranks and is insubordinate. A Christian is not to walk in this way and he is to avoid associating with those who do so. The result of such a walk is usually mischief making and busybodying. A busy man has no time for such things.

Paul encourages them by his previous teaching to be diligent. In 1 Thessalonians 4:11 he wrote: "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you." This has been a common instruction of Paul. He wrote to the Romans, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." (Romans 12:11). He wrote to Timothy, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Tim. 5:8).

He also encouraged them to diligence by his personal example. Although he had sufficient justification to live by their support he chose to support himself to be an example for them.

Paul simply says that the man who will not work, without any justification for not doing so, should not eat! He should not be the parasite of another. A man is to work and to eat the bread of his own labor. It is the Christian way!

## Conclusion

**D**ILIGENCE is the lesson we learn from the ant. When it is applied it invariably brings success in the area where it is applied. When it is neglected there come the invariable consequences of poverty and want. The wise man has learned the lesson of diligence and it has opened the door of everyday happiness to him. Diligence is the Christian way because it is God's will that a man provide for his own. ■

## I. The Lesson of the Ant

Proverbs 6:6-9

**T**HE ANT becomes an example of wisdom to us in the matter of diligence. We can learn from his ways of industry and foresight. It is believed that each ant works independently from the rest. Yet he is guided by a common instinct to provide for the common good of all the ants. Notice that he has no overseer, no one to guide or to determine his work for him. Despite this he is persistent and untiring in his efforts to do his work.

This is the lesson the sluggard is to learn. A man with his superior intelligence, more resources and greater advantages should be more provident than the insignificant ant. The ant who has no urging or control in his life to work should shame those who have an incentive to work — duty to family, community and the dignity of man.

It is the law of life that a man must provide for his own necessities. If a man does not work, poverty and want will be the inevitable consequences of

# Attendance Report

May 7, 1961

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alpena, First	49	35	
Armored	118	79	3
Belrne, First	77	64	
Benton, First	719	127	1
Berryville, Freeman Heights	107	78	
Blytheville, Trinity	237	120	2
Camden			
Cullendale First	482	259	5
First	517	220	
Hillside	102	46	
Crossett, First	611	190	5
El Dorado			
East Main	263	127	1
First	948	310	1
Immanuel	607	309	4
Cook St. Mission	16	18	
Parkview	265	91	
Trinity	301	146	4
Eudora	275	122	
Ft. Smith			
Calvary	398	161	4
First	1375	498	3
Grand Avenue	663	292	
Mission	21		
Kelley Height	183	88	4
Towson Avenue	197	102	
Trinity	309	101	
Gentry, First	496	79	1
Gravel Ridge, First	142	84	3
Harrisburg, Calvary	155	83	
Hot Springs, Park Place	464	151	
Huntsville, First	76	45	
Combs Mission	12	10	
Kingston Mission	11	17	1
Jacksonville			
First	951	391	121
Second	271	102	4
Jonesboro, Central	439	212	6
Levy	580	270	4
Little Rock			
First	1160	527	4
Forest Highlands	161	79	4
Gaines Street	438	265	4
Dennison St. Chapel	69	45	
Immanuel	1299	499	3
South Highland	557	239	
Tyler Street	280	121	2
Magnolia, Central	756	275	3
McGehee, First	434	159	
Mission	38	17	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	754	266	3
Central	427	146	15
Highway	234	117	
Park Hill	729	203	
Pine Bluff			
Sulphur Springs	88	56	4
Watson Chapel	135	63	1
Smackover, First	386	168	4
Springdale, First	457	159	
Van Buren, First	404	150	
Wattensaw	60	45	
West Memphis, Calvary	224	149	

# A Smile or Two

## Hooked Two Ways

THEY had been married just two weeks and he was going through a batch of mail that had arrived that morning.

"Honey," he said, "aren't these bills for the clothes you bought before we were married?"

"Yes, darling," she replied. "You're not upset about it, are you?"

"Well," he retorted, "don't you think it's unfair to ask a fish to pay for the bait he was caught with?"

## Man's Best Friend?

HUSBAND: "Darling, I brought home some things for the person I love best. I bet you can't guess what they are."

Wife: "Razor blades, cigars, and a dozen golf balls."

## That's My Boy!

FATHER: "Well, son, what did you learn in school today?"

Son (proudly): "I learned to say 'Yes, sir' and 'No, sir' and 'No, ma'am' and 'Yes, ma'am.'"

Father: "Really?"

Son: "Yeah."

## A "Beatnik"

DRUGGIST: "Will you have the large, economy size?"

Customer: "No. Give me the small, extravagant size."

## Not Optional Equipment

MY great grand-daughter, age four, was shopping one day with her mother.

A clerk said to Robin, "Where did you get those pretty brown eyes?"

Robin answered: "Thank you. They came with my face." — Contributed by Mrs. Ben J. Cagle, Little Rock.

## Shortest Distance

"HOW far are we from land, steward?" groaned the seasick passenger.

Mile and a half, sir."

"Thank goodness, which way?"

"Straight down," said the steward.

## Easily Explained

"I CAN'T understand why you call your place a bungalow," said Smith to his neighbor.

"Well, if it isn't a bungalow, what is it?" said the neighbor. "The job was a bungle, and I still owe on it."

## And a Bag of Peanuts

HUSBAND—It was fearfully hot at the game this afternoon.

Wife (sympathizingly)—Why didn't you get one of those baseball fans they always have at the games?

## Definition

Asked to define memory, one youngster replied, "The thing I forget with."

## Takes All Kinds

TWO fifth-grade boys wrestled with the meaning of "Doctor!" as applied to a woman Ph.D. who had been introduced to the class.

Whispered one; "Is she a doctor?"

"Yes," came the answer, "but not the kind that does anybody any good."

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## Formosan Best-Seller

TAIPEI, Formosa (EP) — A photo-printed copy of the New Testament portion of the New English Bible published last March has already become a best-seller here. Reproduced and distributed without permission, the copies retail for 75 cents, as compared with \$4.95 for those being sold in the United States.

## Urge School Religion

TORONTO, Ont. (EP) — A teacher, a Roman Catholic priest, a Protestant clergyman and several trustees and other delegates all agreed wholeheartedly on one subject at the annual Ontario Education Association convention here. They decried education without religion, saying that such an approach threatens to destroy civilization . . . and that in Ontario, children will be robbed of their birthright if religious education is removed from public schools.

## Warns of 'Sermon-Listening'

RICHMOND, Ind. (EP)—Howard E. Butt, Jr., a leading lay evangelist of Corpus Christi, Tex., told a group of Christian laymen here that there is a "serious evil" in limiting church activities to "mere sermon listening."

Addressing the annual conference here of the Yokefellows, a voluntary group of business and professional men who devote part of their talent and income to projects for peace and Christianity, Butt declared: "We go to church on Sunday and listen and then when something goes wrong we criticize others. We are acting as spectators at a sporting event. We watch a baseball game on Saturday afternoon and spend all day Sunday telling what should have been done in the game.

"We don't actually participate but we know what went wrong, and how it could have been averted. This is the situation in America's churches today."

## Vietnam Closes Doors

SAIGON, Vietnam (EP) — Correspondents with the Far East News Service report that Vietnam's 50-year period of unrestricted entry for missionaries has come to a halt. New missionaries, FENS said, of the Southern Baptists, the Mennonite churches and of the Wycliffe Translators and Worldwide Evangelization Crusade have been denied entry visas. It said also that veteran missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance presently on furlough will not be permitted to return to their work.

Reasons for the government's action are not clear. One report suggests that curtailment is due to internal unrest and dangers resulting from Communist rebel activity. Another rumor reportedly circulating says that "influential government officials of another religious faith contend that the strength of the national Protestant church indicates there is no further need for foreign missionaries."

## Everton Named Ambassador

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(BWA) —John Scott Everton, a Baptist minister and one time professor of religion at Grinnell College, Iowa, has been named by President Kennedy as U. S. Ambassador to Burma. Everton, most recently associated with the Ford Foundation of New York, was educated at the University of Redlands, a Baptist school, and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, also a Baptist institution. He later received a Ph. D. from Yale University.

## School 'Correctly' Atheistic

VIENNA (EP) — A poll of children in a nine-grade school at Kolin in the Iron Curtain Country of Czechoslovakia reveals that 98 percent of the pupils agreed that there is no life after death.

The school's deputy director said in the Communist weekly *Tvorba* that a vast majority of the pupils gave "correct" answers, from an atheistic view, on such questions as the origin of man, the beginning of the world and spirituality.

## Dream Comes True

ALCOY, Spain — (BWA) — Senora Maria's pulpit Bible has a home at last.

Long a widow, her hands crippled by arthritis, Senora Maria eked out a living by embroidering tapestry. From her meager savings she bought a large Bible for use on the pulpit of the Baptist church she hoped to see established some future day in her beloved Alcoy.

Daily she sowed seeds of Christian love. She contacted the pastor of the Baptist church in Alicante, 30 miles away, and offered her home for a mission point. The curious came and left, but some remained.

Police intervention made the work increasingly difficult. Before a church could be formed, Senora Maria had to move to the Spanish Baptist old folks' home near Barcelona. Her hopes still alive, she left the Bible with the believers she had won at Alcoy.

In time a graduate of the Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary moved to Alcoy and made his home a Baptist center. On December 8, 1960, Alcoy Baptist church was organized with 26 charter members.

Senora Maria, now 93, was unable to attend the service, unable to see her Bible given its home on the chapel pulpit. But the harvest from her seeds of love continues: The church has already baptized seven new members.

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