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July Bible Conference

THE Ouachita Bible Conference will be held at Ouachita College, July 24-28, 1961. This effort is being sponsored



DR. WHITLOW

jointly by the College and the Executive Board of the Convention. A conference of this nature should meet a need in the life of our pastors. It will begin on Monday evening and continue through Friday noon.

The theme of the conference this year is "Thus It Is Written." Dr. Clyde T. Francisco of Southern Seminary and Dr. Jesse Northcutt of Southwestern Seminary will be the two featured speakers on the program. Dr. Francisco will lecture on "The Prophecy of Jeremiah" and Dr. Northcutt will discuss "Crisis of the Christ." A number of our pastors will also appear on the program to discuss various subjects of special interest to our pastors.

With the heavy drain on the pastor, a special period of study becomes a necessity of first magnitude to every man who stands in the pulpit from week to week to lead our people in a worship experience. We shall leave no stones unturned to make this week of Bible Conference a time of real worth to all our ministers.

We would like to urge the churches to make it possible for their pastors to attend the entire week. This will necessitate someone to lead the midweek service in their absence. In some cases it may be necessary for the church to help with the small expense which shall be involved for meals while there.

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Baptist Crosscurrents

How Far Will They Go?

ALTHOUGH A vicious attack is being made upon the moral life and strength of America by the theatrical world both through motion pictures and on the stage, those who love their country and earnestly desire its highest welfare remain strangely silent. But surely there is someone who sees what is happening and cares enough to speak out with clarity and forcefulness. A whole generation of young Americans is being handed a perverted view of life through plays and motion pictures which in the main deal with sexual immorality and deviation. Such feeding on filth is bound to have a result on the entire life of the nation in the years ahead.

As shocking as is this professional perversion of the entertainment media, even more shocking is the fact that colleges and universities are falling into line and allowing the same type of filth to be portrayed on their stages under their auspices. When plays such as "The Death of a Salesman" and "The Crucible" were written, it was unthinkable that they would ever be presented by university groups. But so rapidly has the American moral conscience been hardened, that both of these plays have recently been performed by college groups in this state. Surely our young people can be led to give their lives and talents to something more worthwhile than such twisted viewpoints of man's pilgrimage upon the earth.—Editor Jack Gritz, in *The Baptist Messenger* (Oklahoma)

The "Sit-Ins" Hit the Churches

SEVERAL "sit-ins" have occurred recently in white churches in Atlanta, New Orleans, and other Southern cities, some of them in Baptist churches.

These demonstrations do not serve the cause of the Negroes in their campaign for equality. They will alienate many people of good will who are the genuine friends of the Negro people.

The Negroes who participate in such demonstrations assume a solemn responsibility before God. As individuals they are treading on the dangerous ground of desecrating a house of worship by using it as an arena of conflict to promote their social ambitions. Any motive except worship in entering a sanctuary is an offense to God.

If Negro participants in such demonstrations are accountable to God for their actions, it is also true that the churches are accountable to God for their attitude. It is an exceedingly grave matter for a church to deny any one entrance to its service of worship, regardless of race, color or social position.

If the church replies that the motives of the demonstrators are unworthy and that their purpose is to create disturbance, then the church assumes the anomalous position of sitting in judgment on their fellow man. And who but God is qualified or has the right to judge? It might also be said that if worthy motive is the criterion by which men are admitted to the house of God there might be a marked decrease in attendance at some white churches!

It seems that the right and common sense attitude for the church on such occasions would be to seat the demonstrators without any fuss, and after the service for members to speak kindly and in a Christian spirit of love to the demonstrators. In so doing the church has absolved itself from the grave accusation that a human being created in the image of God has been denied entrance into His house.—Editor Coleman Craig, in *The Baptist Review*

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Name Change Nixed By Executive Committee

ST. LOUIS, May 23—Efforts by some pastors to get the Southern Baptist Convention to change its name were thwarted here Tuesday by the denomination's Executive Committee. The Committee accepted the recommendation of its Administrative Committee that the name of the Convention remain unchanged.

Debate on the name change request and other recommendations from the executive group's administrative committee snarled the significant pre-convention session for nearly two hours.

In other action, the committee:

Approved an enabling act permitting ministers of education, music, and administration to Southern Baptist churches and agencies to qualify for Social Security coverage;

Voted to recommend a constitutional change to the convention prohibiting agencies from maintaining self-perpetuating boards;

Voted to purchase property in Nashville, Tenn., on which to build a new Southern Baptist building and hired an architectural firm to design the building; and

Approved several program structure proposals for convention commissions and agencies.

Strong opposition to the proposed constitution change affecting membership on boards of agencies came from two of the affected agencies. The change would delete an exception in the constitution which now makes it possible for some board members to be retained because of "peculiar talent and ability."

A convention policy makes it impossible for a member to serve more than two consecutive terms without rotating off for one year. Officials of the Annuity Board and Baptist Foundation argued that because of the peculiar financial operations of their agencies, some board members need to be retained.

The proposed Constitution amendment was received by the Convention for final action next year.

Another lengthy discussion developed on the Social Security enabling act, with several pastors in-

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New SBC President Well Qualified



DR. HOBBS

HERSCHEL Harold Hobbs has many qualifications for the high office of president of the Southern Baptist Convention to which he has just been elected, but probably none more essential than a healthy sense of humor.

Meeting him in a corridor soon after his election, at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, I said to him: "I had hoped to be able to use the picture of W. O. Vaught on my cover next issue, but since that did not work out, I am glad to use you for my cover."

"Well," he beamed back, "it's like I told the Convention—I am grateful to the ones that voted for me, for electing me, and I am grateful to the ones that voted against me, for keeping me humble."

One of the biggest thrills for the new president was a telegram of congratulation from his neighbor and good friend back in Oklahoma City—Dr. McFerrin Stowe, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church. "Congratulations," read the telegram, "but we didn't realize the Baptists were so desperate. With your election, Methodists never had it so good!"

When Dr. and Mrs. Hobbs were presented informally to the Convention as his election was announced, Hobbs said, with Mrs. Hobbs under his arm, "My wife is crying, but don't let that bother you. She cried all through our wedding ceremony."

Hobbs is widely known and loved among Southern Baptists. For a long time now he has been the Baptist Hour preacher, preaching to millions each week by radio and television, from coast to coast. He has been in other places of service and leadership for many years in his denomination.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention he has shown statesmanship in dealing with problems common to the organization and operation of the convention, helping to shape Southern Baptists' world program of missions and evangelism.

Hobbs was born in Talladega Springs, Ala., Oct. 24, 1907, one of seven children and the only son of Elbert Oscar and Emma Octavia Whatley Hobbs. He was graduated from Phillips High School, Birmingham, Ala., in 1926, and from Howard College six years later. He received the Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, in 1935, and the Ph.D. degree from the same school three years later. Howard College conferred the honorary D.D. degree upon him in 1941.

He held pastorates in Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, and Louisiana before going to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, in 1949.

In 1957, Dr. Hobbs preached the annual sermon at the Southern Baptist Convention. He has been a featured speaker at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Assemblies, for state evangelistic conferences and state conventions.

He is the author of a number of books, including *Cowards or Conquerors*, *Who Is This?*, *The Gospel of Giving*, *Studies in Hebrews*, *Moses' Mighty Men*, *The Crucial Words from Calvary*, *The Victory of Faith*, *Fundamentals of Our Faith*, *Messages on the Resurrection*, *Welcome Addresses*, *The Corinthian Epistles*, *New Testament Evangelism*, and *The Gospel of Matthew*.—ELM

SOMETIME, at the discretion of the governor, the people of Arkansas will be asked to vote on a \$60,000,000 bond issue which, at its amortization rate of \$4,416,000 per year for 20 years, would cost \$88,320,000. As editor of this religious weekly I have already expressed my opposition to the bond issue on moral grounds, pointing out that the approval of the bond issue would give horse-race gambling at Hot Springs a new lease on life, guaranteeing the present 43-day betting season could not be altered before the retirement of the last of the proposed bonds. [See page 4, issue of March 30, 1961.]

Bond Issue Poses Threat to State

Already the proponents of the bond issue are declaring that there is nothing in the bond issue proposal itself that gives any such assurance to the Hot Springs racing. But this statement implies what is not true—that the people could have the bonds issued without extending horse racing for 20 years.

Here are the bare and irrefutable facts. The bond issue, as authorized by Act 502, to be voted on by the people, is supported by Act 503 of 1961, which provides that all state income derived from horse racing after the 31st racing day each calendar year, and all collections from the use tax collected each fiscal year in excess of 102% of the amount collected in the preceding fiscal year, is pledged for the payment of the State institutional building bonds, which are the bonds authorized to be issued by Act 502. These funds from horse racing, Act 503 declares, “are hereby pledged and shall remain pledged” to secure the payment of the bonds. How much clearer could it be?

This pledge of revenues would be a contract with the purchasers of the bonds, and, legal advisers assert, could not be impaired by any subsequent act of the Legislature. Thus, by approving the bond issue, the people of Arkansas would be giving up their power to abolish or alter the horse racing business for at least 20 years. The Oaklawn Jockey Club would thus be left to operate as it sees fit with no fear of discipline for a generation.

It is estimated that the income from horse racing and the use tax would provide \$1,000,000 a year toward the retirement of the bonds. This would leave \$3,416,000 a year to be scrounged from existing taxes, *for the people are assured there are to be no additional taxes.* This means there is to be an increase of over \$3,000,000 per year on present tax levies, if present operating costs of all state offices and institutions are to be frozen at their present level for the next 20 years!

All of the bond issue is pledged for new buildings and none of it for operating costs. The colleges and the University, for example, would have their physical plants greatly expanded with not a penny provided for adding new faculty and staff members or to raise the extremely low salaries now being paid. Would this not be a curse and not a blessing to the institutions we are supposed to be helping through the bond issue?

The bond act pledges the funds of the State to the payment of the bonds. Section 8 of the act states specifically that these bonds shall be payable from the general revenues of the State and that such amounts of the general revenues as are necessary to pay these bonds “are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal of, interest on, redemption premiums, if any, and paying agents’ fees in connection with the bonds, and shall be and remain pledged for said purposes.”

As if that were not enough, Section 10 of the act would drive a few more nails into Arkansas’ coffin lid, declaring:

“Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, all bonds issued under this Act shall be the direct general obligations of the State of Arkansas for the payment of which, both principal and interest, the full faith and credit of the State of Arkansas and all of its resources are hereby irrevocably pledged.”

Section 12 contains the pledge of the State’s revenues to make the bond payment come first, ahead of any other claims on the revenues of the state. A contract more favorable to the interests of the bond sellers and buyers could not have been concocted if those who are to profit from the big deal had written the provisions themselves.

It is worthy of further note by the taxpayers, out of whose pockets and the pockets of their children and grandchildren the millions are to be extracted, that:

1. There is no ceiling or limitation in the act as to the amount of interest rates.

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Untarnished Crowns

THERE is something fascinating about a king’s crown. One of the leading points of interest to the hundreds



SCOT CROWN

of thousands of people who visit Edinburgh (Scotland) Castle each year is the Crown Room where are displayed “The Honours of Scotland.” Included in “The Honours” is the Crown, the Scepter and the Sword of State.

The Crown was remodelled in 1540 by order of James V. It is made of Scottish gold and is decorated with 94 pearls, 10 diamonds and 33 other precious stones. The velvet cushion on which it rests is 300 years old.

The Scepter was presented to James IV by Pope Alexander VI in 1494 and was refashioned by James V. At the head of the gilded silver rod are figures of the Virgin Mary, James and Andrew, surmounted by a globe of rock crystal and a Scottish Pearl.

The Sword of State was given to James IV in 1507 by another Pope, Julius II, whose name is etched on the blade, together with etchings of Peter and Paul. Its wooden scabbard, covered with crimson silk, bears the Pope’s arms on an enameled plate.

One of the most tragic of the royal persons to wear the Scottish Crown was Mary, Queen of Scots. When the Crown was placed on her little head and the Scepter thrust into her tiny hand, at the age of nine months, she cried. And well she might if she could have known what was ahead of her. She was to be the sixth Scottish ruler to die a tragic death.

Once, for a period of 111 years, the Honours were hidden away in a sturdy oak chest, from 1707 to 1818, because it was feared they would be taken to England. They were brought out largely on the efforts of Sir Walter Scott, after Royal permission was secured to open the chest.

The Honours were found, tarnished but undamaged. Today they glow in their original brilliance.

In an earthly kingdom, there can be only one crown, for the ruling monarch. And even when it is made of the finest gold, it becomes tarnished and requires polishing. But in the Kingdom of God, there is a Crown of Life for every true believer in Christ. And this is a Crown that never becomes tarnished.

Erwin L. McDonald

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Section 3 of the act declares that the bonds "may bear interest payable at such times and at such rate or rates as the Board (State Board of Finance) shall determine."

2. *Nowhere in the act is it provided that the bonds shall be sold to the highest bidder. Section 7 states: "The Board shall have the right to reject any and all bids."*

3. The Board would be given uncontrolled authority as to terms and conditions. Section 4 reads:

"The issuance of the Bonds shall be by resolution or resolutions of the Board. Such resolution or resolutions may contain such terms, covenants and conditions as are deemed desirable, including without limitation those pertaining to the maintenance of various funds and revenues, the rights, duties and obligations of the State, its officers and officials, the Board and the holders and registered owners of the bonds."

4. *The voters will have no way of knowing what fees are to be paid in connection with the issuance of the proposed bonds. Under the provision of the act, these are to be determined by the Board. Section 16 provides that, after paying the expenses of the election, and "the expenses of issuing the bonds authorized hereunder," all other money shall be available to the institutions named in the act.*

5. There is no ceiling set anywhere on attorneys' fees, on the paying of agents' fees and other expenses of issuing the bonds. The sky conceivably could be the limit.

In the light of the facts before us, a vote for the bond issue would be a vote to cripple the State of Arkansas and its citizens for decades to come. And whatever undermines the State and her people cannot be for the best interest of the State's colleges and University and other causes which allegedly would be strengthened by the bond issue.—ELM

The New-Time Religion, by Claire Cox, Prentice Hall, 1961, \$3.95

THERE is a new-time religion in the land. It has made the church more popular and more prosperous, but also less pious than ever before. These are some of the conclusions of church officials interviewed by Claire Cox for her new book, **The New-Time Religion**, which goes on sale today.

Miss Cox, who has been a reporter for almost 20 years, interviewed representatives of nearly every faith in the mainstream of U.S. religious life in preparation for the writing of her book. She deals with the changing status of religion in America, particularly since World War II.

"The upsurge of religion has turned churches into recreation areas, nurseries, social service agencies and psychological clinics, as well as places in which to pray, meditate and worship," reports Miss Cox. "It has brought sharp new contours to the nation's skylines, catchy new words to the American language and worldly ideas to the pulpit."

Much that is reported here will not be pleasing to Baptists, who like such hymns as "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock of Ages," which Miss Cox finds are now being omitted from many new hymnals. Some will be shocked at Miss Cox's conclusion that the Bible is "the least-read best-seller in the world."

A book such as this should be a good eye-opener.

We Southern Baptists, by Norman W. Cox, Convention Press, 1961

Few are so well qualified to write about Southern Baptists and their distinctives as Dr. Cox, for many years a pastor and the first executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

One of our weaknesses as Baptists is that the rank and file of our people do not know much about Baptists and what Baptists stand for. This new study-course book, available for a few cents from the Baptist Book stores, should help to correct this situation.

Other books received include: **Personalities of the New Testament**, by Ralph G. Turnbull, Baker, 1961, \$1.95

Devotional Talks for Children, by Michael Daves, Baker, 1961, \$1.95

God Blessed Me With A Heart Attack, by Richard G. Dunwoody, Zondervan, 1961, \$1

The Gist of the Bible, by Alvin E. Bell, Zondervan, paperback reprint 1961, \$1.50

Mother-Daughter Banquets, by Grace Ramquist, Zondervan, 1961, \$1

The Biblical Archaeologist Reader, edited by G. Ernest Wright and David Noel Freedman, Doubleday paperback, 1961, \$1.45

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Midwestern Graduation

MIDWESTERN Seminary graduated its first class, the class of 1961, on May 12. Dr. Millard J. Berquist, president, conferred the bachelor of divinity degree upon 56 men. Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and Baptist Hour preacher, delivered the commencement address. His subject was "Alpha or Omega . . . Which?"

This climaxed the first three years of the history of Midwestern Seminary. We started in quarters loaned by Calvary Baptist Church in 1958 with an enrollment of 150. The second year our enrollment reached 296 and this year we had 342 students enrolled.

The last two years we have been on the new campus comprising 215 acres in the northern part of Kansas City. We have just finished our fifth building which is a classroom-student center building. The other four buildings include a library, auditorium, administration offices and classroom.

Enclosed are pictures of the graduates from Arkansas. These men have indicated their desire as being counted from your state. If you could run the pictures with biographical material, we would appreciate it. [See issue of May 25.—ELM] —V. Lavell Seats, Dean of Students, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City 18, Mo.

Baptist Convention, USA

WELCOME home from your preaching mission. Thanks for keeping us so well, and interestingly, informed of things "overseas."

With reference to the name change: Of all the names I have seen suggested so far, including all those in my old school-mate's (Morgan Patterson) article, I still like yours the best. "The Baptist Convention, U.S.A." would be hard to beat.

There is one other which I like better for its definitiveness, but I feel it would be too long to gain acceptance or ready use: "The Co-operative Convention of Independent Baptist Churches, U.S.A." The "independent" Baptists that slam us and accuse us of "taking orders from

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Church Chuckles
by CARTWRIGHT



"I've got a better one. Where will YOU spend the next thirty days?"

Baptist Editors And the Communist Threat

ANYONE with a little intelligence knows that communism is the number one evil of our day. It has conquered one-third of the world and holds the sword of Damocles over the head of every free man on earth. Its plan for conquering the world has been announced. Its methods of fraud, deceit, death, and destruction have been illustrated in Russia for more than 40 years . . .

What can Southern Baptist papers do about it?

There is no such thing as a Baptist communist, even though there are many Baptists living in communist countries where they dare not say too much about it. Dedicated Christians are not likely to swallow the Marxist line in the future. The best defense against it, therefore, is more dedicated Christians, particularly Baptists. Those church members who have committed themselves to communist philosophy were not inveigled into it, and they will not be dissuaded by anything less than force. Communism moves in by subversion and military might. The only positive deterrent is counterintelligence and superior military power. The press can warn of its aims, but it requires far more than propaganda to halt its progress.

In a recent discussion among Southern Baptist editors it was evident that all of them are definitely opposed to communism and that they believe the Gospel they preach and teach is the best antidote for it. The consensus of the group, however, was that they do not care to become involved with the "new McCarthyism" which "fans needless flames, injures innocent people, and makes editors victims of their own hysteria . . ."

The *Standard* has absolutely no patience with communism. Neither does it have any patience with the organized effort to discredit Protestantism. We do not doubt that the religious power which wants complete control of America finds much comfort in the innuendos and slurs that are hurled at some Protestant bodies by members of others. This paper just does not intend to be duped into such maneuvers. When we see evidence of communist activity we will warn against it without failure, but we refuse to label every effort at human betterment with the badge of communist sympathies.

The editors of Baptist periodicals have access to accurate information about the plans and purposes of communism, and they are probably in a better position than most of their readers to separate true and false reports. They are not the most intelligent men in the world, but they are no dupes; nor are they unconcerned about the threat. When they accepted editorial positions they assumed the responsibility of examining all information and interpreting it to their readers to the best of their ability . . .

Few persons would draw a comparison between communism and Catholic clericalism, but wide-awake Protestants see in each of them a threat to genuine religious freedom. Thoughtful Baptists will not feel that they must join hands with either in order to forestall the other. Communism comes in the name of godlessness, and clericalism comes in the name of Christ; but the announced aim of both is the absolute control of the lives of all men on earth. Any of us can inveigh against communism so long as he is backed by American military might. Somebody needs to speak out against the religio-political system that all but controls one arm of our military forces and has the more than biased support of much of the secular press. Most Baptist editors have accepted the responsibility of so speaking.

The pressure of the bishops for aid to parochial schools right now is evidence of the fact that Baptist editors were not far wrong in the warnings they have sounded during the past few years. Possibly their judgment about other dangers merits some consideration too.—Editor E. S. James, in the *Baptist Standard* ■

Quotes

"TRUTH is never created by the mind of man; it is there all the time and we are led to it by faith."
—From an article by Frank E. Gaebelein, Headmaster of the Stony Brook School, Long Island, New York, in *Christianity Today*.

[From BAPTIST STUDENT, June, 1961]

SOONER or later all of us give hostages to death, and when that happens, although we may never have tried to think it through before, what we believe about dying becomes then one of life's most critical issues . . . What we believe about dying determines what we can believe about living. — L. D. Johnson, chaplain, head of the department of Religion, University of Richmond, "Death and Destiny."

WHATEVER one's view of the end of the world or of Christ's coming, it should do two things for him: It should cause him to live as if he expected the Lord's return today; it should cause him to work as if he did not anticipate the Lord's return for ages." — Ray Summers, professor of New Testament Interpretation, "What if A.D. 1000000? What if A.D. 2000? What if Tomorrow?"

IF WE could take the long look and see that day when God permits us to bring a new life into the world, we would want, above all, for that life to have the best heritage possible . . . Another area in which young people are cheating life's partnership relation is in the dulling of God-given appetites and the taxing of emotional reserves to satisfy each passing fancy.—Mrs. Sibyl Brame Townsend, instructor and dormitory hostess, New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La., "Christian Resources for Life's Partnerships."

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

NINETEEN missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its May meeting bring the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,519.

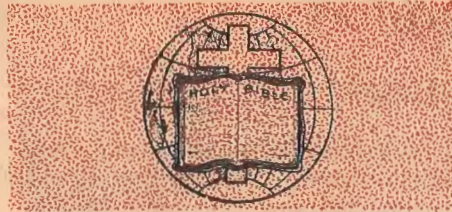
New missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are: Kent W. Balyeat, Louisiana, and Lloydene Umstot Balyeat, Kansas, appointed for Argentina; Elmer O. Bonnette, South Carolina, and Virginia Knight Bonnette, Georgia, for East Pakistan; R. Carroll Bruce and Frances Kirkpatrick Bruce, both of Kentucky, for Japan; Joan Carter, Georgia, for East Africa; V. Walton Chambliss, Jr., Georgia, and Lorena Thomas Chambliss, Florida, for Mexico; C. Ernest Harvey and Janice Thompson Harvey, both of Florida, appointed for Equatorial Brazil; Maxwell D. Sledd, Kentucky, and Betty Sanders Sledd, Michigan, for Nigeria; Rosemary Spessard, Illinois, for Thailand; Dann Stampley, Mississippi, for Ghana; James G. Stertz, Missouri, and Eda Klarer Stertz, Florida, for Germany; and Robert E. Wakefield and Margarita Adkison Wakefield, both of Missouri, for Malaya.

Miss Spessard is the first nurse to be appointed for the medical work being started in Thailand. Three doctors have previously been appointed for Thailand.

Couple to Germany

THE appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Stertz follows the Board's decision, made last December, to place a couple in Germany to work among English-speaking people and to serve as fraternal representatives to German Baptists. For the past four years Mr. Stertz has been an associate secretary in the Board's department of missionary personnel.

Mr. Chambliss, who has a degree in industrial management, will be business manager of the Mexican Mission, organization of Southern Baptist missionaries. Mr. Balyeat is a trained musician.



93.27% Goes Overseas

IN HIS report, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen analyzed the Board's expenditures for 1960, totaling \$18,116,220.32. He said only 4.4 percent of all expenditures was required for administrative and general purposes. This included the expenses of the home office in Richmond, providing for salaries, travel, stationery, postage, insurance, office equipment, cost of Board meetings, annual audit, legal services, and miscellaneous expenses.

An additional 2.33 percent was required for home cultivation. This included audio-visual education, missionary education literature, deputation work of missionaries on furlough, press relations, recruitment materials, etc.

The remainder, 93.27 percent, was disbursed for foreign field responsibilities. Of the overseas expense, \$5,798,413.44 was used in Latin America, \$5,447,490.89 in the Orient, and \$4,900,091.26 in Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

The largest expenditure in any one country was in Brazil, where \$2,407,249.05 was used. Nigeria received the second largest amount, \$1,722,949.69.

The overseas expenditures fall into three divisions: (a) the support of missionaries, which required \$6,065,260.17 in 1960, (2) capital expenditures, which totaled \$5,557,154.94, and (3) current operations, which amounted to \$4,523,880.18.

The support of missionaries includes salaries, medical allowances, language study, children's allowances, cost-of-living supplements, property operating, travel for mission business, local leaves, furlough travel, refit allowances, group insurance, outgoing expenses for new missionaries, moving expenses, etc.

The largest amount of money spent for capital purposes, \$2,247,815.75, was for the construction of church buildings. The second largest, \$1,480,716.62, was for the construction of missionary residences.

For current expenses for programs of work, the largest amount, \$1,694,743.57, went for direct evangelism. These funds made possible the preaching of the gospel and the cultivating of churches throughout the world. The second largest expenditure for programs of work was for schools, extending all the way from kindergartens through four-year senior colleges and theological seminaries. A total of \$1,290,296.64 was used for this purpose.

Crawley Reports

JAPAN was the subject of Orient Secretary Winston Crawley's report, air-mailed from Hong Kong where he has temporary headquarters. After the destruction and disruption caused by World War II, Japan has experienced economic progress and, along with it, a developing and sharpening political crisis, he said. "Demonstrations and even assassinations are evidence of the flow and counterflow in Japanese life—pointing up the urgent need for Christianity as a stabilizing moral power."

Dr. Crawley called on Southern Baptists to join Japanese Baptists and missionaries in prayer for several major concerns:

(1) The planning and preparation for an evangelistic crusade to be held in Tokyo in the spring of 1963. Evangelist Billy Graham has been invited to lead the crusade.

(2) The push to double the number of Baptist churches in five years.

(3) How to make the most of the mass communication techniques now open.

Japan Baptists are already expanding their radio ministry and are looking toward possibilities in television. ■

Arkansas All Over

New Pastorium at Paragould



DEDICATION services and open house were held April 30 at the new pastorium of East Side Church, Paragould. It is occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Lendol Jackson and family. The 10-room residence is of brick construction, and is equipped with central heating and air-conditioning. This step forward has increased the value of East Side's property by at least \$20,000. M. E. Prince was the contractor. Leroy Blackford was chairman of the building committee. ■

Dr. J. W. Cady Named OBC Dean of Faculty

PROMOTION of Dr. J. W. Cady, who has been dean of students at Ouachita College since 1958, to dean of faculty has been announced by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president.



DR. CADY

Maurice Hurley, who served the past year as professor of psychology and education, will replace Dr. Cady. The position is now called dean of admissions and student affairs.

Dr. Cady will replace Dr. Ralph Kirkman, who has resigned effective July 1.

Addition of two faculty members was also announced by Dr. Phelps. Miss Aileen Kemp, a 1959 graduate of Ouachita, will become a teacher in the women's physical education department.

Kenneth Sandifer will teach biology and general education courses in life science. He holds a B.A. from Ouachita, an M.A. from George Peabody College, and taught at Ouachita during 1955-56 when another staff member was on leave. ■

Youth Week Observed

SECOND Church, Monticello, observed Youth Week April 9-16. Two young men who have surrendered to preach, Gene Gregory, 19, and James Heflin, 18, conducted Sunday and mid-week services.

At the close of Youth Week, two additions had been made to the church.

Rev. Jesse Holcomb is pastor. ■

MEMBERS of the Girls' Auxiliary and their mothers received special recognition in the evening service at First Church, Searcy, Sunday, May 14. They were also honored at a reception in the church banquet room following the service. William J. Sewell is pastor.

Dr. Kirkman Leaves

DR. RALPH E. Kirkman, dean of the faculty and director of graduate studies at Ouachita College, will leave there to become registrar and director of admissions and director of institutional research at Concord College, Athens, W. Va., effective with the new academic year.

Dr. Kirkman has been at Ouachita since 1956, serving as dean of students, dean of the faculty, and director of graduate studies. ■

Baptist Hospital Holds Graduation

ARKANSAS Baptist Hospital's first joint graduation for its School of Nursing and School of X-Ray Technology was held May 29 at Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Fifty students — 45 from the School of Nursing and five from the School of X-Ray Technology — participated. The baccalaureate service was held May 28, also at Immanuel Church.

Robert Denny, associate secretary and director of Youth Work for the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D.C., was the speaker for the commencement program. Dr. T. Sloane Guy, executive secretary for Southern Baptist Hospitals, New Orleans, gave the baccalaureate address.

Graduating seniors in the School of Nursing were:

Jim O'Lee Newton Arrington, North Little Rock; Gaye Ann Bachus, North Little Rock; Kay Frances Banks, Norphlet; Nancy Veazey Barentine, North Little Rock; Frankie Elizabeth Baumgardner, Okolona; Rachel Louise Boren, Morrilton; Janice May Bridges, Texarkana; Barbara Ann Bright, Hope; Dixie Lee Brown, El Dorado; Charlotte Agnes Cate, Fayetteville; Ouita Dell Christy, Rogers; Joan Markleta Collier, North Little Rock;

Janelle Carroll, of Dardanelle; Mary Ann Pennington Cox, North Little Rock; Patricia Diane Duncan, Heber Springs; Frances June Fortner, Levy; Jennie Lenora Fortner, Searcy; Physillia Gail Fry, Judsonia; Helen Lavelle Goatcher, Helena; Shirlene Robertson Hackworth, Star City; Julia Ann Harp, Amity; Linda Sue Hatcher, Magnolia; Anita Lou Hillman, Fordyce; Rachel Lavon Hudson, Benton; Barbara Sue Jones, North Little Rock; Georgia Annetta Jones, Camden; Sarah Lou Key, Hope; Edris Ann Lambert, El Dorado;

Peggy Jean Lassiter, Bald Knob; Patsy Lee Ledgeter, Malvern; Mary B. McCarty, West Memphis; Dolores J. Madden, Foreman; Annie Ruth Martin, Humnoke; Margie Ruth Kizzia Nelson, Dallas, Texas; Majorie Janell Prewett, Smackover; Glenda Mayes Shourd, Searcy; Era Dean Chambliss Simmons, Star City; Kathern Elois Stanfield Taylor, Warren; Barbara Jane Teer, Bradford; Gwenda Corene Trawick, North Little Rock;

Linda Ann Vail, Little Rock; Billie Marie Ward, England; Betty Ann Wilson, North Little Rock; and Donna Jeanine Womble, Clinton, Miss.

Graduates of the School of X-Ray Technology were:

Linda Lou Protho, Naylor; Alice Cecile Shoptaw, North Little Rock; Glenda Lee Childers, Gurdon; Ruby Jane Clark, North Little Rock; and Joyce Lolene Reid, Danville.

Arkansas Wins Awards

MISS Sue Haire, Marianna, was the recipient of two annual awards from Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., recently.

The Wood-Clark-Wells Art Scholarship and the Bess Hutchins Spanish Award were both presented Miss Haire by Dr. Wildred C. Tyler, college president. ■

Baptist History Clinic Scheduled

A STATE-WIDE clinic on Baptist History in Arkansas will be held June 12 in Little Rock under the auspices of the state Baptist History Commission.

Theme of the meeting will be "Advance in Arkansas Baptist History Preservation," with discussions on biographical, local church and associational levels. The primary objective of the entire program is to stimulate interest in preserving Baptist history.

Four forums are scheduled. The first, "Locating and Collecting Historical Materials," will be led by Dr. Bernes K. Selph and Dr. J. M. Gaskin. The second, "Preserving and Recording Historical Materials," will be under the direction of Dr. Davis C. Woolley and Dr. George T. Blackmon. The third, "Classifying and Using Historical Materials," will be led by Dr. Gaskin and Mrs. Margaret Ross, and the fourth, "Documentation and Format in Historical Writings," by Mrs. Ross and Dr. Woolley.

Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist News-magazine*, will open the meeting with scripture and prayer. Greetings will be brought by Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the state Baptist Convention, and introductions made by Dr. Blackmon, who is chairman of the state Baptist History Commission. The afternoon devotion will be led by Rev. Walter L. Yeldell, Jr. ■

AT A RECENT Workers Conference in First Church, Paris, Dr. S. W. Eubanks, pastor, Immanuel Church, discussed "Pre-marital Counseling." Dr. Ralph Dodd, pastor, First Church, Greenwood, used for his theme, "Inter-Faith Marriages." The session was closed with a sermon on "The Christian Home" by Dr. T. K. Rucker, state secretary for the Annuity Board. Tommie Hinson is pastor of the Paris church.

Attains Highest Step



MISS Diane Pounds of Lunsford Church, Lake City, has attained the highest step in Girl's Auxiliary, Queen Regent in Service. Only 16 other Arkansas girls have achieved this rank. She is shown with William McMaster, who carried the white Bible presented to Diane by the W.M.U. at the recent coronation services. Mrs. Charles McDuffie is G.A. counselor assisted by Mrs. Charles Dunman. ■

Van Gladen New Seminary President

REV. AND Mrs. Van Gladen, Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico, have moved from Saltillo to Torreon, where Mr. Gladen assumed duties as president of the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary on May 1. Their address is Avenida Corregidora Oriente 1333, Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico. He is a native of Texas; she is the former Alma Ruth Franks, of Lepanto.

Ouachita Football Schedule Announced

A NINE-GAME football schedule, including three intersectional tilts, has been released by Coach R. D. (Rab) Rodgers for the Ouachita College Tigers.

The Tigers will open the season Sept. 23 at Durant, Okla., against Southeastern Oklahoma State, a team they battled to a 0-0 tie in Arkadelphia last year. Memphis Navy Base is a newcomer on the slate, while Ouachita will close its season with perennially strong Delta State Teachers College from Cleveland, Miss., at Arkadelphia Nov. 23.

The game at Arkadelphia Sept. 30 with Arkansas State Teachers College has been selected as Dad's Day, while the Arkansas A&M encounter, Oct. 14, will be Homecoming.

The full schedule:

- Sept. 23 — Southeastern Oklahoma State, there.
- Sept. 30 — Arkansas State Teachers, home.
- Oct. 7 — Harding, there.
- Oct. 14 — Arkansas A&M, home.
- Oct. 21 — Memphis Navy Base, there.
- Oct. 28 — College of the Ozarks, home.
- Nov. 4 — Southern State, there.
- Nov. 11 — Arkansas Tech, there.
- Nov. 18 — Open.
- Nov. 23 — Delta State, home (2 p.m.). ■

Revivals

FIRST Church, Pea Ridge, Billy Green, pastor; May 3-14 with J. Oscar Wells, Bethany, Okla., evangelist; Dick Maple, Stillwater, Okla., music; 14 by baptism, seven by letter, two by statement, 10 for special service.

CENTRAL Church, North Little Rock, Dr. C. Gordon Bayless, pastor; April 30-May 7 with Billy Walker, evangelist and Central minister of music Clarence White, music; 24 by baptism, one by letter.

Arkansas All Over

Notable Record



MR. SHUFFIELD

MRS. SHUFFIELD

MR. AND Mrs. Jack Shuffield of First Church, Nashville, have not missed a Sunday at church in six years and five months. Not only have they made this record in Sunday School, but also in Training Union and the worship services. They have missed only four Sundays in the past 16 years.

Mr. Shuffield is a deacon and teacher of the D. M. Galloway Sunday School Class. Mrs. Shuffield has been working in the Nursery department of the Sunday School for more than 20 years.

The Shuffields celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1957. ■

Clinton Church Honors Woffords

FIRST Church, Clinton, honored their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Wofford, recently on their first anniversary with the church.

E. A. Richmond, chaplain of the Boys Industrial School, Pine Bluff, brought the morning message. J. D. Reeves, retired Baptist preacher and a member of the Clinton church, was also on the program. He observed his 90th birthday April 7.

Mrs. Effie Harges, oldest member of the church, was also present. She observed her 90th birthday in February. ■

MRS. Allegra LaPrairie, director of Sellars Home and Adoption Center, operated in New Orleans, La., by the Home Mission Board, was guest speaker at the associational YWA meeting May 9 at First Church, Smackover. More than 400 girls and counselors were present.

Arkansans Named To Summer Faculties

SIX Arkansans will serve on conference faculties at Southern Baptists' two summer assemblies this year during music, Training Union, Sunday School and Church Administration weeks. The following Arkansans will serve at the assembly at Glorieta, N. M.:

Training Union, June 8-14 and 15-21—Mrs. Theo T. James, Intermediate approved worker, Training Union Department, Arkansas Baptist Convention, Arkansas City.

Sunday School, June 22-28, 29-July 5, 6-13 — Lawson Hatfield, secretary, Sunday School Department, Arkansas Baptist Convention, Little Rock.

Music, July 14-20 — LeRoy McClard, music secretary, Arkansas Baptist Convention, Little Rock; Miss Margaret R. Baker, member of First Church, and Hoyt A. Mulkey, minister of music at that church, Pine Bluff.

Serving on the faculty for Church Administration Week at Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 24-30, will be Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. (BSSB) ■

Revivals

HOUSTON Church, H. D. Palmer, interim pastor; May 1-7 with Garland Morrison, pastor, Bigelow Church, evangelist. Additions: 10 for baptism, four by letter.

SULPHUR Springs, Pine Bluff; May 7-14 with pastor, Paul Pearson, evangelist; George E. Pirtle, Jr., Second Church, Pine Bluff, music; nine additions by baptism, two by letter, one other profession of faith.

JAMIE Coleman, interim pastor, Ridgeview Church, Fayetteville, was evangelist at Glendale Church, Barberton, Ohio; 42 professions of faith, 64 rededications, five for special service.

Deaths

WILLIAM R. McHaney, 72, prominent Smackover attorney and a deacon of First Church, Smackover, was fatally injured May 20 in an auto collision north of Arkadelphia on Highway 67.

Mr. McHaney, a native of Humboldt, Tenn., had resided in Smackover since 1923. He was mayor from 1927-39 and state representative from Union County in 1940-41.

Besides his wife, who also suffered injuries not believed to be serious in the accident, he is survived by two sons, W. R. McHaney, Jr., Smackover, and Dr. Jack McHaney, Pine Bluff, a half-brother, Ernest Hunt, Gulfport, Miss., and four grandchildren.

JOHN Clyde Smith, 72, died May 14 at his home in Cotton Plant. He was a lifelong resident of Cotton Plant, a Baptist and a retired butcher. He was a World War I veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Winnie Smith; a son, Billy Clyde Smith, Cotton Plant; a daughter, Mrs. Homer Holmes, Little Rock; a brother, Ira Smith, Forrest City; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Ferguson, Poteau, Okla., and four grandchildren. ■

SECOND Church, Monticello, Jesse Holcomb, pastor; May 7-14 with Curtis Griffith, pastor, Plainview Church, Little Rock, evangelist; Leonard Polk, music; nine additions.

BECK Spur Church, Forrest City, Mar. 19-April 2 with own pastor, Vernon Bradley, evangelist; Troy Carroll, Murfreesboro, music; 28 for baptism, 10 by letter.

KELLEY Height Church, Ft. Smith, James H. Fitzgerald, pastor; youth revival with Bill Lewis, Paragould, and Don Reed, Ouachita College, assisting; 25 decisions, 12 professions of faith, four for baptism.

FIRST Church, Booneville, Norman E. Lerch, pastor; April 30-May 7 with Johnny Bisagno, evangelist, David Tyson, Memphis, Tenn., music; 21 professions of faith, 11 by letter.

Concord Association

By Jay W. C. Moore

KAY MANSELL, who has been serving as minister of music and education for the Spradling Avenue Church, Paul Graham, pastor, has resigned to accept a similar position with First Baptist Church, Rosenberg, Texas.

NEWMAN McLARRY, pastor of First Church, Ft. Smith, held a revival recently for the West End Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., William G. Burkett, pastor. There were 118 conversions, 175 additions to the church and 23 young people surrendered to special service.

CONCORD BAPTIST annual music school was held in First Church, Ft. Smith, May 1-5. Raymond Leek, minister of music and education for Immanuel Church, and music director for the association, planned and directed the program.

The climax came on Friday night with the rendition of *The Holy City*, Dr. William McGraw, minister of music, First Church, Oklahoma city, directing.

BARLING CHURCH, Franklin Faries, pastor, ordained DeWayne Franks as a deacon during a recent Sunday night worship service.

THE FIRST Girls' Auxiliary Presentation Service was conducted on a recent Sunday night in East Side Church, Kenneth Kern, pastor.

Mrs. Raymond Sartan, Mrs. Cora Scherer, Mrs. Pauline Norvell, Mrs. Al White and Mrs. Kenneth Kern were members of the reviewing council. The Maidens who were presented were: Carry Cook, Debbie McLellan and Carol Bruce; the Ladies-In-Waiting: Becky Cook and Paula Smith; the Princesses: Lorrie Cook, Linda Smith, and Sharon Montgomery.

MT. HARMONY Church, L. L. Gilliam, pastor, was in revival with Charles Fanning, pastor, First Church, Lindon, Tex. There were six professions of faith, six additions by baptism, four by letter and nine rededications.

ELTON Pennington, who has served the Dayton church in Buckner Association for the past three



MR. PENNINGTON
Association.

years, has accepted the Glendale church near Booneville. He succeeds Ray Kesner who resigned two months ago to accept the Brush Creek Church in Washington - Madison Association.

Mr. Pennington attended Ouachita College and Ft. Smith Junior College and will be a third-year student in the Concord Extension Center in September. He has also served Winfield Church and Denton Church in Buckner Association. He served four years as moderator of Buckner and two years as Chairman of Evangelism.

Mrs. Pennington is the former Reta Williams of Abbott. They have a daughter, Brenda, 13.

THE FIRST commencement-exercise for the Concord Extension Center will be held at Grand Avenue Church June 12. The commencement address will be given by Dr. S. W. Eubanks, pastor of Immanuel Church, and formerly president of Ouachita College.

The graduates are Franklin Faries, pastor, Barling Church; Bobby Joe Martin, pastor, First Church, Huntington; James Simons, pastor, Ratcliff Church; Warren Leonard, pastor, West Hartford Church, and Levi Stevens, teacher of the Men's Bible class, Clark Chapel Church.

JIMMY MANESS, formerly pastor of First Church, Branch, and Abbott Church, has accepted the pastorate of the fulltime Clark Chapel Church in Buckner Association.

JAMES Fitzgerald, pastor, Kelley Heights Church, conducted a revival for Memorial Church, Hackett. C. C. Roberts, formerly Concord Association missionary, is interim pastor.

Faulkner County Assn.

J. M. Evans,

Superintendent of Missions

EMORY Atkinson was ordained to the ministry April 30 at Bobo Church, Conway, where he is pastor. Sherl Blake, formerly pastor of Friendship Church, now pastor of Mayflower Church, served as moderator; Doyne Kelly, pastor, Friendship Church, clerk; Charles Mason, pastor, Bono Church, led the questioning; Deacon Clarence Day, Pickles Gap Church, led the ordination prayer; Harold Carter, pastor, Pickles Gap Church, presented the Bible; Missionary J. M. Evans gave the charge to church and candidate, and Ronald Raines, pastor, Brumley Church, gave the benediction.

SECOND Church, Conway, received 30 new members during its April revival, 15 on profession of faith and 15 by letter. Calvin Usery, pastor, First Church, Mangul, Okla., was evangelist and Mark Short, Arkadelphia, led the music. William West is pastor. Additions to the church totaled 38 for the month.

WALTER Ayers has resigned as pastor of Pleasant Grove Church to become a full-time evangelist. He is a member of Second Church, Conway, and can be contacted there.

FIRST Church, Conway, held a Girls' Auxiliary Coronation service May 10. There were 75 girls enrolled in four junior and two intermediate groups, with 34 of these participating. Joanne Varner and Janette Lea were crowned queens and there were three princesses, ten ladies-in-waiting, and 19 maidens. Mrs. Eugene Wise is the G.A. director. Opal Wynn, Ouachita College student, spoke at a banquet given for the G.A.'s May 12.

FIRST Church, Hunter, recently donated 25 Baptist Hymnals to Sabino Road Baptist Mission, Tucson, Ariz., Selwyn H. Harris, pastor.

Nothing Sensational In St. Louis Meet



A SOUTHERN Baptist Convention approved goal of 1,750,000 circulation for the Baptist state papers by 1964 was featured in the State Paper exhibit this year at the St. Louis Convention. Present circulation of the papers is 1,465,471. The ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE, with a present circulation of 55,500, has set its goal for 1964 at 65,000—help, help!

Name Change Nixed

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sisting on careful definition of such words as "commissioned," "minister" and "ordained."

The recommendation, later adopted by the Convention, makes it possible for church music directors, business administrators, and ministers of education to qualify for old age security insurance. A provision of the Social Security Act requires the state convention of a religious group to pass such an act in order for individual members to qualify.

The recommendation said that such workers who have been "ordained, by a church . . . shall be recognized as commissioned ministers of the Gospel."

Some Baptist churches ordain ministers of music and education. Others insist that ordination is Scripturally limited to deacons and pastors. This difference in interpretation prompted the debate.

"Are we to interpret this as an

endorsement by the executive committee of ordaining persons other than pastors?" asked Dr. James.

Executive Committee Secretary Porter Routh said the act was not intended to be such an endorsement and that the policy of who would be eligible for the coverage would be determined by individual churches and agencies.

Rejection of the proposal for a convention name change advanced by several Southern Baptist pastors in "pioneer" northern mission areas was based on the committee's belief that "the name Southern Baptist Convention best describes our fellowship."

A group of pastors in Wisconsin and Minnesota sparked a widespread discussion among Baptist newspaper editors early this year with a recommendation that study be given to changing the name. Several editors suggested new names ranging from "Baptists, Incorporated," to "Solar Baptist Convention." (BP) ■

THE 104th session of the Southern Baptist Convention, concluded last week in St. Louis, will go down as a constructive convention, notable for its lack of the sensational.

Two recommendations of the Executive Committee drew the fire of the Convention—a proposal to set up an official liaison between the Convention and the Boy Scouts of America, and a proposed Cooperative Program Week.

Opponents of the first of the two contended that to set up any kind of Convention program of cooperation with the Boy Scout organization would take the Convention outside the bounds of its purpose and might hurt the Southern Baptist Convention's organization for boys—Royal Ambassadors. The proposal lost by a large margin.

The recommendation for a special week of emphasis on the Cooperative Program was referred back to the Executive Committee for further study when a division developed as to the proper designation of the week. One messenger wanted to call it "World Missions Week." Another suggested "Cooperative Program of World Missions Week," and still another, a Seminary professor, expressed the feeling that Baptists have enough special days.

In the annual election, Dr. Herschell H. Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, was chosen president over Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. (See feature, page 3.)

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Jackson, Miss., president emeritus of New Orleans Seminary, was named first vice president and W. Herschel Ford, pastor of First Church, El Paso, Tex., second vice president.

Detroit, Mich., was chosen as the meeting place of the Convention for May 24-27, 1966. Other meeting places and dates previously approved are: June 5-8, 1962, San Francisco; May 7-10, 1963, Kansas City; May 18-24, 1964, Atlantic City; and June 1-4, 1965, Dallas.

Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., has been designated to preach the convention sermon next year, with Dr. Vernon B. Richardson, of Baltimore, Md., as alternate.

—ELM.

Pollard in Farewell Address



DR. AND MRS. POLLARD

By GAINER E. BRYAN, JR.

—Editor, *The Maryland Baptist*

IN his two years of forceful, colorful utterances as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ramsey Pollard always tried to assume full responsibility by saying, "I speak only as an individual."

The audience response to his president's address at St. Louis, however, proved once again that most Southern Baptists like the way he talks. Throughout his typically Pollard message there were smiles and claps of satisfaction from messengers.

Earlier at the Pastors' Conference the sophisticated appeal of egghead Carlyle Marney of Charlotte, N. C., for greater ecumenical fervor appeared to leave his listeners a little dazed.

They roared their approval in the

Convention, however, when Dr. Pollard said, "I am not interested in Southern Baptists joining up in any kind of a program that will cause us to sacrifice our convictions—if it will take that to join up in a program of ecumenics, I don't want it."

"Is the religious issue dead?" asked the peppery Tennessee pastor in a reference that was reminiscent of Dr. Pollard's outspoken role during the 1960 presidential campaign. "Not if you keep up with what is being printed in the newspapers and magazines.

"Mr. Kennedy is having a good deal more trouble with his Roman Catholic hierarchy than with some of our Baptist preachers," he quipped.

"Baptists believe in religious liberty for all people. We believe Ro-

man Catholics, Baptists and others ought to have all the schools they want, but they ought to pay their own bills."

When the people applauded, he brought the moral home to them by adding, "I want to say to you, my Baptist friends, that any time you become involved with the federal government and federal funds you are on the wrong road. I believe we should develop a great program of Christian stewardship and stop asking our federal government for handouts, the way our Roman Catholic friends have been doing all these years."

Concerning Christian education he said, "I think the Southern Baptist people want our schools to be uncompromisingly Christian. The way for you school men to get all the financial support you need is to tie your colleges, universities and seminaries onto our Baptist program without any apologies."

Dr. Pollard termed the Southern Baptist program of evangelism "the greatest program of evangelism that any denomination has ever had."

He declared, "I am proud that I am a Southern Baptist. I make no apologies for it. I don't want anybody else—if you are ashamed of the Southern Baptist Convention, there are plenty of other churches you can join."

Near the end he heavily stressed the spiritual. "Some of you preachers may read a lot of books," he said, "but you will never preach with power and might if you preach in your own strength . . . We must recapture our sense of dependence upon the Holy Spirit."

It was clear from the response of the messengers that most of them liked what Dr. Pollard said and the way he said it. ■

Arkansas Appointees

ARKANSANS elected or appointed to various Convention boards and committees included:

Executive Committee, terms expiring in 1964: Jay Heflin, a member of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, and Rev. R. L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock.

Home Mission Board, term expiring in 1964, Dr. W. Harold Hicks, pastor of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to fill unexpired term of the late Victor Kaufmann of Fort Smith, term expiring in 1962, Dr. Walter Warmath, pastor of First Baptist Church, El Dorado.

Southern Baptist Hospital, term expiring in 1963, Tom F. Digby, a member of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock.

Radio and Television Commission, term expiring in 1964, Orin Harris, a member of First Baptist Church, El Dorado.

Brotherhood Commission, term expir-

ing in 1964, Rev. James Street, pastor of First Baptist Church, Conway.

Committee on Committees, for 1961-62, Dr. C. Z. Holland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jonesboro.

Committee on Resolutions, Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

Committee on Boards, C. W. Blewster, member of Central Baptist Church, Magnolia.

Committee on Baptist State Papers, Erwin L. McDonald, editor, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine. ■

Replicas of Gutenberg Bible, Press



Baptist Press Photo

A FACSIMILE of the Gutenberg Bible, resting on a replica of the Gutenberg Press, is examined by Don Cleveland Norman at the Chicago Bible House. Norman is the only man alive who has seen 45 of the remaining 47 Gutenberg Bibles.

THE ONLY man alive who has seen as many as 45 of the 47 known original Gutenberg Bibles comes to the end of a trail 60,000 miles long on June 15 when the publishers release his \$100-a-copy book about an Odyssey unique in the annals of Bible research.

For five years Don Cleveland Norman, editor and Baptist preacher, has criss-crossed this continent and Europe and made two trips deep into the heart of Russia digging up the story of the world's remaining Gutenberg Bibles.

These Bibles are generally accepted as the Western world's first books printed from metal movable type. German scholars estimate that between 180 and 300 Bibles came from Gutenberg's press in Mainz, Germany, before Aug. 15, 1456.

Exactly 500 years from that date Norman was visiting with Aloys Ruppel, the director of the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz. On Aug. 15, 1956, Ruppel reported that he had just heard of a previously unheralded copy in Mons, Belgium.

Investigating the matter immediately Norman was able to verify it as genuine and bring it to world attention as the 47th authentic copy to survive.

In an adventure as exciting as a tale of international intrigue he tracked down and inspected in a bank vault in Ottawa, Canada, the copy belonging to the Diocesan Seminary Library in Pelpin, Poland. It had been smuggled out of Poland in World War II to keep it out of Nazi hands. Norman's efforts to locate two copies missing from Leipzig, East Germany, were futile. He is convinced that they are locked away somewhere inside Russia. He found no one in the U.S.S.R., however, who would acknowledge their presence.

Norman's new book, "The 500th Anniversary Pictorial Census of the Gutenberg Bible," gives the most complete firsthand account of the surviving copies ever written, including detailed bibliographical descriptions of each copy and 300 photos including full-color plates.

The book reveals that 35 of the 47 remaining copies were printed on paper and 12 on vellum. Fourteen are in the United States; nine in Germany; eight in Great Britain; four in France; two each in Spain and Italy; two are missing from East Germany and are possibly in Russia; and Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and Belgium have one each. These copies are each worth more than \$200,000, according to Norman. He expects to see some of these originals valued for as much as a million dollars within his lifetime.

New Location Planned

ONE of the two summer camps operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Ridgecrest, N. C., will be re-located in two years.

The 33-year-old summer camp dedicated to the building of Christian young men, Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, will move to the foot of Rattlesnake Mountain, just west of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, in 1963.

Tornado Destroys Church

A TORNADO demolished the new building of the Howe (Okla.) Baptist Church less than two days before it was to be dedicated. The storm killed 16 persons and injured more than 50 in this southeastern Oklahoma town and a nearby community of Reichert.

"With God's help, we'll rebuild," said Pastor Ron Lewis. "We'll be dedicating a new Baptist church in another six months."

Seminary Museum Additions

SOUTHERN Seminary Louisville, Ky., has added some famous monuments of ancient history to the school's Nicol Museum of Biblical Archaeology. Included are four exact-size plaster reproductions, exact copies of originals, obtained from the British Museum in London.

One is a reproduction of the famous Rosetta Stone — a black stone tablet discovered by Napoleon's armies in 1798 that was the key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Biggest of the monuments is a black obelisk of the court of Shalmaneser III, king of Assyria in the Ninth Century B.C. The 6-foot stone contains figures and inscriptions on all four sides, somewhat like an ancient newsreel.

Another reproduction is a Moabite stone dating to 850 B.C. with some 300 words in the language of Canaan.

Another is a tablet of Siloam inscription which was taken from a tunnel that was dug under the hill of Jerusalem in the time of Isaiah. The tablet describes how the tunnel was dug.

The value of these monuments, according to Dr. Joseph A. Callaway, Seminary archaeologist, is that they provide external evidence of Biblical events. The digging of the tunnel, for instance, is mentioned in the Bible. The obelisk makes reference to events in the 18th year of the reign of King Shalmaneser, fixing an absolute date in Old Testament history from a non-Biblical source.

'Thieves Break In'

"LAY NOT up for yourselves treasures in a church safe over Sunday night," might be a good text for Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Burglars made off with approximately \$5,000 after breaking open the safe in the church office long after Sunday evening worshippers had gone home.

Approximately two-thirds of the missing amount was in checks stamped for bank deposit only. Most of the missing money and checks represented Sunday's offering. ■

Films from Broadman

BROADMAN Films will release additional films from The Answer Series, originally produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth.

Titles and release dates are "Boy in the Dark," on the indifference of parents, June 9; and "Project: Brother's Keeper," which shows Christianity in action by sharing our medical techniques with other countries, June 23.

Baylor Gets Gift, Loan

BAYLOR University has received a gift of \$100,000 and a loan of \$1 million from a San Antonio, Tex., woman. The gift and loan came from Mrs. Marrs McLean to complete the financing of a new physical science building at Baylor. Architects' plans have already been completed for the proposed \$2 million structure.

Counseling Meet Set

DATES for the 1961 Southern Baptist Counseling Guidance Conference to be held in Nashville have been set as Sept. 25-27.

Theme of the meeting is "New Testament Doctrine of Ministries." It will emphasize a Christian interpretation of vocations for all Christians and will seek to interpret the meaning of Christian commitment in vocation, whatever the individual vocational pursuit.

Peace Corps Church Use

"THE WORK of the Peace Corps cannot take the place of the Christian missionary," declared James O. Duncan in an editorial in the *Capital Baptist*, official publication of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

"The Christian church will face one of its greatest crises if the people begin to believe that their 'tax dollar' is doing the work of their 'tithe dollar,'" Duncan said.

He continued, "The cause of religious freedom can be set back hundreds of years if the church turns over to government the responsibility of Christian missions."

The occasion for the precaution was a guide issued by the Peace Corps with the approval of Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr., Corps director.

The guide declared, "A project which meets Peace Corps criteria and standards will not be barred from receiving Peace Corps support because it is sponsored by a religious or sectarian group." However, it continued, "No support will be given such a project if it furthers any religious, sectarian, commercial, or propaganda cause or releases funds for such purposes."

For Racial Harmony

THE GEORGIA Baptist Student Union in its spring retreat adopted a resolution declaring "race should not be a factor influencing relations among men."

It said "racial prejudice in America" is damaging the Christian witness in mission work abroad and called for "Christian leadership in resolving problems involving racial discrimination." The resolution was offered by students from Georgia Tech in Atlanta, which is expecting its first Negro students in September.

SS Assistant Named

HAZEL Rodgers has become assistant superintendent of Adult work in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department. ■

What God Hath Joined Together

By GUY F. MERRYMAN
Jasper, Ark.

FEB. 18, 1961, is a date that I shall never forget. It came on Saturday, always a busy day for a minister.

This was a day that started off with the usual breakfast, two children eating oatmeal — sitting around the table with my wife, Ernestine, our little boy, Guy Ernest, two, our little girl, Elizabeth Faye, four.

At 4 o'clock that evening I did not realize how close tragedy was. My wife was lying on the couch watching T.V. I had some business in town, and as I kissed her goodbye she said, "Be back soon, dear," to which I replied, "I'll be back in a moment."

As most preachers will agree, their moments are often an hour or two, especially if they can find someone to talk with. I drove about four blocks down to the Farmer's Co-op, and finished preparing a package I was to mail.

When I left the post office, I drove around the square to the barber shop.

Tragedy Strikes

THEN the tragedy came in words that still ring in my ears. Grandville Smith came rushing into the barber shop and said, "Preacher, your wife has been burned."

I rushed out of the barber shop, into my car, not knowing exactly what had happened or how. As I sped around the square, another man flagged me down and said, "Preacher, she's not at your house, she's at the clinic."

So I turned and hurried to Dr. Russell's clinic and rushed inside. There, sitting on a couch, was my wife. She was not like she was

when I left her some 22 minutes ago. To my horror, she was burned from her mouth to her toes.

While Dr. Russell was preparing to give her a shot for shock, I called the sheriff and requested an escort to Harrison, some 18 miles away on one of the most crooked roads in the state of Arkansas.

When the deputy sheriff arrived I put Ernestine into the back of my old green '54 Buick and away we sped to Harrison. Some 14 minutes and 30 seconds later we were turning into the back of the hospital. In the emergency ward, Dr. Williams, one of the finest doctors in the state of Arkansas, came to examine my wife and take her to a room. After he and Dr. Jackson had further checked her, Dr. Williams came out with the second hardest thing for me to take in one day.

I thought the words, "Preacher, your wife is on fire," were bad enough. But then he looked me straight in the face and said, "Preacher, I cannot lie to you, your wife could die of shock. If she has any close relatives, call them now."

Friends Come

AS I turned to go call her mother, feeling somewhat alone, Brother Don Jones, the Assembly of God preacher, stepped out of the elevator. Our association missionary, Brother Dennis James, some of my church people, and many other friends and neighbors were there to lift me up before the throne of grace, to comfort, and help me any way they could. After greeting my friends I called Ernestine's mother. She arrived



MR. AND MRS. MERRYMAN, 1954

at the hospital late that night.

My wife had gained consciousness on the way to Harrison, and had given me an account of what happened during those fateful 22 minutes that I was away from home.

She said, "Guy, I went out to burn the trash. I had poured the trash into a pit in the backyard, then seeing that I was going to catch the grass on fire I took a small board and bent over close to the fire and put out the fire in the grass. In the meantime the wind picked the blaze up and caught my petticoat on fire. While trying to put out my petticoat, I fell over into the fire."

She had passed out. How long she lay in the fire, no one knows. She crawled out of the fire and passed out again. Then she came into the kitchen. A part of her skirt fell off and burned a hole in the linoleum. She came into the living room and lay on the couch and there a portion of her sweater sleeve fell off. Then she went out to the front porch, all of her

clothes burned off, with the exception of two pieces of elastic around her waist.

A ten-year-old boy, flying his kite across the street, saw her and called for help.

Oscar Villines and his wife came running over and put out the fire in her hair and clipped the collar of her sweater off and took her to the clinic.

That was the account she gave me as we were going to Harrison.

As the hours lingered on eventually 1 o'clock came. Her mother, her aunt, and two cousins arrived. Her mother came in and sat with her for awhile and I went out and tried to relax and think.

The next few days I was in a daze. Time dragged on. The churches in Newton and Boone County, not only Baptist, but other churches, and friends heard of the tragedy and came to my aid.

Realizing that I had no hospitalization or burial insurance, they took up offerings to help with the expense. I appreciate that. It was wonderful of them. Friends came and took me for coffee, and took me into their homes and fed me.

Memories of My Wife

AS I'D go back to the room and sit with her, I would think about the time when I met my wife. I was a freshman at Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge. My wife was in high school, but her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Cheatham, lived on the campus.

I went to see Ernestine about Christmas-time in 1952, and we started going together. We dated steady for six months; then, in 1953, we were engaged. In June of 1954 we walked out of the little chapel on the campus of Southern Baptist College, man and wife.

After leaving there I served churches in Arkansas, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Onapa, Oklahoma. Then I had the opportunity and privilege to come to Newton County, where my wife was reared in a little place called Deer. It was my privilege to serve First Baptist Church, Jasper, the church at Deer, and the church at Parthenon. My wife greatly enjoyed being in

Newton County with people she loved and with people that knew her, her folks.

I am thankful that we had the opportunity of serving in Newton County. As time elapsed, I kept thinking about the things that happened in our 6½ years of marriage. In 1957, while I was attending East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Texas, there was a little girl born to us June 7. Then, July 18, 1959, we were blessed with a little boy, Guy Ernest.

These two children are a real blessing from God. As I sat there thinking, many things went through my mind: "God, is this your will?" I would say. If it is, how can I accept it as a minister? Then the thought came back to me, who's doing my preaching? And there was standing in my pulpit a faithful God-called man, Brother Dennis James, my associational missionary. He continued to preach for me for three weeks, God bless him.

But the other things seemed to pass. There was a faithful young lady in Jasper, Mrs. Walters, who took care of the children the week my wife was in the hospital. Then there were the Berrys, and there were others that helped, many people too numerous to mention. Then there was Samuel Goates and his wife that came and stood by me during all of this. As I write this I can think of scores of friends I would like to mention.

I thought that I had taken all in one week's time that I could take; but then the end came. Feb. 23 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I was outside of her room and rushed in because they told me that my wife was dying. I put my hand on her forehead as she drew her last breath.

I thought the words, "Preacher, your wife is burned," were bad. I thought the words, "Preacher, your wife could die of shock," were awful, but the words the nurse said were harder to take than any: "Preacher, your wife is gone."

Preacher after preacher, and friend after friend came. What happened from then till that night, I don't know. I know that later on my relatives came, then the

funeral arrangements were to be made.

The funeral home, Christenson Brothers, in Harrison fixed her face up so beautiful. Then came 10 o'clock on Saturday, Feb. 25. The funeral was conducted in the gymnasium at Jasper. Four ministers took part in it; Rev. Dennis James, our associational missionary, Rev. Martin Ahlf, Methodist minister of Jasper, Rev. Donald Jones of the Assembly of God, and, to bring the message, Rev. John Stratton, pastor of the South Side Baptist Church, Lead Hill. All of them did a wonderful job. The pallbearers were from our church and the honorary pallbearers were all other Baptist ministers from the two associations.

'Thy Will Be Done'

THIS HAS been a great tragedy for a young minister to encounter. However, I remember the morning my wife died, as I sat in the car with Missionary James, I prayed: "Lord, Thy will be done and if this is Thy will, may it come to pass, but Lord give me the faith to accept Thy will."

Every person that I win to the Lord, from this day on, will be a testimony to my wife.

I don't know how to close this story. I am still at the same pastorate. A wonderful, 83-year-old lady who is very active, has come to live with us and help take care of the children. The people in Jasper, and all of Newton County have been wonderful to me and I love them.

My wife and I were one in Christ; when she passed away, part of me passed away. And yet Christ can fulfill all our needs, all of our desires, all of our wants, if they comply with his will.

So, in closing may I say, may each of us live for the Lord today, for tomorrow we know not what it may bring. Twenty-two minutes away, we know not what life may have in store for us. But we do know who holds the life and who is the master of all things and the creator of all things.

Let us ever praise the Lord and live for Him each day, is my prayer. ■

Training Union

Lee Porter to be Recreation Director

LEE Porter, Baton Rouge, La., recreational consultant for the Church Recreation Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, will direct a well-planned program of recreation at both Training Union assemblies at Siloam Springs. The assembly will be conducted July 3-8 and July 10-15. Mr. Porter will teach a course in church recreation each morning.

A new recreational building will be in use at both assemblies. Arts and crafts material will be purchased at this building. Tournaments will be conducted for softball, ping pong, tennis, horse shoes, etc.

The following change has been made in the swimming schedule:

Monday—Girls, 2:00-3:30 — Boys, 3:45-5:00

Tuesday—Men and boys 14 and older — 1:45-3:15 — Men and boys 13 and younger—3:30-5:00

Wednesday—Women and girls 14 and older—1:45-3:15 — Women and girls 13 and younger—3:30-5:00



MR. PORTER

Thursday—Men and boys 13 and younger—1:45-3:15 — Men and boys 14 and older—3:30-5:00

Friday—Women and girls 13 and younger—1:45-3:15 — Women and girls 14 and older—3:30-5:00. — Ralph W. Davis, Secretary ■

CHARTERED BUSES TO YWA AND WMU CONFERENCES

There will be chartered buses to both the WMU and YWA Conferences at Glorieta! The one for the WMU Conference will leave Little Rock July 18 and return the 28, and the one for the YWA Conference will leave July 25 and return August 4.

The trip not only affords the information and inspiration of the conference, but opportunities to visit many Home Mission stations and points of scenic and historic interest. Overnight stops will be made in Amarillo, Tex., Taos and Albuquerque, New Mex., and Clinton, Okla.

Details will be supplied by the state WMU Office and any desiring to go should send \$15.00 registration fee — Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer ■

Missions-Evangelism

News and Notes

TEN STUDENT summer missionaries will serve for 10 weeks in Arkansas beginning June 12. They will work in the following associations:

Mt. Zion, Current River, Gainesville, Big Creek, White River; Boone, Newton, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, Clear Creek and Dardanelle-Russellville. Their work will be with mission points and weak churches. The Home Mission Board of Atlanta enlists the students and pays their salaries.



DR. CALDWELL

Oak Cliff Church in Fort Smith will be entering the second unit of their building program Sunday, June 11 with C. W. Caldwell as guest speaker. Murl Walker is pastor.

The Rural Church Conference program has been mailed to every pastor. The attendance this year is expected to be the highest on record. Churches are asked to pay for at least the meal and room tickets of pastor and wife. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. The conference begins Monday evening, June 19, and lasts through Thursday noon June 22.

Plans are already in the making for a great program with the Braceros this fall. It is hoped that many individual churches will help sponsor services in their areas. We have price lists of Spanish tracts, gospels, New Testaments and Bibles which we will send to any church desiring to order some for distribution.

White County and Woodruff associations have about completed plans to merge as one association. When joined they will have 38 churches. — C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent. ■

Sunday School

First VBS Report

THE FIRST Vacation Bible School report for 1961 reached our office recently. The report came from the

First Baptist Church of Cash, earning the high award of recognition as a **STANDARD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**.

Thomas Langley is the pastor and served as principal of the school. Hildon Mahon is the Sunday School superintendent.

This school, in Mt. Zion Association,

began on April 23 and was a ten day school, meeting three hours daily from 3:30 until 6:30 p.m.

There were 66 pupils and 22 faculty members enrolled with an average attendance of 74. The mission offering of \$10.95 was given to missions through the Cooperative Program. The church provided the five regular departments and an extra Nursery Department in the school. Eight of the pupils are not enrolled in any Sunday school.

Congratulations to the Cash Baptist. Now, we are looking for 999 more reports this summer. Don't fail to report your school. 1,000 is the Arkansas goal for 1961. We can do it. Let's do it! — Lawson Hatfield, Secretary ■



MR. HATFIELD

Missionary Union

Graded GA Camps

FOR THE first time Arkansas WMU will grade two junior Girls' Auxiliary camps in order to afford more specialized training. The schedule is as follows:

July 17-21 — GA Camp for 11 and 12 year olds

July 24-28 — GA Camp for 9 and 10 year olds

July 31-Aug. 4 — Junior GA Camp for 9 through 12

August 7-11 — Junior GA Camp for



MISS COOPER

9 through 12

August 12-13 — YWA Houseparty
August 14-18 — Intermediate GA Camp.

Among missionaries, who will serve in camps this summer are Miss Josephine Scaggs and Miss Nan Owens of Nigeria, Miss DeVellyn Olliver of the Phillipines, Miss Olivia Daniel, native of Brazil, and Mrs. Bruce Conrad of Oklahoma, missionary to Indians.

The total cost of GA camps is \$16.00 of which \$2.00 registration fee should be sent as soon as possible to Miss Mary Hutson, state WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock. The balance is payable upon arrival at camp. Reservations will be accepted on first come first served basis,

DEPARTMENTS

Student Union

Ridgecrest Magic

THE MAGIC of Ridgecrest is in the air as Student Week approaches and the Arkansas BSU plans their annual trip to the "Land of the Sky." The Arkansas group has been a spirited group in the past with its "calling the hogs" and its sweepstakes victories in athletic events at Glorieta in 1959 and at Ridgecrest in 1960.



DR. LOGUE

The state choir will sing in the Sunday evening service and at the closing service Wednesday noon.

High school seniors are invited to join the college students. Total costs for everything from departure at Little Rock until return to Little Rock will be \$55.00. Write the Student Department for further details.

Parents of high school seniors have given the Ridgecrest trip as a graduation gift, assuring the student of the right start in college life. At Ridgecrest the spirit of Christ prevails and the spiritual vision is one never to be forgotten. — Tom J. Logue, Secretary ■

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Executive Board

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However, the churches will profit most from this week of earnest study on the part of the pastors. More will be said in following issues of the **Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine** to acquaint all concerned with the entire week's program. — S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

Letters

(Continued from page 5)

Nashville" need to understand that we are just as independent as anybody, perhaps **independent!**

Some of our people down South think our two conventions are still together theologically, and are just apart on the racial question. Well that just ain't so!

American Baptists don't even have Training Union, or a semblance thereof (except where a number of Southern Baptists have joined their churches and have introduced the program).

Most of them of my acquaintance dismiss evening services during the summer and participate in "union" services in the city park.

Many Southern Baptists are not even aware that the General Association of Regular Baptists was formed a number of years back by a number of conservative American Baptist Churches as a protest movement against the liberalism of American Baptists. If we want to merge with someone, let's merge with the G.A.R.B. We're a lot closer together theologically, although they, too, practice alien immersion. — Robert L. Hartsell, Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Manhattan, Kan. ■

Turpin to Golden Gate

CALVIN C. Turpin, minister of education at Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will join the Golden Gate Baptist Seminary staff July 1 as associate librarian, President Harold K. Graves has announced. He will assume duties as catalog and reference librarian. (BP)

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

(Author of the new book, "Sir, I Have A Problem," at your Baptist Book Store.)

Marrying a Catholic

QUESTION: I am a Baptist and married to a Catholic man. He is now unable to receive the



DR. HUDSON

sacraments because we were not married by a Catholic priest. We were married by a Baptist minister. His church tells him that if he will be married by a priest and that if I will promise to rear our children solely in the Catholic faith, that he can be restored to fellowship. I can not do that. Please help me and tell others *not* to marry outside their faith. It puts an awful strain on the marriage and may even wind up in divorce.

ANSWER: What did you think your husband would do about this, before you married him? Surely, in our literate country, you knew that Catholics require that all their people be married by a priest. They also require that all children be reared solely in the Catholic faith. You cannot even teach your child the New Testament in your home, unless you and your husband are willing to lie, if you are married by a priest.

I have told them. But romantic love doesn't always listen. ■

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

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YOU CAN WIN SOULS

by C. E. Autrey

This practical manual for personal soul-winners is as clear and direct as the title itself. It deals realistically with the qualifications, equipment, and techniques of the soul-winner, and with the problems of winning the anxious, the indifferent, the doubters, and those of other beliefs. (26b) **\$2.95**



TOOLS FOR TEACHING AND TRAINING

by LeRoy Ford

Here are workable methods of nonprojected visual presentations—described in detail and illustrated with clear, simple drawings. This is for Sunday school teachers, Training Union leaders—and just about everybody who wants "get an idea across" quickly, understandably, and unforgettably! (26b) **95 cents**



GOD MADE ME NEW

by Burnice Luck

The personal testimony of a Texas railroad man who knows the power of God in gaining victory over drink, gambling, and paganism in his life. Told in first person, it is a direct, hard-hitting account of one man's desperate need and how God met it—a true and dramatic example of God's mercy to "whosoever will." (26b) **\$1.00**



J. M. PRICE: Portrait of a Pioneer

by Clyde Merrill Maguire

In these pages the character and leadership of a wise and beloved educator are felt anew. Now retired—though far from inactive—Dr. Price headed the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for 41 years. His biography will be treasured by all who know him—or wish they did! (26b) **\$2.95**



THE SKY Y TRAIN

by Oren Arnold

Nine to thirteen-year-olds will enjoy this fast-moving story of Rod Conway's summer in the Arizona mountains. Unexpected danger turns boredom into adventure, and Rod finds his courage tested and his outlook on himself and his companions completely changed. By the author of *The Chili Pepper Children*. Illustrated. (26b) **\$2.95**

OZARK OBIE

by Virginia Whitman

More than anything else, Obie wanted his family to quit speaking of him as "our baby boy" and recognize him as a man. He gets his wish—along with a summer full of adventure in the lake and cave region of Missouri. Eleven- to fourteen-year-olds will find this exciting from beginning to end. Illustrated. (26b) **\$2.95**



THE SINGING BELLS

by Anita Scott Coleman

Because they all liked so much to sing, the Bells were a very special family. Here's a charming and different story, on the basis of a 6-8 year-old-child's experience of what makes a group of people a family—living and loving and sharing together. Ages 6-8. Illustrated. (26b)

Board binding, **60 cents**
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JESUS' FIRST TRIP

by Robbie Trent

Two- to four-year-olds will love this retelling of the flight to Egypt by Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus. The simple text is within the young child's understanding, and the rhythmic prose gives him a warm feeling of security. Beautiful color illustrations. (26b)

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I HELP TOO

by Alma May Scarborough

This warm-hearted, home-centered little book deals skilfully with two of the small child's basic needs—to achieve, and to be accepted. It will delight two- to four-year-olds—and help their parents create a home atmosphere of security and emotional stability. Illustrated. (26b)

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Jane's Big House

By NELL DUNKIN

JANE Addams was a happy girl who lived about one hundred years ago. She lived in a big house in a small town. The house had a large yard where she played under the trees.

Mr. Addams owned several large farms. Most days he went to his bank in town, but some days he went to his farms.

"May I go with you to the farm?" asked Jane.

She liked to see the nice little houses and the big barns. She liked to see the cows and calves, the horses and colts.

One morning, Mr. Addams said, "I am going to Freeport today. Do you want to go with me, Jane?"

"Oh, yes, Father," she said quickly and hurried to get ready.

Freeport was only six miles from Cedarville where Jane lived but it took more than an hour to get there with a horse and buggy. Because they did not go very often, it was a big day for six-year-old Jane. When just she and her father went, Jane could ask questions as much as she liked.

"Why is some corn big and some little?" she asked.

"Because some of the soil is better than others," her father answered.

"Why doesn't everyone live where the soil is good?" she asked.

"Because there isn't enough of the best soil for everyone," Mr. Addams told her. "Farmers must do the best they can to raise as much as they can on their own land."

"Is that why some of these farm-houses are better than others?" Jane questioned. "Is it because the soil is not good there?"

"It is nice to live in the country anyway," Jane decided. "The children have lots of room to play, and they have baby animals."

When they came to Freeport, Jane sat up straight so that she would not miss anything. What she saw did not make her happy. They were going through a very poor part of town where the houses were quite shabby. There were no big trees, no grass.

"Why do people live in such shabby houses?" she asked her father at last. "The houses look as if they are falling down."

"These people do not have money enough to live in better houses," Mr. Addams explained.

"When I grow up," said Jane firmly, "I shall have a big house, of course, but it will not be among other big houses. I will have a big house among horrid little houses like these."

"Why, Jane," her father exclaimed, "do you mean you will show off before poor people like these?"

"Oh, no, Father," Jane said quickly. "I will invite them to my house so that they may see beautiful things. Then I will try to help them make their homes nice. I will teach them how to be clean and to make nice clothes."

Although Jane was young, she remembered her plan for her big house. She went to school and traveled, but always she was thinking about people who lived in poor places.

At last her dream came true. She opened Hull House in the big city of Chicago. It was a very grand house, but many poor little houses were around it.

Soon the neighbors were coming to see the beautiful things in the big house. Jane and her friends showed them how to take better care of their babies. They taught them how to live better and to have better homes.

Because Jane remembered the sunshine and good air of the farms, she took the children to the country sometimes. She did many other things to help the people who lived around her. People all over the world knew and loved Jane Addams because she helped others. ■

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Comparison

By GEORGE L. EHRMAN

*A garden is a lovely place,
With all the new plants growing,
When seen soon after planting time
Before the weeds are showing.
But later on, when summer comes
And weeds start crowding in,
A garden place resembles then
A life despoiled by sin.*

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A Good Example

By THELMA C. CARTER

THE TWO wren families came in the spring. Such a gushing torrent of music they poured out as they set up housekeeping.

"No bigger than a thumb, the wren has a whole springtime in his heart," a naturalist wrote of this bird.

We watched our new wren neighbors with wonder. One wren family moved into the new redwood birdhouse we had nailed under the eaves. The other wren family set up housekeeping in a small flowerpot set on the ledge of a rose trellis.

What nest building and housekeeping went on in the small flowerpot! We were amazed. Nature's creatures have a wonderful way of making their own happiness. We could almost see the approval and pride of the pert little wrens as they lined their homes carefully with soft grasses, small twigs, spider webs, feathers, and moss. How lovingly they watched over their tiny eggs.

Wrens are good housekeepers. Daily, every stick and twig in the neatly kept nests was moved for an airing. No vermin or dirt was allowed in the well-kept homes.

Wrens are small birds, three to five inches in length. Usually they are brown in color, with white or gray vests. These are marked with bars, streaks, or speckles of brown or gray.

The wren's nest is a small home. Wrens have been known to make nests in old shoes, tin cups, and the arms of coats.

Wrens destroy vast numbers of insects. They keep rather close to the ground because they are unable to soar with their short round wings. ■

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A Search for Life's Meaning

By DAVID E. RAILEY

Pastor, Immanuel Church, El Dorado

June 4, 1961

Bible Material: Ecclesiastes 1, 3, 5; John 16:33

Memory Passage: "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

WHAT IS your purpose in life? Can you write down a statement of the motivating force in you? Does life have meaning for you? Is there a spiritual force behind your daily labors? These questions condensed into one: Is your life worthwhile?



MR. RAILEY

King Solomon in the role of a preacher began to seek an answer to this question over 900 years before Christ. In order to help him in his pursuit, God gave him more wisdom than any other human being in history, other than Christ. With his Godly wisdom, kingly power and manly experience, Solomon investigated the totality of life, seeking an inert force within man that would spell out meaning for him. "I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem, and I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; it is a sore travail that God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised therewith." (Eccles. 1:12-13)

The total result of his search was: "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind." (vs. 14) He concludes that man is fighting the air in his efforts of progress. Life seems to be meaningless.

It has nothing substantial within it to merit the great labor therein. Man strives for nothing. It is like a man struggling to keep his head above water while an unseen current carries him to destruction.

When man seeks for life's meanings and does so by his own wisdom and in the strength of his own flesh, the conclusion will be vanity of vanities.

I. Life Under the Sun

THE KEY thought in Ecclesiastes is contained in the phrase "under the sun." It is a metaphor used twenty-nine times in the book. It certainly must mean life under the level of God's will for man.

Solomon in seeking the meaning of life through his own wisdom and without taking God into account must have

been what we call today backslidden. His spiritual condition was grave. "I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life." (2:3) He fell so far into a sinful condition that he adopted the selfish attitude of life only for his own pleasure. "There is nothing better for man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour." (2:24)

Therefore, life "under the sun" is one without a higher purpose. Man is his own motivation. Whatever his passions may dictate will be the goal for which he shall labor. With this attitude there is to be given a time and place for good and evil as well as victory and defeat. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal . . ." (3:1-3)

II. The Philosophy of Failure

THE DANGER of making a judgment purely on the basis of observation through the five senses of man is seen in the philosophy that it produces. One may come to some erroneous ideas about God, and perhaps even blame God for man's failure. "What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboreth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made everything beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end." (3:9-11)

Solomon in his despair places all the blame for defeat on God because he has created man with the world in his heart.

Today there is much defeatism among men. Men who are bound down by sin say "Why did not God make me stronger?" Those afraid of our world travail say "Why has God let communism spread?" When man fails he passes the buck of blame to the Creator.

Also in the philosophy of failure is the element of continued despair. One looks to the future and sees only the

judgment day, because he has no hope of anything better. "And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there. I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work." (3:16-17)

III. The Way Out is Up

IN HIS condition of purposelessness the one who is backslidden has only one direction to follow. He must rise. Just as the prodigal son arose from the hog-pen and pursued a direct course for his father's house, so must one who comes to the end of his way of nothingness. But how can one shake loose from the entanglement of worldliness? Does man under the sun have the power to raise himself? This question was recently put to me by an alcoholic. He said, "Can I overcome my problem when I have little more with which to fight than just remorse?" Ecclesiastes clearly answers this question. Attempts in the strength of the flesh will only bring greater despair. After making intense effort to find purpose under the sun, the author concludes: "Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit." (2:17)

Christ is the answer. He is the way out and up. He can lift a man out of despair and up into a life of victory. Our New Testament reply to Ecclesiastes is John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." This verse does not deny the presence of trouble, nor does it overlook the weakness of the flesh. It recognizes the enemy and declares the method of defeating it. There is a better life. There is a life above the sun.

IV. Life Above the Sun

BUILT within the concept of life "under the sun" we can see the hope of a possible life above the line of human defeat. We can rise above ourselves through Christ. He said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Through the inward happiness that he gives and through his personal victory over sin, we too, can have the abundant life. We can be more than conquerors through him that loved us. But this is not automatic for a believer. Just because we have been saved does not mean that we have arrived in a state of constant victory. Rather the scripture indicates that we will overcome the world as did Christ in the same degree that we follow him. If we walk closely enough behind him, he will

lead us into the plane of higher living produced by the perfect will of God.

A Smile or Two

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Conclusion: Victory over Vanities

AVAILABLE to every born-again believer is the privilege of victory over a meaningless life. To walk in the way of victory requires that one have and hold a Divine purpose in life. There must be spiritual motivation behind going to school, laboring for hire, rearing a family, operating a business, etc. Every aspect of life must have meaning. Take the time now to make a written statement of your purpose in life. Despair can attack any of us. Our only defense is a daily life above the sun. Let us give our hearts to seeking and searching for life's meaning. But let us do it with more than wisdom. Let us seek it through Bible study, prayer, worship, stewardship, the church, and most of all a personal dedication to Christ. Herein does life have purpose. ■

Attendance Report

May 21, 1961

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alpena, First	87	49	
Benton, First	701		
Berryville, Freeman Heights Camden	182	86	2
Cullendale First	460	221	
First	529	201	2
Conway, First	542	102	2
Cove, First	41	26	
El Dorado			
East Main	266	126	
Immanuel	634	242	
Cook St. Mission	68	50	
Parkview	254	66	
Ft. Smith			
Calvary	326	100	5
Grand Avenue	841	253	17
Mission	20		
Kelley Height	186	81	2
Towson Avenue	233	84	1
Harrisburg			
Calvary	127		1
First	350	135	33
Harrison, Eagle Heights	255	97	6
Hot Springs, Park Place	444	135	4
Huntsville	121	42	
Combs Mission	15	12	
Kingston Mission	42	29	
Jacksonville, First	701	364	4
Jonesboro, Central	501	197	1
Levy	620	248	8
Little Rock			
First	1142	480	8
Gaines Street	431	231	3
Dennison St.	51	33	2
South Highland	550	193	1
Magnolia, Central	710	247	2
McGehee, First	425	166	
Mission	27	15	
Mena, First	290	118	
Mission	27	12	
Mountain Home, East Side	81	51	5
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	798	275	2
Central	363	130	1
Highway	257	133	12
Park Hill	725	305	4
Pine Bluff			
Sulphur Springs	98	65	
Watson Chapel	136	60	
Rogers, Sunnyside	140	59	
Smackover, First	282	106	2
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	191		
First	498		
Van Buren, First	421		2
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The Superior Sex

THE head of the house wanted to hang a picture, and looked far and wide for hammer and nails. The children kept prodding him, so he finally yelled to his wife upstairs, "Where in the world are the tools?"

Then the calm spouse in an understanding tone replied: "They're in the basement, and the bandages are in the medicine cabinet."

Turnabout

A WOMAN waiting at the door ready to go to the store had her arms full of coats and four little children at her side.

Her husband coming down the stairs, asked why she was standing there. She replied, handing him the coats, "This time, you put the children's coats on and I'll go honk the horn."

Biology Lesson

"OH, what a lovely cow," said the cute young miss from the city. "But why hasn't it any horns?"

"There are many reasons," replied the farmer. "Some cows do not have horns until later in life. Others have them removed, while still other breeds are born without them. This one does not have horns because it is a horse."

Things Are Tough

SHE: "I don't have a thing to wear, if anyone new came over, they'd think I was the cook!"

He: "Not if they stayed for dinner."

Sound Reasoning

A MAN went into a pet shop to buy a parrot. All the parrots were gone. The clerk suggested buying a woodpecker instead.

"Well, can he talk?" asked the man. "No, but if you dig the Morse code, he'll give you a lot of fun," the clerk replied.

Five Days Make One Week

TEACHER: "This is the fifth time I've had you stay after school this week. What have you to say?"

Student: "I'm glad it's Friday."

Wet Snack

SCHOOL teacher to little boy who was always late for school, "Son, why don't you grab something in your hand and catch the bus sometimes?"

Little boy, "But, man, you can't drab dravey and run."

He Tried

DOCTOR—Did you follow my advice and drink hot water one hour before breakfast?

Patient—Well, I did the best I could, doctor, but I just couldn't keep it up for more than 20 minutes.

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"HOW long did it take your wife to learn to drive a car?"

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Baptists in Maine

BECAUSE they wanted to organize a church with an ordained minister in charge, Baptists of Kittery, Maine, sent William Screven to the Baptist church, Boston Mass., January, 1682, with the request that he be ordained. This they did, Jan. 11. Mr. Screven had lived in Massachusetts before moving to Maine. He, his wife, and Mr. Humphrey Churchwood were baptized in the Boston Baptist church, July 21, 1681.



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When the magistrate and the Congregational minister of Kittery heard of the ordination, they began slandering the Baptists. The magistrate summoned the Baptists and threatened them with fines and imprisonment for attending Baptist services. Because of this Mr. Churchwood urged Mr. Screven to hurry home.

Louisville Increase

THE DEAN of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has announced there is a 36 per cent increase over last year in applications for entry from incoming first-year students.

Hugh Peterson said at the corresponding time one year ago Southern Seminary had accepted 156 applicants. To date this year, he reported 202 applicants for September admission. "The increase is uniform over each of Southern's three schools — religious education, church music and theology," according to Peterson.

With 45 persons holding faculty status and 23 more serving as instructors, the school administration reported the best student-faculty ratio in its 101 years of life. It has 1168 students this year, for a ratio of 19 to 1. (BP)

He returned and soon ran afoul of the law for opposing infant baptism. Summoned before court, March 13, 1682, he was given a choice of 100 pound fine or imprisonment. He chose the latter.

Again, on April 12, he was tried by the Court of York, fined, and forbidden to hold any further meetings in the province. He was ordered to conform to religious practices established in the province. He paid five pounds of his 10 pound fine.

On June 28, the Provincial General Assembly heard his case. The Court apparently wanted to be lenient and promised him liberty to return to his family if he would cease preaching and stirring up controversy. Screven refused and the Court required a peace bond for good behaviour. But he changed his mind and told the Court he would leave the province.

Since no date was set for leaving, he took his time, giving special attention to the organization of the church. In September he invited the Boston church to send her pastor and representative members to the Kittery Baptists to assist in organizing a church. To this the church consented, and they organized, Sept. 25, 1682. ■

Graham to '63 Conference

EVANGELIST Billy Graham has been named one of the main speakers for a nationwide Southern Baptist evangelism conference to be held in Dallas, Tex., July 2-4, 1963.

Southern Baptist Evangelism Director C. E. Autrey said more than 20,000 persons from 37 states are expected to hear Graham's concluding address in a Dallas football stadium. Main conference sessions will be held in Dallas' Memorial Auditorium.

Theme for the meeting will be "Spiritual Conquest . . . Now!" Autrey said the purpose of the meeting is to spearhead a nationwide evangelistic emphasis culminating the Baptist Jubilee Advance. (BP)

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