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Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

DR. AND MRS. Arthur Fox, seated, as they observed the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Their children, left to right: Mrs. Frank Davis, Paul Fox, Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman and Arthur Fox II.

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — Dr. Arthur Fox, widely-known Southern Baptist pastor-evangelist, and Mrs. Fox celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, August 14.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Fox are natives of East Tennessee. Mrs. Fox, the former Sarah Enfield Rogers, was from Blountville and Bristol. Dr. Fox was reared in Newport. They are graduates of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Dr. Fox continued his graduate work at Carson-Newman and the Southern Seminary, where he was a member of the class of 1916. He was granted the Doctor-of-Divinity degree by Bethel Woman's College in 1924.

The Foxes were married in 1907 and Mr. Fox accepted a call soon afterward to the pastorate of First Church, New-

port, Ark. Other pastorates included: First Church, Marianna, First Church, Hope; Port Royal and Franklinton churches in Kentucky; First Churches Paris and Mayfield, Ky., and First Church, Morristown, Tenn. Following his six-year ministry with the Morristown church, Dr. Fox has been engaged in pastoral-evangelism. His evangelistic work has taken him all over the country.

Dr. and Mrs. Fox have two sons and two daughters: Paul Fox, pastor of Calvary Church, Little Rock; Capt. Arthur Fox II, Fort Worth, Tex., Mrs. Frank Davis, Morristown, Tenn., and Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman, Georgetown, Ky.

A reception for the couple was given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Eddleman, on the Georgetown College campus.

● **EVANGELIST BILLY Walker** assisted East Side Church, Paragould, in a revival, resulting in 12 additions to the church, 10 by baptism. Guy Whitney is the pastor.

● **WILLIAM G. KERSH**, a former Arkansan, has been named administrator of the Grand Valley Hospital, Pryor, Okla. Mr. Kersh attended Ouachita College and served as a pastor at Malvern.

● **FARRIE FRANKLIN Weaver**, 72, of Batesville, died in a Booneville hospital on August 27, after a three-month illness. Mr. Weaver, a native of Izard County, had been a Baptist minister for 45 years, serving pastorates at Diaz, Sidney, East Batesville, Ruddell Hill, Moorefield, and Cushman. He was a former missionary for Independence Association.

Survivors include two sons: Claude, of Batesville, and Earl, of Parsons, Kans., and two daughters: Mrs. Alice Arnn, Clover Bend, and Mrs. Hayden Davis, Batesville. Funeral services were conducted in West Side Church, Batesville, by Rev. Leslie Riherd. (DP).

AN ERROR appeared in our personality sketch last week. The statement that Dr. Ralph Douglas built four church plants debt free, the last being First Church, Helena, should have read, "He built four church plants, two of them debt free." The Helena church was financed through the sale of bonds.

● **TWO CHURCHES** added the Arkansas Baptist to their budgets last week: Gum Springs, Central Association, Robert Sivils, pastor; and Hurds Chapel, Trinity Association, Ted Hitt, pastor.

● **EVANGELIST BILL H. Lewis** and Singer Herbert "Red" Johnson were in a revival with First Church, Brookland, August 12-21. There were 36 additions by baptism, one by letter, and 175 rededications. J. O. Miles is pastor.

● **A REVIVAL** at First Church, Norfolk, was led by the pastor, Marvin Hill, with J. Paul Lewis leading the singing. Six were received for baptism. A total of 14 have been received for baptism since Mr. Hill became pastor of the church last February.

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USAF Photo.

STANDING IN FRONT of an Air Force B-47 Stratojet Bomber is Chaplain (Captain) Fred Savage, Jr., pastor of First Church, DeQueen, as he served his Air Force Reserve 15-day summer tour of duty at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

City Missions

Many Pastors Worry

MANY PASTORS and congregations worry themselves sick because they do not have enough educational buildings — and often times sanctuary space — to house adequately their prospects. Consequently, there are all kinds of sacrificial financial efforts made to secure such needed accommodations.

After terrific struggles, \$200,000 to \$500,000 has been raised and borrowed for such buildings. Still, the real problem has not been solved — the matter of reaching the innumerable masses, whom we are unable to enroll and enlist in our established, downtown churches.

The problem will be largely answered, and multitudes of the masses will be reached, and the pressure for more room at the big church will be relieved if the larger churches will invest \$25,000 to \$30,000 in each of three or four strategically located missions in long neglected or newly developed areas of our cities.

If we do not reach these groups of people and these areas of our communities through this method of evangelism, they will never be reached by and for Baptists.

Brethren, this is a most serious matter and tremendous responsibility to which we cannot afford to close our eyes. —Leo B. Golden, City Missions Director.

Missionaries' Addresses

REV. AND MRS. William E. Haltom, missionaries to Hawaii who have been in the States on an extended leave, have returned to their field of service. They may be addressed at 1234 Heulu Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. Haltom is a native of Little Rock.

REV. AND MRS. W. A. Solesbee, missionaries to the Philippines, may now be addressed in care of Miss Cleo Morrison, 284 Gov. Chavez Street, Davao City, Davao, Philippines. Mr. Solesbee is a native of Greenwood.

REV. AND MRS. Melvin K. Wasson, missionaries to Nigeria who are now in the States on furlough, have moved from Sedalia, Mo., to Arkadelphia, where they may be addressed at 1222 Eighth Street. Mrs. Wasson is a native of Nashville, Ark.

● OUACHITA COLLEGE alumni officers: Lawson Hatfield, pastor of First Church, Fordyce, president; Larry O'Kelly, pastor of First Church, Rogers, vice president; Miss Frances Crawford, Arkadelphia, secretary; Miss Evelyn Bowden, Arkadelphia, treasurer.

● E. B. ABINGTON, chairman of the Fred Carter Mission Fund, ministerial aid fund at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, has announced that the committee proposes to enlarge its ministry by increasing its gifts to preachers going to mission stations, and by supplementing, in some instances, pastors' salaries in certain weak churches. This will help provide ministers for places that otherwise would not have them, and help the preacher meet his living expenses while in school, it is reported. Some preaching stations financed by the Fred Carter Mission Fund have grown into full time churches, the college reports.

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REV. AND MRS. Douglas E. Kendall, missionaries to Indonesia, announce the birth of a son, Guy Douglas, on June 30 in Kediri. They may be addressed at Djalan IR Anwari 12A, Bandung, Indonesia. Mrs. Kendall, formerly Katherine Kerr, is a native of Batesville.



Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hinsley

Observe 50th Anniversary

● DR. AND MRS. W. J. Hinsley, Hot Springs, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 12, with Open House, at their home at 902 Garland Ave., between 7 and 10 p. m. The Hinsleys were married in 1907.

Both are natives of Arkansas. Mrs. Hinsley was Mattie Langley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Langley, of Clark County. Dr. Hinsley's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hinsley, of Dallas County. The couple has three children: Mrs. Sue Merle Brenner, Hot Springs; Mrs. Aubrey C. Halsell, Memphis, Tenn.; and J. Carroll Hinsley, well known author and attorney in Austin, Tex.

Dr. Hinsley, who is 84, has spent 63 years in the ministry. He has preached

in every county in Arkansas and only held two revivals outside the state. He was president of the Baptist State Convention three times: 1945, '46 and '47.

He served as a trustee for Ouachita College over 25 years, and was vice president and field representative for the college four years. He has helped ordain more than 100 preachers.

Dr. Hinsley was pastor of Second Church, Hot Springs, when he retired 10 years ago. When he accepted the pastorate, there were only seven Baptist churches in the city, and his was the smallest. When he retired, there were 13 churches in Hot Springs, and Second Church was the largest.

He is still active, though retired. He preaches frequently in the Hot Springs area and over the state.

Revolution in Arkansas

AS A PART of the agricultural South, Arkansas has seen unprecedented changes on its farms and among its farm people in the last 20 years. New methods and mechanical equipment have increased the yield per acre and greatly reduced the size of the working force. It is a matter of official record that the farm population of the State dwindled by 300,000 in the decade from 1940 to 1950, and the trend away from the farm continues.

Cotton, once "king," has long since bowed out to a diversified crop system. This year Arkansas has one and one-eighths million of its acres in cotton, the lowest, according to Crop Statistician Myles McPeck, in 74 years. This is less than a third of the record cotton acreage of three and one-half million in 1930.

Before 1950, cotton farming required a much larger staff of workers than at present. Hoing and picking were still being done by hand. Today chemical-flame cultivators can keep the crop clean of weeds and grass, and mechanical cottonpickers are coming into prominent use. According to Mr. McPeck—and we are indebted to him for most of the statistics in this editorial—as recently as 1952 only 2% of Arkansas' cotton crop was harvested mechanically. In 1953, the percentage rose to 9%; the next year to 16%; and, in 1955, to 25%. Although figures are not available for last year, it is estimated that no less than a third of the 1956 cotton crop was harvested by machine.

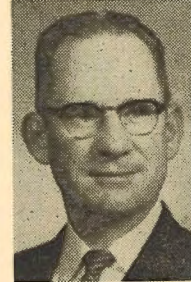
Cotton has practically disappeared from Arkansas' hills, for hill soil cannot compete with the fertile lowlands. Hill farms are being used more and more for pasture land in an expanding cattle growing industry. The poultry business, capitalizing on latest mechanical equipment for hatching, feeding and processing, has become a big business in the state.

The agricultural revolution affects people. For this reason churches and church members will be concerned about the facts presented here. In the light of the conditions about us, what can we do, as citizens, to improve our State? Some one has suggested that we must have better opportunities for people to earn a living—more industries—and we must have better schools, better homes and better churches. We must not lose sight of the fact that we need a great, spiritual revolution, something which must stem from the lives of Christians.

Personally Speaking . . .

The Smell of New Books

MY LIKE FOR books dates back to my earliest recollection. I liked books so well by the time I started to school at Lone Gum that I literally "ate up" a goodly part of my first First Reader. I can still remember the flavor of the



beloved McGuffey's Readers. There is something fascinating about a new book. The smell of the fresh ink and paper is as welcome to the olfactory nerves of the book-worm as the smell of honeysuckle in the spring of the year or the aroma of burning cornstalks on a frosty fall morning—something the younger generation may not know about now that farmers have learned the wisdom of plowing their stalks under instead of burning them.

A love for books is a real asset to parents at this time of the year when they are having to dig down into their pockets and come up with enough to buy a new set for each young'un they have in school above the sixth grade — the State — or, rather, the taxpayers — pay for them in the lower grades. If the parents get a kick out of leafing through the school book this will help to assuage the sharp pains in the pocket-book area.

I have just been looking over our daughter Judy's **English in Action, Course 4**, by Tressler and Christ. It is encouraging to find that the book not only includes grammar, composition, rhetoric, and other items commonly found in English books, but it also has something on "Personality and Human Relations," something I've been needing to read for a long time.

It is a pleasant surprise — religion has been so completely divorced from public instruction — to find in the chapter on getting along with people an essay by Joan Klinger, a high school student, in which she states:

" . . . Religion must be part of our lives. We live at a high rate of speed partly because we have to and partly because we like it, but every day we should take time for the renewing of our faith in God and in humanity. We cannot separate our religion from our lives, our beliefs, from our occupations, or our faith from our actions. . . . I have the utmost faith in the future of the world. Men are now moved . . . by the conception of a better state of society under which the rights of human beings will be recognized and a greater justice be done to all classes of humanity."

That's pretty good reading for high school seniors — and for their Dads and Mothers!

The **COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**



A Helping Hand to a Needy World

Adjourned Meeting Seeks State Secretary

FOLLOWING AN all-day session August 29 at the Lafayette Hotel in Little Rock, the Executive Committee of the State Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention considered the names of approximately 20 outstanding Baptist leaders and laymen with a view to making a nomination to the State Board of a General Secretary for the convention, Rev. T. K. Rucker, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, reported. Mr. Rucker is chairman of the State Board.

Before adjourning to meet again, at the Baptist Building, Little Rock, on Friday, September 6, at 10:30 a.m., the Executive Committee named a committee to make further investigation and report back to the adjourned meeting, Mr. Rucker said.

"We had a fine spirit in our meeting and unanimity on our procedure," Rucker stated. "We are considering each man on five qualifications: the spiritual power of his life, his general acceptance by the rank and file of Arkansas Baptists, his knowledge of the total denominational program, his proven executive ability, and his proven promotional ability."

The office of General Secretary was left vacant by the resignation a few weeks ago of Dr. Ben L. Bridges, effective September 1. Dr. Bridges has held the position for 26 years. Serving as interim General Secretary is Dr. Ralph Douglas, who has been associate to Dr. Bridges for the past three years.

The names before the committee were proposed by three sources: the Executive Committee itself, Baptists of the State, and Southern Baptist Convention leaders outside the State, Chairman Rucker said.

Baptists of the State are asked to continue to pray for the Committee as it seeks to find God's man for this strategic place.

If the Executive Committee agrees at its meeting September 6 on a nomination, the State Board will be called to meet soon thereafter and act on the nomination, Mr. Rucker said.

Hagood to TU Department

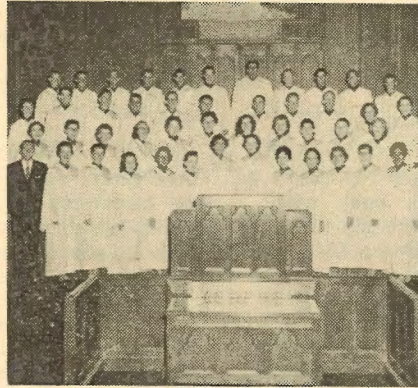
In another action, the Executive Committee elected the Rev. R. V. Hagood, pastor of Plainview Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, to be associate secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Training Union department, effective October 1. Mr. Hagood will succeed Robert Dowdy, who resigned recently to accept a position with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

DID YOU KNOW? A survey last year covering 350 of the 1,050 associations revealed that thirteen Southern Baptist churches are known to have regular day nurseries, ninety-five have kindergartens, eleven operate an elementary school, and three operate a secondary school.

The Cover

Student Choir Tour

THE ARKANSAS Baptist Student Choir returned recently from a tour to Glorieta, N. M. The choir of 51 voices, made up of students from eight Arkansas colleges, presented



programs at several churches in Arkansas, Texas, and New Mexico, under the leadership of Director Richard Essman, of Jonesboro, who is a student at Arkansas State College and director of the choir of Central Church, Jonesboro.

Arkansas churches visited by the choir were: Central Church, Magnolia, where the cover photo was made, and First Church, El Dorado.

Members of the choir and the colleges they represent are:

Arkansas State College: Carolyn Kelley, Star City, Marilyn Kelley, Star City, George Berryman, Conway, and Mrs. Richard Essman, Jonesboro.

Arkansas Polytechnic College: Pat Clary, Star City, Brenda Danley,

Russellville, and Jennings Partin, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Arkansas State Teachers College: Sharon Muzzy, Mountain View, and Bill Hansard, Conway.

Southern State College: Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bruner, Magnolia.

Monticello A. & M. College: Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fennell, Monticello, Barbara Scott, Lake Village, Willene Scott, Lake Village, and Jimmy Welsh, Pine Bluff.

University of Arkansas: Shing Fan Lee, Fayetteville, Bill Lilly, Fort Smith, Dale Jones, Mena, Charles Stagg, Fayetteville, and Bob Lewis, Jonesboro.

Henderson State Teachers College: Dana Cunningham, Arkadelphia, and Mary Mitchell, Arkadelphia.

Ouachita College: Pat Vaughn, Mena, Martha Wilson, Conway, Helen Reed, Bauxite, Maryhal Olsson, Little Rock, Darlene Condren, Fort Smith, Rogna Peterson, Eudora, Betty Adney, North Little Rock, Sue McSpadden, Bethesda, Barbara Pool, Hot Springs, Pat McClellan, Pine Bluff, Lillie McKnight, Jacksonville, Ann Phillips, Caruthersville, Mo., Betty Holloway, Smackover, Irene Sablan, Arkadelphia, Sharon Harrelson, North Little Rock, Judy Barnes, Little Rock, Marsha Jones, Little Rock, Doyle Echols, Hot Springs, Charles Bowen, Minden, La., Bill Halbert, Little Rock, Everett Long, Springdale, George O'Neel, Fort Smith, Ann Reynolds, Fort Smith, Gene Dolby, Little Rock, Bob Jones, North Little Rock, Sam Chaffin, Baytown, Tex., and Frank Hagood, Hazen.

● A SURPRISE "This is Your Life" program was presented Sunday evening, August 18, by the members of the Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, honoring their pastor, R. H. Dorris and family on the eighth anniversary of Mr. Dorris' first acceptance of the pastorate. Following the program and the presentation of a gift, a reception was held.

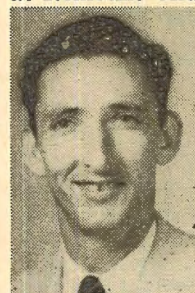
Pastor Dorris became the pastor of Pike Avenue Church in 1949. After a two-year ministry he was recalled to active military duty as an Army chaplain and spent two years in Korea. Returning to the states, he accepted a second call to the pastorate. The church is reported planning a \$100,000 building program that will double the capacity of the church plant for both educational and worship purposes.

● A RECENT revival at Jennie was held by Carl Nelson, pastor of Kibler Church, near Alma, which resulted in three additions to the church, two by baptism. Deacon Z. M. Scarborough surrendered to the ministry. Pastor Roy C. Maddux led the singing.

● A SIMULTANEOUS revival and Vacation Bible School at the Ogden Baptist Church added four members to the church on profession of faith, according to Pastor Andy Kerr. Jimmy Watson, Bethany Church, North Little Rock, was the evangelist.

● SHELL LAKE CHURCH in Tri-county Association was led in a recent revival by Evangelist Obie Ford, Mountain Home. There were eight additions to the church, one by baptism. Pastor J. N. Loftin led the singing.

● THOMAS BRAY is the new pastor at Remount Church, North Little Rock.



MR. BRAY

A native of Guy, Mr. Bray spent the past 19 months in the pastorate of First Church, Bragg City, Mo. There were 75 additions to the Missouri church, 57 by baptism. Mr. Bray attended Southern College, Walnut Ridge. Mrs. Bray is the former Clorean Kaylor of Heber Springs. The couple has five children.

Gospel Spreads: The Tale of Two Dollars

NASHVILLE (BP) — A check for \$2 arrived in Nashville the other day.

From a financier's standpoint, it would have been "chicken feed." From a Christian point of view, however, it was more like the "widow's mite" Jesus commented on.

The \$2 came from Korea, still bearing the scars of recent conflict. The donors were a group of children who attended a Vacation Bible School conducted by John A. Abernathy and other Southern Baptist missionaries.

Like Vacation Bible Schools in the United States, they wanted to give an offering to help other people. The \$2 was sent to the office of Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, for use in the Cooperative Program.

The Korean children said they wanted to help send the Gospel around the world.

Arts Fellowship Formed by Christians

NEW YORK CITY — Forty members of theatrical professions, inspired by the Billy Graham crusade, have organized themselves as The New York Christian Arts Fellowship, with the following officers: Jerome Hines of the Metropolitan Opera Company, president; Hal Riddle, actor, vice president; Joah Watts, secretary in Radio-TV firm, recording secretary; Kay Conran, theatrical agent, treasurer; Jeannette Clift, actress, and Betsy Cox, drama students, corresponding secretaries.

Jerome Hines, who won the Metropolitan Caruso Award, has appeared as a singer in most major American cities. It is little known, however, that in these cities he quietly slips away from the spotlight and sings in Gospel Missions "across the tracks." "Christ turned my life right side up a few years ago," he says.

He had studied psychology, psychiatry, philosophy, science and mathematics in an effort to find the missing link in his life. "Then one day," he said, "I found Jesus Christ and I discovered it was He that I had been seeking all my life. How wonderful to find that burning fire quieted within me, to find my life complete."

Porter Routh to Be On CBS Television

NASHVILLE (BP) — Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here, appeared on the CBS-TV program "Lamp Unto My Feet" telecast Sept. 1. He was interviewed by Lyman Bryson, Columbia University professor, on opportunities a layman has for spiritual witness.

Young Mother Plans For Her Old Age

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — Problems which the elderly in her own family are facing — failing health, housing, something worth while to do — prompted one mother not yet forty to do something about these problems before they arrive. As a result she is able to write confidently in September *Home Life*, "I'm Looking Forward to Old Age."

Although old age is still a long way off for Mary Margaret Kern and she is busy with all the problems of a mother of three growing children, the *Home Life* writer wants to avoid some of the trials confronting her own parents and other elderly couples today.

These are some of the goals which the Kerns have set for themselves when they reach retirement, and which should prove helpful to others:

1. Accept the idea of growing old instead of trying to evade it.
2. Learn how to listen instead of always talking about yourself and the "good old days."
3. Learn to co-operate, especially with other members of the family.
4. Find a satisfying hobby.
5. Keep some challenging work always before you.

"By hard work and with God's help," Mrs. Kern believes, "we can ride out many of today's hazards of old age."

Men's Program Full

THE FIRST National Conference of Southern Baptist Men in Oklahoma City, September 18-20, will be brimful of inspiration and information beginning with the state breakfasts each morning and continuing through the closing sessions each evening. There will be workshops and seminars on everything from government to small business. There will be tableaux by the famous artist, Jack Hamm, and a panorama, "The Baptist Story," by Baptist notables. Panel discussions will include the home and vocations.

Special music will be under the direction of Dean Warren Angell and furnished by the Bison Glee Club, the Dotted Quarters and Gene Bartlett. Inspirational theme throughout the conference will be, "Free Men Through the Ages," showing how freedom is obtained: through faith, through the Bible, through the denomination, the need of a free pulpit, freedom in the vocations and in mission work.

The conference will end with a "Commitment to Dedication and Service" program led by Brooks Hays.

THE ALUMNI of Union University will meet in the YWCA cafeteria, in Oklahoma City, September 19, at 5 p. m., in connection with the Brotherhood Conference for Southern Baptist laymen, Troy G. Young, alumni secretary, reports. The cafeteria is two blocks from the convention auditorium.

Dr. Austin Crouch Killed in Accident

Nashville, Tenn. (DP) — Dr. Austin Crouch, 87, executive secretary-emeritus of the Southern Baptist Convention, was killed August 28 when he was



Dr. Crouch

struck by a car in front of Emmanuel Baptist Church in suburban Belle Meade.

Dr. Crouch was struck by a car driven by Jesse Maps Peck, 77, of Lakeland, Fla.

A native of Carrollton, Mo., Dr. Crouch spent his early childhood in McKenny, Tex. He was a graduate of Baylor University at Waco, Tex., and had degrees from Howard College at Birmingham, Ala., Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City, Tenn., and Union University at Jackson, Tenn.

He was ordained at McKenny in 1893. He served pastorates in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee before becoming first executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee. He retired from that position in 1946 but remained active in the Executive Board's work until his death.

Funeral services were held last Friday in Nashville. Burial was in Birmingham.

R. L. O'Brien became pastor of First Church, Graniteville, S. C., on Sept. 1. He comes to the Carolina church from pastorate of Capitol Ave. Church, Atlanta.

Roy F. Williams resigned as pastor of First Church, Peculiar, Mo., to join the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The city council at Ann Arbor has decided to open all meetings with an invocation by a clergyman. One councilman commented, "We need all the help we can get."



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Baptist Crosscurrents

A Real Problem We Face

PHYSICIANS DO not need to prescribe beverage alcohol for ailments, a Pennsylvania doctor told a Methodist youth conference at Adrian, Michigan. "For every possible medicinal use of beverage alcohol, better and safe drugs are now available," Dr. F. E. Murdock of DuBois, Pennsylvania, said in an address to the fifth national Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action.

NEW YORK — The Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. announced that 36 Presbyterians will gather in Los Angeles on New Year's Eve for a one-week tour. They will travel by chartered bus through California, Arizona, and the Mexican border country to see what the church is doing in these American mission fields.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House Ways and Means Committee approved a bill to extend for two years the period in which ministers, missionaries and members of religious orders may elect social security coverage. The new deadline for the clergy ordained prior to April 15, 1957, to elect social security coverage will be April 15, 1959.

ATLANTA, Ga. — The Georgia Literature Commission, headed by a Baptist minister, has announced a new "get tough" policy against lewd literature. It has recommended persecution of persons selling any of 36 issues of 22 specified magazines of the "girlie" type. The chairman said the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision upholding federal and state laws against lewd literature left the group no choice but to end its policy of co-operating with the dealers and to demand that they remove certain objectionable publications. One downtown newsstand was raided and the operator is being indicted by the County Solicitor General for selling obscene literature.

BERLIN — A "progressive" Protestant publication in East Germany has admitted editorially that only a small number of Protestant pastors are actively co-operating with the Soviet Zone political parties and even this number is steadily decreasing. The Protestant faith predominates in East Germany, in contrast to West Germany where Roman Catholics are in the majority. (The periodical quoted is *Faith and Conscience*, a monthly launched in 1955 by a small group of clergymen and theologians who have tried to rally East German Christians behind the Communist regime. One of the group is Professor Emil Fuchs, of Leipzig University, father of Klaus Fuchs, convicted atom spy now serving a prison term in England.)

Recently we had conversation with a southwide leader who told us of an experience he had with his son. His son is located in Alaska. This son is a college graduate and is thrown constantly in the company of Catholics and agnostics. He wrote his father that religion was a major topic of conversation between him and the above mentioned individuals. The young man stated to his father that the Catholic knew what his church believed and the agnostic knew what he believed, but he was pretty ignorant about what Baptists believe.

This son asked his father to send him some literature on what Baptists believe. His father sent six books on Baptist doctrines and the son eagerly devoured them. The father states that his son is better informed now.

The tragedy of such situations is that our young people do not get what Baptists believe as they grow up and finish college. There is something wrong in the emphasis we are making when a young man is raised in a Christian home, attends consistently all the organizational units provided for him in our churches, and finishes college unable to explain the Baptist position on doctrines.

We have a distributed emphasis upon what Baptists believe in our program of teaching but we need a more concentrated plan of teaching our people what we believe. All of our literature mentions our beliefs but there is not enough special effort to indoctrinate our people in what we believe.

We believe the greatest danger to continued Baptist progress is found in the ignorance of our people relative to the Baptist distinctives which characterize us. We have the truth and if we are not getting it into the minds of our people for practical purposes then we need to give some special attention to this problem and formulate plans by which our people can have a working knowledge of Baptist beliefs.

The Alabama Baptist

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What of Our Young People?

Who is right about modern youth? Are we to listen to the alarmists who keep reminding us of the extraordinary rise in juvenile delinquency or can we go along with an occasional solitary defender who advocates faith in youth? The truth is that both are right. We have today some of the worst and some of the best young people who ever lived. When I recall the hundreds of clean, consecrated and noble boys and girls I met in college teaching and pastoring, my heart takes courage. There's a pure and beautifully souled girl for every boy whose ideals are high and for every girl who will not compromise her Christian convictions, there is a young man to meet her standards.

About the worst that can be said for today's young people is that they have caught the reckless spirit of an age with which they had nothing to do in producing. Their destiny is still largely in the hands of their elders. We still have such God-inspired aids as the home, the school and the church which, if we use as God intended, will produce a crop of youth who will leave a better world for their children than we left for ours. Let's have faith in our youth and more than that let's prove our faith with dedicated work on their behalf.

Western Recorder (Ky.)

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A Chicago Negro clergyman was named by President Eisenhower as chairman of his Committee on Government Employment Policy, a "watch-dog" group against discrimination in federal employment. The Rev. Archibald J. Carey, Jr., pastor of the Eighth African Methodist Episcopal church, is the first Negro to head the committee.

ABILENE, Tex. — Four evangelists of the Church of Christ left for a tour of Europe which will include a three-day visit to Russia. They will ask Soviet officials for permission to establish missionaries in the USSR on a permanent basis.

The Glory Of Being A Preacher

(Digest of sermon preached by Rev. P. J. Crowder, pastor of Walnut Valley Baptist Church, Hot Springs, on Sunday, August 4, on his 65th birthday.)

No one has a right to make the claim for himself that he is a true minister of the Lord unless he has had the definite experience of being called of God to preach the gospel of Christ Jesus. Any preacher who is in doubt about his call to preach the gospel should look back into his life and examine himself in regard to this experience. When he has made this examination of himself, if he discovers that he was not called of God, he should surrender his ordination certificate and step down and out of the ministry.

Dr. George W. Truett is reported to have said that the greatest discovery that one can make is the discovery of God's will for his life, and that the greatest achievement one can possibly experience comes as a result of doing God's will. With this assurance, the preacher will have a sincere desire to do his best to preach the gospel in a way pleasing to Him and for the honor and glory of Him who called him to preach.

Preaching With Courage

Any preacher who knows that he has been called of God will be courageous in his proclamation of the gospel. We have it made plain to us in God's Holy Book that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ should not be preached in an apologetic way, but rather with great boldness. In Acts 4:13, it is said of those before whom Peter and John were on trial, that when they saw their boldness, "They took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Our world today needs preachers who will stand up and preach the word of God with great boldness. Preachers who are called of God will not be afraid to do this, because they know that God will be with them and bless them in their ministry.

The glory of being a preacher can be seen from the fact that his position is one of great honor, and also one in which he is held in high esteem by those to whom he preaches. In Romans 10:15, we find: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace." Matthew Henry in his commentary on this expression said, "How welcome are they who preach the gospel of peace," and ministers will make their lives beautiful by walking in the steps of the Christ whom they serve.

The pathway of our dear Saviour was one of service. In Mark 10:45, we find that Jesus, in speaking of His mission here in this world said, "... the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Christ Jesus made His life beautiful by giving Himself in service for others. Any preacher who walks in the pathway of

service will make his life beautiful in the eyes of those whom he serves.

The first claim on the life of a God-called preacher is his pulpit. He should see to it that he does not become negligent of the sacred position in which



Mr. Crowder

he stands. But there is another type of service that has a claim on his life, ministering to the sick and those who are in sorrow. As Christians, and certainly as preachers, we should pray everyday, "Lord make me a blessing to someone today."

Preaching With Compassion

The pathway of Jesus was also one of great compassion for the souls of others. In Luke 19, we see our dear Saviour as He stood looking upon a wicked city, weeping His heart out. The tears of Jesus on this occasion can be explained by the fact that as He looked upon that wicked city He saw souls that were doomed for everlasting destruction and punishment. The lives of preachers will come to be beautiful by walking in the pathway of a great compassion for the souls of those who are lost and on their way to a devil's hell. Any preacher who drifts into a state of indifference in regard to the lost will fall far short. The sincere prayer of a preacher should be, "Lord, lead me to some soul today." The glory of being a preacher can be seen from what God expects of His preachers. No preacher should lose sight of the fact that God has great expectations of him. All preachers should realize that God expects them to seek and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in all matters pertaining to their ministry. Every preacher should seek and follow the guidance of the Spirit of God in the preparation of his sermons. When he goes before his people to deliver to them the message that God has laid on his heart to preach, he should go in the power of the Spirit of the Lord,

because without His presence and power, he will find himself at a great loss.

Preaching With Preparedness

God also expects his preachers to make the very best preparation possible in the way of education and training. Because of this we have our Christian colleges and seminaries. I do not mean to say that one who has been called of God to preach cannot preach unless he is a graduate of some college or seminary. We have many good preachers who did not have the opportunity to attend a college or a seminary. But this does not do away with the fact that God expects his preachers to make the very best preparation possible in the way of an education. And after this preparation has been made, God certainly expects His preachers to make much of His Word.

God expects His preachers to keep themselves unspotted from the world. In I Timothy 3:7, we find that one of the necessary qualifications for a preacher is that he must be of "good report of them which are without." Any preacher who allows himself to become involved in such a way as to cause the people to lose confidence in him as a man will also lose the respect of the people for his message. The life of a preacher should be a living example of the power of the grace of God to save one's life as well as his soul. This should be true not only in the life of a preacher, but in the lives of all who claim Christ as their Saviour. God expects all of His redeemed people to keep themselves as free as possible from the ways of this world. The glory of being a preacher can be seen from the message that God has called him to deliver, which, according to Romans 10:15 and Ephesians 3:8, is a message of good news.

Preaching With Conviction

Our Bible makes it plain to us that this message is one that is of absolute necessity in bringing the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ. We have this fact made plain to us in Romans 1:16 and in 10:13, 14 and in I Corinthians 1:21. As we look to these verses we find these words: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher?" "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." From these Scriptures, we have it made plain to us that God's plan for bringing the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ is that of the preaching of the gospel. And since this is true, God expects us as his saved people to go out into the highways and hedges and compel the lost to come into his house, so that they might hear the gospel — the power of God unto salvation for many of them who hear.

Billy Graham In New York

By ANDREW HALL, Fayetteville

It has been my privilege this summer to do some "refresher" work and study in Pastoral Counseling in New York City with Dr. Wayne Oates of our Southern Seminary in Louisville. This gave me a splendid opportunity to witness first hand the Billy Graham Crusade. These are some of my impressions.

First of all, people the world over are basically the same and manifest the same needs. The New Yorkers are responding to the gospel just as they did in London, Orlando, Houston, and Kansas City, the other places where I have heard Dr. Graham speak. They are told of their sins, conviction comes to the hearts of the listeners, there is a plea for commitment, and thousands respond to Christ's invitation.

Secondly, New York City will not soon forget the impact of this meeting. Some of the Catholic-influenced magazines and newspapers have done a poor job of telling the people of the metropolitan area of this city the real story of the meetings. Madison Square Garden is located right on Fiftieth Street in the heart of the New York business jungle. It takes between twenty and thirty minutes for about 30 policemen to handle the crowds coming to and going from the crusade. Night after night this has been the case. I heard one woman, who spoke with an accent, comment as she passed by the Garden, "How does he do it?" This is a typical query.

Thirdly, I have heard the question, "Why, if between five and six hundred people come forward each evening, do not the churches in the area feel a tremendous upsurge of new member-

ship?" To be sure, there have been fewer additions to the churches than had been hoped for as a result of the Crusade. The answer may lie in part in the fact that less than half of those who come forward are making "first-time" decisions. This is a term that may be misleading, for salvation comes but once. But many, many decisions have been made, and a better solution to the question probably lies in the fact that the New York churches, with rare exceptions, do not extend an altar call in their services. If a person has responded during a service at the Garden, he may go to church the next Sunday ready to make a decision. If no opportunity is given, one can imagine the thwarting effect upon the individual. The newsmen often fail to take this factor into account.

The Crusade may have its weaknesses, for even Mr. Graham himself speaks of the necessity of "exaggerated gestures" for the big crowds. However, it is my thinking that whatever minor faults one might find, the indescribable thrill of seeing hundreds going forward for decisions is a marvelous experience. It is not ours to question their motives. That is between the sinner and his God.

Lastly, walk down with me to Yankee Stadium. Walk out into right field where the mighty Babe Ruth used to stroll. Then look up at the enormous capacity. Visualize this place filled and running over with one hundred thousand people for a religious service. No man — not even popular Billy Graham — could fill this place by himself. As he said to me in person recently, "This is the work of God."

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Feels Guilty Towards Parents

QUESTION: I married without my parents' consent at the age of 18, seven years ago. We now have two fine children and my parents say that they have forgiven me. But for some reason I still feel guilty and don't seem to be able to stop it. I deceived my parents and hurt them deeply. What can I do to overcome this feeling?



ANSWER: It occurs to me that you are worrying about something that you did not mention in your letter. I have seen many such cases as yours and helped them work through their real guilt feelings. This does not mean that I can guess what your real worry is. I cannot. But your worries are irrational.

My guess is that you are a very conscientious person who wants to love

everybody and thinks everybody ought to love you. Sister, that is not the way the world is made. Sure you hurt your parents but they have forgiven you. Why are you trying to tell yourself that the injury did not occur? You can never undo the past. Why not live in the present and turn your mind away from the past?

This is the Christian viewpoint. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

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THE VATICAN Radio warned Roman Catholics in Communist-controlled countries against attempts to set up "National Catholic Churches" separatist from Rome. Its warning, broadcast in 22 languages, made special reference to the recent formation of a Patriotic Association of Chinese Catholics. It implied that this was a maneuver toward the creation of a schismatic body in China.

THE HOUSE OF Representatives has approved a three-million-dollar appropriation for the construction of an ultra-modern chapel at the Air Force

THE BOOKSHELF

"Books are flames that light the way to some God illuminated day."

Albacora, by Eugenie Marron, Random House, New York, 1957, \$3.75.

According to the author, who, with her husband Lou has fished for 30 years, "Albacora" is the word that resounds most often "through all the dusty streets of the village of Iquique" in Chile. The word chosen for the title of her book is Spanish idiom for broadbill swordfish.

Albacora is the account of a thrilling voyage of the Marrons and some friends aboard a 40-foot cruiser, the *Explorer*, in search of specimens of the fierce 1,000-pound broadbill swordfish in the Pacific Ocean. Those who like fishing stores will like this one.

The Touch of the Master's Hand, by Charles L. Allen, Fleming H. Revell Co., Westwood, N. J., 1957, \$2.

"Instead of talking about why a man was blind, Jesus set about to help him. That was the theme of His life. Mark tells us 'He went about doing good.' Some people are so busy explaining things that they do not have time to do much. I doubt if Jesus attended many forums or discussion groups. He was so busy changing people and situations that He had little time for idle talk and speculations."

This paragraph from a chapter of the book on "Why Do We Suffer?" reveals something of the directness and pungency of style that has made the author, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, in great demand as a writer and a speaker.

Leaving no room for doubt that God hears and answers every prayer, Dr. Allen makes clear the simple requirements of prayer. He offers suggestions for making prayer most effective and discusses the value and methods of intercessory prayer.

Books Received: **Christ's Kingdom and Coming**, by Jesse Wilson Hodges, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., 1957, \$3.

Operation Evangelism, by Horace F. Dean, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1957, \$2.95.

How to Understand and Influence Children, by Clyde M. Narramore, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1957.

The Epistle to the Romans, by Vincent Taylor, The Epworth Press, London, 1956, \$2.

The Beginner Leadership Manual, by Nora Padgett, Convention Press, Nashville, Tenn., 1957, \$60.

Man's New Hope, by Justin Wrote Nixon, The Church Peace Union, New York City, 1957, \$50.

Academy near Colorado Springs, Colo. In doing this it reversed an earlier action. Previously, the Representatives voted tentatively to withhold funds for the chapel after critics had called it a "monstrosity" and a "garish monument."

Perilous Errors

SOME TIME ago, the writer overheard a preacher brother declare in reference to the moving of a fellow pastor to another field, "That's quite a 'step up' for him."

The idea of weighing the value of "God's called" (whether conscious or sub-conscious) on the scales of the size of his church, or the position he holds, is a perilous error that is gaining momentum among Southern Baptists.

Where did we ever get the idea "stepping up" is to be evaluated in terms of size and position? We seem to have forgotten that to follow the will of God, wherever it leads, is the only "promotion" known to God.

A servant may be the pastor of the largest church in the largest city, serve on the executive board, hold "important" positions in various circles, and appear on the convention program every year, but if he is not where God wants him to be, he has demoted himself in the sight of God, regardless of how highly esteemed in the sight of the brethren. God's book of rewards will reveal more stars in the crown of the "just a country preacher," membership 100, little heard of, but yet knows he is in the will of God, than the out-of-the-will-of-God "county seat" preacher.

Another perilous error existing among Southern Baptists is the methods pulpits committees sometimes employ in calling a pastor. On one occasion the writer made a recommendation to the chairman of a pulpits committee. The first question asked was, "What degrees does he hold?"

What would doubt the value of proper training for the ministry. It is the conviction of this writer, that a call to preach is a call to train. But using this criterion, it would have been difficult for "Back-woodsie" John the Baptist, "River-rat" Peter, or "Farmer-boy" Amos to get a call to many churches today.

Should not the first consideration be to "take knowledge as to whether or not they have been with Jesus?"

If we have our "measuring stick" out, we should throw it away. We have heard of the church which required that the next pastor be 6 ft.-2, have black hair, blue eyes, weigh 175 pounds, be married to a beautiful, soft-spoken girl, have two children, (a boy and a girl). He must further be a graduate of the Seminary, be a "Pre.," be able to shout, weep, pound the pulpit, and stomp the floor when he preaches. He must also be able to eat as much as the former pastor, even though he may not be as large or as much a glutton as the former. Oh, yes! He must be 35 because anyone under that age will not have the experience (regardless of the degrees he holds, or the number of churches he has been pastor of). If he is over 35, he will be "old foggy" and

"non-progressive" and not able to work with young people.

Certainly a church should have some requirements in securing a pastor, but all too often, we approach it almost entirely from the materialistic view, and consider the spiritual aspects little.

Following are a few simple suggestions that the writer feels will be helpful to pulpits committees.

How To Call A Pastor

1. Pray as an individual, pray as a committee, pray as a church. Prayer is the most important single factor. We must secure God's man, for God's place, to do God's work, therefore we must talk to God about it.

2. Consider carefully all recommendations.

3. Seek out men yourself. The committee will visit the pastorate of prospective pastors.

4. Be careful in judging the ability of the man by statistical material or by the size of the church where he is pastor. Statistical materials do not always reveal a true picture of the leader. If one man baptizes 30 people in one year, and has reached his potential, it is a far better record than the man who has baptized 100, yet has reached only one fifth of his potential. The same logic follows with the income and building of buildings, etc. There are many small churches which have pastors with seminary degrees. These men are there not because they could do no better; but simply because God sent them there, and they are following his will.

5. Do not judge a man by the degree he holds or the institution he has attended. It is better to take knowledge as to whether or not "they have been with Jesus."

6. Consider one man at a time. Be prepared to recommend a man before you bring him before the church as a whole. Details as to beliefs, leadership, salary, etc., should be worked out before he preaches to the church in view of a call. Many may want to call him because of his preaching ability, or personality. If the details are not discussed in advance of the "trial sermon" division over the call may arise.

—Bill H. Lewis, Lefe, Ark.

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● WHEN A PASTOR announced that he would take his allotted vacation, a critical and faultfinding member chided him, "That's right, going on a vacation, going on a vacation. I want you to know the devil never takes a vacation." With calmness and beautiful poise, he replied, "Yes, you are correct. The devil never takes a vacation. He surely does not, and you know something? I'd be as mean as he is if I did not take one now and then."

—Forest Freezor

The Change yet to Be

"We shall all be changed"

I Corinthians 15:51

IF WE ARE truly Christian, a change has already been made. There is a new heart and a new heart attitude. We are new creatures in Christ Jesus.

But Paul's statement has reference to a change that will occur at the time of the Lord's return. Job, looking forward to that event, said, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." Job 14:14

What will be the effects of this final change? Our bodies will be made incorruptible, immortalized. There will be no more contact with disease germs or sin germs, but if there were, our bodies would be immune. As our Lord walked among men, tempted in all points like as we are, so could we in our new estate. Thus God will have attained that which he started out to do in the beginning, "Make man in our own image and likeness." See Psalm 17:15, Phil. 3:21; I John 3:2. We should remember that God started this work with a batch of clay.

Shall this change be limited to the body, the flesh alone? Will not the spirits of just men be made perfect? Is it not possible that dispositions shall be changed?

We are often asked if we will be able to know each other in the new world. Certainly we will. But what will be our astonishment at the change in Sister Snub-'em? In Brother No No? Uncle John Fault-finder? Sam Growler? And all those lying-out cattle that belong to Baptist churches?

I rejoice, brethren, in the hope that at that time, I shall not only possess a body fashioned like unto his glorious body, but also a mind and heart that shall reflect the character of him who is and ever will be love's greatest gift, the Christ of Calvary. Then neither Pilate, an earthly judge, nor God himself, the righteous judge, will be able to find fault with me.

—W. B. O'Neal

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In the World of Religion

PHILIP F. AYLESWORTH of the Federal Extension Service has been named by the Department of Agriculture to serve as its liaison officer with rural churches. It is the first such appointment in the history of the Department. The post has been created in "recognition of the importance of the rural church as a community institution in serving farm people."

Lutheran church leaders from twenty-nine countries gathered last week in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the eleven-day Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation, which represents 50 million Lutherans in fifty-seven church bodies over the world. Previous assemblies were held in Lund, Sweden, in 1948 and Hanover, Germany, in 1952.

Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Truck Schedule

By H. C. SEEFELDT, Superintendent

If any date on this Schedule is not satisfactory, please advise us; otherwise, please have the things brought to the place and on the date indicated.

SOME THINGS NEEDED

Suggestions for things needed most: jellies and preserves; fruit, canned and fresh; flour; corn meal; syrup, canned peas, corn, beans; rice and nuts; eggs; sweet and Irish potatoes; feed of all kinds (corn, small grain feed, such as maize, etc.) and hay; toilet articles; school supplies; sheets, bed spreads and good used clothing.

SCHEDULE

Week of October 14. Pulaski; Centennial; Harmony; Delta; Liberty, Carey Assns.

MONDAY: Montrose; Portland; Parkdale; Wilmot; Eudora; Lake Village; Dermott; McGehee; Tiller; Dumas; Gould; Pine Bluff: First, Second, Immanuel, Southside.

TUESDAY: Altheimer; Humphrey, Stuttgart; Almyra; DeWitt; Hazen; Carlisle; Lonoke; Little Rock; First, Second, Immanuel, Tabernacle, Pulaski Hts., Gaines St., Baring Cross, South Highland.

WEDNESDAY: Kingsland; Fordyce; Bearden; Sparkman; New Hope; Camden, First; Cullendale; Elliott; Louann; Stephens; Smackover; Norphlet; El Dorado: First, Immanuel, Second, Southside, West Side.

THURSDAY: Junction City; Strong and Huttig.

Week of October 21. Current River; Greene County; Gainesville; Mt. Zion; Trinity; Mississippi; Caroline; Black River Assns.

MONDAY: Newport, Immanuel; Tuckerman; Swifton; Alicia; Hoxie; Black Rock; Imboden; Walnut Ridge; Pocahontas; Maynard; Biggers; Reyno; Datto; Success.

TUESDAY: Corning; Piggott; Receptor; Marmaduke; Paragould: First, East Side; Leachville; Monette; Manilla; Dell; Blytheville: First, Calvary; New Liberty; Luxora; Osceola; Wilson;

Joiner; Tyronza; Marked Tree; Lepanto; Harrisburg; Trumann; Nettleton; Lake City.

WEDNESDAY: Jonesboro: First, Central, Walnut St., Fisher St.; Biscoe; DeValls Bluff.

Week of October 28. Independence; Little Red River; Big Creek; Rocky Bayou; Black River; White River; Stone and Van Buren Assns.

MONDAY: Heber Springs; Clinton; Leslie; Marshall; St. Joe; Bellfonte.

TUESDAY: Yellville; Flippin; Cotter; Gassville; Hopewell; Mountain Home; Viola; Salem; Mammoth Spring, Hardy; Calico Rock; Melbourne; Sage; Batesville: First, West Batesville; Ruddle Hill.

WEDNESDAY: Mountain View; Concord.

Week of November 4. Red River; Hope; Ouachita; Buckner Assns.

MONDAY: Arkadelphia: First, Second; Gurdon; Prescott; Emmett; Hope; Lewisville; Stamps; Waldo, Memorial (Rays Gro.); Magnolia, Central.

TUESDAY: Canfield; Bradley; Dodridge; Fouke; Texarkana: Beech St., Calvary, Immanuel; Grannis; Wicks; Cove; Hatfield; Mena; Waldron.

Week of November 11. Faulkner County; Newton County; Boone; Carroll; Washington-Madison; Benton County Assns.

MONDAY: Mansfield; Hartford; Fayetteville, First; Lincoln, Farmington.

TUESDAY: Springdale: First, Caudle Ave.; Lowell; Siloam Springs; Gentry; Decatur; Gravette; Bentonville; Rogers: First, Immanuel; Pea Ridge; Eureka Springs; Berryville; Green Forest; Alpena Pass; Harrison.

WEDNESDAY: Jasper; Conway: First, Second.

Week of November 18. Arkansas Valley; Tri-County, White County Assns.

MONDAY: Clarendon; Barton; Helena; West Helena; Marianna; Hughes;

W. Memphis; Marion; Earle; Parkin; Wynne; Cherry Valley; Forrest City.

TUESDAY: Brinkley; Cotton Plant; Hunter; McCrory; Augusta; Bald Knob; Judsonia; Searcy: First, Second; Beebe; Ward; Austin; Cabot; Jacksonville; England.

Week of November 25. Concord; Clear Crook; Caddo River; Central Assns.

MONDAY: Bauxite; Benton; Malvern: First, Third, Shorewood Hills; Hot Springs: First, Second, Central, Immanuel, Harvey's Chapel, Park Place.

TUESDAY: Glenwood; Amity; Caddo Gap; Norman; Mount Ida; Booneville; Magazine; Paris; Ratcliffe; Branch; Charleston, 2 churches; Bloomer; Lavaca; Ft. Smith: First, Calvary, Immanuel, Temple, Trinity, Grand Ave., Southside, Northside, Mill Creek, Jennie Lind.

WEDNESDAY: Greenwood; Van Buren; Alma; Dyer; Mulberry; Ozarks; Clarksville; Lamar; Knoxville.

Week of December 2. Little River; Dardanelle-Russellville; Conway-Perry Assns.

MONDAY: Village; Ogden; Ashdown; Wilton; Locksburg; DeQueen; Nashville; Mineral Springs; Murfreesboro.

TUESDAY: Ola; Casa; Danville; Dardanelle; Russellville; Atkins; Morrilton; Plummerville; Perry; Perryville. Bartholomew, Buckville and Ashley Associations are near enough to bring materials or call for truck.

Our maintenance man, Everett Burke, and farm manager, Cecil Akin, will drive truck.

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FALL SEMESTER OPENS SEPT. 9

SOUTHERN BAPTIST COLLEGE

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Departments

WMU

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Summer Camps

THE 1957 WMU camping season closed August 23 with record attendance, glorious service and victorious dedication. Miss Sara Ann Hobbs was director of the five weeks of camps for members of Girls' Auxiliary and the week-end conference for Young Woman's Auxiliary. She was assisted by scores of local leaders who served as teachers, counselors, musicians, etc. The week-end conference for members of Business Woman's Circles was in charge of Miss Frances Nix, president.



MISS COOPER

One hundred forty-three churches were represented in the attendance which totaled 981. Public decisions were recorded by 73, twenty who made professions of faith and 53 who volunteered for special service.

"Sharing of Possessions" was not only taught, but practiced at each encampment. Offerings totaling over a thousand dollars were designated for special projects in the state, home-land and on foreign mission fields. The largest single designation was for assistance to Miss Camie Jay who is soon to return to her home in San Andres Island. Miss Jay, a Chinese reared by foster parents in San Andres, "discovered" by Southern Baptist missionaries and educated in the states by a Texas lady, has helped in Arkansas youth camps for a number of years.

Having finished her work at Southwestern Seminary she wants to go back to work among her people where missionaries of other nationality are now barred. Economic conditions there are very, very, poor and with no assurance of support she goes to give to them something of the opportunities which she has had.

No figures portray "results" of activities which were engaged in during those five weeks. At every camp young lives had fellowship with foreign, home and state missionaries. All boundaries of missions were erased as the world was presented as the field and each individual as a missionary.

Concerning Mrs. Charles H. Ray

For many years prior to her retirement in 1949 Mrs. Charles H. Ray served Woman's Missionary Union as state president and then as executive secretary. In mid-winter she suffered a stroke from which she has been hospitalized ever since — first at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital and now at Our Lady of Nazareth Nursing Home, Little Rock. Inquiries have come concerning her condition and whereabouts, and we take this way of advising her many friends of her not-too-satisfactory, but not critical, condition.

Brotherhood Department

Nelson Tull, Secretary

Nominations in Order

IT IS TIME for Church Brotherhoods and Associational Brotherhoods to have nominating committees at work searching out the best men for Brotherhood officers for the 1957-58 associational year. These officers should be nominated and elected in time to be in harness by October 1.



MR. TULL

Many men will be re-elected to the offices they presently hold, and they deserve it because of their proved faithfulness and efficiency. Some will be promoted to places of greater responsibility in their organizations.

Many a man in Brotherhood work has hit his stride for the Lord, and ought to find in his Brotherhood and church those opportunities for full development of all his Christian potential.

A New Start Ahead

The beginning of the new associational year is the best time of all to start over in Brotherhood work. All past experiences in Brotherhood ought to be brought to focus on plans for the future. Surely every Brotherhood will want to plan for more effective Brotherhood work by setting up a Brotherhood program which will not only put the men of the Brotherhood into the work of their church, but into every phase of the work of their church. A good Brotherhood will make itself felt for good in everything that the church is endeavoring to do.

A New Activities Program

The activities program of every church Brotherhood ought to be constantly enlarged and extended. At the beginning of every new associational year the programs of past years should be carefully studied, and then a new program should be set up. This new program will include many of the old activities, and also new activities to meet the changing needs of a growing church.

Keep Each Man in Mind

An alert Brotherhood will keep in mind the individual man, and will plan to provide him with opportunities for service and growth as a Christian. Over the years he should be given opportunities to work at a variety of activities in order that he may comprehend the full scope of his responsibilities and privileges as a Christian and in order that he may discover and develop his specialties in service.

Let's make next year the best year of all in Brotherhood!

Music

LeRoy McClard, Director

Festival Bulletin

FOR ELEVEN years the Church Music Department of the Arkansas Baptist



MR. McCLARD
State Festival.

State Convention has been promoting State Youth Choir Festivals, for seven years a Junior Choir Festival, and for two years a Primary Choir Festival. All of these Festivals have been statewide in scope, giving opportunity for every church in our state to attend the

The State Festivals have grown so large that it is now imperative that we adopt some different procedure relative to who should attend and upon what basis they should attend. Last year we began a plan of District Music Festivals. These District Festivals proved that thousands more choristers would participate in festivals if they were brought nearer home.

The problem of District State Festivals was brought to the attention of the State Music Directors Organization. This organization, as you know, is composed of elected representatives from the various districts of our state. These men, in conjunction with the Music chairman of the Executive Board and the State Music Director, met and discussed the festivals. The conclusions that this group reached have been made into a policy for the festivals for the 1957-58 season.

1. The District Festivals will be district eliminations only with no festival programs.

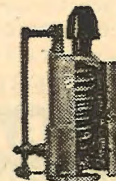
2. The eliminations will be for choirs, ensembles, sextets, quartets and trios.

3. Each organization will sing two selections of its own choosing.

4. Each organization must hear every other group sing.

5. In each district elimination the following schedule will be followed: Friday evening for Adults, Saturday morning for Youth, Saturday afternoon for Juniors and Primaries.

6. The 25 adult choirs, the 25 youth choirs, the 25 junior choirs and 10 primary choirs receiving the highest rating will be invited to the state festivals in February and March.



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Training Union

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Speakers' Tournament—1958

1. **SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT** tracts which contain the rules and subjects for the talks will be available in the early fall of 1957.



MR. DAVIS

Two young people may be sent to the associational tournament.

3. Each association will have two speakers' tournaments on one night during the first part of March, but before the district conventions—one for 17-18 year olds and one for 19-24 year olds plus college students. Two young people (one from each age-agroup) will be selected and sent to the district tournament, held at the district convention.

4. Each district will have two speakers' tournaments during the district Training Union convention, and will select the best speaker from the 17-18-year group and the best speaker from the 19-24-year-olds plus the college student group. These two young people from each district will go to the State Youth Convention at Second Church, Little Rock, April 24, 1958.

5. At the State Youth Convention, April 25, 1958, there will be two sections for young people, one for the 17-18-year group and one of the 19-24-year-olds plus college students. In each section the elimination tournament will be conducted Friday afternoon and the best two will be selected from each section. The finals will be held that night.

In each group, the first-place winner will be selected, one to go to Ridgecrest and one to Glorieta. In 1958 the winner in the 17-18-year group will make the choice of the place he wishes to attend. In 1959 the 19-24-year winner will make the choice. It will be alternated each year.

6. Ouachita College will give tuition scholarships to the two winners.

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THERE WERE more people in prison in this country at the end of last year than ever before, the government reported recently. A report by Prisons Bureau Director James V. Bennett said the ratio of state and Federal prisoners to civilian population was 114.2 per 100,000 as of December 31, 1956. A year ago the ratio stood at 114 even. Of the 188,730 persons in penal institutions at the end of 1956, 20,134 were in Federal custody.

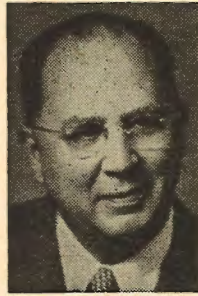
Evangelism

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Look Ahead and Plan

Objectives:

1. Every member of every Baptist church making commitment "to practice personal soul winning in '58."



DR. YEARBY

Goal of 475,000 Baptisms

Sunday, January 5, 1958, has been designated as "Soul Winners Commitment Day" throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The more than 30,000 Southern Baptist churches will call upon their memberships to sign a "Personal Soul-Winners Commitment Pledge" and dedicate themselves to this task for the future.

Such commitment is the first step in a program to lead Southern Baptists to win 475,000 converts in 1958. This goal has been announced by Dr. Leonard Sanderson, Secretary of Evangelism under the Home Mission Board.

"Every Baptist committed and dedicated to personal soul-winning," is the slogan and will be the emphasis in Evangelism for 1958.

Southern Baptist churches reported 384,627 baptisms in '56. This represents one baptism for every 23 church members. Dr. Sanderson says that the goal in baptisms for the SBC in '58 will be 475,000. This will be an increase of 23.5 per cent in baptisms over the number reported in '56, or a total increase of 90,373 over the '56 record.

Arkansas Baptists reported 13,452 baptisms in '56. A 23.5 per cent increase in baptisms over '56 means that

in Arkansas our churches must win and baptize 3,094 more in '58 than we did in '56. This will be a total of 16,546 baptisms in '58 in Arkansas. Such increase will require every member of every Baptist church to become a "personal soul winner" and through prayer, personal witnessing and the endowment of the Spirit, make a supreme effort to win lost souls to Christ in 1958.

These challenging goals demand that our Baptist pastors and churches in this state go all out in the days ahead in the greatest work ever committed to men — that of winning lost souls to Christ.

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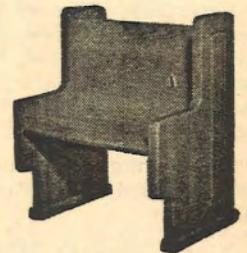
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The Magic of a Smile

By **LOTTIE NORTON**

Jimmy was troubled. He hadn't lived in Hopedale very long, and he didn't know many people.

"Mother," he said, "I won't like to go to school when I don't know any of the boys and girls."

"Listen, Jimmy," Mother said, "you try smiling and saying good morning to all the boys and girls you meet at school. I think that will help."

"But how can that help, Mother? That won't make me know them any better!" complained Jimmy. "That won't keep me from being a stranger."

"Just try it and see," said Mother.

Jimmy put on his sweater, picked up his books, and went slowly down the street toward the school.

"How can smiling and saying good morning help?" he asked himself. "I could smile and say good morning a thousand times and it still wouldn't make me know them. I'd still be just a stranger with strange faces all around."

Nevertheless Jimmy tried a little tiny smile. He didn't feel like smiling, and the smile didn't look too much like a smile, but it was one. He nodded and said, "Good morning," just for practice.

"Good morning, there," a pleasant voice replied, and Jimmy looked up startled.

A very pleasant lady was smiling a very pleasant smile at him. Jimmy smiled a bigger smile and walked a little faster.

Soon he met a little girl. "Good morning," he said.

The little girl didn't say a word, but she smiled at him.

Then he met a boy about his size. "Good morning," said Jimmy, smiling broadly.

"Good morning," the boy said. "You going to school?"

"Yes, I am," Jimmy answered.

"You're new, aren't you?"

"Yes, I am," Jimmy repeated, still smiling. "I'll walk along with you and show you around," the boy said.

Jimmy felt better. It almost seemed as if he knew the boy already. As soon as he found out the boy's name was Joe, he did know him!

The first thing Jimmy knew, he wasn't a stranger at all. He was "that pleasant, friendly, new boy Jimmy," and all the boys and girls were smiling and saying good morning to him.

When Jimmy got home that evening, he smiled and said, "Good evening, Mother."

Mother smiled back at him. "How was it?" she asked.

"Everyone smiled and spoke, and I didn't feel strange at all," he said. He put his books away, took off his sweater and hung it up, and then looked at his mother.

"Mother," he said, "There must be magic in a smile!"

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A Smile or Two

The "Watermelon Bust" planned by the Santa Rita Church for August was just that. The watermelons failed to arrive.

—*Baptist New Mexican*

A very thin man met a very fat man in the hotel lobby.

"From the looks of you," said the fat man, "there might have been a famine."

"Yes," was the reply, "and from the looks of you, you might have caused it."

One farm woman we know is so industrious her husband says that when she dies he will put the following inscription on her tombstone:

"This is the only stone she left unturned." — Mrs. Herman L. Turner, in "The Progressive Farmer."

"My wife tells me, Jane, that you wish to leave us to become an attendant in a lunatic asylum. Don't you think that is a bit unwise? What experience have you had for such work?"

"Well, sir, you know I've been here for three years."

Betty: Did you hear about the man who sat all night trying to figure where the sun went when it went down?

Olive: No. What happened?

Betty: It finally dawned on him.

"Oh, yes," said Mrs. Gadgett, proudly, "we can trace our ancestors back to — to — well, I don't know exactly who, but we've been descending for centuries."

The guest was leaving the hotel, and on checking his bill found he had been overcharged. He went to the proprietor and pointed out that he had made a mistake of \$2 in the addition.

"So sorry, sir," was the reply, "but I'm a bad adder."

"I should say you are," replied the guest, "but you're not going to sting me!"
—*Montreal (Canada) Star*

Northwest Arkansas's beloved Judge Vol Walker once said to a client, "Lem, tell me about that boy you named for me." The old man answered, "Well, you know when he was about six years old the Government sent me to Leavenworth for three years on whiskey charges. I hadn't been back six months till Pete Sims drew a knife on me and I had to kill him. Then they sent me to the penitentiary for ten years, and, Vol, out from under my influence that boy didn't turn out so good!"

—*Brooks Hays*

"Yes," said the farmer, "when a feller has got to know the botanical name of what he raises, and the entomological name of the bugs that eat it up, and the pharmaceutical name of what he sprays on it — things is bound to cost more."

—*Clipped*

Learning to Serve

By **HELEN HOWLAND PROMMEL**



*In Sunday school I learn to be a child both kind and good
So that I think of others' needs and do small things I should.
I try to do the best I can in both my work and play,
So that in serving others I serve Jesus every day.*

Baruch, Faithful Assistant

By DR. RALPH A. PHELPS, Jr.

President, Ouachita College

September 8, 1957

Jeremiah 36

WORTH HIS WEIGHT in gold is a friend who will stand loyally by a leader and assist him in his work without any thought of personal reward. Standing in the shadows while another holds the spotlight, he performs countless necessary tasks satisfactorily but seldom receives public recognition; he is an unheralded hero. Such a man was Baruch.



DR. PHELPS

From the Book of Jeremiah and from a secular history of the times, we know enough about Baruch, whose name means "blessed," to be able to estimate fairly his character and work. He apparently was of a noble family, for a close relative was a member of King Zedekiah's court; and he might have risen to high position himself had he not decided to throw in his lot with Jeremiah, outspoken and unpopular prophet from Anathoth.

Baruch became a devoted friend (Jer. 32:12) as well as secretary and faithful attendant to God's spokesman, who made himself extremely unwelcome by prophesying impending disaster for the nation Judah. Just as Moses had Aaron and Paul had Timothy and Dr. Luke, Jeremiah had Baruch by his side during extremely trying experiences and could depend on him with absolute certainty. As the nation crumbled into ruins, Baruch still stood by the prophet and was finally carried with him into Egypt, where he apparently died.

I. A Kingdom Tottering

The year in which today's lesson starts is the fourth in the reign of Jehoiakim, one of Josiah's sons. Judah's condition, both spiritual and political, is critical. Unlike his pious father, Jehoiakim respects neither God nor man; and he listens only to those who say what his depraved mind wants to hear. Egypt on one side and Chaldea on the other are capable of crushing this tiny nation at their pleasure, and only the year before Nebuchadnezzar had carried away to Babylon the choice youth of Judah and the Temple treasures as well.

In the midst of such circumstance, Jehoiakim was unconcerned and sought not God's help. Instead, he used forced labor to build himself a magnificent palace such as the Egyptian Kings had; and he lived in summer house or winter house as the seasons dictated. He

lived in selfish luxury while his nation tottered on the brink of disaster.

II. An Avenue Opened

God had laid on the heart of Jeremiah a message, but as is so often the case the people did not want to hear one who spoke to their consciences. Those in authority considered him unsafe and thought that they had managed to gag Jeremiah by forbidding him entrance into the Temple, where he might preach. He was a preacher with an inspired message and no place to deliver it.

But God would not have his spokesman silenced. "Take thee a roll of a book and write there in all the words that I have spoken unto thee, from the days of Josiah even unto this day." With the avenue of the spoken word closed, God pointed out another which was open.

It is often amazing how God opens up new channels of service when old ones are closed. One of America's leading producers of religious drama on television turned to this medium after he was forced by loss of his voice to quit preaching. A pastor whose health forced him to retire from the pastorate found a whole new ministry as a "telephone minister" whom people could call at any hour of the day or night for counsel and encouragement. A lady who had been extremely active in all kinds of church work, when she became a bed-ridden invalid, found that through writing cards and letters to people she could touch lives she had never reached when she was scurrying around. Opportunity for service lies all around if we will but see it.

III. A Message Prepared

Jeremiah called Baruch to him and at once began to dictate all the words which the Lord had spoken to him during his ministry. These Baruch carefully wrote upon a scroll.

Since he was debarred from going into the house of the Lord, Jeremiah asked Baruch to take the scroll for him and to read it in the presence of the people in hope that they would repent and persuade the Lord to withdraw his wrath. This Baruch agreed to do, although he must have recognized that this entailed considerable risk to himself.

IV. A Judgment Proclaimed

The day chosen for the first reading of the scroll was a fast day during the fifth year of Jehoiakim's reign. People from throughout Judah had joined those in Jerusalem for this special religious observance. So Baruch took advantage of the large gathering to stand by the New Gate of the Temple and

read the document from beginning to end.

How the people as a whole reacted to the reading we are not told, but Micah hurried to the king's house where he rapidly poured out to members of the court what he had heard. They agreed that they, too, should hear Baruch; and he was summoned to read Jeremiah's words a second time. The group then agreed that the king must himself hear these words of threatened judgment, and Baruch was advised to hide with Jeremiah while the scroll was delivered to Jehoiakim.

V. A Warning Scorned

The message was read to the king by Jehudi as his majesty sat warming himself before a fire burning in the brazier. Instead of being concerned by it, Jehoiakim took his pen-knife and as three or four columns were read, cut them off the scroll and threw them into the fire to be consumed. Thus he showed his insolent contempt for the word of God.

Instead of producing repentance, Jeremiah's message was shrugged off. "They were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king nor any of his servants that heard all these words." The only response was an order that Jeremiah and Baruch be arrested, but God had hidden them; so nothing resulted.

Jehoiakim, as he contemptuously cut up the scroll, thought that he was destroying the word of the Lord. But what he was actually doing was beating himself to pieces against it.

VI. A Verdict Sealed

Once more the Lord spoke to Jeremiah, telling him to write a second time the message which the king had destroyed and to add to it an epitaph for Jehoiakim and his people. To the former words he was to add that God would punish the king, his seed, and all the men of Judah because they had not hearkened to his warnings.

Baruch the scribe again wrote the words Jeremiah spoke, and the new scroll contained the promise concerning Jehoiakim, "His dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost." This ungodly king might hound Jeremiah and scorn the writings of Baruch, his assistant, but he could not escape the judgment of God. His end is that of all who let God's warnings go unheeded.

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Farewell

IT IS EARLY in the morning as I write these farewell words as General Secretary. I was up at 4:30. That is not unusual for me. I like to rise early. The early morning is so exhilarating. It is the choice time of the day. Then,



DR. BRIDGES not in the tomb. It is the great time of the day. But that is beside the point here. I wanted to write this farewell word as your General Secretary. This is my last week in office and when you read this in print, I will be out doing something else.

I want to thank all the faithful brethren and the churches for their co-operation and love and personal esteem during these past 26 years. I love Arkansas Baptists and hope to be an Arkansas Baptist until I go to heaven. The memories of my fellowship with the Board and with all true Baptists will be as enchanting as the murmuring of a pine forest at the witching hour of dawn.

This office is a difficult place to fill. It is work, work, work. If any of the brethren think we have nothing to do but to visit and reminisce, they have a mistaken idea about the office. There are many problems to solve. Many difficulties to overcome. Much work to be performed. Perhaps the greatest sense of satisfaction that I enjoy today is not that I have been so efficient, but that I have not shortchanged our denomination on my employment. I have worked early and late. I have not shirked my duty regardless of how hard it was to perform.

One major accomplishment that gives us much satisfaction is that in a great measure we have kept the rural churches believing in the Cooperative Program and keeping step with the larger churches. They cannot give as much money but they can show their loyalty and co-operation and devotion to the cause of Christ. This task called for a great deal of caution and love. As I promoted our work Christ has manifested His presence and power, and I give to Him all the glory.

"What the hand is to the lute,
What the breath is to the flute,
What the fragrance is to the smell,
What the spring is to the well,
What the flower is to the bee,
That is Jesus Christ to me."

—Selected

I have been as economical as I know how to be. I have tried to be faithful with Baptist money. Next week the auditors will go over our books and will make their report to the denomination. For 26 years there has not been any money misspent. That was also true with my predecessors in office.

I have even discouraged the increase in my salary, as Board members will remember. It is my fear that we have gone off the deep end on salaries and expenses.

If at any time I have not seemed to be cordial enough, just remember that I have often been nervous over the work that was upon us and the fact that people were waiting for us to deliver on something very important.

I do not say that I have made no mistakes. Perhaps they have been many. But as I look back over the years, there has not been one major action that I would change if I had to do it over. The mistakes have been minor, if any, and they have been mistakes of the head and not of the heart. And so I have no regrets as I turn in my portfolio and vacate the office of General Secretary. I assure you that I have no regrets about my administration, and no regrets about giving up the office.

I commend Dr. Ralph Douglas to your confidence. He will have charge of this office beginning September 1. He is a good, safe businessman, a good preacher, and a true soldier of the cross. Farewell.

—B. L. Bridges

The New Baptist Handbook

Do you have one of our new Baptist handbooks? It is a good production. It brings you absolutely up to date on our work — each department, each agency, each institution. Also this handbook contains a historical sketch of Baptists from the days of Jesus until the present. We carefully documented the statements and facts that we related and you can get the reference books and read them for yourselves. Don't miss this division of the book.

Also, there are forms that have been generally used by Baptists that will help you in ordination services, in calling church councils, in getting your church affiliated with an association and the Convention, and on and on.

Lost Chords for a Lost World

A FEW YEARS ago Rev. Vance Haver of North Carolina pointed to the fact that we have lost some important notes in our preaching and in our work. He discusses these items one by one. We repeat them here simply in the first sentence of each item:

"There is a lost note in condemnation of sin. Negative preaching is condemned and the sinner is not shown his lost plight nor are Christians called to repentance."

"There is a lost chord in many quarters about salvation. What God has done for us is in danger of being lost in a lot of talk about what we can do for God."

"There is a lost note in the Spirit, His work in and upon and for the believer."

"Sanctification has also been granted an extended vacation. Just because some erratic friends have run amuck on the subject is no reason why the rest of the brethren should run out the other door and forsake a precious doctrine until the word itself is so scantily used that it arouses suspicion wherever heard."

"The Lord's return has likewise been relegated in many quarters to the realm of queer things and gets no better attention than a faint smile and a few broad, general remarks that mean nothing."

"There are other notes that have been strangely muffled if not entirely silenced. Consider the old note of joy that used to emanate from the "Amen" corner. Today emotion in the church has been denounced and derided until our fathers, if they should return, might be compelled to seek some despoiled assembly on a back street if they still persisted in not quenching the Spirit."

"Above all we need to see Jesus only. Here all kinds and sorts and shapes of believers may well sit up and take notice."

We would put our approval upon these remarks. We would go a step further and say that we have too much substituted the word efficient for the word prayer, and efficient efforts for earnest pleading with God. Then, too, our terminology is watered down.

Then there are the articles of faith called the New Hampshire Confession of Faith, as well as the Church Covenant. If you are a worker in the church you need this handbook and it is free for the asking.—BLB

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