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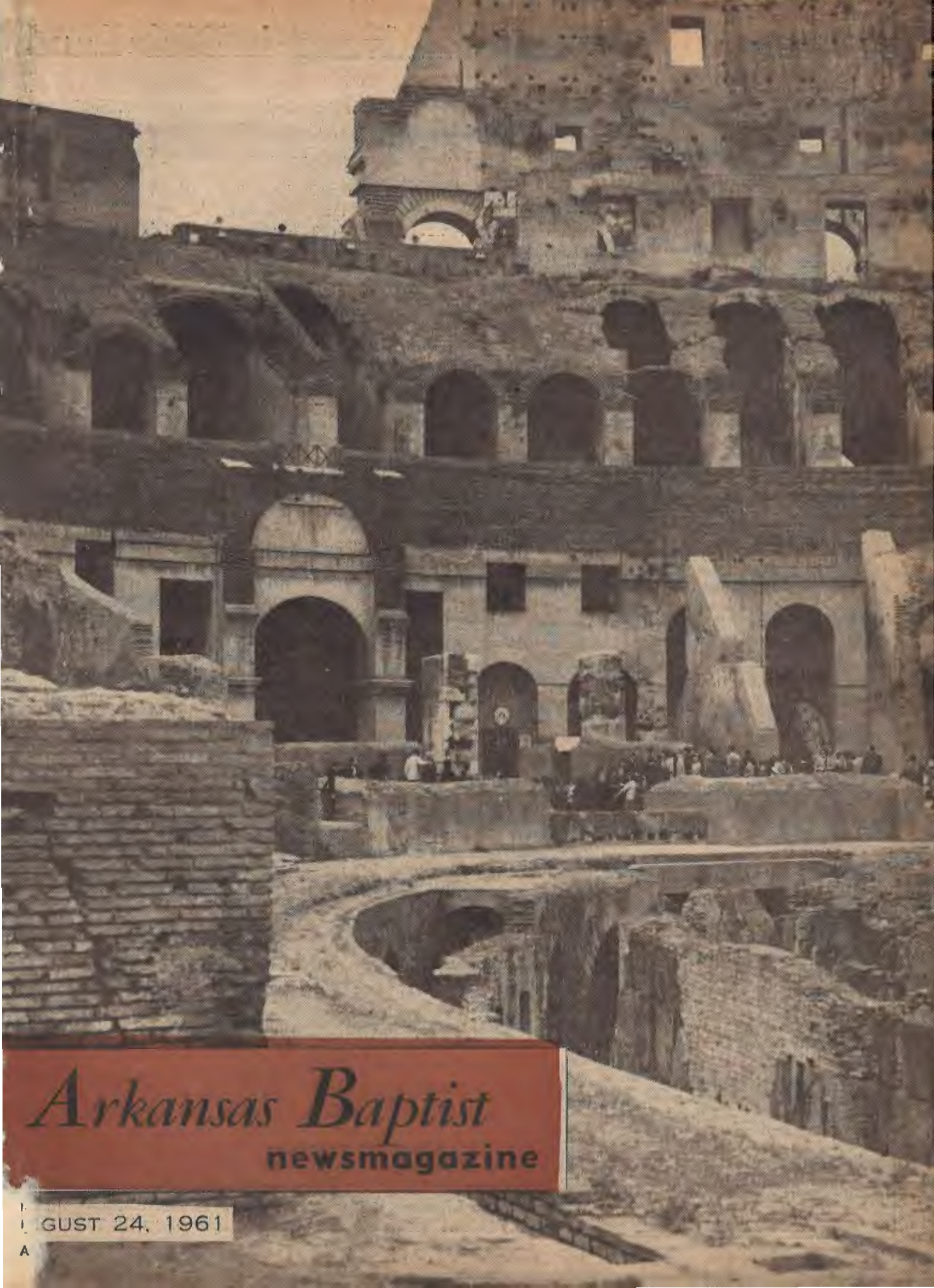
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## Up 4.9 percent!

COOPERATIVE Program receipts from the Arkansas churches are 4.9 percent above that for the corresponding period of 1960. For the first seven months of this year we have received a total of \$963,971.65. This is a little over \$45,000 more than we received for the same seven-month period of 1960.

If we continue the same rate of increase for the remaining months of 1961 we should reach our budget goal of \$1,875,000.

An increasing number of our churches are adopting the percentage plan of giving. This not only usually results in larger mission giving on the part of our churches but it enables the churches to follow the Scriptural injunction of giving as the Lord prospers. This would be a good time of year for churches not giving in this manner to give careful and prayerful consideration of this method of sharing with a needy world.

Then too, more of our churches are adopting a percentage increase in their mission giving through the Cooperative Program each year. Also this increase in receipts in our office no doubt can be partially attributed to more churches using the Forward Program of Church Finance as an educational and stewardship medium.

There are scores of our churches, however, which have not had a part in world missions through the Cooperative Program thus far this year. We do hope those in places of responsible leadership in the churches and associations will urge it upon all the churches in having a part in carrying the redemptive message to all the world before the quarter closes.—S. A. Whitlow, Exec. Sec'y.



DR. WHITLOW

## Mission Advance in Bible Lands

[Editor's Note: This is the second of two articles by Dr. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who took part in a Baptist tour of the Holy Land. Hobbs has now returned to Oklahoma City.]

ONE never ceases to be amazed at the transformation of a land which has been wrought by the Israeli people.

Trees and water make the difference between barren hills and sand dunes and vineyards and productive fields. The Israeli government is making a successful attempt to bring industry of varying kinds into this flowering land.

But our primary interest naturally lies in the spiritual witness being borne in the land where our Lord lived among men. In Jerusalem, Israel, we were privileged to visit with Frank A. Hooper III, son of Federal Judge Frank A. Hooper, Jr., of Atlanta.

Mrs. Hooper was at Petah Tiqva assisting in a summer camp. Later in the day, we visited this "center" of our mission work in Israel. Located in a fertile area near Tel Aviv, this was once the orphans' home located at Nazareth.

Since the need for such a home has been reduced, this school is gradually being turned into a

boarding school for Christian children. At present, they have 19 orphans and 16 boarding students.

At Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, we had a delightful visit with missionaries Bob and Margaret Lindsey. He is at present making a translation of the New Testament from Greek into modern Hebrew. This is a "first," and Southern Baptists may be justly proud our missionary was chosen to do this monumental work.

When finished, it will be published by the British and Foreign Bible Society. It is a major step in the program of evangelism in Israel.

A state of war still exists between Israel and the Arab world, with only an armistice keeping down active hostilities. The claim is made that Palestine belongs to the "seed" of Abraham. Each claims to be that "seed."

But the "seed" is spiritual. The land and its people belong to Christ. Would that it might become a reality!

## 286 churches register libraries

ARKANSAS has 286 churches with libraries registered with the Sunday School Board's Church Library Service. Ten have been established between January and July, 1961.

In June and July these were registered;

First Church, Clarendon, Rev. L. Roy Joyner, pastor; Mrs. Robert S. Beard, librarian;

Oregon Flat Church, Harrison, Rev. Truman Logan, pastor; Mrs. Albert Walker, librarian;

Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock; Rev. Don Hook, pastor; Mrs. Opal Phelps, librarian;

Southside Mission, Newport; Rev. James E. Taylor, pastor; Miss Sandra Nelson, librarian.


The Church Library Service of the Sunday School Board has a to-

tal of 7,594 libraries registered in its files.

The board's program of Church Library promotion assists the churches in establishing libraries and offers guidance in understanding and operating this ministry. Wayne E. Todd is secretary of the Church Library Service.

Through July, 1961, 381 church libraries were set up in Southern Baptist churches this year. Texas shows a total of 1,371; North Carolina, 771; Tennessee, 553; and Mississippi, 521. Alabama lacks two of reaching the 500 mark.

In the number of libraries set up in June, Texas and Virginia tied, each with 5; and Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee, each had 3. Texas again led in July with 13, and Tennessee following with 10.



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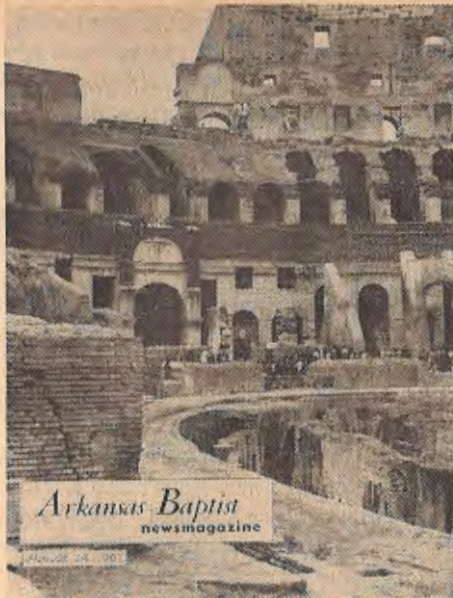
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# Goes to Mission Church



—Photo by Erwin L. McDonald

## ... 'the world falls'

*While stands the Colosseum Rome stands; when it falls Rome falls; and when Rome falls the world falls.*

So declared a maxim quoted by The Venerable Bede.

The Colosseum, now in ruins for many centuries, attracts tourists from all over the world. It is at the center of what was ancient Rome.

Started by Vespasian, the four-storied, elliptical structure was completed in 82 A.D. by Domitian.

Crowds of more than 45,000 used to flock to it for entertainment notorious for its cruelty. Here the wooden floors of its arena were covered with red sand to soak up and conceal the blood of those killed or wounded in its horror programs. Many early Christians were torn to bits here by wild animals.

The Colosseum was erected on the site of the lake in the royal park of Nero's palace and was intact down to the 6th century, when Theodoric, king of the Goths, first despoiled it. Thereafter popes and temporal rulers used it as a quarry for palace constructions. The building was saved from complete destruction by Pope Benedict XIV, in the 1700's.

AFTER more than six years as pastor of First Church, Monticello, Dr. Thomas J. Welch has resigned to become pastor of the 25-member First Baptist Church of Corona del Mar, Calif.

The California church is located on the Pacific coast; 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles; and according to Dr. Welch is "the only Christian witness" in a community of 60,000 population.

The church has a new building with accommodations for 250, but plans to relocate soon in a new, model city of 100,000 to be built on a site donated by the Irvine Company.

During the time of Dr. Welch's pastorate at Monticello, the church received 726 members, 285 by baptism, and church receipts totaled \$349,913. A new home for the pastor was built and a new church building, costing \$279,000, includ-



DR. WELCH

ing furnishings, constructed. Outstanding indebtedness is \$65,000.

Dr. Welch is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He has served as a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and as a trustee of Midwestern Seminary.

## Robert Rose ordained

ROBERT (Bob) Linnie Rose was ordained at the Sunday evening service at First Church, Paragould, July 23.



MR. ROSE

A sophomore at Ouachita College, Mr. Rose was licensed by Evening Shade Church, Waldron, and will serve as interim pastor at Pencil Bluff Church near Oden.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Rose of Paragould.

He was an honor graduate of Paragould High School in 1960 and last year was president of the freshman Baptist Student Union Council at Ouachita. He is majoring in religion and minoring in history.

Rev. James F. Yates, pastor of the Paragould church, delivered the ordination sermon with Emmett A. Pipkins, pastor, First Church, Manila, presenting the charge to the candidate. Robert's father, a deacon in First Church, presented the Bible, and R. C. Johnson, chairman of deacons, gave the ordination prayer. R. T. Blackstock, Jr., associate pastor, served as clerk for the ordaining council.

## 'Church development'

PROVIDENCE Church in Washington-Madison Association, Walter Jesser, pastor, is the first church in Arkansas to enroll in the "Church Development Ministry," a program sponsored by the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, and the Department of Missions for Arkansas.

One of the first steps in the program is a complete survey which shows the past records, the present conditions, and the future possibilities. When this is done the church makes a self-analysis as to what needs to be done and what reasonable objectives should be set up as goals to be reached in a certain length of time.

It is not a "cut-and-dried" program handed out; it is a church-centered program. The church decides what improvements ought to be made in its services, in its community relationship and in world missions and whether or not they will try to make them.

M. E. Wiles, employee of the Department of Missions, is assisting Dr. Lewis W. Newman of the Home Mission Board, in promoting this program in Arkansas.—C. W. Caldwell

## The truth in love

OCCASIONALLY somebody alleges or implies that the Baptist press is a kept press—that the Baptist state papers are just glorified promotional bulletins which, like the monkeys of Eastern antiquity, “see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil” when it comes to Baptist affairs.

Such conclusions are often based on unpleasant personal experiences of the critic himself. What the unhappy critic really means, many times, is that the Baptist papers won't publish what he submits. For there is no getting around the fact that the Baptist papers are responsible publications. That means, among other things, that it is not easy for anybody to use the papers for wildhaired, scatterbrained, half-baked ideas or notions. It also means that the Baptist papers are nobody's scandalsheets or yellow press.

Let no one jump to the conclusion that because Baptist papers are owned by their respective state

conventions that their editors are hopelessly restricted and hamstrung to the point they cannot deal with controversial issues and may not write or print anything about their conventions and churches but that which is favorable. No group in the Southern Baptist Convention are more free to criticize Baptists than editors of Baptist papers. And anyone who reads the papers with any judgment at all or who observes the editors in Baptist meetings will surely agree that none are more ready to use their right to criticize than the editors. But criticism by the editors is friendly. What they say about Baptist weaknesses and failures is not said to penalize or to punish, but to help, to improve.

Such is not the case with certain critics who are always trying to flood Baptists with their poisoned and biased literature. They have reversed the little monkeys of the East and “see no good, hear no good, speak no good” about Southern Baptists. For reasons hard to understand they have allowed themselves to become so bitter they are far past doing anything except as avengers. They seem to think they are God's hatchet men. Surely they are mistaken as to who their master is.—ELM

### Guest Editorial

## Quit shooting pending study

**H**OLD YOUR fire, gentlemen, until you can get more of the facts and see if there is reason for war. The pot shots, the snipings and all make only for excitement and headlines. Innocent people usually are wounded.

Southern Seminary is not perfect. Neither is Southeastern, Southwestern or any other. Even the Southern Baptist Convention and each of its 30-odd thousand churches is short of perfection. Matter of fact, as so many often remind us, both this editorial page and all others in *The Christian Index* could stand improvement.

*Red Book* magazine waved a red flag with its survey and it should be ashamed. No poll of 100 students can properly reflect the views of all the seminary students. Polling 10 students at Southern Seminary is a mighty cheap poll and especially when the survey group can't produce the names of those interviewed.

Understand, too, that students in colleges, universities and seminaries are striving for their own understanding. They have questions, serious questions, and some remain to be answered after they leave the campus. An institution of 13 hundred students shouldn't be indicted for the views of less than a dozen unless they are representative. This hasn't been suggested.

Quit the libel of Southern Seminary's Dale Moody until he is found guilty. We can't believe there is

any difference in his theology preached in Oklahoma and in Georgia, Glorieta, Ridgecrest and the hundred other places he goes every year. We can't forget him, a worn New Testament in hand, teaching a layman's evangelism class in Louisville with all the fervor of a Truett. Nor, can we forget him at the Georgia Baptist evangelistic conference of three years ago or the fine reports on him at recent student and Sunday School conferences in Georgia.

If Dr. Moody said what some say he said in Oklahoma then he has turned completely around. That very seldom happens at his age. If he said what some say he said in Oklahoma then he must strike his name from the abstract of principles signed by all Southern professors. Be sure he has the courage to do as much without any urging.

He's more liberal than some, we are sure, when it comes to his views on cooperating with other Christians. He's ready to admit there will be other than Southern Baptists in heaven. He doesn't want to wait until he gets there to enjoy the fellowship. That doesn't make him an ecumenicalist. That doesn't mean he wants one Church on earth, with one earthly bishop et al—unless it be Southern Baptist.

Maybe there is cause for alarm. Maybe there should be an investigation. Maybe some of the faculty at Southern, or elsewhere, should go. Let's assemble the facts and find cause for animosity before declaring war.

We have enough disciples of discord, veterans in their fight to mold the Southern Baptist Convention after their own thinking, without starting a war of our own.—Editor John Jeter Hurt, in *The Christian Index* (Georgia)

Your passport, please!

HAVING another McDonald in the Baptist Building is not as much of a handicap as I thought for a while it might be. For one thing, when some unhappy patron comes into my office looking for "McDonald," I can tell him it must be Ed F., Jr., he is looking for.



ERWIN L.

Ed F., Jr., has come to my rescue several times already. His latest lift is in providing my column for this week — a splavication he concocted while he and I were travelling abroad last spring. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Ed F. McDonald, Jr.:

"HAVE your passports ready, please."

These are words that, when first heard, sent many of us searching through wallets, purses or pockets. Now they have become so common that we do not even have to be told, we have them ready upon debarking from the plane in a new country.

We had been told that these were important and never to leave them when we go anywhere. Now we are beginning to see for ourselves just how well we had been advised.

No. 2490226 appears on my little green book and no other person will have the same number. Then there is the seal and words "United States of America."

Upon opening the passport I find that it was issued in Washington but not valid until signed by me, personally. Further over is to be found my picture, pasted in the book and sealed with the seal of the Department of State. Then comes a section of pages dealing with where the passport might be used.

In the very back is a page of important information. Two things struck me quite forcefully as I read this page again. First, the suggestion that when travelling in troubled areas to keep in contact with the American Diplomatic or Consular Office. The second was a warning that violation of provisions of the passport might forfeit the protection of the United States of America.

My mind shifts to another scene. The people of earth need a passport to Heaven. Someday the line will form and each must pass by, individually to stand inspection. Some of us have ours ready in hand. In the meantime we can "go in and out and find pasture."

We have the seal of the Spirit upon us and are under the protective arm of the Almighty Father. We may have to travel through some troubled areas in life but by keeping in constant touch with Him, we can rest assured that we shall be safely returned to Him.

Have your passport ready, please. It is available through Jesus Christ. — Ed F. McDonald, Jr.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Southern Baptist stand

AS a faithful Sunday School teacher and public school teacher, I read with interest the report of the criticism of Professor Dale Moody.

I am curious about the reference to "open communion" as I had been told by a Southern Baptist pastor that that decision was up to the local church. Is that true?

Personally, I feel that "open communion" shows a more Christ-like attitude. — Mrs. Gene Lewis, 3403 Dogwood, Texarkana, Ark. P.S. I like your paper!

REPLY: The pastor is so right. The Southern Baptist Convention has never taken an official stand on "open communion" — and, for that matter, neither has it on "alien immersion." We have numbers of churches in the convention that practice both. These are matters for local churches to decide for themselves, not for the convention or for local churches to decide for others. Since this is the case, one's views on these matters could hardly be grounds for dismissal of anyone from the staff of a Southern Baptist Convention agency or institution. It will be a sad day, indeed, if Southern Baptists ever make these fellowship barriers. — ELM

The Moody reply

THE, so-called, reply of Dale Moody in the current issue is two and half pages of more HOGWASH than could be found in almost any place. Three or four brief sentences in plain English would answer all the questions. I gather from what is not said he believes none of the issues. The students in the Seminary will not learn theology or any other subject, unless it be double-talk, from him if this is a sample.—John B. Stephen, Bentonville, Rt. 1

The Bookshelf

The Western World in the Twentieth Century, edited by Bernard Wishy, Columbia, 1961, \$5

This volume includes a comprehensive selection of source documents on important issues from the years immediately preceding the First World War to the recent revolutions in Asia and Africa. Topics include: early prospects for the twentieth century, the First World War and efforts for a permanent and just peace, the Russian revolutions, the conflicts between a maturing capitalism and reform sentiment from 1918 to 1929, the Great Depression, totalitarianism and the war against fascism, and the problem of maintaining peace in a revolutionary world after 1945.

The African Colonization Movement, 1816-1865, by P. J. Staudenraus, Columbia, 1961, \$6

A little known phase of American history — the efforts of Americans to remove freed Negro slaves to settle in Africa — is covered in this volume.

The author shows how Liberia, first colony established by the American Colonization Society movement, was fraught with hardships for the early colonists.

Traced here are the efforts of Jehudi Ashmun, agent for the colonization movement, and Ralph R. Gurley, long-time secretary, as they fought to raise money for the colonists, worked to settle dissension within the society, and defended it from attacks by the abolitionists, led by William Lloyd Garrison.

The Atoms Within Us, by Ernest Borek, Columbia, 1961, \$5

The great biochemical discoveries are discussed, how they were made and how man's longevity and freedom from disease have grown from them.

The author makes clear that while our most elaborate scientific efforts are presently directed towards probing the vastness of space, equally spectacular and potentially more beneficial exploration is going on in the infinitely small living cell.

The reader will find here an imaginative and comprehensive introduction to an area of science which has long pre-occupied man — the mechanism of life.

The Minister as Marriage Counselor, by Charles William Stewart, Abingdon, 1961, \$4

Dr. Stewart offers practical guidance for ministers seeking to help individuals find a faith to give their lives anchorage and a scale of values to live by.

He reminds the minister and the student that counseling of all kinds requires that a person be willing to grow, be willing to try new approaches, to learn by his mistakes and to let the humblest person teach him something new about life.

The limitations on the minister as counselor are pointed out and the need emphasized for the church to face its responsibility for maintaining a family-life program of education.



# COURTSHIP,

# MARRIAGE *and the HOME* . . .

By MRS. J. H. STREET



## Marriage is for life

*"I do not wish for jewels or furs,  
Or serenades at dawn;  
I only wish that you would put  
The tooth paste cap back on!"*

—Betty Fraser (used by permission)

THE AVERAGE bride spends hours, weeks, months in preparation for her wedding. That is good. The beauty and sacredness of the wedding hour should be forever imprinted in the hearts of the participants.

But, alas, 'tis often true that the same bride spends very little time preparing to make a success of her marriage.

The wedding — including picture-making, reception, rice-throwing, and departure for the honeymoon trip — lasts only a few hours at most. The marriage is to be a *lifetime of togetherness*.

"Life's greatest joy is reserved for the people who learn the fine art of living with others." (Beaven)

*Question:* I have a friend who still believes that old adage, "opposites attract." What do you think?

*Answer:* Attract? Sometimes. Make the happiest marriages? No.

It is often true that a dedicated Christian girl feels strong attraction to a worldly-wise young man. The likely sequel: when the glamour wears off, loneliness sets in.

There is also the young man called to a church-related vocation who is lured by the charms of a young woman incapable of sharing his high purpose in life. I have known careers and marriages that were wrecked because "opposites" followed attraction into the ties of matrimony.

Some marriages founded on the

"opposites attract" deal have stuck by their bargain. They have limped along on greatly-curtailed success and happiness. Others have worked out their conflicts, made adjustments, and achieved real success and marital bliss.

A study made of five hundred couples revealed that the happily-married ones were, three-to-one, those who had the most interests in common.

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*Question:* The man I am dating is really a good guy. I know he loves me and would provide well for me. I love him, too, in a way. But some things about him I don't like. How can I go about getting him to change?

*Answer:* Don't go about it! If you are not willing to take him as he is, don't take him.

O, mates often become better under the stimulus of inspiring love. Here and there, a wife has prayed her husband into the experience of regeneration. Afterward he was like a different man.

But there is very little chance of your changing in your young man friend the traits you dislike.



I can give you some suggestions. But I do not promise success. Rather, every try is a risk.

Instead of the direct method, use a more subtle, indirect approach to the matter. Like writing him a note and "planting" it in some clever place for him to find. Flavor it with a sense of humor. Try a silly jingle.

I like to hear your stories —  
So do all our friends;  
But interest lags and fails  
'Midst tedious details!

I think you're great!  
Your rating's high.  
But would you try  
Another tie?  
(neck-tie, that is!)

Find a magazine article that deals with your problem. Get a friend (one he's never heard of), in some distant town, to mail him a marked copy.

Make a tactful comment about your opinion of the same trait in someone else.

Be prepared for failure and unhappy reaction.

A healthy ego is as vital to a man's wellbeing as his heart-beat, and as sensitive to criticism as a tender plant to unskilled cultivation. Wound a man's ego, his feeling of self-confidence, and you injure his personality; you limit his chances for success. Dwell on his good qualities to bring out the best in a man. The "no-comment" treatment is for undesirable points.

Occasionally, girls are blinded by traits they do not like and fail to recognize good husband material. Every man has some imperfections, you know, as does every woman.

If you definitely cannot be happy with the characteristics you want changed, recede from his life. Try to do it without hurting him. Make way for a girl who can love, appreciate, and make him king in his own home, as he is.

May success be yours.

Rosalind Street

[Mail should be addressed to Mrs. Street at 1818 Bruce, Conway, Ark.]

# New thrust in world missions

By BAKER J. CAUTHEN



**WE HAVE** watched with intense interest as scientists and engineers have achieved new victories in space. When a missile is projected into vast distances at astounding rates of speed it is necessary to have repeated new thrusts of power. A mighty blast makes possible take-off; but at succeeding stages in flight new thrusts of power must be given.

In world mission advance we must repeatedly experience new thrusts of power. Attaining such thrusts comes about through deep spiritual experience.

The time seems at hand when a new thrust must be experienced. We have already gone a long way. Much more has been done than we realize until we look back the long distance covered.

There are now 1,537 foreign missionaries in 46 countries of the world. These, along with more than 5,000 national Baptist collaborators, are engaged in far-reaching ministries of evangelism and church development together with vital undertakings in Christian education, medical missions, publications, radio, and theological training.

## *World less Christian*

**WE MIGHT** comfort ourselves that the advance experienced leaves us in position to feel that we are doing our part in a world task. Such comfort is short lived when we observe that the population explosion is so startling that our total Christian effort is unable to keep up with it. The world, percentage-wise, is less Christian now than it was a decade ago.

If we were not called sharply to attention by the population explosion, we would be by the repeated crises in international relationships. To even the most casual observer, it is obvious that whole continents are in danger of being drawn within the orbit of the Communist movement. Those who

witnessed the rise of Communism in China remember the tragic consequences that came when 600,000,000 of China's people went behind the Iron Curtain.

We cannot study the problems of Africa and Latin America without sensing afresh a summons to maximum Christian effort.

The current crisis that is mounting over Berlin reminds us that tragedy on a world scale could come like a flash of lightning if there is miscalculation on the part of leadership in high places, or if there should occur mishaps for which nobody has planned. We must face our generation with the conviction that whatever we have to say in the name of Jesus Christ on a world scale must be said now.

There looms before us the possibility of a great new thrust in world missions. This is the hope and dream embodied in the 1963 World Missions Year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

## *Thrust can begin now*

**ALTHOUGH** 1963 is still a year and a half away the thrust can begin to build up at this point, as across the entire nation churches, associations, conventions, institutions, and agencies plan, pray, and work.

We keep in mind that our worldwide ministry for Christ is the business of each individual Baptist and each New Testament church. The Foreign Mission Board is the channel through which this thrust is projected. It exists so that the churches can project ministries of evangelism and church development, Christian education, publications, medical work, relief, and many other types of work throughout the world.

Anticipation of a new thrust in world missions grips our minds because God has entrusted to us a vast potential for worldwide witness. We realize that our Lord has blessed the work of Baptists in a

remarkable way. The growth we have experienced, the unity which has been maintained, the spirit which prevails among us, all give evidence of our Lord's expectation of a larger worldwide ministry in his name.

What could a new thrust in world missions be expected to produce? For one thing, it would harness the prayer potential of this great denomination. We will find out what God can do only when we lay ourselves at his feet in prayer and lay hold of his power through faith. Advance is not so much dependent upon efficient organization and highly planned approaches as it is upon mighty surges of spiritual power, compassion, conviction, and willingness to do anything the Lord commands.

A harnessed prayer potential could bring about a state of surrender in which each individual looks to his sovereign Lord for direction in personal life and Christian service. With our lives dedicated to the will of God, as it applies to every facet of personal living and kingdom service, we would be astounded at the daring, heroism, sacrifice, and personal devotion which would be demonstrated.

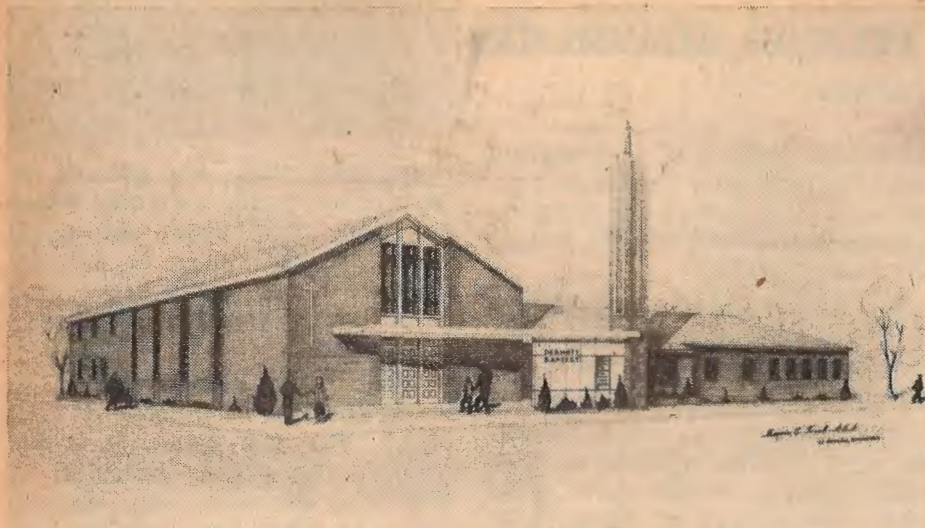
## *Two objectives needed*

**IT WOULD** also be expected that a forward thrust would lay the resources of Southern Baptists at the feet of our Lord for a worldwide task. Two things ought to mark the days ahead in Southern Baptist stewardship. First, there ought to be a larger amount of money laid upon the Lord's table.

Second, there ought to be a greatly enlarged percentage of that money shared with the nations of the world outside the borders of the United States. There is no point in talking about world missions if our world is limited

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AN ARCHITECT'S drawing of the new construction at Dermott on which work is already underway.

## New Auditorium for Dermott

A NEW auditorium and chapel for the Dermott Church, when finished, will complete a master plan which the church adopted seven years ago. The church now occupies educational buildings constructed in 1956 as a part of the overall plan.

In addition to the auditorium, a chapel located to the right of the main entrance will complete the rectangular building pattern surrounding an open court. The main building will also provide a suite

of offices, a library, a choir room, an adult Sunday School department, and baptistry dressing rooms. The red brick buildings will be air-conditioned.

Marvin Frank, El Dorado, is the architect, and Earl Baxter, Monticello, the builder. Dr. H. W. Thomas, Dermott, is Building Committee chairman. Other members of the committee are C. L. Lambert, Mrs. L. L. Kerr, Mrs. Joe Niven and W. C. Palmer. Rev. Harold O'Bryan is pastor.

### Deacons ordained

THEODORE Dockins, Roy Sanders and Ted Sanders were ordained Aug. 5 as deacons of Dolph Church in Rocky Bayou Association.

Rev. Joe Skaggs, Dolph Church pastor, questioned the candidates and led the ordination prayer. Other members of the ordaining council were Rev. J. A. O'Russell, moderator; Jim Clinkenbeard, secretary, and Troy Smith, who presented the candidates and led the benediction. F. E. Woolery gave the ordination sermon.

JEFF Floyd of Guthrie, Okla., has been called by Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, as minister of music. He is expected to begin his work about Sept. 1. Rev. David Cranford is pastor.

REV. John Kilburn, pastor of Cornerstone Mission of First Church, Altheimer, has resigned the pastorate because of health reasons. Aug. 13 was "Kilburn Appreciation Day" at the mission with a potluck dinner served following morning service. Rev. W. Leslie Smith is pastor of First Church.

### On Foundation board

DR. Andrew M. Hall, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, has been appointed to the Southern Baptist Foundation Board to succeed Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma.

## 'Seeds of defeat'

"I AM convinced that Communism has at its heart the seeds of its own defeat because it does not have the answer for the needs of the individual man. Christianity will succeed because it does have the answer."

Thus Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, told a group of 49 graduates of Ouachita College in summer commencement exercises at Arkadelphia's First Church, Aug. 11.

Dr. Vaught declared that Christianity is its own defense. He stressed that Christianity says love is stronger than hate.

The speaker pointed out that battles are now going on in the realm of individual freedom and in the realm of religion.

"The battle is now on in the world for the equality of man," Dr. Vaught asserted. "Every person should have equality of opportunity. The people of the world are demanding equality."

Citing Japan as an example of a place where a religion had toppled, Dr. Vaught said, "The world is now battling in the realm of religion. Many religions are collapsing."

Four of the 49 graduates received M.A. degrees.

Graduating summa cum laude was Janis Lee Nutt of Mineral Springs, while Berdell Cahoon Ward of El Dorado was graduated magna cum laude. Cum laude honors went to Barbara Corrington of Hot Springs, Martha Elam of Hope, Sarah Moses and Laurie Rodgers of Arkadelphia, and Corinne Weatherall of McGehee.

### Fourth anniversary

ARCHVIEW Church, Little Rock, observed its fourth anniversary Sunday, Aug. 20, with a special program.

Following morning service, a dinner on the ground was held at the church. During the afternoon hymn singing and addresses by former pastors were features of the program. Rev. James H. O'Cain is pastor.

## Jim Taylor ordained

JIM Taylor, associate pastor of First Church, Newport, was ordained as a minister of the gospel July 30.

Lee Dance, superintendent of missions, Pulaski County Association, preached the ordination sermon. The ordination prayer was by Wm. H. Heard, pastor, Walnut Ridge; D. J. Cooper, pastor, Diaz Church, brought the charge to candidate, and Byron King, pastor, Tuckerman, delivered the charge to the church. The Bible was presented by H. M. Williamson. Owen Stephens was clerk of the ordaining council and Dr. W. E. Davis, pastor of Immanuel Church, Newport, pronounced the benediction. The associational missionary, Cecil Guthrie, acted as moderator.

Other members of the ordaining council were Donald Mink, Dene Hook and Connie Hurley. John B. Baker, Jr., pastor, Campbell Station Church; Jesse W. Hall, pastor, Pleasant Ridge Church; Wallace Steen, C. E. Neighbors, Rufus Hall, O. I. Hubert, Charles E. Taylor, Harry Ashby and Dan Gill also participated.

## Revivals

REV. Harold Plunkett did the preaching in a revival at Jamesfork, Buckner Association. There was one for baptism.

REV. J. W. Abington, pastor of First Church, League City, Tex., recently was evangelist for a revival at First Church, De Queen, where his father, Dr. E. Butler Abington, is pastor. Mike Brown, music director of First Church, McGregor, Tex., was in charge of the music.

FELLOWSHIP Church, Ashley Association, Raymond Carpenter, pastor; July 30-Aug. 6 with Rev. J. W. Buckner, Temple Church, Crossett, evangelist; four professions of faith, three by letter, 25 rededications.

## J. H. Street to Little Rock church



MR. STREET

REV. J. H. Street will become pastor of University Church in Little Rock Sept. 1. For the past eight years he has been pastor of First Church, Conway.

During his tenure at Conway the new Baptist Student Center was built at Arkansas State Teachers College, a new \$140,000 educational building was constructed at the church, and just recently a site was purchased for a new mission to be sponsored by First Church.

Mr. Street is a native of Laurel, Miss., and a graduate of Mississippi College. He attended Southwestern Seminary. He has been in the ministry 42 years. His wife is the former Rosalind Sheppard. Their son is a practicing physician at Laurel, Mississippi.

University Church was organized two years ago. Rev. W. C. Henley recently resigned as pastor.



## First step to new parsonage

GROUND-BREAKING—(l. to r.) Dick Woofe, chairman of deacons; E. L. Gardner and Lynn Marsh, Building Committee members; Rev. Allen T. McCurry, pastor, and Tony Gucciardo, Building Committee member, digging to begin construction July 30 of a \$12,000 parsonage for Martindale Church, Little Rock. Members' donated time and materials will help meet the cost.



*Founded 100 Years Ago*

## Board Camp centennial marked

1861 is a year the United States will never forget. It was the year the Civil War began.

In this dark year, a group of dedicated men and women with great faith in God organized what is today the Board Camp Baptist Church.

Much of the history of the church has been lost, but that which has been preserved shows the church as one of the leading rural churches in Arkansas.

Today the church has a full-time program with a pastor on the field. The Church gives 13 percent to missions.

On Sunday, Aug. 20, the church celebrated its centennial.

Heber Shreve is the pastor.

### **Harmony banquet Aug. 29**

THE annual Harmony Association men's banquet will be held Aug. 29 at the Union Community Building at Pine Bluff.

The program will emphasize world missions, with Earnest Lee Holloway, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, the emphasis speaker. The dinner menu, served at 7 p.m., will feature fried chicken, the "trimmings," and apple pie. Reservations should be made by Aug. 26.

## Revivals

FIRST Church, Warren, Rev. W. E. Speed, pastor; Sept. 24-Oct. 1; Rev. Cliff Brannon, Longview, Tex., evangelist; Paul Adams, Laurel, Miss., music.

FIRST Church, Bay, Rev. Hal Gallop, pastor; Paul Kirkindoll, Blytheville, evangelist; 16 professions of faith, one by letter.

BILL H. Lewis, Paragould, was evangelist at First Church, Holland, Mo., July 16-23, Herbert "Red" Johnson, music; 19 for baptism; one by letter, three for special service.

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DR. AND Mrs. Phillip Hughes and their six children (from left) Louise, 18 months; Timothy, 3; David, 5; Jennifer, 6; Margaret, 8, and Phillip, 10.

## Australian Baptist visits Arkansas

**B**APTISTS now have 600 churches in Australia with memberships totaling approximately 140,000, Dr. P. W. Hughes, Tasmanian Baptist leader, reported

here recently in a talk to the employees at Baptist Building. Dr. Hughes, who has his Ph.D. degree from Oxford University, England, was enroute with his wife

and six children to the University of Illinois, Urbana, where he is to teach for the coming year.

Australia is about the same size in land area as the United States of America, but has only 10 million population, Dr. Hughes pointed out. The population there has increased about 2 million in the last decade and is continuing to grow at about 100,000 per year.

Most of those moving to Australia are Catholics from southern Europe.

Australia has a coastline of 12,000 miles, making it the longest in the world.

Communication is a great problem in the continent, Dr. Hughes said. He stated facetiously that the state of Texas could be dropped into the midst of Australia and no Australian would ever see it. The most of the Australians live along the coastline.

Forty per cent of the residents belong to the Church of England, thirty per cent are Catholics, and Methodists rank next. Then would come Baptists, Presbyterians, etc.

The greatest thing to happen for the Baptist work in Australia was a lecture tour in 1956 by Dr. House of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, according to Dr. Hughes. This sparked an interest in all-age Sunday Schools as we have in the Southern Baptist Convention. As a result, many Australian Baptist churches have since established such Sunday Schools. Churches of other denominations in Australia have been studying the new movement for adapting to their own uses.

The crusade of Billy Graham was also credited as being used of God to spark a new interest in spiritual affairs by Australians.

The visitor deplored the distorted view of our American life that people in his country get from typical Hollywood movies and television programs.

The Hughes family traveled to California by plane and acquired there a station wagon for the rest of their trip. They were the guests in Little Rock of Rev. Lawson Hatfield and Mrs. Hatfield. Mr. Hatfield is secretary of the Sunday School department for Arkansas.

# Economics squeeze work in Michigan

By THEO SOMMERKAMP

**H**AS THE time ever come when you didn't have enough money to go around?

If so, you can sympathize with Michigan Baptists. They are squeezed by three economic forces.

One is the large debts most co-operating churches have because of their building programs. The 104 churches and 19 missions of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan have issued \$1¾ million of church bonds. It isn't unusual for a church to have a bonded indebtedness three times its annual budgets. Some are in for debts seven, eight times their annual budgets.

Land is high. They figure it by the front inch, not the front foot in some downtown areas where Southern Baptists have looked. The church site fund of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board is helping, but even the need in Michigan would overwhelm it if it had no commitments to 49 other states.

One church takes in \$200 a week in offerings. It used a \$55,000 bond issue to get money for a site and building. Its debt is five times, roughly, its annual collections.

## *Recession plays part*

**T**HE SECOND part of the squeeze is applied by the recession which hit the auto industry and other Detroit industries. Detroit pretty well sets the pace of Michigan. Why? Because it has 2½ million of the state's 7½ million people. The southern third of Michigan is densely populated.

Car manufacturers have steel mills of their own in Detroit and environs to furnish their steel. Large chemical manufacturers are located along Detroit River, said to be one of the world's busiest waterways. I saw as many as a

dozen ore boats in one short run along the waterfront.

When the recession hits, or a strike is called, people are out of work.

Most members of Southern Baptist churches come from hourly wage group of workers. The recessions and strikes hit them first. A few pack up and return South, since many call Tennessee or Kentucky "home." They stay South till it's all over.

John Baker, sales executive of the nation's leading truck trailer company, is a member of a suburban Detroit Southern Baptist Church. He lives in Grosse Pointe Woods, one of the fashionable residential areas. This is the exception, although more and more professional men are joining Southern Baptist churches in the state.

When workers are laid off, church contributions can go down, down, down. The deadlines for bond payoffs roll around relentlessly. Churches face a financial crisis.

## *Cooperative Program hit*

**T**HE THIRD economic force is the urge to do greater things. Churches and the state convention would like to have larger budgets . . . to sponsor more missions, to step up Cooperative Program donations to worldwide Baptist missionary objectives. However, the pressure of the bond payments causes many to curtail Cooperative Program income.

One state Baptist leader told me, "There isn't any pat answer to the problem, but we do hate to cut Cooperative Program income. Even though we are a pioneer area, where our convention is committed to establishing new churches, we do not feel justified in cutting the Cooperative Program.

"Churches issue large amounts of bonds, hoping to be able to pay them off. Not unlike the family which obtains new appliances hoping to meet monthly installments. Let sickness come to the family, or a recession to the members of the churches and the margin of money is wiped out.

"Churches will stay more healthy if they play a strong part in the whole program of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program."

Should Baptist churches think in smaller terms?

What would you tell the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Mich., meeting in the local high school's audio-visual room in the morning and in the pastor's basement for Sunday night Training Union and preaching? That it shouldn't try to raise another \$4,000 for property and not complete its skeleton building?

## *Other churches well-to-do*

**W**HAT WOULD you do in Midland, Mich., one of America's monied small towns? Home of the mammoth Dow Chemical Corp. (Saran Wrap, Dowgard), Midland is probably one of the outstanding cities in the country in church design.

Rich donors enabled the Memorial Presbyterian Church to interweave gold in its drapes. First Methodist Church, of modern architecture, has a lily pool just outside the righthand, floor-to-ceiling windows of the auditorium. It, as other Midland churches, is newly built (1949).

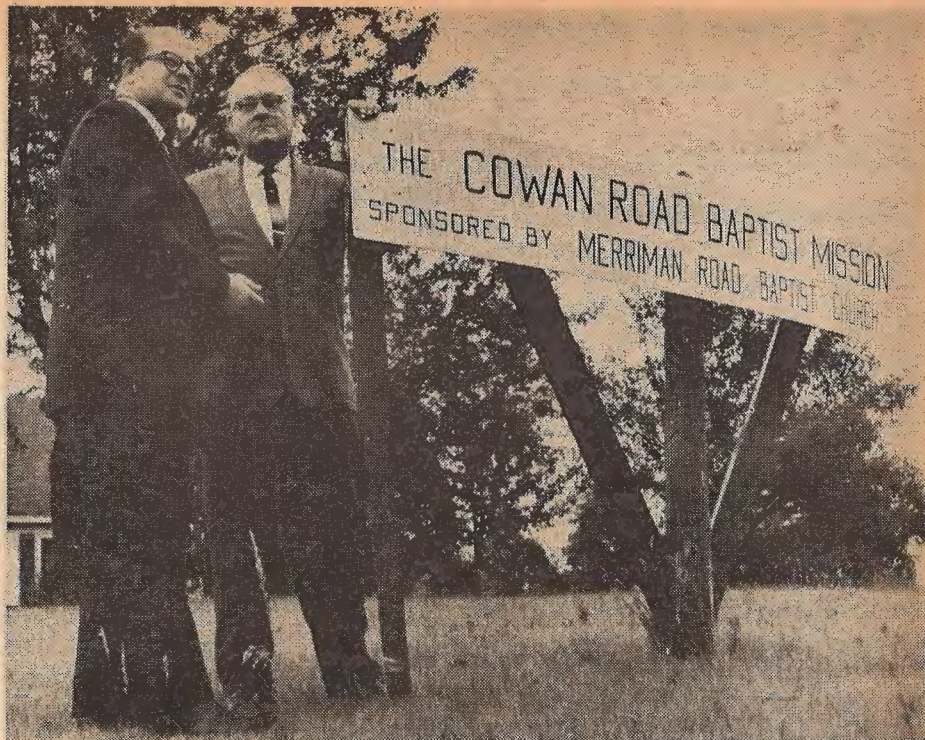
The Lutheran church is five-sided. A viewer from the air may call it star-shaped. The preacher has folks on five sides of him in the pronged sanctuary.

The Episcopal church is also of modern design. Even the Church of God falls into the same pattern. Its uniqueness is in its divided chancel, if that term fits. The pulpit on the right balances the baptistry on the left of the altar where new converts are immersed.

### Should Baptists 'think small'?

In building their 20th Century dream church, should the struggling congregation of Southern Baptists in Midland think in small terms if they wish to become a leading spiritual force in the community?

Michigan Baptists aren't giving up, not in the face of some surveys showing 60 per cent of the state unchurched. They have tightened their belts for trying days ahead, yes. But they are going forward to win the Northerner as well as the transplanted Southerner (many such Baptists are "underground" as far as church affiliation). There are 17,000 Southern Baptists now; the goal is for 25,000 in 1964.



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GARDEN CITY, Mich.—The Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, centering its "Operation Big Cities" on the Detroit metropolitan area this year, furnished \$6,000 toward purchase of Cowan Road Baptist Mission. Francis M. DuBose, left, is city missions superintendent and H. T. Starkey is pastor of sponsoring church.

## Foreign Mission Board — New Thrust in Missions

(Continued from page 7)

simply to our local communities or even to the land under the Stars and Stripes. We must witness to the hundreds of millions in different lands with different languages but with the very same need for Christ.

Perhaps the most remarkable result of a new thrust in world missions would be the laying of life upon the altar. We thank God that larger numbers of new missionaries are being appointed now than in the previous history of our denomination. We rejoice that people continue to volunteer for service.

We are convinced, however, that we have hardly begun to touch the possibilities of personal sharing on a world scale. This year the mission organizations throughout the world called for 786 new missionaries. It is likely only 150 can be sent. This in itself calls us to cry

out to God for a great new forward thrust.

### 'No way to measure'

THERE IS no way to measure the spiritual power that will grow out of a new thrust in world missions. With altars of intercessory prayer aglow and with lives surrendered for any service the Lord desires, there could be felt in land after land mighty spiritual power which could achieve in a single year a d v a n c e which normally would require a decade.

Let us not forget that the Lord of the harvest is as powerful today as he was at Pentecost. The same God who sent spiritual awakening to England in the days of John Wesley is still the Lord of the harvest. There could come in our generation spiritual awakening in land after land which would

alter the tragic trend in today's world.

We are dealing with Almighty God. We are in his hands as his servants. It pleases God for us to call upon him to demonstrate his glorious power through the earthen vessels we know ourselves to be.

In the face of a troubled world situation, with growing pressures and designs of Communism, it behooves us to press forward with courage, daring, faith, and confidence, believing in the power of Almighty God, rather than give way to doubt, fear, despondency, and retreat.

If the dilemma of today's world is met, it will be met on spiritual terms.

If a new thrust is to be experienced, the time to begin is now. This is where each Baptist has a personal part in prayer, dedication, and seeking the will of Christ. World Missions Year is 1963, but the time for the thrust to begin is now.

BY THE BAPTIST PRESS

*Baptist education . . .*

## Journalism offered

BAYLOR University has announced inauguration of a course in Christian communications for the Fall Semester beginning in September.

The course, to be taught by Dave Cheavens, visiting professor of journalism, is designed to teach fundamentals of journalism to students especially interested in religious writing and editing.

It is also a vocational survey course which will seek to interest and guide students, including those for the ministry, into all areas of the fast-broadening field of Christian communications, Cheavens reports. A wide variety of church and denominational publications will be studied.

Cheavens, now chief of The Associated Press capitol bureau in Texas, has written widely for Baptist publications and has lectured at Southern Baptist workshops at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M. He joins the Baylor staff Sept. 1 as consultant in journalism and public relations.

AFTER five years of wide acceptance over the country, *Career News*, published by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will change its name to *College and Career* with the October issue, Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the Commission, has announced.

## Offering near goal

THE Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions is only \$177,000 short of the goal of \$2,470,000 set by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

In making the announcement, Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said that he is confident the goal will be reached.

All receipts in excess of \$2,220,000 will go into a church fund to augment the denomination's emphasis on church extension in 1962.

## Smith to East Lansing

EDITOR Truett Smith has announced in the *Michigan Baptist Advocate* the bi-weekly paper will not have a full-time editor after Sept. 1. Smith is moving to East Lansing, Mich., to serve as a pastoral missionary and worker with Baptist students at Michigan State University.

## CBS radio feature

THE Columbia Broadcasting System's weekly religious radio program "Church of the Air" will feature a Southern Baptist representative Aug. 26. Herbert C. Gahart, president of Belmont (Baptist) College, Nashville, will represent the Southern Baptist Convention on the nation-wide program.

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## Coincidence?

READERS of the Training Union daily Bible passage for Monday, Aug. 7, may have wondered at the coincidence between the Russian Cosmonaut circling the globe and the day's Scripture.

The text was Obadiah 4, which reads:

"Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord."

The Russian cosmonaut called himself "the Eagle."

A Baptist editor explained passages are selected in advance to cover a five-year cycle. Commentaries are prepared at least nine months in advance.

The devotional quarterly, Open Windows, added these comments:

"Living literally in the cleft of the rocks, high up among the eagles' nests and near to the stars, they (the Edomites to whom Obadiah preached) were proud and haughty . . . Because they believed themselves above the reach of men they thought themselves to be above the reach of God."

Editor Donald F. Ackland of Nashville footnoted it with this word: "Before anyone is too quick to apply the reference to the Russian 'Eagle,' he needs to remember the eagle is the symbol of the United States also."

### Exempt from draft?

IS A commissioned minister serving as church administrator, minister of education or minister of music eligible for draft exemption?

"Each case is decided on its own merits by the local draft board," Col. Dee Ingold of national Selective Service headquarters, Washington, wrote Porter Routh, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

This may mean local Selective Service offices will give differing interpretations to the law.



OCDM Photo

**FOR CIVIL DEFENSE** — Three of the nation's major religious faiths donated 2,000 cartons of Bibles and prayer books for use in Office of Civil Defense Mobilization portable emergency hospitals. Dr. Frank W. Langham, right, executive secretary for the American Bible Society's central region, looks over the materials with Dr. Fred Kern, director of OCDM Religious Affairs Office, at OCDM's Marshall, Mich., warehouse.



### Providence and divine anticipation

STRICTLY speaking, the providence of God is a reference to his foresight. For the English word *providence* is derived from the Latin *providere*: to see before.

But the Biblical doctrine of the providence of God embraces more than just his foreknowledge. After all, there is no special virtue in knowledge whether past, present, or previous. Many pagan religions feature an omniscient God — one who knows everything but who in his transcendence is unconcerned about it.

So, the distinctively Christian idea of the providence of God places the emphasis not upon God's

foreknowledge but upon how he uses it. And Jesus taught: "If God so clothe the grass of the field which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you? For your heavenly Father *knoweth* that ye have need of all these things" (Matt. 6:30,32).

Which is another way of saying: "God *anticipates* your needs and *provides* for them." He then is the great Provider who in his *providence* provides for all our needs. Thus his divine anticipation plus his provision equal his providence.

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MISS LaVerne Chatman, student at Southern Baptist College, was chairman and Mrs. R. E. Hagood was director of the Arkansas delegation attending the convention-wide YWA Conference at Glorieta July 27-August 3. Registration totaled 1,084 with 33 from Arkansas.

*Missions - Evangelism*

**Major on missions**

MAJORING on missions gets results. It's true with a denomination, a Convention, an Association or in a local church. Let a denomination relegate missions to a secondary place and that denomination will start on a decline.



DR. CALDWELL

When a state Convention ceases to make missions primary it has a struggle to keep its other causes alive. A church that refuses to give to missions will have a hard time supporting its local

work and in keeping good fellowship among its members.

During the past year the Department of Missions has probably given more financial help to White River Association than any other in the state. Its territory includes Mountain Home, Flip-pin and Yellville in North Central Arkansas. We gave financial aid in the purchase of a school house where a mission was established. We have helped a newly organized church in Mountain Home on their building. We gave financial aid on a mission building at Bull Shoals. We provided four student summer missionaries for five weeks to conduct Vacation Bible Schools and assist in revivals in mis-sion points.

What have been the results? Two new churches have been organized, one has baptized 26 people and the other 39. There are now more mission stations in operation than churches. Already this year 202 have been baptized and there are 10 or 12 awaiting baptisms. This will likely be their record year in bap-tisms.

A rural church where the Department of Missions recently voted to give \$100 per month on pastor's salary is now sponsoring three missions and has bap-tized 51 people. Missionary Dale Bar-nett and the pastors of White River Association are to be commended in their aggressive mission program. — C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

# DEPARTMENTS

"By All Means Win Some"

## Stumbling-blocks to revivals

DR. Herbert Lockyer, author of *The Mulberry Trees*, describes the word "stumbling-block" as a "trap-stick."



MR. REED

This reminds me of the bird traps with a particular type trigger we boys on the farm in Yell County made and used in catching birds. We put corn on the trigger, then sprinkled corn or bread crumbs around the trap. It was a sure thing in catching birds.

Stumbling-blocks are the baits of the devil. He knows how to trap even "the elect of God."

The neglect of prayer is a hindrance to a successful revival. Many churches in New Testament days were born in prayer services! "They gave themselves to prayer."

We must advance upon our knees. Our churches have more committees, S.S. Departments and classes, T.U. Departments and unions, more W.M.U.'s with their auxiliaries, more Brotherhoods, more and bigger choirs, more and bigger budgets than ever before, and yet less power than we have ever had. Why? Because we are almost prayerless. Do we really believe prayer is vital to the life and growth of our churches?

Have you tried, the last few years, to promote prayer services in revivals? It is difficult to get people to pray.

Then we wonder why our churches are stagnant and our revivals "bog down." Spurgeon said, "Never talk to men about God until you have talked to God about men."

Worldliness of church members is a trap of the devil.

Church people have aligned themselves with worldly pursuits, Sunday has become a holiday instead of a Holy day. It is a day for mowing the lawn, housecleaning, boating, skiing, hunting, etc.

None of these things are sinful within themselves, but many Christians sin against God by using "The Lord's Day" for these things. For a Christian to compromise with the world is to lose his power with God. Non-attendance at church can block the power of God.

Lack of faith is a hindrance to a revival.

Matt. 13:58 "And he, (Jesus) did not many mighty works because of their unbelief." How can Christians do their work if they are filled with doubt?

We should remember, "If God be for us who can be against us?"

Mark 11:24: "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."

Next article: Church evangelism — Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism



MR. COULTER



MR. HODGE

PRESIDENT OF the Little Rock University Baptist Student Union is Warren Coulter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Coulter of Little Rock. Warren is a senior at LRU and is majoring in business administration.

JERRY HODGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hodge of Blytheville, is the Baptist Student Union president of Arkansas State Teachers College. Jerry is majoring in mathematics and is a junior student this fall. —Tom J. Logue, Secretary, Student Department.

## Brotherhood

# National conference of Baptist men



THE Brotherhood Department has really extended itself in all directions to publicize thoroughly the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men, in Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 13-15. By word of mouth, by articles in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, by mail in a variety of communications, and by personal interview, we have endeavored to inform Arkansas Baptist men about the meeting, to pull upon them to go, and to develop an enthusiasm for

the meeting that will result in a very large and representative attendance from our state of eager and responsive men.

Ten thousand Baptist men from all across the Southern Baptist Convention, and from all over the world, are expected to attend the Conference. The Arkansas quota is 500. We trust that this shall be extended to at least a thousand!

There will be addresses by outstanding personalities; inspiring devotionals by laymen; a panorama depicting evangelism at home and around the world; panels on our Baptist faith and our stewardship of influence; unsurpassed singing led by Tommy Lane, featuring a 300-voice male chorus; instrumental music by Hardin-Simmons cowboy band; fellowship with Baptist men from all over; dramatic presentations of men as Christian witnesses and missionaries; 25 exhibits depicting the program of our denomination and its agencies; appointment of missionaries for service on foreign mission fields; 30 seminar workshops; and a host of other features. No Southern Baptist man can afford to miss. Register now. Write the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. The Registration Fee is \$3. Your registering will enlist the aid of the Brotherhood Commission in finding a place for you to stay. Write today!—Nelson Tull, Secretary

### Some abuses of tithing cited

THE BIBLE doctrine of tithing has been abused. The papacy sought world dominion and the church program kept the papal treasury depleted. Tithing abuses arose. Then, during the Reformation, the people revolted not only against the tithe, but against the church.



DR. DOUGLAS

When England became a power of wealth the church heavily taxed the people. These taxes included almost every form, including clergy tithes.

Somewhere around 1700 there was set up an intricate system of rules concerning the tithe.

The farmers were required to pay a tithe of the produce that they sold. The shepherds had to pay a tithe of their sheep to the church in whose territory they lived. But, if they moved them to another pasture, into another church territory, they were forced to pay another tithe to the church.

The Reformation brought a revolt against tithing. In one diocese the farmers would take a tithe of milk to the church and if no one was there they poured it on the floor and left. The wheat farmers left the tithe of grain in the fields loosely bound so that they would fall apart when moved.

The church property began to deteriorate because of the lack of money. When the church members refused to help repair the property they were brought into court. Finally a church tax was imposed on all citizens. Many refused to pay the tax and were jailed and their personal property confiscated and sold.

The church became the scene of bitter fights and drove many people to America where they looked for freedom.

At the close of the nineteenth century the churches in America were forced to do something in order to get money. Pews were rented and some churches promo-

ed lotteries, raffles and other forms of gambling. Soon these means were "outlawed" and then the churches turned to church suppers, bazaars, and different forms of entertainment in order to get money.

Some churches are still setting up rules and making regulations concerning the tithe. Others are using gimmicks and some are doing little, if anything.

The above plans and schemes are all man-made and come and go. But God's plan: "Every disciple voluntarily giving as he has been prospered, upon the first day of the week to support Kingdom causes" is still getting the job done, wherever it is practiced.

The Forward Program of Church Finance was designed to help the church member understand why the church needs money and where the money goes. Then, it challenges him to voluntarily give a tithe to the church.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

### Sunday School

#### Preparation week nears

THE BEST way to begin a new year is to complete the old year with satisfaction. In our Sunday School work we hear much about "Preparation Week." Does "Preparation Week" just happen? There are many angles to consider and much planning which must be done before we are ready for such a week.



MRS. HUMPHREY

It has been said, "If we do not progress we are going backward, for we never stand still." This is something for us to consider in moving forward with the training of our boys and girls.

As we enter the last quarter of our Sunday School year there is much reminiscing we often do. Three-fourths of the year is behind us. Have we made the best of our opportunities? For instance, would our Lord be satisfied by the support we have given to the visitation program of our church?

As we are each aware, we do not teach lessons, which are printed in a book, but boys and girls, that most pre-

vious of gifts. Let us think a moment. Have we made the contacts in the homes of our boys and girls where we can pass pertinent information on to help the children's new teachers? Right here may be the very place we can conclude that our most fruitful participation would be to visit in the home of each child before he attends one session in our new department or group.

Something new—Promotion Day has now been set by some churches for the first Sunday in October. In these churches on the last Sunday in September every Sunday School member remains in his department with a regular program. Promotion certificates are given out in opening assembly or group time, thus disturbing no one, especially our littlest ones.

Then before the next Sunday, all those who have not previously been contacted should be visited. In the elementary departments this is of utmost importance, as every Sunday School member goes to his new department or class on the first Sunday in October. This visit will let every parent know the new superintendent or teacher of their child and also place of meeting. Should we carry out this plan and also deliver the new literature and letters to parents (which is ordered with our literature), Promotion Day will no longer need be referred to as Commotion Day, but be a happy experience.

Have you ever been approached for a place of responsibility in the Elementary Department with these words, "Anyone can teach children, there is not much to do"? Training of our workers is an all-important step toward preparation.

Keener Pharr has said, "Something taken out of its context becomes a pretext." Our workers are truly a pretext if we do not make definite plans to instruct and train them in the newest, yet oldest, methods—for we will continue to use those of the Master teacher, which never grow old.

Come, now, let us be ready for Preparation Week this September.—Mary Emma Humphrey, Elementary Director

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

### Sheriff arrested

IT'S NEWS when a sheriff is summoned to court, especially when he's charged with permitting and aiding religious worship.



DR. SELPH

William Hallet, sheriff of Flushing, New York, was arraigned before the authorities, November, 1656.

He was charged with: (1) having religious assemblies in his home; (2) permitting

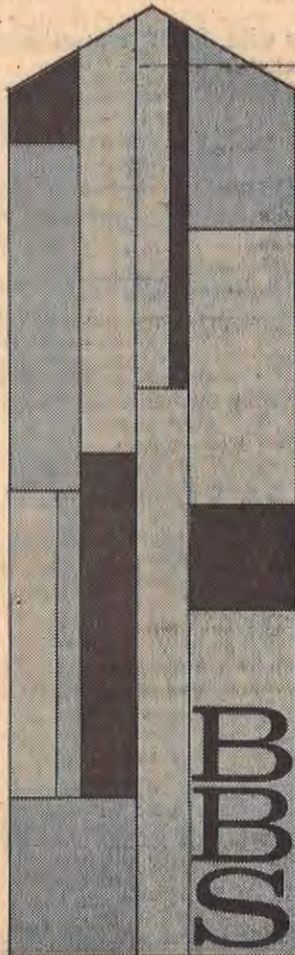
William Wickenden, a Baptist minister, to explain the Bible and administer the Lord's Supper without clerical or civil authority; (3) assisting in these meetings; (4) accepting the Lord's Supper at the hands of said Wickenden.

For such violation, Sheriff Hallet was forced to give up his office and fined 50 pounds. Pastor Wickenden was fined 100 pounds and banished. His sentence actually stated that he should remain in prison until his fines and cost were paid. When it was learned he was too poor to pay, he was released with the threat never to return. If so, he would be imprisoned until the fine was paid.

Ironically, Flushing had been granted religious liberty when her charter was given, 1645. New York had been settled by Dutch colonists of the Reformed religion, and any other view was sparingly tolerated. Any religious exercise unacceptable by this church was absolutely forbidden in 1656.

The penalty for preaching, reading, or singing differing from the customary and legal assemblies was 100 pounds. The penalty of being found in such meeting was 25 pounds. Lutherans protested vigorously and were permitted to worship in their homes.

Two Reformed ministers drew up a paper on "The State of Religion" in August, 1657. All dissenters were rebuked. The special religious privileges were withdrawn from Flushing in 1658. In 1662 still more stringent measures were enacted.



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By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

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

**Pastor blabs**

QUESTION: Our pastor is a good man and preaches excellent sermons. But if anyone confides in him for helpful advice on marital or any other problem he blabs it all over the community. He sets himself up as judge and lets everybody know what he thinks. Telling him a secret is just like publishing it in the paper. I thought our colleges and seminaries taught preachers to keep confidences and not to judge people they counsel.



DR. HUDSON

ANSWER: They do, but it does not take on some.

With more people turning to ministers everyday with their problems, your letter shocks me. I can tell you, though, that most of the pastors I know keep the things that are told them entirely confidential. People turn to them because they are in a trusted role.

Sometimes in a first interview I say to a counselee, "You know that what you tell me will never go out of this room." The usual reply is, "Of course, that is why I came to you. I know ministers, like priests and physicians, are trained to keep secrets."

If my pastor blabbed, I wouldn't tell him the time of day.

The next time your church calls a pastor, suggest to the pulpit committee that they find out whether the prospective pastor has a listening ear and a secretive heart. Most good pastors won't even tell their wives what they hear in counseling, for fear they will get in the habit of telling.

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



**"WHADDYA MEAN, ELECTRICITY'S A BARGAIN?"**



"Look at this bill. It's higher than it was last year, isn't it?"

Yes sir—it is. But let's see why. Do you have a new appliance, perhaps? A Christmas present for your wife?



"Well, yes. I got her a clothes dryer. Goes with the washer we got last summer."

Lucky wife. Is there anything else?



"Well, yes. We've got a new TV set, too—and I guess we've been watching it a good deal."

Yes. In other words, you've been putting more electricity to work for you, and getting more value out of it than ever before?

"You're right. I guess we have. Never looked at it that way. Why, maybe electricity is a real bargain."

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# Billy's city friend

By GLADYS R. BURKETT



Just then Fluff dashed around the corner which sent Chippy scurrying back into the woodpile.

Billy sat very still while Fluff came and sniffed and went away. Such a still boy was no fun at all for a small dog. Billy smiled, hoping Chippy would be back. He was so funny, so clever, and so curious.

With a bound, Chippy came straight at Billy and then ran up the tree over Billy's head. Billy sat very still, even when a twig fell on his knee.

Something seemed wrong about that figure, sitting so still, and Chippy seemed to want to find out about it. Chattering and scolding, he nipped off a nut. With it in his mouth, he started down the trunk, right above Billy's head.

Chippy would come down a little way head first, then stop and look around. He would crawl down farther, watching Billy all the time. When he had come as close as he dared, he let go the nut and dropped it right on Billy's ear.

Even then, Billy didn't laugh or move, although he found it hard to hold still. Chippy, by this time, seemed to know the thing would not hurt him. With a leap, he landed on Billy's shoulder. Chippy's sharp little claws struck through Billy's sweater.

"Ouch!" cried Billy in surprise, rubbing his shoulder.

Away scampered Chippy to the shelter of the woodpile. Billy laughed and laughed. Then he ran to tell Mother that country things are in the city and that all the world is fun to watch.

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WHEN SUMMER had come, Bill was a happy boy. He could go to Grandfather's farm which he loved so well. But when vacation was over and he had to leave the squirrels, birds, and flowers, he was not happy then. Last night after he had come home and had gone to bed, he had the feeling there was nothing to get up early for in the city.

Hearing a sound in the driveway, Billy remembered that the wood for the fireplace was to be delivered. Quickly he ran to the window to watch the truck-bed tilt up and spill the wood beside the basement chute. Susan, Daddy, and he would stack the wood after Daddy came home from work.

After breakfast, Billy sat under a tree looking at the pile of wood. Mother had told him not to climb on it and there was nothing else to do. Sitting still, he listened to the city sounds. He knew if he kept very still, he should see something.

A yellow ball flashed past, but that was only the neighbor's Pekingese dog, Fluff. Then he heard a tiny chattering.

Right in front of him a wee head was poking out between two chunks of wood. Waiting as quiet as a mouse, soon he saw two bright eyes watching him. Billy sat as still as a stone, holding his breath.

Soon Chippy, a squirrel, slipped out between the pieces of wood. He was ready to pop in again if anything moved. Billy thought he knew what Chippy was thinking. The little animal was wondering about that object under the tree, the thing that really was Billy.

Chippy chattered sharply, but nothing happened, not a move anywhere. Chippy

seemed puzzled. He ran over the wood, leaping from chunk to chunk. He stopped on a big piece near Billy, where he sat and chattered, twitching his bushy tail. Finally, his sharp little teeth began gnawing the bark.

## God's wondrous world

# 'Hold on to your wagons'

By THELMA C. CARTER

MUCH exciting and proud history took place when our early settlers began moving west.

Adventurers and explorers came first from the eastern coast lines of our country. They followed rivers with great courage, trying to find a pass across the Rocky Mountains to the headwaters of streams which would finally lead them to the Pacific Ocean.

Then came brave pioneers with their lumbering wagon trains. Mothers, fathers, and children, along with a few necessities and personal treasures, filled these wagons.

Few people today realize the dangers of losing one's way in a dense forest, such as North America had then, or of trying to climb rocky mountainsides in covered wagons. The perils of wild animals, snakes, and savage war parties are difficult to believe by those of us living in modern times.

Religion was an important part of

the life of most people, old and young, who pioneered in our great country. How many times they must have felt the need of remembering the Bible verse, "I am with thee, and will keep thee" (Genesis 28:15).

Crossing an unknown stream of water was a real danger. To find a calm river was a blessing. If the waters were angry and running wildly, they could destroy the wagons, people, and animals. There was always the danger of the drag of quicksand!

An old pioneer diary told that the wagon master stood in the bed of his wagon. His lusty voice went out to the wagons as they tried to reach the safety of the far bank of the river.

He said, "See to your wagons and belongings. Hold fast to the children and pray that the next wagon, and the next, and the next, can make the crossing."

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## Lydia, ready for the Gospel

By R. H. DORRIS

Pastor, Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock

Acts 16:11-40

August 27, 1961

**T**HE Apostle Paul began his second missionary journey with Silas as his companion and assistant. They revisited the churches established in southern Asia Minor, then were resolved to go into Bythynia with the gospel, but the Holy Spirit forbade them. Instead, they turned to Troas to await further guidance.



MR. DORRIS

Two significant things happened in Troas while they were there. First, Paul and Silas were joined by the physician Luke. The change of pronoun from third to first person in Acts 16:10 indicates this. Luke proved to be a worthy addition to the small band of adventurous saints. Then, the Apostle Paul in a vision saw a man of Macedonia who called to him saying, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." It was an urgent invitation and an open door into Europe. They set forth across the Aegean Sea at once.

Upon landing they passed through to the city of Philippi where they tarried several days. Philippi was neither a large nor an important city, but in the light of what happened there Luke felt it worthy of minute description in verse 12. The citizenry was Roman, the official language Latin. It was decidedly different from any city of Paul's previous visitations.

His preaching ministry here is generally considered the first proclamation of the gospel on that continent, and Lydia's the first conversion.

Lydia was doubtless an unusual person in her generation. In view of her occupation and circumstance her conversion was significant. Several things about her may well be noted. She was:

### I. A business woman, verse 14

**L**YDIA'S permanent home was in Thyatira in Asia Minor, and Philippi was only a temporary home while she engaged in her occupation. As a working woman of the first century she is not at all untypical of the working woman of the twentieth century. Being either unmarried or a widow, she was

compelled to work to sustain herself and her household, which may have consisted of family, or servants, or both. To provide their needs required ingenuity and a willingness for hard work. Lydia was endowed with both.

She is described as a "seller of purple," a cloth of rich color which was the royal color of the empire. Lydia belonged to this special guild of dyers permitting her both to manufacture and to sell this material. She successfully competed in the business world in a day when women were frowned upon in any place outside the home, and on any level comparable to man.

### II. A religious woman, verses 13-14

**L**YDIA is described as a woman "that worshipped God." She was a Gentile convert to Judaism, known as a "prose-lyte of the gate." In her religion she was devout, liberal, and faithful to the knowledge of God she had come to possess. It is refreshing in any generation to see a person who refuses to allow business success to interfere with his religious life.

Philippi probably had no synagogue, since ten men were needed to establish one, and the group assembled on this occasion were women. The riverside place of prayer was especially chosen by them to afford sufficient water for their religious ablutions necessary in their religious ceremony.

The inference is that Lydia sought a place of worship and the company of worshippers on the sabbath day. The fact that she found this out-of-the-way place indicates sincere effort and planning. True worship requires such effort. No one worships God by accident. Worship involves a positive outreach of the soul to God.

### III. A converted woman, verses 14b-15

**A** FORM of religion is not enough. God requires much more. Jesus said, "Not every one that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

Lydia, though devoutly religious, lacked that one essential that would bring peace to her soul. In her search

for it she listened to the Apostle. "She gave heed" means that she did more than listen; that in the course of the hearing she surrendered herself to Jesus Christ whom Paul preached. God had prepared her heart for the message, as He does the hearts of all who are saved. God moves in this mysterious way to bring us to Him.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is not limited by time, nor space, nor circumstance. Whosoever will look beyond ritual and form, and by faith receive Christ, the same shall be saved, and will "know the peace that passeth understanding."

### IV. A witnessing woman, verse 15

**H**OW exemplary this woman! Like the woman at the well in Samaria Lydia immediately sought to share her good fortune with others. Her witnessing began within her own household and not without result. They, too, were saved.

What better place to start witnessing for Christ than the home? To tell others of new-found salvation is the first great impulse of the saved. One may well imagine the changes wrought in the home of Lydia after Christ came in.

A further act of witnessing was involved in her baptism. This act of obedience set forth for the whole world the open and unashamed avowal of Christ as Saviour and Lord, and signified the nature of the new life she had come to possess in Him. Every saved person should complete his obedience to the Saviour by being baptized; and only the saved should ever be baptized.

### V. A gracious Christian, verses 35-40

**L**YDIA thereafter sought to make her home a center of Christian hospitality. She invited the missionaries to abide with her. Now, Paul was not one who would ever be a burden to anyone, but in this case Lydia "constrained" them. Her generous and gracious spirit doubtless refreshed them for the prison experience soon to follow; and the knowledge of her graciousness was a source of comfort to them while languishing there.

After Paul and Silas were miraculously released from the Philippian jail they made their way to Lydia's house again, here to receive once more her gracious hospitality. Her home was evidently a meeting place of believers in Philippi, and here the apostles were enabled to see many of the newly converted brethren in the new church before moving on.

Hospitality is a mark of the Christian faith. Many persons in the New Testament are prime examples in the exercise of this grace, and we are often enjoined to do likewise.

**A**CTS 16 is the only New Testament record of this woman's life, and it is most brief. How influential she must have been in later life as she engaged in faithful stewardship of all her life and means. We may be sure that she gave without reservation, and her conversion led the way to the establishment of the church in Philippi.

A life that is given to Christ may never know the final result of its influence. Only eternity will reveal it, and God will surely honor it. Lydia is a call to twentieth century Christians the world over to "go all the way" with Christ in business, in the home, and in social life.

Attendance Report

August 18, 1961

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alma, Kibler	128	87	2
Alpena, First	84	28	
Berryville			
First	143	77	
Cisco Mission	16		
Freeman Heights	143	87	
Camden			
Cullendale First	432	228	
First	498	191	2
Conway, First	461	90	2
Cove, First	51	17	
Crossett, First	549	205	
El Dorado			
East Main	288	131	
First	771	239	
Immanuel	578	280	1
Cook Street Mission	13	14	
Trinity	221	100	
Ft. Smith			
Calvary	326	126	2
First	862		2
Missions	253		
Kelley Heights	137	108	
Oak Cliff	122	101	1
Townson Avenue	162	102	1
Harrisburg			
Calvary	141	95	
First	279	137	
Hot Springs			
Park Place	429	133	5
Second	814	181	12
Vista Heights Mission	93	28	
Huntsville, First	114	62	3
Combs Mission	16	14	
Kingston Mission	31	20	
Jacksonville, First	629	303	11
Jonesboro, Central	379	153	
Little Rock			
First	829	375	
Berea Chapel	96	95	
White Rock Chapel	52	37	3
Gaines Street	425	206	1
Dennison Street Mission	65	50	
Immanuel	1100	432	9
Forest Tower	38	30	
Kerr	36	25	1
Tyler Street	232	131	
McGehee, First	426	150	2
Chapel	57	24	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	699	277	4
Central	313	98	2
Highway	189	84	
Levy	535	214	
Park Hill	624	205	1
Rogers, Sunnyside	123	63	
Smackover, First	360	164	22
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	167	87	
First	435	130	4
Van Buren, First	387	148	
West Memphis, Calvary	203	109	

Churches are requested to designate missions by name and report their attendance figures separately (although all information may be included on one postcard).

**Cynic**

NED: "I just noticed you talking to a strange woman."

Ted: "Is there any other kind?"

**Awk!**

"IF YOU want your parrot to talk you should begin by teaching it short words."

"That's strange. I supposed it would take quicker to polly-syllables."

**Seconds**

ENGLISHMAN (eating corn on the cob for the first time): "Boy! Boy!"

Waiter: "Sir?"

Englishman: "I say, old thing, fill it up again."

**One of the water hazards**

A NEW Yorker met a Scotsman, just back from the Florida golf courses, struggling up Broadway dragging an alligator.

"What are you doing with the alligator?" he asked.

"He has my ball," replied the Scot.

**Something to beef about**

Americans now eat 24 per cent of their beef as hamburgers, a statistical survey reveals. The reason given is that it takes the work out of eating. — News item.

THE reason may be slightly hazy (Have people simply grown too lazy? Or could it be that teeth are found Too dull for more than just ground round?),

But anyhow, for ease or fun, We love the burger in the bun And gobble beef as soft as custard, And swathed in catsup, onions, mustard.

In Denver, Dallas, or New York, The burger takes no knife or fork, No tablecloth, in fact no table, Not even chairs, for you are able To eat one standing, walking, driving And lick your finger on arriving, With nothing but a well-fed feel (And crumbs) to show you've had a meal.

One time in four we take our beef In burger form, but I'd as lief This would not grow more often, for

There's really nothing I adore Like chewing, though my jaws may ache, A hunk of beef disguised as steak.

**Definitions**

PEDESTRIAN — A man who has two cars, a wife, and a daughter.

ETC. — This sign makes people think you know more than you do.

SOCIAL TACT — Making people feel at home when you wish they were.

DOCTORS — People to whom we pay money because of our indiscretions.

LAWYERS — People to whom we pay money because of errors in our judgment.

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## Christmas in Bethlehem

BAPTIST World Travel, 218 East Franklin Avenue, Gastonia, N. C., has announced a 16-day tour of Europe and The Holy Land to depart from New York City Dec. 18. Featured will be a visit to Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

Among other points to be visited will be Rome, Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Paris. All-inclusive cost of the tour is \$1,295.

## Lima stresses growth

LIMA, Peru (EP) — Some 240 delegates to the Second Latin American Evangelical Conference here heard themes stressing the growth of the evangelical movement in Latin America during the last decade and its future role in the development of that area.

Dr. Thomas J. Liggett, president of the Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico, in a report on the "Present Situation of the Evangelical Church in Latin America," said the evangelical community had about 9,000,000 members and their objective was to help the growth of Latin America and to affirm its destiny within the Christian world.

## Eichmann tore Testament

JERUSALEM (EP) — While on trial here for the mass killing of six million Jews during World War II, Adolf Eichmann admitted that on two occasions he had torn copies of the New Testament from his wife's hands when she expressed a desire to read it. Once, he said, he had torn it to pieces.

"I must confess," the ex-SS Nazi said, "there are incidents in a man's life which he commits from pressure of circumstances or sudden anger . . . A man isn't a perfect instrument and doesn't always follow his own will."

## Protest polygamy laws

ACCRA, Ghana (EP) — Members of women's religious and civic groups here are protesting the government's new marriage legislation which would permit polygamy. Roman Catholic women especially stressed that the law will have "extremely negative results." They said that countries "seeking civil progress must reject polygamy which constitutes an insult to the dignity of the African woman."

## Crime rate highest

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has reported that the year 1960 was the blackest in the crime annals of the United States.

The crime rate, which has risen ominously for the past decade, increased by 14 per cent during the year. Some 1,861,000 serious crimes were reported to police — an increase of 230,870 over the previous record set in 1959.

The number of crimes committed in 1960 almost doubled the number of offenses reported to police in 1950, for an actual increase of 98 per cent over the past decade.

Since the population has gained only 18 per cent in this period, this means that the crime rate per capita is now 66 per cent greater than 10 years ago.

Mr. Hoover says juvenile arrests accounted for nearly all the increase in arrests that made 1960 the worst year for crime in the history of the United States. Arrests of those under the age of 18 increased by nine percent, while arrests over 18 increased only one per cent.

In the last five years, the FBI report shows, arrests of youths 17 and under have increased 46 per cent.

In the last five years: arrests of juveniles for forgery and counterfeiting have increased 82 per cent . . . arrests for driving while intoxicated, 65 per cent . . . sex offenses, 41 per cent . . . murder, 37 per cent . . . burglary, 44 per cent . . . and assaults, 58 per cent.

Arrests of girls under 18 increased by 14 per cent and the seriousness of offenses against girls also rose proportionately. Arrests of boys increased by 8 per cent.

## Panchen Lama liquidated?

HONG KONG (EP) — Persistent reports from Chinese refugees arriving here from the mainland say that the Panchen Lama, puppet religious leader in Tibet, has been killed.

The refugees report that he was accused by Chinese authorities in Tibet's capital city of Lhasa of attempting to foment a rebellion similar to the one that broke out in 1959 following the escape of his brother, the Dalai Lama, to India.

As proof of the liquidation, the refugees cite the fact that the Panchen Lama no longer appears in propaganda parades, that his father and relatives have been arrested and imprisoned in slave labor camps, and that the Chinese army in Tibet has stepped up its reign of terror in an effort to stamp out continuing rebel resistance.

Main target of the Communists are the monasteries and their priests, as the Reds attempt to break once and for all the priestly hierarchy's control of the Tibetan people's loyalty.

## New missions council

TOKYO (EP) — A new Japan Council of Evangelical Missions has been established here by 23 missions — first formal organization of its kind for 10 years. Its *raison d'être* is to promote the widest possible cooperation among evangelicals on both national church and mission levels.

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