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Photo by Phelps

Old State House

New Youth Center

SECOND CHURCH, Little Rock, Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor, has opened a youth center in the educational building and dedicated it to the late Henry Thomas. Mr. Thomas was a deacon in the church who desired to do something constructive for the youth in downtown Little Rock. The church is located at Eighth and Scott Streets, in an area where hundreds of out-of-town working young people find boarding facilities.

The center is open each Friday evening from 6:30 to 11, for single folks, 17 years and above. A committee to direct the activities was selected to represent different groups within the church, such as the Baptist School of Nursing, University School of Medicine, Little Rock Air Force Base, and the working youth in the city. Harold Taylor, associate of Dr. Cowling, is in charge of the project until a youth director is employed. The WMU circles are cooperating by furnishing a host and hostess each week, who serve refreshments throughout the evening.

The center was patterned after the BSU plan. It has a lounge, rooms for games, a TV center, a reading room and a place for writing. Another room has a piano where vocalists gather to play and sing hymns. A devotional period is being planned. The furnishings throughout were contributed by Mrs. Henry Thomas.

● TWO DEACONS, Turmon Lawson and Jimmy Dailey, were recently ordained by the Neiswander Church, Rt. 1, Marked Tree. Missionary E. C. Cloud served as moderator. Jimmie Garner questioned the candidates. Jimmy Walker led the ordination prayer and H. T. Brown delivered the message and the charge. William White is the pastor.

Lepanto Church Builds

First Church, Lepanto, R. B. Crotts, pastor, has started a building program which will include a \$50,000 educational building.

Work is under way on a two-story brick building which will house four nursery departments, a junior department, four adult classrooms, a library room, three primary departments and offices for the secretary and the pastor. It will have central heating and cooling systems.

The structure is being erected to the rear of the two-story stone church building. When it is completed, a frame building nearby which is being used temporarily for Sunday school rooms will be torn down and the site used as a parking lot.

Members of the building committee include Eddie Davis, chairman, W. N. Ray, W. A. Webb, H. C. Bradford, Jr., Mrs. H. C. Bradford, Sr., and Guy Phillips.

● WALDENBURG CHURCH in Trinity Association has included the Arkansas Baptist in their church budget. The mailing list was sent in by Mrs. J. E. Sowell. Holman Ferguson is the pastor.

● REV. AND MRS. R. J. McMillan, First Church, Jacksonville, have moved into a new parsonage. Oscar Lewis was in charge of construction. (CB)

● DR. WALTER L. Johnson, pastor of University Church, Fayetteville, is currently engaged in a revival with Eleventh Street Church, Tulsa, Okla., where Sam D. Davis is the pastor. (CB)

● DR. E. BUTLER ABINGTON, pastor of the Earle Church, will assist First Church, Marked Tree, in a revival campaign September 1-8. D. Bernard Beasley is the pastor. (CB)

Washington-Madison Notes

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD has approved the following officers for election at the annual meeting of the association October 3-4: SS Superintendent, Russell Oldham; TU Director, Mrs. Harvey Jones; WMU Superintendent, Mrs. G. W. Morrison; Brotherhood President, Lawrence Layman; and Director of Music Education, Robert Foster.

Washington-Madison association now has a weekly radio program over station KFAV, Fayetteville, from 8:30 to 9:00 each Sunday morning.

Pastoral changes: Preston Baumgardner, from Mt. Olive church, Route 3, Arkadelphia, to Brush Creek church; Terrell Gordan, from Dallas, Tex., to Lincoln church, where he formerly served as pastor for a short time several years ago; Robert Vaughn, from Winslow to South Side Church, Fayetteville; John Allen, graduate student at the University of Arkansas and a volunteer for the mission field, to West Fork church. Brother Allen will be ordained soon.

Since October 1, a total of 181 baptisms with 385 other additions have been reported in the association.

First Church, Huntsville, recently installed a new piano in its auditorium.—Tommy Hinson, Superintendent of Missions.

● AS OF AUGUST 19, Arkansas, with a quota of 400 men attending the First National Conference of Southern Baptist men in Oklahoma City, September 18-20, had a total of only 34 registered, the Brotherhood Commission reported. Oklahoma leads with 1,920 already registered as compared with a quota of 2,500. Total attendance goal is 10,000.



Enjoying new Youth Center facilities at Second Church, Little Rock, are: from left to right, John Job, Dorothy Lybrand, Robert House, Carol Love, James Poe, Emma Jo Fulton, Bud Fitzgibbon and Wanda Sanders. Standing is Harold Taylor, associate pastor of Second Church.

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Old State House

JAMES CONWAY stood in the front legislative chamber of the building pictured on our cover, on September 13, 1836, and proclaimed: "Fellow citizens, the date of our existence as a free and independent state has commenced." From that date until 1910 the government of Arkansas was carried on in this building, except for a brief period during the War between the States when the capitol was under seige and the government offices were moved to Washington, in Hempstead County.

One of the finest examples of antebellum architecture in the South, the Old State House was designed by a Kentuckian, Gideon Shryock, and was constructed by George Weigart and John Wassell, at a cost of \$123,-379. Two wings were added in 1885 to accommodate an enlarged government in a prosperous state. Open courts connect the wings to the Greek Doric center, which previously housed the legislative offices.

The interior conveys the dignity and beauty of the colonial era, with wide, arched hallways leading to the famed "twin spiral" stairs that lead to the second and third floors. Two light wells throw a gentle glow of outside light down the winding stairways with their hand-turned balustrades.

After the present capitol was erected, the old capitol deteriorated into a bad state of repair. The General Assembly made available \$377,500 for repairs and the restoration program which began in 1951 was carried out under the administrations of Governors Ben T. Laney and Sidney McMATH.

The Museum and Library which are housed in the wings have visiting hours any week day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Conducted tours through the State House begin at 10:15 a.m. on week days and end at 3 p.m.

● CLYDE HART's speaking engagements for August: Biscoe Church, (white); Prescott, District S. S. Congress (Negro); Cotton Plant S. S. Congress (Negro); Trinity Church, Fort Smith, (white); Spring Lake Youth Encampment (white); Aldersgate Negro Youth Encampment; Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, (white); Wynne S. S. Congress, (Negro); Beebe, First Church, (white); Benton, Central Association Youth Rally, (white).

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● CHARLES MOOSHIAN, a member of Calvary church, Little Rock, where he is a deacon, Training Union director, and Public Relation chairman, has resigned as Public Relations director for Arkansas Employment Security Division to reopen his own agency, Mooshian Enterprises, which he founded in 1938.



PASTOR R. J. McMILLAN, left, and Building Committee Chairman W. P. Bacon turn soil in official groundbreaking for a new \$100,000 educational building for First Church, Jacksonville. (See story on this page.)

Whitworth to Bald Knob

By V. E. Defreese

A. C. WHITWORTH of Missouri has recently accepted the pastorate of Central Church, Bald Knob, and it is with real pleasure that I present him to Arkansas Baptists.

I have known Bro. Whitworth since moving to Missouri. He has been pastor of First Church, Ste. Genevieve, here in our association. He is a dynamic, gospel preacher, a warm Christian spirit, and a cooperating Baptist. Arkansas Baptists will love him as did the Baptists of Missouri.

Bro. Whitworth went to Ste. Genevieve in 1952. The church was meeting in a basement unit of a proposed building, and since the city is approximately 85% Catholic there was little love and respect for the Baptists there.

But it is different now. First Church of Ste. Genevieve has a lovely auditorium above that basement, and across the back there is a three-story educational building with 35 rooms. The total estimated value of the plant today is \$70,000.

The Sunday school of the Ste. Genevieve church has grown from an enrollment of 109 in '52 to 261 at present. The Training Union in 1952 had 38 enrolled; today they have 127. In this same period, 169 have united with the church and the budget has grown from \$3,250 to \$10,426.52. If you could know the city of Ste. Genevieve you would realize that this growth and development has been a miracle of divine grace.

At a recent meeting of our Associational Executive Board a resolution was unanimously adopted expressing regret at the moving of Bro. Whitworth and commending him without reservation to the Central Church, Bald Knob, and to Arkansas Baptists.

● FIRST CHURCH, Jacksonville, has broken ground for its second major building program in five years. Construction has begun on an education building to cost \$100,000, which will add 10,900 square feet of floor space to the church plant. Materials will be masonry and steel. The air-conditioned building will house the following departments: Young People, one Adult, two Junior, two Primary and a Beginner. It will be equipped with a large kitchen, stage, suite of offices, library and rest rooms. According to Pastor R. J. McMillan, the establishment of the Little Rock Air Force Base, which brought 1,500 new families to Jacksonville, is responsible for the need of additional church facilities. More than 900 new members have united with the Jacksonville Church in the past five years.



Mr. Whitworth

Attend Your Associational Meeting

IN OUR ISSUE of August 15, we carried the schedule of meetings of the 45 Baptist associations cooperating with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. A glance at the schedule will indicate—and we trust you file your Arkansas Baptists and have them available for reference—that the months of September and October are going to be quite busy for the Baptists of the state.

Our Lord's Great Commission is still in effect and binding upon every Christian. But the details of how we are to carry out the command to go to all the world and win the lost to Christ and His church are left to the ingenuity of Christians under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Baptists have found God's favor upon their world mission organization pattern built upon cooperation—cooperation of individual Christians with other Christians in the local church, and cooperation of churches through local associations, state conventions or associations, a denomination-wide convention and a world alliance. And the local association, in many ways, is the base of our world mission organization.

The local churches work together through the local association to accomplish what they could not hope to accomplish with every church going its separate way. They work through the association not because any hierarchy requires it, but because they choose to do so, and because they feel God's approval upon this way of doing His work.

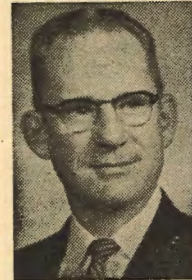
The local Baptist association, because of its vital place in our mission program, deserves the prayerful support of us all. Why not plan to attend the annual association meetings of your association this year? The most of them last only two days, or two days and one night. The fellowship with other Baptists seeking to do the Lord's work will be a blessing to your life, and your presence can mean much to the meetings.

Personally Speaking . . .

The Hen With One Chick

BEFORE CHICKEN raising got to be so big that the hatcheries took the major part of the procreative efforts away from the hen, we used to hear the expression, "As busy as a hen with one chicken."

You would think that a hen accustomed to mothering a brood of 15 chicks would be on a part-time schedule if her responsibility should be reduced to caring for a lone little biddie. But such is not — or, was not — the case. If there was any difference, it seemed that the hen with one chick was more determined to be a full-time mother than one with a whole brood. When there was a brood, the mother hen seemed to realize that the chicks must necessarily "scratch for themselves" a big part of the time. But with only one, she was bent on doing everything for it.



MR. McDONALD

Today we have more leisure than any previous generation in modern times. We are living an average of 20 years longer than the average life span 50 years ago. Women, once called "the weaker sex," now outlive men by several years, thus being sure of "having the last word." And everybody — except editors and columnists, of course — now has shorter working weeks.

But as we look at our cluttered lives, we are made to wonder if we have not taken up where the hen with one chicken left off. At the risk of being accused of preaching, something which many these days seem to think is the wrong approach, we'd like to raise the question of whether or not we are busy about the right things.

A juvenile court official from Atlanta whose acquaintance we made recently at Ridgcrest testifies that many parents he knows about are not using their new freedom to build better homes and better boys and girls. Many a case that winds up in juvenile court can be traced back to a so-called "home" in which the parents have embarked upon a continuous spree of cocktail parties and all-night carousing, he asserts.

The proper direction of our energies in these days of unprecedented freedom and opportunity can help us under God to build a better world, starting with ourselves as individuals, as families and as churches.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." —Psalm 127:1

Edwin L. McDonald

When a Committee Fails



"LORD, LEAD US TO A MAN UNDER 40, WITH A DOCTOR'S DEGREE, A GOOD MIXER, AND....."

"YE ASK AND RECEIVE NOT, BECAUSE YE ASK AMISS." (JAMES 4:3)

Courtesy BAPTIST STANDARD

Archview Mission Is Constituted a Church

ARCHVIEW MISSION, organized three years ago under the mission program of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was duly constituted a church at services Sunday afternoon, August 18. Beginning with a membership of 108, the church will hold its charter membership open for several weeks.



MR. SMITH

The new church has called as pastor Leslie Smith, a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and has adopted a budget which includes a fixed percentage for the Co-operative Program and the sending of Arkansas Baptist to every family.

Pastor Smith succeeds Dennis Dodson, who had pastored the mission for the past year and who resigned to continue his education at Southwestern Seminary. He is a Little Rockian and a graduate of Ouachita College.

Mrs. Smith is the former Betty Fowler, of Odessa, Tex. The Smiths have two daughters, Debra, 4, and Sharon, 3.

Although the new church building at Archview has been in use since last December, it is not yet complete. When completed it will have an upper and a lower auditorium, six classrooms, a kitchen, secretary's office, pastor's study, a nursery, and restrooms.

The church is located on the Sheridan highway, about a block south of the Willow Springs Road. The mailing address is Arch Street Pike, Route 18, Box 811.

● CURTIS BRYANT, pastor of Oak Grove Church, Van Buren, did the preaching the last two weeks of July, for revival services at Francis Street Church, Jackson, Mich., where Van Booth is pastor. There were 28 additions, 18 by profession of faith and 10 by letter.

● DAMON SHOOK, pastor of Nall's Memorial Church, Little Rock, since November, 1953, has resigned to enter Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. During the four-year pastorate Mr. Shook led the church in the purchase and dedication of a new building, installed a baptistry, developed a library, established a youth center, and added a nursery department. There were 150 new members received.

● MT. ZION Association will conduct a School of Missions November 10-15. Dr. Lewis W. Martin of the Home Mission Board will meet with a group of pastors on September 2, according to Missionary Carl Bunch. Twenty-four foreign missionaries have been assigned to the school. (CB)

● TABERNACLE CHURCH, Little Rock, held a youth-led revival August 11-18, with Dickson Rial, evangelist, and Gayle Bone, singer.

At the time, the East-West All-Star football players were in Little Rock, where they were practicing for the All-Star game on Saturday night, August 17. Two of the All-Star members, Walter Ayers and Mike Williams, were friends of Mr. Rial, who was pastor of East Side Church, Dewitt, the past three years, where Ayers is a member. These men attended the revival at Tabernacle Church.

Following a testimony one evening by Mr. Williams, Bill Sims, All-Star from the Little Rock Tigers, was saved. These young men returned to the place where the All Stars from the East were staying and a prayer meeting developed during which another player, big "Red" Barnette, tackle from Forrest City, was saved. Others rededicated their lives in the service.

Ten united with Tabernacle Church on profession of faith and 11 by letter during the revival. Others surrendered for special service.

● PASTOR LEWIS E. Clarke reports the dedication of a \$40,000 educational building by First Church, Altheimer, on Sunday, August 11. Dr. Paul Fox, Calvary Church, Little Rock, delivered the dedicatory message. The air-conditioned building has two nurseries, two Beginner departments, and Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Young Peoples' departments. The work was done by the men of the church.

● A NEGRO VACATION Bible School was held recently at Moffett, Okla., sponsored by Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, with James Chatham, educational director of the church, as principal. The WMU Circles of Grand Avenue served refreshments each day. James L. Pleitz is pastor of the sponsoring church.

Enrollment totaled 58, and average attendance was 51. Ten of the children made professions of faith.

Worry Kills

WORRY AFFECTS the circulation, the heart, the glands, the whole nervous system, and profoundly affects the health. I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many have died from doubt. —Dr. Charles Mayo

● AS PREVIOUSLY published in Arkansas Baptist the annual meeting of the State Convention this year will be November 19, 20, and 21, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. This is different from the date which appears in the official Baptist Diary of the state, the change having been made after the printing of the book.

● THE ARKANSAS Baptist \$100,000 campaign for the state's only Negro Baptist college, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, is declared by D. B. Hoskins, director of the Department of Work with Negroes, Missouri Baptist General Association, to be "one of the most wonderful things I have heard of in a long time." In a letter to Director Clyde Hart, Little Rock, Mr. Hoskins requests an article about the campaign to be carried in his newspaper, Together.

● E. C. CLOUD, for the past four years missionary for the Trinity Association, has resigned to accept a similar position with Bartholomew Association, with headquarters in Warren. The executive committee recently passed a resolution expressing regret for Brother Cloud's resignation and commending him "as a fearless and tireless preacher of the Word" as he goes to his new work. The resolution pays tribute to the missionary as one who is "evangelistic in his efforts, sincere in his plans to extend the Kingdom, true to the doctrine and principles of Southern Baptists and thoroughly co-operative in all progressive undertakings for the furtherance of the cause of our Master."

● MT. ZION Church in Independence Association had a revival meeting recently with the pastor, Richard Sanders, doing the preaching. Four united with the church by baptism.



Home of Archview Church, Little Rock

Thirteen Church Bodies Oppose Liquor Service

Churches representing 23,327,981 members have officially taken a stand against the service of alcoholic beverages aboard commercial airliners, according to the Methodist Board of Temperance.

This is in contrast to the repeated excuse by airline officials: "We only serve liquor because the public demands it."

Resolutions adopted by the governing bodies of the following denominations strongly condemn liquor service aloft and call for legislation banning the practice:

Methodist Church, 9,292,046 members; Southern Baptist Convention, 8,163,562; Reformed Church in America, 203,230; Church of the Brethren, 193,547; Five Years Meeting of Friends, 69,560; Church of the Nazarene, 287,866; Church of God, 118,696; American Baptist Convention, 1,505,871; Seventh-Day Adventists, 270,079; Presbyterian Church in the U. S., 780,837; Free Methodist Church, 50,660; Disciples of Christ, 1,881,911; Augustana Lutheran Church, 510,116.

To date Congress has failed to act on a series of measures designed to ban service aboard commercial planes. Nearly a month ago, Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina again asked the Senate Subcommittee on Aviation to hold hearings on his bill, S. 4. So far — "Nothing scheduled."

Last year the House overwhelmingly passed a similar bill but the measure bogged down in the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Self-Regulation?

Just after House action, a standard of practice agreement was signed by six major airlines which provide liquor service: American, Eastern, National, Northwest, TWA and United.

The agreement, calling for no advertisement of the availability of liquor service, long since has fallen by the wayside. Senator Thurmond reports that he and other Congressional leaders have received many complaints that the voluntary program is not working.

Continental Air Lines advertises cocktails and beer as special features of its service aboard a new Club Coach flight.

The code calls for a limit of two drinks per customer. But Rowland K. Quinn, Jr., president of the Airline Stewards and Stewardesses Association, has reported: "The airlines seem to have a tacit agreement to ignore the code and we have had many reports of stewardesses being disciplined for failure to serve enough liquor to meet airline quotas."

In testimony before the House Subcommittee on Transportation and Communications last year, representatives of the Airline Pilots Association and the

Airline Stewards and Stewardesses Association cited incident after incident of potential safety hazards for the flying public when liquor was served.

In the Jackson, Miss., State Times:

"Laced high above earth in company with one or more drunks is a predicament few would relish. On the whole air travel today is safe, comfortable and convenient. Adding alcohol, however, provides little assurance of its staying that way."

Baptists to Meet From Many Lands

HAMILTON, Ontario, Canada — Every continent will be represented when the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee and five BWA study commissions meet at McMaster University here August 26-30.

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn of Washington, general secretary of the alliance representing 22,000,000 Baptist churchmen in 100 countries, said that delegates from at least 14 nations will be present.

Two countries from eastern Europe are included in advance registrations. The Rev. Yakov I. Zhidkov and Miss Claudia Tyrtova are expected from Moscow, USSR, and the Rev. Alexander Kircun and the Rev. Michal Odlyzko are coming from Warsaw, Poland. Mr. Zhidkov is president of the Russian Baptist union of 520,000 members (adults), and Mr. Kircun heads the organization of 2,500 Baptists in Poland.

Denmark, Norway, Germany and Great Britain are other European countries to be represented. Delegates are coming also from Nigeria, Burma, Japan, Australia, Cuba, Chile, the United States and Canada.

The Executive Committee handles business of the world Baptist fellowship between sessions of the Baptist World Congress, held every five years. The alliance's ninth congress met in London in 1955 and the tenth will be held in Rio de Janeiro in 1960.

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — Dr. Finley W. Tinnin, 70, dean of the state Baptist paper editors, has resigned effective December 31, 1957. He has served in the post for 38 years, since September 1, 1920. In the nearly two-score years he has seen the Baptist membership in Louisiana grow from 100,000 to 352,000. He has served with five executive secretaries and three interim secretaries. Dr. Tinnin was born in Moss Point, Miss. He obtained his education from Tulane University and Southwestern Seminary and Southern Seminary. A successor has not been announced.

VICTOR GLASS, Nashville, Tenn., was named associate in the Department of Negro Work, Home Mission

Board, in the August session of the Board's executive committee.

Glass will have principal responsibilities in the educational phase of ministry among the Negroes.

He has been associated with the American Baptist Seminary, Nashville, since 1946, where he served as acting president.

ELMER DUNHAM, superintendent of city missions, El Paso, Tex., is the newly elected president of the City Missions Conference.

Dunham was chosen at the superintendents' meeting, held recently at Glorieta Assembly during Home Mission Week.

Leo M. Perry, Tulsa, Okla., and Ben Mitchell, Louisville, Ky., were elected vice presidents for the west and the east, respectively.

W. M. Turner, Lubbock, Tex., is secretary for the west, and H. S. Sauls, Mobile, Ala., is secretary for the eastern section.

O. K. Webb, Greenville, was named music director for the group.

Next meeting will be in Louisville, February 9-13.

RALPH ROGERS, Ft. Worth, Tex., has been employed by the Home Mission Board for a special assignment of making pictures.

Rogers, a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, began the new work on August 12. He formerly was associated with the Sunday School Board where he "shot" nine home mission films in co-operation with the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board.

Rogers will make black-and-white pictures, color slides, and do some motion picture and recording work.

REV. L. A. THOMAS, has resigned as pastor of First Church, Teague, Tex., to join the faculty of John Brown University, according to Rev. Carl L. Bethea, clerk of the Freestone-Leon Baptist association, of which Brother Thomas' church was a member. Mr. Thomas was moderator of the association.

DR. DAVID M. RAMSAY, Baptist pastor-educator, who would have been 100 years old in October, died August 5, in Greenville, S. C. Dr. Ramsay is survived by two children, Mrs. Eudora Richardson, Richmond, Va., and Col. Allen Brodie Ramsay, with the U. S. Army Medical Corps.

Dr. Ramsay was born in Greenville County, S. C., in 1857. He was a graduate of the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va., and the Southern Seminary. He served a number of pastorates and was president of Greenville Womans College from 1911 to 1930, when he returned to pastoral work. He served as a pastor till 1949, when he retired at the age of 92. —The Baptist Courier.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

WASHINGTON — The Department of Agriculture has added its name to the long roster of those who have something to say about cigaret smoking. But it doesn't have a word to say about filters, heart disease or cancer.

In a report labeled "Tobacco Smoking in the United States in Relation to Income," the Agriculture Department says a 1955 survey shows tobacco smokers in the U. S. and overseas armed forces numbered 60,000,000 people 18 years or older.

IN PUERTO RICO, an airport "ministry" helping families departing for the United States has been set up at International Airport. From behind a glass booth, Osvaldo Carlo explains U. S. currency and gives the departing Puerto Ricans a folder telling them what churches in many U. S. cities are ready to welcome them. Mr. Carlo is employed by the Evangelical Council of Churches of Puerto Rico.

CROFT M. PENTZ, an Assemblies of God minister to the deaf, has been in charge of a little-known phase of the Billy Graham New York Crusade. He and his co-workers have gathered in hundreds of deaf people and have translated Graham's sermons in the sign language for their benefit. More than 70 deaf people have gone forward to make "decisions" for Christ.

IN COLOMBIA, the new government has stated that its first step in restoring religious liberty will be to study the decrees issued by the former Rojas government, with the purpose of framing "a communication that annuls the former edicts and establishes the rights of evangelical minorities in accord with the Constitution and laws."

DANIEL A. POLING of Philadelphia, president of the world's Christian Endeavor Union, told some 3,000 young people in Portland, Oregon, that mass evangelism has played a vital part in the onward march of Christianity. He also praised Billy Graham's New York Crusade as "leading literally tens-of-thousands to an open acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord."

IN PARAGUAY, Dr. Reinaldo Decoud, a psychiatrist and professor of Guarani at the Free Methodist Bible School in Asuncion is translating the Bible into Guarani language. He has already completed the books of Genesis and Matthew. A Guarani hymnal is being compiled, with 50 hymns already translated. The New Testament and Psalms were translated into Guarani many years ago, but because there were no fixed spelling rules grammatical errors were made.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Let The Truth Be Heard

For two years the cigaret-cancer controversy has been relatively hushed up. But despite all the efforts of those who would like to keep it hushed, it has broken out afresh. This time the United States Public Health Service has thrown it onto the front pages. The Service's carefully worded announcement that there was "increasing and consistent evidence" that excessive smoking was a factor in cancer has again put the tobacco industry on the defensive.

A bill was received in the Senate to cut-off federal farm price supports and soil-bank payments to tobacco growers. There has been a suggestion, also, that cigaret manufacturers be required to paste a label in each package saying the product might cause cancer. It is an absurd position that the government is in, if on the one hand, the Public Health Service must caution Americans about smoking while the government, at the same time, spends money to support tobacco production.

The tobacco manufacturing industry has been making counter-attacks with the hope of quieting the controversy and safeguarding its five-and-a-half billion dollar business. The cigaret habit seems to be pretty firmly entrenched with a survey indicating 52.6 per cent of men and 24.5 per cent of women as regular smokers among the American population. The industry is a top spender in advertising. The "big six" cigaret companies spend enormous sums in plugging cigarets in all advertising media.

One evidence of the pressure of the tobacco industry to control opinion is that which has just been reported in the New York Times News Service concerning the American Tobacco Company saying to one of its advertising firms that it couldn't have their advertising and that of the Readers Digest which, in its July issue, carried a very damaging article titled, "The Facts Behind Filter Tip Cigarettes." Another article appears also in the August issue. Under pressure, Batten, Barton, Durstine, and Osborn, Inc. gave up the advertising account of the Readers Digest after twenty-eight years. Apparently it did so under pressure from the American Tobacco Company when the company said, in effect: "Either the Readers Digest goes, or we go." The advertising firm decided to hold on to its multi-million dollar cigaret advertising and to give up the Readers Digest account. The American Tobacco advertising account was reported to be about twenty times that of the Readers Digest account with this advertising firm.

Let the truth be heard about cigarettes and cancer. And let the cigarette smokers govern themselves in the light of the facts rather than misleading advertising by the manufacturers.

—Baptist and Reflector (Tenn.)

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The Issue: Law And Order

In the nation's first jury trial in a public school segregation case at Knoxville, seven persons were convicted of having defied a court order at Clinton. The jury of ten white men and two white women found to their satisfaction that John Kasper of New Jersey and six misguided people of this state willfully conspired to violate a direct order from Federal District Judge Robert L. Taylor. John Kasper has been an intruder into Tennessee and an instigator of violence.

Judge Taylor acted with justice, firmness and patience. He clearly pointed out the issue, but he himself did not originate the dispute. The trial issue was not segregation versus desegregation. The issue was the authority of the court and the upholding of law and order in this land. The verdict by the jury in Knoxville has helped to clarify the atmosphere in Tennessee. From all over the state, it is clear now that Kasper and his kind are not wanted here.

—Baptist and Reflector (Tenn.)

Paul's Preaching and Policies For the Present

Paul speaks to all men of all ages. Far from being irrelevant, his preaching and principles are indispensable. True we may not follow in detail some of his policies for we find ourselves in different situations. But his basic principles have a continuing relevance for our day. Some of these principles are as follows:



DR. BARNETTE
1. Paul was led by the Holy Spirit. He was guided by the Spirit in his missionary efforts. When Paul and Timothy came to Mysia, "they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not" (Acts 16:7). Without the Holy Spirit all of our mission efforts will be in vain. It is not by programs alone that the gospel becomes effective but by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. Paul made each new city church the base for evangelizing the entire community which constituted a political, economic, and social unit. In our day this work is called "city missions," "associational missions," "state missions," and "home missions." God has blessed this method among Southern Baptists. When a city church fails to evangelize the entire community through mission efforts, it has ceased to follow the pattern of the New Testament.

3. Paul's preaching was relevant. The gospel Paul preached is not out of date; it just needs to be brought down to date. This means that we have to preach the timeless gospel in a timely way. While helping a pastor in a city in an evangelistic effort, we visited a government worker who had attended the church a few weeks previously. The pastor wanted to know why he had not come again. Replied the man, "You preached on Joseph and his problems and left me back there with them. I have problems today and I need the

kind of preaching that will help me solve them."

Too often our preaching is unrelated to life. We tend to answer questions which no one is asking in terms that no one understands. Prayer alone will not prepare us for the pulpit. Spurgeon

This is the final article in a series written by Dr. Barnette, who is associate professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

tells of a preacher who prayed, "O Thou who canst make something out of nothing bless this sermon." Paul had a thorough knowledge of the gospel and geared his message to meet the needs of his hearers.

Finally, Paul's preaching and principles are the only hope for the world. His diagnosis of man as a sinner and declaration of Christ as the only Saviour are true and tenable today. The only hope for sinful man and a sinful society is the grace of God in Christ. We have made great progress in the realm of science only to discover that science is not our salvation. Electric lights have driven back the darkness of the night, but they have not lighted the darkened hearts of men and illumined the path of salvation. We have built modern towers of Babel into the heavens, but men are no closer to heaven. By air conditioning we are able to overcome the merciless heat of the summer, but we have not cooled the hot passions of anger and prejudice in the human heart. We have discovered frightening power in the atom, but it does not have the strength to save even one sinner.

Our salvation is not in scientific gadgets, but in the saving grace of God. In this age of power, our only hope is in the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes. This was the message of Paul in his age, and it must be ours today.

and seminary centers beginning in September. The college centers will operate in Brunswick and Frederick. The seminary centers will operate in Baltimore, Harve de Grace and Hereford. Maryland has no Baptist college or seminary.

● COVE CHURCH received 10 additions by baptism and 3 by letter in a recent revival led by Evangelist Jesse S. Reed and Singer Mark Short, Sr. Three young people surrendered for special service. Harmon Allen is the pastor.

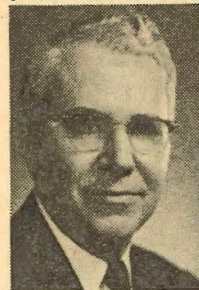
● LAWRENCE KENDRICK, Little Rock, recently held revivals at Mt. Tabor and Rock Springs, in Buckville Association.

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Disturbed About Salvation

QUESTION: About four years ago I went forward and joined the church. The preacher did not ask me anything and I did not say anything. Then two years ago during a revival the preacher



DR. HUDSON
preached on Romans 10:9 and I confessed Christ and was baptized again. I was extremely happy for quite some time. About six months ago I began feeling that I was lost and have had nothing but worry ever since. I have so much anguish that at times I almost have a heart attack. What is wrong with me? And how can I get peace? I teach a Sunday school class and go to church regularly.

ANSWER: You sound to me like a person who is suffering from a depression. Such people feel unsaved or feel that they have committed some great sin, or simply get unmotivated. Sometimes they just get angry and fussy, and depressions are very hard to handle. You need both medical and religious help.

So far as your salvation is concerned, it sounds to me as if you were saved two years ago. Satan has tried to make you doubt. And since you have placed such an emphasis on feeling, it has been hard for you to rely on God's Word.

Remember that our salvation does not change with our change of feelings. Christ promised to save those who open their hearts to Him in simple faith.

In the World of Religion

As of July 31, the Billy Graham New York Crusade had had attendance of 1,328,600, with 40,352 decisions for Christ. The crusade has been extended until Labor Day — its third extension.

A United States Army Chaplain's Museum will be established before the end of the year. It will be located temporarily in the foyer of the chapel building at the Army Chaplain School, for Slocum, N. Y.

The Social Security Administration has called the attention of ministers, missionaries, and members of religious orders to social security benefits for which they are now eligible in the event of physical disability. Any clergyman who becomes disabled by accident or illness may apply for a "freeze" to protect his social security benefits, to prevent years in which a reduced income is received from affecting the level of retirement benefits or survivors' awards. Any clergyman after age fifty who becomes totally and permanently disabled is eligible to apply for retirement benefits.

Historic Chapel To Be Sold

ESSEX, England (BP) — The Chapel in which prince-of-preachers Charles Haddon Spurgeon was saved has just recently been closed. A move is under way to buy this Chapel so that it will not be offered for sale for commercial purposes. This sacred spot in Clochester, Essex, England, together with the adjoining manse, is now vacant, falling into disrepair.

BALTIMORE, Md. (BP) — Maryland Baptists, in co-operation with the University of Richmond, a Baptist college in Virginia, and the Seminary Extension Department are sponsoring college

PERSONALITIES

Ralph L. Douglas

He Had No Desire To Preach

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

"I DID EVERYTHING on earth I could think of to keep from preaching," declares Ralph Lee Douglas, associate secretary for the Arkansas Baptist Convention. Having felt the call to the ministry during teen-age, he gave his all in the field of sports and became a four-letter man in high school. He excelled in track, baseball, basketball and football through college, and spent one season in professional baseball. It wasn't a lack of devotion to the church. He taught a Sunday school class, served as Training Union director, as song leader and soloist. He was ordained a deacon early in life. But he did not want to preach.

What he didn't know was that he was competing with his father's prayers all the while. Douglas was born in Springfield, Conway county, to Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Douglas. His parents, both in their 80's, live in Springfield, where their three children were born and reared, where the father preached his first sermon and served for 14 years as pastor of the church that ordained him. The preacher-farmer parent had far too many difficulties through life to make the ministry attractive to the son.

Douglas graduated from Ouachita College in 1933. While standing in line to receive his diploma, he received a telephone call from a chain grocery company in Wewoka, Okla., offering him a job. He accepted. In the same graduating class was a young woman from Little Rock, Miss Blanche Riley. The couple was married the following September.

One year later found the Douglasses in Lake Village, where the man of the house was fast becoming a big business man. He had a grocery business, an automobile agency, a farm, and was one of the first farmers in Arkansas to bring Mexican laborers into the state. Deacon Douglas thought he had it made. He was successful in the business world and had outrun the call to preach. He was an active layman in the Lake Village church and had a happy home, which now included a young son.

Then the baby died. Douglas was so deeply convicted he was not doing God's will his entire life was upset. He sold his business and moved to Wabbaseka, where he surrendered to the ministry and was ordained. After serving in two or three pastorates in Arkansas, Salem Church near Louisville, Ky. extended him an invitation to preach. They called him as pastor before dismissing the morning service. So the Douglasses moved to Louisville, where he graduated from Southern Seminary and Mrs. Douglas from the WMU Training School.

Southern Baptist College, Walnut



Dr. Douglas

Ridge, honored Mr. Douglas with the D. D. degree last May.

As a pastor, Dr. Douglas built four church plants, debt free, the last being First Church, Helena, which he resigned to become associate with Dr. B. L. Bridges, three years ago on August 1. He has been chosen to serve as interim secretary after Dr. Bridges leaves the office August 31.

There are two children in the Douglas home now. Hunter, 18, is a sophomore at Ouachita, and Rosalee, 15, is a junior in high school. The children helped their father in two revival meetings this summer, where the parent did the preaching, the son led the singing and the daughter played the piano. Dr. Douglas relates that the first night in one revival was definitely a flop. On the way home the three were discussing possible angles that might have improved the service. Hunter related his error. The preacher said, "Well, I didn't preach as long as I usually do." Rosalee retorted: "You preached long enough!"

Douglas is probably one of the few ministers who will admit preaching himself to sleep. During the tape recording craze a few years ago, Ralph purchased a recorder, took his Sunday morning sermons on a tape and played them back on Sunday afternoons to "see how he was doing." The family went out one Sunday and returned to catch him fast asleep while preaching away to himself on the recorder. They dared him ever to complain again about any of his members going to sleep during the preaching service.

The Douglas family resides in the Kingwood addition in Little Rock, and are members of Immanuel Church.

THE BOOKSHELF

"While it is discouraging that only about 17 to 25 per cent of the adult population is likely to have read as much as a single book in the past month, it is encouraging that we can be shocked by such figures." —Lester Ashheim, Dean, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago. —Quote.

The American Heritage Book of Great Historic Places, by the Editors of American Heritage, published by American Heritage Publishing Co., in cooperation with Simon and Schuster, Inc., New York, 1957, \$12.50.

THOSE WHO like to spend vacations visiting historic spots of the nation will find this magnificently illustrated volume a valuable guide. A pictorial history of America in terms of places where history was made, it contains more than 700 pictures, 154 of which are in full color, and 150,000 words in its narration.

The book is divided into nine geographic sections, each of which is followed by a map of the area. It will be a beautiful companion volume for the libraries of those who subscribe to American Heritage, the bi-monthly book-magazine of American history.

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The Bible, authorized version illustrated with over 500 drawings by Horace Knowles and edited by John Stirling, published by Wm. Collins Sons and Co., New York, 1957, \$3.

THE TEXT is that of the Authorized King James Version. Instead of the old type of story-book pictures, the illustrations are mostly in the form of simple sketches designed to help the reader to get the full meaning of its passages. They include the landscape and cities, the plants, animals and birds, and such every-day objects as pots and coins, associated with the Bible stories.

Layout of the book is modern with the prose in paragraphs and the poetry in verse. We find it a very attractive volume.

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The Courtship of Mr. Lincoln, by Ruth Painter Randall, Little, Brown and Co., Boston, 1957, \$3.75.

A DETAILED account of a rather stormy courtship, this book, by the author of Lincoln's Biography of a Marriage and Lincoln's Sons, gives many new glimpses of the Civil War President and the woman whose ambition figured prominently in his career.

OTHER BOOKS RECEIVED

Romances and Intrigues of the Women of the Bible, by James Faulkner, Vantage Press, New York, 1957, \$2.

By These Things Men Live, by D. W. Charlton, Sr., Greenwich Book Publishers, New York, 1957, \$2.

Grace for Today, by William Gouloge, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1957, \$2.50.

I Am Glad My Church Did It

By George W. Schroeder

I sat in my church one Wednesday evening recently during which time the church transacted its monthly business. During the business session I heard reports as they came from the chairmen of the various committees.

The chairman of our Finance Committee brought a glowing report concerning the monies that had been given and spent, not only to carry on the work at home but to the farthest reaches of the world.

The chairman of the Building Committee informed the people of the bids which had been received covering the cost of the erection of a sorely needed new unit for the church. The people listened attentively and prayerfully. After discussion they voted to accept the report.

The chairman of the Missions Committee brought a thrilling report covering a survey his committee had made with the help of the city missionary. It was found, he stated, that the church had an opportunity of establishing a new work in an unchurched area near our city. The church heard the report and voted unanimously to sponsor the new work.

I am glad that my church voted to sponsor that new mission. It made the business meeting complete for me. It was showing to the world that we as a church were not only thinking of ourselves in the erection of a new building, but we were also thinking about other people near our city who needed the Lord. Through our actions and vote we were saying that we would not only build for ourselves, but we would also give of our financial and physical assets that we might have a part in building for others.

Oh, yes, in case you're interested — my church happens to be First Church, Memphis, Tenn., of which Dr. R. Paul Caudill is pastor.

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Methodists Ask For Church-State Separation

On the eve of the Constituent Assembly, which was named to reform the 1853 Constitution of Argentina, the National Board of the Methodist Church in Argentina issued a statement on the separation of church and state. "We wish to draw special attention to religious freedom," it said, "because it affects other freedoms."

"We believe," the board said, "that full liberty cannot exist while the state upholds one Church and is linked economically and institutionally to it." The 1853 Constitution provides for some state aid to the Catholic Church, and stipulates that right to approve pontifical documents and to submit names of candidates for episcopal appointments.

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Faith either removes mountains or tunnels through.

Why the Arkansas Baptist in the Local Church Budget

1. The **Arkansas Baptist** is the official weekly news magazine of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Its purpose is to inform, inspire and enlist the Baptists of the state in a world program of missions beginning in the local community and reaching out to all the world. Its purpose is defeated if it does not reach the people.

2. By placing the paper in the church budget a church gets this organ of information and inspiration into all its homes every week. The actual cost to the church is a little more than a 3-cent postage stamp per week per family. Because our people give more liberally of themselves and their possessions when they are kept informed as to our progress as cooperating Baptists, and when they are informed as to world needs and how we are working together to meet these needs, we believe the paper is an investment and not an expense. It actually "costs" a church far more—in unenlisted members—not to send the paper to its families than the small subscription price—\$3.36 per week per 100 families.

3. Some might say: "Yes, we believe Baptists should take their state paper, but why let the church pay for this? Let the members take care of their own subscriptions."

If the same practice were followed with other church literature—Sunday school, Training Union, etc., how many members would have quarterlies?

By putting the paper in the budget a church can be sure of getting it into every home. Some members for one reason or another would never take the paper by individual subscription. Not every member is interested enough in his church and in missions to want to subscribe. But if the church sends the paper to the homes of the indifferent, this will be a weekly reminder that the church is seeking to inform and enlist all of its members. The state paper often is a means of kindling the interest of church members and getting them to attend the local church services and to serve.

Some in the church may feel themselves unable financially to subscribe. Certainly the church, under the Great Commission, bears an obligation to such members and to all members to teach them "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded."

There need be no feeling of receiving charity, for the paper is provided out of church tithes and offerings given by its members.

4. The point might be made that some of the papers will be thrown into waste baskets and not read. It is the responsibility of the church to get the paper to its members. The members will have to answer for their own stewardship as to what use they make of it. The members who do not want the paper and who throw it away probably do the same with the church bulletin if it is mailed to them. And they probably vote—by their absence and indifference—against the Sunday night preaching service, Training Union, and many other things connected with the local church. But one thing is sure—they won't read the paper unless it is sent, and if the paper is sent and they get to reading it, there is a good chance they will come back to a right relationship with God and the church.

The vast majority will read the paper and benefit from it.

The 446 churches of the state that now send the paper every week to all members (by families) testify that sending the paper to the people through the church budget is an **investment and not an expense**.

Is the **Arkansas Baptist** going to all the homes in your church?

BUENOS AIRES — A resolution calling for Church-State separation in Argentina was adopted by the Baptist Convention of the River Plate. It urged that the question be included on the agenda of the forthcoming National Constituent Assembly which has been named to revise the Constitution of 1853. Speakers at the Baptist meeting said Church-State separation would signify "equality for all creeds and complete neutrality in spiritual matters." The Catholic daily newspaper **El Pueblo** replied, "The religious freedom for which the Baptists clamor is already embodied in our **magna charta**, as is amply shown by the fact that this religious sect enjoys liberty of ac-

tion in holding public meetings and broadcasting by radio, and has postal facilities."

Cost of living is 3.4 per cent higher than a year ago, and still rising. Meat prices are up about 10 per cent. Rents are up 2 per cent. Household operation now costs 4 per cent more. Apparel is a little higher. Operation of the family car costs 7.5 per cent more than a year ago.

● **ARTHUR H. HOTTEL**, pastor of First Church, Star City, recently supplied the pulpit at First Church, Lawrenceburg, Tenn. (CB)

Baptist Highlights

Total assets of the Southern Baptist Convention reached a record \$149,195,723 on December 31, 1956, compared with \$131,241,242 on December 31, 1955. Liabilities of the Convention as of last December 31 amounted to \$9,677,752 as compared with \$7,417,644 the previous year. The assets of twenty boards, seminaries, and agencies compose the assets of the Convention.

Henson Harris, for the past three years dean of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, has been appointed academic dean of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky.

Robert Naylor, pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., was the principal speaker at Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, August 15-21. Other speakers included Albert McClellan, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention; James L. Sullivan, Baptist Sunday School Board; T. B. Lackey, Oklahoma City; and W. L. Howse, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, A. C. Miller executive-secretary, is planning a conference during the week of August 8-14 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly on lascivious literature traffic, which exceeds \$500 million a year — an increase of \$200 million within the last two years.

Facts of Interest

Of 1,107 counties in the eleven states of the Confederacy, 156 have more Negroes than white people in their population. Many others contain Negro population approaching that of whites.

The proportion of men 65 and over at work has dropped from 68 per cent in 1890 to about 39 per cent today. In 1940 a man, on the average, could expect about three years in retirement. Today he can look forward to twice that much.

Recent tabulations published by the Federal Highway Administration show 77,800,000 licensed operators of automobiles for our 64,400,000 cars. In a seven-year period, there has been a 31 per cent increase in drivers, and 46 per cent increase in vehicles.

A recent youth survey indicated that 16 million teenagers had an annual average income of \$531 — four times the figure of 1945. It is estimated that almost 10 million are employed gainfully. The survey showed that the main purchase items of young people are cars, phonograph records, fountain pens, and clothes. Some 25 per cent had as their only goal car ownership. In another survey, of girls, contributions to church and charity were listed by only 5 per cent of girls eleven-thirteen, and 2 per cent among fourteen-sixteen year-olds.

Of 2.9 million total college enrollment, 700,000 or 24 per cent are married.

People saved more in 1956 than in any postwar year — \$14.6 billion, compared with \$7.6 billion in 1955, and \$12.9 billion in 1952, the previous peak.

Meaningful Church Letters

A Baptist church granted a church letter to a man who took it to a church in another city and was received into the fellowship. Later he secured employment with a reputable firm and some of his former brethren wanted to know why he was employed without a further investigation of his personal record. Of all the absurd things that could be imagined, this is the most ridiculous. A church letter states that the person is in good standing and fellowship. If he be not so, he is not entitled to the letter. If he be so, then what better recommendation could he have? If a church letter does not mean what it says, then it is less than nothing.

Dr. Frank Burriss, superintendent of missions in Wisconsin-Minnesota, sent to this office a church letter from Darby church in Birmingham, England, to the Immanuel church in Madison, Wisconsin. It was granted to Miss Valerie Williams, and it stated that she had been a member in Birmingham seven years and was in good fellowship. In addition to this the pastor wrote a three-page letter in longhand telling of the fine Christian life of this young woman and of how active she had been in all phases of the work. The English Baptists have in this method something that might well be imitated by Baptists all over the world. A church should be just as careful and concerned about the letters it grants as it is about those it receives.

May the Lord grant unto us a return to the hour when the highest recommendation anyone could receive would be a letter of dismissal from one church to unite with another of like faith.

—Baptist Standard (Texas)

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Departments

EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Personal Soul Winning

THE SUPREME objective in evangelism for 1958 is to enlist every member of every Baptist church in personal soul winning.



DR. YEARBY

Witnessing for Christ to the lost and winning the lost to Christ is not a task for the pastor alone. It is the duty of every Christian, certainly of every Christian who is a Baptist, to bear consistent testimony week by week to those who are not Christians. They should make every effort to win the lost to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

It is at this point that Southern Baptists are the weakest in evangelism. The records show that only three out of every 100 members actually ever win any to commit themselves to Christ for salvation and to membership in the church for service. Last year our Southern Baptist churches reported 384,627 baptisms. This represents one convert for every 27 members. Pastors everywhere are saying, "Our greatest need is to enlist our people in personal soul winning."

We called attention in our article last week to soul winners commitment day, Convention-wide in scope, which is planned for January 5, 1958. We should not wait until that day to begin personal soul winning. That Commitment Day is to be the implementation of enlisting all our members in this task. To be a Christian and a member of a Baptist church should be synonymous with being a soul winner. Being a Christian and a Baptist and not a soul winner is a contradiction of terms.

The more than 30,000 Southern Baptist churches registered 384,627 baptisms last year. That represents one convert for every 27 church members, reported Dr. Leonard Sanderson. The goal of 475,000 baptisms for '58 represents an increase of 90,373 over 1956. This is 23.5 per cent more than were baptized in '56.

If Arkansas Baptists increase baptisms by 23 per cent over '56, it will mean that we must win and baptize 3,094 more in '58 than in '56, or a total of 16,546. This will require every member of every church to make a supreme effort to win lost souls to Christ in '58.

"He that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30 "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3

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LeRoy McClard, Director

September—A Time of Training

EVERY CHURCH should seek to train its leadership. A most comprehensive list of Training Course Tests are available through the Baptist Book Store. Some of the latest releases are as follows: **The Beginning Vocalist**, Angell; **The Church Pianist**, Midkiff; **The Beginning Organist**, Shanko; and the new basic text in the Church Music training course, **Church Music Manual**, Sims. Secure pamphlet, "The Church Music Training Course."



MR. McCLARD

September—A Time of Dedication

A choir dedication service the last Sunday in September gives your choristers and congregation a chance to dedicate talents to God. Many churches are making this service church-wide, including Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, and Brotherhood leadership.

Installation banquets for choir officers provide inspiration and challenge for choir leaders as well as engendering a sense of pride in choir members.

September—A Time of Festivals

District Eliminations are being held in eight locations during the months of September, October, and November. These eliminations are for choir ensembles, sextets, quartets and trios.

See the next issue of Arkansas Baptist for complete information.

Write Church Music Department for Posters and Pamphlets!

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OTTOWA—Canada's new prime minister, John Deifenbaker, is a member of the First Baptist church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. The former prime minister, Louis St. Laurent, was a Roman Catholic.

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Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

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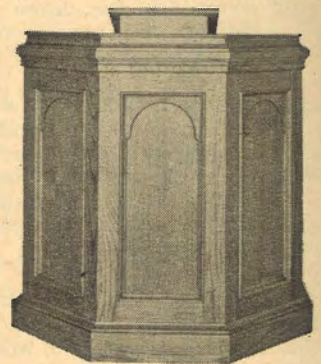
2. Church drill should be held the last of February, 1958, but before the Association drill.

3. Associational drill will be held in connection with the Intermediate sword drill and Speakers' Tournament the first part of March, but before the District Training Union Convention. Associational Training Union directors will set the time and place for Associational Elimination Tournament.

4. District drill will be held at the District Training Union Convention the middle of March, 1958. Finals will be held at the District Convention (instead of the State Convention as in previous years).

5. Pictures of the winners in each district will be put in the **Arkansas Baptist**. Each winner will be presented a Memory-Sword Drill certificate.

6. Any number of Juniors from any church or association may be winners. Thirteen mistakes are allowed in Church drill, nine in Associational drill, and four in the finals at the District Convention.



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WMU

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Prayer For State Missions

September 16, 1957

The annual Season of Prayer and Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions will be observed September 16 by organizations composing Woman's Missionary Union. Suggested program materials being mailed each organization reveal many interesting facts about Baptist mission work in Arkansas. DID YOU KNOW—

—that Arkansas Baptists through the Missions Department supplement salaries of 28 of the 33 associational missionaries in the state?

—that in the last four years 26 new mission stations have been established, nine of which are now churches and in which have been enrolled over 2,200 in Sunday school?

—that in the last ten years, 186 churches have received supplementary aid on pastors' salaries, of which 170 are now self-supporting? (From the time these churches were first helped until now they have baptized over 10,000 people)

—that 224 new Baptist churches have been constituted in Arkansas in the last 10 years and that they have baptized over 12,000 people? (Their contributions to the Cooperative Program during the last 10 years have been more than \$300,000.)

—that there are 100 urban centers in Arkansas where there is desperate need for a Baptist church or mission?

—that through the Department of Missions eleven extension schools for Negro pastors and church leaders are provided?

—that during the harvest season the Department of Missions carries on a definite mission program for Spanish-speaking migrant laborers? Spanish-speaking preachers are employed and last fall more than 1,200 professions of faith were recorded.

—that through the Missions Department Baptist chaplains are maintained at the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Booneville, at the State Sanatorium for Negroes at Alexander, and at the Boys' Industrial School at Pine Bluff?

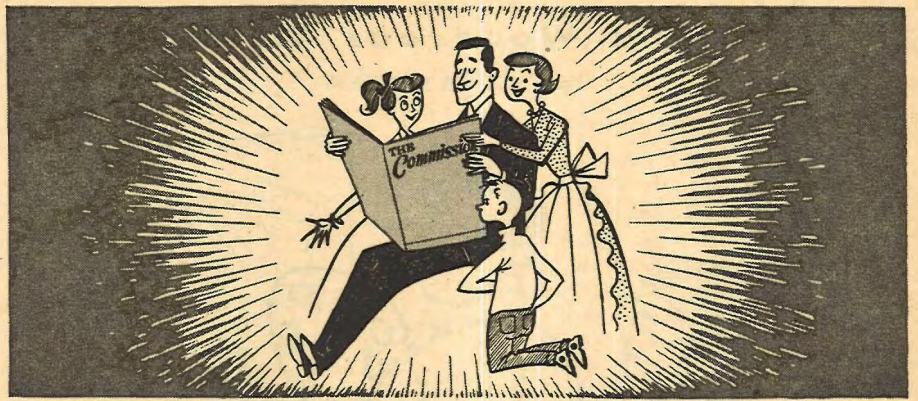
Both victories and need of increased and continued support are recorded in the above statements. The goal for the Dixie Jackson Offering is \$27,500, all of which will be administered by the Department of Missions, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent, and will supplement other contributions made through the Cooperative Program.

The following prepared the program material to be used: WMS, Mrs. Nolan P. Howington; YWA, Mrs. Muri Walker; GA, Miss Johnnie Coleman; Sunbeam, Mrs. B. A. Schene.

Offerings should be remitted to the State WMU Treasurer, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

NOTICE!

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God's Wondrous World

By THELMA CARTER



Have you ever seen an artist's palette with its rainbow splashes of color pigment, the thin oval or square board with the thumb hole at one end for holding it? If you have, you cannot doubt how wide the selection of color is and how important are their combinations in portraying a story on canvas!

You'll also realize that a careless dabbler would be unable to produce a true landscape, a sincere mood, or an honest portrait!

Patience, understanding and imagination are "musts" in creative painting. But it takes much more than these qualities in portraying scenes from the Bible. Perhaps this is why artists are reluctant to paint Bible stories.

An artist, asked to paint a water-color painting of the creation of light as it is told in Genesis 1:3, said: "Man cannot imitate or even imagine divine creation! How shall one portray the creation of light? A brilliant flash?

ELTON TRUBLOOD, Quaker author and lecturer, told some 1,000 teachers and officers of adult Methodist Sunday school classes that "Two striking developments of our times are the clusters of small prayer groups springing up across America and the great new Christian emphasis in our daily work." Dr. Trueblood said: "Religion is centered in prayer, and the small prayer fellowships being formed in neighborhoods, office buildings and industrial plants are enabling thousands of Americans to find a satisfactory religious experience for the first time." He sees rapid growth of an awareness of a Christian vocation among doctors, lawyers, merchants, insurance salesmen and "in all works of life."

A shimmering sunrise glow? A pure white light?"

The artist obviously knew something of the theory of light. White light is composed of the rainbow colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet! Light rays travel a straight path until they are broken up, bent or diffracted by the elements of the atmosphere, gases, atoms, matters, winds, and moisture. As the white light is broken up we begin to notice the range of its many colors. Thus we have the multi-colored rainbow and sunrise.

Even though we are unable to understand what actually happened when God said, "Let there be light: and there was light," we know that only His divine wisdom could have created the sun, moon, and stars as sources of light. Only God could hang them in the sky with eternal permanence and dependability!

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ALTHOUGH MOST Americans believe profits amount to about 25 per cent of sales and would regard 10 per cent as a "fair" profit, the actual profit per dollar of sales in American industry generally averages 5 per cent or less, according to a recent report to the United States Chamber of Commerce.

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CHRIST'S COMMAND

"Ye shall be witnesses unto Me," Acts 1:8

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Matt. 28:19

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The supreme duty of every man is to make a life . . . anyone can make a living.

—Lion Magazine

A Smile or Two

A woman witness in court had refused to testify on the grounds that her testimony might incriminate her.

Surprised because she was a witness for the state, the prosecuting attorney asked her if her lawyer had advised her to refuse.

"No," she said, "I learned that on television."

The parrot is the only creature gifted with the power of speech that is content to repeat just what it hears without trying to add enough to make a good story.

The miracle drug that enables a new husband to survive his bride's cooking is love.

Wife to husband: I scratched the front fender a little, dear. If you want to look at it, it's in the back seat.

"See that boy over there annoying Margaret?"

"Why he isn't even looking at her!"

"That's what is annoying her."

A man was tuning in on the radio, when he got a sudden twinge of pain in his back. "I believe I'm getting lumbago!" he remarked.

"What's the use? You won't understand a word they say," commented his wife.

—The Christian Herald

A mother was telling her six-year-old son about the Golden Rule. "Always remember," she said, "that we are here to help others."

The youngster mullied this over for a minute and then asked, "Well, what are the others here for?"

—The Christian Herald

Schoolmaster: "If Shakespeare were alive today, would he still be regarded as a remarkable man?"

Pupil: "I'd think so, for he'd be 393 years old."

—Kablegrams

A Los Angeles teacher training her class in the use of proverbs said, "Cleanliness is next to what?"

A little boy exclaimed feelingly, "Impossible!"

Teacher: "This is the fifth time this week that I have had to punish you. What have you to say?"

Pupil: "I'm glad it's Friday!"

—The Lookout

An American was seated opposite a nice old lady in the compartment of an English railway car. For several minutes he chewed his gum in silence then the old lady leaned forward.

"It's so nice of you to try to make conversation," she said, "but I must tell you that I'm terribly deaf."

Josiah, Statesman — Reformer

By CLIFTON J. ALLEN

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2 Kings 22:1-23:30; 2 Chronicles 34-35
Introduction

JOSIAH IS known as the boy king. He was placed on the throne of Judah at the age of eight, but from his youth onward he demonstrated manly qualities of courageous leadership. In spite of succeeding a murdered father, who led Judah back into disgraceful idolatry, Josiah was a righteous king whose life demonstrated humility of spirit and fidelity to God. In our lesson we learn of his program of religious reformation, his repairing the Temple, and his response to God's message in the book of the law when it was discovered in the Temple. He gave Judah moral leadership and set an example of devotion to God which ought to challenge the leaders of government today.

God's sentence of judgment had been imposed on Judah, but Josiah's spiritual leadership gave the nation a respite.

Starting Out Right (22:1-2)

Even as a child, Josiah was spiritually minded. He had wise counselors, foremost of whom was Hilkiah the priest. The good influences surrounding him in boyhood came to focus in a definite experience at the critical age of sixteen, when he came to a definite recognition of spiritual need and spiritual mission. (2 Chron. 34:3-6) As his experience of God deepened, his vision of duty became clearer, his sense of mission became stronger, and his reliance upon divine resources increased. He therefore "began to purge Judah and Jerusalem." The young king had sought after God, and that accounts for his determination to wipe out the degrading worship that turned men away from God. The ideals of his early years determined the direction of his life and laid the foundation for a reign marked by spiritual vision and statesmanlike leadership.

Back To God (23:1-5)

In chapter 22, we learn that Josiah took aggressive steps for putting the Temple in order and restoring the worship of Jehovah. In this way the book of the law — likely the book of Deuteronomy — was found in the debris and filth of the Temple. The king called a great assembly of the elders and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and read the words of the book of the law to them.

Josiah was moved deeply by the truth he discovered in the book. He learned about true worship, about divine punishment for idolatry, and about the commands of God that his people should serve him faithfully. With a new sense of his responsibility, Josiah made a covenant with God and bound all the people in this covenant to be obedient and faithful to the Lord. The king translated his covenant

into aggressive action. He commanded Hilkiah to cleanse the Temple of every sign of Baal worship. Josiah then burned the idolatrous vessels and carried the ashes to Bethel. He put down the idolatrous priests and carried on a program of reform throughout the land, even into Israel, designed to purge away every vestige of Baalism. In other words, Josiah took a fearless stand for God and determined to clean up the nation of false religion and of immorality.

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High Level Dedication (23:25)

This verse is a tribute by the inspired writer to the piety and spiritual fidelity of Josiah. Here was a king who put God first. He recognized in Jehovah the supreme sovereign of all men, and he sought to bring his own life into harmony with the will of God. For Josiah, religious obligation came first. Religious principles controlled all principles. Responsibility to God governed all he did. Josiah thus set an example, superior to those who preceded him and those who came after him, of reverence for God and service to God.

Truths to Live By

The Bible speaks to our day. In many ways God's book has been lost. It has been neglected in the homes; it has been ignored in the schools; it has been rejected in business; it has been poorly preached and taught and understood, even in churches. It needs to be recovered from indifference and allowed to speak its terrific denunciation of sin and its clear direction for spiritual reconstruction. The Bible calls men to repentance and invites them to redemption. It declares the will of God in terms of abstinence from evil and

commitment to the works of the Lord Christ.

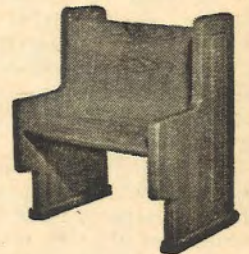
The nation's welfare requires godly men in public office. Public officials, from the justice of the peace to the President, are meant to be servants of God, because government is ordained of God for the public welfare. If those who minister the affairs of government are unscrupulous and covetous, or intemperate and indolent, or deceitful and immoral, they will pervert justice and exploit power and encourage lawlessness. Nothing is more needed in public life than officials of unimpeachable character. The responsibility, therefore, rests upon us all, as citizens in a free land, to elect godly men and to give to them the support they need for moral leadership.

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Labors, Joys and Woes of the State Secretary

By B. L. BRIDGES

THE STATE SECRETARY must keep the office of the Executive Board. He



DR. BRIDGES

must promote and execute the work of the Board committed to it by the Convention. He becomes responsible for booking all moneys and directing them in their proper courses, protecting and building up the good name of the denomination among business men. He must keep the budget balanced and try to even up the financial support for all causes and must properly disburse funds. He must advise with the auditors and with the bankers and must keep the financial affairs of the denomination not only safe but regular. The receipts of the Executive Board consist of so many different funds that the General Secretary must know something about bookkeeping and must counsel with the bookkeeper about the proper division and disbursement of the various funds.

The Secretary must be able to determine, to some degree, when a matter is legal or illegal, regular or irregular, whether it is right or wrong, correct or incorrect. He must be able to handle calculations. Knowledge of mathematics is necessary. He should know something about law, for he executes legal papers for the corporation.

All this must be done in such a manner that will reflect a faithful stewardship. Reports must be clear and accurate and must be made so that Baptists can understand them.

In this day when there are so many government regulations the Secretary must be alert to see that the corporation violates no laws and regulations, which it could easily do, being a corporation. He must act as a sort of public relations man between the government and the denomination, keeping the government informed about the correct status of the denomination in its corporate transactions, and keeping the constituency informed about government regulations. He must file his denomination's protests if and when Congress or the legislature or any other organization threatens to encroach upon religious liberty or the separation of church and state. He must keep the Convention on the safe side of legal questions and government demands; for the Convention is not a church; it is a

corporation. In war time he must help get government permits so churches can obtain priority privileges. He must make plans for mission work, and for the work in the government projects, and in the camps.

The Secretary must act as a sort of coordinator to keep the work in all the departments on an equilibrium. It would be an easy matter for the finances of the denomination to become terribly bungled and even large deficits might creep up unawares where so many departments of the work are operating. The Secretary must, therefore, be the middleman between the Board and all the Convention work. The details that arise day after day in such a position are almost innumerable, for the Convention has many departments and institutions. He must be on the alert if unauthorized appeals are made by irresponsible agencies, such as "The Russian Bible Society," CARE, etc.

The General Secretary must make appeals to the churches and to the brotherhood at large on behalf of all causes, both state and worldwide. He must be some kind of a salesman. He needs to be a "super-salesman." He must not only be able to convince men of the merits of the various causes but he must also be ready to help effectuate the methods for raising funds. He should be able to present the Bible plan of kingdom financing, and to do it with spiritual fervor so as to make people like to hear a man speak on money. He must cooperate with the heads of the various institutions in an active manner and keep thoroughly informed about their work. He must know if any irregularities occur, whether he can do anything about it or not.

He is often asked to review books, to furnish data for these and historical documents, and is expected to write articles for all the Southwide boards and give active cooperation to all Southern Baptist Convention institutions and boards. He must promote foreign and home missions. The only denominational man who is charged with raising money for all causes is the State Secretary. He must assist in finding and recommending missionaries.

The many departments of the Sunday School Board and of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention are constantly in need of information from the General Secretary's office, and then there is The American Bible Society. The Secretary

must keep up with insurance policies, with property titles and descriptions, forms, and records. The State Convention offices have much furniture and many machines, and there is much purchasing to be done, and where we have more than fifty employees there are many "wants" to be considered. And if he has to say "no" too much he is criticized and disliked. He must bear the sad experiences of hundreds of pastors, and if he has a heart he will at least pray for them. Then he must answer questionnaires when churches are getting information about prospective pastors, help churches get pulpit supplies. He must be able to create promotional literature and help many churches solve their problems.

As often as possible he should attend the meetings of Southwide boards. He must prepare papers and documents for Southwide boards and institutions, and keep information flowing from our own state to the work and workers of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is the connecting link between the state work and the churches of this state on the one hand, and the workers of the south and those in foreign lands, on the other hand. The State Convention is not a "peanut business."

The Secretary promotes and guides the Retirement Plan, which, from the standpoint of complex details, is the adjustment and application of business principles of Christianity. If the Retirement Plan were loosely managed it would collapse. It is sound, and is safe because it is managed rightly.

He must help dedicate churches, lay cornerstones, help churches raise money and pay debts, and burn church notes. He is called upon to marry ministers, assist in ordination services, preach funerals, mediate in church quarrels, write recommendations for churches and for preachers. Last week there were six pastors in our office in two days asking to be recommended to pastorless churches, some of them in difficulties, others just wanting to change fields. We do our best for them, always, but are often unjustly criticized when a man does not get a "promotion."

There are many other things that we could mention but if we were to enumerate many more things we would develop an inferiority complex. And yet, we would say, facetiously, that if the General Secretary has nothing to do but to "sit around with his feet on the desk," as some critics affirm, he has more brains in his feet than his critics have in their heads. Selah!

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