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ARKANSAS

Baptist

AUGUST 27, 1959



Suburban Building Favored

THE EXECUTIVE Board voted in its July 14 meeting to ask the Convention this fall for the authority to borrow \$200,000. One hundred and twenty-five thousand of this amount would be used to purchase a camp site near the central part of our state and to provide facilities for the first unit of the camp and to improve the facilities at Siloam Springs assembly to provide adequately for 600 people.



DR. WHITLOW

The remaining \$75,000 of the \$200,000 is to be used to purchase a site for a new Baptist Building in Little Rock. Some of the reasons for the need of a new Baptist Building are (1) the present building is now inadequate to meet our present and expanding needs. (2) Parking in our capitol city is becoming an ever-increasing problem. Our present building is located downtown and we are without any parking space. We cannot hold an Executive Board meeting without an ever-present flow of traffic by the members going back and forth to keep the parking meters up-to-the-minute. This does not lend itself to the highest degree of efficiency. Likewise the employees are forced to park their cars from day to day in places far and near. This does not lend itself to the best working conditions, and those who come to the Baptist Building for business purposes find it ex-

ceedingly inconvenient because of a lack of parking facilities.

There is no particular need for the Baptist Building being located downtown — on the contrary, the above mentioned reasons indicate why it would be better to be out of the busy traffic areas. A number of the Conventions in other states have already located their buildings away from the congested areas.

The reason we are suggesting that we provide only a building site at this time is that suitable property in Little Rock is difficult to find. Property values have been and still are on the incline in this vicinity. So it seems wise that we purchase a site and wait for some time to erect a building.

Some of us think that an adequate camping program is one of our greater needs at the present. This should have priority and then when the slack is taken up we could erect a new Baptist Building. However, if we do not secure a site soon, we may find ourselves in a difficult strait later. Suitable sites are becoming fewer and the price of real estate is gradually climbing.

The Executive Committee of the Executive Board is charged with the responsibility of locating a proper site for the building. Again we appeal to our people to remember this committee in prayer from day to day. It is no easy matter to face a problem of this magnitude. Many people and many things are to be considered in this selection. Our Lord alone can supply the needed wisdom. You can help Him to do this through your prayers. —S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

"Our Greatest Need"

IN THE July-August issue of *Southern Baptist Educator*, there is an article entitled "Our Greatest Need," by Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita



DR. DOUGLAS

College and chairman of the Education Commission. He was writing about Southern Baptist Colleges in general. This article was read with a great deal of concern, because our needs as Baptists are many and varied. This is especially true of education.

Knowing that many Baptist institutions of higher learning move from one crisis to another year by year, the title of this article gripped my attention. Dr. Phelps presented the case fairly and faced issues squarely in the opening paragraph.

"Much has been written in recent months about the needs of our Baptist colleges and universities, but there has been little said about their greatest

need. It is true that faculty, facilities, and financial support are proper causes of concern; but it seems to us that what is needed most is a clear-cut sense of values, sharply defined philosophy of what we are supposed to be doing with and through our Baptist schools."

He conclusively proved his statement in a well written article. His approach was not only Baptist; it was Christian. The questions that were asked are not easily answered and the ideals set forth are not simple to attain, but we believe that the article should be read by all our Baptist people. It will help our constituency to understand some of the problems our school administrators face.

For the last 10 years, I served as a member of the board of trustees of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. During that time, the trustees were confronted with many needs. We found that one of our great needs in the seminary was to get some professors to feel a keen sense of duty to the denomination and to have a clear sense of what they were supposed to be doing through a great theological school.

Many of our Baptist people are too

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School for Pastors

FURMAN UNIVERSITY, Greenville, S. C., has completed its 11th summer program of regional schools for South Carolina ministers with a total attendance of 392. Dr. H. Jack Flanders, Jr., professor of religion and director of the schools, reports.

Attendance in the 10 schools, provided by the University at no cost for the ministers, was 11 per cent higher than last year and largest in the history of the program, according to Flanders. Thirty-one associations were represented by their pastors. ■

busy to learn something of the primary purposes of a Christian school, therefore they cannot intelligently evaluate procedures and policies. It seems that our institutions should serve their denomination, and before they can adequately do that, the denomination must support them adequately with money, with sons and daughters, and with leadership.

Too long we have counted the cost of conducting our schools as though our dollars were being wasted. We have spent so much time doing that that we are about to forget our greatest need. We need to realize that money spent on our young people is not a cost, but an investment in Baptist life. It is insurance money, spent today, to insure the future.

I could write on and on about the school problems, but let me wind up by saying, "Read Dr. Phelps' article; give money through the Cooperative Program (because the life blood of our schools is the Cooperative Program) and resolve with God's help that you will be more concerned about our Baptist schools in the future than you have been in the past."—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

A Discreet Widow

QUESTION: I am a widow 59 and have a 15-year-old son. We live in a large city. A widower, age 81, wants me and my son to live with him. Expenses are so high and our income is so small that it is hard to make ends meet. This man is a good Christian and I am a Christian. Do you think it would be wrong for me and my son to live with this fine man? Would it be pleasing to God?



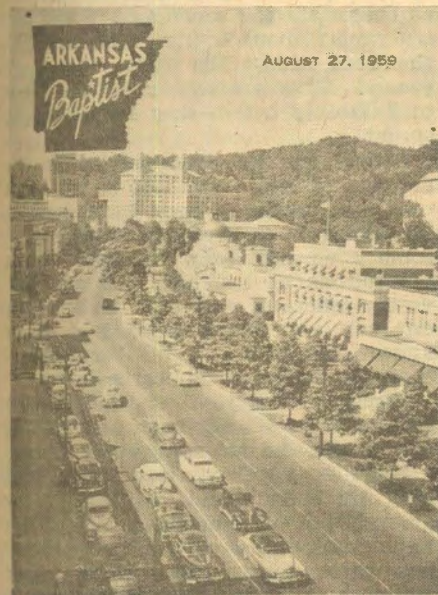
DR. HUDSON
to God?

ANSWER: You are certainly to be commended for your discreet attitude. Christians have to be concerned for avoiding the very appearance of evil.

If this 81 year old man is honest and well-controlled, you have nothing to fear. If he has been a roustabout most of his life, he probably still is. In that case, avoid him like the measles.

Conduct yourself like a secure Christian and you and your son should be happy in your new home. If trouble starts, you can always move out. Pray about this whole matter and then act with courage.

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



Cover Story

BATHHOUSE ROW, Central Avenue of Hot Springs, is one of the most alluring tourist attractions in the state. Besides its numerous tourist attractions, Hot Springs boasts some of the finest churches in the Arkansas Baptist Convention. The last Quarterly Report shows that Central Association churches contributed \$18,993.72 to the Co-operative Program. Photo by Phelps, Arkansas Publicity Commission.

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Baptist Crosscurrents

Borrowing for Church Building

WHY IS it that churches run into difficulty trying to borrow money to build when in other areas "easy money" is the accepted policy? For example, homes, cars, or expensive appliances can be bought with the highly-advertised "no down payment" but a church runs into trouble trying to borrow one-half or two-thirds of what it needs. Most of the time the churches turned down are those which need help most—young, growing churches least likely to meet stiff requirements of lending agencies and institutions.

What's the answer to this ultra-conservative attitude of the financial world toward churches? One word—faith. Robert E. Peterson in an excellent article in the August issue of *The Pulpit* says that successful businesses are those which went out on a limb.

"They had faith—faith in their product, faith in the ability to produce the product, faith in the value of the product that would make it marketable. Does none of this apply to the church?" he asks. "Our archaic financial approach to the establishing and building of churches has deferred God's purposes. But some churches move out on the limb anyway because they know God cannot be defeated."

He points out that the church has proven to be one of the most stable income-producing institutions of our time. When people believe in a church, there is not one chance in a billion that it will have trouble with its income, he contends.

After gently taking lending agencies to task for their attitude toward churches, he concludes with this clincher: "We have been asking for the wrong collateral in building churches. We have looked at real estate instead of people, cash instead of pledges, words instead of prayers and apart from the people and their faith, there is no security. Let's run the church like a business—on faith; and since it is the most important business in the world, we need more faith. This is our collateral . . . It is time people quit revering the church and started building it and working for it. We are not building something as tenuous as saloons during prohibition—we are building churches for a sick world. And our foundation is none other than the foundation no man can lay; 'that which has been laid which is Jesus Christ.'"

While they may have to hustle to get the money, we are happy that Baptist churches are continuing to build, many of them by selling revenue bonds. As Julian L. Stenstrom, secretary of the California Baptist Foundation, says, "You can't kill a Baptist church unless the people in it want it to die."

There's a lot this writer doesn't know about financing church buildings, but we'll subscribe to this statement and offer it as the best "collateral" that can be presented to a lending agency. Incidentally, how long has it been since you heard of a church failing in its obligations to the extent that foreclosure was necessary? Back in the depression, someone might say. Oh, yes, that was also the time a lot of banks closed their doors for good, too, but the churches which may have had to compromise some loans back then are still in business.—J. Marse Grant, in *Charity and Children*, Thomasville, N. C. ■

Religious Liberty

BAPTISTS HAVE one consistent record concerning liberty throughout all their long and eventful history. They have never been party to oppression of conscience. They have ever been the unwavering champions of liberty, both religious and civil. Their contention now is, and has been, and, please God, must ever be, that it is the natural and fundamental and indefeasible right of every human being to worship God or not, according to the dictates of his conscience, and, as long as he does not infringe upon the rights of others, he is to be held accountable alone to God for all religious beliefs and practices. Our contention is not for mere toleration, but for absolute liberty. There is a wide difference between toleration and liberty. Toleration implies that somebody falsely claims the right to tolerate. Toleration is a concession, while liberty is a right.

Toleration is a matter of expediency, while liberty is a matter of principle. Toleration is a gift from man, while liberty is a gift from God. It is the consistent and insistent contention of our Baptist people, always and everywhere, that religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced, and that it is not the prerogative of any power, whether civil or ecclesiastical, to compel men to conform to any religious creed or form of worship, or to pay taxes for the support of a religious organization to which they do not belong and in whose creed they do not believe. God wants free worshippers and no other kind.—By Dr. George W. Truett, from a sermon preached on the steps of the National Capitol in Washington, D.C., May 16, 1920 ■

The Challenge of Our Times

THERE ARE those who accuse Southern Baptists of vainglory, bigotry, and egotism.

Because we express our Christian beliefs through clearly defined programs, we are misunderstood. However, God has marvelously blessed us. From a small, despised, and unpopular handful God has raised up a mighty denomination. He has revealed to us methods of work about which we may seem to be boasting when we are merely trying to get our own people to use them. If you try to apply these methods without the leadership of the Holy Spirit they will not bring the desired results.

Our failures loom up before us, and it seems that we are not getting anywhere. For instance, 5,002 churches last year, according to available statistics, did not baptize one single soul. That is 16% of the total number of Southern Baptist churches. Twenty-three per cent of our rural churches did not baptize anybody. Nineteen per cent of our village churches and 6% of our town churches and 2.8% of our city churches were baptismless.

Many of our churches did not enter into the special evangelistic emphasis of 1959, as we know God desired that they do. Many followed the line of least resistance. They cut corners and butchered the methods which God has blessed time and again. They promoted the Simultaneous Crusade so poorly that there may be a temptation on the part of some to believe that it isn't as good a program as it ought to be. The very ones who failed to follow the program will come along and say the fact that it did not work with them this year is an indication that the program, itself, has served its time.

Resolute purpose and dedication is the price of achievement. Christianity is no exception; evangelism is no exception. We are reminded that there will be 350 million people in the United States by the turn of the century. Our own Southern Baptist handbook projects the population figure to more than 209 million by 1970, which means that by 1964, the year of our great Jubilee, we will have more than 191 million people in the United States.

Businessmen are being advised in all the nation's leading magazines and other channels to get ready for the big population boom. Toy manufacturers, clothing manufacturers, food manufacturers and distributors are trying to get ready.

Of all people, evangelism leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention must try to be ready—completely dedicated to presenting the saving message of Jesus Christ to everyone of the 162 million accountable people who will be living in the United States at that time.

I believe God has given Southern Baptists the resources to match this great boom in population in this country as well as (God help us) resources, spiritual, to match a communist atheism.

I have dared to challenge Southern Baptists to win and baptize one million people in 1964. I realize that in the minds of many people it will be considered fantastic.

The Sunday School leaders are setting Sunday School enrollment goals commensurate with this evangelism goal. Dr. Sibley Burnett assures us that they can be winning 100,000 people annually by 1964. Dr. C. C. Warren believes that new churches alone, established as a part of the 20,000 Movement, could be reaching 350,000 people by the year 1964. We have now enrolled in our Sunday Schools more than 500,000 children four and five years of age; they will be juniors in 1964. There is half of the goal.

We cannot wait until 1964 to begin. I have suggested and state secretaries of evangelism have approved unanimously that we have a goal in 1961 of 600,000; 1962 of 700,000; 1963 of 800,000 and then in 1964 a million souls for Christ.

This calls for the best resources and dedication of every associational chairman of evangelism, every state secretary of evangelism, every pastor, and every elected officer in the church, as well as every Baptist in the Southern Baptist Convention.—Leonard Sanderson, Secretary of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas.

Pooled Ignorance

WILL ROGERS used to say, "We are all ignorant, only on different subjects." But, of course, some of us have a greater versatility in our ignorance than others.



ELM

We once knew a sarcastic school teacher who was always calling somebody "ignorant." But he was himself an excellent if unwitting example of what he was talking about, for he always pronounced it, "EE-ner-t."

Our impressions of the world around us are indebted alike to our knowledge and our ignorance. Without wanting to do so, we rely as certainly upon our ignorance in forming our conclusions as upon our wisdom. And we cannot have the counsel of even a most trusted friend without at the same time being exposed to some of the end results of that friend's own ignorance.

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller used to say, particularly as he reacted to the modern movement of ecumenicism, "We cannot make ourselves strong by pooling our weaknesses." And wisdom is not attained by the pooling of ignorance.

Ignorance, as every dictionary will tell you, is "a lack of knowledge." But not every one who is ignorant arrives at that state the same way. Some are ignorant without trying. They are like the seed that falls upon the hard ground. They are gobbled by the birds of gullibility before they have time to sprout.

Others are ignorant only with the greatest of endeavor to be so on their own part. Some of them have gone to school all their lives, up to now, and some even have degrees from higher institutions of learning, but are still vastly ignorant, not only because no one can ever know all that is to be known, but from the turn or bent of their minds and their hearts.

Jesus referred to those who, having ears to hear, did not hear, and, having eyes to see, did not see.

Some are hopelessly ignorant because they are bound hand and foot by the graveclothes of a nurtured bias. They have developed a color blindness that has them consistently calling black white; and white, black. Whatever is sweet, they insist is bitter, and whatever is bitter they call sweet.

What's hung in the editor's craw? you are asking. Well, it's the silly mistakes that get printed in our paper every week, like referring to Ralph Douglas (who is, as anybody knows, Associate Executive Secretary) as Secretary of the Training Union Department, which we did last week. You see, the editor and his staff pool their ignorance.—ELM

THE PEOPLE SPEAK



MISS SCAGGS

Missionary Letter
Baptists in Nigeria

(Editor's Note: The following is from a letter by Miss Josephine Scaggs to the H. J. Vines family of 100 Kansas Ave., N. Little Rock, and is shared with our readers through the kindness of the Vineses.)

HAVE HAD such a good week end, I want to share its experiences and joys with you. It began Friday evening, July 17, when I went to get the Osuamkpe family (Christopher, his wife, and four children) to bring them to my house for supper. They are a precious family and so happy to be together again. While he was in America, the two oldest children stayed in Joinkrama with their grandmother, while the wife and two youngest were in Shaki where she attended our Bride's School.

They have really been separated the past three years, and there are many adjustments to be made. The children love me as though I were the grandmother, and Christopher and Ego call me their mother. I am so grateful that Christopher, in spite of his many honors and degrees received in America, has returned the same humble, consecrated Christian he was before. He is wholly submissive to God's will.

At present he is teaching in our Baptist High School here in Port Harcourt, but I believe next year he will head our Teaching Training College in the East, a position for which he is well prepared and qualified. Pray with us for him to be placed where he can give his maximum for Christ in this Eastern Region which is yet so backward spiritually.

Christopher enjoyed having good old American food and iced tea again. His family is learning to eat and drink as we do. My cook is going to teach his wife how to fix food as we do since Christopher likes it so much but does not know how to tell her.

Yesterday, my cook and I took off

for one of our newest preaching stations in this association, about 35 miles from here. When I first came to this side to work in January, I visited the station and made arrangements for them to have one of our seminary pastors. They were like sheep without a shepherd. After seven months, I went back to see how they were progressing under his leadership. What a welcome I had! They had fixed up two rooms in the back of the church so nice for me to use.

Last night, they had a special welcome address expressing appreciation for help I had rendered in sending them a pastor, etc. Following the address, they brought in gifts—a stalk of bananas, many eggs, three pineapples, and a live goat which they tied to the choir stall.

One is never surprised at any situation in Nigeria. During these two days, it was a privilege to visit their chief and talk with others who need Christ.

There are many JuJu worshippers, but since the pastor has been there a number have turned to Christ and destroyed their JuJu. The church was practically packed for Sunday morning worship service and they listened so well to the message although it had to be interpreted. Before my message a mother and father came forward to dedicate their baby to God. At the close of the service, a number of rededications were made.

A JuJu priest and chief came to salute me before the service and I had a wonderful opportunity to talk with him of Jesus. It was surprising that he would come to see me when he will not come to church. But he listened well, and let me pray for him and with him. There is no way to know how far this message went in his thoughts and heart. But the promise is, "My word shall not return unto me void."

In the afternoon, we went to another part of the village for an open-air service, then back to the church for the evening service at 4 p. m. Afterwards, we loaded into the car and started back for Port Harcourt—goat and all.

Beginning tomorrow, I'll start packing my dishes, etc., to send back home to Joinkrama, and will eat with the Davis family until I leave. Little Nan Davis called me tonight to tell me they were expecting me to begin eating with them tomorrow.

Next Thursday we have closing exercise for the Port Harcourt Pastor's School of which I have been principal for the last six months. Last Tuesday they really surprised me at the close of school by reading a letter of farewell to me and presenting a live rooster which I had to hold while I responded. Next week end I'll be going to three village churches. Thank you for your prayers.—Josephine Scaggs, Box 197, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, West Africa. ■

FORMOSA BAPTIST CHURCH has called Larry Williams, of Paragould, full time. Bro. Williams is one of our fine student pastors of Ouachita Baptist College. He is doing a fine job with his church.—J. M. Evans, Assoc. Missionary

I've Been to Church

I FEEL taller! I feel uplifted! I feel refreshed!

That's nothing unusual, you say? Perhaps, and yet — were I to tell you that, due to a serious illness, I am totally deaf for the rest of life's way, you'd wonder how that could be, no doubt.

Before going to church, I know I'll not hear a word of the service. Yet I also know that an indefinable something permeates my being and I will feel uplifted, drawn closer to God.

Since, before I lost my hearing, I was the pianist at church and also sang, I am acquainted with most of the songs and can lip read well enough to carry through on those. This I enjoy very much.

Also, my friends are there. Usually the ones you find at church are the best, most-to-be-trusted friends. So I can still to a limited extent enjoy the social side of it.

True it is that I can no longer take an active part as I used to do. But there's at least one part where I can do as much as the best. I can tithe! This I do gladly and, in God's sight, my tithe is as great and as acceptable as that of a millionaire.

When I open the doors of my beautiful church and enter the sanctuary, a quiet, reverent, comforting peace envelops me and I am content.—Mrs. Frances Lawhorn, 221 W. Hunt, Paragould.

As School Opens

WHAT A PRIVILEGE it would be to trade some of my backward, reluctant, almost illiterate, casually-attending students for just one with a good brain and a desire to use it constructively!

School Teacher.

Jonesboro. (in Arkansas Gazette) ■

Ouachita Dietician Resigns

MISS EARNESTINE Kendrick, who has been dietician at Ouachita College for the past two years, has resigned to become a member of the home economist staff of the H. J. Heinz Company, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president, has announced.

Miss Kendrick will begin work in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 1, in the experimental kitchen of the food company.

An article she has written will be published this fall in *Forecast*, a magazine for home economists published by McCall Corporation. The article, "Banquet Service Can Run Smoothly," concerns the banquet service she adapted from studies at Pennsylvania State University and used for banquets at Ouachita.

Miss Kendrick wrote the article as an assignment in a course in feature writing taught at Ouachita this summer by Miss Lucy Thompson, assistant professor of journalism. ■

I wish for every child in the world an understanding Christian father and mother.—THE CHRISTIAN PARENT Magazine, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Arkansas All Over

CCFA

Federation Women Oppose Liquor Move

The distillers are anxious to get some glamorous women in on their liquor promotion act. Using women in liquor advertisements is one way. One company announces that it will employ five women to operate as a mobile sales crew around the country. Among other things, they would address women's groups, give valuable advice on entertaining, and "carry out goodwill assignments."

The president of General Federation of Women's Clubs, Miss Chloe Gifford, issued a national directive urging its members to fight any women-slanted programs sponsored by the liquor industry. Her statement follows:

"The Federation has long been aware that the consumption of alcoholic beverages by both adults and youth is threatening the social, economic, and moral structure of our nation. It is my hope that no club will open its program to women representing distillers. Announcements such as this, with a view to increasing the number of women drinkers, should be the concern of each and every one of us.

"The General Federation has always recognized that the American way of life has its source in the home, and that the moral and spiritual strength of the nation radiates from the home. To make drink attractive to men, young people, and now women, through advertisements, television, and the movies will only cause distress and degradation."

It is quite evident that local affiliates of the General Federation have taken their national president seriously. For example, Mrs. John R. Coburn, president of the Syracuse (N. Y.) Federation of the Women's Clubs, declared:

"The voice of the Federation women will rise in protest. We will unite in abhorrence of any such type of programming. We would be shocked to show any co-operation with the distillers. No right-thinking women could help promote the use of alcohol."

So, hats off to the Federation of Women's Clubs.—Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., Wm. E. Brown, Executive Director. ■

PARK'S CHURCH, Buckner Association, recently held a revival during which there were five additions for baptism, three by letter, and three other conversions, reports Evangelist Paul Wilhelm, Lamar. There were many rededications. The singer was Olen Smith. Harmon Allen is pastor.



MISS ROGERS



MISS BLACKMON

Medical Schools Accept Graduates

TWO JUNE graduates of Ouachita College accepted for medical school this fall are Miss Lillian Blackmon and Miss Kay Rogers.

Miss Blackmon will attend the Medical School of the University of Arkansas. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George T. Blackmon. Her father is a professor in the Religion Department of the college.

Miss Rogers is the daughter of Athletic Director and Mrs. R. D. Rogers. She will attend Baylor University Medical School. She is working in a laboratory in Dallas this summer.

Lines for Life

TO BE alone out of doors on a still soft clear moonlight night is one of the greatest pleasures that this world can give.—Francis Kilvert.

MANY WOULD say to be alone under such circumstances with one other is the greatest of pleasures. ■

One-Night Training-Planning Meetings

These are the department representatives that will be conducting the One-Night Training-Planning Meetings in the associations.

District	Church Music Department Representatives
Northwest	Robert Hatzfeld, Springdale
North Central	E. L. Crosby, Harrison
Northeast	Buel Stires, Jonesboro
West Central	Jerry Howell, Fort Smith
Central	Amon Baker, Little Rock
	Auxiliary: Max Alexander, North Little Rock
East Central	Robert Glenn, Forrest City
	Auxiliary: Charles Mayo, Benton
Southwest	Don Edmundson, Magnolia
Southeast	Hoyt Mulkey, Pine Bluff
	Alternate: Thurman Watson, Little Rock
District	Sunday School Department Representatives
Northwest	Thurman Hitchcock, Bentonville
North Central	Leslie Riherd, Batesville
Northeast	Richard Vestal, Manila
East Central	Dale McCoy, Brinkley
Central	Dexter Blevins, Hot Springs
West Central	Ben Haney, Ozark
Southwest	Harold Bennett, Texarkana
Southeast	Hugh Cantrell, Stephens
District	Training Union Department Representatives
Northwest	Clifford Palmer, Siloam Springs
West Central	Tommie Hinson, Paris
North Central	Harrison Johns, Batesville
Northeast	Guy Whitney, Paragon
Southeast	Lehman Webb, El Dorado
Southwest	Rhine McMurry, Lewisville
Central	Norman Sutton, Hot Springs
East Central	D. Hoyle Haire, Marianna

(Brotherhood representatives will be listed in a later edition of the Ark. Baptist.)

Attendance Report

(August 16)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
El Dorado, 1st	798	261	3
Mission	51		
Ft. Smith, Calvary	325	95	2
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	318	122	2
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	444	147	2
Huntsville, 1st	126	50	
Jacksonville, 1st	510	230	6
Little Rock, Tyler St.	247	95	
Magnolia, Central	616	233	1
Mission	55	33	
McGehee, 1st	452	205	
Mission	62	38	
Springdale, 1st	408	149	
W. Memphis, Calvary	216	113	

PASTOR PAUL E. Taylor, Bethel Church, Route 4, Texarkana, has sent a list of names from his church to receive one month free trial of the Arkansas Baptist.

THORNBURG CHURCH, Route 2, Perryville has accepted the one month trial offer and will receive the Arkansas Baptist free in September. Perry Corder is pastor.

REFUGE CHURCH, Story, recently held a combination Vacation Bible School and revival. VBS enrollment was 65 with daily average attendance of 52. There were 8 professions of faith from VBS and 3 from the revival. Johnnie Irish, Piney Grove Church in Hope Association, was the evangelist. McKinley Irons was the singer. Robert H. Watson is pastor.

ROSEDALE CHURCH, Little Rock, ordained Carl Morris as deacon, July 29. The moderator was Pastor J. C. Myers. The charge and sermon was by Dawson King; M. L. D. Stone prayed the prayer. Gene Hunt presented the Bible to Brother Morris.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Magnolia, had Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Arkansas Baptist Convention executive secretary, as its guest speaker, August 16, while the pastor, Dr. Hunnicutt, and family are on vacation. (CB)

MRS. LESTER B. Wade, 53, of Seminole, Okla., died July 25. She was the sister of the late Dr. A. P. Blaylock who was pastor of 1st Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Wade was educated at Ouachita and had taught in Oklahoma schools for 17 years. Survivors include her husband, Frank Wade, Seminole, and a sister, Mrs. J. D. Roney, Little Rock.

S. A. WILES, Clear Creek Association missionary, reports an enrollment of 228 at Baptist Vista encampment in his association, August 6-12. Ben Haney, Ozark pastor, directed the camp; Missionary Wiles was business manager; and Jesse Reed served as camp evangelist. Other speakers were T. H. Jordan and Charles Chesser. There were 17 professions of faith, 7 surrendered for special service, and 70 rededicated their lives.

THE FORTY deacons of the 1st Church, Fayetteville, are raising \$4,000 for a stained glass window in the new sanctuary. The window, which will be seen from College Avenue, will be installed within the next 60 days. A period of two years has been allowed for final payment of the memorial pledges.

OFFICIALS OF Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, report registration of new students running about 25 per cent ahead of last fall's enrollment of 937.

W. B. O'NEAL, retired Baptist pastor of Gravel Ridge, supplied the pulpit of Bethany Church, Pulaski Association, August 16.

HERBERT T. BLANTON, of Calico Rock, a graduate of Stetson University and New Orleans Seminary, writes that he is available for a pastorate. Mrs. Blanton is a graduate of Ouachita College and has the M.R.E. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

CHECKS TOTALING \$21,646 have been mailed by Arkansas Foundation of Associated Colleges to its seven member colleges.

Brig. Gen. Hugh Cort (ret.), executive director of the Foundation, said these funds were the summer distribution of gifts to the private colleges.

Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, received \$4,518, and Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, received \$1,668. The Foundation funds are used for general operation expenses or for faculty scholarships and library and workshop programs, General Cort said. (DP)



LIBRARIAN for 1st Church, Springdale, is Mrs. Frankie Gregg, who continues to be one of the most active members of her church, although she has reached the age of "three score years and ten." In 1956 she was named Woman of the Year by the Springdale Business and Professional Women's Club, and this year the Jaycees named her Pioneer Citizen. Her personal collection of Baptist minutes includes materials dating back to 1860. ■

Missions and Evangelism

How Many Baptisms In Your Church?

THE ASSOCIATIONAL year is about over and we are wondering how many churches have baptized "more than ever before"? Have you baptized more than last year? Have you gone beyond that "record" year in baptisms? Remember the time for soul winning harvest in 1959 is almost over. The associations will begin meeting in September and your record will have been made for this year. This is the time to check up and renew your efforts and extend your services out to the mission points where many may be reached even yet.

Last year there were 219 churches which reported no baptisms for the entire year. Certainly that number should be decreased. Missionaries, moderators, chairman of evangelism, and others are asked to offer their help in

going to the pastorless churches for revivals and soul winning efforts. Associational officers should endeavor to help every church to win people to the Lord and establish a record that every church has baptized someone during the year.

We have received many encouraging reports from associational missionaries in regard to the number already baptized. Last year, Newton County reported only three baptisms. They have already baptized more than 30 this year. Several associations were ahead of last year the first of August. How is it in your association? Now is the time to thrust forth the sickle for reaping during the few remaining days and weeks.

One of the best ways for a church to win more people is in a new mission. Start that mission with a revival.—C. W. Caldwell ■

Turner Pastor Moves to Missouri

VESTAL DEAN has resigned the pastorate of Turner Church to accept the position of teacher of English in the high school at Arnold, Mo. He expects to secure a pastorate in connection with his school teaching.

Under the leadership of Pastor Dean, the Turner Church went from half-time to full-time and secured a parsonage. The church now plans to call a full-time pastor to live on the field.

During the past two years, the church received 29 new members, 13 of them coming on profession of faith

during a revival which closed Aug. 9, with Damon Shook, student at Southwestern Seminary, as evangelist, and Miss Sarah Ann Irby, of Pleasant Grove Church, Conway, as violinist. During the revival there was one addition by letter and one volunteering for the missions field, and approximately 35 rededications.

"We hear so much these days about people moving away from the rural areas and churches running down," Pastor Dean reported, "it is refreshing to find a situation as we have in Turner, where the agricultural community continues to thrive and the church is growing." ■



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Khrushchev Invited to Church

LOS ANGELES (EP) — Premier Khrushchev has another invitation from America—this one to attend a church along with “an average American congregation.”

The Rev. Douglas W. Jeffrey, pastor of the Sunnyside Baptist Church in Los Angeles, has sent Mr. K a telegram saying: “In the name of peace and spirit of Christian fellowship we invite you to Sunday Service to see how average Americans worship the Prince of Peace every week.”

He also dispatched a wire to President Eisenhower, commending him for the official White House invitation to the Russian leader and explaining that as “an average American congregation” the Sunnyside Baptist Church was inviting Mr. K. to visit their services.

Call for ‘Spiritual Leadership’

STAMFORD, Conn. (EP) — Famed playwright Elmer Rice has a ready answer when asked what he regards as the world’s most pressing need. His opinion: “spiritual leadership.”

But he says he isn’t talking about “organized churches.” The spiritual leadership he means, he explains, can come about from either a “great leader like Ghandi,” who can be a source of universal inspiration (Rice admits he sees no such leader around), or from “individual behavior.”

“I believe,” says Rice, former Pulitzer Prize winner, “the human race will never progress just on the basis of its material goods. There needs to be more emphasis on spiritual values.”

Court Affirms Indian’s Right

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — The Hennepin County District Court has upheld the right of an American Indian woman to be buried next to her Swedish-American husband in a two-plot cemetery lot here.

Aided by the Indian Committee of the Minnesota Council of Churches and the American Civil Liberties Union, Mrs. Ramona Erickson had contested the policy of Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery that only Caucasian whites could be buried there.

New Film Released

MUSKEGON, Mich. (EP) — “Teen-Age Rock,” fifth in a series of youth dramatic films offered free-of-charge for high school showings across the English speaking world, was recently premiered before 6,000 teen-agers and adults at Winona Lake, Ind. It will have special area premieres this fall, before being offered to the general public.

Produced “in close consultation with Christian leaders of many denominations,” the film presents a totally new dimension in youth evangelism. It frankly faces current morality issues, exalting Christ as the solid Rock upon which teen-agers can successfully build their lives.

Teen-Agers ‘See Selves’

Three new motion pictures from the Family Films studio in Hollywood show how teenagers successfully meet everyday crises in their lives by their own application of Christian teachings.

In “Teen-age Witness,” a youth headed in the wrong direction is helped by Christian classmates who are sincerely interested in him.

“Teen-age Code” deals with two different viewpoints. One says there is nothing wrong with cheating unless you get caught. The other says there is only one code for a Christian to follow.

A young boy, faced with the conviction to live for Christ, enters a never to be forgotten essay contest in “Teen-age Challenge.” The three films were premiered at the recent audio-visual convention and exhibits of the National Audio-Visual Association in Chicago. (EP)

Bells Toll in Hiroshima

HIROSHIMA, Japan (EP) — Workers scurrying through the streets of this industrial city paused one day early in August.

The bells of a Protestant church rang out in the morning air, joined by the deep notes of a bell in a Roman Catholic church. These were joined by the peal of bells in a Buddhist pagoda . . . and then all over the city other bells rang out.

Overhead, 1,000 pigeons fluttered in the sky above Peace Square. On the now-silent streets and in their homes, 430,000 persons paused for silent prayer.

Thus did Hiroshima commemorate The Day—the day it will always remember, the day that brought it to the attention of the world. It paused to remember The Day 14 years ago when 78,150 persons were killed . . . 37,425 injured . . . 13,083 reported missing in one tragically eventful moment.

And many who paused to pray remembered all too well that day that seems like yesterday—The Day of the A-Bomb.

New Church For Cairo

THE BAPTIST Church in Cairo, Egypt, expects to have a new church building within the next year. Recently the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., purchased a building site in a good location near the small rented quarters now being used by the church.

On August 4, Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., and Dr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Va., attended services in the church and spoke briefly to the congregation of about 100 people with Rev. W. Girgis serving as interpreter.

The next day Miss Hunt and Mrs. Mathis left for a tour around the continent of Africa visiting mission work. Dr. and Mrs. Price, accompanied by a group of 32 people from eight states, continued their tour to the Holy Land. ■

THE BOOKSHELF

Evangelistic Entreaties, Revival Messages and Methods, by John Scott Trent, Zondervan Publishing House, \$2.50.

The first and last chapters of the book are dedicated to the best procedures of evangelistic appeals, and the middle chapters are evangelistic sermons which the author has preached through many years. The foreword is by Pastor W. A. Criswell, of 1st Baptist Church, Dallas.

What Is the Church?, a symposium of Baptist thought compiled and edited by Duke K. McCall, Broadman Press, 1958, \$3

This book had its beginning in 1951, when a representative group of Baptist preachers and teachers were invited by Dr. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, to discuss for several days the meaning of the church. Others joined the group a year later. To each session papers were read for criticism and the most of these appear in this volume. Each man speaks freely of his convictions, based on Bible study and historical research. No attempt was made then for unanimity and the chapters of the book do not agree at all points. Contributors are: William Owea Carver, R. W. Kicklighter, Dale Moody, Stewart A. Newman, Theron D. Price, T. C. Smith, Paul L. Stagg, John E. Steely, and Robert G. Torbet.

It Has Happened Here, by Virgil T. Blossom, Harper & Brothers, 1959, \$2.95

The author of this book, formerly superintendent of Little Rock public schools, was the storm center of the controversy when the passion of the integration conflict exploded in Little Rock, in Sept. 1957. In this book he reveals the dramatic details of the campaign of bigotry and political pressure which culminated in the mob hysteria that shattered the public peace, divided the nation and gave comfort to our enemies. Every one who is interested in helping to solve the great American problem of race relations should read this book, with an open mind.

Prison Is My Parish, the story of Park Tucker, as told to George Burnham, Fleming H. Revell Company, 1957, \$2.95

How does it feel to have committed a crime and to be confined to prison? Is there only bitterness and hatred or resignation? Is there any hope? Any warmth of friendship? Any possibility of finding God? This book describes Chaplain Tucker’s work among some of the toughest criminals in the country, at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, which has more than 2,500 inmates.

Maclaren’s Bible Class Exposition Acts, by Alexander Maclaren, Zondervan Publishing House, \$2.50. This is a section-by-section exposition of the entire book of Acts by one of the most noted of Bible commentators.



DR. STANFIELD

N. O. Seminary Adds to Faculty

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Dr. V. L. Stanfield, Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Claude Howe, Jr., Strayhorn, Miss., have been added to the faculty of New Orleans Seminary, according to an announcement Friday by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, seminary president.

Dr. Stanfield, who has been a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., for the past 13 years, has been appointed professor of preaching, the same post he held at Southern.

Dr. Howe received his doctor of theology degree from the New Orleans Seminary in May and is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. He will teach in the department of church history.

BWA News

Ter-Jubilee Celebrations

LONDON, England — (BWA) — Looking forward to the 150th anniversary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland in 1963, the Union has launched a four-year Ter-Jubilee celebration.

Main features of the Ter-Jubilee, according to Rev. Ernest A. Payne, general secretary, will be to make known the history of the Union and also the nature and importance of the work which it undertakes for the churches, a four-year evangelistic campaign, made flexible to suit local conditions, and a financial appeal aiming at 300,000 pounds during the next four years.

Chief Williams Dies

VICTORIA, Camerouns — (BWA) — A leading Baptist in the Camerouns, 85-year-old Chief John Manga Williams, is dead. He is a former president of the Native and Appeal Courts and former member of the Nigerian Legislative Council.

Purpose of the Church

By ALBERT E. SIMMS

Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Newport News, Va.

Stated in the simplest form, the purpose of the church is to carry on the work of Christ in the world.

To do this, the church must diligently seek and purposefully discover the will of Christ. The church does not originate its task or create its responsibility. The church is the body of Christ, of which he is head. As the human brain gives orders to head and hand and foot, and as there is confusion unless the activities of the members of the human body are coordinated by one brain and one head, so there is always chaos in the church when its members are not subservient to the will of our one supreme and divine head.

The church is to be the guardian of the truth. In Timothy (3:15) Paul refers to "the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." Jude (2) writes: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints."

It follows, then, that the church has the responsibility of declaring itself to be on God's side when moral issues arise. The strength of its witness is in the individual lives of its members who, while they are "all things to all men, that (they) might by all means save some" (1 Cor. 9:22) nevertheless, "keep (themselves) unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

Beyond this, however, the time comes when the church ought to render a corporate witness — when the church as an organization must declare itself. This latter type of expression will mean little, however, unless it be consonant with the convictions of the members of the church as they express their convictions in their individual lives from day to day. Consequently, it should be the continuing purpose of the church to instill in the minds of its members the truth of Christ's Gospel and to aid them in the understanding of that truth and its practical application to the issues and relationships of life.

But this is not all. The church is to proclaim the truth. God did not give the Gospel to the church to be hidden or selfishly enjoyed, but to be made known to all men. Jesus plainly said: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21); "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo; I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Every Christian is expected to be a witness for his Lord and to use every opportunity day after day to win those around him to a saving knowledge of the Lord. Let us not forget that this is the church at work for Christ. However, there are many types of Christian work and many areas of Christian responsibility which an individual Christian cannot do alone. Only through cooperative effort can we preach and teach and train and heal throughout the world. The church is the means and the channel through which its members can pool their resources and their powers to labor together with Christ in world evangelization.

A New Testament Church is a voluntary organization, brought into being for specific spiritual purposes. In order to accomplish these purposes the spirit of democracy, cooperation, unity and Christian love must prevail. Therefore, it must ever be the purpose of the church to cultivate and maintain such spirit, upon which the very life of the church depends.

In summary, then, the purpose of the church is to carry on the work of Christ in the world. To this end, the church is (1) to discover and to follow the will of Christ, its divine Head; (2) to guard and to teach the truth; (3) to proclaim the Gospel by individual and by collective witness; (4) to cultivate a spirit of fellowship and cooperation which will weld the church into a body united in Christian love and purposefulness. ■

Rio Delegate Named

GAUHATI, Assam, India — (BWA) — Rev. Longri Ao has been chosen by the Council of Baptist Churches in Northeast India as its representative at the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June-July, 1960.

Pastor Has Five Churches

LODZ, Poland — (BWA) — Rev. Zdzislaw Pawlik, Baptist minister at Lodz, has the oversight of five congregations totalling about 200 people. Each Sunday he conducts services in at least five different sections of the city. Lodz is the second largest city in Poland. In addition to the regu-

lar Sunday services in the churches, other services are sometimes held in the homes of the people, who include Germans, Russians, and Ukrainians. ■

Definitions Department

GRACIOUS LIVING is when you have the house air conditioned, and then load your yard with chairs, lounges, and an outdoor oven so you can spend all your time in the hot sun.—The Progressive Farmer.

2ND CHURCH, El Dorado, has voted to include the Arkansas Baptist in its budget on a free trial offer. Lehman Webb is pastor.

Christianity Is Hope In Continent of Ferment

(Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. Adams, and Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Alliance, visited Baptists in Africa this summer, traveling from Egypt down the East Coast to Capetown, then up the West Coast through the Congo and Nigeria. Here Dr. Adams gives his impressions of the vast continent.—Editor.)

By Theodore F. Adams

"Africa is in a ferment," said a young African on our recent tour around Africa when Mrs. Adams, Mr. Denny and I visited Baptist people in seven different countries. A missionary said, "Africa is in the limelight in the world today." Another put it this way, "Africa is like a woman in travail with new nations struggling to be born."



DR. ADAMS

Certainly nationalism and independence are in the air. People who have lived long under colonialism, however beneficent, are restless and want to be free.

Some countries are already free and independent or nearly so and others soon will be. Some have found that independence is no guarantee of democracy and others are eager to pay the cost of democracy if they can be free. Some countries are more ready than others for independence and self-government.

Baptist Contributions Cited

Baptists have made a significant contribution to that readiness for self-government by their emphasis on Christian education. The establishment of churches, schools and seminaries has helped provide able leadership for today and tomorrow — men and women of culture and character, vision and integrity.

Ours was a long journey as we travelled from Cairo to the Cape and back to Lagos and Tripoli. Everywhere we felt at home with our Baptist people and received a warm welcome from missionaries and religious leaders.

In Egypt we have only a few Baptists, in small churches at Cairo and Faiyum. They are largely the result of the faith and labor of one man who started several Baptist churches and struggled to keep them going until help came from the outside.

In Kenya we found a comparatively new, but promising, Baptist work sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention of the U.S.A. Southern Baptists have begun work also in Tanganyika and Southern Rhodesia, and are exploring

possible fields in other lands. This is in addition to their long established work in Nigeria and Ghana.

In Southern Rhodesia we spent a busy Sunday with the Baptists in Salisbury. Work among the whites there is sponsored by the Baptist Union of South Africa, and among the blacks by the Southern Baptists. We next went to Bulawayo where we had the happy privilege of laying the foundation stone of the new building of the First Baptist Church. We also went to Gwelo to visit the fine new seminary that is already training African pastors for service to our churches and future leadership in the Federation.

Courage in South Africa

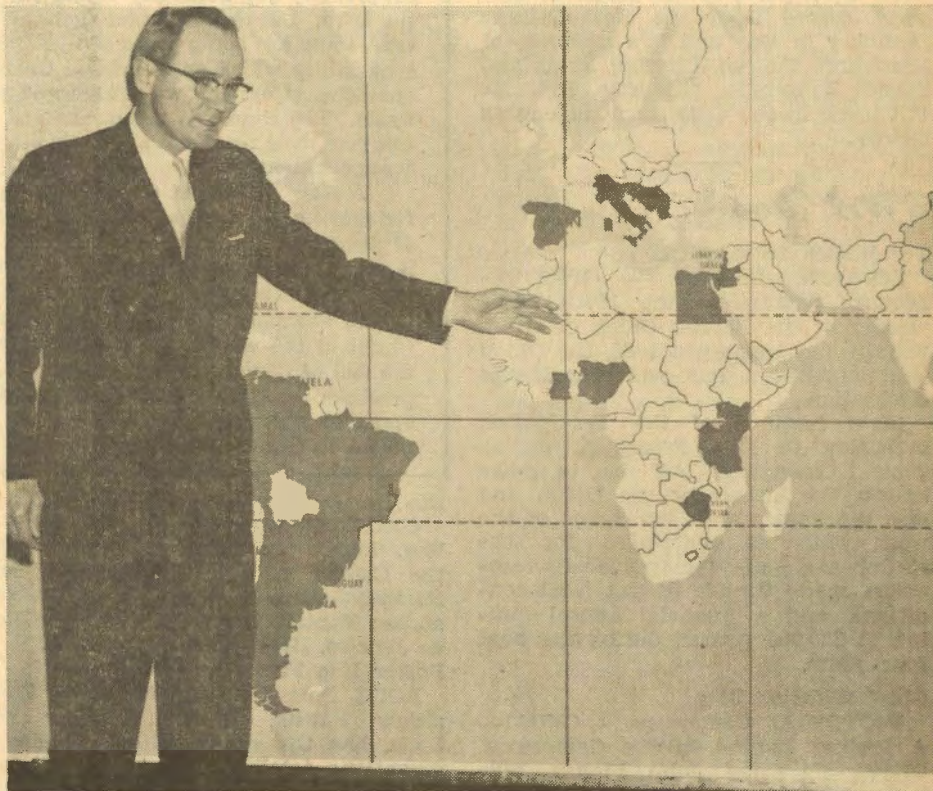
In South Africa we visited all the chief cities and found Baptist work strong and vigorous among "Europeans," "Asians," "Africans," and "Colored" people, as the present government divides population. The government under the "Apartheid" program is vigorously promoting an artificial division of the people that is causing much distress and unrest.

In the face of all this, our Baptist people in all groups are seeking ways in which they can work together. The Baptist Union of South Africa carries on a strong missionary program, both in South Africa and in Nyasaland. Baptists joined with other faiths and opposed the government success-

fully when a law was proposed that would prohibit the various groups from worshipping together. Contending that such legislation would violate freedom of worship, they stated openly that, if the law were passed, Baptists in all good conscience would "obey God rather than men." In every worship service where we spoke there were representatives of both black and white races. Most of our Baptist people are conscientiously opposed to much of the present program of the Nationalist party which has maneuvered itself into a place of dominant power.

There are twice as many Baptists in the Belgian Congo as in any other African country, the result of long and sacrificial years of missionary work by the British Missionary Society of England, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the U.S.A. and the foreign mission organizations of Swedish, Norwegian and Danish Baptists. Baptists share in a large and significant new hospital at Kimpese. Many schools and churches are preparing additional Christian leadership for the days of independence just ahead.

The European Baptist Missionary Society is now responsible for Baptist work in the French Cameroun that others have cared for in the past. Earnest and consecrated Baptist pastors are leading their people in the face of many difficulties.



SECRETARY Baker James Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board points to the continent of Africa, one of our most strategic fields of world missions responsibility.

Nigeria is more thickly populated than most African countries. As in other lands, Baptist medical work is deeply appreciated. A century of evangelism and Christian education has produced able pastors and leaders in government and in business. These things Baptists have done and are doing will be a great help to the new nation when independence comes in 1960. We are confident such Christian influence will undoubtedly help to lead Africa to a new day and to a larger place in world affairs.

Christianity Holds Answer

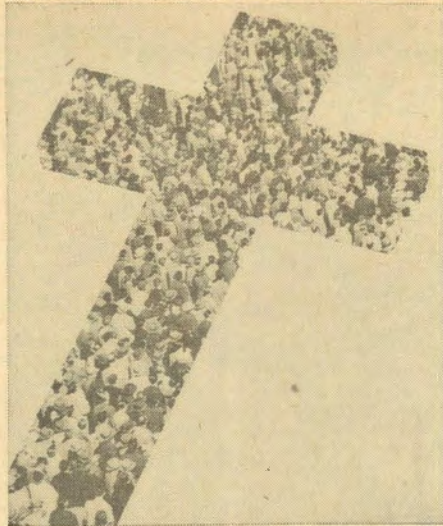
There are many tensions in Africa today, and they vary with the country and the culture. The shift from rural to urban life brings many problems both for governments and for missions — as does the reverse in South Africa where the government is trying forcibly to move many Africans from the cities back to the country and where families are divided due to restrictions in residence. Racial tension is higher there than anywhere else.

The adjustments necessary in changing times in many lands call for the finest of Christian leadership, a Christian spirit of understanding and brotherhood, and a confident assurance that justice and brotherhood must win in the end.

Other forces are contending for leadership in Africa. The Moslems are spreading down from the North and growing in power. Pagan religions and customs and old tribal loyalties tend to grow with the spirit of nationalism. Roman Catholicism is growing rapidly. But Baptists are growing, too.

We are grateful for consecrated able Christian leaders in the lands we visited and in others we had to pass by for lack of time. We were sorry indeed that we missed seeing the work

of a number of splendid missions, such as that of the National Baptist Convention (U.S.A.) in Liberia, Nigeria and



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elsewhere, the Canadian Baptists in Angola, the Lott Carey mission in Liberia and a number of others.

Baptist Fellowship Grows

Africa has provided some of our ablest leaders in the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. J. T. Ayorinde of Nigeria is a vice-president and his wife is a member of the Women's Department. R. H. Philpott of Southern Rhodesia is on the Executive Committee, Glynn Tudor of South Africa and Joseph Adegbite of Nigeria are on the Youth Committee. Many others have shared in our work and attended Baptist World Congresses.

Some day, we trust, a World Congress can be held in Africa. Meanwhile, a new day dawns on this great continent that is four times larger than the U.S.A. Baptists not only have helped to bring this about, but are helping to guide new nations toward realization of the vision voiced to us by the mayor of a great African city.

"We are grateful for those who brought to us the light of God's truth as we find it in the Bible," this mayor told us. "We look toward the day when animism and heathenism will be gone and the light and love of God in Christ will shine in every heart in Africa." ■

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Student Center in Paris

ANTONY (EP) — Made possible largely through the generosity of Baptists in America, a multi-purpose Christian student center is under construction in this Paris suburb.

Recently the cornerstone was laid for the center which will be located in the heart of a 7,000-student housing area. The center will provide recreational facilities as well as space for seminars, conferences and lectures. Eventual plans call for a student church.

The American Baptist Convention gave \$20,000 for the project, with another \$28,000 contributed by the Southern Baptist Convention. The French Baptist Convention raised \$8,000 and a \$15,000 loan enabled construction to begin.

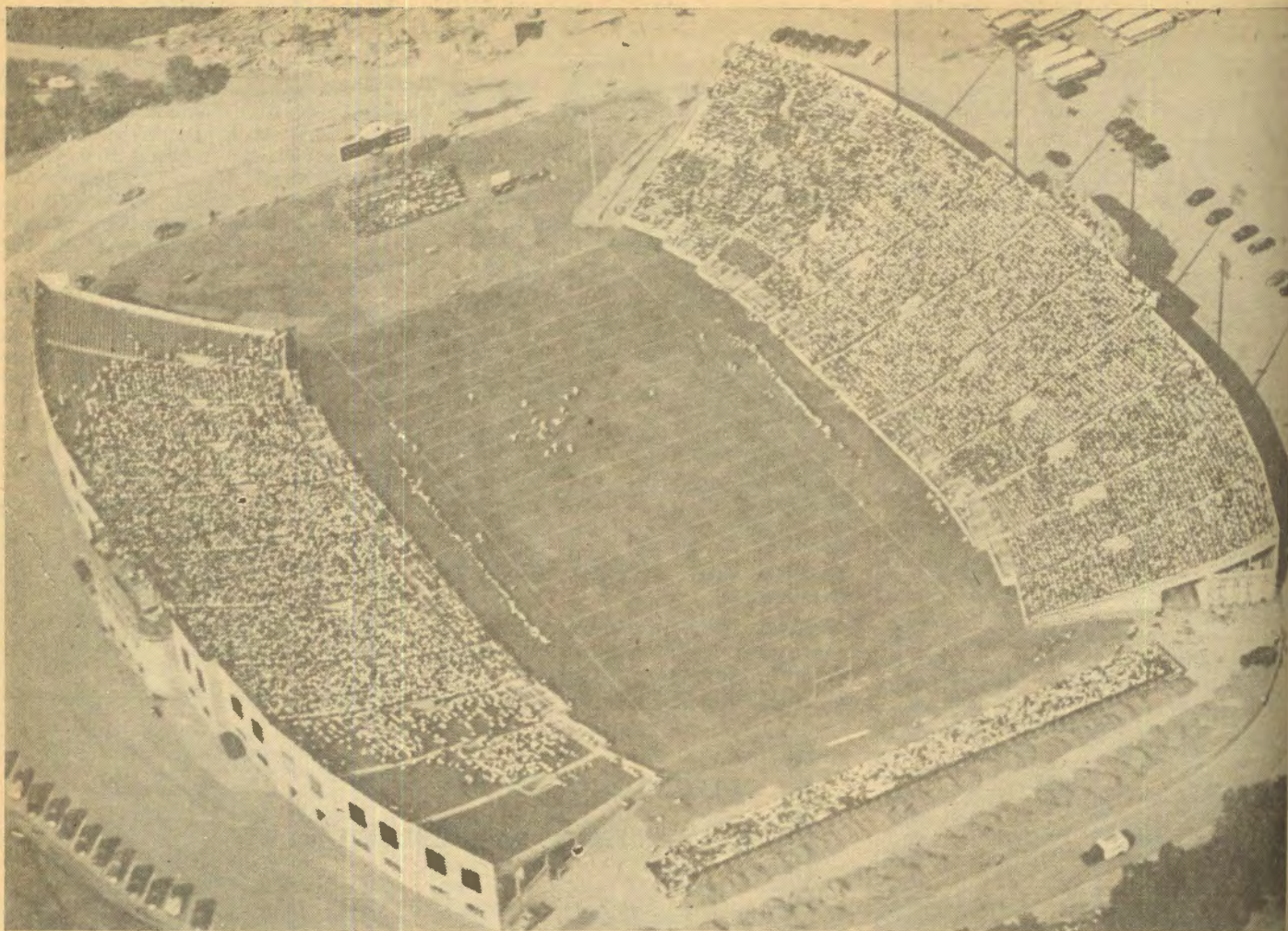
The Correct Answer

MOTHER WAS absent from the dinner table, so Dorothy, age 8, sat in her chair and pretended to take her place.

Father was watching the child's solemn assumption of grown-up airs with amusement, when her brother said:

"So you're Mother tonight? Well tell me—how much is 6 times 9?"

Calmly, with a slight shrug, Dorothy replied, "I'm busy. Ask your father."



War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock, where Billy Graham is to Preach

HALF OF War Memorial stadium here is being reserved for groups and organizations desiring reserved seats for the Billy Graham evangelistic services Saturday night, Sept. 12, and Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13.

Decision to reserve the seats was made at a meeting of Little Rock ministers planning the Graham appearance. Representing the Graham team were Walter H. Smyth, of Washington, and Charles Riggs, of Nashville, Tenn., who have opened a Billy Graham Crusade office at the new Coachman's Inn, in downtown Little Rock. Groups wanting to reserve seats should contact the Crusade headquarters.

The reserve section will be available to Little Rock churches as well as to churches and organizations outside the city. Church officials should contact the Crusade office and indicate the number of seats wanted.

Persons who are members of groups for whom seats are reserved will have tickets. No one else will need a ticket and those without reservations may sit anywhere outside the reserved sections.

Delegations making advance reservations will be seated in the west stands and the south end of the stadium, Mr. Riggs announced.

Dr. Graham will arrive from New

York City on the afternoon of Sept. 12. The Saturday night service is scheduled at 7:30 and the Sunday afternoon service at 3 p.m.

Members of the Graham team participating in the Little Rock meetings will include Dr. Grady Wilson, the evangelist's assistant; Cliff Barrows, who will lead the meetings; George Beverly Shea, vocalist; Tedd Smyth, pianist; and Jerry Beavan, who will lead the singing.

A series of meetings for laymen-counselors will begin Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m., at 1st Methodist Church, Little Rock. Other meetings of the series are scheduled for Sept. 1, 4, and 11.

The counselors, enlisted from the various Little Rock churches, will be available to counsel persons who make decisions for Christ during the meetings.

Little Rock churches will also supply choir members and ushers and make other arrangements for the meeting, including the furnishing of an organ, a piano, and a sound system for use at the stadium.

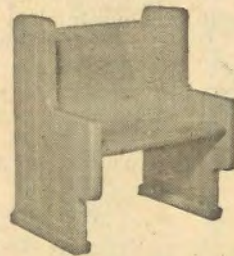
"We're going out of our way to get non-church people to the meetings," Mr. Riggs said. "We hope they'll make decisions for Christ and then join some local church."

Following the meetings here, Dr.

Graham will hold an eight-day crusade at Wheaton, Ill., before going to Indianapolis, Ind., for a four-week crusade beginning Oct. 6. ■

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AN OPEN LETTER TO ARKANSAS BAPTISTS:

One of the disadvantages of our being the largest religious group in the state is that at times we lose the "personal touch."

It is so easy to think of our college students in this way. We will have over 7,000 Baptist college students arriving on the campus this fall. Each of those 7,000 is an individual.

I want you to think of that individual student and his problems. Is there something you need to tell us about him--something that will help us understand him and minister to him better? If so, why not drop a note to the BSU Director at the college. Listed below are the names and addresses of our Directors:

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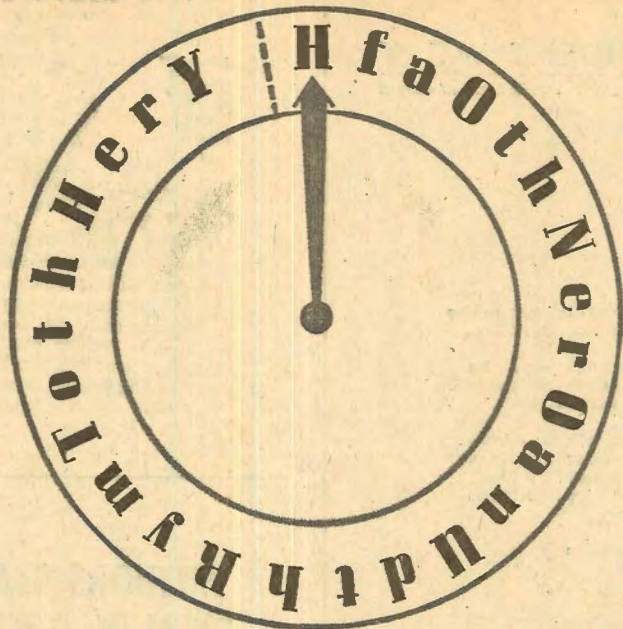
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Find the Commandment

By MARGARET V. WATERS

Begin where the arrow is pointing at the capital H. Read the capital letters first. Then read the small letters. The result is one of the Ten Commandments.

ANSWER

Honour thy father and thy mother (Exodus 20:12).

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Young Ones of the Sun

By P. R. RAMA IYENGAR

In India in olden days child marriages were very common. The number of girls and women were then considerably less than men, and so every young man was eager to marry as soon as he got the chance.

Ragavan was thirty when he married a girl of ten. Some months after the marriage, he went to his mother-in-law's house.

Those were the days when even oil lamps were not common in houses. Kerosene and electric lamps had not been invented. So people had to spend the hours of the night in the dark. Ragavan did not know anything about lamps.

The day he visited his mother-in-law's house a grand feast was held. The sun set in due course, and as night came on, he made ready to sleep.

How surprised Ragavan was when the whole cottage was made bright with little oil lamps placed in all parts of the house. He called his brother-in-law, a young and mischievous lad.

"What are these little things which make night into day?" he asked.

The young boy wanted to play a practical joke on his ignorant guest.

"Don't you know?" he asked with a look of surprise. "These are the young ones of the great sun. Even as their father makes the day bright, these little ones make the night shine like day."

"The young ones of the sun!" he gasped in astonishment. "How did you get them?"

This set Ragavan to thinking. What a treasure would it be if he took one home to his mother! The people of his village would all praise him for his cleverness and forethought. They could then change night into day and sleep happily. There were so many young ones of the sun in that cottage that even if he stole away one of them, no one would be any the wiser. What was more, since he was an honored guest, no one would suspect his theft.

A short while afterward the members of the household slept and everything was quiet. Eager Ragavan could not sleep. He watched them all go to bed. He rolled about in his bed and kept awake till he heard them breathe heavily. Then stealthily he got up. He walked up to a little lamp and stole a burning wick.

Then he began to think of the best way of hiding his stolen treasure. He saw the roof above, which was well thatched with hay. If he put that little wick in the roof, he could take it away the next day when he left the place.

A half an hour afterward the whole roof was on fire. A heavy gust of wind blew and fanned the flames. Soon the fire spread to the neighboring huts as well. The whole village was destroyed. Of course the villagers tried hard to put out the flames. In vain they poured many pots of water on the furious flames.

After the fire was out, the villagers searched the ruins for any of their valuables which had not been destroyed. Along with them Ragavan also began to search.

"What have you lost? What are you looking for?" asked some of them.

"The young one of the sun," calmly replied ignorant Ragavan. "I kept it in the roof of our hut." ■

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**A Smile or Two
Church Chuckles**



"THE BIBLE? Cedric Smith, what have you been up to?"

Something is out of perspective in any home where daily reading of the Bible is not common practice. For the Bible, and especially the New Testament, represents an infallible road-map of life. There are no dead ends, no wrong turnings, no detours for the man or woman who uses the Bible as a daily guide for the road ahead.

Puzzled Parrot

THE CAPTAIN of the boat, attempting to entertain the crew with sleight-of-hand performances, was being heckled by the First Mate's parrot.

As the Captain made his handkerchief disappear, the parrot squawked: "It's up his sleeve! It's up his sleeve!"

The Captain pulled the handkerchief from his sleeve and glared at the parrot. Then he made a rabbit disappear.

"It's in his hat! It's in his hat!" squealed the parrot.

The Captain pulled the bunny from his tall silk-topper as he looked daggers at the bird.

Just then there was a terrific explosion in the boiler room and the boat disintegrated. Several hours later the Captain and the parrot are hanging on to the opposite ends of a plank from the ship's demise, as they are tossed on the high seas. For a long time neither one will speak. Finally the parrot breaks the ominous spell: "All right," he says, "I give up. What did you do with the boat?"

The Truth Hurts

AN EASTERN professor visiting the University of California at Los Angeles was impressed by the beautiful buildings, the miles of eucalyptus-lined lawns, the athletic fields. "Wonderful," he said to his guide, a dean. "And just how many students do you have here?"

"Let me see," the dean replied thoughtfully. "I'd say about one in a hundred."—Script.

HAPPY PEOPLE are those who are producing something.—Dean Inge.

SOMETHING, that is, besides turmoil and commotion! ■

Sunday School Lesson

New Spirit for a Renewed People

By Don Hook

Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Malvern

AUGUST 30, 1959

Larger Lesson—Joel;

Emphasized Lesson—Joel 1:15-20;
2:12-13; 2:21-23, 28-29.

DESCRIPTIVE OF dire calamity, and prophetic of better days ahead, the book of Joel both fills one's heart with foreboding and stirs the hope one has in the Lord. One of the very earliest of prophetic books, Joel's message was to be etched in the hearts of all generations (Joel 1:1-3). The terrible record of sin and its inevitable harvest, God's call to repentance, and the glorious prospects of those who walk with the Lord are to be told over and over again.

One of the great lessons from Joel, also from all of the Bible, and from even the most casual observation, is that sin and its results cannot be confined to, or contained within, an individual, a race, or even the entire race. The whole earth suffers under the curse. Nature, both animate and inanimate, must pay some of the awful penalty for sin. Like nuclear radiation, once sin is loosed in any proportion, its scope of contamination is unlimited. Human hearts and bodies, the beasts of the field and fowls of the air, and the plants of the earth must all pay the price of such contamination. Increased commission of sin can only mean increased contamination. It is this principle which gives birth to God's description of His judgment upon sin as "that great and terrible day of the Lord." Disasters and calamities which are the direct, or indirect, result of sin are mere foretastes of the great day of God's final judgment.

Disaster Should Teach Us

Every disaster should teach us that we are utterly dependent upon God and must give account to God for all our actions. For food, raiment, shelter, for all our sustenance we are dependent upon God. For the employment and use of these things we are eternally accountable to God. How quickly and easily people of every generation forget this. Like Judah and Israel, 20th century generations have had their successions of droughts, floods, pestilences, depressions, and our young men have been slain by the sword. "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord" (Amos 4:6-11) can well be God's conclusive statement about America. The heart cry of every concerned Christian is, "Oh, God, what must happen to our nation

to cause us to remember that we are utterly dependent upon Thee and must give account to Thee for all our activities?"

Blessings Contingent on Repentance

Conditions of destitution and desolation, whether material or spiritual, can only be relieved by the Lord. And the Lord's favor must be sought in repentance. Joel says that repentance means turning to God with all one's heart (Joel 2:12). Godly sorrow, emanating from a personal recognition of sin's nature as well as sin's penalty, produces repentance. Repentance is the knowledge of sin's guilt, Godly sorrow because of sin's acts, and the abandoning of sin's ways. Judah is exhorted to rend her heart with weeping and mourning and turn to the Lord God.

Daily Bible Reading

Thursday: Jesus Renews the Promise, John 16:7-14.

Friday: The Spirit of Life, Romans 8:1-11.

Saturday: Spirit-led Men, Acts 16:1-10.

Sunday: Blessings for All, Isaiah 42:1-4.

Monday: The Proud Brought Low, Obadiah 1-9.

Tuesday: The Sin of Indifference, Obadiah 10-17.

Wednesday: Judgment and Salvation, Isaiah 51:4-8.

God's greatest blessings — the forgiveness of sin, salvation from sin, the restoration of Christian joy, and His outpoured Spirit — come only to those who repent. The individual, church, or nation seeks in vain for God's best blessings when such seeking is in the absence of repentance. Much of our present-day repentance is mere profession and not genuine heart rending. Spiritual soil becomes fertile and productive for God when it is broken up. Most soil is unproductive because it is undisturbed. How we need to allow the Spirit of God to plow such deep furrows of conviction in our hearts that repentance, and all the visible evidences of it, can spring up to our spiritual edification and to God's glory.

Universality of Proffered Blessings

Our lesson closes with a wonderful and glorious promise of God's Spirit. Peter tells us that this was fulfilled in a special way on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:16-21). The church, God's building (Eph. 2:19-22), composed of living stones erected on the proper foundation, was filled and occupied by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Just as the Shekinah Glory had filled the Tabernacle and Temple, so the Holy Spirit

it moved into God's living building to authenticate, empower, and give eternal credentials for world conquest. This was the special sense in which the Spirit came in fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. In this sense Pentecost will never recur.

However, Joel's prophecy is fulfilled over and over again as individuals yield themselves to Christ in repentance, faith, and obedience. Each saved soul is the temple of the Holy Spirit. How we need to keep the temple free from sin and the windows clean so the glorious light of His Indwelling Presence may be seen! And Joel says that the offer of His blessing is to all flesh — to men and women, sons and daughters, servants and handmaids. Like salvation, this filling of the Spirit is the free gift of God's grace. Money cannot buy it, works cannot merit it. Only dedicated surrender on the part of the individual can bring its experience and enjoyment. It is for all men who will accept it by faith and cultivate the fruits thereof in devoted dedication.

The filling of the Spirit is for renewed people. When people are renewed in the Lord, they are indeed characterized by a new spirit. New attitudes, new objectives, a new disposition, and new power to sustain come to be the Christian's most cherished possessions. The key to the outpouring of the Spirit is found in Joel 2:28, "And it shall come to pass AFTERWARD . . ." After conviction for sin, after confession of sin, after repentance from sin, after the renewal of vows made to the Lord, after surrender to His blessed will, after men have been renewed in the inner man, THEN comes the outpouring and infilling of the Spirit. Pentecost came AFTER deniers (Simon, Peter) had been reclaimed, doubters (Thomas) had been convinced, presumptuous aspirers (James and John) had been humbled, betrayers (Judas) had been eliminated, and the whole company of disciples had prayed themselves into the will of God. When the same things take place in our churches today, THEN will our sons and daughters prophesy, our old men dream dreams, and our young men see visions. Will it take depression, will it take pestilence, will it take famine, will it take catastrophe, will it take war — just what will it take to bring us to repentance and renewal in the Lord so that His Spirit, in all His fullness, may dwell in us?

When the sun ceases to shine and the moon is turned into blood, when the stars fall from their places and the heavens fold up like a scroll, when the firmament is on fire with the righteous wrath of God and men cry for the melted mountains to flow over them and hide them from that wrath, when we stand every man great and small before God, only renewed people with new spirits will hear the blessed commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of Thy Lord."

Coronation at Perryville

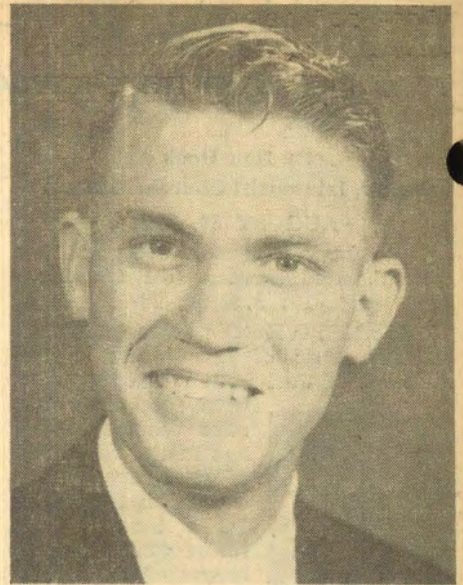
G. A. CORONATION services were held recently at Perryville Church with Mrs. Verne Smith, counselor, presiding, and Mrs. Merle Wallace, young people's director of the missionary society, presenting the awards.

Laura Sue Bennett assisted with the coronation of two queen candidates, Martha Rotruck and Barbara Jones, and in presenting awards to other members taking forward steps.

Maidens-in-waiting were Jane Hill, Sandra and Marion McLeod, Marilyn Tarvin, Louise Perkins, Carolyn Char-ton, Jenny Kimbrough, Wanda Sue Mitchell, and Carolyn Butler.

Ladies-in-waiting were Jan Ezell, Rozann Morris, and Nancy Paul. Princesses included Jennie Gustavus and Libby Wallace. L. B. Gustavus, pas-tor of Perryville Church, gave the de-votional. ■

MISSIONARY M. E. Wiles of Ozark served as evangelist in a revival at Gillett Church, Centennial Association. Six were added by baptism, and eight rededi-cations were made. Pastor Ivan R. Davis reports that the church has been greatly benefited by the revival and has con-structed steps inside the building to the education departments and made other improvements.



MR. PEARSON

Magnolia Church Ordains Pastor

CARL J. PEARSON, Southern State College student, was ordained to the ministry by Immanuel Church, Mag-nolia, August 9. Alvis Dowd conducted the examination and Hershall Williams brought the ordination sermon.

Missionary M. T. McGregor served as moderator and Jack Bledsoe led in prayer. A Bible was presented by the ordaining church. Mr. Pearson is pas-tor of Rocky Mound Church, near Fouke, and plans to enter Ouachita College. ■

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEET-ING for the Faulkner County Baptists will be with the Enola Baptist Church, Enola, Ark., September 17-18, 1959. The first session will begin Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

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