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Open Letter to Baptists of Arkansas:

"...for the people had a mind to work..." Nehemiah 4:6b

Our progress as local churches and as a denomination is measured not so much in our ability as in our willingness. We do not need to stand back on the ability of Southern Baptists to carry out the Great Commission, for we are able, with the Lord's help. Our continuing question is that of David: "...who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

The Arkansas Baptist, as the official weekly news magazine of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is in a unique position to inform, inspire, and help you to enlist the full support of your church members for your church and its world mission program. The 446 churches which now put the paper in their budget to go each week to all the homes of their active members testify that the state paper is an investment and not an expense.

Soon you will be making out the budget for your church for the coming year. Let us urge you to consider sending the Arkansas Baptist to every home. "An informed Baptist is an enlisted Baptist."

If you desire further information, call on us. If you would like for the editor to speak to your budget committee, deacons, and other leaders about the advisability of the budget plan, he will come at your invitation and at no obligation to the church.

Yours in Christ,

Erwin L. McDonald
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Editor

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Arkansas Valley News

FIRST CHURCH, Marianna, furnished the faculty and refreshments for the Mexican Baptist Vacation Bible School at Hughes. Thirty-six children were enrolled, who maintained an almost perfect attendance record. They did not want this school to stop and wanted to be assured of another next year.

A COMBINATION VBS and revival was held at Becks Memorial Church, Hughes, where 87 were enrolled in the school and 13 were added to the church. John Baker, Northside Church, Helena, did the preaching.

REV. MERCED BECERRA, Hondo, Tex., will be the preacher for the Mexican work during the cotton picking season in October.—H. S. Coleman, missionary

REV. CHARLES WILKINS, recently retired, will serve First Church, Russellville, as interim pastor until a successor to former pastor Ermon Webb is selected. Former pastorates of Mr. Wilkins are the Dardanelle church, New Hope Church and First Church, Newport, where he served for 21 years. (CB)

LAST SUNDAY Editor McDonald served as supply pastor for First Church, Lonoke, John Holston, pastor. He will supply the pulpit next Sunday (August 25) of First Church, Plummerville, Donald Gravenmier, pastor.

CHAMBERS CHURCH, Lonoke, and Pastor Johnny Green had the services of E. O. McElroy, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Little Rock, in a revival. There were four additions to the church by baptism.

TRUMAN MOORE, pastor at Jenny Lind, will assist the Greenwood church in a revival September 15-22. Herman Sandford is the Greenwood pastor. (CB)

DR. RALPH DOUGLAS, associate secretary for Arkansas Baptists, and Dr. Ralph Kirkman, dean of students at Ouachita College, are the pulpit supplies at First Church, DeQueen, while Pastor Fred Savage is on vacation. Dr. Savage is a chaplain in the Air Force Reserve, and is spending his vacation at the Little Rock Air Force Base. (CB)

Harmony Association News

EDDIE SPANN, North Little Rock, recently conducted a music school at Hardin Church, Dan L. Berry, pastor. There were 59 enrolled and 40 earned awards.

ALTHEIMER CHURCH honored Pastor Lewis Clark and family with a fellowship supper and a love gift of \$100 on his first anniversary as their pastor.

PAUL GALLION, formerly at Beaumont, Tex., is the new pastor at Rankin Chapel. He resides in Dumas.

LINWOOD CHURCH conducted a VBS at the Airport Mission with 43 enrolled. The offering of \$12.94 was given to missions.

THE MISSIONARY assisted Sulphur Springs Church and Pastor Homer Adkins in a revival which resulted in 12 additions, seven by baptism.

DR. DALE COWLING, pastor of Second Church, Little Rock, will be the Training Union "M" Night speaker, Dec. 2. Amos Greer, missionary.

THE McRAE CHURCH, of which Rev. Charles Ray Trammell is pastor, has an excellent sign on the highway giving directions on how strangers can locate the church. Other churches might like to follow the example of this church.

EVANGELIST BILL H. LEWIS and singer Herbert "Red" Johnson led evangelistic campaigns in July for Sylvan Hills First Church, Walter Hill, pastor, and at Gosnell Church, Blytheville, William Kreis, pastor. Sixteen were received for baptism, 5 by letter, and there were 150 rededications at Sylvan Hills. The statistics for Gosnell were: baptisms, 22; by letter, 5; and rededications, 200.

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Southern College News

MISS LILY EVELYN McGehee, Orlando, Fla., has been appointed librarian of Southern College, Walnut Ridge. A native of Kentucky, graduate of Austin Peay College, Clarksville, Tenn., she holds



the M.A. degree in library science from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville. Previously Miss McGehee has been serving as librarian in the Orlanda Junior College, Orlando, Fla. She succeeds Dr. Garland Allen, who has served as librarian for the past four and one-half years.

REV. A. C. RUDLOFF severed relations with the staff on July 31. He served as the business manager of the college for ten years and professor of religious education for one year. He plans to return to the pastorate.

WILLIAM R. WELLS has been appointed business manager for the college. He succeeds Sidney Outlaw, who served in the interim following the resignation of A. C. Rudloff. Mr. Wells formerly served as accountant for International Paper Company and Gulf Refining Company. He is a minister and a former student of Southern. He came to the college from the pastorate of Plaquemine Baptist Church, Plaquemine, La.



MR. WELLS

● **FIRST CHURCH, BEEBE**, Reese S. Howard, pastor, enrolled 133 for its annual Vacation Bible School and averaged 101 in attendance for the best school the church has had, according to the pastor. There were 6 professions of faith during the school. Mrs. Dale Palmer served as principal.

● **THE EARLE BAPTIST CHURCH**, of which E. Butler Abington is pastor, had an average attendance of 187 in its Vacation Bible School this year. Pastor Abington reports 24 professions of faith during the school.

● **PASTOR W. O. VAUGHT, JR.**, of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, is to speak at the Alabama State Sunday School Leadership Conference at Shocco Springs, August 27.

● **ROBERT DONALD LEWIS**, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Richmond, Calif., assisted his father, Pastor H. L. Lewis, and Garden Homes Church, Little Rock, in a recent revival which resulted in 13 additions by baptism and four by letter. The music program was directed by Al Munson and Clyde Thomason.

The Cover

Off to College

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — *Off-to-College Day, as promoted by the Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is August 25. Its purpose is to orient prospective students to college; to introduce young people to the Baptist Student Union — its purpose and program; to acquaint students with Baptist Student Union leadership; and to inspire youth to make college life Christian.*

"Off-to-College Day in your church can make a vital contribution to the lives of the young people going away to school," Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Board's Student Department, said.

Dr. Keegan suggests that Join-the-Church Day be observed the first Sunday after school begins to help young people find a church home near the campus.

● **EMIL WILLIAMS**, pastor at Lewisville Church, did his own preaching in a revival resulting in eight additions to the church by baptism and five by letter. The Sunday school reached an all-time high of 282 in attendance on the last day of the meeting. Dwight Clark directed the music. (CB)

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● **DOYLE L. LUMPKIN**, former Air Force chaplain in Europe, has assumed the pastorate of First Church, Sparkman. Mr. Lumpkin is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Lumpkin is the former Marie Hardwick, Arkadelphia, and there are three sons and two daughters in the home.

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● **SPRADLING CHURCH**, Ft. Smith, Tom McClain, pastor, dedicated a nursery building on Sunday morning, August 11. The air-conditioned building is designed to care for 60 children. Built at a cost of \$11,000, it was dedicated debt free except for a payment not yet due on the air conditioner.

JOHN SMITH, a native of Little Rock and an officer at Fort Chaffee, is the new music director for Spradling Church.

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● **THE MOTHER** of T. Bradley Bolin, manager of the Little Rock Baptist Book Store, died in Frederick, Okla., on August 6. She was Mrs. Marie Thresa Bolin, age 74. Mrs. Bolin was a member of the Baptist church in Hollister, Okla. Funeral services were held in the Gish Funeral Home in Frederick, with her pastor, Rev. Bobby Woods, officiating.

\$10,000 More Urgently Needed For College

● **AS OF AUGUST 12**, \$50,700 has been received for the Arkansas Baptist College \$100,000 Campaign. This amount represents offerings from about 500 White Baptist churches and ranged from \$1 to \$4,584.15.

The five largest offerings thus far: First Church, El Dorado, \$4,584.15; First Church, Fort Smith, \$3,638.70; Immanuel, Little Rock, \$2,981.69; First Church, Little Rock, \$1,427.34; Second Church, Little Rock, \$1,284.83. However, the most encouraging thing has been the wide-spread response from the many small churches of our Convention.

Only one association has reached the suggested associational quota — Independence Association went beyond their quota, thanks to Dr. E. P. J. Garrott, associational leader of the offering campaign in that association, and the pastors.

This is urgent. Unless we get at least \$60,000 to \$70,000, we will not qualify for assistance from the business men of Little Rock — and without their help, saving Arkansas Baptist College is, in my opinion, a hopeless task. It seems to me that at least 100 more churches should make offerings to this cause, and many associations should press on until their quotas are reached — we must have at least \$10,000 more.

The following churches should have been listed in the August 1 report of offerings received for the college.

Big Creek Association: County Line, \$10; Enterprise, \$30; Mammoth Spring, \$27.50; Salem, \$27.11.

Concord Association: Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, \$384.

Has your church sent in an offering yet?—Clyde Hart.

● **EIGHT WERE** added to Beech Street Church, Gurdon, in a revival led by Leo Hughes, pastor of Trinity Church, Texarkana. Harold Hightower is the Gurdon pastor. (CB)

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● **TWENTY-SIX** professions of faith was the result of a recent meeting at First Church, Malvern, where Don Hook is the pastor. The evangelist was Robert E. Naylor, Fort Worth, Tex., and the singer was Joe Trussell, Houston, Tex.

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● **LAYMEN FROM** First Church, Fort Smith, led in a city-wide revival effort in Russellville, August 12-18. Men from all the Baptist Brotherhoods in the city cooperated.

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● **DON HALLUM**, music director for First Church, Russellville, has entered the ministry and resigned his position with the Russellville church. (CB)

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● **OPERATION HOME STUDY** among the members of First Church, McGehee, include 129 Sunday school teachers and officers, 29 of whom have completed their books and turned in examination papers. (CB)

Convention Policy on Money Raising

What about Southern Baptist Convention agencies or institutions requesting churches to include them in the church budget for special amounts?

According to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, this is a question his office is receiving. Dr. Routh supplies the following information:

"Southern Baptist Convention agencies or institutions are prohibited from requesting churches to include those agencies or institutions in the church budget for a special amount, according to the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"The Business and Financial Plan provides that agencies and institutions may approach individuals 'for gifts for capital needs including endowments, and such approach to an individual is to be made only by personal contact or personal correspondence.'

"According to the Business and Financial Plan, no Southern Baptist Convention agency or institution is supposed to approach churches or other groups for any special solicitation, since the agencies and institutions are included in the Cooperative Program."

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention has a similar policy about its agencies and institutions. And the wisdom of this policy can readily be seen. If our institutions or agencies were to go afield in special money campaigns among our churches it would be like passing the offering plates twice to the same people each Sunday morning. No one would question the right of a local church to include any of our institutions or agencies in its budget, but if this happens, it should not come through solicitation, directly or indirectly, by anyone connected officially with such agencies or institutions. While the local church has the right to include in its budget causes supported by the Cooperative Program, to do so is to weaken the Cooperative Program. Most Southern Baptists would probably feel, as we do, that we have more to gain by refraining from special designated items, in favor of channeling more of our money through the Cooperative Program, which embraces every aspect of our world missions program.

In this connection it is interesting to note that Southern Baptists are actually giving a smaller percentage of their church funds to missions today than a few years ago. In 1948, 19.7 per cent of our church offerings went to missions. Today, only 17.5 per cent of our total offerings are so expended, the balance being consumed on the local church program, for new auditoriums, educational buildings, air conditioning, expanded church staffs, etc.—ELM

ON LAWS THAT CANNOT BE SUCCESSFULLY VIOLATED



Personally Speaking . . .

Comforts of Living

THANKS TO the Lord—and to Arkansas Baptists who called us here, and to some liberal creditors—we recently moved our family to a new home at 1419 Garland Avenue, in North Little Rock, in one of the beauty spots of Greater Little Rock.

We were able to get the place at quite a bargain, which, in these inflationary days, means we paid only about double what the place is worth.



MR. McDONALD

The experience of occupying a new house has reminded us again that many of us have living comforts and conveniences today we never dreamed of when we were growing up. Today we have hot and cold running water, electric lights, stoves that cook without "stove wood" that had to be sawed, split, hauled, carried in and fed to the flames started with paper and corn cobs; fans that cool without the application of "elbow grease;" washing machines that do the family wash, and so on, ad infinitum.

Some of us can remember when the only running water we had was water we had run for—from wells or springs—and when the "hot" water for baths in the summer months was heated by the afternoon rays of the sun playing upon a No. 2 washtub and the contents thereof. And what an ordeal Monday—wash day—was, with all the drawing and carrying of water and firing of black washpots, not to mention the old rubboards and their accompanying aches and pains!

If we are sometimes inclined to be a little irked at the "efficiency" of our new homes now available to all for a little down and the remainder "like rent" for the rest of one's natural life, let us meditate upon the rugged lives we used to live when the common, everyday comforts of the home had to be carved out the hard way and when we had far less time to call our own.

It might be well for all of us to turn to Deuteronomy and read again from Chapter 8:7 ". . . Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

"Lest when thou hast eaten and art full and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein . . . thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God . . ."

Erwin L. McDonald

The Seminary Graduate and Church Calls

This letter is written to you because you have the final censorship or "o. t." as to what Baptists in your state read concerning matters vital to the denomination. It is not so much a letter directly to you as it is an open letter to Baptists in your state, especially to pulpit committees of pastorless churches.

This is not a spur-of-the-moment idea of mine, although recent hearsay has made me finally decide to write. I would like to make a plea for the seminary graduate — that is, the ones who are graduating just this year. Too many of them can't find churches. I don't know the exact percentage because I am merely a student's wife and do not have access to the record, but from evidences I see in looking at the May graduates around campus who still have no place to go, I say there are enough to make the plea a justifiable one.

May I begin with this personal note, in order that you may know something of who is writing. I have been a Christian, and a Baptist, since I was eleven years old. Since my family was of Methodist background, I am a Baptist by choice and not because I was "reared" to be one. I believe firmly in Baptist principles and doctrine. I love the democratic ideal embodied in the Baptist church. I am married to a man who is also a Baptist by choice. He received his college education, for the most part, in a state Baptist college, since he entered the ministry. While in college he was very fortunate to have supply work and later a pastorate. We have two children, and at present I work in an office. A baby-sitter looks after my children in the morning while my husband is at school, and he combines studying with housekeeping and baby-sitting in the afternoon. Ours is a typical case, I suppose, of the means of livelihood of seminary students, most of whom are married, and many of whom have children. Some of the more fortunate students have student pastorates to supplement their income, and others, whose wives do not work, work a 40-hour-week job in addition to school. It is seldom an easy life, at any rate, with much to cause frustration and anxiety, and yet with hope for the opportunity of service to God and mankind in the future.

We are taught in our church organizations from childhood that the call to the ministry involves a call to preparation for the task. Our denomination has helped make this preparation within reach for all who desire it by Baptist colleges supported by state conventions, and by our five seminaries — soon to be six.

The seminaries are tuition-free with only the price of books and an enrollment fee to pay. Some even have campus housing provided at a lower-than-

average cost. On every hand our would-be ministers are encouraged to get an education in preparation for the task to which they have been called.

Even so, it requires some exercise of faith for a man to move his wife and family to a strange city with no employment and with the possibilities of jobs limited to that which he can do at odd hours, or that which his wife can do which will provide enough income for two or more to live on. This he does, however; and after three struggling years at seminary, he finally graduates.

If this man were a Methodist, he would then be appointed to a church by the bishop of the Conference in which he chose to pastor. If he were a Presbyterian, the Presbytery, working with the various churches, would aid him in being presented to a church. However, if he is a Baptist, and almost all the men around this Seminary are Baptists, he may find himself waiting with not even the opportunity of talking with a pulpit committee. I have known of men who waited as much as a year, having to take temporary employment, and who, along with their families, underwent untold mental and spiritual strain over the situation.

This seminary, and I presume the others do also, has a man who tries to help the graduates find churches suited to them, and help the churches find men suited to their particular situation, but obviously the churches who even seek to explore this channel in finding a pastor are very limited in number in comparison with the number of graduates seeking churches, as well as the number of pastorless churches seeking pastors.

The great paradox is that the churches give their money to the Co-operative Program, helping to support ministerial education, vote to establish a new seminary, and yet when they begin looking for a pastor they shy away from the seminary man — often in favor of the uneducated man who compensates for his lack by being "against" everything, and shouts in a manner which some people consider "real preaching." That is not to say that every man without a seminary degree is uneducated, because many self-educated men have spent years on their own in quest of the great truths of the Christian faith. Yet, if you were to visit the campus housing here and see men with as many as six children making the sacrifice required for a Seminary education, you would wonder if some of the preacher brethren with their high-sounding shibboleths really know the meaning of the word "faith."

I might add that these men who graduate are not looking for a big church with a big salary. They do not expect the financial return one would

Injured Pastor Is Given Love Offering

THE MARKHAM STREET Baptist Church in Little Rock took a love offering on a recent Sunday morning to cover the medical and hospital expenses of their pastor, Rev. Floyd G. Davis, who was involved in an automobile accident on Thursday night, August 8, while on a mission for the church.

A member of the church called Mr. Davis to Hot Springs. The trip ended in the pastor's new car being totally demolished, while the minister narrowly escaped death. The internal injuries he received are clearing satisfactorily, but he has been in danger of pneumonia.

Carlos Chapman, chairman of the board of deacons at the church, said, "Our pastor has suffered painful injuries and some unfavorable publicity while carrying out a specific assignment in the ministry of this church. We want our pastor and his friends to know that the members of Markham Street Church have a greater love and respect for him because of the service he was performing when the accident occurred."

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AN INSPECTOR of the Dallas Fire Department urged that informal fire drills be arranged in churches and Sunday schools to prevent panic in case of emergency. "Panic kills more people than fire in large places of public assembly," he said. "However, the average church will not take the time for fire drills."

THREE STAINED glass windows, honoring John Wesley, Charles Wesley, and their mother, Susanna Wesley, were dedicated at the Washington Cathedral, a Protestant Episcopal institution. (John Wesley was the founder of Methodism, and his brother Charles was famous for the hymns he wrote.)

receive after seven years of training beyond the high school level in preparation for another profession. They merely want a chance to minister to a people as their pastor, and a living wage in return. Because, as each of us realizes, there are many compensations in the ministry which make the financial one relatively unimportant.

Does it seem reasonable that God would lead a man through seven years of preparation, lead a home church to license or ordain him, and lead a denomination as great as ours to build five seminaries to aid in this training — only to have him sell insurance or teach school when the study is completed? Surely the time to "weed out" the good from the bad is before seminary begins, not after the three-year struggle is completed. Think on these things, people, before you call a pastor.

Yours very truly,
Seminary Wife

Two Added to Faculty At Southern Seminary

DR. DUKE K. McCALL, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has announced the appointment of Dr. Nolan P. Howington and Miss Elizabeth Hutchens to the Seminary faculty.

The appointments were approved at a recent meeting of the executive committee in Louisville.

Dr. Howington, who resigned recently as pastor of the First Church, Little Rock, will be associate professor of preaching.

Miss Hutchens, now director of children's work at the First Church, Charlotte, N. C., was named assistant professor of elementary education.

A graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Seminary, she was an educational director for five and a half years, and has been director of children's work for the past four and a half years.

She will continue her work as director of children's work at First Church, Charlotte, N. C., until the end of this year, and will join the Seminary faculty next year.

COURTS REDFORD, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, reports that the Board now has 1,214 missionaries, showing an increase of 34 over the number who were serving last November. He points out that in 1940 the Home Mission Board had a total of 391 missionaries.

REV. WAYNE DEHONEY, pastor of Central Park Church, Birmingham, since 1950, has resigned to accept a call to the pastorate of First Church, Jackson, Tenn. The resignation will be effective September 1.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — A total of 685 Howard College (Alabama) students were queried about their smoking habits. One in five, 22 per cent, of the students smoke. Thirty-one per cent of the men smoke as against 6 per cent of the women. By classes the sophomores were found to be the lightest smokers with only 19 per cent. Juniors were the heaviest with 26 per cent. Freshmen were 22 per cent and seniors 25 per cent. In neighboring Auburn College it was found that 58.3 per cent of the student body were smokers.

CARDIFF, Wales (BP) — Welsh Baptists are expanding both churches and membership. Three new church sites have been purchased in Cardiff subdivision: one has a Sunday school of 312 pupils and 49 teachers, another 360 pupils and 40 teachers and the third 25 pupils and 12 teachers. Similar progress is being made in other parts of Wales.

Don Berry, a 1956 Baylor graduate, assumed the position as Baptist Student Union director at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, July 1.

The Rev. R. Elmer Dunham, superintendent of missions for the El Paso Baptist Association, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention City Mission Conference during the annual Home Mission Week at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

Louisiana Baptists' hurricane relief offering has already passed the goal, \$100,000.

DR. ROBERT R. Soileau, former pastor of Baptist Temple, Alexandria, La., joined the faculty of the New Orleans Seminary in the School of Christian Training on August 1. This department offers awards in theology, religious education and music to students who lack college degrees.

Dr. Soileau has the B. D. and Th. D. degrees from New Orleans Seminary. His father, the late Rev. Lastie Soileau, was for many years a missionary to the French people in Louisiana. Dr. Soileau is a veteran of World War II.

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — The General Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention through its Christian Education Committee is studying the advisability of the convention-owned Bowman-Gray School of Medicine accepting federal funds. A report is expected at the November meeting of the board.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — The Englewood Baptist Church in North Kansas City is planning a \$400,000 building in most advanced modern architecture. The auditorium will be designed that all the windows admit north light. Included in the educational plant will be special rooms for RA and GA activities.



Dr. Soileau

SBC Goal Approved For 1958 Evangelism

DALLAS, Tex. (BP) — A goal of 475,000 converts for 1958 and a day of commitment to soul winning were announced by Dr. Leonard Sanderson, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The day of commitment will be Sunday, January 5, 1958. At that time, members of 30,834 Southern Baptist churches will be asked to sign cards pledging a personal attempt "to win non-Christians to Christ during the year."

The goal and day of commitment were approved by 24 secretaries of evangelism attending the annual home missions conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

NEW YORK CITY — Parents, schools and churches must bear much of the blame for the rampaging juvenile delinquency problem in America, Billy Graham said recently at a press conference attended by several former members of New York teen-age gangs.

In brief talks, the ex-gang members supported his views. The conference was called to discuss ways of reaching into the hearts of the gangs for the special youth week beginning August 11 at Madison Square Garden.

To date, 43,000 decisions for Christ have been made at Garden service, with 13,520 of these in the 12-18-age bracket and 7,683 from 19 to 25.

Graham said: "The young people of today, basically, are no worse than young people of the past, but the modern generation has been neglected. The father works all day and either spends his evening in a bar or sitting in front of the television set, with no time for the children. The mother works in order to get more money to buy more gadgets. They are overlooking their primary responsibility of just being parents and loving their children."

Paul H. Mickelson, organist for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team since the first "Hour of Decision" broadcast in Atlanta in 1950, will leave the organization after the conclusion of the New York Crusade.

Mickelson, who is resigning in order to broaden his arranging and composing ministry, has accepted a position of religious recordings for RCA Victor. He also will be affiliated with G. Schirmer, Inc. in sheet music compositions.

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — An appeal to the trustees of Meredith College and Wake Forest College to "change their position" on actions permitting dancing on the college campuses was passed by the general Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention at its recent summer session.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

A former Japanese suicide pilot in World War II, converted to Christianity by a missionary, was ordained a Baptist minister at Fort Worth, Texas, a few days ago. He is the Rev. Samuel I. Niwa. At his ordination he took the Christian name of Samuel because it sounded like his Japanese name, Isamu.

Mr. Niwa, who became a suicide pilot when he was only 15, was an atheist working with Communists while attending a junior college at Osaka after the war. He said that one night he heard a Baptist missionary preaching and was converted. "I remember every word he said," the minister recalled. "The most important ones to me were, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' I felt a need, and the missionary's words answered it."

NEW YORK — The new 1957-58 Catholic Press Directory has been released, and it shows that the 559 Catholic newspapers and magazines in the U. S. now have a circulation of over twenty-three million. This represents a substantial increase over last year and a 29 per cent gain over the total five years ago.

BELGRADE — More than 1,000 precious art objects of gold, platinum, silver, bronze and amber were discovered during restoration work at an ancient church in Yugoslavia. The treasure, more than 2,000 years old, is described by archaeologists as a "sensational" discovery.

ATHENS — Archbishop Makarios, supreme head of the Orthodox Church in Cyprus, announced he plans to come to the United States at the end of the summer to campaign for Cyprus independence.

ALGIERS — Abbe Barthez, a French Roman Catholic priest, was among 32 persons charged with harboring nationalist rebels. The priest was given a suspended sentence. He said he had been motivated by the need of "greater Christian love and understanding between Europeans and Moslems in Algeria."

MELBOURNE — Many churches in Australia joined in the observance of the first "Aboriginal Sunday," a day when Christians were asked to focus attention on the plight of 80,000 aborigines who still live under primitive conditions. Prayer was offered for these people, some of whom live in squalor on the edges of Australian towns, while others wander in the Australian wilds living on a Stone Age level.

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Put your state paper in your church budget.

Baptist Crosscurrents

A Planned Pulpit Program

In the settled pastorate, the preaching must follow some plan. There is great value in charting the course. It enables the preacher to study more effectively. It saves much time and lessens anxiety in determining what to preach, and it gives opportunity for the sermons to mature. For the congregation, it lessens the danger of deadening repetition and "spot preaching." It gives a comprehensiveness and proportion to the total preaching ministry not otherwise possible. While there is no magic in a method, wise planning can help the preacher in facing his responsibility to declare "the whole counsel of God."

—C. Arthur Insko, Golden Gate Seminary

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Juvenile Problems Increasing

"SERIOUS JUVENILE problems are increasing faster than the population. Twenty-five years ago youngsters stole bicycles. Today, they steal cars, rob liquor stores with six-shooters, and commit murders," said J. W. Mills, Judge of the Court of Domestic Relations of Harris County, Texas, in a recent interview.

"If churches do not develop a greater interest in these problems," said Judge Mills, "I'll have no place to turn for help."

The judge said the term delinquent is usually exaggerated. The veteran jurist with 40 years' legal and public school experience pointed out two growing situations faced by the courts: dependent and neglected children.

"Eighty-five per cent of divorces, which provide an endless flow of dependent and neglected children, stem from liquor. The alarming fact," said Judge Mills, "is that more and more mothers are becoming heavy drinkers and alcoholics."

—Baptist Standard (Texas)

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New Seminary Grows

GOLDEN GATE Seminary today stands on the threshold of realizing a dream that five years ago seemed far distant and well-nigh impossible. With the adoption of the new five-year capital needs program at the Chicago convention, the construction of the first phase of development on Strawberry Point was guaranteed. The fall session in 1959 should see our seminary housed and functioning in new facilities on this attractive site. Harold K. Graves will view with satisfaction the fulfillment of a dream which he largely fashioned and to which he has devoted himself with boundless energy and unflinching vision.

—E. Hermond Westmoreland,
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Church and State Studies Planned

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY has proposed the establishment of the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State. Groundwork is now being laid to raise an endowment for this purpose. The initial sum being sought would yield an annual income of \$10,000.

An endowment rather than gifts for current expenditure is being sought in order to make the studies a permanent feature of the university.

The money will be used to provide teaching in church-and-state relationships and for the research and writing which informs effective teaching in this subject.

It is hoped that the income could be used to pay the salary of one eminent teacher and author in the field. His association with the Baylor faculty could be on a visiting or a residential basis.

The national committee for establishing the Dawson Studies includes W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and Congressman Brooks Hays, Little Rock, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Paul's Preaching and Policies For the Present

Part VI. The Policies of Paul

Paul was not content with a gospel in theory. He sought to make it relevant by planting churches which in turn became sounding boards of the gospel. Did he have an over-all strategy? There is some doubt as to how care-



DR. BARNETTE

fully he planned his missionary program. Sir William Ramsey thinks that Paul had an over-all strategy to bring the Roman Empire to Christ province by province. At any rate, Paul classifies the churches and measures his progress according to the Imperial provinces of Syria, Caelicia, Galatia, Asia, Macedonia, Achaia, and so forth. Moreover, it was his aim to see Rome and go on to occupy Spain. Indeed, he had the evangelism of the world on his heart.

1. He Concentrated on the City.

Paul concentrated on the key cities of the ancient world. Into Ephesus, Antioch, Corinth, and Athens, he went to preach the gospel to the lost. Once within the city, he first went to the synagogues proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah. He took the gospel into the homes. He taught "from house to house." (Acts 20:20) He preached in the marketplace. (Acts 17:17) He taught in the school of Tyrannus. (Acts 19:9) He engaged in personal evangelism. (Acts 24:24) Even in prison he continued to preach the gospel of salvation.

2. Paul adapted his message to meet the needs of his hearers.

He said: "I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some." (I Corinthians 9:19-23) His preaching to the Jews was in three parts:

- (1) a review of the history of Israel and that the gospel was rooted there; and
- (2) the coming of Christ, their rejection of him, his crucifixion and resurrection; and
- (3) the message of pardon and judgment.

To the Gentiles Paul preached:

- (1) repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21);
- (2) the life of Christ;
- (3) the nature of God;
- (4) the folly of idolatry;
- (5) the way of salvation; and
- (6) the judgment.

Editor's Note: Dr. Barnette is associate professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

3. Another policy of Paul was not to accept financial support from the churches, if it meant the hindering of the gospel. (I Corinthians 9:12) Yet he claims that he had a right to this support. In fact he did accept aid from the Philippian Church. Yet to avoid being suspected of self-interest he made his own way making tents.

4. Paul also made it a matter of policy not to have a wife. (I Corinthians 7:7) His position was based purely on vocation and not on any idea that ministers or missionaries should be celibates. He also recognizes that all men could not share his position because all did not possess his gift of continence. By remaining single Paul felt that he could give more time to the spreading of the gospel.

5. Again, when Paul founded a church, he trained his young converts and they in turn taught others. After a few months he left the new churches with a simple program of gospel teaching, an ordained ministry, the ordinances, and the main facts about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The church was then left to grow by itself under the power of the Holy Spirit. However, he did not leave them entirely to themselves, for he wrote them occasional letters of instruction and inspiration.

6. Finally, Paul made no effort to impose upon the local churches an external authority. There was no attempt to organize the churches into a centralized, ecumenical, super-ecclesiastical organization. Rather he left the churches as local autonomous fellowships under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

● THE ARKANSAS Baptist Hospital in Little Rock has purchased the last piece of property needed, a lot facing Eleventh Street, to complete ownership of the entire block bounded by Eleventh, Twelfth, Marshall and Wolfe Streets, according to Administrator John A. Gilbreath. The hospital occupies an entire block on the south side of Twelfth Street. Tentative plans include a two-story surgical wing on the north side of Twelfth, to cost approximately \$850,000. The structure will include 14 operating rooms, an X-ray department, an outpatient department,

charity clinic and other facilities on first floor.

Plans for the new building have been delayed while the hospital administration seeks to have one block on Twelfth Street closed to traffic.

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WALTER McGOUYRK, former Arkansas pastor, was the evangelist for Fouke Church, in a revival that added 11 new members to the church. J. C. Crabbe is pastor at Fouke, and Mr. McGouyrk is with Victory Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex. (CB)

TV Guide Becomes Bible for Some

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — A new religion with the TV Guide as the Bible has developed, according to Dr. Robert L. McCan, pastor of the First Baptist Church here. In a sermon recently he asked, "Is TV an idol or an inspiration at your house?"

Changing the social custom of the people radically and rapidly, TV has converted mealtime from family conversation at the table to silent homage with a TV tray on the lap. Bed time for children has been moved into the late hours of the night and nightmares of beatings, murders, shootings and torture have replaced pleasant dreams.

What is the harm in television? asks Dr. McCan.

First, there is harm when we let anything dominate our lives other than Christ.

Then, television destroys creative initiative. Viewers become simply spectators.

Again, moral standards and values of the American people are being molded by what they see on television. Murders, cocktail glasses and pagan ideals have harmful effect on those who watch.

But television is not all bad, asserts Dr. McCan. "The TV set does not have to be an idol. Christian people can own a set without bowing down to worship it."

"Television offers a great opportunity to know our world." Many values of culture, news, information and entertainment are wholesome.

Television also offers opportunity to express our religious faith, says the minister. For instance last year programs by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention were viewed by three and one-half million people.

Asserting that television is neither good nor bad, Dr. McCan says, "The wise Christian home is the one where the use of television is controlled. Television becomes the servant of the family rather than its master.

Television should be watched "at times when there are no church activities or other work that needs to be done."

A RECENT SURVEY of nearly 1,000 church services in Norway showed a very low church attendance. Only 5.8 per cent of the total population attended Easter services.

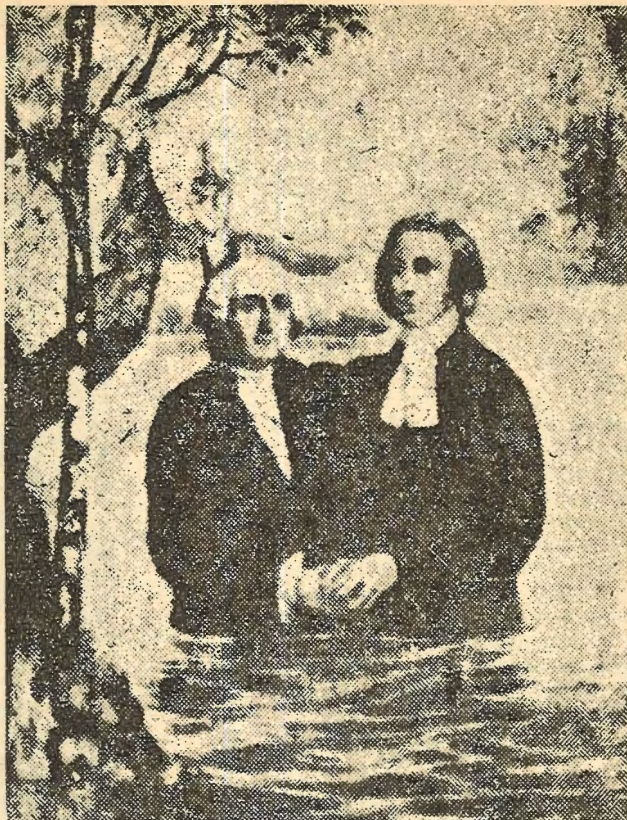
The survey also showed that the smaller the congregations the better the attendance in church and the more personal the contact between the pastor and the members of his parish. In the large congregations, mainly in the cities, 40 per cent of the people within the congregation did not even know their pastors or any other church members.

Yes, Gen. Washington Was Immersed

WHEN PREVIOUSLY the New Mexican spoke of having a picture of the immersion of George Washington in the Hudson river by John Gano, a chaplain in the Revolutionary armies, our story was immediately challenged. We have bided our time until we could have an engraving made of this picture, a reproduction of a painting now hanging in the John Gano memorial chapel, William Jewel College, Liberty, Mo.

The printed account of this baptism is warmly cherished, according to Dr. Chas. W. Koller, by the venerable First Baptist church, New York City. Dr. Koller says, "The fact that the first president of the United States was immersed is so little known and obscured is because that his previous membership in a church in Alexander, Va., was not disturbed." Gano, who administered the ordinance, was the first pastor of the New York City First Baptist Church.

It is said that General Washington had heard Chaplain Gano preach, the chaplain at the time being in service with the Revolutionary armies. His message had inspired the general and set him to searching the Scriptures, and his immersion followed. The New York records indicate that scarcely more than two score people witnessed the simple ceremony, but the writer observes, "The impact of that testimony is still being felt. Among men Mr. Washington was said to be an upstanding giant; before God a kneeling child. In time of victory, humbled with gratitude, he is not too proud to acknowledge his rightful Master,



and thus he treads the waters of the Hudson as Christ tread the waters of the Jordan. He truly followed his Lord in Baptism."

—From Baptist New Mexican

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson
Billy Graham Revivals

QUESTION: What do you think of the Billy Graham revivals? Some of my fundamentalist friends say that he is neo-orthodox. Some of my liberal friends say that he is dividing modern churches and setting back our growth in fellowship between the churches. It seems to me that God is using Billy Graham in a mighty way.



ANSWER: I imagine that some of our terminology makes God a little sick at His stomach. We use labels like "liberal" and "fundamentalist" and then crucify those who happen not to agree with us.

I'll tell you what I think of Billy Graham. He is limited like any other man of God and makes many mistakes. Some of his messages and methods are not what I would personally prefer. But I thank God for him and the marvelous way he is being used to present the basic Christian message to millions. I pray for him regularly and wish for him the best of God's blessings.

Why, every time a man gains a little fame, do we have to take pot-shots at him? We seem to be looking for some-

thing to divide over. May God help us to learn how to love, and to live together with those who may differ a bit from us.

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Baptist Highlights

J. Theodore Phillips, pastor, First Baptist Church, Alma, Georgia, has been elected president of Brewton-Parker Junior College, Mount Vernon, Georgia, succeeding M. A. Murray.

Glen Harold Stassen, son of Presidential Disarmament Assistant Harold E. Stassen, has disclosed that he is giving up a promising career as a nuclear physicist to enter the ministry. He will enroll in Southern Baptist Seminary this fall.

M. A. Huggins, general secretary, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, completed twenty-five years in that position on July 15. During that time, the number of church members has almost doubled — in 1932 there were 2,374 Baptist churches in the state and 433,000 members.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in its semi-annual meeting at Glorieta, N. M. appointed a worker for Canada; appropriated \$200,000 for Chicago; voted to appoint someone to promote the thirty-thousand movement, and to pay for literature for it in cooperation with the Sunday School Board; elected J. V. James, superintendent of city missions, Columbus, Ga., as director of juvenile delinquent work;

and made extensive plans to co-operate in the promotion of the 1958 prayer and stewardship emphases of Southern Baptists and the 1959 evangelistic campaign.

Harold L. Anderson, pastor, Greenwood Baptist Church, Nashville, has resigned to become an associate in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Executive Board of Alabama.

Baptists are considering the establishment of a degree-awarding college in Nigeria, according to G. W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, Foreign Mission Board.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Three Protestant theological seminaries in Berkeley, Calif., won tax exemption on their homes and apartments which are used by faculty members and married students. The State Court of Appeals reversed the decision of a lower court which upheld a tax assessment of the schools.

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● **CONTRACTS TOTALING \$890,000** for 12 student apartment buildings has been let by Southwestern Seminary, according to President J. Howard Williams. Each of the two-story buildings will have eight apartments for a total of 96 units. Interiors will be arranged so they can be changed from two to three-room units. Furnishings for the apartments will raise their total cost to more than one million dollars. Future plans call for 500 similar units.

New Encyclopedia: Perfection vs. Reality

Specially Written for BAPTIST PRESS

by LOULIE LATIMER OWENS, Greenville, S.C.

THERE MUST be a lot of Southern Baptists who wonder what goes on when members of their Historical Commission and Historical Society gather for a meeting. They probably visualize a bunch of old gents tying knots in 12-inch beards as they adjust bifocals over moth-eaten documents. That just couldn't be true because five of us are ladies, and the rest — well, forget about the beards.

Among the variety of items on the July 16-18 agenda in Nashville was a panel on the forthcoming Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists. Judson Allen, one of the editors, and, incidentally, a definitely young man, described the encyclopedia as "a compromise between perfection and reality." This brought on whoops because everybody interpolated that Judson is the perfectionist and Dr. Norman Cox, the Commission's executive secretary who can run circles around any beaver, is the realist.

Dr. William J. Fallis, weary editor of the Broadman Press, who has final charge of the 1,500,000-word manuscript, observed dryly, "If you think four readings will correct all errors in galleys, you don't have a very realistic doctrine of sin."

The enormity of the research required for the encyclopedia was reviewed by Dr. Lynn May, the Commission's research director. Dr. May is known to history circles as "The Bird Dog" for his extra-sensory ability to sniff out material.

One of the encyclopedia's 52 area editors was Dr. Penroe St. Amant, professor of church history in New Orleans Seminary. This brilliant young scholar managed to describe the gigantic undertaking in terms that moved even the Commission and Society, every member of which had sweated over some phase of the work. Said Dr. St. Amant, "The encyclopedia will provide a definition of ourselves for ourselves, our friends, our critics. It is a spontaneous definition. It will tell of our culture. It will reveal the unity, not uniformity, of Southern Baptists."

Concluding his analysis, Dr. St. Amant said, "The encyclopedia is a testimony



EXAMINE GALLEYS—Officers of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, all re-elected at the Commission's annual meeting recently in Nashville, examine galleys for the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists to be released in January. They are, front to rear, R. N. Owen, Nashville, chairman; J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, vice-chairman; H. I. Hester, Liberty, Mo., recording secretary, and Norman W. Cox, Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer. —Baptist Press Photo.

of free cooperation of a free people in a labor of love . . .

"It will show the world a side of Baptists they seldom see, our struggle to understand ourselves . . .

"It will strengthen a sense of history to ourselves. What could be more important than this?

"It will eliminate many distortions of Southern Baptists in the religious and secular presses. We are a people who stress many simplicities of the Gospel but we cannot be written off in the theological debate . . .

"The encyclopedia will provide a ready reference for Southern Baptists with-

out being either official or authoritarian . . .

"It will provide our people with a vast store of inspiration . . ."

Dr. Clifton J. Allen, an associate chairman of the editorial committee of the encyclopedia and an effective coat-tail-puller, managed to bring the panel to a close after it had gone only 15 minutes overtime.

And anybody who still thinks that history is dull these days needs to swap off his outmoded ideas. Probably the fastest means of making the swap is to drop in on Commission-Society meetings some hot July day.

NEW YORK (BP) — Life Magazine said recently that most of the persons making decisions at Billy Graham's Madison Square Garden revival came from outside the metropolitan area. Signed cards in the office show that 31,858 came from Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Staten Island, Long Island, New Jersey, West Chester and Connecticut. There were 2,300 from other parts of the United States and 111 from foreign countries.

THE NASHVILLE address known by Methodists around the world — 810 Broadway — will be changed after 53 years. The Methodist Publishing House building at that address was sold recently to the University of Tennessee, and all the Methodist offices there will be moved to the new Methodist Publishing House building nearing completion at 201 Eighth Avenue, South. Most offices will be moved by August 5 except the book store, which will not make the transition until January 1.

IN POLAND, reconstruction of historic Holy Trinity Lutheran church in Warsaw is nearing completion. The church was badly damaged by air raids in 1939 and 1944. It was partially rebuilt by the Polish government for secular use, was returned to church use last year. Built in 1781, the church has the third largest dome in Europe being surpassed only by St. Peter's in Rome and Westminster Abbey in London.

Preview of National Conference, Baptist Men

By LEONARD HILL

Editorial Assistant, BAPTIST STANDARD

A BAPTIST organization often jokingly chided for its "meet-and-eat" policy is preparing for one gigantic banquet in Oklahoma City, September 18-20. While the local cuisine will no doubt get its share of attention, the biggest diet for the laymen and preachers attending the first National Conference of Southern Baptist men will be spiritual food.

Of course if real food were served at the conference it would have to be a birthday cake — with 50 candles — for this year the Brotherhood, like the host state of Oklahoma, is observing its 50th anniversary.

The conference is a unique experiment with such scope that any Baptist can appreciate it. It is the first time the Brotherhood Commission has attempted to conduct such a gathering of Baptist men and if the eight to 10,000 men attend as expected it will be one of the largest such gatherings ever held.

Theme for the conference is "Free Men Through the Ages." The rich program diet prepared by Executive Secretary George Schroeder and the sponsoring Brotherhood Commission promises to appeal to every man present — whether he be of "big city" or "country" background.

From its Wednesday night opening featuring Oklahoma Indians in native

costume, singing, chanting, and speaking in their tribal languages to the closing prayer Friday night led by Congressman Brooks Hays the session "promises to be the biggest vision-lifter" Baptist men ever had, says Texas Brotherhood Secretary, L. H. Tapscott.

As the men roam through the exhibitions in the Zebra Room of the Municipal Auditorium, listen to outstanding speakers, rub shoulders with Baptist leaders from all areas of denominational life, and talk with "full-time" Christians from Georgia, Wisconsin, California, and all the other states, many for the first time will glimpse the awesome size of the work in which they are engaged as Baptists.

This promises to be one convention wives will be happy to see their husbands attend alone. But their menfolk should return home better Baptists and better husbands. The only two ladies to grace the masculine program will be guest panelists in a discussion on the home.

The program is about men, for men, and features men. An opening night pageant will present episodes in the lives of Christian heroes of faith — John Huss, Martin Luther, Roger Williams, and William Wallace — showing the impact Baptist convictions in the past have had on preserving our

freedoms of worship, conscience, and right to govern ourselves.

Oddly enough the afternoons may be the most interesting part of the three-day schedule. Men from the 48 states will meet with others of like profession in seminars on agriculture, banking, clerical work, education, government, journalism, labor, law, management, medicine, selling, and small business.

The seminars, seeking to answer the question "How can I be a better Christian at my work?" will be led by men who are both experts in their field and at the same time outstanding Christians.

As usual when Baptist men get together fellowship will play a big part. Many states are planning breakfasts. A tour of local mission points is also slated.

Song services will feature music by the Bison Glee Club, a men's group from Oklahoma Baptist University, the Gaston Brotherhood Chorus of North Carolina, and the voices of all men present led by Gene Bartlett, head of the Oklahoma Music Department.

No one yet knows what might happen if every layman in the Southern Baptist Convention were to give his best in service to Christ. Planners of the National Conference hope to send men home with the desire to find out.

Crusade in Gotham—No. 3

Churches That Participate Share Revival Blessings

By GAINER BRYAN, JR.

THE EXPERIENCE of New York churches as a result of the revival bears out what Billy Graham says in all his crusades—the churches that participate receive blessings. Those that remain aloof do not, at least to the same degree.

The revival has had an impact on participating churches along three lines:

1. Billy Graham inquirers, including many formerly unchurched people, are finding their way to the churches.

2. The churches are feeling a shot in the arm from their own members who have been revived.

3. The ministers are being encouraged to make the bold approach from their own pulpits.

I talked to pastors of various faiths in the conference room after the revival each night. The report of the Rev. Louis H. Hutchins, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Flushing, L. I., was typical.

"We have had about 50 names referred to us as of a week ago," he said. "We have never heard of some of them before."

He said that between 50 and 75 of his members had been serving as counselors, ushers, and choir singers. "With that many taking part, they bring a spiritual impetus to our church," he commented.

Mr. Hutchins said he decided to try one of Billy's techniques. He gave an invitation following a regular Sunday morning service for persons to come forward and receive Christ, like in Madison Square Garden.

"Do you know that 12 came!" he declared. So he said he tried it again the next Sunday, and seven more walked down the aisle. It had been his practice, he revealed, to let the visiting evangelist give invitations when revivals were held — once a year.

Final in a series of three stories by the Director of Public Relations, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. The author spent eight days studying reactions of New Yorkers to Billy Graham.

The supporters of Billy Graham know that the religious complexion of New York City cannot be changed overnight. That is why the revival has been extended again and again.

"Billy will not go away from New York for more than two weeks," a minister high in the councils told me. "He will be right here in August and September. Area-wide meetings — like the one in the Garden, only on a smaller

scale — are being planned in outlying areas.

"A visitation evangelism effort has been announced for October under Crusade auspices. The revival will go on..."

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● EVANGELIST PAUL E. Wilhelm, Lamar, led Arkansas Street Mission, Van Buren, in a revival during which 20 were received by baptism, three by letter, one by statement, and there were two rededications, reports Pastor G. L. Lonsbury.

Pine Bluff, Attention:

IF THE BAPTIST lady from Pine Bluff who mailed the Editor a letter about the age of ministers and signed it "A Baptist Friend" will reveal her name and address, the Editor shall be happy to publish the letter, withholding her signature, and answer it.

We have no choice but to consign to our wastebasket unsigned communications. Although we must know the source of each letter or contribution, we always are glad to follow the direction of any writer who requests that his communication not be published or that it be published under an assumed pen name.

—The Editor

Evangelism

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Commitment Day

SOUL WINNING is the supreme obligation of every child of God. Soul winning is something that is not optional for the Christian, but obligatory. Any Christian who is not consistently witnessing for Christ and winning lost souls to Christ is disobedient to the direct command of Christ.



DR. YEARBY

The record of our Southern Baptist church members in personal soul winning is such that it must grieve the heart of our Saviour. It takes more than 20 members of our Southern Baptist churches an entire year, on an average, to win one soul to Christ. To state this another way, it takes the average member of our Baptist churches more than twenty years to win one soul to Christ. This must be changed. Before Southern Baptists will ever win more souls than we are now winning, the vast multitudes of our church members must be committed, enlisted, and trained to do personal soul winning.

Sunday, January 5, 1958, is being designated throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as "Soul Winners Commitment Day." This is the first Sunday in the new year. It is the season of new year resolutions. On this day every one of our more than 30,000 Southern Baptist churches will face their membership with a challenge to sign a personal soul winners commitment card. Each pastor will invite the members of his church, in the services on this Sunday, to bring this card and lay it on the table in the altar of the church, committing themselves to the high and holy task of personal testimony for Christ to the lost, and pledging to make every effort through prayer, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, personally to win souls to Christ during the year.

This can be the greatest day in all the more than 100 years of history of our Southern Baptist life. With this commitment each member will be asked to turn in a list of unsaved and unenlisted whom they would like to see won to Christ and to membership in our churches. This should give our churches a great host of prospects.

We are mentioning this now that our pastors and people may know about it in advance. There is to be much preparation for this Commitment Day. Every pastor and church is asked to make it an object of prayer and to cooperate with this effort to enlist our Baptist people in the greatest business God has ever committed to the hands of men — that of personally winning lost souls to Christ.

Missions

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

New Churches or Mission Stations

WHERE SHOULD mission work be done in Arkansas? Some may think only of rural areas. Others think of urban centers. Our conviction is that our mission program should go wherever people are found without the ministry of a Baptist church. These people may be scattered over a secluded mountain area far from any town, or they may be in a swanky area of our largest city. Whether they are poor or prosperous should not be the determining factor in projecting a mission program in their interest.



DR. CALDWELL

In Arkansas, there are rural areas which we must not turn our backs on and leave to every "ism" and brand of religion. Then, too, there are booming sections of our cities and larger towns which we must enter with new churches and missions or forfeit the day of our opportunity and see other denominations do the task in which we Baptists fail.

Our mission program must be both rural and urban. Pastors, missionaries, and mission committees should always be on the look-out for a place to start a new work. Where the church cannot do the complete job, perhaps state missions can come to your aid.

A preliminary survey has been made by missionaries and moderators to determine the number of new churches and missions needed. There are already over 200 places listed where new work should be opened. Space forbids listing the names, but the number in the associations are as follows:

Arkansas Valley 8; Ashley County 2; Bartholomew, none given; Benton County 7; Big Creek 9; Black River 3; Boone County 2; Buckner 6; Buckville, none given; Caddo River. 1; Carey 4; Caroline 3; Carroll County 6; Centennial, none given; Central 11; Clear Creek 6; Concord 3; Conway-Perry 3; Current River 4; Dardanelle-Russellville 2; Delta 4; Faulkner 3; Gainesville, none given; Greene County 2; Harmony, none given; Hope 5; Independence 8; Liberty, none given; Little Red River 6; Little River 2; Mississippi 5; Mt. Zion 2; Newton 2; Ouachita 2; Pulaski 6; Red River, none given; Rocky Bayou 10; Stone-Van Buren-Searcy 7; Tri County 15; Trinity 2; Washington-Madison 16; White County 13; White River 10; and Woodruff 1.

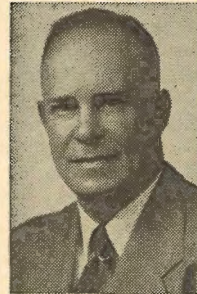
Put your state paper in your church budget.

Brotherhood

Nelson Tull, Secretary

A Pioneer Affair

THE STATE Brotherhood Encampment, scheduled for August 29-30 at the Arkansas Baptist Campground, will be a pioneer event in that the present facilities of the camp make their strongest appeal only to men with a pioneering spirit. Facilities will be a little rough, with a minimum of conveniences; but the Baptist men of Arkansas will have the opportunity of seeing the Campground, of studying its potential, and of visualizing its development into what it ought to be.



MR. TULL

Publicity on the encampment has been mailed from the Brotherhood office in Little Rock, along with registration sheets. There is no registration fee. The cost of the evening meal on Thursday will be \$1.25; and for \$.50 a cot will be provided every man who desires to spend the night under one of the camp tents; and breakfast will be served to all survivors at \$.50 per man.

If your church did not receive registration sheets, simply write to the Brotherhood office, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock, the names of the men coming from your church, and their desires and requirements. Send no money.

Every man who wants to spend the night is asked to bring along sheets, pillows and covers.

The Encampment program is built around the following activities:

I. An Afternoon (Thursday, 3:00 o'clock on) of Recreation and Exploration.

II. An Evening (Thursday) of Worship and Inspiration.

III. A Morning (Friday) of Fellowship and Planning.

Dr. A. S. Newman Will Speak

On Thursday evening of the encampment, the message will be delivered by Dr. A. S. Newman of Ruston, La., pastor of the First Church, Vienna. Dr. Newman is former Brotherhood secretary of Louisiana, a man of wide experience, and a man with a message for men. Dr. Newman has been in Arkansas before, and has always been well received by the men of our state, who have heard him with pleasure and with profit to their own Christian lives.

Talk up the encampment among the men of your church. Plan to come yourself and to bring a worthy number of your men along.

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The man who moved the mountain began by moving small stones.

WMU

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Concerning WMU Supplies

IT'S A NEW PLAN! Beginning September 1, the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock, will become the sole distributor of all printed, priced materials such as manuals, plan books, charts, **Year Books**, **Guide Books**, etc. For prompt handling, all orders for these items should be sent directly to the Book Store.



The State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, will continue to supply all free leaflets, report books, special mission offering envelopes, etc. Also such specialty priced items as organizational seals, sweaters, pins, etc., will be carried by the State WMU Office. All orders for priced materials sent to the State WMU Office must be accompanied by remittance. The bookkeeping system and office personnel are not sufficient for carrying "charge accounts."

Guide Book Now Ready

The 1957-58 **Guide Book** is now available at the Baptist Book Store for \$.25 per copy. The book has a new format and is punched for use in the WMU notebook binder.

The new 1957-58 **Year Book** will also be the same size and the same price, \$.25 per copy. They will not be ready for distribution until September 15.

Free copies of both of these publications will be sent to the 1957-58 presidents and directors of youth organizations. Free **Guide Books** will be provided for counselors of youth organizations.

Leadership Conference

THE ANNUAL Leadership Conferences for associational officers will be held at Ferncliff September 17-18 and September 19-20. The following who will serve during the 1957-58 year are urged to attend: Superintendents; Associate Superintendents; Leaders of YWA, GA and Sunbeam Band; Chairman of Mission Study, Prayer, Stewardship and Community Missions; and BWC Advisers. These are all on the associational level, not local officers.

Those in associations in the following districts are scheduled to attend September 17-18: Northeast, East Central, North Central, Central. And on September 19-20 associational officers in the other four districts will attend, i. e: Northwest, West Central, Southeast, Southwest.

The conferences will open at 10 a.m. on the opening dates, and will close after lunch on the second day. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration should be sent to the State WMU Office by September 11.

Music

LeRoy McClard, Secretary

Church Music Month

September — A Time of Beginning Again

With the beginning of public schools our churches throughout our convention launch into the church ministry with new enthusiasm, better method, finer materials, and an enlarged vision.



September is a logical time for this increased emphasis upon the music ministry. Summer with its vacations, camps, retreats is past. There is no better time to reorganize choirs, start new ones, and enlist new people in the church music activities.

Secure the pamphlet and posters emphasizing "September Is Church Music Month."

September — A Time of Survey and Evaluation

Survey your music ministry. Analyze present conditions. How can our present program be expanded? Do we have plenty of song leaders, pianists, organists, choir singers? Is our music spiritual, scriptural, and in good taste? Are all the talent of our young people being utilized? Do we have contagious, enthusiastic congregation singing? Does our music ministry contribute to evangelism, worship, and Christian growth of all our people?

Secure the pamphlet — "Expanding The Church Music Program."

September — A Time of Organization

The old system of organization which called for a music committee is outdated and out-moded. A much more expansive and progressive music ministry calls for a Music Council. The personnel of this council should include the director of church music, director of each choir, church choir president, church organist, church pianist, orchestra, leader, and chairman of mothers and sponsor organization for each choir.

The Council may include additional representatives of church life.

The director of Church Music (Minister of Music) serves as chairman of the Church Music Council. The Council should meet each month for the purpose of assisting the director in developing a program of church music which is Church Wide, Church Centered, Church Supported and Church Financed.

Secure — pamphlet "Music Education in the Local Church." See "The Church Musician," September issue, page 2.

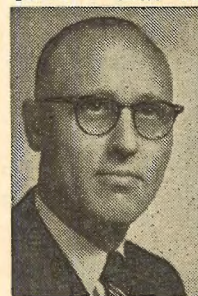
(Continued next week)

Training Union

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Ass'n "M" Night

FOR A NUMBER of years Liberty Association led the state in "M" Night attendance. They had met in the high school building at El Dorado until they outrew that building. They are now conducting two "M" Night meetings each year, one at Camden and one at El Dorado. Last year they had an attendance of 2,050.



December 2 is the date for "M" Night in every association. A few of the other associations are planning two meetings for that night. "M" Night is "Mobilization Night," at which time the Training Union program of work for the next year is launched.

In 1956, 44 associations (all but one) observed "M" Night with an attendance of 18,151. Our goal this year is 20,000.

Mr. Dowdy Leaves Us

Robert Dowdy, Associate in the Training Union Department since January 1, 1954, has resigned to accept the position of superintendent of primary work of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mr. Dowdy has done a good work in Arkansas and we hate to see him leave, but our prayers will be with him as he begins his work with the Sunday School Board.

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God's Wondrous World

By THELMA CARTER

A small boy once described insects like this: "Insects are such funny things! They have 6 legs and lots of sting! They don their wings of airy silk. And sing and sting—and sting and sing!"

This boy knew a great deal about the insect world. Insects are funny-looking, with their bulging eyes, protruding mouths, waving antennae, and long legs!

All insects have 6 legs which help them in crawling, imprisoning other insects for food — home-building, and raising their young.

Some insects sing — like the crickets and katydids. All insects either sting, bite, suck or chew their victims — whether they be plants, trees, animals, or other insects.

Insects do "don their wings of airy silk." And, for a purpose! When but-



terflies, mosquitoes, flies, moths, bees and wasps develop wings, they are adults, ready to travel in search of new homes and food.

The wings of insects aid in keeping them air-borne. And they, like helicopters, are able to hover over ponds, lakes, or debris areas where they can dart down and catch their prey.

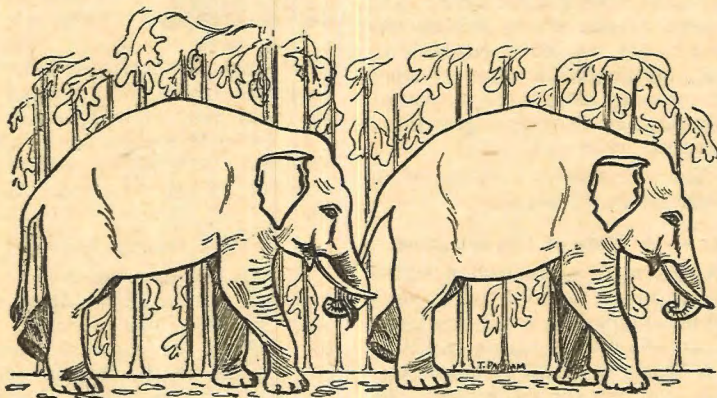
Nature requires all of her natural world to use skill, strategy, and hard work in order to survive! Our Bible tells us in Proverbs 30:25, "The ants . . . prepare their meat in the summer." Again in Proverbs 6:6 it instructs, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise."

The skill of dragon flies as they shed their worm-like skins and begin at once to pump air into their wing-veins is amazing! Imagine the anxious moments just before their wings are inflated and expanded and they are able to attempt their first adult take-off!

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The Elephant's Suitcase

By Lucretia Penny



The elephant has no suitcase, so it's lucky he is strong; For even on the shortest trips, he takes his trunk along.

He never does forget it. He always brings it back. But no one I know has ever seen the elephant unpack.

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A NASHVILLE newspaper, in co-operation with the local Association of Churches, has published a directory of churches and synagogues in the city of Nashville. The 46-page directory, published by the *Nashville Tennessean*, includes the names of individual churches, their pastors, location and phone number. It even gives some statistics about the denominations at large. According to the directory there are 557 places of worship in Nashville, with 198,078 members of whom 170,470 are white and 27,608 are Negro.

IN ETHIOPIA, a new printing technique that adapts the complicated Amharic script, the principal language

of the country, to mechanical typesetting has been developed. The new device is in operation in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, and the first work to be composed on it is part of the Bible. The task of developing the printing method was difficult since the Ethiopian language comprises 231 standard letters. Printers and typographic experts studied the problem for years before solving it.

In the first nine Madison Square Garden meetings of Billy Graham's New York Crusade, there were 173,500 in attendance and 5,736 "decisions for Christ."

A Smile or Two

Planning a vacation stay in Florida, the retired railroader didn't know what to do with his dog. He decided to write the hotel and ask if dogs were allowed.

Promptly, the hotel manager wrote back: "I've been in this business for 30 years. Never have I called on police to eject a disorderly dog. Never has a dog set fire to a bed with a cigaret. I have never found a hotel towel or blanket in a dog's suitcase. Nor a whiskey ring on a dresser. Sure, the dog is welcome!"

And the manager added a postscript: "If the dog will vouch for you, come along, too."

—*Ex.*

To live in suspense is the life of a spider.

—*Swift*

Ulcers often result from mountain climbing over molehills.

A genealogist was seeking to find why a certain man in the hill country had lived so long past the 100-year mark. He reached the old man's cabin, found him lying in a hammock under some pine trees, and got the answer. Said the old man, "Just simple takin' advantage of the Lord's blessings. He gives us the night to sleep in and the day to rest in."

—*Capper's Weekly*

Evangelist after one's own heart: "It does not make a sermon immortal to make it everlasting."

—*Quote*

Too many people think a bitter pill is made easier to swallow by dissolving it in a cocktail.

—*Dan Bennett*

Two little boys were overheard by a nurse in a children's ward discussing their hospital experiences.

Said one: "Are you medical or surgical?"

The other shook his head. "I don't know what you mean," he said.

The first little boy looked scornfully at his friend. He had been a patient in the ward for many weeks.

"Were you sick when you came," he persisted, "or did they make you sick after you came?"

—*Clipped*

One time a windshield wiper will work perfectly is when it is holding a parking ticket.

One woman to another in doctor's waiting room: "I have a disease that's only been out a few months."

The best place for your bathroom scales is in front of your refrigerator.

—*Saturday Evening Post*

A scandalmonger is a person who puts who and who together and gets when.

Amos, Crusading For Righteousness

By DR. REL GRAY

August 25, 1957

Amos 1:1; 6:1-6; 7:14, 15

SOME FEW YEARS ago the writer and two friends were traveling a lonely road in the Ozark Mountains in search of possible preaching stations. A farm house was sighted, and upon arriving the party was greeted by a congenial



DR. GRAY

resident who was willing to supply needed information. It was learned that in the next valley was located a school building which was no longer used. The native was asked, "Would it be possible to use the building for church services or a revival meeting?"

The answer was spontaneous. "Mister! if you go down thar in that thar valley and preach the 'gospill,' they will call you a 'fan-a-tick.'" The inhabitants of Judah and Israel thought of Amos as a fanatic.

Today when God's men lead crusades for righteousness and cry out against sin, they are classified as fanatical, narrow, and bigoted. Many times this classification is made by members of the church when their sins are condemned.

The name Amos means "heavy" or "burdened." The name is significant in that the Lord laid upon him a special burden to cry out against the intemperance of the people.

I. The Condition of the People

Israel was enjoying unprecedented prosperity. Living conditions exceeded their fondest imaginations. Business had gone to an all-time high. Wine was plentiful and sinful pleasure was evidenced on every hand. This social condition led to the relaxation of moral convictions and spiritual stamina. The judges were dishonest; government was corrupt. The rich were made wealthy through practicing injustice and oppression. Concern for the underprivileged did not exist. This was a dark hour for God's nations.

Periodically the people made their way to the shrines at Bethel, Gilgal, and Beersheba to go through the form of worship. God despised their feast days, and refused to accept their offerings because of the sham and hypocrisy.

Israel was intemperate in that she wanted to live her way, rather than God's way. Could this condition be true today?

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 14:12)

II. The Concern of God

The capstone of God's creative work was man. Since God made man, He has been vitally concerned about his

mental, physical and spiritual welfare. God's eyes are constantly focused upon the deeds of man. His ears are attentive to the cries of man. His word continually thunders out a message to guide man. God has been and always will be concerned about his people.

Dr. Gray is pastor of First Church, Helena, and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Israel's spiritual decline had become such a concern of God that He looked into the fields of Tekoa, a few miles south of Jerusalem, to find a messenger who could be sent with a message.

God has ways and means of getting the message to the people. The message may go unheeded, but nevertheless the message goes out.

III. The Call of Amos

Among the herdsmen of Tekoa was a man by the name of Amos whom God wanted for this special work. Amos did not have the opportunity of going to school. However, he was enrolled for years in the Seminary of Nature, and nature is always close to God. God likes preacher-training schools, but He is not dependent upon them.

Amos, a very insignificant man, was called to preach to the people at Bethel. This visitation from God made such an impression upon his mind until he could not hold back.

Not only did God call Amos, but He gave to him a message to proclaim. What was the message? "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria." The people felt secure when they should have been disturbed. They were indulging in luxurious living and wine drinking. As a result they did not have a sense of need for God. Realizing these things Amos continued to push the crusade for righteousness.

Amos met with opposition. So do God's men today. The crusader for righteousness always does.

The opposition to Amos' message came from Amaziah, the priest. It seems as though he should have been the last one to criticize the prophet of God. His attitude possibly was, "Let well enough alone." But this attitude will not bring people back to God.

Where does the opposition to a crusade for righteousness come from today? Often it comes from the leaders of the church, such as deacons, teachers, and various officers. This is not always the case, but often it is. These, of all people, should be holding up the prophet of God rather than running him down.

Amaziah's attitude toward the crusade did not dampen the spirit of Amos. He continued to cry out against the sins of his day and to warn the

people concerning the captivity that was coming.

Amos cried out against the sin of injustice. He pronounced woe upon those who were trusting in material resources and were at ease in Zion. He denounced intemperance and self-indulgences. Then he condemned the sin of formal and insincere worship. May God raise up crusaders such as Amos for this generation, even if they are called "fan-a-ticks."

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BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS		
SEPTEMBER 1957		
GENERAL THEME: "CHRIST OR CHAOS?"		
September 1—	Christianity Versus Communism	
September 8—	How To Believe In Hell and God's Love	
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September 22—	What Of The Night?	
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Batesville.....	KBTA	6:30 p.m. Sat.
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Conway.....	KCON	7:00 a.m.
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El Dorado.....	KELD	2:00 p.m.
Fayetteville.....	KGRH	9:30 a.m. Sat.
Forrest City.....	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hope.....	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
Little Rock.....	KLRA	9:00 p.m.
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Mena.....	KENA	1:30 p.m.
Paragould.....	KDRS	8:30 p.m.
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Wynne.....	KWYN	10:00 a.m.

THE TREASURY stamped "In God We Trust" on paper money for the first time last July 25 as it placed two new printing presses into operation. The inscription long has been carried on coins. Congress authorized it for paper money two years ago.

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I Am Not Retiring

By B. L. BRIDGES

AFTER A MAN serves in any position for a long time, it is easy for some people to gain the impression, when he resigns the position he has occupied so long, that he is retiring. I am not old enough to think about retiring. According to the policy of our Executive Board,



DR. BRIDGES

it would be a good while before I would reach the age at which I would be required to retire or even quit. After all, no employer can force a man into retirement. They can fire him but they cannot "retire" him. I know of a case where an associational board tried to retire a preacher and he left the job and went on and took the pastorate of a First Church in a goodly little city. What really happened is that the board got rid of him but they could

not force him into retirement. No church or committee or board can "retire" a man. Only himself or God can do that.

The foregoing paragraph was written to prevent any misinformation that could be gained because I am checking out of the office of the General Secretary.

The fact is we have not decided fully on our future work. I want to do something that will give me opportunity to win souls to Christ. Many of my brethren are imploring me to do denominational work of some sort in order that our denomination may have the benefit of the knowledge that has been gained by my long experience with the denominational interests. Frankly, so much insistence along this line has come to me that I have been a bit disturbed about it because if there is a particular field in which I can excel I want to work in that field of service. The work of this office has grown so heavy that I have very little time to spend in evangelistic efforts after I handle the work as fully and as thor-

oughly as I like to do it. There are many positions which a fellow can care for and at the same time have time and opportunity for doing evangelism and other things along with it. Should I take any one of these positions, it would have to be something that would afford me time to win souls to Christ.

In general, the Executive Board and the churches and the people of Arkansas have been very good to me through the years. I want here and now to express my appreciation for the many kindnesses and courtesies and expressions of love that have been extended in my direction.

I am not through. My health is good and my strength is as good, I believe, as it ever was. I do not find enough days in the week to do all that my strength would enable me to do. To let down in my efforts would, under such circumstances, be unfair to my Lord and to His cause. So you can be assured that as long as I can retain such good health and strength that I now enjoy, I will be somewhere working for my Lord.

Sometime next month I shall depend upon the Holy Spirit's leadership and the requests of the brethren to determine and to decide my course of action in the immediate future. Meanwhile, I can supply pulpits.

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THE PASTOR IS WORTHY OF HIS HIRE

THE JULY, AUGUST, September issue of the **Brotherhood Journal** has come to my desk. This magazine is always interesting because it gives information as well as inspiration.

On page 19, Vernon Yearby, secretary of the Department of Evangelism in Alabama, the son of I. L. Yearby, secretary of evangelism in Arkansas, has an article entitled, "The Pastor is Worthy — Of His Hire."

We believe that every Baptist layman in the Southern Baptist Convention would do well to read this article. Where the church has a Brotherhood and provides the men with literature, the article will be read. But, we are thinking about all those churches that do not have an active Brotherhood. The men will not have access to this good article.

Therefore, we suggest that every layman who reads this, sit down immediately and order the July, August, September issue of the **Brotherhood Journal**, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis 4, Tennessee. The price is fifteen cents per copy.

The Forward Program

For the first time, Baptists have a program of stewardship that gives specific instructions instead of general suggestions. It is a do-it-yourself affair. Baptists found that the best way to grow a good Sunday School was for the church members to learn the Sunday School technique, dedicate themselves to the task, and work at the job.

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If you can visualize your church without conducting an evangelistic campaign, and if you can see your church without a revival meeting, then you can see what a difference a Forward Program of Finance Campaign can make in your church, in the realm of stewardship.

Many churches in Arkansas have already adopted the Program and are planning to use it this year. R.D.

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