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Camp sites underway

AT THE recent meeting of the Executive Board a committee was authorized to employ an architect to draw up plans and specifications for the new camps in Saline County. Mr. Bruce Anderson of Little Rock has been employed as our architect, and work should begin before long on the construction of the camps.



DR. WHITLOW

The campsite is a 266-acre plot of land 40 miles from Little Rock located on Highway 9 in Saline County about one mile north of Paron, Arkansas. The Architectural Department of the Sunday School Board has provided us with an over-all plan for two camps—one for the RA's and one for the GA's. A sufficient number of these buildings will be winterized to make possible year-round use by a number of our departments. For instance, the Departments of Mission-Evangelism, Baptist Student Union, Training Union, Sunday School, Church Music, Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union have meetings throughout the year so that these facilities can well be put to a year-round use.

The Woman's Missionary Union has been renting camp facilities for many years to accommodate the GA camps. This arrangement is no longer satisfactory and does not provide this department with the opportunity to make its best contribution in this phase of its ministry. For the past few years the Brotherhood Department has conducted the RA camps under very difficult conditions. If at all possible we hope to have one of the camps ready for use next summer. At any rate not later than the year following.

The camping program provided by our denomination affords us one of the greatest opportunities of our day to render a genuine service. These facilities should enable us to strengthen our Baptist witness at this point. The natural beauty of the area of the new campsite should enhance the possibility of a growing spiritual ministry by your denomination.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

A REMINDER

REMEMBER — The date for the annual meeting of the **ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION** at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, is **NOVEMBER 7-9**. The date was changed from that listed in the 1961 diary by the convention in session last year in Fayetteville.



HERB BLOCK
GIPSEL THE WASHINGTON POST

Why only one-third?


"WHY does the average Baptist give only one-third of his tithe through the church?" This question haunts because if we knew the answer it would be easier to lead Mr. Average Baptist to do better.



DR. DOUGLAS

This we do know—Mr. Average Baptist is a product of his church. The church witnessed to him, won him, enroled him, taught him, and counted him. But all this time money was mentioned only when there was a dire need for it, either to build, buy a piano, buy song books, or to pay the evangelist. So now Mr. Baptist doles out a few pen-

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\$400,000 found

The Cover

DURING the last fiscal year, Christian organizations and individuals "found" savings totaling more than \$400,000 in discounts by buying through the Purchasing Office of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association in New York City. This is possible because of the centralized buying carried on for mission boards, churches, schools, missionaries, pastors, teachers, students, etc. It is expected that during this current fiscal year the savings will approximate \$500,000.

1962 automobiles can be purchased through the E.F.M.A.—New York Office. Fleet purchasing over the last 15 years enable the office to obtain the lowest possible price on all U. S. makes with delivery being arranged in almost every city.

The address of E.F.M.A. is 39 Cortlandt Street, New York 7, New York.

New Baptist Book Store open house set October 16



OCT. 16 is the opening day for the new Baptist Book Store at 408 Spring Street, Little Rock.

Open house activities are scheduled throughout the day, with a brief dedication service at 10:30 a.m. Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will preside.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Little Rock's Immanuel Church, will deliver a brief devotional message at the dedication service. LeRoy McClard, state Music secretary, will provide special music, and Keith C. Von Hagen, of Nashville, Tenn., will recall the history of the store. Mr. Von Hagen is director

of the Book Store Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board and at one time served as acting manager of the Little Rock store.

Richard O. Sellars, a native of Amarillo, Tex., is presently manager of the store, and will introduce his staff at the dedication service.

An ordained minister, Mr. Sellars was pastor of the Texola, Okla., Baptist Church one year and held several interim pastorates. He served two years in the U. S. General Services Administration and three years in the U. S. War Assets Administration.

Mr. Sellars was appointed manager of the Little Rock Baptist Book Store April 1 of this year, coming from a similar position at the Huntington Park, Calif., store. He had previously been employed at the Lubbock and Fort Worth, Tex., stores.

The new store in Little Rock will afford customers leisurely browsing and spacious comfort. It has about 6,000 feet of floor space—more than double the floor space in the former location. Commercial parking lots nearby will provide adequate parking facilities for book store customers.

The new store is believed to have the largest selection of Bibles available in the state. It will also carry a large assortment of religious and children's books, music and visual aids equipment, church supplies, and helps for the Sunday School teacher and workers in all of the church organizations.

On open house day, Oct. 16, refreshments will be served throughout the day by the state Woman's Missionary Union department.

In the World of Religion—

RECENT figures released by the United Nations indicate a world population as of January 1, 1961, of 2.9 billion with phenomenal population increases in almost every part of the world. The yearly increase is nearing the 50 million mark, and the churches are scarcely reaching 20 per cent of that number.

BOBBY Richardson, New York Yankees second baseman, gave the following testimony of his religious faith at a recent Christian Business Men's Committee luncheon in Minneapolis: "It's been a thrill for me to live a Christian life." The little infielder, introduced as the first man on a losing World Series team to win the series' most valuable player award (1960), belittled athletic success. "It is not by any earthly accomplishment we are saved, but through the grace of God," he said.

Emergency in Indonesia

THE American Bible Society is making an appeal for \$250,000 to meet emergency needs for Bibles in Indonesia, prior to an embargo against their importation to that country which takes effect Dec. 23, according to Dr. Robert T. Taylor, Executive Secretary.

The Indonesian government has placed an embargo on all books published in locally-used languages in an effort to strengthen the economy in that country, Dr. Taylor reports. Effective Dec. 23, when a two-year moratorium on the embargo expires, it will apply to Scriptures.

Local Indonesian churches and mission stations of American churches have requested supplies of Bibles prior to the effective date to take care of their needs. The emergency funds will be used to provide 50,000 Bibles in the Toba Batak language and 30,000 in Japanese, and to help the Netherlands Bible Society supply 100,000 Bibles in the Indonesian language.

'Criticism and commitment'

IN A day when so many people seem to be called to serve as critics, it is important that the character of the critic and his motives, as well as they can be determined, be carefully considered along with whatever criticism is offered on any given individual, institution or idea. For this reason, the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* is particularly grateful to Dr. T. B. Maston, professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, for his lucid and helpful article, "Criticism and Commitment," carried in this issue.

I have known and loved Dr. Maston for many years. In my judgment, he is one of the great Christian statesmen of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a man of deep and abiding faith who has great insight and who is not afraid to speak out—always in Christian love—on the issues of our times. His book *Christianity and World Issues*, published by Macmillan in 1957, gives the best treatment of communism, race and race relations, the family, economic life and relations, church and state, war, and the world in crisis that I have seen.

Dr. Maston's current article is most timely in the light of the many rumblings of criticism of Baptists and Baptist affairs. As he states, the present rash of criticism can result either in division and destruction or in a more meaningful unity out of which can come our most fruitful years. The wholesome, Christlike counsel he offers here, if heeded by any substantial number of Southern Baptists, will certainly make a powerful impact for good.

One cannot read the Maston article even half-heartedly without asking himself, "In which of the categories he discusses do I find myself?"

"Am I committed to the denomination and not critical?"

"Am I critical of the denomination or some phase of its work, but not thoroughly committed?"

"Am I both committed and critical—critical because I am committed?"

"Am I neither committed nor critical—just a nominal church member, a part of the excess baggage, a liability to my church, to my denomination, and to the cause of Christ?"—ELM

'Grades follow you'

NO TIME, certainly not the junior and senior years in high school, can pupils afford to "goof off."

So warns *College and Career* (formerly *Career*

News), monthly publication of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, of Nashville, Tenn., in the October issue.

Taking note of the fact that high school students sometimes have a tendency to relax their scholastic efforts in their last years, the paper warns: "Remember that your grades follow you, not only to college, but all through life."

It is too late to do anything about a string of C's and D's after the courses are finished and the grades have been permanently recorded. Many a young person has become aware of this to his sorrow when the transcript is being examined by college admission officers or prospective employers. Here, as in many other situations, the saddest words of tongue or pen can be, "It might have been."

So, buckle down, you hardies, and make good grades first, and then you can have fun. Learning itself can be fun, when you go about it in the right way. Don't settle for a B when you can make an A.

Incidentally, if our young readers are not already receiving *College and Career*, it can be secured at \$1 per year from the Education Commission, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.—ELM

"STUDY TO shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15)



A Vital Statistic

HOW I kept my church (Central, N. Little Rock) from having 400 in Sunday School on Sunday of last week: I didn't go.



ERWIN L.

Old "Dauphie" was like a balky mule and by the time I got her in the notion of carrying me to church we were several minutes late. I slipped in and found myself crowded onto a front seat, conspicuous to Pastor C. Gordon Bayless and to the whole congregation, and right in front of and making me the closest one to the Sunday School attendance board.

"Editor, what does the bulletin board say about our Sunday School attendance today?" asked the Pastor, during the period of announcements.

Immediately I knew I was in the wrong pew. "It says, 'Attendance Today 399*,'" I replied, apprehensive about what was coming, for our Pastor is not noted for not being pointed and personal in his preaching.

"See what it would have been if you had come to Sunday School today?" he asked.

I wish I could blame "Dauphie" for my not being in Sunday School. But it was a balky driver rather than sputtering flivver that accounted for my conspicuous absence. That Sunday was the first I had been home in a long time and I thought I just didn't feel like getting up and getting ready in time to make Sunday School. But, of course, if I had known then what I know now, I would have been there. And I hope I am more repentant about missing Sunday School than I am just sorry that I got caught.

Seriously, next to the preaching service itself I rank Sunday School. And not far behind Sunday School would come Training Union and the mid-week prayer service. But the preaching (or worship) service I sincerely believe should come ahead of any and all of the others. It is great that so many of our people attend all of the services.

You and I, as Christians and church members, owe it to ourselves to be in our places—not just to fill out the count for the day, but for what we can contribute to the success of the services—and what the services can do for us.

O.K., Pastor?

Erwin L. McDonald

*Corrected downward during the day and before the night service to read 369.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Paper to missions

I AM enclosing some more names to be added to the list from Welcome Ridge. . . . We have been getting some good reports from the people we are sending the paper to. . . . Sunday I preached at a small community where I have been sending some few families the paper, and a lady and her five children walked 2½ miles to church to thank me for sending the paper to her family.

When the invitation was given she came forward and was saved. She told me afterward that she was thrilled to think the Baptists in Arkansas were that interested in her family. She said all her people in years gone by had been Baptist.

I consider our efforts so far have been rewarded. Continue to pray for us in this great mission field.—Dale Barnett, Flippin, Missionary, White River Association

REPLY: Brother Barnett, you are one of many preachers who are finding the Baptist state paper a real help in your ministry. We appreciate so much that you have led your association to put the paper in the budget for the families at all of your preaching stations. You are doing one of the finest works on associational mission fields that we know anything about.—ELM

WCTU appreciation

WE WANT to express our appreciation for your support in the temperance cause, and also for honesty and integrity in the community life. Especially, we want to thank you for your recent stand on the enforcement of laws pertaining to gambling.—Mrs. W. Charles Pahlmann, Corresponding Secretary, Pulaski Heights Chapter, W.C.T.U.

On godly fear

THERE seems to be a serious need for our ministry to deal with the whole truth on the subject of godly fear. I see no contradiction between godly fear, and "fear not." But there is a contrast. They are different sides of the same truth. Like darkness and light are a part of the day. So many ministers are extremist one way or the other.

For example: "Fear the Lord and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man." When we keep his commandments we should not be tormented by his presence. We should enjoy it.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom—of knowledge." The Beginning. Surely we must have a beginning, but is the beginning where we should remain? The song writer says: "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved." Should not the Lord Jesus Christ relieve our fears, when we belong to him?

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God." Truly it is. It is a fearful thing to believe there is a God, and refuse to believe Him—to believe on his Son Jesus Christ. "The devils believed and trembled." Was it not the purpose of Jesus Christ that we be relieved of this tormenting fear, and be made to live abundantly in this present world?

Perhaps it is the foolishness of preaching to teach them to fear, that they may be relieved. Nevertheless, "It pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."—C. R. Cantrell, Glenwood

Jacksonville blessings

GREETINGS in the wonderful and precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Well, the 1961 church year has come to a finish. The Lord has certainly been good to us here in the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville. I shall never cease to thank Him for letting us serve in such a strategic field. It certainly is beyond my ability to express in words how my heart has rejoiced during these past ten months as pastor of this great work.

The following is information gleaned from our church letter for 1960-61. Total additions to the church, 463. Of this number, 229 came on profession of faith and for baptism. Two hundred thirty-four came on promise of church letter from other Baptist churches. Nine young people surrendered their lives for full time Christian service. Sunday School attendance averaged 644. Training Union averaged 283. Sunday School enrollment increased from 817 on October 1, 1960 to 1,142 on September 24, 1961. Training Union enrollment increased from 319 on October 1, 1960 to 485 on September 24, 1961.

Our total gifts to Missions this year was \$12,072.23. Total receipts for all causes for the year was \$88,848.21.

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"See, they're not nearly so savage since we made Christians out of them!"

COURTSHIP MARRIAGE and the HOME...

By MRS. J. H. STREET

Things I have learned as a mother

HERE is the article I promised you from a mother of five. When I asked her for the privilege of using her manuscript, she replied, with unassuming modesty typical of her:

"You're welcome to it. Just don't use my name. I am no authority. It's just what most mothers would say if they took the time to organize 'some things they have learned.'"

But, at the risk of incurring her displeasure, I do want to present our guest columnist. She is the mother of five lovely, well-adjusted children and director of a kindergarten—Mrs. Collins B. Isom, of Conway.

This message was her response to her pastor's request that, as a part of her church's observance of Christian Home Week, she speak on the subject, "Some Things I Have Learned as a Mother":

When I asked myself, Have I learned anything as a mother? the answer came rapidly, Have I ever!

Let me add that it seems everything I've learned, I've learned the hard way!

This is quite a joke on me. I meant to be well prepared for motherhood. From the time I was a very small girl, I wanted more than anything to have a large family of my own, some day.

With this goal in mind, just as soon as I was old enough, I babysat for anyone who would let me. I began working in the Nursery and Beginner departments of my church before I was out of high school.

While in college, I took almost every available course for the prospective homemaker and mother.

Soon several of my friends were married and had children. I was very free with advice on how their children should be handled. I could even quote the author, page, and paragraph.

Then came my own marriage, and before long a chance to put my store of information into practice.

Before Mike, our first, was six months old, I had thrown away all

my books. I was so disillusioned!

Gradually, however, I came back to realization of the value of good, informative reading material.

I also came to know that a mother's first reference book should be the Bible.

Along with my mistakes I was learning. Here are a few of the things I learned:

First: *A mother must grow up.* How immature we are apt to be at marriage! Maturity can be a growing process that may never stop. Yet, it is essential in rearing children.

Second: *A mother must have the church.* Here I do not refer to the fine training the whole family gets in Bible reading and prayer, or the educational facilities many churches provide through filmstrips, libraries, Scout troops, musical instruction, etc. These are truly valuable. But there is another thing even an ill-equipped country church can give to one's children. That is the secure, loving, Christian atmosphere in which to grow a bulwark against the world.

Third: *A mother must make a decision.* If her children are to have true spiritual training, sooner

or later, consciously or unconsciously, a mother must say, I will take my children to all services of my church on Sunday, and to all other church meetings we can possibly attend.

The decision must do for all times.

Don't wait for the right Sunday, when all the clothes are in perfect shape, a delightful Sunday dinner prepared in advance, and the house in shining order. Things may be so hectic for a few Sundays that the mother soon learns what preparations *have* to be made. She may not make a "big deal" of it and spend all of Saturday "getting ready for Sunday." Rather, she will weave into her week-day activities those things that *must* be done. She will start *Monday*, for Saturdays roll around awfully fast.

Fourth: *God has patience with mothers.* Mothers do get to repair mistakes and try again.

If you've neglected the blessing at the table, or a quiet time alone with each child, or a family time for reading the Bible together, you can still turn over a new leaf and start today.

Sometimes at night, as you're going to sleep, you think of the mistakes of the day.

You tell God you're sorry and ask Him to forgive you.

Then, you drift off to sleep thinking, I'll get up early in the morning and fix a really *nice* breakfast.

I'll help the children practice and finish their home work before school.

I won't waste time talking on the telephone. I'll clean the house real well, and iron those shirts.

All these resolutions float through your mind as you go to sleep.

And *sometimes* it really turns out that way!

* * *

Thanks, Barbara Isom.

* * *

Grow up!

Rosalind Street

[Mail should be addressed to Mrs. Street at 2309 South Fillmore, Little Rock, Ark.]



MAN

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

President, Southern Baptist Convention

First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

BOTH science and scripture agree that man is the crown of creation. The Bible clearly teaches that man is a direct creation of God. Evolution remains but a theory, and the supposed "missing link" is still missing. And in this writer's judgment it will remain so.

God made man in His own "image" (Gen. 1:27). Since God is a Spirit, this has no reference to man's body. It is often said that man has a body and a soul or spirit. More accurately man is a soul and has a body. The body is mortal (Rom. 6:12), but the soul is immortal (Gen. 2:7). In the resurrection Paul speaks of the Christian receiving an immortal, spirit-governed, incorruptible body (I. Cor. 15:35-56).

Created in God's image man possesses a rational, moral, and emotional nature which corresponds finitely to these infinite qualities in God's nature. Man is endowed with free will, and thus is responsible for his choices. He is not a pawn in the hands of fate. Nor is his conduct governed merely by physical forces apart from his will. Thus man is responsible to God for his acts (Gen. 3:9ff.). Man is to have dominion over his physical environment (Gen. 1:28).

In his original state man was created free from sin and inclined toward righteousness (Gen. 3:2-3). But his free will made man capable of sin. It was in the exercise of this will that man fell from his sinless state (Gen. 3:6). Subsequently man was depraved in his nature and inclined toward sin (John 8:44). Depravity does not mean that all men are equally bad in their conduct, nor that there is not some good in the worst of men. It means that all men have sinned, and have come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). Thus man is lost from God (Luke 19:10). From the first Adam man receives his depraved nature. Through Christ, the second Adam, man may become a child of God (John 1:12; I Cor. 15:22).

Someone said that the greatest thing about man is that he is seeking God. To the contrary the greatest thing about man is that God is seeking him (I John 4:10). Even the worst man is of infinite worth in God's sight (Matt. 16:26). God in Christ has opened the way whereby all men may become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ (II Cor. 19, 21; Rom. 8:15-17). This they do by trusting in Jesus Christ, the Son of man.



Communion is still communion

COMMUNION is communion wherever you find it. The Lord's Supper by any other name would be communion still if rightly practiced.

I know, of course, that the people called Baptist prefer not to employ this term to describe the Lord's Supper. At this point ours is a sort of reflex theology. We have arrived at our theological

terms if not our theological position by reaction against other theological systems, notably that of Roman Catholicism. Since they have popularized the expression "communion" to describe the Lord's Supper, and since their concept of the real presence of Christ in the elements thereof is offensive to us, we have rejected not only their erroneous theology but their

terminology as well. Could it be that we have thus "thrown the baby out with the bathwater"?

Communion (Greek: *koinonia*) is a perfectly legitimate expression employed by Paul in I. Cor. 10:16 to describe the Lord's Supper. "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the *communion* of the blood of Christ?" The bread which we break, is it not the *communion* of the body of Christ?" These questions, of course, are rhetorical, anticipating an affirmative reply.

Koinonia (communion) means fellowship or sharing. The point is simply that in the highly worshipful service called the Lord's Supper our spirits commune with the Spirit of Christ. Such at least ideally should be the case.

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TO LEAD OUACHITA CHEERS—These six girls have been chosen to lead the cheering for Ouachita College Tigers. Front row, (l. to r.): Linda Tyson, Dermott, captain; Nancy Trickey, Morrilton; Caryl Joy Case, Hope. Back row: Rose Rogers, El Dorado; Rose Mary Elms, Bearden, and Brenda Beene, Jacksonville.

For Ouachita queen

FOURTEEN girls sponsored by various campus organizations will compete for queen of Ouachita College's Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 14. The winner will be crowned by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., before the football game at 7:30 that night between Ouachita and Arkansas A&M at A. U. Williams Field.

Candidates include: Senior Class, Paulette Palmer, Memphis; Junior Class, Sonya Dalrymple, Searcy; Sophomore Class, Jane Weber, Ft. Smith; Freshman Class, Teddy Blakeney, North Little Rock; Gamma Phi, Judy Barnett, Arkadelphia; WCF, Lynda Waldrum, Paragould; EEE, Sue Ann Smith, Hope; Beta Beta, Gail Harrison, Muskogee, Okla.; Rho Sigma, Linda Lewallen, Hot Springs; Sigma Alpha Sigma, Carolyn Findley, Stuttgart; AOE, Carol Hoffman, Muskogee, Okla.; Musicians Guild, Letha Belknap, North Little Rock; Alpha Rho Tau, Kaye Griffin, Carlisle; and SNEA, Fairy Ann Meurrier, Hughes.

Cooper resigns Belleville pastorate

REV. T. F. Cooper has resigned, effective Sept. 24, as pastor of John Grace Memorial Church, Belleville, after 19 months on the field.

During his pastorate, seven deacons were ordained, and there have been six professions of faith, two additions to the church by letter and four by baptism. Two Sunday School rooms have been built, new pews installed in the choir loft, Baptist hymnals bought, and book racks installed in the church auditorium.

Upon advice of his physician, Rev. Cooper is retiring from full-time pastoral duties, but he will be available for revivals, part-time, and supply work.

NORTHSIDE Church, Charleston, Rev. Warren E. Butler, pastor, reports completion of one of its greatest years. Sunday School has averaged 103 in attendance with enrolment at 146. Training Union with 103 enrolled has averaged 87. The next year's budget will be more than \$9,000.

Quartet available

A MEN'S Quartet has been organized by the Music department of Southern College. The quartet will be available for off-campus engagements beginning October 15. The quartet is composed of Larry Bolinger, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Ancel Corder, Mountain View; Nafhan Hanks, Crown Point, Ind.; and Glenn Rogers, Canalou, Mo.

MRS. JAKE Shambarger, teacher of voice and English at Southern College, will be the guest soloist during the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Little Rock, in November.

ACCORDING to Dean Behannon, there are 45 ministerial students enrolled in Southern College 1961-62.

New home for pastor

GROUND breaking for a new pastor's home was held by Pickles Gap Church, Conway, Sept. 10 following morning services. Rev. Harold S. Carter is pastor.

The home, to be built on a recently-acquired lot adjacent to the church, will be a three-bedroom building of buff brick-veneer construction.

Members of the Building Committee are Bobby Holloway, chairman; Charles Day, Travis Acklin and Marion Wooley. The contractor is Garland Dickens, Conway.

Benton church to build

HIGHLAND Heights Church, Benton, Rev. D. H. Greene, pastor, will lay the cornerstone for a new building with a dedication service Sunday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m.

Dr. Bernes K. Selph, president of the State Convention; Dr. C. W. Caldwell of the state Department of Missions, and Rev. L. G. Miller will be featured speakers. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies at the new site, 1421 Alcoa Road, Benton.

Receives Ph.D. degree

JOHN Everett Sneed, 31-year-old Arkansas native, recently received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany.

Dr. Sneed was graduated summa cum laude, the first time in seven years that a theological student has received this high honor at Heidelberg.



DR. SNEED

Dr. Sneed, his wife and their 3½-year-old daughter, Chere, spent the summer in the home of his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Everett I. Sneed, near Batesville.—Norma Conner

Ouachita journalists

THE introductory course in journalism at Ouachita College will have no dearth of editors this fall. Seven of the 16 enrolled have served as editors of their high school yearbook or newspaper, while four have been assistant editors.

The former editors include Martha Bowen, editor of the North Little Rock yearbook; Earlece Humphries, editor of the Little Rock yearbook; James B. Millaway, editor of the Texarkana yearbook; Jo Anne Pearman, editor of both the newspaper and the yearbook at DeWitt; Ann Ellis, editor of the Jacksonville yearbook; June Self, editor of the Warren newspaper, and Lee Holloway, editor for the Tokyo-American School in Japan.

Those serving as assistant editors or class editors include Jane Lowry, Little Rock Central; Linda Mashaw of Camden; Carl Willis, Paragould; and Pat Hood, Arkadelphia.

PIKE Avenue Church, North Little Rock, will have its first full-time music and education director, Darrell Wood, who will begin his duties Oct. 15.

Northwest Arkansas church observes 70th anniversary

MEMBERS of Providence Church, near Fayetteville, marked the 70th anniversary of their church Sunday, Sept. 24.

A highlight of the program was a pageant entitled "Highlights of 70 years," planned and presented by members.

Pictures of Mrs. Nancy Shreves, only living charter member, and the home of J. M. Robinson in which the church was organized were on display.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Phillips, members of Farmington Church, were present for the afternoon service. Mrs. Phillips is a daughter of Mr. Robinson and sister of Mrs. Shreves. Mr. Phillips served as church clerk of Providence from 1917 to 1948.

On Oct. 23, 1891, H. B. Borders, a retired minister, and the Rev. J. D. Fletcher, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, met in the home of Mr. Robinson near Double Springs with three families and organized a church.

The next Sunday a building committee was appointed and the name, Providence Baptist, was selected. The total membership of the newly organized group totaled 14.

Four years later the church started a Sunday School, with five leaders and the group helped organize Sycamore Church at Wheeler in 1917.

For five years, from 1930-1935, services were not held regularly. Rev. Charles Painter became pas-

tor in 1935. Afterwards a Sunday School was re-established and Wednesday prayer night meetings held.

The present pastor, the Rev. Walter Jesser, has been with the church since 1948 and celebrated his 13th anniversary also on Sept. 24. During his first years he was assisted by the Rev. Kent Schmitt, later pastor of Bethel Church, Fayetteville, who was ordained by Providence.

In September, 1948, many of the active members lived in Farmington and First Church, Farmington, was organized by Rev. A. L. Leake. This left only four active members in the Providence Church. Since that time the membership has increased by 288 members, of which 165 came by baptism.

In 1951 Hugh E. Martin donated an acre of land for a building site and two years later the congregation moved to the building erected on the new site. The same year a church library was established and in 1957 work was started on the education building. Much of the construction was done by members.

The library and education building were dedicated to Mr. Martin in recognition of his work as Sunday School superintendent from 1952 until his death Aug. 4, 1959. Under his leadership the church received recognition for outstanding work in Sunday School training in the national publication of the Southern Baptist Convention.

DEACONS ordained at First Church, Pine Bluff, Sept. 24 were Charles Bonner, Dr. V. B. Perry, Richard Booth and Dr. John A. Trice. Rev. Robert L. Smith is pastor.

NEW deacons at First Church, McGehee, are Jim Poe, Roger Horan, Sam Sloan, Cletis Overton and Bill Meggs. Rev. Mason Craig is pastor.

CENTRAL Church, Hot Springs, Rev. James E. Hill, Jr., pastor, ordained Alfred Brooks, Al Chadick, L. W. Princehouse, Robert Shockley and Mike Stephens as deacons on Sept. 24.

FIRST Church, Helena, Rev. James F. Brewer, pastor, ordained Ray Pounds and Don Treadwell deacons Sept. 24. Others elected are Hiram Alexander, Charles Alley, Jack Porter, J. C. Stovall, J. B. Thompson and L. C. O'Pry.

Intensive care unit inaugurated at ABH

ARKANSAS' first intensive care unit, which incorporates a new concept in improved service to patients, will be put into use this month at Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

The unit is being set up for acutely ill patients who need more than general-duty nursing care. Nursing personnel who will staff the unit are now receiving special training. A team of one registered nurse and two subsidiary workers will be assigned to every six patients but each patient will get as much additional attention as he requires.

The unit will be located in an open ward on the fifth floor. It will have 13 beds and will be similar to the recovery room in the surgical suite except that patients may stay for as long as they need extra nursing care.

Emergency equipment such as fibrillators, chest pumps, and positive pressure units will be kept in the unit and personnel will be trained to recognize and care for emergencies.

Mrs. Betty Fulcher will be supervisor of the area and will be in charge of admitting patients, ordering supplies and requisitions, taking orders from doctors and handling other paperwork. Her office will be located just outside the unit and she will have an intercommunications system connecting her with the nurses inside. They will have no outside telephone and, without the usual deskwork, will be free to spend all their time with the patients.

Visiting will be allowed on a controlled basis. Cubicle curtains are being installed to separate the beds when needed.

NEWLY - elected deacons at First Church, Stuttgart, are John Relyea, Paul McCarty, R. G. Brewer, Leon Bauman, Elmer Seiden-schwarz, Jr., and H. A. Burton.

BAPTIST hits new record circulation

LAST week (our issue of Oct. 5) the *Arkansas Baptist News-magazine* reached an all-time high circulation, mailing 57,800, Associate Editor Juanez Stokes reports. This is 6,300 above the total mailing of 51,500 for the first week of October a year ago, Mrs. Stokes reveals.

Needless to say, the staff of the paper is deeply grateful for the wonderful reception it is receiving in the churches and homes of the Baptists of Arkansas. We are still hopeful of reaching a circulation of 60,000 by the end of the current year, the 60th of the paper's existence.

If your church is not one of the 673 churches of the state now sending the paper to all its families, how about adding your folks to the weekly mailing list? Remember, it's an investment, not an expense. Informed Baptists are likely to be inspired, dedicated Baptists.—ELM

Karam engagements

SPEAKING engagements for Jimmy Karam, Little Rock business leader and lay evangelist, for the month of October include:

Oct. 15, Lakewood Methodist Church, North Little Rock, 11 a.m.; First Christian Church, 10th and Louisiana, Little Rock, 5 p.m.

Oct. 17, Mr. Olive Baptist Church, Crossett, 11 a.m.

Oct. 19, Ouachita College Ministerial Alliance, 7 p.m.

Oct. 22, First Baptist Church, Selma, Ala., 11 a.m.

Oct. 23, 24, 25, participant in Christian layman's crusade in Omaha, Nebr.

Oct. 29, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Little Rock, 11 a.m.

Correction in White, Woodruff meeting date

WHITE and Woodruff County associations, which merged in October, have changed their associational meeting date to Oct. 23-24, instead of Oct. 19-20 as reported in the Oct. 5 *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

Large nurses class

THE second largest class in the history of the School of Nursing at Arkansas Baptist Hospital enrolled this year—47 in July and 66 more Oct. 1, for a total of 113. This is only four less than when three pre-clinical classes, with a total of 117 students were enrolled in 1947.

The October class includes girls from seven states and one foreign country. Four girls in the incoming class are from Stuttgart—three from Stuttgart, Arkansas, and one from Stuttgart, Germany. Other out-of-staters are from Tennessee, Indiana, Texas, Colorado, Michigan and Iowa.

Perry to Geyer Springs

REV. W. E. Perry, former pastor of First Church, Stamps, has assumed the pastorate of Geyer Springs First Church, Little Rock.

Mr. Perry was pastor of the Stamps church eight years and of First, Nashville, nine years. He was an executive board member of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

He is a native of Jackson, Tenn., and a graduate of Union University and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Revivals

CORDER Chapel Church, Helena, Rev. W. A. Ginn, pastor; Aug. 20-Sept. 3; Rev. James Swafford, Flint, Mich., evangelist; Billy Helton, music; 10 for baptism, four by letter, 45 rededications.

Two expensive economies

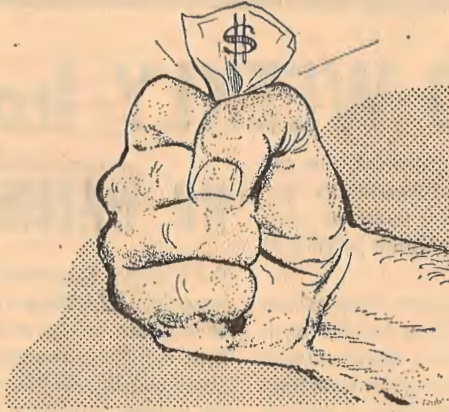
"THE two most costly mistakes I think I ever made, from the church's point of view," said a distinguished retired pastor, "had to do with gifts to missions and with the use of the state paper. Both moves were made sincerely with the intent of economy, but turned into expensive blunders. If I were faced with the same situations again, I would openly oppose either such move before the church conference instead of yielding to the pressure of a few leading voices.

Cutting a smaller slice

"IT IS true that we had something of a financial emergency because of a heavy building obligation, but on the surface it looked like a logical thing to do from a cold business point of view to reduce our outside expenditures in order to meet more easily the burden of our own local program. Strangely, it never occurred to anyone in the business meeting to ask whether we thought God would approve such an action, or whether God could bless an interest in ourselves that was greater than our interest in all the rest of the world. So, the church adopted a recommendation to reduce the percentage of our budget gifts through the Cooperative Program.

"What did it cost us? It cost us a sense of the fuller partnership with God in the world mission task. It cost us some of our spirit of outreach. It actually made us pray less for missions and missionaries. It often made us feel hypocritical when we did so pray, asking God to bless and prosper something that was part ours when we were not really sacrificing in order to give at least as much as we had previously given.

"It took us three years as a church to regain our proper spiritual perspective, to recompose our faith in God as it related to giving. If I had it to do over, I believe I could keep another church from making that mistake.



Cutting off information

"THE other mistake occurred in another pastorate during a time when receipts were running a bit behind budget expectations. Immediately following the treasurer's report in a monthly business meeting a brother arose to suggest that a good way to save the church some money would be to discontinue the state paper from the church budget and let each person who wanted the paper subscribe for it himself. (Why he didn't propose the same treatment for Sunday School and Training Union literature, I don't know; since that would have been just as reasonable.) After all, he said, not everyone read the paper and some few even dropped them in the waste basket at the post office without ever taking them home.

"One or two others agreed with the brother. The members who wanted the paper sat silently by, not wanting to be branded with approving the wastrels who didn't read theirs when they got it. As moderator I didn't take the discussion too seriously, made no attempt to protest, and before really realizing what was going on saw the congregation vote to drop the state paper from the budget. A worse false economy could hardly have been perpetrated. It didn't actually save us anything, it cost us plenty.

What it cost us

"WHAT did it cost us? At

first it looked like we were saving several dollars each month. After several weeks, however, we began to realize that a lot of the people were losing some of the sharp edge of their missionary interest which heretofore had been kept whetted by the stories, reports, and pictures in the state paper.

"It cost us understanding as well as generosity. Numbers of times as references were made from the pulpit to current events or programs among other Baptists of the state or of the Southern Baptist Convention, the many who had not personally subscribed to the state paper obviously failed to grasp the full meaning of what was said because they lacked the background of news and information they had previously received from the paper.

"Later it cost us progress in the organizational life of the church. When leaders were ready to promote the newest programs for the organizations, valuable time was lost because they had to start on a 'cold trail.' All the members who would have been at least acquainted with the new programs if they had been provided with the paper by the church each week had to have the whole thing explained from the beginning, and often in just one session.

"It cost us by making unenlisted members harder than ever to enlist. Because of the interest the church had expressed previously by sending the paper each week, unenlisted families were at least reminded by the church every week.

"It also cost us a tragically large portion of our sense of oneness with other Baptists in our state, in the nation, and in the world—Baptists about whom the entire membership could read regularly when the paper had previously been in the church budget.

"It was a glad day and profitable when the church responded to the suggestion that to print the Baptist state paper for the family through the church doesn't cost, it pays."

[Dr. Stracener is Florida Baptist Wit.]

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Criticism and commitment

By T. B. MASTON, Professor of Christian Ethics
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SOUTHERN Baptists are evidently in the midst of a period of serious self-examination. Many aspects of our life, work, and beliefs are being critically evaluated. This re-appraising is being done, to some degree, by laymen, pastors, teachers, and leaders.

There is no way to know the ultimate results of this re-examination. It may be divisive and destructive, but it also may lay the foundation for our most fruitful years. If unity comes out of the present searchings, it will doubtlessly be at a deeper and more meaningful level.

Let us hope and pray that it will go deep enough for us to rediscover the basic concepts which have made us distinctive and for us to see the relevance of these concepts to our contemporary problems. Some of these concepts are in danger of being abrogated or denied by some critics of our denomination and also by some of those who are attempting to answer the critics.

Southern Baptists are divided into at least three fairly distinct groups:

(1) those who are committed to the denomination and are not critical of it;

(2) those who are critical of the denomination or of some phase of its work, but who are not thoroughly committed to the denomination; and

(3) those who are both committed and critical, some of whom think they are critical because they are committed.

There is really a fourth group composed of those who are neither committed nor critical. They are the nominal church members, the excess baggage that most of our churches carry—a liability to the local church, to the denomination, and to the cause of Christ.

Committed without criticism

THERE are many members of our churches who are committed to our denomination and are not critical of it. Some of these may not be well informed, but others are. Some tend to equate criticism with disloyalty. They may also reason that since the Lord is evidently blessing the work of our denomination that this is sufficient evidence that our program is in harmony with His will.

Some who are uncritically loyal to the denomination might be compared to citizens who blindly say "My country, right or wrong," and by such a statement they mean that their country is always right and that its opponents are always wrong.

Any who would take such an uncritical position should remember that a democracy, spiritual as well as political, cannot remain healthy and strong unless it retains the capacity of self-criticism. A blindly uncritical attitude tends to destroy that which it would shield and preserve.

There are other individuals who see some things they consider to be unwise or wrong in our denomination. They may speak about these things privately, but not publicly. The latter may stem from loyalty to the denomination. They may believe that it is best not to bring the matter or matters out into the open, that it would hurt the work if they did so. Or, the reason for their keeping quiet may be strictly negative. They may claim that it would not do any good to speak; people would not listen.

It is possible, however, that some may say nothing because they fear what might happen to them and/or their churches. Where there is any basis for such fear, it is most unfortunate for Baptists and for the cause of Christ. One of the most dangerous things that could happen to our denomination would be for criticism to be suppressed. This would tend to poison the life and work of our denomination. It would build up ultimately to a far more serious situation than if we kept our criticism in the open.

Criticism without commitment

THERE is also danger to our denomination from critics who are not committed. There are plenty of these on the outside of our denomination. These are not our concern here. They are not as dangerous as the critics within our ranks who are not thoroughly committed to our denomination.

The latter, whether individuals or groups, can really undermine and threaten our Baptist way of life. In the case of an individual it is difficult for any other than the individual himself to decide whether or not he is loyal or committed. Those who disagree with him should be very slow to label him as a heretic or as one who is disloyal. We should be careful in resisting the critic that we do not deny his right to criticize, which is basic in our Baptist way of life.

Care needs to be exercised even when we are fighting what we interpret to be heresy. We may fight in an heretical manner what we consider heresy. It could be heretical in the sense that our methods of fighting would violate a basic Baptist belief—for example, our historical belief in the competency under God of the individual. This is one of our very real dilemmas.

One hope for any solution of the dilemma is a deep sense of responsibility on the part of the critic himself. One who is not committed will usually lack this sense of responsibility. First and supremely, he should be committed to the Lord and to the truth, but he should also have a sense of responsibility to the individuals or the group to which he speaks and to the church or the denomination to which he belongs.

Unless he has a sense of intelligent but deep commitment, it is doubtful that he has the right to criticize.

Certainly his criticism will ordinarily be destructive rather than constructive.

Let us remember, however, that this is a two-way street. What has been said applies to those who would criticize any phase of the work of our denomination, but it also applies to those who would criticize the critics. The latter at times may be as hurtful and destructive as the former. This is particularly true when attacks are made on individuals and when the lumping fallacy is followed—all of those connected with an agency or institution are placed under suspicion or fire because of one individual.

In other words, the critics of the critics should be sure that their criticism stems from an understanding of and a loyalty to the very genius of our denomination. Motives for all criticism should be carefully examined. It should be for the good of the denomination as that denomination is related to the work of Christ in the world.

Criticism and commitment

IT has been implied that these two—criticism and commitment—can be combined and must be if our criticism is to be most constructive. It will be tragic for our denomination, and for the cause of Christ, if we fail to keep open the channels of self-criticism.

There may be some areas of our denominational life where rather tragic mistakes are being made simply because not enough people will speak out. How can we improve our methods, how can we gain new insights into the truth unless channels of communication and discussion are kept open?

SBC News & Notes

Mrs. M. Theron Rankin dies

MRS. Valleria Greene Rankin, 69, of Richmond, Va., died in a Richmond hospital Sept. 20, following an illness of several months. She was the widow of Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board from 1945 until his death in June, 1953.

Mrs. Rankin was born in Canton, China, the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries. After being educated at Mars Hill (N. C.) College, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., and Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work), Louisville, she was appointed a missionary by the Foreign Mission Board. She returned to Canton in 1920 to teach in a women's training school.

Two years later she married Dr. Rankin, also a missionary, whom she had met in Louisville. They continued to work in Canton (he was a professor and later president of Graves Theological Seminary there) until 1935, when Dr. Rankin became Orient secretary for the Foreign Mission Board.

Though Mrs. Rankin resigned from formal mission service at that time, in practice she continued to be a missionary, serving with her husband in Shanghai, China, where he had his headquarters.

The Rankins moved to Richmond after Dr. Rankin was elected executive secretary of the Board.

Mrs. Rankin is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John J. McMillan, of Richmond, and Mrs. Thomas E. McCollough, of Durham, N. C.; a brother, Felix Greene, of Columbia, S. C.; and three grandchildren.

How can wise decisions be made concerning some trends or developments within our denomination unless varying viewpoints are openly expressed? Some way we need to create the atmosphere that will make it possible for us to differ and yet respect one another.

On the other hand, if we are committed to our denomination, we shall be careful about what we say, where we say it, and the spirit in which we say it. We shall speak, not to get something off our chest, but only when we have a deep conviction that it needs to be said and will do some good.

Whenever we feel compelled to speak we shall do so in humility, recognizing that we share in the responsibility for the very conditions we would criticize. We will not stand apart or aloof from our denomination, but will identify ourselves with it. There will be nothing of the vindictive in our spirit.

When we feel that it is necessary to criticize we shall do so much in the spirit that we would criticize a member of our family. We will never get any personal satisfaction out of it. This should be true both of the critics and of the critics of the critics.

It should be the desire of all of us that our denomination and its institutions and agencies may be better instruments to serve the purposes of God among men. Our prior loyalty to the work of Christ may mean that we must criticize certain aspects of our denomination, but that which is best for the kingdom of God will also be best for our denomination.

Criticism from a loyal heart will always be constructive. It may open wounds, but there will be healing for those wounds in its spirit.

[An editorial in this issue relates to this article. —ELM]

Robert L. Lindsey injured

DR. ROBERT L. Lindsey, Southern Baptist missionary to Israel, and a boy from the George W. Truett Home, Petah Tiqva, Israel, were injured Sept. 14 when they stepped on a mine in No Man's Land. Dr. Lindsey lost a foot.

The news came to the Foreign Mission Board by phone from the American Consulate in Jerusalem. A consular official gave assurance that Dr. Lindsey is being well cared for and that "he will recover."

The Arab youth, 15-year-old Edward Salem Zoumout, went to the Jordanian side to visit his father. Apparently Dr. Lindsey had crossed over into Jordan in an attempt to return the lad to the Baptist home where he had lived since 1946.

Dr. Lindsey, a native of Norman, Okla., has served in Israel since 1944.

Second Junior High Choir Festival

ON NOV. 3, choirs made up of Junior High youngsters from many churches in Arkansas will attend a one-day Choir Festival at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock.



MR. CRAM

Guest conductor for the festival is James Cram, Conducting and Voice Professor of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas.

Last year we conducted a pilot workshop for churches with a choir for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. So many of the larger churches had adopted the public school system of grading that we felt it necessary to have a festival for the junior high age group in addition to our annual state-wide youth choir festival. This event proved so helpful to the participating directors and choirs that they requested we have a festival for junior high choirs each year.

We have not planned a Junior High Choir Festival with any idea of changing the grading system in the churches, but rather to provide festival experi-

ence for choirs in this age bracket. There are many advantages to the public school system of grading for the larger churches. There are probably as many disadvantages for the smaller churches.

It has been the experience of the directors that have made the change to the public school system of grading that they gained 40 per cent to 100 per cent in attendance, eliminated most of the discipline problems, and placed most of the changing voices in one choir, rather than spreading them through two or three choirs. Perhaps more important, the churches following this system have been able to hold and utilize the changing boys' voices better than with any other system of grading.

Each choir attending the festival will be asked to sing one selection of their own choosing for adjudication, and learn the five required selections, which are as follows:

1. I'm Gonna Sing, arranged by Douglas;
2. Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs, by Lotti;
3. Easter Carol, by Wolff;
4. Sing Gloria, by Davis, and
5. Sing to the Lord of Harvest, by Willan.

We are expecting between 400 and 500 youngsters to attend this festival.—LeRoy McClard, Secretary

Missions-Evangelism

Dr. Newman writes

INTEREST in the "Church Development Program" has been greatly stimulated by a recent tour in Northwest Arkansas of M. E. Wiles and Dr. Lewis Newman of the Home Mission Board.



DR. CALDWELL

Perhaps a letter from Dr. Newman will be appreciated by Arkansas Baptists. It is as follows:

"Dear Dr. Caldwell:

"Thank you so much for affording me the opportunity to work with Brother M. E. Wiles in Arkansas last week. I ended the week with a distinct feeling that with the help of God and the cooperation with Bro. Wiles, a real accomplishment had been wrought in Arkansas. The enthusiasm of the pastors and the missionaries and their willingness to attempt a more progressive and dynamic ministry for the church, the community, and the world was most marked.

"I feel sure that Bro. Wiles will share with you that we traveled many hundreds of miles, that we were in 16 associations, and that we contacted 101 churches. The enthusiasm was great. It was also rather uniform from the largest of the churches to the smallest.

"I was most impressed by the church in the Little Red River Association that is so effectively using the Church Development Ministry at the present time. According to my notes Bro. Noble Wiles is the pastor. I think you will really have a splendid example of what a church can do with the Church Development Ministry in his Record of Progress book.

"Dr. Caldwell, I would like to say just a personal word of sincere appreciation of Bro. M. E. Wiles. I feel that I really got to know him as together we served the churches under all kinds of conditions. I do not know when I have been as favorably impressed with a man. His desire to effectively serve the Lord, to make a real contribution to kingdom activities, and his love for the churches made me feel most humble and unworthy. Bro. Wiles is a man who does not know what it means to be tired or to be discouraged or despondent as I evaluated him, but rather he is a man who will give himself without any reservation to the work of the Master. I know now why Arkansas has been such a great state in Baptist history. It is because of men such as you all who have given Arkansas Baptists the best of your lives.

"I appreciate you, Dr. Caldwell, and the opportunity of working with you all in the churches and the associations. I know that the Church Development Ministry will bless your work in Arkan-

The advertisement features a central graphic of a road that branches out to different types of institutions. On the left side of the road, there are icons and labels for 'COLLEGES' (a tall building), 'ORPHANAGES' (a large building complex), and 'MISSIONS' (a church building). On the right side, there are icons and labels for 'HOSPITALS' (a large multi-story building). The road itself is labeled 'THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION'. In the center of the road, there is a large, dark, circular area containing the text: 'THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR EVERY BAPTIST INSTITUTION AND AGENCY'. Below this graphic, there is a text box that reads: 'Detailed Information Will Be Gladly Furnished..Write Today!'. At the bottom of the advertisement, there is a dark banner with the text: 'ARKANSAS BAPTIST FOUNDATION BAPTIST BUILDING 403 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS'. In the bottom left corner of the graphic area, there is a small 'S-1' label.

sas as the churches, with the help of the Holy Spirit, analyze what they are doing for the Lord and project some plans that will be in line with his desires for the ministry of the church to its own congregation, to the community of which it is a part, and to a lost and dying world.

"Thank you again. It was a memorable week and one that, I felt, was a splendid investment of time and money. Only eternity will completely indicate the results as the Lord takes our work and adds to it his blessing.

"Please let me know any way in which I can help. I am delighted to work with you.

"Very truly yours,
/s/ Lewis W. Newman"

—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Brotherhood

R. A. materials

MATERIALS for the new Royal Ambassador program will soon begin to arrive in the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock. Most of the new materials will be available in the Crusader and the Pioneer categories by Oct. 15. Ambassador materials will be delayed somewhat longer.



MR. TULL

Producing entirely new materials for a program which has grown in scope more than most people comprehend has just about swamped the Brotherhood Commission, and at a time when the promotion of the Second National Conference was in full swing. However, the commission has done a monumental job, and we are not only grateful for what they have already produced of new Royal Ambassador materials, but we are inclined to be more than patient as we await the full complement of necessary helps and guides.

As of Oct. 1, Royal Ambassador Chapters are being built up within three age groupings, as follows: Crusaders, 9-11; Pioneers, 12-14; and Ambassadors, 15-17. More men and more materials are needed for a bigger Royal Ambassador program.

The Brotherhood department suggests that the best plan for successful Royal Ambassador operation is through the Royal Ambassador Committee of the church brotherhood. The Royal Ambassador Committee is in an excellent position to guide, to help, to steer, and to

undergird, all that is done in Royal Ambassador work in the church. And this includes the enlistment and the training of counselors; and also all that is planned to give the church a continuing awareness of the value and the power of a going Royal Ambassador program.

How are the Royal Ambassadors coming along in your church?—Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary

Student Union

Jonesboro center

SOME time ago the enlargement of the Baptist Student Center at Arkansas State College was authorized. This included the complete rearrangement of the old center and the construction of a two-story addition.



DR. LOGUE

Approximately \$53,000 has been spent on the project. The floor space has been increased from 1,800 square feet to 6,400 square feet. Of the total construction cost \$35,000 was contributed from the Executive Board. The remaining \$18,000 has been pledged by the local area. In order to hasten construction, the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, which not only contributed the local share of the first center but the major share of the present construction, stood for the pledges made in the area.

The Executive Board authorized a campaign in several associations in the vicinity of the college, and some churches have made pledges on the building. More churches sharing in the cost of the center would mean less burden to First Church of Jonesboro and the providing of needed furnishings for this Baptist Student Center at our second largest college in the state.

This center, as the other six centers in our state and the 125 centers in the Southern Baptist Convention territory, has been built as a joint effort of the state Convention and the local area. More and more the local division is coming from a wider area than the churches within the city where a college is located. Our colleges serve areas of a state, and with the continuing exodus of students on the week-end, the churches in an area are realizing that the students must be reached by the week-day activities of the Baptist Student Union. These churches are gladly sharing in this endeavor with the campus churches.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary.

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HARRY GAUNT

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Workshop a success

ON SEPT. 26 there were 512 who attended the State Training Union Leadership Workshop, First Church, Little Rock. This attendance was from 109 churches and 29 associations. Leaders of all age groups were in attendance. There were 19 Nursery leaders, 47 Beginner leaders, 67 Primary leaders, 66 Junior leaders, 63 Intermediate Leaders, 86 Adult and Young People lead-



MR. DAVIS

ers, and 164 General Officers present.

The 11 workshops were conducted during the day by seven Training Union leaders from Texas, led by Ed Laux, State Training Union Secretary of Texas; one worker from Mississippi; and four workers from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mrs. Agnes Pylant, secretary of the Church Recreation Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board, brought two conferences and two messages during the day.

Now is the time for Training Union leaders to learn their work as they begin the new year. Every union should complete an organization chart, thus properly forming the union into groups and committees. These organization charts for each department may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, for 50 cents a dozen.

GROUP LEARNING CLINIC

The big convention-wide Training Union meeting of the year will be the Training Union Group Learning Clinic at Memphis, February 12-16, 1962. It is such an important meeting that the Training Union state approved workers, department workers, and district presidents will attend this Group Learning Clinic instead of going to Ridgecrest or Glorieta in 1962.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Letters

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Due to growth the church was forced to enter two Sunday Schools and two worship services each Sunday morning.

A mission was begun on October 1 this past year and is constantly running upwards to a hundred folk in Sunday School each Sunday. A first unit building was built debt free and the second unit is to be started on October 2 to house another 150 in Sunday School.

These are only a few of the very many blessings of this past year. "To God be the Glory, great things He hath done."—B. Franklin Bates, Pastor, First Church, Jacksonville

(Continued from page 2)
 niens on Sunday, waiting until the church needs money before he does any big giving.

It would have been much better for the church to have taught that all wealth belongs to God. Then, by giving we are acting on God's behalf and not contributing to charity.

Church members have been giving to meet a church emergency so long that all some members know about the church is that it needs contributors. Now they are disgusted because there are so many needs.

On the other hand, those members

who have been taught to handle God's wealth to help fulfill God's purpose, get joy out of seeing their money work for God.

Oh, for the day when the majority of our Baptist churches will not be afraid to teach Bible Stewardship of money! This cannot be done effectively if there are financial burdens pressing.

For those churches which begin the fiscal year in October, now is the time to teach and instruct about Kingdom finances. This can best be done by using The Forward Program of Church Finance.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary

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DR. RUCKER

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"I have a peace of mind," he said. "Especially knowing my wife and children will have some income if the Lord calls me home." His widow's annuity benefit under the Protection Plan continues in force just as if he was continuing to pay into the Plan.

In a letter to the Annuity Board, following the receipt of his first check, Mr. Foster commented:

"Even though I have been in the Plan a short time, it is good to know that I will receive the full amount of \$75 a month for my disability."

Yet, even in his suffering, Mr. Foster takes time to encourage other ministers to join the Protection Plan. He said the Plan is not only for the minister's sake, but "for the sake of his family and for the peace of mind that it gives him if he should become disabled."

The Protection Plan, open to any pastor and church, provides benefits in the event of death, disability or retirement of the minister from his pulpit. Additional details can be obtained from Thurman K. Rucker, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, or from the Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas.—T. K. Rucker, Field Representative

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Right of privacy

QUESTION: My husband has a habit of opening my mail and many times has read the letter before I even know the mail has come.



DR. HUDSON

I am deeply distressed at this, as I like to open my mail myself. I don't mind his reading my letters but what annoys me is that I do all the correspondence and I never open the

mail he receives. What can I do to correct this problem?

ANSWER: Your husband should have been taught the right of privacy by his parents. Even children have this right. Unfortunately some family members forget this. They are always taking a penny-for-your-thoughts attitude, and exploring each other's minds.

Perhaps the best thing you can

do about your problem is ignore it. Maybe he is just a curious, old-maidish type of person who doesn't have much business of his own and has to be nosy about yours.

Some mates think that because you're married to them you have no rights of your own. They say, "We are one." Which one?

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Singer in the night

By STELLA MATTHEWS

MANY of our favorite gospel songs and hymns were written by a sweet singer who never saw the beauties of this world. She had early learned to see and know Jesus as her Lord and Saviour.

Fanny Crosby was blinded as the result of an accident when she was but six weeks old. In spite of this, she was a happy child. When eight years old, she wrote:

Oh, what a happy child am I!
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.

How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't;
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't.

When Fanny was fifteen she entered the Institution for the Blind in New York City. Later she also taught there.

Soon after entering the institution, she began to write verses, many of which were set to music and published. She was past forty when a music composer, W. B. Bradbury, suggested that she try writing sacred songs.

From then on, her happiness in life and her love for God were poured out in songs to win others to him. In the Baptist Hymnal are twenty-one of these songs. They include "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," "I Am Thine, O Lord," and "Rescue the Perishing."

The last of these was written after Miss Crosby visited the slums of New York. There she felt the misery she could not see. She wrote the hymn as a plea for help to those who lived in such conditions.

The number of her songs has been given at various figures from two thousand to seven thousand. For years she wrote three each week for one publisher. She wrote the words for "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" in twenty minutes after hearing the melody brought to her by W. H. Doane. He composed the music for many of her songs.

As a child Fanny began to memorize verses of the Bible. She could repeat the first four books of the Old Testament and also the four Gospels. In these she found inspiration for many of her songs. She married a blind musician, Alexander Van Alstyne, and some of her poems and songs have been published under her married name.

In 1915 this "sweet singer in the night" passed away. Friends knew she was with the Lord whom she had loved and served for ninety-five happy, fruitful years.

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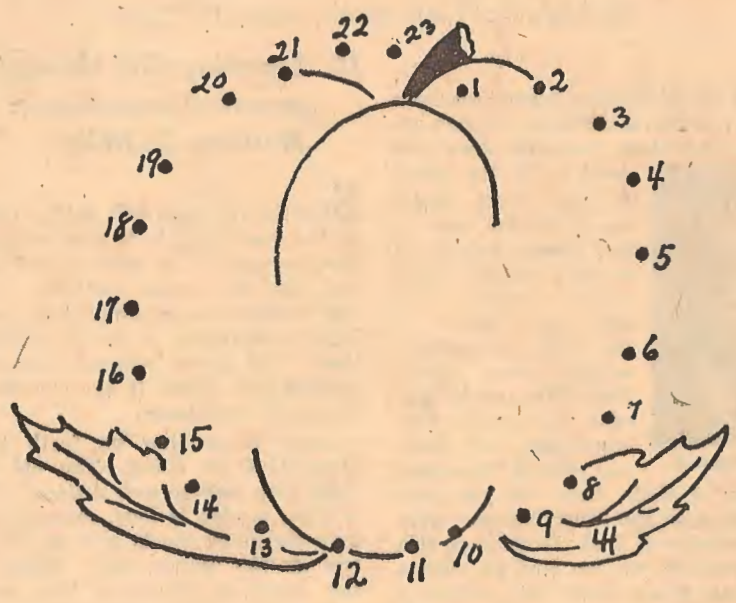
By LUCY HAMILTON

I'm big and round

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Follow the dots,

And you'll find out why.



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God's wondrous world

Mother-of-pearl

By THELMA C. CARTER

HAVE you heard of mother-of-pearl? Most of us have some form of it in buttons on clothing or on handles of fruit and dessert knives, forks, and pocket-knives. Perhaps you have a tray or ornamental box with a mosaic pattern of mother-of-pearl.

The name, mother-of-pearl, comes from the fact that it is formed out of the same material which makes the pearly internal lining of several kinds of shells, especially pearl oysters and river mussels. Pearls themselves are also created from this lining of oyster shells.

Mother-of-pearl is found primarily in oyster shells in dangerous reefs and in currents in a belt of tropical waters extending all around the world. For centuries mother-of-pearl oysters were confined to a few ocean areas. Then when

the Suez Canal was opened, the fine pearl oysters of the Red Sea moved into the Mediterranean Sea.

Since that time, the mother-of-pearl industry has become important in Bethlehem. It is one of the most important crafts, along with spinning and weaving, in this small, famous Bible town. Workshops in Bethlehem are filled with beautiful mother-of-pearl objects. Many are patterned after ancient Bible designs.

Pearling fleets gather the mother-of-pearl shells. Native divers also swim to the ocean bottom for the shells. Those diving from boats go down about 30 feet. Suited divers are able to gather mother-of-pearl shells at a depth of 120 feet or more.

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Growth in knowledge of God

By ED F. McDONALD, JR., Executive Secretary
Arkansas Baptist Foundation

October 15, 1961

Matthew 5:17-20; 23-48; John 16:12-15

QUITE often Sunday school teachers find a lesson is difficult to teach because the scripture passage does not seem to fit the given subject. Such could easily be the case in this lesson unless we make a careful study of the subject. The key word seems to be the preposition which gives direction. We are to discuss growth "in" knowledge of God; not growth "through"



MR. McDONALD

knowledge of God. Here we are concerned with how the Christian may gain more knowledge of God. If we keep this in mind, perhaps we can find an outline falling into place with the scripture lesson.

I. Learning God from the authoritative teacher:

Matthew 5:39, 44

ONE of the purposes of Jesus in his ministry was to reveal God to man. For four centuries the world had been without a prophet and their concept of God was vague and distorted. Jesus, near the time of his return to the Father, said unto Philip, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." From the beginning, at the age of 12, Jesus had astounded his hearers who heard him teach. The name "Teacher" was readily given and it was strengthened by their comments that He taught as a "man of authority, not as the Scribes and Pharisees."

In the Sermon on the Mount the teacher with authority reveals God and His will on the basis of that authority. With no apology, Jesus pointedly states, "But I say . . ." Let us hasten to say that what he taught with his lips, he practiced in his life. So effectively did he do this that Luke tells us in the book of Acts about his former treatise concerning all that Jesus began to "do and teach."

The lessons of life are sometimes difficult but if we would know more about God, we must learn from the Master Teacher.

II. Learning God through practical experience: *Matthew 5:38-48*

SOMEONE has well said, "Education is not learning; it is the exercise and development of the powers of the mind; and the two great methods by which this end may be accomplished are in the halls of learning or in the conflicts of life." The latter method is sometimes painful but there is no substitute for practical experience.

Jesus is sending us forth to learn about God by doing. The old sayings must give way to new actions. The controlling motive is love, compelling us to turn the other cheek, give up our cloaks, and go the second mile. When, out of the spirit of Christian love, we have followed his teachings we can have a more perfect knowledge of God. Thus we learn the love wherewith God loved us while we were yet sinners. Thus we learn the patience and long suffering of God while we were stubborn and rebellious. Abraham learned about God when he was called upon to offer his "son of promise" as a sacrifice to God. Today we learn about God by doing the things He would have us do.

III. Learning continued under leadership of Holy Spirit: *John 16:12-15*

SOME have thought themselves too old to learn but today's educators tell us differently. Age is not the determining factor and we can continue to learn if desire is present. In his declining years, Longfellow was asked by a friend how he kept so energetic and could write with such power. Pointing to an old apple tree in bloom the poet replies, "That apple tree is very old, but I never saw prettier blossoms on it than it now bears. The tree grows a little new wood each year, and I suppose it is out of that new wood that those blossoms come. Like the apple tree, I try to grow a little new wood each year."

With the aid of the Holy Spirit, we can continue to grow in our knowledge of God. Things we cannot receive now will be revealed later as we develop into

mature Christians. "You are too young to understand" might well be said to many adults as well as to children. We may be "babes in Christ" today but we can grow up in our knowledge of God. Be led of the Holy Spirit and you will grow.

Conclusion

IT IS generally conceded that we excel in that subject or field of study we love the most. Perhaps that is the reason we are commanded: "Love thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Love lightens the labor of learning and causes us to rejoice with every bit of new knowledge of Him.

Attendance Report

October 1, 1961

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton			
First	754	198	
Highland Heights	117	88	
Beirne, First	66	67	
Berryville			
First	171	96	
Cisco Mission	14	5	
Freeman Heights	161	80	
Camden			
Cullendale, First	425	228	
First	498	226	5
Charleston, Northside	92	79	
Conway, First	545	119	1
Crossett, First	513	248	1
El Dorado			
East Main	250	156	2
First	671	296	1
Immanuel	479	323	
Cook St. Mission	15	15	
Parkview	206	119	
Fayetteville, Providence	127	63	5
Ft. Smith			
Calvary	412	156	3
First	1198	367	8
Missions	216	136	
Grand Avenue	733	315	4
Mission	12		
Oak Cliff	151	125	7
Towson Avenue	228	110	
Trinity	318	139	
Gravel Ridge, First	153	87	1
Harrison, Eagle Heights	280	118	
Hot Springs			
Park Place	528	189	
Second	851	183	8
Vista Heights	89	31	5
Huntville, First	110	52	4
Kingston	30	23	
Combs	18	10	
Jacksonville, First	753	283	5
Jonesboro, Central	495	211	5
Little Rock			
First	1097	468	4
Berea Chapel	129	84	2
White Rock Chapel	88	22	
Gaines Street	386	215	1
Dennison Street	74	45	11
Immanuel	1263	533	8
Forest Tower	27	16	
Kerr	19	26	1
Magnolia, Central	696	301	3
McGehee, First	453	231	
Chapel	45	20	
Mountain Home, East Side	102	56	5
Newport, First	418	153	4
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	816	283	5
Central	369	154	1
Levy	664	283	1
Sylvan Hills	399	185	
Rogers, Sunnyside	127	60	1
Smackover, First	341	161	1
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	174	82	1
First	510	191	4
Van Buren			
First	448	182	3
Oak Grove	189	117	
Ward	132	59	

The Horizon Book of the Renaissance, by the Editors of Horizon Magazine, published by American Heritage Publishing Co., Inc., New York, Book Trade Distribution by Doubleday & Co., 1961, \$17.50

A marvel of the modern publishing industry, this book is a storehouse of the art and literature of one of the most significant and interesting periods of world history. The glossy paper stock on which it is printed and the remarkable reproduction in full color of many of the famous paintings of the Renaissance make the volume itself a work of art.

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Beloved possessions

"WHY is Mr. Jones pacing up and down the front porch?"

"He's awfully worried about his wife."

"Is that so? What's she got?"

"The car."

An ear-opener

"DOCTOR, my wife has lost her voice. What can I do about it?"

"Try coming home late some night."

Wide choice

THE teacher asked the class to list, in their opinions, the nine greatest living Americans. After awhile she stopped at one desk and asked, "Have you finished your list yet, Bobby?"

"Not yet," he replied with a worried look. "I can't decide on the shortstop."

Eliminated in first round

APPLICANTS for jobs on a state dam project had to take a written examination. The first question was, "What does hydrodynamics mean?" One chap hesitated, then wrote: "It means I don't get the job."

True, but sad

THERE'S one thing that will give you more for your money than it would 10 years ago—the penny scale at the corner drugstore.

Realistic dream

"I DREAMED last night that I had invented a new type of breakfast food and was sampling it when—"

"Yes, yes, go on."

"I woke up and found a corner of the mattress gone."

Faith in prayer

THE minister discovered shortly before the garden party that he failed to invite an old lady parishioner and hastily phoned her an invitation.

"It's too late," she answered, "I have already prayed for rain."

Only steam shovel would know

BUDDING Artist: "Here's a modernistic picture of a steam shovel."

Magazine Editor: "Sorry, we can't use it. The dirt's there all right, but it hasn't any sex appeal."

Turning the tables

WOMAN (to department store manager over 'phone): "I simply had to tell you how much I like that hat I bought last week."

Manager: "That's fine, lady, but why call me at 2 a.m. to tell me?"

Woman: "Because your truck just delivered it!"

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Concord Association

By Jay W. C. Moore

ROY Pledger, who has served the Palestine church for the past 18 months, has resigned to accept the full-time Zoe Church, south of Heavener, Okla. Pledger will continue his studies in the Concord Seminary, Ft. Smith.

R. C. Leonard, W. D. Looper and Wilson Winfred are members of the pulpit committee of the Palestine church.

ROBERT Morrison, pastor of Second Church, Van Buren, and a third-year student in Concord Seminary Center, reports many additions to the church during the regular services during the summer months. Many of these were adults, including fathers and mothers.

RECENTLY in a monthly workers' conference the three views held by Baptists on the second-coming of Christ were discussed. Hugh Horne, of Calvary Church, discussed the premillennial view. James Fitzgerald, pastor of Kelley Height Church, gave the postmillennial thought, and Dr. S. W. Eubanks, pastor of the Immanuel Church, presented the amillennial view.

TRINITY Church, Ft. Smith, Mason Bondurant, pastor, recently ordained as deacons John Holes, Jr., John Lairamore, John Shelby, Travis Balch and James Crouch. Pastor Bondurant preached the sermon; Rufus Spessard read the scriptures; Harrell Stewart led the ordination prayer. Twenty-two deacons of the church were present for the Wednesday night service.

CONCORD Seminary Center enrolled 40 students Sept. 18.

During the five years of its operation, the center has enrolled 319 in 18 different subjects. The Center was the first in the state to have a graduation exercise, which was held last June with five men receiving the diploma in Pastoral Training.

The fall semester enrolled three laymen and a young preacher from another denomination.

FOUR hundred and fifty-five awards were earned by the campers during the second associational summer assembly. Juniors, Intermediates, Young People and Adults were included in the awards granted. Music and' mission hours were also conducted during the week.

TRUEMAN and Jane Moore and their four children, who have spent four years in East Pakistan, have returned to the States for a year's rest and will make their home in Ft. Smith. They may be reached at 1009 N. 36th St., or by phone at SUNset 3-5564.

CONCORD Association has sponsored a preview of the January Bible study book for the past two years. This year the study will be held Dec. 15 in the Kelley Height Church, Ft. Smith. Rev. Orville Haley, the associational Sunday School superintendent, is arranging the program.

Buckner Association

By Ford F. Gauntt,

Superintendent of Missions

DENNIS Schleiff, pastor of Dayton Church, was ordained to the ministry Sunday afternoon Oct. 1, at Dayton Church.

L. L. Gilliam, pastor of Mt. Harmony Church, was moderator of the ordaining council. Deacon H. J. Gossett of James Fork Church was clerk; Ford F. Gauntt, missionary, led the examination of the candidate; Deacon Eulus Gann, Dayton Church, presented the candidate; Bobby Joe Martin, pastor of Huntington Church, gave the ordination prayer; E. B. Lancaster, pastor of Fellowship Church, presented the Bible, and Murl Walker, pastor of Oak Cliff Church, preached the ordination sermon. The closing prayer was given by Warren Leonard, pastor of West Hartford Church.

SUNDAY School Action Night was held at First Church, Waldron, Sept. 26. T. K. Rucker, Little Rock, was the main speaker. There were 79 present.

BATES Church's new building has been completed and Sunday, Oct. 15, will be dedicated. All former pastors and friends are invited. There will be a dinner on the ground. Perry Babb is the pastor.

Mission study institute

SEVEN churches of Current River Association were represented at the WMU Mission Study Institute, Sept. 28, First Church, Corning. Mrs. Richard Vestal, mission study chairman of the associational WMU, led in the four-hour meeting, training the leaders for their local church mission study of missions in Europe. Sessions were conducted for each organization of the WMU for the current mission book series. Teachers were: Mrs. Richard Vestal, Mrs. Dale Maddux, Mrs. Bud Austin, Mrs. Lawrence Ray and Mrs. Dan Harold.

The current Foreign Missions filmstrip, "World Evangelism in Europe," was presented. An interesting feature of the meeting was a skit, "The Bookworms," written around the titles of the mission study books. Mrs. Vestal wrote the skit. The associational WMU president, Mrs. J. B. Huffmaster, also led in the institute.

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