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Arkansas All Over

● CALVARY CHURCH, Little Rock, recently licensed James Howard Watson, Jr., to the ministry. Watson is a native



MR. WATSON
September.

Mrs. Watson is the former Ann Cartland of Louisville, Ky. The couple has three sons: Ronald, Monte, and Louis.

● MELVIN GREER, pastor at Parkdale, was the evangelist in a recent meeting at Hedgeville Chapel, sponsored by the Lexington Avenue Church, Louisville, Ky. There were 13 additions, eight by baptism. Mr. Greer is a student at the New Orleans Seminary, and Carroll D. Caldwell is the pastor of the Hedgeville Chapel, and a student at Southern Seminary. Caldwell is the son of Dr. C. W. Caldwell, secretary of missions for Arkansas Baptists, and Mrs. Caldwell.

● THE NEW minister of music and education at Second Church, Conway, is Paul Dean Parker. Mr. Parker is a native of Conway and a student at Ouachita College. (DP)

● REV. RALPH D. DODD, Little Rock evangelist and pastor, has been named field representative for the state of Arkansas for Baptist Building Service, director Aubrey Halsell has announced.



MR. DODD
Arkansas in financing building programs totaling about one million dollars.

● DEACON LORON BOLEN, of Calvary Church, Little Rock, who has been claims supervisor for the Arkansas Employment Security Division for the past three years, has been promoted to field supervisor for this agency.

● "TU BEFORE TV" is a promotional slogan coined by Training Union director Charles Mooshian, of Calvary Church, Little Rock. This creeps into about everything Director Mooshian has his finger in, including the weekly news letter of the Little Rock Civitan Club, of which he is the immediate past president.

Put your state paper in your church budget.

● REV. RUBEN I. FRANKS, missionary to Chile, died of cancer in the Baptist hospital in New Orleans, on August 7. He was a graduate of the Memphis



MR. FRANKS
State College, Memphis, Tenn., and Southwestern Seminary. Appointed to foreign mission service in 1950, Mr. Franks was dean of men and a professor at the Baptist Seminary in Santiago. He served a West Helena church as music-education director and taught school in the vicinity before his appointment to Chile. He is survived by his widow, the former Edna Mae Pugsley, native of Helena, and four children. Burial was at Sugar Tree, Tenn.

● STANLEY M. COOPER, pastor of First Church, Mountain View, assisted Viola Church in a revival from July 22 to 30. There were eight professions of faith and three additions to the church by letter. Mr. Cooper was pastor of the Viola church for six years.

● DICKSON RIAL, who has been the pastor of East Side Church, DeWitt, since September, 1953, has resigned to enter Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. During the four-year pastorate, Mr. Rial led in the construction of an education building, installed a baptistry, purchased new furniture including a piano and pews for the auditorium, and equipped the church grounds with facilities for a youth center. He organized a Little League Baseball team and was manager of the group. There were 250 additions to the church while he was pastor.



Arkansas Ridgcrest Staffers

To satisfy the wants and needs of the 1,800 to 4,000 guests who attend the weekly conferences at Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly, 400 young people from colleges all over the South are on the staff. With jobs varying from dining room waitresses to telegraph operators, these Christian young people place "service to others" as their goal for the summer.

Pictured are the staffers from Arkansas, who are, front row (L to R): JoAnn Blancett, Little Rock; Pat Morrison, El Dorado; Sally Guthrie, Newport; and Peggy Peterson, Fayetteville.

Second row: Bob Graham, Conway; Mrs. Otis Campbell, Oden; Earnestine Dumas, Crossett; Reita Parker, Little Rock; Joyce Jenkins, Lexa; and Marilyn Harris, Rogers.

—A Ridgcrest Photo

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The Cooperative Program

The Cooperative Program is based upon the principle that the spirit of Christ has been reincarnated in the hearts of the redeemed. According to the New Testament, the Holy Spirit forms the divine nature in the hearts of the believers. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Corinthians 5:17) "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and every one that loveth Him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him." (I John 5:1) All of which means that those who have the spirit of Christ also have the passion of Christ for the lost.

The individual Baptist feels responsible for his share of the Great Commission, "Go Ye Into All The World." (Mark 16:15) Knowing that many could never go in person, born-again Christians called Southern Baptists, agreed to cooperate in taking the Gospel of saving grace to a perishing world.

Through this united effort the individual church member can give tithes and offerings through the church, and when the church gives through the Cooperative Program, immediately the giver becomes 1500-plus state missionaries, teachers in 70 different schools; 1100 home missionaries and 1100 foreign missionaries

He who would retard giving through the Cooperative Program retards the World Mission Program which was established by Christ.

He who would criticize the Cooperative Program must first criticize Jesus Christ for assigning Baptists such a world-girdling task of carrying the gospel to every creature.

He who would blaspheme the Cooperative Program must first blaspheme the Spirit of God which has been reincarnated in the hearts of redeemed Baptists.

He who refuses to give through the Cooperative Program should first turn his back on all holy causes.

The Cooperative Program is sensible, scriptural and orthodox. It has accomplished a unanimity of purpose and a unity of action unknown to our forefathers. The Cooperative Program has preached the gospel and ministered to the hearts of people in a more efficient way than ever before.

Therefore, wisdom has fled from those who oppose the Cooperative Program.

—Ralph Douglas

By Jay W. C. Moore

Concord Association Notes

DARREL ROSS, pastor of First Church, Charleston, has resigned effective August 31, to accept the pastorate of Bellevue Church, Little Rock. Ross, who has served the Charleston church a year, has led them to spend \$1,200 for new furniture for the Beginner and Primary departments, new office equipment, and new Baptist hymnals. The Sunday School enrollment was increased from 225 to 282 and average attendance from 152 to 187. Mr. Ross is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary.

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DAN LEA has accepted the pastorate of the Jenny Lind Church. He succeeds Truman Moore, who has been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to East Pakistan. Lea comes from the Roseman Chapel Church in Anna, Tex. He is a graduate of the Chickasha Oklahoma High School, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Lea is the former Alpha Jean McDowell of Hollis, Okla., and is a graduate with a music major from Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha and has taught music in the public schools of Ft. Worth, Tex.

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THE CONCORD SEMINARY extension center will open in Ft. Smith, September 16. Jim Chatham, minister of education of Grand Avenue Church; Mason Bondurant, pastor of Trinity Church; and Jack Hull, pastor of First Church, Lavaca, have been selected as the teachers. Jay W. C. Moore, superintendent of missions, will serve as director, and Al G. Escott, pastor of Bluff Avenue Church, as registrar-treasurer. Courses in Religious Education, Preaching, and Old Testament will be offered.

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FIRST CHURCH, Lavaca, Jack Hull, pastor, conducted a church camp the last of July at Knoppers Ford Camp near Booneville. The boys' camp regis-



Mr. Lea

tered 42, and the girls, 38. Earnest Hogan taught the Bible courses and Joyce Green, the mission book. Hull was the camp pastor.

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A NEW MINISTER of education has been added to the staff of First Church, Ft. Smith. David Meier comes from the Southern Hills Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Meier is an accomplished soloist and violinist. The Meiers have one daughter, Kara Shawne.

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THE ANNUAL G. A. camp for the association will be held August 19-23, in the Lake Ft. Smith Camp near Mountainburg. *Adventures in Brazil* will be taught by Mrs. S. W. Eubanks. The same book will be taught the 9-10-year-old group by Mrs. Maxie Moore. Mrs. George Oaks from Brazil will teach *The Flying Missionaries*, and Brother Oaks will be the camp pastor. Mrs. R.E. Snow and Mrs. Murl Walker are directors of the camp.



PLAINVIEW CHURCH, Little Rock, entered their new auditorium on August four, 11 months after groundbreaking services were held. Plans for the \$50,000 building were drawn by H. N. Hutto, who became pastor of the church on February 15, 1953. The building is of brick and hadite blocks, with a seating capacity of 450.

All new furniture was made for the auditorium of light oak and pecan wood. The nursery and cry rooms are off the front entrance with sound proof windows overlooking the sanctuary. The baptistry in the old building was preserved for the new, and a tower was included to house the old bell which the church has used for many years. Construction was under the supervision of L. E. Pounders. Norman Haley was chairman of the building committee and J. C. Turley is chairman of the deacons.

An Editor Views His Task

BEGINNING HIS DUTIES as editor of *Western Recorder*, weekly news magazine of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, Dr. Chauncey R. Daley expresses the conviction "that no hour of history has been more critical for God's people called Baptists than this one." Editor Daley ranks the present hour with that "when Jesus commissioned the church with task or when Carey was ignited by God to set Baptists on missionary fire or when Judson and Rice saw right by New Testament light. The spiritual destiny of this world," he continues, "might well be determined by the response of Baptists to God in this generation. The place of this publication in that destiny is my soul's concern."

Of his personal responsibilities as editor, Dr. Daley writes:

"As to my own expressions on this page or elsewhere in the *Recorder*, I can only promise that whatever is said will be honest, sincere and personal convictions. Truth in reporting and sincerity in interpretation of events will be my guiding principle whatever the costs. If I praise, it will be honest; if I criticize or question, it will be with good intentions. I will always be willing to speak the truth as I am given power to know it and trust my fate to God and to Kentucky Baptists. I beseech your prayers, Brethren, and your mercy. My prayer today and every day ahead is and will be that of Solomon in his dream, . . . "I am but a little child. I know not how to go out or come in . . . Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart . . . for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"

Knowing Chauncey Daley as we do from associations across several years, we can say of these expressions of his that they ring true. Surely God has called him to the editorship of *Western Recorder* for such a time as this. We predict that he will prove to be not the least of the great leaders who have served the *Western Recorder* as editors and who have made it one of the great journals of Southern Baptists. —ELM

How the Executive Secretary is Elected

SINCE IT HAS been more than a quarter of a century since Arkansas Baptists last faced the necessity of choosing an Executive Secretary, it might be of interest to some of our readers for us to review here how this office is to be filled.

Section 2, Article VI, of the Constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention states in part:

"The Executive Board shall be constituted and empowered by the Convention as its business and legal agent to administer all business committed to it by the Convention, and to employ such paid agents as it may deem necessary in carrying out the missionary, educational, benevolent and financial enterprises of the Convention . . ."

It will be seen from this quotation that no distinction is made between the election of an Executive Secretary and any other Convention employee. The Convention has charged its Board with the responsibility of the hiring of employees, and, under the Constitution, does not require that the action of the Board in this area be submitted to the annual meeting of the Convention for approval.

The Executive Committee is acting as a nominating committee to nominate some one for the place of Executive Secretary. The Executive Committee is headed by Rev. T. K. Rucker, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, by virtue of his position as chairman of the Executive Board. The Executive Committee has called on Arkansas Baptists for the support of their prayers and for the names of any to be considered for the place. It is requested that those wishing to propose names for consideration mail them to Chairman Rucker, and that each proposal be signed by the person submitting it.

All names suggested will be given prayerful consideration by the Executive Committee. Once the Executive Committee reaches a decision as to the one who is to be nominated, the name of this person will be submitted to the Executive Board for approval or rejection.

Our Board has a tremendous assignment. Surely we shall not forget their call for prayer that they may be guided of the Holy Spirit to the man God has for the place. —ELM

Personally Speaking . . .

Our Characteristic Humility

"I sure sanged good today! I sang all the way through!"

Thus a little, blonde Beginner girl eulogized herself to a Beginner boy as they ran home from church on a recent Sunday morning.



MR. McDONALD

Sometimes there is a very thin line between an unbecoming pride and a wholesome self-assurance. Dr. Harold W. Tribble once told in chapel at Southern Seminary about a young alumnus of the Seminary he had struck up with on a train trip. The young man had been pastor of a church for two or three years and felt that he had outgrown his situation. He was in no hurry to leave, understand, but if his old Seminary professor could get him before a larger church he would appreciate it.

After a long and detailed account of the progress of his church "since I came," the young pastor concluded: "I just can't understand how the Lord has been able to use me in such a wonderful way — aside from my deep sense of humility!"

Well, several among us might write a book on "My Characteristic Humility and How I Attained it."

Humility and greatness are so inseparable one wonders if they are ever found singly. They are like the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow in that one who seeks them consciously and diligently never seems to come any closer to the object of his quest.

One of the greatest and most humble Bible personalities is the Apostle Paul. A study of his writings reveals that he progressed in humility as well as in greatness. In I Corinthians 15:9, he calls himself "the least of the apostles"; in Ephesians 3:8, "less than the least of all saints"; and finally, in I Timothy 1:15, "chief of sinners."

Yet, Paul could declare: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13) He had learned to be master of the situation regardless of the outward circumstances: ". . . I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Phil. 4:11)

Paul apparently had learned "not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly . . ." and he doubtless practiced the precept he wrote to the Roman Christians: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another."

The difference between unbecoming pride and wholesome self-assurance is the proper relationship of one's life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Master.

—Erwin L. McDonald

A Look at Proposed Budget

THE BUDGET adopted by the Executive Board of our Convention to be commended for adoption by our Convention at its next annual meeting deserves more than a casual look at the figures. Indeed we are asked to pray about it. This we should do but we would be praying as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal if we did not study it carefully and as intelligently as we are capable of doing.

May I call your attention to some departures from former procedures in making up the budget. First: One and one-half million dollars was set as a working figure or goal, but certain items are to be given a percentage of all Cooperative Program receipts. For example: It is stated that Christian education will receive 18 per cent of all cooperative receipts and will be divided three ways, viz: Ouachita College \$233,550; Southern Baptist College \$29,700, and a "Fund for College property in Pulaski County" \$5,750. (That a mathematical error was made in arriving at these amounts is evident for 18 per cent of \$1,500,000 would be \$270,000 while the three items listed amount to \$269,000. This error can be corrected by adding \$1,000 to the last named item where the error seems to have been made, but when that is done the totals of the entire budget will be wrong.) Attention is called to this, not as a criticism but to point out that the budget will of necessity have to be reconsidered and amended before it is presented to the Convention for adoption.

Upon a study of other items in the budget we find \$30,000 allocated for the Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. This is in addition to the Hospital's charity fund of \$25,000 and a capital needs item of \$50,000. It has been maintained and correctly so, that the Hospital School of Nursing is an adventure in Christian education. Therefore it should not be omitted from that category in our thinking or provision. The only difference however would be to state that Christian education would be getting 20 per cent of all Cooperative Program receipts instead of 18 per cent and give that item the preferred status that other Christian educational items enjoy.

The item which reads "Fund for College Property in Pulaski County," \$6,750 will not be understood without information which to date has not been generally given. It is known however that this allocation stems from a recommendation by the Executive Committee of the Executive Board that property be purchased in Pulaski County for the purpose of establishing an arm of Ouachita College or a Junior College in Pulaski County.

The recommendation that this budget be adopted with this \$6,750 item in it presumes that the Convention favors

the establishment of an arm of Ouachita College or a Junior College in Pulaski County. This is a broad assumption in view of the fact that eight years ago the Convention voted not to have a College in Pulaski County and at great cost closed a going institution. This action was taken upon recommendation of the Executive Board which called the Convention in special session for this expressed purpose.

The writer remembers that the most divisive issue among the members of the Arkansas Baptist Convention for a period of forty years was the existence of two or more educational institutions, and it has been his observation that there has been less bickering and discord and more unity in the last seven years than ever before.

The fact that the title to Southern Baptist College is not vested in our Convention probably accounts for its continued existence for it has been maintained that Arkansas Baptists are not able to support more than one standard college.

In view of all this the writer believes we should have a report first from the Committee on correlation and let the Convention act on that rather than accepting a partial report from the Committee of the Executive Committee on Christian education which will revolutionize our budget system.

In closing let me point out that if the budget is adopted as recommended then the three Christian educational items not only have precedence over the capital needs items of every other institution and agency, but will also continue to receive 18 per cent of all moneys that come in for the capital needs of our other institutions and agencies.

The Convention may desire to do just that but since it is altogether different from our previous procedures we should be fully aware of what we are doing.

Let us pray and study and work to the end that our budget be raised and that we have the wisdom to spend it wisely.

—Fritz E. Goodbar, Danville

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College Offering

I UNDERSTOOD when the offering was being taken up for the Negro college, the Negro Baptists were also taking an offering for an equal amount. Would it be possible to publish in the Arkansas Baptist the amount the Negro Baptists have donated in their own behalf for this cause? If it has been published I have overlooked it, but I have been waiting for it.

—Mrs. C. R. Nelson, Arkadelphia

IT IS TRUE that the Negro Baptists of the State had set for themselves a goal of \$100,000 to match the Arkansas Baptist State Convention goal, but

their campaign was separate and distinct from that of white Baptists and under their own direction. According to figures secured by Dr. Clyde Hart from Negro Baptist headquarters, our Negro Baptist brethren have raised to date \$20,000.

—Editor

Statistically Speaking

"Roman Catholics are increasing by leaps and bounds in America" seems to be a belief of many Protestants.

It simply is not true, and it is surprising that so few Protestants are familiar with the statistics which are to be found, incidentally, at periodic intervals in "Information Service" of the National Council of Churches.

Here are a few figures.

In 1906, Roman Catholics were 37 per cent of all church members in the USA. In 1956 they were 34 per cent.

In 1906, Catholics were 16.5 per cent of the whole American population; in 1956 they were 20 per cent, an increase of 3.5 per cent. During that time much of the immigration was Roman Catholic.

During the same fifty years, non-Catholics increased from 24.3 per cent in 1906 to 40 per cent in 1956, for a gain of over 15 per cent.

In other words, from 1906 to 1956, Protestants and Jews increased at a ratio of 4 times as rapidly as Roman Catholics.

Two other items are significant:

1. Of the 531 members of Congress, 94 or 17.5 per cent are Roman Catholics

2. Of the 48 governors, 5 or 9.6 per cent are Roman Catholic.

Interpretations of these statistics may vary but at least there are the figures.

—Willard Johnson, Barrington, Ill.

One Thing Lacking

Since our recent meeting in Chicago, I have heard several state, while discussing the proceedings of the Convention, that they missed the Youth Night service. I think that generally speaking we had a wonderful program; however I found the Youth Night service was the one thing that was lacking from it.

I think it would be a wise thing to include it in the program for the Houston meeting in 1958. If you are one who enjoyed the Youth Night services and received a blessing from them, why not write a personal letter to the program planning committee and suggest that the Youth Night service be included in the suggested program for 1958? I believe that the committee is interested in making the program as meaningful as possible and would appreciate suggestions.—Thomas D. Hill, pastor, Red Star Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Southern Baptists In America's Largest City

NEW YORK (BP) — Almost every Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mayo, and their two children of Gladstone, N. J., will cross a state line and drive 55 miles to church in downtown Manhattan in New York City.

There they will join about 20 other Southern Baptists for Sunday school and a morning worship service in the YMCA at 215 W. 23rd St. This little nucleus represents the first organized effort of Southern Baptists in the greater New York City area.

They held their first service May 5, and hope to organize into a church in early September.

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — The Baptist Sunday School Board, holding its summer session here, elected How-

ard M. Reaves, pastor of First Church, Mobile, Ala., president. He succeeds B. Locke Davis, pastor of Parker Memorial Church, Anniston, Ala.

Ernest J. Moench, Nashville, Tenn., layman, was elected chairman of the executive committee of the board. This committee is composed of board members living in the Nashville area. J. Harold Stephens, pastor of Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, was re-elected recording secretary.

The board also elected a new secretary for its Sunday School department. He is A. V. Washburn, who has been on the board staff since 1933, and will succeed J. N. Barnette, who is retiring January 1. Washburn joined the Sunday school department as secretary of young people's work. After a period of Navy service during World War II, Washburn returned to the board in 1946 as secretary of teaching and training in the same department.

Brazilians Dedicate New Church Buildings

By Elmer S. West, Jr.

SAO PAULO, Brazil — I have just had the privilege of attending the dedication of a new church building here in Sao Paulo. I accompanied Harold and Nona Renfrow, Southern Baptist missionaries from Missouri who have come to this bustling city to live since finishing language school last fall. They share the work here with Misses Mattie Baker and Letha Saunders.

The dedication service of the Vila Selete Baptist Church will not soon be forgotten. The forces of nature contrived to discourage attendance. It was the coldest night Sao Paulo had seen in many years — down to freezing — with the wind blowing a gale. None of the churches have any heat.

Yet the people came! The little auditorium, which would not seat more than a hundred in the States, found its walls strained with not less than 250 people "jampacked" in!

There was the usual band and choir, both producing fine music. As at home on such occasions, there were many speeches! The beloved pastor, Giola Martins, now in his sixties, responded with abounding joy to each speech.

Finally, a pastor's wife spoke, representing her husband who is sick. When she had finished, Pastor Martins, with a note of pathos, said: "I must admit to my shame that when I was a priest of the largest Catholic church in Campinas (a near-by city of 100,000 where the language school for new missionaries is located) I used to send the young men of my church over to stone your husband as he was preaching the gospel in the city square!"

The gospel has not lost its power to save and change. This modern "apostle Paul" of Brazil offers excellent evidence. He has started several new churches in this area.

MRS. ANNA CHRISTIE, 77-year-old emeritus missionary of Southern Baptists, has returned to Brazil for a four-months' visit among the people with month visit among the people with Dr. A. B. Christie, lived and worked for 39 years.

Asked if her children favored her making the trip to Brazil, Mrs. Christie said: "They certainly do. The Lord is as close to me in Brazil as he is here."

EXCAVATION OF the pool at Gibeon, mentioned 43 times in the Bible, will be the principal objective of an American archaeological expedition that began work in the Holy Land last month. The expedition is sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Museum and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (Episcopal) at Berkeley, California. It is being directed by Dr. James B. Pritchard of the divinity school.



Southern Baptists In Manhattan

Southern Baptists in New York City have organized a Sunday school and worship service using facilities of a YMCA. Three men who have helped develop work of the new organization are, from left, James Aaron, student at New York University from Granite City, Ill.; John Moore, formerly of Atlanta and Columbus, O.; and James Robbs, Jr., formerly a Kentuckian who is now living in Carteret, N. J. They are pictured in front of the 23rd St. YMCA where they meet. —Baptist Press Photo.

To Carson-Newman

DR. R. C. PETTIGREW, for the past nine years head of the English department at Howard College, Birmingham, and prior to that, for several years head of the English department of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, has resigned his Howard position to become professor of English and director of creative writing at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

During his years at Howard, Dr. Pettigrew has published numerous poems in national periodicals, and regular book reviews in the Birmingham News. The current issue of *Kaleidograph* carries one of his poems, and *College English* has recently accepted three others.

Dr. and Mrs. Pettigrew will be moving to their new home, just outside Jefferson City on the highway to Dandridge, in mid-August.

In a letter to the editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, who was a student of his at Ouachita, Dr. Pettigrew writes: "Ouachita and Arkansas are tops, so far as we are concerned; and we receive no Alumni bulletin which we read with more genuine interest than that from Ouachita. We are delighted to receive such fine reports of the current achievements of the college."

PAUL E. MASON, business manager of Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., has announced the appointment of Clyde E. Beasley to the administrative staff of the school. Beginning June 24, Mr. Beasley became assistant business manager of the seminary.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College and of the seminary, he has been minister of music and education at Baptist Temple, Fresno.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — James W. Thompson, a native Mississippian and minister of music for First Church, Clarksville, Tenn., has been appointed visiting faculty member at New Orleans Seminary, according to Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president.

Thompson will teach in the school of sacred music in the absence of Claude Rhea, Jr., who has been granted a year's leave of absence to study for the doctor-of-philosophy degree in music at Florida State College, Tallahassee.

MONAHANS, Tex. (BP) — First Church, Monahans, recently underwrote a \$25,000 loan enabling Immanuel Church of Madison, Wis., to complete a new building. The Madison church is the first in the Wisconsin-Minnesota Association of the Baptist General Convention of Texas to build a new sanctuary. Texas Baptists are sponsoring new Southern Baptist work in the two states.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Let Us Take Heed How We Hear And Speak

SETTING: Five men at a table in the cafeteria of Southern Baptist Seminary—a student from Georgia, a Mennonite pastor from Canada, the editor of the *Baptist Beacon*, an American Baptist student from Ohio and another student from the South.

OCCASION: The Mennonite friend was tactfully asking questions about Baptist polity, practice, beliefs, segregation, Baptist expansion in the nation, etc. Answers were varied depending on the viewpoint, experience and background of the students. Editor of the *Baptist Beacon* maintained unusual reserve under the circumstances.

QUESTION: "To what extent do Southern Baptists spread in the United States?"

ANSWER: There is Southern Baptist work in 42 of the 48 states.

ACID: Student from Georgia quipped: "But in some of these states you have to find the Southern Baptists in the back alleys." (Just exactly what the student had in mind was not stated, but we had our own idea of his purpose.)

EXPLOSION: Blood pressure rises sharply. Hair stands straight up. Eyes flash. Editor of *Baptist Beacon* demands to know to which states he refers by saying that Southern Baptists in some of them are back alley people. "Name just one!"

CORRECTION: "What I meant was that Southern Baptists are not quite so numerous in some states as in others." To which the editor says, "That is a much nicer way to explain the situation." This was followed by an explanation of the true picture of the Southern Baptist expansion program.

QUESTION: Where did you hear such things that Southern Baptists in some parts of the United States are back alley people?

REPLY: Oh, I just heard or read somewhere about it and assumed that it was true.

OBSERVATION: That must have been what Jesus was talking about when he cautioned, "Let a man take heed how he hear."

NEXT CHAPTER: In the lounge room of the men's dormitory the student from Georgia and the editor got friendly to show that there are no ill feelings.

ERUPTION: Anxious to find something about which to beat Southern Baptists over the head, the Georgia student explodes against the Georgia Baptist Book Store for sending him a book advertisement using Georgia Baptist Cooperative Program mission money to promote a certain man's book when they wouldn't promote another's.

EXPLANATION: There is no connection between the Baptist Book Stores and the state Baptist conventions and the Cooperative Program mission money. They are owned and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board and are business enterprises which operate for a profit. They do not receive or use Baptist mission money, but rather the Sunday School Board plows back its profits into the denomination for mission work.

RESPONSE: "Well, I guess I will go to my room and tear up the letter I wrote to the Georgia Baptist Book Store. Thanks for straightening me out. Which room are you in? I have some other problems with which you can help me."

CONCLUSION: It is so easy to form opinions before full and accurate information is in hand. How careful we ought to be to evaluate properly the things we hear! How easy it is to allow things we imagine or about which we have partial information to become fixed in our minds as absolute facts, when the correct situation is entirely different!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if people were as anxious to believe good things about others as they are to believe bad things? Why is it that it is so much easier to find fault and to condemn than it is to commend and be friends with people?

—*Baptist Beacon* (Ariz.)

Paul's Preaching and Policies For the Present

Part V. The Character of Paul's Preaching

There are several elements which are characteristic of Paul's preaching.

1. He was called of God. "Whereof I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power." (Ephesians 3:7)



DR. BARNETTE

2. He was compelled to preach. "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." (I Corinthians 9:16)

3. He preached with conviction. Quoting the prophet he said, "I believed, and therefore I have spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak." (II Corinthians 4:13) He had unhesitating confidence in the truth of the message he preached. He was convinced of its power to save and to meet the spiritual needs of men. He expected people to be moved because he was preaching the "power of God unto salvation." Preaching without expectation is no preaching at all. Paul expected

converts from his preaching for he had faith in the message of salvation. His preaching was an act of faith!

4. Paul preached with courage. He had no fear of proclaiming an unpalatable truth. I heard of a preacher who said: "If you do not repent in a measure, and believe to some extent, you will be damned to a degree." There was no such hedging or soft-pedaling in the preaching of Paul. On February 26, 1738, John Wesley recorded in his journal the following words: "I preached at six at St. Lawrence's; at ten, in St. Katherine's Cree-Church; and in the afternoon, at St. John's Wapping. I believe it pleased God to bless the first sermon most, because it gave most offense." Any preacher who has never preached a sermon which gave offense has really never preached the whole gospel.

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

Harmony Association Notes

● GOULD CHURCH is building an addition, 44 by 30 feet, which will house the kitchen, combination assembly-banquet room, church office, and three Sunday school rooms. Pastor S. H. Williamson reports that the concrete block building will cost \$7,200.

DUMAS CHURCH recently ordained Allen Gabbie to the ministry, and three deacons: J. W. Bitely, R. L. Rogers and Louis Grandgeorge. Mr. Gabbie is pastor of the Baker Church near Russellville.

E. A. RICHMOND, chaplain of the Boys Industrial School at Pine Bluff, is convalescing at his home, following a major operation on July 19.

CARLIE SCOTT, the new minister of music and education for Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, has organized six graded choirs. Enrollment in the choirs reached 145 the first week.

D. E. CASTLEBERRY has resigned a two-year pastorate at Andersons Chapel.—Amos Greer, missionary.

Correction

THERE WAS A typographical error in our story in the issue of July 25 about the building plans of Calvary Church, Fort Smith, Rev. Robert Parker, pastor. The first unit of a new church plant will be a two-story Education building, 53 by 131 feet.

"If your faith can't remove mountains, at least it can climb them."

Buckner Association Notes

● FIRST CHURCH, Waldron, recently completed a church survey, under the direction of Billy Hargrove, secretary of surveys for the Missouri Baptist General Association. Out of 2,000 people contacted, more than 500 unsaved people were discovered and 700 prospects for the Sunday school. According to Pastor J. M. James, the survey revealed the need of three mission Sunday schools.

THE ASSOCIATION plans the immediate opening of mission work in eastern Scott County. A survey reveals the need of 12 preaching stations which would later become churches.

THE SECOND church in two months to go to full time work is Poteau, under the leadership of Pastor Elton Pennington. The church has redecorated their building and purchased new pews.

THE SUNDAY school attendance has tripled in the past three months at Abbott, and two adults have been baptized, the first in two years, by the new pastor, Perry Babbs.

NEW PROVIDENCE Church has resumed regular services, following a revival by Joe Cruse, summer missionary for the Home Mission Board. Six were received by baptism. For several months the church did not have regular services, and is presently without a pastor.—J. T. McGill, missionary.

Put your state paper in your church budget.

THE BOOKSHELF

"The richest soil, if not cultivated, produces the rankest weeds!"

Ideal Marriage, by Th. H. Van de Velde, Random House, New York, 1957, \$7.50.

A book on the physical problems of marriage, **Ideal Marriage** first appeared in 1926 and was secured by Random House in 1930. Its popularity is attested by the fact that the most recent issue is the 32nd printing by Random.

Widely recommended by doctors to their patients, the book is written in a style not too difficult for the average reader. Needless to say, this is a book for adults who are married or preparing for marriage.

The author is an internationally famous Dutch gynecologist.

The Epistles of John, By Walter T. Conner, Broadman Press, 1957, \$2.50.

First published in 1929 and for many years out of print, this book by the late Professor Conner of Southwestern Seminary is being reissued because of its lasting value as a commentary on the letters of the Apostle John.

Well organized and based on the original text, the commentary stays close to everyday life. Most of the book deals with the First Epistle, with one chapter on each of the other letters.

Personality and Religion, by Paul E. Johnson, Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1957, \$4.50.

The theme of this book is on the relationship of personality to what is central in religious experience. The author gives his answer to the question: "What does it mean, psychologically and religiously, to be a person?" As he traces the development of the self from infancy to maturity, he arrives at the picture of the mature person who faces the dilemma: the awareness of selfhood and the desire to affirm his individuality on the one hand, and on the other, the paradoxical necessity to sacrifice his individuality to gain the approval of others. In parts 2 and 3, he shows how the religious person solves his dilemma by establishing basic relationships that give him security but do not stifle individuality, and how the newer trends in psycho-therapy indicate that interest in religion is the serious attempt by the individual to counteract isolation by relating himself to a loving community.

Other books received include: **The Associational Church Music Guidebook**, by Clifford A. Holcomb, Convention Press, Nashville, 1957, 35c.

Surpassing Grace, by J. Harold Stephens, Broadman Press, Nashville, 1957, \$1.75.

The Church Pianist, by Helen Trotter Midkiff, Convention Press, Nashville, 1957.

American Churches and the Negro, by W. D. Weatherford, The Christopher Publishing House, Boston, 1957, \$3.50.

Bowery Drunk Saw Billy on TV

By GAINER BRYAN, JR.

My most interesting experiences reporting the Billy Graham crusade came when I went to the Bowery, New York's skid row, and interviewed some of the old drunks. Also later when I visited Greenwich Village, traditional Bohemian quarter of the city, and talked to the artists.

Fourteen squalid blocks of New York's East Side make up the Bowery. Huddled in doorways, drooping on the curbs, often sprawled on the sidewalk are the human flotsam enslaved to a habit they no longer enjoy.

In the late afternoon I approached three young men sitting on their haunches on the sidewalk against a building. A large, half-emptied wine bottle sat between the legs of the tall one, nearest me. His left eye was so bloodshot it looked like it had been stabbed.

I squatted next to him and asked him if he had been to hear Billy Graham.

"D--- Billy Graham," he answered with an oath.

But his companion on the other end had a cheering word. "I've heard him," he spoke up loudly. He looked almost sober. I moved closer.

"You've been to hear him?" I asked.

"On TV," he mumbled, with a vacant stare.

I marveled that through the medium of television Graham had reached down with his message of salvation even to wretches like this one on the Bowery.

"What do you think of him? Will he do New York any good?" I inquired.

"He'll do New York a lot of good," he said feelingly.

"Do you think he could help you?" I asked, softly.

He did not answer that one but looked away, thought a minute, then said desparately, "I've got to stop drinking. D— this drinking!"

Later, the Rev. George L. Bolton, pastor and superintendent of the world-famous Bowery Mission, said, "We preach the same gospel here that Billy preaches. We see it work, just like Billy does."

"You mean that conversion can cure alcoholics?" I asked.

"I've seen it cure them for 30 years," he replied, smiling. "Sometimes instantly."

A young, professedly agnostic painter, Walter Dabrolet, sat in a collapsible chair on a street in Greenwich Village and voiced a skeptical view of Billy Graham. Opposite him against a building, his big, sad-faced painted clowns looked down on the sunlit street.

The significant thing was that even Dabrolet knew about Graham, had discussed him frequently with fellow artists, and was ready with a well-thought-out opinion.

"We artists discuss Billy Graham all the time," he said.

"Hoopla . . . big circus appeal . . . mass hypnosis . . . catching people in moments of created pathos where they become aware of inadequacies in their own life, and more or less they will grab at whatever is offered at the moment."

Second 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 word "agnostic" literally means "unknowing." Dabrolet did not know — he had not been to the Garden to hear Graham, he said. Yet he spoke like an expert.

I established the fact that New Yorkers from all walks of life have gone to the Garden — and made decisions for Christ.

A counselor told me that one night the first to move forward was a middle-aged, ill-clothed, unkempt, dissipated man who fell on his knees before the platform with the tears streaming down his face.

A nationally known religious news editor left the press section one night and walked the aisle to register a decision.

Following one of Billy's messages, an internationally famous socialite joined the common folks down front.

A taxi driver told me he had taken many of New York's elite to the Garden.

I dined with a man from the advertising world in a swank smorgasbord restaurant just off Madison Avenue. He revealed that many of his acquaintances on Madison Avenue had been to the revival.

"Have you gone?" I asked.

"No, but I would like to," he replied.

"Are you Protestant?" I inquired.

"No, Catholic," he answered, "but I'm broad-minded."

Many, many Catholics have attended, in violation of instructions from their Church leaders. To set the record straight, there has been no official Church pronouncement on the subject. Published statements of Catholic leaders have later been described officially as merely statements of those individuals' opinions. The number of Catholics making decisions in the Garden has been unofficially estimated as one out of 10.

Ouachita Graduates Summer Class of 25

DR. JAMES S. RILEY, pastor of Second Church, Houston, Tex., was the commencement speaker at Ouachita College's summer graduation exercises August 9. A total of 25 degrees were conferred at ceremonies held in Riley Library.

Dr. Riley, pastor of the largest church in Houston, received his B. A. degree from Union University in Jackson, Tenn., where he was a Little All-American football player and also lettered in baseball and track. He holds the Th. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Members of the graduating class

Bachelor-of-Arts: Benny Clinton Bogard, James Haywood Hayes, Joe Wilbur McMillion, each of Little Rock; Doyle Richard Echols and Jeff Willard Holland of Hot Springs; C. Phelan Boone, Wynne; Mary Carolyn Deal, McGehee; Iuf W. Freeman, Hayward, Calif.; Billy G. Holmes, Story; Roy S. Kinder, Granite City, Ill.; Fletcher Crockett Patterson, Biscoe; Huey Peterson, Texarkana; James L. Powers, Beebe; Farris C. Purviance, Strong; George Alvin Robinson, Arkadelphia; Gerald Max Taylor, El Dorado; Gerald E. Schleiff, Charleston; Lawrence E. Taylor, Bradley; Ross X. Williams, Mena.

Bachelor-of-Science: Imogene Cagle Grigson, Brownwood, Tex.; Barbara Alice Holt, Arkadelphia; Jerry Arlen Leazure, Fort Worth; Dorothy Lybrand, Stuttgart.

Bachelor-of-Music: Donald Eugene Spradling, Fort Smith.

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By J. Leland Hall

Clarksville Notes

S. A. WILES, missionary for Clear Creek Association, recently conducted a revival at Batson, a new mission point sponsored by First Church, Clarksville. One was received by baptism. This group meets in a schoolhouse where Deacon Wheeler, of the Clarksville church, goes out each Sunday and serves as their leader and teacher. Average attendance is 23.

J. E. STINGLEY, pastor of the Ozone Church, and Miss Aileen Lewis were married on July 31.

DR. STANLEY JORDAN, former Arkansas pastor, will lead First Church, Clarksville, in a revival campaign from August 26 to September 1. Dr. Jordan is now pastor of the Queensboro Church, Shreveport, La., where he is leading the largest Sunday school in Louisiana.

DON WRIGHT, who was music director for First Church, Clarksville, the past two years, has moved to Fayetteville, where he will teach school.

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PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — Ed J. Packwood, administrative assistant to the executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, is the convention's new business manager.

PERSONALITIES

Thomas Clyde Hart

He Raised \$1,000 Per Day For 90 Days

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

IT IS RATHER UNUSUAL for a staunch Presbyterian father and a devout Methodist mother to raise a family of seven Baptists. But that is the story of Mr. and Mrs. John Calvin Hart, parents of Thomas Clyde Hart, who is director of Negro work for Arkansas Baptists and a member of the Joint Committee of Ministerial Education for Negroes, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention (Negro). Hart is a former vice president and long time board member of the Arkansas Convention and has a reputation for raising money for Baptist causes.

When "Old Main," the administration building at Ouachita College, burned in 1949, the college trustees "borrowed" Pastor Hart from Central Church, Hot Springs, to raise enough money to rebuild. In 90 days, Mr. Hart raised \$90,000 among Arkansas Baptists. Later he helped Negro Baptists raise enough money to purchase a building they wanted in Hot Springs. And presently he is engaged in a fund-raising campaign to save the Arkansas Baptist College (Negro), in Little Rock.

The Arkansas Baptist College bestowed the D. D. degree on Pastor Hart in 1951, in recognition of his work for better race relations.

Dr. Hart is a native of Arkansas, a graduate of the Crossett High School and Ouachita College. He became a Christian at 17 and entered the ministry at 19, following a two-year struggle with the call to preach. He was vitally interested in athletics but an injury changed that course of events. With his arm in a sling he was persuaded to enter a debating contest of which the judge was A. B. Hill, then head of the Department of Education for Arkansas. Hart contends that a plug he made for better education in Arkansas prejudiced Mr. Hill in his favor and he won the contest. Mr. Hill was later president of Ouachita College.

Upon his graduating from high school, Hart was sent by the president of a lumber company to the Chillicothe, Mo., Business College as a trainee for the lumber office. He accepted the offer knowing he was running from the ministry. On his way to Missouri, he had a narrow escape with death in a train wreck. Soon after arriving there, he rebroke his arm and after a series of operations, complications and rebreaks, he gave up, went home, and surrendered to the ministry in First Church, Crossett.

Mrs. Hart is the former Erma Lee Brymer of Crossett. The couple has



Dr. Hart

four sons and seven grandchildren. The oldest son, Thomas Lee, is personnel instructor for the Safeway Stores in Arkansas. John Calvin is with the Shell Oil Co., Houston, Tex. James Brymer is a career officer in the Army Air Force. Clyde, Jr., is track coach and teacher in Central High School, Little Rock.

Dr. and Mrs. Hart had a great time rearing four sons, where the house or yard was always full of boys and there was never a dull moment. When they were small, their father dressed up in a "Santa Claus" suit one night and knocked on their bedroom window to inquire what they wished the old gentleman to bring them for Christmas. Relating it all at breakfast next morning, Tom inquired: "Daddy, did you know Santa Claus went to Ouachita College?" When "Daddy" had recovered his composure, his reply was, "No, why, Son?" Thomas: "Because he has a ring just like yours!"

When Tom was baptized at the age of nine, seven-year-old John was deeply impressed and served as Tom's guardian angel for some time. One day a neighborhood toughie shot Tom on the leg with a staple. Nature took its turn and Tom went for the boy's face with his two fists. John ran between them with this admonition: "Let me hit him — I haven't been baptized yet."

Then there was the time when the two youngest brothers were left at the table to finish a meal, where a jar of honey and honey comb was sitting. With a philosophical air, Junior said to James: "Did you know the bees made

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio recently bought a home to which they will move their state offices now located elsewhere in the city. The new offices, at 1680 E. Broad St., will probably be occupied in mid-August.

AFTER GRANTING permission to the Child Evangelism Fellowship to contact children on streets and public property in Wichita, Kansas, to give them Bible messages and stories, the City Commission later rescinded the permit at the request of the Wichita Council of Churches and other Protestant groups. The protesting groups said they opposed the granting of the permit on the grounds that children (unaccompanied by their parents) must be protected against being approached by strangers. (The Child Evangelism Fellowship is an interdenominational group with headquarters at Pacific Palisades, California, whose aim is to evangelize unchurched youngsters by means of Bible-story sessions in public parks, private homes and similar places.)

THE METHODIST Board of Temperance charged at Washington, D. C., that the voluntary code to control drinking by passengers on commercial airlines has been "virtually ignored in recent months." The Methodist board said the code calls for a limitation of two drinks per customer, but it quoted Roland K. Quinn, Jr., president of the Airline Stewards and Stewardesses Association, as saying that "the airlines seem to have a tacit agreement to ignore the code, and we have had many reports of stewardesses being disciplined for failure to serve enough liquor to meet airline quotas." The Methodist board called upon Congress to conduct public hearings on legislation that would ban alcoholic beverage in the air.

A \$100,000 SHRINE, including a replica of the tomb in which Christ according to tradition was laid, is nearing completion in Covington, Kentucky. According to its sponsor, "Garden of Hope" will be a place where visitors may find rest and peace in surroundings duplicating those in the Holy Land in the days of Christ. It will be completed by Easter of next year.

An exact replica of the tomb shape, stones from the Holy Land, shrubs, trees and other plants from Jerusalem will beautify the grounds. One hundred white doves from Switzerland will become permanent residents in the garden.

this honey?"

"Yes," responded his brother knowingly. "But where do you suppose they got the jar to put it in?"

The Harts live on Skyline Drive in Park Hill and are members of Second Church, Little Rock.

Evangelism

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Why Revival

REVIVAL PRESUPPOSES a low state of religion, a decline in the spiritual life. Some sickness or disease or decay has set in. There is a falling away, a falling off. It means that the church is sub-normal. As Vance Havner said, "The



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church is so sub-normal that if it got back to the New Testament normal it would seem to be abnormal!" That is it. If we were up to the New Testament normal we would not need revival. Revival is not the normal. The New Testament presents the normal. The reason, and as far as I am concerned the only reason, that we need revival is to get back to the normal New Testament Christian life, as Christ offered it. That means not just a few weeks of special meetings, but the normal level of living.

Departure—Not Decline

When Christians and churches backslide, it is not so much that they decline, but that they depart from Scripture. Now the seriousness of the whole situation is just this, that they depart from the Bible where it is most plain. Then they begin to shorten up on God — become very clock-conscious, are satisfied with short services, and sermonettes, and often preacherettes! But they do not want to shorten up on their fun program, or on their pleasure, or on the easy pattern of life they have now adopted and have conformed themselves to.

They do not want the services to close at nine o'clock because they want to go home and go to bed! They have other things in mind. Having departed, they now have become conditioned to the general low, fallen level which is all around them — a lukewarm condition of Christianity which is so general that it has become the standard. "The majority," they say, "can't be wrong, and almost everyone is living on this level." But in this case the majority is wrong.

The deception is this: that the condition is general and people readily conform to that as the norm rather than Scripture. But the saddest part of it all is this: they have gotten into all of this and do not seem to realize what they are in, or what has happened! What a sad, sad state of affairs when we can depart from the plainest of plain Scripture and not even realize it. This is the hardest condition in all the world to cope with, and to get a concrete hold on. It is Laodiceanism. It is lukewarmness, that condition which causes Christ to want to spue us out

of His mouth! Complacency! Apathy! As someone said, "It is hard to get a wrench to fit it!" Differences are bad, but I doubt if they are as bad as indifference.

—Taken from booklet, "Is Revival the Normal?" by Armin R. Gesswein, Baptist Bookstore, 35¢

WMU

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Mission Study Institute

THE NEW SERIES of graded books on Southern Baptist mission work in Africa will be featured at the state-wide Mission Study Institute to be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, on August 20. Activities are in charge of Mrs. John Miller of Camden, state mission study chairman, who will be assisted by the following conference leaders:

Adult: **Continent in Commotion**, Miss Nancy Cooper.

Young People: **Something New**, Mrs. Miller.

Intermediate: **The Beadmaker's Son**, Mrs. H. C. Terry.

Junior: **Tales from Ire**, Mrs. Howard Samuels.

Primary: **The Lost Monkey**, Mrs. Floyd Payne.

In addition to the conferences on teaching plans and techniques, Miss Elma Cobb, state WMU president, will lead the opening devotional period. And Mrs. Miller will lead a conference on use of visual aids in mission study.

A team of five — one for each of the above groups — is expected from each association, and will, in turn, lead such conferences in the association for local mission study teachers.

Texts and an attractive assortment of supplementary materials are now available at the Baptist Book Store.

State Prayer Chairman

Mrs. Julius G. Priest of Bentonville has been chosen to serve as state prayer chairman by the State WMU Executive Board. Mrs. Priest has long been active in all phases of denominational activity and at the present time is president of the Woman's Missionary Union of First Church, Bentonville, and associational WMU prayer chairman.

Mrs. Priest succeeds Mrs. James Street of Conway who recently resigned because of the illness of her mother. In the immediate future Mrs. Priest will present prayer plans at the State BWC Conference and Leadership Conferences to be held at Ferncliff, and will then provide quarterly conference sheets for use of associational chairmen in conference with local chairmen.

Mrs. R. H. Dorris of N. Little Rock was also recently elected by the Executive Board, to fill the place made vacant by the removal from the state of Mrs. Nolan P. Howington.

We welcome these two to these new places of service, responsibility and opportunity.

Training Union

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Bulletin to T. U. Directors

A NEW CHURCH year will begin on the first Sunday in October. We are sure that a committee is at work now in your church to enlist the Training Union leaders for the coming year. May we make a few suggestions?



MR. DAVIS

1. Make plans now for Promotion Day, which will be the last Sunday in September. As you see how many will be promoted from one department to another, you can see how many unions and departments you will need, beginning the first Sunday in October.

2. With the knowledge of the number of units you will need in October, you can enlist the necessary Adult leadership now. It is imperative that each Junior and Intermediate Union has a leader and at least one sponsor, preferably two sponsors.

3. Put in the hands of these newly elected leaders (and also the experienced leaders) the Training Union leadership manuals that they should study.

4. Urge good workers to remain in the department where they have worked. It is not wise to move workers from one department to another. We need people who will specialize in one department of work.

5. Use the following plan the first of October to get each union completely organized.

(1) A nominating committee within the union to select all the officers and bring the report to the union.

(2) An organization chart to get the union properly divided into groups and committees. Write to your Training Union department for sample copies of organization charts.

6. Use available materials. See that a sufficient number of **Training Union Magazines** are ordered and used.

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BERKELEY, Calif. (BP) — Golden Gate Baptist Seminary Professor Gaines S. Dobbins and Mrs. Dobbins are on a summer visit to overseas points in the interest of the Baptist World Alliance.

They plan to visit Hawaii, Japan, Formosa, Burma, India, and the Middle East to help promote the extension of Bible teaching and training.

IN ENGLAND, the Methodist Church of Great Britain, at its General Conference, reported that its membership declined by 1,877 in 1956 and now stands at 742,444. It was reported also that conversations in closer relations between the Methodist Church and the Church of England are "proceeding amicably."

Music

LeRoy McClard, Secretary

Arkansas Music Camp

—August 19-24

Courses for Elementary Division Include: "Music in the Bible and Story of Our Hymns," "Tonette Band," "Musical Experiences," "Instruments of the Orchestra," "Choir."

Courses for Youth Division Include: "Orchestra," "The Instrument of the Orchestra," "Beginning & Advanced Theory," "Voice," "Organ," "Piano," "Violin," "Beginning and Advanced Conducting," "Choir."

Courses for Adult Division Include: "Sight Singing and Ear Training," "The Beginning Vocalist," "Beginning Conducting," "Arranging and Composition," "Song Interpretation."

Courses for Leadership Include: "Methods and Materials for Graded Choirs," "Vocal Pedagogy," "Advanced Conducting," "Ministry of Music," "Song Interpretation."

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Registration: It is too late to pre-register, but do not let this stop you! Come on to Siloam Springs Assembly Grounds for the most wonderful week of the summer!

Bring: Bible, linens, towels, soap, Snack Shack money, textbook money, and a big smile!

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THE BILLY GRAHAM crusade in New York City has been extended for the third time. Beginning May 15, in Madison Square Garden, the crusade was first scheduled to end on June 30. The great number of converts and the deep interest of Christian people moved the Graham committee to extend the meeting to August 10. Total attendance approaches 1½ million. "So many souls have come forward for Christ, we cannot close this crusade until our option on the Garden has expired," said Dr. Graham, "which will be on Labor Day, September 2." The Graham team voted unanimously to continue the meeting till Labor Day, except for Monday nights, which have been reserved for rest. (DP)

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● THE REV. Thomas Harkins Berry, 74, died July 30, in North Little Rock. Former pastorates of Mr. Berry include First Church, Sparkman, and First Church, Crossett. He is survived by his widow and five sons: Tim, of North Little Rock; G. A. with the U. S. Army in Germany; G. C. of Texas; Tom, El Dorado; and Rev. Dan Berry, pastor of Hardin Church, near Pine Bluff. (DP)

1957 Associational Meetings, Dates, Places, Officers

Boone County, September 5-6: Harrison, Oregon Flat; Mod., Troy Eoff, Lead Hill; V. Mod., Homer M. Robertson, Harrison.

Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, September 5-6: Mountain View; V. Mod., J. A. Hogan, Marshall.

Gainesville, September 10-11: Nimmons Church; Mod., Lawrence Ray, Rector; V. Mod., S. R. Pillow, Pollard.

Buckner, September 12-13: Parks Church; Mod., Charles Whedbee, Mansfield; V. Mod., L. L. Gilliam, Huntington.

Clear Creek, September 12-13: Ozark, Webb City; Mod., K. R. Grant, Alma; V. Mod., J. L. Hall, Clarksville.

Faulkner, September 19-20: Beryl Church; Mod., J. H. Street, Conway; V. Mod., Charles Day, Conway.

Independence, September 19-20: Batesville, First; Mod., L. M. Riherd, Batesville.

White County, September 19-20: Judsonia, First; Mod., Reese Howard, Beebe; V. Mod., John Pruitt, Beebe.

Buckville, September 20: Rock Springs; Mod., Homer Speer, Mountain Pine; V. Mod., Joe Anderson, Mountain Pine.

Ouachita, October 3: Vandervoort; Mod., J. M. Holman, Gillham; V. Mod., D. S. Miller, Mena.

Caddo River, October 3-4: Mt. Gil-ead; Mod., Eddie L. McCord, Mt. Ida.

Dardanelle-Russellville, October 3-4: Ola, First; Mod., F. E. Goodbar; V. Mod., Glenn Kauffman, Russellville.

White River, October 3-4: Hopewell Church; Mod., James E. Birkhead, Mountain Home.

Washington-Madison, October 4-5: Fayetteville, First; Mod., Walter Jes-ser, Fayetteville; V. Mod., G. C. Hil-ton, Springdale.

Little River, October 8: Horatio; Mod., Richard Perkins, Nashville; V. Mod., Gordon Boone, Foreman.

Conway-Perry, October 10: Harmony Church; Mod., C. W. Bettis, Morrilton; V. Mod., Luther Whitfield, Casa.

Hope, October 10: Hope, First; Mod., W. E. Perry, Stamps; V. Mod., Emil Williams, Lewisville.

Red River, October 10: Beech Street, Gurdon; V. Mod., Ivan Marks, Arkadelphia.

Ashley, October 10-11: Crossett, Mt. Olive N. 2; Mod., Roy Bunch, Crossett; V. Mod., Raymond Carpenter, Ham-burg.

Carey, October 10-11: Hampton, First; Mod., Gus Poole, Bearden; V. Mod., Lawson Hatfield, Fordyce.

Carroll County, October 10-11: Eureka Springs, First; Mod., Homer Allred, Grandview; V. Mod., Milton Edmonson, Berryville.

Concord, October 10-11: Fort Smith, Calvary; Mod., Elva Adams, Fort Smith; Mason Bondurant, Fort Smith.

Liberty, October 10-11: Stephens, First; Mod., W. W. Warmath, El Do-rado; V. Mod., Jack Gullede, El Do-rado.

Little Red River, October 10-11: Lone Star Church; Mod., Noble Wiles, Con-cord; V. Mod., Thomas Reeves, Heber Springs.

Newton, October 12: Cassville; V. Mod., Monroe Palmer, Jasper.

Centennial, October 14-15: Stuttgart, First; Mod., Norman Lerch, DeWitt; V. Mod., Graham Fowler, Almyra.

Pulaski, October 14-15: North Little Rock, Central; Mod., W. Harry Hunt, North Little Rock; V. Mod., Charles E. Lawrence, Little Rock.

Benton, October 14-18: Centerton; Mod., Sardis Bevers, Decatur; V. Mod., Ben T. Haney, Pea Ridge.

Current River, October 16-17: Big-gers Church; Mod., B. D. Smith, Poca-hontas; V. Mod., Howard King, Walnut Ridge.

Bartholomew, October 17: Monticel-lo, Enon; Mod., Ray Raddin, Monticel-lo; V. Mod., Rolla Nixon, Hermitage.

Central, October 17: Malvern, Third; Mod., James H. Fitzgerald, Hot Springs.

Delta, October 17: Euroda, First; Mod., C. R. Pierce Jr., Lake Village; V. Mod., Roy C. Maddux, Portland.

Big Creek, October 17-18: Hardy; Mod., Wayne D. Gunther, Salem; V. Mod., Carl R. White, Salem.

Harmony, October 17-18: Pine Bluff, Immanuel; Mod., Theo T. James, Pine Bluff; V. Mod., Luther Dorsey, Pine Bluff.

Mt. Zion, October 17-18: Jonesboro, Central and Friendly Hope; Mod., Wil-bur Herring, Jonesboro; V. Mod., Hal Gallop, Black Oak.

Rocky Bayou, October 17-18: Zion Church; V. Mod., Shaw Griffin, Even-ing Shade.

Mississippi, October 21-22: Blythe-ville, Calvary; Mod., G. W. Smith, Wil-son; V. Mod., James Riherd, Luxora.

Trinity, October 21-22: Lepanto; Mod., R. B. Crotts, Lepanto; V. Mod., L. H. Davis, Harrisburg.

Caroline, October 21-23: Coy, First; Mod., Harold White, England.

Woodruff, October 22-23: McCrory, First; Mod., Tommy Farrar, McCrory; V. Mod., Curtis Downs, Cotton Plant.

Arkansas Valley, October 23-24: West Helena and Brinkley; Mod., Jess E. Porter, West Helena; V. Mod., H. D. Lipford, Brinkley.

Black River, October 24-25: Newport, Immanuel; Mod., Byron King, Tuckerman.

Greene County, October 29-30: Para-gould, First; V. Mod., Jack D. Mick, Col-lege City.

Tri-County, October 29-30: Wynne, Harris Chapel; Mod., Ray Langley, Par-kin; V. Mod., Walter Yeldell, West Memphis.

Motor Cities: Bethel Church, Rose-ville; Mod., J. M. Moore, Roseville. This association is in Michigan.

Brotherhood

Nelson Tull, Secretary

First Camps at New Site

By C. H. Seaton

THE "PIONEER" Junior Royal Ambassador Camp was held at the new camp ground on July 15-19. The following week, July 22-26, the "Pioneer" Intermediate Camp was held.



MR. SEATON

able camps.

The Lord has said in his word, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." All that we have to do is exercise faith and believe God.

The staff at both camps were faithful to their task and did a marvelous job of taking care of the boys. The boys will long remember and give thanks to Mrs. Nelson Tull for the wonderful job that she did in providing excellent food for all the group at every meal. All of us appreciated it very much and say thanks to Mrs. Tull.

Attendance at the Junior Camp was 152, with 134 Junior boys registered. The Lord gave some very wonderful services. The visible results were 14 boys accepting Christ as Saviour, 3 surrendering as mission volunteers, and 11 rededicating their lives to the Lord's service.

The following associations were represented at the Junior Camp: Arkansas Valley, Bartholomew, Buckner, Caroline, Centennial, Concord, Conway-Perry, Faulkner County, Harmony, Ouachita, Tri-County, and White County.

The Intermediate Camp was a very successful one. The attendance was smaller than at the Junior Camp, but the Lord gave us a very fine week. There were about 50 boys registered. The visible results were: 2 professions of faith, 5 mission volunteers, 2 surrendering to ministry, 2 to full-time service, and 11 rededicating their lives to the Lord.

The following associations were represented in the Intermediate Camp: Arkansas Valley, Bartholomew, Caddo River, Centennial, Conway-Perry, Pulaski and Tri-County.

Plans are being made now for eight weeks of camps next year.

The State-wide Brotherhood Encampment will be held at the campground on August 29-30, beginning in the afternoon of the Twenty-ninth. Men from every church in the state should plan to attend this meeting.

Publicity will be mailed soon to every pastor and Brotherhood president.



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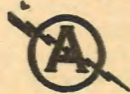
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Janey Goes Nutting

By GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER

Alice and Joe stopped in to see Janey every Saturday morning. Janey was lame and could not walk. She got about in a wheelchair. Alice and Joe visited her as often as they could.

"We are going nutting this afternoon," Joe smiled at Janey. "It is crisp and cold after the frost last night. The nuts will be ready to gather."

"It will be fun. Everyone is going," Alice beamed, and then the smile faded from her face as she looked at Janey.

Yes, everyone would be going, except Janey.

"You'll have fun," Janey smiled.

"We'll bring you some nuts," Joe promised, but Alice stopped him.

"No, we won't," she declared and Joe stared because Alice was the most unselfish person he knew. "We'll take Janey along, and she can gather her own nuts."

"I wish I could," Janey said trying to be cheerful.

"You can," Alice went on. "Joe and I are strong. Together, by each taking a side of your pushbar, we can push you to the woods. You can fill your sack in no time when the nuts come down. We'll take lunch and go early and spend the day."

Janey's mother agreed that she might go. Janey beamed, for this was something she had not expected.

Hurriedly, she put her sweater and jacket on, mother packed her lunch and her nut sack was ready and folded beside her. Carefully, Joe and Alice guided her chair out into the cool sunshine.

"We're meeting the others at the crossroad," Alice explained. "Janey, you can carry our sacks and lunches, too."

"I'll be the lunch wagon!" Janey laughed.

The other boys and girls were surprised and glad to see Janey going nutting with them. They each took turns pushing the wheelchair across the meadow and up to the woods. When they got there, Alice parked the chair in a clear space under a nut tree.

Joe threw sticks up to bring the nuts down. Janey spread her nut sack open on her lap, and when the nuts came down, many of them landed in her sack. Some fell into the corners of her chair and she added them to her sack. The nuts falling on her head did not hurt her, for she wore a thickly knitted cap.

"How happy they sound, plopping down!" Janey laughed, as all the boys and girls scrambled around gathering the nuts.

One boy climbed into the tree and shook it so more nuts pelted down. Now and then Alice came by and dropped a handful of her nuts into Janey's sack.

When they had all the nuts they wanted from one tree Alice pushed the chair to another one. The dry leaves crunched underfoot. The squirrels scolded when they saw their nuts being gathered, but the boys and girls always left a big pile of nuts at the foot of each tree. After that, their squirrel friends stopped scolding.

"It's time for lunch," Joe looked at the sun high in the sky. "Let's all sit in a circle and I'll say the blessing."

Joe thanked God for the good food. He thanked Him for the sunny, pleasant day. He thanked Him for the nuts and the fun they were having. Then everyone began to eat.

After lunch they went on to other trees. Sacks were getting heavy now. Legs were getting tired.

"We have enough, I think," Joe said at last.

"Everyone has a full sack," Janey beamed. "Look at mine! Everyone has been putting handfulls of nuts into it for me, besides all those I gathered. Thank you for bringing me along!"

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● CORRECTION: In the recent quarterly report of contributions from Arkansas Baptists to the Cooperative Program, the DeValls Bluff Church received credit for the contribution of First Church, England. It should have read: First Church, England, \$856.38.

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A Smile or Two

A draftee was awakened by his platoon sergeant after the rookie's first night in an Army barracks.

"It's four-thirty!" bellowed the sergeant.

"Four-thirty!" gasped the rookie. "Man, you'd better go to bed. We've got a big day tomorrow!"

—Ex.

Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the U. S. Senate, was on a return flight from a religious meeting in Honolulu when one of the big plane's four engines conked out. The pretty hostess bustled about trying to reassure the passengers, but Chaplain Harris felt she could do with a little reassurance herself.

"Nothing can happen to this plane," he told her. "There are eight bishops aboard."

The hostess forced a smile and said she would relay the comforting news to the captain. In a few minutes she was back, looking uncertain. "I told the captain," she said.

"What did he say?" asked the eminent cleric.

"Well," hesitated the hostess, "he said he would rather have four engines."

—Baptist and Reflector

"Why do you want to enter the U. S.?" the immigration official asked.

"I want to lead a peaceful life and make an honest living," replied the immigrant.

"Good," said the official. "That's not one of our overcrowded fields."

"Meet me at the Waldorf-Astoria at eight," said the boy.

"The Waldorf!" exclaimed the girl. "Say, that's a nice place."

"Yeah," he replied, "and it's close to where we're going, too."

Customer: "Have you a book, *Man the Master of Woman?*"

Salesgirl: "The fiction department is on the next aisle."

Manners were invented to keep fools at a distance.

—Emerson

"Some of these old codgers who keep complaining that things ain't what they used to be always forget to include themselves."

—Ex.

CHUCKLE: At this stage of the session with so many Members eager for adjournment but with much yet to be done, I am reminded of the maid who said to her employer, "Our church is celebrating the 10th anniversary of our preacher and we are taking up a collection to give him a little momentum." That may be what Congress needs — a little momentum.

—Brooks Hays

Jonathan, Nobility In Friendship

By DR. REL GRAY

August 11, 1957
I Samuel 14:1-15

INTRODUCTION:

"We take care of our health; we lay up money; we make our roof tight, and our clothing sufficient; but who provides wisely that he shall not be wanting in the best property of all,—Friends?" — Emerson.

"If you would have a friend, be one." We do a small favor; we say a kind word; we share a glorious experience; we keep a confidence — and a friendship is born. It is true that friends play an important part in the success or failure of a person.



DR. GRAY

The background material is most interesting and voluminous. David, the youngest son of Jesse, had been selected and anointed to succeed Saul as King. The Spirit of the Lord came upon David, and the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul. Saul became a very difficult individual as the result of the evil spirit that came upon him. When Satan gets the upper hand, there is trouble. Conversely, when the Spirit of Christ prevails, there is peace and contentment of heart. Because of Saul's spiritual misery, David was brought to the court to play the harp, which in turn soothed the irritation of Saul.

The scene changes and in the second act the Philistines are gathered together to battle Israel. On one mountain stood the Philistines, and Israel stood on another mountain: and there was a valley between them. The challenge extended to the armies of Israel by the Philistines was accepted by David. David, in slaying Goliath, was acclaimed a hero in Israel, which in turn provoked the jealousy of King Saul.

Jonathan, the son of King Saul, fell in love with David and loved him as his own soul. This is the beginning of the most classic friendship to be found in all literature. There was a power that drew their personalities into intimate relationship. These men were tied together by indissoluble bonds. They were literally "knotted" together.

Because of the increasing popularity of David, Saul's jealousy became violent. He made several attempts to take David's life. He went so far as to give him his daughter in marriage, with the understanding that the dowry would be 200 Philistines. He hoped that, in the attempt David would be slain. Upon the failure of these attempts to succeed, Saul spoke to Jonathan and his servants about killing David. This

was a terrible thing for one anointed of God to do.

Jonathan did everything possible to get his father to accept David, but all in vain. Saul permitted jealousy to develop into hatred which prevented reconciliation. Jonathan's loyalty to David brought him into a direct clash with his father.

The death of Saul and Jonathan broke the heart of David. He described the friendship of Jonathan as beautiful, and declared that his love surpassed that of a woman. Years later David demonstrated his appreciation to Jonathan's son.

I. Jonathan Loved David

Jonathan met David on the day that David slew Goliath, the Philistine giant. No doubt but Jonathan was watching David as he went forth in the name of his God to meet the enemy of righteousness. He admired David's faith, which gave him courage to meet and overcome Goliath. During the meeting of Saul and David, Jonathan's son was knit with the soul of David. Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

"A friend loveth at all times." (Proverbs 17:7) Love was the foundation that made this friendship noble.

These two men made a covenant because they loved each other.

II. Jonathan Shared With David.

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." (Proverbs 24:24) David and Jonathan demonstrated their love for each other through sharing.

The rainbow in heaven is the seal of God's covenant with Noah, and with the earth.

The water represents God's covenant in baptism; and the bread and the wine in the Lord's supper. And, in like manner, Jonathan's robe, his garments, his sword, his bow and his girdle were signs and seals of Jonathan's covenant made with David.

This was a noble friendship because of the willingness to share on the part of both men.

III. Jonathan Protected David.

"There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Proverbs 24:24b) The friendship between Jonathan and David was noble because each was willing to sacrifice to protect the other. They were not fair-weather friends. Their friendship was of the type that could stand the "acid test."

It is easy to have so-called friends when everything is moving along smoothly. Real friendship is a mutual devotion. A friend is not to be used, but an end to be achieved and cherished. Cheap friendships are made with the idea of benefiting from them materially. Noble friendships are developed as a result of giving rather than receiving. Jonathan was willing to hazard his

standing with his own father in order to protect David.

Conclusion:

The story of Jonathan and David should bring to our attention the noble friendship of Jesus Christ. He loved the world enough to die for the people. He is willing to give salvation to any one who will believe. He will guard and protect the soul that has received him.

Jesus laid down his life for his friends. Are you his friend?

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 15:12-14)

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IN POLAND, according to the International Hebrew Christian Alliance panic has seized the Jews. Of the three and one-half million living in pre-war Poland, three million perished at the hands of the Nazi's. Others died in Russian forced labor camps. Today 80,000 Jews remain in Poland. Many of them wish to migrate to Israel.

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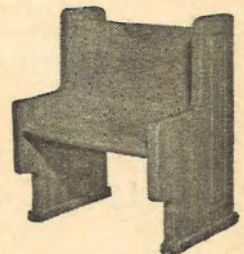
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MY RESIGNATION

Following is a copy of my official resignation as tendered July 16 to the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

I submit to you my resignation as Executive Secretary-Treasurer, to take effect at the end of next month. I have some commitments for the month of August, and I need to rearrange and label some permanent files for the benefit of my successor.

I am not retiring. By accepting this work early in my ministry, I have missed some things I have wanted to do. I must address myself to them now before my natural strength is abated, and I desire to leave my present position to do them, that I may finish my course with joy. I have not lost my love for evangelism; I have not forgotten my love for the pastorate and its soul-winning opportunities.

I am enjoying normal strength and health, but I would like to have a two-month rest from these strenuous labors; then I will be ready to take up another work with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength. I have never thought that it would be fair to my Lord to retire as long as I have full strength and health, such as I enjoy today. So, I am ready, as much as within me lies, to preach the gospel wherever the Lord wants me, and I do not worry about remuneration. One day the Lord said to me, "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's but he shall receive a hundredfold in this life and eternal life in the world to come." And I said, "Lord, I am your man." God is keeping His word, as always.

I know that we have not always seen the tasks "eye to eye," but we have pulled on and on in confidence and cooperation, . . .

I mention a few things which will remind this Board that my administration has not been entirely uneventful. It was my privilege to spearhead and take the lead in the payment of our old debts which amounted to considerably more than a million dollars. This effort was not without blood and tears, but it was consummated in great victory.

We purchased and paid for a splendid Baptist Building located in the heart of Little Rock. The only remain-

ing obligation is a small charge on the air conditioning.

Before we had finished paying our old debts we found that our institutions had created other indebtedness which amounted to between \$100,000 and \$200,000, for current operations. We arranged a schedule for paying these deficits and soon wiped them out.

During World War II we distributed approximately 15,000 New Testaments to men in uniform, 10,000 of which were distributed to Italian soldiers.

During this war we also established soldiers' centers in Little Rock and in Fort Smith, and ministered effectively to multiplied thousands of men in uniform and helped many of them on to God.

We also had the privilege of obtaining leases in government areas and establishing Baptist churches, and in one instance actually donned our overalls and took our tools and helped a few men build a Baptist church house at the Arsenal near Pine Bluff.

When Central College was discontinued it became our charge to help liquidate the affairs of the school. Some of the teachers and creditors were very belligerent. After an inventory committee had finished its work and had placed prices on the furniture, we sold much of it for the best price we could obtain and applied the money on the indebtedness of the school. Some of the furniture we purchased in person. Although we did not need it, we wanted to help in the struggle to clear the school's obligation. You cannot possibly know the many headaches we had in this task.

The first budget when we came into office was \$38,000. We actually collected about \$34,000 that year in funds. We have each succeeding year built a larger budget and the budget has grown from \$38,000 to approximately \$1,500,000 at present.

During the trying times of World War II we put on a campaign for foreign relief. We set out to raise \$100,000 and raised a little more than that.

It was our privilege to assist Dr. Whittington and finally to assume the responsibility in the Ouachita Million-Dollar Campaign. We actually raised approximately \$750,000 for this campaign.

At one time during our administration the main building of our Orphanage burned. We set out to raise \$60,000 to rebuild the building. We raised more than we were asking for. Year by year we have increased our gifts to missions.

We have kept from borrowing money, which has not been easy. There has been a disposition to borrow money and the more prosperous the times, the greater the disposition to borrow money, but we have led the Convention to refuse to do so.

The credit of the Board and the Convention under our administration has been entirely restored and the confidence of the financial world has been regained.

I have seen our property value increase from approximately \$700,000 to almost \$7,000,000 at the present time.

In Grant County we had no co-operating work at all. One of the greatest things we have done was to establish a Convention "beachhead" in the County and now there are three Convention churches there with valuable property.

Our growth and development has been astonishing indeed. For the most part, we have had a splendid, lovable, and loyal leadership in the churches with whom to work.

I love you. The personal kindnesses you have repeatedly extended to me have often stirred my deepest emotions, and I shall never forget them, and this act of mine today is of my own volition, for there has not been the slightest suggestion that you wanted me to do it. I thank you, my dearly beloved.

More than 26 years ago I left the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Little Rock and came to you when you could not pay interest on your indebtedness of a million and a quarter dollars. But I did not take the work to see the Convention liquidated. You are in good condition. Keep it that way.

—B. L. Bridges



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