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Arkansas Musicians at Glorieta

Billy Graham Booked For Little Rock Meeting

BILLY GRAHAM is coming to Little Rock for a soul-winning crusade.

The date is yet to be set, but some from a committee which called on Graham in New York last week are hopeful it may be as early as next summer, and, if not then, within the next two years.

Frank Lyon, Little Rock business man and member of Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, served as chairman of a committee of eight—four laymen and four ministers, all from Little Rock—who flew to New York to attend the Graham revival and present the Little Rock invitation.

Other members of the committee were: James H. Penick, Sr., of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral; Gordon H. Campbell, of First Presbyterian Church; and Pratt C. Rempel, of First Methodist Church, all laymen; and the following ministers: Rev. Edward L. Weinrich, First Christian Church, North Little Rock; Rev. Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., president of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Association and pastor of Central Presbyterian Church; Rev. W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel Baptist Church; and Dr. Arthur Terry, superintendent of the Little Rock District of the Methodist Church.

The Arkansans sat on the platform with Graham Tuesday night and were introduced as a group. They had an hour's conference with the evangelist following the service.

"We told him that we had the unanimous backing of the Ministerial Association and that our invitation was layman-inspired and had the backing of Little Rock ministers," Mr. Lyon said.

Graham is scheduling crusades on a tentative basis and definite dates will not be worked out until after the close of the New York meetings.

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Osceola in Combination Service

● THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of Tri-County Association commends Rev. Frank Carlton, who has served as a pastor in the Association for several years, upon the occasion of his retirement from the active pastorate, and commends him to churches for supply preaching and evangelism. As pastor at Wheatley, Brother Carlton has been an active leader in the Tri-County Association.

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● A COMBINATION GA coronation and RA recognition service was held recently at First Church, Osceola. Wallace Wilson, RA counselor, awarded pins to Kenneth Hartsfield and Tony Fletcher, receiving recognition as pages. Serving as attendant to Mr. Wilson was Nelson Gwaltney, bearing the pages' pins.

Mrs. Harry G. Jacobs, youth director, presented the following for GA recognition. Maidens: Margaret Meeker, Patricia Jacks, Delores Eaves, Lyn Mann, Betty Lou Johnson, Mary Etta Hill, Sherry Fletcher and Linda Key. Ladies-in-Waiting: Mary Helen Stanfill, Kay Smith, Fannie Jo Shoemaker and Helen Fletcher. Princesses: Becky Mann and Lennie Welborn.

Pastor Harry G. Jacobs crowned the two queens, who were Rose Maloch and Thyra Gail Shoemaker.

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● FORMER LITTLE ROCKIAN Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Tompkinsville, Ky. Coleman's father, who was formerly associate executive secretary for Arkansas Baptists, is now Brotherhood secretary for Kentucky Baptists.

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● HARMONY CHURCH, El Dorado, ordained its pastor, E. L. Ward, to the gospel ministry on July 21. Liberty Association Missionary W. F. Couch served as moderator. Gerald Taylor was the clerk. The candidate was questioned by E. T. Glover. Jay Dee Tolleson delivered the charge and the message. The Bible was presented by Dale Floyd and the candidate's brother, J. M. Ward, led the prayer.

Dowdy to Nashville

● ROBERT A. DOWDY, associate Training Union secretary for Arkansas



Baptists since January 15, 1954, has been appointed head of the Primary Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. He will assume his new duties on September 1.

Dowdy is a native of Memphis, Tenn., and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. The Dowdy's have two sons and one daughter. They will move to Nashville late in August.

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PASTOR THOMAS E. Lindley, of First Church, Augusta, had counselled with a young couple concerning their approaching marriage and the groom-to-be had made a profession of faith in Christ. Plans were completed for the wedding ceremony to be performed at the close of a church service. When the invitation was given at the close of the service, the couple to be married, Miss Bette Allen Hall and John McConaughay, both united with the church for baptism, just minutes before they were united in the bonds of matrimony by Pastor Lindley.

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● TEMP SPARKMAN, minister of education for First Church, Paragould, and Roger McDonald, student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., recently conducted a youth revival for Fountain Memorial Church, Washington, D. C. There were 42 decisions.

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● **HAROLD L. RUTLEDGE**, of Paris, was among the 26 students who received degrees and awards at the summer commencement program July 26, at the New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Rutledge received the Th.D. degree. Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College, was the commencement speaker.



MR. RUTLEDGE

EDITOR McDONALD supplied for Pastor Dale F. Taylor and First Church, Smackover, two Sundays recently, July 21 and 28. Sunday, August 4, he supplied for pastor Gordon Bayless, Central Church, North Little Rock. On Monday, August 5, he spoke at a workers conference of the Conway-Perry Association at Houston, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. H. D. Palmer is missionary in the Conway-Perry Association. He will preach August 11 at First Church, Warren, Gerald Trussell, pastor.

● **FOUR LITTLE ROCK** men will participate in the first national conference of Southern Baptist men to be held in Oklahoma City, September 18-20. They are Congressman Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Carl Ledbetter, Arkansas Power and Light Co.; Nelson Hull, state Brotherhood secretary, and his associate, C. H. Seaton. (DP)

● **CAROLINE ASSOCIATION** had standard Vacation Bible Schools this year for the first time in its history, according to Pastor H. D. Atwood, First Church, Carlisle. Churches reaching enrollment standards were: Cabot, 196; Carlisle, 226; Hazen, 120; Lonoke, 205; Steel Bridge, 73. Don Williams is the First Church, Lonoke, is superintendent.

● **REV. FRANK SPENCER**, of 2721 South 16th Street, Fort Smith, recently returned home from Louisville where he received the Th. M. degree at the spring commencement. He is available for supply preaching and the pastorate. Before going to Louisville he served for three years as pastor of a mission of First Church, Huntsville, Ala.

● **FIRST CHURCH, BEEBE**, of which Rev. Reese S. Howard is pastor, has voted to set aside Dec. 1-8 in its calendar as Stewardship Emphasis Week.

● **REV. H. W. RYAN**, who retired last year from the active pastorate but who is busy as a supply preacher and evangelist, has been called to serve First Church, Cabot, as interim pastor. Brother Ryan makes his home at 2705 State Street, Little Rock.

Put your state paper in your church budget.

Greetings From Moscow!

Worshipped in the Moscow Baptist Church. In the pastor's study discovered several copies of the **Arkansas Baptist!!** Small world — or is it just that the **Arkansas Baptist** gets around? —H. Henlee Barnette

● **DR. D. DAVID GARLAND**, pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, has been placed on the audit committee of the Baptist Sunday School Board. (BP)

IS THE **Arkansas Baptist** in your church budget?

COVER STORY

Musicians at Glorieta

TWENTY-THREE ARKANSANS were among the 849 who registered for the music conference at Glorieta, July 11-17. Highlight of the conference, according to Secretary LeRoy McClard of the Arkansas state Music department, was the presentation of Mendelssohn's Oratorio, Elijah, to the largest congregation ever assembled at Glorieta. George Starke, lately of the staff of First Church, Little Rock, sang on the artist recital and Mr. McClard served on the faculty.

In attendance (see cover) were:

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Norman Dale, West Helena Church; Miss Lou Alice Mason, First Church, Little Rock, and secretary in the Music department; Miss Marian Allred, First Church, Little Rock; Mrs. LeRoy McClard, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Mrs. Ural Clayton, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock; Mrs. Haskell Lindsay, First Church, Forrest City; and Mrs. Russell Oldham, First Church, Fayetteville.

Second row: Mrs. W. W. Grimes, West Helena Church; Mrs. Wilson Deese, West Helena Church; Mrs. L. L. Jacks, First Church, Sparkman; Mrs. George Starke, First Church, Little Rock; Mrs. George Aitkins, West Helena Church; little Rebecca Oldham and her father, Russell Oldham, First Church, Fayetteville.

Back row: Mr. McClard, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Bud Little, First Church, Jonesboro; Mrs. J. S. Adams, First Church, Waldron; Haskell Lindsay, First Church, Forrest City; Clarence White, Beech Street Church, Texarkana; George Starke, First Church, Little Rock; Ural Clayton, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock; Archie McMillan, Second Church, Little Rock; and Earl Goatcher, First Church, Little Rock.

● **A. ERMON WEBB** has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Russellville, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Stuttgart, effective August 9. Mr. Webb has served the Russellville church for the past three years.



MR. WEBB

Under his ministry the church has erected a \$126,000 education building; increased its budget from \$35,000 to \$50,700 annually; and received 355 new members, 117 by baptism. A two-story dwelling immediately adjacent to the church property was purchased for future expansion and is being used presently for additional educational space.

Mr. Webb is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

● **DR. RALPH A. PHELPS**, president of Ouachita College, has been elected vice chairman of the Southern Baptist Education Commission. (DP)

● **FORMER ARKANSAN** Dr. Thomas W. Croxton has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Sedalia, Mo., after 12½ years with the church. He was formerly pastor of First Church, Monticello, for ten years. Dr. Croxton was a professor at Ouachita College and former editor of the **Arkansas Baptist**. Dr. and Mrs. Croxton will live in Jefferson City, Mo. He is available for revival meetings.

● **FIVE RECEIVED** by baptism, three by letter, and four rededicated lives was the result of a recent meeting at First Church, Knoxville, where Gerald Stone is the pastor. J. C. Myers, pastor of Rosedale Church, Little Rock, was the evangelist and Glenn Kaufmann, pastor of East Point Church in Dardanelle-Russellville Association, was the singer.

● **FIRST CHURCH, Plainview**, has adopted the six-point record system in Sunday school, according to Pastor Fred H. M. Smith. The church has baptized 16 candidates this year and 13 others await the ordinance while the men of the church build a baptistry.

● **JAMES H. FITZGERALD**, pastor of Park Place Church, Hot Springs, recently assisted former Arkansan Russell Duffer and Ardmore Church in Memphis in a revival which resulted in 13 additions to the church, 10 by baptism. Pastor Duffer has received 46 new members in the three months he has been with Ardmore Church, which will soon occupy a new education building with facilities to care for 1,000 in Sunday school.

● **WE ARE GLAD** to have a club subscription from the Sycamore Church, Red River Association, of which Rev. Bobby Alexander, Beirne, is pastor.

Personally Speaking . . .

Something to Do

TWO TRAINMEN who were nearing the destination in life called Retirement were talking in my presence one day as we traveled by train across Kentucky. It



MR. McDONALD

was just a few weeks until each was to give up his regular runs, one as a conductor and the other as a brakeman, on a passenger train.

"I don't know what I am going to do," said the brakeman, out of a heavy heart. "Railroading has been my life. I will be lost without my job. I will have nothing to do."

"That's not the way I feel about it," replied the conductor, with a glow of happy anticipation on his face. "When I have made my last run as a railroad conductor, I am going to get so far away from a railroad that I won't be able to hear a train!

"I am going to work my garden, use my camera and my darkroom, and catch up on my reading!"

And which of these two do you think is more likely to live happily and usefully many years beyond retirement?

Happy is the man—or woman—who has interests outside and beyond himself and whatever he is doing for a livelihood. And, particularly is this true of those who are active in their churches.

It is hard for the world to understand, but the "rest" which the Lord promises to those who "labor and are heavy laden" is not the rest of inactivity or of tranquilizing drugs. Rather, it is the rest of purposeful and zestful living that is motivated by a genuine love and concern, not for oneself, but for others.

For the Christian properly related to his church, there need never be the frustration of nothing to do. And that goes for us when we are old and our eyesight is dim—even when we may not be able to do anything but sit in a wheelchair or lie on a hospital bed and pray.

Erwin L. McDonald

Arkansas Baptist Church Budget Plan Explained

The following questions are those usually raised by pastors and church leaders in discussing the matter of putting the Arkansas Baptist in the church budget. We suggest the answers to these questions to help clear up any problem that may arise.

What is It?

Question—What is the Church Budget Plan of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST?

Answer—It is a special subscription plan offered to the churches by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at a considerable rate reduction in order that our denominational program may be kept constantly before the eyes of Arkansas Baptists. When, therefore, any church agrees to send the paper to each active resident family in the membership and pay for the subscription out of the church treasury, the price per family is \$1.68 per year, or 14¢ per month.

How Many Required?

Q—How many subscriptions are required to entitle us to that rate?

A—No certain number. One paper is to be sent to each active resident family. This applies to all churches alike.

Resident Families

Q—What is meant by resident families?

A—Those families living within reasonable distance of the church, and of which there is a possibility of enlisting. Families who have moved away need not be included. However, most churches include college students and servicemen.

Q—How about the person who says, "I don't want it."

A—That person must be respected. He cannot be forced to accept the paper. Leave him off your list. There will not be many such in any church.

Expiration Date

Q—Does the subscription expire annually, the same as individual subscriptions or clubs?

A—Only those who pay annually. They will be notified to renew. Other church budgets are accepted on a continuous basis the same as Sunday School, Training Union or other literature. The paper will be mailed direct to the home regularly each week until notice of change or cancellation is received.

Adding Names

Q—Can the names of new members be added at any time?

A—Yes . . . The church secretary furnishes the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, each month, a complete list of all new families who have united with the church during the month, together with those whose names are to be removed as a result of death, transfer by letter, or otherwise. A complete mailing list will be furnished the church at regular intervals, or upon request.

Payments

Q—How may the account be paid by the church?

A—The account may be paid monthly, quarterly or annually, just as you pay the other accounts of your church. Our only request is that the initial payment accompany your list.

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Paul's Preaching and Policies For the Present

Part IV. Salvation in Its Consummation

Paul preached salvation as a future hope. As Brunner has said, to be a Christian is to share in "something which has happened, which is happening and which will happen." Salvation



DR. BARNETTE

which began in the act of God, appropriated by faith, and lived in cooperation with Him, awaits its consummation in a new act of God, the coming of Christ in glory. Thus Paul could say: "Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." (Romans 13:

11) And "when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." (Colossians 3:4)

The eschatology of Paul was far from being "realized" eschatology. He looked forward to the resurrection of the dead. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." (I Corinthians 15:20) Those "who are fallen asleep in Christ shall God bring with him." (I Thessalonians 4:14) They shall have "a spiritual body" (I Corinthians 15), for Paul does not teach the immortality of the soul, but the resurrection of the body. Our bodies of clay will be changed in the likeness of the glorious body of

Christ. (Philippians 3:21) Only eternal destruction is to be the fate of those who reject the risen Christ. (I Thessalonians 1:9)

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Moreover, Paul did not hesitate to preach the final judgment. "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." (II Corinthians 5:14) For he knew that the consummation of salvation must include the judgment in which "God shall judge the secrets of men by Christ Jesus." (Romans 2:16) But there will be no condemnation for those who are in Christ. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect." (Romans 8:33)

Finally, Paul clearly sees that the Christian's relation with Christ in the age to come will be a personal one. "So shall we be ever with the Lord." (I Thessalonians 4:17) "Our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us that whether we wake or sleep (that is, whether we live or die) we should live together with him." (I Thessalonians 5:9-10)

Arkansas

Land of Opportunity

By ALBERT FAUTH

NO ONE CAN travel long in the state of Arkansas and not discover that her motto is, "The Land of Opportunity." It is displayed on the license plates of cars. People are talking about it, and are pointing with pride to the big industry that is moving into the state. Highways are being resurfaced or widened to care for the increased travel either anticipated or already in existence. Suburbs are mushrooming not only around the larger cities but also the small towns. Opportunity seems to be knocking everywhere, and Arkansas is as busy as a beehive on a summer day following a refreshing shower of rain.

There is another opportunity that must not be overlooked. It is the spiritual opportunity that is demanding more churches, church workers, and better trained leaders. To meet this need one church has inaugurated a 15-year program for the building of five units. Not satisfied with this program they recently saw two mission projects grow into churches and are planning for a third mission in another section of the town. This is being duplicated in many sections of the state.

Some years ago this opportunity was recognized by Ouachita College, and they endeavored to meet it with an extension program. Because of the lack of funds and the disapproval of the North Central Accrediting Association, they recently called upon the Seminary Extension Department of the five co-operating Southern Baptist Seminaries for help. The Seminary Extension Department responded by assigning one of its associate directors to Arkansas. During the month of June he has travelled almost 10,000 miles endeavoring to establish extension centers in every association. The result of this effort has been the commitments of 14 associations to begin extension centers. They are:

- Big Creek Association — no missionary
- Rocky Bayou Association — R. E. Fowler, missionary
- Little Red River Association — H. M. Dugger, missionary
- White River Association — E. E. Boone, missionary
- Black River Association — Cecil Guthrie, missionary
- Harmony Association — Amos Greer, missionary
- Pulaski Association — O. C. Robinson, missionary

Teacher, Pupils Killed On Way to Class Picnic

HARRISBURG, Ill. (BP) — The teacher and two pupils of 12-year-old Sunday school class of McKinley Ave. Baptist Church here were killed recently in a collision while on their way to an outing.

Marion Lasseter, class teacher and driver of the car, had picked up six of his class members a short time before and was driving to nearby Eldorado, Ill. Another car collided with Lasseter's car head-on.

The accident also claimed the life of the driver of the other automobile. The other class members were hospitalized, two of them critically injured.

Baptist Folks and Facts

... H. Alton Webb recently resigned pastorate of First Baptist Church, Poteau, Okla., to become pastor of Vickery Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

... On July 14 Thomas C. Christmas began his pastorate of First Church, Andrews, N. C. He came there after serving as pastor of Mt. Lebanon Church, Maryville, Tenn.

... Albert M. Castell, student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, preached the ordination sermon recently when two of his brothers were ordained as deacons. The brothers are members of different Baptist churches in nearby communities in southeastern Indiana. Previously Castell had baptized both his brothers after their conversions.

- Concord Association — Jay W. C. Moore, missionary
- Hope Association — M. T. McGreggor, missionary
- Central Association — Hugh Owen, missionary
- Little River Association — Wendell Poole, missionary
- Caddo River Association — W. C. Miller, missionary
- Dardanelle - Russellville Association — Bill Woodson, missionary
- White River Association — C. E. McDonald, missionary

There are about eight more associations which have indicated an interest in an extension center, and there are several who plan to cooperate with one in a neighboring association.

Arkansas is a "Land of Opportunity," but opportunities neglected become problems. Now is the moment to take advantage of opportunities and not tomorrow. The spiritual Arkansas of tomorrow depends upon the manner in which Baptists respond to the opportunities offered.

(If interested in the Seminary Extension program, write Dr. Albert Fauth, 1119 N. 29th, Kansas City, Kansas.)



DR. BAKER JAMES Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, talks with the new missionaries appointed at the July meeting of the Board. Left to right: Dr. Cauthen; Mrs. Clyde J. Dotson, Birmingham, Ala., appointed for Southern Rhodesia where Mr. Dotson, whom she married in May of this year, has been serving 27 years; Mr. and Mrs. Russell R. Morris, Sonoma, Calif., appointed for the Near East; and Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gilbert, Clara, Miss., appointed for Ecuador.

Spain Shows Gains In Baptist Missions

DR. GEORGE W. Sadler, in Spain on his last official visit as secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said he has never known such an epoch of prosperity and unity as he has witnessed among Spanish Baptists on this visit.

The Baptist church of Badalona, a suburb of Barcelona, held a banquet in Dr. Sadler's honor on Saturday night, July 6. Two hundred and eleven people, representing most of the Baptist churches of the area, were present.

Dr. Sadler was with missionaries in Barcelona when they welcomed a newly appointed missionary couple on July 8. The new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Russell B. Hilliard, brought the Spain Mission staff to eight. "This is a historic occasion for Spain," Dr. Sadler said. "Never before in the history of our missionary work in Spain have we had more than six missionaries on the field." Two additional appointees for Spain, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald A. McNeely, are scheduled to arrive in early September.

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M. P. Turner President Of American Seminary

NASHVILLE (BP) — Maynard P. Turner, Jr., pastor of Mozart Baptist Church, Chicago, has been elected president of American Baptist Theological Seminary here. He assumed his new duties Aug. 5.

American Seminary is jointly operated by the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., the largest Negro Baptist group in the nation. The seminary trains Negro ministers and other religious workers.

The post of president has been vacant for about a year following the resignation of Ralph W. Riley to reenter the pastorate. During that time, Victor T. Glass has served as acting president, the first and only white man to head the seminary.

When Turner becomes president, Glass will resume his former position of academic dean.

MRS. L. O. (Imogene) Greer has been elected manager of the Baptist Book Store, Fort Worth, Texas. A graduate of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, she worked 9½ years in the Dallas Baptist book store and for eighteen months in the Lubbock book store.

MISS JOAN STOCKSTILL, a former music teacher in the Mississippi public schools, has been appointed tutor in organ at New Orleans Seminary, according to Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president.



MISS STOCKSTILL

A graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. Stockstill holds the master of religious education and the master of sacred music degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

She formerly taught piano in the Sunflower County, Miss., public schools and also served as BSU director at Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Miss., and minister of music at the Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Va.

Baptists Enter City Of Brazil in Force

BAPTISTS HAD no work in Cachoeira do Sul, a city of 30,000 people in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, until early this year when nine theological students, five pastors, and about 20 volunteer workers went there for eight days of intensive evangelistic effort. Now Baptist work is firmly established in the city, though there is no full-time worker available to direct the work.

During the days of the campaign five street meetings were held in different sections of town each day; and main meetings were held in the public square, in the very heart of town, each evening.

The revival meetings resulted in more than a thousand decisions of one kind or another. All of these came to the front; but with many it was manifestations of interest rather than definite decisions.

Souvenir Edition Of Baptist Hymnal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will provide a souvenir edition of the Baptist Hymnal for the National Conference for Southern Baptist Men, Oklahoma City, September 18-20. It carries forty-nine of the outstanding hymns from the Baptist Hymnal.

Jay O. Turner, manager, Merchandise Sales Department of the Board, points out that registrants at the conference may feel free to take home as many copies as they can find of the special souvenir edition, but urges that they do not remove surplus books until the last session is over!

The souvenir edition is a facsimile of the Baptist Hymnal cover, bound in blue-gray simulated leather paper stock with gold lettering.

Nashville Editor Head Of Historical Society

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Historical Society, in its annual meeting in Nashville, elected Richard N. Owen, of Nashville, as president.

Owen, editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*, Tennessee Baptist weekly newspaper, also is chairman of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

Other officers of the Society were re-elected. J. L. Boyd, retired minister living at Clinton, Miss., continues as vice-president, and H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., remains secretary-treasurer.

While the Historical Commission is an official agency of the Southern Baptist Convention whose members are elected by the Convention, the Historical Society is an independent organization of Southern Baptists interested in church history.

WASHINGTON (BP) — Vacation Bible school pupils in a Baptist church in Connecticut collected \$49 in their missionary offering, sent it to Congressman Brooks Hays in Washington, and asked that it be used to aid hurricane victims in southern Louisiana.

Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, forwarded the \$49 to Alexandria, La., where offices of the Louisiana Baptist Convention are located. Louisiana convention churches are making special offerings to aid those affected by the hurricane, whether Baptists or not. Over \$69,000 has already been received.

The Vacation Bible school which contributed the money was held by Sterling Hill Baptist Church of Plainfield, Conn.

IF YOUR youngster hasn't been doing well in school, it could be the result of too much pressure at home, says *Home Life* writer Ross L. Holman of Nashville. His article in the August issue of *Southern Baptists' Christian Family Magazine*, warns parents, "You Can Push Johnny Too Hard."

Too many parents prod their child to try to lead his class when average grades represent his best effort, Holman says. The strain of this relentless pressure not only affects the student's grades, he points out, but he may become discouraged and quit trying altogether.

TWO NEW artists have been added recently to the staff of the Art Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Richard C. Wood, of Providence, Rhode Island, is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, BFA degree.

Bruce Adams, of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland, is a graduate of the Maryland Institute of Art and the Acme Neon Institute, of Chicago.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Age of Ministers

"We want men about _____ years of age." That about sums up a major requirement that many pulpit committees accept when looking for a pastor. Other qualifications are, of course, indicated; but there seems to be a particular regard for age, with emphasis on youth. Some committees avoid those who are so young as to lack experience, and other qualifications, but age becomes the deciding factor in many cases of men in upper middle age or older. Unfair and unreasonable as that may sound, that is the way it appears to us, with some exceptions, of course.

Obviously, there are not enough men in the early middle age to "go around." Some churches must accept younger pastors and some must have older ones. And it hardly seems reasonable to suppose that an older minister is no more able than a younger one if other factors are similar. If age and experience are of value in any sort of work (and who would doubt that they are valuable?), why not in the ministry? Unmistakably and to an unusual degree, we would say, an older pastor is safer. Probably in no other calling is one more dependent upon experience than in the pastorate. Why, then, reject a man merely because he is getting old? We are not seeking to discredit the young, and we recognize that some older men are poorly qualified and that many younger men are well qualified and quite mature, but we are zealous for what we believe to be a valid principle.

Perhaps some older ministers do let down and neglect to study and keep abreast of the times in knowledge and methods, but so do younger ones.

The financial problem of retirement is not so serious as it once was, for either the pastor or church. Also, the later years of a minister's life should be his best years; and they are so in numerous cases.

What we would advocate is that churches looking for a pastor take the question of age out of the list of requirements, or put it far down the list, and seek one who is qualified regardless of age. God will lead a church in calling a pastor when the church is willing to follow His leadership, and any choice a church might make apart from His leadership would be a mistake. Why then, should people prescribe limits of age upon their prospective pastors? We are not attempting to give "all the answers" here, but we raise a question for thought.

—Baptist Courier

Conference on Adults Set for January '58

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — A conference for workers with adults in Southern Baptist churches will be held here January 15-17, Dr. W. L. Howse, director, Education Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced.

The conference will be similar in scope to the child life conference in 1956 and the young people's conference in 1957 for vocational workers with those two age groups.

Planned primarily for ministers of education and ministers of music, along with Baptist state Sunday school Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood secretaries, the conference is jointly sponsored by the Sunday School Board, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

MOUTH OF WILSON, Va. (BP) — Grover M. Turner, president of Oak Hill Baptist Academy here, has resigned.

The academy is operated by the Baptist General Association of Virginia and is located in southwest Virginia. The school recently severed its co-operative bus transportation, lunchroom, and classroom arrangements with Grayson County, in which the academy is located.

THE NEW DIRECTOR of libraries at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, is Dr. Charles Price Johnson. Dr. Johnson began his new duties August 1, succeeding Dr. Leslie Robinson Elliott, according to an official announcement from Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of the seminary.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Best compliment you can pay your preacher's sermon is to bring along a friend to hear his next one."

—The Survey Bulletin

Callous New Yorkers Respond to Billy Graham

By GAINER BRYAN, JR.

"God is using Billy Graham to change this city, and I tell you something else — he's changing me."

The statement by a leading New York pastor, nationally famous, illustrates the impact that the Billy Graham revival, now in its third month, is having on life in general and the churches in particular in the world's largest city.

First 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.

New York is well known as a callous city where taxi drivers snap at jay-walking pedestrians, men race women for seats on the subway, and tourists get a cold shoulder. But I had only to mention the name of Billy Graham and natives became friendly. Religious conversation followed easily in this city where two people out of four have either a Catholic or Jewish background and more than half are not actively affiliated with any church.

For example, I asked the foreign-looking, mustached driver of an airport bus if he had been to hear Billy Graham. He replied warmly, "No, I haven't been, but I've got lots of friends who have driven buses there — 15 or 20 a night. New York is taking him well. These buses come from all over the metropolitan area."

A tough-looking, crew-cut young man of about 20, who loaded the suitcases onto the bus, stood by sullenly while I talked to the driver. I asked him if he had been to hear Billy. I got a short "No" for an answer. However, when the bus started up, this young man came and sat by me and talked earnestly about his religious faith all the way into town.

A Jewish man from Manhattan who shared a table with me at breakfast said he had no plans to go hear Graham. However, he commented, "He must be a very forceful personality. I would like to go and see for myself — only out of curiosity."

At Madison Square Garden where the meetings are held, I watched the

moving scene that always transpires when Billy gives the invitation. He had preached that night on "Temptation." I had heard the same sermon in Nashville and Louisville. I detected no special adaptations for New York. It was a simple Gospel message.

When he finished, he said, "You can't overcome the tempter in your own strength, but you can go out of here tonight with a miraculous power to resist temptation. Your life can be changed before this night is over . . .

"You come!"

From every quarter of the arena they came, filling the vast open space in front of and to the sides of the platform like a cloudburst and backing up into the three great aisles.

One of the first was a khaki-clad soldier with his overnight bag.

Leaning on the arm of another woman hobbled a woman with one leg in a cast.

I watched a Boy Scout leader and several members of his troop, all dark-skinned, join the group down front. There were several Negroes. A Bohemian-looking, orange-haired young woman wearing a beret—definitely not the church type — mingled with the cosmopolitan group.

Among relatives and friends waiting outside of the inquiry room later, I saw a young Negro woman, about 21, and an older woman, obviously her mother. I asked their opinion of Billy, and the young woman answered:

"He preaches different from other ministers — what he says is more lasting," she said. Her body became animated, she gestured, and her eyes flashed as she repeated this another way. Obviously very intelligent, she said she was a student in college.

"I have already been converted by him," she added.

"You mean here in this crusade?" I asked.

"Yes, the first Sunday night in June," she replied. "My mother was converted the next Tuesday night, and now my sister." She explained that all three were members of a church, but they had never been born again until now.

Hollywood at Work On More Biblical Movies

A NEW UPSURGE of interest in Biblical subjects is being shown by movie studios in Hollywood. Writers are at work on Fulton Oursler's production, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, at Twentieth Century-Fox, and on *The Galilean*, a fictional treatment of Mary Magdalene, at Universal-International. Paramount Studio is readying *Ben Hur*, and Columbia Pictures has taken off

the shelf its story, *Joseph and His Brothers*, which it started four years ago. At that time the studio spent \$750,000 shooting background footage in Egypt.

The financial success of *The Ten Commandments* is said to be responsible for the renewed interest in Biblical themes. After turning out 15 films in 1954 and 1955 based on Bible episodes, most studios quit making religious features, believing the market had been saturated.

THE BOOKSHELF

"Books are medicine for the soul."

They All Chose America, by Albert Q. Maisel, Thomas Nelson & Sons, New York City, 1957, \$3.75.

In this book we have the "first popular history of immigration." Mr. Maisel attempts to show the contributions of 15 different nationalities to the building of America. He has separate chapters on the Dutch, the English, the French, the Germans, the Greeks, the Irish, the Italians, the Japanese, the Jews, the Mexicans, the Negroes, the Poles, the Scots, the Swedes, and the Swiss.

For the last two years chapters of this book in condensed form have appeared in *Reader's Digest*.

Representative of the book is Mr. Maisel's story of the Irish. He tells about the four black years of famine that caused nearly two million Irish to come to the United States between 1845 and 1860.

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Law West of Fort Smith, by Glenn Shirley, Henry Holt & Co., New York City, 1957, \$5.

One of the most controversial figures whose life was woven into the woof and warp of the early days in Arkansas and the Southwest is Judge Isaac C. Parker, "the hanging Judge of Fort Smith."

Some have seen Judge Parker as a bloodthirsty, hardhearted man, who delighted in sending men to the gallows. The author of this book, who is captain of the Police department in Stillwater, Okla., and a prominent expert on criminal identification, presents Judge Parker as a hero who was "tough" at a time when nothing else could establish law and order. The Parker he reveals is one who is dedicated to the faithful performance of his duties as a Judge, meting out justice without fear or favor. His extensive research has led him to conclude that Parker, although not a church member until shortly before his death, was a very religious man. He shows him weeping but unfaltering as he sends desperadoes by the scores to their death in the famous hanging place that is now a part of the Parker Museum in Fort Smith.

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Albert Schweitzer, The Story of His Life, by Jean Pierhal, Philosophical Library, New York, 1957, \$3.

Southern Baptists differ with Dr. Schweitzer at many points in his theology. But they, along with Christians of all denominations, have a great admiration for this man who has shown such an unselfish spirit in dedicating his life to service as a missionary doctor in Africa.

One of the most versatile men of the twentieth century, he has made major contributions in the field of theology, musicology, medical science, philosophy and sociology.

Mr. Pierhal's biography of this great man is written in an interesting style and will be well received.

How Much Reading?

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

"How much time should you give to reading?" This question commenced a survey recently released by the American Management Association. Quite the significant question, for it does not ask how much time is spent, but more to the pertinent point, how much time should be spent. And then, is our reading worthwhile and up-lifting?

The survey was conducted amongst business executives and brought forth some significant facts. The average company official spends two hours and 45 minutes a day on "must" reading; reports, business correspondence, etc. An additional hour and a quarter is spent on "optional" reading such as newspapers and books. The survey also gathered that he subscribes to an average of eight business magazines.

All for the definite purpose of increasing his efficiency and promoting his value to the organization with which he is associated. His reading is important because it is underscored with the imperative.

The application ought to be quite obvious, relating directly to our attitude towards the reading of the Bible. It must be faced that mere mental recognition of the value of the Word will never possess sufficient drive to translate it into the important area of "must" reading. The Lord has intended His Word to be a tool as well as a treasure; an instrument as well as an inspiration; a daily dynamic as well as devotional delight, but sad to say, His intention is often thwarted by our ignorance . . . or indifference.

For every subject under the sun there is more than one textbook, and choice may be exercised. But where eternal verities are concerned the element of choice is dismissed for as Sir Walter Scott breathed, "there is only One Book." It alone illuminates all the scope and area of time and eternity (Hebrews 4:12), and there is the necessity of a practical "down-to-earth" recognition of this vitality in every area of living. No man is better prepared than he who can declare, "Thy words were found and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). Love for the Word grows directly from love for the Lord of that Word; that is primary and this is basic.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO — A group of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish businessmen joined to form an organization called Sunday, Incorporated, which will seek to prevent Sunday from being commercialized. It will keep public opinion alerted to the situation and pay lawyers to handle prosecutions against stores that persist in doing business on Sunday.

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PUT YOUR denominational paper in your church budget.

1958 Ridgecrest-Glorieta Schedules

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—The schedules for Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies for 1958 have been announced by Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville:

Date	Glorieta	Ridgecrest
June 5-11	Training Union Assembly	Student Retreat
June 12-18	Training Union Assembly	Y.W.A. Conference
June 19-25	Sunday School Conference	Foreign Missions Conference Writers' Conference Baptist Brotherhood Conference
June 26-July 2	Sunday School Conference	Church Music Conference
July 3-9	Sunday School Conference	Training Union Assembly
July 10-16	Church Music Conference	Training Union Assembly
July 17-23	W.M.U. Conference	Training Union Assembly
July 24-30	Y.W.A. Conference	Sunday School Conference
July 31-August 6	Home Mission Board Conference Writers' Conference	Sunday School Conference
August 7-13	Bible Conference School for Church Librarians Audio-Visual Aids Workshop Church Recreation Conference Christian Life Conference Radio and TV Conference Historical Commission Conf. Church Public Relations Conference	W.M.U. Conference
August 14-20	Foreign Missions Conf. Baptist Brotherhood Conf.	Home Mission Board Conference
August 21-27	Student Retreat	Bible Conference School for Church Librarians Audio-Visual Aids Workshop Church Recreation Conf. Christian Life Conference Radio and TV Conference Historical Commission Conf. Church Public Relations Conf.

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Encampment

Nelson Tull, Secretary

OUR ANNUAL State Brotherhood Encampment is scheduled for August 29-30 at the Arkansas Baptist Camp Ground near Ferndale. Publicity on the Encampment will go out shortly to every church in Arkansas.



We hope that we can have a large and representative attendance of Arkansas Baptist men at this year's Encampment. Men need to see the new camp area and to realize its potential that they may know the challenge of fulfilling one of the

greatest needs that Arkansas Baptists have had through the years of their history as a denomination. The Encampment will be in three phases: (1). An afternoon of recreation and exploration; (2). A night of worship and inspiration; and (3). A morning of fellowship and planning.

Plan now to come to the State Brotherhood Encampment at the Arkansas Baptist Camp Friday afternoon and night, August 29, and Saturday Morning, August 30.

Two Great Royal Ambassador Camps
WE HAVE just closed the second of two wonderful Royal Ambassador Camps at the Arkansas Baptist Camp-ground.

The Junior Camp was held July 15-19, with 134 boys in attendance.

Attendance at the Intermediate Camp the following week was about 60, which number included 50 Intermediate boys.

The Camp was made ready this year by a few people who believed sincerely that it could be done. The camps were of the pioneering nature, but everything that needed to be done for the health and safety of the boys was done in full measure. The food was excellent and plentiful. The boys were housed in new tents on wooden bases. Incidentally, there was no serious hurt or illness during the entire camp.

We thank God for His wonderful leadership in supplying the elements which went into building these camps, and for putting it into the hearts of some people to help with the tremendous amount of work that was necessary to make the camps possible.

We are looking forward next year to 6 Royal Ambassador camps.

Conference of Baptist Men

INTEREST IS picking up throughout our State in the coming National Conference of Southern Baptist men, scheduled for Oklahoma City, September 18-20. Registrations from Arkansas are increasing.

Our goal for attendance from Arkansas to the Conference is 400 men. Surely every Church, every Association, and every Region will want to be adequately represented at the Conference. The Conference promises to be the largest gathering of Baptist men in history. The program for the Conference includes the most outstanding personalities on the continent; and all Baptist men, both preachers and laymen, can attend with profit.

Plan to go to Oklahoma City!

WMU

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Attention Youth Directors

DO YOU HAVE a Youth Director's Card of Accreditation? If so you will want to convert it into an age-group leadership card. (In the new suggested local WMU by-laws the youth director is replaced by three — a YWA director, a GA director and a Sunbeam Band director.)

What can you do to convert your youth director's card? You have two choices:

1. Send your youth's director's card to Miss Margaret Bruce, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., with a letter giving your current address and stating which card of accreditation you desire: YWA, GA or Sunbeam Band. The designated card will be issued with the same expiration date as your youth director's card.

2. You may meet the requirements in a YWA, GA or Sunbeam Band refresher course free from your state WMU office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Write letter stating requirements have been completed to Miss Margaret Bruce, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala. You will then receive the accreditation card you designate, which will be good for five years.

**N. American Women's Union
Of Baptist World Alliance**

THE SECOND continental assembly of the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance will be held in Toronto, Canada, November 5-7, 1957. The theme of this second meeting of North American Baptist women, "The Family Circle of God," speaks of our fellowship in Christ. This assembly offers opportunities for three rich days of shared experiences with women of this continent. Speakers include Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde, able speaker and outstanding leader among Nigerian Baptists. Southern Union's own Mrs. William McMurry will lead the missions conference.

Have you made your reservation? It is not too late. Send your \$2 fee, before October 10, to Mrs. R. L. Mathis, treasurer, North American Women's Union, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

BSU

Tom Logue, Director

New Presidents

SERVING AS president of the Baptist Student Union at Henderson State Teachers College for 1957-58 will be William H. Webb. "Willie" is a junior, majoring in speech and social studies,



and plans to teach in high school after graduation. He is a member of Third Street Church in Arkadelphia and serves as superintendent of the Sunday School and is sponsor of the Junior Training Union. At Henderson he is a cheerleader; business manager of the school annual; and a member of Masquers Dramatic Club, Phi Lambda Phi Fraternity, and Student Christian Council.

Willard Campbell of Oden will lead the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas State Teachers College next year as president. Willard



was salutatorian of his class in high school. He served as president of his local and county 4-H Club and as editor of both his high school newspaper and yearbook. At Arkansas State Teachers, Willard is publicity director for the Student Christian Association, a member of the college newspaper staff, Organized Independents, and the Royal Rooters. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Conway and this summer is serving as a summer field worker for the Training Union Department. Willard is a mission volunteer and is preparing himself in the field of journalism.

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**Memphis Hospital Calls
Chaplain C. D. McKnight**

MEMPHIS (BP) — Charles D. McKnight became chaplain at Baptist Memorial Hospital here on Aug. 1. He succeeds Chaplain F. P. Loman who has accepted the chaplaincy of Welborn Memorial Baptist Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

Chaplain McKnight has had extensive training and experience in hospital ministry. A graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, he was formerly in the chaplaincy program at Mississippi State Mental Hospital in Whitfield. He comes to Baptist Memorial Hospital from Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta.

Mrs. McKnight is the former Mary Elizabeth McDaniel of Flora, Miss. Chaplain McKnight is a native of Grenada, Miss.

Evangelism

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Personal Visitation

By R. G. Lee

MY CONCEPTION of this subject is that it does not mean visitation by telephone, by letter, by mimeographed circular, or by proxy. These will do some good but they are the enemies of the best visitation, which is face-to-face visitation.

It is obligatory, not merely optional, for Christians to visit people — people not saved; to win them to faith in Christ; people saved, but indifferent, to stir them to activity; people in darkness or ignorance, to instruct them; people in sorrow, to comfort them; people in sin and shame, to rescue them.

Though many do not acknowledge the obligation, it rests upon every church worker, deacon, teacher, and church member to visit. Shame is it that many who profess to be His followers have never been moved to go in visitation for the welfare of these indifferent to spiritual values.

My concept of personal visitation is that it should be definitely personal. And if it is that it will add many members to our classes, and encourage many to take sweet counsel together and to go to the house of God in company. (Psalm 55)

Therefore, visit — remembering that no matter where you visit, when you visit, no matter whom you visit, it is a visit for Jesus.

Will you follow Christ's methods? He sent out visitors, two and two, for a house-to-house visitation campaign. (Luke 10:1-5). The 70 were not salaried employees, for they were to take no money nor extras. These visitors were told to pray for other visitors to be sent forth. (Luke 10:2) Jesus was to look after their material as well as spiritual needs. (Luke 10:4) When they were invited into a house they were to enter it and give their testimony. (Luke 10:5).

Dividends of Kindness

A MILLION kindnesses have been shown me in my lifetime, but none perhaps more endearing than this simple one. She is the daughter of a minister and the admirable wife of a seminary student. They have volunteered for service in some foreign country. This simple act of kindness, shared by both, assures me they will succeed, and it binds me to them forever in love and gratitude. Yet it cost them so little. It takes so little, indeed, to win the eternal gratitude of old people.

I had heard her play the piano at some special services in our church. Twice before she had graciously taken my wife and me the three blocks to our home — simple kindness to two old people. Sunday morning she took us again. Casually I said, "I wish you had time

Training Union

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Thirty What?

THIRTY WHAT? Thirty new Training Unions should be organized in Arkansas during the months of August and September. This would be fewer than one per association. The goal is 1,000 new Training Unions in the Southern Baptist Convention during August and September. Associational officers should participate in this special project to reduce the number of churches in Arkansas without a Training Union from 193 to 163.

Another project should be to increase the Training Union enrollment in every church during these two months. "Everybody bring somebody" is wishful thinking which gets no results. Every Training Union director in Arkansas should take the Church and Sunday School rolls and make an active prospect list for each union and department. Training Union workers should go after these prospects and increase the enrollment during August and September. As the enrollment goes up, the average attendance goes up.

Churches will soon be preparing the church letter to be taken to the annual meeting of the association. It is very important that the Training Union information be written in the annual letter. If your Training Union is not reported in the annual letter, your church will be listed in the Southern Baptist annual as not having a Training Union (even if your church has had a Training Union for fifty years).

Linda King, Temple Baptist Church, Fort Smith, won second place in the sword drill at Ridgecrest. Congratulations!

to go in and play us a hymn or two." Cheerfully the two agreed.

Half-playfully I said, "Now it would be wonderful if you'd cook our dinner and eat with us; our Daisy is away, my wife unwell, and I'm a poor cook." A moment's consultation, and the two agreed; one would drive to their apartment, bring several things, and cook and serve dinner for the four of us. And then they stayed well into the afternoon. It turned a bleak, lonely day for two old people into one of the loveliest days of their lifetime. As they left I said heartily, "No matter on what continent you spend your lives, know that two old people will be your fast friends forever, bless you with their last breath, and pray God to bless you."

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And you'll be happy to know that other kits are in the process of preparation and will soon be available. We mention just one of these: Do-It-Yourself Home Funeral Service. (This latter will, of necessity, come in the form of a three-minute phonograph record. All you do is have the record handy and then simply make arrangements for someone to play it for you).

—Hartwell Daley,
in the Christian Herald

I know nothing truer than what has become one of my frequent sayings, "It takes so little to win the gratitude and love of old people." As one of them I know nothing that old people hunger for more than for the notice and friendship of young people, with their smiles and sunshine and radiant view of life. This one act of friendly kindness from two young people will remain through time and eternity one of our loveliest memories.

And, believe it or not, old people have something of value to give out to young people. Some of them have been my warm friends for years, and have told me I help them.

—S. L. Morgan, Sr.
Wake Forest, N. C.

Your Southwide Regional Sunday School Training Clinic

October 7-11 — Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock — October 7-11

Theme: "This Day and Generation"

DAILY SCHEDULE

Morning

- 9:00 "Give Us This Day"—by Leading Pastors
- 9:10 We Have Today
- 9:15 Today We Teach for Tomorrow
- 9:45 Principles in Personal Growth
(Simultaneous Conferences)
- 10:35 Recess
- 10:50 The Generation We Teach
- 11:30 Lessons from the Early Church at Work

Afternoon

- 1:45 The Bible Meeting Human Needs
- 2:30 Simultaneous Interest Groups
- 3:15 Preview of Films

Night

- 7:00 Simultaneous Age-Group Conferences for Dept. Workers
Special classes for Intermediates, Juniors, Primaries and Beginner Children
- 8:30 General Session — Music, Reports, Announcements
Bible Message _____ Dr. R. G. Lee

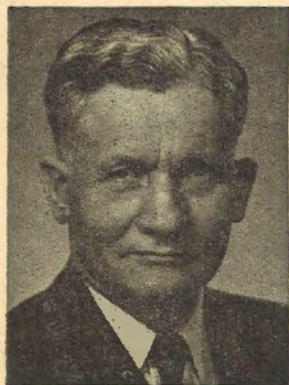
Nurseries Open for All Sessions

The purpose of the clinic is to develop better Sunday School teachers and to train a selected group of leaders who shall be able to promote this type of training in their churches, associations, and states.

The basic principles of teaching will be presented in the morning sessions. In simultaneous age group sessions each evening specific applications of general teaching principles will be made. Guidance will be offered in applying teaching principles by working with current lesson materials, selecting and stating aims, selecting proper methods, developing lesson plans and working out teaching procedures. Conferences will be held on visual aids, buildings, and library work.

THE PROPOSITION

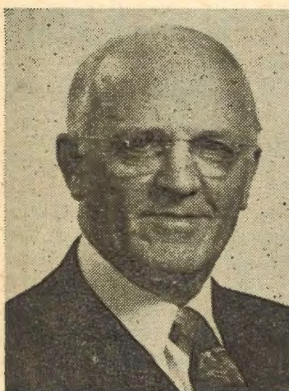
1. Those who are accepted will be furnished free lodging (limit 400). Room will be provided by the Baptist Churches of Little Rock, Arkansas, and you will provide for your meals.
2. The expense to those attending the clinic and who desire lodging will be transportation to and from Little Rock, a registration fee of \$3 payable upon arrival, and the cost of your meals each day.



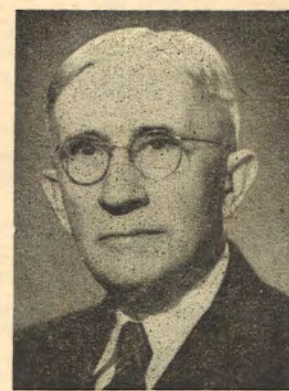
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As Told By a Little Brown Bear

By ALICE W. NORTON

The first thing I remember ever happening to me was a severe shaking. I learned later that the shaking was caused when a big box fell from the top shelf of a big department store and tumbled to the floor. I was reposing in the box at the time, along with several of my friends.

The top of the box came off and all of us little bears landed in various spots on the floor. In the scramble to put us back in the box someone stepped on me and mashed one of my legs. Therefore I was doomed for a long time to belong to nobody, for nobody seemed to want a little crippled bear.

The Christmas season came and when Christmas had passed I was the only little brown bear that remained in the show window. I was very sad left there alone in the big show window, for I had smiled as brightly as any of the perfect little brothers when the children stood in front of the window. Even when the great New Year Sale took place I failed to attract anybody's attention, so I was confined to my dark box again and laid away.

Maybe I would have spent another year in the big, dark box had it not been for a charity auction that was soon to take place. I was contributed with a lot of other damaged goods to one of the ladies who was serving on the gift committee.

To leave the big black box sent little waves of joy through me. I determined to smile so brightly at the charity auction that somebody would buy me in spite of my game leg; sure enough, when I took my place among the other toys I wore the best smile a game-legged fellow ever wore, and presently a bunch of children walked up.

"I want that lovely bisque doll," declared one girl instantly.

"I want that little woolly sheep," said another.

"I want the little brown bear," said a third, "and I want him bad!"

To be wanted at all was more than I expected, but to be wanted that much brought dimples into my cheeks, and sparkles into my eyes. Alas, being wanted, and being bought, at a charity auction are two different things, and presently I found myself in the hands of an auctioneer.

Just because the girl who admired me set a price on me, somebody else began to want me worse, and soon it seemed to me I was the most popular article in the whole show. Eventually, I heard the auctioneer call "Six dollars — going, going, gone—SOLD!"

Immediately I was handed over to a tall, thin gentleman, who began to examine me carefully. When he discovered my game leg, I knew he wasn't pleased any longer with his purchase. The girl who had wanted me so much



was standing near, and we kept looking at each other hopefully while my new owner continued to examine me. Then all of a sudden he gave me a tight little squeeze and tossed me smack into the arms of the girl who had wanted me all the time.

"There," he laughed, "take him if you like him, I don't want him — he's got a game leg."

"Yes," said the girl "I discovered that before he was put up for sale, but I wanted him all the same, and I do thank you so much for giving him to me."

Then the little girl hugged me up tight in her arms and moved out of the crowd. A waiting car took us home, and in that girl's playhouse I have held a place of honor ever since. Nobody but me knows how glad I am that the man who bought me gave me away, for today, though still a little crippled bear, I am admired by a girl who enjoys playing with me.

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Balloons

By Kay Cammer

I hate balloons
They always break,
And then I feel
An awful ache.
It's so hard to understand
About the shreds left in my hand.

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The Sewing Bees

By Marion S. Curry

The ladies have their sewing bees
Yet all the bees I know
Get honey from flowers and buzz
around;
I've never seen them sew.
But voices do resemble drones
And when you prick your finger
You suddenly find a needle
Feels exactly like a stinger.

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A certain department head in Baptist Building had a wife with a phobia for flying. An emergency arose forcing her to fly to California. The couple went to the airport where she purchased her ticket — and an insurance policy for \$12,500.

The plane was late. The lady fidgeted nervously for a few minutes, went to the agent and bought another policy for \$12,500. Then the husband got nervous. He prayed for the plane to arrive before she spent all their money on insurance.

A modern home these days is one that has half as much room for twice as much money.

—Clabe Hankins

Voices wafted from the powder room at the Stork Club: "Sure I trust my husband! And you wanna know why? I never leave him outta my sight."

—Quote

In the old days a person who missed a stagecoach was resigned to waiting a day or two for the next one. Now, you often see a man annoyed if he misses one section of a revolving door.

—Inter Mountain Press

Churchill was once asked the qualifications for a politician. Without hesitation, he answered:

"It is the ability to foretell what will happen tomorrow, next month, next year — and to explain afterward why it did not happen."

The real problem of your leisure time is to keep others from using it.

In a Chicago restaurant one woman was overhead saying to another: "Why don't you go, to him in a perfectly straight-foward way and lie about the whole thing?"

—Chicago Daily News

Things are pretty well evened up in this world. Other people's troubles are not so bad as yours, but their children are a lot worse.

—Kansas City Times

Life is ten percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it.

—Irvin Berlin

Chuckle: I was the guest of Billy Graham on Tuesday evening and he asked me to greet his audience of 20,000 in Madison Square Garden. He tactfully suggested that I make it short, and I told about the lad asking if the MC on my license plate stood for "mental case." After the meeting, referring to his plea for brevity, I said, "That's the most unscriptural thing you ever did; the Bible says "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn."

—Brooks Hays

Hannah, Keeping Faith With God

By DR. REL GRAY

I Samuel 1; 2:1-11

"Little faith will bring your soul to Heaven, but great faith will bring Heaven to your soul."—C. H. Spurgeon.

HANNAH, WHOSE name means "Grace" or "Favor," had great faith in God. Because of this great faith the blessings of God were bestowed upon her.



DR. GRAY

Hannah, the first and possibly the favorite wife of Elkanah, was unable to bear children. In order to perpetuate his name, Elkanah took a second wife, Peninnah, who provoked Hannah and made her fret because she was barren. Here the sin of bigamy begins producing the usual fruit.

At this time there was a general decay and neglect of religion in the nation. Many worshipped foreign gods, but Elkanah kept his integrity. Regardless of what others did, his resolution seems to have been, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Also, in this period God had one place and one altar for his people. Therefore, this family traveled regularly and faithfully to Shiloh in pure obedience to God's command. Even though the sons of Eli, who were serving as priests, were corrupt and failing in their duty, Elkanah and his family remained faithful. God's work would boom today if his people were faithful to the appointed place of worship. Your church is your appointed place. Are you faithful to the worship services?

While worshipping in Shiloh, Hannah was in great bitterness of heart because she did not have a child. The burden was so heavy that she found it unbearable. In seeking for relief she did not go to a doctor. Neither did she seek the services of a psychiatrist, as fine and necessary as they are to society. She sought help from the source of all help, the Heavenly Father. Is not that what Jesus taught when He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"? (Matthew 11:28)

Elkanah's family was devout but divided because of the feeling between Hannah and Peninnah. It is a shame when there is piety in the home and no unity. The family at worship should put an end to divisions. Elkanah had broken God's law on marriage, and the division resulted. Whenever God's law is broken, there is always a division. If family worship does not put a stop to divisions, do not let divisions put a stop to family worship.

In considering Hannah, the woman who kept faith with God, think of the following:

I. Hannah's Prayer:

"She was in bitterness of soul and wept sore." (I Sam. 1:10)

After having taken part in the family sacrificial worship, Hannah knelt down in the inner court to pour out her heart to God. Humility was in evidence when she referred to herself three times as a handmaid of the Lord. She continued in prayer until the victory was won and the burden lifted. She prayed so long without uttering a word that the priest thought she had too much wine. Hannah prayed without ceasing.

"Good prayers," says an old divine, "never come weeping home. I am sure I shall receive either what I ask, or what I should ask. Prayer pulls the rope below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly; others give but an occasional pluck at the rope; but he who wins with Heaven is the man who grabs the rope boldly and pulls continuously, with all his might."

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

II. Hannah's Promise:

"O, Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thy handmaid, but wilt give unto thy handmaid a man child, then will I give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head." (I Samuel 1:11)

In time of serious need and anxiety it is a simple matter to make promises. However, Hannah was very definite about what she would do if God would only give her a son. She was never more serious in her life than when this promise was made.

III. Hannah's Faithfulness:

During a recent visit in the hospital one patient declared, "If God will permit me to get well, I will faithfully serve Him." The patient recovered from the illness in a miraculous way and soon forgot the promise that was made in the hospital. It is dangerous to break a vow that has been made to God.

Hannah made a vow to God, and now she was ready to pay the vow. God had blessed her home with a man child in answer to prayer. Now she had peace that surpassed all human understanding. Hannah kept faith with God by giving Samuel back to Him.

Conclusion:

All individuals should regard vows made to God as sacred and should endeavor to keep them faithfully. "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High: and call

upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalms 50:14-15)

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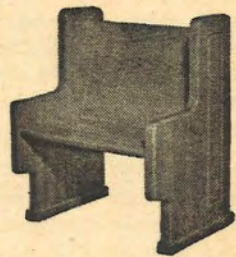
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The Last Appeal

SURELY, SURELY, we preachers want to help other preachers who are in distress. We have made this appeal before. Many of our old preachers and some of their widows are in need of financial assistance. Our Relief and Annuity Board is helping many of them, but it can help only as we send money for that purpose. The Board does not have enough income to satisfy the demands in this field of service.



DR. BRIDGES

Hence, every year it has been on the calendar of the Southern Baptist Convention and every state convention to take a special offering for these old soldiers of the cross. We are making that appeal again now. If your church has not done it already, won't you please see that it is done as soon as possible and send the offering to us designated for ministerial relief.

Here is a note from an old preacher: "Dear Brother Bridges, I was called to assist in ordaining a young preacher Sunday afternoon and I took with me the letter that I had from you asking me to take an offering for old ministers' aid. After the ordaining service I read the letter to the small congregation and asked for an offering. I got \$12.59 in the offering, so I am mailing herewith my personal check for that amount.

"I am no longer pastor, however, I am still preaching, and wherever I have an appointment I shall take an offering for old ministers' relief.

"I am praying that all the Baptist preachers in the state will get this matter on their hearts and take one or two offerings in this month. If the preachers will get this matter before the church and lay it on their hearts, I think we will get ample funds."—W. A. Mink.

Brother Pastor, you and I too will be old some day and we might be in need, and if we preachers will not help each other who on earth will do it?

We have been assured that this will be the last offering that we will take for this purpose because the Southern Baptist Convention has agreed to put more money into this fund in the future.—BLB

First Church, LR, Honors Howingtons

ON JULY 14 Dr. Howington brought his last pastoral message to First Church, Little Rock. The writer was out of town that day, but on Wednesday night before we heard him bring an inspiring message. After the prayer meeting we had a reception given by the church to Dr. and Mrs. Howington. For me it was a sad occasion.

For nearly four years Dr. Howington has been our trusted and beloved and efficient pastor and leader. His ministry has been fruitful indeed. There have been about 1,250 additions to the church, about 350 of them for baptism.

Not only has this progress been made in church membership but in gifts for the Cooperative Missionary Program. When Dr. Howington became our pastor we were giving about \$32,000 per year and this year if the budget carries through it will be about \$51,416. The gifts in special offerings for missions and other denominational items have increased likewise and over \$13,000 has been invested in a mission, Berea Baptist Chapel, near Jacksonville.

This good man has been a valued member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and when the Board needed important committees to work out problems they usually thought of Dr. Howington. He has endeared himself to the Baptist leaders throughout the state and enjoys their confidence and love.

It has always been our desire to stand by the pastor and pray for him and uphold his hands in the ministry. We have counted it a joy to do that with Dr. Howington. He is a great preacher.

It is always a serious thing for an important church to become pastorless, and to face the task of selecting a new man. It makes it all the more difficult when you have had a man that has been almost universally loved like Dr. Howington.

Dr. Howington, we thank God for you and Mrs. Howington, and for the years that we have been privileged to enjoy your fellowship as pastor and leader. We pray the Lord's blessings upon you and upon your work as you go to instruct in the Seminary young men who are preparing for the ministry. Our hearts will often turn in your direction and we hope and trust that you will at least pay periodic visits to this state and city and church. BLB

More Cooperative Money

THE ARKANSAS Baptist Convention gave more to South-wide causes during the first six months of 1957 than for the same period in 1956. This is true, despite the fact that not enough money is coming into the treasury to satisfy the needs of our state causes.



DR. DOUGLAS

We quote from a letter sent to us by Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"In checking over the Cooperative Program receipts for the first six months of the 1957 calendar year, I note that your state has contributed \$269,641.79 compared with \$222,885.21 for the same period in 1956. This is a 20.98 per cent increase compared with a 7.33 per cent increase for the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole." RD

Why Arkansas Preachers Should Go to Ouachita

Young man, if you are going to be a pastor in Arkansas, you should go to Ouachita College, because:

1. Ouachita is your institution, if you are an Arkansas Baptist.
2. Your money is helping support Ouachita.
3. If you refuse to go to Ouachita, and all others followed your example, the school would have to close.
4. If you finish at Ouachita you will be in a far better position to pastor Arkansas churches.
5. Ouachita would infuse into your life a deep sense of loyalty to the work of Arkansas Baptists.
6. You then would have Ouachita on your heart, and would want the young people of your church, and your own children to attend Ouachita College.
7. Don't you think you owe it to yourself and to the church that ordains you to patronize your own college, unless you need some university course that Ouachita does not provide?

Stay in Arkansas, to go to our own school, and help us build the Baptist cause in Arkansas. If you are not prepared to enter Ouachita, you can get that preparation at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.—BLB

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