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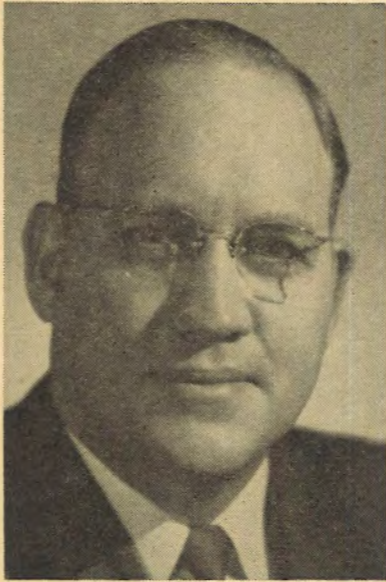
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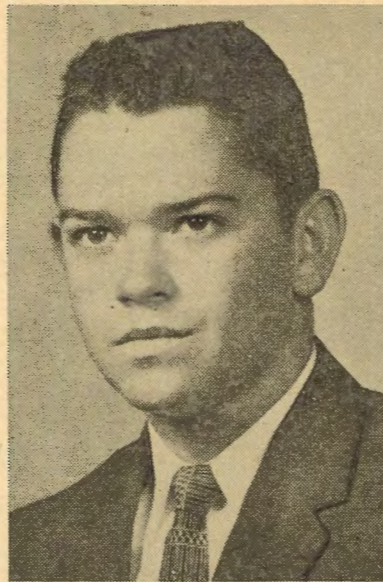
A BSU Youth Revival Team



Dr. Howington
Accepts teaching post

● DR. NOLAN P. Howington resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Little Rock, effective July 14, to accept a teaching post at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Dr. Howington came to Little Rock in October, 1953, from a three-year pastorate with the South Knoxville Church, Knoxville, Tenn. He was pastor at Union Mills, N. C., and taught for one year in Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He served as a chaplain in the U. S. Army during World War II. Dr. Howington is a graduate of Wake Forest College and has the TH.D. degree from Southern Seminary.

The Howingtons have three sons: Richard, Pat, and John David. (DP)



Wendell Ross
Youngest pastor?

● DR. W. WALTER WARMATH, pastor of First Church, El Dorado, Mrs. Warmath and their five-year-old son, Bill, were seriously injured in an automobile accident on June 11, near Camden, Tenn. They were confined to a hospital in Nashville several weeks. Each is improving satisfactorily according to latest reports. (CB)

● EDITOR McDONALD is serving on the staff as a counsellor on careers, at the Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest the two weeks of July 4-17. He will return by way of Louisville to move his family to their new home at 1419 Garland Ave., North Little Rock.

● REV. AND MRS. Russell L. Locke, missionaries to Nigeria, announce the birth of a son, Stephen Russell, on July 2.

● WENDELL ROBERT ROSS, one of the youngest ministers in the state, has accepted the pastorate of the Hilltop Church, Little Rock. Only 19 years of age, Wendell has been licensed to preach by South Highland Church, Little Rock, Ray Branscum, pastor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross, Little Rock, and has a minister-brother, Darrell Ross, pastor of First Church, Charleston. Pastor Branscum says: "Wendell was saved at the age of seven and felt called to preach then. He has a rare talent for preaching and is mature beyond his years."

● BONDS IN THE amount of \$12,000 are being sold by First Church, Wilson, to finance an addition to the education building and new pews and carpeting for the sanctuary. G. William Smith is the pastor.

● FIRST CHURCH, DeQueen, and Pastor Fred Savage Jr., will have the services of Dr. W. C. Brister, pastor of Haltom Road Church, Fort Worth, Tex., in a revival campaign August 5 to 11. (CB)

● THE TRAINING UNION of Central Church, Jonesboro, R. Wilbur Herring, pastor, has been challenged to an attendance contest by South Side Church, Meridian, Miss., W. E. Speed, pastor. One point will be given for each person present during July, August and September. The winner will receive an appropriate banner. Mr. Speed is a former Arkansas pastor. (CB)

● LOUANN CHURCH enrolled 66 students and 13 faculty members in their Vacation Bible School and the mission offering of \$16.80 was given to home missions. L. W. Rhoads is the pastor.

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In Temple Coronation Service

● FOUR QUEEN REGENTS received capes in a recent GA coronation ceremony at Temple Church, Fort Smith, where Elva V. Adams is the pastor. The Queen Regents are Beth Martin, Sue Narramore, Bernadean Hart and Sharon King. Two queens were crowned, Linda King and Linda Denny. Gail Hart became a princess and five maidens made forward steps: Janel Coleman, Helen Temple, Sharon Catton, Judy Rhoney and Lois Woodruff.

Youth Revival Team

This spring and summer the Student Department, Tom J. Logue director, has provided personnel for a dozen youth-led revivals at the request of local churches. Utilizing college students, the revivals have resulted in hundreds of decisions and have made a worthwhile impact on the total church life wherever they have been conducted.

The usual team consists of four students, two young men and two young women. The men serve as preacher and song leader, and the women serve as junior worker and pianist. A typical team is pictured on the front page this week, reading from left to right are: Rev. Damon Shook, a student at Ouachita Baptist College; Judy Barnes, Ouachita; John Wikman, University of Arkansas Medical School; and Betty Ann Holloway, Ouachita.



Dedicated by Cove Baptists

● **EAST SIDE CHURCH**, Fort Smith, has begun construction of a two-story, air conditioned building which will be used for education purposes later. The ground floor will be used as a sanctuary and the second floor for class rooms until the next unit is completed, which will be a separate auditorium. Baptist Building service bonds are being issued in the amount of \$50,000.

Pastor Lynnwood Henderson reports that since coming to the church the first of this year, 45 have united with the church and Cooperative Program gifts have been doubled.

● **ENROLLMENT REACHED** 291 and eight made professions of faith in the Vacation Bible School at Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff. The offering for the Cooperative Program totaled \$127.61. Pastor Theo T. James served as principal of the school, with Mrs. James as assistant.

● **DR. E. C. BROWN**, former pastor of First Church, Blytheville, now serving Shandon Church in Columbia, S. C., was a recent visitor at the Blytheville church. Dr. C. Frank Pitts is the present pastor. (CB)

● **FIRST CHURCH**, Booneville, has received 42 new members in two months, according to Pastor D. B. Bledsoe, who succeeded Rev. John W. Johnston in the pastorate. A revival resulted in 20 additions to the church, two surrendered to preach and six others for special service. The Brotherhood recently sponsored a revival at State Sanatorium, assisted by Chaplain Charles Finch.

Southside Mission, sponsored by First Church, is currently engaged in a revival with the pastor, Ben Bledsoe, doing the preaching and Gerald Perry, Wynne, leading the singing. The church is planning a youth revival from September 1 to 8.

● **ONE SURRENDERED** for special service and two made profession of faith at the Spring Lake Assembly, Lonsdale, in the assembly's third annual meeting in June. B. K. Selph, Ermon Webb and O. C. Robinson were the speakers. Charles Mayo was in charge of the music and Lawson Hatfield, recreation.

A second assembly will be held this year from July 22 through 26. The total cost is \$12.50 and reservations may be had by writing Rev. Delbert Garrett, Box 577, Sheridan, Ark. Dr. M. L. Baker, Dr. James A. Overton, and Dr. Rel Gray will be the speakers. Danny Griffin will direct recreation activities and Ray McClung, the music.

● **DR. RALPH A. PHELPS, Jr.**, president of Ouachita Baptist College, will deliver the principal address at the summer commencement program July 26 at the New Orleans Seminary, according to Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, seminary president.

Twenty-five students are candidates for degrees or awards at the exercises to be held in the Martin Chapel on the seminary campus.

● **THE COVE** Missionary Baptist Church, which had its beginning in 1912 when it was organized with 15 charter members, dedicated its new building on Sunday, June 16. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, state secretary of missions, delivered the dedicatory sermon. The pastor, Rev. Harmon Allen, of Waldron, assisted by the deacons of the church, burned the note.

The building is of tile and is 30 x 60 feet, including an auditorium and four classrooms and basement.

Brother Allen has been pastor of the church since 1953. Under his leadership 51 new members have been added to the church, 27 by letter and statement and 24 by baptism.

● **FOREIGN MISSIONARY** to Old Mexico Orvil W. Reid appeals to Baptists for outgrown clothing for babies, boys and girls, men and women. He knows 35 student missionaries from 14 to 25 years of age in desperate need, and native pastors with salaries ranging from \$25 to \$50 per month have clothing problems for their families.

Clothing can only be taken into Mexico by car. Tourists may take boxes of clothing 100 miles inside the country, or once inside Mexico, boxes may be shipped 100 miles. Mr. Reid's address is: Gabriel Castanos 22, Col. Arcos Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico.

● **CARLIE SCOTT** is the new director of music and education for Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, assisting Pastor Theo T. James. Mr. Scott is a graduate of Trinity University, San Antonio, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. He formerly served First Church, Southern Oaks Church, and Kessler Park Church, Dallas, and Central Church in Luling, Tex. Mrs. Scott taught music in the public schools of Dallas.

● **THE VACATION** Bible School enrollment at Geyer Springs reached 132 and the mission offering of \$27.26 was sent to the Cooperative Program. Mrs. Bob Henson served as principal.

● **DR. DALE COWLING** was the inspirational speaker at Shocco Springs Training Union encampment near Talladega, Ala. There were 500 intermediates in the camp and 150 decisions were made. Twenty made professions of faith and others surrendered for special service. (CB)

● **THE EVANGELISTIC** team of Bill Lewis and Red Johnson led East Side Church, DeWitt, in a revival, resulting in 42 additions by baptism, 7 by letter, and 125 rededications.

“A Dream Come True”

Ridgecrest, N. C.—The story of the dreaming, praying, planning and sacrificing that went into the making of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, here in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina, is told in a new, 50th Anniversary history of the assembly, by Robert L. Middleton. Just off the presses of Convention Press, Nashville, the book, entitled “A Dream Come True,” will be of particular interest to the thousands who have personally experienced Ridgecrest, and, especially, to those who are here this summer helping to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the assembly.

Although God has used many in the founding and operation of Ridgecrest Assembly, Dr. Bernard Washington Spilman, who will ever have a large place in the history of Southern Baptists, was the father of the assembly. With “a consuming desire to see established a place where Christian people might come together to study and prepare themselves for work in God’s kingdom,” Dr. Spilman dedicated all of his 260 pounds and all of his great soul to bringing his dream to pass. Many times, when it appeared that the project must fail for lack of money to pay pressing bills, Dr. Spilman advanced money from his personal funds or secured loans to save the day.

Today, under the ownership and direction of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ridgecrest has a physical plant valued conservatively at more than \$1,500,000, and its facilities are being taxed, as are those of her new, sister Baptist Assembly at Glorieta, N. M.

It is impossible to place a value upon the impact of Ridgecrest—its spiritual enrichment of the lives of individuals and of the life of the denomination. Here thousands have heard God calling them to fields of Christian service and to consecrated living and witnessing.

With half a century of achievement back of her, and with herself now duly adopted as a child of one of our great Southern Baptist agencies, Ridgecrest looks to a bright future in the purpose and providence of God. Here we Southern Baptists shall continue to come for mountain-top experiences to equip us for better living and more fruitful service in the valleys of every-day life. —ELM

Saving Souls In Cities

“Protestantism is in full retreat in the inner city and no proud statistics on suburban church growth can hide that fact.” So declares Dr. David W. Barry, executive director of the New York City Mission Society, in an address entitled, “The Unfinished Cities of America.”

Dr. Barry alleges that our Christian education program is failing with the children in the inner city, where there is a concentration of the lonely and the aged, where alcoholics are piling up, and where the most of the schizophrenics in our mental hospitals come from. He also asserts that the most of the nation’s broken homes and the greatest incidence of juvenile delinquency are to be found in the inner city, which is being deserted by churches moving out to the more attractive suburbs. The great masses of the 50,000,000 unchurched people in the nation are in the inner city communities, he reports.

Southern Baptists have not overlooked the needy mission fields of the large cities. The Home Mission Board, in cooperation with state and local Baptist conventions and associations, is leading with a challenging program. Many of our churches individually are ministering through mission stations to the spiritually destitute of the cities. While we would contend that we are far from being “in full retreat,” the concern expressed by Dr. Barry should serve to stir us to even greater effort in the city mission fields of our own dear land. —ELM

Personally Speaking . . .

Looking For Flaws

BUYING A PAIR of shoes was quite an experience in my boyhood. For one thing, it was a rather rare occasion. It did not happen but about once a year. What a thrill when Papa would look at



MR. McDONALD
from Bunker Hill, across the Flat Woods, to London. Usually we’d stop at Shinn & Petray’s.

my battered footwear —shoes that had become more than adequately ventilated, with a lengthening toe peeping through here and there — and would say: “Son, we must get you some new shoes.”

We’d hitch the mules to the wagon and drive the 3 miles

It seemed to me that Shinn & Petray had just about everything anybody could ever want, from nails and discarded wooden boxes good for making rabbit gums to cheese and crackers — all you could eat, for a dime — and on up to Sunday clothes and shoes.

Papa could not afford to take anything for granted. He knew the shoes we were getting had to last. First of all, they had to be within his price range of \$2 to \$3. They had to be the right type of shoe and the right color. They must be big enough that I would not outgrow them before I wore them out — someone in our family must have outgrown something, ‘way back. But he was especially careful about the quality of the merchandise. Once we had found the shoes we liked, he spent several minutes looking them over carefully for flaws.

As I look back now, I wonder how the shoes were able to stand his inspection. One thing he did was to take each shoe separately and bend it double. If nothing popped during this test, the shoes were o. k. If anything popped, we continued our search.

Papa was well meaning and he would not knowingly have hurt anybody. But in his determination to find the flaws in the other fellow’s merchandise, I fear he failed to see the flaw in his methods of approach.

Have not a lot of our churches suffered at the hands of consecrated flaw hunters who had the wrong approach.

Elwin L. McDonald

Who Is a Backslider?

WHEN I WAS a child, I thought that a back slider was one who took the back seat in the pew when there was plenty of room at the front. I have changed my mind somewhat: A back slider is one who is on the right road, facing the right direction but slipping backward. Back sliders are not going forward. If one who is facing hell should back slide he would be slipping toward heaven.

Back sliders usually suffer their religion while "forward marchers," enjoy it. Back sliders are miserable, for God chastens his children.

When one is converted he turns about face; faces the right end of the road; faces Christ. The drawing power of Jesus Christ takes hold of him. Christ is able to keep that one from falling (See Jude 24). But the more trouble it is for Christ to hold that one, the more miserable with chastenings does that one suffer. The closer we move toward Christ, the happier we are.

"And others save with fear," Jude 23. Why be tormented with fear when there is a better way? Trust the one who is able to keep you from falling. Draw near to him. Be led by love, Fear Not.

This much power rests within the individual. He can go forward or slip backward, at his own will.

—C. R. Cantrell, Glenwood

Born Again — What Then?

An open letter to every new Christian

My Dear Friend:

Even though your salvation in Christ is secure it is not complete. Before your spiritual birth you engaged in a struggle against God, but now you are engaged in a struggle with God to become what He wants you to be. This is what the Bible means when it says, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12-13).

Striving for spiritual growth has become a vital part of your new life. Now you can exclaim, "Although I am already saved, my Christian development is not complete; so I am constantly toiling to become a Christ-like man!"

"Not that I have already obtained," declared Paul, "or am already made perfect; but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:12). Despite the fact that in this life you will never achieve sinless perfection, your upward struggle continues because it is God's will and you find real joy in every forward step.

There are at least four important areas of your spiritual development where you will find a constant challenge: (1) you must always keep on seeking, finding, and doing God's will;

(2) at your conversion you were made a different person but not a perfect person, so you must keep working to improve your character; (3) since God has shown you his love, you must continually seek to cultivate your love for God and others; and (4) since by faith you have entered the faith, it is now your privilege to understand that faith. Some mysteries will be beyond your understanding. Nevertheless, you will find satisfaction in discerning many of the "deep things of God." The things you do not understand you will learn to accept by faith.

May I urge you to grow a stable loyalty to your church! Not one of the church activities can be unimportant while you struggle to be like Jesus. Here in the beginning of your life you will find that you need the church; as you grow you will find the church needs you.

Hearty congratulations to you upon entering with God into this pilgrimage! The journey will be filled with excitement and challenge, but "the toils of the road will seem nothing when you come to the end of the way."

Your friend in Christ,
Richard S. Brannon, pastor
First Church, Batesville

Likes the Paper

PLEASE FIND enclosed remittance for the paper for a year. I have read this paper every year since a ten-year-old girl, as my Mother ahead of me was a subscriber.

I do not feel I could do without the paper. It's so much help to know all about what our Baptist people are doing. Also a spiritual uplift to read the good things that are printed in our church paper. I can't see how our church members do without the paper in their homes.

*Very respectfully,
Mrs. E. E. Shearin
Sidon, Arkansas*

Judson College Head Association President

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools has elected J. I. Riddle, president of Judson College, Marion, Ala., its president.

The Association is composed of administrators from the more than 60 Southern Baptist-related senior and junior colleges, seminaries, and other educational institutions.

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, is the Association's new vice president H. I. Hester was re-elected recording secretary. Hester is vice president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Concord News Notes

WALTER WATTS, pastor of Rye Hill Church, has led the church to enlarge their facilities. They will spend \$15,000 to construct eleven additional class rooms, install a baptistry, kitchen equipment, enlarge the auditorium, and drill a deep well. Two rooms will be added to the parsonage. Deacon Marshall Gibbs gave the church an additional two acres of ground.

THE NEW MINISTER of music at First Church, Ft. Smith, is David Williams. Born in Wales, Mr. Williams attended Bob Jones University, where he received his B. A. degree. He did graduate work with the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, Canada, and with the Robert Shaw Choral School. He has had extensive experience in radio, choir and band work, also in composing and arranging instrumental work. Mrs. Williams will teach music in the public schools of Ft. Smith. They will reside at 1313 North C, Ft. Smith.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES were conducted on July 7 by Trinity Church, Ft. Smith, Mason Bondurant, pastor, for a new educational building. The superintendent of missions for Concord Association was the main speaker. The building is to be 96 x 72 feet, construction of tile and brick and will have central heating and air conditioning. It will house the young adults, four nursery departments and intermediates. Plans call for a similar unit to be built four years after the completion of this one.

TOWSON AVENUE CHURCH, Ft. Smith, Harlan Abel, pastor, has under construction a church auditorium 141 x 52 feet, with a seating capacity of 700. The building, constructed of blocks and brick, will be completely air conditioned. It will contain all church offices, six class rooms, and three rest rooms. The building with furnishings and equipment will cost around \$75,000, and will be occupied by January 1, 1958. It is being financed by first mortgage bonds sold by the church. In 1954, Pastor Abel and the Towson church entered a two story educational building 52 x 34 feet which provided two assembly rooms, and nine class rooms. Last year they entered a modern nursery building that is caring for over 100 children.

A PIECE OF PROPERTY 175 x 140 feet was recently bought by First Church, Booneville, for \$12,000. The property joins the present property to the North. Pastor D. B. Bledsoe and the building committee are working with a contractor to construct a \$100,000 educational building in the near future.

R. T. STRANGE conducted a successful revival with Pastor Walter Watts and the Rye Hill Church. There were seven additions by baptism. Mr. Strange has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Kensett, and will begin his work there on July 21.

*Jay W. C. Moore
Supt. of Missions*

New Building Planned For Relief, Annuity

GROUNDBREAKING for the new Baptist Annuity Center to be built by the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas will take place soon, according to Executive Secretary R. Alton Reed.

The building is being built as an investment which will bring from 4 to 5 per cent returns on the investment to the Board, Dr. Reed reports. "It will be financed with investment funds similar to other Board investments," he said. "Only two floors will be occupied by the Relief and Annuity Board offices, all the remaining space to be leased," he states.

The main body of the building is a 15-story tower, with a two-story wing extending from the rear of the building to the right. The wing incorporates parking and loading facilities on the first floor with office space on the second floor.

A light-weight panel wall of marble and glass will be used at the front of the building. Bronze colored procelain enamel panels are set in the marble and glass at regular intervals to complete the attractive modern design. This same design, with white porcelain replacing the marble, will be used at the rear of the building and extends around to cover a portion of one side. The rest of the building exterior will be two-tone face brick.

The new building will be constructed on property already owned by the Board, diagonally across from the Baptist Building where the Relief and Annuity Board offices are presently located.

There are approximately 19,000 Southern Baptist pastors and denominational workers now holding certificates in the Relief and Annuity Board's retirement plans. All of these, together with the thousands who will enroll in the future, will be shareholders in the investments of the new building.

DR. C. EARL COOPER, pastor of Earl Street Church, Greenville, S. C., is the new president of the Alumni of New Orleans Seminary, succeeding Rev. Urban R. Pattillo, Mobile, Ala. Other officers are Dr. Hyran Barefoot, First Church, Crowley, La., vice president; Miss Lynn Fleming, manager of the Shreveport Book Store, secretary; and William C. Bolton, public relations director for the New Orleans Seminary, corresponding secretary.

DR. ROY O. McCLAIN, First Church, Atlanta, Ga., has resumed preaching on *The Baptist Hour*, following a nine-month ministry by Dr. Baker James Cauthen on the program. The radio program is currently carried by 440 stations weekly. The listening audience is estimated at 30 million each week. Dr. McClain's theme for the new series of 13 messages is "Christ or Chaos."



Left, James Metts Jr., and Dr. Roland Q. Leavell

1000th student registers

Committee to Seek Carver Head Named

LOUISVILLE (BP) — John P. Sandidge, Louisville attorney who is new School of Missions and Social Work here, has announced members of a committee to seek a new Carver School president.

Miss Emily K. Lansdell announced her intention to step down from the presidency at a recent trustees meeting. She has been president of Carver since 1951 and will continue to serve while a successor is being sought.

Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va., a former president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, is chairman of the special committee.

Other members are Nathan C. Brooks, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Harry P. Clause, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Fred Hartley, Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. E. M. Nuckols, Louisville; J. C. Murphy, Ruston, La.; Frederick G. Schlafer, Birmingham, and Tom Wiles, Lawton, Okla.

DR. RAMSEY POLLARD, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn., will be the principal speaker during Home Mission Week at Glorieta, July 25-31. Dr. Pollard replaces Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., who is "cancelling all speaking engagements until October 1 on orders of doctors and deacons," according to Dr. Warren.

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JAMES M. METTS, Jr., was the 1000th student to enroll at the New Orleans Seminary for the summer session, the first time in the history of the institution the enrollment for a semester has exceeded the 1,000 mark. The new figure for 1956-57 stands at 1,045.

Baptist Historians Plan Tourist Map

NASHVILLE (BP) — Development of a map showing Southern Baptist Convention historical sites and discussion of the forthcoming Encyclopedia of Southern Baptist were matters on the agenda of Baptist historians gathering July 16-18.

The occasion is the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and its affiliated organization, the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

Also on the agenda of the groups are elections of their new officers.

Norman W. Cox, Nashville, executive secretary of the Historical Commission, reported that Baptists in a number of states are developing maps of Baptist points of interest. These, he said, will ultimately be combined into one large map.

The maps will be used by Southern Baptists taking historical tours and pilgrimages, he said. A tour last year of sites of Oklahoma Baptist history attracted 300 persons and lasted two days, according to Cox.

The Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists is now in process of publication and should be ready for sale in January. Pre-publication orders were received during the recent Southern Baptist Convention session at Chicago.

Broadman Press, publishing wing of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is in charge of publication. Cox directed a large group of writers and editors in gathering and preparing monographs and illustrations.

A discussion during the Historical Commission meeting will be led by those who have been responsible for production and publication of the encyclopedia.

There will be two other panel discussions, one on the "logical development of the evangelical reformation" and the other on John Leland, 19th century Baptist minister who helped lead the movement for religious liberty in America.

Richard N. Owen, Nashville, editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*, Tennessee Baptist weekly newspaper, is chairman of the Historical Commission. Bailey F. Davis, pastor, First Church, Franklin, Ky., is president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

Miss Plowden Named Hawaii Baptist Editor

Miss Hannah Plowden has been elected new editor of the monthly *Hawaii Baptist*, publication of the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

Miss Plowden, who is director of the Hawaii convention's religious education department, succeeds David W. Petherbridge, editor for the last 4½ years.

Petherbridge also served as pastor of Waikiki Baptist Church.

Missionary Honored By Queen Elizabeth

MISS MAY PERRY, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, has been made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Miss Perry is the second Southern Baptist missionary in Nigeria to receive this award. Dr. I. N. Patterson, field secretary for the Nigerian Baptist Mission, having been so honored on New Year's Day, 1952.

The Officer of the Order of the British Empire is the highest award that has been conferred upon a Southern Baptist missionary by the British Crown. It is given to persons who have served with distinction in the British Empire.

Another award, the Member of the Order of the British Empire, has been bestowed on three Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria. Because of her educational and evangelistic work among the river people, Miss Josephine Scaggs was presented this award by the Queen herself last year. Miss Eva Sanders received the award on New Year's Day, 1954, for her outstanding infant and maternity work at Ire. And the late Mrs. Carrie G. Lumbley, founder of the Baptist Girls' School at Abeokuta, received the Member of the Order of the British Empire when she retired in 1928 after 29 years of outstanding service.

Dr. and Mrs. George Green and the late Mrs. E. G. Maclean, also missionaries to Nigeria, received medals for outstanding service in 1935 in connection with the Silver Anniversary of King George V's accession to the throne.

Russian Baptists Mark Their 90th Anniversary

MOSCOW, Russia (BWA) — The Rev. Alexei Karpov, pastor of the Moscow Baptist Church, reports that Russian Baptists are celebrating their 90th anniversary this year.

The observance marks the anniversary of the baptism of the first Russian Baptist, Nikita Voronin, at Tbilisi, capital of Georgia, in 1867. Russian Baptists now number 512,430.

New Guinea Becomes 100th Country With Organized Baptist Work

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BWA)—There are now 100 countries in which Baptists have organized work. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, announced here.

The 100th nation in BWA records is New Guinea, where baptized believers number 865 in the Baiyer Valley and Lumis areas. The converts are the result of mission activity started by Australian Baptists in 1949, shortly after the Southwest Pacific island's central highlands were opened to the white man for the first time.

Baptist Crosscurrents

The Bible and the Soil

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GOD CREATED the earth, but did he create the desert?

The first chapter of Genesis gives us a wonderful account of the creation of the earth. Every indication we have from this first chapter of the Bible is that God made the earth a green and pleasant land. It was fruitful land and when God looked upon it, he said that it was good (Genesis 1:31).

However, as man began to use the earth it was not long until he began to waste the earth. Motivated by his own selfish desires and a lack of concern for a stewardship of what God had given him, man let the soil be destroyed. He allowed some of it to wash down the rivers. He allowed the wind to blow the unprotected soil. He cut and burned the trees from the hillsides. As a result, man through the years has experienced the inevitable cycle of drought and flood, flood and drought.

Man's sin against God is very closely related to the soil (Hosea 4:2-3; Psalm 106:24). Because of man's disobedience of God and destruction of the earth, the grim specter of hunger hangs heavily above much of the population of the earth. In the brief history of America alone, more than 50 million acres have been destroyed so far as row crops are concerned. Another 50 million are in the last stages of cultivation. Another 100 million have lost 25% to 75% of the top soil. This is enough soil to feed 60 million people. If we have wasted this much in the very brief history of the United States, what of the next 500 years?

It is difficult to believe that the desert sands of North Africa once supported a thriving civilization; that the now bleak and deserted wastes of the Mesopotamian valley once supported from 30 to 50 million people where now only four or five million can live, and that on a very low economic plane. This is because man allowed the soil to be destroyed. God did not plan it that way. Man's deliberate disobedience of God's principles caused it.

With the proper cooperation of man with God and with the principles that God laid down in the establishment of the earth, gradually the soil can be made to yield her increase again. It has been said that it takes from 400 years to 1,000 years to build one inch of top soil. This is a slow process, but with man's cooperation it can be speeded. God is deeply concerned to provide man the needs he has upon earth. (Psalm 147:8)

It is easy for us to assume that the problem of soil stewardship is a problem of the farmer and is no concern to anyone else. It is still true, however, that every person upon the earth is dependent upon the soil for his food, and most of the fiber he uses. "Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field" (Ecclesiastes 5:9). No man can live apart from the soil.

The cities are dependent upon the soil because it is the only source of food. No city has yet been built in a desert. The health of man is dependent upon the soil because if the minerals are not in the soil, they will not be in the food which he eats. We cannot manufacture food, nor manufacture food that is rich in minerals if the soil is depleted. Industry is dependent upon the soil, because one-third of the people now employed in industry are serving the farmer, or manufacturing products which the farmer uses. United States farmers and ranchers are using more gasoline and oil than any other industry of America; are using more mechanical horse power than any other one industry; are using as much rubber as it takes to equip six million automobiles each year.

Our churches are closely related here because this whole matter of soil stewardship is a spiritual concern. The soil is the gift of God and man cannot be obedient to God without protecting, by proper conservation methods, this most important material resource that God has given to man.

Paul's Preaching and Policies For the Present

Part I, Salvation Accomplished

PAUL, THE APOSTLE, was primarily a preacher and planter of churches. True, he was a theologian, but he left no dogmatic theology. He was an ethicist, but he left no system of ethics. He



DR. BARNETTE

To understand Paul's relevance for our generation, it will be necessary to examine the nature of his preaching and the policies by which he made it concrete in human life.

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Paul says that: "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (I Corinthians 1: 21) Obviously he does not mean "foolish preaching," but the "thing" preached, the message itself. What is the heart of his gospel?

Content of Paul's Preaching

Some hold that the key to Paul's preaching is "justification by faith," "union with Christ," "communion with Christ," and being "in Christ." But the key to Paul's gospel is the term "salvation." His gospel is an answer to the fundamental question, "What must I do to be saved?" His text is "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation for every one who believes." (Romans 1:16). So when he sums up the gospel, Paul uses the word "salvation." In his thought, salvation is a process accomplished in the finished work of Christ, appropriated by faith, experienced in character and conduct, and consummated by the coming of Christ in glory.

Paul preaches salvation as an accomplished fact. "We were saved." (Romans 8:24). This phase of salvation is described by a series of pictures.

Justification

This word presents the picture of a guilty man standing before the court of God condemned; but because he is "in Christ" he is acquitted. He is pronounced "not guilty" by the Judge. "There is therefore no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1). Paul had sought justification through his own moral achieve-

ment, but discovered that we are saved through faith and not of works. (Ephesians 2:8). He learned that justification by faith was the first step on the road to salvation.

Redemption

Here is the picture of a slave being set free for a price. (Galatians 3:13; Romans 6:18). Man is "sold into bondage to sin." (Romans 7:14). And just as God delivered His people from Egyptian bondage, Christ delivers us from the bondage of sin. Early Christians understood this idea of redemption, for many of them were slaves. The redemption of slaves occurred daily in Paul's world. Christ paid the emancipation price for sinners. Hence, Paul could talk about "the freedom which we have in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 2:4).

Reconciliation

Here is the picture of God and man in opposition to one another. Man is a sinner and "alienated" from God. (Ephesians 4:18). He is in "dis-grace" with God and needs to get into His grace. God takes the initiative in reconciling man to Himself. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." (II Corinthians 5:19). "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:18).

Reconciliation comes about by the death of Christ on the Cross. Paul preached "Christ and him crucified;" "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." (I Corinthians 15:1). "In whom we have redemption through his blood." (Ephesians 1:7). Thus we are "justified by his blood." (Romans 5:9). "We have been reconciled to God through the death of his son." (Romans 5:10). Paul taught a "substitutionary" atonement in that Christ did something for us on the cross that we could never do ourselves. He reconciled us to God.

Adoption

Here is the picture of adoption, which was a common practice in Paul's day. Childless parents frequently adopted a slave-youth who became a member of the family, a son and an heir. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God," says Paul, "they are the sons of God. For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And if children, of God, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ . . ." (Romans 8:14-17).

Assembly Hall Dedicated At Bottoms Orphanage

THE DEDICATION of the Recreation-Assembly Building at the Bottoms Orphanage in Monticello was attended by three hundred people. Activities the day began at 10 a. m. with Board meeting, presided over by Dr. Horace E. Thompson, who is president of the A & M College, Monticello. The dedication service began at 2 p. m. with Superintendent H. C. Seefeldt in charge of a program which featured Dr. Rel Gray as the speaker. Dr. Gray is president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and pastor of First Church, Helena. Music was under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Vestal Dean, assistants to Dr. Seefeldt, and was provided by children of the home.

Other participants on the program were Dr. T. J. Welch, pastor of First Church, Monticello, who gave the invocation; Mrs. C. R. Pugh, Greenville, Miss., wife of the late C. R. Pugh, who served as superintendent of the home for 26 years; Ed Thrash, Hope, chairman of the building committee; Julius Miller, representing Rev. Jay D. Tolleman, pastor of Immanuel Church, El Dorado, as chairman of the Thanksgiving Offering committee; Rev. Harold C. Bennett, speaking in behalf of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bottoms, who were members of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, during their lifetime, and Dr. James C. Coates, assistant pastor at First Church, El Dorado, taking his pastor's place on the program. Dr. Walter Warmath, who was hospitalized following an automobile accident.

Visitors for the day included past and present board members: J. R. Allmon, Dumas; Curtis Kinard, El Dorado; Mrs. W. P. McGeorge, Pine Bluff; Otto Walker, McGehee; W. R. Kimball, Hot Springs; Exall Kimbro, Monticello; B. L. Murphree, Little Rock; Rev. Harold C. Bennett, Texarkana; Miss Mollie E. Center, Waldron; H. E. Trussell, For-dyce; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Short, Pine Bluff; C. C. Smith, Monticello; Julius Miller, El Dorado; Ed Thrash, Hope; and Mrs. Allen Toney, Helena.

Forty young people from First Church, Hope, accompanied by their pastor, Dr. John H. McClanahan, attended the service. Administrator and Mrs. J. A. Gilbreath, Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, were present, and Rev. Sam Fudge, superintendent of the Presbyterian Home in Monticello attended.

Refreshments were served following the service.

● THE YOUTH CHOIR of the Russellville First Baptist Church, under the direction of Don Hallum, presented a program of sacred music on a recent Sunday night at the Danville Baptist Church, where Rev. Fritz E. Goodbar is pastor. Pastor Goodbar speaks in glowing terms of the Choir.

Groups to Study Time, Program for Convention

NASHVILLE (BP) — Special committees of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee have been appointed to study business matters brought before the semi-annual session of the Executive Committee here.

In each case, the committee will make its study and report to the next semi-annual session of the Executive Committee here in December.

A committee of three will study the matter of setting a permanent policy on morning, afternoon, and evening sessions of the annual Southern Baptist Convention. It will also study ways in which the Convention can make a "real spiritual impact" on cities in which it convenes.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is chairman. Serving with him are C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Ariz., and Harold W. Seever, Mobile, Ala.

Another committee of three members will study a proposal that the Convention have a continuing Committee on Order of Business to draft its annual program. The proposal is that the Committee on Order of Business have nine members, three changing each year. At present a completely new Order of Business committee is elected each year.

Charles C. Bowles, pastor of Hunter St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, is chairman of this committee. The other two members are W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., and J. Melvin Ray, Carlsbad, N. M.

Five members will serve on a committee to study a proposal that chairman of standing committees of the Executive Committee be limited to two years' service. The committee will also study a motion that members of the Executive Committee "be distributed as equally as possible among (its) standing committees" by states.

G. Allen West, pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, is chairman. Other members are J. Ralph Grant, Lubbock, Tex.; T. K. Rucker, Forrest City, Ark.; Carr P. Collins, Dallas; and John A. Jones, Macon, Ga.

Dr. Adams Recovering From Heart Attack

RICHMOND, Va. (BWA) — Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, has been released from the hospital where he received treatment following a heart attack on May 8.

Physicians advised him to remain quiet throughout the summer, but have given permission for him to attend meetings of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee at Hamilton, Canada, August 26-30. It is expected that he can resume full duties as pastor of First Baptist Church in Richmond this fall.

A Chaplain's Work is Extremely Varied

By DOYLE LUMPKIN

Chaplain (Capt.) USAF Res.

A CHAPLAIN'S mission is very similar to a pastor's mission, except he deals not with one religious group but all faiths. On any given day he experiences joy and sorrow with his boys "in blue."



Mr. Lumpkin

Fifteen to twenty problems of different types and nature may confront the chaplain within a short span of time. These problems run from domestic problems to death notices, from morale problems to those dealing with morality, from marriage counseling to patching up a lover's quarrel.

Many of the seemingly big problems are very little and insignificant when viewed in the proper perspective. The chaplain is to help all men keep a proper perspective in every phase of life.

Each person seen by a chaplain during a day affords an opportunity to witness. When a person arrives overseas the chaplain can encourage him and help him to start afresh with God at his new base. When a young man contemplates marriage he must talk with his chaplain, and the necessity of Christ at the center of life and home is stress-

BROTHER LUMPKIN, who recently completed four years of service as a Chaplain in the Air Force, is now living temporarily at Route 2, Box 23, Arkadelphia. He has written this article at the request of the Editor.

ed. If a service man receives the message of a death in his family, the chaplain points him to Christ who is the "Resurrection and the life" as his source of comfort.

Office administration, personal counseling are only a part of a chaplain's work. As with the pastor, the proclamation of the gospel and religious education become the foremost task.

At Bushy Park Air Force Base, London, England, where I was Base Chaplain for three years, I was able to organize a graded Sunday school program with paid nursery workers. From this experience I learned that service personnel are interested in Sunday school teaching for child as well as parent. Our religious program became a pattern for many other chapels in the United Kingdom.

At Bushy Park the preaching of the Word became central. Even ritualistic, liturgical people came to hear "Thus saith the Lord." Laymen were put to work, encouraged to pray and witness for the glory of the Lord. The Lord blessed and our attendance quadrupled. Souls were reborn at Bushy.

Service life is hard and tedious. It has many dangers and pitfalls. The local church can assist their service men by praying for them and letting them know of the church's concern as well as their activities. In four years with the military, three of them overseas, only one pastor ever wrote to me of his concern for his service men. Very few churches wrote to the service men. It is no wonder that some churches lose their service men when they do return home.

The local churches should have a program of spiritual indoctrination for young men going into the armed services. Church loyalty should be stressed and a constant contact maintained with the service man and his family. The very nature of a military chapel precludes the emphasizing of denominational loyalty. This becomes a responsibility of our churches.

● THE FLORIDA Baptist State Convention met in a called session on June 25 to hear a report and recommendation from a committee of seven that the convention assume the ownership, control and operation of the Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville. It was accepted unanimously.

● CALVARY MISSION, North Las Vegas, Nev., is a new organization sponsored by the Temple Church, (Southern Baptist) of Henderson, Nev. The pastor requests names and addresses of Arkansans stationed at nearby Nellis Air Base or Lake Mead Naval Base. He is Virgil Reeves, Box 3208, North Las Vegas, Nev.

PERSONALITIES

Robert A. Dowdy

Cornered By A Question

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

RALPH W. DAVIS, secretary of Arkansas' Training Union department, boldly claims his co-worker, Robert A. Dowdy, "is the best associate in the world!"

Mr. Dowdy hales from Memphis, Tenn., the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dowdy. He has one sister, who is younger than he. He joined Central Avenue Church as a junior boy and was active in church work through the years. Dowdy says he was really converted while in the Navy during World War II. He returned home to pick up his church activities where he had left off, teaching a class and serving as Sunday school superintendent.

Dr. Leo Eddleman came to Central Church to conduct a revival. Dowdy startled his fellow church workers by offering himself as a candidate for baptism, on profession of faith.

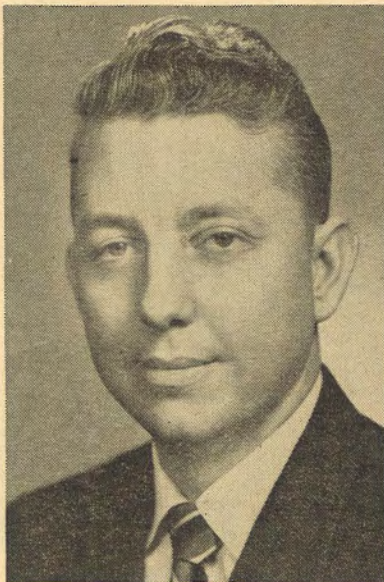
Mrs. Dowdy is the former Rose O'Brien of Forrest City. The Dowdys were well established financially in Memphis. He was in the meat business with his father. They had two sons, Robert, Jr., and William Thomas, and owned their home. They were active, happy Baptists.

One day his pastor, Dr. James Coggins, now pastor of First Church, Texarkana, Tex., asked Dowdy if he had ever felt that God was calling him for special service. His answer was negative, but he never got away from the question. A year later a Training Union program entitled, How can we know God is calling?, determined his destiny. He recalls that his part on the program and all the others seemed to be beamed directly at him. At the end of the program, as if he were not miserable enough, an unsuspecting lady stopped to say, "Brother Dowdy, you should be a preacher." However, Dowdy never felt called to preach and he is not a minister. He is a deacon. And from the beginning he knew his work was religious education.

The next step following his surrender was to leave all and go to school. But Dowdy had been out of school a long time. Maybe he would not pass the entrance exam! His last loophole closed up on him when he did. He spent two years in Texas Wesleyan College in Ft. Worth and four years in Southwestern Seminary where he graduated with the bachelor-of-religious-education degree. Mrs. Dowdy majored in elementary education and the boys attended elementary school.

The Dowdys finished the seminary and arrived in Little Rock on January

15, 1954. Since then, Deborah Ann was born. The family resides in Broadmoor and attends First Church.



Mr. Dowdy

Dowdy had a rather unique experience as a youngster playing "cowboy and robbers." He owned an educated goat named Billy. Billy was trained to work to a wagon. The miniature wagon served the neighborhood gang as a stage coach. Dowdy asserts that his ownership of the only means of transportation within the group definitely positioned him among his friends.

He feels he learned a great deal about responsibility in his youth through his efforts to keep the goat out of his neighbor's gardens and flowers. He was terrified once to find Billy eating tomatoes that had been sprayed with insect poison, only to learn that a goat would thrive equally as well on tin cans or poisoned vegetation.

Mr. Dowdy was closely related to several Arkansans while they were students in the seminary. Evangelist Billy Walker gave him his first opportunity in an enlargement campaign while a pastor in Texas. William B. Sawyer, now pastor of Second Church, Jacksonville, was pastor of Burch Hill Church in Fort Worth, while Dowdy was his educational director, and Joe Huggins, now of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, was music director.

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● MEXICAN NATIONALS are being ministered to by Rev. E. G. Gonzales in Arkansas Valley Association, where 187 made profession of faith during the cotton chopping season just closed in that area. (CB)

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● ARKANSANS IN Puerto Rico are invited to attend the new Southern Baptist church, the Borinquen Church, Aquadilla, P. R., Charles Clark, pastor. The church is near the Ramey Air Force Base which is operated by the U. S. Air Force. Capt. Ralph Daniel, formerly of Wickes, helped organize the church in 1956, according to Moderator J. M. Holiman of the Ouachita Baptist Association.

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● LEONARD McDOUGLE is the new pastor at Wabbeseka Baptist Church where remodeling of the auditorium is in progress and new pews have been purchased. The church is in a special campaign to reach unaffiliated Baptists in the community. There were 82 enrolled in the Vacation Bible School and the mission offering of \$26 was sent to the Cooperative Program.

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● E. C. EDWARDS, of Tyronza Church, was the evangelist in a revival at Fisher, G. W. Boyd, pastor, which resulted in seven additions to the church, six by baptism.

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● UNIVERSITY CHURCH, Fayetteville, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor, began broadcasting the Sunday morning worship service on June 30, with the opening of a new radio station in Fayetteville, KFAV, 1250 kilocycles.

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● A TOTAL of 148 girls registered for the GA camp at Ravenden Springs in June, according to Mrs. B. D. Smith, director. Nine made profession of faith and 70 surrendered for special service. Foreign missions was presented to the girls by Dr. Jeanette Beall, retired missionary from China; home missions, by Mrs. Charles Pierson, serving Latin-Americans in San Antonio, Tex.; and associational missions, by Cecil Guthrie, missionary for Black River Association in Arkansas.

Departments

BSU:

Tom Logue, Director

Secretary Resigns



Miss Golden

Miss Janette Golden, secretary in the Student Department, resigned recently to begin her work with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Miss Golden was a 1956 honor graduate of Ouachita Baptist College and had worked in the Student Department since June of last year. Arkansas Baptists, and especially the students and personnel of the Baptist Building, are grateful to Miss Golden for her splendid work.

TRAINING UNION:

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Associationally Speaking

By Robert A. Dowdy

There are four very important things that an associational organization must do in order to reach the association standard. The first is organization. This means that the associational program reaches every church in that association. These churches are grouped together geographically. This also means that we have at least 14 associational officers working at the task of training in church membership, which is evangelism, missions, and stewardship.

Second, in order to do effective work, which is what we are doing when we reach the standard, we must have a minimum of two meetings each quarter. The executive committee meeting is most important. The next meeting we call the officers and leaders' conference and mass meeting. This meeting will include all the members of the churches in any given association.

The third important thing includes the activities that the officers and churches will participate in. These activities include visiting other churches to help strengthen their training pro-

gram, promoting Speakers Tournaments, Sword Drill, and Junior Memory Drill.

The fourth is just as important as the other three and it includes promoting standards for all units in the Training Union and enlistment of all the churches in any association to have a training program.

Congratulations to the following associations and associational officers who have done these things and are standard for the first quarter of 1957:

Hope Association, W. E. Perry, moderator; M. T. McGregor, missionary; Tom Lawry, Group 1; M. L. Lewis, Group 2; Elmer Smith, Group 3; Roscoe Powers, Group 4; W. C. Roberts, Group 5; C. R. Burgess, Group 6; C. E. McGlothlin, director; Ken B. Green, associate director; M. K. Presswood, secretary-treasurer; C. S. White, song leader; L. L. Hunnicut, pastor-adviser; Mrs. J. W. Graney, adult leader; Walter Miller, associate; Mrs. Curtis Green, intermediate leader; Levi Davis, associate; Hubert Thrash, young people's leader; Mrs. Hubert Thrash, associate; Paxton Jordan, junior leader; Mrs. Sadie Jones, associate; Miss Josephine Dew, primary leader; Mrs. B. C. Cooper, associate; Mrs. C. E. McGlothlin, beginners leader; Mrs. Henry Haynes, associate; Miss Ona Grant, nursery

leader, and Mrs. C. R. Shelby, associate.

Woodruff Association — T. D. Douglas, missionary; Tommy Farrar, moderator; C. H. Downs, director; Leon Chandler, associate director; Louie Boutwell, secretary-treasurer; Miss Charles Foster, song leader; Miss Virginia Hale, pianist; T. D. Douglas, pastor-adviser; Mrs. Marguerite Anderson, adult leader; Mrs. M. E. Wilkerson, young people's leader; Mrs. G. W. Tipton, intermediate leader; Mrs. J. R. Stevens, junior leader; Mrs. Lucy Churchill, primary leader; Mrs. Tom Lindley, beginners leader; Mrs. T. Farrar, nursery leader. The group directors are Phillip Webb, Charles Publes, and Terrel Cariker.

Clear Creek Association — S. A. Wiles, missionary; Audry Martin, associate director; Mrs. Virgil Smith, secretary-treasurer; Faber Tyler, song leader; Mrs. Kenneth Owen, pianist; Dr. Kenneth Grant, pastor-adviser; David Land, adult leader; Andy Heskett, young people's leader; Miss Dick Sowell, Intermediate leader; Mrs. Audra Martin, junior leader; Mrs. Faber Tyler, primary leader; Mrs. James Daugherty, beginners leader; Mrs. Dan Berry, nursery leader. The group directors are Virgil Smith, Dan Berry, and S. A. Wiles.

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MUSIC:

LeRoy McClard, Director

Music Conference



Mr. Davidson

This week we begin a series of articles where you will meet the faculty for the North Arkansas Music Conference, which will be August 19-24. Our first introduction will be to Loren Davidson, one of our guest instructors and directors. Actually Mr. Davidson needs very little introduction because he has directed several choir clinics in our state during recent years. His most recent contribution to our State Music Ministry was in the guest director of our 1957 Youth Choir Festival. As director of the festival he inspired our young people to a most exciting rendition of sacred choral music. He is an outstanding conductor, teacher, and stands among the very best as a voice instructor. He is tireless in his efforts to redeem voices for the Glory of the Lord. Doubtless, he can do more to align a voice in a short time than anyone in America today. His personality is so charming that every one immediately catches his contagious radiance.

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MISSIONS:

C. W. Caldwell, Supt.

Associational Mission Gifts

Churches will soon begin planning their 1958 church budgets. Let me make an earnest appeal for an increase for associational missions. Year by year, allocations to the state Cooperative Program budget have been increased and in too few cases have increases been made to associational missions. I would suggest that the associational missionary and his missions committee begin immediately to set up a strong associational budget and begin promoting the idea of increased contributions for 1958.

What are your associational needs? How many new mission points should be opened? How many inactive churches need financial assistance? What about the associational organizations? Check up on your needs and then set up a challenging program.

New Missions and Churches

There has been a great deal mentioned in the denominational papers about the movement to establish 30,000 new preaching places by 1964. The publicity material has been prepared. The states have been surveyed and the program is now ready to be launched. In order to get the movement going in a great way, the Sunday School and Home Mission Boards are urging all missionaries to attend a special conference at Ridgecrest, August 15-21. Free entertainment will be given and two cents per mile for traveling to all missionaries who attend. In the associations where there are no missionaries, the moderator is asked to attend with the same consideration given to him.

Now is the time for us to begin launching this program in Arkansas. The associational moderators and missionaries will hear more about it in the meeting which is set August 2. In the meantime, pick the places where the work should begin and the church which is to sponsor it.

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Associational Officers Meeting

There is to be a meeting of the associational officers at the Baptist Building in Little Rock, Friday, August 2. The meeting begins at 10 a. m. and closes at 3 p. m.

All of our state and associational work will be discussed. A good program has been planned. The associational missionaries, moderators and clerks are especially invited to attend.

—Ralph Douglas

● **REV. AND MRS. James E. Hampton**, Southern Baptist missionaries to East Africa, have moved from Tanganyika to Kenya. They may be addressed at P. O. Box 2948, Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hampton are natives of Arkansas, he of New Blaine and she, formerly Gena Ledbetter, of Harrison. They make their permanent American home in Mena.

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EVANGELISM:

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Should You Apologize?

C. E. Matthews often told of a banker who was an active deacon for many years. He had business relations with many lost men but had not actually pressed them to a decision for Christ.



DR. YEARBY

The Lord convicted him to this indifference, and during a revival meeting he spent most of the week doing something about it. The banker made a list of names of lost associates and visited them one at a time. He said to the men, "I have come to make an apology to you. In all the years I have known you, I have been an active deacon; but not one time have I sought to help you become a Christian. I want you to forgive me, for that is far more important than all the business dealings I have had with you."

The banker then read some scripture and prayed with them. At the close of the revival 91 persons were baptized into the church, most of them being men led to the Lord by this Christian banker.

If we are to win more people to Christ, they must be won in the homes through a simple, friendly approach. We need to press upon them their lost condition without Christ and urge them to trust in our Saviour. Oh, how the homes need Jesus. People are lost because of sin and only Jesus can cleanse and save from sin.

No doubt about it — visitation and revival go together. When God's people visit in homes and witness for Christ to the lost, they will experience revival in their own heart. If you have grown cold and indifferent toward the work of the Lord and His church, visit someone and tell him about what Jesus means to you. Then urge him to receive Christ as Saviour and Lord. Not only will the experience mean much to the one with whom you talk, it will revive your interest in the cause of Christ.

If we are wise, all of us will put aside other matters and give ourselves to the greatest thing we can do for someone else, lead him to Christ.

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● A **SPECIAL** conference on personal evangelism has been scheduled for Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest, August 15-21. Dr. Leonard Sanderson, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, will lead the conference. It will be a methods class on "How to Win People to Christ."

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● **PASTOR E. O. McElroy** did the preaching in a recent revival at Pleasant Grove Church, Ferndale, which resulted in three additions to the church, two by baptism.

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WMU:
Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Camp Guest



Miss Epperson

Among the missionary guests who will attend youth camps to be held at Ferncliff this summer is Miss Barbara Epperson, at home after serving one tour of service in Nigeria. Although her "specialized field" is journalism, missionary-like she served in many capacities and had rich experiences which she has interestingly shared in *Tales from Ire*, one of the new series of books on Africa to be studied this fall. Her book is for juniors, but it gives good information for any age group.

Miss Epperson is a native of Oklahoma, however she lived in Siloam Springs for some time prior to her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board. She will attend the Intermediate Girls Auxiliary Camp, July 22-26.

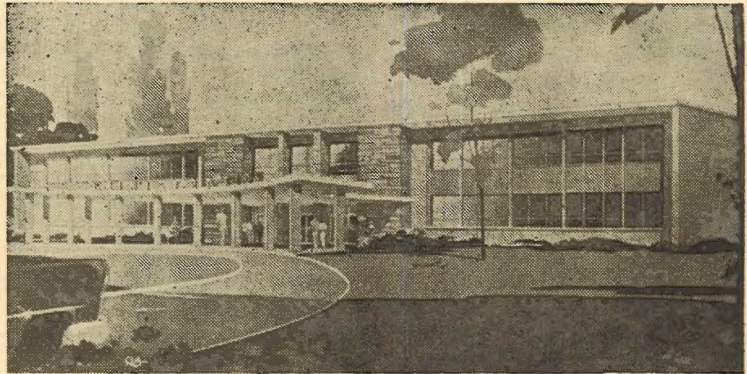
WMU District Meetings

The dates recently published for the 1957 Annual District Meetings of Woman's Missionary Union were in error. The correct schedule is as follows:

Northwest District, Springdale, First, October 22; West Central, Fort Smith, Grand Avenue, October 23; Central, Hot Springs, Park Place, October 24; Southwest, Magnolia, Central, October 25; North Central, Hardy, First, October 29; Northeast, Blytheville, First, October 30; East Central, Forrest City, First, October 31; Southeast, Pine Bluff, Immanuel, November 1.

MINNEAPOLIS — The average Christian congregation "has done a very inadequate job with young people," in the opinion of Captain C. G. Bailey, head of the crime prevention bureau of the Minneapolis police department. He told a group of seminarians that the youth program of churches is "weak" because it caters primarily to its own people. "To be a vital, real part of everyday community life, its youth program should be organized to meet the needs of all the teen-agers.

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CALEB, A MAN OF VISION

By CHARLES FRANK PITTS

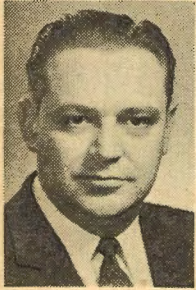
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Numbers 13; 14:1-10, 24, 30, 38

Joshua 14:6-15; 15:13-19

Judges 1:14-15

The men of ancient Rome typified the deity of beginnings as having two faces. One face gazed upon the past while the other looked eagerly toward the future. Caleb, a man of vision,



DR. PITTS

looked at life in manner most circumspect, properly relating the present to the past and future. In the prime of life his strength resided in his faith. After eighty-five years this strength was not abated nor was his ardor for difficult conquest cooled. To a great degree his faith resulted from his vision.

The Forward Look

At the age of forty, Caleb as the representative of Judah, embarked upon the mission of making an estimate of the situation preparatory to the invasion of Canaan. With him went eleven other men from the other tribes of Israel.

After making a careful reconnaissance of the land, the party returned with conflicting conclusions. Ten of the spies reported that conquest was impossible in the light of known obstacles. Caleb, together with Joshua, counselled immediate attack. Failure to advance he termed active rebellion against God.

Caleb's vision embraced a future which was to be left to "the delight of the Lord." He could foresee no obstacle too difficult, no foe too strong, no battle too fierce to forestall the accomplishment of God's expressed will. The future was in God's hands and Caleb was willing to leave it there.

The Backward Look

After a lifetime of service Caleb was able to look back and see the hand of God in all the past. Truly, the preceding forty-five years had been fraught with hardship and sorrow, but God had never defaulted in His presence. Most of the old familiar faces of earlier years were gone and only one other member of the party of twelve who spied out the land remained.

Clearly did he remember the promised blessing of Moses that one day he would realize the attainment of his goal. Through the dreary wanderings of the desert this vision of the past strengthened his determination and determined his strength.

The Inward Look

If Caleb was thrilled by the pros-

pects of the future, or strengthened by retrospection, he experienced humility in the act of introspection.

Upon his return from his initial trip to Canaan, Caleb revealed to Moses all that was in his heart. Nearly half a century later he could recall that he had "wholly followed the Lord." As he looked into the recesses of his soul this aged servant of God could not recall a single day in which he had not tried to follow Jehovah in all His leadings.

Dr. Pitts is pastor of First Baptist Church, Blytheville.

Caleb knew that his times were in God's hands and made no claims to personal strength. "The Lord hath kept me alive," is the testimony of a man who had witnessed the death of most of his friends. To the Lord must go the glory of Caleb's ability to affirm: "... I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me. . ."

True humility is the strongest trait a man can possess for it is only after a man humbles himself in the sight of the Lord that the Lord can lift him up. Caleb and Joshua, the humblest of the twelve who went out upon the espionage mission, proved to be the strongest. The false humility of the ten who defaulted was their surest insurance for defeat.

The Upward Look

Spiritual vision worthy of the name always embraces the upward look. Man might interpret the past, dream of the future, wrestle with the present, but never with understanding until he properly relates the presence of God to life. Such understanding is directly proportionate to his trust in God.

While weaker, faithless men must look upward to see fierce giants behind invincible walls, the strong need only to bow their heads to behold a God who brings to naught the powers of this world. It is not, however, enough to simply "look above." The important matter is the point from which one looks. As Moses climbed to the heights of Pisgah to view the land of promise, so must each man climb to the sublime heights of fellowship with God before he can see the good land stretching afar.

By Which We Conclude

Spiritual strength begins with faith in God and the belief that there is a divine purpose in our existence. It may not be that we are chosen to be among those selected for spectacular tasks as were the twelve spies, but each of us is the object of God's will.

Faith in itself will beget vision. That vision in turn will add yet faith to faith. That vision, too, to be worthy of the name, must embrace all of the

past, future and above all, the vital present. It will look upon the knowledge, goodness, wisdom and power of God as definitely related to any decision which man must make.

Few men in the ancient world had cause to boast of the achievements of an illustrious than did Jephunneh of the tribe of Judah.



"Parents,

let's stop quibbling!"

In the July *Home Life* a mother of teen-agers tells why she quit her full-time job downtown and gave up several civic club offices to be at home with her children. The change proved a profitable one for both mother and children.

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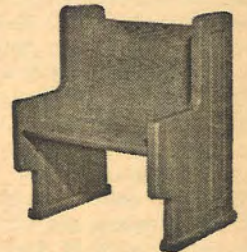
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God's Wondrous World

By THELMA C. CARTER

Far in the northwest corner of our country is a mountainland national park — the Olympic National Park. It is known as our country's last frontier!

This last frontier is a wilderness of mountains, giant trees, trout lakes and elk trails — and the home of hundreds of native wild animals.

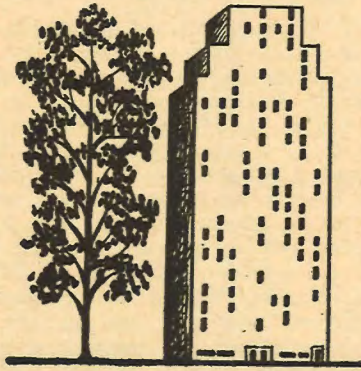
Nature's secrets abound here, for nature is the sole caretaker!

Look it up on a map. You might like to visit it someday. It is separated from Seattle, Washington, by the Puget Sound.

The park's coastline is so treacherous that few people other than Indians, have made their homes there. The greatest rainfall on the North American continent falls in this area — over 12 to 20 feet a year in certain spots!

Can you imagine trees tall as twenty-story buildings — with their roots swollen by excessive rainfall to huge buttresses? Visitors say these trees look like giant scare-crows — with ferns, moss, and tiny seedlings growing out of their crotches and elbows!

No man planted the groves of fir trees, spruce, red cedar and hemlock! No human hands directed the arrow-straight rows of seedlings growing alongside giant fallen trees.



The carpets of soft green moss, the yellow lilies and violets, the purple daisies are wholly a gift of nature. Nature prepared the seedbeds and planted them!

The miracle of growth is breathtaking! Spring does not come in March, April or May as it does for most of us but in July! Summer sunshine is short. In order to get through the life cycle in a matter of weeks everything bursts into sudden fragrance and bloom!

Like David in Psalm 104, we would say: "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! . . . the earth is full of thy riches."

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He Barks—
But He's No Dog

By Mrs. Isabel Williams

The prairie dog does live on the prairie, he barks, but he's not even a member of the dog family. Like the rat, he belongs to the rodent family.

Prairie dogs are sociable little creatures and live in little towns that may have as many as one thousand inhabitants. Prairie dog towns have been discovered that covered several miles.

During the day he visits his neighbors, but he is not as careless as he looks. There is always a sentry on watch, and the minute he barks out the warning, every prairie dog stops in his tracks and waits. If the sentry cries out again, each scurries as fast as he can for his own hole. He's not too frightened yet, for he waits at his own front door, until the enemy actually approaches and then dives down into his burrow.

He has worked hard to make his little underground home. Using his long sharp claws, he kicks the earth out with hind feet. He digs straight down for several feet, and then turns and digs a horizontal tunnel for many more. He scoops out little side rooms along the way for his bedrooms. When he has dug out his tunnel to suit, he carries in grass and plant stems. Sev-

eral bundles of these are brought in between his jaws, and he pats it down in his bedroom for a comfortable little bed.

He doesn't need much water, and does all his eating outside his house, thereby keeping it neat and tidy. They take dust baths by rolling in the dirt. Then he is ready to go visiting and to converse with his friends with low yips and chirrs.

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A REAL FOOLER

By Marion Ullmark

Here's a little puzzle sure to fool the ones who are good at arithmetic. Try it and see. You ask them to listen carefully and then begin telling this story.

Say, "I got on the bus at Elm Street. Counting myself there were five passengers on the bus. At Oak Street three got off and ten got on. At Maple Street, six got off and eight got on. At Sycamore Street, ten got off and one got on.

During your story everyone has been carefully adding and subtracting, expecting you to ask how many passengers were left. You fool them by asking quickly, how many stops did the bus make?

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A Smile or Two

An executive in New York had occasion to write to a Japanese friend in San Francisco. Mindful of the Oriental's appreciation of flowery language, and of his own duty to the cause of good public relations, he ended his letter with the wish: "May Heaven preserve you always."

To the delight of the executive's office staff, the Japanese responded with: "May Heaven pickle you too."

—Ex.

A Little Rock woman has come up with a new excuse for NOT flying. It is against her religion.

Another possessed with religious convictions failed to get the point, and told her so.

"I'm a devout coward," confessed the first.

"Why did you leave your last position?" the sweet young thing was asked.

"Illness," she replied. "The boss got sick of me."

—Clayton Rand
Arkansas Democrat

Many a wife manages her husband by using sigh-ology.

—Vesta M. Kelly

A henpecked weatherman was describing his wife to an old friend.

"She speaks 150 words a minute," he said, "with gusts up to 180."

—American Weekly

A woman went to visit a friend who lived in a primitive cottage. As she was preparing to retire the hostess appeared to say, "If you should want anything you haven't got, just ask for it. We can easily show you how to do without it."

—Quote

A very chic young woman walked into a furniture store and sought out one of its decorators. She wanted advice on how to augment her present furnishings.

"What," asked the decorator, "is the motif — modern, oriental, provincial, early American?"

"Well," was the frank reply, "we were married only recently. So the style of our furniture is sort of early Matrimony — some of his mother's and some of my mother's."

CHUCKLE: We often tell stories at the preacher's expense, but here is a good one in reverse: A bishop advised a politician to go out in the rain and lift his face heavenward. "It will bring a revelation to you," said the bishop. The next day the politician reported to the bishop, "I followed your advice but no revelation came. The water poured down my neck and I felt like a fool." To this the bishop replied, "Well, isn't that quite a revelation for the first try?"

—Brooks Hays

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A Bad Picture

The average citizen of the United States spends \$5.10 every day. Included in this spending is .05, per day, for religious and welfare work. That same citizen uses up .09 worth of tobacco every day and drinks .15 worth of beer and liquor every day.



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When this is put on a percentage basis, the picture looks like this: 1.1% per day is spent on all religious, benevolent and welfare work; 1.8% is spent on tobacco; while 3% of the total is spent on beer and liquor.

Do we as Baptists say to ourselves that this is a "sorry picture" and a bad way for Mr. and Mrs. America to spend money? The answer is yes. But, before we censure the average citizen, we need to take a look at the average brother and sister Baptist church member.

The average Baptist church member keeps \$7.34 of every \$10 that should be going through the church to promote the Kingdom of God. This means that the average Baptist church member gives \$2.66 of his \$10 tithe through his church and keeps the remainder for his own use.

But here is another stark reality — The average Baptist church spends \$2.20 of the \$2.66 on its own program, and gives .46 to causes beyond the local church field, which simply means that only .46 of the \$10 tithe goes to world missions.

God has blessed, and continues to bless us in spiritual and material matters, and yet we appropriate the majority of these blessings for our own interests and welfare, while God's program lags and drags behind, and in too many instances is put on a pauper and beggar basis. This lack of stewardship is enough to send each one of us to our knees in prayer and repentance.

This picture can be changed next Sunday if every church member would go to church with a dedicated life and a dedicated pocketbook. God would get as a minimum, the tithe from everyone and from many a generous offering. Remember God says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—RD.

Arkansas Girl Useful At Southern Baptist Convention

Mrs. Raymond Atwood of Elkhaville, Illinois, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Walden of Route 2, Paragould. These people are leaders in the New Friendship Church. The writer has conducted several revivals in New Friendship Church and the Waldens have been some of the leading lights and pillars in the church. Mr. Fred Walden, now getting up in years, has been also a leader in the Greene County Association. Wanda married Brother Atwood and they are located at



Mrs. Atwood

Elkhaville, Illinois, where he is pastor, and Wanda was one of the registration clerks in the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention. She is one among our finest and best and God is using her in a wonderful way. We congratulate her mother and father and her grandfather. —BLB

It Works Again!

Rev. Harry A. Renfree, director of stewardship for the Maritime Baptist United Convention of Canada, attended the Promotion Conference, which was recently held in Nashville, Tenn.

He was asked to bring words of greetings, and while doing that he told us of the Baptist work in Canada. While pastor of a church in Sussex, New Brunswick, Brother Renfree read about

"Dignity is one thing you cannot preserve in alcohol."

—Bob Buice

Home Allowance

It is possible for a preacher to exclude 15 per cent of his salary as a home allowance when the church is not definitely furnishing a parsonage. The Internal Revenue Service has called attention to a change in the final regulations which do not require official advance designation by the employer of such allowances paid before January 1, 1958, provided official designation takes place before that date. Rental allowances paid after December 31, 1957, must be so designated in advance by the employing church or organization. The official designation may be evidenced by the employment contract, or in the minutes, or in a resolution of the employer in its budget, or by any other appropriate instrument evidencing the official action. Preachers in denominational employment should remember that if their employer designates 15 per cent of their salary for home allowance, this is not charged against the gross income. Be sure to notify the Internal Revenue Director in due time. BLB



DR. BRIDGES

the Forward Program of Church Finance and wrote to Nashville and invited someone from the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Service to come help him put on a campaign in his church. He was told that it would be impossible to send a worker, but that Dr. R. J. Hastings would be glad to send him all the available material and help conduct a campaign by correspondence. The campaign was conducted by mail. As a result the church budget was doubled. Consequently, the program was used in eight other churches in the Maritime area, which includes Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

The program was so successful in the Canadian Baptist Churches that Brother Renfree has joined the Baptist Convention staff in Saint John, New Brunswick, as the first Director of Stewardship.

If this program will work by remote control in Canada, surely it will work in Southern Baptist Convention churches because it was designed especially for our churches.

Again, we want to say that the Forward Program of Church Finance puts finance on a spiritual basis. Try it.—RD.

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