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**ARKANSAS**  
*Baptist*

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# Preacher Who Wouldn't Talk About Money

THE LORD called me into the ministry in the early 30's. It was during the lush days of the "big depression." Most of the members of my first congregation were having a hard time keeping body and soul together.

As a result I resolved in my heart to say nothing about money or giving. Then, too, I subscribed to a theory which I hear propounded even today. That is, "If one's heart is right the money matters will take care of themselves."

After I became a little better ac-



DR. WHITLOW

quainted with the Bible — especially the teachings of the New Testament — I recognized that my philosophy was diametrically opposed to that of Jesus. I found that He said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." I had the cart before the horse.

This convinced me that I could not have chartered a course that was more certain to lead to disaster for that church than the course in which I was leading them. To dry up the fountain of giving was to make small the prospect of life.

Paul quotes our Master in his conversation with the Ephesian elders as saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The prime purpose, then, of giving is not that local needs might be adequately supported, nor even that we might undergird properly our foreign mission program, but the first

cause for giving lies deep within the nature of man. We live about in proportion as we give.

This has always been so. The souls who have lived to the maximum are the souls who have come to know the blessedness of giving. Then it is trite but true that tithing is not primarily a scheme to raise money but a means of developing Christ-like character.

We do not need to protect our people against giving too much. There is enough selfishness in all of us to serve as an adequate brake against too great a liberality. The needs about us — the needs around the world, and, above all, the love of God for us — should provoke us to greater giving. That we might KNOW that it is more blessed to give than to receive.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

## Forward Program Material Revised

THE FORWARD Program of Church Finance material has been revised for 1959. Through experience, our leaders learned that some improvement of the program could and should be made. Therefore, the Guide Book and some of the materials have been revised for 1959 use.

This program has been used successfully in many, many Baptist churches across our convention. Large city churches, with excellent stewardship programs, have been helped; small rural churches, with no stewardship programs, have been revitalized.

Any church wishing to do a better job of ministering to the congregation, enlisting the classless, winning the lost,

and preaching the gospel around the world will do well to order the material now and start preparation for using the Forward Program of Church Finance this fall.

The material can be ordered from the Stewardship Service, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. The cost of the package is \$2. The package contains one each of all of the material used during a campaign.

If you had the opportunity to increase the tithers in your church by 96 per cent, how would you vote?

If you had an opportunity to help your church increase its income and be able to give more money to missions, how would you vote?

If you had an opportunity to help your church get the new building that it has been needing for years, how would you vote?

If you had the opportunity to help your church enlist more people in Kingdom work than ever before, how would you vote?

All of the above questions are wrapped up in one program. When you vote for the church to use the Forward Program of Church Finance, you are voting to increase Kingdom interest, enlarge the budget, unify effort, lift horizons, roll back prejudice, open pocket books, and extend the Kingdom of God.

Why not sit down now and plan to help your church do more for Christ and humanity next year than ever before? Help stimulate interest in the Forward Program of Church Finance by ordering a package of the material. Remember the address: Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary.

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## Attendance Report

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
(June 28)			
Crossett, 1st	592	194	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	413	158	2
Huntsville, 1st	104	45	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	328	116	2
Little Rock, Life Line	212	88	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	245	93	
McGehee, 1st	476	220	
Magnolia, Central	675	254	2
Rose City, Calvary	412	148	2
Springdale, 1st	492	143	4
Warren, 1st	517	174	1
W. Memphis, Calvary	226	121	2

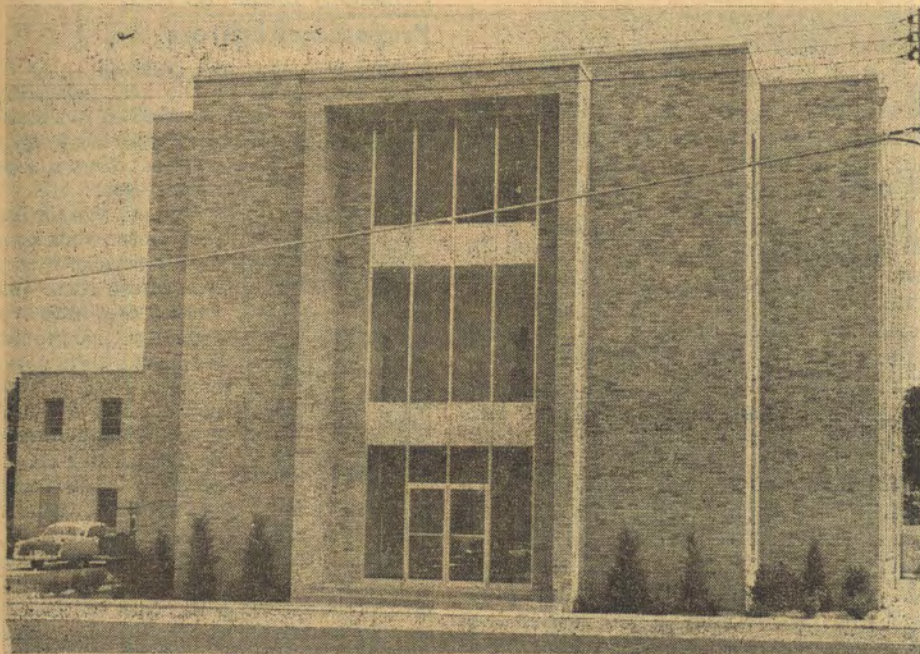
MR. AND MRS. Claud R. Bumpus, Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil, are returning to their field after a furlough in the States. Their address is Caixa Postal 121, Campina Grande, Paraiba, Brazil. Mr. Bumpus is from Sherrill and his wife, the former Frances Beindorf, is from Simpson.



The Cover

ORGANIST Mrs. William J. Perkinson, of 1st Church, Camden, gives a lesson to organist-in-the-making Donna Davis, 14, of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, as one of the activities of Music Week at Siloam Springs.





## Pike Ave., N.L.R., Dedicates New Sanctuary

The Pike Avenue Baptist Church, R. H. Dorris, pastor, recently dedicated its new sanctuary. This building, as dedicated, will double the capacity for attendance. It stands as one of the most attractive structures in North Little Rock.

During the period of this construction the spirit of the church was severely tested on November 15, 1958, by a fire that burned the educational building. The extent of the damage exceeded \$48,000, and was only partially covered by insurance. While construction of the new building continued, members and friends of the church went to work and in 105 days rebuilt the fire damage. All services of the church during this interim were held in the nearby McRae Elementary School.

The approximate cost of the building was \$140,000. The auditorium will seat 600 and the educational annex will accommodate 300. It is built of buff brick masonry and steel construction and has year-round weather conditioning. The general contractor, Don Kendrick, is a charter member of the church and a member of the building committee.

Among the speakers at the dedication were Dr. C. W. Caldwell, state secretary of missions, and North Little Rock Mayor, W. F. Laman, a member of Park Hill Baptist Church.

The Pike Avenue Church today has a membership of 659, and property evaluated at \$250,000. Pastor Dorris came to the church in 1949.

**AUTHOR OF** a brief article, "Children, Churches, and Fires," in the July issue of *The Baptist Program*, is David Meier, minister of education, 1st Church, Ft. Smith.

Mr. Meier suggests that churches might well invite the local fire inspector to make a tour of their building and premises with them. On a similar procedure, he said, his own church found many fire hazards which were subsequently removed.

**NORRIS J. SPARKS**, young Baptist architect, Little Rock, has been employed to prepare plans and specifications and supervise construction of the new 1st Church, Brinkley, building. (DP)

**LEE MEMORIAL Church**, Pine Bluff, recently concluded Vacation Bible School, enrolling 157 during the 10-day period. The school averaged 125 in daily attendance. There were six professions of faith. Pastor Eugene Webb, who served as principal, reported that \$25.12 was received for missions, which will be sent to the associational treasurer to help pay expenses for four college students who are serving as summer field workers in Harmony Association.

**THE BOARD** of Trustees of Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock Negro institution, accepted plans for a gym and renovation of the classroom-library building and the women's dormitory June 17. (DP)

## CONCORD NOTES

By Jay W. C. Moore

**CLAUDE STEWART**, who has served the Red Bluff Church near Folsom, La., for the past four years, has accepted the pastorate of the 700-member 1st Church, Lavaca. Pastor Stewart is a graduate of the Caruthersville, Mo., high school and Ouachita College and has a B.D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

While a Ouachita student, Stewart was pastor of two half-time churches, Dalark and Bakers Creek, near Russellville. He served nearly four years in 1st Church Locksburg.

Mr. Stewart succeeds Jack Hull, who will sail the first of August with his family for Tanganyika, East Africa as Southern Baptist missionaries.

**ED PINE**, who has served the past year as minister of music-education for Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, has accepted a similar position with the Rittenhouse Baptist Church in Houston, Tex. The Immanuel church has a committee working to secure someone to succeed Mr. Pine. Dr. S. W. Eubanks is the pastor.

**MT. HARMONY CHURCH** has ordained as deacons Virgil Hicks and Joe Don Lasater. L. L. Gilliam, pastor of the church, interrogated the men. Dr. Herman Sanford, pastor of First Church, Greenwood, preached the sermon and H. A. Milam gave the charge.

**RATCLIFF CHURCH** has ordained Benny Rausch as deacon. Mr. Rausch, is a teacher and coach in the County Line high school. Pastor Bob Martin served as moderator; Jay W. C. Moore, superintendent of missions, questioned Mr. Rausch; Dave Land, pastor of the Barling Church, preached the sermon. Jesse Izell, stepfather of Mr. Rausch, prayed the ordination prayer. A quartet from the Barling church rendered special music.

**IMMANUEL CHURCH**, Ft. Smith, recently observed the sixth Anniversary of the pastor, S. W. Eubanks. During the six years, the churches received 658 members and contributions totaling \$329,246.64. A total of \$64,869.78 was given to missions. Dr. Eubanks is a contributor to *Open Windows*, devotional magazine and serves on several boards and committees in the association and state.

**NORTHSIDE CHURCH**, Charleston, has observed the first anniversary of their pastor, Frank Faries. During the year, 35 were received for baptism and 21 by letter. The Sunday School offering was doubled, plate offerings were tripled, and the pastor was put on a full time salary. Their recent VBS enrolled 85. For the first time the VBS was an AA school, with total points of 1,000.

**BARLING CHURCH**, David Land, pastor, has spent hundreds of dollars remodeling, refinishing, and air conditioning the church auditorium. Mr. Land has begun his second year as pastor of this church. During the first year, 53 were received for baptism and 49 by letter.



## Graham and Little Rock

THAT ARKANSAS' capital city has suffered tremendous losses because of the racial strife that has continued here for the past two years, few people would deny. The most recent aspect of the continuing problem was that pointed up in statistics published the other day on the dearth of new industry for Little Rock since the public school crisis began. But there is a loss of far more import than any that can be measured in material things. We refer to the great spiritual loss or lack of blessing to the people of Little Rock and of Arkansas resulting from the cancellation of the three-week evangelistic crusade which originally had been scheduled here by Billy Graham for next month. The engagement was cancelled several months ago on the counsel of the local Graham crusade committee of ministers and Christian business men and because of the race situation.

It is good news that arrangements have now been made for Dr. Graham to come to our city for a preaching engagement—though a brief one—Sept. 12-13. Whether or not the improvement in the Little Rock situation of the last few weeks is to continue, and what the situation will be by mid-September, only God knows. But the greater the evidence of man's depravity and of his inhumanity to his fellow man, the greater the preaching of a Billy Graham is needed.

This is not to imply that Little Rock is destitute of spiritual leadership. Many great Christians are here who have not bowed their knees to the gods of ignorance, prejudice, hatred and greed. But Billy Graham, though he preaches the same gospel that is preached consistently from the pulpits of our city, and though he is called by the same God who has called countless thousands of others apparently has a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. May God use Dr. Graham mightily in our midst. The spirit of Christ in the hearts of our people, regardless of race or social, economic or cultural status, is the only real and lasting remedy.—ELM

## Odds and Ends

A LOUISVILLE (Ky.) pastor is building swimming pool, tennis court, snack bar, etc., as a part of the attractions to his parishioners to attend church. What, no green trade stamps for tithes and offerings?

ONE OF the experts who is alarmed at the phenomenal growth of world population and the prospect of a doubling of the population in the next few decades has raised the question of the possible necessity of restricted parenthood by government decree. Just how does a government restrict things like that?

FOR GOLF caddy Roy Fairman, Jr., 13, of Gettysburg, Pa., going to church paid off unexpectedly. While loitering under a tree at the Gettysburg Country Club on the afternoon of June 21, he was approached by Golfer Dwight Eisenhower, for whom he frequently caddies. Pressing a five-dollar bill into the lad's hand, the President said, "That's for going to church this morning." The President had spotted the tow-headed lad in a bright red jacket at the worship services that morning at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.

That's more than equal to having your car license or telephone number called on the local radio give-away program.

GLOBE-TROTTER Evangelist Jackie Burris, 54, is said to look like Communist Boss Nikita Khrushchev to many people. He reports that he was mistaken for the Russian dictator by students at Moscow University, during a recent six-weeks visit in Moscow. He said he found the people "warm and friendly" in Russia with "no hidden mikes or spies."

In much of the world, looking like Krushchev would not be the best approach to "winning friends and influencing people."

## Personally Speaking: Prejudiced Editors

AS ONE who has received rejection slips from some of the best publishers in the country, I was interested in a manuscript rejection notice reported to have gone out from a Japanese editor:



"Thank you for letting us see your honorable article, indeed the finest these unworthy eyes have ever gazed upon. Of course we would be honored beyond words to publish it, but unfortunately to do so would be to raise our standards so high that

forever after we would spend our time in a fruitless effort trying to achieve it.

"Too, other honorable contributors would be hopelessly frustrated in useless efforts endeavoring to equal the quality of your masterpiece. Reluctantly, therefore, we are forced to return it . . ."

Not many would think of an editor as being one employed to keep material out of print, but that is a major part of his assignment. The editor who said to a disgruntled reader, "If you do not like what you see in our paper, you should see the stuff we keep out!" certainly had a point.

Ours is a continuing battle of the bulging mail bags, for every mail dumps another bushel or two of "choice" material upon our cluttered offices. Just to see everything that comes would require several editorial lifetimes. But editors like to receive mail and would be sunk without it!

That at least one editor is conscious of the tremendous responsibility his job carries is evinced by the following incisive remarks from the president of Evangelical Press Association:

"Are editors captives of their own prejudices? How many of us are objective enough to run articles and comments which do violence to our own personal philosophies, ways of thinking, etc? Are we unprejudiced in our editing of the letters which go into our "Letters to Editor" column? Or do we give more space to those which fall in line with our thinking? . . . Might not hurt us to analyze our motives and reasons for some of our recent selections of articles and our editorializing?"

Let us shell down the corn. Of course we are captives of our prejudices. We just have to do the best we can in spite of prejudice—ours and yours!

*Erwin L. McDonell*

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD was playing quietly while her father, asleep on the davenport, snored lustily. Suddenly he turned over on his side and the snoring came to an abrupt end.

"Mommy," exclaimed the little girl, "you'd better see about Daddy. He's killed his engine."



**THE PEOPLE SPEAK**

**Paper Preference**

IN REFERENCE to the Snowland paper you are now using, I like it, but also like the old 24-page Arkansas Baptist. I like that 1-3 more information and inspiration.

I certainly agree that all papers, including Arkansas Baptist, should have freedom of the press. When we lose the right to express our views, we are certainly losing our freedom that our forefathers fought and died for. May God richly bless you in your work.—Robert Vance, 507 N. Slemons, Monticello.

SINCE YOU ask for an opinion from your readers about the quality of paper used in printing the Arkansas Baptist, I prefer a larger paper on cheaper stock.—Mrs. W. D. Pye, 1522 Spring, Little Rock.

LET'S USE the newsprint and have more pages in the Arkansas Baptist. After all, the New York Times uses newsprint, and few of us are going to keep the Baptist for years as one would a book. It's cheaper and far more logical to use newsprint.—Leon L. McKeehan, 1st Church Member, Fayetteville.

YOUR PAPER could never be second rate, even if it were printed on Kraft paper. However, since you have given your readers a choice—I prefer reading to looking!—Jim Caldwell, BSU Director, Southern State College, Magnolia.

"ALL THINGS being equal," I like the 24 pages of newsprint, as opposed to the June 18 issue of 16 pages of Snowland.—E. A. Pipkins, Pastor, Crystal Hill Baptist Church, Little Rock.

I LIKE the larger Arkansas Baptist on cheaper paper because of wider news coverage. In a larger paper, May 14, I read in the Round-Up of Worldwide Religious News Reports of the death of our former pastor and the man who performed our marriage ceremony, Dr. John Bunyan Smith, who for many years was pastor of 1st Church, San Diego, Calif. I learned it from our own paper before word came from other sources. I appreciate the wider news coverage you can give in larger editions. — Mr. Rayo Bell, Ft. Smith.

RE: YOUR EDITORIAL, "Which Way Do You Prefer?" in the Arkansas Baptist, June 18.

You are crossing the bridge about a difficult problem. We have fought this in Kansas, and I very staunchly believe that a little bit of corn on the cob served on a clean plate is much more edible than canned corn which is spoiled . . .

Already, Mac, you have the reputation of being one of the best Southern Baptist editors — your paper proves it every week. I would like to see you be



able to make it much, much more readable.—Joe Novak, Editor, Baptist Digest, Wichita, Kan.

I HAVE BEEN receiving the Arkansas Baptist for approximately two months, and enjoy reading it very much.

In reference to the June 18 edition, I agree with the out-of-state official who said: "It's not the paper stock but the quality and worth of the content, that makes a paper great."—M. Sgt. Donald L. Dedmon, 1210 N. 40th, Ft. Smith.

**What Would Jesus Do?**

NEAR THE CLOSE of the last century, a Topeka, Kans. minister wrote a series of fictional stories which he read to the young people of his church on Sunday evenings. He chose "In His Steps, Or Would Jesus Do It?" as a title.

The stories cited many common problems that frequently confront the individual on which decisions must be made. In each instance the question was: What would Jesus do under the same circumstance? The impression made upon the young people of the minister's church was profound.

A publisher printed the stories in a 10-cent paper edition, but failed to file a proper copyright application. Because of this error, and the widespread interest in the stories, 16 publishers in the United States and 50 in Europe and

Australia reproduced them in more than 20 languages and, next to the Bible, the little volume became the world's best seller. Its influence circled the globe. That influence needs to be revived on a world-wide scale.

In this era of ever-increasing crime, especially among teenagers, when ethics is ignored by many high officials when there is law to protect them; when the Ten Commandments are disregarded by many, and when hate, greed, fear and selfishness create confusion, there is urgent need for a new standard of conduct. That standard could not be better than: What would Christ do under a stated circumstance?

The purpose of this message is to suggest that those who read it ask themselves what would Jesus do when they make decisions where there is doubt. Wide acceptance of the suggestion could prove an unseen but effective force for world improvement in morals. Many wrong ways could be changed to right ways.—C. B. Riddle P. O. Box 442, Washington 4, D. C.

**Pigeonholed**

A MAN entered a strange department store and asked the floorwalker to direct him to the proper department to find a birthday gift for his wife.

"How long have you been married?" inquired the floorwalker.

"Ten years."

"The bargain basement is downstairs."





PASTOR DUTTON

## Matthews Memorial Calls Minister

MATTHEWS MEMORIAL Church, Pine Bluff, called Vernon R. Dutton as its pastor in June.

Mr. Dutton is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southwestern Seminary. He came to Matthews Memorial from Beverly Hills Church in Memphis.

Mrs. Dutton is the former Vivian Lee of Birmingham, Ala., and is also a graduate of Carson-Newman and Southwestern Seminary.

They have a son, 14.

Upon Mr. Dutton's resignation from Beverly Hills Church, the church members and the Memphis and Shelby County Baptist Pastors Conference passed resolutions of recommendation.

Beverly Hills members stated that under his leadership, membership grew from 351 to 1,003 and the church budget increased from \$21,630 to \$62,000 during the four-year period of his pastorate. Also, the church has moved into a new \$125,000 building.

The Pastors Conference recommended Mr. Dutton to the Matthews Memorial fellowship as one who "has been one of our leading pastors for several years and whose work has been blessed of the Lord in two churches in this association."

THE DIGEST of a sermon by Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor of 2nd Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, is featured in the July issue of *Christian Herald*. A native of Arkansas, Dr. Swilley is a graduate of Ouachita College and the former pastor of 1st Church, Pine Bluff. The title of the sermon is, "The Future is Always Dangerous," based on the text: "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:6).

ROY G. ADAMS, formerly of Arkadelphia, recently became pastor of Central Baptist Chapel, a mission sponsored by 1st Church, Clio, Mich. Central Chapel is in Mt. Pleasant, which has a university enrollment of 4,200. Of these, 180 are Baptist.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams graduated from Ouachita, and he attended Southwestern Seminary. Mr. Adams is former pastor of New Hope Church, 1st Church of Biscoe, and Central Church in Mineral Springs.

They have three children and reside at 410 South Arnold, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fort Smith, held its first homecoming in the 43 year history of the church, June 20-21. Former pastors, church workers, and members now living in other cities were present for the celebration. Richard J. Beam is the present minister.

REVIVAL SERVICES at 1st Church, Sheridan, resulted in ten additions to the church. Evangelist O. C. Robinson, Dallas, Tex., conducted services and music was under direction of W. H. South-er, Dallas. Wendell Welch is pastor.

C. PHELAN BOONE, pastor of 1st Church, Hampton, reports that his church has put *Arkansas Baptist* in its budget after receiving a one month free trial offer.

THERE WERE 26 additions to 1st Church, Hot Springs, during a recent revival led by Vincent Cervera. More than 150 rededications were made. James H. Fairchild is the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Kendall, missionaries to Indonesia, are returning to the U. S. on furlough. Mrs. Kendall is the former Katherine Kerr of Batesville. Their address is 903 S. Adams, Dallas.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Maxfield Garrott, missionaries to Japan, are returning to their field of service after a furlough in the States. Dr. Garrott is a native of Batesville. Their address is 423 Hoshiguma, Fukuoka City, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Harris, members of 1st Church, Wynne, joined the Coffey-Price Around the World Tour, July 7. The party of 30 is being conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Va., and will visit 20 countries in Asia, Africa, and Europe. They will tour the Holy Land, and will have opportunity to visit Southern Baptist mission work in 10 nations and American Baptist missions in Burma and India.

2ND CHURCH, Forrest City, recently closed a revival led by H. W. Ryan of Little Rock. There were three additions by letter, one by baptism, and two surrendering for full-time service. Jack Parchman has been pastor for the past year, and on June 14 the church dedicated its new \$45,000 building.

During the past year, there have been 63 additions to the church, which was West Side Church until the move to its new location. Attendance in Sunday School has almost tripled, Training Union nearly doubled, and mission giving has increased.



THE UNIVERSITY Baptist Church, LR, not yet six months old, held its first Vacation Bible School June 8 through 19. The total enrollment was 94, and the 10-day school met Standard requirements in every respect. Mrs. J. A. Bondurant was principal of the school, and William C. Henley, Jr., assumed the pastorate of the University Church while the Vacation Bible School was in progress.



JOHN T. MIDKIFF, director of public relations at Southern Baptist College, was among 23 college and university faculty members from 16 states who have been awarded fellowships by the Danforth Foundation for a seminar in the role of religion in higher education, July 19-31, at Bloomington, Ind.

CALVARY CHURCH, Benton, began a two week revival July 5 under direction of Clyde Hankins, associate pastor and missionary to Brazil. Mr. Hankins has served in Brazil for more than twenty years.

C. HAMILTON MOSES, well known Baptist Layman, has been honored as the recipient of a Tau Kappa Alpha "Speaker of the Year" award at a meeting of the Jefferson County Bar Association in Pine Bluff. Tau Kappa Alpha is a national public speaking honor society. Mr. Moses, Little Rock attorney, was presented the award for his speaking in the field of business and commerce.

MAGNOLIA'S 1ST Church has completed plans for building a new \$150,000 sanctuary adjacent to and tied in with the present church building. The minister is Hollis A. Purtle. (DP)

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES for Texarkana's Beech Street Church Vacation Bible School were held June 19. Handwork was displayed afterwards in the church fellowship hall. Average attendance was 265. Mrs. Harold C. Bennett was the principal. (CB)

## DEATHS

### McCall Funeral Held in Jackson

JACKSON, Miss. —(BP)— Funeral services for Dr. D. A. "Scotchie" McCall, 63, well-known Mississippi Baptist preacher, and former executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, were held June 19 at Northside Baptist church in Jackson.

At the time of his death Dr. McCall was pastor of Kostner Ave. Baptist Church in Chicago, where he has served for a little more than a year.

In charge of the funeral was Henry Crouch, pastor of Northside Church. He was assisted by S. W. Valentine, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Jackson, and Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, a nephew of the deceased.

Dr. McCall's death came suddenly on Tuesday night, June 16. A revival was in progress at Kostner Ave. Church where he was pastor.

Shortly after the service began, Dr. McCall left the auditorium and went out to the front of the church to speak to some young men. It was then that he collapsed.

Announcement was made to the congregation as to what had happened. The service continued, the visiting evangelist preached and at the close 30 people came forward, either for conversion or church membership.

MEMPHIS — (BP) — James Carl McCoy, 74, one of the few remaining charter members of the reorganized Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, died here June 12. A pastor and denominational worker in Tennessee most of his life, McCoy was serving a church in Albuquerque, N. M., at the time he was elected to the Executive Committee in 1927. It was in that year the Executive Committee took on status as an organization with a full-time executive secretary. (BP)

LITTLE ROCK — Mrs. Clara W. McCall, 84, 4404 West 29th, died June 17 at a Little Rock hospital. She was the widow of Alfred McCall, and a member of South Highland Church. (DP)

CHARLESTON, ARK. — Richard G. Lane, 63, former pastor of the Free Will Church here, died at Pocahontas, June 16. He had been in the ministry for 30 years. (DP)

TEXARKANA — Mrs. Paul Hardy, 2201 Beech Street, died June 16 in a local hospital. She was a member of Beech Street Church. (DP)

T. F. BAILEY, 80, retired farmer of Searcy, died June 23 in a Searcy hospital. The funeral was held at Mount Bethel Church in White County.

LEONARD A. O'Kelley, 79, of Benton died June 24 at Sardis. Mr. O'Kelley was a retired farmer. Funeral services were under direction of Ashby Funeral Service.

WILLIAM T. Beason, 78, life resident of Garland County, died at a Hot Springs hospital June 23. He was a Baptist, and funeral services were held at Cones Road Church.

MRS. FANNIE B. Marin, 73, of Arkadelphia, died June 23 at Camden. She was a native of Cardwell, Mo., and was a Baptist.

Benjamin F. Simpkins, 65, of Little Rock, died June 28 at his home. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

● FOURTEEN MEMBERS of the Girls' Auxiliary received awards May 13 in the Freeman Heights Church, Berryville. The girls receiving maiden awards are Dianna Rowe, Earlene Walker, Janet Perkins, Donna Lindt, Evelyn Lindt, Jerry Smith, and Peggy Bickford. Lady-in-Waiting awards were presented to Karen Bickford and Judy Laman. Virginia Snow, Kathy Laman, and Gail Gibson received Princess awards. Ann Carol Baker and Janice Snow were crowned queen by WMU president, Mrs. Marzelle Perkins. This is the first "Coronation" Service held in the Freeman Heights Church which was organized Sept. 23, 1958. Dr. E. A. "Happy" Ingram is serving as interim pastor.



DR. H. E. WILLIAMS, center, president of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, who is heading a delegation from Arkansas to the American Exhibition in Moscow in July, looks at Russian newspapers with two other members of the party: T. J. Robertson; of Jonesboro, left, and Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.—Photo courtesy ARKANSAS GAZETTE





Round-Up of

# World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

## New Jersey Open Doors to Negroes

Assemblies of God in N. J. have become the denomination's first American division to formally invite Negroes to join the Church and, if they wish, to enter its ministry. The bid was contained in a resolution adopted by the District Council at its annual meeting in Atlantic City recently.

Noting "a great need for sound, full gospel evangelism among the Negro population of New Jersey," the resolution said, "We encourage the spreading of such a ministry to this area of our population."

The 45-year-old denomination has Negro as well as white pastors in its world-wide operation, but never before has any U. S. district conference adopted a resolution welcoming non-whites into the ranks as members and ministers. (EP)

## Methodist Editor at Catholic School

Seattle (EP) — Next year's student newspaper at Seattle University, a Roman Catholic institution, will have a Methodist editor. The announcement came with the appointment of Miss Waldene G. Zimmerman of Arlington, Wash., as editor of the weekly student paper. Miss Zimmerman will direct all operations of the six-page tabloid, which has a circulation of 2,400.

## Ike Calls Refugee Parley

Two hundred religious, labor, business and other leaders throughout the nation gathered at The White House May 21 and 22 for a conference on the refugee problem. The conference met to study U. S. participation in the World Refugee Year, which is scheduled to start in June. (EP)

## Presbyterian Called Heretic

INDIANAPOLIS (EP) — Presbyterian minister Dr. Theodore A. Gill, president-elect of the San Francisco Seminary at San Anselmo, Calif., was labeled a "heretic" at the 171st General Assembly of the United Presbyterians meeting in Indianapolis.

Making the charge are California pastors Dr. Clarence Kerr, retired pastor of the Glendale Presbyterian Church, Dr. W. Clarence Wright of the Wilshire Presbyterian Church and the Rev. William B. Livingstone of the First Presbyterian Church of San Diego. They say Gill, an intimate friend of controversial theologian Paul Tillich, and a former managing editor of the *Christian Century*, denies the virgin birth of Christ. In making the charge these ministers refer to an editorial written by Gill titled "Choice of Miracles." Since the Westminster Confession and Apostles' Creed are accepted as basic doctrine by most Presbyterians, this denial by the head of one of the denomination's key seminaries can cause a serious split.

Another point of question concerns the "soul sleep" issue. Gill's critics say he does not believe in bodily resurrection on Judgment Day.

## Kansas City Invites 9 Methodist Agencies

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP) — Nine general boards and agencies of The Methodist Church, located at 740 Rush St., Chicago, are being invited to relocate in Kansas City.

The following general church agencies located in Chicago would be affected: The council on world service and finance, the commission on promotion and cultivation, the board of hospitals and homes, the board of lay activities, the general board of pensions, the board of world peace, the board of social and economic relations, and the Chicago office of the commission on public relations and Methodist information.

The invitation to move to Kansas City will also be extended to the staffs of *Together* and the *New Christian Advocate*, official monthly magazines of the church edited in Chicago and published by the Methodist Publishing House.

A spokesman said the invitation was inspired by the launching of the new National Methodist Theological Seminary at Kansas City and the hopes that the city "will increasingly become a great Methodist center in the years ahead."

## Gifts Reach Three Million

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (EP) — Contributions to the Assemblies of God youth missionary project have passed the three millionth mark.

Known as "Speed the Light," the project was begun in 1945 to assist missionaries with the purchase of transportation and communication equipment. Since its beginning the project has purchased 1,433 vehicles for missionaries in foreign lands; \$105,575 has been invested in radio equipment, and \$112,284 has been used for printing equipment. Besides equipment purchases, \$40,000 has been invested in foreign evangelistic centers, and \$300,000 has been returned to districts of the Assemblies of God for home missions building projects.

## New Ruling from Revenue Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — New regulations submitted to the National Association of Evangelicals and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association by the Internal Revenue Service in Washington reveal that person-to-person gifts, or gifts marked "for the support of" a particular individual are ruled out as deductible contributions on income tax. The ruling, issued April 9, will force changes on certain mission boards accustomed to raising support for their candidates through personalized gifts. Donations by individuals which are to be claimed as religious contributions for income tax purposes can be designated toward particular projects of the mission, even if the project is the work of a specific missionary.

## THE BOOKSHELF

**A Rockefeller Family Portrait**, by William Manchester, Little, Brown and Company, 1959, \$3.95.

Here is a colorful and fascinating picture of four generations of Rockefellers, ranging from Big Bill Rockefeller, the "botanic physician" who peddled his patent medicines through the Dakotas, to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., whose shy, enthusiastic and philanthropic character turned the tide of the family's reputations, and including an interesting study of Nelson Rockefeller, who was elected governor of New York, at the age of 51.

**A Hymn Is Born**, by Clint Bonner, Broadman Press, Nashville, 1959, \$3.

Human-interest stories back of the writing and use of many of our best loved hymns are told by Mr. Bonner in this volume. Through the use of these stories, church music can be made more meaningful to congregations.

**The Miracles and Parables of the Old Testament**, by a London Minister, Baker Book House, 1959, \$3.95.

Another in a series of out-of-print classics being made available by Baker through re-printing, this volume, by Richard D. Dickinson, was originally printed in 1890. It abounds in seed sermons. The author's outlines of the various miracles and parables are supplemented by illuminating selections from the writings of sermon masters of the past.

**God Hath Spoken**, by T. Roland Phillips, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1959, \$3.

This is a book of sermons chosen from the preaching of Dr. Phillips during the time he was pastor of Arlington Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Md. Typical sermon topics are: "God's Concern for Me," "Our Security," "Sowing in Tears, Reaping in Joy," and "Living by Faith."

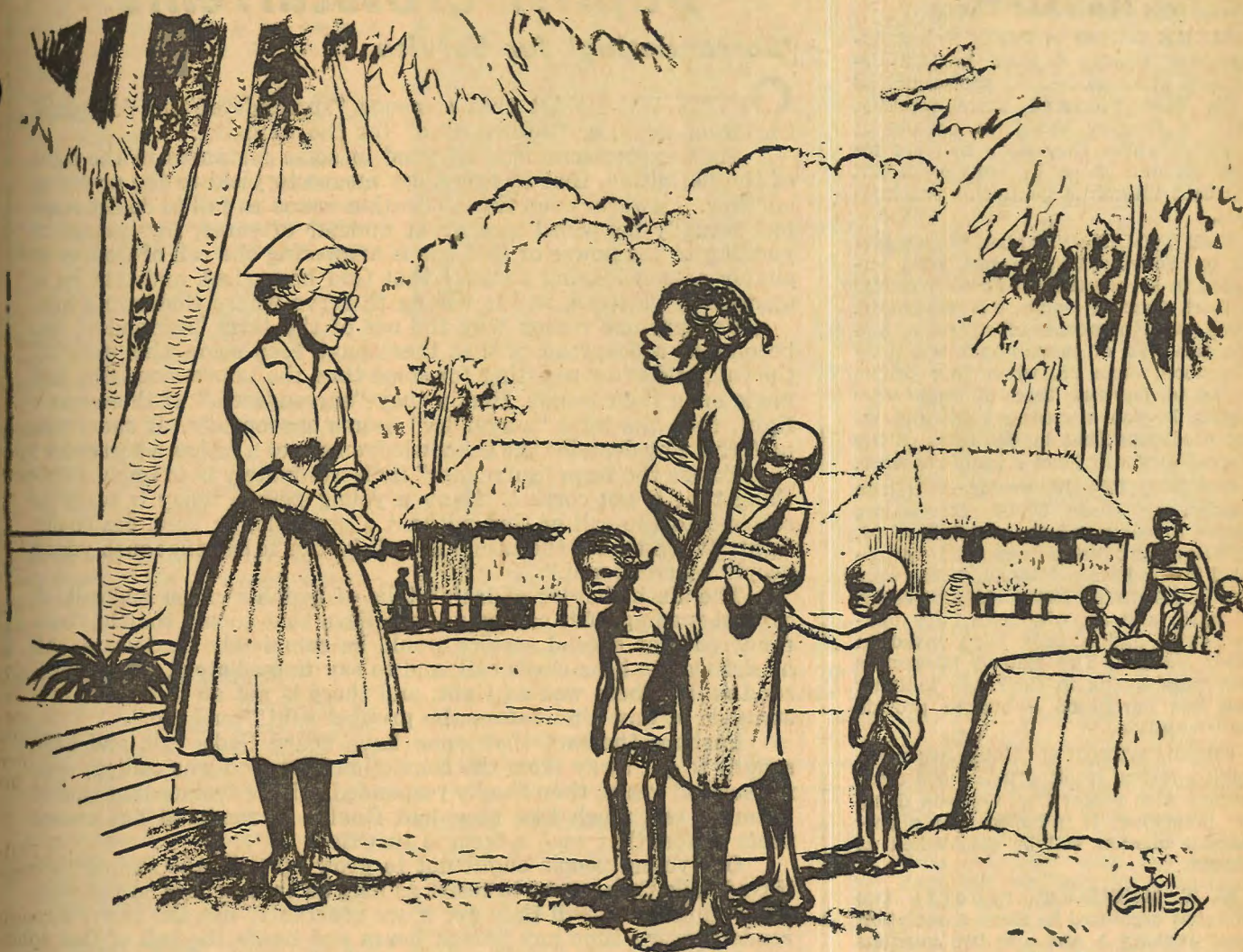
**Between the Testaments**, by Charles F. Pfeiffer, Baker Book House, 1959, \$2.95.

A study of the 400-year period between the close of Old Testament history and the beginning of the New Testament period makes for a better understanding of history at large and particularly in the field of religion. The finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls has done much to quicken an interest in the literature of the Jews during the inter-Testament period. The author of this volume endeavors to outline the broader background necessary for the appraisal of those movements in history immediately preceding the coming of Christ. ■

JAMES CHATHAM, minister of education at Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, resigned June 26 to become associate Sunday School secretary for Louisiana with offices in Alexandria. He has served at Grand Avenue for six years.



"THEY ARE not well but look so much better that everyone in their town knows about it in a very short time and, of course, we get others who then come to help . . ."



*'The Lord has been so good to us...'*

## OPEN LETTER FROM A SOUTHERN BAPTIST NURSE ON THE STAFF OF BAPTIST WELFARE CENTER AND MIDWIFERY TRAINING SCHOOL

Ire, via. Oshogbo, Nigeria, West Africa

— By Helen Masters —

THE WEATHER has cooled much now because we have had several rains. We are very thankful. However, as yet, the well still is dry by the middle of the morning so we are taking this opportunity to clean it. Some day the Lord will send us a well drilling man and stuff for him to use. That seems to be the greatest physical need in this country (clean water). I'm sure that is true of many places.

Our electric plant still is resting since we are not smart ourselves about those things and haven't found someone who knows how to fix it we had to find a substitute. Kerosene pressure lanterns

make a nice light. However my favorite thing to do when it is after 11:00 p. m. is to go to sleep, no matter how good a light I have. But the babies coming into the world do not seem to know daylight from dark; so we are up quite often.

This senior class has 11 members. Each of them have around 25 deliveries already so they are learning the secrets of life more quickly than some people. They are a nice bunch of girls and anxious to do God's will. There are 17 in the junior class and 11 in the younger class. They all work on the wards as well as go to classes.

I am trying to teach them the nurs-

ing procedures as we go along. They really need more time spent on that but I just don't get around. Each day is full and interesting. We never have a chance to get bored or sorry for ourselves so we really enjoy it, though at times we sure do wish we could put our feet up.

The Lord has been so good to us. Lately we have had a very large number of children who were undernourished then got the measles. After the measles had disappeared a condition of the mouth developed which ate away the flesh and even the bone. Most of the time, within a very short time a  
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## Missions Here and There

NOBLE WILES in Rocky Bayou Association reports a good mission organized at Sylamore. Six professions of faith were witnessed there recently. Also, a mission has been opened at Lafferty where they have had six for baptism and three by statement. Mt. Pleasant Church is sponsoring this mission.

THE TOMAHAWK Mission sponsored by Yellville Church has been engaged in a revival meeting with Pastor Delbert Garrett doing the preaching. Your superintendent of missions had the privilege of preaching on Sunday afternoon, June 28, when four people joined for baptism, three of whom were adults. It was a great service and we are predicting that by the close of the revival they will have a large response.

GEORGE PAYNE, pastor of Batson Mission in Clear Creek Association, writes to commend the services of M. E. Wiles who assisted in an eight-day revival in the Batson Mission. There were four additions by letter, six professions of faith, and six who joined for baptism who had already been saved in other services. The Batson Mission is now worshipping in their new building and has purchased a bus to provide transportation.

FIRST CHURCH of Clinton has sponsored a revival meeting in Benard community with pastor Carl Overton doing the preaching. It is hoped that a permanent mission will be established as a result.

M. T. MCGREGOR reports two churches organized in Hope Association since January 1, and also two missions established. Congratulations to Rev. McGregor and Hope Association.

SEVEN YOUNG people who are serving as summer student missionaries under the Home Mission Board are working in Arkansas. They are among our finest college and seminary students and are rendering a great mission service.

SPANISH-SPEAKING preachers are being enlisted for work with the Mexicans this fall. We hope to have a sufficient number to cover every area of the state where we will have Mexican labor.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent, Missions and Evangelism.

## Brazilians Fed During Drought

One thousand dollars of Southern Baptist money kept 480 people (165 adults and 315 children) in the state of Ceara, Brazil, from severe hunger, or perhaps starvation, during a six-month drought just ended. The money, appropriated from the Foreign Mission Board's relief funds, purchased beans, rice, farina, sugar, coffee, dried meat, milk and soap. The products were distributed monthly to the 85 families involved. (FMN)

# Baptist Crosscurrents

## 'Surrendering' for Service

OFTEN WE HEAR that someone "surrendered" to do special Christian work, or "surrendered" for the ministry.

Such expressions may be good in some instances in the light of the definition, that to surrender means to yield to the power of another. However even that definition seems to fail to depict what has actually happened in a great number of cases, for instead of yielding to the power of God one is answering the call of God, or is simply acknowledging publicly that God has called, and that he is answering that call, and is willing to serve where God wants him.

Perhaps one reason why the use of the term "surrender" has become so widespread, is that there have been some who "fought" the call, and after resisting for some time the impressions God had made upon their hearts, finally they "surrendered." If there was a fight, then the term "surrender" seems appropriate. If there was no fight, why describe the acknowledgement of a call as a surrender?

To use the term "surrender" indiscriminately is to imply something that is not correct. Many a young person today is ready to respond to the call of God without a struggle, or long, drawn-out fight. When that is the case it is an injustice to say that such young people "surrendered."

The sixth chapter of Isaiah tells of Isaiah's vision and call. A careful reading of it causes us to believe that to say that he "surrendered" for special service would be completely inaccurate. All he did was to hear God's call, and to say immediately, "Here am I, send me!" There was no fight, and there is not an indication of a struggle of any kind before the prophet said "send me."

Perhaps the fact that some have heard God's call, and have sought to get away from the conviction that God was calling, even for several years, then finally responded, with a feeling that caused them to feel much like they had finally surrendered has caused them to feel that such a term is justified.

Our young people ought not to grow up with the feeling that if God calls they ought to resist as long as they can. And yet what other impression will they get if we constantly use the term "surrender" every time any person hears and heeds the call of God to give his life in some special field of service?—Editor Horace F. Burns  
Baptist New Mexican

## Shall These Be Taught?

A NEW UNESCO survey reveals that almost half of the world's children, ages five to fourteen, are not being educated. A staggering billion children make up this age group.

There is at the same time a deep felt desire for advance in the underdeveloped areas of the world, especially in Africa and Asia. How to get leadership to develop education, and where to get money for salaries and buildings are prime questions.

It is heartening to note that the teaching of foreign students in our country has become a vast enterprise. More than 12 million dollars was spent for that purpose last year. It was paid for by foreign governments, Uncle Sam, private foundations, business firms and church agencies. The aim generally is to break the bottleneck and provide leadership for growth in many ways in underdeveloped countries.

The church people of this country have a magnificent opportunity to contribute to world peace and Christian missions by taking foreign students into their homes and hearts. Every effort should be made to provide friendship and Christian teaching to the thousands of future leaders of the world.—Robert L. McCann

## New Baptist School?

HEADLINE IN Little Rock newspaper of July 1: "Baptists Plan Lasting School, Or None at All." That's the best kind. Baptists across the years have had more than enough "temporary" schools. Our educational graveyard is one of the largest.—ELM



## Baylor Names Veep

WACO, Tex. — (BP) — Baylor University's trustees have voted to shelve the chancellorship system for at least two years and retain W. R. White as president.

Law school Dean Abner McCall will assume active leadership of the university, however, as executive vice president. This will leave White free to concentrate on promoting "public understanding" of Baylor's role and needs, and helping raise money for her future, Dr. White's desire for some time.

As executive vice president of the 114-year-old Texas Baptist university, McCall will have full administrative authority over all academic and professional branches.

The 44-year-old McCall has been identified with Baylor University almost continuously since he entered as a freshman student in 1933. He holds B. A. and LL. B. degrees from Baylor and an LL. M. degree from the University of Michigan. He lacked only three months of completing his doctorate degree at the University of Michigan when he came back to Baylor as law school dean in 1948.

## Communication School

DALLAS — (BP) — Plans for establishing a "first-class school of communications" at a Texas Baptist college have been made here by the Baptist General Convention of Texas public relations advisory committee.

Callum Greene, Fort Worth newspaperman and chairman of the committee, said there was a desperate need for raising Christian journalism standards.

He said that "crime, vulgar acts and sensational reporting are killing the decency of the fifth estate."

"Christian journalists can greatly change this situation to the benefit of everyone involved," Greene said.

The committee also made plans for a wider use of television as a communication in 1960.

## Folks and Facts

ROBERT A. DYER, assistant professor of religion at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C., has been appointed an assistant dean of the college. Dyer, who will continue to teach one course in religion each semester, will work primarily in the area of counseling students on academic problems.

1st BAPTIST Church of DeLand, Fla. will borrow \$300,000 toward the construction of a modern church plant on a five-acre tract adjacent to the campus of Baptist-related Stetson University.

CLAYBRON DEERING, who would have observed his 10th anniversary as pastor of Exchange Ave., Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., on Dec. 6, has resigned to direct an Oklahoma City firm which specializes in financing church buildings.



**TOP HONORS** at the Arkansas Baptist Music Conference at Arkadelphia were won by Miss Leta Horan (center) of McGehee. She was named "Star Camper" of the conference. Miss Phyllis Owen (left) of El Dorado was named alternate "Star Camper." LeRoy McClard of Little Rock, executive secretary of the Music Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presented the "Star Camper" award to Miss Horan, who received an all-expense trip to Glorieta, N. M., for the annual Southern Baptist Convention Music Conference July 7-17.

## United Nations Creates World Refugee Year

WASHINGTON — (BP) — World Refugee Year began July 1. The "year" was created by a resolution in the United Nations last year, in an effort to make a concentrated and concerted effort to solve the problem of 2,350,000 refugees.

Fifty-eight nations in the UN have voted to support the World Refugee Year, and 40 have national committees at work on the problem. President Eisenhower has designated the year beginning July 1 as World Refugee Year in the United States.

## Costly Neglect

NOW MANY Baptists — good and well-intentioned folk — move to a new community and neglect to place their membership in a local church. Sometimes it is procrastination. Sometimes it is a case of forgetfulness. And sometimes it is a matter of unfounded sentimentalism. For example, the old church is surrounded by tender memories: a baptism, or a wedding, or a funeral. But none of these things — however worthy — can possibly justify one's failure to identify himself with the efforts of the local church to make the community a better, safer place in which to establish a home and rear children.—James Potter, Pastor, Prichard Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., in *Charity and Children*.

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large hole comes in the face. The medical books say they then die within four days, but we have been sending them home fat and saucy — eating plenty.

They are not well but look so much better that everyone in their town knows about it in a very short time and, of course, we get others who then come for help. Do pray that they may take the message of Jesus to their villages in the same way.

Last month we went to a meeting in another hospital and enjoyed the service in their chapel so much. When we got home we began dreaming about a place of worship here. Pray about it with us.

Last week we had our Nigerian Baptist Convention in Abeokuta. I got to attend part of it and saw people I had not seen in four years. The tie that binds our hearts in Christian love is beyond time, distance, and color. I enjoyed the well planned meetings. However, there was not room for nearly everyone inside of the church. Continue to pray that God will take His work here in this country and use it in a wonderful way.

I wish you could see our motherless babies as they grow up. I guess it is because they have no one else to love them that our hearts are drawn so to them. I saw several of the youngsters, now grown up, from Kersey Children's Home who were "mine" when I was working there. God is using them. ■



## MUSIC WEEK AT SILOAM

THE HILLS and vales of Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs, reverberated with music a trill the week of June 22, as Baptists from over the state, principally from the northern half, attended Music Week.

Registration totaled 215, according to Director LeRoy McClard, of the Church Music department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

This, added to the 465 who attended the Music Week at Ouachita College the previous week, gave a grand total attendance for the current season of 680, an increase of 220 over the total of last year. Already plans are in the making for an expansion of the Music camping program for 1960. Mr. McClard reports that he hopes to have two one-week assemblies on the campus of Ouachita, as well as a week at Siloam Springs.

This week's cover photo, along with the picture lay-out contained in this double-spread, were made by the editor of the Arkansas Baptist on a visit to the assembly grounds on Wednesday of Music Week.

Siloam Springs has long been synonymous among Arkansas Baptists with Christian fellowship and inspiration. It has been the summer mecca of Baptists since 1923, when the first assembly there was held under the direction of Herbert Hamilton, then secretary of the combined Sunday School and Training Union departments of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Hamilton continued to serve as assembly director through 1927, at which time he was succeeded in this capacity by J. P. Edmunds, who served till 1936. The longest period of service as camp director is that held by Edgar Williamson, secretary of the Sunday School department, who took over the managerial and promotional responsibilities of the assembly in 1937 and has been the leader in expanding the facilities and popularizing the assembly.

Today Arkansas Baptist Assembly, with land totaling more than 100 acres and dozens of buildings, has an estimated worth of more than \$300,000.

It is rather to be regretted that the Baptists of the state will be using the facilities only two





weeks of the summer this year—Music Week, now passed, and Training Union, with enrollment of approximately 1,000, the week of June 29.

The facilities are made available to various other denominations on weeks not scheduled by Baptists.

Remote from many sections of the state, Arkansas Baptist Assembly has much that recompenses for long distance travels of those who register there. The beauty of its grounds, dominated by a grove of walnut trees and a gentle-flowing stream, and the pleasant cool of summer evenings are major attractions, as are the recreational facilities.

But, of course, the real attraction is the Christian fellowship and the worth of the training and inspirational programs which form the heart of the schedule of activities. Some of the really great Baptists and Christians of the nation are featured members of the faculty and staff from time to time.

### Music Camp Winners

TOP CAMPING honors for Music Week at Siloam Springs (June 22-27) went to Joyce Featherston, of 1st Church, Murfreesboro, who, as Star Camper, receives an all-expense trip to Glorieta for Music Week.

Jayne Smith, of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, was named Alternate Star Camper, receiving a scholarship for Music Week at Siloam Springs for 1960.

Other winners, all of whom were recognized at the closing session of the Siloam Springs Music Week, were:

Recreation: Clarence Belinge, 1st Church, Jacksonville.

Handicraft: Mary Ann Hallman, 2nd Church, Jacksonville.

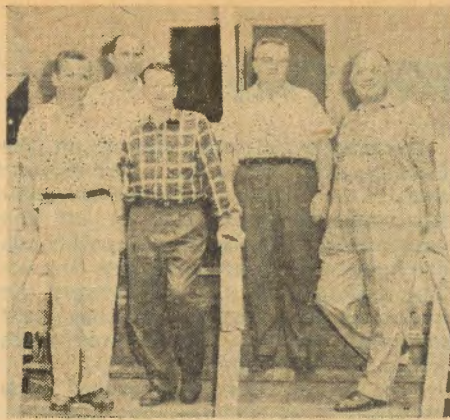
Talent: James Tyler, Park Hill Church, N. Little Rock.

Instrumental: Dwight Philpott, Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith.

Elementary: Patricia Widener, 1st Church, Blytheville.

Junior High: Becky Wikstrom, Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith.

Senior High: Bettye McCormick, Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith.



**OUT-OF-STATE** faculty members at Music Week were, left to right: Ray Baker, of the faculty of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., choral procedures and cantata choir; Joe Stroud, Baptist Music secretary for North Carolina, worship and junior high choir; Loren Davidson, of the faculty of Louisiana State University, voice and choirs; Saxe Adams, minister of music at Travis Avenue Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., graded and elementary choirs; and Nolan P. Howington, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Bible teacher and camp pastor.

### Cutlines

*FAR LEFT* column, top to bottom: Music Week staff; Bookstore scene, Madeline Wolfe, Sharon South, and Mrs. E. T. Wortman, all of Park Hill Church, N. Little Rock; part of a baseball team on the way to field of operations; soup line.

*Across bottom:* Class in session; Dining Hall; Tabernacle.

*Far right column, top to bottom:* Ping pong; fluteists—Ann Dobbs, right, Becky Wikstrom (with flute to mouth), and Donna Davis, all of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith; Mrs. Helene Steward, of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, does breathing exercises for Professor Loren Davidson, of Louisiana State University; Ft. Smith boys discuss plans for afternoon ball game; swimming pool supervisor Willis (Bing) Crosby, of Siloam Springs 1st Church, visits with fence-leaners ahead of swim period for girls.



FIRST FORT SMITH



## Benton Dentist Makes Tour

By Dr. Bernes K. Selph  
Pastor 1st Church Benton

**W**ITHOUT THE aid of modern dental equipment but with a warm heart and a headful of skill, Dr. James F. Sawyer, Sunday School superintendent of First Baptist Church, Benton, made a medical mission tour of the San Blas Islands, May 29-June 9.

Visiting the islands while stationed in the Canal Zone during his Naval Training, Dr. Sawyer had longed to return and help these people. Pastor William Beeby, of Balboa Heights Baptist Church, Panama, visited the United States last year and further whetted his appetite for this.

When Dr. Sawyer learned in the spring that Dr. John Miller, Camden physician, planned to make this mission tour, he decided to lock his office and go.

The two doctors bore their own expenses to and from Panama. They were guests of the Balboa Heights Church while there. Keenly interested in this endeavor, Dr. Sawyer's home church took an offering in his absence and presented it to him upon his return.

Practicing medicine by day and preaching by night, they ministered to hundreds during this short stay. Dr. Sawyer's right hand cramped and became sore from pulling teeth. Setting up an assembly line with the help of natives, he averaged a patient every four minutes. Extraction was about all the treatment he had time to give.

Speaking through an interpreter, they preached and gave testimonies at night. One of the highlights of this week was the statement of a young man that God had called him to preach. "This will probably have the most far reaching consequences of anything we did," said Dr. Sawyer.

Christianity is relatively young on the islands. Two religious groups work there: Baptists and Roman Catholics. Their native religion is Animism (a simple belief in the spiritual as distinct from matter with emphasis on spirits, demons, and angels). Baptist work is in its infancy and is under the supervision of Director Van Royan, of the Southern Baptist Home Mission work in Panama. With the Home Board's blessings, Pastor Beeby conceived and directed the tour.

One of the natives is translating the New Testament into the Indian language. He has published three books: Mark, John, and Acts. Dr. Sawyer brought back a manuscript of the book of Romans, which he has sent to Mexico to be printed and returned to the San Blas people.

In reporting to his church on the Sunday after his return, Dr. Sawyer said, "Their problem is two-fold: spiritual and economical. Lying off the coast of Panama, the San Blas Islands are inaccessible except by plane or boat. The people find employment on the mainland. Because of this, they need outboard motors; second-hand ones would be appreciated.

"For a long time they looked with suspicion upon outsiders, but now they welcome them," Dr. Sawyer continued. "Men with training in medicine, the art of construction, and communications need to go help them learn how to care for themselves.

"It would not take much money to assist the young man in translating the New Testament. We can give help here. No one knows what it would mean for the people to have the Bible in their own language.

"We Southern Baptists have a program to which they will listen and respond. They welcome our coming and need the Lord. The toothache is as bad for the San Blas Indians as it is for anyone in Benton. I believe that medical missions is the best way to reach them.

"I hope to return at a future date and take some other interested layman with me."



**BACK HOME** in his Benton office, Dentist James F. Sawyer again has access to the modern dental equipment he needed so badly on his recent medical missions tour of the San Blas Islands.—Photo by Clyde Davis, Benton, Ark.



## College Students Enter Ministry

TWELVE STUDENTS from three state schools — Tech, State, and the University — will enter the seminary this fall. Many students in non-Baptist colleges who are active in BSU work and are impressed to enter vocational religious work, transfer to Baptist colleges. Others, as did these, continue to train in the non-Baptist schools.

### From Arkansas Tech:

Roger Shields will enter Midwestern Seminary. He has pastored churches in the Russellville area since he felt called to the ministry his freshman year at Tech. Roger has served as BSU president at Tech.

Don Hallum will enter Golden Gate Seminary. Don has become a Christian and been called to the ministry during his college days at Tech. He pastors the Delaware Church, mission of 1st Baptist Church, Dardanelle. He has served as BSU president at Tech.

### From Arkansas State College:

Sally Wilmoth entered Southwestern Seminary this summer and will work at the Goodwill Center. She was impressed to do church work while a student at Arkansas State.

David LaGore will enter Southwestern Seminary this fall to further train for the ministry. He felt his call to religious work at Arkansas State.

Frank Hagood will enter New Orleans Seminary this fall to study music. He made his decision on the BSU choir trip to Glorieta.

George Amos has not decided which seminary to enter, but will probably go to Southern. He, too, made his decision to enter religious work while a college student. BSU prexy at State, he rated first in his graduating class.

Jim Kinkade is pastor of Bethabara Church and is undecided about the seminary he will attend.

### From University of Arkansas:

Harold Gately felt his call to the ministry while a student at the University several years ago. He plans to enter either Golden Gate or Midwestern Seminary.

Charles Sild will enter Southwestern to continue his preparation for the ministry.

Darrell Overstreet will enter Southern Seminary. Darrell pastored Ridgeview Chapel and Immanuel Baptist Church in Fayetteville while a student at the University of Arkansas.

Lynn Weir received his call to the ministry while a student at the University, and is pastor at Johnson. He is undecided about his seminary, but at present is inclined toward Midwestern.

Bill Lilly will study at Southwestern Seminary in preparation for student work. He has felt called to this work since entering college.

John Allen is pastor at West Fork and is undecided about which seminary to attend.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary, Baptist Student Department.

## Hays — 'Lay Churchman of Year'

WASHINGTON —(BP) — Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, paid high tribute to his parents as he received the award for the lay churchman of the year from Religious Heritage of America at the 1959 Churchman Awards Dinner here.

"My father and mother exposed me to the good influences of life from my earliest days," Hays said, as he reminisced over the spiritual contributions to his life. He also expressed appreciation for his consecrated wife, for his Christian teachers and others who had contributed to his religious faith.

In accepting the award Hays said, "I am glad that we have come to the place in America where we can reach across the lines of faith and be friends."

Religious Heritage of America is an inter-faith organization that is dedicated to the recognition of religious contributions to the life of America. Its slogan, "This Nation Under God," is designed to remind people that the foundations of America were laid by men and women who believed in God and his influence in human affairs, and that religious influences and spiritual aspirations continue to be the vital force in the American way of life.

The clergy churchman award of the year went to Rabbi Maurice N. Eisen-drath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel, wife of the Canon of the Washington Cathedral in Washington, D. C., was named church woman of the year, and Willmar L. Thorkelson, religion editor for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, received the faith and freedom award in journalism.

Eisen-drath appealed for the religious people throughout the world to make religion relevant to the problems of the day. "Peace is the over-arching and testing challenge to all religions today," he said. "The word of God must rise above political ideologies, above national patriotisms, and divisions of man-



"... good influence ..."

BROOKS HAYS and his father, the late Steele Hays of Russellville, as they were photographed for the ARKANSAS BAPTIST Father's Day cover last year.

kind, and speak to all the children of God."

Calling for a summit conference of the world's great religionists, Eisen-drath said that the "population explosion" is one of the most serious problems the world faces. World population will triple to six billion in 40 years he said.

The Rabbi called for "a crash program for the razing of all racial barriers." He said that "the emerging world is not white, and the white man cannot stop the dawn. We must get over the colossal egocentricism which blinds us from the realities of mankind's aspirations, the revolution sweeping the world, and the terrible price we pay for racial pride and arrogance."

## Louisiana College Considers Moving

PINEVILLE, La. — (BP) — The Louisiana College board of trustees at a special meeting here voted to delay further construction on the campus until a professional study is made.

The board voted (1) to conduct a professional study of the responsibility of Louisiana Baptists in higher education in the state, and (2) that further construction be delayed pending outcome of the survey.

Purpose of the study will be to determine whether Louisiana Baptists should consider moving Louisiana College to another area with a greater center of population, or remain in Pineville and continue the \$5 million program of expansion already adopted by the board.

The action by the board was necessitated by several factors, according to a news release issued shortly after the meeting. These include (1) population trends in Louisiana, and (2) the possible effects of the establishment of a state college in the area.

The board's concern over a state college was prompted by a bill passed in the recent state legislature providing \$650,000 for a junior college at Chambers, about 12 miles from Pineville. The state already has land there for an agricultural experiment station.

The new college would be a branch of Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. Date of its establishment is uncertain.

The board's action will delay the construction of Louisiana College's \$½ million fine arts building, for which plans have been prepared.



# Report To The People

## Foreign Board Holds Ridgecrest Session

IN A THIRD annual session at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, June 18-19, the Foreign Mission Board appointed 18 missionaries to bring its total to 1,341; recognized three retiring missionaries with a combined total of 111 years of service; elected Dr. Floyd H. North, of the headquarters staff, editor of *The Commission*; listened to reports of mission progress in 39 countries and of plans for expansion into still additional countries; stressed the need for funds to relieve suffering around the world; and voted to produce a sound motion picture entitled *The Lot-tie Moon Story*.

### Missionary Personnel

The first session of the Board, opening the annual Ridgecrest Foreign Missions Conference, was the missionary appointment service. It was attended by an estimated 3,500 people, many of whom came in church groups, some from as far away as Florida and Texas. Conference registration had reached 2,291 early in the week and was expected

to go considerably higher.

The new missionaries are William P. Clemmons, Tennessee, and Betty Owens Clemmons, South Carolina, appointed for Italy; Marie Conyers, Missouri, for Hong Kong; Theodore O. Cox and Patricia Roberts Cox, both of Indiana, for Japan; Gerald W. Doyle and Maurice Patterson Poyle, both of Texas, for Ecuador; Dorothy Emmons, Mississippi, for East Africa;

Patterson S. Johnson and Betty Oglesby Johnson, both of South Carolina, appointed for East Pakistan; Zebedee V. Moss and Evelyn Krause Moss, both of North Carolina, for Central Africa; Z. Don Reece, North Carolina, and Gwendolyn Downes Reece, Alabama, for Ghana; J. Boyd Sutton, Virginia, and Joan Riffey Sutton, Kentucky, for North Brazil; and Loren C. Turnage, Missouri, and Cherry Kincheloe Turnage, Oklahoma, for Colombia.

The Board recognized those retiring missionaries who were present at Ridgecrest. They are Miss Mary Demarest, who served 40 years in China and Taiwan (Formosa), Miss Lydia Greene, who served 34 years in China and Malaya,

and Rev. L. E. Blackman, who served 37 years in China and Hawaii. All are retiring from active service this year.

### Relief Funds Needed

In adopting the report of its administrative committee, the Board voted to call the attention of Southern Baptists to the fact that extensive relief needs continue and that additional funds are urgently requested for this purpose.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported that only \$34 remain in relief funds held by the Board. Southern Baptist relief funds are administered by the Foreign Mission Board, as per action of the Convention.

Dr. Cauthen said: "Since 1946, Southern Baptists have given liberally for relief. In that year a special offering of \$4,600,000 was given and used in many parts of the world to meet needs growing out of the war . . .

"Many needs have been met, including aid to refugees with food, clothing, medical help, and education for their children. There are critical areas in the world where relief needs continued.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS ABROAD



IN A FRAME from the new foreign mission filmstrip, *WORLD EVANGELISM OVERSEAS*, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, points across the world mission map and says: "Go where you will in these countries where missionaries are working. You will find them preaching, teaching, healing, and setting forward the progress of church development in Christ's name."



In Hong Kong there are refugees from China numbering several hundred thousands. In Korea many people need help.

"There are still many calls for relief on the part of people coming from Eastern Europe. From many lands come emergency calls due to disaster. One of the special needs confronting us now is that of giving aid to large numbers of Russian Baptist refugees in Shanghai who need to be moved to Australia. Steps to make this possible are being taken co-operatively with other Baptist bodies through the Baptist World Alliance."

**"Who Will Go?"**

The report of Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, dealt with six countries of Asia which he visited recently — Pakistan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, and Korea.

Southern Baptists now have six missionary couples under appointment for Pakistan. Their immediate plans call for work in an area of more than 5,000,000 people, 600,000 of them in Dacca City and 4,500,000 in surrounding towns and rural sections.

Dr. Crawley said the Foreign Mission Board is now ready to begin medical work in Thailand and that some prospective doctors for that work are in sight. "But how can they begin the work unless they have nurses to work with them?" he asked.

While in Hong Kong Dr. Crawley witnessed the groundbreaking for the projected Hong Kong Baptist Hospital.

Taiwan offers one of the world's greatest missionary challenges, according to Dr. Crawley. Within about 10 years the work related to Southern Baptists has grown from zero to almost 20 churches with about 3,000 members. Most of the response in Taiwan has come from among the 2,000,000 Mandarin-speaking people from the China mainland. Southern Baptists have only one missionary couple definitely assigned for work among the Taiwanese, who number more than 6,000,000. "Who will go to witness to the Taiwanese people?" Dr. Crawley asked.

Significant projects under way in Japan are the construction of the Baptist headquarters building for the Japan Baptist Convention, the development of student work in Tokyo, and planning for a school of nursing at the Japan Baptist Hospital in Kyoto.

Dr. Crawley compared the missionary challenge in Korea to that of Taiwan: "Its people have no strong religion holding them in chains of superstition, custom, and social pressure. The entire nation is open to the acceptance of a new faith. But after nine years we still have only six preacher missionaries definitely assigned to field evangelism — six preachers among more than 20,000,000 hungry-hearted people. Who will be ready to go to Korea?"

**Work Unhindered**

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, reported that recent political disturbances in Paraguay and

Ecuador have not greatly hampered the work of Southern Baptist missionaries in those countries.

He said the Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries) of Colombia has urged the Foreign Mission Board to send at least four evangelistic couples to that country during 1959. He explained that evangelistic missionaries can now be sent to Colombia. Until the change in government, it has been possible to send teachers, doctors, nurses, or technicians; but no purely evangelistic missionaries were permitted to enter.

*Sunday School*

**Standard Schools**

A TOTAL OF 76 Sunday Schools have been recognized as Standard to July 1 for the current Sunday School year. We are listing below the ten associations in Arkansas with the largest number of Standard Sunday Schools.

Mississippi County, 11; Pulaski County, 9; Concord, 5; Independence, 5; Benton County, 4; Black River, 4; Central, 4; Liberty, 4; Washington-Madison, 4; Tri-County, 3.

**Immanuel, Little Rock, Leads**

Arkansas has a total of 699 standard units (classes, departments, schools, and associations) as of July 1. Listed below are the 25 churches in the state which have the largest number of Standard units.

Immanuel, Little Rock, 79; Hot Springs, 2nd, 60; Benton, 1st, 38; West Batesville, 36; Malvern, 3rd, 35; Forgyce, 1st, 33; Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith, 32; 2nd, Little Rock, 26; Blytheville, 1st, 20;

Central, Magnolia, 20; Little Rock, 1st, 18; Park Hill, No. Little Rock, 17; South Side, Pine Bluff, 17; Fayetteville, 1st, 14; Warren, 1st, 14; Diaz, 13;

Hot Springs, 1st, 13; Beech Street, Texarkana, 11; Providence, 10; Stephens, 1st, 10; Forrest City, 1st, 9; Morrilton, 1st, 8; Springdale, 1st, 8; Ft. Smith, 1st, 6; Hope, 1st, 6.

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

**Divorce A Sin?**

**QUESTION:** Do you think God meant for people to live together all their lives if they are not happy together and if it is affecting the lives of their children? Is divorce a sin if there seems to be a reason for it?



DR. HUDSON

**ANSWER:** I do not believe that the question of happiness is the primary one in life or in marriage. Most people who get a divorce to secure happiness are not happy after they are divorced.

Either a bad marriage or a divorce will have a bad effect on children. In many cases, the choice is not between divorce or a bad marriage. A third alternative might be for both parents to grow up and act like adults.

No, I do not believe divorce is always a sin. Sometimes in cases of immorality, alcoholism, criminality, desertion, divorce is the lesser of evils.

See a Christian marriage counselor if you are facing such drastic alternatives. (Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

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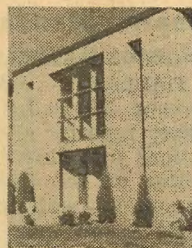
**HIGH-SCHOOL FRESHMAN:** "I used to be conceited, but I got rid of that, and now I'm one of the nicest fellows I know."

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### Arkansans at Ridgecrest

Thirty-one young women from Arkansas attended the convention-wide conference for Young Woman's Auxiliary held at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 11-17. They were—

**Front Row:** Betty Corder, Hot Springs; Joy Gross, Cabot; Mary Jo Blackwood, Cabot; Barbara Clem, Malvern; Dee Roberts, Hot Springs; Barbara Bowen, Little Rock; Linda O'Barr, El Dorado; Virginia Cantrell, Stephens; Frankie Ward, Arkadelphia.

**Second Row:** Sue Green, Malvern; Elwanda Bray, Malvern; Mary Jim Baker, Malvern; Jerri Sue Poole, El Dorado; Becky Griffin, Little Rock; Linda Holland, Little Rock; Doris Powell, Elaine; Jo Etta Boyce, Little Rock; Ann Brogdon, McCrory; Susie Grober, Fort Smith; Mrs. R. H. Trimble, El Dorado.

**Third Row:** Rosemary Gossett, Hot Springs; Alice Jo Mansfield, Malvern; Sandra Watkins, Fort Smith; Judy Wells, Fort Smith; Betty Teague, Monette; Lelia Teague, Monette; Shelvia Daniels, Hot Springs; Mary Frances

Ridgell, Little Rock; Elana Burt, Little Rock; Nola Caudle, Fort Smith; Donna Parrish, Fort Smith.

**Fourth Row:** Bob Young, driver of chartered bus, and Mrs. R. E. Hagood, director of the group.

#### Minutes Available

The annual reports and minutes of the 1959 Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union are available upon request from the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

### Dr. Wallace Joins Seminary Extension

JACKSON, Miss. — (BP) — D. Eugene Wallace of the extension department, California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., has been named associate in the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department. He will serve the Pacific coast area.

The appointment of Wallace was announced by Lee Gallman, Jackson, director of the Seminary Extension Department here. The department is supported by the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.



DR. WALLACE

### Baptist Standard Names Associate

DALLAS — (BP) — Donald McGregor, 35, Dallas Times-Herald newspaper reporter and a former public relations man, has been named associate editor of the **Baptist Standard**, state denominational magazine.

He began work in the new capacity June 22.

McGregor replaced Walker Knight, the previous associate editor, who recently accepted the position of editorial service secretary, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga.

A graduate of Baylor University, McGregor was employed by the **Baptist Standard** from 1952-55 as an assistant editor. He has also served several churches as a part-time music and education director.

During World War II, McGregor

served as a machine gunner and was a German prisoner for six months.

His father, M. T. McGregor, is missionary in the Hope Baptist Association, Arkansas. McGregor is married to the former Carlene Barnhill of Kingsville, Tex. The couple has three children. (BP)

### Hardin-Simmons Names Doctorate Recipients

ABILENE, Tex. — (BP) — Hardin-Simmons University has bestowed honorary doctorate degrees on Texas Secretary of State Zollie Steakley and Vernon Yearby, associate in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism, said school leaders here.

Steakley received the honorary doctor-of-laws degree and Yearby the doctor-of-divinity degree, during commencement exercises June 1.



## Temperance Foundation Recommends Program

Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas recommends the following program by Dr. Herbert H. Parish, national executive of Temperance Education, Inc., Chicago, to the churches of Arkansas as a worthwhile temperance education plan:

A temperance-minded church should select at least three respected leaders in the church to supervise and direct the program. Request your minister to preach on the subject as the need and his desire may dictate. Once a year is not too often.

Present a carefully planned temperance program to the assembly in your church school four to six times a year, or a series of programs each week for six weeks. Once a month might be better.

Include temperance instruction in each class in your church school in addition to assembly programs.

Secure good speakers from your membership for frequent short talks. Also use specially trained temperance speakers. Encourage pupil participation in short plays, readings or recitations, panel discussions, etc.

Use good literature freely. Such material is available for reference, study, free distribution, and your church library should have several good books on this subject.

Audio-visual aids may be used.

Your church could sponsor a short course on understanding the alcohol problem. Neighboring churches of other denominations might be invited to participate.

Have your church make contact with, and actively support (including financial) the state and national temperance organizations.

## Broadman Anthem Winners Announced

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Winners in the nation-wide biennial anthem competition, sponsored by Broadman Press, Nashville, have been announced by W. Hines Sims, secretary, Church Music Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Camil Van Hulse, full-time composer, Tucson, Ariz., first award, \$500; Mark Fax, associate professor of piano and composition at the School of Music, Howard University, Washington, D. C., and minister of music at Asbury Methodist Church, Washington, second award, \$250.

Third award, \$125, winner is Claude L. Bass, vocal music instructor at Syracuse, Kansas High School, now enrolled in graduate work in the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Fourth award, \$75, was won by James D. Cram, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Joplin, Mo.

Dr. Blythe Owen, in the Theory Department of Chicago Musical College, Roosevelt University, received fifth place, \$50 award.

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# Rural Pastors Hold Conference

Although the weather was disagreeable and there were fewer guest speakers than formerly, the Rural Church Conference at Couchdale, June 8-11, proved to be perhaps the best of any conducted, reported Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of Missions and Evangelism.

At the tenth annual conference, Missionary Carl Bunch and Mt. Zion Association had the largest number present of any association. There were 18 present from Mt. Zion.

Hope, Bartholomew, and Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Associations also had good attendance. Churches and individuals made it possible for these rural pastors and their wives to attend.

S. D. Hacker of Alpena has written, "There are many of us preacher brethren who covet our Rural Church Conference because of the inspiration and fellowship that we receive. If all our meetings were forced to be discontinued **except one**, then let that one be the Rural Church Conference. It is my opinion that the blessedness of our work and the hope of its future is governed by our Rural Church Conference.

"Through these conferences, I gain an exciting desire to zealously apply all that is in me for the cause of my Blessed Lord and Saviour.

"This was my wife's first meeting but it positively is not the last. There were problems discussed that gave answers and hope to all of ours as we labor to do the will of Him Who called us."

RAY H. Kesner, Glendale Church, Concord Association writes: "I want to express my appreciation for a wonderful, inspirational, and informative program at the Rural Church Conference. I do not believe I have ever attended a Baptist meeting of any kind that has helped me more than this one.

"I am sorry that I was the only pas-

tor attending from Concord Association. I am sure the other rural pastors of this Association did not know what they would be missing or they would have made a special effort to attend. If the conference is continued I can promise that they will know next year because I am going to talk with all of them I can about it. I sincerely believe that for rural churches this is the most important meeting held by us as Baptists."

## Pfeifer Takes Louisiana Post


ALEXANDRIA, La. — (BP) — Tom L. Pfeifer has been elected secretary of Negro work for Louisiana Baptist Convention. The operating committee of the convention's executive board made the announcement. He will succeed R. U. Ferguson, who recently resigned to accept a pastorate at Mobile, Ala.



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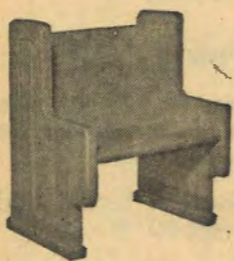
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By IDA M. PARDUE

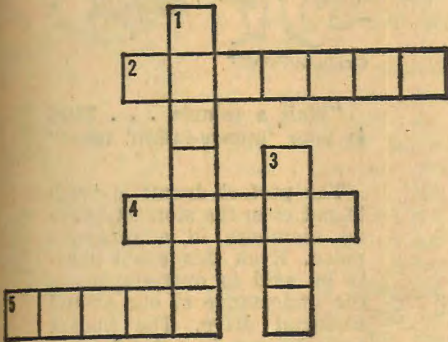
Put the first names of these Bible people in the blanks, and you will finish the puzzle.

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- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Pilate (Luke 3:1)
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Mark (Acts 15:37)

**Across**

- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Festus (Acts 24:27)
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter (John 20:2)
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Iscariot (Mark 3:19)



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Answers

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COLLEGE STATION, Tex. — (BP) — R. R. Lloyd, Texas Baptist District 15 missions secretary for eight years, was honored here with an appreciation banquet for his "outstanding contributions to rural church life in Texas." The 67-year-old Lloyd will retire next year.

RICHARD H. ELLINGSON, executive secretary of the American Bible Society, with responsibility for distribution of the Scriptures in the United States, has announced his resignation in order to accept the call to become the pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, Iowa.

The CENTENNIAL EDITION of *The Canadian Baptist* was published June 15 in Toronto. Harold U. Triner is editor.

## Stigler Called to Evangelism Post

A MAN WHO practices evangelism has been elected state secretary of Evangelism for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Dr. W. Leonard Stigler, pastor of Brookside Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. has baptized 1,452 people in the past 12½ years in the Oklahoma pastorate and in Grace Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., averaging 115 each year.



DR. STIGLER

Dr. Stigler served as field worker for the Sunday School and Training Union of the Baptist Convention of Oklahoma, and at present is president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, has his Th. M. degree from Southern Seminary, and a Ph. D. from Southwestern Seminary. He has held pastorates in Kentucky, Tennessee, Okla. (BP)

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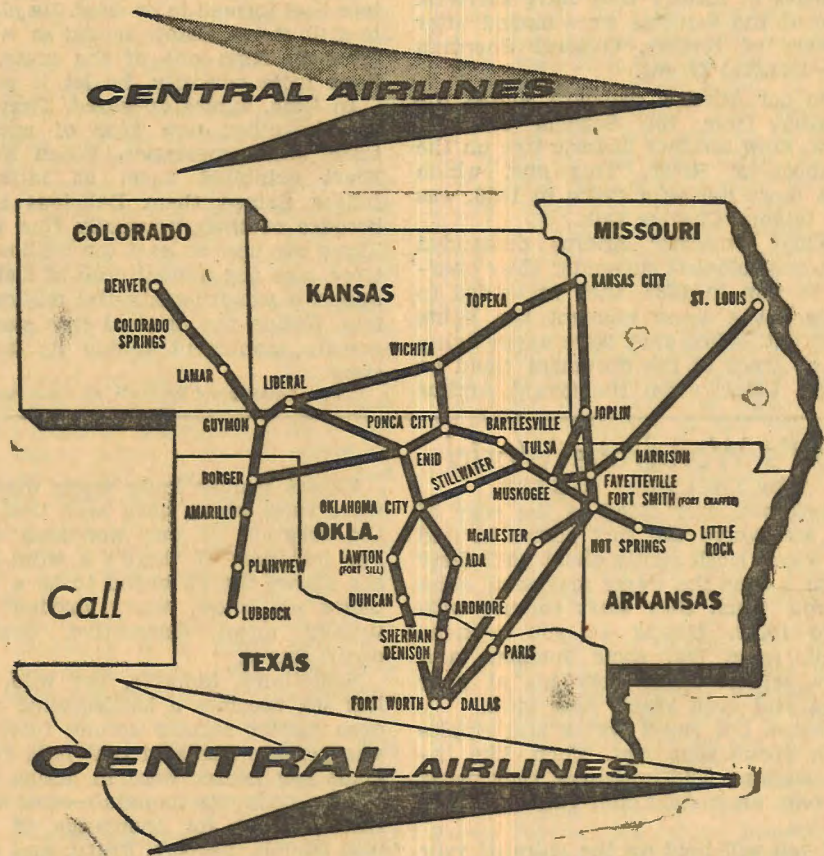
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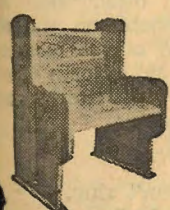


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# Trees That Made History

By E. M. HANSEN

What a great deal of history one tree can sometimes make! Think of the tree whose fruit Eve ate in the Garden of Eden. Think of the tree which produced the wood for the cross on which Jesus was crucified. The Bible mentions trees many times.

The famous cedars of Lebanon have done their share in making history. The Temple built by Solomon was made of cedar, probably from the Lebanon cedars. The Temple was so rich and beautiful that it was one of the wonders of the world.

Only a few small groves of these cedars now remain. The trees are huge in circumference and vary in height from about forty feet to over eighty feet. So ancient and durable are they that some now living are believed to have been seedlings five centuries before Jesus was born.

Ancient as they are, the cedars of Lebanon can be outdone in age by the redwoods and sequoias growing on our own West Coast. Some of these are believed to have been growing for fifty centuries. Who knows but that some of them might even have been growing since the time of creation. What changes in history they have survived. Two of the sequoias were named after makers of history, General Sherman and General Grant.

On our Atlantic seaboard, across the country from the Sequoia National Park, grew another historic tree on the Connecticut River. This one, which blew down during a storm in 1856, was the famous Charter Oak.

When Governor Andros demanded that the colonists surrender their charter to him in 1687, they pretended to agree. At a tense moment the lights went out. When they were again lighted, no trace of the document could be found. Later, when the tyrant Andros

was deposed, the charter was taken from the hollow of this tree. The spot where the tree stood is now marked by a marble tablet.

Since Revolutionary times, large numbers of so-called "Washington trees" have appeared throughout the eastern part of our country. Wherever George Washington tied his horse or stopped his carriage, wherever he sat down to rest or stood in the shade to hold a conversation, that spot was memorialized. How many of these trees really helped the famous general to refresh himself at a needy moment or permitted him to hold a conversation of importance to his country, one can only guess.

Trees played a role also in the life of Abraham Lincoln, the Rail Splitter. Not only did they furnish his cabin and its crude furnishings. They also supplied him with a wooden shovel on which he learned to figure and write. They provided him vigorous exercise and a small income.

In Iowa, the state famous for tall corn, grew something else as well — a tree that made a different kind of history. Several decades ago in the southern part of the state in the orchard of Farmer Hiatt, there stood an apple tree that seemed to be dead. He planned to grub it out. Before he did so, a shoot grew up from one of the roots. Perhaps from curiosity, he let it grow.

In time, apples appeared. They were an altogether new type of apple in taste and appearance. When Farmer Hiatt exhibited them at fairs, the judges named them Delicious apples, because of their unusually fine flavor. There are now at least ten million such trees, and the annual crop of Delicious apples is worth twenty-five million dollars. Beside the original tree stands a granite monument telling its unusual story.

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PASSERBY: I'll take one. Say, there isn't anything in here about two men being swindled.

NEWSBOY: Extra! Extra! three men swindled.

### Pounds Psilly

THE EXAM question was a real puzzler. It asked why "psychic" is spelled with a "p."

The young man in the front corner did not have the answer but he felt he could not leave the question unheeded. Shaking his head, he wrote, "it peer-tainly does pseem psilly."

### Repeat Performance

LITTLE FREDERICK was saying his prayers one night. His mother overheard this entreaty: "And please make Tommy stop throwing things at me. By the way, I've mentioned this before."—United Mine Workers Journal.

### Time to Sing

FOR NO REASON, other than her mother was on the telephone and she had nobody to talk to at the moment, Susan Michell, 10, of 3023 North Grant Street sat down at a typewriter yesterday and wrote this poem:

"I sing at morning,  
"I sing at night,  
"The only time I don't sing,  
"Is when I'm in a fight."

We didn't either, unfortunately. It probably was the one thing that could have saved us.—"Our Town," Arkansas Gazette.

## God's Wondrous World

By THELMA C. CARTER

Have you ever stood at the edge of the sea where the surf comes in and the waves slosh gently about your feet?

For a time the waves may seem calm to you. Then they start coming with more force, hitting at you — some small, some big, some foamier, and some saltier. Some may hit at your waist and even reach your chin.

Always the small waves and ripples wash about your feet. Then, like little, laughing wild creatures, they pause for only an instant and run back into the sea.

If you will hold up the palm of your hand in the direction the waves are coming, you'll feel the breeze or wind moving in the same direction as the waves. Strangely, the great oceans of our earth and the oceans of air above the earth move hand in hand. What one is doing, the other also does.

Expert seamen know many wind and wave rules which have been true since the creation of our wondrous world. For instance: If there's a wind-blown sky above, there's bound to be a wind-blown sea below. Angry, driving winds usually mean destructive, battering ocean waves.

Sometimes, however, the wild, restless sea becomes a battleground which even master seamen cannot foretell. A weatherman has said that it is as if a giant egg beater were in action when the sea boils into mountain-sized waves, reaching out for thousands of miles into islands, harbors, towns, and cities. When the earth's winds and waters begin to mix, there is likely to be trouble.

How true is the Scripture verse: "He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof" (Psalm 107:25).

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# Decisions Determine Destiny

By RALPH A. PHELPS, JR.  
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 Lesson: Deut. 30: 15-20; 31: 7-13.  
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**D**ESTINY IS influenced by many things, but nothing is more determinative than the conscious choices we make. This is true of nations as well as individuals.



DR. PHELPS

The white-haired old man with the mist of eternity already on his brow knows this as he stands for the last time before the people he has led for forty years. The scene is a touching one as the host of

Israel stretches out as far as the eye can see on the plain of Moab and listens with veneration while Moses delivers this final discourse.

This is the man who willfully chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than enjoy luxury in the courts of Egypt, the man who has led them for these long years of wilderness wandering until they stand now on the border of the Promised Land. The wisdom of 120 years and the experience of personal discourses with God are behind this servant of the Lord as he speaks the words recorded in today's lesson.

Moses has been forbidden to enter the land God promised this people and in a few days will die and be buried in the lonely land of Moab. But he knew that those whom he addresses will push forward into Canaan where they will face both limitless opportunities and endless temptations. It is tremendously important, on the eve of their invasion attempt, for them to recognize some fundamental truths; for the choices which they make in regard to these things which Moses mentions will determine the destiny of the nation.

## I. The Choice

**T**WO POSSIBLE courses stretch out before God's people, Moses says. One is that of life and good, the other is that of death and evil. The road of life is that of obedience to God, "Walking in his ways" and keeping his com-

mandments. The road of destruction, the one on which they "shall surely perish," is that on which the heart turns away from God, the ears refuse to hear him, and the soul worships other gods.

Having pointed out the two courses they may take, Moses does not rest his case here but makes a strong plea for them to make the right choice: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." Not only will their relation to God affect them; it will also shape the destiny of children yet unborn.

It might well be observed here that any nation's destiny is vitally affected by spiritual considerations. It cannot scorn God and his commandments without embarking on the road to ultimate destruction. This is as true of America as it was of Israel.

## II. The Challenge

**A**FTER URGING the people to choose rightly, Moses offers them a three-fold challenge (Deut. 30:20): First, they are "to love the Lord thy God." A life without love is a desolate thing, and a life devoid of love for God is doubly desolate. Love for God should be a first goal for every life.

Second, they are to obey God's voice. Moses recognized that as the people entered a pagan land they would hear many voices calling unto them, but above these calls should always be heard the voice of God. He had spoken to the people in a special way from Mount Sinai, and on frequent occasions he had spoken to them through his chosen messenger. These words they should remember and obey when the siren voices of sin tried to lure them to the rocks of destruction. In a day when many voices taunt and tease us to follow a godless way of life, we need to listen obediently to the voice of God.

Third, they are to "cleave unto" God. This is a picture of marriage. They are to be as closely identified with God as one is with the marriage partner. They were not to seek other lovers. This challenge is to prove especially pertinent in the days ahead when they will come into contact with the diabolical elements of pagan religions.

Faithfulness to such a program will bring a reward, Moses promises them.

They will be able to "dwell in the land which the Lord sware into thy fathers." Subsequent history of the Israelites reveals that they did dwell in this land — but only as long as they did what Moses had urged. When they turned from this course, they again became a captive people. And so it may well be with us.

## III. The Command

**T**WO FINAL commands conclude the address of Moses, the great leader. The first is to the man who will succeed him as commander-in-chief of the expeditionary forces, Joshua. He is to lead the people in such a way as to "cause them to inherit" the land promised them. He is admonished to "be strong and of good courage"; and the ground for this is that "the Lord doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee." For this reason, no matter how high the enemies' walls or how tall his soldiers, they should "fear not, neither be dismayed."

The other command is to the priests, the sons of Levi, and to the elders of Israel. At the end of every seven years, during the Feast of the Tabernacles when they will commemorate their wilderness experience, all of the people are to be gathered together in order to hear the public reading of the law. They are to assemble all of the people, including the children and strangers within their gates, to hear, "that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law" (Deut. 31:12). This public reading is to continue generation after generation so that their children, "which have not known anything" of their experiences, might have their same reverence for the eternal God.

Parents sometimes take for granted that their children know the same lessons that their parents learned earlier, that they will have the same ideals. This quite evidently is not the case; each generation must be taught anew, and the parent who fails to give his children the same instruction in the faith which he received is derelict in his duty. Moses knew this and tried to forestall the straying which children of God-fearing parents sometimes tend to do.

Just as Israel's destiny was determined by the way she decided about God, so will America's be decided. We need a modern Moses to stand and tell us that whatever else we are, we must be God-fearing to survive.

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LUBBOCK, Tex. — (BP — S. L. Harris, 32-year-old college Bible teacher, will become Baptist student union director and professor of the denomination's chair of Bible at Texas Technological College here, Aug. 15. He replaces Louis Cobbs, who was recently selected associate director of the department of student work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.



# Christians Must Find A Way

By A. C. Miller

THE RACIAL issue among us is like Banquo's ghost— it will not down! And those who keep bringing it up are about as popular as a ghost. But there is a way to peace in this conflict and Christians must find it.

In the first place we must realize that we cannot find a solution for this question by remaining quiet about it. The followers of Christ among the white and Negro people of our region must sit down together and work out the problems that confront us by creative agreements. We have been trying to appraise our situation in terms of certain words like segregation, integration and other terms fraught with a highly wrought emotionalism. Christians must look at the situation in terms of repentance and forgiveness, reconciliation and fellowship, love and justice.

In the second place we must realize that the public school system of this nation must be maintained. The final settlement of the public school question will be settled by the nation. No state is an island to itself in these United States. That issue was determined a hundred years ago in a bloody war between Americans. The public school system is one of the greatest factors in American history for the maintenance of national democracy and a common culture. Its place in our educational program must not be impaired.

A third reason for a practical and realistic approach to this question is because of its vital significance to the missionary enterprises of the churches and to the progress of the nations toward world peace. More than 1300 foreign missionaries continue to warn us that the racial strife within our region is a roadblock to progress in their work. When we put our own house in order only then will other peoples of the world listen to our talk of love and peace and respond to it in kind.

## Facts of Interest

... America's new jet age is exacting a high toll in human life. Air crashes each year, for the last five years, have cost the lives of about 1,100 youths in military uniform—an average of about three a day. Deaths from jet accidents in one year have outnumbered the total deaths in three years of air war in Korea, when 800 Air Force and Navy fliers lost their lives.

... According to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, the aggregate cost of crime to the nation for 1957 was \$22 billion. Since liquor involved crime accounts for 60 per cent of all crime, liquor's part of this bill would be \$13,200,000,000. According to other government sources the total federal revenue from liquor taxes reported for 1957 was \$2,973,000,000. Liquor revenue to the forty-eight states added another \$569,184,000. Municipal and county revenues from liquor would boost the total to about \$4 billion. Thus for every dollar we receive from liquor taxes, we spend \$3.30 just to take care of crime caused by liquor.

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### Man of Action

ROBERT LOUIS CLARK, 25, a senior at the University of Bridgeport (Ct.) started the day off by preaching a sermon at a Baptist church at nearby Norwalk, Ct., rushed back to Bridgeport to play in the University's concert band at commencement exercises, got in line minutes later to accept his diploma from the College of Arts and Sciences and two hours later showed up at a Bridgeport church to marry his college sweetheart.

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