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OCTOBER 22, 1959

ANNUAL CONVENTION PROGRAM

November 17-19

1st Church, Little Rock

THEME: Observing All Things

Scripture: Matthew 28:20—"Teaching them to observe all things

whatsoever I have commanded you."

TUESDAY MORNING

- 9:30 A.M.—Worship Through Music
- 9:35 A.M.—All on the Altar—Gen. 22—Wayne Ward
- 9:50 A.M.—Enrollment of Messengers
- 10:00 A.M.—Introduction of New Pastors and Ministers of Music and Education—S. A. Whitlow
- 10:15 A.M.—The Baptist Book Store—T. Bradley Bolin
- 10:30 A.M.—Congregational Singing
- 10:35 A.M.—Good Things to Come—Walter Yeldell
- 10:45 A.M.—Solo—Jo Ann Shelton
- 10:50 A.M.—President's Address—T. K. Rucker
- 11:15 A.M.—Congregational Singing
- 11:20 A.M.—Men's Chorus—Ministers of Music
- 11:25 A.M.—Annual Sermon—Don Hook
Alternate—S. W. Eubanks
- 12:00 A.M.—Adjourn

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 P.M.—Worship Through Music
- 2:05 P.M.—Aflame with the Spirit—II Tim. 1—
Wayne Ward
- 2:20 P.M.—Civic Morality—William E. Brown
- 2:35 P.M.—Civic Morality—Joseph J. Casper
- 3:05 P.M.—Congregational Singing
- 3:10 P.M.—Orphanage—H. C. Seefeldt
- 3:25 P.M.—Carver School of Missions and Social
Work—Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.
- 3:40 P.M.—Extension Department of our Seminaries
—Albert H. Fauth
- 3:55 P.M.—Solo—Jo Ann Shelton
- 4:00 P.M.—Our Seminaries—Millard J. Berquist
- 4:45 P.M.—Adjourn

TUESDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 P.M.—Special Music—Pulaski Association
Choir—R. Paul Green, Director
- 7:15 P.M.—Southern Baptist College, H. E. Williams
- 7:40 P.M.—Ouachita Baptist College—Ralph Phelps
- 8:05 P.M.—Solo—Jo Ann Shelton
- 8:10 P.M.—Address—Frank Lauback
- 9:05 P.M.—Adjourn

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:00 A.M.—Worship Through Music

- 9:05 A.M.—Approved unto God—II Tim. 2—Wayne
Ward
- 9:20 A.M.—Reading Journal
- 9:35 A.M.—Election of Officers
- 9:50 A.M.—Miscellaneous Business
- 10:05 A.M.—Stewardship and the Forward Program
of Church Finance—Ralph Douglas
- 10:50 A.M.—Executive Board Report—Bernes Selph
- 11:25 A.M.—Solo—Jo Ann Shelton
- 11:30 A.M.—Co-operative Program—
Merrell D. Moore

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 P.M.—Worship Through Music
- 2:05 P.M.—Wise in the Scriptures—II Tim. 3—
Wayne Ward
- 2:20 P.M.—The Relief and Annuity Board—
Alton Reed
- 2:40 P.M.—Radio and Television—Paul Stevens
- 3:00 P.M.—Arkansas Baptist Hospital and Memphis
Memorial Hospital—John Gilbreath
- 3:30 P.M.—Home Missions—John Caylor
- 3:50 P.M.—Foreign Missions—James Hampton
- 4:10 P.M.—Warren Hultgren

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 P.M.—B. S. U. Choir—George Amos, Director
- 7:10 P.M.—Departments in Baptist Building
- 8:35 P.M.—Solo—Jo Ann Shelton
- 8:40 P.M.—Address—Paul Stevens

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:00 A.M.—Worship Through Music
- 9:05 A.M.—Sound in the Faith—II Tim. 4—
Wayne Ward
- 9:20 A.M.—Reading Journal
- 9:30 A.M.—Resolutions
- 9:45 A.M.—Miscellaneous Business
- 10:00 A.M.—Special Music
- 10:05 A.M.—Memorial Moments—B. L. Bridges
- 10:10 A.M.—Introduction of New Officers
- 10:15 A.M.—Report of Nominating Committee—
Rheubin South
- 10:35 A.M.—Sunday School Board—Herman L. King
- 10:55 A.M.—Solo—Jo Ann Shelton
- 11:00 A.M.—Sermon—John Edmund Haggai

A Plan of Stewardship



"...be thou faithful..."

THE BANE of every church is the Sunday School teacher who has no conscience against being absent from his or her class on Sunday without having made arrangements for a substitute. You would think that no Christian worthy of the name would be guilty of such gross neglect of duty, but the names of those who thus fall short is legion.

So it must have been a great joy to Pastor Robert A. Parker of Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, on a recent Sunday to attach a three-year, perfect-attendance pin on the lapel of M. C. Denton, teacher of 10-year-old junior boys. (See cover.) Mr. Denton has not missed teaching his class since his election to this vital post of service.

Others at Calvary who had perfect attendance records for the past year were: Marcia Glover, Mrs. Lema Coleman, Kerry and Gary Redden, Mrs. William E. Coleman, Mrs. Pat Huston, Mrs. Gip Fentress and Roy Grober.

MANY CHURCHES are using the Forward Program of Church Finance to great advantage both to the churches and to the people.

But, (believe it or not) there are 10,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that do not have budgets, which means that they have never formally planned and voted to adopt a budget. We have approximately 300 churches in the Arkansas Baptist Convention that do not have a budget.

Now we know that very few of these 300 churches will even consider the Forward Program of Church Finance as a tool to raise the budget.

But, because each church has financial responsibilities and because the Bible teaches individual stewardship, we dare make a few suggestions to these 300 churches. Keep in mind that our main objective is not paying bills but developing Christians.

1. Adopt Unified Budget Plan

(1) This means that all money, in every church department will be handled by one treasurer.

2. Adopt a Budget

(1) Appoint or elect a committee whose duty it will be to propose a budget to the church to be voted on.

(2) The best time to discuss the budget is at a regular business meeting of the church. Give as much publicity to this, as possible.

(3) Adopt the budget on Sunday morning.

(4) Use Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 for fiscal year.

3. Stewardship Sunday School Lessons

(1) Let the church vote to have special stewardship lessons taught in Sunday School.

(2) Order the lessons from Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

(3) Only tithers should be asked to teach these special lessons.

4. Use Individual Carton Offering Envelopes

(1) Use six-point Sunday School record system.

(2) This is a basic tool in developing individual stewardship.

(3) This is a reminder and helps the individual give when absent.

5. Distribute Monthly Treasurer's Report

(1) The deacons study the report in their regular meeting.

(2) Deacons present the report to the church.

(3) The report should show all receipts and expenditures.

6. Mail Associational Missions Check Monthly

(1) Send a regular contribution to associational missions each month.

7. Mail Cooperative Program Checks Monthly

(1) Don't let a month go by without mailing a check to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Arkansas Baptist Convention, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary.

100 Per Cent Not Enough

Last year we had a few churches in the Arkansas Baptist Convention that did not give anything to world missions through the Cooperative Program. Every year the number of such churches has become less and less.

With two and one-half months left in the year and with a bountiful harvest, plus an excellent spirit of cooperation on the part of our people, 1959 could be the year when every church in the Arkansas Baptist Convention shares its blessings with a world that desperately needs the Gospel.

It is great to be 100 per cent but it is greater to be a missionary church. It's not a record that we are trying to make, when we challenge every church to give through the Cooperative Program, but rather it is a Christ to serve and a Gospel to preach.

Let's be 100 per cent in 1959!—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary. ■

'The Answer' Accepted By 38 TV Stations

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS' dramatic film series, "The Answer," for 1960 has been accepted on 38 TV stations in 24 states, to begin Sunday, Jan. 3.

This announcement was made by James T. Johns, who is in charge of station relations and "Televangelism" for the Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth.

Specific times are not yet scheduled by every station. Additional information will be issued as it is received by the Commission. The following station will carry "The Answer" for at least the first 13 weeks next year in Arkansas: El Dorado, KTVE.

Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 22—The Light Must Shine (Matt. 5:11-16).

Oct. 23—Courage Through Faith (Heb. 11:23-29).

Oct. 24—Faithful unto Death (Heb. 11:32-40).

Oct. 25—Humble Before the Lord (I Peter 5:6-11).

Oct. 26—A Generous Fellowship (Acts 4:32-37).

Oct. 27—Curse of Selfishness (Acts 5:1-11).

Oct. 28—Sympathy Expressed (Acts 5:12-16).

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Land of Opportunity-for What?

IT IS A good thing that Christians, particularly Arkansas Christians, cannot "fall from grace." If we could be lost after being saved, surely Arkansas would be one of the most dangerous states to live in—there are so many temptations to riotous living in this "Land of Opportunity." Whatever you like, wholesome or unwholesome, legal or illegal, we've got it in abundance. The one inclined to make a god of his stomach can find anything in the world to eat and drink; it would certainly be easy to become a glutton or a winebibber in Arkansas. If to another the dollar is almighty, there is many an opportunity to feather your nest, particularly if you have no scruples as to how you do it.

Those bent on burning their lives out in sexual indulgence will not have to travel far to find the kind of companionship they seek for we have many of both sexes who, in this regard, are "anybody's dog that will hunt with them." Is it gambling? Here again you can soon be in the "right" company. Whatever the inclination, for good or for evil, this is certainly a "Land of Opportunity."

But Satan does not always try to entice Christians to commit overt acts of unrighteousness. More often, perhaps, he approaches through the rather innocuous-appearing pitfall of over indulgence in something which, in itself, is quite all right. In a state such as ours, with hundreds and hundreds of square miles of recreational facilities which beckon to bathers and boaters and skiers and hunters and fishermen, there is a strong temptation to center on having a good time. "Easy livin'" has become more than a real estate sales slogan—it is a way of life. Church people are tempted to use God's day as a day of recreation.

We are indebted to Mrs. Garland Greene, of Forrest City, for the following "letter" from a man to his boat:

"Dear Boat:

"Boat you know how I've enjoyed you. There's nothing in the world I enjoy more than our association on those beautiful Ozark waters.

"But, Boat, when I was saved, God gave me a conscience that tells me when my foot starts slipping.

"For awhile after we got you we used you as planned, and didn't let you interfere with our worship in God's house.

"But the kids got bigger and we got more lax and now at the end of this summer I've come to the conclusion that you must go.

"We used to always stop for church services, no matter where we traveled. But I've never yet seen a car stopped for services with a boat behind. We didn't stop either.

"Oh, we went to services if we happend on a mountain church after we arrived, but it became more common that we went only if we happened on one.

"I am the head of my household, Boat, and it's my responsibility to have my family serve and be safe in Christ.

"I am thankful for the conscience God gave me to make the road plain.

"So, good-bye, Boat!

Joe"

When a man's own heart is far from God, he imagines that God's heart is far from him, declared the late C. H. Spurgeon, in a sermon on "God's Nearness to Us." "But it is not so," said Spurgeon. "The living God is not far from any one of us; for 'In Him we live, and move, and have our being.' . . . Today, though Jesus has gone up on high, the Spirit of God abides in the midst of the church, and thus again the Lord is near. The Comforter is at work still; the Convincer still presses upon man's conscience sin, righteousness, and judgment to come. Still does the Holy Ghost work with the Word of God, directing His ministers to speak that their hearers shall perceive a personality and pointedness in the word delivered." ■

Doing Like He Done

THE FIRST written report of the newly employed traveling salesman had just come in and it proved rather stunning to the "brass" in the sales department. It was obvious that the new man was a hopeless illiterate, for here's what he had written:



ELM

"I seen this outfit which they ain't never bought a dimes worth of nothing from us and I sole them a couple hunerd thousand dollars of guds."

Before the sales manager could get word to the man that he was not qualified for the job, because of his lack of education, reports *The Right Hand* (monthly publication circulated by Central Printing Co., Little Rock), this second letter had arrived:

"I cum hear and sole them haff a millyon."

Pulling his hair as to what to do about the situation, the sales manager finally decided to dump the problem in the lap of the company's president.

The next morning the letters from the new salesman were prominently exhibited on the company's main bulletin board, with this note from the president:

"We been spending two much time trying two spel insted of trying two sel. Lets wach thoes sails. I want everybody should read these letters from Gooch who is on the rode doing a grate job for us, and you should go out and do like he done."

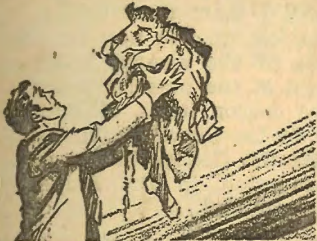
No doubt Gooch was not a good salesman because of his illiteracy, but in spite of it. But can the matter of education be carried too far? The other day one of my friends from another denomination expressed concern over the fact that his own denomination will no longer set a man apart to the full gospel ministry unless the man is a college and seminary graduate.

"I am glad you Baptists do not carry it that far," he said, "and I hope you never make education a prerequisite for ordination to the ministry."

He went on to say that the preacher who has felt the call of God to preach but who has not been able to get a formal education often can pack the house for his simple sermons when the highly educated man might not be able to reach the people.

We must not place any premiums on ignorance, but perhaps we need to be warned that nothing, not even education, should come ahead of God's call and the enduement of the Holy Spirit, in the great realm of Christian service. And this includes not only our preachers but our people as a whole. May we have the best educational preparation possible, but let us get on with the job God has given us!—ELM

The Bible Speaks on "Cleanness Of Heart"



ISAIAH 64:6

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.



Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults:

PSALM 19:12



Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

PSALM 51:2, 3



I JOHN 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Papering Walls

ONE OF the editor's missionary friends, expressing appreciation for a subscription to Arkansas Baptist, writes: "Only two rooms lack paper on the walls. A few months' issues (of Arkansas Baptist) and our house will be fully papered!"

Well, worse use of the Baptist state paper than that could be made. And we are far from offended, for the missionary's next words were: "We'll read every word." That's a lot more than two or three of our subscribers here in Arkansas do each week.

Appointment Deferred

IT IS WITH mixed emotions that we inform you that our appointment as foreign missionaries has been deferred for the present. There is the possibility of reconsideration in a year and a half or two years. Our medical examinations indicated that this is best for all concerned. I have a sort of nervous stomach that reacts under too much pressure.

Surely you will remember us in your prayers as we intensify our efforts to serve the Lord here in an effective way. We are praying that our future work will be greater than our former. —Harrison Johns, Missionary, Independence Association, Batesville

Likes Beacon Lights

THE ARTICLE or column, "Beacon Lights of Baptist History" by Dr. Selph, is most interesting and certainly fills a vital need among many Baptists like myself, who would like to know more about the history of our church.

At one time I had occasion to talk with Dr. Selph on different phases of history, and he mentioned having compiled a considerable amount of research on the lesser known characters of the Bible. I know he is quite busy but wish he could be persuaded to publish something on this subject each month. —Mrs. James Campbell, Foreman, Ark.

About Anonymous Notes

UNSIGNED LETTERS are not accepted for publication in this department. We have a rather lengthy letter from someone at Hardy who signs as "A Christian," but we cannot use it because the name of the sender is not revealed. Although we require actual signatures of writers, we are always glad to publish a pen name if this is the desire of the writer, rather than the exact name.—The Editor

Should Women Keep Silent?

WHILE PARTICIPATING in an evangelistic crusade in a rural church near Mena, the question was asked if Paul's teachings in regard to women keeping silent in the churches should be adhered to in the literal sense today, I Corinthians 14:34, 35.

Although I tried to present the background for Paul's teachings at Corinth, some of the people were not satisfied for "they believe in doing what the Bible says." I promised to consult the authorities, use the language, history, circumstances, social conditions etc. and give this an answer.

I am sure this will not please some husbands who may be bent on keeping the little women in complete subjection, but it may give some enlightenment to those who desire to know the principles Paul would have us follow during this twentieth century.

Never before in history has there been a time when women have had as much freedom, opportunity and responsibility as today. Why? Simply, because the Gospel of Jesus Christ liberates the slave, sets the captive free, makes him a bondsman of Christ, and responsible to God, for his personal spiritual life, his conduct in society, and service to humanity.

In some parts of the world today, the wife does not sit down at the table with her husband to enjoy a meal. Rather, she is merely a slave to his every wish. She is little more than chattel. Only where Christ has gone do we find any equality among the sexes. Some women have taken advantage of this freedom. The women in Paul's day were taking advantage of it to the disgrace of the Christian cause.

Since the women of the Graeco-Roman world were little more than chattel, human life was not worth much it seemed. The Christian message was liberating people. Custom is quite a law, whether we like it or not. According to custom, women were not allowed to speak in public, or usurp authority. She was subservient unto her husband. The principle is true today, (I Timothy 2:12). However, these women added to the confusion at Corinth by disturbing the public meeting. The "low brow" women of the streets were dressed in such a way as to bring reproach and place themselves in divers temptations at the hands of wicked men. Paul gives specific instructions to Christian women in regard to dress in order that they might not bring Christianity into disrepute.

Paul is giving specific teachings at Corinth because the women were taking too much publicity and authority over men in the church, (C. B. Williams). "The prohibition against women speaking in the church was a policy demanded by conditions of the times. For a woman to speak in public was a breach of established custom, and had caused confusion and misunderstanding. Woman was not ready for her complete emancipation."—Milford L. Baker, Santa Paula, Calif.

ROSIE CHURCH, Independence Association, has voted to accept the Arkansas Baptist for one month free through the trial subscription offer. At the end of the month they will consider putting the paper in their budget to go to all resident families. Mrs. Betty Crutcher sends the list, The Garfield Church, Benton County Association, after receiving the one-month free offer, has voted to put the paper in their budget. J. E. Ford is pastor.

FREEMAN HEIGHTS Church, Berryville had the services of Ray Branscum, pastor of South Highland Church, Little Rock, for a recent revival. Dale Jackson, Eagle Heights Church, Harrison, led the singing. There were 11 by baptism and 2 by letter. Sunday School attendance was 167 and Training Union attendance was 118 the last Sunday of the meeting. The church is without a pastor at present.

Arkansas All Over

Harmony Association Reports Mission Work

THE HARMONY Association established an outstanding record in Vacation Bible School work this summer.



MR. WEBB

Led by Amos Greer, superintendent of missions; Harold Elmore, associational Sunday school superintendent; and Eugene Webb, Lee Memorial Church, near Pine Bluff, this association held mission Vacation Bible Schools in twelve needy areas this summer.

The Lee Memorial Church was responsible for five of these. Other sponsoring churches were Immanuel, Pine Bluff; Matthews Memorial, Pine Bluff; Rison; Central, Pine Bluff; Altheimer; 2nd, Pine Bluff and Star City. The total enrollment of these 12 mission schools was 552 with 56 professions of faith.

The missions sponsored by the Lee Memorial Church were in the Dew Drop Community on Highway 270, at Redfield, at Jefferson, at the Arkansas Boys' Industrial School and in the Morrow Community. Enrollment totaled 195. There were 13 professions of faith. Three of the schools were held under trees.

In addition to this, there was a Vacation Bible School held in every church in the association and three clinics were held for Negro V.B.S. workers.

Assisting in most of the mission schools and in some of the church schools were four summer field workers. These were Miss Rose Chitwood, Winfield, Tenn.; Jerry McGee, Moultrie, Ga.; Miss Sally Guthrie, Newport, and Miss Nan Spears, Pine Bluff. ■

MR. SIDON Church, White County Association, has put the Arkansas Baptist in the church budget. The members will receive two months free under a special offer made at their associational meeting. Bob Damuth is pastor. Bethany Church, North Little Rock, A. T. Suskey pastor, has accepted the free trial offer.

JANICE GRISBY was crowned queen in Girls Auxiliary in recent services at 1st Church, Batesville. Others recognized included: Janet Hamm, princess; Jessica Skinner, Margaret Grisby, Rita Anderson and Sharon Lamb, ladies in waiting, and Gay Bennett, maiden. (CB)

PROVIDENCE CHURCH, Washington County, observed annual homecoming recently on the 11th anniversary of pastor Walter Jesser. Dr. J. P. McBeth, author and Bible teacher, brought the messages for a revival which opened on the anniversary Sunday and ran through Oct. 4. (DP)

Attendance Report

(October 11)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Camden, Cullendale, 1st	477	244	2
Crossett, 1st	639	270	4
El Dorado, 1st	968	343	11
El Dorado, Immanuel Mission	753	346	4
Fayetteville, 1st	714	282	33
Fort Smith, Calvary	363	142	3
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	513	173	
Huntsville, 1st	116	60	5
Jacksonville, 1st	695	276	5
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	386	171	2
Little Rock, Life Line	271	121	2
Little Rock, Tyler St.	245	121	
Magnolia, Central	856	345	
McGehee, 1st	503	235	2
Mission	50	35	2
North Little Rock, Rose City, Calvary	446	150	5
Pine Bluff, South Side	687	250	4
West Memphis, Calvary	240	150	2

C. D. BIRDWELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Birdwell of Ft. Smith, has been called to the staff of the Immanuel Church of El Dorado as youth director. Already the program he has planned is under way. He is a graduate of Ft. Smith High and a product of the 1st Church there. He is an Air Force veteran and a recent graduate of Ouachita College, where he finished in three years. While at Ouachita he held office in the Ministerial Alliance, summer B.S.U., Life Service Band, choir, and was active in the drama department. While a student he pastored the church at Sulphur Rock. Birdwell is 25. Mrs. Birdwell is the former Roberta Jean Andrews of Arkadelphia. She will attend Southern State College, Magnolia, while at El Dorado.



MR. BIRDWELL

The Birdwells will be in El Dorado only a year at the end of which the couple will move to Ft. Worth to continue their education at Southwestern.

BIRKETT L. Williams, a graduate of Ouachita College and now a Cleveland franchised new car dealer and first vice president of the National Automobile Dealers Association, has been re-elected to the NADA Board of Directors for a new three-year term beginning in January. Ouachita's recently dedicated dining hall is named in Mr. Williams' honor, while his father, the late Dr. A. U. Williams of Hot Springs, gave the present athletic field.

CULLENDALE 1st CHURCH, Camden, recently purchased new choir robes for their 46 voice church choir. C. J. Holiman, Jr., minister of music and education, reports much progress in the music ministry. The church recently purchased a grand piano for the auditorium. Harold H. Coble is pastor.

Ouachita Trustees

Okay New Dormitories

VOTING TO start construction as soon as possible on two new dormitories, naming of two campus buildings, and approval of the president's annual report were major items of business disposed of by the Board of Trustees of Ouachita Baptist College in a meeting Oct. 8, according to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president.

The two new dormitories, one for men and one for women, will cost \$625,000. The college has already received notification that the Housing Finance Agency has reserved this amount of funds for the dormitories.

Dr. Phelps said, "We hope that the buildings will be ready for the 1960-61 school year."

The former dining hall building, converted into space for seven classrooms, was named in honor of Dr. R. C. Daily, who taught at Ouachita for 24 years before his retirement from full-time teaching on Aug. 31. At the time of his retirement, he was chairman of the Division of Social Science and head of the History Department. He now teaches one class at Ouachita.

The new dormitory housing 48 girls was named Blake Hall in honor of the late Mrs. E. M. Blake, who taught English at Ouachita for 55 years.

Highlights of the president's annual report were the increased enrollment and the addition of the graduate program. The report showed that the enrollment of 1,069 for the present semester is an increase of 110 per cent over the fall semester of 1953.

In connection with the graduate program, Dr. Phelps read to the Board a letter from North Central Association voting approval of plans to proceed with the master's degree program.

In other items of business, the trustees approved purchase of an apartment near the campus to house four student families, heard progress reports on construction now under way on Riley Library and A. U. Williams Field, and inspected construction done this summer on Blake Hall, Lakeside Dormitory, and what is now Daily Hall. ■

FIRST CHURCH of Cullendale has unanimously approved a recommendation from the deacons that the church send its pastor, Harold H. Coble, on a mission tour of South America that will include attendance at the Baptist World Congress meeting at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 25-July 2, 1960. The itinerary of the mission tour being taken by Baptist leaders from the Southern Baptist Convention includes: Panama, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, and Puerto Rico. Mr. Coble will travel with a group under the direction of Dr. J. Harold Stephens of Nashville, Tenn. This group will leave from Miami, June 6, and return on July 5.



DR. WAYNE WARD

Southern Seminary Dinner Scheduled

Alumni of Southern Seminary, Louisville, will have a supper meeting in Little Rock in connection with the annual Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Erwin L. McDonald, vice president of the state group, has announced. In the absence from the state of the state president of Southern Alumni, Dale F. Taylor, Dr. McDonald will preside at the meeting.

The supper will be served at the Frazier Coffee Shop in the new Arkansas Power & Light Company Building at 220 W. 10th, within two blocks of 1st Church where the convention sessions will be held. The time will be Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 5:30 p.m. Price per plate will be \$2.25. Alumni are cordially urged to bring as their guests their wives. But advance reservations should be made by writing to Dr. McDonald in care of the Arkansas Baptist. Since the dining room will accommodate only 72, the places will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Wayne Ward, a native of Arkansas and a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maddox, Harrisburg, are being invited as guests of the group. ■

THE A. L. Leakes of Fayetteville have been busy during the summer and fall, having served in six youth camps and revivals. Currently they are serving in Missouri in a special effort and after going to Mississippi for two efforts will spend the month of December at Fayetteville getting ready for their "children's Christmas in the hills." They distribute thousands of gifts and bikes at the holiday season and have expressed appreciation to Baptists of Arkansas for their loyalty in helping in this work.

Union County Civic Foundation Unit Formed

A UNION County Chapter of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas was organized October 4 with 253 in attendance at 1st Church, El Dorado.

Harold Smith, principal of El Dorado High School, was elected chairman, with Dr. W. W. Warmath, pastor of the host church, as vice-chairman, and John Barton, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, El Dorado, secretary. Pastor Lehman Webb, 2nd Church, El Dorado, was the convener. An offering of \$116 was received to be used by the chapter.

In a letter to Dr. William E. Brown, executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Pastor Webb wrote: "I think I express the attitude of the entire group . . . when I say I am greatly encouraged by the sentiments expressed and by the response we saw to this organizational meeting."

SEVEN DEACONS were ordained in special services at Wynne Church Sunday evening, Oct. 3. Three of them were elected to serve at the church, along with sixteen other men. They are: Bill Baker, Leslie Covington, and Richard Jackson. Four of them were elected to serve at the Chapel, which is a mission of Wynne Church. They are: Clifford Brown, Wylie Brown, R. L. Lawson, and George Russell. The Pastor, Boyd Baker, served as moderator. Everett Proctor conducted the examination of the candidates. Gerald Perry, Chapel pastor, preached the ordination sermon. Charles Manchester, Chapel superintendent, led the ordination prayer. Mr. Harold Harris delivered the charge to the deacons, and Alvin Daniel delivered the charge to the church. A copy of the book, "The Baptist Deacon" was presented to each one of the men by Bill Argo on behalf of Wynne Baptist Church. The rotating system for deacons is now in use at both the Church and the Chapel.

Ouachita Choir to Appear On TV, Convention

MAKING ITS first appearances this year, Ouachita College's 85-voice choir will give two presentations in Little Rock Nov. 17.

Directed by Dr. James T. Luck, the choir will appear on "Little Rock Today" over KARK-TV during the noon hour. It will then sing at 7:30 that night at the Arkansas State Baptist Convention at Robinson Memorial Auditorium.

This is the choir's first appearance on TV.

Miss Polly Nation, a junior music major from Pine Bluff, will be accompanist, while Miss Theresa Henthorne, senior music major and soprano from Bauxite, will sing the solo part to the "Gallia Motet" by Gounod.

By Jay W. C. Moore

Concord Notes

KENNETH KERN, pastor of the Highfil Church near Gentry, has accepted the pastorate of the East Side Church in Ft. Smith. Kern will begin his work in Ft. Smith the first of November. He succeeds Lynwood Henderson.



MR. KERN

The 30-year-old minister is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and attended Central Seminary in Kansas City one year. He will receive his master of arts degree from the University of Arkansas in May, 1960.

Kern served 1st Church, Crescent, Okla. one year, the Spring Lake Church in Bartlesville, Okla., two years and 1st Church, Gentry, four years before going to Highfil. He has served three years as Clerk of Benton County Association. Mrs. Kern is the former Mardell Ingram of Chandler, Okla. The Kerns have two children, Richard, age 6 and Kenita, age 2.

BOBBIE JO MARTIN who has served the Rateliff Church for the past two years has resigned to accept the pastorate of 1st Church, Huntington, Buckner Association. Martin is a third year student in the Concord Extension Seminary work in Ft. Smith.

A REVIVAL was conducted in the Uniontown Church by Elva Adams, 1st Church, Jenny Lind. There were six additions by baptism and one by letter. Charles Hamm, Van Buren, is the pastor.

PAUL McCRAY, 1st Church, Vinita, Okla., has accepted the 1631-member Grand Avenue Church in Ft. Smith. McCray succeeds Jim Pleitz, who resigned last May to accept the pastorate of 1st Church, Pensacola, Fla.

The 29-year-old minister is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, and Southwestern Seminary.

Before going to the Vinita Church McCray served the Cassel Park Church, Miami, 1st Church, Paden, Okla., and Trinity Church, Frederick, Okla. He has conducted 225 weekend, week and two week revivals since he started to preach at the age of 19.

Mrs. McCray is the former Ruth Ann Justice, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Anso Justice of the Crestwood Church in Oklahoma City. The McCrays have two children, Julia Ann, age 4 and Jeffery, 18 months.

R. P. DAVIS, who has served the Bloomer Church for the past nine years, has retired from the active ministry and has moved to his home in Pilot Point, Tex. A. T. Crouch, Earl Rutledge and Helen Albertson are members of the pulpit committee. ■

Catacombs Discovered

ROME (EP)—Laborers digging foundations for a housing development in Rome recently unearthed a shaft leading to a vast underground network of passages and burial chambers which is described as an "early Christian catacomb."

In the underground cemetery and place of worship were found a number of sketched inscriptions which are being studied, along with frescos of both Old and New Testament scenes.

The discovery was made near the old Basilica and Abbey of St. Paul outside the walls. Tradition says that Paul was beheaded here, possibly in the year 67.

Catholic Gains Lauded

VATICAN CITY (EP)—The Roman Catholic Church in the United States has received high tribute for its progress and accomplishments in a special broadcast by the Vatican Radio. The radio quoted latest statistics to show the growth of the church and its various institutions.

Scripture Union Office

The Scripture Union, daily Bible reading plan, described as "the only such system which offers graded Bible reading and graded expositional and devotional comments on the reading for every age group," has been incorporated in the United States. Its headquarters are located at 2136 Darby Road, Havertown, Pa.

The Scripture Union began in England in 1879, and its daily Bible reading plan is now translated into more than 100 languages. (EP)

Preacher Jailed

CLEVELAND, O. —(EP)— For preaching in front of Cleveland's Terminal Tower on the Public Square, a Baptist lay preacher was held in jail overnight here.

Fulton H. Baker, 54, declares that he was held incommunicado for nearly 13 hours. A member of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland Heights, he says he will test the constitutionality of the law banning gatherings on sidewalks. Baker says he has preached on New York's Broadway without incident.

The Rev. H. J. Hemminger, pastor of First Baptist Church in Strongsville, Ohio, was with Mr. Baker but was not arrested. Declared Mr. Hemminger: "Adlai Stevenson and President Eisenhower spoke from the same spot. Why should he (Baker) not be allowed to speak there also?"

Baptist Crosscurrents

The Character of God

ONE OF the most arresting facts of this era is that, in the face of the terrible threats which exist, man refuses to give way to cynicism and despair. He continues to build his homes, his churches, schools, and mercantile structures. Man continues to negotiate and plan for the future. He persistently seeks to find the solutions for seemingly insoluble problems, refusing to become a victim of pessimism.

One of the greatest shocks in scientific history was produced by Copernicus in the sixteenth century, when he proved that the sun, not the earth, is the center of the solar system. The neat and comfortable world which had been constructed by the seer and the poet was then forever destroyed, and man found himself adrift on a small terrestrial sphere in an illimitable space.

But man gradually reconstructed his attitude to accept the new universe of Copernicus. Finally he became at home again and entered into the remarkable nineteenth century. In that period the human family made great advances in all the branches of learning.

Then came the shattering end of this remarkable period by the onslaught of the first World War. Out of the holocaust man resumed his movement toward unlimited progress. He believed for a time that war had been abolished and that poverty and disease would be conquered through the world.

Then came the horrible applications of atomic fission and thermonuclear explosion. Out of America, of all places, came the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Man had invented a destructive power which was capable of dealing out death to the entire human family. Naked terror was abroad in the land.

But fear and hysteria have not triumphed over man's spirit. There are currents of pessimism, but these are alien to human life at its best. Man continues to plan and build for the future, with confidence in the character of the God whom he serves.

In this manner Christians proclaim to all that they do not consider themselves creatures lost and adrift in a meaningless world. They are children of God, who created this earth and all the other planets. In Him they live and move and have their being. His love revealed through His son they find to be all-sufficient; so they are not afraid of the "pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

Lord, please give thy people more of this faith day by day.

—Editor H. H. McGinty in *The Word and Way*

The Jails Are Filling Up

AS WAS EXPECTED, the first week end of legal liquor in Oklahoma brought crowded jails.

In Oklahoma City the Saturday afternoon newspaper headline read "Police arrest 92 for drunkenness. Court is overflowing after tavern raids round up tipplers." The story says of Judge James P. Demopolos, "In questioning defendants he found a majority came to grief with newly purchased legal liquor."

On Sunday morning the headline read, "Jail overflowing as busy officers haul in drunks." The story said, "Judge James Demopolos found on questioning the defendants that most had obtained liquor from the new package stores and carried it into beer taverns, where trouble caught up with them." The story added, "Along with the number of drunk arrests, police dispatchers C. D. Scott and J. W. Smith reported there has been (a) large number of domestic disturbance calls."

The Monday morning headline read, "Judge will hold holiday session to clear cut jail."

But next week end there will be more drunks. And more the week end after that. So on it will go, week after week, month after month. You don't solve the alcohol problem by making liquor easily available. We are glad the police in Oklahoma City are cracking down. We hope that officers do it everywhere. For the police and other law enforcement officers of Oklahoma are going to be busier than they have ever been in their lives in the weeks and months ahead. They "ain't seen nothin' yet."

The Tulsa newspapers (which accept liquor advertising) were strangely silent concerning the situation there on the first week end with legal liquor in the state.

—Editor Jack L. Gritz, *The Baptist Messenger*

Hays Reports On UN Visit

By BROOKS HAYS

THE WARMTH of the welcome given me in New York as the Convention's first unofficial observer to United Nations evidenced a deep appreciation of Baptist influence and our point of view in world affairs.



MR. HAYS

The secretary-general, Dag Hammarskjold, and the assembly president, Mr. Barundi of Peru, greeted me in my new capacity and referred to the homecoming character of my visit. (I was one of the United States delegates in 1955.)

I remarked to Mr. Hammarskjold that then I was the representative in Congress of only one-third of a million constituents but now have nine million to represent in the temporary UN assignment. I think he was impressed.

There was a lull in the proceedings due partly to the overshadowing interest in Premier Khrushchev's tour but some important speeches were being made by representatives of the "little nations." I was also admitted to some of the cloak room conversations that gave me an insight into the potential issues of the current session.

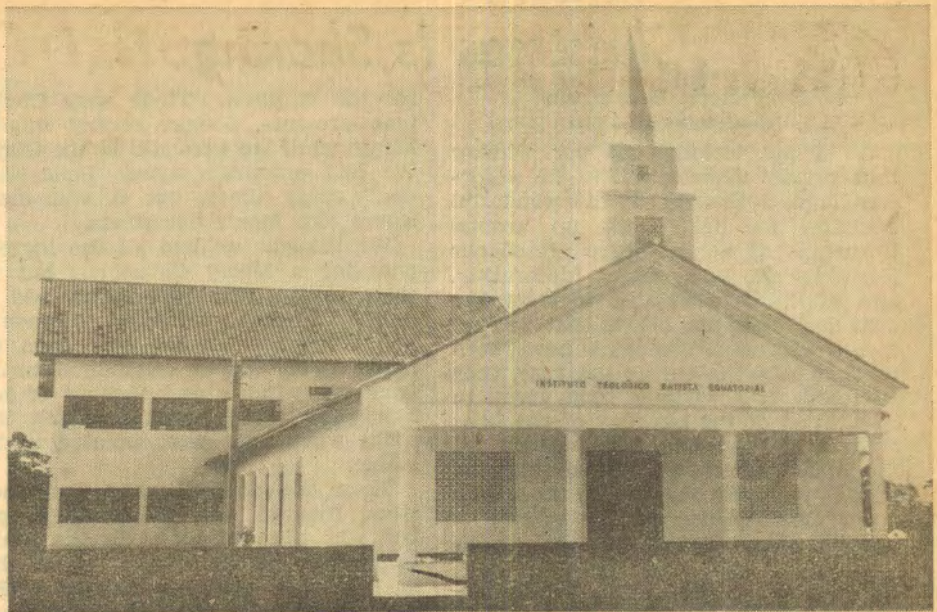
In a meeting with church and civic representatives the Hon. Walter Robertson of Virginia, one of our United States delegates to the General Assembly, made a convincing presentation of our official attitude toward the admission of Red China to the UN, emphasizing the moral elements.

In briefing sessions of this kind, with an opportunity presented to spokesmen for non-governmental organizations, we have a fine demonstration of how American democracy works, even in the consideration of international issues.

One gratifying aspect of the action of our 1959 Southern Baptist Convention in adopting the World Peace Committee's recommendation that a UN observer be designated is that other religious bodies are made aware of our deep interest in world issues such as religious liberty, maintenance of peace and the attack upon hunger and disease.

The informal contacts between the leaders of the great denominations, which the UN arrangements provide, are valuable aids to the churches in carrying forward our various programs. Baptists in particular can appreciate the significance of the forum which the General Assembly has established. Here moral as well as political issues can be and are debated.

The implications of some of the speeches will be studied by our missionaries and leaders. For example, the



THOMAS E. HALSELL, Little Rock native, serving as president of the Baptist Seminary in Belem, Para, Brazil, sends this picture of their building. Founded in 1955, the school graduated the first class of six in 1958. Enrollment this year is 76. Dr. Halsell writes: "With 44 churches in Equatorial Brazil (five states with 9½ million people) and only 20 pastors, it's easy to see Baptists' greatest need is preachers."

Cuban representative announced that his country would "hereafter follow an independent course" and Cuba's vote to give Red China a seat seemed to indicate that our neighbor who has stood with us in so many previous votes now has a new relationship.

This is but one illustration of the complexities of the Western Hemisphere's governmental life challenging our home and foreign missions leaders as well as our statesmen. I observed on a visit to Cuba four years ago that our missionaries were aware of the discontent of the masses of the people with Batista's policies.

This condition was not understood here at home. The influence of our missionaries which is always for non-violent solutions can be extremely useful in the quest for peace.

In the UN corridors one heard almost as much talk of Khrushchev's visit as in Washington where I spent a day attending a session of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. There is considerable speculation as to the Soviet chief's religion. Two opinions are worth repeating.

Charles Lowry, whose knowledge of the Marxist dangers has been well applied in alerting his fellow countrymen, thinks that the occasional references of Mr. Khrushchev to Christianity are explained by conditions in Russia. They reveal, he says, "something immensely important about the Russian soul — that the Russians haven't shed the influence of a thousand years of Christianity." But as to the man himself, the view of James Pike, prominent Episcopal bishop, "He is not committing himself," is correct.

I am grateful to our Christian Life

Commission for the honor of being the first observer. During the remainder of the 1959 session this function will be filled by A. C. Miller, the Commission's executive secretary, who is alternative observer.

One final comment about Mr. Khrushchev. He is a consummate salesman with talents as a propagandist not equalled by many public men. I believe that his visit may do some good in the easing of tensions, although we must continually guard against apathy and indifference to world dangers growing out of Communist aggression.

Since the Christian gospel underlies our political philosophy of freedom, both statesmen and churchmen may, as a result of Khrushchev's visit, work more vigorously as propagandists themselves in behalf of spiritual values in world affairs. ■

Brownell Company Arranges 100 Tour Groups for Rio Congress

ROCHESTER, N. Y., USA — (BWA) — Reporting to the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee at its meeting here, George Brownell, president of Brownell Tours, said that more than 100 tour groups have been arranged for North American Baptists traveling to the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro next year.

Brownell Tours, designated by BWA as the official tour company for North America, has arranged the tours to touch mission fields throughout Latin America, so that the Rio-bound Baptists may get firsthand knowledge of work their mission dollars have been accomplishing through the years.

Christmas Is Sharing

By Victoria Brasington
Missionary to Peru

AS I sat looking out our window that drizzly Christmas Eve in a foreign land, I thought of the wonderful tradition we have built up around Christmas at home, where all of our planning, shopping, fixing, decorating, and baking is calculated to show the ones dearest to our hearts that we love them. However divergent have been the family paths during the year, they all merge at Christmas time when, in celebration of the birthday of the Lord of love, we strive to make up for all the opportunities we lost during the year to manifest our love to those who mean most to us.

Even though we were far away from home and isolated by language from most of our neighbors, I wondered why we hadn't been able to feel the Christmas spirit. I had spent the week before making a little red jacket for Kim and a red dress for Lindy. I had done all the baking possible on a small, lame German stove. We had dragged a big branch of evergreen from five miles out in the country to decorate

Missionary's Brother Hurt; Other Driver Drunk

MISSIONARY CARL Bunch, of Mt. Zion Association, Jonesboro, writes in a recent issue of his bulletin about a tragic automobile accident involving his brother, Roy, and family in Texas a few weeks ago. The wreck was caused by a drunken driver who ran into the Bunch car.

The brother spent 20 days in the hospital as a result of broken ribs, lacerated knees, and a partially collapsed lung. His wife and mother-in-law were still in the hospital at the time of his report. Mrs. Bunch suffered a broken shoulder, a broken hip which will require surgery, a broken ankle and other injuries and her mother sustained a broken leg, broken arm, five breaks of the pelvis and severe cuts on the head and face.

The drunk escaped with a slight injury of the head. According to the report, the man had neither insurance, driver's license, nor a job. The sheriff is said to have paid him a visit but to have learned that he was some sort of a ward of the government and that he could not be jailed, although he had a long record of drunken driving, wrecks and one fatality to his credit.

Writes Missionary Bunch: "However, we must not say too much about these slight inconveniences for involved in this whole matter is the principle of a man's inherent right to drink. Maybe it is best to say nothing at all about months, perhaps a lifetime of suffering from broken bodies and wrecked nerves; of anxiety over loved ones. These things are inconsequential compared to a man's right to drink." ■

for the children. There were Christmas presents, bought several months before while we were still in the States. We had practiced saying "Feliz Navidad" many times, but it still didn't sound like Merry Christmas.

We thought we had all the ingredients for a Merry Christmas, but for some reason they just didn't add up to the Christmas spirit. As a wave of happy laughter rushed over from the house of our closest neighbor, I turned from the window and thought of how Mary and Joseph must have felt that night when they were isolated in the stable.

Then the doorbell rang and there stood Ricardo, the 16-year-old neighbor who planned to go to the States to study. "Feliz Navidad," he said shyly, producing a big box of candy. "Feliz Navidad," we responded gaily, thankful that we had practiced the words. And I rushed to hand him a package of cookies from our tree.

We had just started a mixed conversation in English and Spanish when the doorbell rang again and the neighborhood twins, Norma and Nedra, dark, sparkling little girls of 10 years, entered. As we took their coats, the doorbell rang a third time; and Carlos, the commercial pilot's son, stood there greeting us. Next came Manuel.

We taught these friends to say "Merry Christmas"; and then we took out the tape recorder. We sang our Christmas carols for them and they sang theirs for us. Then we played the songs back on the recorder.

It made me happy to see our guests enjoying the things baked on the little German stove. I got personal satisfaction out of seeing them drink the hot chocolate, for I knew that cocktail parties were in progress in several of their homes.

Suddenly, I was grateful that we had something to offer them on Christmas Eve — and with that thought I was filled with the Christmas spirit. Then I knew what the missing ingredient had been. It was sharing. Indeed, were we not celebrating God's sharing of His Son?

As our guests quietly left to attend their midnight mass, I silently thanked them for reminding me that the real spirit of Christmas is sharing, whether at home or in a foreign land. ■

YFC Congress Reaches Many

Over 2,400 decisions were recorded during Youth for Christ's 11th World Congress at Mexico City in August, reports Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, the organization's president.

The more than 2,000 Congress delegates representing 20 nations participated in 672 different meetings during the week, including 84 evangelistic meetings in Mexico City churches each evening. Engstrom stated that at least 136,000 people attended the various Congress sessions and rallies. (EP)

THE BOOKSHELF

2,500 Sentence Sermons, by C. B. Eavey, Baker Book House, 1959, \$1.75.

Here is a gold mine for persons having to prepare the church bulletin each week.

Letters to My God, by Dagoberto R. Ruñes, Philosophical Library, 1958, \$2.

More than a collection of religious meditations, this is a searching document of a soul fighting for cognition in the realm of mysticism and revelation.

The Dignity of the Undefeated, by Charles F. Jacobs, The Christy Publishing House, 1958, \$3.

This is a book of sermons by Dr. Charles F. Jacobs, who has been pastor of First Congregational Church, Waterloo, Ia., since 1941.

Meditations on the Lord's Supper, by John G. Clark, Broadman Press, 1958, \$2.50.

Before his death in 1955, the author was pastor for five years of First Baptist Church, Pulaski, Va.

Pastors will find this book a source of help as they make their regular preparations for the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Existence Under God, by Albert Edward Day, Abingdon Press, 1958, \$2.50.

The book is a summary of the author's personal research into human life in his own quest for God's will and grace.

I Believe in the Holy Spirit, by Ernest F. Scott, Abingdon Press, 1958, \$1.25.

This is another of the "Know Your Faith" series of Abingdon. The author was for a long time a member of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Bible Women Come Alive, by Hazel M. Nelson, Abingdon Press, 1958, \$2.

The book presents forty dramatic monologues by women of the Bible who come to life in a new and compelling way. Each sketch vividly portrays the elemental emotions of a woman in the Bible.

My 3 Years Inside Russia, by Comrade X, as told to Ken Anderson, Zondervan Publishing House, 1958, \$2.

Here is the moving, real life recital of what one man discovered "inside Russia." Through his experiences you will discover how it feels to live under the iron heel of communism. ■

Garland Hendricks On Leave to India

WAKE FOREST, N. C. — (EP) — Garland A. Hendricks, professor at Southeastern Seminary, has been chosen by the National Grange to head a three-month study tour of rural India.

Hendricks, professor of church community development and director of field work at Southeastern, is chaplain of the state Grange. He has been granted a leave of absence from the Seminary and will be accompanied on the tour by Mrs. Hendricks.

Battle Far From Won

THE MOTHER is tearful. "Johnny doesn't get much mail addressed to him personally. So when this stuff came—I thought it was just some advertising—I left it for him to open. But I was there when he did open it, and he acted so queer and embarrassed that I demanded to see it—and, oh, it was awful!"

The pastor nods his head sympathetically. This is no new problem. He has had other parents come to him—some shocked and embarrassed, some flushed and angry, others just too bewildered to know what to think or do.

It was that same problem: obscene literature in the mails. Most of it, he assured Johnny's mother, is absolutely unsolicited as far as the youth and children are concerned. But it comes with its swift, shocking temptation. Some children share it with their parents. Others throw it away in embarrassment. But others, snared by a strange and evil attraction, keep it to themselves . . . share it only with friends their own age ("counsellors" of dubious value) . . . and all too many follow "come-on" advertising and expose themselves to new (and even worse) filth and obscenity via the mails.

What can be done? What is being done? Many a parent has asked that question, as did Johnny's mother.

It's an ugly picture. It has been for several years. But there's a bright side today.

Parents, churches, civic organizations, postal authorities, governmental leaders—all are joining forces and fighting back.

In recent days, several encouraging new attacks have been launched on various aspects of the obscenity-by-mail problem.

At a joint meeting of the Senate subcommittees on juvenile delinquency and constitutional amendments, Sen. Kefauver (Dem., Tenn.) declared that "filth peddlers" are taking in from \$500 million to \$3 billion per year—most of it from youths 12 to 18. Dr. Daniel A. Pelling, editor of *Christian Herald*, appeared before the same committee to back Postmaster General Summerfield's drive to keep *Lady Chatterly's Lover* out of the mails.

At the 55th annual convention of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, meeting in Washington in mid-August, Summerfield again hit hard at what he terms "pornographic filth in the family mailbox."

Informing the letter carriers they are the "unwilling agents" for delivery of more than a million pieces of pornographic mail a year, Summerfield said he is "deeply gratified" by the support his clean-up drive is receiving from both religious and civic organizations.

Said Summerfield: "This vicious business—the mailing of filth to children—is a challenge to every decent-

minded American citizen." He said that the volume of smut in the mails has tripled since World War II, doubling in the last five years alone, and warned that unless the racket is brought under control, "sex crimes will increase still more rapidly and we can expect a breakdown in moral strength and order and decency in this country."

Another forward step in the clean-up drive is seen in the fact that 13 Senators have introduced a bill designed to strengthen enforcement of laws against obscenity in the mails and to make jail sentences mandatory for second and third offenders. The measure (S. 2562) was introduced by Senator Kefauver with 12 co-sponsors, all members of the Senate Judiciary or Post Office committees.

Under the provisions of the bill, first offenders would be liable for a penalty of up to five years in jail and a \$5,000 fine, which is true under present law; but second offenders would face a mandatory one-year jail sentence and third offenders a minimum of three years in jail. The maximum for repeat offenders, as under present law, would be 10 years.

In addition to the jail sentences, minimum fines would be provided: not less than \$1,000 for a second offense . . . not less than \$3,000 for a third. Maximum fines, at the discretion of the judges, would range from \$5,000 for first offenders to \$20,000 for three-time offenders.

Cautioning that mandatory prison sentences for first-time offenders "would be so harsh that courts and juries might not convict," Sen. Kefauver added: "I do not feel, however, that this is true of second and subsequent offenders. If a person has been convicted once, he will think long and hard before continuing in business if he knows that a jail sentence of substantial length is mandatory." He charged that so far "the number of filth peddlers who have gone to jail is infinitesimal."

And, all across the country, local postmasters are jumping into the fight. In Burbank, California, for example, Postmaster Ricketts warned parents in his city that one out of every 35 children in America will be solicited through the mails this year for the sale of obscene literature and photographs. He emphasized that children themselves may be completely innocent of having requested such material, quoting Summerfield's words: "These racketeers do not respect any social group, economic status or place of residence. They use every conceivable method to get children's names and addresses to make up their mailing lists."

Ricketts pointed out that these "merchants of filth" buy standard mailing lists, gather names from high school yearbooks, even offer bonafide toys for

sale in order to garner children's names for the "pornographic sewage" they pour into the mails.

But all agree that the battle is far from over. Churches and civic organizations must press the fight; parents must be alert, vigilant and cooperative with postal authorities. ■

Phillip and Eunuch Has Taxicab Setting

FT. WORTH —(BP)— The unusual conversion of a Mexican listener to "The Baptist Hour" was detailed in a letter sent out by the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission.

A sequel to that first letter, comparing the experience to that of Phillip and the Eunuch, arrived at the Commission this week. The letter stated:

"I wrote you on July 24, telling you of my wonderful conversion and the struggle that confronted me, but I thank God because I am seeing the answers to our prayers.

"My wife has decided to study the Bible with me in our home, and every Sunday night I am thrilled when your program is announced. Your messages are such a revelation and a blessing.

"A week ago in this city, a taxicab driver handed me a tract for which I thanked him. As we talked, he told me of his own conversion. He said a man hailed him and he opened his cab's door. The man had two large packages, one of which broke open spilling New Testaments on the street."

The cab driver continued, "After helping him gather his material into the cab, I asked if I could have one of the books. He agreed if I would promise to read it. We began to talk and I, a gambler and drunkard, found myself discussing religious things. I grew ashamed. When he left the cab, I felt desirous of the things he had talked about.

"The next day someone handed me an announcement that Billy Graham was to speak. I decided to attend. At that meeting I found the One who took away every desire I had for drinking and gambling, and I witness for Him every day."

Then said our Mexican correspondent, "The strange thing about this taxi driver's conversion is that the man who gave him the New Testament and talked with him, was the same man who led me to Christ as we traveled along the highway." ■

Midwestern Attracts 300 for 2nd Year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. —(BP)— Few schools, if any have begun their second year of existence with a \$2 million campus and an enrollment of nearly 300, but this describes the almost miraculous growth of Midwestern Seminary.

Enrollment for 1959-60 now stands at 274. Students come from 27 states, Mexico, and Holland. Midwestern's student body is composed of graduates of 62 colleges and universities.

The Light

By NATALIE BLANTON

(Richmond, Va.)

*The storm raged; waters rose; rocks bruised my feet;
the child grew heavy. I had lost my road
but struggled on; and when I saw a light
I thought it heaven and found the strength to reach
a gate and then a door. Once, twice, I knocked.
Spent and crying, I fell upon the threshold.*

*The man who opened would not help me there
although I pled with him. He shook his head,
sighing. The light and warmth flowed over me.
I crept nearer. Coldly he said: "Your face . . ."*

*In bitterness I cried: "My face is marred
by struggle and grief, by pain and selfish desires.
I am soiled with hardships of a long, black night;
but for my child's sake let me, let me in!"*

*"No," he replied. His voice was hard. "Your color . . ."
Then lightning flashed and in its flare I saw
that he was darker than I, that he despised me.
"Your eyes are blue," he said. "Your face is white."*

*Then I shouted: "My mother and father were white!
I did not choose the color of my skin!
And my eyes SEE. What matter that they are blue?"*

*He would not move. Then in my desperate need
I cursed the love that had given me my life.
I cursed my father and my gentle mother.
I vowed I'd work to darken my race's pallor
though that would cost me my integrity.*

*He inched the door against my thrusting foot.
The light narrowed and the shared warmth grew less,
and I was left, despairing, all alone.*

*I woke. And knew I had not seen God or heaven.
I had seen myself judging as I judge men:
for flesh that dies, not for undying soul;
showing no mercy to the utmost need;
forcing my brother to sin the sin of hate,
my own hate making him hate himself and me.*

*I wept for shame, and weeping prayed forgiveness
from God, the Infinite. He alone could find
a reason for mercy to one who had given none.*

—The Presbyterian Outlook

Training Union Awards Show Marked Increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — The Training Union Department has reported an increase of more than 50,000 study course awards issued during the period October, 1958-August, 1959, over the corresponding period a year earlier.

In the past 11 months 752,778 awards were issued, while only 702,083 were issued during the same time last year.

By far the book studied that took the most awards is Leonard Sanderson's "Personal Soul Winning," with 4,488 adult awards given for the study of this book.

The total awards issued to Arkansas in August was 1,383. ■

E. ELMER GRIEVER JR., son of Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Griever, Hamburg, was ordained to the ministry by



the 1st Church, Hamburg, Oct. 5. A student in Southwestern Seminary, he has been called as pastor of Lone Camp Church, near Ft. Worth. His father was chosen as moderator; Jack Carpenter served as clerk. Carl Locke led in questioning; G. A. Hopper, ordaining prayer; J. D. Tolleson, El Dorado, sermon, and A. James Linder, presentation of the Bible.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

New Christians As Deacons

QUESTION: Is a church ever justified in electing new Christians to the office of deacon? By new Christians



I refer to those who have just been baptized and have not even had a Christian home or any religious training in their background. I thought deacons were to be mature Christians.

ANSWER: Paul distinctly says that a deacon should "first be proved" (I Timothy 3:10). In the same vein he says that a minister (or bishop) should be "not a novice" (I Timothy 3:6). But this is not clearly defined. And in some churches, particularly small ones, it may be hard to get some of the older men to fill this important office.

I have known some new Christians to make more spiritual progress in a few months than other church members have made in years. The stability of character and personality is not to be judged by number of months or years which a person has had in the church. The main point is, that deacons should be consecrated, stable, wise, humble and patient. Usually it takes years to develop these qualities. Fundamentally, you are right.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

Baptists Light Way For Another Church

A CERTAIN church of another denomination in Baltimore had never had evening services. One Sunday evening the church treasurer was taking his report to the home of the pastor. As he and his wife drove along, she noticed a number of cars parked at a Baptist church. The building and the church yard were lighted.

She turned to her husband and asked the reason for all the activity. "They are having Training Union," he replied. She wanted to know more. He told her of the Baptist plan for training church members, coupled with the evening worship services. They discussed the matter and decided to ask the pastor why their church did not have Sunday evening services.

When they talked to him, he announced that he, too, would be happy to see their church lighted on Sunday night. He agreed to present the matter to the church council. When he did, that body warmed to the idea and recommended a plan for evening worship. In a few weeks this church could be seen lighted on Sunday night, beckoning people to enter and worship.

It happened because a Baptist church set the right example.

Independence News

INDEPENDENCE Association has achieved the Standard of Excellence in Sunday School for the past three years. The seven churches holding recognitions for Standard are: 1st, Batesville, John Holston, pastor, and J. K. Southerland, superintendent; Floral, Fred Westmorland, pastor, and Gerald Brown, superintendent; Pilgrims Rest, Eldon Rogers, pastor, and Claude Duncan, superintendent; Rehobeth, W. L. Bunch, pastor, and Ray Morgan, superintendent; Rosie, Billy Kimbrough, pastor, and Edward Crutcher, superintendent; Ruddell Hill, Coy Sample, former pastor, and Roby Butler, superintendent; and West, Leslie Riherd, pastor, and Hayden Carpenter, superintendent. The West Church also is recognized as having an Advanced Standard Sunday School for the second straight year.

The Associational Standard of Excellence for Training Union has been requested for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1959.

SULPHUR ROCK Church ordained Alle Horton, Albert Shell, and W. W. James as deacons. Assn. Moderator W. L. Bunch served as moderator and led in the questioning; E. E. Haley, Desha, served as clerk and Roy McLeod led the prayer. Harrison Johns, superintendent of association missions, preached the sermon.

FIRST CHURCH, Batesville, had a remarkable year of achievements this year. They have a Standard Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and an Honor Church Training Union. They also started a new church library and had the first Girls Auxiliary coronation service in the history of the church (and association). From the \$59,050.38 received by the church, \$20,696.59 was given to missions with \$2,347.60 going to associational missions:

CALVARY CHURCH, R. A. Bone, pastor, has installed a central heating and cooling system.

WHITE RIVER Church, Oil Trough, has called Billy Goyno to be their pastor.

BALADO CHURCH has called Tommy Crisco, a student at Southern College, to be their pastor.

EVERY CHURCH in Independence Association has contributed to world missions through the Co-Operative Program this year. ■

JIMMY KARAM, Little Rock businessman who recently became a Christian, was the speaker at the Oct. 12 meeting of the Brotherhood of University Church in Ft. Worth. (CB)

J. M. HITT, retired pastor who spent 19 years in Arkansas, writes from his home in Moulton, Ala., to renew his subscription to the *Arkansas Baptist* and to let his friends know of his address. During his service in Arkansas, Mr. Hitt helped with the organization of 20 churches.

White River Association Backs Civic Foundation

THE 117TH ANNUAL meeting of the White River Baptist Association was held at the First Church, Cotter, on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8 and 9. Fifteen Baptist churches and six missions in Baxter and Marion Counties are represented in the Association.

The following resolution was passed: "Be it resolved that we express our confidence in, and our support of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Incorporated, in its fight against bad literature, gambling and alcohol and other narcotics."

Association officers elected were: moderator, John Finn, 1st Church, Cotter; vice moderator, Howard King, 1st Church, Flippin; clerk, Everett Wheeler, Mountain Home, and treasurer, Neil Nelson, Mountain Home.

New pastors who have been engaged by the Association churches during the past year are Howard King, Flippin; John Finn, Cotter; Delbert Garrett, Yellville, and Glen Hicks, Bruno.

Highlight activities in the association during the past year included the establishment of two missions — Rea Valley Mission, sponsored by the 1st Church, Flippin, and Eastside Mission, sponsored by the 1st Church, Mountain Home.

Every church in the Association reported at least one baptism during the past year. Total baptisms was 184, which is the second high in the history of the association.

Seven of the churches report the *Arkansas Baptist* in their budget. These are Cotter, Gassville, Hopewell, Mountain Home, Pilgrims Rest, Whiteville, and Yellville. Norfolk reports the club plan.

The association's next annual meeting will be Oct. 13 and 14 at the 1st Church, Mountain Home. ■

REV. AND MRS. Alex F. Garner, missionaries to Argentina who have been in the States on furlough, have sailed for their field of service. Their address is Casilla 177, Santa Fe, Santa Fe, Argentina. Both are natives of Arkansas, he of Ft. Smith and she, the former Charleta Beindorf, of Pope County.

NORFORK CHURCH reports 30 conversions during the Sept. 13-26 revival with 14 being baptized. Five were received by letter. Evangelist was Hugh Cooper; song leader, Red Johnson. Bernard Ford is pastor.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Sebastian Christian Civic Foundation will meet in 1st Assembly of God Church, Ft. Smith, at noon Oct. 26. Plans will be made to hold a training school to study problems on gambling, juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, narcotics and publication of obscene literature. (DP)

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM in America was born out of experience — experience which saw the denial of Baptists to worship God conscientiously.



DR. SELPH helped formulate fundamental principles in American government.

This little band faced gigantic problems. Freeing itself from rigid laws of ancient autocracy, the young nation did not want to enslave itself in the same. The new world had new ideas of democracy.

With the exception of Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, the settlers had largely been denied religious freedom. The enslavement of men's minds and spirits would go on if they did not have freedom here as in other matters.

These five men were conscious of this. Nine years before, four other men had been jailed in the same town for the high crime of preaching the Gospel. These Baptists were: John Waller, Lewis Craig, James Childs, and William Mash.

In addition to this, the men in the room had been members of the State Convention to which memorials for religious liberty had been sent. The General Association of Baptists in Virginia had appealed to this body again and again during the years immediately preceding this meeting.

The fight was long and laborious but because Baptists made themselves heard, Jefferson and the others made themselves heard. Later these words would be written: "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." ■

BOYD BAKER, pastor of Wynne Church, was erroneously identified as Bob Baker in a recent picture in the paper in connection with the GA service there.

STATE BSU Director Tom Logue was guest speaker at the youth week of 1st Church, Jacksonville, recently. Robert McMillan is pastor. (CB)

SEVEN CAME by baptism at the recent revival in Victory Park, Pittsburg, Okla., at which Paul E. Wilhelm, Lamar, was evangelist.

A Critical Situation

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

THE SHORTAGE of nurses at our medical installations on the foreign fields constitutes one of the most critical situations that Southern Baptists face.

Today, according to Elmer S. West, there are only 45 missionary nurses serving in 17 hospitals and 58 clinics and dispensaries in 21 countries.

In Guadalajara, Mexico, we have a modern, 41-bed hospital which was dedicated to the ministry of healing in our Saviour's name some 18 months ago. In all these intervening months, there has not been one missionary nurse to serve on the staff. The two missionary doctors — Dr. Lamar Cole and Dr. Franklin Fowler — who serve the hospital, desperately need a minimum of two nurses.

According to Dr. Cornell Goerner, Secretary to Europe, Africa and the Near East, only one nurse serves at the 104-bed tuberculosis hospital at

Mbeya in Tanganyika. This nurse is also a missionary wife with family responsibilities. Three missionary doctors serve the hospital!

For four years, according to Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary to the Orient, the cry of the mission in Thailand for the beginning of medical work has gone unheeded. Two or three doctors would probably be available for appointment to Thailand within the next 18 months, but at present no nurse is available.

From the beginning of Christian missions, the medical aspect of our Christian witness has been increasingly significant, but today that phase of our testimony is in jeopardy.

Cannot we find some way to challenge our fine young women to respond to the call of Christ for medical missions? Is it not possible to inspire them to prepare themselves, in the field of nursing, for the glorious ministry that continues to await us all around the world! ■

Fleming Offers Funds For Canadian Missions

LONGVIEW, Wash.—(BP)—William Fleming, Ft. Worth, Tex., Baptist philanthropist, has offered \$1,000 a month through the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington budget for establishment of Baptist missions in western Canada.

Fleming said the \$1,000 would be given, provided the convention put \$500 per month into the budget for the same purpose. The convention, in annual session here, accepted his challenge and adopted a 1960 budget providing the \$500 per month.

A number of Baptist churches in western Canada are affiliated with the Oregon-Washington convention and send messengers to its sessions. An effort has been under way to seat messengers from Canadian churches at sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, but faulty wording of a proposed amendment prevented action at Louisville last May.

A committee of the Oregon-Washington convention's executive board, and its executive secretary, R. E. Milam of Portland, Ore., will meet with Fleming to plan establishment of missions.

At the same session, the two-state convention re-elected its president, L. F. Minnis, Woodland Church, Seattle, Wash.

The convention adopted a total 1960 budget of \$242,144, with \$152,092 the Cooperative Program budget.

REV. AND Mrs. Harold Hightower were honored at a reception last week at Beech Street Church, Gurdon, in observance of the fifth anniversary of Mr. Hightower's pastorate here. During Mr. Hightower's tenure there have been 179 additions to the church, the value of church property has increased

Alcoholics Increase 200,000 Each Year

The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare said in New York Oct. 1, the number of alcoholics in this country was growing at the rate of 200,000 a year.

"The public health service considers alcoholism as the fourth major public health problem in the United States," declared Secretary Flemming.

He estimated that 5,000,000 persons in the nation today are alcoholics, with up to 25 million of their relatives affected by the problem.

"In 1940," said Flemming, "there were an estimated 3,050 alcoholics per 100,000 population of age 20 or more. In 1955 there were an estimated 4,360 per 100,000.

In his address at a banquet of the National Council on Alcoholism, the Secretary urged that the problem be attacked by means of education and scientific research. (DP)

Booming St. Lawrence Seaway Baptist Field

COLUMBUS, O.—(BP)—The booming St. Lawrence Seaway region in western New York state now has a pastoral missionary from Southern Baptists.

Ralph Z. Boroughs, formerly of Niagara Falls, N. Y., has moved to Massena, N. Y., to undertake the new program, jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, and Massena area Southern Baptists.

from \$63,000 to \$160,000, and the annual financial receipts increased from \$16,807 to \$28,226.

Ernest Hogan Heads Buckner Association

ERNEST HOGAN was elected moderator of Buckner Association at the annual meeting in Waldron. Other new officers include: Joe Kelton, vice moderator; Clifford Lyon, clerk, and Wendell Henderson, treasurer.

Alex Garner, foreign missionary to Argentina, spoke to the group and Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the state convention, reported on Arkansas progress. (DP)

BROOKS HAYS, former Southern Baptist Convention president, will be the featured speaker at the Apr. 3-6 Religious Emphasis Week at the University of Arkansas. Other speakers included on the program are Dr. Ralph Phelps, Ouachita president. (DP)

MRS. HAROLD BENNETT has been elected president of the Texarkana Baptist Ministers Wives Fellowship. Other officers are Mrs. James Read, vice president; Mrs. Hollis Combs, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Coleman Campbell, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Fletcher Erwin, program chairman. (DP)

L. V. SHORTLIDGE has resigned as pastor of 2nd Church, West Memphis, to enter the field of full time evangelism. His pastorates have included three other Arkansas churches and one in Kentucky. He also is available for supply work and may be reached at RE 5-4269 or by writing 502 North 27th, West Memphis.

School Lord's Prayer Questioned in Court

MIAMI, Fla. — (BP) — Is it unconstitutional for school children to sing hymns and say the Lord's Prayer in school?

A Miami father says it is. He also contends it is unconstitutional for children at school to hear Bible readings and to observe Christmas and Easter.

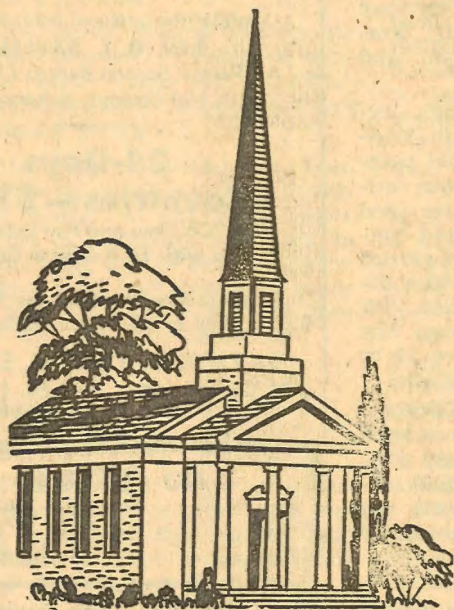
Harlow Chamberlain, a salesman, said such practices violate religious freedom. He has filed a petition here in Dade County circuit court asking for a halt to religion in the classroom.

"Free enjoyment of religious worship includes freedom not to worship," his attorney, Herbert L. Keiken said.

But Dade County School Board Attorney George E. Bolles countered that under that argument "we would have to cease opening the state legislature with a prayer and eradicate from our coins the words 'In God We Trust'."

Judge J. Fritz Gordon said the suit raises a good constitutional question and indicated he will not dismiss it.

A Remedy for Costly Indifference



The Blight of Indifference

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Is it suffering from indifference? If so, try this remedy. Plan to send the **Arkansas Baptist** to all the families next year. The cost is only 14 cents per month for each subscription and the church can pay by the month. Names can be added or dropped from the mailing list at any time.

If further information or assistance is desired, write the **Arkansas Baptist**, 401 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Ark.



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Dr. Williamson Ends 22 Years in State Post

THE MAN who directed the growth of Arkansas Baptist Sunday Schools from their 1937 enrollment to today's 207,526 retired effective Oct. 15.

Dr. Edgar Williamson, 5404 Hawthorn Rd., thus closed another chapter in a career dedicated to religious education when he left an office he's held since 1937.



DR. WILLIAMSON Board in Nashville, Tenn.

A tribute to Dr. Williamson was paid by leaders at the state Sunday School Conference which closed in Little Rock's First Baptist Church Oct. 13. Some 800 attended the two-day meeting.

His son, Dr. Stanley Williamson, who heads the southwide audio-visual aids department with headquarters in Nashville, presented a pictorial review of his father's work at last night's rally session.

During the period of 1940 to 1958, when Arkansas' population dropped 9.4 per cent, Baptist Sunday School enrollment climbed 65 per cent, it was pointed out.

Prior to his coming with the state convention, Dr. Williamson served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Paragould for five years. Preceding that he had served as education-music director in a number of churches including Third Baptist of St. Louis and Travis Avenue of Ft. Worth.

Under his leadership, Arkansas Baptists began the summer field workers program in which young people give of their vacation time to assist rural churches with their programs. Another project which he has directed has been the development of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs. (DP)

REV. AND Mrs. Billy B. Tisdale, missionaries to the Philippines, are returning to the States for furlough. Their address is 1404 Jacksonville Drive, Henderson, Tex. Mr. Tisdale is a native of El Dorado.

COY SAMPLE has accepted the call of Riverside Church, Little Rock. He began his duties Oct. 11. Mr. Sample comes from Ruddle Church, Batesville.

Race Relations

The Arkansas Program

FIVE ANNUAL leadership conferences for Negroes are held in different sections of the state. These conferences usually cover 2½ days, with morning, afternoon, and night sessions dealing with different phases of Baptist church work, such as, Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U., Brotherhood, doctrine, evangelism, and church finance.

It is the Department director's responsibility to meet with Negro leaders in planning the program and placing on them key men from our convention. In this respect we have used scores of our pastors, laymen, and convention leaders, and not one has turned us down. The department provides literature, other materials, and helps with the expense of these conferences. The conferences are held only where 12 or more churches agree to participate.

Bible School, Church Finance Clinics

In the past two years there has been a growing demand for the one-day clinics. Here again the Department director plans the program, selects the personnel and provides the necessary materials.

Institutes, or Study Courses

The institutes run for four nights with four books being taught. The Department director meets with the pastors and plans the course of study, selects the teacher and provides the book. We always use our study course books. Credit for study can be received through the Sunday School or Training Union Departments.

Leadership Camps

This summer we had our most successful camp program for Negroes; with one camp for boys, ages 9-16, and one camp for girls of the same age. Each camp ran for a week's duration. We had 150 enrolled in these two camps and 10 found Christ as their personal Saviour.

This is the only camp for Negro children conducted by any Christian group in the state of Arkansas. This work is of vital importance in the development of future Negro Baptist leadership. Our goal for 1960 is the same as this year — two camps. We wish we could have four so that we could divide the Juniors and Intermediates.

The Department director rents the Aldersgate campground, plans the program, promotes the camps, selects the adult leadership personnel, provides materials, and handles financial responsibilities of the camp.

Rev. M. W. Williams serves as pastor and director of both camps.

Our most recent co-operative work has been worked out with two of our best Little Rock Negro Baptist Churches. These two churches, the Pulaski Baptist Association (white) and the Race Relations Department transport the Deaf and Blind School children into Sunday School and worship services each Sunday morning.—Clyde Hart, Director. ■

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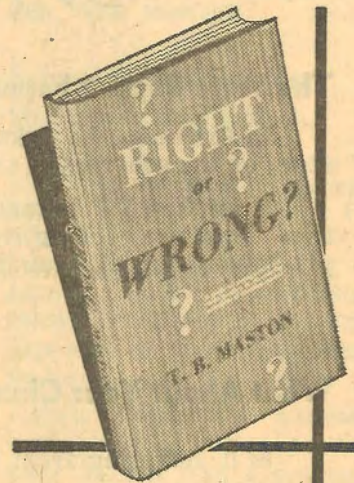
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Compere Papers Now Ready on Microfilm

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Private papers of a man who made Baptist history in the Southwest are now available on microfilm for study, the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here reported.

They are letters, diaries, and reports of the late Ebenezer Lee Compere, missionary in western Arkansas and Oklahoma territory for the Convention's Home Mission Board.

The missionary's youngest son, Gen. E. L. Compere, entrusted the valuable historical matter to the Commission. The papers of Compere, according to the Commission, are in many respects "the richest find that has been made in more than 20 years of resource materials in the area they represent."

Juvenile Delinquency Solution Not Easy

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Juvenile delinquency is a problem which will not "yield to superficial examination" and for which there is no one-track conclusion, a speaker here declared.

Nolan P. Howington, Louisville, associate professor of preaching at Southern Seminary, pointed out complex factors which enter into the picture of juvenile delinquency.

Addressing a section of the Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference, Howington cited three general areas which can contribute to delinquency. These are family problems, bad social and cultural influences, and problems of personality for the delinquent.

"The ages 10 through 17 are of greatest concern," the professor added. "These are years of adjustment, during which the growing youth feel a need of security and desire to achieve a feeling of success and status."

Howington said a disturbed home will produce children who can not adjust to society. Parents may have been poor marriage risks from the start, or their discipline, instead of being tempered with love, may be exacting and often harsh.

Parents who fail to stay at home enough of the time create a void which may lead to delinquency. "Some children may remember their parents by a whole string of babysitters," Howington remarked.

Children who become delinquent may think their own misdeeds are no worse than the traffic violations, tax evasions, and sharp business deals about which their parents boast, he said.

The city, because of the concentration of population and two-crowded housing, shows the greatest increase in juvenile delinquency, but the small towns and rural areas show their increase too, the speaker reported. ■

Brotherhood

Movement's Growth Amazing for 23 Years

THE NEW building housing the offices of the Brotherhood Commission was dedicated on Monday evening, Oct. 12. It was a great occasion. Southern Baptists can well be proud of these new facilities which mark a milestone in Southern Baptist history. The building is located at 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis.

From an enrollment of 5,076 to more than 600,000 men and boys . . .

From a single room office to a new brick building front on almost half of a city block . . .

"That's how the Brotherhood movement has grown among Southern Baptists in 23 years.

Men, once described as the sleeping giant among Southern Baptists, are coming to life through the Brotherhood Commission. During the last 10 years the number of men enrolled in Brotherhood leaped 139 per cent to 382,682 at the end of 1958.

Boys, who became a responsibility of the Brotherhood Commission four years ago, are enrolling in the Royal Ambassador program at a record pace, too. They have grown in three years from 114,974 to almost 200,000.

By the end of 1959, total Brotherhood enrollment is expected to exceed 666,000.

The movement for laymen goes back to May, 1907, when a group of men met in Richmond, Va., and organized the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Leaders included Joshua Levering of Baltimore, Md., and Governor W. J. Northen of Georgia.

The name was changed to Baptist Brotherhood of the South in 1926 and to Brotherhood Commission in 1951 when the organization was elevated by the Southern Baptist Convention from standing committee status.

Memphis became the site of the agency headquarters in 1936. Previously, it was in Richmond and later in Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Only three executive secretaries have directed the agency. They are John T. Henderson, 1908-1938; Lawson H. Cooke, 1938-1951, and Dr. George W. Schroeder.

Only in recent years has the Brotherhood Commission's building program taken wings. For almost 20 years headquarters of the agency was a single room only 15 feet square in a downtown office building.

The newest addition to the Brotherhood Commission is a two-story structure of 9,000 square feet, larger than the existing two unit building.

During the two decades, size of the staff increased from one to 30.

In 1958 the Brotherhood Commission published more than two million pieces of literature. Major publications prepared and distributed are the **Brotherhood Journal**, with a circulation of more than 105,000; **Ambassador Life**, 83,000; and **Ambassador Leader**, 12,000.

Twenty years ago evangelism became a definite part of Brotherhood work. Now the Brotherhood promotes every phase of church work and the denominational program through its staff and in co-operation with secretaries of state Brotherhood departments. — Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary. ■

Tennessee Survey To Be Voted Upon

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The survey committee appointed by Tennessee Convention has drafted its final report.

The committee's report will be presented to the 1959 convention sessions, meeting in Gatlinburg Nov. 10-12.

The report calls for the closing of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy at Seymour, Tenn., and immediate sale of the convention-owned property. The institution offers high school-level education.

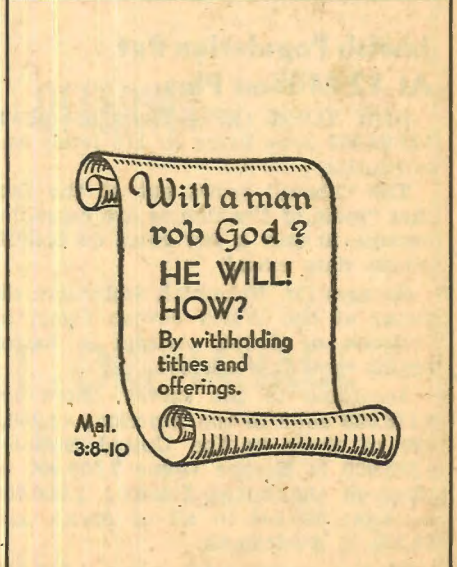
Another recommendation, if passed, could result in a branch of Union University being established in Memphis "as soon as possible." Union University, at Jackson, is the convention's senior college in west Tennessee.

Other changes pertain to management of the **Baptist and Reflector**, weekly state Baptist newsmagazine; size of the convention's executive board; and committees of the executive board.

The committee also recommends that no home for aged be founded by Tennessee Baptists at present.

Tennessee Baptist Press, a corporation under whose supervision the weekly denominational newsmagazine is published, would be dissolved. The committee recommends the functions of the corporation be fulfilled instead by the administrative committee of the executive board.

The committee proposes that membership on the executive board be increased from the present 52 to 75, and that the reorganized board have six committees in addition to its administrative committee.



Will a man rob God?
HE WILL!
HOW?
By withholding
tithes and
offerings.

Mal.
3:8-10

Insignificant?

IT SEEMED to be a matter of no importance that Luther found a Bible in a monastery; but as he opened that Bible, and the brass-bound lids fell back, they jarred everything, from the Vatican to the farthest convent in Germany, and the rustling of the wormed leaves was the sound of the wings of the angel of the Reformation.

It seemed to be a matter of no importance that a woman, whose name has been forgotten, dropped a tract in the way of a very bad man by the name of Richard Baxter. He picked up the tract and read it, and it was the means of his salvation. In after days that man wrote a book called "The Call to the Unconverted," that was the means of bringing a multitude to God, among others, Philip Doddridge.

Philip Doddridge wrote a book called "The Rise and Progress of Religion," which has brought thousands and tens of thousands into the kingdom of God, among others, the great Wilberforce.

Wilberforce wrote a book called "A Practical View of Christianity," which was the means of bringing a great multitude to Christ, among others Leigh Richmond.

Leigh Richmond wrote a tract called "The Dairyman's Daughter," which has been the means of the salvation of unconverted multitudes.

And that tide of influence started from the fact that one Christian woman dropped a Christian tract in the way of Richard Baxter, through Phillip Doddridge, through the great, Wilberforce, through Leigh Richmond, on, on, on, forever, forever. So the insignificant events of this world seem, after all, to be the most momentous.

—T. De Witt Talmage

Jewish Population Put At 12 Million Plus

NEW YORK (EP)—There are about 12,082,000 Jews living in 119 lands and territories,

The "about" grows out of the fact that "most of the figures are estimates because in only a few cases do official census data exist."

So says Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the World Jewish Congress' Institute of Jewish Affairs in listing results of a new survey.

According to the survey, there are 6,176,000 Jews in the Americas (5,200,000 of these in the United States); 3,273,000 in Europe (some 2,000,000 of these in the Soviet Union); 2,006,000 in Asia; 560,900 in all of Africa and 64,500 in Australasia.

Of the grand total, some 1,822,361 are in Israel itself.

From the Annuity Board

A Word to Rural Churches in Arkansas

ARKANSAS RURAL church folks like to convince you they've got the best Baptist preacher money can get.

Many will tell you without a second thought how he works long and hard all week, and then preaches good sermons every Sunday.

But, almost to the man, they'll hesitate to tell you how much they pay him for his faithful service.

Ministers' pay on the national average is \$4,418 per year.

Yet, 80 per cent of all rural preachers in Southern Baptist churches make less than \$2,500 a year. Out of this sum, Uncle Sam claims his share. The pastor automatically puts at least a tithe, and sometimes as much as 17 per cent into Sunday's collection plate. From the remainder, he must feed, clothe, house and educate his family. If there is anything left, he sets it aside for his "rainy day." Most of the time, however, there is nothing left.

There are 31,498 churches dotting the Southern Baptist Convention's map, with almost 24,000 of them classified as rural.

Arkansas alone has 905 churches with less than 300 members. These startling facts are described in an article appearing recently in *The Years Ahead*, official publication of the Relief and Annuity Board.

Because of these small salaries, the Annuity Board leaders decided to challenge each church to pay the small cost in the protection plan for its pastor.

All media of promotion was used.

A few churches had the message brought home to them when death or disability struck their pastors. Others learned from nearby congregations how a pastor's death caused an undue hard-

ship, while another heard how a disabled preacher created a two-salary strain on his church.

But many other churches heeded the Annuity Board's pleas. They decided to turn over to the board the job of worrying about their preachers' need if they should become disabled, die, or retire while serving in their pulpits.

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"It may be a struggle to the church at first," the article pointed out, "but like a baby taking his first steps, they become easier and easier."—John Bloskas, Relief and Annuity Board. ■

REX ENOCH, Bolivar, Tenn., has been made assistant director of BSU at the University of Arkansas. The South-wide Student Department has aided establishment of this post with a scholarship. He will be working on his master's degree in sociology. Enoch will promote a program of visitation and witnessing. (CB)

THE UNIVERSITY of Arkansas BSU has come out with an attractive publication, *The BSU Link*. The four-page paper calls attention to activities of the BSU and presents program plans.

MAC GATES, pastor of Riverside Church, Little Rock, since its organization July 15, 1956, has resigned. He led the church in erection of a building valued at \$30,000. Present church membership is 61, and Sunday School enrollment totals 96. (CB)



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Plans for Mission Program Formulated in Dayton

SOUTHERN BAPTIST work in Dayton, Ohio, will move from the broad program under an area missionary to an intensive city mission program if plans formulated recently materialize. And the city will be the first of six Ohio areas slated to receive such a program.

The step is indicative of the development of work in pioneer areas, as Dayton becomes the fourth pioneer metropolitan center to adopt a city mission program, according to Fred Moseley, secretary of city missions of the Home Mission Board. Only Denver, Portland, and Seattle have such a work.

The program will be financed by the churches of the local association, the state convention, and the Home Mission Board.

Moseley said that at the conference in Dayton the emphasis was placed on a non-institutional type mission program for pioneer areas. "It should be primarily a program designed to establish new work and strengthen the churches now in existence," he said.

Twenty pastors from the Dayton area, leaders from the state convention and the Home Mission Board set up the procedure to be followed in establishing the program at the conference.

Preparatory steps which they suggested included the following:

Visit to a well-organized city mission program in a pioneer area by the area missionary.

Associational mission rally presenting the plan for the city mission program.

Approval of the program by the executive committee of the Central Association.

Adoption of an enlarged association budget to include missionary expenses. Survey of the area.

Study of the associational constitution that it will encourage the city mission program.

Already Missionary Bill Slagle is scheduled to observe the city mission program in Denver, Colo., and confer with Fred Moseley and Leroy Smith, city mission superintendent there.

Following the approval of the program by the association next fall, a city mission superintendent will be elected to implement and direct the activities.

Other Ohio cities under consideration for city mission programs are Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, Akron, and possibly, Youngstown.

The city mission program will give intensive promotion of the mission program in the concentrated metropolitan area of Dayton as well as the benefit of knowledge in metropolitan planning available to the superintendent of city missions through conferences and literature.

Of the 163 metropolitan areas in the United States (population of 100,000 or more), six are in Ohio. ■



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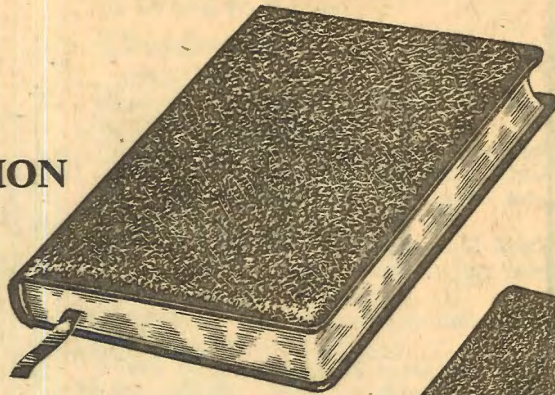
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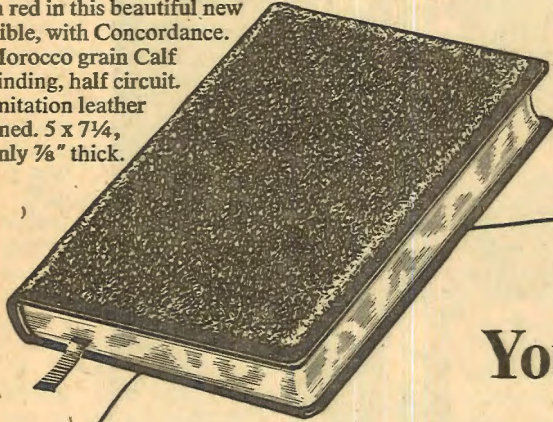
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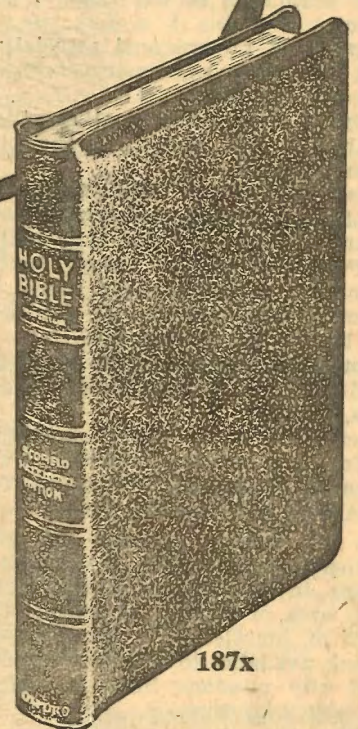
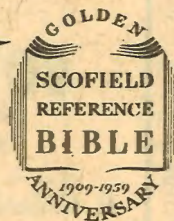
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MANY CHURCHES will send their pastors to the Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro next year. They look on it not only as a reward for good service but as an investment in making him a better pastor in the years ahead.

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America, seeing both the achievements to date and the needs yet to be met?

Send your pastor. Many laymen and women should go, too. The date: June 26-July 3, 1960. For information about the Congress and a mission tours brochure, write the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth St., N. W., Washington 9, D. C. Act fast. The time is short.—C. E. Bryant.

Smokes Cost to Double Church Gifts for '59

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Total gifts to United States churches will add up to a little more than \$3 billion this year, but over against this is the fact that Americans will spend almost twice as much on cigarettes in 1959 as they contribute to their churches.

According to U. S. Department of Agriculture figures, cigarette smoking once more is on the increase—and retail purchases will total nearly \$6 billion this year.

Sidelight: For the first time in history, women will smoke more than one-third of the 460 billion cigarettes to be consumed this year.

FIRST CHURCH, Corning, extended a call to John P. Whitlow to become its pastor. This action was taken at the close of the service on Sunday night, Oct. 11. Mr. Whitlow is now serving as pastor of the 1st Church, Jonesboro, Ill.

DR. FRED Savage Jr., pastor of 1st Church, De Queen, has resigned.

REV. AND MRS. C. Hudson Favell, missionaries to Ghana, announce the birth of a son, Charles Benjamin. The Favells have three other children. Their address is Baptist Medical Center, Nalerigu, via Gambaga, Ghana, West Africa. Mrs. Favell, the former Jean Cristy, is a native of Ft. Smith.

Texas Baptists Okay Wadley Hospital Lease

DALLAS — (BP) — The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has voted by a slim 74-71 margin to recommend leasing the controversial Wadley Hospital in Texarkana.

The institution had been offered by its trustees to Texas Baptists as a gift, but some Baptist leaders feared acceptance of the hospital, originally constructed with the aid of \$1½ million federal government Hill-Burton funds, would draw criticism as a violation of the historic Baptist stand on the separation of church and state.

Texas Baptists will have the final say on the question when the Executive Board's recommendation goes before the annual convention in Corpus Christi Nov. 2-4.



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Freeman Re-elected Big Creek Moderator

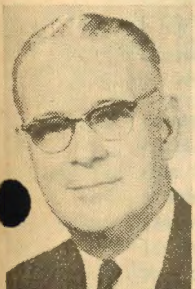
P. O. FREEMAN was re-elected moderator Big Creek Association at the annual meeting in Enterprise Church Oct. 8-9. All but two of the churches in the association were represented.

Carl White was named vice moderator and Clarence Talburt was re-elected clerk-treasurer. Viola Church was selected as the site for the 1960 meeting.

DeLARK CHURCH, Carey Association, ordained their pastor, Leroy French, to the ministry Oct. 4. Dr. George Blackmon, Ouachita College, brought the message and charge. Associational Missionary Tom Pool was moderator and Doyle L. Lumpkin, 1st Church, Sparkman, was clerk. Mr. French, a student in Ouachita, is married and has two children.

PASTORAL CALLS in Greene County Association include: James Moore full time to Nutts Chapel; Charles Abanathy full time to Stonewall, and Arnold Clayton, Gobler, Mo., to 3rd Avenue. (CB)

JOINS EDITOR GROUP—Joe T. Odle of Jackson, Miss., has been elected editor of the Baptist Record, weekly newspaper of the Mississippi Convention. Its 91,000 circulation is tops in that state. Odle has been interim editor since the resignation in mid-summer of W. C. Fields to accept a position in Nashville.



MR. ODLE

A Need for Safety

By Thelma C. Carter

DO YOU know why your pet dog barks and runs to a safe place when a stranger comes near? A naturalist explains that there is a built-in sense of danger in the natural world that only the Creator could have given. All animals, birds, fish, and insects have it.

It is a good thing that our animal world has this sense of danger. Think of the many dangers that lie in wait for animals along lake shores and streams, in marshes, meadows, and forests, on prairies and high mountains, and even in the great ocean waters.

We, too, have a feeling of a need for safety. Even though many things are done by our parents, schools, and churches and through laws for our well-being, we feel a special need for the safety that only God can give to our hearts.

David felt this need, both when he was a shepherd boy and later as a great king. He said of God, "Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble" (Psalm 32:7).

Animals are always on the alert for enemies, even while resting or grazing in fields or drinking at springs and ponds. You can see them looking about, tensing their bodies at the slightest sound. That's why, too, your pet dog barks in alarm at strange things.

How do animals know or sense danger? How do they know what is happening about them? The answers are simple. They know in the same way we know, by their senses—by seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and smelling. Some animals have extra senses to hear, see, and feel things that never reach human beings.

Cottontail rabbits, with a very keen sense of hearing, move lightning fast to safety. Squirrels, foxes, deer, rats, and insects disappear at the slightest strange sound. Lizards dive into sand and underbrush. Fish and sea animals flee to safety in hiding places in ocean waters. Even the oyster seeks safety by closing its shell to strange shadows and forms.

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A Nosy Hello

By Ida M. Pardue

IT'S GOOD manners to be nosy in some places. Among several peoples, one must use one's nose in order to extend the correct greeting.

When two Laplanders meet, they press their noses together and sniff by way of hello. This is true also of some Siberians, notably the Samoyeds, and many Polynesians. The Eskimo greeting is almost the same, except that they rub instead of pressing like the Lapps.

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By Lee Birk

Show me the pattern of thy ways;
Help me always thy paths to trod;
So that the sum of all my days
Marks me as one who walks with God.
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By Ida M. Pardue

1. On what food was Elijah fed
By the ravens — cake or bread?
2. What bird sent out by Noah's hand
Went thrice to find a place to land?
3. What creature told a lie to Eve
And found her easy to deceive?

ANSWERS
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TWO FARM boys who had never been far from home enlisted in the army and were on their way overseas. As their ship left harbor, they stared in amazement at a lighthouse.

"I do say, Tommy," said one finally, "isn't that one heck of a place to put a silo!"

A Holy Terror

DURING THE war, a London couple was so terrified by the idea of being bombed that it was decided to send Junior, aged 9, to an uncle in the country. Three days later, they received a telegram: "Am returning boy. Please send bomb instead."

Ahead of Schedule

IT WAS Anthony's first ride on a railroad. The train rounded a slight bend and plunged into a tunnel. There were gasps of surprise from the corner where Anthony was sitting. Suddenly the train rushed into broad daylight again, and a small voice was lifted in wonder. "It's tomorrow!" exclaimed the small boy.

Realistic Son

JACK: "Dad, what are ancestors?"

DAD: "Well, my boy, I am one of your ancestors. Your grandfather is another."

JACK: "Then why do people brag about them?"

And He Got Treated!

BILL HAD just returned to his home in Brooklyn from a vacation in Texas. He greeted his wife by giving her several mink coats, five Cadillacs, and scads of money.

"How in the world did you get all these things?" she demanded.

"Shucks, honey, it was easy. I was in Houston, during Halloween, and went out playing tricks or treat."

Church Chuckles



"Alright, go ahead and name me some good reasons why I should pledge!"

There are probably enough reasons to fill a book. However, one alone should suffice . . . without pledging there would be no churches! Only through individual pledges can a church predict its financial capabilities, and plan its program accordingly.

Undaunted Witnesses

By RALPH PHELPS

(President, Ouachita College)

Bible Lesson: Acts 4:1-31

October 25

WITNESSING FOR Christ can be a dangerous business. So it was for the missionaries murdered by the Auca tribesman in Latin America in the twentieth century, and so it was for Peter and John in the first century A.D., as this week's lesson shows. This is the first taste of persecution for the early Christians — a sip from a full goblet which they are soon to drink completely.



DR. PHELPS

The miracle of healing in which a beggar crippled from birth had first walked and then leaped about had just taken place, and a large crowd had gathered in open wonder on Solomon's porch of the temple to see the spectacle. Peter had taken quick advantage of the gathering to preach a stirring sermon, and his words immediately precipitated trouble.

A Determined Opposition. 4:1-4

Among those who had gathered to see what was going on were the priests, the officer in charge of order and arrangements in the temple, and the Sadducees, a powerful religious party made up of aristocratic Jews who had found favor with the Roman authorities because of their friendly attitude toward Roman rule. These were largely the same men who had incited the mob against Jesus.

The Sadducees, who were rationalistic in their approach to religion and strongly denied any possibility of resurrection after death, were incensed that Peter and John were teaching at all and particularly that they taught the resurrection of the dead through their testimony that Jesus had been raised from death.

To try to squelch such teachings at once, the authorities arrested Peter and John, holding them overnight since it was already evening and since they needed additional time to decide how to dispose of these preachers.

A Probing Question. 4:5-7

The next morning the Sanhedrin was assembled for the trial of the two men. All of the Jewish high brass had gathered for the hearing. The "rulers" were the official representatives of the people; the "elders" were older men whose age and experience gave them influence and position in the court of seventy members; the "scribes" were the Bible teachers, some of whom belonged to the court. Also present

were Annas, the old and honored high priest; Caiaphas, his son-in-law who had officially displaced him through Annas' son, Johnathan; Alexander, mentioned but not further identified; and the whole family of the high priest.

Thus gathered, the court asked the formal question: "By what power, or by what name, have you done this?" Their question was not so much for information as to gain grounds on which to prosecute Peter and John.

A Fortright Answer. Acts 4:8-12

If the court expected to intimidate the witnesses or to see them evade the issue with weasel words of supplication, they were in for a big surprise. Peter, who not too long before had denied his Lord three times as he cowered in the courtyard while Jesus was being interrogated, replied with boldness and forthrightness that got right to the point.

As for the means by which "the good deed done to the impotent man" had been accomplished, Peter flatly declared that it was "by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead." This Jesus, whom the "builders" here assembled had rejected, had been made the chief cornerstone. What's more, Peter declared, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." He not only urged them to turn from their rejection of God in Christ but suggested that whatever hope of salvation they had rested with this Jesus. How in contradiction this was to their notion that membership in the Jewish nation would guarantee salvation!

Instead of defending an unorthodox act of healing, Peter charged his judges with having murdered the Son of God and urged them to accept Jesus as the living Christ. That he should have such courage is explained in the phrase "filled with the Holy Ghost."

An Eloquent Silence. 4:13, 14

When the Sanhedrin saw the complete assurance of Peter and John, who were obviously men untrained in Rabbinic culture, the Jewish leaders were staggered. They recognized the two apostles as men who had been with Jesus, and this might have been enough to condemn them except for the fact that the man who had been healed was standing with them. His healing was so miraculous that they dared not attack Peter and John lest the crowd that had witnessed the healing be stirred up against their rulers.

Unable to think of anything, the court sent the two out while they held a star-chamber conference on what to do. These unlettered men, led by the Holy Spirit, had blunted the edges of the most educated Jewish minds.

A Devious Stratagem. 4:15-18

The Sanhedrin then sought a way

to minimize the effectiveness of what Peter and John had done and said. Of the miracle, they said, "We cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name." What they decided on was not an outright denial of the demonstrated truth but attempted intimidation of God's servants. From that day to this, this method has been employed by those wanting to thwart the gospel's spread. It reminds us of the tactics of communism where it is in power; all attempts at propagation of the gospel are banned.

A Courageous Conviction. 4:19-22

The attempt at intimidation fell flat before it got off the ground. After listening to the ultimatum, Peter and John replied, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." In effect, they asked, "Should we take orders from you when they are counter to the orders from God?"

Then they continued, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Through all the centuries of Christian persecution, this is ever the ultimate conclusion to which true followers of Christ have come. No matter what the cost to themselves, they have no choice but to relate what they have experienced in the Lord.

After threatening the apostles further, the authorities let them go. They could think of no way to punish them because of the attitude of the people, who were thanking God for the miracle which had made a man helpless for forty years able to walk.

A Fervent Prayer. 4:23-31

Upon being released, the two men returned to their own company of believers and related everything. Immediately their fellow-Christians "lifted up their voice to God with one accord." Here, as elsewhere in the early life of the church, special mention is made of their being "in one accord." If our churches today could be of one accord — of one spirit, unified in heart and purpose — when trouble comes and could pour out their feelings in one-accord prayer, then they could know the same power this group found.

Their prayer was eloquent in its simplicity. "Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." And in answer to this prayer, "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spake the word of God with boldness." The presence of the Spirit gave them courage and power to be better witnesses.

While we in this country may not endanger our lives by taking a stand for Christ, we may suffer ridicule and heartbreak within family or social groups if we dare to stand up for Jesus. Moral and spiritual courage may be even rarer than physical daring, and we could well pray for power to be undaunted witnesses for Christ. ■

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—KENNETH J. Foreman in *Introduction to the Bible*, Volume 1 of *The Layman's Bible Commentary*, just published by John Knox Press.

**Golden Gate Fall
Enrollment at 329**

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—(BP)—Nine nations on five continents — Europe, Africa, Asia, and North and South America — and 35 of the United States are represented in the student body of Golden Gate Seminary.

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