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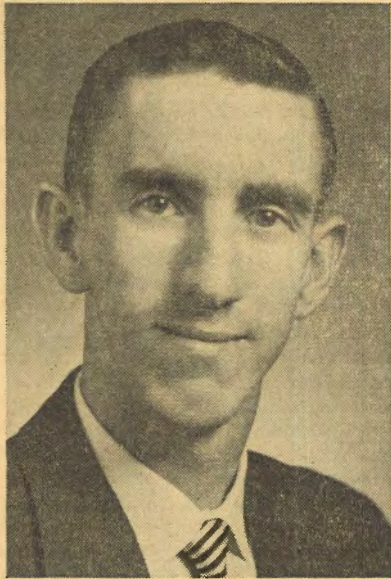
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**Fishing in Arkansas**

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**Mr. Sparkman**  
*Paragould's Gain*

● SEVEN SURRENDERED for special service and three made professions of faith in the Vacation Bible School at First Church, Plainview recently, according to Pastor Fred H. M. Smith. Enrollment was 103 and the offering was \$29.

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● THE RELIGIOUS musical program, "Sayer Sings," featuring Rev. and Mrs. Sayer Canova and aired by Station KUOA of Siloam Springs, Sunday afternoons at 3:45 for the past three years, is now carried by six other stations throughout the Southland. Sayer sings hymns and his wife, Frances, reads scriptures and poems.

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## Buckner Association Notes

● MELMO COLE was ordained to the ministry by the Parks Church, June 9. Missionary J. T. McGill led the examination. Prayer was by J. M. James. Earl Miller presented the Bible and Olen Smith served as clerk. H. G. Milam, pastor, was moderator, and C. E. Cloyd, of Kansas City, gave the charge and the sermon. Mr. Cole has been called to Hon Church.

● OF THE 33 churches in Buckner Association, 28 plan a school of missions in October.

● H. G. MILAM has resigned as pastor at Parks Church and will retire on July 1. He will be available for supply work and revival meetings.

● JAMESFORK CHURCH has called Hugh McGehee, of Pascola, Mo., as pastor. He has moved on the field.

● ABBOTT has called Perry Babbs of Poteau, Okla., as pastor. The church has gone to full-time services.

● HARTFORD, Mansfield, Midland, Fellowship, Pleasant Grove No. 3, Poteau, and Denton are all in a building or remodeling program.

● FIVE CHURCHES in Buckner Association have finished singing schools. Workers from Ouachita College were supplied by the state Music Department.

● THREE SUNDAY school group-training-schools are now in progress.

● THE ASSOCIATION has eleven pastorless churches.

● ELEVEN Vacation Bible Schools have been reported so far this year.

—J. T. McGill, Missionary

● J. SAMUEL PHILLIPS has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Cabot, to become pastor of First Church, Lovington, N. M., effective July 1.

Mr. Phillips has been pastor of the Cabot church four and one-half years. During his ministry a new education building was erected at a cost of \$33,000. Other buildings were remodeled and re-decorated. Church budget increased from \$9,700 to \$25,000 per year. Gifts to missions increased from \$2,879 to \$5,542. Additions totaled 285, 153 by baptism. A part-time director and a secretary were added to the staff.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Texarkana, Tex., where he grew up in Beech Street Church. He is a graduate of Ouachita and has the Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary. Mrs. Phillips is a native of Dallas, Tex., where she was a member of First Church. The couple has two daughters.

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● CONWAY H. SAWYERS, a recent graduate of Southern Seminary, is back in Arkansas and is available as pastor or supply preacher. He and Mrs. Sawyers and their daughter, Kathy, aged 2½, are temporarily located at the home of Brother Sawyers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sawyers, of Box 281, State Colleege, Ark., and can be contacted there.



**Mr. Phillips**  
*Young Man Goes West*

● REV. E. RAWLINGS, who came to Arkansas to be pastor at Siloam Springs in 1911, is now retired and living at 11911 Garfield, Hollydale, Cal. He sends his subscription for another year to the **Arkansas Baptist** and writes that he has been a regular reader of each issue since 1911.

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● EDITOR McDONALD supplied last Sunday for Central Church, Bald Knob. Sunday he is to be the guest minister for Central Church, Magnolia, Dr. Loyd Hunnicutt, pastor.

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● BRUMLEY CHAPEL, Conway, recently had the services of Bill Lewis and Red Johnson in a revival which resulted in four additions to the church by baptism and one, by letter. There were 50 rededications according to Pastor Raymond Strickland.

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● WHELEN SPRINGS Church and Pastor Theo Cook had the services of Evangelist Jesse Reed and Rev. Mel Mintz, who led the singing, in a recent revival. Three were 12 additions to the church, 10 by baptism, and six rededications.

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● MISS BETTY ORR, head of the Secretarial Science department at Ouachita, was a discussion leader at the national centennial celebration for Business Education at the Baker hotel in Dallas recently.

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● TEMP SPARKMAN is the new minister of education at First Church, Paragould, reports Pastor Jim Yates. Mr. Sparkman is a native of Madison, Tenn., and received his college education at Belmont College in Nashville. He has the MRE degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is president of the Alumni Association at Belmont.

## Concord News Notes

● A MISSIONARY'S HOME, located in the Cliff Drive-Crestview Addition on the East side of Ft. Smith, will be constructed by the Concord Association as soon as all legal documents can be cleared and filed. The house valued at \$14,000 will be located on a large lot on South "Y" Street. Darell Ross, Harlan Abel, Herman Sanford, James Pleitz and Lynwood Henderson are members of the building committee. Dr. S. W. Eubanks, Al G. Escott, and Harlan Abel were elected as trustees. H. O. Hewitt is the building contractor. Missionary Jay W. C. Moore and the building committee will be consultants to Hewitt. The house has been designed for an adequate office for the Missionary and an extra large living room for conferences with associational committees.

● DR. J. HAROLD SMITH, pastor of First Church, Ft. Smith, is conducting an association-wide revival meeting for the 40 churches that comprise Muskogee Baptist Association in Oklahoma. The revival is being conducted under a huge canvas cathedral-like tent, 60 x 160 feet, which is pitched on the Alice Robertson High School grounds in the city of Muskogee. The revival will continue through July 7. Mark Short, minister of Music for First Church, Muskogee, is directing the music. Following the Muskogee Crusade Dr. Smith will conduct a tent revival in Fayetteville for the churches in Washington-Madison Association.

● THE LAVACA CHURCH is spending \$6,000 to enlarge and remodel the entrance to the church auditorium, which will contain a bell, a vestibule and four additional class rooms. Jack Hull is the pastor.

● THE BLOOMER CHURCH, in Concord Association, recently opened for its members a new church library. Miss Verna Knight is the librarian and R. P. Davis is the pastor.

—Jay W. C. Moore

● LIFELINE CHURCH, Little Rock, was the scene of a surprise "This Is Your Life" service on a recent Wednesday evening in honor of Pastor Lawrence Kendrick and his twelve-year-ministry with the church. Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick received many gifts, according to Mrs. Doris Thompson, who presided. A reception followed the service. Mr. Kendrick resigned the pastorate upon the advice of his physician to rest a year.

### NO PAPER JULY 4

IN KEEPING with a policy of long standing, the Arkansas Baptist will not be published next week, observing July 4 as a holiday. We shall look forward to resuming our weekly visits with our readers with our issue of July 11.

Be careful and stay alive!

—The Editors

## The Cover

### Fishing in Arkansas

ONE OF THE most wholesome forms of recreation is portrayed by our cover photograph, made at one of Arkansas' numerous resorts.

Sometimes the young fisherman with the simple pole and line has better "luck" than the man with the latest and highest priced equipment. Regardless of whether the fisherman prefers live or artificial bait, the waters of Arkansas are well stocked and inviting.

As one who is himself addicted to fishing, perhaps the editor is qualified to sound a word of caution against the abuse of the fishing privilege. The Christian is entitled to a certain amount of recreation and will be a better servant of the Lord and of the church by making a place for it.

It would seem to go without saying that the Christian will be law-abiding as a fisherman. He will see that he has the proper license and will observe the regulations as to size and limit.

Now the editor is going to stop preaching and go to meddling. There is no law against Sunday fishing. But when Christians forsake the assembling of themselves together for public worship on Sunday and take the Lord's Day over as just a holiday, they deteriorate spiritually and the value of their witness and service for God declines.

Let those of us who like fishing — and boating and swimming, etc. — make a place for a reasonable amount of wholesome recreation, but let us do even this to the glory of God.

—The Editor

● RECENT REVIVAL services at Central Church, Magnolia, resulted in 33 additions to the church, 20 for baptism. The pastor, Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, was the evangelist. Music was under the direction of Ken Green, minister of music for the church.



In Harvard Avenue Ceremonies

## Etowah Has Fire

A DREAM OF almost 50 years was about to come true. The people of Etowah had wanted a church in their community. After a hard and bitter struggle of trying to keep a mission station alive in this small community, a church was established in 1956.

Plans were formulated to build a new church building and money was raised for such a purpose. This spring the church bought the school property and proceeded to remodel the school building into a modern church plant complete with educational facilities and a nursery. Work on the interior was just about completed and the building was to have been dedicated on June 2. But, on May 27, at 2:00 a. m., the building was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin. Within one hour, the work and prayers of the people were destroyed, BUT NOT THEIR SPIRIT.

Luckily, when the property was transferred from the School Board, insurance of \$4,000 on the building was transferred with it, but the people lost a building that was valued at nearly \$16,000. The people of the community have rallied again and have donated \$900 more to start a new building and educational plant for their community.

—John Gearing

Mississippi County Missionary

● TWO QUEENS were crowned and 26 GA girls received awards for forward steps in a recent coronation service at Harvard Avenue Church, Siloam Springs, Harry Hopkins, pastor. The queens are Kathleen Brown and Jennifer Ford.

● THE HOME MISSION Board has employed 445 college and seminary students for the Student Summer Mission Program. Included are nine Arkansans: Janie Marie Harper, Pine Bluff, language missions, New Mexico; Thomas Harris, Fordyce, Kansas; Jerry Muse, Piggott, Colorado; Joyce Hopper, Sparkman, Oklahoma; Bob Peeler, Nashville, Kansas; Henrietta Roberts, Little Rock, California; Robert F. Shaddox, Harrison, Oregon-Washington; Daniel Threet, Peel, Oklahoma.

Arvey Lee Turner, Jr., West Helena, is being sent to Maryland by the Tennessee Student Union.

## Southern Baptists Cooperating

By B. L. BRIDGES

IN THE PREVIOUS article the writer gave reasons why Southern Baptists could not agree to become a component part of Ecumenicalism or to be identified with the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches or their subsidiaries. The question arises then about recognizing these friends in other denominations as being Christians, and to what extent Southern Baptists can cooperate with them.

*(Editor's Note: Last week we carried a digest of an article by Dr. Bridges, "Southern Baptists and Unification," in the April-May-June issue of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal. This is a digest of a second article by Dr. Bridges, in the same issue of the BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL. Dr. Bridges is Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.)*

Baptists realize that there are many genuine Christians, true believers, born-again followers of Christ, that are not members of a Baptist church. For such men and women of other faiths they have the most cordial Christian fellowship, but not church fellowship.

### 1. Tasks of Common Interest to All Christians

There are several areas in which Christians of all faiths can cooperate and coordinate their efforts in doing a task which will be pleasing unto the Lord.

First, there is the fight against intoxicating liquors, wine, and beer. It is a cause in which all genuine Christians can enlist. All regenerated people, regardless of denominational alignment, can conscientiously join hands, voices, purses, and votes in this age-long struggle against the liquor traffic.

Almost any method used in combating this evil is justified, and if all professed Christians would cooperate in an effort to stamp out this curse it would go. Baptists are ready for cooperation at this point.

Second, and another important task in which we all could cooperate, is the suppression of salacious literature that glorifies the obscene in life. "Evil communications corrupt good manners." (I Cor. 15:33)

Third, Southern Baptists are ready to cooperate with other groups in an effort to suppress legalized gambling.

They also stand willing and ready at every time to lock hands with fellow Christians in an all-out effort to suppress any evil which would impair the life of any individual or cause harm to the cause of the Lord.

### 2. The Task of World Evangelism

There are many other realms of Christian service and activity in which Baptists can cooperate with other religious groups, not the least of which is the task of evangelism. Making disciples is a Christian service common to all who have been born again.

Baptists can become a part of a universal Christian movement to win lost people to Christ, for the main task that confronts all Christians is winning the lost to the Saviour.

Baptists can join in a chorus, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31) "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15) They can cooperate in a simultaneous movement to make disciples of all nations. This the Southern Baptist Convention recommends.

### 3. Southern Baptists Often Misunderstood

Southern Baptist leaders know full well that leaders in the union movement think in realms of different objectives and procedures from those of Southern Baptists. Ofttimes suggestions and propositions are made, even in good faith and without guile, that would lead Southern Baptists into an untenable position or an embarrassing situation if indeed not a troublesome and disastrous one.

Southern Baptists do not like to be called "the troublesome child." Neither do they appreciate being placed in the position that they must be considered "anti." They are a people who feel deeply their convictions concerning God's Word and the place they have to fill in this world.

Personally Speaking . . .

## ATLANTIC Perfidy

ONE OF OUR Seminary professors used to say that it is good for preachers to read something once in a while that will make their blood boil.

Dr. R. G. Lee, in his address to the Pastors Conference in Chicago recently,



MR. McDONALD

said that preachers should be able to "get mad," and he pointed to John the Baptist as one who used righteous indignation for the glory of God.

For any preachers or other Christians who have become too mild-mannered and relaxed in the presence of corruption and Satan incarnate, the lead article in the June issue of THE ATLANTIC is recommended reading. "When Billy Graham Saved Scotland," by R. G. Robertson, is a look at our great evangelist through the eyes of one, who, in his own words, is a "sinner," and who, apparently, makes no claim to being a "sinner saved by grace."

So, when the source of the article is taken into account, it is not too surprising to find that the article itself is an out and out attempt to discredit Graham and to make a laughing stock of religion as exemplified in the lives of professing Christians.

It is significant that Robertson, recounting his bus trip to the Graham crusade services and his experiences as a skeptical observer during the services, found not one from his kirk or in the whole Billy Graham assembly whose religious experience — or religion — he would accept as genuine. He attempts to make fun of every one, from the evangelist and his staff of counselors through the last one who walked the aisle to make public a decision for Christ.

It is significant that this man, in response to the suggestion from his local minister that each one take a flask of tea for the trip, filled his flask with "cold and very dry martinis."

But it is strange that one who has never experienced evangelical religion himself would be accepted by the editors of the staid, old ATLANTIC as being qualified to write a critique on religion and the world's leading evangelist.

It is our studied opinion that Robertson and THE ATLANTIC have thrown their resources on the wrong side of the conflict in the great battle Billy Graham is leading to bring the world into the fold of Christ. In seeking to make a laughing stock of Graham they have revealed themselves in a most unfavorable light.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## ARE EXECUTIVE BOARDS SCRIPTURAL?

By Lester C. Dickson  
Wilmington, Calif.

The above question has been kicked around rather frequently here in California by those groups who call themselves "New Testament Churches." Their absurd claims that the methods of the Southern Baptist Convention are unscriptural is, in the opinion of the writer, nothing more than their way of calling attention to their organization and their preachers. Many times we have also heard these people refer to themselves as Church-Equality Baptists and true Missionary Baptists; they make such claims despite the fact that the doctrines of their churches differ very little from the doctrines held by Southern Baptists.

Let us first consider the methods of Southern Baptists in the light of New Testament Scriptures, in order for us to see just how ridiculous are the claims of these so-called Missionary Baptists in their criticism of the Southern Baptist Convention. We ask the reader to read Acts 8:14-16, Acts 15:6-23, and also Acts 20:17-24 and then judge for yourself if the methods of our executive boards differ in any essential respect from the groups mentioned in the above scriptures.

Now, let us also examine the facts in regard to those who call themselves true Missionary Baptists; they appoint or elect committees to handle all business matters between annual sessions of their associations. These committees perform exactly the same function as the executive boards of Southern Baptist churches. In the light of these plain facts, how can these people call our executive boards unscriptural?

The real difference noticed by the writer, who was baptized in a Southern Baptist Convention church at the age of ten, is the confusion and disorder which always characterized the workers conferences of these so-called New Testament churches which we have attended here in California. Nobody seemed to know who the elected messengers of the churches were, due to the fact that the business session was held as a part of the general meeting. In sharp contrast to this confusion, we know of no more scriptural and practical way of handling the business of associations than by restricting these business sessions to the officers of the association, the pastor of each church, and one other elected messenger sent from each church.

These critics of the Southern Baptist Convention also make wild charges that a church surrenders its principles and its autonomy when it affiliates with the convention. They even go so far as to call the methods of the convention "regimentation of religion." Our answer to this is Article IV of the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"While independent and sovereign in its own sphere, the Convention does not claim and will never attempt to exercise any authority over any other Baptist body, whether church, auxiliary organizations, association, or convention."

Does that sound like a church surrenders its independence by affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention?

### Father-Son Reunion

Some months ago you published a request for information about the presence of the father of Artie Woodie, a resident of Lavaca. Through the state-wide coverage of the Arkansas Baptist, contact was made and the reunion of father and son was brought about. The father was 83 years old and had recently suffered a stroke, so the meeting was certainly timely and was a heart stirring event.

I just thought you would like to know how it all came out.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Hull, Pastor

*Editor's Note: We are glad our paper could be the instrument in bringing these loved ones together.*

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● REV. SEIBERT H. Haley has resigned the pastorate of the Fisher Street Church in Jonesboro and is available for supply work and revivals. He can be reached at 801 England Ave., England, the residence of his father, T. A. Haley.

During his two-year ministry at Fisher Street, the church redecored and renovated its entire plant.

## Ouachita College Bible Conference

● THE SECOND Annual Ouachita Bible conference will be held July 1 through July 5 on the Ouachita Baptist College campus, it was announced by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., O.B.C. president.

An outstanding faculty of prominent Southern Baptist theologians will take part. Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will teach from the book of Hosea.

Dr. W. W. Barnes, emeritus professor of Church History at Southwestern Seminary, will lecture on Southern Baptist history.

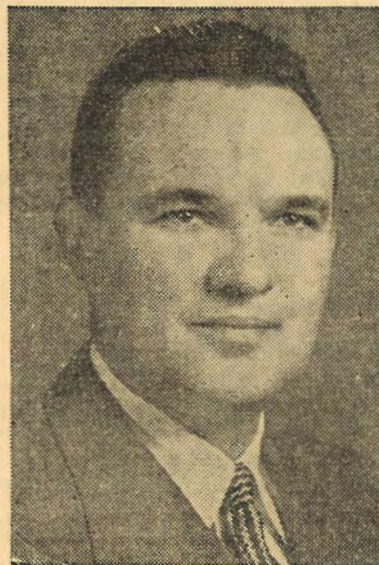
Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., and former professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary, will speak on evangelistic preaching.

Dr. Joseph T. McClain, chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy at Ouachita and former professor of New Testament at Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Cal., will teach the Book of James.

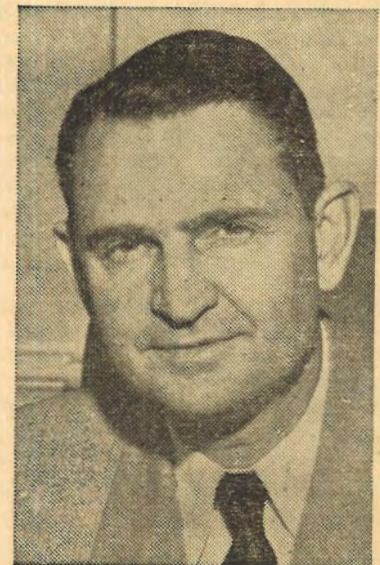
"The conference is not restricted to preachers and all religious workers are urged to attend," Dr. Phelps stated.

Registration will open Monday, July 1, with the first class set to follow lunch. Classes will be held in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday with evening sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. No classes will be held during the afternoon so those attending can swim, fish, play golf or rest.

Cost of attending is \$1 registration fee and nominal charges for meals in the college dining hall. Conferees should provide their own bedding.



Dr. Francisco



Dr. Guinn

## Graham Friends Flock to New York

NEW YORK CITY — If Billy Graham collapses under the load of the biggest evangelistic meeting ever attempted, the cause can be attributed to his friends rather than his enemies.

Graham, however, would be the last to admit such a truth. A few individuals and groups continue to bang away with criticism at every opportunity, but Graham has ignored the taunts and let the Crusade speak for itself — over a half million attendance and 16,000 signed decisions in four weeks at Madison Square Garden.

When he does bother to answer a critic, it follows the pattern of the time in London when he was being taken apart in searing phrases by a British newspaperman. In a note to the writer, Graham said, "Of course, I can't agree with the things you are writing, but you certainly say them cleverly." The writer later became a good friend.

Friends are another problem, however. They are flocking into New York from the 48 states and scores of foreign countries. Many have been closely associated with the evangelist in Crusades and want to discuss various matters with him privately. Others want appointments to talk about future meetings. And some just want to talk. They include governors, industrial tycoons, oil millionaires, film stars, neighbors and ministers of every denomination.

With his built in southern hospitality, Billy Graham would have it no other way. He loves to greet old friends and meet new ones, but it would take a 48 hour day for him to do it and still keep up with all the demands of the New York Crusade. For instance, last weekend he was on three nationwide television programs. Such things take careful planning, but after a steady round of appointments Graham had only a few minutes to spare for each.

Members of the team endeavor to protect the evangelist, in order to give him time for vital study and prayer, but the task borders on the impossible at times. Graham is so afraid of hurting someone's feelings that he doesn't often cooperate with the efforts of his aides. He has expressed the belief many times that "God has called me for a short ministry."

He could be right.

### SHORT STORY:

Norman Vincent Peale, noted minister and author, took part in one of the services a few nights ago at Madison Square Garden.

He listened intently while Graham delivered a simple message and looked closely at the faces of people who had been drawn from their seats during the invitation to surrender their lives to Christ.

After visiting the counseling room, where he saw the people being grounded in Scripture verses for the begin-



Dr. McConnell  
Visiting Professor

ning of their new life, Peale warmly congratulated Graham on the power of his presentation and remarked, "I don't see how you do it every night, Billy."

Graham smiled and reportedly replied, "It's just a lot of positive thinking, Norman."

## Missionary Professor At Southern Seminary

DR. H. C. McConnell, missionary to Chile since 1937, will be visiting professor at the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., next year.

He will teach classes formerly under the direction of Professor H. Cornell Goerner, who was named recently by the Foreign Mission Board as area secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

Dr. McConnell received the master-of-theology degree from Southern Seminary in 1937. He completed requirements for the doctor-of-theology degree during furloughs from his work in Chile, and was awarded the degree in 1953.

He has been treasurer of the Chilean Mission for several years, teacher in the Baptist Seminary in Santiago, and pastor of the Third Baptist Church, Santiago. He is now in the States on furlough.

## Miss Brown Chosen Ariz. WMU Secretary

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — (BP) — Miss Almarine Brown, who recently completed a six-year term as president of the Woman's Missionary Union in Mississippi, will be the new WMU executive secretary for Arizona.

She succeeds Mrs. Charles M. Griffin, who retired May 1.

Miss Brown, a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women and George

Peabody College, has been a public school teacher. She is not new to the West, having held a civil service appointment in the United States Indian School at Santa Fe, N. M.

## Building Plans For Golden Gate Seminary

ADOPTION OF the 1959 budget at the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago elicited this statement from Dr. Harold K. Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California:

"Assurance of the completion of the first stage of construction of Golden Gate Seminary's Strawberry Point campus in 1959 came with the adoption by the Southern Baptist Convention of a budget allocating \$2,000,000 from the Convention to the seminary that year.

"This brings to \$5,000,000 the monies designated to build the new campus. Grading and major tree planting have been completed, and basic utilities will be installed this year.

"Building plans and specifications will be prepared for bidding early in 1958, with construction to be completed for occupancy in the fall of 1959."

## Home Board Announces Mission Photo Contest

A photo contest for missionaries is now being offered by the Camera Club of the Home Mission Board.

Any missionary — direct, co-operative, state, or associational — is eligible for entry. Picture entries will be accepted between now and October 15 and must have been made between January 1 and September 1, 1957. Both color slides and black and white pictures will be accepted. Pictures are to be judged on the missionary story, focus, framing, and exposure.

The Camera Club announced that awards will be given the winners, but stresses that the primary purpose of the contest is to get more high quality mission pictures made and used.

Entry blanks may be obtained by writing to: Home Board Photo Contest, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

MRS. SAM MAYO, Oglethorpe, Ga., has been elected a field worker for the Home Mission Board, effective June 1. Until Rev. Mayo's death this spring, the Mayos were migrant mission workers along the eastern seaboard of the United States.

A NEW COLOR filmstrip has just been released by the Home Mission Board — Big Cities, USA. The filmstrip takes viewers on a tour of Chicago, showing a typical big city.

THE THIRD Convention-wide Rural Church Conference will be held February 24-27 in Memphis, Tenn., at the Bellevue Baptist Church.

## Hays Is Sixth Layman Chosen SBC President

NASHVILLE —(BP) — Research into records of the Southern Baptist Convention indicates that Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.) is the sixth layman to be elected president of the Convention.

Hays was elected at the Convention's 1957 session in Chicago to succeed C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

The other laymen and years they presided are Jonathan Harelson, 1889-1898; W. J. Northen, 1899-1901; E. W. Stephens, 1905-07; Joshua Levering, 1908-10; and Pat Neff, 1944 and 1946 (no meeting held in 1945).

James P. Eagle, the only other Arkansas lawyer president of the Convention (1902-04), was a minister but like Hays was active in politics.

PHILIP HARRIS, professor of adolescent religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and Billy Southern, music and education director of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., are going to Rome, Italy, under the sponsorship of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to direct a program of study for Italian Baptists this summer. (BP)

### PRENUPTIAL PACT INVALID

Agreements before marriage by which a non-Roman Catholic partner agrees to raise children as Roman Catholics cannot be legally enforced in Connecticut, Superior Court Judge Charles H. House ruled early in May.

The jurist's decision came in a case between Edward J. McLaughlin, a Roman Catholic, and his wife, a Methodist. Before marriage in a Roman Catholic rectory in 1942 Mrs. McLaughlin signed an agreement that all children resulting from the union would be baptized and educated in the Roman Catholic Church, that she would not obstruct her husband in the exercise of his faith and that the marriage would be solemnized only by a Roman Catholic ceremony. Three children were born to the couple.

Last year, McLaughlin asked a separation and Mrs. McLaughlin a divorce. Neither was granted. McLaughlin then sought custody of the children and a judicial decree that they be raised as Roman Catholics.

In his decision, Judge House refused both petitions and ordered the father to pay \$75 weekly to support his children. "The law is absolutely impartial in matters of religion. A court will not take a child's religious education into its own hands short of circumstances amounting to unfitness of the custodian," he said. He based his ruling on a provision in the state constitution which says, "No person shall by law be compelled to join or support, nor to be classed with or associated to, any congregation, church or religious association." —EP

## Baptist Crosscurrents

### No Substitute

There is no substitute for academic education. Theological education is no more than a study of a few techniques if one is not a college graduate. An alert college graduate could accumulate a library sufficient for the void caused by a failure to attend a seminary, but there is no substitute for a college diploma. This can be seen by anyone who will analyze the two properly.

Colleges and universities build curricula in those disciplines that have grown cultural communities through the years. These studies are basic to a proper interpretation of the world about us. Such studies as literature, languages, history, philosophy, sciences, psychology, and sociology are essential even to understand the newspaper. These studies prepare one for professional and specialized training.

One who proceeds to seek professional training before, or instead of, liberal arts training does two injuries to himself. First, he cheats himself out of the most helpful studies for his position. Second, he satisfies himself with inferior professional training.

In regard to the first proposition, one can but visualize a highly trained theologian who can neither speak properly nor write intelligently. He knows church history but does not know its context. He does not know, for example, that when the Triennial Convention met in 1814 in Philadelphia that this country was still at war with England, that Napoleon was being set for defeat in Europe, nor that Alabama, Mississippi, and the Louisiana purchase were still territories.

He knows the philosophy of religion which a textbook contains but has never faced the universal problems of philosophy. He knows scriptures on evangelism but does not know the psychology of religious experiences. He knows homiletics but he does not know English rhetoric. He knows some hymns, but does not know poetry and poets. He can read a sermon but has read few good novels; he knows what he believes about the church, but he has no concept of other units of the community in which his church is located.

In regard to the second proposition, the above is absurd. A person cannot know church history apart from history. He cannot know homiletics without knowing grammar and rhetoric. He cannot know New Testament Greek in a vacuum. He cannot know a church apart from a community. For liberal arts training is prerequisite to professional training.

The big corporations like Du Pont, Bell Telephone Company, and others are setting up funds now to send their professionally trained personnel back to school to fill in the gap. They study liberal arts subjects. (See LIBERAL ADULT EDUCATION, a symposium by Laurence F. Kinney and others, White Plains, New York: The Fund For Adult Education.)

The work of the ministry is of such a nature that one who answers the call as late as his thirty-fifth year with a high school education will be justified in the long run to go to college and then to the seminary. This is a short-cut of the highest order. He will waste ten years trying any other method. But if he cannot attend both, by all means the college program is his best choice. I would prefer a Baptist college, but any college that is accredited will be valuable to one.

—Lee Gallman, Director

Seminary Extension Department  
Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi

A total of 15,170,058 Scriptures were distributed last year in 193 languages in more than sixty counties by the American Bible Society. At the end of 1956, the whole Bible had been published in 210 languages or dialects, the complete New Testament in 271 more, and single books in 628 others, making a total of 1,109 languages. (SB)



# PERSONALITIES

Burton A. Miley

## Retires As Sunday School Lesson Writer

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

ON APRIL 2, 1953, a new byline was introduced in the **Arkansas Baptist**. It was that of Burton A. Miley as writer of the weekly Sunday school lessons. During these four years Mr. Miley's manuscript was never late and he has made other worthwhile contributions to the state paper. Recently he decided to let someone else write the Sunday school lessons and completes his work with this issue.

*(Editor's Note: We deeply appreciate the fine contribution Brother Miley has made through his weekly expositions and regret that he is retiring as Sunday school lesson writer. We are happy to announce, however, that we have been able to secure the following writers for the coming months: Dr. Charles F. Pitts, Blytheville, for July; Dr. Rel Gray, Helena, for August; Dr. S. L. Whitlow, Arkadelphia, September; Dr. Ralph Phelps, Ouachita College, October; and Rev. Fritz Goodbar, Danville, November.)*

Mr. Miley is a native of Plant City, Fla. He was one of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Miley. Converted at 13, in a revival conducted by E. J. Bulgin, he was baptized in open water in December. There were two inconveniences connected with the baptizing — the water was cold and the candidates had to change their clothes in the "bushes."

Mr. Miley received his education in the Plant City schools and Florida Business University, where he prepared to be an accountant. He was bookkeeper for Swift and Co. in Lakeland, Fla., and was well on his way to becoming the company auditor when he surrendered to the ministry. He went from there to New Orleans where he graduated from the Baptist Seminary.

The first vivid experience in his youth, recalls Miley, was a split in his church between Landmarkism and the missionary Baptists. He recalls how neighbors and families were divided, and the bitterness, weeping and tension that prevailed on the day the missionary group was voted out.

● **EVERTON CHURCH**, Boone-Newton Association, will have the services of Evangelist M. E. Wiles in a revival campaign beginning June 30.

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● **W. C. BLANTON**, pastor of Frankfort Avenue Church, Russellville, reports a two-weeks Vacation Bible School with 70 enrolled and an average attendance

Mr. Miley spent 18 years in Louisiana pastorates, four as a student pastor during his seminary days, another seven years at Harrisonburg, and seven at Arcadia. In 1932 he decided to get married. Bogue Falaya Church owed him \$18 back salary — which he must



Mr. Miley

have if he proceeded with his plans. The Ladies Aid Society had a hen party, sold their collection at \$.50 a head, and netted enough to retire about one-third of their indebtedness to the preacher.

Mr. Miley lost his first wife, the mother of a son, Kenneth, and a daughter, Charis Jeanne, in 1936. Kenneth is now a senior in the Agriculture school at the University of Arkansas, and Charis Jeanne is a recent **cum laude** graduate of Louisiana Tech.

The present Mrs. Miley was Lizzie Mae McGuffee, of Aimwell, La. She is the mother of another son, Martus, who is 14.

Mr. Miley has been in Arkansas eight years. He served First Church, Marianna, four years and has been at First Church, Springdale, four years.

His hobbies are hunting, fishing and woodwork.

of 57. The mission offering was \$14.50, which was sent to the Cooperative Program.

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● **DR. D. DAVID** Garland, pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, is the newly elected Arkansas member of the Sunday School Board. He succeeds Dr. John L. Dodge, whose term has expired.

## THE BOOK SHELF

*The mind without cultivation can never produce good fruits.*

—Seneca

**Pause for Power**, by John E. Huss, Zondervan Publishing House, 1957, \$2. "Stop Living and Start Worrying" is the unusual topic of a chapter in this book of "Devotional Thoughts for Men and Women."

"Disappointment . . . is in store for those who seek happiness by simply trying to relax," the author declares. "What we need now is a book entitled **Stop Living and Start Worrying**. Jesus taught that man does not begin to live until he dies. . . The man who loses himself finds himself. The man dedicated to a worthy task finds happiness as a by-product. Happiness eludes those who seek it as an end in itself. . .

"Paul said, 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith' (II Tim. 4:7). He did not say, 'I have relaxed, I have lived serenely, I have finished my rest!'"

Other chapters include "Power in Prayer," "This, Too, Shall Pass Away," and "Why People Do Go to Church." We believe readers will find the book inspiring. —ELM

**Ghost Ship of the Confederacy**, by Edward Boykin, Funk & Wagnalls, 1957, \$4.95.

It was a great day for the Confederacy when Raphael Semmes, of Maryland, gave up his commission in the United States Navy in 1861 and went South to build a war fleet for the Confederate States of America.

In this book Mr. Boykin, a lover of American history, gives the thrilling story of Semmes and his daring exploits, who first aboard the **Sumter**, and, later, aboard the **Alabama**, all but swept the United States fleet from the seas. Semmes' record of commerce destruction as captain of the **Alabama**, 69 Yankee ships captured, burned, or sunk, has never since been equaled by surface raider.

Here is another interesting addition to the growing literature on the War between the States. —ELM

**Here Am I**, by Alba Riek Anthony, Greenwich Book Publishers, 1947, \$3.

"This book will give you an insight into the problems, sorrows, joys and victories of Alba Elnora Riek Anthony, faithful wife, devoted mother, and saintly Christian. . . as her pastor I can very definitely assert that she fulfills the Scripture: 'I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. . .'" (Galatians)

—Sterling L. Price

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H. Walton Connelly, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, South Boston, Virginia, has been elected secretary of the Training Union Department of Virginia. He succeeds John M. Tubbs, now with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

**EVANGELISM:**

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

**The Personal Worker**

ALL BORN-AGAIN Christians who have any knowledge of the scriptures know that personal soul-winning is the New Testament plan. Here is a word concerning the greatest soul-winner I have ever known, Dr. L. R. Scarborough:



On one occasion a student asked Dr. Scarborough the secret of his power. Modestly he answered, "If I have any power, it is in this: there is never an hour, day or night, but that I can close my eyes and weep over a lost world." This man stood in the same spiritual tradition with another who said, "I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears." (Acts 20:31)

Dr. George W. Truett wrote of him, "Ever since L. R. Scarborough found Christ precious to his soul as his own personal Saviour, his lofty spirit has been on fire for the salvation of the lost . . . From the day of his definite, final decision to be a preacher, he has been one of the most prodigious workers in Christ's cause, of his own or of any other generation. His ever-enlarging life has been Pauline, both in labors and in spirit."

One of the spiritual giants of the Southern Baptist Convention, Lee Rutland Scarborough (1870-1945), made his influence for Christ and soul-winning felt throughout that vast denomination. He was a denominational leader of top stature, a burning-hearted pastor, a flaming evangelist, and a Christian educator of first rank. For 27 years he was president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., one of the largest theological schools in the world, and for 34 years he occupied "the Chair of Fire," the professorship of evangelism in that institution. His influence was always 100 per cent on the side of Biblical orthodoxy, evangelism, missions and the Spirit-filled life.

His belief that the world needed warm-hearted, passionate Christian workers was expressed in these words:

"A compassionate leadership in the Christian movements of the world is now our greatest need. Every niche of this lost world needs the ministry of a fired soul, burning and shining, blood-hot with the zeal and conviction of a conquering Gospel."

Let every Christian pray fervently that God will fire his soul with compassion for the lost.

**CHURCH MUSIC:**

LeRoy McClard, Director

**Family Retreat**

THE ARKANSAS Baptist Music Directors Organization is sponsoring a family-type retreat for the ministers of music and their families together with their pastors and their families. The retreat will be at Hot Springs on Monday, August 26.

The Retreat Committee has reserved rooms in the Majestic Hotel, Hot Springs, for those attending. The Majestic Hotel was chosen because of the lodge facilities out on Lake Hamilton. The lodge is located on a lovely 10-acre, tree-shaded knoll protruding out into the lake.

The purpose of the retreat is to en-

courage more intimate fellowship among the ministers of music and pastors in our Baptist churches throughout the state. Hence, the emphasis on recreation.

It is requested that those desiring to attend write to the Church Music Department, Baptist Building, Little Rock. Please indicate the number of persons and the ages of the children who will attend with you. The Majestic Hotel is granting a convention rate of \$10 per family.

The more people present, the more wonderful the experience together will be. Hence, we encourage all to be present for the fellowship and recreation retreat, August 26.

—Joe Justin Walters  
Chairman, Retreat Committee

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**TRAINING UNION:**  
Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

**Associationally Speaking**

By Robert A. Dowdy

OUR RECORDS show that we have made a lot of progress in our associational training union program the first quarter of 1957.

We have 39 out of the 45 associations completely organized. Three of the six do not have missionaries at the present. In these six we have some of the officers even though we do not have them completely organized.



MR. DOWDY

This leads me to say that June is the month for the moderator to appoint a nominating committee to nominate the Training Union director for another year. This nominating committee should consist of three of the best people in the association. They should work very closely with the moderator and associational missionary in nominating the associational Training Union director.

After the Training Union director has been nominated he or she should have the privilege of enlisting the department workers whose names will then be submitted to the associational nominating committee for approval. After the three people who are serving along with the moderator and missionary, as an associational nominating committee, have approved the names, they should be elected by the association in a regular business meeting of that association.

Of course, you realize that these are only suggestions. If your association has a better way of nominating and electing your associational officers, fine.

If you would like some further and more specific help in this matter, I would suggest that you write either to the Sunday School Department or the Training Union Department here at the Baptist Building and we will send you a tract on the subject of enlisting and electing associational officers. This tract was prepared by the Home Mission Board, Sunday School Department, Training Union Department, and Music Department of the Sunday School Board. You must have good leadership in order to do standard work.

During August of 1957 Brother Davis and I, as his associate, will make a tour of the state, having conferences with the moderator, missionary, and training union director in every association. In these conferences we will make plans and set definite goals for a larger associational training union program for 1957-58 associational year.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**  
Edgar Williamson, Secretary

**Annual Extension Day**

THE FIRST SUNDAY in June is a good time to observe Extension Day because the weather is usually good

then. However, any other date that is more convenient may be chosen.

On the day set, all Extension members are invited to attend Sunday school and the morning preaching service. Those who work on Sunday may be able to shift hours or get someone to work for them. The elderly and frail will often make a special effort to be present.

Visitors will arrange transportation for their members and sit with them in both services. A flower may be pinned to each as a special recognition. The pastor will simply state that Extension Day is being observed and that it is a privilege to have the Extension members present. Of course, he will have these special guests in mind as he prepares his sermon. The singing of some familiar old hymns will bring joy to all. "Amazing Grace" is a universal favorite.

**PURPOSE AND VALUE OF THE DAY:** Since the ministry of the Extension department is carried on in the homes, the work is done without public recognition and often without most of the church members even knowing that it is being done. When the Ex-

tension members actually attend the services, the entire congregation can see what often they do not hear when they are told about the work. Besides bringing blessings to Extension members, annual Extension Day does much to publicize the department in the eye of the church.

**GOOD RESULTS POSSIBLE.** On Extension Day the pastor will have the unusual privilege of preaching to many who have not heard a sermon in months. Some may not be Christians. When the invitation is given, often the work of faithful visitors is brought to fruition as lost souls are won to Christ.

It may be a glorious day for the members, the workers, the pastor, and the church! It is an opportunity to bring those who cannot attend regularly into a holy atmosphere where the lonely may worship with God's people.

**PLAN FOR IT NOW:** Every church is urged to observe Extension Day. Pastors and general superintendents, begin now to plan for it with your Extension workers. Offer to help them in every way. Together you can make this a red-letter day in your church with blessings for all who attend.

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OPEN LETTER TO ARKANSAS BAPTIST PASTORS

Dear Pastor:

Many of our people over the state are asking about the response to the Arkansas Baptist College offering. At this date it is too early to give an accurate estimate. We know that a great number of our churches took the offering June 9, and others will take it at a later date. In every church where the people had been informed and a real effort put forth, almost without exception, the response was surprisingly good. Many churches went beyond their quotas; and that was true of both the big churches and the little ones, those with and without pastors.

We will publish in the July 16 issue of the Arkansas Baptist a list of the churches and amounts given to the offering.

If your church has not taken an offering yet, please lead them to do so not later than July 7. The only way we can possibly reach the \$100,000 goal is for every church in our Convention to take a worthy offering. No church would want someone else to do their part. We believe money given to help the Negro Baptists save their college, which they so desperately need, is the best investment you can make in missions, in Christian education, and in better race relations.

If your church has already taken the offering, we thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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## WMU:

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

### Arkansans at Conference

MISS SARA ANN Hobbs, state WMU youth secretary, directed the Arkansas delegation at the convention-wide YWA Conference at Ridgcrest ending June 19. The party, which travelled by char-



MISS COOPER

tered bus, visited points of historical and scenic interest en route and toured the WMU Building in Birmingham, Ala. The following were among those who attended: Misses Carolyn Sue Bishop, Nashville; Patsy Caughman, June Dobbins, Carlene Jones, Jean Patton, and Mary Kathryn Dixon, of Pine Bluff; Mary Joe Coker, Pea Ridge; Betty Sue Diles, El Dorado; Nancy Elkins, Springdale; Mary Alice Fields, Helena; Joan Jacobs, DeQueen; Judy Marks and Cynthia Rogers, Fort Smith; Jeanette Powell, Elaine; Marty Rainey and Mary Ellen Tilley, Little Rock; Suellen Shotts, West Helena; Barbara Tommey, McCrory.

Mrs. R. E. Snider of Camden, state YWA Anniversary Chairman, also accompanied the group and served on the teaching staff at Ridgcrest during the conference.

### "Africa For Christ"

... must be the purpose of every teacher who uses one of the new books in the 1957 mission study series to be released soon. The summer months offer wonderful opportunities for "saturation" preparation by reading background books, searching out activities and pictures in secular magazines, etc.

Southern Baptists now have mission work in the following countries of Africa: Nigeria, Ghana, Southern Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya. The adult book treats the work in all these countries. The books for young people concentrate on mission work in Nigeria. Titles and authors are:

For Adults—**Continent in Commotion**, by Dr. I. N. Patterson. For Young People — **Something New**, by Dr. W. L. Jester. For Intermediates — **The Breadmaker's Son**, by Elizabeth Routh Poole. For Juniors — **Tales from Ire**, by Miss Barbara Epperson. For Primaries — **The Lost Monkey**, by Marjorie Stephens.

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### SCORE LIQUOR INDUSTRY

A RESOLUTION calling for a ban on liquor advertising was adopted by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches at its 25th anniversary convention in Grand Rapids, Mich. Citing an all-time high in juvenile "promotional schemes of the liquor industry in the use of newspapers, magazines, billboards, radio and TV to glamorize the use of intoxicating liquors." It urged the enactment of laws "to stop the spread of the disease of alcoholism."

## BROTHERHOOD:

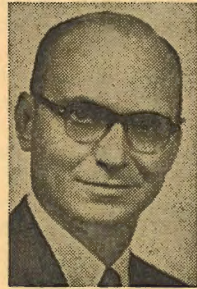
Nelson Tull, Secretary

### First Pioneer Camp

By C. H. Seaton

ROYAL AMBASSADOR Camp time is just around the corner. The First Junior Camp begins on July 8.

Plans are rapidly being completed for the First Pioneer Camp. The Second Junior Camp will begin on July 15. And the final Pioneer Camp will be the Intermediate Camp beginning July 22.



MR. SEATON

There will be ample facilities to take care of 150 boys and the staff at each of the Camp sessions. The Camps this year, although they will be of a pioneer nature, will feature many of the same activities of past camps, plus some additional activities that have not been possible before.

A deep well is being drilled that will assure an ample and safe water supply.

The food will be excellent and will provide a well balanced diet for growing, active boys.

A first-class single bed for every camper will also be provided.

The program will include good speakers, good visual aids, activities of a

creative nature, and at least eight different types of handcraft work.

The fellowship at Royal Ambassador camp is always wonderful. This year will be no exception. We know every boy will enjoy the fine fellowship that prevails in the various activities, including baseball, volley ball, horseshoes, ping pong, bean bags, and many other games.

All in all the Pioneer Royal Ambassador camps at the new camp ground will feature the following things: good food, good bed, good water, good fellowship, good program, and plenty of good clean fun.

Why not make plans now to have your boys attend one of the camp sessions?

Information and reservation blanks have been mailed to every pastor and every counselor of record in the state. See your pastor or Royal Ambassador counselor for further information, or write to the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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● NEW PASTORS in Greene County Association are: M. E. Prince at Big Creek; Owen Ring, Clarks Chapel; Carl Hodges, Finch; O. C. Wright, Light; Joe Skaggs, Mt. Hebron; J. Ray Ezell, New Friendship; Johnnie Lemmons, New Hope; Forrest Jackson, Lake Street, Paragould; Kenneth Morgan, Spring Grove. (CB)

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## Bible Quiet Time

NO ONE CAN say for another what time in every 24 hours is the best for Bible reading, because our circumstances and duties are so infinitely varied. But, if the proposed benefit is to be ours, we must have a time. Some will find early morning most convenient, others, late night, and others again have time at their disposal during the day; but, be it when it may, the time should be fixed.

It is a strange and sad thing that we organize pretty well everything except our religious life. We organize our study, our meals, our recreation, our sleep—but we leave the needs of our souls to take care of themselves as and when they can.

Time and place will be of little avail if the spirit is wrong. There should be stillness within. If your soul is like a storm-tossed sea, if you are beaten about like a bird in a hurricane, if you rush into the Divine presence like a horse into battle, what hope is there of accomplishing anything in the short time at your disposal?

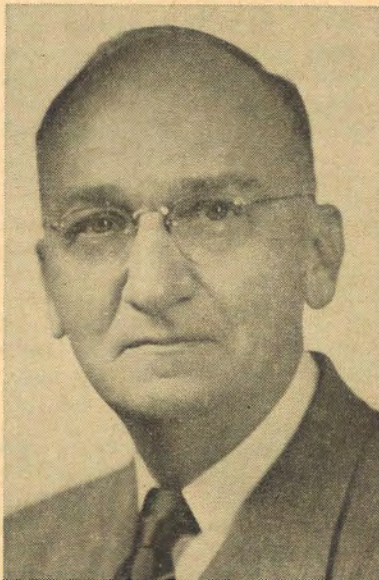
Expectancy is another necessity. He who expects nothing will get nothing. It is the eager soul that will be made glad. If we will expose all our soul to the Holy Spirit, we shall have many a thrilling surprise. Be quiet. Concentrate. Expect. Don't hurry. Fifteen minutes of that will be much better than an hour of restless reading of the Word.

The object of the Quiet Time should not be to prepare addresses for your Bible study group, your Sunday school class, or anything of the kind, but to nourish and upbuild your own soul. At such a time (I am talking of Bible meditation and not of prayer) it is not only right but necessary to forget others.

You cannot convey to others Divine grace if you yourself have a neglected spiritual condition.

From the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship booklet **QUIET TIME**, in Christian Medical Society Journal, March-April, 1957.

## BAPTIST ORPHANAGE VACATION TIME



MR. SEEFELDT

Please remember our children enjoy going to R.A. - G.A. Camps and Siloam Springs Assembly. Cost averages around \$15.00 each.

## BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

We would like to let all of our children have a two weeks VACATION the first two weeks in August as we did last year.

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### MISSIONS:

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Secretary

### Rural Church Conference

THE ANNUAL state-wide Rural Church Conference held this year at Lonsdale was outstanding in interest and attendance. The registration went beyond 160, which was more than anticipated. Every available bed was taken and several were entertained in the old home of Mrs. Lonsdale. We were thinking that the change of place of meeting might cause a decrease in attendance. It may have kept some away, but we were thrilled by the fact that we had the largest attendance that we have had in the past eight years. The majority of the men stayed through the conference. They filled their notebooks and one man said at the close of the conference, "I would not take \$1,000 for what I have in these notes."



DR. CALDWELL

Dr. Earl Guinn, Dr. Courts Redford, Dr. J. P. McBeth and James Sargent, our guest speakers, were all at their best. It is impossible to express the challenge which they laid on the hearts of our pastors. The men in our own state who spoke during the conference seemed to have been at their best also. Never have I heard S. A. Whitlow,

James Fitzgerald, Don Hook, B. K. Self, Ralph Douglas, Clyde Hart, and Erwin McDonald do a better job than when they spoke to the rural pastors Jim Benton, of Springdale, and Arthur Hotel, of Star City, were a great team as song leader and pianist.

Plans are already under way for the 1958 conference to be held at Couchdale on Lake Catherine. The Couchdale Camp has modern cottages to accommodate 450 people. An auditorium that will seat near that number is adjacent to the beautiful Catherine Lake. There will be ample room for every pastor to bring his wife and special conferences will be planned for preachers' wives.

We appreciate the fact that many churches provided the expenses for their pastors to attend the conference. Those who attended will go back to become better pastors and preachers. We feel confident that those who attended this year will make their plans to return in 1958.

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● THE EAGLE HEIGHTS Church, Harrison, began a mission in Woodland Heights on June 2. Forty people were present for Sunday school, according to Associational Missionary Lowell Wright. The pastor of Eagle Heights, Homer Robertson, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Fisher Street Church in Jonesboro.

# JOSEPH, MAN OF MERCY

By BURTON A. MILEY

June 30, 1957

Genesis 45:3-15

"TLL GET even with him if its the last thing I ever do." "This serves him right, for he certainly is worthy of his punishment." These two expressions, heard too often today, must never have anchored themselves in Joseph's mind. If he ever held a grudge against his brothers, or desire to take revenge for what they had done to him, he did not show it. He was the better man for not having this spirit. Their punishment was severe by having to live their years under the weight of a lie. Their eyes saw their aged father as he declined in vigor and activity under the burden of his loss of Joseph.

This lesson about Joseph closes a quarter's work on Genesis and also records two of the tenderest stories within the Old Testament. The first is the scene of Joseph in reunion with his brethren in Egypt where there was compassion toward them without any bad spirit within his heart. He was even able to say "God sent me here in order that you might be provided for." (45:7) The other compassionate scene is that of Judah pleading for his brother, Benjamin, for the sake of the elderly clansman back home. Judah not only reached the height of his life but gave evidence of the greatest in drama as he pleaded, "Let me be bondsman but let the young lad go." (44:18-34) This "broke" the case.

### Joseph's Identity Revealed

Famine has not been confined to Egypt alone. It had overflowed national boundaries and had crippled the land of Canaan. Jacob's clan suffered and they had no provisions in the years of famine. Jacob suggested that his sons go down into Egypt where there was plenty and buy (42:1-2). Ten of the sons, Benjamin was left behind, went away into the distant land to buy provisions. The economic stress was hard enough to bear but this event was far more interesting than the mere release of economic pressure by purchase of grain.

The man with whom they dealt in Egypt was a peculiar man. He thought they were spies. He would not take their word for conditions back home. He retained one of them as surety for the group, after three days of imprisonment had been suffered by all. Simeon was left in prison when the others departed. The trade for grain was made and at Joseph's instructions every man's money was returned to his sack of grain and nine of the men were permitted to start the trip back home. The grain proved little comfort though it was greatly needed. Jacob heard the story of the stranger in Egypt and was grieved in his heart. He complained first of being bereaved of Joseph, Sim-

eon was out of pocket since he was detained in Egypt, now the threat for Benjamin to go and the unknown to befall him, was more than Jacob could bear.

Necessity soon forced the decision that the men must return to Egypt to buy grain. There was no need to go without Benjamin. Judah accepted personal responsibility for the younger brother. Jacob rose to the occasion by sending presents to the man. Double price was to be offered for grain. and Jacob said, "God Almighty give you mercy before the man that he may send away your brother and Benjamin."

The men arrived in Egypt and presented their gifts, bought additional grain, received back Simeon and heard Joseph's invitation to tarry for a meal. At the meal Joseph saw his younger brother and was unable to contain his emotion. He had to step aside to cry. After the meal where Benjamin received special favor, the brethren started their trek back from Egypt. Soon an officer from Joseph overtook them and charged that they had stolen his master's silver cup. This was a surprise to the brothers and they replied, "With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen." The search was on and the cup was in Benjamin's sack. This was a blow hard to take. They returned in a body to Joseph's house.

Judah arose to plead for Benjamin. He revealed the story of Joseph and what it had done to his father. If Benjamin should be harmed and held back he was afraid that the grief would be more than the old man could bear. Judah concluded his plea with, "Therefore I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondsman for my lord, and let the lad go up with his brethren." This was an elegance upon the part of Judah's heart that revealed more in his mind and character than what had been revealed at other times. If it were hard for the brethren to take all of these events, one needs to be reminded that it was not easy for Joseph. Joseph was deeply moved by the sight of Benjamin and then by Judah's pleading for Benjamin. He knew the record behind all this. He didn't know how Jacob had taken the incident. While he could imagine what it had done to his father he did not know for sure. Joseph chose the moment to be alone with his brethren, and to make himself known to them. He wept. It was loud weeping. Feelings through the years were re-

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leased. The Egyptians heard the noise, and the household of Pharaoh heard it, as Joseph revealed himself to his brethren and asked about his father's condition.

### Jacob Sent For

The identity of Joseph filled the brothers with fear. They knew not how to answer and they were dismayed at the presence of this one against whose body, being and life they had sinned. They were men whose past had come to haunt them in the terrifying hour of the present. Joseph revealed his mercy and forgiveness in sending them back with wagons and provisions to bring the whole group of his clan to Egypt to dwell in the land of Goshen where they might be fed and have pastures for their flock. Pharaoh was kind and he was gracious in his offer. The brothers were warned not to "fall out by the way" as they hastened to bring Jacob to the security of Egypt and to the comfort that his son, Joseph, was still alive. No one has ever been able to measure the old man's grief, loss and worry as he wept his heart out for Joseph. It was not easy to tell him that Joseph was alive. It was not easy for him to believe, but the wagons to take him and his clan into Egypt were the proof that sealed the reality in his mind. He was on his way to see his son and die in peace.

### Practical Lessons

**A VINDICTIVE SPIRIT IS HARMFUL.** It dams the flow of the best in life and raises the worst to the surface. Fortunate for Joseph, he was not a brooding man to mull over the action he would take against his brethren. To forgive in mercy is better than to have revenge from wrong.

**WHY WAS JOSEPH SO LONG IDENTIFYING HIMSELF?** Was it to cause his brothers as much concern as possible? Was it really to determine if the family was still together as a unit? Was it to find out how they felt about him so that he would be safe physically when their "lie" was discovered? They might be dispositioned to silence Joseph even in his greatness because he knew too much.

### BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS JULY 1957

GENERAL THEME: "CHRIST OR CHAOS?"

- July 7—A Christian Strategy For a Pagan World
- July 14—Where Is Thy God?
- July 21—"The Race Is Not To The Swift"
- July 28—Spiritual Castaways

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DeQueen	KDQN	
El Dorado	KELD	2:00 p.m.
Fayetteville	KGRH	9:30 a.m. Sat.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hot Springs	KBLO	10:00 a.m.
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# Miriam—The Leader

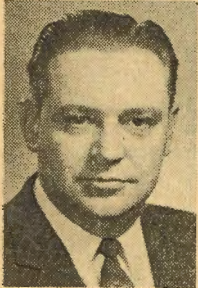
By CHARLES FRANK PITTS

Sunday, July 7, 1957

Exodus 2:1-10;

Nu. 12; 20:1; 26:59

ONE OF THE HAPPY circumstances of life is that a name given in derision may be, by godly living, changed into a name of honor completely divested of social stigma. Miriam was able to do just that. The process of changing names seemed to be quite simple in those ancient days with the former name being forgotten in favor of one more in keeping with personal events.



DR. PITTS

This older sister, who was present upon the occasion of the dramatic rescue of Moses, earned for herself at Hazeroth the title of "Miriam" — a name meaning "their rebellion," or "their

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contention." Her name, the equivalent of the more modern "Mary," marked her as the original "Mary, Mary, quite contrary." With queenly grace and remarkable forbearance she wore the name patiently until she was able to transform her crown of impetuous shame into a diadem of lasting glory. In so doing she set forth the qualities of character so necessary to profitable spiritual service.

### The Qualities of Leadership

There are certain qualities of character which are always present in the soul of the truly great. These attributes are clearly delineated in the brief sketches of this remarkable woman.

By our standards she would certainly not be beyond the "Junior Department Age" when as a poor slave girl in an alien land she kept watch over a hand-woven basket, pitched with bitumen, which loving hands had pathetically concealed in the midst of the aquatic vegetation of the Nile. When the pitiful cries of the Hebrew lad were heard by the party of royal ladies one of lesser courage would have fled in tears to report the tragedy to her anxious mother. Instead, with perfect poise which marks none but the brave, she approached the Egyptian princess without a trace of fear.

Sensing that the womanly instincts of the princess were touched by the baby's pitiful cry, Miriam's suggested solution bespoke a sagacity far beyond her years.

It is not surprising, therefore, that this girl could grow to maturity in a pagan land without the loss of the essential virtues of leadership. She could

witness the rearing of her brother in the culture of a haughty nobility; she could endure the stigma attached to being of an "inferior" race; she could even remain strong in her faith when whatever hopes she may have had in the high station of Moses were shattered with his flight as a fugitive from Egyptian justice. Consequently, upon the return of Moses to Egypt and the subsequent exodus we find this remarkable woman accepted as a leader in Israel.

Following the crossing of the Red Sea, Moses led the congregation of Israel in a song of deliverance, extolling the power and glory of God

Miriam, with commendable concern lest the women be left out of this occasion to glorify God, seized a tambourine — an instrument usually reserved for the festive occasion — committed to memory the first verse of Moses' song and gathered the ladies together. Soon the sweet sound of Israel's first woman's choir lifted its feminine beauty above the sonorous male voices and echoed across the surging sea and the silent desert wastes.

Certainly from this point, if not from the sun-baked fields of the Nile, Miriam ranked with Moses and Aaron as a recognized leader of the new nation. Such recognition could only be gained by one of noble instincts, courageous action, intelligent initiative, spiritual devotion and cooperative attitude.

### Imperfection—Even in Leaders

Nothing so distinguishes the actual from the legendary as the record of human frailty seen in Miriam's one altercation with her honored brother.

To the wise men of Egypt Moses might be a supreme wizard; to the military leaders he might be a genius; but to Miriam he remained "little brother." Familiarity with leadership often breeds contempt and to this temptation the strongest lady of Israel fell. It is the very nature of life that "when two men ride on a horse, one must ride in front," and it is the essence of organization that there be at least a titular head. God had chosen Moses for leadership and could scarcely tolerate as trivial any challenge to that authority, even from the great and good.

Miriam chose the marriage of Moses as the peg upon which to hang her grievances. Together with Aaron, she complained of Moses' choice of a wife. But she was simply using this event to veil her sudden inordinate desire for prominence.

### Leaders, Too, Must Suffer for Sin

Following her heated outburst, Moses apparently made no reply because of his inherent desire for peace—a characteristic he termed as meekness. In an age

when self-effacement was considered to be a mark of weakness, only the "meek-est man on earth" would so stigmatize himself.

Although Moses might forbear to rebuke a sisters' folly, God was under no such restraint. Manifesting Himself to the contentious pair, God reaffirmed His choice of Moses.

Miriam now fell from the highest station to that of lowest. Cast out of camp in her leprous state, the pitiful cries "Tah-may, Tah-may," ("Unclean, Unclean") were wafted on the evening breezes like the wall of a desert beast. Aaron, her broken-hearted brother and partaker in rebellion, prostrated himself before Moses and plead for his sister. Moses mingled his tears with those of Aaron and plead with God in behalf of his sister beloved.

At God's direction, Miriam was ordered to fulfill the divine demands for restoration. Remarkable, indeed, must have been that venerable lady who enjoyed such universal esteem that a sympathetic nation ceased its journeying and sat quietly during the period of her solitude.

Thus did God exact justice from one of the greatest, even as he does from one of the least.

### Restoration to Leadership

Restored to service, Miriam continued the pattern of faithfulness which had characterized her life. When at last she died—the first of the illustrious three—she left a name utterly devoid of odium. That hundreds of years later Micah sang of her greatness is truly wonderful, but by far her greatest honor came when "the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin . . . ; and the virgin's name was Mary."

Only a truly great woman could so transform a title of dishonor into one of the most beautiful names in the world. Even today, more than 3000 years later, we still sing of "Mary, a grand old name!"

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has set a 1958 benevolence goal of \$35,748,211, the highest in the denomination's history. This sum is in addition to amounts contributed to local churches. The 1958 benevolence budget compares with \$18,340,320 in 1956 and about \$25 million to be spent during 1957.

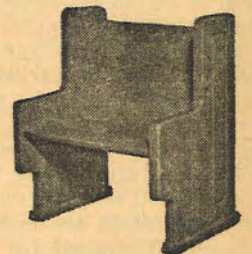
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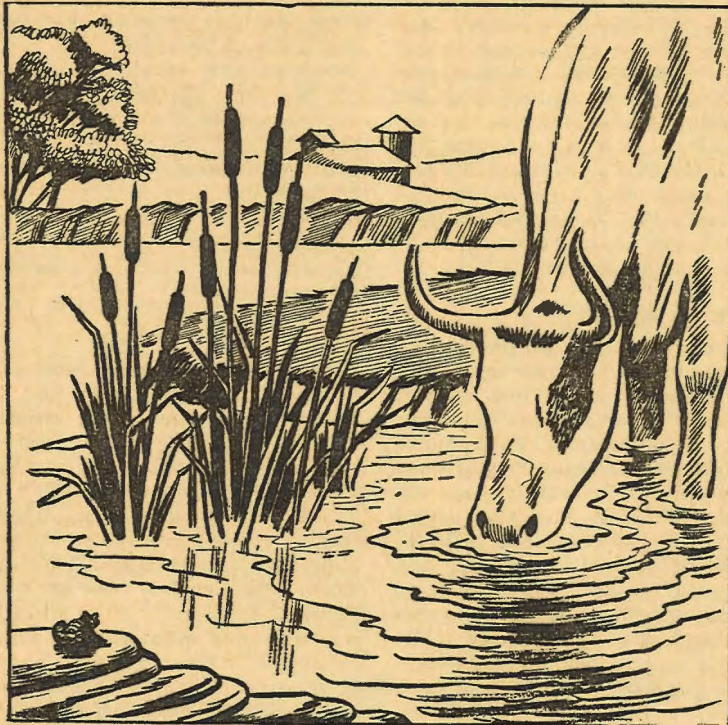
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## God's Wondrous World

By LOUISE JEAN WALKER



A farm pond is a magical creation! Even though it may be fashioned by bulldozer, the actual pond itself, comes into being through nature's rainfall and magical green thumb!

If by chance you should see the first day of existence of a pond when all is barren and empty, you would be amazed at the same pond one month later!

From the first day sunshine warms pond water, you can date the beginning of growth and life within the pond. First, comes the microscopic plant life — green mold and fungus. Then come small organisms, crustaceans, insect larvae, and small fish.

At the margin of the pond, you'll see the first shoots of wild grasses, berry thickets, and tree seedlings.

Dragon flies, beetles, spiders and

scorpions appear as if by magic, hovering over the pond surface, standing head down on the streams of water plants, busily grabbing unsuspecting pond creatures swimming nearby.

Birds, toads, frogs, and turtles are not long in locating a pond, as do the raccoons and muskrats, for food in abundance is here.

Pond creatures work hard at home-building and they face hunger and death when the sky forgets to rain.

Storms work havoc with a pond community resulting in debris, dead insects, and small creatures floating on the murky surface.

Miraculously, as the sun warms the remaining pond life — a brave new spirit is born — and the busy community pond life begins all over again!

In other action the Board approved the opening of mission work for the deaf in the San Francisco Bay Area with the transfer of Rev. and Mrs. Glen Prock from Baton Rouge, La., Louisiana, to the San Francisco area.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Gruver, Belton, Tex., were appointed for Panama City, Panama. Gruver was pastor of First Mexican Baptist, Belton, while in Southwestern Seminary. He received the Price Award at Southwestern for the highest scholastic average in religious education.

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The Census Bureau reports that 9,900,000 Americans live alone, not including inmates in institutions. (SB)

## A Smile or Two

A Dallas woman, dog-tired apparently, advertised in the Times-Herald. "My husband's \$50 puppies for sale for a lot less. If he answers, hang up."

"Is your mother home?" inquired a visitor of a small boy who was mowing the lawn.

"You don't suppose I'm cutting this grass because it's too long, do you?" replied the boy.

The Galveston (Tex.) News came out with this one in a dead-pan news story: "The government unveiled its new income-tax forms, including a simple 15-lie card for wage earners."

A lady with a pain in her side went to see a physician. He told her she had appendicitis and must have an operation. She disliked his diagnosis so she went to another doctor. He told her she had gall bladder trouble and must have an operation. "Where do you go from here?" inquired a friend.

"Back to the first," she declared. "I'd rather have appendicitis."

A woman complained of hurting all the time, first one place then another. She visited a clinic for a thorough check up. Nothing could be found to cause her pains. Upon returning home her husband asked for a report.

"Have to have my head operated on," she calmly replied.

"Your head," he cried with great alarm. "Whatever for?"

"To remove my imagination."

**Ouch!**

Pearl Gibson has been the keeper of the Baptist Building for several years. She is also the fixer-upper of an occasional delicious dinner for the 57 employees. Recently Dr. Bridges told her on a Monday to prepare for a dinner on the following Wednesday. A few minutes later she met the managing editor of *Arkansas Baptist* with these interesting words:

"Dr. Bridges said tell all the pretty ladies we will serve dinner on Wednesday. And Miz Myes, I'se telling you too."

P.S. — The dinner was wonderful!

We pretend we want our children to be perfect—but then turn right around and train them to be like us.

—Country Parson

**CHUCKLE:** Experts can be wrong, as shown by this conversation between two guests at a Washington dinner party: "and you are Mrs. Post?" "Yes." "Mrs. Emily Post?" "Yes."

"Well, Mrs. Post, you're eating my salad!"

—Brooks Hays

**HALF A CHUCKLE:** Comment by a listener after one of my speeches: "Brooks could have done worse." Reply of another listener: "Yes, if he'd had more time."

—Brooks Hays

## Home Board Appoints Missionary Couples

The Home Mission Board, in its June executive committee meeting, appointed two missionary couples for work with the migrants.

Rev. and Mrs. Bertis Fair, Ridgecrest, N. C., were appointed for migrant missions along the Eastern seaboard area. Fair has been pastor of the Clear Creek church, Marion.

Rev. and Mrs. Ed Taylor, Newberry, S. C., were appointed for migrant missions, location as yet undetermined. Taylor has been pastor of the West End Baptist Church, Newberry, for the past four and a half years.



# ★ Executive Board STATE CONVENTION ★

B. L. Bridges, General Secretary; Ralph Douglas, Associate; 100 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

## DICHOTOMIZATION

THROUGH THE YEARS, Baptists have stood foursquare against heresy. We have combated doctrinal heresy through teaching, preaching and even debating. But, one type of heresy has subtly crept into the lives of our people, and we are not aware of it. We speak of the heresy of dichotomization.

Many people have the impression that they can walk down the aisle and join the church and reserve the larger portion of themselves for the business and pleasure side of life. To them religion is just one department of life. Their lives are to be one thing on Sunday and something else the other six days of the week. Sunday is a day of Bible study and church going; Monday is a day of worship on the altar of big business; Tuesday is a day for fellowship and bingo; Wednesday is a day of cocktails and gin; Thursday is a day of make-believe; Friday is a day to "let your hair down"; and Saturday is a "before Sunday last fling day."

Religion has been regulated to a section of life, like the department of a business, and now many lives have become "tid-bits" of "this-'n-that." This kind of Christianity is heresy according to the New Testament. Paul wrote that the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ should always lead the individual toward God, in all phases of life!

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1-2)

He was saying in reality, "Let God change, at its source, your manner of looking at things, and then the world cannot get its hand on you to mold you and fashion you. Once you receive the saving grace of Christ, you are to have the spirit of Christ and the aims of Christ."

## Stewards of Life

THE FIRST TWO verses of Romans 12, means that Christians are to be life-wide stewards. A New Testament Christian has a vivid awareness that Christ motivates him and his. He is concerned about what happens to things because of what has happened to him. So, before we can have world-wide evangelism and world-wide missions, we must have some church-wide

teaching on stewardship, so there can be more life-wide stewards whose lives are centered in Christ.

All of this dichotomization may be due to the fact that we have been afraid to go all the way in our Gospel teaching and preaching on stewardship. Hundreds of our people have the idea that salvation by grace has no effect upon life. But it is high time for us to proclaim God's presence in, and sovereignty over every area of life. The late Dr. George W. Truett told his people over and over again, "Christ will be Lord of all or not Lord at all."

## Stewards of Money

In too many instances we have cried, "The church needs your money." Too, the church leaders say, "Now, pastor, you preach the gospel, and we'll take care of the money matters." That sounds good, but one day the church will need painting or the air-conditioning will need to be paid for, and the pastor will be forced to ask for money. Then, the getting of money, to many, will only be a scheme for the church to go "high-brow." So, rather than wait until the pastor is forced to cry, "The church needs your money," let him start now teaching and preaching, "Your cash needs Christ."

Far too many stewardship campaigns are conducted about like a coach trying to get the players aroused for the second half of a football game when the team is behind 40 to 0.

Well do I remember one coach who would nervously pace back and forth in front of us, lashing us with his tongue, because we had failed on the field. Then, just before time to go back on to the field, he would turn, shake his fist and say, "Now, get out there and fight, you bunch of so and sos." Needless to say that we usually did worse during the last half of the game than during the first half.

On the other hand, I remember the coach who would stand before us during the half and instruct us by pointing out our weakness and telling us what we must do to overcome our failures. Then, he would explain the weaknesses of the opponents and show us how to take advantage of their every mistake. We were known as a good "second-half" team.

Some church people boast, "We hardly ever mention money in our church." Then one day the church needs a new building and someone is forced to get up and beg. Then, when the pastor mentions money for new pews or air-conditioning, someone charges him with

trying to get the church to go "high-brow." So, when the people fail to give the finance chairman gives a few p talks and says, "You might as well give your money to the church. If you don't the government will get it anyway." Finally, when the church leaders see that the money is not coming in, they go to the pastor and instruct him to "get up, shake your fist and point your finger and tell them to get in there and give, you 'tight-wads' and 'skin-flints.'" This will get some money, but there is a better way. That better way is to teach and preach Bible stewardship.

## Bible Stewardship

ALL THAT WE have belongs to God. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." A gospel without that note is sounding brass and tinkling cymbal, and always produces sliced-up, piecemeal, departmentized, dichotomized church members. Then these church members produce dichotomized churches, who proclaim, "We believe in Home Missions," or "We go all out for Foreign Missions," or "Our first duty is Community Missions," instead of promoting a well-rounded Kingdom program. Any church with this type of heresy is like a turkey scratching in the middle of a thousand-acre field, the day before Thanksgiving. He appears busy, feels busy, and looks beautiful but he is fattening himself for the slaughter.

Southern Baptists have been led to a plan that will help all of this dichotomization in our Christian living, the Forward Program of Church Finance. It is a comprehensive step which endeavors to put finance into the church program on a "down-to-earth", Christ-like, scriptural basis. Finance is not a secular matter with the Christian. It is a spiritual matter.

Many churches in Arkansas are planning to use the Forward Program of Church Finance this year. Every church could benefit greatly by using the plan. Investigate it — write to us for information. RD

## MENNONITES RETURNING

MORE THAN 300 Mennonite families who left Canada 30 years ago to settle in Mexico have decided to return home. Apparently they were never very happy in Mexico. So they have obtained permission from the Canadian government to immigrate and settle on a 60,000-acre tract of land on the Black River in northern Ontario near Matheson.

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