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Southern Baptist Convention Leaders

Photo by Carl H. Jones

MEET PRESIDENT HAYS

THE FIRST layman to be elevated to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention since the late Patt Neff, Brooks Hays, Little Rock, center, beams his gratitude soon after his election in Chicago.

With President Hays are First Vice President W. Douglas Hudgins, left, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Miss., who was one of seven nominated for the top position, and Noel M. Taylor, Carbon-dale, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist state convention, second vice president.

For Arkansas, the naming of Congressman Hays (5th District) to the top post was the high light of the Chicago Convention. And those of us who have been privileged to know him intimately across the years feel this will prove one of the wisest actions of the Convention.

Born at London, Ark., to Country Schoolteacher (later, Judge) and Mrs. A. Steele Hays, Brooks moved with his parents to Russellville, the county seat of Pope County, as a boy. Here he grew up, in a Christian home and in the Russellville First Baptist Church.

Brooks smilingly revealed at a conference of Baptist editors in Chicago that he was a Methodist "for 24 hours." While attending a revival meeting in the Russellville Methodist Church as a boy of 11, he accepted Christ as his Saviour. Through a misunderstanding when he went forward at the close of the service to make his public profession of faith, he was actually received for membership. But before the Methodist baptismal service could be arranged, his staunch Baptist parents had cleared the Methodist records, and soon he was baptized into the Baptist Church.

But he will tell you today that he owes much of his success as a Baptist layman to the unwavering loyalty and abiding faith of his wife, 95-pound, Methodist Marian Prather Hays, who flew from Washington to be with her husband at the Chicago Convention following his election.

Noted as a public speaker and lay preacher, Hays confesses that "it doesn't come easy." Describing himself as of a timid disposition, he recalls that his first effort at public speaking was a combination of agony and frustration.

"I had an assignment to speak in BYPU on William Carey," he recalls. "I worked hard getting ready and carried some notes with me just in case I needed them. But I got so nervous that I forgot everything and could not even read my notes!"

But he kept trying. Soon he was attracting attention as "a natural-born orator." One of the early rewards of his leadership was being elected president of the Russellville BYPU.

Perhaps his keen sense of humor that has stood him in good stead so frequently in a rather stormy political career — he was defeated in four major elections before he was ever elected — is itself rooted in early experiences in the little Russellville Church. He still gets a chuckle out of an unscheduled sneeze of Uncle Tom Davis, of the family of the late Governor Jeff Davis, in a church service at Russellville one Sunday morning.

The force of the sneeze was so terrific it blew Uncle Tom's dentures out of his mouth as if it had been a volcanic eruption. Brooks still remembers the perfect arc the teeth made as they sailed through the air and landed at the feet of the church organist.

As a lad of 16 Brooks accompanied another youth and their high school principal to Arkadelphia for a BYPU convention directed by E. E. Lee, then of the Southern Baptist Convention offices in Nashville, Tenn. The three were so charged with ideas and enthusiasm that they went back to their home church and led in a greatly enlarged program.

At 23, as a young attorney following in his father's footsteps, Brooks first served as Sunday School superintendent, and a year later he was ordained a deacon. He later served for many years as teacher of a men's Bible class in Second Church, Little Rock, a class which bears his name, and as chairman of the Board of deacons. In 1928 he served the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as chairman of its Rural Life Commission.

He is retiring chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and a former vice president of the Convention.

Although he has long been an exponent of separation of church and state, President Hays sees a vital connection between Christian living and civic and moral responsibility. He learned about democracy at Russellville, in the Baptist Church and the local community.

Speaking of Southern Baptists and their place in the Kingdom of God, Hays told a group of editors that he feels these are times that demand a new emphasis on quality, along with our quantity, as a great denomination.

"I am reminded of an anonymous note Dr. George Truett received from a member of his church," Hays said. "The note read, 'Pray for a young man who is getting rich very fast.' Southern Baptists are getting big fast! We must look again at our functions and the structure of our organizational life to see if we are measuring up to our best in efficiency and service for Christ.

"We cannot fill our mission through routine church activity."—ELM

Baptist Schools See Expansion

BAPTISTS RECENTLY voted to establish new junior colleges in Louisville and in Dallas and Houston and are now considering starting new schools in at least half a dozen other large cities throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, said in his annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago.

Enrollments in the 70 colleges, seminaries and schools reached an all-time high of 57,335 during the school year just closed, which is 3,653 students more than the total for 1955-56, Cornett said.

"Baptist colleges face a serious threat to the quality of instruction and of campus life unless vigorous efforts are made to interest more already-qualified Baptists in college teaching," according to Cornett.

During the year since the last report, the total property value of Baptist educational institutions rose to \$169 million as compared with \$143 million the year before. Practically all institutions are said to be constructing new dormitories, classroom buildings, or are restoring older such buildings. Many are also adding apartments for students and faculty.

State and Southern Baptist Convention support of Baptist colleges and schools, Cornett reported, increased from \$9,925,000 in 1955 to \$11,742,000 in 1956. This was a gain of 18.3%. Other gifts and grants increased 26.5% from the previous year, reaching \$7½ million for 1956.

Income from tuition and fees reached \$15 million, a 14.8% increase, and income from endowment reached nearly \$3 million, an increase of 13%.

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Southern Baptist Convention, Chicago

Tuesday Night, May 28:

1. The one hundredth session of the Southern Baptist Convention (112th year) was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Casper C. Warren (N.C.) in the International Amphitheatre, Chicago.

2. Verl L. Capps (N. C.), music director, introduced Earl W. Miller (Texas), convention organist; Darrell A. Mock (Texas), pianist; and Ira C. Prosser (S. C.), assistant song leader, and led in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Rescue the Perishing."

3. James P. Wesberry (Ga.) read John 12:1-26 and led in the opening prayer.

4. Secretary Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) reported an enrollment of 6,749 messengers. It was moved and carried that these messengers constitute the Convention and that duly accredited messengers from churches in cooperation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership as set forth in Article III of the Constitution.

5. Ira H. Peak (Ala.), chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Order of Business, which was adopted following an unsuccessful attempt to amend the report. (For a copy of this report see pp. 2-4, Book of Reports.)

6. Secretary James W. Merritt (Ga.) announced the appointment by the president of the following committees:

Committee on Committees: R. Archie Ellis (S. C.), chairman; Howard M. Reaves (Ala.), C. Vaughn Rock (Ariz.), Victor H. Coffman, Sr. (Ark.), Byron F. Todd (Calif.), James O. Duncan (D.C.), John H. Haldeman (Fla.), A. B. Lawkes (Ga.), Theron H. King (Ill.), E. F. Estes (Ky.), Jaroy Webber (La.), E. E. Garland (Md.), Wilford M. Lee (Miss.), Oliver R. Shields (Mo.), Russell Goff (N. M.), James S. Potter (N. C.), W. A. Evans (Okla.), G. Allen West, Jr. (Tenn.), H. H. Hargrove (Tex.), and Owen M. Weatherly (Va.).

Committee on Resolutions: Duke K. McCall (Ky.), chairman; W. R. White (Tex.), Wade H. Bryant (Va.), Millard J. Berquist (Fla.), and Chester Quarles (Miss.).

7. With Vice-president Conrad R. Willard (Mo.) presiding, Noel M. Taylor (Ill.) was presented for the address of welcome.

8. Following the singing of "The Love of God" by Verl L. Capps, President Warren delivered his presidential address.

9. Secretary Baker James Cauthen presented the report of the Foreign Mission Board and moved its adoption. Motion passed.

10. Dr. Cauthen, who presided during the Foreign Mission Hour, presented Mrs. R. L. M^{rs}his (Tex.) and Miss Alma Hunt (Ala.) representing Woman's Missionary Union, who presented an interpretative, illustrated report of the Lottie Moon Offering.

Following the presentation of George W. Sadler (Va.) and missionaries to Africa, Frank K. Means (Va.) and missionaries to Latin America, and J. Winston Crawley (Va.) and missionaries to the Orient, Josephine Scaggs, Ronald Hill, and James Crane, missionaries to Nigeria, Thailand, and Mexico spoke on "God's Grace Reaches into All the World."

Dr. and Mrs. George W. Sadler were introduced and it was announced that they would soon retire from active service. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Sadler. Dr. Sadler spoke on "We Keep Going into All the World."

Forty-five new missionary appointees were presented by Elmer S. West, Jr. (Va.). Mrs. Adele Norman Siske (Calif.) sang "He Shall Lead His Flock," and President Warren led the prayer of dedication.

J. Howard Williams (Tex.) brought the closing message on "Christ Calls Now."

11. The singing of "The Whole Wide World for Jesus" by Oklahoma Baptist University's Bison Glee Club closed the Foreign Mission Hour and the Tuesday night session.

Wednesday Morning, May 29:

12. With Vice-president Deb Lee Stennis (Miss.) presiding, Verl L. Capps led in singing "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," "The Solid Rock", and "How Firm a Foundation."

13. Charles L. Cockrell (Tex.) read Hebrews 1:1-14 and led in prayer.

14. Porter Routh (Tenn.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Foundation which, together with recommendation, was adopted. (See p. 3 of Tuesday's Bulletin for a copy of the recommendation which was adopted.) It was announced that the condition of J. W. Storer (Tenn.) executive secretary of the Foundation, who recently underwent surgery, is satisfactory. The Secretary was requested to send a message of love and sympathy to Dr. Storer.

15. With President C. C. Warren presiding, W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) reported for the Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education. The report, together with Recommendations, 1, 2, 3, and 4 (as printed on p. 316 of the Book of Reports), was adopted. Dr. Hudgins presented Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Tex.), Miss Emily Landsell (Ky.) and Miss Alma Hunt (Ala.) of the Woman's Missionary Union and, on behalf of the Convention, formally welcomed the Carver School of Missions and Social Work into the official family of convention agencies.

16. Dr. Hudgins then presented that section of the report with recommendations regarding the establishment of a new theological seminary. Recommendation No. 5 (as printed on p. 317 of the Book of Reports) was approved.

17. Louie D. Newton presented an amendment to the Committee report as published in the Convention Bulletin (p. 4, Tuesday) but not included in the Book of Reports, recommending Kansas City as the site of the proposed new Seminary and setting forth procedures for inaugurating the new institution.

18. J. Norris Palmer (La.) moved to amend Recommendation No. 6 (see No. 1, p. 4, Tuesday's Bulletin) by substituting "Chicago" for "Kansas City" as the site for the new seminary.

19. J. Ralph Grant (Tex.) moved to amend the amendment by substituting "Denver" for "Chicago". On motion the time for discussion was extended 15 minutes. A motion to offer a substitute to Dr. Grant's motion was ruled out of order.

20. After a motion to table the entire report was lost, a motion by David Q. Byrd (Tenn.) calling for the previous question was adopted.

21. The substitute motions to favor locating the proposed new seminary in Denver and Chicago were lost, and the recommendation of the Committee that the new seminary be located in Kansas City was approved.

22. A motion to amend Recommendation No. 10 of the Committee report (see No. 5, p. 4, Tuesday's Bulletin), raising the capital investment to be appropriated for the new seminary from \$2 million to \$3 million, was lost. A later motion to eliminate this recommendation was lost also.

23. A motion to amend Recommendation No. 9 of the Committee report (see No. 4, p. 4, Tuesday's Bulletin) limiting the scope of the work of the new seminary to a School of Theology was lost.

24. A motion to adopt the Report of the Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education as a whole with all recommendations was passed, and by an additional motion, was made unanimous.

25. R. Alton Reed (Tex.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Relief and Annuity Board which was adopted. Wallace Bassett (Tex.) addressed the Convention on the work of this agency.

26. The Belmont College Choir (Tenn.), Dee Wayne White, director, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand."

27. Porter Routh (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Executive Committee, presented the Administrative report of the Executive Committee. After paying tribute to the memory of former members of the committee, Hight C. Moore (N. C.), George Ragland (Ky.), and L. M. Walker (N. M.), who passed away during the year, Dr. Routh called on former Executive Secretary Austin Crouch (Tenn.) to lead in prayer. Dr. Routh reviewed the

steady progress in the Cooperative Program contributions and in all phases of the work.

28. Frank A. Hooper (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 1 of the Executive Committee which, on motion, was adopted. (P. 30, Book of Reports).

29. C. C. Warren (N. C.) presented Recommendation No. 2 which was adopted.

30. G. Allen West (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 3, which was adopted.

31. E. N. Wilkinson (Ky.) presented Recommendation No. 4, which was adopted.

32. Mrs. Gordon Maddry (N. C.) presented Recommendation No. 5, which was adopted.

33. W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 6, which was adopted.

34. T. K. Rucker (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 7, which was adopted.

35. Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 8, which was adopted.

36. J. D. Gray (La.) presented Recommendation No. 9, which was adopted following an unsuccessful attempt to amend, table, or substitute for the first section of this recommendation.

37. Homer G. Lindsey (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 10, which was adopted.

38. Kendall Berry (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 11, which was adopted.

39. Sterling L. Price (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 12, which was adopted.

40. Thomas P. Pruitt (N. C.) presented Recommendation No. 13, which was adopted.

41. The Administration Section of the Executive Committee report was adopted as a whole.

42. Dr. Routh presented and paid tribute to two associates, Merrill D. Moore (Tenn.) and Albert McClellan (Tenn.).

43. With President Warren again presiding, a motion prevailed to request the Committee on Order of Business to arrange for the Convention Sermon to be preached at the time scheduled since the Convention was running behind schedule.

44. R. Archie Ellis (S. C.) presented the following partial report for the Committee on Committees, which was adopted:

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher: G. W. Bullard (Md.), chairman; A. G. Escott (Ark.), M. P. German, (D.C.), Thurman George (Okla.), Paul Roberts (La.), J. Lamar Jackson (Ala.), W. W. Leathers, Jr. (N.C.), Fred Tarpley (Miss.), and A. J. Holt (Tex.).

45. The Bison Glee Club of Oklahoma Baptist University, Warren M. Angell, director, sang "God of Our Fathers", "Testament of Freedom", "Rock-a My Soul", "Holy Radiant Light", "Come Thou Fount", and "The Beatitudes."

46. Ira H. Peak (Ala.) chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, announced that the reports which, for lack of time had been omitted in the morning session, would be placed on the order for the opening period of tonight's session, which would begin 15 minutes earlier than scheduled.

47. Following the reading of Ephesians 1, by Carl E. Bates (Tex.), who also led in prayer, Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) preached the Convention sermon, using as a text Romans 16:25-27.

48. Following a musical number by the Bison Glee Club and prayer led by Dr. Hobbs, the Convention adjourned.

Wednesday Night, May 29:

49. Ira C. Prosser (S.C.) led in singing "When We Walk with the Lord," "At the Cross," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "Amazing Grace."

50. Loyed R. Simmons (Ariz.) read Philippians 2:5-11 and led in prayer.

51. Arnold T. Ohrn (D.C.), general secretary, presented the report of the Baptist World Alliance, which was received as information. Robert Denny (D. C.), associate secretary for youth work, was presented and addressed the Convention. He reported favorably on the condition of Theodore F. Adams, president of the Alliance, who recently suffered a heart attack.

52. The following fraternal messengers were recognized: T. B. McDormand, general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada; William C. Tapper, executive secretary, Board of Trustees, Baptist General Conference of America; Thorwald Bender, member of faculty, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, representing American Baptist Convention; Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, North American Baptist General Conference. Dr. Ohrn introduced Dr. and Mrs. F. Townley Lord, of London, England, and Dr. and Mrs. William Jarvis, of Australia.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST churches not already sending their respective state Baptist papers to all their active families were urged to do so by the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on State Baptist Papers, at the recent Chicago Convention.

According to Chairman H. H. McGinity, who is editor of *Word and Way*, the Missouri Baptist weekly, there are now 25 state Baptist newspapers, most of which are weekly, with a total circulation of 1,279,791. This compares with a circulation of 850,612 seven years ago.

The various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention are being enlisted to promote a greater readership of the state papers.

The present circulation is estimated to reach approximately 5 million of the more than 8½ million Southern Baptists. More and more churches are placing the state paper in the annual church budget.

"The unifying and co-ordinating effect of these papers would be difficult to estimate," the committee report stated. "The state Baptist papers have had much to do with inducing the unity through which Southern Baptists are making a remarkable record of achievement."

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 3)

53. Ira H. Peak, chairman, presented a revised Order of Business for this session, which was adopted.

54. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) presented the report of the Committee on Denominational Calendar which, together with Recommendations No. 1 and 2, was adopted. (See P. 292 of the Book of Reports).

55. Under the head of miscellaneous business James M. Bulman (N.C.) offered an amendment to the Convention's Constitution (p. 52, 1956 Convention Annual), which was defeated.

56. Wendell G. Davis (N.C.) presented a resolution which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

57. Clifton W. Brannon (Tex.) proposed the following amendment to Article VII of the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention:

That Article VII of the Business and Financial Plan entitled "Designated Gifts" be altered or amended to read as follows:

"The Convention binds itself and its agencies faithfully to apply and use all such gifts as designated by the donor, provided that in the case of member churches of this Convention the designated gift must be preceded by a bonafide contribution to the work of this Convention through its Cooperative Program during the fiscal year of said designated gift."

Mr. Brannon requested that this amendment be referred to the Executive Committee for study and report at the next annual session of the Convention, and his request was granted.

58. John Raymond (Va.) offered a resolution which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

59. The Convention voted to decline consideration of a proposal to change the name of the Convention to "World-Wide" Baptist Convention, presented by Clint Irwin (La.).

60. The Baptist Hour Choir, R. Paul Green (Tex.), director, sang "Come Thou Fount," "This Is My Father's World," "Speak to My Heart," "How Firm a Foundation," and "Majestic Sweetness."

Miami Beach in 1960

THE SOUTHERN Baptist Convention preacher for the 1958 meeting in Houston will be Robert E. Naylor, pastor of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Tex., with Harold Seever, of Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., as alternate.

The time and place of the Convention for 1960 will be Miami Beach, Fla., the week of May 13. Since the Baptist World Alliance in 1960 will be meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and many Baptists will want to attend, the Florida place was recommended as being on the way to the BWA.

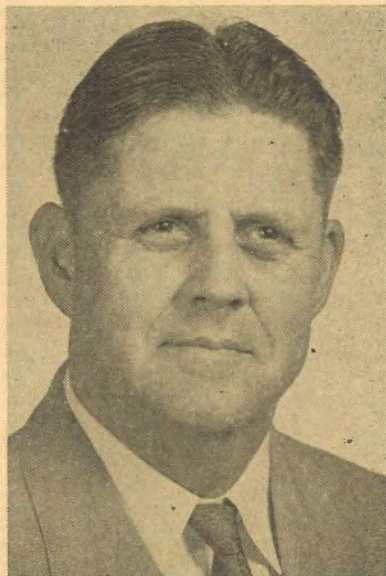
Last year the Convention voted to hold its 1959 sessions in Louisville in observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Southern Baptist Seminary.

● WILLIAM M. PRATT, JR. has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Durant, Okla. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Pratt, of West Side Church, El Dorado.

Mr. Pratt finished high school at Loneoke. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Mrs. Pratt is a graduate of Baylor and has a master's degree in music from Columbia University. She is a member of the Baptist Hour Choir and a former faculty member of Southwestern Seminary. The Pratts have one daughter, Martha Jean, four months old.

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● FIRST CHURCH, Hunter, has entered a building program which will add a nursery and kitchen-dining facilities to the church. Earl Ashley is the pastor.



Mr. Owen
New Missionary



Mr. Pratt
In Oklahoma Pastorate

ADOPTION OF a \$16½ million Cooperative Program budget goal and of plans for Southern Baptist participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance featured the action of the Southern Baptist Convention on the annual report of the Convention's Executive Committee.

The first \$13 million of the budget will go to support operations and capital expenses of all Southern Baptist Convention agencies. Funds over and above \$13 million will be divided between the Convention's Foreign and Home Mission Boards, the Foreign Board receiving 75 per cent and the Home Board, 25 per cent.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance is a five-year program, 1959-1964, in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the organization of Baptist work on a national level in the United States and Canada. It will open officially with a nationwide Wednesday night prayer service, December 31, 1958, in all churches of the seven participating Baptist bodies.

The plan to establish 30,000 new preaching points within the Southern Baptist Convention is part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

● HUGH OWEN ended a nine-year pastorate on June 1, with Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, when he became missionary for Central Association. During those years the church baptized 200 new members and received 178 by letter. Sunday school enrollment increased from 188 to 288; Training Union, from 94 to 147. Physical property increased in value from \$17,000 to \$55,000. An education building and a four-bedroom home for the pastor were built. Cooperative Program gifts increased from \$360 annually to \$1,800.

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● FIRST CHURCH, Ola, surprised Pastor Ernest Baker with a birthday shower on May 28.

KANSAS CITY NEW SEMINARY SITE

ALTHOUGH THERE were some who felt that Chicago or Denver would be the best site for the new seminary Southern Baptists have voted to establish, the messengers attending the recent convention in Chicago voted to accept the recommendation of their Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education in favor of Kansas City.

It was also voted to elect a board of trustees; secure a charter "subject to the pattern approved by the Convention for the Southeastern and Golden Gate Seminaries . . ." and submit it to the 1958 Convention for approval; "That the Executive Committee be instructed to provide such funds out of the Convention's Operating Budget as are necessary for meetings of its trustees, and securing a charter"; "That capital investments appropriated by the Convention for the new seminary be limited to \$2 million; "That the Convention authorize further study of the needs for additional schools of theology in such areas as Denver, Great Lakes, and elsewhere, based always on established needs and available funds"; "That the Convention continue its Committee on Theological Education to pursue this study and to recommend essential criteria for the Convention's future program of theological education."

A recommendation that the new seminary limit its scope of work to a School of Theology was not adopted. This leaves to the judgment of the trustees of the seminary the extent of its field.

We feel that Southern Baptists have voted wisely in choosing Kansas City for the new seminary site. Kansas City is in the midst of Southern Baptists. Missouri and the adjoining states of Oklahoma, Arkansas and Illinois have more than 4,800 churches with a combined membership of 1,230,000. Total gifts from Southern Baptist churches in this area last year amounted to \$40 million, of which \$8½ million was for missions. Kansas City is about equi-distant — 600 miles — from each of the five existing seminaries.

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CHICAGO AS A CONVENTION CITY

FINDING A PLACE that can accommodate satisfactorily the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention with its more than 10,000 messengers and thousands of other visitors becomes more difficult from year to year. Some places are more suitable, of course, than others. It seems to us that in the last two sessions we Southern Baptists have traveled from pole to pole in the desirability of a meeting place. Kansas City takes our cake as the best all-around place we have convened in recent years, and Chicago stands as far down the scale as we have been.

Certainly Dr. Noel Taylor and his capable and consecrated Illinois Baptist associates left nothing undone that could possibly be done to make our stay in the Windy City pleasant and profitable. But they could not do much about the high costs of food and accommodations, the long and expensive treks to and from the International Amphitheatre from the down-town hotels where the most of us stayed, or the inadequacies of a meeting place which was designed and built as accommodation for stock shows, rather than for church conventions.

Chicago and Illinois have seen wonderful progress in the work of Southern Baptists since we first met there in 1950, and Illinois Baptist leaders graciously give our previous meeting with them a large share of the credit for their advance. We feel sure that our work in the vicinity of one of our annual sessions does receive some impetus. But the greatest value of our annual conventions, aside from the necessary business sessions, is the spiritual and inspirational impact made upon messengers and visitors and, through them, upon their home communities. It is our feeling that Chicago is still too much of a frontier of our work to be the best meeting place for the annual conventions. We are glad we have been, but, please, let's not go back for a long time.

Personally Speaking . . .

What We Didn't Do

CHICAGO, May 31. — TO UNDERSTAND these people called Southern Baptists it is just as necessary to know what we do not stand for, as what we stand for.



MR. McDONALD

One of the most interesting proposals here this year that did not receive the favorable nod of the Convention was one from the South Carolina Baptist state convention asking for a study of the feasibility of enlarging the facilities at Ridgecrest and Glorieta assemblies to accommodate the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention and to hold the annual conventions permanently and alternately at the assembly sites. It was felt by the proponents that much of the 1 to 2 million dollars we are now spending to hold our conventions in large cities could be saved by meeting in our own facilities. But the Resolutions committee recommended that the proposal be rejected because of the tremendous expenditure which would be necessary to expand the assembly grounds for this use. And the wish of the committee prevailed.

ONE SUGGESTION was killed on the spot by the Convention instead of referring it to the Resolutions committee for study and future presentation. We refer to the resolution proposed by Clint Irwin (La.) to substitute the designation of "World-Wide" for "Southern" in the name of our denomination. This may be a pretty good indication not only that our people do not care for the particular name suggested, but that they are going to be slow about changing the name at all.

THE HIGHLY publicized amendment to the constitution proposed by James M. Bulman (N. C.) last year, and up for action this year, was disposed of in short order at a miscellaneous business session. Apparently the most of those present felt as J. D. Grey, who spoke against the amendment, that the subject of the proposed amendment, the autonomy of the local church, is already adequately and more concisely covered in the Convention Constitution.

THE PROPOSED new Southern Baptist Convention Hospital in Miami sidestepped what most certainly would have been a hotly contested "fight" through the far-sighted action of its board in withdrawing request for acceptance by the Convention. With \$4 million already in hand in cash and pledges, the hospital will operate as a Florida Baptist project.

Erwin L. McDonald

Building Christian Homes In Nigeria

A CHRISTIAN home is a place or abode of affection, peace and rest, with Christ as its foundation, whether in America or Africa, Miss Josephine Scaggs, Baptist Missionary to Nigeria since 1939, said recently, at the annual WMU convention in Chicago. Basic human desires and needs are the same in all parts of the world and their fulfillment can only be brought to pass through the saving grace and transforming power of Jesus, Miss Scaggs said.

Polygamy is a serious evil and the greatest hindrance to mission work in Africa, where a tribal chief may have a hundred wives and countless numbers of children, whom their father does not even know, according to the missionary. It is exceedingly difficult for a young couple to build a Christian home in Nigeria because of native laws and customs. Parents arrange the marriage of all girls, some at birth, to the one who offers the highest dowry. Often, after a girl is married, her father will sell her to another suitor who approaches him with more money than the first. Native pastors and Christian teachers and their families have suffered untold miseries at the hands of heathen parents in the land where womanhood is synonymous with slavery, declared Miss Scaggs.

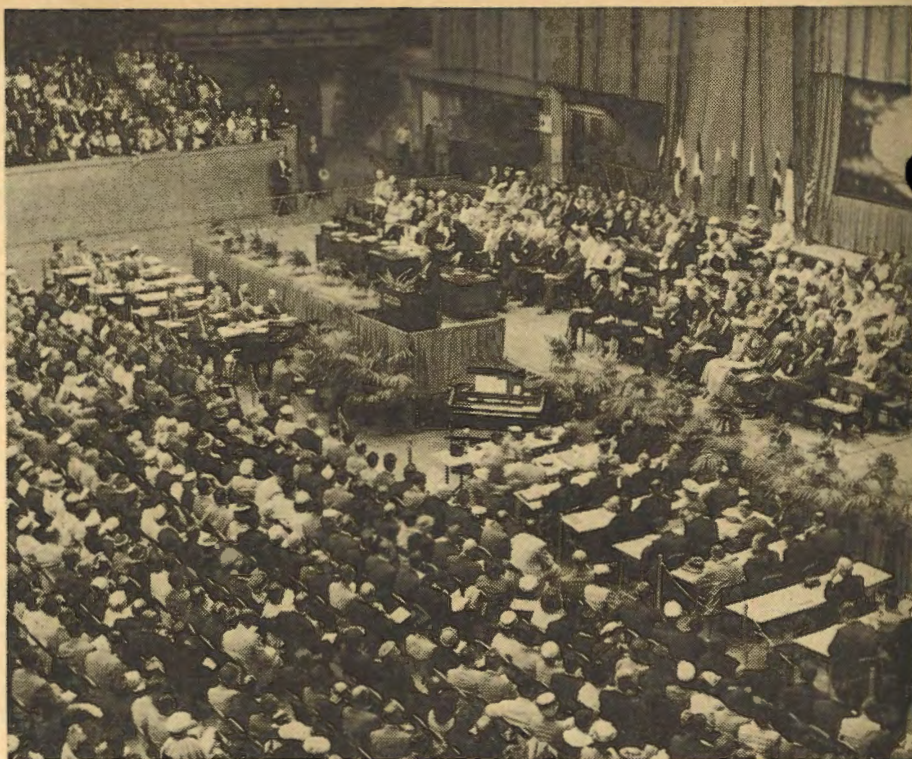
However, a new day is dawning with the spreading of the Gospel. Our churches, schools and WMU organizations have been instruments in spreading the light by implanting God's word in the hearts and minds of the natives in all tribes. There are many training schools for girls. Women are now treated as equals in Christian homes and Baptist trained native women preside over convention meetings. The men have begun to marry educated women or send them to school after marriage.

Christianity is teaching Nigerians the meaning of love, the beauty of church weddings, and the importance of family altars. Christian parents have learned how to love their children and strive to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," according to the missionary.

TOP, a scene in International Amphitheater as the Southern Baptist Convention held its first session of its 100th annual meeting, May 28.

CENTER: Pastors' Conference officers: Bruce H. Price, Norfolk, Va., president; W. O. Vaught, Jr., Little Rock, secretary-treasurer; Harold Seevers, Mobile, Ala., vice-president.

BOTTOM: Southern Baptist Convention President and Mrs. Brooks Hays, Little Rock, are greeted by Dr. Cornell Goerner, Louisville, who was recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to succeed Dr. George W. Sadler as secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.



I REMEMBER FATHER

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Today is the anniversary of the birth of my father, Samuel Robert Price, at Scottsville, Ark., on February 25, 1876. His mother had been born in the same rural community on October 19, 1839, and I was born at the same place on October 19, more years ago than I like to admit. My mother was born at Scottsville in 1886.

Dr. Price is pastor of First Baptist Church, Newport News, Va.

My great grandfather Price had come to the Arkansas location from Pulaski, Tenn., in 1841 and before then the family had lived in North Carolina. I like to think their previous home had been in Virginia.

Father died 29 years ago. As his birthday passes, may I be excused for mentioning some of the things that I remember about him. Most of them are small and insignificant but they made an impression on my childhood mind which I recall as if they had happened yesterday.

Having been born in those dark and suffering days of Reconstruction, the son of a Confederate soldier, he related many tales of hardship. But most often he spoke of the Spanish-American War in which he served. The captain of his company was Bruce T. Bullion, explaining my first name. Dad took me to see Mr. Bullion at the State House in Little Rock when I was about ten years old. He was the executive secretary of the Governor and was very kind to me on that day.

Perhaps my earliest memory was when father took me to the store and bought me a hat with a small feather on the side. Other incidents which stand out are: he pointed to a stick in the yard and asked me to bring it to him, gave me some small red fire crackers at Christmas, sent me to "singing school." This needs a little comment because all the music I know was learned in this one week at the school house. A singing teacher came through the community, spent the nights around in the homes, taught the class in a group during the week at fifty cents a pupil, ages six to 86. And what did I learn? I can tell you for less than it cost in less time than it took. Whether round or shaped, I do not know, but this I know: "Do, ra, me fa, so, la, te, do." You may hand me the fifty cents at our next meeting for this lesson.

I remember he took me to the meetings of the Masonic lodge on Saturday afternoons when I was four or five until after one visit some of the children gathered around me to learn all the secrets of Masonry. Then there was his long illness of thirteen months in bed which left him paralyzed on his right side. I remember his sitting on the porch and throwing me a ball with his left hand which I caught standing in the yard.

An early impression on me was his generosity to the church and interest in every progressive movement in the community. I remember we moved to the county seat, Russellville, when I was twelve because he wanted to give my sister and me opportunity to attend better schools. As a teen age boy he had gone fifty or sixty miles from home and attended boarding school for two terms, later taught in one and two teacher schools. While he was a Baptist, I recall he loved the Presbyterian denomination and would have been in their fold if my Baptist mother had not led him her way. In politics he was a Democrat, holding the Republicans responsible for sending the Carpetbaggers into the South.

Finally, I remember that Saturday morning at the close of his final illness of nine months when he removed his large and beautiful Masonic ring from his finger and gave it to me, a gift which years before he had promised would be mine after he was gone. Then he told me to call the local bank, ask about his checking account, write a check for his church pledge, and prepare his offering envelope for the next day. That was a long night, watching and waiting with the family and a few friends in or near the room. I was standing by the bed. He asked me to get him the Bible and his glasses. Being propped up in the bed to better breathe, he tried to read but his eyes would not focus. Asking me to read, I turned to the Beatitudes with emphasis on "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Dawn was beginning to break on that first Lord's Day in August when father entered into glory where the light is brighter than day.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are past away." (Rev. 21:4).

Yes, I am glad that I remember father.

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According to the American Cancer Society, during 1956 gains in treating cancer have resulted in one in three of those afflicted with cancer being healed instead of the previous ratio of one in four. The Society reaffirmed that half of all cases of cancer can be cured with present knowledge alone if proper treatment is begun early enough.

Eighty-three per cent of the 14 million net growth in population since April 1, 1950, took place in suburban parts of metropolitan areas. Population increased only .5 per cent outside metropolitan areas, 5 per cent in cities over 50,000, and 34 per cent in metropolitan suburbs.

There are now 98 per cent more high school graduates than in 1940.—SB

THE BOOK SHELF

"Readers are leaders and leaders are readers."

Why I Am a Baptist, by Louie D. Newton, Thomas Nelson & Sons, New York, 1957, \$2.75.

ONE IN A series which includes "Why I Am a Methodist," "Why I Am a Lutheran," and "Why I Am a Presbyterian," this book by the beloved pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, is about the Baptist way of life. In seven chapters, Dr. Newton states he is a Baptist because of "a Home," "a Book," "Books," "a Fellowship," "a Conflict," "an Assurance," and "a Program." In the eighth and concluding chapter, fifty prominent Baptist leaders, ministers and laymen, write on "Why we are Baptists."

The Faith of Israel, by H. H. Rowley, The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pa., 1957, \$3.50.

THE 1955 SPRUNT Lectures, delivered by Dr. Rowley at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., make up the chapters of this book, which deals with Old Testament theology.

In his introduction, Dr. Rowley examines the relation of the history of Old Testament religion to Old Testament theology. His opening chapter reviews God's revelation in the great variety of the Old Testament. Other chapters include: "The Nature of God," "The Nature and Need of Man," "Individual and Community," "The Good Life," "Death and Beyond," and "The Day of the Lord."

Preaching from Great Bible Chapters, by Kyle M. Yates, Broadman Press, 1957, \$2.50.

CERTAIN CHAPTERS of the Bible are more precious to Christians than others because they have brought comfort, strengthened faith, and pictured the godly life.

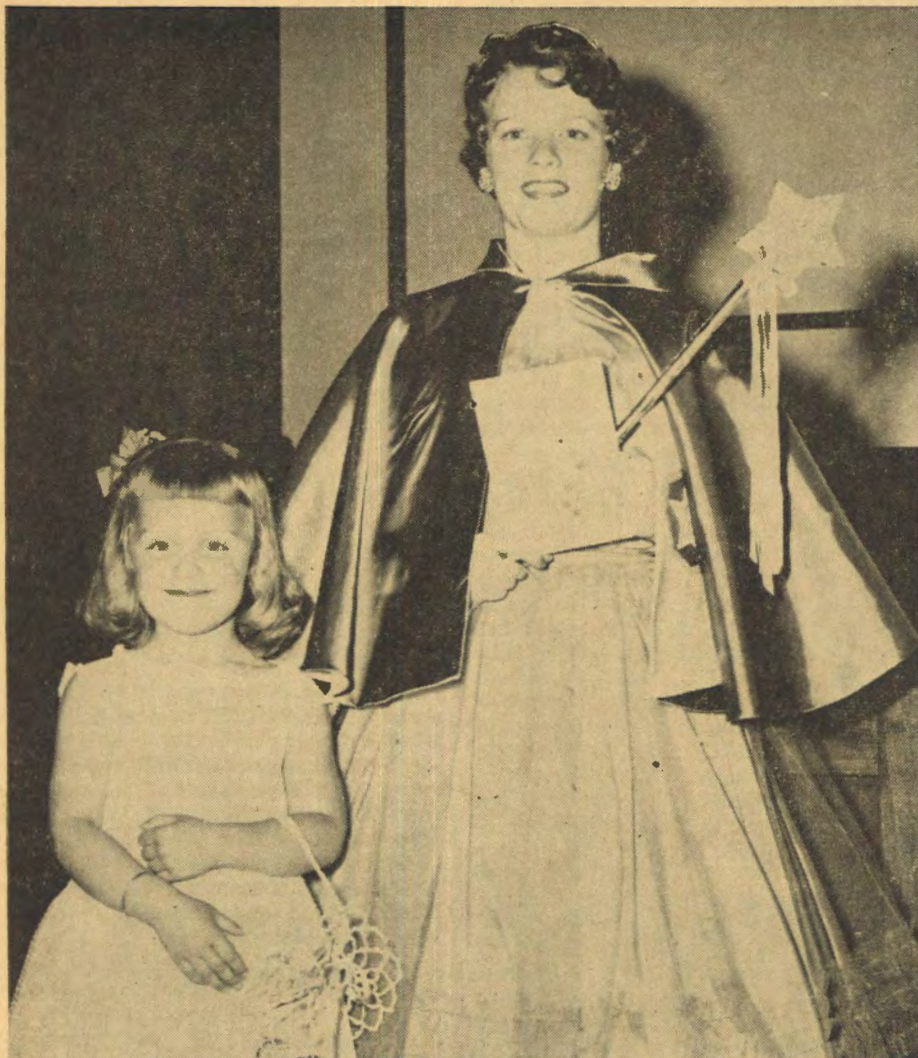
This collection of sermonic studies is based on thirteen choice chapters which have long been recognized as among those best proclaiming God's message to man. Dr. Yates writes out of a rich knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, and from years of experience as a Christian, a Seminary professor, and as a pastor.

Nebraska, by Bernadine Bailey, Albert Whitman & Co., Chicago, 1957, \$1.25.

BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED, this book is designed primarily for grammar school children. It tells of visits to what is now the state of Nebraska by Spanish, English and French explorers beginning in 1541 and sketches the highlights to the present. This should help to increase interest of boys and girls in geography and history.

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Between 1950 and 1955, 156 million persons in the United States changed their place of residence — almost equivalent to the entire civilian population.



Nancy Pleitz and Sue Link
Attains Highest Rank

School of Nursing Enrolls 31 Students

● A CLASS OF 31 young women checked in at Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing Sunday, June 2, to begin three years of nurse's education.

Members of the new class are: Elizabeth Ann Jennings, Mary Louise Johnson, Dalene Deon Meuwly, and Joyce Whittecar, all of Little Rock; Helen Marie Finney, Linda Hawkins, Nancy Morris, and Barbara Price, all of North Little Rock; Verna Jane Bass and Barbara Bostain, both of Beebe; Betty Sue Davis and Bobbie Speer, both of Malvern.

Reba Berryhill, Searcy; Mary Elizabeth Busby, Arsonel; Ila Faye Dunn, Ashdown; Ruth Ann Fletcher, Beirns; Wanda Garrett, Gurdon; Joan Hall, Louann; Shirley Ann Harvey, Clarksville; Rita Jo Hope, Sheridan; Jo Ann Lockwood, Traskwood; Carol Ann Morrison, Ward; Nancy Lee Preece, Springdale; Marilyn Robinson, Benton; Vivian Routt, Eudora; Louise Tavener, Ozone; Shirley Jeane Tyler, Humnoke; Alice Wagner, Gentry; Rose White, Crossett, and Anne Marie Strickland, Hutchinson, Kansas.

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● A STORM struck First Church, Monticello, recently, completely demolishing the front of the building, according to Pastor Thomas J. Welch. The W. C. Whaley School auditorium is being used for worship services until the structure is repaired.

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● A FORMER PASTOR at First Church, Monticello, N. Roscoe Griffin, received the doctor-of-divinity degree from Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., on May 27. Dr. Griffin is the pastor of First Church, Sheffield, Ala.

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● WILLIAM WOODSON recently assumed the duties of missionary in Dardanelle-Russellville Association. He will reside in Russellville. R. E. Fowler is the new missionary in Rocky-Bayou Association.

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● FIRST ARKANSAN to attain the rank of "Queen Regent in Service" is Sue Link, of Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, shown here with her attendant, is little Nancy Pleitz, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. James L. Pleitz.

"Queen Regent in Service" is an extra step in Girls Auxiliary work added by the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas for the first time this year, and ranks above "Queen Regent," highest rank in the Southern WMU plan for Girls Auxiliary work.

Fifty other girls from Grand Avenue Church were recognized in the recent service in which Miss Link was crowned. Included was Patricia Jameson, who received the cape symbolic of Queen Regent.

● TWO SURRENDERED for special service and five rededicated their lives in the Vacation Bible School at Bradley Church. Enrollment was 109 with an offering of \$52. A. W. Wagon is the pastor.

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● THE NEW "Age Security Plan" gives pastors the opportunity for additional savings or a larger retirement benefit at age 65, according to Floyd Chaffin, director of public relations for the Relief and Annuity Board. Under the new plan, the pastor pays 5 per cent of his earnings above \$4,000 on which he is paying in his basic plan, and the church matches this. The Board will collect his monthly payment along with his regular annuity plan and pays three per cent interest on it. If payments are stopped or pastor wishes to discontinue, he can withdraw all he has paid in, plus interest, plus ten per cent of what the church paid. In ten years he may transfer all he and his church have paid in to his annuity plan, or cash it out if he chooses.

● RAVENDEN SPRINGS assembly will be in session June 24 to 28. C. E. Collison, pastor of Ravenden Springs Church, will be camp pastor.

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● BEN W. BLEDSOE, Ouachita student, will serve First Church, Booneville, during the summer as mission pastor and youth director.

State Convention Date

OUR ARKANSAS Baptist Diary, which was printed ahead of the annual State Convention last fall, is in error as to the date of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention this fall.

The Convention last fall voted to have the 1957 sessions beginning Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 9:30 a.m. The sessions will continue until Thursday, Nov. 21, at noon.

All sessions will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, in Little Rock.

Junior Volunteers Serve in Hospital

● A JUNIOR VOLUNTEER program that will give high school juniors and seniors a year 'round community service project is being organized by Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

The program, open to 'teen-agers of all denominations, began June 5 with the first of four two-hour orientation sessions. Applications may be obtained by calling Mrs. J. F. Queen, program co-ordinator, at FR 4-3351, Extension 246.

Upon completion of the eight-hour orientation course, the junior volunteers will be permitted to wear the program's gay red-and-white "candy stripe" uniform. They will be assigned to nursing stations within the hospital, where they will work at all times under the direction of a nursing supervisor.

"Our junior volunteers will be expected to serve at least two hours a week, the same as required of our senior volunteers," Mrs. J. C. Fuller, president of the hospital's Auxiliary, said. "After they have completed one month of service, they will be awarded service emblems to wear on their uniforms."

Mrs. Fuller emphasized that the program would operate the year 'round and not just during the summer months. When school starts again, the volunteers will be assigned after-school hours.

The duties for which the junior volunteers will be trained and which they will be expected to perform include:

1. Making beds for ambulatory patients.
2. Assisting with washing patient's face and hands before meals.
3. Feeding non-critical patients when requested.
4. Running errands for patients.
5. Assisting patients at time of discharge by helping them to dress and escorting them to the automobile or ambulance entrance.
6. Assisting in dressing patients going to X-ray or to physical therapy.
7. Assisting patients in and out of bed and to and from wheel chairs.
8. Assisting Central Supply in putting up packs for delivery and operating rooms.
9. Arranging flowers and distributing mail to patients.

Junior volunteers will not be permitted to give medications of any kind under any circumstances, nor will they be permitted to sit with unconscious or critically ill patients or with patients receiving intravenous injections.

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● THE BAPTIST HOUR CHOIR will sing and Dr. Herbert Howard, pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, will preach on NBC's "Frontiers of Faith" on Sunday, June 30. Check local papers for broadcast time in your area.

● SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for the Deaf is the new quarterly published by the Home Mission Board, beginning with the July-September quarter of this year. An increasing number of churches are providing Sunday school classes for the deaf and are in need of printed materials adapted to sign language expression, according to Howard P. Colson, editor of lesson courses.

Please Sign Your Material

UNSIGNED MATERIAL cannot be used. Every letter or article mailed to the Arkansas Baptist should bear the name and address of the writer. We have no choice but to consign unsigned materials to our waste basket.

—Editors

● DR. JOHN H. McCLANAHAN, a native of North Little Rock, became pastor of First Church, Hope, on June 1. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClanahan of North Little Rock. He grew up in Immanuel Church, Little Rock. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Dr. McClanahan recently received the Th. D. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has been on the teaching staff at the seminary since September, 1955.

Mrs. McClanahan is the former Rosalind May Owens, who was born in Palestine while her parents were serving as Southern Baptist missionaries. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., and Southern Seminary. The couple has one son, John David, who is one year old.

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● L. S. Ewton, Sr., former president of the executive board of Tennessee Baptist Convention and retired pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Nashville, died in Nashville, May 20.—SB

● SOUTHERN BAPTISTS may now tour Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth by a new color motion picture, "By My Spirit." The tour includes the three schools, theology, religious education, and music, and shows student activities in the school and on fields of service after graduation. Service fee is \$1 addressed to L. B. Reavis, Box 6837, Fort Worth, Tex.

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● W. R. STANDIFORD has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Perryville, to enter Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Mr. Standiford went to Perryville in December 1955. He led the church to organize a Training Union, Brotherhood, RA chapters, and Sunbeam band. Gifts to missions were increased from 10 to 15 per cent. Fifty-two members were received in the 19 months. The church purchased a grand piano, office equipment, and six lots, on which to build a pastor's home. Mr. Standiford is a graduate of Ouachita, and a native of Hot Springs.

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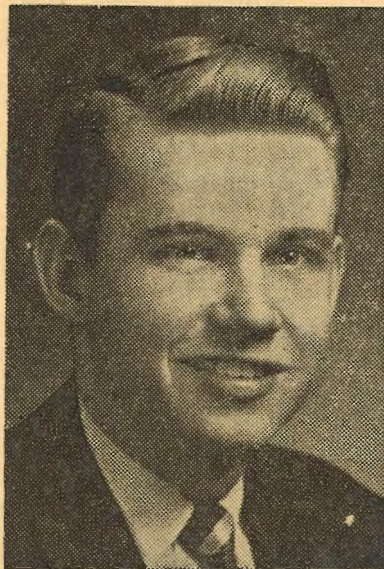
● FIRST CHURCH, SEARCY, recently adopted a resolution of appreciation for Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Vestal who are moving to Carthage, Tenn., where Brother Vestal will be pastor of First Church.

The resolution expressed appreciation of the membership of the Searcy church for the many years the Vestals have served there as pastor and pastor's wife.

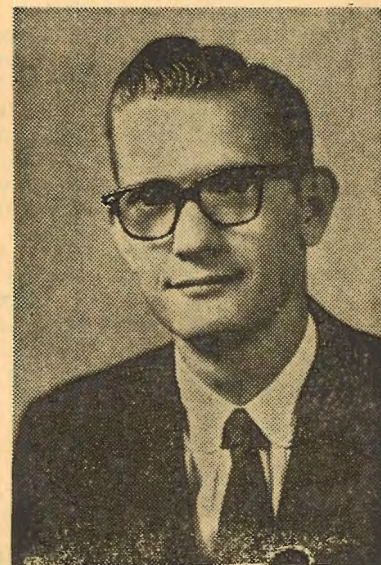
The resolution was signed by Buell Croom, acting moderator of the First Church, Searcy, and by Mrs. John D. Killian, church clerk.

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● W. W. Melton, pastor, Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, since December, 1945, has resigned effective July 1. He served as pastor of Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, for twenty-nine years, and for four and one-half years as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.—SB



Dr. McClanahan
Arkansas Pastor



Mr. Standiford
Resigns Pastorate

LAST CALL TO YOUR ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE ASSEMBLIES

June 27—July 2

July 4-9

SILOAM SPRINGS

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Director



DATES: June 27-July 2, **FIRST** Assembly, July 4-9, **SECOND ASSEMBLY.**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND FIRST ASSEMBLY: Benton County, Black River, Buckner, Buckville, Caddo River, Clear Creek, Concord, Conway-Perry, Current River, Faulkner, Gainesville, Greene County, Hope, Independence, Liberty, Little Red River, Mississippi, Mt. Zion, Ouachita, Red River, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, Washington-Madison, White County, White River and Woodruff Associations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND SECOND ASSEMBLY: Arkansas Valley, Ashley County, Bartholomew, Big Creek, Boone, Carey, Caroline, Carroll County, Centennial, Central, Dardanelle-Russellville, Delta, Harmony, Newton, Pulaski, Rocky Bayou, Tri-County, Trinity and Motor Cities Associations.

WHEN TO ARRIVE for First Assembly: Any time Thursday, June 27; for the Second Assembly, any time Thursday, July 4. All reservations will be held until Thursday, 9:00 p.m. Reservations not taken by that time will be assigned to others desiring accommodations. **NOTE:** The first meal of each assembly will be served on Thursday evening. It will help all concerned if those coming for the assembly session will arrive on the campus Thursday, and **NOT BEFORE.**

WHAT TO TAKE: This is an encampment. Cot, mattress, and meals will be furnished according to rates already published. There will be buckets, dippers, and wash basins in dormitories and cabins. **TAKE** pillow, sheet, blankets (at least two), towels, and toilet articles. There is no hot water except in Deluxe and Faculty Buildings.

WHAT TO WEAR: Be prepared for dress-up and recreation. Sport shorts are **NOT** worn at any time. Women and girls taking slacks are requested to wear them only in the afternoon for recreation. Take at least one raincoat, overcoat, or wrap. At times it may be cool, and it may rain.



FIREWORKS: No fireworks permitted at any time.

WHAT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD: No one will leave the grounds between 6 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. of the next day without individual emergency permission obtainable at the Business Office. Young People leaving the grounds during the afternoon should be properly chaperoned and have the consent of their pastors or dormitory supervisors.

LIGHTS OUT: Lights in all cottages and dormitories must be out at 10:30 p.m. Many come to the encampment for their vacations and have a right to expect to rest during the night hours. These should be considered. Any unnecessary noise or disturbance after 10:30 p.m. will be investigated and those guilty will be asked to leave the grounds. This procedure has been voted by the encampment.

NOTICE: It is understood that those who register for the encampment agree to abide by these suggestions.

SPEAKERS: Dr. Nolan P. Howington, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, will be the speaker for the night services during the first Assembly, and Dr. Charles C. Bowles, Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, the second Assembly. Dr. Carl Goodson, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri, will be the speaker for the morning Bible hour both Assemblies. LeRoy McClard, State Music Director, will direct the music, assisted by Mrs. Nancy Jo Beene of St. Joseph, Missouri, and Miss Cecilia Ward of Alexandria, Louisiana.

KING AND QUEEN CORONATION: Each church represented may select a candidate for king and queen before going to the Assembly. Each candidate will need a formal, since all candidates will participate in the coronation. Qualifications for king and queen include membership in a cooperating Baptist Church in Arkansas, age 16-24, single, and eligible for the gold ribbon (perfect attendance — attendance for each entire session) award.

THE DAILY SCHEDULE

- 6:30 Rising Bell
- 7:00 Breakfast
- 7:45 Devotional Hour
— Tabernacle
- 8:35 Training Union and Music Conferences
- 9:25 Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Student Union and Men's Conferences
- 10:10 Recess
- 10:30 Training Union and Music Conferences
- 11:20 General Assembly
— Tabernacle
- 12:30 Dinner
- 1:45-5:30 Recreation
- 6:00 Supper
- 7:00 Night Service
— Tabernacle
- 8:45 Fellowship Hour
- 10:00 Campus Clear
- 10:30 Lights Out



THEME: "All Of Christ For All The World"

(Matthew 28:18-19)

EVANGELISM: Tongues For Christ

By I. L. Yearby

JAMES TELLS us that "the tongue is a fire — a world of iniquity placed within us, spotting and soiling our whole nature and setting the whole round of our nature on fire, being itself set on fire from hell." And then he goes on to say that "brute nature under all its forms can be subjected and kept in subjection by man. But the tongue no man or woman is able to tame. It is ever in busy mischief and full of deadly poison."



DR. YEARBY

The whole world is cursed by the wagging tongues of people who speak before they think. Characters are defamed by them. Homes are wrecked by them. Organizations are wrecked, governments are undermined, hates are engendered, wars are started because of them.

Even our modern churches are not exempt from the devastation wrought by their loose-tongued members. Out of their mouths come blessing and cursing. They woo and they ruin. Of such James observes, "My brethren, this ought not to be. In a fountain are fresh water and bitter sent out from the same opening? Can a fig tree yield olives or a vine yield figs? No; and neither can salt water yield sweet." He is saying, in effect, a true Christian must speak as a Christian. He must live as a Christian in word as well as in deed.

What is the secret of victory over this instrument so full of potential evil? If it is **our** tongue, we will never be able to control it, even though we exert all the will power at our command. It must be delivered over to Christ Jesus. If it is **His**, He will control it. Out of the Christ-filled life will come a speech that is pure, peaceful, courteous, compassionate and sincere. It will be the seed which will eventuate in a harvest of righteousness.

An ancient Greek philosopher bade his friends to join him in a feast at which the chief article of diet was to be "the worst thing in the world." He served tongue. At the conclusion of the repast he invited them to return to another at which he promised to serve "the best thing in the world." Again the guests were served with tongue. Said the philosopher, "The tongue is at once the instrument for the worst and the best within us. Let us use it always for the best."

Tongues for Christ can tell the story of redemption, sing His praise and be a blessing to all with whom we come in contact.

Note: The above is from an editorial in the current issue of "United Evangelical Action." It is a statement that is vital and to the point for everyone.

CHURCH MUSIC:

By LeRoy McClard

Beginner Music Activity

FOUR AND FIVE-YEAR-OLD children need music. One period each week is recommended for their music activity. Music is used in every session of Sunday school, Training Union, and Sunbeams. However, in present curriculums, these organizations do not offer adequate time for the music experiences which may be provided in a well-balanced weekday music activity.

Beginner Music Activity

THE MUSIC activity for the four- and five-year-olds is a part of the graded Music Ministry. The period shall be called Beginner Music Activity and shall continue to meet weekly until such time as the curriculums and materials of music and all other educational activities can be integrated so as to produce a balanced program for this age group. It is suggested that references to "choir," "rehearsal," and "robes," not be encouraged and that the group not perform on programs.

The music activity should be conducted in the same room in which the children meet for Sunday School, Training Union, and Sunbeams. Therefore, there should be storage space available in this room for the music tools needed. Also, there should be ample space in the room for any permanent music equipment, such as floor staff, walk-on keyboard, piano, record player, etc.

Suggested Schedule

THE RECOMMENDED length for the weekday music activity is one hour, which may be divided into two parts. It is suggested that the first part be a time for individual and small group activities with opportunities for each child to choose one of several different music learning activities in which to participate. The second part may be the larger group activity time in which all children participate.

The music activities should be formulated and executed in accord with the best methods, techniques, and educational principles for this age group.

It is desirable for the music leaders to be identified with other educational activities in which the children participate.

Music Learning Activity

IT SHOULD be remembered that the fundamental objective of this activity is a music learning experience for the individual rather than the development of a performing group.

For complete information concerning music for this age group, consult the new pamphlet, "Music for Children — Ages Four and Five," which will be available by July 1.

New Church Music Training Books

FOUR NEW Church Music Training Course books are now being written and will be ready for delivery by early summer.

(1) **The Beginning Organist**—Samuel W. Shanko.

A practical approach to elementary organ playing which will be particularly fine for young organists and those that have previously had only piano training.

Suited to group or individual instruction.

(2) **The Church Pianist**—Helen Trotter Midkiff.

A more advanced book for the pianist who has had considerable training and experience. Study of this book should always be preceded by the book **Gospel Song and Hymn Playing**.

(3) **The Progressing Vocalist**—Warren M. Angell.

This book is a follow-up of the book **The Beginning Vocalist**. It is designed for individual or class voice instruction. Many directors who have used **The Beginning Vocalist** with their choirs and in training schools will wish to follow that training with the new book.

(4) **The Associational Church Music Guidebook**—Clifford A. Holcomb.

A book of helpful and practical organizational, promotional, and leadership materials for those who have responsibilities with the associational music organization.

—From "Newsletter"

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● MORE THAN 1,000 men have registered for the first National Conference of Southern Baptist men, who will meet in Oklahoma City, Okla., September 18-20. The conference is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission.

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● SOUTHERN BAPTISTS now have a church in Omaha, Neb. It was organized on February 13, with 36 charter members. Jack Adkisson of Texarkana, Tex., is the pastor. Baptists with friends or relatives in Omaha are requested to send their names and addresses to the First Southern Baptist Church, c-o YMCA, Omaha, Neb.

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BROTHERHOOD:

Work Days at Camp

By Nelson Tull

EVERY SATURDAY through July 6 will be a work day at the Arkansas Baptist Camp. There are trees to be cut down, brush to be cleared and burned, and carpenter work to be done. Bring



MR. TULL

The Brotherhood Department will supply the drinks (plenty of cold water from an excellent spring).

Get together a group from your church, and give a good day's work to a project which is worthy, indeed.

Special Brotherhood Bulletin

EVERY PASTOR and Brotherhood president has in hand a special bulletin from the Brotherhood Department, giving information about plans for developing our state Baptist Camp, and setting out material needs. A suggested program for a special Brotherhood (or special Royal Ambassador) meeting was included with the bulletin.

See that these mimeographed materials are given adequate consideration by your men and your boys!

A Good Contour Map

AN ACCURATE survey of the camp site was made recently by a reputable engineering firm. Lines were run, corners were established, and work was done which enabled the firm to draw a detailed contour map of the whole Camp area. This contour map is helpful, indeed, in determining where lakes should be built, camps located, and in setting up a master plan for the development of the whole area.

Bob McMillan, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, and chairman of the local committee of the Camp's Board of Control, is preparing a relief map of the camp area. This, along with the contour map and an excellent aerial map (photograph) will give an adequate perspective of possibilities of development of the area into a series of camp units.

Camp Days Are Approaching

THREE PIONEER Royal Ambassador Camps will be held this summer, two camps for Junior boys, and one camp for Intermediates. The dates are:

First Junior Camp: July 8-12.

Second Junior Camp: July 15-19.

Intermediate Camp: July 22-26.

These Pioneer Camps will be held largely under tents, and we are expecting an overflow crowd of boys at each camp.

Camp registration sheets and publicity packets have already been mailed.

WMU:

1957 Meetings

By Nancy Cooper

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES adopted at the 1957 Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union did not eliminate annual district WMU meetings. The hostess associational superintendent will preside, and the meeting will feature a missionary speaker and conferences conducted by state WMU personnel.

Miss Josephine Scaggs, claimed and loved by Arkansas as a "daughter" but actually a native of Oklahoma, will be guest speaker at those eight meetings to be held October 29-November 8. Dates and places of meetings are as follows:

Northwest, October 29, First Church, Springdale.

West Central, October 30, First Church, Fort Smith.

Central, October 31, Park Place, Hot Springs.

Southwest, November 1, Central Church, Magnolia.

North Central, November 5, First Church, Hardy.

Northeast, November 6, First Church, Blytheville.

East Central, November 7, First Church, Forrest City.

Southeast, November 8, Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff.

State Assemblies

Classes in missions will be provided at both of the 1957 Arkansas Baptist State Assemblies at Siloam Springs. In addition to a splendid corps of teachers, there will be presented a veteran missionary from Argentina, Mrs. Clara Bell Freeman.

Most of the time since her appointment in 1921 has been spent in pioneer work with her husband in the interior sections of that great country. However, since the death of Mr. Freeman in 1953, she has worked particularly with the women and young people all over the country but with headquarters in Buenos Aires. She uses a "Howdy-Dowdy" doll most effectively in her teaching and speaking.

Mrs. R. E. Hagood will serve as dean of WMU faculties.

● ACCORDING TO A SURVEY of 15,000 students in 110 colleges made by the United States office of education, yearly expenses at a public college amount to \$1,500 for fees and living expenses. Average cost at a private school is \$2,000. 41 per cent of the money required for college is provided by students' families. 29 per cent comes from the students' own savings, while 17 per cent is earned by students in part-time employment while in college. Other sources of support: scholarships, 5 per cent; veterans' and vocational rehabilitation programs, 5 per cent; loans, 1 per cent; and miscellaneous, 2 per cent.

—The Survey Bulletin

TRAINING UNION:

Summer Field Work

By Ralph W. Davis

FOR THE NINETEENTH time, Training Union Summer Field Work will be conducted in Arkansas this summer. The following eight people have been selected and will be trained at the Baptist Building during the three days of June 19-22:

Betty Sue Appleton, Mississippi College; Muriel K. Blount, Ouachita; Willard S. Campbell, Arkansas State Teachers; Joy Gray, Ouachita; Helen Louise Hart, Ouachita; Betty Krudwig, Ouachita; David E. LaGore, Arkansas State; Mary June West, Southwestern Seminary.

These young people will be formed into four teams and will work in the following association during the seven weeks from June 22 to August 10: Tri-County, Trinity, Mt. Zion, Independence (4 weeks), and Boone County (3 weeks).

Pray for these young people as they lead twenty-eight churches in the development of their Training Union work.

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Marriage Tangle

QUESTION: About 16 years ago my husband and I got a divorce. It was largely my fault. I ran around on him, lied in court and worked in a cafe that was also a bar. To make a long story short, he soon married another woman who died two years ago with cancer. I then married but there is almost no love and affection in our home, but my present husband is a good, hard-working man and I hate to hurt him. I am still in love with my first husband and he wants to remarry me. He has never loved anyone else, he says, and I know that I haven't. What should I do? God has punished me severely and I have been forgiven in His sight.

ANSWER: I honestly do not know what you ought to do. It is terrible to hurt this second husband who has been good to you even though he has not been able to give you the affection you need. On the other hand, a loveless marriage is a very sorry one.

I would want to get as clear an answer as possible to the following questions: (1) Why do you think that your first husband could hold you now when he could not do so at first? (2) How well would your present husband stand up under this blow of a divorce? (3) What do you really think Jesus Christ would tell you to do if you could write Him a letter?

There simply are no scriptures that cover your case. Therefore, you will have to follow love, good judgment, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

MISSIONS:

Summer Student Missionaries

By C. W. Caldwell

EIGHT COLLEGE students, mission volunteers, will work with us in doing some practical missionary work during the summer. They will serve with our associational missionaries and will help in Vacation Bible Schools, mission revivals, and in other phases of mission work.

These young people are Mattie Jane Ellis, Alabama; Ann Bonner, Alabama; Dean Jones, Alabama; Mary Carolyn Grant, North Carolina; Marilyn Dale Burnett, Mississippi; Joe Keith Cruse, Louisiana; Eugene R. Hardy, Tennessee; and George Amos, Florida.

The Home Mission Board of Atlanta pays their salary and we direct their work, making it possible for them to get some practical experience and at the same time render a far-reaching ministry in the destitute areas of our state.

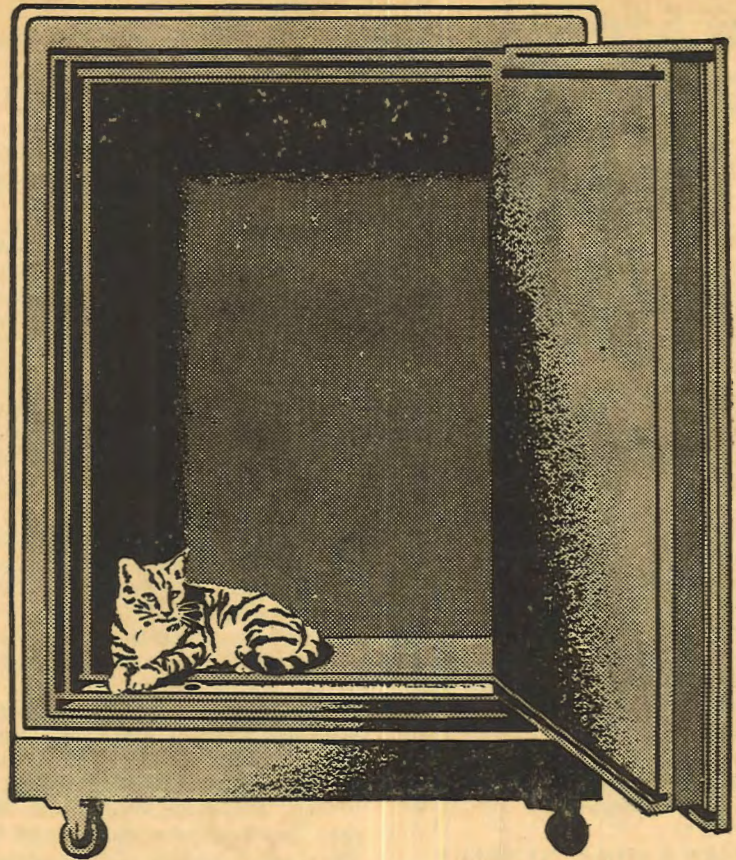
Chaplain Finch Has Good Report

CHAPLAIN FINCH is in full swing again at the State Sanitarium and reports twenty-two services conducted during May. He distributed 150 copies of *Home Life*, fifty-six copies of *Open Window*, and 160 copies of *Arkansas Baptist*.

During the month there were thirteen professions of faith and nine rededications. Among those converted was a Roman Catholic. A Brotherhood Revival will be conducted beginning June 23.

Complete the Negro College Campaign

THE DATE for the special offering for Arkansas Baptist College was June 9. If your church did not get in on the offering on that date, be sure to take the offering as soon as possible. If your church has already taken its offering, be sure to round it out and report to Dr. B. L. Bridges as soon as possible. Let's do a worthy thing by this institution which needs our help desperately at this hour.



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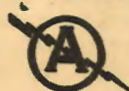
As a customer of an independent electric light and power company, about 23¢ out of every dollar you pay for electricity goes for taxes. But because of present tax laws, people served by federal government power systems escape paying most of the taxes in *their* electric bills that you pay in *yours*. They pay taxes of only about 4¢ per dollar on power from the government's TVA, for example. So to make up for the tax revenues which federal power projects *don't* pay, you have to be taxed *more*.

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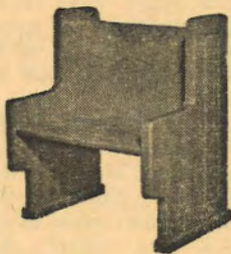
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JOSEPH, A FAVORITE SON

By BURTON A. MILEY

June 16, 1957
Genesis 37

No man dies in his generation. His influence lives beyond him in the lives of family members, neighbors, and fellow citizens. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are noteworthy examples. Jacob met and was reconciled to Esau, his brother. Truly it was a glad moment for both men. Jacob settled in Canaan near Shechem (Genesis 33:18). There was an event at Shechem that shamed Jacob and caused him to withdraw (Chapter 34). He moved to Bethel, renewed his covenant with God and had his new name reaffirmed by God (35:10). After this experience, Benjamin was born near Bethlehem and Jacob's favorite wife, Rachel, died (35:18). Then he moved to Hebron where he united with his aged father, Isaac. He tarried there until Isaac died. Hebron is the site of today's lesson.

Mr. Miley is pastor of First Baptist Church, Springdale, Ark.

DIVIDED FAMILY MEMBERS

Jacob had a number of sons but one was his favorite. His name was Joseph, the son of his old age, who was born before he left Laban's country. He was the firstborn of the woman he dearly loved. Seventeen years later the lad was used as a messenger between the shepherds in the field and the father at the camp. His half brothers were the shepherds. They looked upon him with a degree of hatred. They thought their father showed favoritism to him and he bore ill tidings of the men in the field (37:3). Jacob's favoritism was seen by the half brothers in paternal treatment and gifts. Joseph possessed a coat of many colors — that is pieces sewn together. The elderly brothers' hatred led them to scheme his disposal.

The seventeen-year-old lad was too immature to know he was an irritation to his half brothers. He had two dreams. He told these dreams which further enraged his brothers. The first dream was from the harvest field. Sheaves were tied. Joseph's sheaf stood upright among the other sheaves which bowed to his. The analogy of the dream was that he should stand above his brothers, reign over them and they would pay respect and homage to him.

The second dream had to do with heavenly bodies of the sun, moon and eleven stars. When this dream was told it invoked comment from Jacob. He asked, "Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?" Jacob may have said these words in wonder and amazement but his brethren envied him. The stage was set for sharp division between Joseph and his brethren even

though he was intensely loved by his father.

THE DISPOSITION OF JOSEPH

It was time for the messenger boy to go afield again to gain news of the welfare of the shepherds and flocks. Joseph went about fifty miles to Shechem, only to learn that the shepherds had moved to the better pastures around Dothan. He found them there but they did not receive him readily. They recognized Joseph afar off and conspired against him to slay him. The hatred began to weave the threads of the plot into pattern. They would kill him, dispose of his body in a pit, and report to their father that a wild beast had destroyed him.

There was objection upon the part of Rueben, the oldest. He felt responsibility to his father for Joseph. He proposed that they cast him into a pit without killing him. The agreement was carried out. They first removed his robe. The pit was empty and without water. While the other men were eating, they noticed a company of Ishmaelite traders coming. The suggestion was made that it would be profitless to leave Joseph in the pit. They could sell him and that would get him out of the country and away from them. The bargain was made. Joseph was drawn from the pit and given over to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. Hence Joseph was headed into Egypt. The brethren had one part of their problem solved. Joseph was out of their way, but the father was waiting back home.

THE DECEIT

How were they going to handle the home end of the bargain? They took Joseph's robe and killed a kid and dipped the robe in the blood. They possibly tore the garment to show struggle and returned the bloodstained robe to their father and declared that they had found it. They did not want to tell the truth about Joseph, but left Jacob to assume that the wild beast had destroyed his favored son. Jacob responded to the circumstantial evidence with an unmeasured grief.

No way has been devised of knowing what went on in the elder sons' hearts as they stood by to see their aged father bent with grief under the impression that his favorite son was devoured by beasts. No one can measure the currents vibrating through their lives because they had lied in the presence of their father. It was a betrayal that went through the entire clan. Jacob rent his clothes and put on sackcloth. He mourned many days for the son he loved more than any one else in the world and he refused to be comforted. This completes the story of Joseph in the land of Canaan. The scene immedi-

ately shifts to Egypt where Joseph was carried as a slave boy.

JOSEPH'S WELFARE IN EGYPT

The traders who bought Joseph arrived in Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, a captain of the guard. Ahead of Joseph was the unknown and unaccounted providence of God. Behind him was the hate of his brethren and the deceit which had rent the family so that easy breathing would not be present for a long, long while. One is made to wonder in marvelous awe how God can overrule the actions of men and bring to pass his purpose to redeem the world and keep his men in proper place. Events coming after the sale of Joseph proved that God had a hand in it, "All things work together for good to them that love God, who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

PRACTICAL LESSONS

WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWS, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. This impeachable law of nature overflows into the action of men. A man who lives recklessly shall die recklessly. A man who lives under deceit shall have deceit practiced upon him. A man who tarries within the shadows will have shadows fall across his life. Harvest follows definite laws of sowing. Jacob had been a man of trickery from the very beginning. His last years were bent in grief because of the trickery that his own sons played against him. Nights were long and results unhappy because of the operation of the law of relation between harvest and sowing.

HOMELIFE SHOULD KNOW NO PARTIALITY. One has said concerning the home of only one child that the only thing that the child had ever suffered from was overattention. This is bad within itself. Where there are more in the home and overattention is given to one, the ground is set to breed dissatisfaction among all others. This was the penalty to be paid by Joseph for the favoritism shown by his father. He would have been better had his coat been in conformity with the ones of his brothers. It would have been better if his lot had been to shepherd instead of messenger. Problems can be prevented in later life by conformity to love and attention in present moments.

THE SHAM OF FALSE COMFORT. "And all his sons . . . rose up to comfort him." How could they? They were the cause. Could they afford to be the cure? How could they face exposure? Their best comfort was insufficient.

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The Cookie Party

By GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER

Bobby and Beth looked at the rain coming down so fast. It pattered hard on the windows. It splashed into the puddles in the yard. The whole sky was gray and dark, so that Mother had to put on the electric light in the kitchen at breakfast.

"The birds will be glad of the rain," Beth smiled. "They'll have plenty of water to drink."

"And puddles for baths," Bobby added. "Just the same, we can't go out to play."

"Then who wants to help make cookies?" Mother asked, and a whole chorus of "I do's" answered her. Even Daddy grinned and chanted, "I do, I do!"

As soon as the breakfast dishes were done, Mother got out cookie things. Beth ran for the fancy cutters, round ones, square ones, squirrel shaped ones, and horse shaped ones. Bobby got out the big mixing bowl. Daddy brought out the cookie pans. Soon everyone was busily at work.

Mother had rolled the first batch out when the doorbell rang. It was Sammy, the new boy next door. He had come to play.

"We're making cookies," Bobby told him.

"You may help cut them out," Beth offered. "We all take turns."

The different cookie cutters lay on the table where Mother had the dough rolled out. Each one picked a cutter and taking turns, cut three cookies each. When each one had a turn, they started all over again.

By the time the first cookies were cut, Betsy Parker from across the street had run through the raindrops to play with Beth. She joined in the cutting, too. What fun it was! How they laughed when Daddy's finger pushed the horse's head so that it somehow looked more like a goat than a horse!

Mother carefully put the cookies on the cookie tin and popped it into the oven. Beth got out a big platter and

the spatula to take the cookies from the pan to the plate when they were baked.

"Hmmm!" Daddy sniffed eagerly a few minutes later, as a lovely cinnamon-spicy fragrance crept out of the oven and went about the cozy kitchen.

"Cookies smell good," Betsy beamed.

Bobby and Sammy kept watch on the oven so the cookies would not burn. As soon as they were ready, Daddy took a pot holder and whisked the pan out of the oven. How good they smelled! Bobby and Sammy looked at them hungrily, but of course they were too hot to eat.

Now everyone lined up again to cut more cookies. Sammy pinched up a bit of dough on his squirrel cookie. It looked as if Mr. Squirrel were eating a peanut!

"There will be a great many cookies, won't there?" Betsy asked, looking at the platter which was beginning to pile high with the treats as more and more came from the oven.

"Oh, plenty of cookies!" Mother laughed. "Just listen to that rain. It is drenching. You two had better stay for lunch. I'll call your mothers!"

"Goody! Goody!" They jumped up and down in glee. It was fun to have company or to be company for lunch.

Before long, all the cookies were baked. Mother prepared tomato soup for lunch. There were crackers to float in it. There were sandwiches and milk. Best of all, there were fresh, crisp sugar cookies for dessert.

"It's a party!" they said. When Daddy had asked the blessing, they began to eat.

"Then there must be something to take home," Mother smiled. "We will make up packages of cookies to take home before we fill the cookie jar."

"We shared the fun," Beth cried happily. "We shared the work. We shared the cookies. It is a happy day, even with all the rain."

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THE STARS

By Florence Jansson

The stars at night
I think may be
God's candlelight
For you and me.
He hangs them there
When day is done
To light our prayer
Up to His throne.

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● THE 1957 REPORT of the National Education Association states that 107,452 qualified teachers will be graduated in June, representing a 10 per cent gain over last year. On the other hand, the nation's public schools could use an additional 120,000 teachers this year.—SB

A Smile or Two

The new minister's car broke down just after the morning service, so on Monday he drove it to the local garage for repairs. "I hope you'll go a little easy on the price," he told the mechanic. "After all I'm just a poor preacher."

"I know it," came the answer. "I heard you preach." —Quote

If at first you don't sultan — fry, fry again! —Quote

A small girl in our neighborhood has developed a disconcerting habit of running into the neighbors' houses unannounced. The other day we asked her, "Suzanne, why don't you knock or ring the doorbell instead of just walking in?"

"Because," explained Suzanne patiently, "my mommy told me not to go around ringing people's doorbells." —Quote

A young Bostonian just graduated from Harvard, moved to the middle west and was looking at new houses. "Now here," said the real estate agent, "is a house without a flaw."

"But," protested the Harvard grad, "What on earth do you walk on?" —Quote

Two men met. "I see your wife has a new mink stole," said one. "That ought to keep her warm."

"I didn't buy it to keep her warm," said the other. "Just to keep her quiet." —Quote

Nothing improves a joke more than telling it to your employees. —Quote

After reading the charges, the judge asked, "Are you the defendant in this case?"

"No, I ain't, yer Honor," came the quick reply. "I've got a lawyer to do my defendin'. I'm the guy what stole the chickens." —Quote

Two girls were discussing the approaching marriage of one. "If your mother dislikes Bill so much, why did she consent to your marrying him?"

"She says she's looking forward to being his mother-in-law for a while." —Quote

After Willie gave "Nile" as the answer for the principal river in Egypt, his teacher said, "That's right. Now can you tell me the names of some of the smaller tributaries?"

Willie hesitated, thought a moment and then said, "I guess it would be juveniles." —Quote

A Texan was recently complaining to an Easterner about the weather. "Oh, it can't be so bad," reprimanded the friend, "I see you're sunburned." "Sunburned nothing," growled Tex, "that's rust!"

SOMETHING FOR DAD

By Enola Chamberlin

Hurrah for June,
What barrels of fun!
We're hunting a gift
For a certain someone.
We're hunting a gift
Which will give great joy
When we say, "This is from
Your girl and your boy."
We're hunting a gift
To make someone glad,
And that someone is
Our own dear Dad.

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God's Call

AS BAPTISTS we believe that the ministry is a vocation to which the individual is called of God. We also believe that the ministry is primarily to convert people to Christ; therefore, the preacher must be a converted man. Some things are prerequisites and we take cognizance of them before ordination to the ministry. Namely, the man's religious experience, his moral character, the genuineness of his call, his fundamental beliefs, etc. For the lack of these, no training, no ability, however brilliant or attractive, can compensate.

We not only believe in a divine call to the ministry, we also believe in the call of Providence to a place of service. As Baptists, we all believe that, but, sometimes, rely on another method of finding a place to serve. In some measure the ministry had been put into a dilemma, because the churches start out looking for a pastor by promoting a popularity contest or having a primary election. Because of this, some brethren feel that they ought to help a friend by getting his name on the roster of every pulpit committee. They feel justified in this, because, God uses us as mouths, feet, hands and minds to get his work done.

This means can be carried to the extreme. About sixteen years ago, a Rotary Club where the writer was a member, paid his expenses to a Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada. One-half day was spent in vocational meetings. So, the preachers, representing many churches and countries, spent the two and one-half hours discussing religious subjects. The presiding officer was president of the United Church of Canada. During the course of events the matter of the preacher's call was discussed in open forum. Some thought that the churches did not know how to go about selecting a man; therefore, the "powers-that-be" should do it, arbitrarily. Others thought that the preacher should be ordained and placed in churches about like training and employing a scientist or some other secular worker. One pastor, a Methodist from Iowa, explained how he kept one preacher out of the ministry because his high school grades were not "too good." Another told of how he thwarted plans of one preacher who had been called to a church, because his family background was not conducive to the highest cultured standards.

A Catholic Priest sat through all of the discussion, then finally arose and said, "All of this is a revelation to me. I have always thought that the Protestants believed in a 'God-called' ministry, but now I find out that you do not. I do not see how your churches, with their loosely-knit forms of government, can avoid confusion and strife without a divinely appointed man to help them."

That statement, by a Catholic Priest sixteen years ago, burns in my ears to this day. But, from that time to this, I have had some definite convictions and a definite conscience on the matter of God calling his man to his place at his time.

The "call of Providence" will come to the church and the "call of Providence" will come to God's man in the events of life, if politics are not put before prayer; friendship with man above fellowship with God; popularity above sincerity; degrees above correctness of doctrine; and churchanity above Christianity.

It is fine and well for churches to conduct "all-night" or "around the clock" prayer meetings to reach lost souls, because Pentecost was preceded by a ten day prayer meeting. But we must not forget that before Jesus chose the Twelve Apostles, the Bible says that he prayed. "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles." (Luke 6:12-13)

If our Lord felt the need of an all-night prayer meeting before selecting his workers, surely, we all realize that some all-night prayer meetings would help many pastorless churches to find God's undershepherd to lead them.

This is a good place and time to say that our policy is never to contact any church and only try to help those who have prayed and felt led to ask us for advice. We have deviated from that policy a few times, and have never felt good about the deviation.

We write these lines to help and not to criticize. Democracy gives us much latitude, but we need to be more careful about the call of God for our lives and for our churches. — RD

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● THE WORLD now has 845 television stations and 56 million TV sets. The United States alone has 496 of these stations and 42 million of the sets.

Arkansas Baptist College

THESE LINES were written a week before the special offering day for the Negro College. But we know Baptist churches well enough to realize that some will not be able to take the offering Sunday, June 9, to help save the oldest Baptist College in Arkansas. Therefore, we suggest that if your church did not take an offering, because of schedule conflicts, lead the church to set a date and give the people an opportunity to give to this worthy cause.

The Negroes of our land are predominantly Baptists. They are trying to lift the educational level of their leaders by providing better educational facilities. We should not miss this opportunity to help these brethren do something that is long over due.

The status of the Negro minister, for the past few years, has been on the decline. This is largely due to the fact that professional workers, among the Negroes, have advanced more in education than the religious workers. Therefore, the Negro Baptists continue to experience a critical shortage of well trained ministers, because the ministry has become less and less attractive, and many promising young men are refusing to answer God's call.

It is not too late to do something about the \$100,000 offering for Arkansas Baptist College.

THE STATE CONVENTION BUDGET MAY WAS ANOTHER month in which we failed to receive enough money to meet the needs of the 1957 budget. In fact, the budget goal has been reached only one month this year.

There are many factors involved in this failure, but brethren, let us do our best to finance every worthy cause represented in the 1957 budget of the State Convention. Sure, it has rained; we know that people have left some communities and churches; yes, easy money is not so easy any more; and other things too numerous to mention are our portion. But remember Jesus said, "Go and make disciples and I'll go with you."

Let us dare to keep on giving through the Cooperative Program. — RD.

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● DURING 1956-57, enrollments in the 70 Southern Baptist colleges, seminaries and schools reached 57,000,335, surpassing by 3,653 the 1955-56 record total. Not included was 7,981 in special, non-credit, and extension classes, and about 3,500 in the Seminary Extension Department.—SB

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