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ARKANSAS BAPTIST

JUNE 11, 1959



Centrality of the Preaching Ministry

WORSHIP THAT is of the Spirit and in truth constitutes the prime reason for the existence of our churches. God is worthy of our fullest adoration, devotion and love. Deep within our very nature lies the need for worship. Without true worship man does not experience life that is abundant. Services that are Spirit-led and Spirit-filled both honor God and meet the deepest need of the human heart. There are many perils to this type of service.

The preaching of the Word stands at the very heart of worship. The pastor is subject to many pressures which may easily lead to the making of his preaching a sort of a second thought. The pressure to succeed is a constant companion of the pastor. It is much easier to count nickels and noses than it is to measure spiritual values. Under the pressure of "competing" churches our success then is determined largely in terms of our statistics. The pastor is conscious of this fact, but what is he to do? His people see the records of these statistics and while comparisons often are odious, they are nevertheless made.

Then, too, the pressure of the times may cause us to measure success largely in terms of activity. When this is

true we find ourselves adding meeting to meeting but often without much depth or quality. Under these influences the pastor finds himself turning the appointed hours for worship on the Lord's Day into periods of promotion. Thus we are confronted with the danger of sacrificing true worship for the form. Nothing could be more disastrous.

What is the answer to this problem? I wish I knew. Certainly it would not be in the direction of stopping our meetings and quitting our promotion. It might improve things if we gave a little more emphasis to the preaching of the Word. It might be well if the people would speak a word of honest commendation when the pastor brings a better than usual message from God. Encourage him by exalting the ministry of preaching. Let the laymen and women relieve the pastor of as much of the church work that they can do so that he might have more time for prayer, meditation and study. By all means let us have a sympathetic understanding of the pressures under the pastor and not fail to make him and his ministry an object of our daily prayer. To do these things might make a better preacher of him and be the means of injecting more of the Spirit in the services of worship.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

Progress in Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association

IT WAS our privilege to serve in Stone-Van Buren-Searcy association during the simultaneous revival effort. We preached a week in the 1st Church of Marshall, where Bro. J. A. Hogan is pastor. The church and pastor are working together in a marvelous way.

One of the most amazing things about this territory is the economical progress that has been made during the last fifteen years. We grew up in the foothills of the Ozarks, and know something of the financial struggle which the mountain people have had to eek out a livelihood, but now things are different. To be sure, many of the people have moved away to the city and industrial plants, but many of the more substantial citizens are left. The mountains are dotted with well kept houses; the farms are producing strawberries for the northern and eastern tables; the pastures furnish a bountiful supply of grass for the thoroughbred cattle; the cool rivers and springs flow with life-giving, invigorating, crystal clear water to slack the thirst of man and beast.

The income of the people is not "a once a year" affair, as it was in days

gone by. The income is every week or every month. There are Grade A dairies that bring regular checks to many families. There is a steady flow of livestock going to the weekly market. We visited the stock sale and saw some top cattle and hogs.

The churches are in better spiritual condition than they have been in for years, but they, like many other Arkansas Baptist churches, have not made as much progress, spiritually, as they have made economically.

One of our greatest needs in the Arkansas Baptist Convention is a renewed consciousness on the matter of stewardship, because God is expecting more of this generation of Baptists. He has seen fit to bless us with everything that it takes to get the job done for Him.

Therefore, I left Marshall after a Sunday night service (which was one of the best ever) saying to myself, "Never has the Lord been so good to a people." Then, I thanked God, took courage, and rededicated myself to the task of reminding Arkansas Baptists that we have a stewardship to perform.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary. ■

About San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, picked as site for the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention session, has been its meeting place only once before — in 1951.

The dates of the 1951 session there were June 19-24.

As in 1951, the Convention will use the Civic Auditorium which is convenient to business district hotels.

Some highlights of the 1951 session were:

Gov. Earl Warren of California, now chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, gave the welcoming address.

R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., was serving his third term as president of the Convention. Lee was the last three-term president. Convention regulations now limit presidents to only two terms.

J. D. Grey, pastor of 1st Church, New Orleans, was elected to succeed Lee.

C. Roy Angell, pastor of Central Church, Miami, preached the Convention Sermon.

Three hotels were listed as headquarters hotels — Sir Francis Drake, Drake-Wiltshire, and Whitcomb.

Southern Baptists numbered 27,788 affiliated churches with total memberships of 7,079,889. Total gifts to churches were \$197,242,154 for the most recent year reported.

The Convention voted on its 1953 meeting place, choosing Houston, Tex.

Southeastern Professor R. T. Daniel Dead

DR. R. T. Daniel, 55, professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Southwestern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., died of self-inflicted gunshot wounds May 16.

Dr. Daniel had been in ill health for more than a year and was to have entered Duke Hospital on the day of his death.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Alberta Carl Daniel; two sons: Carl R. Daniel of the U. S. Navy, and Lee B. Daniel of the home; his father, T. S. Daniel and four brothers: Joseph W., Russell, and Thomas Daniel, all of Orlando, Fla., and Burdette Daniel of Thomaston, Ga.; and a sister, Mrs. Iris Gengle of Orlando, Fla.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Southeastern Seminary Student Aid Fund.

Dr. Daniel came to Wake Forest in 1952, after teaching 17 years at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex.



Cover Story

Summer-time Hobby

SUMMER BRINGS time for collection-work or other hobbies. Many Baptist youngsters over Arkansas get an early start to new interests in Vacation Bible School.

Pastor Named to Preach 1960 Convention Sermon

The Southern Baptist Convention, at its meeting recently in Louisville, selected Ralph A. Herring, pastor, 1st Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., as Convention sermon preacher at its 1960 session in Miami Beach, Fla.

Alternate preacher selected was W. D. Wyatt, pastor, 1st Church, Albuquerque, N. M.

It voted to meet in San Francisco, Calif., Civic Center, June 5-8, 1962.

It also voted to meet in Kansas City, Mo., Municipal Auditorium in 1963, dates being May 7-10.

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'My Father'

(Editor's Note: The following tribute was written by Dr. Vaught in his church's bulletin shortly after his father's passing.)

By DR. W. O. VAUGHT
(Immanuel Church, Little Rock)

EXODUS 20:12: "Honor thy Father and thy Mother . . ." Next to my conversion I believe the "home-going" of my Father was the greatest spiritual experience of my life. His death so beautifully substantiated all I have been preaching for years. In the memorial service for my Father this last Sunday evening I tried to tell our people some of the things that were on my heart. I wish to outline these things here in our Immanuel Record.

My Father's life taught me the following things—

1. The Importance of Family Religion

My Father and Mother were both reared in Christian homes. They had known family prayers in their homes, and they provided a home for me and my sister where family prayer was a part of our daily schedule. When my Father and Mother went away on their honeymoon they began their Christian home. My Mother had a little white Bible in her suitcase and on the first night of their married life she took the little Bible and told my Father, "Now we are going to read from this book every day and we are going to pray together every day." That was the beginning of the Christian home that meant so much to me.

As I stood in the room and saw my Father die my first impression as he breathed his last was this — "MY early conversion and call to the ministry came so early in my life because in my home I had caught Christ from my Father and Mother."

2. The Glory of an Early Conversion

My Father became a Christian when he was ten years old. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, the great theologian and Baptist leader, was then in his first pastorate at Harrodsburg, Kentucky. One day he talked to my Father and urged him to become a Christian. Soon my Father joined the Church and was baptized by Dr. Mullins in Salt River. During the funeral service for my Father the Pastor of Belmont Heights Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee said, "This dear servant of Christ had loved and served his Saviour for seventy-five years." It is glorious to be converted early in life.

3. The Happiness of Service

My Father loved to serve his Lord. For more than fifty years he was a faithful Sunday School teacher. He at-

tended the Training Union in his Church and was president of his Union right up to the time of his death. At Ridgecrest and Glorieta he listened to every speaker and prayed for every phase of our Baptist life. He was a Baptist Deacon for more than fifty years and I never knew him to fail to attend Church if it were at all possible. He attended services for the last time at Belmont Heights in Nashville, Tennessee on Sunday, November 9th. The hundreds who gathered at the Funeral Home and at the Church for his funeral let me know conclusively that he was interested in all groups and all ages.

4. The Grace of Giving

The last official act of my Father was indeed an inspiration. His Church had just held their "Loyalty Dinner" and on Sunday, November 16th, they observed pledge day. Though my Father had no money he signed his pledge card for a small amount and sent it to the Church for, as he said, "I want to be a part of everything my Church does for the Lord." I found a little note book in his lock box where he kept his record of giving, and although he had no money I found that in the last few years he had given more than a thousand dollars to his Church. I saw item after item listed in that book — My Tithe — For Building Fund — For Billy Graham — For the Lottie Moon Offering. I only wish as his preacher son I can match that kind of giving.

5. The Victory of Death

For a number of years my Father had grown weaker and weaker and he had in recent months come to the place where he wanted to die. His homegoing was glorious. After nine hours of unconsciousness none of us thought he would ever speak again. But to our amazement he rallied and for three or four hours he talked to us and things he said will ever be remembered. As he came from his unconsciousness he said, "Well, well—Son I'm glad you've come." And as we all stood around his bed and talked, among the glorious things he said were statements like these—"Isn't Jesus wonderful." "I want to dedicate both of you to the Lord." And as he passed over the river at five minutes past nine, Tuesday night, November 18th, we stood in that little room in my sister's home in Nashville, Tennessee and realized the glory of death for the Christian. ■

Special Missions Offerings

THERE SEEMS to be a tendency among us to think of missions as being what we usually designate "foreign missions." Is there any reason to divide our work geographically into local, associational, state, national, foreign, as far as determining what is "missions"? Is not the field to which we are sent the whole world? Certainly, the non-Christian who lives under one's own roof, who eats at one's own table, with whom one talks and laughs each day is just as lost as an unregenerate tribesman living in the jungles of Africa and is just as certainly a missions responsibility.

Is Christian education (including not only the ministry of our schools, colleges and seminaries, but also the teaching ministry of the local church) any less "missions" than is "foreign missions"? Are not our hospital ministry, our program for homeless children, our retirement provision for ministers and all of the other things we do as a people dedicated to carrying out Christ's Great Commission—are not all of these also "missions"?

That the special "missions" offerings now taken in our churches at regular intervals are taken in the name of Christ and honor him, we readily agree. But do these special offerings honor Christ any more than the regular offerings taken each Sunday as a part of the local church worship services? Is not the regular church offering an offering for "missions"?

There was reason for special offerings for foreign missions before the Cooperative Program, just as there was necessity for special offerings for all the other causes in our world program for Christ. But, now we have one plan of financial support, in the Cooperative Program, which provides not only for "foreign missions" but for our total mission program, beginning at the local church and going to all the world. We need to give more for foreign missions than we are giving under the present system, but why have special offerings for foreign missions and not for Christian education, for hospitals, and for all the other agencies and organizations, except on the basis of unpredictable emergencies?

If we are going to continue to have special offerings on a regular basis rather than on the basis of emergencies, why not have them in the name of world missions and distribute the money through the Cooperative Program just as we do the regular church offerings? The Cooperative Program percentages for the various phases of our work can always be adjusted according to the needs on the different fields and in the different aspects of our world program.—ELM

The Denominational Editor and Controversy

SHOULD EDITORS of denominational papers deal with controversial issues? "Yes," replied Southern Baptist pastors, almost unanimously, in response to a questionnaire recently in *Baptist Program*, key pastors' monthly published by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. (For a detailed report, see the story elsewhere in this issue.)

A Christian does not lose his right and responsibility to have convictions and to give expression to them, by becoming editor of a denominational periodical. On the other hand, editors, because they are usually in a position to have more of the facts relating to a given issue or situation than others, have a peculiarly heavy responsibility to be good stewards of their editorial opportunities. This they cannot do by choosing not to deal with hot issues.

Those who would bridle the tongue of a pastor or an editor, or of anyone, would be the last to submit willingly to the bridling of their own tongues. Yet, we cannot long deprive individuals or groups of this great personal liberty without ourselves being deprived.

If we would not lose sight of the direction to which repressed speech points, let us keep the door of medieval history ajar. Still to be seen in the various museums, notably in the Ripley "Odditorium" in New York

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Personally Speaking:

Earth-Bound Geese

AN OLD story, about the geese that never flew, was brought to mind again the other day as we read the latest epistle of "Simeon Stylites," Dr. Halford E. Luccock, in *The Christian Century*.



The fable, attributed by Dr. Luccock to the Danish theologian Kierkegaard, is about a flock of geese that once lived together in a barnyard. Once a week they would come together in a

corner of the yard, at which time one of the more eloquent ganders would mount the fence and hold forth in glowing terms on the wonders of geese.

He would recount the exploits of their forefathers who mounted on wing and flew the trackless sky. He would speak of the goodness of the Creator who had given geese the urge to migrate and wings with which to fly.

As he spoke, the geese would nod their heads and marvel at these things and remark to one another on the eloquence of the preaching goose. All this they did, with great unanimity. But one thing they never did, with equal unanimity — they did not fly. Each time they would go back to their waiting dinner, for the corn was good and their barnyard quite secure.

You have doubtless concluded before now that those geese were certainly Southern Baptist. We do not know about their orthodoxy, but their orthodoxy would certainly square with our typical churches. They were playing church along with the best of us.

One day a little boy who had stayed for church in spite of the fact that his parents went home after Sunday School, had a wonderful experience during the worship service in which he felt God calling him to preach. Upon arriving home, after church, he found his mother very curious as to who was at church that day. Was Aunt Mary there? The boy did not know. What about Uncle John? The lad could not say whether Uncle John was there.

The mother asked about two or three other friends or relatives, with the same response. Finally, in desperation, she retorted: "I don't think you know whether anybody was at church!"

"Yes," replied the son, "God was there!"

If the experience of worship bounced off our lives like water off a duck's (or goose's) back, how much better are we then Kierkegaard's geese?

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Special Offerings

IN MR. WHITLOW'S report of three

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offerings of WMU in last week's issue I detected a wee bit of criticism.

First I want to say that making the Lottie Moon Christmas offering church-wide was done at the request of the Foreign Mission Board. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering has done more than anything else in directing the attention of our church people to Christ and His cause during the holidays. After all, what is more fitting than to give Him a gift at that time?

Perhaps Mr. Whitlow has forgotten that the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, the Annie Armstrong offering and the Dixie Jackson offering are all three much older than the Cooperative Program and that WMU carried on quite a campaign in helping to put the program over when it was adopted and still promotes it. This year one entire circle program was given over to its promotion and you will find your best church givers among the WMU, also your greatest number of tithers. The WMU is graded according to achievement. We have the approved, the advanced and the Honor Society. To be even an approved society every member must be a regular giver through the cooperative program and a certain percent must be tithers.

The cooperative program has nothing to fear from the WMU. We believe in it, and we promote it, and we give through it regularly. You would be surprised if you knew how much WMU women have scrimped and saved, doing without things, in order to give to these special offerings down through the years long before we ever had a cooperative program. We still do. The increased state and Home Missions offering this year is WMU's answer to the 30,000 Movement and Jubilee Advance.

If you can get the rest of the church to do as well you will reach it.—Mrs. Nora Lemarrie, Ft. Smith

[See editorial, "Special Missions Offering," page 4.]

Were Charter Members

I SEE in a recent issue of Arkansas Baptist where Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, has dedicated their new church auditorium. It might interest you and members of Calvary to know that my parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wofford, were charter members of that great church and are still living at ages 81 and 78 at Banning, Calif., where they are charter members of 1st Southern Baptist Church of that city, also.—Mrs. Willis Holt, Arkadelphia

THE CRAWLING AND UPRIGHT POSITION



(Editorials, continued from page 4)

City, are the implements of torture and death used by ecclesiastical bigots of another day to maim and murder people who failed to subscribe to accepted views. There are the instruments for pulling tongues from their roots, for pouring molten metal into the ears of "heretics." There are the torture racks for pulling non-conformists limb from limb and the deadly "Iron Maiden," whose embrace meant death from the pierce of dagger-nails.

We would not overlook the other side of the coin of free speech and freedom of the press—individual responsibility before God for what one says. According to the Scriptures, there is a day coming when each and every one of us will make his appearance before God, there to be judged for every word—yes, for every thought and intent of the heart—as well as for every deed done in this life.

The editor of the denominational press, as his readers, must shoulder the personal responsibility that goes along with the right to speak. And not a one of us has any right, either from the state or from our Creator, to scatter falsehood or half-truth. Let us guard with our lives the God-given right to speak the truth as we see it, in love and without fear or favor!—ELM

Editor, Seminary President Speakers

PINEVILLE, La. —(BP)— H. Leo Eddleman, president of the New Orleans Seminary, and James F. Cole, Alexandria, La., editor of *The Baptist Message*, delivered the principal addresses here at Louisiana College's 53rd annual commencement exercises.

Eddleman, who assumed his New Orleans Seminary duties in February, delivered the baccalaureate address. Cole, who has edited the state denominational weekly since January, 1958, preached the baccalaureate sermon.

First Canadian Crusade Records 175 Additions

DALLAS —(BP)— A total of 175 additions were recorded in the first Southern Baptist Convention simultaneous revival crusade in Canada, May 3-17.

The crusade, sponsored by the South Saskatchewan Baptist Association, was held in 13 Canadian Baptist churches.

Professions of faith accounted for 158 of the additions.

Arkansas All Over

First Church, Canfield, Has Standard School

1ST CHURCH, Canfield, in Hope Association, has just been granted the Standard Sunday School award for 1959. In a special recognition service on Sunday morning, May 24, Dr. L. E. Holt, Texarkana, now serving as pastor at Canfield, presented the standard award pennant to the church.

Canfield has a resident church membership of approximately 100. With Dr. Holt teaching the class, fifteen awards were recently granted to officers and teachers for completion of "Building a Standard Sunday School." A weekly officers and teachers meeting is held each Wednesday night.

Dr. Holt, who has retired from the active pastorate, has been serving as supply pastor at Canfield since September, 1958. Before retirement, he was pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church in Texarkana for twelve years. Under his leadership the Canfield church has made remarkable progress.

W. W. Ward is superintendent of the Sunday School at Canfield.—M. T. McGregor, Missionary, Hope Association.

● A DEDICATION service of Aberdeen Church was held May 10. The church is a mission from 1st Church, Stuttgart. The dedicatory sermon was by Dr. Ralph Kirkman, Ouachita College, and pastor Fred Drake gave the acceptance of the challenge and dedicatory prayer. (DP)



FUNERAL SERVICES were conducted for W. M. Pratt May 24 in West Side Church, El Dorado, where he had been pastor for five years. Services were conducted by Ralph Douglas and Dr. W. W. Warmath. Deacons of the church served as pallbearers. Burial was in Lonoke Cemetery. Mr. Pratt served at Lonoke for 15 years.



FOURTEEN MEMBERS of GA of Freeman Heights, Berryville, received awards May 13. Receiving maiden awards were Dianna Rowe, Earlene Walker, Janet Perkins, Donna Lindt, Evelyn Lindt, Jerry Smith, and Peggy Bickford; lady-in-waiting, Karen Bickford and Judy Laman; princess, Virginia Snow, Kathy Laman and Gail Gibson. Ann Carol Baker and Janice Snow were crowned queens by Mrs. Marzelle Perkins, WMU president. Crown bearers were Julia Maire Baker and Alice Perkins. Faith Gibson and Queen Carol Sue Gibson served as ushers. Mrs. Loyd C. Gibson is GA director; Mrs. John C. Snow and Mrs. Oscar Baker, junior counselors, and Mrs. E. A. Ingram and Mrs. Oliver McDonald, intermediate counselors.

● BRINKLEY 1ST CHURCH held GA recognition services May 13, with the following being recognized: princesses, Donna McCoy and Norman Glover; ladies in waiting, Kay McCorkle, Ginger Holland, Frances Ellen Hunter, Sandra Kay Morgan, Glenda Lowe, Dianne Davis, Martha Lou Crow, Kathy Hughes, Joyce Ann Bickerstaff; maidens, Mel Williford, Mary Jack Sturgeon, Audie Medford, Linda Thigpen, Brenda Haggar, Becky McKay, Carolyn Coker, Brenda Ball, Delores Swearingen, Betty Roberts, Paulette Volner, Wanda Rice, Dwonna Rice, Linda Sullivan and Alice Haggar.

● THIRTY-THREE GA's of Grand Avenue Church were recognized at recent services. They included: queens-with-a-scepter, Mary Lou Barlow, Rebecca Wikstrom, Donna Davis; queens, Joan Fite, Patsy Luper, Janice Irwin, Lou Ann Rodman, Mary Einert, Jo Mullins, Ginger Cooper and Dalia Aponte; princesses, Mary Irons, Pamela Sharpe, Sharon McFarlin and Vivian Sue Ramsey; ladies-in-waiting, Beverly Pitts, Joan Farrar, Judy Cooper, Paula Young, Donna Luper, Nancy Ingram.

● TWO MINISTERS will participate in a clinical pastoral education program at the Little Rock Unit of the State Hospital this summer, according to Dr. Granville L. Jones, superintendent. The program began June 8 and was under the direction of J. V. Albright, chaplain at the Little Rock Unit. The ministers who will take the 13 weeks of training are John B. Hays, Douglassville Methodist Church, Little Rock, and Maxine Emmerson, 1st Christian Church, Beebe.

JIM CALDWELL has been named interim Baptist Student director at Southern State College.



MR. CALDWELL is a graduate of Arkansas State College, where he was president of the Baptist Student Union and vice president of his class. Since his student days, Mr. Caldwell has sold insurance in Northwest Arkansas and later taught in the public schools in Missouri.—Tom J. Logue, Student Department.

Obscene Mail Complaints Invited by Postmaster

LITTLE ROCK Postmaster I. C. Bellville has asked any resident receiving obscene or pornographic literature by mail to notify his office.

Mr. Bellville said that until recently obscenity laws permitted the government to prosecute only at the point of origin of the mail. Congress amended the law last year so prosecution could take place wherever the mail is received.

Mr. Bellville said that while there was obscene literature coming into Little Rock none was going out to his knowledge. He said most of the literature was mailed from New York City and Los Angeles, where court interpretations of what is obscene and pornographic have allowed considerable freedom.

The literature generally consists of circulars offering to furnish pictures, literature or films, Mr. Bellville said. The circulars themselves usually are full of nude pictures. ■

Alabaman Pastor of Calvary, Osceola

J. W. MOON, of Lanett, Ala. and the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. has accepted the pastorate of the Calvary Church, Osceola.

Mr. Moon is a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., and has just graduated from Southern Seminary at Louisville. He served as pastor of the 1st Church, Hanover, Ind.

Mrs. Moon is the former Grace Turnham, of Abanda, Ala. The Moons have one daughter, Rita, 16.

Before entering the ministry three years ago, Mr. Moon was administrator of the George H. Lanier Memorial Hospital, located in the heart of the world-famous Chattahoochee River Valley. Mrs. Moon is an experienced elementary worker.

Rev. D. C. McAtee, pastor of the Lanett 1st Baptist, the Moon's home church, and a native Arkansan, highly recommends them to Arkansas Baptists.



MR. MOON



BAPTIST STUDENT Union officers for 1959-60 at Ouachita are: front row, left to right, George Watanabe, Mauka, Hawaii, extension chairman; Bill Scrimshire, Malvern, vice president; Dr. Bob C. Riley, faculty advisor; George O'Neel, Fort Smith, president; Gene Petty, Stuttgart, social chairman.

Second row, Virginia Horton, Monette, enlistment chairman; Marcia Bowden, Hope, publications chairman; Billie Bob Johnson, DeWitt, publicity chairman; Eddie Lou McOwen, Pine Bluff, treasurer and Betty Witherington, Camden, secretary.

Third row, Johnny Jackson, Waldo, devotional chairman; Ben Bledsoe, Booneville, president of Ministerial Association; Richard Rogers, Holly Springs, president of the Mission Band; Laddie Hixson, Arkadelphia, president of Life Service Band; Mike Huckaby, Clarksville, library chairman; and Ron Kelly, Hot Springs, music chairman.

JERRY McMICHAEL was ordained to the gospel ministry by 1st Church, Hot Springs, May 17. James Fairchild brought the charge. Mr. McMichael is pastor of Walnut Valley Church. (CB)

Attendance Report

(May 31)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Berryville, Freeman Hts.	119	72	
El Dorado, 1st	777	263	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	342	119	2
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	429	146	1
Jacksonville, 1st	517	213	6
Jonesboro, Central	357	149	2
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	365	115	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	176	88	
McGehee, 1st	468	221	5
Magnolia, Central	671	262	4
Mission	75	35	
Mena, 1st	330	114	3
Mission	39	21	
Pine Bluff, South Side	648	224	
Springdale, 1st	428	144	5
W. Memphis, Calvary	203	114	2

Bartholomew Missionary Takes Washington Post

E. C. CLOUD, superintendent of missions for Bartholomew Association, Warren, has resigned to accept the call of Richland Heights Church, Richland, Washington, effective June 1.

Mr. Cloud is a graduate of Arkansas State Teacher's College, Conway, and has attended The Rural Seminary of The South and New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Cloud is the former Mary Sue Henley. They have three children, Monroe, David, and Mary Lynn. The Clouds claim Monticello as their hometown.

RUSSEL J. CLEARMAN, Rancho Village Church, Oklahoma City, reports "The greatest visitation from Heaven in the history of our church," in the recent revival with Freddie Gage, Pasadena, Tex., as evangelist, and Jimmy Snellen, Dallas, as singer.



Round-Up of

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RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Pope Appears on TV

VATICAN CITY (EP) — Pope John XXIII has celebrated Mass on Television. In a historical telecast recently, originating in the Pope's private chapel on the feast of St. Joseph, TV cameras were allowed in his private apartment. Following the Mass, TV cameras also took "shots" of the Pontiff in various parts of his apartment and finally seated at his desk looking over documents that needed his attention.

Mount Ararat Broadcasting Site

MOSCOW (EP) — Radio and television antennas will go up on Mount Ararat where Noah's Ark came down after the flood, Moscow Radio reported recently. The news bulletin did not state who planned the station, but indicated it will be built this year. Mount Ararat is in Turkey, near the western border of Soviet Armenia. Radio Moscow said the new station would be erected at a height of 12,467 feet. It made no allusion to Mount Ararat's Biblical history.

Gifts to Build Headquarters

GENEVA, Switzerland (EP) — A total of one million dollars in cash and pledges has been received for the new headquarters building of the World Council of Churches. Gifts from foundations, individuals, and other sources will make up the remainder of the \$2,500,000 goal. The new headquarters will have 236 rooms at the start. Construction is due to begin this fall and it should be completed by 1961.

Teen-age Homicides Sweep Tokyo

TOKYO (EP) — A wave of murders is sweeping Japan's capital city. Japanese police report 55 killings since January 1 — most of them committed by teen-agers and men in their early 20's.

An 18-year-old boy knifed a policeman while attempting to steal the officer's pistol. A Japan-born Korean youth of 18 was given a death sentence for strangling a 23-year-old woman and a 16-year-old coed. Nineteen minors have been sentenced to death since the war.

Japan Crusade Called Unprecedented

OSAKA, Japan (EP) — "Japan has never seen an invitation like this — so solemn, so quiet and reverent, so marked by the presence of God."

With these words, Rev. R. S. Nicholson, Jr., Wesleyan Methodist Missionary to Japan, sums up his reaction to the Osaka Christian Crusade. In its first two weeks, the 21-day Crusade, under the leadership of Dr. Bob Pierce, has seen a total of over 4,100 decisions for Christ. Veteran observers label this an unprecedented response against the background of a culture in which less than one half of one percent of Japan's total population claims to be Christian. World Vision, Inc., is sponsoring the Crusade at the request of 400 churches in the Osaka-Kyoto-Kobe area.

Baptist Crosscurrents

The State Church Principle

A GROUP of Southern Baptist pastors have recently returned from England and Scotland, where they had gone to assist in a revival movement among "free churches" of the Baptist variety. This trip gave these ministers an opportunity to observe the baleful effects of the state church on free evangelical religion. They found that the preferred legal status given the "official church" created a spirit of defeatism among the "free churches." A negative attitude seemed to prevail throughout the religious community. Religion had become largely impotent.

Two observations may be made on this situation. One is that evangelical religion moves at low ebb when church and state are united. The other is that the acceptance of the state church principle is not confined to the Roman Catholics, as many assume. The established church in England is the Anglican (Episcopal); in Scotland, the Presbyterian; and in the Scandinavian countries, the Lutheran.

But the Roman Catholic Church does insist on being given official status by the state. That their purpose is to achieve this ultimate goal in America is shown by their continuous effort to get government support for their parochial schools, free bus transportation, and by many other current indications of their desire to "get the camel's nose in the tent." They have achieved this position in several countries: notably, Italy, Spain, France, and Argentina.

These examples demonstrate some of the reasons Baptists believe that all churches and denominations should be independent of the state and should remain apart from it in the administration and promotion of their affairs.—George W. Riddle, *Christian Life Commission*.

Why the Protection Plan?

IS YOUR church one of the 20,000 that is NOT protecting its pastor through the Southern Baptist Protection Plan?

If it is, you may be interested in this excerpt from a letter written recently by a district missionary:

"As you know, Brother (name withheld) passed away suddenly. He was only 33 years old. He left a wife and two girls. He didn't have any insurance and wasn't in the Retirement Plan. His hospital and funeral expense were at least \$1,500. He owes another \$2,000. If each church in the association . . . would give some amount, we could at least pay the hospital and funeral bills for his wife. . . ."

The letter stated also that the church agreed to continue paying the widow her husband's salary until a new pastor is called. But what will happen to the family when all financial aid is cut off?

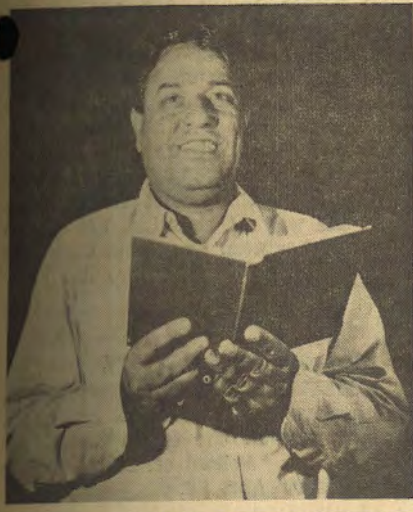
A portion of this tragedy could have been averted if the church had invested just 10 per cent of the pastor's annual salary in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan. The maximum amount the church could have paid was \$400 a year. Then, this mother would have had some income for as long as she remained a widow.

What would your church do in a similar tragedy?

The only time to overcome such a financial tragedy is before it happens.

The Southern Baptist Protection Plan is a wise investment. It offers protection, not only to the pastor, but to the church as well.—Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas

Tea House Along an Indian Road



By BLAISE LEVAI

THIS IS Andreas Din, formerly a Mohammedan priest. Before he became a Christian, Andreas was in charge of a large Moslem temple in South India. One day, while he was a patient in a mission hospital, he overheard an evangelist preaching in the hospital. The earnestness of the man and his message haunted him for days afterwards. Andreas was surprised and pleased when the evangelist visited him in the ward and prayed for his recovery. He was even more surprised when he learned that the evangelist was a former Mohammedan.

After Andreas was discharged from the hospital, he secretly purchased a New Testament. When some of the staunch Moslems discovered that their priest was reading daily from a New Testament, they drove him out of the city.

"The shame and degradation of that experience," he said later, "I could not have borne alone. The Lord helped me, even as He promised in His Word."

After his conversion he boldly returned to the same city he had served as a Mohammedan priest. In order to support himself he opened a tea stall near a crowded bus stop in the bazaar. Andreas decided that his would be the finest-flavored tea, with an ample amount of undiluted milk and clean sugar.

Near the tea stall is a railway crossing where all buses and trucks must stop. While the bus waits for the train to pass, "Tea and the Word of God—all for 2 annas," he calls as he enters the bus crowded with people and luggage. With his portable tea tray he makes his way through the bus.

"This Gospel tells you the secret of life. It promises you peace and joy. The secret of life is contained here in this Gospel. It is nice to drink tea; but he who drinketh of His Word shall never thirst," he continues, as he waits for them to finish sipping their tea. And the expression of inward peace and gladness in his own life are unmistakable.

As the first missionary convert, Andreas has become a well known figure, and is winning the respect of the villagers. He is one of the many distributors of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon which with the help of the American Bible Society distributed 1,297,686 volumes of Scriptures to travelers along the Indian road.—By permission of the American Bible Society

Program Planned By RE Association

"WORKING IN the present — looking to the future" is the theme of the program for the Southeastern Baptist Religious Education Association, Ridgecrest, N. C., July 22-23.

Dr. Findley B. Edge, professor of religious education at Southern Seminary, is president.

Themes for the various sessions will include "The Growing Edges of Religious Education," "Improving the Quality of Our Work," "Ministering to Adults," and "Foundations of Religious Education."

Soul Winner's Testament Widely Distributed

DURING THE first nine weeks following publication on February 1 of this year the Soul Winner's New Testament has enjoyed a distribution of 200,000 copies through our Southern Baptist book stores and organizations. Its acceptance is demonstrated by what has happened at Oklahoma City when Dr. Herschel Hobbs, Baptist Revival Hour speaker and pastor of the 1st Church, stated: "Most Christian people would like to be soul winners. I daresay that one reason why so many of them are not is due to the fact that they simply do not have a proper understanding of how to use the New Testament in soul winning.

"The Soul Winner's New Testament is so arranged that anyone who can read the English language can skilfully use it as the Sword of the Spirit in breaking down the walls of resistance about the hearts of men."

500 Copies Sold One Day

Following the above statement Dr. Hobbs urged his members to obtain a copy across the street in the Baptist Book Store and use it for soul winning. The book store manager reported that the following day more than 500 copies were sold, and his supply on hand was exhausted.

On Sabbatical Leave

T. M. BENNETT, associate professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Seminary, will be on sabbatical leave next fall. Dr. Bennett intends to spend the summer months and the fall semester studying at Union Theological Seminary in New York. His primary field of study will be Old Testament and he will take additional courses in theology and philosophy of religion.

Arkansas-Sponsored Church Biggest in Michigan

FLINT, Mich. — (BP) — Lincoln Park Baptist Church here will have the largest completed building of any Southern Baptist church in the state when it dedicates a \$165,000 auditorium in August.

The eight-year-old church was originally sponsored by Greene County Association of Baptist churches in Arkansas, and its charter membership came from Arkansas and Missouri folk who moved to this auto-manufacturing city.

The new building, of colonial structure and buff brick similar in appearance to 1st Church, Memphis, will seat 625 worshippers.

Coupled with an educational unit built last year to accommodate 500 persons in Sunday School, the total property evaluation of the church will be \$310,000.

A spire on the new auditorium must be hoisted into place. It will reach 87 feet, making it the tallest church spire in the city.

Pastor L. Vernon Sisco said that construction was financed chiefly through sale of Broadway bonds, of which about one-fourth was bought by church members and the remainder by companies involved in the construction.

It is now affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan which was recently organized. There are 10 Southern Baptist churches in Flint and 71 in the state of Michigan.

Membership of the church is over 500 and Sunday School enrollment is 489. It has been the only church in Michigan whose entire Sunday School organization was standard.

Out of Lincoln Park Church have come six missions, now all independent churches. The church plans to establish two new missions by the end of 1960.

Another unit in the building program will be started this year. A nursery-recreation building, it will cost an estimated \$30,000.

Wall-to-wall carpeting and chandeliers are part of the interior decorating of the new auditorium.

Sisco came to the church as pastor 1½ years ago from pastorate of Maplewood Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Missionary Doctor Is Now Specialist

DR. KARL J. MYERS, Jr., Baptist missionary to Nigeria, has passed the examinations of the American Board of Internal Medicine to qualify as a specialist in the field of internal medicine.

Now in the States on furlough, Dr. Myers and his family plan to return to Nigeria in August. There Dr. Myers will be related to the Baptist Health Service, a new organization which carries preventive medicine out into the African communities. He was formerly associated with the Baptist Hospital in Ogbomoso.

'In the Beginning God'

By DUKE K. McCALL

(President of Southern Baptist Seminary,
Louisville, Ky.)

Excerpts from sermon preached at
Baccalaureate Service for first graduat-
ing class USAF Air Academy, May 31,
1959.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-8;
Colossians 1:15-20.

WHEN ONE of you graduates of the Air Academy lands on a planet or some distant star where another form of human life exists, ask the wisest person you encounter this question: "How has God revealed himself to you people here?" The God who created our world is the God who created their world and the God who revealed himself to us in Christ Jesus will have revealed himself to them as a God of love. Just as we have a gospel to share with them, they may have good news of the Divine Creator to share with us.

Man's conquest of outer space will ultimately change the popular conceptions of the universe and, in turn, change the popular conception of God without changing the basic Christian faith. Following the launching of the Russian Sputniks and the feverish and fearful demands that the United States get into the satellite race, it became evident that men of faith, as well as those without any faith, were walking in clouds of fear.

The immediate focus of that fear was upon the technological achievements of a national opponent whose way of life is godless. Now, whether the United States has actually caught up with or surpassed Russia, and regardless of how sure our defenses may be against attacks from an aggressor hurled against our land through outer space, we are all still uneasy.

This was reflected to me in Birmingham, Alabama, in a question from Mr. Claude Keathley, reporter for the **Birmingham News**: "Will the conquest of outer space strengthen or weaken religious faith? Will it lead to a religious revival or the worship of science?"

To answer that question one must probe the depths of new scientific insight and assess its effect on the notions generally held about the nature of the universe.

The ideas of Sir Isaac Newton regarding space and time, which became established in classical physics, are no longer tenable. The theory of an expanding universe, developed about 1930, opened the door for the exit of the Newtonian idea that nature could be interpreted by the existence and motion of entities in space and time. Euclidian geometry is obsolescent along with Newtonian physics. Indeed, a straight line is no longer the shortest distance between two points.

This is sufficient to illustrate the fact that this is the first generation to be affected not merely by new discoveries but also by the destruction of old categories of thought. The discovery of the New World by Columbus was a minor

incident in human history compared to the unshackling of the human mind from old concepts and human life from spatial limitation to this planet. Explorations of outer space will have no larger repercussions in the lives of this and generations immediately ahead than explorations of the new ideas and new ways of thinking which must result.

Unfortunately popular concepts of the universe generally held by men today and which must be changed, are unnecessarily tied to religion. We can understand where we are now by looking backward to the history of such a period of intellectual ferment and exploration in the past.

We know today that the early concepts of a flat world were wrong, but religious leaders of that day long ago believed the world was a plane with four corners. Now we look back and say that is ridiculous. In that day all ideas brought from the keen minds of alert scientists pointing toward a round world were not only rejected but also were condemned in the name of religion. At that same time it was generally thought that the sun revolved around the earth. Religious leaders led a fight to halt the march of the new understanding of astronomers. Today, we all take it for granted that the world revolves around the sun, and our religion is intact.

Now the general public is becoming aware of things the scientists have known for a number of years. The impact on the human mind will have dramatic repercussions and these will spill over into the realm of religion. What will have to change is not the message of divine revelation in the Scriptures but the interpretations which men have made of the Scriptures as we have imported popular ideas about the world into that revelation.

The experience of fear we are having today because of this breakthrough of human knowledge is like that of the little child going into a dark room. He was scared, but once he has become familiar with the dark room and the exact position of the bed and other furniture, the room becomes, for that child, a secure place.

Thus, the first reaction of man to this conquest of outer space is that we are on the escalator of scientific progress leading to utter destruction. The Christian man is smart enough to sense the necessity of adjusting these new scientifically demonstrated ideas as satellites around the Son of God. Then the dark room of outer space will become familiar to Christian faith.

The general public, after a first reaction of fear and then a swing to the opposite end of the pendulum and dependence upon scientific achievement, will ultimately turn to the revelation of God to help them understand and handle both the ideas and the problems of this "new" universe.

Speed of travel in a jet age has made our world too small for us to have room for little men with little minds. Peace on our planet depends upon men whose minds can compass the problems and needs of all the people of earth. Even bigger men will be needed to handle the understanding of the expanding universe to which we must now accommodate our thinking. Fortunately, the God who continues creation in an expanding universe loves the people of this planet enough to provide the way of abundant life through his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. We can continue to trust love like that.

South Brazil School Has 10th Anniversary

A REPRESENTATIVE from each of the graduating classes took part in the program when the South Brazil Baptist Training School celebrated its 10th anniversary Apr. 23.

Among these women were a foreign missionary who has served in Bolivia for nine years; two pastor's wives; the Sunbeam secretary for the Brazilian Woman's Missionary Union, who also teaches elementary education at the Training School; a teacher in a church day school in the interior of Mato Grosso, Brazil; a home missionary in the interior of Bahia, Brazil; another teacher at the Training School; and a foreign student who is returning to her home country to teach in a church day school. And these represent only a few of the places of Christian service being filled by graduates of the school.

Begun in Rio de Janeiro March 4, 1949, with 30 students, the Training School has now an enrollment of 63 students and 18 teachers. Dr. Dorine Hawkins, Southern Baptist missionary, has been directress since the school was opened.

Beginning next year the school will offer the bachelor of religious education degree, and only girls with a junior college education will be admitted. In the next 10 years the curriculum will be expanded to include a secretarial course for church workers and a school of music.

296 in Graduating Class at Southern

DEGREES WERE conferred officially on 269 graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here during the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The principal speaker — preacher of the convention sermon — was R. Paul Caudill, 1st Church, Memphis.

Retiring Convention President Brooks Hays gave the benediction. A feature of the commencement was the singing of the "Seminary Hymn," written by Dr. Basil Manly, Jr., in 1860, and sung at every commencement since that time.

Candidates for the bachelor of divinity degree totaled 164.

Church Literature Department Added

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — W. D. Kendall has been named head of the Baptist Sunday School Board's new Church Literature Department in the Business Division.

Kendall, who came to the Board in 1939, has been secretary of the Advertising Department since 1952. The Board approved the organization of the new department at its April meeting.

● J. T. ELLIFF, former Arkansas pastor, participated in dedicatory services for a new \$180,000 educational building and church, Loma Vista Chapel, recently. The mission is sponsored by Bethany Church, Kansas City, of which Mr. Elliff is pastor. He writes: "The building will care for 500 in Sunday School and worship. We hope to start such a project every two years in the metropolitan area. We estimate this kind of beginning will set the work ahead eight to 10 years."

Additional SBC Reports Home Mission Board

The Home Mission Board described its agency reorganization, which took effect Jan. 1.

Speaking for the agency, Executive Secretary Courts Redford, Atlanta, said, "The board is seeking diligently to implement the recommendation of the Convention Survey Committee that 'the Home Mission Board and the state conventions seek to develop a uniform Southern Baptist Convention-wide pattern of mission work.' It was further suggested that the Home Mission Board take the initiative in planning such co-operation."

It was reported that the "main emphasis in 1959 is being given to evangelism."

"The revolutionary movement in Cuba during 1958 hindered the work to a considerable extent," Redford reported. Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone of Panama are three areas outside the United States in which the Home Mission Board has jurisdiction for Southern Baptist mission work.

The agency secretary said he hoped that messengers would give special attention to that part of the Survey Committee report regarding Cuba work. "Despite the handicaps . . . the churches made steady progress toward self-support. The Baptist Convention of Cuba now has a general plan by which each church is expected to assume an additional portion of the pastor's salary from year to year until it becomes self-supporting . . ."

"Now that the political situation is somewhat stabilized, we believe the churches will make very rapid progress in 1959."

Redford added that Panamanian churches have made "very satisfactory progress and the stronger churches are

The Fight for Decency

ALL BRANCHES of our government and their executives are showing grave concern over the traffic in obscenity, but as yet they have found no effective control for it. I recently attended a symposium sponsored by the Law School of a university in Chicago at which the various legal angles involved in this question were discussed by able lawyers from various parts of this nation. The conclusions drawn from this symposium were that an effective control of this traffic by law was exceedingly difficult to achieve.

Speakers pointed out that some hope for this achievement appeared for a little while after the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the celebrated Roth case in which a legal definition of obscenity was established. But later, when the Supreme Court reversed lower court convictions based on the

Roth case in three successive cases, obscene publications were let loose on the country in greater volume than ever before.

The consensus reached by the symposium was that this struggle for decency can and should be won at the community level by the united efforts of its citizens, that the most effective instruments in this struggle should be the home, the school, and the church, and that the objective of this united effort should be to arouse an informed and active public opinion that will oppose the distribution of this offensive material in any form and by any method. Defiance of the moral code of a community by any legitimate business or bootleg peddler can render their business very unpopular and too unprofitable for it to be continued. — A. C. Miller, Christian Life Commission.

Woman's Missionary Union

A MEMBERSHIP of 1,355,163 with gains in all its organizations was reported by Woman's Missionary Union. Making the report was the executive secretary, Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Ala. She pointed out a gain of 47,388 members for the year, but added this gain includes Sunbeam Nursery members for the first time and cannot be compared with gains in previous years.

The gains in organizational units were largest in Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band. Sunbeam Band reported an

assuming an additional portion of local support from year to year."

The number of missionaries serving under appointment of the Home Mission Board was 1,282, a gain of 11 over the number reported to the 1958 Convention.

An emphasis on large cities has been a feature of the 1958 Mission Board program.

The Home Mission Board made its "first large appropriation for project 'Large Cities'" — \$200,000 "for purchase of church lots and employment of mission pastors" in the Chicago metropolitan area. The \$200,000 will provide 10 new locations with well-trained pastors.

The Home Mission Board also is responsible for work in the 49th state. Its Alaskan secretary, L. A. Watson, said, "Statehood is making its mark on the overall picture of the future of Alaska . . . Other faiths are entering Alaska. Southern Baptists are among the youngest, having been in Alaska some 15 years. Scores of villages and towns are begging us to come into them."

The number of converts baptized in Southern Baptist churches during 1958 was 407,972 which was the second highest total for a year, surpassed only in 1955.

increase of 2,023 units or 10.2 per cent and Girls' Auxiliary a gain of 1,744 auxiliaries of 6.8 per cent.

The circulation of the WMU magazines is increasing. *Royal Service* for women reports a circulation of 344,000, *The Window* reached 45,000, *Tell* for members of Girls' Auxiliary, 156,000, and *Sunbeam Activities* for Sunbeam Band leaders reported 44,000. *Royal Service* led with a 17 per cent increase; *Tell* was second with 15.9 per cent; and *The Window* third with 10.5 per cent.

The 1957 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions totaled \$6,121,585.14, while the 1958 Annie Armstrong for home missions was \$1,676,622.72.

Miss Hunt announced plans to enlarge the present headquarters building by adding two additional floors.

Methodists Slate Week Of 175th Anniversary

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The 175th anniversary of the organization of The Methodist Church in America will be celebrated the week beginning Dec. 27, 1959.

A special observance is being planned for Baltimore, Md., where the church was formally organized in 1784. Also, it is expected that Methodist churches across the country will have ceremonies to commemorate the event.

The Methodist Church in America was organized in a now famous "Christmas Conference" of young ministers at Baltimore's Lovely Lane Chapel.

DURING THE last Congress, a total of 18,105 bills were introduced. Of these, 13,965 died; 4,140 were approved by committees; and 1,720 were passed, signed by the President, and inscribed in the statute books.

Louisville Convention Highly Rated by Editors

By the Baptist Press

EDITORS OF many Baptist state papers said the recent 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention demonstrated the Convention's unity and its forward march.

Others also described it as "one of the finest" and several gave considerable space to praise for outgoing Convention President Brooks Hays and his successor in office, Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, Tenn.

One editor, however, felt Brooks Hays's tenure in office may have damaged the Convention because of his political ties and because of his expressions on the race issue.

But the one idea which recurred more than any other was that of unity. H. H. McGinty, of Jefferson City, Mo., editor of the *Word and Way*, put it this way concerning the Convention's business: "There were a few divisive issues but many more unifying factors."

J. Marse Grant stated bluntly, "Southern Baptists are united as never before in history. Our World Missions Program is the greatest unifying factor among us . . ." He is editor of *Charity and Children*, Thomasville, N. C.

Admitting there was some "turbulence and testing" in the sessions, Editor Richard N. Owen of the *Baptist and Reflector*, Nashville, Tenn., continued, "But the Convention moved unitedly through all the disturbance toward a brighter day."

The *Biblical Recorder*, Raleigh, N. C., in an editorial by Associate Editor C. W. Bazemore, declared, "We know that we are a compact group united by the overmastering loyalties that bind us, far stronger than the issues that seem at times to divide us."

"Progress, celebration, debate, and unity" marked the 102nd session at Louisville in the opinion of James O. Duncan, acting editor of the *Capital Baptist*, Washington, D. C.

The ability to debate issues in democratic fashion, such as at Louisville, characterized Southern Baptists as a "mighty, forward-moving force for God," Editor Jack L. Gritz of the *Baptist Messenger*, Oklahoma City, Okla., told his readers.

The *California Southern Baptist* of Fresno, Calif., edited by Floyd Looney, reported that . . . "Baptists proved to the world that the things that bind them together are stronger than things which tend to draw them apart. In short, it was a good convention."

Agreeing with Looney's feelings about the caliber of the session, was John J. Hurt, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., who edits the

Christian Index. Hurt wrote: "The 102nd session of the Southern Baptist Convention can go into the record as one of its finest."

W. C. Fields, in his editorial for the *Baptist Record*, Jackson, Miss., saw the 1959 session as having a "forward-looking and good" spirit.

The *Maryland Baptist's* editor, Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., of Baltimore, felt it was the "most dramatic" convention session he'd ever attended.

However, Leon Macon, Birmingham, editor of the *Alabama Baptist*, was somewhat critical of Brooks Hays, who went out of office as president after serving the two-year limit on terms. It was Hays's statements on the race question which drew Macon's disfavor. He interpreted Hays's president's address as "apparently endorsing integration."

Commenting that some felt Hays has "national political ambitions" Macon added: "If this is true, he has taken unfair advantage of the Southern Baptist Convention to advancing his personal ambitions."

In rebuttal, the editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* said, "Due no small share of the credit for bringing the Southern Baptist ship through the troubled seas of the last two years is Arkansas' own Brooks Hays. A messenger who paid tribute to him from the Convention floor as one sent from God to our Convention for such a time as this, expressed the feeling, obviously, of the vast majority of the more than 12,000 messengers in attendance."

Erwin L. McDonald, of Little Rock, is the *Arkansas* editor.

R. G. Puckett, Columbus, editor of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger*, thought Hays merited the title "Mr. Baptist Layman" for his leadership as president.

In the eyes of Chauncey R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, Middletown, Ky., "Hays's address was not matched by many other addresses in this or any other Convention."

In the *Rocky Mountain Baptist*, Editor Willis J. Ray of Denver, Colo., led off his Convention story with this sentence: "Southern Baptists have their heads lifted high and are still on the march."

And in the *Illinois Baptist*, Carbondale, Ill., Editor L. H. Moore said, "Baptists left Louisville rejoicing in their blessings and with zeal set themselves to the main task in the months ahead—witnessing and winning souls to Christ." ■

Southern Convention Missions Giving Increases over 1958

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention entered the summer with one of its brightest financial pictures. Receipts for the year to date were running 11.15% ahead of a like period a year ago and comparison of other figures showed an even better gain.

The financial statement for the month of May, issued by Convention Treasurer Porter Routh here, reported \$2,970,508 total gifts for the 31-day period. This brought the five-month total to \$16,070,194 compared with \$14,458,616 for January-May, 1958.

What accounted for an even better financial outlook was the fact that the percentage gain of 1959 over 1958 was significantly greater than the percentage gain of 1958 over 1957 at this point a year ago.

At the end of May, 1958, total receipts were running 8.91 per cent ahead of the previous year.

May receipts this year included \$1,583,602 through the Cooperative Program—undesignated gifts—and \$1,386,905 through designations, which are committed to support special phases of the Convention's program selected by the givers.

Almost nine-tenths of the designated receipts for May were in the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions received in the churches each spring. The Home Mission Board's disbursement in May included \$1,230,633 from this offering.

Cooperative Program receipts for the year 1959 to date were \$7,039,615, up 8.15 per cent over the previous year. Designated receipts were \$9,030,578, up 13.6 per cent over 1958.

The Home Mission Board's disbursement of designated offerings plus its \$224,871 share of Cooperative Program receipts placed it first among agencies in total disbursements for May. The Foreign Mission Board followed with \$621,880 in Cooperative Program funds and \$151,805 in designated funds disbursed to it.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., was third with disbursement of \$241,657 through the Cooperative Program, but nothing through designated gifts.

Funds reported through the office of the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer represent only income for the support of Convention agencies and other SBC work. They do not include money retained by local Baptist churches nor by state Baptist organizations. ■

The Place of New Sunday Schools In Evangelism

IT HAS been reported that new churches baptize one person for every eight church members, while the ratio of all churches is about one to twenty. The Sunday school enrollment in new churches averages 130 for every 100 church members, while in all Baptist churches the Sunday school enrollment stands at 78 for every 100 church members.

The ratio of one baptism for every eight church members should serve as an incentive in the establishment of new Sunday schools.

It is a well-known fact that if the multitudes are to be reached and great numbers baptized, many new Sunday schools must be started.

In relation to starting new work and using new Sunday schools to win lost people, some imperatives are faced.

1. Places for new Sunday schools must be spotted. The associational organization may be helpfully used. Interested pastors and Sunday school people may also assist in finding places where new Sunday schools may be

started. New churches may or may not result from these schools.

2. For the greatest evangelistic results to be realized, ample provisions should be made to support the new work. This would include locating an adequate place of meeting, supplying literature and other necessary provisions, and enlisting a sufficient number of qualified workers. Material and spiritual support are imperative.

3. A constructive program of soul-winning must be conducted. A complete census will be included in such a program. A census will reveal the urgency of evangelism and thus the justification of the new work. Officers and teachers must feel the "pull of the people". Bible teaching is imperative and fruitful. Up-to-date teaching methods, which center on the individual and his relationship to God, result in souls won to Christ. Special soul-winning efforts also will be provided in the form of revival meetings.

4. New work must be properly supervised. A full church program should be conducted as soon as advisable. By proper direction new Sunday schools will continue to be evangelistic. For evangelism to be most effective, it must go beyond winning people to Christ. Indoctrination, spiritual fervor, and a sense of loyalty must be experienced by the newly converted person. This requires an adequate training program, which should be developed in each Sunday school. — Roy E. Boatwright. ■

'Red Night' Tells Of Struggle in Russia

OUT OF the red night of Russia comes a fresh and vivid portrayal of a cause that will not die, though harassed, restricted and despised. "Red Night" portrays authentically the apostolic courage with which the believing remnant in Russia confronts the atheistic pressures that have relegated Christians to second-class citizenship.

The tension and heartache between Igor, dedicated and ambitious young Communist party official, and his sister Anya, wholly committed to the service of Christ, form the dramatic core of a colorful and heart-stirring story of what it means to be a follower of Christ in Russia today.

"Red Night" is presented by Paul E. Freed, president of the Voice of Tangier, radio broadcasting station of Tangier, Morocco. Rev. Ben Armstrong, who accompanied Mr. Freed on their recent trip behind the Iron Curtain, was the photographer. They were fortunate enough to obtain rare motion pictures of Christian families in their homes, as well as of their public worship services. Shown in the film are Red Square, the Kremlin, Moscow University, the rigid discipline of the grade schools, the patient queues before stores where some coveted, scarce article has been advertised, rare and forbidden shots of a communal farm, the all-pervading military establishment, and many other scenes showing life in Russia today, including "enshrined" models of the Sputniks.

The film is 16mm, in full color, running time 30 minutes. It is available for rental from Iversen-Ford Associates, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. ■

Maryland Editor Helps Kill School Bus Bills

GAINER E. Bryan, Jr., former director of public relations for Kentucky Baptists and now editor of *The Maryland Baptist*, assisted in the killing of two pieces of proposed legislation in Maryland which would have benefited parochial schools in that state. One was designed to permit non-public school children to ride public school busses from a point on the highway nearest the pupil's home to a point on the highway nearest the parochial school.

The other was intended to amend the existing law for one Maryland county which would have permitted public school busses to change their routes and take non-public school children directly to parochial schools. This county already has a law permitting parochial school children to ride busses.

Maryland Baptist, published twice a month in Baltimore, in a front page editorial, attacked the two legislative moves as step one and two in a pattern of encroachment. The editorial by Mr. Bryan was followed by a ground swell of citizens' opposition from the two counties affected and resulted in the killing of the two bills.

Midwestern Seminary Adds Five to Faculty

FIVE PROFESSORS have been added to the faculty of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

They are:

J. Morris Ashcraft, graduate of Ouachita, former professor at Southern Seminary, and a native of Arkansas, as professor of archeology.

G. Hugh Wamble, graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and of Southern Seminary, former professor at Southern Seminary, a native of Georgia, as professor of church history.

Frank E. Royal, graduate of Southwest Missouri State College and Southwestern Seminary, former professor at Hardin-Simmons, and pastor of Southside Church, Abilene, native of Missouri, as professor of religious education and church administration.

Roy L. Honeycutt, graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and Southern Seminary, former instructor at Southern Seminary and pastor of 1st Church, Princeton, Ky., Mississippi native, as associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew.

George D. Thomason, graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, and Southwestern Seminary, former professor at Sul Ross State College, Alpine, Tex., native of Oklahoma, as associate professor of New Testament and Greek.

Vernon Yearby Honored

VERNON YEARBY, associate in the Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, was awarded a doctor-of-divinity degree from Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., June 1.

Yearby is a graduate of that college and Southwestern Seminary. For 12 years he served as pastor of the 1st Church, Midland, Tex. Since then he has served as pastor of 1st Church, Florence, Ala., and secretary of evangelism in Alabama.

His present responsibilities involve writing evangelism materials for local churches.

Gage and Snellen With Tyronza Church

EVANGELIST FREDDIE Gage and Singer Jimmy Snellen will be engaged in revival services at 1st Church, Tyronza, June 14-21, Pastor Earl C. Edwards announces.

Since 1951, Evangelist Gage, now only 26 years of age, has preached to more than two million people. He has conducted more than 250 soul winning campaigns in local churches and city-wide revivals. More than 21,000 persons have united with Southern Baptist churches under his preaching.

Mr. Snellen, also 26, was vocalist for Hardin-Simmons University's world famous band and a member of the college a capella choir, while he was a music major there. He furthered his voice study at Baylor University. He is said to be one of the most versatile gospel singers today.

Letter to Baptist Thinking of Marrying Catholic Girl

By LOFTON HUDSON

My Dearest Son:

Your father feels as any father would, greatly concerned about the future happiness of his boy. I have always tried to shoot square with you, to give you the facts, to trust your good judgment in making the proper decisions. Now that you are thinking, so I hear, of marrying a Catholic, there are some facts which you should bear in mind.

I think you ought to know about the contract which every non-Catholic has to sign before the Catholic is allowed to marry. In it you will find these statements:

"I will not interfere in the least with the free exercise of the Catholic party's religion.

"I agree that all the children, both boys and girls, that may be born of this union shall be baptized and educated solely in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, even in the event of the death of my Catholic consort.

"I agree that I will lead a married life in conformity with the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding birth control, realizing fully the attitude of the Catholic Church in this regard.

"I agree that no other marriage ceremony shall take place before or after this ceremony by the Catholic priest."

To this, my son, you are asked to "solemnly swear." In the light of the above facts, I should like to submit the following five points for you to think about.

1. Marriage should be on a 50-50 basis, each one of the couple being fair and tolerant toward the other's beliefs. But if you marry a Catholic, you are expected to keep silent about your religion even within your own home. You swear that you will not confess and defend your own faith before your children. Why? Because Roman Catholics claim that there is only one legitimate religion. You are not allowed to say to your wife and children that Jesus Christ died for our sins and that all who receive him by repentance and faith are guaranteed eternal life. That would be interfering with their religion.

2. Your children, by such a marriage, will not be allowed even to attend their father's church. Son, you were reared to believe that every individual has a right to know both sides of a question and to make up his mind for himself. You will want the privilege for your son. Do not saddle him, before he is conceived, with a vow that he will "be baptized and educated solely in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church."

3. The Catholic requirement for marriage with a non-Catholic is an insult to every other faith. Besides requiring you to be married by a priest, they forbid you to ask a similar ceremony and blessing of your own pastor. This is a repudiation of all other ministers and churches. For example, if you and your fiancée should decide to have a Baptist or Presbyterian minister to perform the ceremony, the church to which she belongs would excommunicate her and deny her communion on the grounds that she is living in adultery. Children born to this union would be looked upon by her church as illegitimate.

4. In addition to the contract that you sign, if you are married by a priest, the bride must also sign a contract in which you will find this significant statement: "The Catholic party promises that he (or she) will endeavor to bring the non-Catholic into the fold of the Roman Catholic Church." Remember that you will have already signed a statement that you "will not interfere in the least" with her religion, and that the children will be "educated solely" in her faith. I ask you, is this fair? Is this the Golden Rule taught by our Master?

5. In the last place, son, as an American citizen and a Baptist, you believe that every individual has the right to worship God or to refuse to worship God as he sees fit.

The world is full of error, tradition, intolerance, and bigotry. Only those who are honest, open-minded, and courageous will make it a better place for unborn generations. Stand on your own feet and walk humbly before your God. Let neither fear nor affection keep you from doing what you believe to be right.

Affectionately your dad.
—Good Tidings

Mothers Rise Up Against Obscene Literature

PINE BLUFF — At the request of a group of mothers, the Pine Bluff City Council Tuesday ordered strict enforcement of an old ordinance against the sale of "obscene literature."

Mrs. W. D. England headed a group which attended a council meeting Monday night and called for the move.

The 12 mothers in the group suggested the formation of a "censoring committee" to supervise the sale of books and magazines and monitor films. No action was taken on this immediately.

The ordinance against objectionable literature was passed in 1894 and has not been invoked for years. It provides a fine of up to \$25 for violators.

The council told the Police Department to issue warnings to newsstands operators before starting a crackdown.

—Texarkana Gazette, 6/3/59

AGED VILLAGER to doctor who has told him that the pains he complains of in one of his legs may be due to old age. "Old age be danged; t'other leg, he's the same age and he's all right."

HUSBAND (at movie): "Why do you weep and sniffle over imaginary woes of people you don't know?"

WIFE: "For the same reason you yell and shriek when a man you don't know slides into second base."

● LARRY TAYLOR, 17, a member of the graduating class at Sylvan Hills High School, was selected by his classmates to preach the baccalaureate sermon. He was licensed to preach in April by 1st Church, Little Rock, and has been conducting revivals in the area for more than a year. (DP)

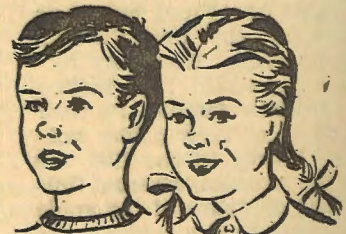
● JIM BUCKNER has resigned as music director of 1st Church, Malvern. Mr. Buckner, who is entering military service, has served the church for about a year and a half. Joe Simmons, Ouachita graduate, has been called as educational director of the church. Mrs. Simmons will direct the choir. (CB)

College of Hard Knocks for Your Children?

Not if you can help it, of course. But can you? By the time they reach college age, will the college you choose be able to take them in?

Let's hope so. But maybe not!

Many college classrooms are overcrowded today. By 1967, applications are expected to double. On top of that, low salaries are driving too many gifted teachers into other fields and reducing the number of capable people training for teaching careers today.



By the time your children are ready for college, there's a good chance the college of their choice just plain won't be ready for them—unless we take steps to remedy this situation now. You can help, by helping the college of your choice now.



Communist Literature Drive Continues

By Evangelical Press Association

ALL OVER the world the pattern is the same: wherever the dark shadow of on-rushing Communism appears, it takes the form of a printing press.

Ghandi's grandson said it recently, and the quote has already become a classic: "The foreign missionary taught the people of India how to read but the Communists have supplied the literature."

According to an authoritative source in London, Soviet Russia's giant "cultural" propaganda drive last year supervised the printing and distributing of 30 million books in 26 foreign languages outside the Iron Curtain area. The Communists are concentrating their campaign in underdeveloped countries where the books are sold at give-away prices. Red China exported two million copies to India alone last year and millions were disseminated to overseas Chinese through distribution centers in Hong Kong and Singapore. Russia shipped four million to India last year.

Moscow's leading publishing house, Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga (International Book), has contracted with 84 firms in 68 foreign countries for the export of publications. The Soviet pattern text lauds the achievements of Communism in Russia and the "new outlook" on life. Children's books are included in the campaign. Publishing expansion

plans call for an outlay of some \$800 million by 1965.

In Hong Kong, children sit on the curb of a busy street — reading Communist comic books . . .

In India, a huge billboard in the heart of a busy metropolis encourages its readers to "Read Soviet Periodicals" . . .

In ultra-modern new Tokyo, a bespectacled student pores over a Communist tome as he wends his way through the busy foot-traffic. So engrossed is he in what he reads that he hardly glances at the rushing, tooting, screeching taxis all around him as he crosses the street . . .

All over the world, the picture is the same. The Free World is flooded with Red literature; the minds of men are poisoned.

But there's a bright side. Last year Evangelical Press Association emphasized "World Missionary Literature" as a special joint editorial project. This year some of the EPA publications themselves plan to extend their ministries overseas through foreign-language editions. In almost every evangelical missionary agency, there is stepped-up interest and activity in literature ministry.

The church is fighting back . . . and the movement needs the support that can come only through united prayer. ■

Religious Liberty Struggle Continues

BAPTIST REJOICING in Sant Angelo in Villa, Italy, over resumption of construction on the Baptist church building was of short duration. Despite a high court decision annulling a local administrative order that the work be suspended, the town mayor appeared at the scene on April 30 and ordered the work stopped and the partly finished structure demolished.

Baptist leaders hurried to the prefectural capital and reported the situation to proper officials who annulled the mayor's demolition order, but advised the Baptists to suspend construction until quiet could be restored.

The mayor's last order was based on the legal technicality that no local building permit had been secured. The local permit was not applied for both because it is common knowledge that it is not required when a provincial permit has been granted and because the mayor's office stated that it would not be necessary. After the mayor issued his suspension order, a request for a local permit was filed, and only then did the mayor formally deny the license on technical grounds and for "esthetic" reasons.

At the latest report the matter rested at this point. The partly finished building still stands, but construction has not yet been resumed.

Tell It Over and Over

HERE'S A quote that came in a letter from a beloved pastor of one of our churches: "Please send information about the Sunday School Board, source of its finances, the present building being constructed, and what part of the cost of that building is coming from the Cooperative Program."

Now we appreciate inquiries like that, for they give us the chance to say, "None, Brother, none — not a dime."

All of the income of the Sunday School Board is from the sales of the materials it produces, and all of its missionary work of education and promotion is done from the margin of earnings in these sales.

The prices at which the materials are sold are kept equal or lower than like materials can be purchased anywhere else in the world. The new building is a necessity to keep up with the amazing growth of Southern Baptists. It is a long-range program, and during its lifetime this building will save Southern Baptists many hundreds of thousands of dollars.—News Letter, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Sermon of the Week

A SERMON by Dr. Frank F. Norfleet, pastor of the Immanuel Church, Paducah, Ky., appeared in a recent edition of *Sermons of the Week*, a professional publication for ministers only. Eldon Fox is editor of the publication.

Course on Alcoholism Scheduled at Southern

A COURSE dealing with alcoholism has been added to the study schedule for summer school at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, this year.

It will be offered during the second term, June 30-July 24, and will be taught by Dr. Thomas A. Bland, associate professor of Christian Sociology and Ethics at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

The first term is scheduled from June 2 to June 26; visiting professors for the first term and the courses they will teach are: Dr. Robert A. Baker, Southwestern Seminary, "Reformation and Modern Church History"; Dr. Penrose St. Amant, New Orleans Seminary, "History of Roman Catholicism"; and Dr. Nelson Eugene Mandrell, pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Walhalla, S. C., "Clinical Pastoral Training."

Visiting professors for the second term and their courses, in addition to Dr. Bland, will include: Dr. James Leo Garrett, Southwestern Seminary, "History of Baptist Theology"; Dr. Rollin Armour, who recently completed a year of graduate study in Switzerland, "History of the Baptists," and Dr. Mandrell.

Twenty Southern professors will teach courses during the summer session.

20 Chicago Churches Dedicate Property

CHICAGO — (BP) — Twenty Chicago Southern Baptist congregations dedicated new property on Sunday, May 10, in unique simultaneous services.

Brooks Hays, retiring president of the Southern Baptist Convention and former congressman from Arkansas, spoke at a giant rally — attended by 1,500 persons — on Sunday evening in the grand ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel climaxing the day's services. Noel M. Taylor, Carbondale, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, led the dedicatory services.

The event was part of the movement toward 30,000 new churches and missions launched by Southern Baptists, America's second largest evangelical denomination. The goal of the movement is a Baptist church in every community.

Fourteen of the churches here dedicated new buildings, while four others placed cornerstones in buildings under construction, and two churches held ground-breaking services initiating building programs.

Churches in which special services were held reached from Hammond, Ind., on the south to Lake Shore, Ill., in the north Greater Chicago area. All are within an hour's commuting time from Chicago's Loop.

The sermon was entitled "What is Christianity?" and was preached on Sunday, May 3, from the Immanuel pulpit.

THE BOOKSHELF

Holy Bible, The Berkeley Version in Modern English, Zondervan, 1959, \$7.95.

Two Southern Baptist Bible scholars, Dr. Derward W. Deere, of Golden Gate Seminary, San Francisco, Calif., and Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., were members of the staff of translators of the Berkeley Version of the Bible in Modern English, which is now off the presses of Zondervan. Those who buy this Bible before June 30 can secure it at the special price of \$6.95. After that date it will be \$7.95.

The Berkeley Version of the Bible in Modern English is not just another revision. It is a completely new translation — a fresh rendering in today's language of the messages divinely inspired and set down in the Old and New Testaments. This new version, with its illuminating footnotes and helpful chronological data, makes the Word of God easy to understand and completely meaningful to all.

Segregation and Desegregation, A Christian Approach, by T. B. Maston, The Macmillan Co., 1959, \$3.50.

Beginning with the Supreme Court decision (May 17, 1954) and the public's reaction in the years following, the author gives particular attention to the reaction of the churches in the regions of greatest tension. More especially concerned with the need for a Christian approach, he examines the relevant Biblical accounts, particularly the ethics of Jesus. A helpful basic reading list appears in the appendix.

The Works of John Wesley, Volumes X, XI, XII, Zondervan, \$3.95 per volume.

The concluding volumes of this new set, XIII and XIV, are to be off the presses of Zondervan by June.

This is the first complete and unabridged edition to be published in nearly 100 years. It features Wesley's own comments on more than 4,000 subjects and includes hundreds of personal letters, his complete journal, scores of addresses, valuable counsel for workers, practical homiletical pointers, an intimate life of Wesley, and a goldmine of sermonic resources.

Maker of Heaven and Earth, by Langdon Gilkey, Doubleday and Co., 1959, \$4.50.

The author is a lay professor on the faculty of the divinity school at Vanderbilt University. He has studied at Harvard and Columbia Universities, Union Theological Seminary, and at Cambridge University under a Fulbright Award.

The author sets as his task interpreting the idea of creation so that it is "not an irrelevant dogma inherited from a pre-scientific and pre-philosophic past" but one which has validity and meaning for men and women today.

20 Centuries of Christianity, A Concise History, by Paul Hutchinson and Winfred E. Garrison, Harcourt, Brace and Co., 1959, \$6.

Mr. Hutchinson wrote the article, "The Onward March of the Christian Faith," for the December 26, 1955 issue of *Life*, which ended a series, "The World's Great Religions." A publisher suggested that he expand the article into a book. He gladly undertook this task, but death overtook him suddenly before he had proceeded far with it. Mr. Garrison then came in, at the suggestion of Mr. Hutchinson's family, to finish the task.

Speaking for himself and the late Dr. Hutchinson, Dr. Garrison states "The history of Christianity bristles with controversial issues and diversities of interpretation and evaluation. The authors can only say that they have tried to be as objective as they could—from a Protestant point of view. One thing is clear, they both write from a standpoint within the Christian movement, though not within the same denomination. They believe that Christianity is important, that its influence has been on the whole beneficent, and that its main affirmations about God and man are true.

Missionary to Assist Foreign Mission Board

REV. WILLIAM M. Dyal, Jr., missionary to Costa Rica who is now in the States on furlough, has been named



MR. DYAL

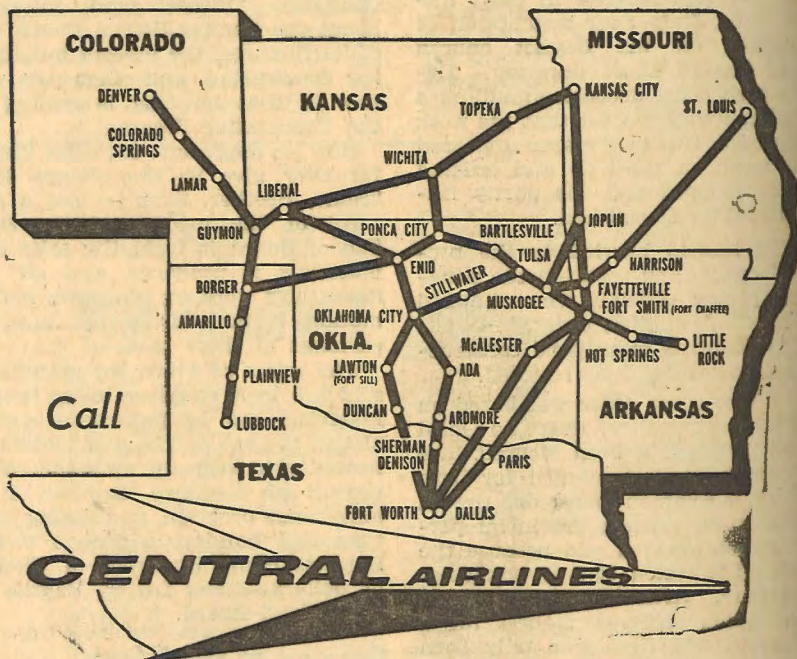
missionary associate in the department of missionary personnel of the Foreign Mission Board. In this position he will assist Rev. Bill B. Cody, associate secretary for missionary personnel, in the Board's work with college students.

In Costa Rica Mr. Dyal teaches in the Baptist Theological Institute, located in San Jose, and does field evangelism. He gives much time to helping and encouraging newly appointed Southern Baptist missionaries to Spanish America, all of whom spend a year in language school in San Jose before proceeding to their various fields of service.

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1960 Baptist Calendar Approved

ON THE recommendation of the Committee on Denominational Calendar, the Southern Baptist Convention added another meeting to its official calendar for 1960: the Sunday School Convention, scheduled in Fort Worth, Tex., Mar. 29-31, 1960.

Adopted as a calendar for 1961, to be used as a "suggested guide for coordinated denominational activities and emphases," is the following:

January — 30,000 movement; tele-evangelism series.

February — Baptist colleges, seminaries, and schools.

March — Home missions.

April — Life commitment.

May — Hospital ministry and nurse recruitment.

June — Relief and Annuity ministries; vacation Bible schools; assemblies.

July — Assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

August — Schools of missions; assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

September — Church music; Southern Baptist and state foundations.

October — Cooperative Program; Forward Program of Church Finance.

November — Christian literature; state papers, denominational publications, missionary magazines, church libraries.

December — Foreign missions.

In addition to these monthly topical emphases, special dates are indicated in each month for study courses, special offerings, conferences and conventions, and commitment Sundays.

Special events of 1961 include continuation of the Convention's effort to establish 30,000 new churches or missions between 1958 and 1964 and another series of 13 special evangelistic television programs.

The Southern Baptist Convention is scheduled May 23-26, 1961, at St. Louis, Mo., and the National Conference of Southern Baptist Men, at Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 13-15, 1961. ■

Testimonial Dinner Honors Mrs. Leavell

NASHVILLE — (BP) — One of the best-known women among Southern Baptists, Mrs. Frank H. Leavell of Nashville, was honored at a testimonial dinner here June 2. She is retiring.

Although Mrs. Leavell calls Nashville home, she spends little time here. She has spoken to thousands of individuals across the Southern Baptist Convention about problems of Christian marriage and home-building.

At the testimonial dinner, Joe W. Burton, Nashville, secretary of the home education department, Baptist Sunday School Board, presented Mrs. Leavell a scroll recognizing her devotion to strengthening Christian family life.

Klan is Not Wanted

Klan-ism, or some outgrowth of it, appears to have reared its horrendous head here in Pine Bluff.

A local resident came face to face with a Klan poster on a city street Sunday morning. Membership in the organization was urged, but the citizen wasn't having any. In anger and indignation he tore the poster down.

Several of these placards have bobbed up in Pine Bluff simultaneously with their appearance elsewhere in the state. The one we saw depicts a mounted, hooded Klansman with a burning fire-brand in one section of a crude coat-of-arms. Other sections show a dripping dagger, the symbolic letters KKK, and incongruously a dove of peace, while the center of the heart shaped shield is divided into the semblance of a cross. All is printed in red.

Whether this is one of the numerous spurious organizations that has sprung up in simulation of the original Klan isn't important. But because it represents and stands for the same principles is important. These principles are racial and religious intolerance and hatred, bigotry, lawlessness, violence and terrorism. These Klan beliefs and practices have come to mean to millions of Americans the denial of free mankind's rights and a direct violation of our own Constitution.

The Ku Klux Klan can do nothing constructive in Pine Bluff; on the contrary it can only breed prejudice and hatred. We have no use for it or for what it stands for. The revulsion felt by the Pine Bluffian who ripped down the Klan poster is a feeling shared by upright, law abiding citizens here and everywhere else.

—Pine Bluff Commercial

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Registration and accommodations for the conference may be made by writing Mr. E. A. Herron, Manager, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.



ARKANSANS attending a recent Baptist retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany, included, left to right, front row, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Harris and daughters, Sue and Gloria, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Basen, Central, Jonesboro, and Eddy Spann, Baring Cross, North Little Rock; back row, Gaylord D. Hill, 1st Church, Piggott; Dewely L. Moody, Mammoth Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McElrath, 1st Church, Corning. Six hundred and fifty attended the conference held in the General Walker Hotel.

WMU

Arkansas Group Leaves For YWA Conference

TWENTY-EIGHT young women under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Hagood left Little Rock by chartered bus Tuesday morning to attend the convention-wide Young Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C. The theme for the conference is "Behold God's Love," and the program personnel includes many missionaries, denominational and other outstanding youth leaders. Miss Doris DeVault, former youth director in Arkansas and now YWA Director of WMU, SBC, is in charge.

Those attending from Arkansas are: Misses Mary Jim Baker, Elwanda Bray, Barbara Clem, Sue Green, and Alice Jo Mansfield, all of Malvern; Misses Betty Corder, Shelvia Daniels, Rosemary Gossett, and Delores Roberts, all of Hot Springs; Misses Nola Belle Caudle, Sandra Watkins, Judy Wells, Susie Grober, and Donna Rae Parrish, Fort Smith; Misses Linda O'Barr, Jerri Sue Poole, and Mrs. R. H. Trimble, of El Dorado; Miss Virginia Cantrell, Stephens; Miss Doris Powell, Elaine; Miss Ann Brogdon, McCrory; Misses Mary Jo Blackwood and Joy Gross, Cabot; and Misses Elena Burt, Linda Holland, Mary Frances Ridgell, Barbara Bowen, Joe Etta Boyce, and Becky Griffin, Little Rock.

Mrs. Hugh Fox Passes

On May 22, Mrs. Hugh C. Fox, 91, Pine Bluff, died at Davis Hospital where she had been confined with a broken limb for nearly two years. Mrs. Fox was a native of Virginia, but had lived in Pine Bluff since 1891. In 1910 she

served as president of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas and had been a life-member of the executive board for many years. She is survived by one son and three daughters.

Camp Director Chosen

Miss Johnnie Coleman, public school teacher of Ft. Smith, was chosen by the executive board of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union to direct girls' camps sponsored by the organization. She is no stranger to Arkansas Baptists and particularly to Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary campers. Miss Coleman is the daughter of Rev. H. C. Coleman, missionary in Arkansas Valley Association, and has served in different capacities in state youth camps for a number of years. Assisting her will be a score of helpers composed of home and foreign missionaries, nationals; organizational leaders and college students.

The camping season will open at Ferncliff on July 20 with a camp for intermediate girls and will be followed by a week-end for members of Young Woman's Auxiliary, and four weeks for junior Girls' Auxiliary members. Reservations should be sent to Woman's Missionary Union, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.—Miss Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary. ■

● **MRS. CARL SCOTT**, wife of the pastor of Central Church, Clovis, N. Mex., who placed 2nd in the contest for "The Most Outstanding Minister's Wife in the Convention," is a native of Harrisburg, Arkansas. Following graduation from Harrisburg High School, she attended Central College and State Teachers. Mr. Scott, whose home was near Conway, served as Faulkner county missionary for two years.

● **OFFICERS FOR the BSU of Arkansas Tech for 1959-60** include Jimmy Green, Ozark, president; Eddie Eaton, Russellville, vice president; Paul Bryan, Harrison, secretary and Jim Gerren, stewardship chairman. (DP)

Operation Home Study Book for '59

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Arkansan Organizes First Church in Mombasa

AN ARKANSAS missionary in Kenya helped organize the Kisauni Baptist Church in Mombasa on April 12.

James Hampton, Mena, (in Kenya with his wife, Gena, and children, Kathie, Connie and Stephen) wrote:

"The first Sunday in February this year, I had the privilege of baptizing the first eight converts here in Mombasa. All of these were young men and each had studied in our inquirers classes for a year. After a thorough examination, conducted by myself and one of our missionaries from Nairobi, they were approved for baptism.

These eight young men were organized into the Kisauni Baptist Church on April 12th. The organizational service was very meaningful for all of those who were present. It was a historical day, because this represented the first such organization in Mombasa, a city of 120,000 and the second Baptist church in all of Kenya, a country of over 5,000,000. During the service I called for statements from some of the Christians as to why a Baptist church should be built in Kisauni. Three Christians stood and gave brief testimonies. When they had finished, I asked if anyone else from the congregation would like to speak. A young man stood and said, 'I believe that a church should be built here for people like myself who have no religion.' Later he asked to speak again and said, 'How can I become a member of this church?' I explained that at the close of the service we would give an invitation. This pagan and two others came accepting Christ as their Saviour.

"Two weeks before on Easter Sunday, two other churches were organized in Tanganyika. One in Dar es Salaam with ten members and the other in Mbeya with nineteen members. These were the first two churches organized as a result of Southern Baptist work in East Africa.

"You may remember that shortly after we arrived in Mombasa in 1957, we made application to the city government for a plot of land in the Changamwe area of the city for a Baptist Center. We thought that our request had been turned down, but recently the city fathers re-considered our request and granted us a beautiful one acre plot next door to a large African housing estate. Some might ask, 'Does God really answer prayer?' We believe that He does. This gift of land has opened the door of opportunity for us into the most heavily populated area of Mombasa. Plans are already in the making for a Church-Center on this property. Please make this project a matter of definite prayer.

"I wish that space permitted my telling you about all of our new Christians. But one young man stands out above all the rest. His name is Kombo. He's different from



LOUISIANA COLLEGE GRADUATION; Dr. Paul Roberts, 3rd from left, pastor of 1st Church, Little Rock, received an honorary doctor of divinity degree at Louisiana College's commencement. With him, left to right, are Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Seminary; Dr. James Cole, editor, BAPTIST MESSAGE (La.), also recipient of the D.D. degree, and Dr. Earl Guinn, president of the college.

Dr. Paul Roberts Receives Doctorate

DR. PAUL ROBERTS, 1st Church, Little Rock, received an honorary D. D. degree from Louisiana at the institution's recent commencement.

A native of Virginia, Dr. Roberts entered the ministry after a newspaper career in Johnson City, Tenn. He was educated in Mars Hill College, N. C., and Southern Seminary. Pastorates included churches in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Alabama and Oklahoma. He came to Arkansas from 1st Church, Lake Charles, La.

the others in that he cannot walk. Every Sunday and during the week too, he crawls to church on his hands and knees. He never complains, and he always has a radiant smile. His parents are both dead. Often I have thought, as I have watched him crawl along the road, of those Christians who live so near to our churches in America and who have two good legs, and yet they never seem to find time for the Lord's work. Kombo is always an inspiration, especially when things don't go just right and I feel like complaining.

"Before long, we will be seeing some of you personally and then we can express our thanks for all your letters, your gifts and your prayers. After September 1st, write us at 1210 Port Arthur, Mena, Arkansas."

Southern Trustees Name New Professors

THREE NEW professors were elected May 19 by trustees of Southern Seminary.

They are Dr. James Leo Garrett Jr., professor of theology; Dr. James William Cox, associate professor of preaching, and Dr. George Willis Bennett, associate professor of Christian Ethics.

Dr. Garrett, a professor of theology at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, is a native of Waco, Texas. A graduate of Baylor University, he has bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern, and a master of theology degree from Princeton Theology Seminary.

Pastor of Central Church, Johnson City, Tenn., since 1954, Dr. Cox is a graduate of Carson-Newman College. He received bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Seminary. He is a native of Kingston, Tenn.

Dr. Bennett, a native of Chandler, N. C., is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College. He was awarded bachelor of divinity, master and doctor of theology degrees by Southern Seminary. He is pastor of 1st Church, Red Springs, N. C. ■

● MISS BETTY SUE HOLT, secretary to Dr. Dale Cowling, 2nd Church, Little Rock, for the last four years, began her duties as pastor's secretary in 1st Church, Pensacola, Fla., June 8. James L. Pleitz is pastor in Pensacola.

Regional Group Seeks Outstanding Boy

THE COTTONLAND Regional Brotherhood recently conducted a contest to discover the outstanding boy in Cottonland Region. The region is made up of Mt. Zion, Trinity, and Mississippi County associations. Every church in the region had the opportunity of entering its outstanding boy in the contest. Harry Brewer, of Jonesboro, is president of Cottonland Region, and led in selecting the winner.

The boys were graded on attendance, ideals, service, stewardship, habits, attitudes, and other characteristics and abilities.

The Cottonland Regional Brotherhood executive committee ran into some difficulty in determining the winner of the contest. Two of the boys were so close together that the committee decided to declare both of them as winners. The boys are: Micky Farley, of Dell, and Edward Cain, of Joiner.

Each of these boys will receive a scholarship entitling him to attend one of this summer's Royal Ambassador camps. The scholarship covers all camp fees, including registration, board and room. Several other boys made excellent showing in the contest, and they are surely worthy of mention here. They are: Roger Ferguson, Brookland; Gale Brasher, Keiser; Earl Orr, Tulot; and Ronnie Williamson, Blytheville.

We congratulate the two winners; and our hats are also off to the runners-up. We hope that Cottonland Region will be well represented at our camps this summer.

The Arkansas Baptist Campground is being readied for the summer's camps.

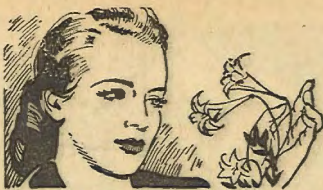
The tents are already up. The kitchen staff is being selected. And everything that can be done to prepare for the camping season is under way. Mrs. Nelson Tull will again supervise the kitchen. Boys who have attended camp will all certify that she provides excellent food and plenty of it.

Camp registration forms are in the hands of all counselors and all pastors, throughout the state.

We hope that your church will be very well represented with worthy boys at the summer camps. If you need any information about the 1960 state Royal Ambassador Camps, write the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock—Nelson Tull, secretary.

Shreveport Minister Stricken in Pulpit

SHREVEPORT, La. — (BP) — T. C. Pennell, pastor of Ingleside Baptist Church here and former president of Louisiana Baptist Convention, suffered a fatal heart attack while preaching in his church May 31. Pennell was elected president of the Louisiana convention in November, 1957, and served through the following November.



MATTHEW 6:28, 29

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Bible Society Reports New Circulation High

THE AMERICAN Bible Society during 1958 achieved its highest annual worldwide distribution of Scriptures, totalling 16,629,496 volumes, it was reported by President Daniel Burke at the 143rd annual meeting of the Bible Society in New York City. Distribution in the United States reached a total of 9,188,987 volumes.

Scriptures were circulated in 140 languages in the United States and in 282 by the Overseas Department and associated Bible Societies for which the American Bible Society provided subsidies.

Adams Gets Honorary Degree from Stetson

DELAND, Fla. — (BP) — Three honorary degrees were awarded at commencement at Stetson University here.

The doctor-of-divinity degree went to Theodore Floyd Adams, Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance and pastor, 1st Church, Richmond. He delivered the sermon at the baccalaureate.

Doctor-of-laws degrees went to William Thomas Rice, Wilmington, N. C., president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., who gave the commencement address, and to Frederick Danesbury Smith, Dallas, Tex., emeritus dean of instruction and emeritus professor of comparative literature at Southern Methodist University and a graduate of Stetson in the class of 1909.

Speeches at Louisville Available for Purchase

NASHVILLE — (BP) — A limited supply of addresses to the Pastors' Conference and Woman's Missionary Union session at Louisville last month are available here. They are compiled in single booklet form.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS—New officers of the association of State Sunday School secretaries are, left to right, Harold C. Marsh, Alabama, secretary; C. Franklin Barry, Florida, president, and Dr. Julian T. Pipkin, Georgia, vice president.

Sunday School

**Officials Named
By Secretaries**

C. FRANKLIN BARRY of Florida was elected president of the association of State Sunday School secretaries, at the recent pre-Convention meeting in Louisville, Ky. Dr. Julian T. Pipkin, of Georgia, was elected vice president, and Harold C. Marsh of Alabama was elected secretary.

Twenty-one of the 28 Sunday School secretaries attended the annual meeting, held this year in the new Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Ky. The secretaries meet annually to discuss future Sunday School programs and plans and mutual problems, involving almost 1,100 associations and 13,000 associational officers.

Mr. Barry recently completed ten years as State Sunday School secretary for Florida Baptists. Prior to this, he served as Sunday School secretary for Illinois Baptists for five years. Earlier experience includes ten years as associate to Dr. W. A. Gardner in the Sunday School department in Kentucky, and two years as superintendent for Long Run Association, Louisville, Ky. Florida Baptists have increased from 874 to 1,361 Sunday Schools; from 180,016 to 365,084 in enrollment, during Mr. Barry's ten years there.

Dr. Pipkin became state Sunday School secretary for Georgia Baptists in January, 1957. For the preceding seven years he had served as pastor of Central Church, Waycross, Ga. He received the doctor-of-theology degree from Southern Seminary in 1945.

Mr. Marsh became secretary for Alabama Baptists in 1957. A native Texan, he received the B. A. degree from

Baylor University, the M. A. degree from Louisiana State University, and the B. D. degree from Southern Seminary. For ten years he served as associational missionary in Alabama. He is a lieutenant-colonel in the Air Force Reserves. He is the father of five children.—Edgar Williamson, Secretary.

Training Union

**Life Interest Conference
To Be Assembly Feature**

JUNE 29-July 4 is the date for the Training Union Assembly at Siloam Springs. The following "life interest" conferences will be conducted each morning for 45 minutes:

Adults: "Christian Parents Face Family Problems," S. W. Eubanks; "Church and State," H. E. Williams; "Ministers of Education Face Their Task."

Young People: "Facing Life's Problems," John McClanahan; "The Young Preacher Faces the Future," Cliff Palmer; "Mission Volunteers," Dr. Baker James Cauthen.

Intermediates: "What Do You Think and Why?"; 13 Year, Tommie Hinson; 14 Year, Marlin Gennings; 15 A, Harrison Johns; 15 B, Bill Stone; 16 A, Lehman Webb; 16 B, Richard Perkins; "Mission Volunteers," Dr. Baker James Cauthen.

Juniors: "The Junior at Home, Church, and School," 9-10, Bill Sewell; 11, R. H. Dorris; 12, Dillard Miller.

Special Provision for Children

Much equipment has been made and purchased to care for all nursery, beginner, and primary children at the assembly each morning. Conferences will also be conducted for all department workers.—Ralph Davis, secretary.

● LAWRENCE J. WOODARD, Trinity Church, Alma, is available for evangelistic work. He may be contacted at 3023 Virginia Ave., Ft. Smith.

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A Farm in the Sea

God's Wondrous World

By THELMA C. CARTER

HOW WOULD you like to have a farm in the sea? Your acres would be the blue, flowing waters. As you worked your farm, you would have the ever-present company of brightly colored squirrelish, starfish, and other under-sea creatures.

Your farm would always be wet, always moving with the tides and waves. Never would it be dry and still as the land farms we know about. On the bottom of your watery sea farm would be many kinds of shells, pebbles, sea trinkets, and sea plants.

Strange as it may seem, deep-sea farmers have been farming the fertile valleys of the ocean floors for hundreds of years. The Japanese people, among many others, are expert sea farmers.

There are so many different sea crops that we could not name them all. Among the better known are sargasso

or gulfweed farms, sponge farms, and oyster farms.

Sargasso farms are found mostly in the deep, warm waters of the Gulf Stream, which touches many countries. Deep-sea farmers plant this sea plant, rake it with common garden rakes, then harvest their crop, and send it to market.

Sponge farmers plant and cultivate small sponge farms with great care. Sponge farms are usually found in shallow ocean waters. Our bath and utility sponges come from these farms. Sponges are really sea animals cultivated as sea plants.

Thousands of oyster farms, as carefully tended as land farms, are found in shallow sea waters all over the world.

Isn't it amazing to think that a great part of our food, candy, cloth, medicine, oil products, and utility products come from the blue waters of sea farms? The psalmist must have known of this when he wrote of those who see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep (Psalm 107:24).

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Sing a Song of Summer

By Louise Darcy

*Sing a song of summer,
Birds and bees and flowers;
Sing a song of summer
With glad vacation hours.*

*Sing a song of summer,
Beauty everywhere;
Such a lovely season
God gives us now to share.*

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Ideal Qualifications

MAYOR: "I'm sure we can find a job for your son. What does he do?"

POLITICO: "Frankly, nothing."

MAYOR: "Good, we won't have to break him in."

A Smile or Two



"Young lady, you'll not palm off any OLD Testament on me. . . . show me the NEWEST in the store."

Obviously no student of the Bible, this lady must have a cavity in her library that needs filling. Unless we develop a regular daily habit of Bible study, we deny ourselves the guidance, truth and inspiration illuminating its every page.

Togetherness in Action

COOPERATION WOULD solve most problems. For instance, freckles would be a nice coat of tan if they'd get together.

Oh, That's Different!

A SMALL boy walked up to a movie box office during school hours and the cashier refused to sell him a ticket.

"Why aren't you in school?" she asked.

"It's O. K., lady," the little one replied, "I got the measles."

She Covers a Lot of Ground

YOUNG SON: "Dad, Mom just backed the car out of the garage and ran over my bicycle."

DAD: "Serves you right for leaving it on the lawn."

Just Before the Battle

FAMOUS LAST words: "Darling, this cake is simply delicious. Tell me. Did you buy it yourself?"

MANY A woman who insists that she won't marry the best man on earth—doesn't.

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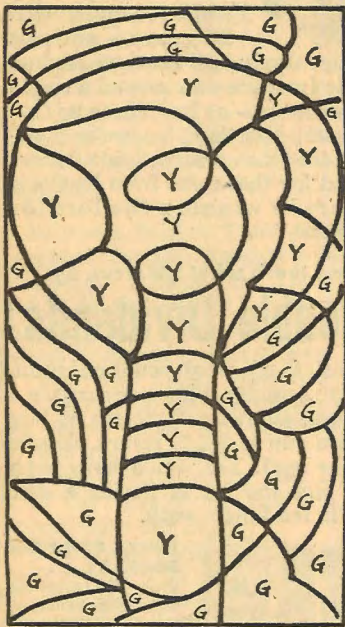
FEED STORE: The only place in town where you can get a chicken dinner for 10 cents.

Matching Ensemble

LADY: "I want to buy an inexpensive pair of shoes."

CLERK: "To go with what?"

LADY: "A cheap husband."



Color Fun

By VIOLET M. ROBERTS

IN JONAH 4:6 we read that God caused a plant to grow to make a shade over Jonah's head. This plant was called a gourd.

Color each space marked Y with yellow and each space marked G with green. Now turn the paper upside down to see a picture of the gourd's fruit.

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An Outsider Becomes Believer

By **ROBERT L. SMITH**
(1st Church, Pine Bluff)

Lesson: 2 Kings 5
June 14

OUR LESSON this week is not concerned so much with Divine healing as it is with the "healing of the nations" (Rev. 22:2). However, this discussion gives us a golden opportunity to mark a clear distinction between the power of Divine Healing and the impotence of "divine healers" so-called.



MR. SMITH

The characters in this incident range from the great men of the earth, kings and generals to nameless servants. Lives and circumstances and events combine in a way to bring attention to the power and purpose of God. Even Elisha, the prophet of God, keeps himself in the background to make it abundantly clear that healing is the work of the Lord.

The most important thing about Naaman was not that he was the supreme commander of the Syrian Army. Neither that he was highly regarded by his king, nor that he was famous for his courage and victories. Rather, that he was a leper! Leprosy in the Old Testament is often used as a symbol for sin. A doctor from one of our mission fields tell us why. He says that leprosy strikes painlessly. Beginning at the fingertips or toes, it gradually works in toward the body. At last, it "turns in" to vital organs bringing a prolonged and painful death. Sin is like that! The leper appeared to his fellowmen as "unclean" as the sinner appears to righteous and holy God. Naaman's need for cleansing overshadowed every other need of his life. Every man's supreme need is for God's cleansing of his sin. But there are hindrances. For the sake of a concise outline, here are three hindrances in the experience of the Syrian captain.

Prejudice

First, there is prejudice. National, religious, social and personal prejudice may be found in the context. Perhaps the outstanding lesson in this story is that God's grace crosses all borders. People of that day had learned that leprosy was "no respecter of persons." When the little maid of Israel suggested the name of a prophet who could heal, Naaman considered his nationality unimportant! Elisha, on the other hand, made no distinction in the fact that Naaman was a Syrian,

a "foreigner" and an enemy of his people. Before men cross geographical borders, they must first go beyond boundaries mentally as well as spiritually. It remains a difficult thing even today for men who bear the message of God's cleansing, forgiving grace to cross national boundaries. However, through our missionary program, we have done this in many parts of the world. Our task here at home then is to cross every border of human need.

Presumption

Presumption hinders many from receiving the saving mercy of the Lord. Presumption is the act of assuming without direct knowledge. Notice how Naaman presumed upon the Lord. He assumed he could pay for God's blessing. He presumed that the prophet would receive him with much ado. He presumed there would be some sensational ceremony associated with the cure. In other words, Naaman wanted God's blessing on Naaman's terms! How like the unsaved of our day! Many of those who recognize their plight and need, would still dictate the terms to the Lord.

The Syrian general was sorely disappointed when the prophet's servant brought the instructions. It became evident at once that if there was to be any healing, it would come through complete obedience to the will and way of God whether the leper understood it all or not.

Pride

The greatest hindrance of all is pride. An unmistakable contrast emerges between man's pride and prejudice and God's power and peace. We are reminded again that "the ground around the cross is level." Naaman was hurt that he was treated as a leper instead of a great man. "The Great Physician" said Alexander Maclaren, "in His great remedy, insists upon treating us all as patients... a great many of us would like to go to heaven, but we do not like to go in a common caravan."

Naaman had won many great battles. But the battle to conquer his own pride he nearly lost. National pride enters the picture in his words, "The rivers of Damascus are better than all the waters of Israel!" He seems to say, "I can get cleaner at home than you can ever get me in your muddy stream."

How many people have denied themselves the cleansing of Christ because it was "too simple" and did not require some special display of their great abilities? It is exceedingly difficult for a proud man to say, "I have sinned and I need to be saved."

Naaman wanted to do "some great thing." But the "great thing" has been

done. As all men share a common need, so Christ offered a universal sacrifice, in Himself on the cross for us all. He said, "it is finished" and it was. The "healing of the nations" through the personal application of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ waits upon us.

Though faith and knowledge were fragmentary, cleansing was complete! The clean body symbolized the renewed soul of the man who said, "Now I know there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel." When prejudice, presumption and pride vanish from the hearts of saved and unsaved alike, then shall the "knowledge of God cover the earth as waters cover the sea." ■

Seats Helps Arrange Meetings for Graham

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP) — A Midwestern Seminary professor here has been "loaned" to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team for the month of June to lay plans for a series of meetings. Graham will hold in Africa.

V. Lavell Seats, head of the department of missions and acting registrar at the new seminary, is already in Africa, where he served 15 years as a missionary to Nigeria for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Seminary President Millard J. Berquist, who announced the arrangement, said Seats's knowledge of Africa caused him to be sought by the Graham team. Graham is planning a series of meetings in various parts of Africa next year.

Seats ended his missionary connections last year to join Midwestern Seminary's faculty.

Berquist also announced that Frank E. Royal, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., had decided to remain in the pastorate and will not become a member of the seminary faculty. Seminary trustees earlier had elected Royal professor of religious education and church administration and Royal had accepted.

Furman to Have New Development Director

GREENVILLE, S. C. — (BP) — Luther Smith, executive secretary of Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, will become director of development at Furman University here.

As director of development, Smith will be in charge of the University's alumni, fund-raising, and public relations programs. He will replace Dyar Massey, who resigned several weeks ago to take a similar post at Emory University in Atlanta.

● GA's of Dermott Church were entertained with teas as a highlight of the organization's observation of GA Focus Week. (DP)



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Faith, Hope and Doubt

QUESTION: Is expectant hope the same as saving faith? I believed that Christ was the Savior and that He died on the cross for our sins and that He had the power to save us. I think that I believed in His mercy and goodness and I know that I had expectant hope. Was that saving faith? I have recurring doubts about my salvation even though I've had evidence of having saving



DR. HUDSON

ing faith.

ANSWER: There are many fine, consecrated Christians who have some trouble with recurring doubts. In fact faith and doubt sit side by side in every human heart.

The difference is that Christians depend upon Christ in spite of their doubts. Then, as we live for Christ and obey His commands our faith becomes more assured. Hope, joy and peace are the normal results of this childlike faith in the risen, loving Christ.

"My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

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