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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

JUNE 4, 1959



## Attending Convention Challenges

**WE** ATTENDED the 102nd annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, Ky. This meeting is always significant and always inspiring. When one listens to reports or hears the great messages, and feels the spirit of Baptist leadership, he comes back home with a new determination to do more and a new sense of Christian stewardship. At this meeting we learn about what has been accomplished, but more than that, we feel the challenge of doing more for Christ through our great denomination.

During this session Baptists helped its oldest seminary, Southern, of Louisville, celebrate 100 years of service. At the Tuesday evening service it was the privilege of the messengers to hear the presidents of all our seminaries. Dr. Millard J. Berquist reported on Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey reported for Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Dr. Harold K. Graves reported for Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif.; Dr. H. Leo Eddleman reported for New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La.; Dr. Robert E. Naylor reported for Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Dr. Duke K. McCall of Southern Seminary

presided. Then Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of 1st Church, Memphis, brought the convention sermon entitled, "Behold His Glory." Nearly every seminary president, in giving the report of his school, thanked Southern Baptists for their financial support through the Cooperative Program.

As we looked at the graduating class of Southern Seminary with scores of young men and women prepared and dedicated to go out into a sinful world with the life-giving message of the gospel, we also thought of the graduates of the other five seminaries prepared and dedicated to go out and do the very same thing. We could envision a mighty army making a tremendous march against sin to help establish a kingdom of love, mercy and righteousness.

At this convention we closed a 10-year period as trustee of Southern Seminary, which means that it has been our privilege to serve on the board of trustees one-tenth of the life of the seminary.

Through the past 100 years Southern Seminary has faced difficult days. But we are certain that few of these difficult days were more perilous than some which we went through during the past ten years.

The last decade was one of progress, of looking into the future, of making adequate preparation for that future. This meant change, and change always means a disturbing of the status quo. Consequently, controversy has been the result. But, if the readers will take it from one who attended the seminary while Dr. Sampey and some of the other giants were at the helm, and then had the privilege of being a student while Dr. Ellis Fuller was president and serving as a trustee before Dr. Fuller died, and finally, serving as trustee during all of Dr. McCall's tenure in office, I would like to prophesy that Southern Seminary's greatest days are ahead of her.

Some of the things that happened at Southern were inevitable. It is no longer a school with four faculty members, with one acting as chairman; it is a great institution with three schools. Each school has a large faculty. This calls for a great administrative staff to carry out the policies and to be responsible for correct procedures according to the structure set up in the constitution and by-laws of the school. Therefore, Southern Baptists elect a trustee group to set the policies, to build a structure and to administer the affairs of the school.

All Baptists everywhere can rest assured that Southern Seminary has a capable, trustworthy, dedicated board of trustees and will, under God, do its best at all times to have a real Baptist seminary.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary.



MR. BERRY

### Arkansan Heads Executive Committee

**KENDALL BERRY**, Blytheville banker and deacon in 1st Church, was elected chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville during the convention.

This is one of the highest positions in the Southern Baptist Convention. (For brief biography of Mr. Berry, see the article, "Southern College Honors Four," on page five of our issue of May 28.)

Other Arkansans in top convention positions include:

W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference; and Dr. Bruce H. Price, pastor of 1st Church, Newport News, Va., native of Pope County and a former pastor of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, second vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Cover Story

**NEW SOUTHERN Baptist Convention officers, left to right, W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville, Ky., 1st Vice President; Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn., President; Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Va., 2nd Vice President.**

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## Southern Baptists Show Spiritual Maturity

—By The Editor—

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS had stormy weather inside Freedom Hall, Louisville, as well as outside, during their 102nd annual session, the week of May 18, at the Kentucky Fairgrounds. But, as was the case with the spring thundershowers that freshened the Kentucky countryside, the storms that broke in the Southern Baptist Convention session, proved more helpful than harmful.

About every controversial issue that had been mentioned before the convention assembled as being a possible storm center did actually get before the convention in one way or another. But, as at Houston last year, the messengers comprising the Convention would not be stampeded, but, instead, consistently showed a heartening maturity in all their deliberations.

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 of God to our Convention for such a time as this, expressed the feeling, obviously, of the vast majority of the more than 11,000 messengers in attendance.

### Hays Given Acclaim

The frequent and enthusiastic applauding of President Hays throughout his annual address left no doubt about the esteem of Southern Baptists for their leader. But for a provision of the constitution that makes one who has served two terms as president ineligible for re-election, President Hays would doubtless have been drafted for a third term.

The first controversial issue to get before the Convention — that of the Southern Seminary crisis — was precipitated in the first minutes of the opening session, as Baptists numbering more than 20,000 packed the coliseum for the commencement exercises climaxing the Centennial observance of Southern Seminary.

Those of us who were participating in the academic march missed this part of the fireworks. James M. Bulman, of North Carolina, gaining the floor, charged that the program committee had so rigged the program that no time was allowed for debate following the presentation of the annual reports from the seminaries. This was soon remedied by promising that time would be allowed the next day.

### The Bulman Fiasco

Whatever following among Southern Baptists Dr. Bulman (he has the Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary) may have had in days that are gone, he has long been a man that commands little or no respect from the floor of a Southern Baptist convention. His charges of modernistic teaching at

Southern Seminary, answered by Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, as being unfounded, certainly were out of place, since the administration of the seminary is left to its trustees.

Many of us had the feeling that Dr. Bulman, who once made a Don Quixote joust in the Convention sessions for what he charged the SBC was flouting — autonomy of the local church — unintentionally did Southern Seminary a big favor. He precipitated a solidarity of the Convention for the Seminary and President Duke K. McCall and the Seminary faculty that had not existed for some time.

### Carver Gets New Lease

The question of whether or not to continue the Carver School of Missions and Social Service, located on a campus adjacent to Southern Seminary, as a separate SBC institution or abolish it or consolidate it with Southern Seminary, was debated at length. The argument that seemed to save the day for the school was that SBC should allow more ample time for the school, given to the convention two years ago by the Woman's Missionary Union, to develop in its peculiar field of service. Professor Wayne Oates, of Southern Seminary, stressed the need of a Southern Baptist school to train our own social workers for our own institutions.

The question of what to do about a proposal that Southern Baptist churches in Canada be admitted to membership in the Southern Baptist Convention was argued pro and con, with President Hays (in his president's message), and representatives of the Home Mission Board speaking against the proposal and for continuing our present working relationship with Canadian Baptists. The proposal was removed from the arena in an unexpected way when an authority on Baptist ecclesiology pointed out a glaring inconsistency: under our SBC charter and bylaws, membership is made up of messengers from cooperating Baptist churches in the United States and her territories. But those favoring the extension of our Convention to include Canada were proposing that Canadian Baptist churches, rather than messengers, be admitted to membership in the convention.

### Canada Proposal Withdrawn

Thus we would have a hybrid organization made up of messengers, within the United States, and of churches, in Canada.

The sponsor of the Canada proposal, convinced of the discrepancy, withdrew the motion.

The hottest discussion came, as had been expected it might, when a resolution was presented calling for conferences of Southern Baptist Convention officers and officers of the two large, Negro Baptist conventions to consider common problems. As finally adopted,

by large majority, the resolution states:

"In the light of continuing existing tensions and pressures, we commend the local, state, and South-wide agencies and workers who are successfully engaged in a ministry of service and understanding with Christians of all races and nationalities and urge the continued prayerful and responsible application of the principles and example of Christ in all our relationships.

"We commend the outgoing president, the Hon. Brooks Hays, for his firm convictions, his spirit of fairness to all, and his courageous stand on the great issues of our day.

"We recommend that the Executive Committee consider a meeting of representative leaders from the Southern Baptist Convention with leaders of the two National Conventions of Negro Baptists to discuss mutual problems."

### Segregationist Voted Down

The Convention voted down, with a thundering "No!" a proposal by W. M. Nevins, of Lexington, Ky., that the Convention rescind an action taken at St. Louis in 1954 endorsing the decision of the Supreme Court on school integration. (See story elsewhere in this issue.)

Recommendation 12, of the Survey Committee, proposing that a Stewardship Commission should be established to assume responsibility for the stewardship promotion program now conducted by the Executive Committee, was opposed by Professor Findley Edge, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, who favored turning over to the Sunday School Board the responsibility for stewardship promotion. The Edge proposed amendment lost by the close vote of 1,345 to 1,281, and the recommendation in its original form was voted. Since no provision had been made in the 1960 budget for the new commission, it cannot be established till 1961.

### No Seminary Tuition

Recommendation 13, of the Survey Committee, proposing: "The seminaries should endeavor to finance an increasing share of the cost of their educational programs from student fees and/or tuition and from endowment income" was defeated. Among those taking the floor against it was Pastor Harold Coble of 1st Church, Cullendale.

Opposition which had been expected to develop against the proposal of the Convention's Peace committee that a Southern Baptist observer be sent to the United Nations in New York failed to develop. In the closing session of the Convention Friday night, this proposal was adopted unanimously.

Those presenting the report said that the sending of a "non-governmental" observer to UN will not constitute a breach in the principle of separation of church and state. Several denominations, including the American Baptist

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### *War on Trashy Literature*

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS were urged by the recent Louisville convention to study the content of their local newsstands to become informed as to any publications that violate the laws against obscenity and to unite with "all who uphold decency in our communities through campaigns to rid our newsstands and the mails of the filth and smut of obscene publications."

Convention messengers adopted unanimously a resolution commending Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield of the United States for his courageous stand in calling on the nation's citizens to join in the battle against unwholesome literature now going into the homes by way of the newsstands and the postal service.

The resolution declared that "purveyors of filth are aiming their attention chiefly at the nation's youth—teen-age boys and girls, many of them in high schools and colleges and others in military service"—and are violating the sanctity of the homes of the nation "in defiance of the laws of the federal government . . ."

Parents are requested to save all obscene or pornographic materials received through the mails, including all envelopes with their enclosures, and to turn over all such materials, with their protests, to local postmasters.

In many parts of the country, committees of citizens have waited upon operators of newsstands and have used their influence to have questionable publications discontinued. The underworld will go as far as the decent citizenship will permit. Surely it is a part of our sacred responsibility as Christians and parents to wage an unending war against trashy literature.

Here is a crusade in which Christians of all denominations can march together. Since Southern Baptists are the most numerous of all the faiths, in Arkansas, we must bear a proportionate responsibility in this field.—ELM

### *Cause for Rejoicing*

THE ACTION of the voters of the Little Rock school district in voting to recall three members of the school board who had dealt high-handedly in summarily discharging more than 40 of the city's teachers is cause for rejoicing but not for exulting. The fact that the vote was so close, especially in the matter of retaining the three school directors who have stood for a moderate course in dealing with the race problems and for reopening of our schools on a limited, U. S. Supreme Court-approved plan of integration, reveals that our people still are divided pretty well down the middle.

Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of 2nd Baptist Church, Little Rock, in a sermon reported elsewhere in this issue, has placed the emphasis in the right place in calling for love and forbearance on the part of all Christians, in seeking the solution to our crisis. Surely there are enough love-motivated Christians in the city of Little Rock to tilt the balance in favor of law and order and righteousness. The courage of our more substantial citizenship that has caused them to stand up, finally, and be counted, is a refreshing new factor.—ELM

### *Personally Speaking:*

#### **"For Charley's Sake"**

Dean C. Dutton tells a true story of Civil War times.

A prominent lawyer in Ohio became very much interested in all soldier boys, after his son Charley had enlisted and gone to the front. It seemed that every time he saw a soldier, it brought his own son to special remembrance. He went all out for soldiers.

One day he said to his wife: "I'm giving too much time to these soldiers. I have got to stop it. There is an important case coming up in court and I've got to attend to my own business!"

The judge went to work that morning resolved to leave the soldiers alone from then on. But soon his door opened and a soldier boy hobbled in. The man was fumbling for something in his breast pocket, and soon he got out an old, soiled paper. The judge saw at once that it was in his own son's handwriting. It read:

"Dear Father: This man belongs to my company. He has lost a leg and his health in the defense of his country and is going home to his mother to die. If he calls on you, treat him kindly for Charley's sake."

No sooner had the father seen the words, ". . . for Charley's sake" than a pang shot through his heart. He sent for his carriage, lifted the maimed soldier into it, and drove him to his own home. He put him in Charley's room, sent for the family physician and kept him in the family and treated him as his very own until he was well enough to go to his mother. Then he took him to the train, put him in the best seat he could find, and sent him on his way to his mother.

"I did it," said the Judge, "for Charley's sake."

It is a wonderful thing that Christ has suffered as the sin-bearer of a lost world for every one of us.

We are instructed to pray our Heavenly Father, making our wants and wishes known "in Jesus' name," or "for Jesus' sake."

As Dr. Dutton points out in the application of the story, "Any soldier of the cross who has espoused the cause of this Precious Son and who has unbroken intimacy with Him in a beautiful friendship, may come to the loving Father and in the name of Jesus ask whatsoever he will and it shall be granted . . ."

To have Jesus as "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" is to be rich indeed. For, through Him, and for His sake, we may lay hold upon the boundless riches of God's grace.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

### Scriptures

I SEE THAT a minister, C. Wendell Welch, pastor, 1st Church, Sheridan, has answered the article relative to pictures and other forbidden articles in the church, and I think his article should be answered by some one who believes the Bible. I think if we would believe as he does relative to the teaching of the Bible, that our Bibles would become a back number. If I understand that man's argument, he simply ignores the Bible. It is true he used a little bit of argument which is all right, but there is so much of his argument which is condemned that it kills all the balance of his argument. If he will read the first chapter of Colossians and the second chapter of 1st John, and the 15th, 16th, 17th verses, in connection with the Commandments, I think he will find plenty of scripture to convince him that he is absolutely wrong. I see some ministers who seem to select just such scriptures that suit them. I have seen different cases where they would skip or bypass scriptures which did not agree with their doctrine. I think we should take it all. — J. Q. Pond, Louisville, Ky.

### Right To Disagree

A popular sport these days is being engaged in by some—calling their neighbors Communists.

If a man does not agree with another in all particulars, it is becoming entirely too common a practice to call that man a Communist.

There is a tendency to forget that there is room for honest disagreement, for a valid difference of opinion. Because men do not agree (when have they ever?) does not mean those on either side desire the destruction of the country. Such charges not only are in many cases foolhardy; they have reached the ridiculous stage.

The adoption of Act 10 by the Arkansas General Assembly has brought much discussion, not a little disagreement, and some bitterness. It has also led to charges that Communism is back of the passage of the act; that Communism is fighting the act; that those stating their beliefs concerning the act, both ways, are "pro-Communist."

Of course it is purely American to have views on various subjects, and never in the history of the country has it been a crime or a misdemeanor for a man to speak up, state his views, and be perfectly within his rights to agree or to disagree. The same rights exist in connection with Act 10, the University, the town, the neighborhoods, the state. Disagreements don't mean disloyalties, and that fact ought to be generally recognized.

—Northwest Arkansas Times

## THE BOOKSHELF

THE FOLLOWING new books are from the Abingdon Press, Nashville:

**Abingdon Basic Cook Book**, by Mary L. Chenault, \$3.75.

In her role as teacher of foods and home management at Watkins Institute, Nashville, Miss Chenault has taught hundreds of teen-agers, brides, housewives, career women, and business men to cook. Collecting recipes is both her lifework and her hobby, and this new book was built from her own file of over 1,000 tested recipes.

**Organizing and Directing Children's Choirs**, practical helps for handling primary, junior, and junior-high groups, by Madeline D. Ingram, \$2.50.

To provide a simple guide for the director, Mrs. Ingram has outlined the complete program from promoting the idea of a children's choir in the church to the choir's actual participation in the worship service. She stresses using the right psychology with the right age group.

**The Bible Speaks to Daily Needs**, by Georgia Harkness, \$1.50.

These 86 meditations apply Biblical teachings to human problems such as loneliness, anxiety, failure, disappointment, doubt, and many others.

**Youth Programs on Nature Themes**, 23 worship services — including five for candlelight and campfire occasions, by Ruth Schroeder, \$2.75.

Nature is used to guide the worshippers' thoughts toward God and Christian teachings, in this book of 23 complete programs for youth worship services.

**In Green Pastures**, by James Merchant, \$1.50.

Taking the 23rd Psalm as her theme, Miss Merchant begins each devotion with a selection of scripture, followed by a poem and a prayer. She includes a wide range of subjects — human failing, being cheerful, unreasonable dislike, sharing, etc.

**A Handbook of Church Public Relations**, by Ralph Stoodly, \$4.

In this useful manual, Dr. Stoodly discusses ways to make imaginative, effective use of the public relations opportunities presented to the church today. He uses a wealth of illustrations drawn from churches of all sizes and from all parts of the country.

**I Believe in Man**, by Frederick Keller Stamm, \$1.50.

Are some people naturally bad? Do one person's actions make any difference in the long run? Is each individual really important, or are most of us just cogs in a big machine? If a person has never had a particular "religious experience," does this mean he is not religious?

These are some of the questions discussed in this final volume of the "Know Your Faith Series."

**Philemon Among the Letters of Paul**, A new view of its place and importance, by John Knox, \$2.

In this revised edition of a work that has already become a classic of

## The Bible Says



PSALM 55:22

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Biblical scholarship, Dr. Knox shows that the brief letter of Philemon offers far more than a sidelight on the personality of the great apostle.

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Convention, already have such observers.

The messengers elected Ramsey Polard, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn., president; W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., 1st vice president; Bruce H. Price, pastor of 1st Church, Newport News, Va., 2nd vice president; and re-elected James W. Merritt, Gainesville, Ga., and Joe W. Burton, Nashville, Tenn., secretaries, and Porter W. Routh, Nashville, treasurer.

The 1962 session will be held in San Francisco, Calif. Convention sites had previously been selected for the next two years: 1960, Miami Beach, Fla., and 1961, St. Louis.

### Hays Cites Role Of Today's Christian

COMPASSION, IMAGINATION, communications and dedication — these were listed as attributes of Christian education by Brooks Hays in his commencement address at Ouachita College May 25.

"The Christian college is an essential part of society's educational system and can become the bridge between the church and the society it serves," Mr. Hays told the 113 member graduating class. "The Baptists made an historic decision when they planned for higher education in the previous century.

"We live in an exciting period, but the things that make it interesting, such as scientific genius and industrial ingenuity, could introduce dangers as well as blessings," he said.

He said, "The power of the atom must be committed to Christian hands. The bomb that fell on Hiroshima took 75,000 lives, but now we think in terms of millions of lives to be lost by that bomb if war should come again. The stabilizing of society as a means of removing this danger is a challenge confronting us. We need high statesmanship with Christian perception. Our political structure, while not insolvent, is a neglected area, and the Christian citizen looks to the church and its colleges for guidance and skill." (DP)

## Two Arkansans to Aid In Alaska Laymen's Week

TWO ARKANSANS will represent Arkansas Baptist men in a Laymen's Week in Alaska, July 12-17. They are H. L. Anderson, Heber Springs, and G. C. Hilton, Springdale.

They will join 22 other Southern Baptist men in Seattle on July 10 in preparation for their participation in this unusual assignment with Southern Baptist churches in the 49th state.

Upon invitation of the Home Mission Board, this week will take the place of one of the two evangelistic weeks sponsored annually by the Board. Twenty-four men from ten states will leave from Seattle on July 11 and fly to four cities in Alaska. From these four points they will work as teams to visit every Southern Baptist church in Alaska during the week.

"We are pleased for this opportunity for our churches to hear outstanding Baptist laymen give their testimony of service to Christ through their churches. We want this week to be just that with emphasis on stewardship and personal witnessing," said L. A. Watson, state superintendent of missions for Alaska.

Active in civic leadership as well as his church, Mr. Anderson is president of the Rotary Club of Heber Springs, and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce. He owns and operates a general insurance agency and real estate brokerage business. An ordained deacon, he has served many years as a Sunday School teacher. He has served as chairman of the Board of Control of Arkansas Baptist Camps and Assemblies, and as state Brotherhood president.

Calling himself a retired farmer, 70-year-old Mr. Hilton is a vigorous and active salesman who services accounts personally across the United States and Mexico. He now is engaged in marketing adhesive cements and glues.

His long record of service in Baptist churches was climaxed in his election last year as Brotherhood president of Arkansas. He has served on his associational executive board, as a deacon chairman, and in the Brotherhood, Sunday School and Training Union of his church.



MR. ANDERSON



MR. HILTON



MRS. PAUL FOX

## Mrs. Paul Fox Gets Honorable Mention

ONE OF twenty women to receive honorable mention for outstanding contribution to the Southern Baptist denomination for 1958-59 was Mrs. Paul Fox, whose husband is pastor of Calvary Church, Little Rock.

The Distinguished Service Award of the Ministers' Wives' Conference went to Mrs. M. Jackson White, wife of the pastor of 1st Church, Clarendon in Arlington, Va. Her husband is president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Mrs. White was chosen from nominations which were sent in from 26 states and the District of Columbia.

The Activity Award for the most outstanding contribution to the Ministers' Wives Conference for the year went to Mrs. J. Marse Grant, of Thomasville, N. C.

Mrs. Frank Hamilton, WMU president at Calvary Church, Little Rock, was the one who placed Mrs. Fox in nomination. The nominating statement described Mrs. Fox as "a superb homemaker, pastor's assistant, Bible teacher, inspirational speaker, church visitor, cook, office worker, seamstress, hat designer, denominational leader and diplomat." She was further described as "gracious, charming, poised and equal to every occasion."

Mrs. Fox has served as a member of the faculty at Siloam Springs Assembly, has been on the program in junior conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta, has taught junior work in southwide Sunday School clinics, and has written articles for the junior section of the **Sunday School Builder**. She has served as state-approved junior worker for the states of Mississippi, Kentucky, and Arkansas.

## Revival Reports

INGRAM BOULEVARD Church, W. Memphis, May 3-10: Billy Walker, evangelist; Miss Emogene White, music director; B. E. Eldridge, pastor; 35 by baptism; 15 by letter.

THIRD AVENUE, Paragould, May 10-17: Billy Walker, Walnut Ridge evangelist; Hal Gallop Jr., pastor; 21 by profession; three by letter and 31 coming for rededication.

TO CLIMAX Girls Auxiliary Focus Week, Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, held coronation service Sunday night, May 10. Included in the 15 girls were Jeanne Ruffin and Laverne Taylor who had achieved the Queen Regent award. Carolyn Carpenter passed the Queen-with-Scepter step, and Judy Hoggard, Shirley Taylor and Connie Carpenter were crowned Queens. Princesses included Rita Cook, Ann Cartwright, Judy Ruffin and Vickie Hoggard. Maidens were Susan Moody, Sheila Gardner, Joanne Monk, Eula Wright and Brenda Smith. Mrs. Willie Mae Caughy, man, 1st Church, Pine Bluff, made the awards. Girls auxiliary director is Mrs. Thomas McCarroll.

TWO TERMS of summer school will be offered by Ouachita College with the first term to be held from June 8-July 10 and the second term from July 13-Aug. 14. Commencement for the summer session will be held Aug. 14.

THE HIGHFILL 1st Church, Benton County Association, has accepted the Arkansas Baptist's one month free trial offer. Kenneth C. Kern is pastor.

EIGHTEEN GIRLS received awards at coronation services of GA's in 1st Church, Carlisle, May 11. They included: maidens, Janice Buffalo, Carolyn Williams, Margaret Alexander, Patty Smith; ladies in waiting, Billy Jean Thomas, Wanda Perciful, Phyllis Pinson, Margaret Morrison, Annette Alexander, Rachel Coyle; princess, LaNelle Bennett; Linda Perciful, Dorris Bennett, Shelia Wright; queen, Cheryl Brandt; queen regent, Irman Schatz; queen regent in service, Barbara Brandt.

## Attendance Report

(May 24)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Berryville, Freeman Hts.	120	73	1
Clinton, 1st	115	64	
Crossett, 1st	583	181	
El Dorado, 1st Mission	891	256	
	61		
Ft. Smith, Calvary	297	132	1
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	315	159	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	395	135	
Huntsville, 1st	89	28	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	368		
Little Rock, Tyler St.	212	89	
McGehee, 1st	508	262	
Mena, 1st Mission	239	107	1
	25	15	
Pine Bluff, South Side	672	203	
Springdale, 1st	453	139	2
Warren, 1st	525	164	1
W. Memphis, Calvary	229	134	

G. WILLIAM SMITH has resigned his pastorate at Wilson and has accepted a call to Forrest Park Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. His first service will be on June 7.



Mr. Smith has an A. B. degree from Ouachita, and Th. M. degree from Southern Seminary. He has held pastorates at Lancaster, Ind.; Bradley, Montette, Fisher St.,

Jonesboro, and has for the past four years been pastor at Wilson. During the Smiths' stay in Wilson there have been 210 additions, 132 by baptism. A new addition to the educational building consisting of one assembly and nine class rooms has been added. Carson Lake Church has been organized from a mission of Wilson. He has served the denomination during the Wilson pastorate, two and one-half years as moderator of Mississippi County Association, and three years on the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, one year of which he was a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Smith is married to the former Miss Lucille Reynolds, Bradley. They have three children, Billie Lou, 12; Sherrod, 11; and Flossie, 7.

● REV. AND Mrs. W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, have moved from Buenos Aires to Rosario, where their address is La Paz 1833, Rosario, Argentina. Mrs. Smith, the former Beverly Hefley, is a native of Ft. Smith.



EIGHT MEMBERS of the Junior Girl's Auxiliary of Spradling Church, Ft. Smith, received maiden awards in a presentation service May 13. The girls are: (left to right) front row: Wilma Jean Brisco, Jacqueline Davis, Melissa Simpkins; top row: Jeanette Kennedy, Emma Jean Stanley, Zelinda O'Neal, Katherine Davis, and Mary Jane McGee.



CORONATION SERVICE for GA's of 1st Church, Geyer Springs, was held May 17 with 20 girls being recognized. Mrs. Sam Gurganus is GA director. Left to right are, front row, queens Lynda Oholendt, and crown bearer Peggy Battle; Sandy Parmenter and crown bearer Carrie Ann Kraus; Peggy Batson and page Phillip Hinkson, Brenda Owens and crown bearer Rebecca Rowan, and Bertha Ezell and crown bearer Debbie Armstrong. Back row, JoAnn Cheek, Barbara Finch, Donna Anderson, Brenda Wagers, Carolyn Burnett, Charlotte Anderson, Marilyn Potts, Annella Finch, Betty Dickey, Gayle Battle, Donna Weeks, Virginia Stanford, Patricia Shamhart, Cheryl Mackin and Cheri Hodge.

● CLARENCE W. TROXELL, Arkadelphia, known to many elementary school children as "The Bible Man," died Apr. 21 after a heart attack. Mr. Troxell, 61, had been at Ouachita three years, first working on the campus maintenance crew and later at the Student Center. He carried on a personally-financed ministry in 75 schools within a 100-mile radius of Ouachita, visiting them each month to tell illustrated Bible stories and distribute New Testaments and Bibles.

### W. M. Pratt, El Dorado Pastor, Dies Suddenly

WILLIAM MILLARD PRATT, pastor of the West Side Church, El Dorado, died suddenly, Friday, May 26.

Brother Pratt came to Arkansas from Tennessee, served as pastor of 1st Church, Lonoke, for 15 years; for a short time as pastor of 1st Church, Tyrone; and has been at West Side about five years.

He had served a number of years as a member of the executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He served two terms as chairman of the Executive Board. He preached the annual sermon at the state convention in 1952. He was an excellent preacher, loyal denominational man, and a stalwart Christian.

Mr. Pratt is survived by his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Denton, whose husband is pastor of a Baptist church in Louisiana; June, of Memphis, Tenn.; Helen, of Little Rock; and a son, W. M. Pratt, Jr., pastor of 1st Church, Durant, Okla.

### Victor H. Coffman Recovering 'Rapidly'

VICTOR H. COFFMAN, who retired recently as pastor of South Side Church, Ft. Smith, reports he is recovering "very rapidly and satisfactorily."

In a few months he will be able to do supply and revival work. Mr. Coffman also pointed out that he has a very complete set of colored slides of Bible lands and feels that he could give a very helpful three or five nights program for a church.

(Arkansan, from page 2)

Other Arkansans named to committees and boards include:

Robert L. Smith, pastor of 1st Church, Pine Bluff, Sunday School Board, for term expiring in 1960; Brooks Hays, Little Rock, Public Affairs Committee, for term expiring in 1960; Mrs. Peyton Kolb, Little Rock, Carver School of Missions and Social Studies, for term expiring in 1963; Gerald W. Trussell, pastor 1st Church, Warren, Radio and Television Commission, term expiring 1962; Dr. Vaught, Foreign Mission Board, term expiring in 1962, and member of Committee on Committees, 1959; W. Walter Warmath, pastor, 1st Church, El Dorado, Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher; Andrew M. Hall, pastor, 1st Church, Fayetteville, member of Committee on Boards to report in 1960; and Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock, Southern Seminary Trustees, term expiring in 1964, and member of Committee on Resolutions, 1959.

In the event there are others we have overlooked, we shall be happy to hear about it.



# \$18½ Million Voted as Budget For Cooperative Program, 1960

A COOPERATIVE Program budget goal of \$18½ million for 1960 for the Southern Baptist Convention was recommended in the administrative report of the Convention's Executive Committee, and adopted by the Convention.

The report, presented by Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, said that \$16,386,900 is necessary to meet operating and capital needs of the Convention and its 20 agencies next year.

The slightly more than \$2 million remaining is an "advance goal." All funds received above the basic \$16,386,900 are divided exclusively between foreign and home missions. Foreign missions receives three-fourths of the advance funds and home missions, one-fourth.

This total goal is \$1 million higher than the \$17½ million 1959 budget.

The Executive Committee also asked the Convention to authorize changes in the wording of a number of articles of the constitution and bylaws of the Convention.

The changes in wording, worked out during the past year by the Executive Committee, are necessary to effect such changes in Convention operation as were adopted by the 1958 session at Houston. These were in keeping with sections of a management survey report which were approved.

The changes cover nominating speeches for Convention officers, Executive Committee responsibility for advance arrangements for accommodating the annual sessions of the Convention, the number of laymen and ordained ministers on boards, the manner of reporting by agencies, and the representation of states on Convention agencies, among other things.

Routh announced the creation of two new administrative positions on the staff of the Executive Committee. The position of program planning secretary was filled with the appointment of Albert McClellan, formerly director of publications for the Executive Committee. John H. Williams of Nashville, formerly with the Baptist Sunday School Board, became financial planning secretary.

Merrill D. Moore continued to serve as stewardship promotion secretary, and a public relations secretary was to be elected to succeed McClellan. (At the time of the printing of the reports, this election had not taken place. Shortly afterward, however, W. C. Fields of Jackson, Miss., editor of the Baptist Record, was elected to the position effective July 15.)

The Executive Committee functions for the Southern Baptist Convention between sessions in certain important business matters. Among decisions made during the year by the Executive Committee were the selection of a head-

quarters hotel at Miami Beach, Fla., (the Saxony Hotel) for the 1960 session of the Convention; the acceptance of an offer by the Sunday School Board to renovate a building in Nashville especially for use by the Executive Committee and several other SBC agencies located in Nashville; approval of use of funds for certain necessary purposes by several agencies; and authorization of the Committee on Boards to nominate representatives from Kansas to the Executive Committee and four boards of the SBC since membership of Baptist churches there had reached the 25,000 mark necessary before a state can have representatives.

In the field of public relations, the Executive Committee maintains a press representative liaison between the Convention and news outlets; operates the Baptist Press news service, providing news of Baptists to religious and secular papers; publishes the Baptist Program, a magazine for denominational leaders, and edits the Baptist Bulletin Service, a weekly bulletin supply service for churches.

Of the \$16,386,900 recommended for operating and capital needs in 1960, the Foreign Mission Board will receive the largest amount of any agency. Recommended for it are \$800,000 for capital needs and \$6,290,000 for operating budget. The Home Mission Board is recommended to get \$900,000 for capital needs and \$1,750,000 for operations.

The six seminaries will share \$2,790,000 operating funds, with division of this amount to be carried out according to a carefully-devised plan of distribution worked out with the seminary presidents. The formula for distribution, in its first year of application, is designed to make it more equitable. Sums varying from \$100,000 to \$700,000 are set aside for each seminary for capital needs.

## Pastor Calls for Love and Patience In LR Race Crisis

CHRISTIAN love and forbearance on the part of both Negroes and whites must be a vital part of the solution of Little Rock's race problems, Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of 2nd Baptist Church, Little Rock, declared here Sunday night in a sermon entitled, "Little Rock, Where to Now?"

While there is no basis from the teachings of the Bible or from the law of the land for race discrimination in America, Dr. Cowling said, the social complications are such that time will be required to bring us through the present crisis.

"Jesus recognized the difficult nature of social problems," Dr. Cowling said. "For example, Jesus was well aware of the problem of human slavery in his day . . . Yet, he did not go on a campaign against slavery. He did not seek to change the custom by revolution. He simply, by example and by direct and indirect teachings, gradually led his followers to see the evils and eventually to abandon the practice of human slavery.

"We must be wise enough to follow this same course today. It would be social chaos to completely integrate our schools overnight. The leaders of our Negro citizens must realize this. NAACP leaders must recognize this fact. They must be willing to see our problem sympathetically so as to reach some basis of agreement on a gradual plan of change which will allow enough time for our fears of integration either to be proved or disproved. They must be willing to compromise somewhere short of the whole pound of flesh the existing law allows.

"On the other hand, we must not be unwilling to see the Negro's problem also. We must stop the absurdity of labeling every Negro who seeks his rights under law as a Communist or worse.

(See "Pastor", page 9)

## Lifelong Baptist, 86, Rebuffed In Tense Convention Scene

By GEORGE CORNELL

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 22 — The old collided with the modern Friday, and the old was rejected.

This, symbolically, is what happened when an aged, lifelong Southern Baptist confronted the denomination's present-day convention.

It was a poignant encounter, and to 86-year-old W. M. Nevins of Lexington, Ky., a shattering one.

"I submitted a resolution and it has not been read," he said, after he had shuffled to the stage. "It is the duty of the committee to report on it."

There was a whispered parley on the stage. Nevins, a spare, erect man with

shaggy gray hair, stood there, his jaw tight.

Wins Reading

His resolution asked that a 1954 convention action endorsing the Supreme Court decision on integration be rescinded.

"The chair has been advised," announced convention President Brooks Hays, "that the resolutions committee felt this convention has no power to rescind an action of a previous one."

Nevins pushed up to the microphone. "Then the committee should bring in that report . . ." his voice shook. "I demand that my resolution be read . . ."



### SOUTHERN SEMINARY Centennial Graduation, Opening Convention Event

On a parliamentarian's advice, it was. It warned against mixed schools and mixed marriages, cited constitutional law and asserted "the right of every parent to educate his children in accord with his conscience and God-given conviction."

Immediately afterward the order of business clerk announced the agenda timetable was behind schedule. Hays put a motion to allow five minutes more to hear Nevins.

"No!" the big meeting roared back.

#### Hays Intercedes

Nevins seemed stunned. "You mean to say that I can't have one word to say about my resolution?" His tone was hurt, unbelieving. "Is that your decision, the decision of this convention?"

Hays huddled with him a moment and Nevins murmured resignedly, "I'd be glad to have three minutes."

Hays appealed to the convention to "please vote" to give him that much.

"The chair is eager for the brother to be heard."

The vote was mixed but Hays said, "The chair rules the 'ayes' have it."

Nevins, an old-line segregationist, spoke with trembling passion. He told with indignation of a girl's going East and later being visited at home by a Negro "in a Cadillac car."

"Listen to me," he pleaded. "If you want to throw your daughters to this Moloch integration, that's your business, but when you try to force me, that's my business, and I'm going to stand against it as long as I live."

#### A Laugh, No Applause

He said if the convention hadn't taken its 1954 action, "Your President would still be governor of Arkansas."

The crowd laughed. Hays was defeated as congressman from Arkansas.

Unabashed, Nevins went on.

When he finished, no one applauded.

The convention voted thunderously to uphold the position that the 1954 action could not be rescinded.

Nevins hobbled slowly off the stage, his shoulders slumped, his jaw still set.

"I move," said the Rev. Henry Beech of Louisville, "that the remarks of the speaker and the resolution be stricken from the record."

A business clerk advised: "It is not in the record."

### Mrs. Rollin S. Burhans Heads Wives' Group

MRS. ROLLIN S. BURHANS, Louisville, was elected president of the Conference of Ministers' Wives, auxiliary to the Pastors' Conference, SBC.

Other officers named were: Mrs.

Malcolm Knight, Jacksonville, Fla., vice president; Mrs. Fred Eastham, Springfield, Mo., recording secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Weekley, Charlotte, N. C., corresponding secretary.

#### (Pastor, continued from page 8)

"The moral and spiritual leadership of Christian white people must outlaw the radical, malicious, devious tactics of extremist groups. We must refuse to endorse hate movements and spite campaigns. We must abhor terrorism and reprisal. We must brand as ridiculous, irresponsible charges against responsible citizens who have the courage to disagree with the radicals.

"In fact, we must create an emotional, intellectual climate in which thoughtful citizens who disagree with radicals on both sides of the issue can and will express themselves. Our greatest hope lies with these Christian citizens of goodwill who are willing to find the solution somewhere in between the extremes.

"Working within the framework of law, plus respect and friendship, we must work together to find our way out of the maze of extremism, hate and ill will. The great social aspect of this problem can only be resolved with time. We must be willing to make changes, but we must also be willing to do so slowly and prayerfully."

## Suggestions Listed for Keeping the Bible Central

IF TEACHERS believe that the Bible is "the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Peter 1:23), that it convicts and converts sinners, that it corrects the errors and faults of saints, that it consoles the sorrowing, and that it cleanses the believer, then they ought to teach it in the Sunday School. If the Sunday School is dedicated to the principle of teaching the Bible, then it ought to teach it gladly, unhesitatingly, and with purpose. There should be a renewed emphasis upon the Bible's content and message. There should be a renewed effort to interpret its meaning. There should be a renewed endeavor to get its truth into life.

How can these things be accomplished?

1. **Stimulate a Keen Interest in the Bible.** The teacher should store the Word in his own heart and mind and show by his attitude and daily life that the Bible is inspiring and helpful. The teacher should help the class members begin personal and family worship. He should enlist them in Bible study opportunities.

2. **Gear Every Class Session to Actual Bible Study.** The teacher should create an atmosphere for Bible study. He should teach from an open Bible,

follow a teaching procedure that involves the members in Bible study, and place on the members the responsibility for discovering truth.

3. **Master the Technique of Making Bible Reading Purposeful.** The teacher should adopt a problem-solving attitude. He may present a question to be answered, a situation to be analyzed, an opinion to be justified, or a fact to be substantiated.

4. **Use Learning Activities That Make Bible Study Interesting.** The Bible is interesting and meaningful to pupils of all ages provided the learning activities are geared to the learning level of each age group. Although the type of activities will vary with each age group, each method, procedure, and technique is far from the sole purpose of teaching Bible truth.

It should be emphasized that learning is a pupil activity; therefore the teacher must plan, stimulate, and guide the pupils in activities that make Bible study interesting.

The teacher's task is to help the pupils translate learning into life. Both his philosophy of teaching and his classroom procedure must cause the class members to know, understand, love, and apply Bible truth to life situations.—John T. Sisemore ■

### Missions and Evangelism

## 209 Churches Report No Baptisms

EIGHTEEN PERCENT of the churches in Arkansas Baptist State Conventions didn't baptize anyone last year. We wonder what the record at the end of this year will be. Now is the time to check up and thrust in the evangelistic sickle. No association had 100 per cent of churches reporting baptisms. Three had one church each with no baptisms. They were Carroll, Centennial and Woodruff. Listed below are the associations, the number of churches in each, and then the number of churches with no baptisms.

We would urge the associational evangelistic chairmen to work closely with missionaries in planning ways to help the weak churches in revival services and personal soul winning effort.

Association	Churches	With No Baptisms
Arkansas Valley	26	5
Ashley Co.	21	2
Bartholomew	25	5
Benton Co.	24	2
Big Creek	13	6
Black River	30	4
Boone Co.	21	6
Buckner	35	11
Buckville	4	2
Caddo River	17	9
Carey	18	6
Caroline	26	4
Carroll	7	1
Centennial	11	1
Central	38	2
Clear Creek	29	5

Concord	40	5
Conway-Perry	15	4
Current River	20	2
Dardanelle-Russ.	25	5
Delta	36	3
Faulkner	25	10
Gainesville	16	5
Greene Co.	39	9
Harmony	33	2
Hope	40	5
Independence	18	2
Liberty	52	3
Little Red River	16	4
Little River	28	6
Mississippi Co.	42	3
Mt. Zion	34	2
Newton	5	3
Ouachita	20	10
Pulaski	73	4
Red River	36	14
Rocky Bayou	15	7
Stone-VB-Searcy	22	4
Tri-County	43	4
Trinity	33	2
Washington-Madison	28	5
White Co.	26	8
White River	15	4
Woodruff	12	1

Total 1152 209

—C. W. Caldwell, Secretary.

### Music Department

## Music For The Millions

LAST YEAR approximately 630,000 persons were enrolled in Southern Baptist church choirs. They used music prepared by the Sunday School Board Church Music Department. Millions sang from hymnals produced by this department.

At the 1933 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington, a resolution was adopted that "the Sunday School Board consider promoting a church music program that will aid the churches". Out of this a Department of Church Music was organized in 1941.

### Program and Progress

Here is a tabulation of the program which has been developed and something of the progress made:

1. The Board's development of the department and financial cooperation with the states in their music departments.

2. The development of a complete graded church music program for churches of all sizes.

3. The encouragement of a complete church music education organization in each state and association.

4. Supplying of free music promotion materials to churches, associations, and states.

5. The publication of all types of music materials needed by the churches.

6. Development of leadership through music conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta; and through field services projected through the states and associations.

7. Sponsoring of Hymn of the Month, "September — Church Music Month," hymn sings, music schools, festivals, workshops, and graded music education.

The extent to which this program is being used is partially indicated as follows:

Nine hymnals and five children's songbooks are in use; *The Church Musician*, now has a monthly circulation of 75,000;

A total of over 300,000 music study course books have been used by our people through January 30, 1950. There are now four children's albums and two choral albums, *Hymns of the Christian Faith No. 1 and No. 2*.

A Nursery album of two 45 rpm records, *Songs for Tiny Tots* (harp and vocalist), is in preparation for release this summer, plus four Primary-age records of a series will be released.

Graded choir materials include anthems, choral compilations, arrangements for ensembles, children's music, and special publications. Five vocal ensemble books have reached a total distribution of 125,173 copies.

"Pastors, ministers of music, graded choir directors, and those who are responsible for music in the churches are responding in a marvelous way to this whole program, to the leadership of the state music secretaries, and in the use of all these materials," Dr. Sims said.

## Greater Giving for Missions Far and Near

By DOTSON M. NELSON, JR.  
(Pastor, 1st Church, Greenville, S. C.)

*[Editor's Note: This statement by Pastor Nelson was given at the Thursday morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention, in Louisville, Ky.]*

A missionary-minded church doesn't just happen overnight: If our church today has reaped the harvest, it is because others, both ministers and members, have planted and watered it well. The 1st Church of Greenville has been committed to missions for more than 100 years of its existence.

A second reason that we were able to increase our gifts is that we have had men of vision in the leadership, men who were not interested in how little we could get by on, but in how much our people could be challenged to give. There has been no sense of satisfaction, but rather a divine dissatisfaction which has urged us on. We have not engaged in what I heard Louis Evans call the "opiate of relativity" — comparing this year's failures with last year's, but we have been convinced that "when God is your partner you ought to make your plans large."

Our church membership has had the privilege of developing what someone has called "bifocal souls" — the ability to look close by and see the needs, accompanied with the ability to lift the eyes and see the field afar.

We have also been benefited by the modern and spiritual methods of finance — first, an every-member canvas; then, the Forward Program of Church Finance. Our co-operative people have caught step and new standards of giving have been set. Several things have happened. Pledges to the budget have increased from around 900 to over 2,200. More than 1,000 people are pledging a tithe of their income.

But in my opinion, the greatest single factor in the increase is a vigorous new conception of the division of the budget. Believing that everything that the church does is missionary, the logical division to us seems to be that which we spend at home and that which we send away. Consequently, such items as goodwill centers, local missions, associational missions, radio and television are all placed in the local expense budget of the church. Over against this local expense budget is placed the Cooperative Program as the amount we send away. So far as our budget is concerned the only items we count as "mission" gifts are our gifts through the Cooperative Program. When this concept was accepted, we gave 40 per cent through the Cooperative Program. In two stages, we have raised that, first, to 42 and then to 45 per cent.

This could not possibly have been done if, both on a state and a south-

wide level, a balance had not been maintained in the needs both at home and abroad. Our people could not have been sold in increasing our Cooperative Program gifts if they had not felt that, year by year, the needs of Christian education, theological education, foreign missions had not been realistically appraised to present the best balanced program of outreach possible. A sense of satisfaction with the realistic appraisals of our state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention added no little to the willingness of our church to increase gifts through the Cooperative Program while minimizing designations.

I wish I could take you on the inside of some of the meetings that were

held when men stood to their feet and said: "We need to build a building, but let us make up our minds that we will not build it at the expense of our world missions program." Consequently, on the very year that we assumed a \$400,000 debt, we increased our local expense budget \$21,000 and our Cooperative Program budget \$29,000. I don't know anything that helped the spirit of our church more.

We are not satisfied yet. In a downtown situation with property desperately needed, an auditorium enlargement imminent, and an increase in services imperative, we still plan to use our "bifocal souls" with the knowledge that when the people are challenged to greater tasks, they will respond. ■



**PARTICIPATING** in cornerstone ceremonies at Southern Seminary are, left to right, Lamar Jackson, board chairman; Leo Crismon, librarian, and Duke K. McCall, president.

# Southern Baptist Convention Reports

## Southern Baptist Foundation

THE SOUTHERN Baptist Foundation, through Executive Secretary J. W. Storer, Nashville, reported total assets of \$3,392,195.

These represent funds of Convention agencies which are invested or serviced during investment by the Foundation, and funds benefitting Baptist causes which have come through annuities, wills, etc.

"We would call your attention, as was done last year at Houston, to the fact that funds entrusted to us for investing and serving have come voluntarily, and as a result of the sound financial policy of the investment committee of the Foundation increased confidence is resulting on the part of individuals and agencies of the Southern Baptist convention," Storer said.

"The total cost to the Southern Baptist Convention incurred in providing for the work of the Southern Baptist Foundation has been met many times over by its earning on investments, as well as by estates into which it has and is entering as beneficiary," he continued.

## SBC SUMMARY OF 1958 STATISTICS

	1958	1957	Increase	Per Cent Increase
Churches .....	31,498	31,297	201	.6
Baptisms .....	407,892	389,716	18,176	4.7
Membership .....	9,206,758	8,966,255	240,503	2.7
Sunday school enrollment.....	7,096,175	6,972,350	123,825	1.8
Vacation Bible school enrollment .....	2,908,157	2,777,104	131,053	4.7
Training Union enrollment.....	2,503,920	2,414,584	89,336	3.7
Choir enrollment .....	622,694	553,021	69,673	12.6
W.M.U. enrollment .....	1,395,974	1,324,295	71,679	5.4
Total Brotherhood enrollment .....	582,497	511,521	70,976	13.9
Total gifts .....	\$419,619,438	\$397,550,347	\$22,069,091	5.6
Missions and benevolences .....	\$ 74,750,699	\$ 70,015,299	\$ 4,735,400	6.8
Total value of church property .....	\$1,825,474,318	\$1,662,512,890	\$162,961,428	9.8

—Research and Statistics Department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

## Sunday School Board

THE SUNDAY School Board reported that shipments of literature and supplies for the fourth quarter, 1959, are scheduled to be made from its new operations building in Nashville, Tenn.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary, said, "This will be the first time

that the board has been able to place all of its periodicals for one whole quarter on one floor prior to the busy season when volumes of literature are to be distributed to individual churches all over the world.

"Occupancy of this building will bring desperately needed relief from our present space congestion and will produce greater efficiency in our operations."

He further announced that the Sunday School Board office building at 161 Eighth Ave., No. in Nashville, now called the Frost Building, will be transferred to the Executive Committee of the Convention on June 1, 1960. The building will house all Nashville-located SBC agencies with the exception of the Sunday School Board and the Historical Commission.

During 1958, the Sunday School Board appropriated \$624,891 from its income to various state Baptist conventions and associations "for furtherance of work in Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist student, church music, and church architecture work in those states."

Sullivan said full participation is being given in the SBC movement to establish 30,000 new churches or missions.

The board has 1315 regular employees of whom 655 are working in Nashville. The remainder work in Baptist Book stores.

The church literature order-filling and mailing section mailed out 13,085,529 pounds of uniform and graded periodicals during the year, and 769,495 pounds of church bulletins. The total postage bill was \$342,495.

In 1958, the board produced 68 new books totaling 1,742,115 copies and handled 200 book reprints totalling 2,058,743 copies.

The 1958 assembly season at Ridgecrest was reported to be the largest attendance for any season ever with registrations of 31,980. The season lasts



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICERS**—New officers of the Religious Education Association of SBC, named at the recent Convention, include left to right, seated, R. Oathal Feather, Southwestern, vice president for teachers; Miss Gracie Knowlton, Southwestern, secretary-treasurer; Findley B. Edge, Southern, president; standing, James Whaley, Kentucky Training Union secretary, vice president for field workers, and S. C. Ray, 1st Church, Greensboro, N. C., vice president for church workers.



**Missionary Appointees, 1959, Louisville.**

12 weeks during the summer. At Glorieta, registrations were 13,007, covering the same period.

The audio-visual aids department released and-or completed 44 film and filmstrip titles in 1958. The Broadman Books department published 44 titles, including the two-volume Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists and a book by Convention President Brooks Hays, entitled "This World: A Christian's Workshop."

A new department of church administration within the education division came into being July 1, 1958. Howard B. Foshee is secretary. A new magazine, *Church Administration*, will appear in October, 1959.

Circulation of the *Church Musician*, a monthly magazine, has reached 73,740. *Home Life* magazine, for Christian families, has a monthly circulation surpassing 800,000. *Baptist Student*, another monthly (nine months a year) magazine, increased in circulation to 23,240.

Preliminary consideration is being given to revision of intermediate-age graded lessons, it was reported through the Sunday school department of the board. The first Southern Baptist Sunday School Convention is scheduled for March 29-31, 1960, at Ft. Worth.

Philip B. Harris of Ft. Worth, Tex., professor at Southwestern Theological Seminary, accepted a call to be secretary of the Training Union department following retirement of Secretary J. E. Lambdin on Dec. 31, 1959.

An additional Baptist Book Store is to be established in 1959. Located on the new campus of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary north of San

Francisco, it will be a branch of the Oakland, Calif., store to serve seminary students and staff. "We are seeking better locations for the stores in Little Rock, Dallas, and Nashville," it was reported.

The department of church architecture received 8663 requests for service during the year, and of these 1411 were from churches which had not previously requested help from the department in planning remodeling or new construction.

### **Seminary Extension**

THE SEMINARY Extension Department is supported jointly by the Southern Baptist theological seminaries. Its office is located in Jackson, Miss.

"A number of changes have been experienced during the year," Lee Gallman, director, said.

"The Negro extension work in Texas came under the Seminary Extension Department and is sponsored jointly by the Texas Christian Life Commission.

"At present the Baptist Colleges in Kentucky (Bethel, Georgetown, Campbellsville, and Cumberland); Union University and Belmont in Tennessee; Corpus Christi in Texas; Ouachita College in Arkansas; Oklahoma Baptist University; Mississippi College; and California Baptist College are working with the Department in extension work."

G. Ray Worley, graduate student from Southwestern Seminary, joined the Seminary Extension staff Jan. 15. He will promote extension work in Texas. Other associates in the Department are: W. A. Whitten, Jackson, Miss., whose territory includes Mississippi,

Tennessee, Louisiana, and Kentucky; and Albert H. Fauth, Kansas City, Kans., who works in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, and Illinois. Lee Gallman is director.

Two other members are expected to be added by July 1 to cover the eastern section and the west coast area.

Since Sept. 1, 1958, 83 extension centers have operated in 20 states, reaching a total of 1,623 students; 489 were enrolled by correspondence. Thirty-six new centers were begun including the 19 Negro centers in Texas formerly under the Christian Life Commission of Texas.

The extension center at Springfield, Mo., had commencement exercises for its first graduating class. Of the 10 who received certificates, there were five preachers, one layman, and four women. In our correspondence division there have been seven graduates — five preachers, one layman and one woman.

The director and associates are active members of the Adult Education Association and attended the national meeting in Cincinnati. The director also attended the National Home Study Council meeting in Cleveland last July.

### **Christian Life**

FIVE AREAS of interest were included in the report of the Christian Life Commission, presented by its executive secretary, A. C. Miller, Nashville.

The five were: traffic in obscene literature, problem of beverage alcohol, community tensions in human relations, the United Nations, and world peace.



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**CHURCH MUSIC OFFICERS**—Leaders in the SBC Church Music Conference are, left to right, seated, Dwight Phillips, 1st Church, Texarkana, Tex., president; Miss Nadeen Brookshires, Dallas, associate in the Texas music department, secretary; Paul Bobbitt, 3rd Church, Owensboro, Ky., vice president representing church music leaders; standing, Paul McCommon, Georgia Convention music secretary, vice president representing denominational workers, and Eugene Quinn, secretary of the music department, Kentucky Baptists.

Special conferences are conducted by the Commission each summer at the assemblies at Ridgecrest, and Glorieta. In 1958 the subject chosen was "The Church in Community Action," while for 1959 the subject area will be "The Christian Citizen in Community Action," he said.

The Christian citizen's responsibilities increase for two reasons: 1. "his church as a corporate witness in its community is becoming more aware of the nature of its message," and 2. the "forces of unrighteousness are invading the community in increasing numbers."

On the matter of obscene literature, the report said that every day about 200,000 circulars "of the most sickening description" arrive at American homes. The traffic grosses \$600 million annually, and three-fourths of this mass production of filth is aimed at children 11 to 17 years of age.

Miller said that in September, 1958, the President signed into law a bill cracking down on mailing and transporting such obscene literature through interstate commerce. It enabled prosecution to take place not only at the point of origin but also at its destination and at any point it passes en route from origin to destination.

Baptists, the commission said, can help fight this traffic by alerting the police of their communities to its existence, by turning over to postal authorities any material received, by caution-

ing through the pulpit against buying this sort of material, and by promoting the Christian home environment which curbs weaknesses that tend to make people vulnerable to this literature.

"No threat in our society is as serious as the threat imposed by the manufacture, advertising, sales and use of intoxicating beverages," it declared. "In view of the complexities of the problem we will be able to achieve a righteous solution of it only by uniting our forces in a long range program of progressive intermediate objectives."

What can the Christian and other moral forces in a community do? First, they can develop "a systematic and intensive program of alcohol education," furnishing accurate knowledge of the nature and effect of beverage alcohol on the human body, mind and spirit.

Opposition to legal enactments sponsored by liquor industry, efforts to halt the advertising — "proven to be false" — of intoxicants, and support of local and national temperance organizations are other means whereby Baptists may battle liquor encroachments.

Community tensions in human relations include labor-management problems, as well as racial conflict. In the matter of industrial relations, the Christian citizen and his church "should work for the economic security of all people within the community," he declared. The problem may be the

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RAMSEY POLLARD

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Born: Cleburne, Tex., Feb. 15, 1903.  
Parents: D. O. and Ollie Owens Pollard  
Brothers: Clarence and Ross Pollard  
Sisters: Mrs. Irene Pollard Pyle  
Childhood Residence: Amarillo, and  
Dallas, Tex.

Education: Oak Cliff High School  
Carson-Newman College — D.D.  
Degree  
Southwestern Baptist Theological  
Seminary

Religious Experience: Baptized, 1st  
Church, Amarillo, Tex.  
Ordained, El Bethel Church,  
Tampa, Fla.

Denominational Experience: president  
Pastor's Conference — President  
Tennessee Convention — Chair-  
man Radio and Television Com-  
mission, Southern Baptist Con-  
vention — Baptist Hour Preacher,  
Southern Baptist Convention,  
preached Convention sermon at  
meeting of Southern Baptist Con-  
vention in Miami, conducted re-  
vivals throughout the Southern  
Baptist Convention territory in  
Alaska and Honolulu. Also has  
been used as speaker for Evangel-  
istic Conferences. Chairman, Ex-  
ecutive Committee, S. B. C.

Pastoral Experiences: El Bethel  
Church, Tampa, Fla., 1925-1929;  
1st Church, Handley, Tex., 1929-  
1932; Evans Avenue Church, Ft.  
Worth, Tex., 1932-1939; Broad-  
way Church, Knoxville, Tenn.,  
1939-

Other Religious Work: Speaker at  
Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

Marriage: Della Pickle, June 9, 1923.  
Children: Ramsey Pollard, Jr., Feb-  
ruary 26, 1931, Imogene, April 10,  
1924.

"exploiter of capital, the gangster in the labor movement, and the profligate consumer."

Racial conflict "is not confined to any single region" or single group, Dr. Miller said. It may involve the Spanish-Americans in the Southwest, the Orientals on the West Coast, the "first Americans," Jewish people, and groups of foreigners, as well as Negroes.

"At the present, the greater tensions growing out of this recurring racial malady appear in the Southern region of our land," it was reported. "We believe the time has come for the restoration of communication between the white and colored peoples in the South. It is at this point that Christianity faces one of the severest tests of its wisdom, sincerity, and courage. The continuing problem of racial adjustment and understanding must be met realistically, constructively, and patiently."



**SOUTHERN BAPTIST editors in attendance at the 1959 sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention:**  
**First row, left to right:** Reuben E. Alley, **RELIGIOUS HERALD**, Richmond, Va.; E. S. James, **BAPTIST STANDARD**, Dallas, Tex.; Floyd Looney, **CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN BAPTIST**, Fresno, Calif.; W. G. Stracener, **FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS**, Jacksonville, Fla.; S. H. Jones, **THE BAPTIST COURIER**, Greenville, S. C.; H. H. McGinty, **THE WORD AND WAY**, Jefferson City, Mo.; John J. Hurt, Jr., **THE CHRISTIAN INDEX**, Atlanta Ga.; and Albert McClellan, of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.;  
**2nd row:** R. G. Puckett, **OHIO BAPTIST MESSENGER**, Columbus, O.; L. H. Moore, **THE ILLINOIS BAPTIST**, Carbondale, Ill.; Jack L. Gritz, **THE BAPTIST MESSENGER**, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Erwin L. McDonald, **ARKANSAS BAPTIST**, Little Rock, Ark.; Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., **THE MARYLAND BAPTIST**, Baltimore, Md.; C. R. Daley, **THE WESTERN RECORDER**, Louisville, Ky.; Leon Macon, **THE ALABAMA BAPTIST**, Birmingham, Ala.; John Caylor, **HOME MISSIONS** magazine, Atlanta, Ga.; Horace F. Burns, **THE BAPTIST NEW MEXICAN**, Albuquerque, N. M.;  
**Back row:** Eugene L. Hill, **THE COMMISSION**, Richmond, Va.; W. C. Fields, **THE BAPTIST RECORD**, Jackson, Miss.; J. Kelly Simmons, **BAPTIST BEACON**, Phoenix, Ariz.; James F. Cole, **THE BAPTIST MESSAGE**, Alexandria, La.; L. A. Watson, **THE ALASKA BAPTIST MESSENGER**, Anchorage, Alaska; Joe Novak, **BAPTIST DIGEST**, Wichita, Kan.; Richard N. Owen, **BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR**, Nashville, Tenn.; Associate Editor C. W. Bazemore, **BIBLICAL RECORDER**, Raleigh, N. C.; James O. Duncan, **CAPITAL BAPTIST**, Washington, D. O.; and Willis J. Ray, Denver, Colo.

### Committee on Public Affairs

**MODERN AND** highly complex church-state problems have become acute in the nation, according to the report of the Public Affairs Committee. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., is chairman.

This 15-member committee is elected by the Convention for the purpose of formulating a Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs with offices in Washington, D. C., composed of similar committees from six other national Baptist groups. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director of the Joint Committee.

Church-state problems arise, the Committee points out, by virtue of the growth of the church institutions in the fields of education and welfare while the activities of Government have grown in those same fields. "In seeking to keep both people and churches spiritually free many interrelationships must be analyzed and untangled," the Committee said.

Such problems of governmental welfare services to and through church agencies are illustrative of the problems that have arisen. Problems of welfare relating to services to the aged, public health, education, and foreign aid raise serious church-state questions that are not easily answered.

As the official denominational ag-

ency commissioned to "act in the field of public affairs" the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is especially concerned with religious liberty and separation of church and state. The Joint Committee meets twice a year in Washington, D. C.

A third annual Religious Liberty Conference is scheduled for Sept. 15-17 of this year in Washington. The subject to be discussed will be the relation of the churches to the public schools and the place of religion in education.

### American Bible Society

**THE AMERICAN** Bible Society congratulated the Convention for its stimulating evangelistic program, "New Life For You," as part of its Baptist Jubilee Advance. This was done in a report by the Society to the 1959 session by its field secretary.

"The million copies of the Gospel of John, which the Bible Society was privileged to publish for the campaign only reminds us of the fact that the Bible is an invitation to join in the conversation between God and man, through Jesus Christ," Thomas T. Holloway, Dallas, field secretary for the Society, said.

For many years the Southern Baptist Convention has been helping the American Bible Society. While no allocation from Convention funds is made to the Society, Southern Baptists in-

dividually and through their churches contributed \$162,198 last year, largest of any of the 50 denominations supporting the Society.

The Society distributed last year 9,188,978 copies of the Scriptures (the largest in the history of the Society) in the United States through distributors, church and mission pastors, the ministry to migrants, Indians, hospitals, penal and correctional institutions, foreign students, weekday Christian education classes, wayside Gospel dispensers, the Bible reading and sharing program, the "Bible in every home" project, and the armed services.

Distribution overseas includes more than 200 countries, where there was an increase of approximately 100,000 volumes in 1958.

In India, the highest annual circulation (1,297,686) of Scriptures took place since the national Society there was formed in 1944.

The work of the Society also extends to the blind through embossed Scriptures in Braille and Talking Book records.

### Baptist World Alliance

**BAPTISTS FROM** 100 nations are expected to attend the 10th Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, 1960, Arnold T. Ohrn, Washington, told the Convention.





**WMU OFFICERS**—New officers of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union include, left to right, Mrs. Robert Fling, Oklahoma, re-elected secretary; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Texas, re-elected president, and Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary.

Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said that 4,000 North Americans will be among the 15,000 expected to register.

He reported also that Brazilian Baptist leaders anticipate a crowd of 200,000 Brazilians when Evangelist Billy Graham closes the Congress in Rio's giant athletic stadium. Mr. Graham, a Baptist, will be present throughout the eight-day session but will speak only at the concluding rally.

The Congresses convene every five years.

The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship of about 23 million Baptists around the world. Its 1958 budget of \$80,000 was supported by contributions from the various conventions and unions, with largest sums coming from the Southern Baptist Convention (\$35,000) and the American Baptist Convention (\$17,000).

Alliance President Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va.; Associate Secretary Robert S. Denny, and Publications Director C. E. Bryant also made sections of the Alliance report.

Eight thousand young people from 65 countries attended a Baptists Youth World Conference sponsored by the Alliance in June, 1958 at Toronto, Canada.

Other 1958 activities of the Alliance were highlighted by a round-the-world medical tour in which six medical doctors and nine aides spent 100 days in Asia and Africa sharing and learning with medical personnel in local hospitals and clinics in 27 countries.

### Committee on State Papers

CIRCULATION OF Baptist state newspapers has reached a total of 1,365,711, according to a report of the Committee on State Baptist Papers. Its

report was presented by Chairman Louie D. Newton, Atlanta.

This is approximately seven times greater than the combined circulations of papers in 1940, when Convention created the state paper committee.

The current circulation figure combines the circulations of 26 papers.

They range in circulation from 1,350 for the Alaska Baptist Messenger to 349,000 for the Baptist Standard at Dallas.

Newton said, "We thank everyone who has shared in this great movement, rejoicing in the assurance that these papers are serving every cause sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention in the furtherance of the kingdom of God.

"We commend the budget plan to all of our churches as the most practical and satisfactory method of putting our Baptist state papers into the homes of all our people."

The budget plan is one whereby churches include every family in their membership as subscribers to the paper in their states, and budget an amount each year to cover subscription costs.

### Theological Seminaries

"THIS YEAR Golden Gate Seminary moves to its new campus on Strawberry Point, just north of the Golden Gate and the City of San Francisco," said President Harold K. Graves.

"The new facilities," Graves said, "provide adequate space for classrooms, offices, library, cafeteria, student center, and dormitories. It does not provide sufficient housing for families; but, there will be 86 family units completed for initial occupancy, and housing in nearby towns and in San Francisco will relieve this shortage."

"Total enrollment for this year reached 350," President Graves report-

ed. "Students came from 34 states, the District of Columbia and 10 foreign countries. Two hundred and fifty-five are ministerial students and 83 in preparation for other fields of service. Eighty-three per cent are married.

The total investment as the seminary moves to its new site, including paving of streets and parking lots, has been a little more than five million dollars. The 28 buildings constitute about one-half of the total construction program planned for the next 25 years.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY, closing its first year of operation, reported that it had an enrollment for the school year of 150 students 'all of whom are studying toward the bachelor of divinity degree.

The seminary is located at Kansas City, Mo. Its report was presented by Millard J. Berquist, president.

"Our building program is well on its way, and we expect to have ready for occupancy by September of this year a permanent administration building, a library of 70,000-volume capacity, educational classroom and faculty office building, and temporary chapel seating 500 which will be converted to library expansion when our permanent chapel is secured," he said.

(The seminary is developing a campus in Kansas City. During its first year of operations, it has used facilities in buildings of Calvary Baptist Church of that city.)

Berquist reported that the seminary "urgently" needs additional funds for a dormitory for single men, married students' apartments, dining facilities, infirmary, child care center, gymnasium, and permanent chapel. The building program will be under way for several years.

ENDOWMENT AND building funds and a 50 per cent increase in faculty were among the goals outlined by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, newly installed president of New Orleans Seminary.

"Goals for the Seminary's expansion should include a minimum of \$5 million for endowment and at least \$2½ million for new buildings," Dr. Eddleman told the Convention.

Other goals suggested by the new president were \$25,000 for additional library books, a 50 per cent increase in faculty, "as many students as Southern Baptists think should be enrolled in such an institution," and a three-semester session which would enable a student to study on a year-round basis.

Enrollment at the institution stands at 950 with two summer terms left for registration. It is likely that the enrollment record of 1,165 established in 1957-58 year will be surpassed this year.

Dr. Eddleman also reported to the Convention that the Seminary chapel, started last May, should be completed by mid-summer and another dormitory for men would be ready for the opening of the fall session.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY, Ft. Worth, reported net enrollment for the 1958-59 session at 2,395. The school of theology led with 1,432 students, fol-

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lowed by 810 in the school of religious education and 153 in the school of church music.

In the student body last year were 491 volunteers for mission service. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention appointed 48 Southwestern graduates as missionaries in 1958.

The seminary is now in the midst of a long-range \$10 million building and endowment program to meet the need for expanded classrooms, student housing, and other facilities. Already occupied are 12 student apartment buildings totaling 96 apartments.

Total assets for the seminary amounts to \$11,727,556. That figure included \$3,384,038 endowment and \$7,390,720 plant investment.

THE ROLE of Southern Seminary as "essentially a denominational institution," as set forth by James P. Boyce 100 years ago, was reaffirmed by President Duke K. McCall.

The seminary's future course, he stressed, will be directed by the "controlling conviction" that the seminary can best serve "our Lord Jesus Christ by continuing in its privileged role as a denominational seminary whose basic convictions, ideals, and objectives are those shared by the Southern Baptist Convention."

During 1959, the centennial year of the seminary which was established in a one-room church building in Greenville, S. C., McCall asserted, the seminary is "wise with the tempered wisdom of experience." It is young, he continued, in the strength "which gives promise of even greater service to Christ and his churches in its second century and beyond."

Southern Seminary, the president pointed out, is organized in three "separate and specific spheres" of responsibility. Policy-making functions belong to the board of trustees. Academic functions belong to the faculty, and operational functions belong to the administration.

The seminary's 1958-59 enrollment is 1,428.

The alumni campaign for the James P. Boyce Library is within \$65,000 of its goal of \$500,000, according to Ernest J. Loessner, campaign director.

**SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY**, Wake Forest, N. C., reached another record enrollment this past year with admission of 752 students, President S. L. Stealey told messengers.

In making his annual report to the Convention, he reviewed briefly the highlights of what he termed an "eventful year." These included the dedication of the new chapel and breaking ground for the new Ruby Reid Child Care Center. This building, Stealey pointed out, will cost \$125,000 and is being financed by private donations.

Work is also under way on 54 new student apartments which are expected to be ready for use by the fall term.

"So far as I know," said Stealey, "no denomination in Protestant history

has done more to support an educated ministry. We have built buildings, we have provided for current support, and it is true that we do not charge tuition.

"However, the Convention does not provide funds for student aid which includes loan funds, work grants, and direct aid. For this help, we must turn to individuals and foundations. This past year a wealthy Episcopal layman set up a sizable trust fund, the income from which is being divided equally among four Seminaries, of which South-eastern is the Baptist representative."

Stealey further declared, "Many students will have to leave school unless many other such funds are provided."

## Education Commission

RIISING COSTS and rising enrollments exerted pressures on colleges and universities operated by Southern Baptists last year, according to a report of the Convention's Education Commission.

The report was given by J. A. Barry, president of Coker College, S. C., in the absence of chairman Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., Ouachita president, who was unable to attend because of illness of his wife.

The Baptist colleges "are faced with even more serious problems in the immediate future as the impending tidal wave of children born during World War II hits their campuses."

"The 71 Southern Baptist schools reached an all-time high enrollment of 61,086 regular students in 1958-59," the report said. In addition there were 6,437 special students and hundreds taking courses through the Seminary Extension Department of the seminaries, an adult education program in local settings.

The record enrollment is an increase of 2.8 per cent over the year before. Only seminaries declined in enrollment. "In spite of the fact that Mid-western Baptist Theological Seminary, which enrolled 150 regular students during its first year of operation, was added to the seminary ranks, the total seminary enrollment decreased from 5,974 to 5,524," the report continued.

Senior colleges and universities reported a rise from 40,985 to 42,211; junior colleges from 9,219 to 10,065, and academies and Bible schools from 3,283 to 3,286.

The 71 schools graduated 10,218 compared with 9,793 the previous year.

"Despite the financial support received, most of the institutions still had tremendous unmet needs," the report declared. Special campaigns for their objectives were under way, seeking total gifts of \$62,875,000.

The number of ministerial students and students preparing for religious education ministry declined. Church music students increased in number.

## Radio-TV Commission

"MORE THAN 5,000 churches participated directly in this year's project combining dramatic television with personal visitation, and we anticipate twice

that many next year."

The statement was made by Paul M. Stevens, Ft. Worth, director of Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, regarding a church-television tie-in never before utilized by a denomination.

Using "This Is the Answer," a series of 13 dramatic, filmed TV episodes as a nucleus for reaching church prospects, hundreds of other Baptist congregations also took part in "Televangelism," as the nationwide project was called.

Mail to the Commission reached the highest proportion in its history. A majority of the letters indicate a spiritual stirring in individuals who had not been interested in religion before, Stevens declared.

A new series of 13 "This Is the Answer" films is more than half complete for 1960.

Another new project in electronic evangelism was launched only last month by the Commission, Stevens told the convention. It is a new concept in religious radio, called "MasterControl." A 30-minute program, "MasterControl" comments on news, offers a wide selection of fine music, features about people, ideas and places, challenging interviews — and most important, a period of brief but direct gospel preaching. (The words "MasterControl" are purposely run together because of trade name usage.)

Approximately 800 different stations carry Southern Baptists' radio and TV programs, including 465 which broadcast weekly "The Baptist Hour."

Stevens observed that the aim of the Commission is "simply" to reach the people of the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. He pointed out that the programs are heard in such far-away places as the Philippine Islands, Australia, India, the Caribbean, etc.

## Foreign Mission Board

BAKER J. CAUTHEN, Richmond, Va., executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, told the Convention it would be possible for the board to have 2,000 missionaries under appointment by the end of 1964.

The year 1964 climaxes the Baptist Jubilee Advance observance in North America.

During 1958, Cauthen said, 137 missionaries were appointed. The total number of active missionaries was 1,283 at that time. The 137 appointed last year was "the largest number ever appointed in one year in the history of the board."

He reported that still more young people were dedicating themselves to serve as foreign missionaries. "Particularly heartening," Cauthen pointed out, "is the fact that large numbers of pastors and other church leaders who are already serving in strategic places of responsibility in the homeland are offering themselves to go to mission fields."

He added that experience at home prior to missionary service "brings abound-

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ing blessings in projection of mission work."

"There is a place of need for each of the 2,000 missionaries the board hopes to have under appointment by the close of 1964. If they were available they could be placed immediately," Cauthen continued. "By the time we have 2,000 missionaries, all fields will have been strengthened and new areas will have been entered."

"Missionaries are more urgently needed than ever in the history of the foreign mission enterprise," the executive secretary declared. This is due largely to the fact that the increase in population is greater than the Christian missionary effort to reach them.

"Population increase today exceeds anything the world has ever known. Percentagewise, the world is more non-Christian each year, even though the Christian witness is more extensive," he said.

Evangelism and church development are being stressed on the missionary fields, with funds set aside each year for advance in these areas. "Much progress is being made today in women's work and among students on campuses of government universities," according to Cauthen.

The foreign mission work divides itself into three main regions of the world and the Foreign Mission Board has appointed an area secretary to supervise each of them. The areas are 1. Africa, Europe, and the Near East; 2. the Orient; and 3. Latin America.

## Chaplains Commission

"SOUTHERN BAPTIST chaplains and military personnel continue to make an outstanding contribution to the program of world missions through the local churches at home and the native churches and missions abroad," Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, reported.

Carpenter also reported that Southern Baptist quotas in the various branches of services remain filled for active-duty service. "The Army, Navy, Air Force, and National Guard continue to commission our well-qualified endorsees to the reserve program," he said.

The Veterans Administration accepts Southern Baptist chaplains to fill vacancies left by Southern Baptists. "The Civil Air Patrol continues to have need for a large number of our ministers and could possibly use an additional 175," according to the director.

There are 1,004 chaplains on duty or in the reserves of the Army, National Guard, Navy, Air Force, and Veterans Administration who are Southern Baptists. The number in active-duty service is 382. The Army has 129, the Navy 92, the Air Force 113, and the Veterans Administration 48 on active duty. The National Guard has 55 on reserve rosters.

## Hospital Progress

DURING 1958, the two hospitals owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention gave care to 82,915 patients. This was reported by Frank Tripp, New Orleans, retiring executive secretary-superintendent of Southern Baptist hospitals.

Of the number of patients, more than 42,000 were bed patients. There were 6,869 births at the two hospitals during the year also, Tripp continued.

"These patients, with their families and visiting friends, were brought under the influence of the healing ministry of the Convention in a climate friendly to their recovery and every effort was made to minister to their spiritual needs," the superintendent said.

The hospitals employ 1,500 persons, not including physicians and surgeons, or nursing students.

"Modern hospitals," Tripp declared, "staffed by dedicated people, especially those operated under the sponsorship of Christian groups, have made themselves indispensable to the health and welfare of the people of this nation."

The two hospitals owned and operated by SBC are Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., and Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

One of the "greatest contributions" made by the New Orleans hospital has been training of young women in nursing. The average enrollment is 200 students. The hospital there is affiliated with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, located in the same city. They work together in a program to give specialized training to graduate students.

## Brotherhood Commission

"A GROWING tide of interest among men and boys in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work was evidenced throughout the Southern Baptist Convention during 1958," Executive Secretary George W. Schroeder of the Brotherhood Commission, S. B. C., said as he commented on expansion and progress noted in all phases of the work.

Brotherhood enrollment climbed to 384,686, a gain of 37,499; and Royal Ambassador enrollment reached 197,811, a gain of 35,087 in one year. The combined enrollment totaled 582,497, making it the "largest organization of its kind for men and boys in the history of Christianity," according to Schroeder.

A re-organization of the Brotherhood is being planned to make it more effective in its work among boys, in Christian witnessing, world missions, and community action. It is expected that the new plan will be ready for release within the next twelve months.

Construction is progressing on the third unit of the new Brotherhood Commission headquarters building at 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. The attractive new building will provide much-needed office space.

## Relief and Annuity

SOUTHERN BAPTIST denominational workers holding certificates in one of the protection plans offered by the Relief and Annuity Board were paid more than \$2,400,000 in monthly benefits during 1958.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the board which has its home offices in Dallas, Tex., told messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville that this amount is the largest ever paid out in any one year.

Reed said that during this same period the total assets held in reserve by the Board rose to \$63½ million, an increase of \$7,781,771 over 1957, which made one of the best financial periods in the 41 years of its ministry to Southern Baptists.

Reed quickly pointed out in his annual report that this money does not belong to the Relief and Annuity Board.

"It is held in trust for the more than 24,000 Southern Baptist denominational workers and almost 100 agencies, boards, and institutions who hold certificates in one of our plans," he said.

"Each year the number of annuitants—persons retiring, becoming disable, or widows of certificate holders—increases. The assets held for them by this board must increase rapidly in order to take care of these people as long as they live," Reed said.

Reed also reported a 27 per cent increase in new members was recorded when 3,113 persons enrolled for the three-fold protection coverage. A total of 4,958 certificates was issued in all plans for a four per cent increase over 1957 and a 116 per cent increase over 1948. A total of 1,047 churches and employers entered the program for an increase of five per cent over 1957.

Reed said 435 persons retired in 1958 for a 35 per cent decrease from the previous year. In 1957, 503 persons retired. The average age of the men retiring was 67.8 years, while the women's average age was 66.4 years. Eighty widows were added to the annuity rolls as compared to 23 in 1957.

## Talbert Receives Centennial Award

CHARLES H. TALBERT received the Centennial Award in Theology during the graduation exercises in Southern Seminary May 18.

President Duke K. McCall presented him with \$100 for his paper, "John the Baptist and the Son of Mary." The award had been offered in connection with Southern Seminary's celebration of the 100th anniversary.

Slated to be offered during 1959-60 also, the award is designed to "encourage and stimulate creative and original scholarship among the bachelor of divinity students at the seminary."

Talbert, who received his B. D. degree along with the award, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Carl E. Talbert, 312 Bierdeman Road, Jackson 8, Miss.

## Cauthen Discusses Plans for Advance

"GOD HAS wrought remarkably in advance in world missions," said Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, in his report to the Foreign Mission Board at its May meeting. Then he summarized plans both for geographical advance and for the strengthening of work within countries where Southern Baptist missionaries are already serving.

He and Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will visit Africa this summer to make careful studies of some of the areas of that continent where Southern Baptists have not yet labored.

"We are particularly concerned about vast areas in French West Africa, as well as large sections under Portuguese government," Dr. Cauthen said. "We are also aware of the very large section in Northern Nigeria where only a limited work has been undertaken by our missionaries. The time should come when we will have mission work over a much wider area of Africa than we now serve.

"And we should have far more extensive mission work in the Middle East. Our attention has been called to the importance of strengthening work among Moslem people. A Christian doctor from Iran told us recently that with the growth of education in his country people are now reading the Koran for themselves and are being impressed with its inadequacy for man's spiritual need.

"We must not overlook that Pakistan, with 85,000,000 people, represents one of the largest countries we serve. At present our work is limited to East Pakistan, but the time will come when we must project work in West Pakistan as well.

"We are also aware that advance is not merely on a geographical basis. In many countries, particularly those of Latin America, we have already established beachheads; but these beachheads merely represent points of entry. The opportunity in Latin America becomes increasingly encouraging as religious liberty becomes more recognized and the message of Christ is more widely understood."

### Reports of Baptisms Leak From Red China

DR. WINSTON Crawley, secretary for the Orient, has just returned from a trip which took him to six countries of the Far East. His report to the Board at its May meeting was concerned with information about current conditions in Red China which he received while in Hong Kong. Excerpts from Dr. Crawley's report follow:

"Up until about 10 years ago China had been the main Southern Baptist mission field with approximately one-third of the entire missionary staff. That country had the largest church



**ARKANSAS APPOINTEES**—Three native Arkansans and an Arkansas pastor and his wife were among the 20 new appointees named at the May Foreign Mission Board meeting. Left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Wendell R. "Jack" Hull, 1st Church, Lavaca, to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. C. Glynn McCalman, both natives of Bradley, appointed for South Brazil, and Miss Sue McDonald, native of Keiser, who will go to Singapore.

membership, the strongest institutions, and the most mature church and convention development of any field. Now there are no Southern Baptist missionaries in China, and only very limited information on which to base an estimate of the situation.

"Christianity in China has suffered seriously during the past 10 years. The full story cannot be known because we have no direct lines of contact with Christians there. Information comes to us only indirectly and piecemeal. There have been many fluctuations in the policy of the Chinese Communist government toward Christianity, and many local variations in the application of that policy. Therefore, the picture is a very spotty one.

"The policy of Communist China toward Christianity has been mainly along the line of controlling the churches and using them for the support of Communist political and economic policies. This poses a very real dilemma for Christians. Communist pressures are often exercised in a subtle way, which affords little opportunity for a clear-cut stand on obvious moral and spiritual issues. Certainly no one on the outside is in a position to judge the decisions made by our Chinese brethren under such conditions.

"I do not dare hazard a prediction concerning the political future of mainland China. Certainly for the present and the immediate future, under Com-

munist control, individual Christians and churches will face serious pressures and persecutions. At the same time, we have grounds for rejoicing concerning our Christian brethren in China. Though our missionaries cannot be there, the churches are still there, and the gospel is being preached. While in Hong Kong I received definite information concerning one Baptist church which baptized about 50 people this spring. Such reports give us grounds for continuing hope — hope that rests in the assurance that our Lord is still at work in China."

### Israel Mission Needs More Missionaries

DR. H. CORNELL Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, shared with the Board a recent letter from Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, missionary in Israel, which emphasized the urgent need for more missionaries. Dr. Lindsey said:

"Our morale on the personnel side is at a low ebb and I guess we simply are not exercising enough faith. We are one couple short of our hope for four or five years ago. I was looking at our 1957 request for missionary personnel and realized that we might just as well pass it around this year at the annual Mission meeting. No need to write a new one. Unless a new couple is appointed immediately, we will apparently have to give up our extension plans for Galilee. The criterion of our work is new personnel."

Brotherhood

### Regional Encampment Plans Announced

MOST OF the 15 regional Brotherhoods in Arkansas are planning encampments this summer. A Regional Brotherhood encampment is an afternoon-evening-night affair, with the afternoon given over to recreation and fellowship, then a good supper; followed by a night service of singing, devotion, worship, testimony, and inspiration.

Such a meeting will make a distinct impact for Christ throughout the region. When God's men get together, play together, fellowship together, sing together, worship together, pray together, listen together, — God is enabled to speak His will to their hearts, to draw them close to Himself, and somehow to renew them in spirit and in a holy willingness to be what He wants them to be, to do what He wants them to do.

Elbert Wilson, Batesville, president of the White River Regional Brotherhood, has informed the Brotherhood office that the White River Brotherhood is planning to hold its encampment at the Independence Associational Campground, near Bethesda, Thursday, July 9. White River Region is made up of Independence, Little Red River, and White County Associations, and also Jackson County in Black River Association.

The Southeast Region has tentatively set Thursday, Aug. 20, for its encampment at Wolf Creek Baptist Camp, near Collins. Larry Thomas, Crossett is president. Bartholomew, Ashley County, and Delta Associations comprise the Region.

The Northwest Region is planning its encampment for Friday, Aug. 7. The place has tentatively been selected, and definite announcement will be made at an early date. Northwest Region is made up of Benton County and Washington-Madison Associations. G. C. Hilton, Fayetteville, is president. He is also president of the Arkansas Bap-

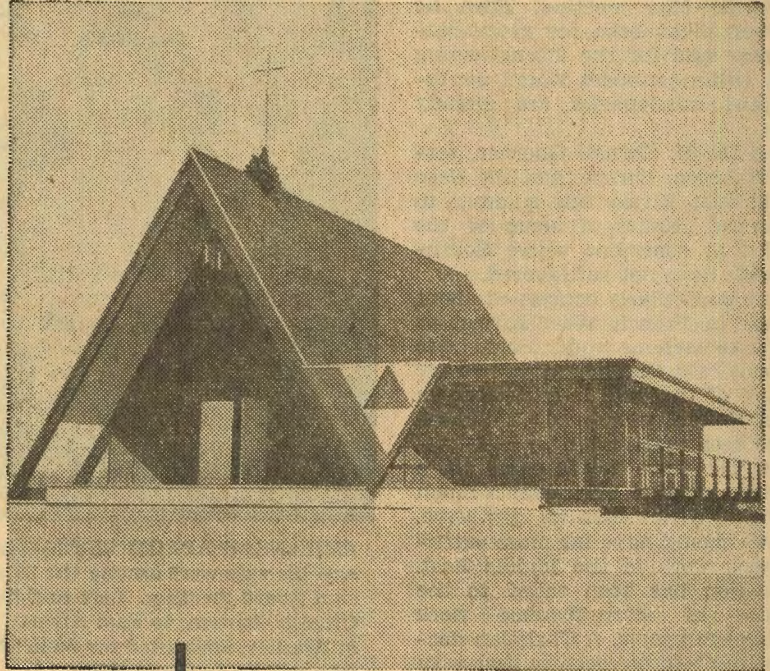
tist Brotherhood Convention.

Other regional encampments will be announced when definite information is received.

If the Brotherhood Department can assist you in your planning for your regional encampment, write us at 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.—Nelson Tull, secretary. ■




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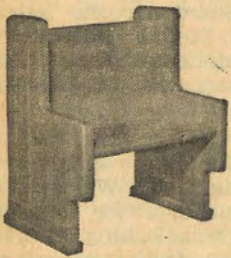
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MRS. GILMER

Assisting Mrs. Gilmer will be Miss Lola Mae Whelchel, Little Rock, who will have charge of arts and crafts. Miss Whelchel has done this type of work for years and is well qualified. This will be a new phase of the recreational program.

The following activities are being planned: soft ball, volley ball, badminton, Tennis, horse shoes, table tennis, skittles, chess, checkers, chinese checkers, dominoes, croquet, kikit, and swimming. Trophies will be offered for winners in ping pong, tennis, and softball. Ribbons will be given to those most active in recreational activities.

In addition to the afternoon recreation, special features will be provided each night after the evening services: get acquainted party, films, stunt night, and talent parade.

Rhine McMurry, Lewisville, will be in charge of tournaments, and Harrison Johns, Batesville, will be in charge of equipment.

Come prepared to have a good time. But remember: shorts will not be worn by anybody at any time.—Ralph Davis, secretary.

THE 1959 SOUTHERNER has been dedicated by the annual staff to Dean and Mrs. Woodrow Behannon. The Behannons have served at Southern Baptist College for three years. They are natives of East Texas.

**NEW EXECUTIVE** secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, succeeding retiring Dr. M. A. Huggins, is Douglas M. Branch. The new executive secretary has been pastor of 1st Church, Rocky Mount, N. C. Branch is a native of North Carolina, formerly was a field secretary for the convention, and served three years as convention president.



MR. BRANCH

AT A recent political meeting a well-known Republican was speaking. He remarked that his method of obtaining votes for the Republican party was to give every taxi driver a large tip, then tell him, "Vote Republican."

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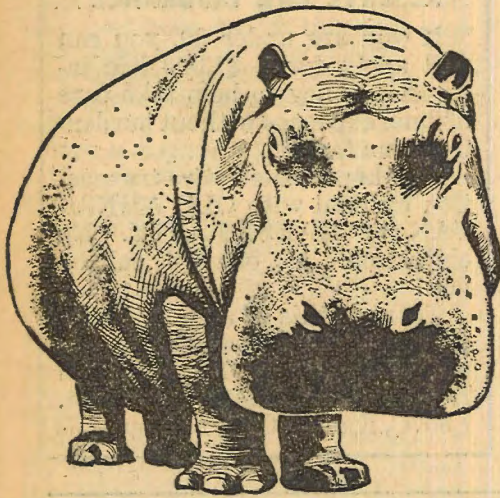
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# The Strange, Wild Hippo

By THELMA C. CARTER

CAN YOU imagine a huge, clumsy mother hippopotamus being a tender, loving parent? Naturalists tell us this



is true of these wild creatures.

Baby hippos are playful and mischievous, riding on their mothers' backs when they are very young, sliding off into the water, squealing, snorting, and making a big splash as they see their mothers do.

Most of us have seen only the hippos

in zoos. They are usually lying in a pool of water with only their huge heads sticking above the water surface.

"The wild beasts of the field are mine" (Psalm 50:11), our Bible tells us.

Even though we know they are a part of God's creation, the size and appearance of these animals are frightening. Often hippos are fourteen feet long, about the length of some rooms in our homes. They grow about three feet in height. Their heads are usually three feet long. They weigh between three and four tons.

The more you look at hippos — their eyes, ears, and feet — the more you realize they are related to the pig family. They squeal, snort, and blow, like pigs when they slide into the water and settle into the mud of the river bottoms.

While pigs are land animals, feeding in the daytime and resting at night, hippos spend most of their days in the water. In their native river and lake homes in Africa, they leave the water in the evening, searching for grass and water plants to eat.

In disposition, hippos are mild until an enemy attacks their young. Then these huge animals have a strength, a crushing power, that few other animals on earth possess.

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## Sammy

By HILDA V. RICHARDSON

ONE BRIGHT, sunny morning Sammy and Uncle Billy rode horseback along a narrow dirt road near the city of Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Brazil, South America.

"Sammy, our next stop is a little village church with only two children in the Sunday School," said Uncle Billy. "I've sent the minister some leaflets to give out to advertise the Vacation Bible School. We must have more than two children in our school."

There was no reply from Sammy. Uncle Billy, whose real name was W. W. Enete, called Sammy a dummy. No boy likes to be called a dummy, but that was just what Sammy was. He could neither read nor write. He had never been to school, but he had been many times to Vacation Bible School.

Sammy was a wooden doll or puppet, looking much like a real, live boy. He had real hair, and his mouth worked when he talked. His eyes moved, and he was dressed like other boys.

Sammy belonged to Uncle Billy, a ventriloquist and a missionary. They both traveled over narrow roads and cowpaths to out-of-the-way places to hold Vacation Bible Schools.

Wooden dummy or not, everybody loved Sammy. He was funny and friendly and sometimes serious, too. He

could keep the children laughing and also make them listen quietly as he told them about Jesus. He was known as the Little Missionary of South America.

On the day the school was to open in the little village where there were only two children in Sunday School, Uncle Billy and Sammy arrived at the church all prepared to begin. To their surprise there were no children in sight.

"There must have been some mistake about the day," said Uncle Billy.

Then they found the leaflets lying in a pile on a bench in the church. The national pastor had failed to give them out because he did not understand what he was to do with them.

"Now, what do we do?" wondered Uncle Billy.

Although Sammy had a blank look on his face, Uncle Billy informed his little helper, "Sammy, you'll have to come to the rescue."

When Uncle Billy saw a boy going down the road, he set Sammy in an open window of the church.

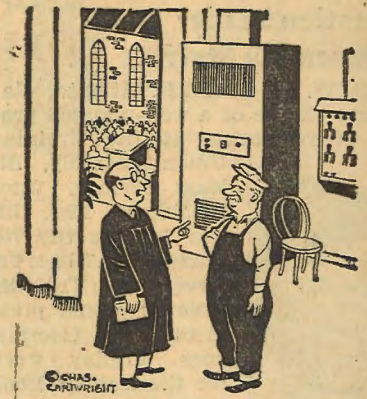
Sammy called in Spanish, "Hi, there!" as he grinned and waived his hand. "Where are you going?"

The boy stopped and stared. Then he came closer and stared again.

"You — you can't be alive!" the puzzled boy exclaimed. "You must be a doll. I never heard a doll talk!"

"Ha, ha!" laughed Sammy. "You are hearing one talk now. And thanks for calling me a doll. Uncle Billy calls me a

## A Smile or Two



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dummy. I don't like being called a dummy."

By then, other boys and girls had gathered to stare at the wooden doll and to listen to it talk.

"We are going to have a school here," Sammy informed his audience.

"A school?" asked one long-legged boy. "Is it free?"

"Sure," replied Sammy.

"What do you do?" asked another.

"Play and listen to stories and learn things and make things," answered Sammy. "It's all fun."

"Can anybody come?" asked a shy little girl.

"Sure, all of you," Sammy said, beckoning to them. "Come on in. It's time to start."

Day by day the news spread about the talking doll and the fun the boys and girls were having at the little church. Day by day more of them came. More and more boys and girls listened to the stories of Jesus, learned songs and Bible verses, and made nice things to take home. Sammy and Uncle Billy made sure that each one understood what it meant to love and serve Jesus.

When the two weeks were over, the pastor and all the boys and girls crowded around to bid Sammy and Uncle Billy good-by. As the two mounted their horse, the boys and girls pleaded in behalf of Sammy, whom they had learned to adore.

"Don't ever call him a dummy again, Uncle Billy. Sammy invited us to Vacation Bible School. Sammy is smart. He has taught us a lot in two weeks."

The pastor of the little church said, "We had just two children in the Sunday School when you came. Now we have almost every child in the village, thanks to you both!"

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# Greed – Spiritual Gangrene

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

Lesson: 1 Kings 21:1-7, 17-20

June 7

**G**ANGRENE IS a terrible disease of decay and death. Its effects are more than ugly and repulsive, they are hideous and disastrous. What gangrene is to the body, greed is to the soul! Greed is distilled selfishness. Greed brings death by degrees to noble spiritual qualities and Christlike characteristics. This week's lesson brings us a lesson unforgettable from the lives of a brave citizen and a greedy king.



MR. SMITH

### Greed's Infectious Nature

This unholy attitude is no respecter of persons. Its long arm encircles rich and poor. It invades the cottage of the serf and the palace of the king. It shows no favoritism to the strong or weak. Alexander Maclaren observes a difference at this point between Ahab and Jezebel. He says Ahab was wicked and weak. Jezebel was wicked and strong! Jezebel has been called "the Lady Macbeth of the Bible." So she is. She is moved only by the emotion of disgust toward her weakling husband because he will regard the feelings of one "little" insignificant subject. Her philosophy (still around today) is this: Get what you want . . . even if you have to run over people and break the laws of God and man to get it!

The more we have, the greater the threat of a greedy heart. Ahab was accustomed to having everything he desired. When his selfish nature was thwarted, he acted like a spoiled child. In today's world, the emphasis is on the material. Never has there been such a craze for things. There is certainly a connection between the materialistic interpretation of life and the constantly rising totals of personal and national debt! We may also learn from history that a greedy nation is soon a corrupt one.

### Greed's Chain-Reaction

The physical law of action and reaction operates in the realm of the spirit as well . . . for good and evil. Greed soon leads to lying and deceit. There is forgery with Jezebel usurping the king's authority and writing letters which outline plans for a wicked conspiracy. There are false witnesses from the sons of Belial (meaning "sons-of-worthlessness" or "good-for-nothings") bringing false charges and perverting justice and legal procedures. Coiled like a snake

in all of the plot is malice and hatred.

However, the crowning sin is blasphemy. God's name is brought into this diabolical scheme in an effort to give what is being done the sanction of religion! The calling of a fast usually denoted a national crisis. It indicated that a crime had been committed which might bring the people under the wrath of God. In doing this, Jezebel sinned against God. There are people today who use religion to cover their sinful schemes.

Of course, this sin was also against society. The rights of the people were completely disregarded. Naboth was perfectly within his rights to refuse to give his property to the king. This action was thus a sin against Naboth's descendants, since it represented a heritage of his family. When any man — even one man is denied his rights, every other person in that particular society suffers loss. The fact that this fiendish plot so easily succeeded, should have alarmed every godly man and woman in the nation. Apparently, there was little said about it.

Greed's chain-reaction may be followed in our society. Everywhere there is the misrepresentation of products, false or misleading advertising, crooked contracts, price-fixing, etc. These things

considered, the planning and plotting of Jezebel seems quite modern.

### Greed's Bitter Consequences

The selfish, whimpering king is delighted when the cruel queen comes in with the announcement: "Arise and take possession of the vineyard . . . Naboth is dead." But Ahab got more than he bargained for! When he went to inspect his new property, he found he had acquired one Elijah in the deal. We know from this incident and from our own experience that one never enjoys anything he gets dishonestly. The "price" may be a violated conscience . . . but that is price enough to pay.

We see another thing here. Make friends with the devil and you make an enemy of God. Here are Ahab's words when he sees the prophet: "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?" Pity the person who gains any possession and loses God as a Friend in the transaction.

Elijah had the courage to denounce greed wherever he found it. Let us pray to God for the courage to do the same. We may insure our own lives against greed by giving. We can guard our attitudes against the materialistic interpretation of success. We can constantly affirm our faith in the "unseen things of God" and "set our affections on things above and not on things of the earth." We can cultivate in our children an appreciation of spiritual values and discipline them in the "grace of doing without." We can shift our attention from the abundance of things to the things of the Abundant Life. ■

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Walter Raliegth Johnson, last known to be using the names of Rev. William R. Randall, William W. Randall, and William W. Randell, allegedly has posed as a minister of the Assembly of God Church in the past. He reportedly has been recently posing as a Baptist minister on his honeymoon and has been accompanied by Viola Sparks, who he has introduced as his wife. He is being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle, for violation of the condition of his release from a Federal penitentiary and for causing the interstate transportation of fraudulent checks.

Johnson has victimized a Baptist Church, motels, service stations and merchants in passing fraudulent checks signed as Rev. William R. Randall, drawn on the Union Bank and Trust Company, Westminster, Maryland;

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Johnson may be employed as a butcher, television technician, appliance salesman, door-to-door salesman, laborer or baker. He also has reportedly posed as a doctor in the past.

Johnson has been convicted for forgery and interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle.

Johnson is a white male, born June 6, 1930, at Baltimore, Maryland. He is approximately 5 ft. 11 in. tall, weighs 184 to 196 pounds, has brown or hazel eyes and brown hair. His complexion has been described as fair to medium, and he has a small mole on the right side of his chin. He has visible scars on the right side of his upper lip, left forearm and right elbow. Johnson reportedly walks with a long stride described as a "lope."

Viola Sparks was born October 26, 1939, in Wolfe County, Kentucky, and is described as: height 5 ft. 6 in., weighs 135 pounds, hair black, light brown or sandy, worn long or in pony tail, quiet in manner, uses no make-up and described as a plain to poorly dressed individual. There is no Federal process outstanding at present for this woman.

Any person having information which might assist in locating Johnson is requested to notify immediately the Special Agent in Charge of the nearest Federal Bureau of Investigation Office, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.

## Messenger Registration

MESSENGER REGISTRATION at the 1959 Convention stood at 11,630 persons as of 3:45 p. m. Thursday, May 21. This, of course, is incomplete total.

The number of messengers — a complete total — registered at Houston, Tex., in May, 1958, was 11,966. At Chicago in 1957, the complete final total was 9,109 messengers. At Kansas City, Mo., in 1956, it was 12,254.

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