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Back row, left to right: J. V. Sanders, Associational Standard, superintendent; V. C. Goode, Group, superintendent; Jim Sparks, Extension, superintendent; O. C. Robinson, Associational missionary; Robert McKu, Group, superintendent; Frank Shamburger, Adult superintendent; J. W. Cady, Associational Sunday School, superintendent.

Associational Sunday School officers not present for picture: Rev. Roy Hilton, Evangelism, superintendent; Thurman Watson, Training, superintendent; Rev. Horace Grigson, Group, superintendent; Charles Oglesby, Group, superintendent; Rev. Robert Parker, Group, superintendent.

● CHURCH CLERK Stella E. Mason, of the Hindsville Church, reports a Sunday school training course for which 16 enrolled and 10 qualified for awards. The book, *These Things We Believe*, was used as the text.

OUACHITA NOTES

● WILLIAM McDOWELL Baker, of Malvern, one of fifteen Arkansas high school seniors to qualify for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation of Evanston, Ill., will enroll at Ouachita Baptist College in September. The son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Baker, William plans to prepare for a teaching career and will major in history.

Designated as an Arkansas Opportunity Fund Scholarship, the award will include financial assistance for all four years of college.

● RACHEL JUANITA Raley, of Route 2, Foreman, a senior in the Foreman high school, has been awarded a scholarship by the Ouachita Baptist College division of business scholarships. Miss Raley, who is president of the National Honor Society and editor of the school paper at Foreman, plans to enroll at Ouachita in September.

● A 1954 GRADUATE of Ouachita Baptist College, Wayne Everett, of Benton, has received a National Science Fellowship at Purdue University, where he is doing graduate work in chemistry.

● A NOTE FROM John Lemmons, of Paragould, indicates that he is resigning as pastor of Lake Street Church to become a full-time evangelist beginning June 1.

● A NEW PARSONAGE and site for a new sanctuary and educational building for the First Church, Ray, have been donated to the church by Mr. Ida Blalock, according to pastor Max L. Taylor. The church has disposed of the former parsonage and plans to begin construction soon of the new buildings. The old church buildings are being sold to another denomination, Mr. Taylor reports.

The church recently received 26 new members by baptism as result of a revival conducted by a youth team from Arkansas State College, Jonesboro. Evangelist for the revival was Jim Lewis, of Jonesboro, pastor of the Needham Mission. Peter Abbott, Blytheville, directed the singing; Mary Casner, Jonesboro, was pianist; Ann Morton, Beebe, played the organ. Personal workers included Dave LaGore, Jonesboro; Dan Threet, Peel; Gaylord Hill, Piggott; Janelle Shride, Dalton; Jackie Upchurch, Lutesville, Mo.; and Tom Threet, Peel.

Mr. Abbott, who is a junior this year at Arkansas State College, has been called as minister of music.

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● IT WAS "This Is Your Life, Dr. Hicks," at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, on a recent Sunday night, as the church observed the 15th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. W. Harold Hicks.

Feature of a reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Hicks was a review of the major events in the pastor's life.

When Dr. Hicks became pastor of the church, in May, 1942, the membership totaled 850 and the annual budget was \$14,000. Today the membership is 1,250 and the annual budget has climbed to \$106,000.

Under the leadership of Pastor Hicks additional church property was acquired and the beautiful new sanctuary erected.

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● SAM CHAFFIN, of Magnolia, has been elected to head the BSU at the University of Arkansas for the coming year. Other officers include: Dale Jones, Mena, vice-president; Bebe Booker, Fort Smith, enlistment chairman; Walter Smiley, Hope, social chairman; Charles Looper, Huntington, devotional chairman; Amelia Rowland, Pine Bluff, statistical chairman; Mervyn Gibson, Kirby, extension chairman; Ann Hutsell, Fort Smith, stewardship chairman; Joy Sanders, Flippin, publicity chairman; Henry Fudge, North Little Rock, music chairman; Joyce Jenkins, Lexa, Sunday School chairman; Dwight Holcomb, Fayetteville, Training Union chairman; Shing Faan Lee, Hong Kong, Brotherhood chairman; Jean Dipert, Damascas, YWA chairman. The pastor advisor is Dr. Andrew Hall, of First Baptist Church Fayetteville, and the faculty advisor is Dr. John Keesee. The new officers were recently installed at a vespers service.

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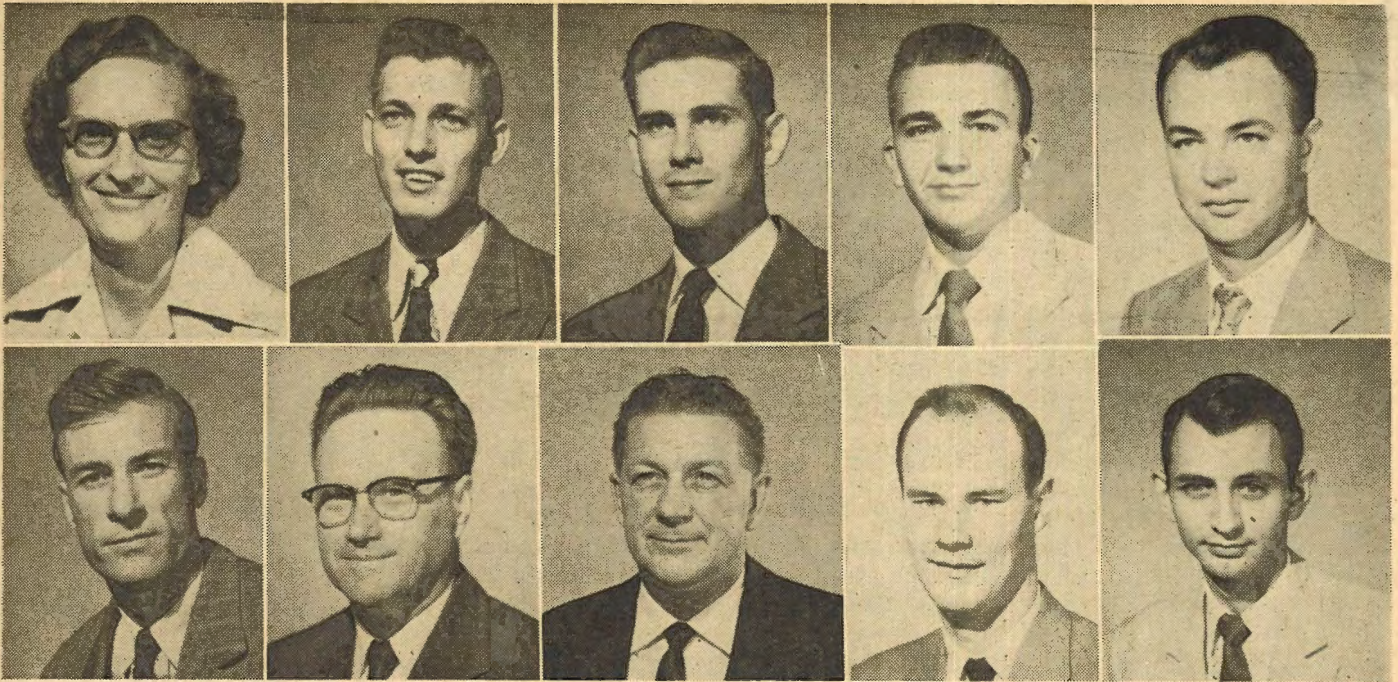
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AMONG THE 236 candidates for graduation from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, tomorrow, are 11 from Arkansas. They are:

Top row, left to right: Nan Owens, Junction City, M. R. E. degree; Arthur Franklin Fray, Fordyce, B. S. M. de-

gree; Willie Trueman Moore, Greenwood, B. D. degree; Robert Franklin Shaddox, Harrison, B. D. degree; and Max N. Gregory, Paragould, M. R. E. degree.

Bottom row, left to right: Durwood A. Bourns, DeQueen, B. D. degree; Calvin

L. Jones, Siloam Springs, M. R. E. degree; Fred Thomas Deahl, Texarkana, diploma in theology; Oris H. Baldwin, Lonoke, M. S. M. degree; and Carlos Don Cooper, Almyra, M. R. E. degree.

Not pictured here: Robert Anderson Hall, North Little Rock, M. R. E. degree.

● CENTRAL CHURCH, Magnolia, Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, May 26. In preparation for the observance, Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, will preach on Wednesday and Thursday nights, May 22 and 23.

Speaker Sunday morning, May 26, will be Joe Fred Luck, whose father, the late J. B. Luck, served as pastor of the church for 21 years. Mr. Luck is chaplain of Memorial Hospital, Hous-

ton. He was ordained to the ministry by Central Church.

Climaxing the celebration the night of May 26 will be a pageant depicting the history of the church.

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● MOTHERS OF children born at Arkansas Baptist Hospital were honored as the hospital observed its traditional Mother's Day Open House, Sunday, May 12. Featuring the program was the first official public showing of the hospital's new, half-block long nur-

sery area. Completed only recently at a cost of \$25,000, the nursery includes two well-baby nurseries, a nursery for premature babies, an isolation unit, and two formula rooms. J. A. Gilbreath is administrator of the hospital.

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● WALNUT VALLEY CHURCH, on Mountain Valley Route, Hot Springs, has paid off its church indebtedness a year ahead of schedule. The church, led by Pastor P. J. Crowder, recently held a note-burning service. Assisting in the service was Rev. Ed F. Vallowe, a former pastor, who gave the dedicatory sermon.

Walnut Valley has recently had several additions to the church, including five by baptism and four by letter. A monthly workers conference has been started. The church gives 15 per cent of all undesignated gifts to Missions.

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● ROGER SHIELDS was ordained to the ministry recently by the Pittsburg Church in services held at the First Church, Knoxville. Pat Shields, a brother of Roger, gave the ordination message. Gerald Stone, Knoxville, served as moderator; Don Roy Hankins, Centerville, was clerk; A. E. Webb, Russellville, was in charge of the questioning; Paul Wilhelm, Lamar, delivered the charge; and Kenneth Brown, Pleasant View, led the ordination prayer. The Bible was presented to the candidate by Neil Jackson, Russellville.

The new minister is pastor of the Pittsburg Church and a student at Arkansas Tech.



Left to right, Mrs. Lee Graves, Pastor Crowder, and Mr. Graves.

Note burning at Walnut Valley

A Vanishing Baptist Distinctive?

IN A RECENT chapel talk at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Dr. J. W. MacGorman, professor of New Testament at the Seminary, spoke on "A Vanishing Baptist Distinctive."

He raised a question as to whether Baptists are not forfeiting their right to claim believer's baptism and a regenerate church membership as a Baptist distinctive.

"There is not one of the 30,000 churches affiliated with our convention which does not have reason to be concerned about the number in its membership who manifest no evidence whatever of having committed themselves to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord," Dr. MacGorman declared.

"Check with the architectural consultants who are familiar with our Baptist churches and you will find them realistically advising our churches to build places of worship which will seat approximately half of their resident memberships," he continued. "Note the difficulty of rallying our churches as telling forces in social and moral issues or as dynamic bases for world evangelization and you will conclude that the current Baptist dilemma is this: that while professing our historic identification with the doctrine of believer's baptism and a regenerated membership, we actually are tolerating emphases which make it impossible."

Dr. MacGorman then touched three "sore spots" on the body of Southern Baptists: "the unchallenged rule of quantitative measurements in our church life"; the "unscrupulous methods of some evangelists"; and something he calls "credobaptism," baptism of those who say "I believe," but who have not verified their faith.

Of quantitative measurements he said:

"We declare that Christianity is a spiritual religion: it proclaims that God is spirit and must be worshipped in spirit and truth; it proclaims that men must be born of the Spirit; it proclaims that the kingdom or rule of God in the hearts of men is a spiritual reality; and yet we persist in the use of the categories of physical measurement in the determination of spiritual progress. Though numerical categories are important in the determination of spiritual progress, they do not merit the prominence they hold. They always leave the greater part of the story untold. They give us linear measurements only; they tell us nothing about depth.

"It is possible that Southern Baptists could break all records this year in certificates sent, awards given, seals stuck, pins pinned, pennants hung, labels licked, tags tied, conventions attended, dollars spent, and pencils worn out and still fail God as a mighty spiritual force to advance His kingdom throughout the world. The New Testament word for success is **faithfulness!**"

Professor MacGorman, recognizing that "many dedicated men give themselves whole-heartedly to the calling of evangelism," spoke of several abuses in evangelism: the abuse of lowering the Scriptural requirements for conversion to increase the number of "decisions"; of general lack of confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the tasks of evangelism.

Of "credobaptism," he said:

"At a convention one time I heard a preacher urge the immediate baptism of all who make professions of faith in our services. 'If you don't,' he warned, 'you'll lose them. They'll be gone.' I've often wondered about some of those who aren't baptized and who do go. What if they had been baptized? What difference would the baptism have made? If we imply that their baptism could have secured something that their profession of faith had not been able to accomplish, how far are we from preaching the doctrine of baptismal regeneration?"

That many of our people, both in the pulpit and in the pew, are showing real concern for the spirituality of Christians is a healthful sign. Perhaps we are on the verge of a great awakening.—ELM

Personally Speaking . . .

Wealth of Diversity

"He is quite a chaRACter. There is nobody else like him. When the Lord made him He threw the mould away."



MR. McDONALD

There is at least one colorful person in every community who is likely to have his neighbors and acquaintances saying things like this about him. The implication seems to be that most people are alike and more or less made in a common mould.

One of the greatest miracles of creation is that God never makes two people in the same mould. Not even so-called "identical twins" are identical. Not only do no two people have the same fingerprints, but every one has his own, unique pattern.

There must be a divine reason for this. Surely, God did not want any two of us to be alike or he would not have made us all different. Perhaps that is why that one is more likely to succeed and fill his place in life when he stays away from striving to be like somebody else and tries to be himself.

Many a young preacher has hurt the effectiveness of his ministry by trying to preach like some idol of his in the ministry. And this holds for callings other than the ministry. Too often an imitator succeeds only in copying the peculiarities of the other person's style without achieving his greatness.

One lesson for each of us is that we are not only different as individuals, but each has his own place to fill in God's plan. If one of us fails to fill his place, nobody else can fill the void.

Yet, in their diversity, Christians are all bound together in Christ.

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

"For the body is not one member, but many.

"If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?"

"And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?"

"If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? . . .

"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." I Corinthians 12.

Edwin L. McDonald

Letters to Editor

Appeal from Alaska

WE STILL have many needs here. But one of our greatest and most immediate needs is that of statehood for Alaska. And once more we ask for your earnest help and support in this grave need, feeling confident that you as a fellow Baptist believing in the historic Baptist principle of freedom, will render this assistance.

We have no voting Congressman to whom we can write. We therefore ask only that you write a short note to your Congressmen — the Senators and Representatives who represent your State in the Congress of the United States — urging them to support Alaska Statehood. This support would mean a great deal to our Baptist work, to the people of the United States and the peoples of the world who embrace this principle of Freedom.

—James B. Dotson

Pastor, Faith Baptist Church
Spenard, Alaska

REVIVALS

Ashley County Association:

Mt. Olive No. 2, 5, 3 by baptism, 2 by letter.

Crossett, 2nd, 8, 5 by baptism, 3 by letter.

Magnolia, 6, 5 by baptism, 1 by statement.

Fountain Hill, 11, 7 by baptism, 4 by letter.

Mt. Olive No. 1, 4, 2 by baptism, 2 by letter.

North Crossett, 15, 9 by baptism, 6 by letter.

Martinville, 4, 3 by baptism, 1 by letter.

Temple, 6, 1 by baptism, 5 by letter.

Hamburg, 1st, 46, 26 by baptism, 18 by letter, and 2 by statement.

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West Helena Church, 23, 14 by baptism and 9 by letter. Charles Ashcraft, Las Vegas, Nev., evangelist; J. C. Bradley, West Helena, director of music; Wilson C. Deese, pastor.

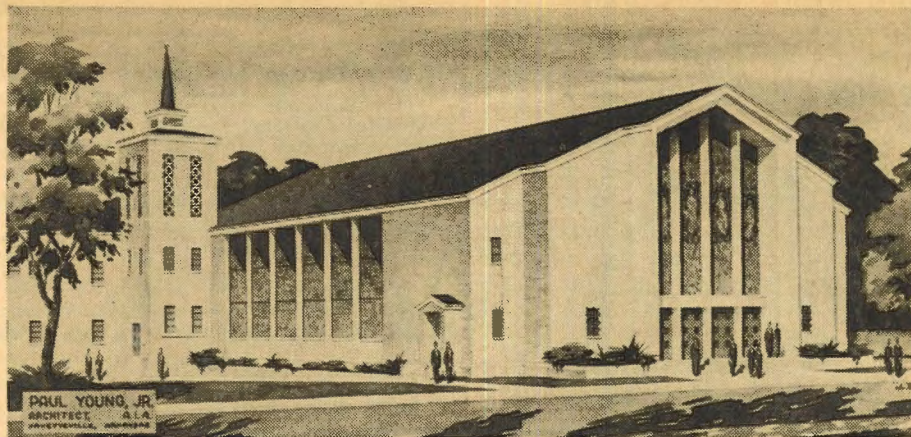
West Memphis, 1st, 17, 7 by baptism and 10 by letter. James Overton, evangelist; Walter L. Yeldell, pastor.

Elaine Church, 25, 22 by baptism, 2 by letter, 1 by statement. Carl M. Overton, pastor of Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, evangelist; Nelson Greenleaf, pastor.

Jones Mill, Shorewood Hills Church, 21, 16 by baptism, 5 by letter; 1 other profession of faith; 1 rededication. Ray Branscum, Little Rock, evangelist; Mark Short, Arkadelphia, song leader; Oscar Golden, pastor.

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● CONSTRUCTION OF a new, \$400,000 sanctuary for First Church, Fayetteville, is scheduled to begin next April 1, according to Dr. Andrew Hall, pastor.



New Sanctuary for Fayetteville First Church

The sanctuary will have a seating capacity of 1,250, with room for 200 additional chairs. There will be a full basement and a tower.

The present auditorium will remain and will be used for Sunday school purposes. Eventually it is to be torn down and the grounds landscaped.

Frank Suttle is chairman of the Building committee and Ray Adams, chairman of the Finance committee. Paul Young, Jr., Fayetteville, is the architect.

● REV. AND MRS. Tom C. Hollingsworth, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, have sailed for their field of service after furlough in the States. They may be addressed at Calle Italia 90, Avellaneda, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mrs. Hollingsworth is a native of Monticello.

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● REV. AND MRS. Ross B. Fryer, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Indonesia, have a new address in Djakarta. It is Djalan Gunung Sahari VI-23, Djakarta, Indonesia. Mrs. Fryer, formerly Mary Lynn Baker, is a native of Warren.



Mr. Fox

● REV. PAUL FOX, Greenville, Miss., has accepted the call as pastor of Calvary Church, 1901 North Pierce Street, Little Rock. He succeeds Rev. Wayne S. Smith, public relations director for Ouachita College, who has been interim pastor for the past nine months.

Mr. Fox will assume the pastorate on June 1, preaching his first sermon on Sunday, June 2.

Currently he is pastor of the Parkview Baptist Church in Greenville, Miss., where he has just completed a new educational building.

A native Arkansan, Mr. Fox was born at Marianna, where he attended elementary schools. He received his college education at Mars Hill College in North Carolina and Carson Newman College, in Tennessee, where he received his A. B. degree in 1933.

He received his master's degree in theology at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1936.

He has served as pastor at Utica, Ind.; Van Buren and Pine Bluff, in Arkansas; Winchester, Ky.; and Greenville, Miss.

The new Calvary pastor is married to the former Edythe Humbert, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and the couple has one daughter, Mary Lake, age 11.

Under Mr. Smith's tenure as interim pastor the church received 51 members by letter and 36 by profession of faith and baptism. Mr. Smith will preach his farewell sermon on May 26.—Charlie Mooshian.

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● A NEW BAPTIST CAMP for girls, Glen-Barry, will be in operation this year at Hendersonville, N. C. Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Barry, of Hartsville, S. C., where Dr. Barry is president of Coker College, are the directors. Each of the thirty cabins included in the facilities has two baths with hot and cold water. A lake affords opportunities for water sports and there is a gymnasium, recreation room, and an infirmary with registered nurse on duty. There is also an arts building, tennis, volley ball, and badminton courts, stables and riding ring.

**Novak Named
Kansas Editor**



EDITOR NOVAK

JOE NOVAK, 29, editorial assistant of the Baptist Standard of Texas, accepted the unanimous call of the board of directors for the Baptist Digest, Kansas Baptist weekly, to be the new editor. He will assume his duties June 1 as Kansas continues to have the youngest of the state Baptist paper editors.

Novak will succeed Hoyt S. Gibson, who has resigned to resume his doctoral studies at the University of Houston.

Novak, who has been with the Baptist Standard since January, 1956, is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and Baylor University, Waco, Tex. At Baylor he majored in Journalism and English and was a member of the BRH and A Cappella choirs. After a two-year course of study at Southwestern, he was graduated with the Master of Religious Education degree with a psychology and public relations emphasis.

The editor-elect became acquainted with the work of Southern Baptist missionaries overseas while serving in the Navy following World War II and during the Korean emergency. As a Naval war correspondent and photographer, he traveled in Europe and the Far East. He was active in mission work with the Orientals while stationed in Hawaii.

"I enjoy watching a church grow in the work of training and education," Novak said as he related his experience as music and educational director for Texas churches in Houston, Fort Worth and Perryton. "With a church following the leadership of the Lord in preaching, visiting and training, it cannot help but grow; and its witness will reach the uttermost parts . . ."

The son of a Baptist minister, Novak is a native of Waco, Tex. His father, Al Novak, is presently pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Houston.

Mrs. Joe Novak, the former Rynell Stiff of Denton, Tex., is a graduate of North Texas State college and Southwestern. Married May 11, 1954, they have two sons: Rob, 2, and Dan, 10 months.

The Novaks will move to Wichita May 15.

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● DR. J. W. MacGORMAN, Professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, has been invited by the presidents of the five Baptist seminaries in South America to deliver lectureships this summer.

This project is being sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and will include the following schedule: Recife, Brazil, May 20-24; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 27-31; Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 3-7; Santiago, Chile, June 17-21; and Cali, Colombia, June 24-28.

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● THE SUNDAY SCHOOL superintendent of the Chinese Baptist Mission, Phoenix, Arizona, Walter Ong, has been named "Man of the Year" by the Phoenix Advertising Club.

Ong, active Baptist layman, has been Sunday school superintendent for 15 years. Owner of a large shopping center in Phoenix, he is also active in civic affairs.

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● BIG CITIES, USA is the title of a new Home Board filmstrip on mission challenges in the metropolitan areas of the United States.

Billed as a Chicago and Convention souvenir, the filmstrip shows many tourist attractions of Chicago as well as spiritual needs of this typical large city. The color filmstrip points out mission challenges in other large cities too.

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● SEVERAL OF the Atlanta office personnel of the Home Mission Board have formed a Camera Club to encourage the making of more and better home mission pictures. First project of the group will be to sponsor a photo contest for the general public.

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● THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will be held May 27-28 in the Waldorf Room of the Conrad-Hilton Hotel, in Chicago.

The program for the opening session, beginning at 2:00 p. m. on May 27, will include talks by William B. Lucas, J. L. Corzine, and Harvey Gibson, on the place and work of the Association—National Director, the State Secretary, and the Southwide Secretary. A. V. Washburn will lead a general discussion.

For the night session the Education Association will be in joint session with the Southwide Music Association. Speakers will include J. M. Price, Paul McCommon, and J. P. Westberry. R. S. Cooper will be the moderator for a

**Southern Baptist
Giving Increases**

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention total receipts through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts are 9¼ per cent higher than during the same period a year ago, Convention Treasurer Porter Routh reported here.

Receipts for the first four months of 1957 are \$10,835,356 compared to \$9,918,255 for January-April 1956, according to Routh. The four-month Cooperative Program receipts are up \$341,404, or 7¾ per cent over 1956 and designated gifts are up \$575,696, or 10.44 per cent.

"Although the totals for the first four months of 1957 show increases over 1956, the monthly record of receipts for April shows a slight decline in receipts over April, 1956," Routh continued.

Totals for April, 1956, were \$1,157,504 through the Cooperative Program and \$829,365 through designated offerings. For April, 1957, the figures are \$1,108,703 through the Cooperative Program and \$751,705 through designations.

This indicates a drop of \$48,801 in Cooperative Program receipts and \$77,660 in designated receipts—making a total decline over April 1956, of \$126,461.

The April, 1957, receipts also show a slight decline in receipts compared to the previous month's figures. March, 1957, Cooperative Program receipts were \$1,140,748 and designated receipts were \$783,833. This represents a drop of about \$32,000 in Cooperative Program and \$32,000 in designated gifts.

Arkansas forwarded total receipts of \$50,569 during April, 1957. This included \$43,239 through the Cooperative Program and \$7,329 through designations.

panel discussion on correlation. Members of the panel will be G. S. Dobbins, Joe Davis Heacock, Earl Mead, Winston Pearce, W. H. Souther, and Loren Williams.

The program Tuesday morning, May 28, will include group conferences for educational ministers, field secretaries, and teachers. C. S. Ray will speak on "The Place and Task of the Educational Minister of the Church." Other talks will be, Finley B. Edge, "The Place and Task of the Teacher of Religious Education," and Keener Pharr, "The Ordination of the Educational Minister and Its Implications."

Speakers for the closing session, Tuesday afternoon, will include E. W. Westmoreland, A. Donald Bell, John M. Price, and Clifton J. Allen, Jr.

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● MRS. F. M. HOBBS, Bountiful, Utah, reports that a group of Southern Baptists representing about fifteen families are starting a church at Bountiful. They are to have services in the American Legion building until a permanent building can be secured.

How One Pastor Plans Offerings For Negro College

(Editor's Note: At the request of Dr. Clyde Hart, director of Negro work for Arkansas Baptists, Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Church, Little Rock, relates here how he plans to take the special offering on June 9 for Arkansas Baptist College.)

OUR FIRST responsibility in enlisting our people to give to the Arkansas Baptist College campaign will be to point out the needs of the college and to make clear our Christian obligation to come to the rescue. This will be done from the pulpit and by means of printed materials. People only give when they are conscious of the need. They will sacrifice when their hearts are burdened for the cause.

It will be extremely important that every member of the church have an offering envelope placed in his hands. To make sure this is done, we are asking the Woman's Missionary Union to see that every circle and auxiliary member receives an envelope. Emphasis will also be given through the monthly meeting. Throughout the Sunday School organizations, each person enrolled will be given an offering envelope. On Sunday, June 2, one week before the offering is to be taken, the Sunday School members will be encouraged to bring their offering back through the Sunday School on June 9.

On Sunday evening, June 2, the Training Union departments and unions will have envelopes available for those who have not already received one.

On Sunday morning, June 2, an offering envelope will be attached to the church bulletin. This will place an envelope in the hands of every person who is not enrolled in one of the organizations.

Again, on Sunday morning, June 9, envelopes will be available for anyone who has not yet received one.

A great part of the success of our efforts to raise \$100,000 for Arkansas Baptist College depends upon us getting an envelope and the story to every member of the church. Great offerings do not usually come from a few people giving much but rather from many people giving their little.

We shall approach the offering with the plea of a love gift. Let us make some sacrifice to lay a gift of love upon the altar for the training of Negro preachers, teachers, and leaders which will ultimately mean the winning of our Negro population to Christ.

MISS IRENE BRANUM, Southern Baptist missionary to Korea, is soon returning to the States for furlough and may be addressed at Bunceton, Mo. Miss Branum is a native of Leslie.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Racial Tensions

From the 49th Annual Report of the Christian Life Commission

By A. C. MILLER, Executive Secretary

Some of our people feel that we should avoid any discussion of this issue because of its controversial nature. This is a strange note to inject into the affairs of Baptists. Religious controversy led to the stoning of the prophets, the crucifixion of Christ, the beheading of Paul, and the death of unnumbered martyrs through the ages. The churches of Christ have made progress and have changed the course of history by the introduction of discordant ideas. A conformist church never changes anything.

In this day of world mission advance, we cannot avoid this issue. The problem is rooted deeply in our history and is the product of a series of tragic social experiences that have left their marks on both the Negro and white citizens of our country. The people of both groups must gird themselves with patience, the white man fighting the pride of his old mastery and the Negro the pride of his new achievements.

We must remember that in this controversy we are dealing with individuals as persons. We cannot depend upon automatic social processes to produce harmony as if all the people of any one race are alike in quality of character or capacity. Nor can we depend on laws that fix the status and define the rights of individuals in one race in relation to those in another. Legal and social patterns that doom all Negroes to a servile "place" in American society regardless of their cultural progress can only make for increasing conflict. Laws are futile solutions. They cannot make peace. The Christian cannot stop at the point of law. He is motivated by love and grace.

We must realize that the racial issue is basically a moral and religious question. We do not mean by this that the churches should seek to implement court decisions, although any church, church body, or individual should be left free to express himself on the question. We do mean that the Christian is obligated to accept and follow the teachings of Christ with respect to the dignity and worth of every individual, irrespective of his race or position in human society. Any movement, system, or law that denies this truth by statement, implication, or social practice is not in accord with the teachings of Jesus.

In accordance with these teachings, this Commission protests the violence in all its forms that is used against Negro people in the current segregation issue or at any other time. In recognition of the Negro's rights as a citizen, the law enforcement agencies of local, state, and national governments should protect him, irrespective of his position or culture, from lawless attacks.

We believe that our nation cannot long endure these lawless attacks made upon the person and property of free citizens in contempt of the law and the courts of justice. The perpetrators of these crimes, regardless of their position or influences in the community, should be brought to legal justice.

Furthermore, in keeping with our historic Baptist position on the freedom of conscience and expression in religion under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we call to the attention of the people in our churches and other citizens of our country the fact that any suppression of these freedoms, whether it be by the laws of state or by economic, civic, social, or church pressures, denies the voluntary principle in religion and imperils both religious and political freedom at its source.

We are witnessing today the betrayal of these freedoms by vocal minorities in some communities and churches who are able to arouse sufficient opposition to force the resignation of pastors and to incite retaliation against peaceful citizens who speak or act according to their own convictions on racial justice and interracial goodwill. The people of our nation should be reminded that both the voice of God and the verdict of history warn us that those who deny these freedoms to others do not retain them for themselves.

Practical Pointers in Evangelism

By Andrew M. Hall

Each generation has its own methods, plans and problems. Promotion of evangelism is no exception to this condition. Endless plans have been used through the years by men and churches in seeking to enlist Christians to live dedicated lives and to win the unsaved to Christ.

I make very little claim to originality in offering these papers. The late Dr. J. R. Grant used to say, "Originality is the ability to forget where you got it." I submit these ideas not as "one having arrived" but merely as one who has labored in church-related evangelism for a number of years. I do not expect full agreement from all of the readers, but if I can stimulate thoughtfulness relative to evangelism I shall have been well repaid.

I. Plans To Be Used Prior To The Revival

1. **Commitments.** All deacons, active and-or inactive, should be presented the challenge to promise to support the meeting with their presence, prayers, and efforts. If they so agree then this enormously important factor can be used to challenge the superintendents in their meeting. The next step is to call in the teachers and tell them what the deacons and superintendents have agreed to do. This three-fold commitment will guarantee excellent attendance and can be used to challenge the entire congregation.

2. **Prayer.** At least three to four weeks before the revival, ask that individuals will organize in twos, threes, or fours and meet weekly for the purpose of praying for the meeting.

A good plan is neighborhood group meetings where three or four families will get together for coffee and prayer.

A splendid idea is to ask each Sunday school class, each Training Union, and any other organizations of the church to specify prayer for the revival in their openings.

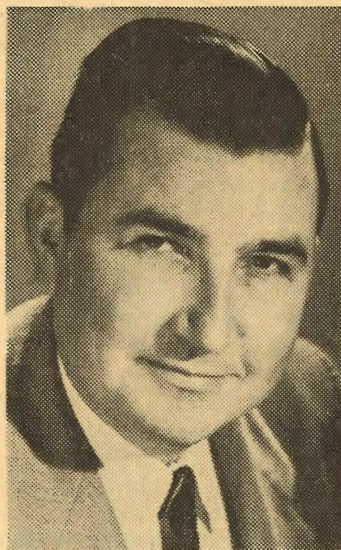
An idea which is sometimes used is to ask that the families of the church include the coming revival in their meal time blessings at least once a day.

One church used the plan of three nights of prayer-visitation the week prior to the meeting. The group met at 7:00 for a 30-minute prayer service, and then divided into twos to visit for the meeting. This is a very practical plan.

Dr. Hall is pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville.

Cottage prayer meetings are always good and practical. If, however, we wait till one week prior to the meeting, our interest is slow in awakening.

The Saturday chain of prayer from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. is a splendid idea. This can be done by signing up departments which agree to assume certain hours.



Dr. Hall

3. **Visitation.** Prospect cards should be processed at least 3 days prior to revival time. If the church has a weekly visitation day or uses, as we do, the class visitation plan, these prospects should be seen two or three times before revival week.

4. **Publicity.** Often it is wise to run the picture of the evangelist in the church publication one month prior to the revival. The next week the singer's likeness can be run. Keep it before the people. Window cards are just fairly effective. Mail is better — a special revival letter. There are some splendid radio spot announcements on pp. 50-53 of "The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism."

5. **Revival Convocation.** This plan originated with Dr. Criswell and his church. On the Wednesday night before the revival begins on Sunday, the entire service points to the meeting. Usually an outsider is asked to come and give a 20-minute climactic address on "Our Part in the Meeting." Leading up to this will be good music, and several good testimonies.

Next week I plan to discuss "Plans to Be Used During the Revival."

THE BOOK SHELF

"... bring ... the books, but especially the parchments." 2 Tim. 4:13

The Miracles of Our Lord, by John Laidlaw, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich., 1956, \$3.50.

In this, another volume of the Baker Reprint Library, is presented Dr. Laidlaw's treatise on the miracles as published in 1900 by Hodder and Stoughton, London.

A Scotch Presbyterian theologian, Dr. Laidlaw lived from 1832 to 1906. From 1881 to 1904 he filled the chair of systematic theology at New College, Edinburgh. He is widely known as the author of **Bible Doctrine of Man**.

In his treatment of the miracles, Dr. Laidlaw seeks to set each incident in the light of the best exposition and indicates the spiritual application.

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The American Presidency, by Clinton Rossiter, Harcourt, Brace and Co., New York, 1956, \$2.95.

Any rating of the Presidents as to their place in American history is always of interest, whether the reader agrees with the conclusions of the author or not.

The categorizing of the Presidents is incidental in this study of the "greatest job in the history of the world," but we found it most interesting.

Listed by Mr. Rossiter as the seven great Presidents are: Washington, of whom he says, "We could call the roll of all those who ever held office anywhere in the United States and not come up with a single man who could have done the job that had to be done one-quarter as well as Washington"; Jefferson; Jackson; Lincoln; Theodore Roosevelt; Woodrow Wilson, "the best prepared President, intellectually and morally, ever to come to the White House"; and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Strong but not quite great Presidents are listed as: Polk, "the one bright spot in the dull void between Jackson and Lincoln"; Johnson; Hayes, "a vastly underrated President . . ."; Cleveland; Truman; and Eisenhower.

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Helen Keller, by Van Wyck Brooks, E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., New York, 1956, \$3.

In this Book-of-the-Month Club dual selection, Mr. Brooks gives an illuminating portrait of the deaf-blind woman whose triumph over her disabilities has made her life an inspiration to the entire world for 75 years. It is not so much a biography in the usual sense of the word as an appreciation of the mental and spiritual qualities of Miss Keller. This is one of the most inspiring books we have seen and we recommend it for all young people and adults. —ELM

Departments

BSU:

Student Director Resigns

By Tom J. Logue

James D. Reed, for four years Baptist Student Director at Arkansas State College, has resigned effective June 1 in order to return to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mr. Reed is a native of Washington County, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, and has completed two years on his bachelor-of-divinity degree at Southwestern Seminary.

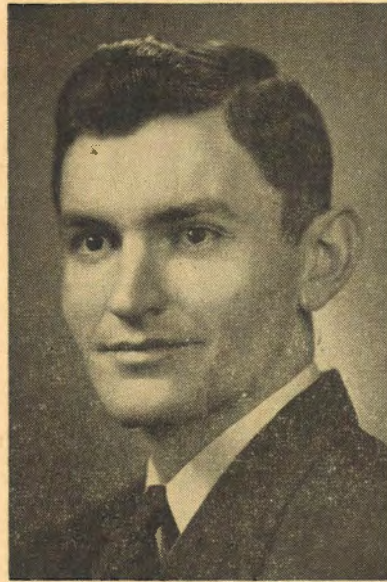
An ordained Baptist minister, he has been pastor of Brumley's Chapel Church, Conway, and Pine Grove Church, Sweet Home. For a year he taught English in Mayflower high school, in Faulkner County.

In World War II Mr. Reed volunteered for service with the Army Air Force. Here he served as cryptographer and message center chief for the Army Airways Communications System. Two years of his Army career were spent in England, France, and Germany.

Mr. Reed is married to the former Winnie Doss Brown. They have an eight-month-old son, David.

The Baptist Student work at Arkansas State College has shown splendid growth during this period. Attendance at the noon and evening daily devotional services is one of the highest in the state. During these years the percentage of Baptist students joining a local church has been good, and the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas State has consistently had large representation at all state and southwide B. S. U. meetings.

Arkansas Baptists are grateful to Mr. Reed for his four years of fruitful service.



Mr. Reed

Youth Revival Plans

Three youth-led revivals, arranged by the Student Department, resulted in 35 professions of faith, 15 commitments to vocational Christian work, and scores of decisions of rededication. First Church, of Batesville; Second Church, of Monticello; and First Church, Lavaca, were the three churches requesting the Student Department to provide the teams.

Pastors wanting summer youth teams are urged to write the Student Department immediately. Five pamphlets on committee work preparatory to a youth-led revival will be sent on request.

● THE BRITISH BAPTIST Church Assembly last week called for a halt to all nuclear tests. It urged renewed efforts to reach agreement with the United States and Russia on banning the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

At the same time, Dr. Linus Pauling, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist, was predicting that the proposed A-H test of Great Britain could cause 1,000 fatal cases of leukemia around the world.

If all hydrogen weapons tests are not banned, Dr. Pauling added, the coming generation will give birth to an additional 200,000 feeble-minded children.

A chemist at the California Institute of Technology, Dr. Pauling said the leukemia deaths would occur over a period of years as a result of gene mutations. In addition, he added, British scientists expect the H-Bomb tests on Christmas Island to cause 20,000 cases of bone cancer in the world.

BROTHERHOOD:

Stirring Events

By Nelson Tull

Scheduled for the Arkansas Baptist Camp area for the summer are three pioneer Royal Ambassador Camps, and the annual State Brotherhood Encampment. The dates are as follows:

First Junior Camp: July 8-12

Second Junior Camp: July 15-19

Intermediate Camp: July 22-26

State Brotherhood Encampment: August 29-30

Put these dates on your calendar, and hold open the periods that concern you, your boys, and your church.

Clean Up Days

The area purchased by the Convention for the Arkansas Baptist Camp is largely in the rough. It is a very beautiful area, scenic, varied in its topography, and with an entrancing prospect, indeed!

Much clean-up work must necessarily be done to get the area ready even for pioneer camps. There are trees to be cut down, some to be burned, and some to be sawed up. There is brush to be gathered and burned. There are rocks to be removed. Hiking trails must be laid out; also several roads. Some inside fences need to be removed, along with a shack or two that must come down.

The Brotherhood Department offers its services to the Camps Control Committee to enlist men and boys to help with the clean-up work; and, later on, to help with some of the construction work which must be done to provide the facilities for the Pioneer Camps this summer.

Clean-up Days are coming!

Fine Royal Ambassador Congress

The Fourth Annual State Royal Ambassador Congress was held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, May 3 and 4. Attendance was good, with a good representation of boys and their counselors from over the state. About 400 were there.

The number in attendance was somewhat less than last year, due to the four Area Congresses already held in 1957, and also due to the fact that only those attaining ranks of Ambassador and above participated in the Recognition Service.

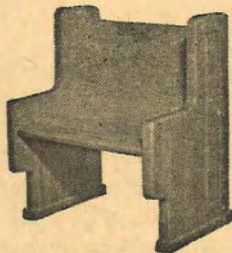
We are grateful for a fine Congress!

● SUMMER SCHOOL at Southwestern Seminary this year is scheduled for two four-week terms, May 27-June 21, and June 24-July 19, with a maximum of eight semester hours credit available for the summer study.

The majority of the courses will be offered on the four-week term system, but several are scheduled for the full eight weeks, thus making it possible to plan a varied schedule.

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TRAINING UNION:

Correct Terminology

by Ralph W. Davis

In Baptist Sunday Schools and Training Unions there is no such thing as a Young Married People's class, department, or union. A young married person could be a four-



MR. DAVIS

teen-year-old or a forty-four-year-old. By the term "Young People" we mean the people who are 17-24 years of age. "Married Young People" are those married people who are in the age range of 17-24. Many of our churches now have departments for Married Young People. The Sunday School Board provides literature for the single Young People and for Married Young People.

By "Young Adults" we mean those adults who are approximately 25-35 years of age. The Sunday School Board is also providing literature for Young Adults as well as for the adults 35 years of age and over.

In our church work, we need to make the differentiation between Married Young People and Young Adults.

MUSIC:

Youth Music Camp

By LeRoy McClard

A total of 225 have registered for Youth Music Camp at Ouachita College. Only 75 more may register. Send \$1.00 registration fee with



MR. McCLARD

name, address, age, and instrument you play, if any, to the Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Spiritual Guidance for Music Camp and Leadership School on Ouachita Campus will be under the direction of Dr. Richard Brannon, pastor of First Church, Batesville. Dr. Brannon is a graduate of Baylor University and received his Doctor of Theology degree from Southwestern Seminary Ft. Worth, Texas, with a major in the field of preaching.

During the summer of 1949, Dr. Brannon made a tour of Europe and studied at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He received his bachelor-of-divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1953, and his master-of-theology in 1955.



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WMU:

Goals Surpassed

A TELEGRAM from Dr. Baker James Cauthen on April 25 read, "Lottie Moon Offering through today is \$5,214,747." The goal for the 1956 offering was \$3,-



MISS COOPER

750,000. In Arkansas the goal was \$135,000 and to date (May 7) the offering totals \$152,235.81. Surely these are evidences of increased interest in Kingdom affairs, and are reasons for rejoicing. Currently remittances are being received for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and indications are that the \$47,500 state goal will also be surpassed. These offerings should be sent to the State WMU Treasurer, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Registration in Chicago

Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union is entitled to 46 delegates to the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held in Chicago May 26-28. The delegation will be composed of the first forty-six women who register. It will strictly be "first come, first served." Places and times for registration will be as follows:

Sheraton Hotel, May 25, 3:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M.

Sheraton Hotel, May 26, 1:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.

Medinah Temple, Sunday, May 26, 6:00 P. M. to 9:30 P. M.

Monday, May 27, 8:00 A. M. to 9:30 P. M.

Tuesday, May 28, 8:00 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

Let's Go

Unsurpassed opportunities of fellowship, inspiration, training in methods, and scenic travel are offered those who attend either of the WMU Conferences to be held at Glorieta, N. Mex., and Ridgecrest, N. C. The dates are: July 18-24 at Glorieta and August 8-14 at Ridgecrest.

Requests for reservations accompanied by \$2.50 registration fee should be sent to the manager of whichever assembly is to be attended, i. e. Mr. Willard Weeks, Ridgecrest, or Mr. E. A. Herron, Glorieta.

Departments

EVANGELISM:

Graham Begins Crusade

By I. L. Yearby

FOR CHRISTIANS around the world who are interested in evangelism, yesterday, May 15, was a most important day. On this day Billy Graham and the team associated with him opened the New York Crusade in Madison Square Garden.



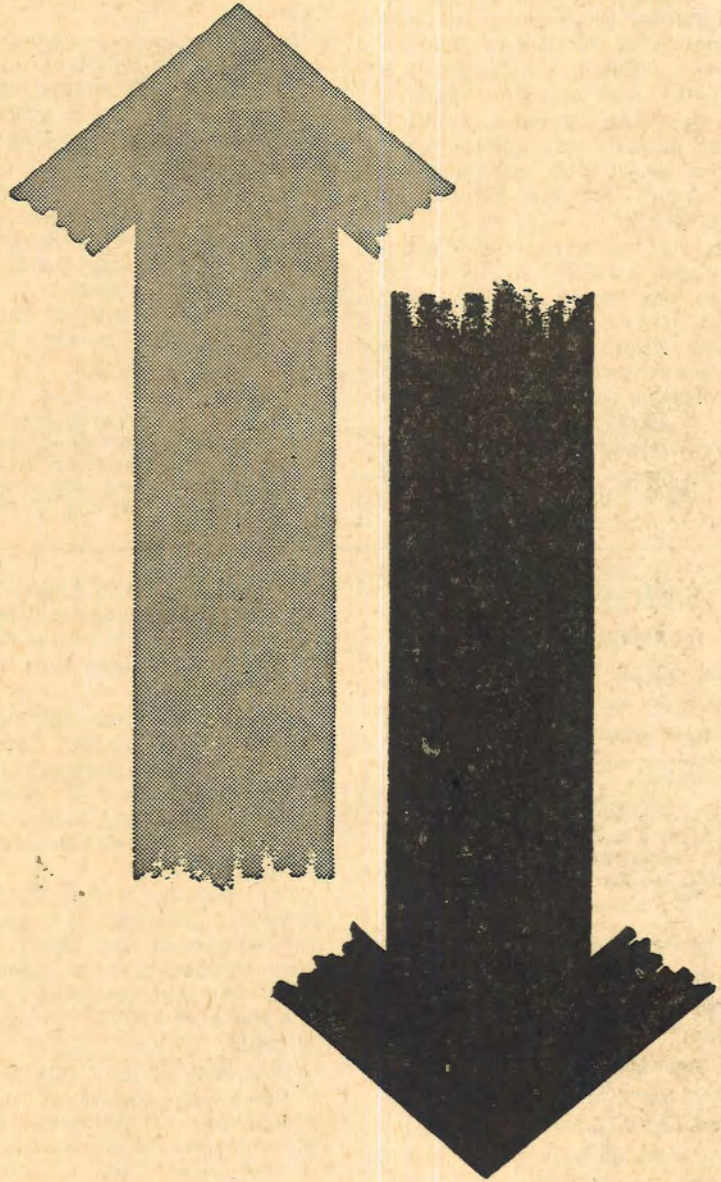
DR. YEARBY

Never, in all Christian history, has there been such a momentous undertaking for evangelism as this Crusade. It is amazing how Christian people around the world have been enlisted to pray for Billy Graham, for the team and for New York City in this mammoth evangelistic undertaking. The churches of many communities throughout America are meeting daily to pray for the Crusade. Tuesday night, May 14, was designated for an all-night prayer meeting by many Christian groups. Wednesday, the opening day of the Crusade, was also designated as a day of prayer. Billy says, "New York must become the most prayed for spot on the face of the earth."

As preparation has been made for this evangelistic effort, and as the meetings begin this week, Christians everywhere are aware that "there are many adversaries." Christians also know that God is greater than Satan and all his opposition. "Jesus Christ is manifest to destroy the works of the devil." The confidence of Christians must not be in Billy Graham and the team alone, but in God in whom is all power. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of the strongholds." The "Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." No one doubts for a moment that Billy Graham will preach the pure Gospel.

While we are all interested in evangelism in Arkansas and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, we must not be indifferent to this evangelistic effort which, if it succeeds, will mean a mighty blessing to our entire nation and, perhaps, to the world. I most earnestly beseech Christian people, pastors and churches to join in prayer this week for this Crusade, led by Billy Graham, one of God's mighty prophets and greatest evangelists. Let us continue to pray daily for the New York Crusade. Pray for churches and pastors throughout the state who are engaged in evangelistic efforts to reach the lost for Christ. Watch the daily press for television broadcasts of the Crusade meetings from New York City on Saturday nights.

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God's Wondrous World

By Thelma C. Carter

Only a divine creator could have planned nature so carefully that there is a balance in all things. There's a right place, climate, season, food, water, sunlight, and soil for everything!

Have you ever thought about the fact that animals and plants are not distributed hit-or-miss over the surface of the earth? There's a natural home for everything!

If you were to transplant a tropical plant, whose natural home is very warm, to the frozen north, it would die! And, if you were to transport a polar bear, whose natural home is very cold, to a warm, tropical climate (without substituting some kind of cold habitation), it could not live!

Nature wisely selected Africa and India as the home of the elephant, for there's plenty of "foot-room," and abundance of rivers and rainfall, food

and sunshine, sturdy palm trees, and dense jungle growth for shelter and protection.

In comparison, on isolated islands and coral reefs, where plant life is scarce, and animals are limited in kind, we find thousands of rats living upon the debris and dead fish washed upon the reefs and sands.

Our Bible tells us how carefully God planned our natural world. In Genesis, we read: "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb, . . . every tree, . . . every beast . . . every fowl . . . and God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

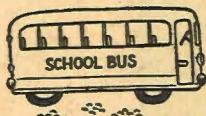
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(Is there something about God's Wondrous World you would like to see described in this column? If so please send your suggestions to Baptist Press Syndicate, 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville 3, Tenn.)

School Bus

By Enola Chamberlin

Noisy old school bus
What will you do
All the long summer
When your work is through?



All during the winter,
The spring and the fall,
You took us to classes
And home to play ball.
So now you can rest, bus,
Since your work is all done,
Since you can't run and holler
And have summer fun.
You can rest so that you
Can take us once more
When vacation is over
To the school house door.

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Parents are Strange

By Kay Cammer

I think about how it would be,
If I were Mother, and she were me.
I know she doesn't like to scold—
Perhaps I would, if I were old
Enough to have a little child—
Who shouts too loud, and acts too wild.
Yet here's a problem keeps me guessing;
When I've been ill and convalescing
Mother loves to hear my noise,
And doesn't scold, but buys me toys.

● BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—(RNS)—An Australian theologian said here Protestantism has largely misled its people by giving them the idea that it is easy to be an evangelist.

Dr. Colin Williams addressed a Conference on Evangelism that preceded the 97th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. (Southern). He is currently professor of historical theology at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

The theologian called for a return to Scriptural concepts of evangelism and the recognition that Christ is the primary Evangelist, from whom all must learn. He said evangelism must never be a freelance activity divorced from the fellowship of the Church.

"The story of the Gospels is the story of the transformation of disciples into evangelists," Dr. Williams said. "It is still the work of Christ the Evangelist to lead each Christian into a living knowledge of the living Savior, to train him in His way and to lead him into an acceptance of His guidance."

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● SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—(RNS)—The Assembly unanimously approved, and sent to the Senate, a bill to make "In God We Trust" the official state motto.

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● PHILADELPHIA—(RNS)—A secular magazine editor charged here that there is developing in this country "an idolatrous worship of organization." He labelled the movement "the social ethic."

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William H. Whyte, Jr., assistant managing editor of *Fortune* and author of the best seller "The Organization Man,"

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

(Author of the new book *For Our Age of Anxiety*, at your Baptist Book Store)

Being Saved More Than Once

QUESTION: I have a friend that believes that after you are saved, if you should commit a crime like killing or doing things we know are wrong, you would have to be saved over again or go to hell for it. I do not believe this, but am not sure of what scriptures to quote her.

ANSWER: Do you want a verse or certain books of the Bible? If you want a verse use any of the great verses on salvation. John 3:16 is false if your friend is right. According to her it should read "Whosoever believeth and does not commit certain sins." And where does she get this idea that some sins send to hell and others do not? How would you know which ones are the more serious?

Your friend may be saved but if she is, it is in spite of her doctrines. Only those who trust in the mercies of God in Christ and come to Him for salvation have real hope. We all do things "we know are wrong." And we ought to confess our sins as children of God. But a human being is saved only once, and that by grace through faith.

Jesus did not say "Ye must be born again and again." Good works or refraining from evil does not justify us before God. Have your friend read Galatians 2 or Ephesians 2 or Romans 5 or 10.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

addressed the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press.

The ACP comprises editors of Protestant publications in the United States and Canada.

"The social ethic is a drive to give religious and moral sanction to the pressures of organized society upon the individual," Mr. Whyte said. He warned that "the worship of organization" is "profoundly destructive."

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A Smile or Two

Unmix That Metaphor

President Eisenhower will leave the White House with many distinctions, one of which will be that he mixed more and better metaphors than any president within memory. His latest, at a press conference, was a comment that Britain "has had really a heroic row to hoe in trying to keep its economic nose above water."

—Arkansas Democrat

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Habit-Forming

Chemist: I'd like to have next Wednesday off, sir.

Research Director: Why?

Chemist: It's our silver wedding anniversary and my wife and I want to go out and celebrate.

Research Director: Are we going to have to put up with this every 25 years?

—The Lookout

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Frigid Tale

A sailor on leave was being pressed for stories, and at last he told his listeners of an adventure in the icy North.

"It was so cold up there," he said, "that one day I saw some sea birds suspended in mid-air, frozen stiff, and unable to fly or fall down."

Said one doubter, "But what about the law of gravity?"

"That was frozen stiff, too," said the sailor.

—Virginia Methodist Advocate

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A Principle at Stake

In the vicinity of Greenville, S. C., lived a man a few years ago who enjoyed quite a reputation for telling tall tales. When he would come to town the people would gather to hear his latest.

One morning the yarn spinner looked out upon a larger "congregation" than usual.

"Me and the boys went squirrel huntin' this mornin'," he began. "In no time at all we killed 99 squirrels."

"Why don't you just make it a hundred?" yelled somebody from the crowd.

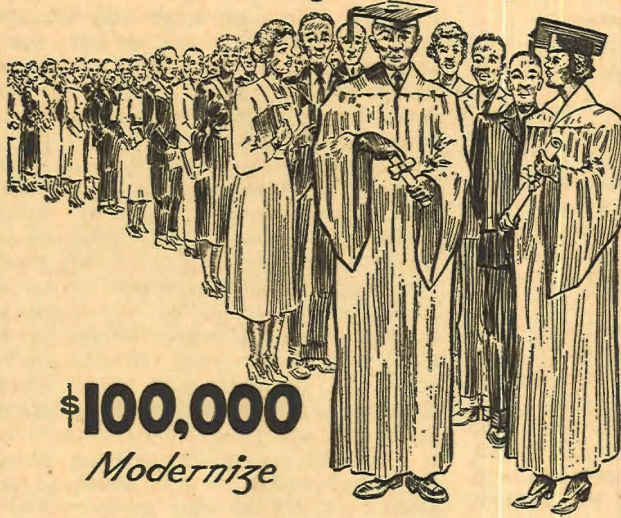
The story teller turned and searched out the source of this impudence. Appearing to be quite angry, he retorted: "Do you think I'd tell a lie for one squirrel!"

Thought for Today:

Keep your eye on the ball, your shoulder to the wheel, and your ear to the ground. Now, try to work in that position!

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Dr. Clyde Hart
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Dear Brother Hart:

First Baptist Church, West Memphis, Arkansas has accepted a goal of \$1,000.00 for Arkansas Baptist College. This is more than doubling our suggested goal by your committee. We have about 900 resident members and if we had asked each one to contribute 45 cents, our goal would have been \$405.00.

I feel confident that we will reach our goal. I have high hopes of exceeding it. Personally, I believe Arkansas Baptists will rally to this great cause.

How I do wish that the Finance Committee of our convention would work out some plan to assist this Negro Baptist work for many years.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Yeldell
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For further information write or call CLYDE HART, Director of Negro Work, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

ABRAHAM AND HIS WORLD

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

May 19, 1957

Genesis 18:20-33; 19:29

Human relations help to make or break any man. Profitable studies can be made out of the word of God regarding the human relations exercised by prominent men of old. Abraham comes up for study in human relations. The value and rightness of his practice with his fellowmen are shown in three ways. First, his generosity toward Lot when the interests of Abraham and Lot came into conflict. He did not assign Lot a territory for his grazing. He did not ruthlessly push aside Lot to hold the finest grazing ground for himself, but he chose out of generosity to permit Lot to take first choice. Abraham would take what was left. This was against the custom of the day as far as the elder's rights. Abraham's relation to others is also revealed in his entertainment of the strangers who came to his tent in Mamre. The third relationship is not in courtesy of cordiality or the generosity of choice but in intercession for others. Abraham reached his highest creative work when he prayed for the righteous in the city doomed by God because of the depth of iniquity.

It is wisdom for any man to establish relations anchored in the right principals. It is more expedient for a man to be right than for him to prosper. It is better that man have compassionate relationship toward his fellowmen than that he wrap himself in a selfish cocoon which blinds him from obligations to society and hardens him in his dealings. Abraham was not faultless. He built altars, which is indicative of God being centered in his world. When the demands of the world are honored, the consciousness of God slips to the side. God was not in Lot's world and influence for righteousness slipped from him.

REVELATION GIVEN ABRAHAM

All of Abraham's world was not as godly as it should be. One distinguishing feature in today's world is the intermingling of good and evil. At no place is evil absolute and at no place is good without surrounding evil. The world is a mixture. Evil will naturally gather in spots more conducive to its wickedness. The two locations where evil had gathered for its worst were Sodom and Gomorrah. The iniquitous condition of these places had reached the attention of God. The sins of the people were grievous to God who went down to make investigation and to exercise righteousness in judgment.

Three men (angels?) came to Abraham on the plains of Mamre and reassured him of an heir. These men were

afforded food and drink and brought on their way to Sodom. God gave revelation to Abraham of the destruction. There are two good reasons for this revelation. First, Abraham was to head a great nation which was to bless all nations. This fact was brought out in the covenant that God gave Abraham. Abraham would need to know God's intentions toward these cities. They were part of his world. The second reason that God would reveal to Abraham that which he was about to do was to give Abraham knowledge of God's moral judgment. Wicked people could not be overlooked or bypassed. The future generations would need to know this truth and God's working of it. God did not withhold from Abraham that which he was about to do. God is not a concealing partner in any treaty.

THE DISMAY OF ABRAHAM

Abraham realized that the judgment of God was just and inevitable. He also thought of those who may not be so far gone in iniquity as to be hopelessly lost. Perchance Lot, his nephew, flashed into his mind and Abraham knew that Lot had been reared and taught quite differently from his practice down in Sodom. Abraham raised a question with God, "Would the righteous be destroyed with the wicked?" Was the judgment going to be blanket to the point that no individual would be considered? This question introduces a principle from which anyone can find hope. God never blankets judgment upon people without individual consideration. Noah was saved from the disaster of the flood. Lot was to be saved out of the terribleness of judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah. Rahab was to step forth from the doomed city of Jericho. The doctrine of God's consideration of the individual is both comforting and full of warning. The bad man is never lost sight of by God. The good man, good by God's grace not in his own filthy rags of righteousness, is never forsaken by God. Abraham entered the plea that the individual who was right should have consideration from God. God never loses one in the crowd.

ABRAHAM'S PRAYER

The prayer of Abraham is classical. Sodom in all of its worldliness paid no attention to Abraham. But Abraham was the connecting link between God and Sodom. Fifty righteous people would have been a guarantee of the continuation of the city of Sodom and Gomorrah under God's providence. Fifty people could not be found. Even ten righteous people would have been the means of sparing the judgment at this particular time. Ten could not be

found. Evil men may look with great disdain upon the presence of good, but the reason that evil men continue to live and have expression for their evil is the fact that good men are in existence.

Some have raised questions concerning the intercessory prayer of Abraham as haggling God. They look upon it as an attempt to drive a hard bargain with God. The prayer has been depicted as selfish. The charge that the motive to save Lot was the inner interest in Abraham's mind is unjustified. The nobility of the prayer is that Abraham was interested in the holding back of God's wrath from those who might qualify for mercy and grace. Every prayer may not be answered as the praying one desires, but every praying person is answered by God. The reason that Lot got out of the midst of the overthrow was because God remembered Abraham in the beauty of his intercessory pleading. The deeper iniquity is embedded in the lives of people, the more devotedly should Christian people strive to hold the hand of God and exercise intercessory prayer. They are the hope for the world.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

HELP FOR THE EVIL always comes from the good. Can bad men in trouble expect help from other bad men? Men who are thoroughly bad are as ruthless to others of their kind as a wolf pack. The highest generosity, the noblest overtures, the healing compassion, arise in the hearts of the truly good. Good men are the hope of evil men's salvation.

BAD ENVIRONMENT IS CALAMITY TO MANY. Lot's greatest sin was that he took the color of his environment. His soul was vexed but no effort is recorded of him lifting voice against the vices. Was his last night in Sodom a picture of the actions of his days? Was he a man who compromised his peace? Those who accustom themselves to the ways of an evil society may themselves at last be evil. Many today make no protest against the wrongs among which they live.

THE WORTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL IS ENCOURAGING. Is it worth while for one man to be right when all others are evil? Is it profitable for a man to be friendly and have friends among the good? Will righteous men fare better in an atomic attack? Remember ten righteous would have prevented Sodom's destruction.

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AS A CHILD we heard an illustration which has stayed with us. A preacher said, "Suppose you go to buy ten pounds of potatoes, and the grocer puts the potatoes on the scale one at a time. The potatoes pile up, but the scale remains the same. But, finally one more potato goes on the pile, and down goes the scale. "Then," asked the speaker, "which potato made the scale go down — the first one or the last one?" It took all of the potatoes to push the scale down. So the first potato was just as important as the last potato.



DR. DOUGLAS

So it is in the Cooperative Program. It takes all of the gifts from all of the churches to make the budget scale balance. The small gifts, the large gifts and the average gifts all go to make up \$1,497,771.95, which is our Arkansas Baptist State Convention budget.

The church that is giving on a worthy percentage basis and sends gifts to be used in world missions through the Cooperative Program, has a share in world missions and shows an unselfish, sacrificial spirit, even though the amount may be small.

The church that sends a worthy percentage of its receipts through the Cooperative Program, even though the amount is average, will have a part in carrying out the Commission of our Lord when he said, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations."

The church that gives a worthy portion of its income through the Cooperative Program (even though the sum is large and seems more than its share) will not only help push the scale down, but their proportionate giving will inspire other churches to do their best.

We write these words in order to show that much depends upon each church doing its part. Too, our churches should remember that each gift, large or small, early or late, without excep-

tion, is needed to balance the budget. But, there is another reason, which is more important than all of the others. Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." This might sound like a selfish motive for giving, but Jesus was saying, "you give and you shall receive." We do not believe that it is out of line to say that this doctrine can be applied to our churches. When a church goes on record as a magnanimous giver to world causes, that church challenges the member, by example, to become unselfish in his giving.

Church Patterns

J. P. Edmonds, Southern Baptist Convention Statistician, Nashville, Tenn., made a study of the giving pattern of Southern Baptist churches. In the churches that were organized between 1950 and 1954, the annual per capita gift was \$58.66. In the churches that were organized in the period 1940-1949, the average per capita gift was \$42.89. In those churches which were organized during the depression years, 1930-1939, the average gift dropped to \$37.52 per year per member.

Evidently those churches which were organized during 1930-1939 started giving on a depression basis, and apparently have not realized their potential giving power. During that same year 1,561 churches did not give anything through the Cooperative Program. At the same time 5,662 churches gave less than \$100 to mission causes. Too, a great number of churches gave only a small percentage of their budgets to outside causes.

If, somehow, each Baptist can realize that it takes all of us, giving all of our tithes, all of the time to win all of the victories which God wants us to win, the scale will not only balance, but a new day will dawn in Kingdom work. RD

live. Then, too, when they pass off the stage of action the money that he gave will go on to help others and still others through the years ahead. So, maybe, as long as time lasts, Brother and Mrs. Stiles will be preaching the



DR. BRIDGES

gospel through these young people who are receiving their education largely through the aid of his gift. It is a great service and Brother Stiles will share the joys in heaven over every sinner that repents on account of the ministry of the workers that his money is helping to educate. Jesus said, "Lay up for yourself treasures in heaven, where neither moth and rust corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Brother and Mrs. Stiles have done that very thing and we thank the Lord for the lives and influence and blessed memory of such consecrated saints as they are. BLB

Letter of Interest

Mr. Oval Newsom

Walcott Baptist Church

Dear Oval:

Enclosed you will find fifteen dollars that we would like to have you give through the Walcott Baptist Church to the Cooperative Program in loving memory of our Mother, Mrs. Virgie Brust, who passed away one year ago.

The children,

Mae Bowlin

Bacil Brust, and

Mrs. Russell Waldrum

New Bible Guide

The headline refers to a little pamphlet put out by the Training Union Department of the Southern Baptist Convention entitled "The Bible Reader's Guide and Missionary Prayer Calendar." It will be distributed by the Training Union Department and perhaps your church could handle a number of copies to be distributed through your Training Union. Order from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. BLB

A Good Man Goes to Heaven

ON EASTER SUNDAY the Baptist Church at Hughes, Arkansas, was in mourning over the departure of one of its best men, L. E. Stiles, who was buried on that day. Brother and Mrs. Stiles were a happy couple. The Lord has prospered them and they were thoroughly dedicated to the Lord and

yielded to His good will. It was only last year that Brother Stiles handed the writer a check for \$10,000 to be used in educating missionaries and young ministers in Ouachita College. He said he thought it would be great to be preaching the gospel through these young people as long as they

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