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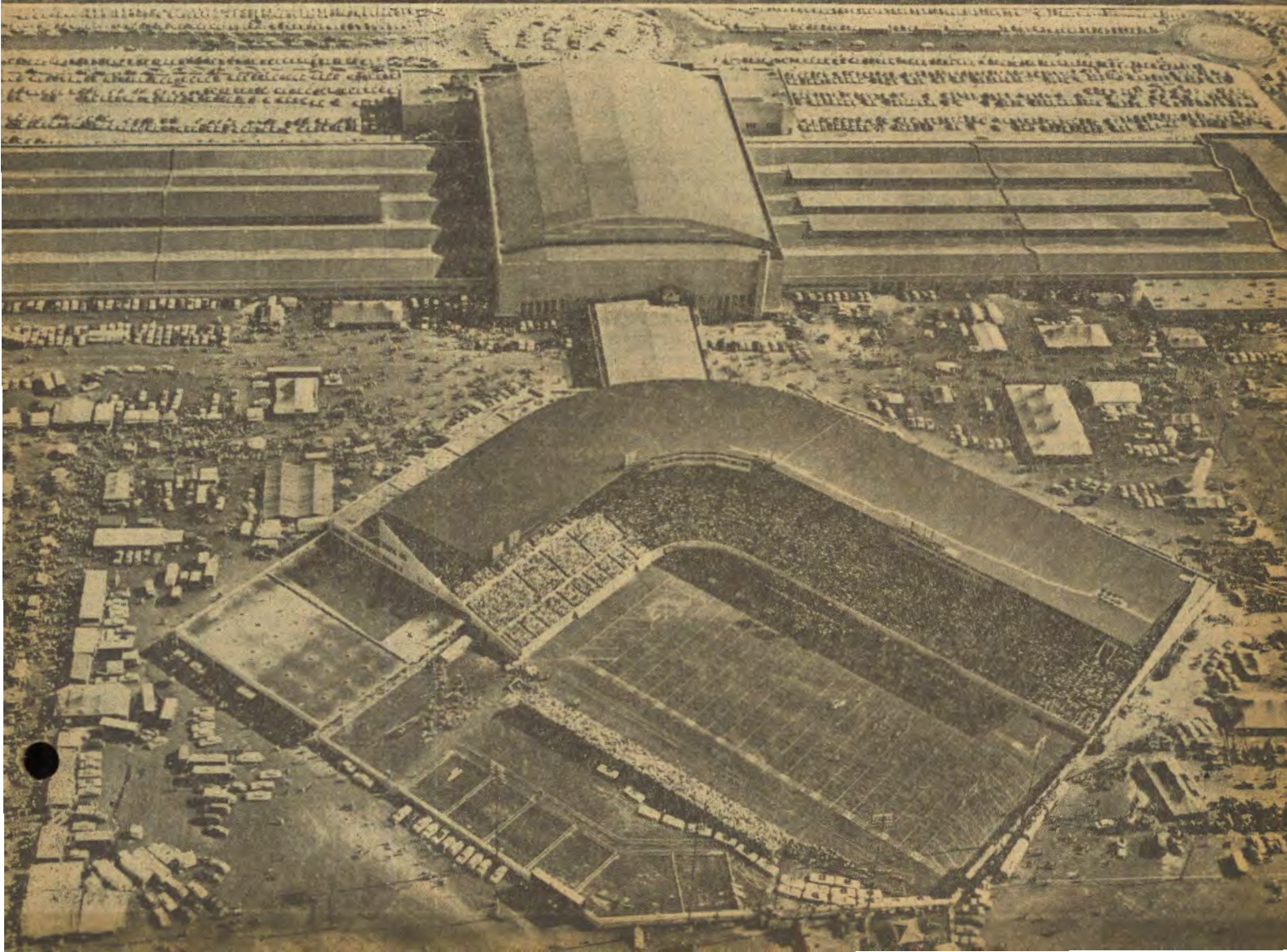
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Louisville, Convention City

Southern Baptist Convention Nears

LOUISVILLE —(BP)— The election of a new president and recommendations for reorganizing some denominational work are expected to be major business at the forthcoming Southern Baptist Convention here.

An amendment to allow seating of representatives from Baptist churches in Canada is due to be voted on, and will also likely stir interest and opposition.

Another report which will create interest is that of the Convention's Committee on World Peace, which among other recommendations calls for a Southern Baptist observer at United Nations.

Although a problem at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville has been one of the most prominent Baptist concerns during the past year, it is not probable that it will reach the floor of the Convention as a matter of business.

The freedom of messengers — elected representatives from the more than 31,-

000 churches co-operating with the SBC — to raise questions directly always means that unexpected business may develop.

Brooks Hays, former Arkansas Congressman recently nominated as a director of Tennessee Valley Authority, and one of the Convention's few laymen presidents, goes out of office as SBC president with the close of the 1959 Convention on May 22. The SBC constitution limits presidents to two successive one-year terms, which Hays has served.

Election of officers is scheduled at 10:55 Wednesday morning, May 20, with a 15-minute period set aside Thursday morning if necessary to complete the election procedure.

It is not the custom for persons to announce themselves as candidates for office. Neither is it the custom for someone to be proposed publicly in advance of the election. Any Baptist, layman or minister, is eligible for the office. It appears more probable this year, however, since the outgoing president is a layman, that his successor will be an ordained minister.

Two vice presidents will also be elected. Frequently one of them resides in the city or the state playing host to the Convention. Secretaries are usually re-elected each year.

The Committee to Study Total SBC Program, including in its study proposed reorganization, reports Thursday afternoon at 3:25. The recommendation to establish a new agency, the Stewardship Commission, is being opposed by some, but defended in turn by others. The committee supports the proposal for the new agency.

A proposal setting a time guide for the Home Mission Board to turn parts of its work over to state Baptist groups has been opposed by the Home Mission Board.

While this study committee says that Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville should remain as a separate institution of the Convention, one of the committee's 23 members has

Radio, TV Coverage Of Convention Tops

RADIO AND television coverage of the Southern Baptist Convention during May 18-22 will be the best in Convention history, according to program commitments already made by Louisville stations.

This comment was made by James T. Johns, head of the station relations department for the Radio-TV Commission. He said Radio Station WHAS, 50,000-watt, clear-channel station at 840 kc, will provide practically everyone in Southern Baptist territory with a running daily account of the sessions.

In addition to a nightly 15-minute summary of important Convention news at 10:30 p.m., WHAS will have special broadcasts morning and evening, Monday through Thursday. For example, the Southern Seminary commencement address by Dr. Paul Caudill, Memphis, will be broadcast beginning at 8:15 p.m. from the Coliseum on Tuesday. An hour-long Convention program will be aired daily, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Two full hours of television programming is currently scheduled to deal with the Convention and its personalities, alternating between WHAS-TV and WAVE-TV, throughout the week.

filed a minority report (on this issue alone) because he does not believe it should be continued unless merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The seminary and carver are adjacent.

The dismissal of 12 professors last June from the theology faculty of Southern Seminary has created great concern during the year. Recently, however, the seminary trustees rescinded the dismissals when the professors agreed to resign. Unless brought up by a messenger during a miscellaneous business period, this seminary question is not likely to come before the Convention.

An amendment to permit seating of messengers from churches in Canada was introduced last year. Under Convention regulations, it could not be voted upon until 1959. Leaders of Southern Baptist churches in Oregon-Washington, who work in local affiliation with several Baptist churches in western Canada, are backers of this amendment. It is expected to meet opposition.

Canadians can not now be seated as messengers at the Convention.

No vote of the Convention during its annual session is binding on any co-operating church, since each church is self-governing. No individual person can speak for Southern Baptists, and the vote of each messenger is of equal value.

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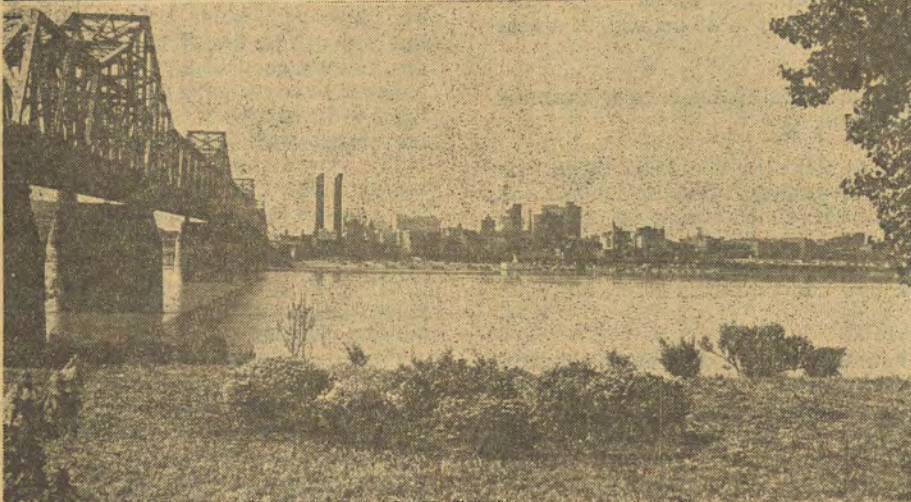
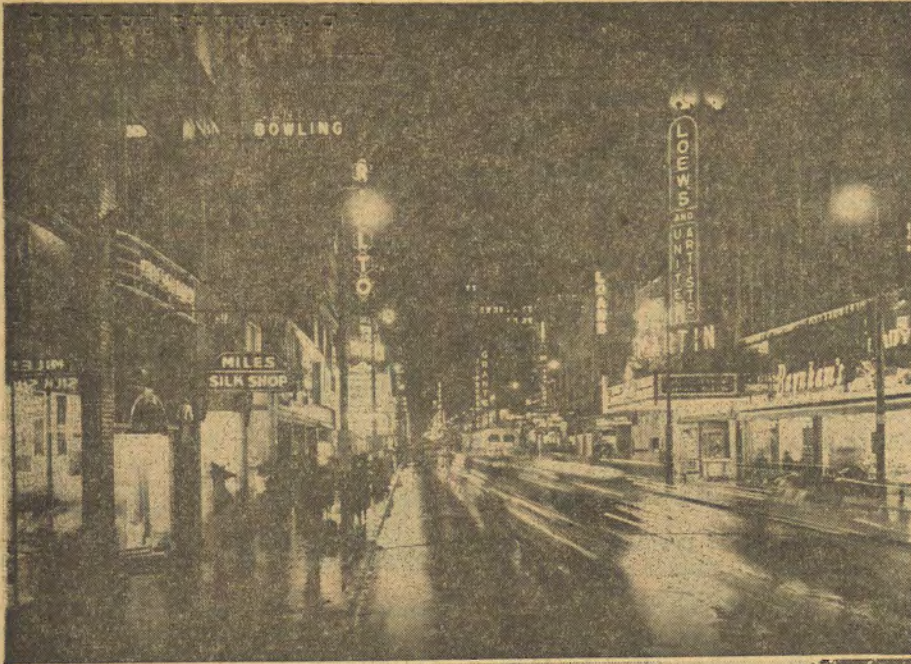
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A LOOK AT LOUISVILLE—At top is Louisville's 4th St., the major retail street. The city's skyline is shown in the lower photo.

The cover picture is of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, where Convention sessions will be held. It is one of the largest centers in the nation, seating 22,000. It was built in 1956 at a cost of \$16 million.



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Baptist Youth Retreat Hears Washington Pastor

BERSCHTESGADEN, Germany — (BP)— Baptist service men from America stationed in Europe, North Africa and the Near East heard Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the 1st Church, Washington, D. C., as special lecturer at their annual retreat here.

The European Armed Services Association of Baptists, composed of American service men and their families, sponsor an annual religious retreat at the Hotel General Walker within sight of Hitler's former summer home. A prominent Baptist minister from America is invited to speak each year. Last year Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. was the speaker.

Churches Must Exercise Influence Properly

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Ecclesiastical control of a voter's right of choice of political candidates for public office was scored by the Report From The Capital, monthly newsletter of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Occasion for the observation was the recent Vatican decree forbidding Roman Catholics from voting for candidates who even indirectly support the communist cause. Penalty for the commission of this "sin" is a withdrawal of the means of grace from the communicant, an extremely severe punishment for a Roman Catholic.

"If a political authority restricts the religious participation of a person," the Report said, "that person has suffered loss of religious liberty. Does it not follow that if a church authority restricts the political participation of a person, he has suffered the loss of political freedom?"

"The churches should have political influence by means of a prophetic ministry," the Report concluded, "but this calls for mature caution lest freedom be compromised in the pursuit of good."

Baptist Newspaperman Awarded Fellowship

RALEIGH, N. C. —(BP)— Roy Parker, Jr., Baptist newspaperman of Raleigh and Ahoskie, N. C., has won a Congressional fellowship and will go to Washington in November to spend nine months in the U. S. Congress.

Parker, 29, was one out of the five from 80 applicants who won fellowships sponsored by the American Political Science Association. He will receive a cash grant of \$4,500 plus expenses to and from Washington. He will work on the staffs of senators, representatives, and Congressional committees in Washington.

Simultaneous Revivals Bring 143,327 Baptisms

DALLAS—(BP)—More than 29,700 Southern Baptist Convention churches which participated in the simultaneous revival periods, Mar. 15-29 and April 12-26, have reported 143,327 baptisms.

Leonard Sanderson, secretary of division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, said, "There has never been a time when there has been as many baptisms in a one-month period."

The number of baptisms in the one-month period is equal to 35 per cent of all baptisms in SBC churches last year.

Sanderson said that many states have reported more baptisms in the first nine months of this associational year than they did during the whole of last year.

Darkness before Dawn?

THE CHICKENS have come home to roost. Little Rock's deplorable public school situation, by the latest trend of events—the firing, for no apparent reason, of dozens of the city's best qualified teachers—is back squarely on the front steps of those who are responsible, the qualified voters of the Little Rock school district. And at long last there is real evidence that the people of the city have had enough. If this is the case, we predict an early solution. If not, we must go on living with the mess we are in.

The president of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Alliance, Dr. Dale Cowling, expresses our sentiments, and, we believe, those of our responsible citizenship, in the statement he issued to the press from the Baptist Hospital where he was undergoing a physical check-up:

It is greatly distressing that one of the fundamental professions of our community should be subjected to such indignities and intimidations as have fallen upon our public school teachers.

The people who dedicate their lives as public school teachers do so at great personal sacrifice. They spend long years of careful preparation. They must then work for a meager salary. This they are willing to do because of a rare dedication.

The recent action of three members of the School Board is more alarming and indefensible because it is so unnecessary.

We now have a permanent private high school available to those who prefer it. This school is fully accredited and is stable. It has the support and guidance of our fine citizens. If the public high schools should be opened in compliance with the court-approved plan of gradual integration, no student would be forced to attend them. Why then are these three members of the School Board unwilling to wait for the pending court decision before a drastic blow to our already short faculty?

Surely this latest episode will awaken us as good citizens to demand thoughtful and responsible leadership for our public schools. It is inconceivable that we shall allow the persecution and destruction of one of the basic professions in our community without raising our voice and influence in its defense.

—ELM

Arkansas Bright Spot

ACCORDING TO the official report by Executive Secretary S. A. Whitlow (page 6), our churches gave more than half a million dollars, \$518,000, to be exact, during the first four months this year, through the Cooperative Program, a 13% increase over the comparable period last year. Of this amount, \$192,000 has been turned over to the Executive Committee of SBC, Nashville, for the support of our mission work around the world.

At a time when so many Arkansans are heavy hearted because of unresolved problems among us, the liberal support of our world mission program by the churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is indeed a bright spot. We sincerely trust that it is a portent of better things to come.—ELM

Lincoln on Criticism

"If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how—the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."—A. Lincoln

Personally Speaking . . .

The Drive to Win

THESE ARE interesting times we are living in when so much of our serenity depends upon coffee breaks.



Once in a while somebody questions the appropriateness of the eagle as our national bird. Some of these days some realistic congressman will propose that we change our bird from the eagle to the hummingbird.

The airplane pilot who found that his radar and radio had

both gone out was typically American, if not Southern Baptist. He announced to his passengers: "We are lost and our radio and radar are out of order, but you will be happy to know that we are making good time!"

Never have we as a people worked so hard to have money to buy so many of the things we'd be better off without.

The government is trying to find a way for man to survive in outer space. They better see if the seven men who have volunteered for the experiments have what it takes to last in modern traffic. If they find a way to other planets, there will soon be traffic congestion out there.

What can we do to keep our equilibrium in such times as these? Wesley Shrader, in his book, *Of Men and Angels*, tells of a valuable lesson he learned from his friend Clark Norris. The two were contestants in the singles finals of a tennis tournament. Norris played hard, especially for a man past 40 years of age. But when he lost the tourney, he wore a big smile as he sincerely congratulated Shrader on the victory. He had learned to play the game for the joy of playing and was not despondent when he failed to win.

Norris had recovered from a nervous breakdown, before which he was enmeshed in our success-worshipping world. Formerly he had felt that he must always win. To lose was degrading, to win was the spice of life. The more he won, the more he wanted to win again.

In Norris' illness God spoke to his heart: "Clark Norris, cease trying to be God and be yourself. No man is perfect, no man always right, including Clark Norris. Recognize your limitations, your faults, your defects, and accept them as I accept them. Stop proving your superiority. Failure is not necessarily sin. Quit trying to change people into your own image. Accept people. Do not browbeat them. Love them as they are, and not as you think they ought to be."

As an old fellow said: "The Lord really hit the nail on the head that time!"

—ELM

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Says Carver Vital

I AM a missionary of 25 years' experience. This furlough year I have served a second time as visiting professor of Missions at Carver School.

Since one member of the Southern Baptist Convention Survey Committee is presenting a minority report recommending the discontinuance of this school, I should like you to let me say a word as to how the matter looks to a missionary who knows the school from the inside.

I believe that there is a great need for the school and that the need will increase. Most of our missionaries do and should come from the seminaries, but I feel Southern Baptists, in addition, need a school:

(1) where the mission enterprise can be brought into sharper focus than is practicable in the diversified seminary program,

(2) where a richer variety of specialized courses can be offered,

(3) and where a larger concentration of specialists will be at work in the missions field than is practicable in the seminaries.

Such schools are being established by other denominations and inter-denominationally. Should not Southern Baptists take the lead and not lag behind?

Research and advanced study, in my feeling, should more and more be the center of the Carver School program. There is already projected, with the approval of the faculty and trustees, a professional journal for missionaries and Christian social workers which can become a clearing house for the best thinking among us on these specialized topics. We greatly need such a stimulus and such a clearing house.

I am frequently asked about the relation of Carver School's program to that of the seminaries. Besides the value for women and for medical and other non-ministerial workers, for a man who expects to be a missionary preacher, I suggest:

1. A seminary B. D. course as basic.
2. Specialized missionary training such as is not available in the seminaries but can be had at Carver in one or more of four ways:
 - a. Courses taken while a student at Southern and credited, with faculty approval, toward the B. D.
 - b. Summer school.
 - c. Carver School's M. A. course taken after the B. D. before beginning missionary service. With credit given for Bible and Theology courses and the like taken in the B. D. course, this can be done in one additional year.
 - d. Course work either as a regular or special student during furlough. Also, of course, work in research using Carver School's resources and faculty.

Similar and perhaps even more emphatic things could be said about the need for a Southern Baptist center of

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professional social work training. The two programs at Carver reinforce and enrich each other.

My personal hope, as a man dedicated to the work of missions, is that the minority recommendation will make Southern Baptists take a closer look at Carver School and its program and come to understand and appreciate it better. If this is done, there should be a ringing vote of confidence and a mandate not only to continue, but to enlarge and strengthen the school's work, as the almost-unanimous majority report of the Survey Committee urges. — W. Maxfield Garrott

B.S.U. for Midshipmen

COLLEGE AVENUE Baptist Church of Annapolis, Md., is located three blocks from the U. S. Naval Academy. Midshipmen have the choice of worshipping at any of the local churches or at the Academy Chapel, for Sunday School or Church service. As a Southern Baptist Church, we are interested in our Baptist young men, as well as others, who attend our services each Sunday (approximately 125 Midshipmen this year). Since no denominational organization is permitted to meet on Academy grounds, we have an organized, active Baptist Student Union which meets in our church. We invite Baptist boys, in particular, who may be upper classmen at the Academy, as well as plebes (4th classmen), to become acquainted with our Baptist ministry

here in Annapolis, as well as to become a part of our B. S. U.

Due to the fact, that unlike colleges, we do not have access to a list of freshmen (plebes), which makes contact difficult for us, I am writing this letter to inform you and the people of your State of our active Southern Baptist work here in Annapolis where 3,600 young men come to train as future officers of the U. S. Navy. It is a joy to have such strategic ministry where approximately 800 graduates go each year from the Academy to the four corners of the world.

Will you please be kind enough to inform your readers of our ministry here, and to encourage our Baptist young men to seek out Baptist church affiliation while away in school? We invite them to attend our services.—Martha G. Stone, Minister of Education, College Ave. Baptist Church, College Ave. and St. John's Street, Annapolis, Md.

Profitable Servant

IT WAS our good fortune to have the services of Brother L. H. Davis, Arkadelphia (recently of Harrisburg), as our evangelist in the simultaneous revival here in Tulsa, Okla. Our people were exceedingly pleased with the services of Brother Davis. Now that he has retired and will do supply, interim pastoral and revival meetings we know that he will render the kingdom a very profitable service.—Patrick W. Murphy, pastor, 2nd Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Cooperative Program Shows Marked Increase

NINE HUNDRED forty-one of our churches have given \$518,000 to world missions through the Cooperative Program the first four months of this year. This is over \$60,000 more than was given for the comparable period of last year. This represents a 13 per cent increase in this year's receipts for the Cooperative Program over that of last year.

The sum given by our churches thus far this year provides for the current operating budget and more than \$31,000 to be applied on capital needs.

This increased giving also provides for a greater ministry beyond the borders of our own state. Thus far we have remitted \$192,000 to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for mission causes to the ends of the earth. You will recall that our SBC contributions this year were increased to 36 per cent of our total budget. This represents a 1 per cent increase over the previous year. We hope this rate of increase for world missions can be maintained for several years. It can be if the increased rate of giving on the part of our churches continues. It occurs to some of us

'Hats Off'

WE WANT to take our hats off and congratulate the churches in three associations: Boone, Carroll, and Centennial. These associations were 100% in contributing through the Cooperative Program during the first quarter of 1959. This means that every church in these associations shared its receipts with the world, on a cooperative basis.

The officers in these associations are as follows:

Boone County: Moderator, Dale Jackson; Missionary, Dennis James; Clerk, John Finn; Treasurer, G. Magness.

Carroll County: Moderator, Ernest Cox; Missionary, Seth Compere; Clerk-Treasurer, Homer Martin.

Centennial: Moderator, Graham Fowler; Clerk, F. B. Dake; Treasurer, P. C. Greet.

The following associations had only one church each that failed to contribute to world missions through the Cooperative Program during the first quarter of this year: Independence, Buckville, and Newton County.

There were a number of associations that lacked only two churches, each, being 100% in Cooperative Program giving for the first three months of this year.

With a little more effort, we can have at least ten associations 100% in Cooperative giving for the second quarter of this year.

Let's have ten associations on the 100% honor roll for the second quarter of 1959!

—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary

that a 2-Plus increase for our churches each year is both challenging and attainable. That is — for each church to increase their world mission contributions through the Cooperative Program by at least two per cent of their total budget. For example: If your church is giving 15 per cent of your total budget through the Cooperative Program this year, why not challenge the church to increase this by two per cent for 1960?

We thank God for the fine record in mission giving thus far this year. However, there were 220 of our churches which had no part in world missions through the Cooperative Program for the first four months of 1959. Missions is the heartbeat of our calling. One would not say that a church must contribute through the Cooperative Program to be true to its mission, but it seems to me that a church must have part in world missions if it is to fulfill the Great Commission.

At least there are 220 of our churches that have not experienced the joy in having a part in our world mission program for the past four months. We do not think that these churches want this to be. Perhaps it is due to neglect or an oversight. Would it not be a wonderful thing if every one of our 1,161 churches would have a part in our world redemptive program through the Cooperative Program the second quarter of this year?

Our associational missionaries have been doing a noble part in their respective associations to bring this to

Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP means different things to different people. Stewardship is more than securing ample funds to pay all of the church bills.

Paul says, "Therefore as ye abound in everything, in faith and utterance, and knowledge and in all diligence and in your love to us, see that you abound in this grace [giving] also." The Bible, then, plainly states that giving is a grace. This makes stewardship one of the most vital points in consecration and spiritual power.

Generous giving, on the part of a Christian, does more to help overcome the natural tendency of covetousness and selfishness than almost any other religious endeavor. This makes giving a powerful weapon in the conflict of right vs. wrong. In offering a tithe of the incomes, one is literally offering a part of self and this means growth in grace. Giving is self transmuted into a circulatory medium. One is offering both body and spirit, "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God."

Let's teach, practice, and preach more Bible Stewardship!—Ralph Douglas.

pass. Last year we had fewer than 100 churches not participating in missions through the Cooperative Program. It is hoped that this number may be materially reduced this year. It is our prayer that we may in deed and in truth be "laborers together with God" in carrying the blessed gospel to all men everywhere. —S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

Corrections

BERRY STREET CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS LISTED

THE CONTRIBUTIONS of Berry Street Church, Springdale, to the Cooperative Program for the associational year of 1957-58 were inadvertently omitted from the official report carried in the Arkansas State Convention Annual, and, as a result, were left out of the report of contributions as carried in the Arkansas Baptist the first quarter of 1959.

Berry Street Church, as shown on the records of the Executive Secretary's office, contributed \$30 a month to the Cooperative Program or a total of \$360 for the year of 1957-58.

The church recently increased its Cooperative Program giving to 7% of the total weekly offerings, which, according to Katherine A. Sigler, treasurer of the church, is practically double the amount given from week to week last year.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH SUPPORTS PROGRAM

AN ERROR involving Riverside Church, of Central Association, occurred in the report of Cooperative Program giving by churches of the state for the first quarter this year. The correct figures are: Cooperative Program, \$125.76; designated, \$23.

New Film Emphasizes Teaching, Training

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BPN)— A film, *Unto a Full-Grown Christian*, has been produced by Broadman Films of Nashville, according to Don Fearheiley, editor of audio-visual materials at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

First showing of the 29-minute film will be Thursday morning, May 21, 10:50, at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, as a part of the Sunday School Board's report.

The film will be released July 1 for rental through Baptist Book Stores, Fearheiley said. The title of the film is the Baptist Jubilee Advance theme for 1960, giving emphasis to a church's teaching and training ministry.

● CARL THORNE, United Church, United Church, Greene County Association, has surrendered to the call of the gospel ministry. (CB)

Concord Notes

MT. ZION, one of the oldest churches in Concord, has recently called as pastor Richard Kress, formerly pastor of the Clarks Chapel Church, Buckner Association.

A BAPTIST fellowship, comprised of Southern and Landmark preaches, has been organized in Ft. Smith to serve the Western Arkansas-Eastern Oklahoma area. Riley Dale, pastor of the Central Church Ft. Smith, was elected president; Marshall Gus, Roland, Okla., 1st vice president; Mason Boundrant, Trinity Church, Ft. Smith, 2nd vice president; Paul Graham, Spradling Avenue, program chairman; R. T. Parratt, Cavanaugh Church, secretary; and Norman Ferguson, 1st Church, Ft. Smith, publicity chairman.

HARLAN ABEL, pastor of the Towson Avenue Church, was elected in a recent board meeting to serve as moderator of the association. He succeeds A. D. Kent. Orvil Haley, pastor of the North Side Church, Ft. Smith, was elected as vice moderator.

THE GLENDALE CHURCH, Ray Kesner, pastor, recently ordained Gordon Guthrie, Don Fennell, Glen Demeron, and Harry Culps as deacons. Pastor Kesner served as moderator; Herman Sanford preached the sermon, and Missionary Moore led in the interrogation. Deacon Melton prayed the ordination prayer.

CONCORD Association was tops in awards from Oct. 1, 1958 to March 31, 1959, according to a report from the state Sunday School offices. Concord led with 3,595 awards. It was also first in ratio of awards to Sunday school enrollment. Ten of the 40 churches placed in the top 50 churches in the state. The churches were 1st, Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue, Trinity, Kelley Heights, Lavaca, Bluff Avenue, North Side, Ft. Smith, Towson Avenue, South Side and Hackett.

ALVIN C. CLARK, has resigned the pastorate of the Pine Log Church as he is being transferred from Ft. Chaffee to Houston, Tex.

JACK MICK, pastor of the Hackett Church for the past 18 months has resigned to become missions pastor in Memphis, Tenn. Mick will enroll as a Junior in Memphis University in September.

DR. HERMAN SANFORD who has served as pastor of 1st Church, Greenwood for the past four years will join the faculty of Ouachita Baptist College in September. Sanford will teach Bible and English. He expects to receive his doctor's degree from the University of Arkansas some time this summer. ■

● C. C. SMITH, a leader in 1st Church, Monticello, died recently. He was chairman of the plans committee of the building program, a deacon, trustee, adult department director in Training Union. (CB)



BAPTIST PLAYERS—Part of the cast of "He Came Seeing", presented by a group from 2nd Church, Little Rock, are, left to right, Wendell Ross, father; Bill Murphree, Joab, the man born blind; Charlotte Myers, the mother; and Danny McQueen, the high priest.

Little Rock Group In Drama Festival

MEMBERS of the Youth Drama Group from 2nd Church have returned from a recent Religious Drama Festival in Dallas, where they presented "He Came Seeing" by Mary P. Hamblin.

The festival was sponsored by the Sunday School Board Department of Church Recreation and Drama. It was directed by Cecil McGee, drama consultant for that department, and featured several one-act plays and discussion groups on drama techniques.

The play, which tells the story of the miraculous healing of the blind man by Jesus, featured Bill Murphree in the role of Joab, the man born blind. Charlotte Myers and Wendell Ross played the parts of his parents, and Danny McQueen played Hilkiah, the high priest. Others in the cast included Dianna Garner, Trude Switzer, Ann Routon, Pat Foiles, Mary Ann Thornton and Jerry Tuley.

Kirk Tompkins headed the stage crew. Trude Switzer was in charge of costumes, and the make-up committee had Betty Morris as chairman.

The group has presented the play for Baptist High School, for a Wednesday night Hour of Power service at 2nd Church, and for the May 4 meeting of the pastors' conference of Pulaski Association.

Marshall Walker, minister of youth education at 2nd Baptist, directs the group.

● FIRST CHURCH, Manila, has just completed installation of air conditioning equipment for the auditorium.

Attendance Report

May 3)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Berryville, 1st	125	82	
Clinton, 1st	165	72	
Crossett, 1st	616	241	
El Dorado, 1st	905	290	
Mission	54		
Fayetteville, 1st	770	246	3
Ft. Smith, Calvary	375	130	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	362	138	
Ft. Smith, Rye Hill	91	34	2
Mission	8	18	
Ft. Smith, Trinity	406	202	14
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	442	171	
Huntsville, 1st	112	45	
Jonesboro, Central	396	180	1
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	345	123	
Little Rock, Central	800	323	3
Mission	77	62	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	230	133	1
McGehee, 1st	524	250	1
Mena, 1st	324	122	
Mission	28	23	1
Springdale, 1st	497	133	1
Warren, 1st	551	202	
W. Memphis, Calvary	233	132	2

Baptists Serve House As Acting Chaplains

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Two Baptist ministers have served as acting chaplain in the House of Representatives recently. In the absence due to illness of House Chaplain Barnard Braskamp, the pastor of the Fountain Memorial church of Washington, Charles W. Holland, Jr., has served as acting chaplain the past three months.

For a week recently, James P. Wesberry, pastor of the Morningside Church, Atlanta, Ga., served as acting chaplain.

Arkansas All Over

Ouachita Elects 1959-60 Leaders

CAMPUS LEADERS for 1959-60 at Ouachita College:

Dick Norton, DeQueen, president of student body; Nan Spears, Pine Bluff, 1st vice president; Doyle Herndon, Camden, 2nd vice president; Marcia Bowden, Hope, secretary; and Al Hamilton, Piggott, treasurer.

Beth Butler, Harrisburg, and Judy Ray, North Little Rock, cheer leaders.

Gene Dolby, Little Rock, editor of the 1959-60 yearbook, the *Ouachitonian*; Jim Massey, Arkadelphia, business manager, *Ouachitonian*; Joe Downs, Jr., Texarkana, editor of the college newspaper, the *Signal*; and James Tyson, Augusta, business manager of the newspaper.

Hunter Douglas, Little Rock, president of the senior class. Other senior class officers are Richard Fulford, Little Rock, vice president; Ruth Ann Thomas, Arkadelphia, secretary; Lillie McKnight, Jacksonville, treasurer; and Kay Dobson, Harrisonville, Mo., senator.

Junior class officers: Ray Riley, Little Rock, president; Bill Moore, Crossett, vice president; Beth Butler, Harrisburg, secretary; Wencie Bonds, Clinton, treasurer; and Dan Dipert, Damascus, senator.

Officers for the sophomore class: Jim Campbell, Fordyce, president; Hing Fong, Hughes, vice president; Verna Westerman, Weiner, secretary; Francis Maynor, Texarkana, Texas, treasurer; and Johnny Jackson, Waldo, senator.

Town representatives to the Student Senate are Carolyn Thomas and Harris Flanagan, both of Arkadelphia. ■

Music Department

Ravenden Springs Youth Camps Set

DATES FOR encampments at the Ravenden Springs youth camps have been set according to Cecil Guthrie, Newport, manager.

They include: June 8-12, intermediate RA; June 15-19, junior RA; June 22-26, intermediate GA and June 29-July 3, junior GA.

Mrs. Lawrence Ray, Pocahontas, is director for GA camps, and Henry Applegate, Blytheville, RA camp director. Missionary for GA camps is Miss Mary Lambert from Japan. Roe Beard, missionary to the Indians in Oklahoma, is the missionary for the RA camps.

● VALLEY SPRINGS, Boone-Newton Association, is now worshipping in their new building. Joe Burnett is pastor. (CB)

● A NEW educational building has been completed by Southside Church, Lead Hill. (CB)

● THE BATAVIA Church, Boone-Newton Associations, is nearing completion on a three bedroom home for the pastor. (CB)



PASTOR CALDWELL

Pine Bluff Pastor Takes California Post

FLOYD B. CALDWELL, pastor of 2nd Church, Pine Bluff, for the past 7½ years, has accepted a call as minister of education in Calvary Church, Ventura, Calif.

He submitted his resignation following the morning worship service Apr. 19, the resignation to become effective May 17.

Under the ministry of Mr. Caldwell, the church constructed a new auditorium valued in excess of \$100,000. The membership has been worshipping in the new sanctuary for the past two years.

Mr. Caldwell is a native of Ft. Worth, Tex., where he attended public schools. He has a bachelor-of-science degree from Texas Wesleyan College, and a bachelor-of-divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Caldwell is the former Cora Dilty, of Nashville, Ark. The couple have two children, David, 12, and Joe, 9.

G. E. Owen, Retired Minister, Dies at 79

GEORGE EMANUEL OWEN, 79, retired Baptist minister, a Republican leader and former Conway postmaster, died in a Conway hospital Apr. 30.

Mr. Owen, who was postmaster when he entered the ministry, served several churches in Faulkner County and served as moderator of the Faulkner Association.

Mr. Owen had been a member of the Board of Trustees of old Central College and of Arkansas Baptist Hospital. (DP)

Pastoral Changes

PHIL BEACH has accepted the call of the 3rd Church, Malvern. He comes from Bauxite where he has been pastor for almost three years. Bro. Beach will move on the field May 15. (CB)

PASTORAL CHANGES in Boone-Newton Associations include: Homer Allred's acceptance of Burling Church; Charles Taylor began as pastor of Walnut Grove, Boxley, May 3; Lawrence Hammond, Ouachita senior, has accepted the call to Gordon St. mission. (CB)

WALLS CHAPEL, Greene County Association, has called H. W. Clement as pastor. He began his service there on May 3. (CB)

Ordinations

JAMES B. LAIR, a sophomore at Ouachita, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the 2nd Church, El Dorado, Sunday, May 3. Those participating in the service were W. F. Couch, Jay D. Tolleson, Jack Gulledege, Bill Stone, Walter Warmath, T. L. Harris, L. E. Clark, with Pastor Lehman F. Webb as moderator. Mr. Lair is a native of Camden and is pastor of the Wesson Church near El Dorado.

Immanuel, Magnolia, In New Building

IMMANUEL CHURCH, Magnolia, celebrated the completion of their new education building with an all-day affair, Apr. 26.

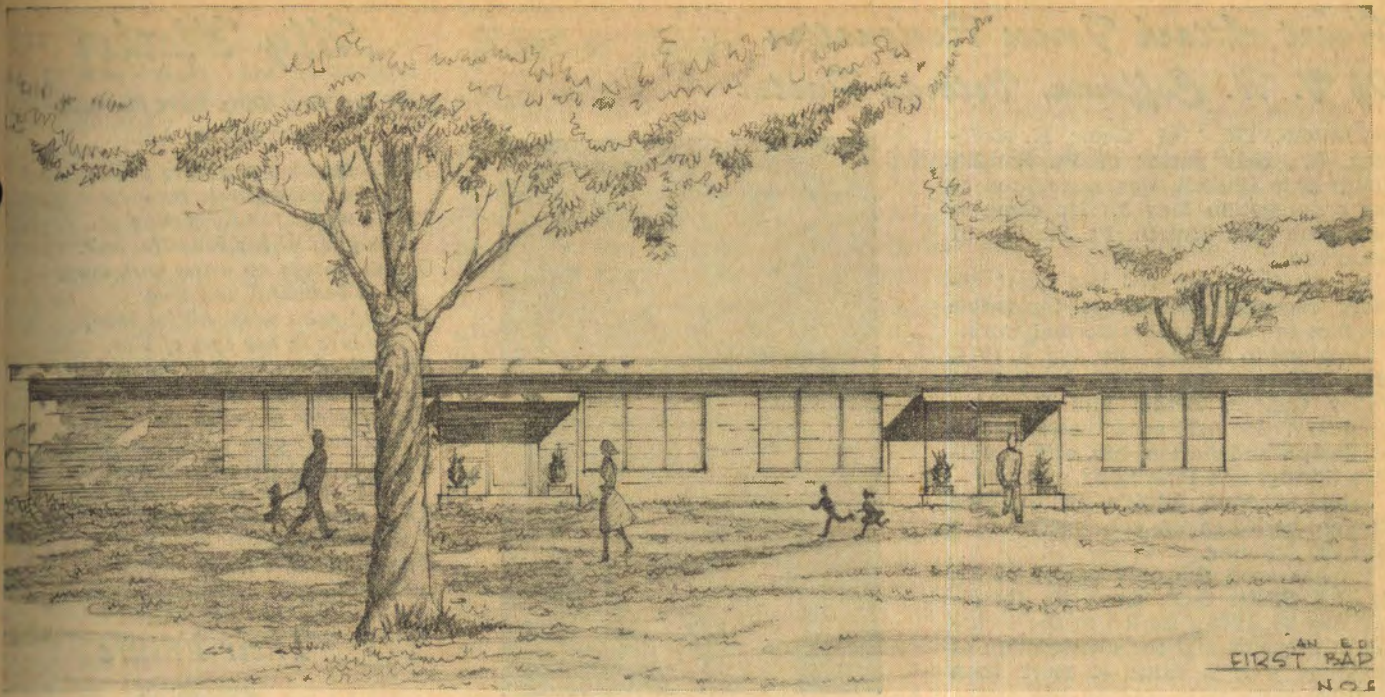
In the morning, the Sunday School began on a departmental basis with a total of one-hundred twenty-nine (members and visitors), present. An old fashioned basket lunch was served at noon. In the afternoon, the dedication services for the new educational building was held.

The building, made of cement blocks, consists of 14 rooms with three assemblies. The old educational facilities were remodeled for the beginner and primary departments, and the dining hall.

The sanctuary has been remodeled with carpeting and tile on the floors, and a central cooling and heating unit has been added. New song books also have been purchased.

The day was climaxed with Janell Pearson preaching his first sermon at the evening worship service.

Since the pastor, Hershaw Williams, came to Immanuel on June 1, 1958, the Sunday School and Training Union attendance has doubled and there have been 64 additions by baptism and 27 by letter. One young man surrendered to the ministry. ■



By Dennis James

Boone, Newton News

HOMER ALLRED, pastor Northvale church in Harrison, has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Burlington Church. This pastorate is in addition to his pastorate with the Northvale church. Preaching at Burlington each Sunday morning 9:45 and each Tuesday night.

CHARLES TAYLOR has resigned Rocky Mound church, Hope Association, to accept the call to Walnut Grove Baptist church, Boxley. He will begin his work here May 3.

LAWRENCE HAMMOND, a senior in Ouachita College, has accepted a call to Gordon Street Mission, a mission of First Church, Harrison. Bro. Hammond will assume his duties here May 10.

MILTON EDMONSON has resigned as pastor of 1st Church, Dover, to accept the call to Woodland Heights Church, Harrison. Bro. Edmonson began his work here March 29.

1ST CHURCH, Harrison, reports seven for baptism, seven by letter. Bill Cook is the pastor and also was the evangelist.

NORTHVALE CHURCH reports one for baptism, three by letter. Homer Allred is the pastor and Russell Hunt was the evangelist.

PRAIRIE VIEW CHURCH reports five for baptism. Dennis James was the evangelist.

ALPENA CHURCH reports two for baptism, four by letter. S. D. Hacker is the pastor and Dennis James was the evangelist.

WESTERN GROVE MISSION reports two by letter. John Carter is the pastor, Joe Burnett was the evangelist.

JASPER CHURCH reports three for baptism. James McBee is the pastor, Dale Jackson was the evangelist.

WORK IS now under way on this \$47,500 education building of 1st Baptist Church, Geyer Springs, Pulaski Association. The building, which will house several Sunday School departments, a study and a kitchen, will be completed about Sept. 1.

Revival Reports

CENTRAL CHURCH, Magnolia, Apr. 5-12: Dr. Courts Redford, Home Mission Board secretary, evangelist; Don Edmondson, song director; Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor; 27 by baptism, 13 by letter.

WEST SIDE Chapel, Magnolia, mission of Central: R. D. Tatum, Hazelhurts, Miss., evangelist; Pastor Charles Baskin, song director; 12 by baptism; 11 by letter.

FIRST CHURCH, Bay, M. E. Wiles, evangelist; Jackie Hancock, music; 12 by baptism; three by letter.

MAX L. TAYLOR, 1st Church, Bay, was evangelist for a meeting Apr. 20-26 in Springdale Church, Birmingham, Ala., when there were 17 by baptism, four by letter and one answering the call to preach.

FIRST CHURCH, Van Buren: Dr. Dale Cowling, 2nd Church, Little Rock, evangelist; 33 by baptism; five by letter and four by statement.

FIRST CHURCH, Heber Springs, Apr. 19-29: Paul Shipman, evangelist; Mel Mintz, singer; Ray S. Nelson, pastor; 11 by baptism; four by letter.

EAST SIDE Church, Ft. Smith: Bill Lewis, Eber Church, Detroit, evangelist; Red Johnson, singer; Lynwood Henderson, pastor; 26 by profession; six by letter and one by statement.

PAUL E. WILHELM, Lamar, was evangelist with Milby Road Church, Tarrant, Tex., Apr. 5-15. Results included: 11 by baptism; six by letter; six other conversions; one junior boy called to preach.

FIRST CHURCH, Charleston, Apr. 12-19, H. W. Ryan, Little Rock, father of pastor, Eugene A. Ryan, evangelist; Jerry Howell, Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith, singer; 10 for baptism; four by letter.

ONE HUNDRED and eighty baptisms were reported by churches in the revival in Central Association recently. An additional 74 members by letter were reported. (CB)

"STATISTICS INDICATE that religious bodies are more than holding their own in view of population growth. In 1906 the population of the United States was 84,246,252; by 1956 it was estimated 168,091,000. The rate of the increase in these 50 years was 99.5 percent. In that same period membership in religious bodies rose from 32,936,445 to 100,162,529, or 204 percent. The rate of increase, therefore, in church membership was more than twice the growth in population." — Dr. Richard C. Wolf, associate professor of church history in the Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin.

Heart Attack Forces Resignation Of V. H. Coffman, Veteran Pastor

RESIGNATION of Victor H. Coffman, Sr., only pastor of Ft. Smith's South Side Church, was announced to the congregation May 3. He came to Lexington Ave. Church, Ft. Smith, 31 years ago.

Mr. Coffman suffered two heart attacks recently, making it impossible for him to carry on his normal work.

Ordained to the ministry Aug. 4, 1914, Mr. Coffman was educated at Ohio Valley College, Bethel and Southern Seminary. He held other pastorates in St. Joseph and Adrian, Mo. and in Eureka Springs and Pine Bluff.

While at Pine Bluff's South Side Church, he led in the construction of a \$100,000 building.

He has been the only pastor of Ft. Smith's South Side, since its founding May 23, 1948. He led in the securing of property and the construction of buildings with a value of more than \$200,000.

In addition to his pastoral duties, he has been active in the Masonic Lodge and the Lions Club.

During his pastorates, he has baptized over 2,830. Over 30 young people from his pastorates are now in church-related vocations. He has conducted more than 2,000 marriages and 3,000 funerals.

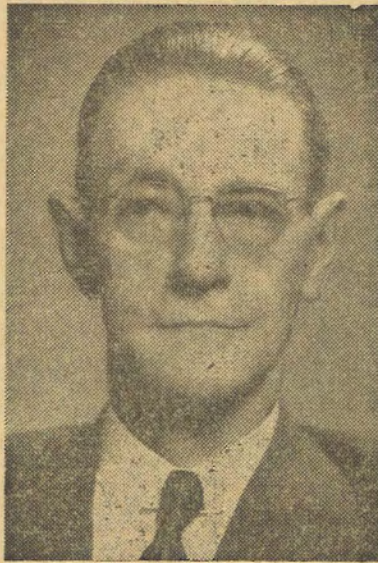
His ministry has been further extended by membership on boards and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. These include the Social Service Commission, Time and Place Com-

● **FAITH CHURCH**, Trinity Association, Joe Orr, pastor, has added the **Arkansas Baptist** under the budget plan. New churches taking advantage of the free trial offer include: Corinth Church, Bartholomew Association, Bob Meggs, pastor, and 1st Church, Hampton, C. Phelan, Boone, pastor.

SENATOR J. Strom Thurmond (D., S.C.) has introduced a new and stronger bill in Congress to ban the serving of liquor on airlines. The new bill, in addition to prohibiting the serving or consumption of alcoholic beverages on passenger airliners while in flight, would prevent the transportation of intoxicated persons, make it illegal to take alcoholic beverages aboard an airliner for purposes of consumption, and ban drinking by any employees of an airline before or during a flight. The legislation is expected to receive strong support from church groups. — **The Survey Bulletin**

Virginia Now Building Charlottesville Center

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — (BP)— A \$54,000 Baptist student center will be constructed adjacent to the University of Virginia here, and is expected to be open for fall enrollment. There are about 650 Baptist students attending the state university this year.



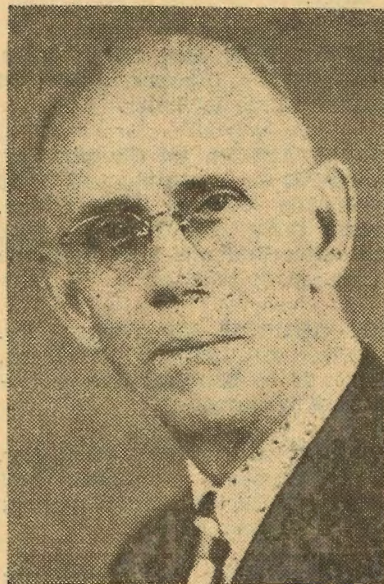
PASTOR COFFMAN

mittee and Committee on Boards. Also he has served on the Arkansas Baptist Executive Board and a number of committees of the board, Central College Board and Arkansas Baptist Assembly Board. He is currently serving a five year term on the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary.

In 1945, he preached the Arkansas State Convention sermon.

These honors and activities were pre-shadowed by his holding a number of places of responsibility and popularity while a student in Bethel College, Kentucky.

He is included in **History of Arkansas Baptists**, J. S. Rogers, 1948 and **Who's Who Among Southern Baptists**, John S. Ramond, 1937. ■



THEO JAMES, formerly of Pine Bluff, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Arkansas City Church and is now on the new field.

My Mother

By Mrs. Zona Bays Marshall
Trumann, Ark.

*Would that my pen were golden
Tipped with jewels rare
That I might faintly picture
The glint of her beautiful hair.
O that I were an artist with touch
Both beautiful and true
I would paint with skillful hand,
The love in her eyes of blue.
She guided my steps in the pathway
Of honor, of love and of right
Her presence dispelled the darkness
And made grey days seem bright.
If my tongue were loosed as a poet
With words as some bard of old,
Then I would sing the world's
wonder song
Of my mother's heart of gold.*

Their Future



and Yours Depends



on Our Colleges

The number of young men and women who want and deserve a college education will double by 1967. It's a sobering thought.

Our colleges and universities are making a valiant effort to take care of the hosts of eager-eyed young people who are already clamoring for admittance. They have an enormous job to do. For expansion calls for more than adding classrooms, laboratories and dormitory space. There must be a corresponding increase in faculty and in faculty caliber.

Freedom needs educated people. Won't you help overcome this crisis? Help the college of your choice today.



THE BOOKSHELF

THE FOLLOWING new books have just come from the presses of Abingdon, Nashville: **Adults at Worship**, by Wallace Fridy, \$1.75.

Typical topics among the 23 complete devotions included in this book are: "Live the Balanced Life," "Mastered by What?" "You Don't Have to Win."

A New Mind For a New Age, by Alan Walker, \$2.50.

In our urbanized and mass-produced society, is Christianity still relevant, in the age of sputniks and hydrogen bombs? Mr. Walker's answer is an emphatic yes! What our time not only needs but demands, he says, is the total gospel brought to bear on the totality of life.

God In My Life, by Lloyd C. Wicke.

With penetrating spiritual insight and vivid illustrations from every day living, Bishop Wicke discusses such personal concerns as the meaning of existence and the significance of faith, prayer, and the Bible.

Let's All Sing, by James F. Leisy, \$2.95.

Chosen because they are fun and easy to sing, the songs comprising this volume include many of your favorites and some that are less familiar. Here is a good basic song book for many and varied occasions.

Sermons Preached in a University Church, by George A. Buttrick, \$3.75.

Today's students, Dr. Buttrick believes, are keenly aware of man's situation and are making the most intensive search for a faith to meet it. These 26 sermons preached in the Harvard University Memorial Church speak directly to men everywhere. They point to the positive alternatives of the Christian faith.

A Private House of Prayer, by Leslie D. Weatherhead, \$3.

This book is an invitation by Dr. Weatherhead to visit in his private house of prayer for 31 days. Then, says he, you can build your own by following the blueprint he gives you in the first part of the book.

The Christian Shepherd, Some Aspects of Pastoral Care, by Seward Hiltner, \$3.

"Shepherding"—a term comprehending the tender and solicitous concern that the church and its ministers exercise to all persons in need—is a metaphor that Seward Hiltner has revitalized for this age. Here he explores from specific areas and dimensions of Christian shepherding which he has not previously written about.

The First Epistle General of Peter, by Alan M. Tibbs, Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., 1959, \$3.

Another in the Tyndale New Testament commentaries series, this book emphasizes that the divinely inspired message for Christians found in the First Epistle of Peter is for every time and place.

Back to Bethel

FOR MANY Southern Baptists, the trek to Louisville this month for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will be something of a "back-to-Bethel" experience. We do not go too strong on worshipping at shrines, but some points always have a warm place in our hearts because of great experiences we have had there in days that are gone or because of the significance of historic events.

It is rather interesting that the first educational conference to make plans for a Southern Baptist seminary was held in Louisville, in the late 1850's, and that the first of our great preacher-training institutions was organized in Greenville, S. C., and operated there until its removal to its present location, in Louisville, in 1877. From 1859 till 1907, Southern Baptists had but one seminary. In 1908, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, came into being, followed in 1918 by Baptist Bible Institute (BBI), now New Orleans Seminary. Within a span of the last 15 years, three additional seminaries have been added: Golden Gate, Berkeley, Calif., 1944; Southeastern, Wake Forest, N. C., 1951; and Midwestern, Kansas City, 1958; and The Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville (formerly, 1907 to 1953, Woman's Missionary Union Training School for Christian Workers), made a Southern Baptist Convention institution.

Seminaries Great Asset

That Southern Baptists have been wise in enlarging their theological educational system is indicated by the phenomenal growth of the work of the denomination through its local churches and its agencies and institutions as a result of the large stream of men and women trained in the convention's classrooms.

The historic city of Louisville, founded by General George Rogers Clark in 1778 and first designated Beargrass Settlement, is a gateway to the South. Although the city has a population now of more than 400,000, its hotel and motor court accommodations lag far behind what would be required to take care of the 12,000 to 15,000 visiting Baptists expected for the SBC annual meeting. With all of the public accommodations reserved within a 50-mile radius of the city, Louisville citizens are opening their homes to the visiting Baptists.

Fireworks a Possibility

Two hot issues may or may not be brought up on the convention floor this year: race relations and the Southern Seminary administrative crisis revolving around the release of a dozen faculty members last year because of a break with President Duke K. McCall. We cannot see how anything constructive could be accomplished by either of these matters being brought before the convention. The convention has no authority whatever over local churches in any matter, least of all on race relations, and the operation of convention agencies and institutions has been vested in boards and commissions elected by the convention.

On another issue, whether or not to establish a Stewardship Commission, our paper carried last week an article by Dr. Finley B. Edge, of the Southern Seminary faculty, who opposes such action, and is publishing elsewhere in this issue a statement by Dr. Douglas Branch, of the convention's Survey Committee, who favors the new commission. We predict that the convention messengers will vote by large majority to create the commission.

It seems to us that Dr. Courts Redford, of the Home Mission Board, makes good sense when he states that the part of the Survey Committee's recommendation which would require the Home Board to close out all of its work in the next five years in the well-established states of the Southern Baptist Convention, would greatly impair the work. (For Dr. Redford's full statement, see our issue of May 7, page 14.)

Let us go to Louisville with our wills yielded completely to God, seeking his direction in every deliberation. This should be the greatest Southern Baptist Convention assembly in our history.—ELM

We Do Need A Stewardship Commission

By DOUGLAS M. BRANCH
Chairman, Committee to Study
Southern Baptist Program

[Editor's Note: The article by Dr. Edge referred to in this article was published in our issue of May 7.—ELM]

DR. FINDLEY EDGE of Southern Seminary has written an article entitled, **Do We Need a Stewardship Commission?** He has taken the position that we do not need such a commission, and has stated that the Southern Baptist Convention "must vote 'no' to the proposal to start a Stewardship Commission."

In the friendliest possible spirit, I make answer to the above-mentioned article, and will seek to share with Southern Baptists the reasons why this new agency was recommended to the Convention in 1958 and will be presented for a second and final action this year. For information about the proposed Commission, please consult your 1958 Annual, p. 433, number 4, and p. 442, number 4.

Dr. Edge begins his article by agreeing wholeheartedly with the Committee To Study the Southern Baptist Convention "that the Executive Committee be relieved of the responsibility for Stewardship promotion. This is essential if the Executive Committee is to carry out its enlarged responsibility for the Convention."

Dr. Edge has correctly stated this matter. The Executive Committee cannot occupy the role of umpire among Southern Baptist agencies and institutions if it is also to play on the team — in this case — produce and market materials in competition with other agencies, particularly the Sunday School Board. This is why the Stewardship Commission is proposed. It is not then a question as to the need, but rather how the need is to be met. The Study Committee recommends the establishment of a Stewardship Commission. Dr. Edge urges that this function be turned over to the Sunday School Board. Herein lies our difference in viewpoints.

I am sure Dr. Edge would join me in saying that none of us desires to have this matter settled in our favor just to have our way; rather, we desire earnestly the thing which is best for the Kingdom of God and Southern Baptists. There is no doubt in my mind that Dr. Edge desires this as much as the committee. If I could feel that the assignment of this all-important aspect of Southern Baptist life to the Sunday School Board would be the best solution I would gladly accept his position. I cannot feel this. Indeed, I feel as strongly opposed to such a procedure as possible, and for reasons which I hope Southern Baptists will believe to be valid.

Dr. Edge objects to a re-organization of our Convention from what he refers to as an agency principle to what

he calls a functional principle. This is a misleading use of terms. We cannot disassociate an agency from its functions, for the function is what makes it distinctive and is the basis for its existence. Whether an agency's functions represent many emphases, as is the case of the Sunday School Board, or a more limited and specialized emphasis, as would be the case of the Relief and Annuity Board, doesn't alter the fact that an agency exists to perform certain functions which are intended to meet a felt need. An agency does not exist in a vacuum, nor does it represent an abstract idea or principle. Every agency Southern Baptists have has been established and is maintained because we feel it to be essential to carrying out a part of the Lord's program which cannot be as effectively carried out by some other means.

Objection to the Stewardship Commission is raised also because of the fear that another commission would further complicate the problem of correlation. It must be observed, however, that if the problem of correlation stems from the existence of more than one agency, to eliminate all but one agency and create therein one administrative center for all the numerous and far-flung ministries of 9,000,000 Baptists would be a risky substitute even for the problem. The truth is that the problem of correlation stems mainly from the fact that the Convention has not heretofore clearly spelled out the activities of its agencies, and that there has not been provided an effective tool by which the agencies themselves could work at the problem.

The Study Committee has, we believe, faced both these aspects of the problem and has provided an effective means for its solution in clearly defining the proper activities of each agency, in establishing a representative and effective Inter-Agency Council, and in placing the Executive Committee in an objective position. Under the Convention structure proposed by the committee the Stewardship Commission would not, as Dr. Edge says, "prepare, promote, and sell its own literature" except within the framework of that relationship which all commissions must sustain with the Sunday School Board. The problem of diversity can be solved by consolidation perhaps, but only at the cost of creativeness — which is basic and fundamental to progress.

Dr. Edge proposes then that Stewardship promotion be made a part of the Sunday School Board for to do so would obviate the conflict between promotion of the Forward Program and "promotion of the total educational program of the church." The Sunday School has large responsibility for the promotion of stewardship education at the local church level, but so does W.M.U., the Brotherhood, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board,

Would it be wise to bring all these into the Sunday School Board since they obviously are also involved in stewardship education?

To say that "Stewardship is an educational function" (quote from Dr. Edge) is only half the truth. Stewardship is also a promotional function. The truth is that Southern Baptists must have both stewardship education and stewardship promotion. This is illustrated by the Forward Program to which reference has been made. One of the finest features of this program is its powerful educational aspect, but that feature must be balanced by promotion. The basic question is whether both aspects of stewardship can best be achieved by placing it within an agency whose function is purely educational on the broadest possible basis, or by placing it within an agency whose one program is stewardship promotion.

In connection with the Forward Program, objection is made by Dr. Edge that "the present stewardship promotion in the churches leans heavily upon the educational organizations to subscribe the church budget." The writer of the article has slipped at this point over his own precipice of fear. I speak as a pastor. In the local church, we look upon all we do as one program: worship, evangelism, education, stewardship, recreation. All we do has in view two related objectives: to make Christians and to mature Christians. In this program, one part is not set off to itself as something separate, but is one of the elements in the church's life-giving bloodstream. We "lean" more heavily upon our educational organizations to promote evangelism than we do in the matter of stewardship. If this is the basis of judgment, then evangelism should also be placed in the Sunday School Board. Of course, it is there in an educational aspect because our literature is definitely evangelistic, but the promotion of evangelism seems properly to rest elsewhere.

As to the alleged probability that stewardship could be "promoted more easily, more economically, and more adequately as a part of the Sunday School Board," it must be pointed out that the first two claims are purely conjectural and the facts seem to argue against the latter. Certainly the Sunday School Board is doing outstanding work in each of its departments, but stewardship promotion is a field which is different from the proper sphere of the Board's activities. The Sunday School Board and stewardship promotion are not natural affinities. Stewardship promotion among Southern Baptists is not done in the same way that Sunday School or Training Union programs and curricula are worked out and made available to the churches. Stewardship promotion is not a program which is worked out by ex-

... a problem to settle

perts and handed to the churches. It is rather a vast cooperative endeavor which finds its focus in the Promotion Conference.

This conference brings together the heads of all Convention boards and agencies, W.M.U. leaders, the executive secretaries of the 26 state conventions and their associates in charge of stewardship promotion, the editors of the Baptist state papers and the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Under the proposed Stewardship Commission, the only change in this procedure would be the substitution of the Commission for the Promotion Committee, and then in setting goals, the Executive Committee would be represented by its Finance Committee. We believe this set-up is wholesome. After all, the people who are most directly concerned with stewardship are those within the state conventions. It is difficult to see how such a conference could be called by a department within the Sunday School Board.

Dr. Edge states that "the strongest objection to making this emphasis a part of the Sunday School Board is an objection based on fear — that this would make the Sunday School Board too big and too powerful." I can assure Southern Baptists that the Study Committee entertained no such fear. We are profoundly grateful for the superb job being done by the Sunday School Board and for its singleness of purpose to the cause of Southern Baptists. Our motivation is solely our conviction that stewardship promotion would be out of place in the Sunday School Board and could be more effectively carried on by an agency which would have this emphasis as its first purpose and not "one of many."

At the present time, Southern Baptists are giving through their churches almost \$500 million annually. Our future plans are large. Everything we will do in the future will be determined in quality and scope by our giving. The Forward Program is wonderful, but we fervently hope that other and equally significant developments will take place in the stewardship concepts and practices of our people. There is a real sense in which stewardship sets the boundaries and determines the intensity of the impact of the Southern Baptist message upon the world.

Dr. Edge says, "If a Stewardship Commission should be started, I would not be afraid that it would fail. I would be far more afraid of its success." Here is one Southern Baptist pastor who has faced all the problems of correlation, and now expresses the fervent hope that the Stewardship Commission will be approved and that its success will be such that within the foreseeable future, Southern Baptists will double their support of everything we are doing. I cannot feel that we would be wrong in placing this tremendous stew-

ardship promotion task upon the Sunday School Board — placing upon it the responsibility of promoting support for the local church, the district associations, the state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention and even that of securing wills and bequests, since these are no longer the responsibility of the Foundation.

As Dr. Edge has said, "Southern Baptists must settle this problem of stewardship promotion correctly, now —." I believe they will — by voting to establish the Stewardship Commission.

Hearings Scheduled On Liquor in Aircraft

WASHINGTON — (BP)— Hearings on serving alcoholic beverages to passengers on aircraft in flight are scheduled for May 14, 15. The subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives will conduct the hearings.

The bills to be considered are H. R. 169, 1075 and 3716.

The bills would provide that "no air carrier shall sell or otherwise furnish to its passengers any alcoholic beverage (including beer and wine) for consumption while in flight within the United States."

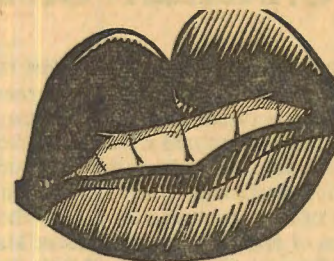
Rep. Oren Harris (D., Ark.) is chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and Rep. John Bell Williams (D., Miss.) is the chairman of the subcommittee on transportation and Aeronautics. Williams is the author of one of the bills on which hearings are to be held.

In the World of Religion

ACCORDING TO a survey recently revealed in Atlantic City, New Jersey, most ministers of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. believe that pastoral counseling is just as important as preaching in serving their congregations. Results of the study were disclosed at a meeting of the denomination's Board of Christian Education which conducted the three-year nation-wide survey of family life in America. According to the report, the average Presbyterian pastor devotes about five hours weekly to counseling, but much more time to the preparation of sermons, preaching, and church administration.

TOKYO (EP) — On April 7, Anglicanism was 100 years old in Japan. Sixty bishops and clergymen from 11 nations participated in Tokyo celebrations. More than 4,000 persons gathered in the city's metropolitan gymnasium and heard an address by the Right Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey F. Fisher, and Archbishop Reginald Charles Halse of Brisbane, Australia, were also present.

The Bible Says



PSALM 31:18

Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

They Do Read...

If we were to listen to all the rumors, we would soon be convinced that, in this country, we are bringing up a generation of illiterates, children and young people interested only in devouring "comics," watching television programs featuring violence, barely studying their lessons, let alone reading books.

We are convinced, however, that there are others who do. In our immediate acquaintance, we can think of Carol Jeanne, in Maine, whose library was started when she was a baby—she will soon be six—she knows all her books, can point to the stories, does tell them well and is learning to read from her own books before attending school.

In New Jersey, three happy children in one family come to mind. Leif, 14, loves history, adventure and nature stories; Karin, 11, likes everything beautiful and already writes good poetry; Ricky, 7, reads well and enjoys it. He has set himself the goal of reading the Encyclopedia Britannica, as the desire of becoming a "walking encyclopedia" appeals to him. Book reviews are part of his family's enjoyment, as each reader shares with the others the result of this common interest.

We have heard of 9 year old John, in Missouri who, in less than three years, has read 366 books from his church library, his favorite subjects are biographies and science.

And again, we think of Willard, in California who, before starting high school decided to go through Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* as a preparation for his studies in history.

One fact is certain: no one is forcing these young friends to read. They are avid readers by inclination, choice and love of books. They are normal, sociable, happy, keep pets, enjoy sports, do family chores, have fun and are busy in church and school. Three of the families mentioned are those of Baptist ministers. All are active in their local churches and denominational activities. We love these children, we are proud of them and thankful for their parents... They do read!

Jeanne Bradbury, in *The Watchman-Examiner*.

Christian Civic Foundation Completes Organization

THE NEWLY created Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., successor to the Temperance League of Arkansas, elected officers, named a full-time executive director, adopted an annual budget of \$22,000, and made plans for the organization of county units in all of the 75 counties of the state, at a meeting May 7 at the Baptist Building, in Little Rock.

Named as executive director was Dr. William E. Brown, pastor of First Methodist Church, Benton.

Tom F. Digby, Little Rock attorney, was named president of the Foundation. Other officers include: Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, district superintendent of the Methodist Church, Paragould, first vice-president; Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, second vice president; Paul Meers, Dardanelle business man and Baptist layman, third vice president; Rev. T. J. Gotcher, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, North Little Rock, fourth vice president; Dr. Charles Baughman, pastor of Mabelvale Methodist Church, secretary; and Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editor of *The Arkansas Methodist*, treasurer.

Named to the executive committee of the Foundation were: Dr. Kenneth Spore, district superintendent of the Methodist Church, Monticello; Charles A. Stuck, Methodist layman of Jonesboro; Rev. G. W. Hardcastle, district superintendent of the Assembly of God Churches, Little Rock; and Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*. Elected to represent the Arkansas Foundation on the Board of Directors of the National Temperance League, Washington, D. C., were Mr. Digby, Dr. Brown, and Dr. McDonald.

Speaking briefly to the Board of Trustees following his election, Dr. Brown pointed to "dangers inherent in the immoral practices in our society that tend to undermine the moral foundations of our people." Pointing out that there are an estimated five million alcoholics in the nation, he declared, "This disease is fast becoming the number one health problem of the nation."

On the evil of gambling, Dr. Brown said that a Gallup poll had indicated that forty million Americans gamble in one form or another.

"One in three adults take chances on raffles, lotteries, bingo, and one in five gambles with cards," Dr. Brown said. The numbers game, he said, "takes about ten billion dollars a year, and horse racing is a six-billion-dollar racket." The pin-ball machine "take" is twenty million dollars a year in America, chiefly from young people, he said.

Dr. Brown referred also to "the insidious traffic in narcotics other than alcohol, which prey upon the youth of our land."

Contributing in large measure to these destroyers of moral character, he said, is "the large body of salacious literature



SEATED is Christian Civic Foundation Director Brown, who is flanked by (left) President Digby and retiring president Gatlin.

appearing on most of our magazine counters and news stands throughout the state."

"It will be our purpose through educational and legal means to remove these undermining forces in our society," the new director declared. "To accomplish this goal, we will seek to form county auxiliaries of the foundation in all the counties of the state that we may pursue these problems at the grassroots."

A native of St. Joseph, Mo., Dr. Brown was educated at Central and Missouri Wesleyan Colleges and at the University of Chicago Divinity School. He received the honorary D.D. degree in 1931 from Morris Harvey College, Charleston, W. Va. His fellow Methodists have honored him by electing him to three general conferences and two jurisdictional conferences and he has served as a member of the Seventy to launch a visitation evangelism program for the Methodist church. He is a former trustee of the Southern Methodist University and a former member of the Lions Club. He is currently serving as secretary of the Commission on World Service of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Brown has served as district superintendent of the Methodist church in the

West Plains, Poplar Bluff, and St. Louis districts in Missouri; the El Paso district in Texas; the Baton Rouge district in Louisiana; and the Monticello district in Arkansas. His pastorates have included Main Street Methodist Church, Cleburne, Tex.; Grace Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex.; and, in Arkansas, First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff; and First Methodist Church, Texarkana. He has been at his present pastorate for the past year. He will begin his new duties June 1.

Mrs. Brown is the former Miss Georgia Johnson, of Springfield, Mo. The Browns have four children.

The office of the Christian Civic Foundation is located in the Waldon Building, Little Rock. Dr. and Mrs. Brown plan to move to Little Rock.

In adopting the budget for the year, the Foundation Board voted a pension of \$75 a month to Rev. Clyde C. Coulter, who recently retired after serving for 20 years as superintendent of The Temperance League of Arkansas.

The Board adopted a resolution commending the Rev. Mr. Gatlin for his "distinguished leadership" as president of the Arkansas Temperance League and as interim chairman and executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation. ■

**Moslems Seek German Converts**

BETHEL, Westphalia (EP) — Germany is to be the base for the whole Moslem missionary campaign in Europe, according to German missions expert Professor Georg Vicedom. He told the first all-German missionary conference at Bethel-Bielefeld that 800 Germans had recently joined the Moslem Ahmadiya sect, which has issued a lively modern translation of the Koran to compete with the Bible. He said Moslem states were financing the mosques in places like Hamburg, Munich, Berlin and the Ruhr district.

Swiss Clergy Visit Yugoslavia

ZURICH, Switzerland (EP) — Five Protestant leaders in Switzerland recently returned from a visit to the Reformed Church in Communist Yugoslavia. Entering as tourists the ministers were allowed to preach in churches. Pastor Heinrich Hellstern, secretary of the Swiss inter-church aid organization, reported active church life in centers of the minority Reformed group which numbers 35,000. Many isolated congregations are without pastors, he reported, but are maintained by lay preachers. The men said large numbers of young people attend church.

Nigeria Names 'Leader of Christians'

LAGOS, Nigeria (EP) — A Southern Baptist missionary has received the honorary title of Iyalode Onigbagbo ("Leader of the Christians") from the Timi (king) of Ede, Nigeria. According to the *Daily Times* of Lagos, this honor was conferred upon Miss Neale Young, who directs the Nigerian Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

An announcement from the Timi's palace said that the title was being conferred on Miss Young in appreciation of her 22 years of devoted service to the people of Ede.

Noted Baptist Pastor Dies

DR. JOHN Bunyan Smith, 85, died on April 24 in Alhambra, Cal. A former vice president of the American Baptist Convention, he was for many years pastor of the White Temple Baptist Church of San Diego where he saw 11,029 members received under his ministry.

Skid Row Loses 'Captain Tom'

SKID ROW in Chicago lost one of its most devoted Christian friends with the death in Cedarville, Mich., of Senior Capt. Thomas A. Crocker of the Salvation Army. "Captain Tom" headed the Harbor Light Center on Chicago's Madison Street for seven years in which, as a news account put it, "he helped an estimated 5,000 gather the threads of their lives and start anew."

Baptist Crosscurrents

On Christian Symbols

OUR LORD in divine wisdom knew the value of tangible and visible symbols to emphasize spiritual truths, and He did not hesitate to use that which is seen to remind men of that which is unseen. He used the earthly to portray the heavenly. Through the centuries Christians have found these significant reminders of our Lord and His gospel to be a source of inspiration, of incentive to worship, and of strength to the faith.

A little child seeing a picture of Christ knocking at the door may be led to inquire the way of salvation; an illiterate native who has never heard the gospel may, by looking upon a cross or a scene of the crucifixion, be overwhelmed by the awareness of divine love; a wayward soul alone in a church may by reading from the open Bible in the chancel find his way back to God and to peace; an idle Christian may see in the candle on the communion table a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World, or the self-consuming flame of love that should burn in the heart of the child of God, or the picture of the Holy Trinity in the stock, wick and flame of the candle; a burdened and bereaved heart may find the compassionate look of the Good Shepherd or the Entreating Saviour the comforting reminder that Jesus cares. The penitent believer at communion is beautifully taught through the bread and wine of the broken body and shed blood of the Saviour. Baptism portrays to the world the picture of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and ourselves.

Our Christian service would be greatly hampered and its effectiveness weakened were it not for the tools of Christian symbolism which include: art, music, drama, filmstrips, motion pictures, architecture, and the like. This is a day of visual education, and we would be foolish indeed not to use every available means of reaching more people for Christ. A picture is still worth a thousand words in the education of both young and old.

The Hebrew culture was known for its achievements in the fine arts. Jesus himself loved beauty and employed the use of symbols as the major method of teaching in His parables. Some of the greatest treasures of the world are in the realm of man's aesthetic nature and artistic expression. I am persuaded that when a man takes the talent God has given him, whatever it may be, and wholly dedicates it to divine service, God is pleased with such stewardship of life. Indeed, his offering may be more acceptable than many of the more usual contributions of men. Who am I to condemn or criticize one who is trying as best he can to use his abilities to lift the souls of men closer to God? Men serve God in various ways according to the distribution of gifts by the Holy Spirit. Who can say which is greater? God may be revealed in them all if men will only open their eyes to behold Him. God is worthy of the best that man may offer . . . whether it be the work of his hands, the fruit of his mind, the eloquence of his voice, or the laying down of his life.

Whatever may be used to arrest our attention, stimulate worship and draw us closer to God . . . whatever makes us think of Him often and creates a desire to know more about Him should not only be welcomed but freely used by the church today that in everything we may magnify His Holy Name.—*C. Wendell Welch, Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Sheridan.*

METHODIST BISHOP Gerald Kennedy, who has recently returned to California after a 30,000-mile world tour, has said he is convinced that if Methodism were to remove all of its missions in Africa tomorrow, "the spirit of the church would remain."

"Every generation of mothers must meet additional problems that growing complexities of the world thrust upon them. But their solution does not call for a new formula. It is the same in the ox cart and the space ages. There is but one solvent — Christian love." — Mrs. Earl Warren, wife of the Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Leading Like Jesus

By **CARL A. CLARK**

(Professor, Pastoral Ministry and Rural Church Work, Southwestern Seminary)

JESUS WAS a leader of people. In fact he was the greatest leader the world has ever known. How did he do it? What techniques did he use?

Jesus utilized both divine and human initiative when he sought to lead men toward God. Because he knew both God and man he was able to lead in ways in which no other man has ever been able to match. My temptation and yours has been to ascribe the leadership ability of Jesus exclusively to his divine nature and thereby shrug our shoulders saying, "We can't do it because we are human."

An ancient tradition tells the story that when Jesus was a small boy, some older children who were drawing pictures in the sand teased Jesus, telling him that he could not draw pictures like that. Jesus was enraged. He took water, poured it upon the clay, shaped a little clay model bird, backed off a few steps, waved his hands over the bird and said "Shoo." At that, the clay bird spread its wings, and flew away.

This is not the way the New Testament talks about Jesus. According to the New Testament he never wasted God's power. He performed miracles only when a miracle was the only thing that would accomplish his objective.

Jesus led men like a good Christian leader will lead them today. In fact, the strange thing is that Jesus led with remarkably modern methods. The most modern leadership techniques sound strangely like the way Jesus led people.

Leading the Multitude

Jesus was able to work with a single individual or with a large multitude with equal efficiency. After preaching to the multitude, he took the boy's small lunch and multiplied it to feed five thousand people. On another occasion he ministered to four thousand people. On other occasions the Bible says Jesus preached to multitudes, without estimating the number of people.

Toward the close of his ministry, he sat on the hill overlooking Jerusalem and wept in compassion over the thousands of people in the city who would not hear the message of God. In this way Jesus used large gatherings of people to proclaim his message. To him it was an opportunity to bear a witness.

The Small Group

Soon after he began his ministry, Jesus gathered a small group of believers and spent much of his time leading them into effective service.

In a number of instances, Jesus with the twelve apostles withdrew from the crowd. He went to some quiet place in order that he might have adequate time for an intimate teaching ministry.

Out of the twelve Jesus chose three, Peter, James and John, who seemed to

be in unusual closeness to him. On several occasions Jesus took these three in order that in very close intimacy he could share experiences that would lead them to definite committal.

By utilizing small groups, Jesus was able to give more effective training than he could with the entire multitude. He could never have prepared the 12 by preaching to the five thousand. He could not have developed Peter, James and John along with the entire group of apostles. But by using small group techniques Jesus could deal with these few and bring them to a high plane of Christian devotion and service.

The Individual

On many occasions, however, Jesus dealt with one person at a time. Jesus probably stressed the individual much more than the popular life of his day. Judaism was built upon a group-centered life, particularly family-centered. Jesus placed an over-emphasis upon the individual. When Jesus dealt with individuals, however, he dealt with them as members of their respective groups. Jesus gave his most strategic sermon to one individual. At night He talked with Nicodemus and revealed to him the profound truths of the new birth.

When Jesus revealed his plan of salvation to the woman of Samaria, he dealt with her on an intensely personal basis. Yet he reminded her of her group situation. By this means he revealed to her that he knew her sinful condition but that he was expecting her to go back into that same environment and bear a dynamic witness of redeeming grace.

Jesus saved a demoniac but refused to let him follow. He wanted him to be a living testimony in his own environment. When Christ saves an individual he does not usually take him out of his environment. He sends him "into the world."

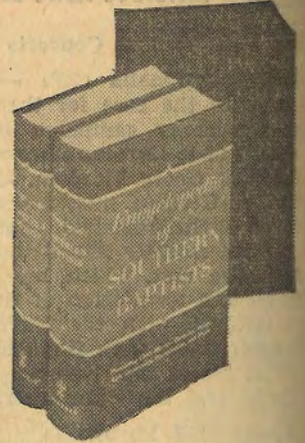
Many of us today seem to think that it is much more important to preach to the multitude than it is to witness to one individual lost person. As I study the Gospels, I rather have the feeling that Jesus looked at it the other way around. The compassion of Jesus becomes increasingly intense as he goes from the multitude, to the small group, then to the individual.

Perhaps the pastor and the Sunday School teacher should work in the same way. We should consider the intimate opportunity of witnessing to the indi-

Ohio Baptist Paper Plans Pictorial Issue

COLUMBUS, O. —(BP)— The May 15 issue of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger* published here will portray the various aspects of Southern Baptist work in Ohio and adjoining states done through the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Editor R. G. Puckett estimates about 70 per cent of the issue will be devoted to photographs.

vidual or the small group for a primary function of Christian opportunity: not as a substitute for preaching or teaching, but as the application of it. ■



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An Unjust Blot on South's Name

A BAND of armed and hooded night raiders early yesterday disgraced their home state of Mississippi—and left a new blot on the name of the South.

They did this when they took from a Mississippi jail a Negro who had been accused but not tried in a rape case, beat him viciously, dragged him out of the building with what appeared to be deliberate and sadistic brutality—and possibly murdered him.

At least, no trace of him had been found as this was written.

Thus the hooded band defied the law—both Mississippi criminal laws and the laws of justice and humanity—and put themselves outside the boundary of conduct tolerated by decent and law-abiding citizenry.

By the brutality of their conduct, they also allied themselves with the law of the jungle rather than the laws of men.

Such people represent a tiny fraction of the people of the South—probably a much smaller fraction than the percentage represented by the gangster element of northern cities—but, unfortunately the South itself will be branded with the blame and the indignation which must be universal with all fair-minded and intelligent people.

Sure, the crime of which the Negro was accused was a brutal one. But he had not had his trial, had not been convicted—and thus the mob ignored the laws of justice.

Furthermore, Mississippi like all other states, provides a legal penalty for any crime—and by their action the band scorned the law and thus aligned themselves with the forces opposing the orderly administration of justice.

Yesterday was a sad day for Mississippi—and unfortunately for the entire South.—Southwest-Times Record.

Italian Council Upholds Baptist Building Plan

ROME, Italy — (BWA) — Italy's highest administrative authority, the Council of State in Rome, ruling against local civil authorities of Sant' Angelo, declared that the Baptist congregation there has a "fully recognized" right to build a church.

Motives and threats of village officials to demolish the Sant' Angelo Baptist temple under construction since last year were "illegitimate," the council said.

Sant' Angelo officials had charged that Rev. Graziano Cannito, pastor of the 278-member church, had not presented to local authorities his authorization as an evangelical minister. Such a permit is required by law from the department of religion, Ministry of the Interior.

After the temple was begun, the mayor of nearby Veroli, whose city council administers small Sant' Angelo, ordered the pastor to tear down what already had been built. He threatened to send policemen to do the job if his orders were not obeyed.

Mr. Cannito said the order to raze the structure was based on religious discrimination and appealed the action.

Hailing the "fairness" of the council's decision, Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, president of the Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches and head of Italian Baptists, said he hoped the temple would be completed this summer.

Bible Briefs

ONE OF the most important Bible Society efforts for the future of India was the distribution in 1958 of the Scriptures to matriculates and graduates which amounted to 42,692 free copies of Gospels and Acts and New Testaments and Psalms, an increase of more than 7,000 over 1957. This distribution, begun in 1954, was of great importance to the late General Secretary Premanand Mahanty, who said in regard to this program:

"This is the age of youth, for India has taken on a new lease of life to fill a new place in the world. The future of the Church lies largely in the hands of young men and women who from their earlier years have been fed with the Bread of Life."

The program has now been extended to all educational institutions.

TALKING BOOK Records for the blind distributed last year by the American Bible Society numbered 45,468. Distribution of both records and embossed Scriptures registered an increase of nearly fifteen percent over the previous year. In response to urgent appeals two large shipments of Braille paper were delivered by the American Bible Society to the Bible Houses in Japan and Korea for local printing of Scriptures in Braille.

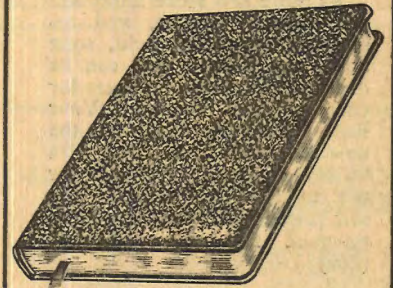
A BIBLE in every Christian home became the goal of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon in 1955. This project is carried on in close cooperation with the churches, and so far 18,869 homes have been supplied with Bibles and New Testaments. When families are genuinely too poor to pay the ordinary selling price of a Bible, the local church comes to their aid.

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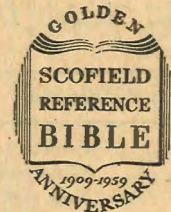
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A trip to either place requires only one night-stop en route.

The Ridgecrest Brotherhood Conference (combined with the Foreign Missions Conference) is scheduled this summer for June 18-24. The Glorieta Brotherhood Conference (combined not only with the Foreign Missions Conference but also with the Young Men's Mission Conference) is scheduled for August 13-19.

Registration fees for either conference are as follows: \$2.50 per person nine years of age and over, and 50c per person under nine years. Registration requests should be sent as follows: (To Ridgecrest), c/o Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina; (to Glorieta), c/o E. A. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.

Why not make one of these Conferences this year? Why not take your family along? Both you and they will

be blessed. And all of you will be better fitted to serve the Lord because of all the experiences of the trip.

Let's go to Ridgecrest or to Glorieta!
—Nelson Tull

Missions and Evangelism

Rural Church Conference Reservations Now Open

RESERVATIONS are being received for the Rural Church Conference, June 8-11, Couchdale. It will be a great help if we can get an estimate of those who plan to attend so that the cooks may know how to prepare the first few meals. Missionaries, will you please give us an estimate of the number from your associations?

CHARLES W. FINCH, chaplain in the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, reports 17 professions of faith, 4 funerals, 2 weddings for the month of April. He has many calls for electric fans to be placed in the rooms of the patients. If you have some not in use, why not send them to Chaplain Finch? He also states that used copies of *Reader's Digest* are appreciated by the patients. You may help scatter some cheer by providing good literature for the patients in the Sanatorium.

CHAPLAIN E. A. RICHMOND, Boys Industrial School, Pine Bluff, had a busy month in April. He reports 31 professions, 36 rededications, and 2 joined the Central Baptist Church of Pine Bluff by letter. Chaplain Richmond's speaking engagements carried him to Texarkana, Cherry Valley, Ouachita College, Benton, and a number of places in the city of Pine Bluff. He has a great story to tell. You would do well to have him come to your church and tell of his work.

WE ARE WAITING on reports from a number of Associations before giving the total number of Baptisms during the Western Crusade in Arkansas. The reports already received indicate that the Baptisms during the Crusade periods were approximately 30 per cent of the total number baptized in 1958. It seems to me that this is a little low. We must pick up considerable momentum in our summer evangelism if we excell the record of baptisms in 1958.

VACATION BIBLE Schools are already being conducted in the northern part of Arkansas. We should keep in mind the possibility of conducting at least 100 mission Vacation Bible Schools. A splendid way to begin a mission will be to conduct a Vacation Bible School and then start from there with a mission program. — Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent, Missions and Evangelism.

● DELTA ASSOCIATION conducted a Vacation Bible School Clinic in McGehee, Apr. 21.



As more and more important conventions, retreats, and assemblies are being held, song books are needed that can be distributed in large numbers for congregational singing. Your Baptist Book Store now has the new *Assembly Song Book* with 96 hymns especially chosen for use in such gatherings. The low prices make this song book practical for any gathering. (26b)

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Gerald Trussell Named On Assembly Staff

GERALD TRUSSELL, pastor of 1st Church, Warren, will serve as assistant director at the Training Union Assembly at Siloam Springs, June 29-July 4. He will be assisted by the eight district Training Union presidents and will care for any discipline problems that may arise. The state or Training Union secretary will be the director of the assembly and will be assisted by the associate, R. V. Haygood.

There is still a need for a few waiters or waitresses, a few men and women counselors, and a life guard for the girls. Room and meals at the assembly will be provided for those who assist. Send your application to the state Training Union Department.

Congolese Baptists Cooperate In Mission Building Project

UPOTO, Belgian Congo — (BWA)—Sharp knives and other instruments for slashing and hacking were carried by missionaries, teachers, Bible school students, and school boys and girls, who marched out of the Mission Station at Upoto, Belgian Congo.

The extraordinary procession made its way to Lisala where a new city is being built. A plot of land provided by the government for a church, pastor's house and, possibly, a hall, was in the forest. But the plot was so thickly covered with trees, tangled creepers and undergrowth that it was nearly impenetrable.

When the procession reached the plot, a signal was given and the slashing and hacking began. Rousing hymns were sung by the toilers. At the end of three hours, only a few stubborn trees remained.

The plot having been cleared, steps were taken to build a house—with cement walls and a tin roof—for an evangelist.

FACTS OF INTEREST

COLLEGE COSTS are still rising. Tuition boosts for next fall range upward to \$250 increases. Princeton advances \$250; University of Pennsylvania, \$200; and Yale, \$150. Yale, which charged \$450 in 1939, will go up to \$1,400 next fall. Smaller colleges will go up proportionately.

STATISTICS AND reports from independent research and from the United States Public Health Service reveal that the incidence of lung cancer is much higher in smokers than in nonsmokers. From statistics involving 198,926 veterans holding United States Government life insurance policies, it was pointed out that (1) the death rate for smokers was 32 per cent higher than for nonsmokers, (2) for steady smokers the death rate was 58 per cent higher than for nonsmokers, and (3) the death rate from coronary heart disease was 63 per cent higher for smokers than for nonsmokers.

Two Music Conferences Scheduled For June

TWO STATE music conferences are scheduled for next month: June 15-20, at Ouachita College, and June 22-27, at Siloam Springs Assembly.

Several pastors have asked for more complete information. This information is available by writing Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building, Little Rock. We have a circular that you will want to put in the hands of young people and adults. State quantity desired.

Pulpit Supply Available

Dr. Nolan P. Howington, former pastor of 1st Church, Little Rock, and presently professor at Southern Seminary, will be available for supply on June 14, 21, and 28, while he is in the state serving as pastor of our two music conferences. If you desire his services please write the church Music Dept.

Bus To Glorieta

Our department is sponsoring a bus to Glorieta for Music Week, July 9-15. The bus will leave Immanuel Church, 1000 Bishop, Little Rock, at 7 a.m., July 7 and return to Little Rock, July 17. Total transportation and fee and motel fee over and back is \$35. You can't beat this!

Of course, you will make your own accommodation and registration at Glorieta. Write E. A. Herron, Glorieta Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., for rates and accommodations. Write our department for transportation and motel arrangements.

Six Standard Churches

In the quarter just concluded, six churches reached the Standard for the Music Ministry. We are happy with the fine progress in this area of our work.

Congratulations to the following:

Highway, North Little Rock, Burton Perry, director; Bunyan Wallace, pastor.

Park Hill, North Little Rock, Max Alexander, director; Rheubin South, pastor.

1st, Benton, Charles Mayo, director; Bernes Selph, pastor.

Central, Magnolia, Don Edmondson, director; Loyd Hunnicutt, pastor.

1st, Smackover, E. L. Crosby, Jr., director; Dale Taylor, pastor.

1st, McGhee, Phil Lewis, director; Mason Craig, pastor. — LeRoy McClard, secretary.

Pastor Samuel Koli, a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, has worked hard to inspire enthusiasm for this project. Every able-bodied man in the Lisala Christian community has undertaken to provide one sack of cement, costing 16 shillings, and each woman will give a roof tin. Lokele fisherfolk have promised to dredge sand and deliver it. Bible school students and Mission workmen will provide the labor.

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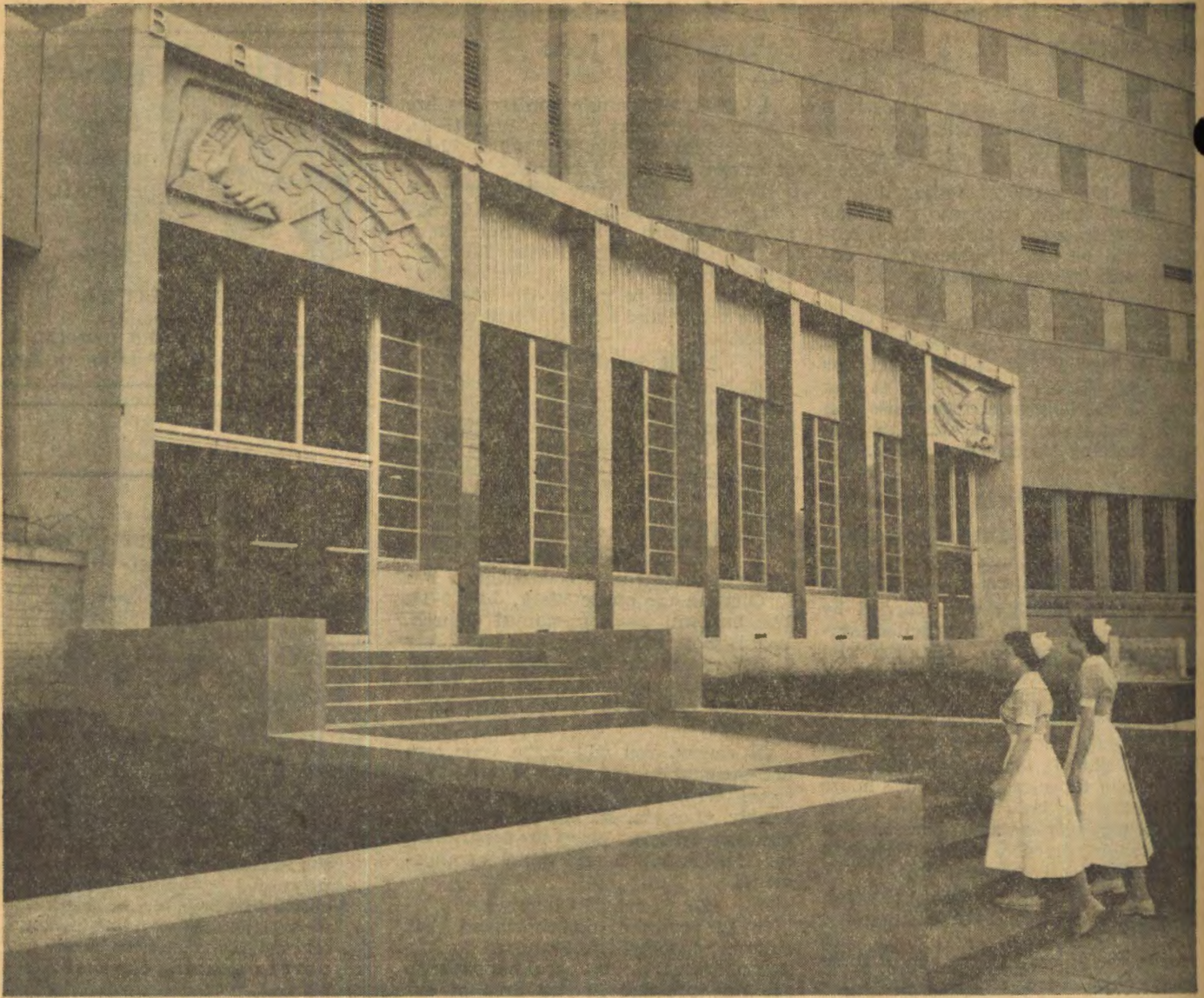


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Operation Home Study, 1959

ONE OF the best opportunities for training during the entire year is the annual individual study of a Sunday School Training Course book at home during the summer months. The book selected for this year is **The Baptist March in History** by Robert A. Baker.

Double check on these suggestions as you make your plans:

1. Order your books from your Baptist Book Store immediately.

2. Present "Operation Home Study" to your officers and teachers in the weekly officers and teachers' meeting or at your monthly workers' conference.

Write a letter to all church members of Adult and Young People's age, outlining the plans for this training opportunity and encouraging their participation. Mail this letter May 15.

3. On May 17, present "Operation Home Study" in the morning preaching service as an opportunity for spiritual growth and development.

4. Mimeograph all the examination questions in **The Baptist March in History**, leaving space for answers to the questions. Supply these sheets to all who participate.

5. Each group to participate is assigned a date for beginning the study and then a due date, two weeks later, for the study to be completed and the papers turned in. This due date is called "D" day.

Sign up all general officers of the Sunday School to begin "Operation Home Study" May 31 with their "D"

day to be June 14. The "D" day for one group would be the beginning day for another group. Beginning with the general officers on May 31, the total schedule of "D" days is as follows: General Officers, June 14; Department Officers, June 28; Teachers, July 12; Class Officers of Adult and Young People's Classes, July 26; and Members of Adult and Young People's Classes, August 9. If this schedule does not fit your calendar, work out one to suit you.

6. Make regular progress reports to the Sunday School and church. Keep all due dates clearly before each group.

7. Mail the completed papers to your State Sunday School Secretary, Edgar Williamson, 314 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, as soon as possible.

Try "Operation Home Study" this year in your church. — Allen B. Comish ■

Training Union

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

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

Don't Be Sensitive

QUESTION: I am 28 years old and have spastic paralysis. People have to furnish me transportation to and from church. But I teach a Sunday School class to which I give a great deal of time each week.

Recently, my Sunday School superintendent said in a devotional that if a person wasn't faithful to Training Union, he was not qualified to teach. I felt that he meant me.

What should I do?

ANSWER: Your superintendent is fundamentally correct. A Sunday School teacher should be faithful to the whole church program, prayer meeting and all.

But your church asked you to teach. I would do what my church asked me to do and not be sensitive. You are responsible to God under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. After all, each church member has a right to his own opinion, including the superintendent.

Thank God for the members who furnish you transportation. They deserve praise, and you are to be commended for not letting your handicap keep you from serving God. If you do your best, God will understand.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.).

THE BAPTIST Student Union of State Teachers College, Conway, has selected the council for the next year.

New officers include: David Stephens, Van Buren, president; Donna Sue Rodgers, Conway, vice president; Juanita Sigler, Clinton, enrollment chairman; Sharon Muzzy, Mountain View, secretary-treasurer; Kara Kittler, Lonoke, devotional chairman. The officers will serve until next spring when a new group will be selected. They were installed recently in an evening service at the 1st Church, Conway.



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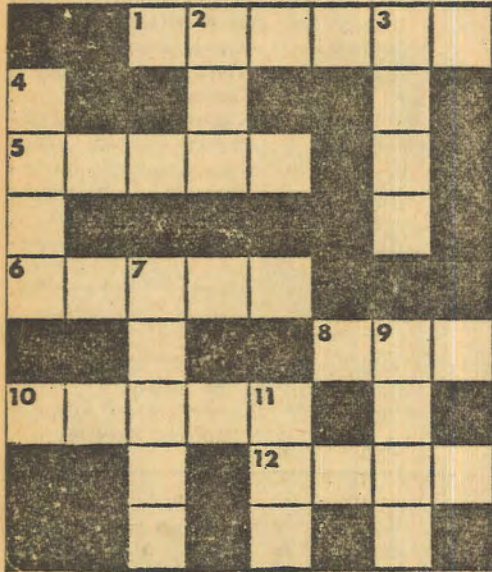
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JAMIE JONES, Baptist Student director at the University of Arkansas, will begin his ninth year in this position on June 1. Mr. Jones is a native of Alabama and is a graduate of Auburn College and Southwestern Seminary. The Joneses have four children: Jamie Jr., Suzanne, Rusty and Cindy.



Nature in the Bible

By MRS. CARL A. CLARK

ACROSS

1. Young cows (Malachi 4:2)
2. God's footstool (Isaiah 66:1)
6. Creatures that fly in the air (Isaiah 31:5)
8. A female sheep (2 Samuel 12:3)
10. A condition caused by wind blowing on a body of water (Jude 13)
12. The direction from which the Wise Men came (Matthew 2:1)

DOWN

2. A tiny, crawling creature (Proverbs 6:6)
3. The end of the day (Ruth 2:17)
4. Another name for a tender vegetable (Psalm 104:14)
7. A large stream of water (Judges 5:21)
9. The direction opposite east (Psalm 103:12)
11. A large body of water (Exodus 14:21)

ANSWERS

Across: 1. calves, 5. earth, 6. birds, 8. ewe, 10. waves, 12. east
 Down: 2. ant, 3. even, 4. herb, 7. river, 9. west, 11. sea
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Serials

By ANOBEL ARMOUR

"TO BE continued" sounds good at the end of a serial chapter. That means that one has time to think about the boys and girls in the story and wonder what they are going to do next. It also means that a guess can be made on how the story will turn out. Maybe most important, it means that one doesn't have to part with his story friends for a while yet.

Because everyone knows how fascinating serials can be, it is interesting to read about a new way that they are being used. The American Bible Society tells about it in a recent issue of their magazine. The report came to them from Secretary Mahanty of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon.

Many of the Indian people are never near a place where they can get a Bible, but they do read newspapers. Not all of the older people can read, but their children, who have a better chance for schooling, read to them. It becomes a family affair really, this reading aloud. Sometimes a whole neighborhood will listen. Recently the Gospel of Mark has been running as a serial in a great many newspapers. A few are using the book of John. The hope is that all four Gospels and Acts can be serialized eventually. There are no notes or comments, but the "serials" are read with great interest. That can be determined by the questions that are mailed to the newspapers.

There are so many languages in India and Ceylon that not all of them can be printed. Not all of them have the Gospels translated as yet into the special dialect needed.

"At present the publication is in Urdu, Hindi, Bengali, Oriya, Marathis, Gujarati, and Tamil," Secretary Mahanty

says. He hopes to have all the major regional languages in print someday.

When you have an opportunity to give an offering for the work of the Bible Society, be sure and put in your share. Wouldn't it be fine to be a part of a serial, a serial that carries the message of salvation to boys and girls, men and women who live in far places? These newspapers go into big towns and little villages. They go to big ports, where there are many people. They are read in places where there are not more than a dozen houses to be called a town.

This is an opportunity to "travel" in the Master's service, though you may never get to leave your own town or city. With a little gift of money, you, too, can say, "to be continued." ■
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"HOW LONG have they been married?"

"About five years."

"Did she make him a good wife?"

"No; but she made him an awfully good husband."

Good Advice

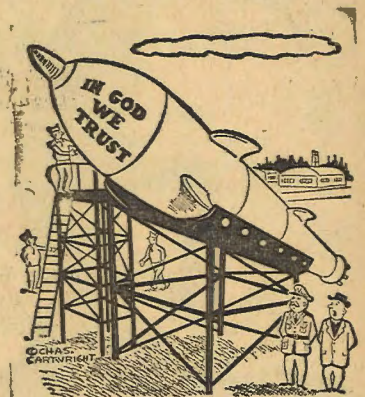
THE NOVICE at fishing had hooked a very small trout on a little lake in the Canadian wilds. He wound it in excitedly until it was rammed against the end of his rod. Then he turned inquiringly to the guide and said:

"What do I do now?"

"Climb up the rod and stab it with your hunting knife," the guide drawled.

ONE OF the airlines made it a practice to give its passengers sticks of gum which were labeled: "To prevent unpleasant ear pressure during takeoffs and landings."

On one trip, an elderly woman plaintively appealed to the stewardess: "Help me get this stuff out of my ears. It hasn't done me a bit of good, anyway."



"Isn't that a wee bit hypocritical, General?"

The age of space missiles has spawned new and terrible threats to our nation and to our Christian faith. The same old eternal conflict of good versus evil, with modern trappings. As we strengthen our physical defenses, we need also to build up our spiritual defenses. To turn back to the faith and humility of our forefathers.

Power Brings Responsibility

By EMIL WILLIAMS

(First Baptist Church, Russellville, Arkansas)

MAY 17

Lesson Text:

11 Samuel 12:1-7, 9, 10, 13, 14

UNDER THE names of Saul, David, and Solomon, the words could be appropriately written: "What might have been." The tragedy of each one was that so much was given, so much expected, but the return did not measure up to the investment that God had made in their lives.

Saul was God's anointed in the dawning of the monarchy. A matchless privilege was his—and a grave responsibility—but he lacked the spiritual sensitivity to pass the test. David came on the scene when God sought a man who would unify his people, but one of God's choicest servants lacked moral consistency at too many places. The "man after God's own heart" would be the last to say that he deserved that description.

Solomon came to the throne with an opportunity to augment and maintain a nation that had grown from nomadic, disunited tribes to a great world power. But with power came responsibility, and over the long haul Solomon's sense of responsibility shrank until it included only one person. (Or was it a thousand and one?)

But it was not entirely different—even in the beginning.

The Vision at Gibeon

Even as early as I Kings 3:1-15 the two notes in Solomon's character are struck. The passage that deals with Solomon's visit to Gibeon where he made his famous decision to choose wisdom indicates that in the experience Solomon gave complete devotion to God. The prayer that came from the lips of Solomon there remains a model for any person who assumes a place of power and prestige: "I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in . . . Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad."

However, another note is sounded earlier. Typical of the candid manner of the writer we are told, "Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father; only he sacrificed and burnt incense at the high places." Apparently Solomon saw no inconsistency in his action—burning incense at the altars of other gods while serving the only God. This doublemindedness of Solomon is puzzling, but no more puzzling than the action of the professing Christian who worships God with "the whole heart" on Sunday and conducts his business during the week on the level of the animal world.

Solomon's request for wisdom did not remove this basic inconsistency. It remained as a part of his character. What Solomon did when he was old was the result of a pattern formed when he was young.

The Building of the Temple

It is natural that Solomon should be remembered primarily as the builder of the temple. The construction of such a remarkable house (I Kings 5:1-7:51) was the kind of thing that would mark a man for history.

There are, however, many facts surrounding the enterprise of temple-building that cause one to wonder concerning Solomon's real motive in the undertaking. Could it be that Solomon thought building a house for God was enough? He had tipped his hat in the direction of the Deity. "What doth the Lord require of thee more than an elaborate edifice?" We who worship in crowded and crumbling edifices may be willing to take the risk, but there is danger in the magnificent house made with hands. It does not guarantee true reverence for the God whose house it is. The true dwelling place for God was, and is, the humble heart of the true believer. A temple is not enough.

At the risk of being classed as one who sniffs for ulterior motives it must be pointed out that Solomon was seven years in building the temple and 13 years in building his own house. Devotion cannot be measured proportionately in number of years, but it is evident that while Solomon was concerned with building a house for God, he was more than a little concerned with building a house for Solomon—and company.

The Final Decline

The printed portion of the lesson, I Kings 9:1-9, forms a kind of interlude between fame and folly. Solomon's encounter with God at Gibeon had been an occasion for blessing (despite Solomon's manifest inconsistency). When God spoke to Solomon following the dedication of the temple, promise of blessing was mingled with somber warning. God's conditions were made clear. Solomon could not plead ignorance of God's law. The tragedy of his life becomes a deeper one in the face of this fact. He knew God! Yet, knowing God, he turned to other gods. While possessing wisdom in judicial matters, Solomon lacked the real wisdom of spiritual perception.

Chapters 9-11 are chapters of sadness. While the first portions give an account of splendor and glory, the seeds of decay have already been sown. Glory was built on a rotten foundation. The gift of the 20 cities, the forced labor, the

Lottie Moon Gifts Total \$6,762,468

BOOKS ON the 1958 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering closed May 1 with a total of \$6,762,468.63. This represents an increase of \$640,883.49 over the 1957 total of \$6,121,585.14. Any additional Lottie Moon Offering money received by the Foreign Mission Board will be counted on the 1959 offering.

taking of many foreign wives are indications that the solemn warning received in the second vision fell on unheeding ears that had been dulled by pride. Solomon took himself and his power too much for granted. He was a man of great potential who could not live with power.

"For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods." Solomon admitted into his heart many where there was room for only one. A temple does not compensate for a divided heart.

Wisdom, how soon art thou turned to folly in the hands of foolish men. ■

Wins Radio Award

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB) —The radio program, "International Sunday School Lesson," broadcast weekly over WSM Nashville, was named recently as one of the award-winning programs in the religious category.

The lessons are broadcast by Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, who has conducted this weekly program over WSM since 1945.

Church Colleges Would Get Science Buildings

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Church colleges as well as other private and public institutions of higher education would be given science buildings and related equipment and facilities by the Federal government, if legislation introduced by Rep. Overton Brooks (D., La.) becomes law.

H. R. 6388 would make federal funds available to "any institution of higher education" which makes application and qualifies for the grants.

Only two requirements are set forth for qualification for approval by the National Science Foundation: (1) the program must advance the progress and development of science and engineering or the national security, and (2) if the institution could not carry out the program without the assistance provided by this Act.

The proposal has been referred to the House Committee on Science and Astronautics of which Mr. Brooks himself is chairman.

The bill is one of many now pending in Congress that ignores separation of church and state by making public funds available to private and religious schools on the same basis as to public institutions.

Leukemia

REV. FRANK FOSTER of Aspermont, Texas, braced himself as the doctor made his report.

"You have leukemia," the doctor said. The words came as a shock.

"Leukemia?" he questioned, in a disbelieving voice.

"Yes," was the doctor's apologetic reply.

The 42-year-old Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Aspermont wanted to believe the doctor had made a mistake.

"But I knew he had not," he said.

He was advised to go to M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas, for another series of tests which confirmed his doctor's report.

"My heart was heavy as I returned home to my wife Betty and our three small children," Rev. Foster said. His oldest child is a boy eight years old.

Leukemia struck Rev. Foster about 15 months ago. It has restricted his daily schedule a little, but he continues to pastor his church on a full-time basis.

He takes treatment regularly but as yet, there is no cure for leukemia, a blood disease where the white corpuscles are in excess.

Despite the inward heartaches Rev. Foster must experience, he hasn't let it affect his good nature. He bubbles with optimism, knowing God is watching over him and his family.

When he first learned of his fate, he prayed that God would give him strength to be faithful and allow him to continue His work through his church.

To hear his personal testimony, which rings of hope and love, you know that God has answered his prayers. He gives his testimony every chance he gets in Stonewall-Kent Association in West Texas.

In his testimony, Rev. Foster interweaves his concern for other pastors and their health. He encourages them to enroll in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan and then relates a personal experience on this subject. Rev. Foster joined the Plan just 15 days

Big Wide World

By FLORENCE PEDIGO JANSSON

*The big wide world belongs to God;
Its joys are his to give;
It makes me truly glad to know
His world is where we live.*

*It makes me truly glad to share
His sunshine, flowers, and trees;
I see his love for us shine through
Such lovely things as these.*

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before the doctor gave him the medical report.

"A few days before that, I debated whether I could afford the protection or not," Rev. Foster said.

"But now I have peace of mind," he said, "knowing my wife and children will have some income if the Lord should call me home."

Billy Graham Draws Biggest Crowd in Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia — Billy Graham, May 3 had the biggest audience of his Sydney crusade and the sixth biggest since he began crusading 11 years ago. The crowd of 75,000 brought the aggregate for the Sydney crusade to 670,000.

A total of 3,756 who made "decisions for Christ" brought the total of Sydney decisions to 43,469.

For the first time during the Sydney crusade, Graham mentioned finances today. He said a special Australian crusade film would be made at a cost of \$56,000.

"This film will convert hundreds of people throughout the world," he said. "I believe an audience like today's could pay for the film if everybody gave eight shillings (84 cents). Some people could afford to give 100 pounds (\$224)."

The chairman of the Sydney Crusade Committee and the co-adjutor bishop of Sydney, Bishop Kerle, said the crusade cost of 77,500 Australian pounds had been covered after yesterday's meeting. Collections at the remaining meetings will go to finance the special crusade film. (DP)

Family Problem Tracts Get Instant Reaction

DALLAS — (BP) — More than 193,250 pamphlets on "Christian Answers To Family Problems" have been ordered by 285 Texas Baptist churches in the first three days the tracts were available, April 26-29.

Latest in a series of writings prepared by the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the pamphlets are designed for church use during Christian Home Week, May 3-10.

Topics in the series include "Marriage is for the Mature," "Relation to Relatives," "Conflict in Marriage," "Discipline in the Home," and "The Christian Family and its Aged Members."

The "Discipline in the Home" pamphlet received the most requests in the three day period—39,494.

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