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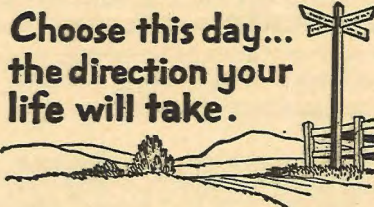
Double Readings

By W. R. CULLOM
Wake Forest, N. C.

All Bible readers of course are familiar with what we generally call "marginal readings." These are alternate readings for certain words in the text. Many of these, perhaps most of them, seem to me to make no special contribution to the real significance of a passage. In other cases, however, there is an added suggestion that is quite worth while. When I find such I tell my friends that I am going to be greedy and claim both of them. For example, in one of my favorite passages we find such a double reading — Deuteronomy 33:27. Here we have God spoken of as a dwelling place in one reading and as a refuge in the other. Here is a place where I claim both and use both. There are times when I need a dwelling place to shelter me from the weather, to lay me down to rest when my day's work is done, to gather my children about me for shelter, for protection and for the highest of all ends in making for them a home with all the pleasing and even happy associations that go with that word. The Eternal God is thy dwelling place. But there are also times when I need a refuge — when temptation, trial, danger comes.

Let us take one more example, and we will take this one from the New Testament and from the words of our Lord. Nor can we find a better example probably than in the first

recorded words of Jesus. And where do we find these? They are in Luke 2:49. One reading here says: "Wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house?"; the other says,



"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" In a series of talks on *Some of Life's Ultimates* I use these two sayings to point out *Life's Ultimate Framework*. One side of this framework was the fact that He was in His Father's house. Of course, He was in the temple when He uttered these words, but if we follow Him closely through all His career we find that He was always in His Father's house wherever He might find Himself, either on land or on sea. The other side of the framework defines what He was there for — "about my Father's business."

Baptists, Other Dissenters Not Welcome In Virginia

JAMESTOWN, Va., January 10, 1663 —The Church of England, firmly entrenched in Virginia almost since the day Capt. John Smith's band settled this colony more than a half-century ago, apparently intends to brook no opposition here from dissenters, and Baptists in particular.

The latest blow against nonconformity in Virginia is the recent act by the Assembly fining those who reject the doctrine of infant baptism and offering a reward to informers who report the heretics.

With strong denunciation the law declares, "Whereas: Many schismatical persons, out of their aversion to the orthodox established religion (Church of England), or out of the newfangled conceits of their own heretical inventions, refuse to have their children baptized; Be it therefore enacted that all persons that, in contempt of the divine sacrament of baptism, shall refuse when they may carry their child to a lawful minister in that county, to have them baptized, shall be fined two thousand pounds of tobacco; half to the informer, half to the public."

The act of intolerance strikes Baptists squarely as they have vigorously opposed infant baptism in this country for years. There are few if any Baptists in Virginia today, and the new law doubtless will serve to further encourage their entry into the colony.

The Church of England is established by law as the state church of Virginia. Adequate provision is made for ministers' salaries at the public expense and regular attendance at church services is compulsory. Severe penalties have been inflicted on those who fail to conform.

For years the Church of England has discouraged dissenters from entering Virginia. Ship owners have been fined for bringing in those of unorthodox faiths, and residents of the colony are prohibited under heavy penalty from showing hospitality to nonconformists.

Attempts by other faiths to gain a foothold in Virginia have been dealt with peremptorily by the established church, and unorthodox ministers have been forced to leave the colony.

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Sunday With Stevie

"'Sunday, Sunday, Sunday,' sang Stevie. 'I like Sunday. I like to go to my church on Sunday.'

And when Stevie got to church there was a room for him!"

A new book for children, *Sunday With Stevie*, released by Broadman Press this month, begins just like that and goes on to tell joyously about all the things Stevie sees and does in his room at church.

It has full-color illustrations on every other page, with text printed in large, clear type, and any child three to five-years old will enjoy trying to read *Sunday With Stevie* for himself.

The author, Miss Polly Hargis, who is presently serving as an assistant professor of elementary education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has had considerable experience in working with the pre-school child. She was formerly Beginner Superintendent in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. She has also served as Beginner supervisor at the Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The new 60-cent book (library edition: cloth binding, \$1.00) is on sale at all Baptist book stores.

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The sensational, glamorous things in life give us a THRILL — but the simple, everyday considerations of friends and loved ones are the things that really make us happy.

The Cup

A Devotion By The Editor

"O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me."

The cup undoubtedly means the final agony of the cross. It was not an inviting prospect which lay before Him. Jesus did not want to go to the cross. In fact, He did not come to earth to be crucified. He came to earth to save men from sin and death to righteousness and eternal life.

And now He asks the Father if it is possible to accomplish that purpose without going to the cross, then let the cup pass. But if it is not possible to redeem men without the cross, then "Thy will be done." Thrice He prayed, and thrice He held to His purpose, and thrice He received strength to say, "Not my will but thine be done."

The Gethsemanes of life are borne in the strength of that purpose that sustained Jesus. We sometimes hear it said of a person that he met his Gethsemane, usually referring to some tragic experience that has no kinship to the sufferings of Jesus. We do meet our Gethsemanes, but only when, in the strength of the purpose of divine redemption, we, like our Lord, feel the burden of the sins of the world, and summon courage to move on to the cross and thence to Pentecost.

It was this purpose that carried Livingston to Africa, Cary to the Orient, and Lottie Moon to China. When the salvation of the lost has become the passion of our hearts, the redemption of men has become the compelling purpose of our lives, and the will of God the one and only law of life, we too shall meet our Gethsemanes from which we shall go out to bear our crosses.

Without such a purpose, we will avoid the crosses of Christian living; we will shun the hardships of Christian service; we will rebel against the exactions of Christian righteousness; we will murmur and complain against the demands of Christian missions. Without such a purpose our faith will grow dim, our courage will grow weak, our hope will falter, and our obedience will fluctuate.

If we do not possess this redemptive purpose of God we will waver in our loyalties, and wander from the will of God, seeking the ease and delights offered by the tempter who is trying to divert us from the path and from the challenge of Christian opportunities.

Read Matthew 26:36-46.

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From The Editor's Desk

Mother's Love Is Immortal

Mother! 'Tis a name to charm the savage heart and tame the wildest tendencies of human nature. There is no other name in human language, expressing a human relationship, which is so rich in meaning and recalls such appealing memories and stirs such noble emotions. It is a name that has become endeared to us by qualities which rise above the biological level and partake of the nature of the spiritual and sacred.

Heart Treasures

When the shepherds told all the things that were made known unto them, it is said that Mary, the mother of Jesus, "kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Can't you see the picture, duplicated a million times. The mother sits by the manger, or the tiny crib, looking into the infant face with all the love and hope and tenderness of a mother's heart. And in her heart is stored every intimation of the child's growth and development, capabilities and tendencies, the comments, good wishes, and prophecies of friends and acquaintances.

All these intimations she ponders in her heart, projecting them into the future years, trying to visualize the life that shall be; formulating plans, moulding ideals, fixing goals and devising means, by which the infant life may come to maturity with every possible advantage needful to make the life rich and noble and worthwhile. A smile of satisfaction plays over her face, the light of anticipation sparkles in her eyes, the soft gentle hum of some old hymn of trust and deep devotion breaks the silence within the room, and a prayer of faith and dedication is whispered to the heavenly Father.

Such a scene is by no means overdrawn, but is as true as a mother's love. This scene, if visualized and appreciated and understood, is enough to inspire every young man and young woman to his or her purest and noblest living. It will guide them in their choices, it will restrain them in temptation, it will spur them onward in their holiest purposes, it will lead them to Christ for salvation and eternal life.

Never Gives Up

The mother's love and prayers are as persistent and as undying as immortality itself, in fact the love of a Christian mother is immortal and her prayers are timeless. When the disciples feared for their own lives and stood at a safe distance from Calvary, "there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother." Of course, she was there.

Franklin Dempsey tells of hearing Madame Schumann-Heink sing. He says, "The song that comes to the front in my memories of that evening is that of a mother's grief for her children, 'Rachel mourning for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are not.' The singer herself has been bereaved of her children; and she so sang that in the mastered agony of her tones one could see the mothers in ancient Bethlehem flinging their arms wildly to heaven, clutching their empty bosoms, as in frenzy they wait over the mutilated forms of their babies.

"Genius has voiced their inarticulate woe of millions, but only revelation has supplied comfort for it. For Jesus Christ, by whose cross His mother stood that day, has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

The Surprise of a Lifetime

Dr. Dale Cowling, my pastor, and chairman of the Publication Committee of the **Arkansas Baptist**, together with the staff of the **Arkansas Baptist** and the printers, entered into a conspiracy against the editor on April 2. The result of that conspiracy was published in last week's issue of the **Arkansas Baptist**. The whole affair was kept a deep, dark secret from me until Monday morning, April 30, when a meeting was called in the chapel of the Baptist Building. I sat in on the meeting in complete innocence and ignorance of the purpose of the occasion.

Dr. Cowling was in charge of the meeting and soon divulged the secret that the occasion was for the purpose of commemorating my nine years as editor of the **Arkansas Baptist**. Whereupon, he presented me with a mother-bound copy of last week's issue provided by the printers.

Needless to say, the occasion was charged with deep emotion, so far as I was concerned, to the extent that I was unable to speak more than a word or two without choking. But words are entirely inadequate to express my appreciation for the thought that prompted

this tribute to my editorship of our state Baptist paper, the **Arkansas Baptist**. The tributes from friends within the state and out of the state are deeply appreciated but are far more than I deserve. I am deeply humbled by these tributes.

If my editorship of the **Arkansas Baptist** has meant what these friends have said in their tributes, then the Lord is to be praised and He is to receive the glory, and not B. H. Duncan.

The only credit that I can claim is threefold: First, an abiding love for my Lord who calls for, and so far as I am consciously able to give, my devoted service as one of His humble followers. Second, my love, as deep as life itself, for my Lord's kingdom program. I believe the Christian's program of kingdom service should first of all be personal and then corporate, involving his co-operation in the local church program and in the denominational program. I believe that the church and denominational program should be co-extensive with the commissions of Jesus. I believe that our church and denominational program approaches in some measure the ex-

Mother's Day Offering

Our Baptist people throughout the state are provided an opportunity for doing a worthy, a generous, a sympathetic, and a Christian deed on Mothers' Day by making an offering to our Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. Every dollar of the offering on Mothers' Day goes for charity and will be used by the hospital to pay hospital expenses for persons who would not be able otherwise to receive the treatment which they need. Jesus ministered to the sick when He was upon earth alleviating their pain, healing their diseases, and giving them a new start in life. The Mothers' Day offering to the hospital provides us with the opportunity of doing the same thing. Your offering may save the life of a mother and give her back to the home to care for her children. Or it may be the means of restoring a father to health, so that he can earn a living for his family. Your offering might provide the means by which a child would receive treatment in the hospital, without such treatment it might remain a cripple or an invalid, or perhaps lose its life. Your offering might provide treatment for some aged person who otherwise might have to suffer without relief.

We cannot, we must not, expect the pay patients to pay all the charity bill for the hospital. If the hospital receives patients who cannot pay their bills, there are only two possible resources upon which the hospital may draw to pay for those persons who cannot pay for themselves. The one resource is the income from pay patients. Suppose you are in need of hospitalization and you go to the Baptist Hospital for treatment. Would you expect to pay for your own hospitalization and then add another amount to pay for someone else who is not able to pay for himself? Would you consider that fair?

The Baptists of the state own the hospital and they expect it to do a certain amount of charity work. Now, the only other resource upon which the hospital may draw to pay the expenses of those who are not able to pay for themselves is a voluntary contribution of the Baptists of the state.

Let us make the Mother's Day offering generous, knowing that every dollar will be used to provide hospitalization for some person who otherwise would go without the attention and treatment which they need.

tent of the commissions of Jesus. Third, my love for the people of God and for lost souls. There are those who can do greater things than I, but none can love more than I. The joy and satisfaction of my life has been found in the fellowship of Christian people in the greatest of all enterprises — the co-operative Christian effort to carry out the commissions of our Lord Jesus Christ. So, if I have made some small contribution to the total impact of the gospel message and the redeeming work of Jesus upon individual lives or upon the program represented by our Southern Baptist denomination, it has been a contribution in co-operation with many, many others who deserve as much and in many cases far more credit than I.

I am happy to be a member of the team. The Lord Himself calls the plays. If the team wins the glory is His, not mine.

Kingdom Progress

Arkansas Grads at Southwestern Seminary



Pictured above are Arkansas candidates for degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Top row, from left to right are Logan C. Atnip, B.D. degree, Marmaduke; Elzie E. Boone, M.R.E., Hot Springs; Robt. W. Collard, B.D., Dermott; Orvind M. Dangeau, B.D., Forrest City; Carroll L. Evans, B.D., Blytheville; James Thomas Harvil, B.D., Humphrey.

Second row: Claris A. Johnson, Jr., B.D., Blytheville; Richard L. Johnson, M.R.E., Kensett; Mrs. Jack E. Laffler, B.R.E., Walnut Ridge; Mrs. Warren Littleford, M.R.E., Lavaca; Sarah Sue McDonald, M.R.E., Osceola; Wm. M. Pratt, B.D., El Dorado.

Third row: Elvin C. Secoy, B.D., Lake Village; Phillip W. Sims, M.S.M., Ft. Smith; David Elton Stewart, M.R.E., Fayetteville; Gerald Eugene Stone, B.D., Little Rock; Alfred L. Woodall, Dip. Th., Carlisle; and Virginia Steed Stone, M.R.E., Pine Bluff.

Five Students on Mission Program

Five Ouachita College students have received appointments to serve with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as missionaries under the Student Mission Program, it was announced by Bill Hinds, campus representative for the board.

Margie Witherington, junior from Camden, and Robert Holland, junior from Heber Springs, have received assignments to work in New Orleans, La. They will serve with J. C. Wells in city missions work.

John Wikman, a graduating senior, is to do general mission work in Fresno, Cal., with S. C. Turner, the resident missionary.

Jim Short, a sophomore from Arkadelphia, is going to Detroit, Mich., to do city mission work with Fred Hubbs.

Carl Nash, a sophomore from Arkadelphia, is to work with Arthur Hicks, Jefferson City, Mo., doing general mission work.

Three other Ouachita students have applied for appointments and are now on the reserve list, according to Hinds. They may be assigned later, depending on requests from resident missionaries, need of the field, and

whether or not those who receive assignments accept them.

Kelley Heights, Ft. Smith, Breaks Ground For New Building



Kelley Heights Church was organized in Fort Smith, November 18, 1955. Recent groundbreaking services are pictured above.

The church was organized in the home of Associational Missionary C. C. Roberts with a charter membership of 21. The present membership is 150. Murl Walker is pastor.

Missionary Roberts states: "This church is

Neal Chapel Receives 55

Oba I. Ford, Norfolk, assisted Neal Chapel and Pastor J. W. Gibbs in a revival campaign April 15-25, which resulted in 76 professions of faith and 55 additions to the church. The converts were all adults with five of them above 70 years of age, and two were 84.

Neal Chapel was organized in February, 1954, and Mr. Gibbs became the pastor when there were 20 members. Fifty-five were added last year. The church is now in a building program. Pastor Gibbs said many unsaved people were turned away during the recent revival because the building was too small for the attendance.

Evangelist for Rural and Small Churches Available

Fred H. M. Smith, pastor of Wabaseka Church in Harmony Association, is available to any rural or small town church in the state from Monday night through the following Sunday for evangelistic work. Wabaseka Church has made notable progress during the short time Pastor Smith has been with it. There were 22 additions to the church the first 21 weeks he was pastor, and the church has contributed practically as much money the first quarter of 1956 as it did during the entire year of '55. Mr. Smith attended both Southwestern and Southern Seminaries, and is a retired army chaplain.

Deacons Ordained

William L. Sherer, Oscar Burt, Herman Duggar, and Henry Williams were ordained as deacons by Plainview Church, Sunday, April 22.

Pastor Richard Young served as moderator; J. S. Compere, pastor at Bluffton served as clerk. Ernest Baker, pastor at Ola, conducted the examination. J. D. Seymour, associational missionary for Dardanelle-Russellville Association, delivered the message. Fritz Goodbar, pastor at Danville, delivered the charge to the deacons and church. Bill Standiford, pastor at Perryville, offered the ordination prayer.

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God specializes in the area of man's limitations.

—Austin Ingram

located in one of the most beautiful spots in the city of Ft. Smith. The building now under construction is a 40 x 80 ft. two story building which is the first unit of an overall plan.

"This church has had the most phenomenal beginning I have ever witnessed. It is giving ten per cent to the Cooperative Program and two per cent to associational missions."

Revival Reports

Pastor Emil Williams and First Church, Lewisville, had the services of Dr. W. T. Flynt of Millington, Tennessee, as evangelist, and J. R. Blakeney from Sylvan Heights Church, Memphis, Tennessee, in revival services recently. The meeting resulted in ten additions to the church.

The growth of the Sunday School has made expansion necessary and a new educational building is being constructed. It is expected that the building will be ready for use not later than July 1.

W. F. Couch, associational missionary in Liberty Association, was the evangelist, and LeRoy McClard, director of the State Music Department, was in charge of the music, in the revival meeting conducted at First Church, Wilson, recently.

Pastor G. W. Smith reports that the meeting resulted in 23 additions by baptism and seven by letter.

Pastor John H. Hooks reports a revival meeting at Parkview Church, El Dorado, April 15-22, which resulted in ten additions to the church, five by baptism and 5 by letter. W. F. Couch, associational missionary in Liberty Association, was the evangelist, and B. T. Scrivner, pastor of First Church, Strong, was in charge of the music.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the Ola Church, Sunday, April 22, for the new building which will provide an auditorium, 8 class rooms, baptistry, kitchen, and pastor's study.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of the State Missions Department, led in the groundbreaking services. Fritz Goodbar, pastor of Anville Church, J. D. Seymour, associational missionary in Dardanelle-Russellville Association, and Annie Arnett, only charter member at the Ola Church, also participated in the services.

Ernest Baker is pastor.

Minister Claimed By Death

W. W. Robbins, retired Baptist minister, died April 8 at the home of his son, C. David, in Corpus Christi.

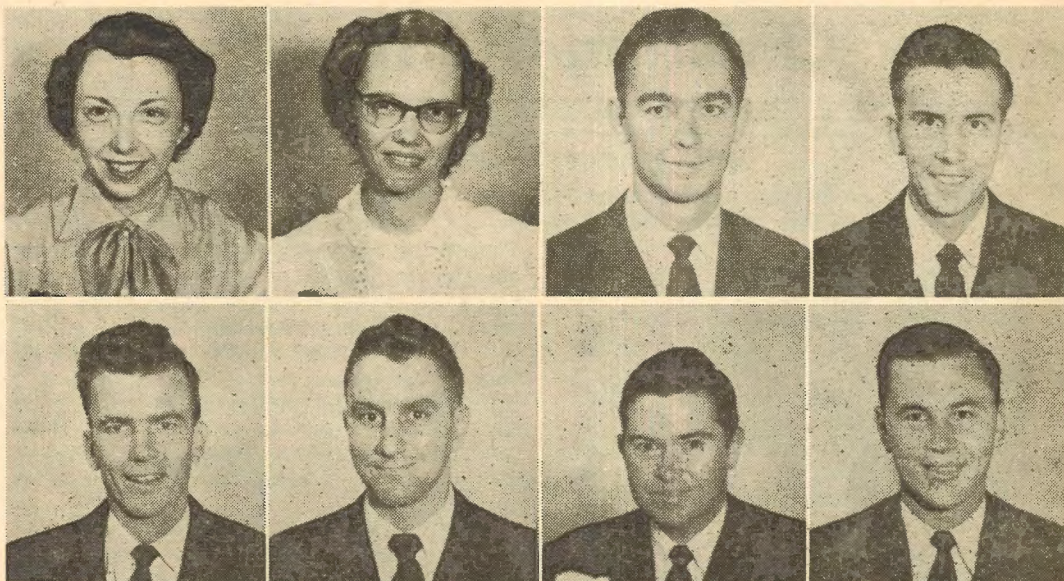
Mr. Robbins was a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He was a native of Eureka Springs and spent the first 20 years of his ministry in his native city. His pastorate in Arkansas included Mansfield and Park Place Church, Hot Springs. His last pastorate was at the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Jacksboro, Texas, from which he retired in 1947.

Survivors include his wife, four sons, two daughters, one brother, and 10 grandchildren.

Seminary Revival Teams

The Student Evangelistic Committee at Southern Seminary is sending out revival teams all over the Convention this summer. This group consists of several hundred students. Letters have been sent to pastors of Baptist churches, and other publicity has been given the group through the Baptist Press. Revival requests have already been reported in Southern States. Many, many more are needed in order to give the large number of students in this group an opportunity to share their experience with God. Teams of two and three are available now. The students are in full charge of this program with Dr. Wayne Ward acting as faculty advisor. Write Student Evangelistic Committee, John Swafford, Chairman, Box 564, Louisville, Kentucky.

Arkansas Graduates at Southern Seminary



Pictured above are Arkansas candidates at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Top row, from left to right are: Mrs. Reba Hobby Hall, M.R.E., Little Rock; Ila Marie Westerman, M.R.E., Weiner; L. E. Coleman, Jr., B.D., Little Rock and Louisville; James M. Conard, B.D., Cabot.

Second row: Gilbert A. Nichols, B.D., Batesville; Chas. F. Ragland, B.D., El Dorado; Darell S. Ross, B.D., Little Rock; and L. Alfred Sparkman, B.D., Pine Bluff.

Commencement exercises for the ninety-sixth year will be held on Friday, May 25, at 10:15 a.m. Dr. Leonard Sanderson, Secretary of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon on Thursday, May 24, at 8:00 p.m.

Deacon Ordained

D. C. Raiford was ordained a deacon by First Church, Little Rock, Wednesday evening, April 25.

Pastor Nolan P. Howington conducted the examination. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary of the Arkansas State Convention, delivered the charge to the deacons and church. John Shamburger, a deacon, offered the ordaining prayer.

Southwestern Seminary To Graduate 253

Two hundred and fifty-three students are candidates for graduation from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on May 11.

This number includes 11 applicants from the School of Sacred Music, 103 from the School of Religious Education, and 141 from the School of Theology. Two students will receive degrees from both the School of Religious Education and the School of Theology.

Workers Available

Two graduates of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, would like to return to Arkansas. They are Paul Mitchell, 4425 Merida, Fort Worth 15, and Robert Collard, Route 2, Lipan, Texas.

Mr. Mitchell is a graduate of Ouachita College. He took his BD degree at Southwestern in mid-January. He is a native of Crosssett. He surrendered to the ministry when he was a member of the Immanuel Church, El Dorado.

Mr. Collard is also a graduate of Ouachita and receives his BD degree in May of this year.

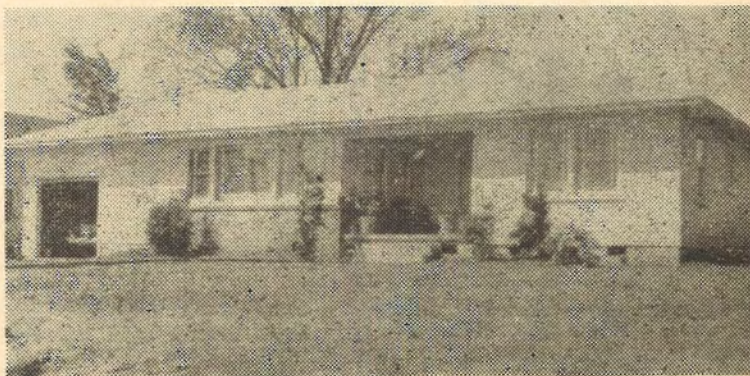
Anyone interested in these two men may write Dr. Carl A. Clark, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas.

Pastor Willis M. Crosby of Malvern is available for conducting the song services or as evangelist in revival meetings. He is pastor of a church near Malvern and also teaches school.

First Church, Mulberry, Builds Pastor's Home

Pictured here is the new pastor's home at Mulberry. It is a three-bedroom, modern home, valued at \$19,000.

Dan L. Berry is the pastor.



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By Religious News Service

Proposed Change in Internal Revenue Definition of 'Church' Opposed

Spokesmen for Protestant and Roman Catholic groups testified that a proposed change in the definition of the word "church" in Internal Revenue Service regulations would discriminate among religious groups.

Commissioner Russell Chase Harrington has issued a proposed amendment to Internal Revenue regulations that would include religious orders within the definition of "church." However, the orders embraced by the definition would be restricted to those which "include the ministration of sacerdotal functions and the conduct of public worship." The amendment is being suggested for purposes of administering laws on tax exemption.

Objections were voiced at the public hearings by the legal department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Brothers of the Christian Schools, Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and the American Unitarian Association.

Testifying for the NCWC, George Reed, assistant legal counsel, declared that the Roman Catholic church is "disturbed" over any definition that separates the "definition of 'church' from religious orders."

"Religious orders have been an integral part of the Roman Catholic Church for many centuries," he stressed.

Arthur H. Kent of San Francisco, attorney for the Brothers of the Christian Schools, entered an objection that the proposed regulations would discriminate against this order.

"The object of the Christian Brothers' existence as an integral part of the Church is to teach and heal, with priestly functions being incidental to the main object," Mr. Kent said.

"Although there are some churches to whom religion consists only of preaching and ministering the formal rites of the church, others differ sharply and contend that a Christian Church must not only preach but must heal the sick and feed the poor, even as Christ did.

"For the Treasury Department to endorse one concept of religion and reject another is an impertinent assumption of power."

Meat Cutters Threaten Strike Over Sunday Openings

Members of a local meat cutters union have threatened to strike unless Sundays are eliminated from basic work week contracts.

Sunday operations have been a live issue in the Dayton, Ohio, area since last fall when most grocery chains began opening for business on that day.

The strike threat came from employees of the Kroger Company's 30 stores. The vote was four to one. Strike action has been deferred temporarily pending a meeting between the union and the grocery chain. The Kroger contract expired Feb. 13.

Negotiations also are under way with three other chains — Liberal, Albers and Gershow — whose contracts expire in May. Liberal and Albers are open Sundays.

"We are definitely opposed to the Sunday operation," said Kenneth Pfarrer, business manager of the local. "Our aim is eventually to avoid Sunday operation if possible."

Poling Urges U. S. Stress 'People's Capitalism'

Dr. Daniel A. Poling of New York, Baptist minister and editor of the *Christian Herald*, suggested that the United States make itself known as "the people's capitalism" to offset Russia's propagation of "the people's democracy."

He told the 32nd annual meeting of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce that "it takes faith, including faith in our capitalistic structure, to defeat an ideology such as Communism."

"I do not believe that a dynamic and victorious world unity against Communism can be achieved on the economic, social or political level," Dr. Poling said. "What is needed is a dynamic unity of faith against denial, faith in God and the faith of free men against slave masters and their enslaved."

He said the Russians had captured the imagination of the world's underprivileged people by offering them the "bondage of Wall Street" as the only alternative to "the people's democracy."

"Against the Red lie, the 'people's democracy,' let us now lift the bugle over the world and trumpet for the 'people's capitalism,'" Dr. Poling urged.

British Baptist Membership Increases

Baptist church membership in Great Britain increased last year for the first time in 30 years.

This was disclosed in a report prepared for the annual assembly of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. It gives the total membership at the end of 1955 as 326,633, an increase of 737 over the previous year's figure of 325,896.

Adult membership figures are approximately the same now as 60 years ago, but there are 200,000 fewer Baptist children than there were then.

The number of baptisms increased during the year by 2,078 to a total of 9,973, highest since 1934, according to the report.

Enrollment at Baptist Sunday School classes declined for the third successive year to 325,786, or 1,811 less than in 1954. But the total of Sunday school teachers rose by 263 to 44,292.

Druggists Start Own Police Action Against Obscene Magazines

The Druggists Association in E. St. Louis, has started its own police action to keep obscene magazines out of members' stores.

Neil Gavin, secretary, said notices have been sent to St. Louis magazine distributors to cease deliveries of objectionable periodicals to East St. Louis stores.

A three-man committee was named to "police" local drugstores and report any violations of the agreement.

Joseph Hideg, association president, said any objectionable periodicals delivered to members will be returned immediately to the distributors.

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Don't pity the unmarried man — he can keep his bachelor quarters until they become dollars.

—Leo Sanford

A Smile or Two



Let's have that WEeping Willow cut down. The thing depresses me.

A Quaker gentleman, even more mild-mannered and gentle than his ilk, was turtling down the road in a cart pulled by a mule. For no apparent reason the mule suddenly became balky. Just stopped.

The Quaker climbed out of the cart. He pulled at the collar of the mule and pleaded with him to get up and about. But without result; the mule remained in his balk.

Finally the Quaker reached the end of his rope. "Mule," he said without raising his voice, "thou knowest that because of my religion I cannot beat thee or curse thee or abuse thee in any way.

"But mule," he continued, "what thou knowest not is that I can sell thee to a Methodist."

—Louisville Courier-Journal Magazine

For a camera bug's birthday, a woman decided to present him with 50 flash bulbs. She knew little about cameras, and before wrapping each bulb in gold paper, she carefully tested it in her husband's camera. She was delighted that every bulb "worked," and happily sent them off to her friend — who still hasn't the heart to tell her the facts about cameras.

—White Plains, N. Y., Reporter-Dispatch

For uninhibited valor in the chase one must look to the 2nd-grade set. A daughter of mine once astonished us at dinner (when she was 7) with the announcement that Billy Brown had kissed her after class.

"He did?" we asked in a raised-eyebrows sort of voice.

"Yes, he did," said the unblushing maiden. "Three girls helped me catch him."

—Phyllis McGinley,
Good Housekeeping

A Seattle chest X-ray worker thought she saw a familiar face in the line of persons being X-rayed, asked the woman if she hadn't already had an X-ray.

"Certainly," repl'd the woman. "I've had 3 already. The 1st didn't help me, but after the 2nd one I began feeling a lot better. I don't have to quit taking treatments, I?"

—Woodmen of the World Magazine

Another instance of how things aren't always as they seem was the announcement in the church bulletin. It read:

11 a. m. — Dedication of Official Board.
7 p. m. — A Fatal Mistake.

—Quoth

News From Baptist Press

To Renew Talk About Russia Home Religion

A conversation begun last summer in London, England, will be resumed at the closing session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, June 2.

While dining with Russian delegates at the Jubilee Baptist World Congress in London, Home Life Magazine Editor Joe W. Burton, Nashville, directed this question to Jacob Zhidkov, president of the Evangelical Union of Christian Baptists (the Russian group):

"What about religion in the home in Russia?"

"Religion in the home?!" Zhidkov exclaimed. "That's where religion is strong, in the home!"

The mealtime conversation was brief and not complete as far as Burton was concerned. As home education secretary and magazine editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Burton wants to hear more.

His discussion with Zhidkov will be in interview fashion before those attending the 10:45 a. m., Saturday Christian home and music session.

Zhidkov, also a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, and four Russian Baptist associates are due in New York May 18 for a month's visit with Baptists in the United States. They will attend the Southern Baptist Convention sessions.

Illinoisans Undertake New Three-Way Program

Illinois Southern Baptists will undertake a multi-million dollar, three-way program beginning in 1957.

The major areas include:

1. Setting up a plan for financing new church construction;
2. Approving preliminary architect's drawings for a \$500,000 Baptist student center at University of Illinois, Champaign;
3. Designating 1957 as a year in which to establish 157 new missions stations.

The year 1957 is the fiftieth anniversary year of the Illinois Baptist State Association. It is also World Missions Year in the Southern Baptist Convention and the year for the annual SBC meeting to be in Chicago.

Under terms of a contract between the state association and the Broadway plan of church finance, Houston, Tex., churches affiliated with the state association can construct new buildings assured that their bonds will be guaranteed by the state association.

The proposed three-story Baptist student center at Champaign would house the Baptist chair of Bible at the University and the Baptist Student Union.

Estimated construction cost is \$600,000.

By establishing 157 new mission stations in a year's time, the state association believes many persons will be won to Christ, many more churches organized, and many more pastors and church workers enlisted.

The state association board also has voted to buy 40 acres of land adjacent to its state assembly giving it a highway entrance.

Baptists and Their World Mission

Southern Baptists now number more than eight million souls. Nevertheless, we have only 1,020 missionaries under appointment to foreign fields. This means that it requires approximately 8,000 Southern Baptist church members to send one missionary to a foreign field of service.

A glance at what Baptists are doing in

other parts of the world is revealing: The Baptists of Denmark, with a membership of slightly more than 7,000, have a total of 15 missionaries in the field — some two per 1,000 church members.

Swedish Baptists, with a membership of slightly more than 34,500 souls, have a total of 68 missionaries — almost two per 1,000.

Canadian Baptists, with a total membership of slightly more than 135,000, have 112 missionaries.

The North American Baptist General Conference, with a membership of around 46,000, have 72 missionaries.

The American Baptist Convention, with a membership that totals slightly more than 1,500,000, now have under appointment around 730 foreign missionaries.

In the light of what other Baptists are doing, is it too much to say that Southern Baptists could now be sending thousands of missionaries where they are sending hundreds? That is, if our hearts were really concerned for the evangelization of the lost world?

Recommendations of Executive Committee to SBC

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend the approval of the 1956 budgets of the Convention agencies insofar as they do not conflict with the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend that the distribution of the Cooperative Program receipts for 1957 be on a single percentage basis, up to the Advance Program for home and foreign missions, with the understanding that if less than \$11,000,000 is received the agencies not sharing in Capital Needs will receive the balance on their Operating Budgets before final distribution is made.

Recommendation No. 3

We recommend that a full \$11,000,000 of Cooperative Program funds be distributed for current operating expenses and capital needs in 1957.

Recommendation No. 4

We recommend that the Convention Operating Budget for 1957 be as follows:

(including Annual)	\$ 45,000
Special Committees	10,000
Executive Committee	100,000
Reserve	5,000
Total	\$160,000

(By agreement the Sunday School Board will pay \$60,000 toward operation of the Convention Budget, and the remaining \$100,000 will be provided out of the distributable funds.)

Recommendation No. 5

We recommend that all receipts in excess of \$11,000,000 shall go 75 per cent to foreign missions and 25 per cent to home missions.

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that the \$250,000 for the Relief and Annuity Board on the 1957 Operating Budget be used specifically for Ministerial Relief.

Recommendation No. 7

We recommend that a transfer of \$35,000 capital funds designated to American Baptist Theological Seminary for 1956 be given to the Brotherhood Commission, and the 1958 capital funds of \$35,000 designated to the Brotherhood Commission be given to the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Remarriage of Widow

Question: I am so lonely and broken hearted for I have just lost my husband — at least, I lost him last year.

By chance, I have met a gentleman who wants to be my friend and wants to attend the various church services with me, but I certainly do not want to be disrespectful to my dead husband.

How long should I wait before going out with my gentleman friend without showing disrespect for my deceased husband?

Answer: You have waited long enough so far as I am concerned. But you have to take into consideration the community in which you live. Your Christian testimony might be at stake. In some communities it is not acceptable to start dating until close to a year after a mate has died. In others, particularly city communities, six months is plenty of time to wait.

Your church friends, if they are mature Christians, will not sit in judgment on you in either case. Deciding on such matters as yours is a personal problem. Yet, strangely enough, the community often sets itself as the final authority.

Since there is no scripture on the question involved, you must use your own judgment and seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit. It might pay also to counsel with your pastor or some good Christian friends in your community.

Yours is a very common problem and one you should be frank about. Your real friends will not treat your case lightly.

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Cooperative Program Is 'Indispensable Channel'

Continuation of the Cooperative Program as the "indispensable channel" through which Southern Baptists give financial support to their work will be recommended to the Convention at its 1956 session.

Merrill D. Moore, of Nashville, director of promotion for the Convention's Executive Committee, will present the recommendation.

The Executive Committee serves as a clearing house for Cooperative Program funds. The Executive Committee receives funds from the various state Baptist conventions (which get them from individual churches) and distributes them according to a prescribed percentage to each of the agencies, boards, and seminaries supported by the Convention.

The Executive Committee also furnishes tracts, posters, and other literature describing the function of the Cooperative Program.

Moore's statement of recommendation is:

"That we reaffirm our conviction that the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is the fundamental, effective, and indispensable channel of providing for the needs of all our work: and that we continue through every means at our disposal to urge all Baptists to join in giving the Cooperative Program their loyal and undivided support."

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Aluminum Magnate Offers Southern Baptists \$750,000 to Erect Hospital

Arthur Vining Davis, multi-millionaire chairman of the Aluminum Corp. of America, has offered to give the Southern Baptist Hospital Commission \$500,000 and land near Miami, Fla., valued at \$250,000 if it will construct and maintain a 200-bed general hospital on the tract.

The land is at Kendall, ten miles south of Miami. The hospital would cost approximately \$3,000,000.

—Religious News Service



LET'S ERECT A MONUMENT OF KINDNESS TO MOTHER

You again will have an opportunity for mercy to mankind by contributing to the annual Mother's Day Charity Fund offering this Sunday, May 13.

Your offering will be used by your two hospitals — Arkansas Baptist in Little Rock and Baptist Memorial in Memphis — to provide care and treatment for the sick and the injured who cannot pay their way. Truly, your Mother's Day offering is in accordance with God's plan that we must help those who cannot help themselves.

When you make your offering this Mother's Day Sunday, be sure to designate on your envelope whether your money should go to Arkansas Baptist or to Baptist Memorial.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

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GA Focus Week, May 13-19

During G. A. Focus Week, May 13-19, we salute the more than eight hundred Girls' Auxiliaries in Arkansas, but more than that we recognize those hundreds of counselors and the near nine thousand girls of junior and intermediate ages who are enrolled in those organizations. They are truly following the "Star Trail" as they diligently carry out the organizational plans of missionary education which are centered around the Star Ideals . . .

"Abiding in Him through Prayer

Advancing in Wisdom by Bible Study

Acknowledging My Stewardship (Giving)

Adorning Myself with Good Works (Community Missions)

Accepting the Challenge of the Great Commission (Mission Study)"

Such a well balanced program of activities will build great Christian leaders, not for tomorrow, but for TODAY. We recognize them. We pay tribute to them. We admonish them to continue along the "Star Trail" to receive all the training afforded by Girls' Auxiliary — the largest denominational organization for girls only in the world.

FIRST GIFT RECEIVED FOR COBALT BOMB

The opportunity to help pay for the Cobalt Bomb recently installed at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital for the treatment of cancer has been grasped by Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union. The first gift designated for this worthy cause came from the Ashley County Woman's Missionary Union as a memorial to little Sandra Kay Pierce who recently died of an incurable malignant condition. She was the only child of Rev. and Mrs. Rawls Pierce of Jones, Louisiana, formerly of Ashley County.

A goal of \$5,000.00 to be raised by June 30th was set at the recent Annual Meeting. Promotional plans suggest memorial gifts and when the names and addresses of families and loved ones are given, the gifts will be appropriately acknowledged to them. Other plans which are being employed include love gifts, gifts of gratitude, free-will offerings, regular monthly gifts to extend over a longer period of time, etc. All such gifts should be remitted to

Miss Nancy Cooper, State W. M. U. Treasurer, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE SUMMER?

Denominational summer camps offer the "plus" for every member of the family. No fellowship is comparable to that at a Christian camp. No instruction surpasses that which is offered. No associations call forth greater decisions.

Woman's Missionary Union is offering five camps of five days each for members of Girls' Auxiliary, a week-end houseparty for members of Young Woman's Auxiliary, and a weekend conference for members of Business Woman's Circles. All these will be held at Ferncliff, eighteen miles from Little Rock, on the following dates:

G. A. Camps, \$13.50 per person. Intermediate, July 23-27; Junior, July 30-August 3; Junior, August 6-10; Junior, August 13-17; Junior, August 20-24.

Y. W. A. Houseparty, \$4.00, July 28-29.

B. W. C. Conference, \$4.00, August 18-19.

Reservations for the above should be made at the State W. M. U. Office, 310 Baptist Building, and accompanied by \$1.00 registration fee, which is included in the above costs.

On a convention-wide level there will be the following for Y. W. A. and W. M. U. members: Y. W. A. Conference, Glorieta, N. M., August 16-22; W. M. U. and B. W. C. Conference, Glorieta, N. M., June 28-July 4; W. M. U. and B. W. C. Conference, Ridgecrest, N. C., August 9-15.

Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, State Youth Secretary, will assist any Y. W. A. girls in contacting groups from other states for transportation to Glorieta. Arkansas will have no group going by chartered bus. Reservations for both conferences should be made directly with the management of the conference to be attended and should be accompanied by a \$2.00 registration fee.

Miss Estelle Davis, missionary nurse to Nigeria, will serve as camp nurse for the full season. She will also be on the speaking staff. Other missionaries and outstanding leaders are being solicited for each camp.

Womans Missionary Union
Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Let Us Have Your Report Of Baptisms To Date

Do you realize that there are only 264 shopping days until Christmas This fact is a reminder that the year is slipping away rapidly.

If memory has not played a trick on you, you should remember that the goal set by the Arkansas Baptists is, "In '56, 1,136 Churches Win and Baptize 16,666".

What progress to date have we made toward reaching this goal? In response to the request sent to the pastors some weeks ago, we have had 212 cards returned, indicating these churches have won and baptized 2,491. There are more than 900 churches that we have not heard from. We earnestly urge every pastor to send us a report of the number that have been won through your church this year.

The twenty weeks of the fifty-two of the year which have passed are gone forever. Opportunities to witness to, and to win the lost to Christ which have not been embraced, will never return. What is done toward reaching the total goal in evangelism set for this year must be done in the remaining weeks that lie ahead. Do these three things:

1. Every pastor and church should persistently do **personal witnessing** in seeking to win people who are lost to Christ. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," is God's insistent **command and demand** of every Christian. Winning lost souls to Christ is every Christian's job.

2. Pastors and churches can take advantage of the opportunity the summer season affords to conduct a summer revival. Also, many churches can sponsor a mission revival this summer. Often times the summer revival is the most productive of results of any revival season.

3. Every church should hold a Vacation Bible School. Such schools offer a most splendid opportunity to win the lost to Christ. Let no one permit this opportunity to go by without making a supreme effort to win the lost boys and girls whom you enroll in your school, to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

These three emphases, if persistently and prayerfully pursued, will produce much fruit for the Saviour.

CHRISTIANS WHO HINDER

There are several types of Christians who positively hinder the work of evangelism. They can be described as, the unassured Christian, the unconcerned Christian, the uncommitted Christian, the uncooperative Christian, and the unrepentant Christian.

Baptists and Evangelism: Baptists have been and still are evangelistic. This is our heritage. This has been our strength. Evangelism is the spreading of the good

news of redemption. It is based on the conviction of the fact that man is wrong with God; man is a sinner. Sin alienates man from fellowship with God. Sin destroys human life. Sin is treason against God.

If the fires of evangelism are to burn, there must be the compelling conviction of man's loss. Evangelism goes to the helpless and tells him that he is not hopeless. The sad fact is that man is lost: the glad truth is that man can be saved. Evangelism tells this story. Evangelism is a telephone call, a card, a letter, a lesson, a sermon, a song, an hour of worship, the Bible, a tract, and a personal soul winning visit. However, it is done, the church must do it. Now and always, the church must be evangelistic.

DIRE PREDICTION

In a recent meeting where representatives of Baptist bodies of the North American Continent were discussing plans looking toward the year 1964, which will be observed as the Third Jubilee of the organization of Baptist life on this continent, it was indicated that serious predictions are being made that by the year 2000 A.D. the world will either be Christian or Communist. Dr. J. Howard Williams, a Southern Baptist leader who was present, says, "To me, this was an alarming prediction, alarming because it is definitely possible." Practically informed people know that the Communist program and strategy are global. The efforts of the Communists are intensive and extensive. The spirit of Communism is aggressive. The motivations of Communism, though based upon false assumptions, are dynamic.

Our Christian program is also global in its nature. Christ always thought and spoke in terms of the ultimate in reference to the extent of His teachings, or the statements as, "The uttermost parts of the earth," "to every creature," "the field is the world," "shall draw all me unto me," indicate the thinking of our Lord. It is obvious to the casual observer that Communists are in dead earnest and their program has become the passion of the individual. The program of Jesus must become a passion with individual Christians. This passion will move us to desperate action to win the lost of this earth to Christ. God help us to realize we do not have "always" in which to do it. "NOW" is God's eternal word for Christians today.

I. L. Yearby

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GOD—and Man

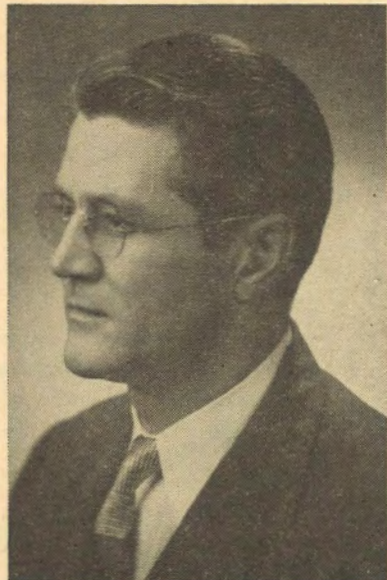
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—Dagobert Runes,
On the Nature of Man
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	Tuition (books and handcraft materials extra)	3.25
	TOTAL	\$16.00

Quotes From Last Year's Faculty:

"Last year I had the privilege of being camp pastor for the music camp at Ouachita College. It was a wonderful experience working with outstanding music and educational directors from the state of Arkansas. Also we had on the campus some of the finest young people from the churches of the state. It was a real joy to observe their youthful dedication to the Lord and His service."

*Norman Lerch
First Baptist Church
DeWitt, Arkansas*

"The Baptist Youth Music Camp, was in my opinion, an inexpensive way for young people to spend a week packed with fun and entertainment at the same time having new musical experiences. We are attending the instrumental classes this year to where our Band and Orchestra can be presented on a par with the vocal groups."

*Alden A. Peterson
Central Baptist Church
North Little Rock, Arkansas*

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*Church Music Department
LeRoy McCord, Director*

A Dream Come True

A Southern Baptist dream came true the other day — and it was televised in color.

"This Is The Answer," new 13-film series of 30 minute religious dramas in contemporary garb, was launched on 30 television stations in 18 states beginning April 8th.

Produced by the Convention's Radio-Television Commission, the films have drawn widespread favorable comment from Southern Baptist ranks.

In addition, the following statement was issued last week by Frederick L. Essex, director of Radio and Television for the American Baptist Convention and R. Dean Goodwin, director of Communications for that body:

"The film, 'The Rich Fool,' in the series, 'This Is The Answer' has a universal appeal that will commend it to all Christian people. At the same time it will appeal to the non-Christian public because it is cast in contemporary terms. The Southern Baptist Con-

vention is to be commended for taking this forward step in underwriting the cost of these programs as typified by 'The Rich Fool.'"

Announcement by Commission Director Paul M. Stevens that 15 additional stations also are planning to schedule the series, brings the total up to 45 stations. This indicates the enthusiasm with which the films, based on Biblical parables, are being met on the station level.

Plans are for the television films to be produced on a continuing basis insofar as it is financially feasible. Southern Baptists have the distinction of producing the first religious television series in color.

In this state, one television station is carrying the broadcast on a public service basis. "This Is The Answer" is being shown every week on Station KRBB-TV at 6:30 P. M. on Saturdays in El Dorado, Ark.

LOTTIE MOON GIFTS

TOTAL \$4,628,691

Books on the 1955 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering closed today with a total of \$4,628,691.03. This represents an increase of \$670,870.03 over the 1954 total of \$3,957,821. Any Lottie Moon Offering money received after today will be counted on the 1956 Offering.

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LEISURE

Don't expect to be paid 2 dollars an hour for your working hours when you use your leisure hours as though they were worth 5¢ a doz.

—Henry L. Doherty,
quoted in *Grace Pulpit*

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IGNORANCE

Ignorance grows its own opium.

—Douglas Meador,
Matador (Tex.) Tribune

Coming to Summer School?

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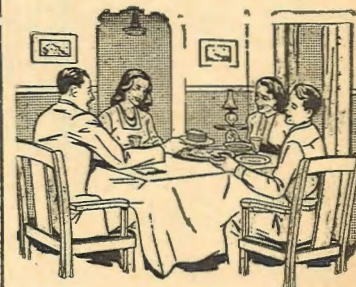
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Perhaps you have never faced the question of God's will in the light of the world's overwhelming challenge. Indicative of the need in all areas is this statement by Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board: "We live in an age of crisis for Asia, when doors are open to us, hearts are responsive, the destinies of peoples and of nations are being determined — and the messengers of the cross are too few. The pressing need is for volunteers who can be available now — qualified men and women whose training is completed and who are now active in the pastorate or in other types of Christian service."

If the immediate need for missionaries can become a matter of concern and prayer to you, surely you will feel God's urging in your hearts and offer yourselves for appointment during this year of advance.

If you feel that God is leading you in this direction, or if you are interested in exploring this possibility, write the Personnel Secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.



Children's Page

The Golden Handle Snow Flake

By FLORENCE J. JOHNSON



Nancy counted her pennies. Surely fifty pennies would buy the white vase that was like a snowflake and had two gold handles.

She put the pennies in her little red purse. The dime and the nickel that were left in her bank Father had given her that morning. They would buy Mother's Day gifts. Mr. Anderson at the flower shop had promised to save violets for her — just enough violets to put in a little white vase with gold handles.

A bell tinkled as Nancy opened the door to the shop. Miss Hannah was kneeling on the floor dusting.

"Hello, Nancy." Miss Hannah looked up. "I have only a few more pieces to dust. Then I'll have finished these shelves."

"I don't have to hurry." Nancy went up to the shelf that held the vases. "The little white vase with the gold handles — does it cost more than fifty cents, Miss Hannah?" she asked fearfully.

"That one?" Miss Hannah was beside her. "Yes. It's a dollar. But I have others at fifty cents, and this kitten is only thirty-five cents. It's for your mother, isn't it? She likes cats, I know."

Nancy looked at the kitten. Instead of a bill between its paws it was holding a small round vase. It would hold violets nicely, but her eyes went back longingly to the vase with the two gold handles.

Fifty pennies were not enough. There wasn't time to earn more by caring for the Newton twins. Mother's Day was next Sunday, and today was Friday.

"Such dust!" Miss Hannah picked up the little white vase, and shook her head. "I wish I could get someone to help me. I had a girl for two days, but she

was careless and dropped several pieces of china."

"Dusting!" Nancy caught the word. She looked around the small shop with the rows and rows of shelves filled with gifts of all kinds.

"Could I help you, Miss Hannah? Grandmother lets me dust the things in her living room cabinet. I like to dust beautiful things!"

"Hmmm!" Miss Hannah looked at her, and then at the little white vase. "I know your grandmother is very particular. So am I. Do you think your mother would let you help me this afternoon? You can dust the lower shelves. If you help me until five o'clock, you may take the little white vase with you. You will have earned it."

"Oh, Miss Hannah!" Nancy's eyes sparkled with joy. "I have fifty cents that I've saved."

"Father's Day is coming soon." Miss Hannah smiled. "Here is a clean dustcloth. You may start with this shelf. I'll call your mother. No, I won't tell her why you are doing it — just that I needed some extra help, and you came in at the right moment."

Five o'clock came, and Nancy looked proudly at the shelves she had dusted. The little vases and tiny knickknacks didn't show a speck of dust, and she hadn't broken a single piece.

"When I'm big, I'm going to have a shop just like this," she said as she watched Miss Hannah wrap the little white vase. "You won't have to put it in a box, Miss Hannah. I'm going to leave it with Mr. Anderson. He's going to put fresh violets in it tomorrow. Mother likes violets. So do I. They're a part of my name. Nancy Violet."

"Hmmm!" Miss Hannah looked at her. "You're a good little worker, Nancy. I like the way you dust. You don't skip the corners. And I know your mother is going to like her Mother's Day gift — the little white vase and violets from Nancy Violet."

Nancy skipped happily out of the shop. She was glad now that she had learned how to dust the beautiful things Grandmother had in her cabinet. It had helped her to earn the gift she wanted to give her mother.

"Be careful and particular with little things," Grandmother had said when she showed how to dust out the little places with a small brush. "If you do, you will be able to do the big things when the time comes."

Just like this, Nancy thought, remembering her grandmother's advice. If I hadn't known how, Miss Hannah would never have let me handle the beautiful things she has in her shop, and for Mother's Day Mother wouldn't get violets and a snowflake with gold handles.

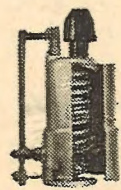
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IT'S SPRING

By MURIEL M. GESSNER

New green leaves are showing,
The daffodils growing,
Soft breezes are blowing.
It's spring!
Gay robins are singing,
White lily bells ringing,
Bright bluebirds go winging.
It's spring!
The tulip bud's swelling,
In hearts, joy is welling,
All earth now is telling
It's spring!

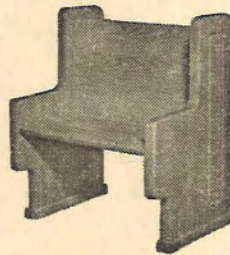
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SS Board Releases Films On Church Building

The Sunday School Board recently released three motion pictures on church buildings. The films were made in response to requests from Southern Baptist churches to the Board's Church Architecture Department.

Church Buildings Exterior, Style, and Design gives a guided tour of large and small church buildings throughout the Convention. The film is a source of information for the average church member and church planning committee who anticipates the construction of a church building.

Auditorium Interiors and Furnishings presents various styled auditoriums, both large and small, such as Romanesque, Colonial, and Contemporary designs.

Educational Buildings Interiors and Furnishings begins with the Nursery, shows each department of the church, and discusses necessary furnishings and arrangements. Included are ideas for church library, choir rooms, church reception rooms and offices, fellowship halls, the kitchen and equipment, and heating and cooling systems.

Available at Baptist book stores at a dollar service charge, each film is in black and white and 15 minutes in length.

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We are to watch with all diligence against the little sins. It was the little foxes that spoiled the vines.

—Truett

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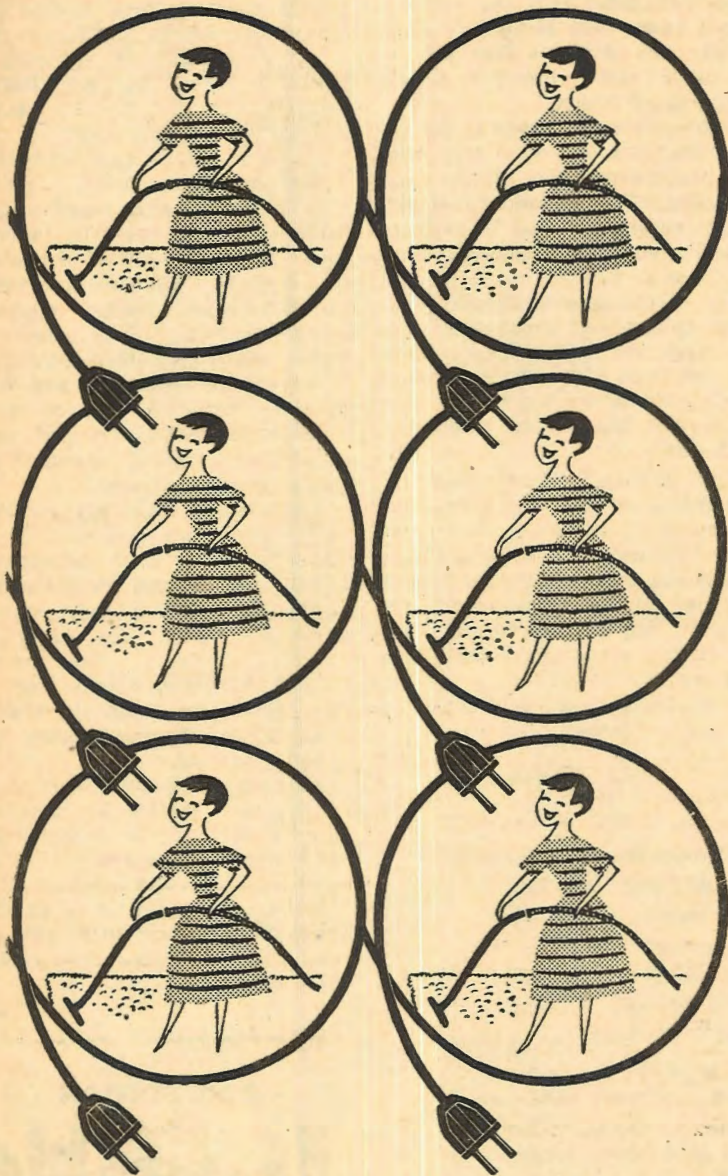
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An UnAmerican Law

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

Through disinterest or inactivity of average American citizens, laws are passed in various state legislatures which affront our concept of religious freedom. Just now we refer to a type of law which governs the adoption of children, in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, and perhaps in other states. This type of law requires that "Wherever practicable" a child be placed for adoption with parents of its religious faith. Such legislation would scarcely ever be thought up by any Protestant denomination and, if attempted by them, would be sent to limbo. It is legislation favorable only to the Roman Catholic Church. Its enforcement apparently is a legal device to force adopting parents to join that church or lose the child who may be said to have some connection with that church. Certainly it is inconceivable that any Baptists would want such laws to exist. A child is not a political or ecclesiastical pawn that any representative of religious conscription can snatch from the loving care of adopting parents. There are such cases at present in courts, and their number increases. It means that, should any adopted child have some slight connection with the Roman Catholic Church, through its original parents, it can be made a subject of costly litigation. Why not see to it that such laws are expunged from the statute books!

—The Watchman-Examiner
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Earth's last place for stammering and indefiniteness is the pulpit.

—Truett

Books Received

Rest For The Weary
By Vance Havner
Fleming H. Revell Company
Price: \$2.00

Much to Dare
By Genevieve Greer
Price: \$1.75

More Than Conquerors
By Genevieve Greer
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Animated Object Talks
By Clyde Foushee
Fleming H. Revell Company
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Expository Outlines
on the Whole Bible
Zondervan Publishing House
Price: \$3.95

Vision From The Blind

One of the interesting things a blind friend told me concerns human relations and that word prejudice. The sightless do not prejudice people. When he meets a stranger he accepts him as he himself desires to be accepted. He does not form opinions based on background or physical peculiarities. Not until he is told about the individual does he decide to like or dislike him.

Perhaps the blind are teaching us a powerful lesson Jesus tried to teach His disciples. He did not classify people, prejudice or "pigeonhole" them. Rather He had each person his rightful opportunity to prove his qualities.

—Lloyd Whyte,
Baptist Bulletin Service
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Royal Ambassadors are taught about God and nature in their play.

Preaching To the Gentiles

By BURTON A. MILEY

When Luke recorded the conversion of Saul of Tarsus he introduced the one destined to be the great missionary statesman of the Christian movement. Immediately after the story of the conversion of Saul, Luke tells of the Gentile Pentecost in the 10th chapter. The eleventh chapter, today's lesson, is the statement of Peter of his experience at the house of Cornelius, the Roman centurion. Peter did not have the education and strict Jewish background of Paul, but he had the love of Jesus in his heart. God can instruct any who will learn.

Great matters were upon the mind of Cornelius. He was not satisfied with the condition of his soul for he failed to possess the religious knowledge he wished. He may have heard much about Jesus, but he had not been able to sort fact from fiction. He was a most commendable man in that he practiced alms, prayed and exercised devotion. Three o'clock one afternoon found Cornelius praying. He might have been praying for additional light and information on his soul's need and the relation of Jesus to it. God heard the request and answered with instructions. Cornelius was to send to Joppa for Simon Peter, who would tell him what to do. Any sincere request for more light on need will be honored by God. Cornelius dispatched two of his household servants and a soldier to get Peter. The servants were for respect and the soldier would be for traveling protection. The roads were not safe for travel in those days.

GOD'S WORKS ON BOTH ENDS OF THE LINE

Cornelius was prepared to send for Peter who was being prepared to go. Peter was upon the housetop the day after Cornelius' vision about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon for his prayers and meditation. Three o'clock was an established hour of prayer with the Jews. Peter entered a trance and saw an unusual sight. A sheet was let down from heaven and on this sheet were all animals, fowls and reptiles. Unclean were the ones off limit to the Jews and "common" were those mixed so that none were ceremonially clean. Peter was instructed to rise, kill and eat. He shrank from this and said "not so, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." This happened three times and left Peter in confused mind as to what it was all about. While Peter was thus wondering the men from Cornelius' house arrived and called for him. Peter was instructed by the Spirit that three men sought him and that he was to go with them, doubting nothing. The events which followed were a great test of Peter's faith. As yet he did not under-

Sunday School Lesson

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Acts 11:1-18

stand what it was all about, but he was under divine orders. Obedience was his enlightenment as well as it was Cornelius'. He wisely chose six men of Christian persuasion to go with him. These would be witnesses to the unusual happening. They would protect Peter as a person and the cause.

PETER GOES TO CORNELIUS

The company of ten men (soldier, two servants, Peter and six brethren) covered the thirty mile distance between Joppa and Caesarea. When the company arrived Peter was met by Cornelius who fell in reverence at his feet. Cornelius might have thought that Peter was a higher order of angel, since an angel had appeared to him in his vision. Peter lifted the man and identified himself as a fellow man. They then came in knowledge of the fact that Cornelius had gathered his kinsmen and near friends together. This was acceptable optimism. Many church members have not done so well when the visiting preacher came. Peter preached the message of Christ. All the message is not recorded, but enough is given to determine its content. Unusual events attended the preaching. The Holy Ghost was as evident with this Gentile group as he was on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem. Men magnified God. Peter commanded baptism to the new converts. He then tarried certain days with them.

This has been referred to as the Gentile Pentecost. It is certainly the time of gospel overflow from the circumcised Jew to the uncircumcised Gentile. It carries no points of value but does hold interest that Jonah was sent to the Gentiles in Nineveh from Joppa and Peter was sent to the Gentiles with the gospel from the same place. This is the first instance of the Gentiles being brought in. Philip's experience with the Samaritans was different. The Samaritan, though hated by the Jew, was half Jew and not counted as Gentile.

PETER'S DEFENSE

There was a party in the Christian fellowship known as The Circumcision Party. Members embraced the doctrine that Christian benefits would come to one only after he became a Jew. These of the Circumcision Party contended with Peter when the news had reached Jerusalem. They charged that he went into the uncircumcised and ate with them. Peter spoke his defense in a worthy manner. He rehearsed all

that had happened previous to his going to Cornelius. It is evident that those of the Circumcision knew not of the Lord's command for Peter "to go." Peter's recitation had a decided effect upon the breaking down of prejudice held by his contenders.

The twelfth verse would infer that the six men who had gone with Peter from Joppa also went with him for his defense to Jerusalem. Peter's wisdom was justified in these living witnesses. One can deny a method or contest a form but an experience is not so easily dispensed. These Gentiles had received the Holy Ghost with Jews. Peter concluded his defense with the word "I? Could I withstand God?" He spoke with conviction that he moved under the direct command of God to the Gentiles. It is interesting to note in passing that if Peter had been a Pope never would a group have contested his act as it was contested at this time. A victory was won for the Kingdom. These of the circumcision party glorified God saying "Then Hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life."

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Some light calls for more light. Cornelius was a man inclined toward faith. In Jewish parlance he was a proselyte of the gate. He had not entered covenant relationship as a Jew. Neither had he been circumcised. Cornelius was not a saved man until Peter preached unto him (vs. 14). The little light that he had and his inclination for faith was honored by God through giving additional light which produced faith.

One should be ready to go beyond Jerusalem. Jerusalem is our locality. It is our community. Beyond is the clash of races, the different cultures and colors. A good test today would be, would we withhold the gospel from others? Can we give it to aggressor as readily as the loved one?

Obedience brings knowledge. Both Peter and Cornelius had better knowledge through obedience. God has promised more knowledge to the one who will use what he has. Missionary motivation is no exception. Basic to better support for mission projects is obedience to knowledge in hand. Had not Carey used his leather maps to burn facts into his mind for action, he probably would not have been the one used to open modern mission expansion.

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FAMILY LIFE

By the time our children are old enough not to say or do anything in public to disgrace us, they have reached an age when the things we do and say embarrass them.

—Evelyn Grant,
Farm Journal

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Pride was the chief ingredient in the sin that turned angels into demons.

—Truett

NO MONEY AVAILABLE FOR WORLD RELIEF

For the first time in 10 years the Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention does not have sufficient funds to meet the requests from Southern Baptist missionaries for money to relieve the extreme suffering of the people with whom they work.

The Committee met on April 11 to consider an urgent request for \$7,000 to be used among the destitute people of Korea. But only \$4,000 could be appropriated since there was only \$4,796.33 of world relief money available. The \$796.33 remaining after this allocation is the smallest amount in relief funds since 1946 when the Southern Baptist Convention asked the Foreign Mission Board to take over the distribution of relief money.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, the agency charged with administering relief funds; Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the Relief Committee; and Mr. L. Howard Jenkins, president of the Board, asked that Southern Baptists be informed of this paucity of world relief funds.

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This Is A New Quarter

During January, February and March of this year, 971 churches gave \$346,620.52 to world missions. This is an increase of \$43,-418.73 over any previous year.

As we look at the record we are prone to evaluate the factors which make this possible. Are we giving more money to missions because the churches close the month with surplus after all the bills are paid? Are the people giving more per capita and this makes larger Cooperative Program gifts possible?

To the first question we can answer a positive no. Our churches, many of them, have had to enlarge their buildings and their ministry to meet the needs of their fields. In nearly every instance, the churches that enlarged their buildings were forced to go into debt, and the end of the month finds them economizing in order to pay the bills. But some of the largest Cooperative Program gifts come from churches that are in debt.

To the second question we can answer yes. To a degree the local church member is giving more to his church, and that has helped the Cooperative Program.

The Answer to World Needs

But, the real answer, we believe, is this. Our people are coming to realize that the Cooperative Program is the answer to the world mission needs. They know that this program has presented a Gospel that has won more people, built more churches, erected more buildings and produced more preachers, teachers and missionaries in the short period of (30) thirty years than any other plan ever tried.

Baptists, now, have five of the largest seminaries in the world. Two of them have the largest faculties and the largest student bodies of any seminaries on the face of the globe. Notwithstanding all this, the Southern Baptist Convention now has a committee looking for a place to locate another seminary in order to meet the needs of our people. Nearly all of this enlargement has been through the Cooperative Program.

Because our people have realized that the Cooperative Program is God's revealed plan to us, they are ready to give more through it, by long range planning. More and more of our churches have gone on the percentage basis of giving. The churches that are giving large sums now, started out a few years ago on a smaller scale and planned to increase their gifts year by year. They planned their local program to include the whole world, and worked and prayed in order to meet their goals.

Without exception, the church with that kind of a vision has been blessed of God. This should not come as a surprise to us, because the risen Lord said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Thanks to the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists have more missionaries out on the firing line, presenting the "Good-News"

than ever before. There was a time when the small and medium sized congregations felt that they could do very little, if any, mission work. They were not strong enough, financially, to pay the salary of an extra worker, or to send a missionary direct from the church. So, consequently, those churches became disinterested in missions. That disinterest led to misinformation about, and ignorance of, the mission movement. Of course, you know the final result. Baptists divided into two groups, one group was called Missionary and the other group was called Hard-Shell.

Least and Largest

After many efforts, much prayer, success and failures, Baptists have at long last learned to pool their efforts and now the least congregation among us can be just as world-minded, and just as missionary in spirit as the largest church. The small church can send its mission gift through the Cooperative Program and when it is channelled into the missionary effort of Southern Baptists, it has a part in preaching the Gospel in many languages to many nations.

These and many other factors are helping Baptists reach more people for Christ, through the Cooperative Program than ever before.

The first quarter of this year left only a few of our churches not making a gift to world missions through the Cooperative Program. If you are a member of a church that did not give, would you talk to the deacons, Sunday School leaders, the Training Union people, the Brotherhood, the Woman's Missionary Union, and try to send something to the Cooperative Program this quarter? You may be the one to help your people become a truly missionary church. Attempt it for the Glory of God, the sake of Jesus Christ, and the salvation of the lost. —R. D.

Every Ordained Preacher

Every ordained Baptist preacher ought to have his name in the Southern Baptist Convention annual. The Secretary of the Convention, however, is not possessed with omniscience nor omnipresence. If your name is put in the annual it will be because you registered at the Convention or mailed to the Secretary of the Convention a registration card with your name and address.

Preachers, this is more important than you think. Recently a church in another state wanted to call an Arkansas preacher but after the matter got under way they could not find his name in the Southern Baptist Convention annual so they held up the matter of extending him a call. Meanwhile they were in touch with our office and we assured them that this man was a bona fide Baptist preacher. Then they couldn't understand why, if he was any account as a Baptist preacher, his name was not in the Southern Baptist Convention annual. Our office got the matter patched up and they finally called the man. You see, the weal and woe of your Baptist ministry might hinge upon this point. We have registration cards in our office. — B. L. B.

A Must For Baptist Churches

Brethren, here is a matter that seems to be a must at this time for our Baptist churches. We have many old preachers and many widows of old preachers. Very many of them are on the relief roll of the Relief Annuity Board, but we are out of money. We must come to their rescue.

The Relief and Annuity Board has continued giving a stipend to these old soldiers of the cross in spite of the fact that the Arkansas fund is between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in the red. We have received a reminder from the Relief and Annuity Board to this effect. We must make up this deficit for it isn't right to expect other states to share the burden for Arkansas in this phase of our work. We do not have any fund on hand out of which we are allowed to send a check to the Relief and Annuity Board to make up this deficit.

We are, therefore, asking the churches (as we do every year) to take a collection for this purpose and send us the money sometime during the month of June.

If this isn't done brethren, there is only one thing that can be done. We will have to ask the Relief and Annuity Board to take these old soldiers off the relief roll. This would be tragic. These dear old people labored long and hard. The Social Security benefits did not become operative in their active day and with very few exceptions the Ministers Retirement Plan of Baptists did not become operative during their activity. The only help for them, therefore, is a gift from the relief department of the Relief and Annuity Board. This, of course, does not have anything to do with the Ministers Retirement Plan or the Baptist Protection Plan, the Baptist Security Plan or the Baptist Widows Supplemental Plan. It is simply a gift out of the relief department of the Relief and Annuity Board.

Would you want any of these old soldiers of the cross taken off the roll? Would you want them to fail to get even the small stipend that is sent to them quarterly? Well, we are facing the danger point honestly. We have asked the Relief and Annuity Board not to take any drastic actions along this line until we see what the churches are willing to do during the month of June.

What will your church do brethren? Remember June is the month. — B. L. B.

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The Foreign Mission Board, meeting in Richmond, Virginia, April 10-11, appointed nineteen young people for overseas service, bringing the total number of active missionaries to 1,045. The Foreign Mission Board has urgent specific requests to appoint 500 missionaries this year, but indications are that only approximately 125 young Southern Baptists will qualify.

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Baptist church membership in Great Britain totaled 326,633 at the end of 1955, an increase of 737 over the previous year's figure of 325,896 — the first increase in thirty years. Number of baptisms increased by 2,076 to a total of 9,973, highest since 1934; however, Baptist Sunday School enrolment declined for the third successive year to 32,796, or 1,811 less than in 1954.

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