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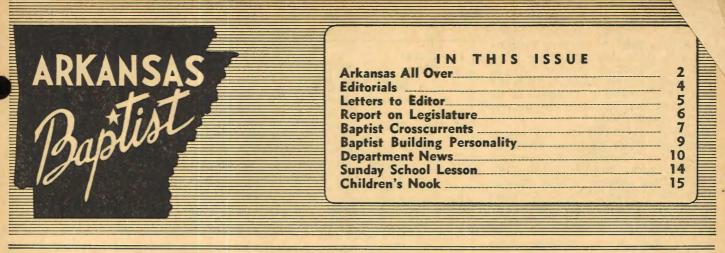
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# Arkansas All Over\_

• PLANS FOR A Southern Convention-wide Bible Teaching Clinic to be held in Little Rock, October 7-11, by the Sunday School Board of Nashville were made recently at a meeting of local church leaders at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

Taking part in the planning session were: Mrs. W. H. Patterson and Julia Riggs, staff members of Immanuel Church, where the clinic will be held; Joe Huggins, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock; Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Pulaski Heights Church; O. C. Robinson, Jr., Pulaski County missionary; Jim Sparks, First Church, North Little Rock; Ernest Adams, Arkansas State Sunday School department; Bradley Bolin, manager of the Baptist Book Store; Bill Oaks, Second Church; Edgar Williamson, Arkansas State Sunday School secretary; Roy E. Bell, Immanuel Church; Jack Riley, South Highland Church; Jim Cady, superintendent of Sunday school work for Pulaski County Association; Frank Shamburger, Gaines Street Church; and Bob McKee, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

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#### The Cover

#### MOTHER

Earth has nothing more tender than a woman's heart when it is the abode of piety.—Martin Luther.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet

night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy ...

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.—Prov. 31.

# LIBERTY REPORTS ON RECENT REVIVAL

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, of which W. W. Warmath is moderator; W. F. Couch, missionary; and Dale F. Taylor, chairman of evangelism, reports a total of 194 additions, 136 by baptism and 58 by letters and statements, in a simultaneous revival in March. There were 11 other conversions; 356 rededications; and 10 for special life service.

Calion, no additions, C. R. McCollum, pastor; George Fletcher, evangelist.

Camden, First, 13, 12 by baptism, 1 by letter, 4 other conversions, 150 rededications; T. L. Harris, pastor; Joe Hankins, evangelist:

Camden, Second, 11, 10 by baptism, 1 by letter, 30 rededications. J. T. Harvill, pastor; Ben Elrod, evangelist.

Camden, Hillside, 8, 6 by baptism, 2 by letter, 1 other conversion. Elson Herndon, pastor; O. C. Robinson, evangelist.

Cullendale, Temple, 8, 5 by baptism, 3 by letter, Lonnie Lasater, pastor; Ben Bracken, evangelist.

Cross Roads, no additions, John Hargett, pastor; W. F. Couch, evangelist.

El Dorado, First, 24, 16 by baptism, 7 by letter, 1 by statement, 1 special service. W. W. Warmath, pastor; Marshall Craig, evangelist.



MEMBERS OF the executive council of the Baptist Student Union at Ouachita Baptist College for the coming year are: seated, left to right, Rusty Peterson, Eudora, treasurer; Winnie Smith, Flint, Mich., secretary; Carolyn Royal, Benton social chairman; and Jo Ann Blancett, Little Rock, co-social chairman.

Standing, left to right: Jim Maxwell, Shreveport, La., publicity; Ronald Hayworth, Kerman, Calif., enlistment; Jane Burroughs, Hope, president; Dick Norton, DeQueen, vice president; and George O'Neal, Ft. Smith, devotional chairman.

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**El Dorado, Calvary,** no additions, 17 rededications. Paul Starnes, pastor; Peter Nortier, evangelist.

El Dorado, East Main, 6, 2 by baptism, 4 by letter. Jack Gulledge, pastor; Lawson Hatfield, evangelist.

El Dorado, Immanuel, 23 additions, 17 by baptism, 6 by letter, 29 rededications, 2 special service. J. D. Tolleson, pastor; W. O. Vaught, evangelist.

El Dorado, Second, 1 addition, 10 rededications. Lehmon Webb, evangelist.

El Dorado, South Side, 7, 5 by baptism, 2 by letter, 2 rededications, 1 special service. R. C. Brinkley, pastor; W. R. White, evangelist.

El Dorado, West Side, 10, 6 by baptism, 4 by letter, 40 rededications, 2 special service. W. M. Pratt, pastor; Ralph Douglas, evangelist.

Ebenezer, 10, 6 by baptism, 4 by letter. Jesse Kidd, pastor; Raymond Marks, evangelist.

**Elliott**, 6, 1 by baptism, 5 by letter, 4 rededications, James Overton, pastor; **L**. Hunnicutt, evangelist.

Galilee, 25, 23 by baptism, 2 by letter, 2 other conversions, .16 rededications. Jack Livingston, pastor; Jesse Reed, evangelist.

Joyce City, no report. Tom Newton, pastor; D. D. Scrivner, evangelist.

Junction City, 9 additions, 8 by baptism, 1 by letter, 26 rededications. Clarence Allison, pastor.

Lapile, no report. Dale Floyd, pastor. Liberty, 1 by letter, Curtis Johnson, astor.

Louann, no additions, L. W. Rhodes, pastor; J. T. Harvill, evangelist.

Norphlet, no additions, Bill Sewell, pastor; Sam Reeves, evangelist.

Smackover, First, 12, 8 by baptism, 3 by letter, 1 by statement, 4 other conversions, 19 rededications, 1 special service. Dale Taylor, pastor; Ralph Kerley, evangelist.

Smackover, Maple Avenue, 9, 2 by baptism, 7 by letter, 10 rededications, 2 special service. John Burton, pastor; George Wilson, evangelist.

Urbana, 9, 8 by baptism, 1 by letter. Sam Harris, pastor; W. F. Couch, evangelist.

Village, 2 by letter, 3 rededications, 1 special service. R. W. Collard, pastor.

First Church, Ashdown, 14 additions, 9 by baptism, 5 by letter; 1 for fulltime Christian Service. George Havens, Robstown, Tex., evangelist; Harold Gunter, of the church, director of singing; Ross O. Ward, pastor. Beverly Hills Church, Memphis, 20

Beverly Hills Church, Memphis, 20 additions, Roy A. Lambert, pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, evangelist. Mr. Lambert was also the evangelist for a meeting at First Church, Laredo, Tex., April 20-May 5.

First Church, Guntersville, Ala., 55 additions, 33 by baptism. Gerald W. russell, pastor of First Church, Warren, evangelist; D. W. Edwards, pastor.

**Baring Cross Church, NLR,** will have a revival meeting May 12-19 with Angel Martinez, of Fort Smith, as evangelist.



Left to right, Hill, Creed, Major Receive degrees at New Orleans Seminary

D. David Garland recently observed his fifth anniversary as pastor of the church.

Park Hill Church, Arkadelphia, 10 additions, 5 by baptism, 5 by letter. Three other professions of faith. Billy Walker, Walnut Ridge, evangelist; Jimmy Short and Arlene Moore, music directors; Ivan Marks, pastor.

Hurd's Chapel Church, Truman Rt. 3, 9 additions, 5 by baptism. E. C. Cloud evangelist; Ted Hitt, pastor.

First Church, Monroe, 33 additions, 31 by baptism and 2 by statement. Claude Hill, evangelist and pastor; Missionary H. S. Coleman, music director.

First Church, Almyra, 18 additions, 16 by baptism and 2 by letter. Ben O. Bracken, evangelist; Bill Sewell, music director; Graham Fowler, pastor.

A GOAL SET up two years ago by the Pulaski County Sunday School Assocation was reached recently when the Association made application through its superintendent, J. W. Cady, for the associational Standard of Excellence.

In qualifying for this recognition, the Association elected a full corps of officers, increased the number of standard Sunday schools in the Association, and provided for additional meetings on the association level to meet the standard requirement.

There are 75 churches in the Pulaski Association. Only 19 of these churches would be required to have standard Sunday schools for the Association to attain its Standard of Excellence on this point. There are now 21 standard Sunday schools in the Association. \* \* \*

THREE ARKANSANS are among the 179 students who are candidates for degrees and awards at the 39th annual commencement exercises May 17 of New Orleans Baptist Seminary. They are: Alfred Roy Major, Little Rock, who will receive the master-of-theology degree; and Robert Clarence Creed, Hermitage, and Thomas D. Hill, Lonsdale, each of whom will receive the bachelorof-divinity degree.

Commencement speaker will be Dr. Warren F. Jones, president of Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

## **TIPS TO REPORTERS**

WE ARE GREATLY encouraged by the volume of news items that are coming to us from people over the state. This is essential if we are to have good news coverage. Here are some suggestions to help those who may be sending in news from time to time:

1. Every news release should be dated and should bear the signature of the one sending it in. We cannot publish unsigned releases.

2. All of the facts should be given in detail and with accuracy, even though the paper for lack of space may not be able to use all of them. The Editors will handle the items according to the space that is available at the time.

3. Great care should be taken to have all names properly spelled. If a man's name is Smith but he spells it Smythe, that is the way we want to spell it.

4. We like to have news about coming events far enough in advance for us to be in print with it ahead of the time. Our deadline for all copy is Wednesday of the week preceding the week of publication. Although we cannot compete with daily papers, the time element is a very important factor for our news. We like to have it while it is news and before it gets to be history.

5. Here are types of stories that we are always glad to have: Ordination services for ministers and deacons, changes of pastorates, building programs, unusual progress in the work, revivals, and items of human interest.

-The Editors

# Editorials

## Student Government at U of A

ARKANSAS CITIZENS were jarred one morning recently when they read of daring new social rules just approved by the Student Senate at the University of Arkansas. The students had voted to "make two major changes in old regulations," a news story announced. Drinking of alcoholic drinks was to be allowed in men's organized houses "under certain controls," and men students were to be permitted " to entertain visitors of the opposite sex in apartment or rooming houses with the exception of freshmen women."

Dean of Students D. Whitney Halladay, who was quoted as lauding the students for drawing up "a set of workable social guideposts," declares in a letter replying to a query from the editor of the Arkansas Baptist that his views were misrepresented. "I have opposed from the beginning any action which would relax the social standards on our campus," he writes. "We in the administration share your concern, in this matter," he continues, "and appreciate very much your interest and the opportunity to clarify my position."

#### Preachers to Blame?

BECAUSE OF the bitter spirit reflected in the letter on this topic, carried on the opposite page, we have withheld the name of the letter's writer. Suffice it to say she is a Little Rock woman, and, we suppose, a member of a Baptist church.

We agree that nothing is more important or more to be desired than genuine spirituality. But preachers and churches must concern themselves with many things — including organizations, figures, and buildings.

To say of preachers as a class that they are "showing a definite trend toward dictatorship" is a strange conclusion for a Baptist. We have known of a few rare individuals who tried to be dictators over Baptist churches but we have never seen anybody able to tell a Baptist church what it can or cannot do. The Baptist churches we have known have been autonomous or selfgoverning.

Revivals, which our letter writer has branded "religious rackets," continue to be used of the Lord to reach lost souls. For example, more than 500 lost people were won to Christ in the recent Pulaski County simultaneous revival. Surely this is cause for great rejoicing.

Most preachers we have known would be the first to declare:

"... we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." (2 Cor. 4:7)

Our Lord said of the men he sent

The Board of Trustees of the University is to be commended for its prompt action in overruling the action of the Student Senate and declaring the old regulations that had been "repealed" to be still in force. Further action is to be considered at a May meeting of the Trustees.

It is cause for great concern that students, supposedly top leaders on the campus, would propose such setting aside of the common safeguards of student morality. No doubt some will argue that it is better to give the boys their liquor and girl friends in the surroundings of their living quarters than to force them to take their bottles and their dates to some lover's lane. How ridiculous can this line of reasoning runt

Baptists of the state, numbering nearly 300,000, as citizens who vote and who support the University with their taxes, have much at stake here. It is also worth noting that 1,300 Baptist young people are among the students currently enrolled at the University. We shall watch the developments with prayerful concern.-ELM

# This Is Her Day

**Grace** Noll Crowell

- This is her day-though every day is hers.
- Brimmed as they are with urgent tasks and deeds:
- The glad young mother who must daily meet

Small children's constant needs.

- This is her day: the mother who has seen Her children grow like young corn in the sun:
- Tall, straight, and clean, who takes a keen delight

And pride in every one.

This is her day — the mother now grown old.

Who folds her hands, and slowly rocks her chair;

Who nods and smiles across the gathering dusk

At a child who is not there.

- This is their day, the mothers of the world -
- And the whole nation pauses as it should,

To honor them who know the poignant pain -

And joy of motherhood.

-BLB

out to be his ministers:

"He that receiveth you receiveth me .... He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward . . ." (Matt. 10:40-41)

#### Personally Speaking . . .

## Mama Mothered Nine

One advantage of early marriages that the children have the privilege of growing up with their parents. This was



the case at our house. Mama was 18 and Papa two or three years older when they were married. It was my good fortune to be the first of their children - the first of six — and the first of the nine children for Mama by two marriages.

MR. McDONALD So Mama and I grew up together, for she was just 19 when I came along. The only "bad habit" Mama taught

me was to fish. She took me fishing one day when I was barely big enough to hold a fishing pole, baited my hook and told me to watch the cork. When it started under, I was to jerk. I did and pulled in a big bream. I have never been the same. My seizure of fishing fever never cools for long at a time.

We never did have much worldly or any other kind of goods at our house when I was growing up, but we were a rich family - rich in affection, that is. Mama loved Papa, and it was mutual. Other children came along and I soon was more or less on my own, but Mam - and Papa - loved all of us. If they ever had any favorites we kiddles could never detect it.

They had been brought up on hickory tea and had not learned the modern way of raising young ones without flogging them occasionally. But we never doubted that they loved us, even when they sent us out to get a limb off a peach tree and then wore it out on us for some mischief we had done.

Papa died in his early 30's, a victim of the flu epidemic of 1918. Mama and her little brood of children had a hard time, but in this experience I learned a valued lesson from Mama. She never lost her sense of humor and her spirit of optimism and faith. We took in washings and earned a living the hard way, but we had a good time, too. We still went fishing occasionally. And on Sundays, we went to Sunday school and church.

Now Mama's kiddies are all grown up and on their own and she has received many grandchildreen into her circle of love. But she still has plenty of love to go around. And she still keeps her sense of humor and the abiding faith that she had to have to raise a family of nine the hard way!

Erwin L. M. Donald

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The Pew Talks Back

#### Preachers to Blame?

REGARDING YOUR article on lower evival and church attendance, there might be a few explanations as seen from the pew instead of the pulpit...

Maybe the preachers themselves are responsible. People usually only tell them good things and compliments about themselves. So it never seems to occur to a minister that he could be at fault or wrong about anything or that he could be hurting religion by his antics.

Many church members now feel that preachers are no longer spiritual; that they are concerned chiefly with three things - organization, figures and buildings. Everything now must conform to a standard pattern, whether it is practical for his congregation or his area of the nation, or whether it is the wish or the ability of his congregation. He, or a Board, is the one to say, he thinks. Ministers are showing a definite trend toward dictatorship and the people feel a spiritual and personal lack in them - that they are not really good, any more than anyone else — just politicians, religious Dave Becks.

Figures: How to get more joiners, beat last year's record, increase our offerings, build a taller steeple, get the biggest crowd. They seem like a rancher obsessed with the idea of increasing is herd when the cattle he has are dying from insufficient food, water and attention. They sound like contractors and architects now.

About revivals: People are beginning to regard revivals as religious rackets, especially these simultaneous crusades, just commercial campaigns and sales conventions. The preachers whoop it up for a week or longer, live at the best hotels, entertained royally at the finest homes with all expenses paid, and leave with a big, fat check (love offering). So they are worrying about their crowds lately!

Why? If their conscience is clear if they've done their best — why don't or can't they trust God for the results? They don't seem to do that at all. Sometimes the results are far-reaching, not immediate, but they need it right now for the record here on earth, don't they?

If they would just learn to stop with simple dignity and trust and not destroy a marvelous sermon and its effects by too much yak-yak-yaking at the end like a woman who cooked her cake too long and ruined it.

Crowds came to hear Christ because they wanted to. He didn't need to packa-pew (which has turned many people from revivals and religion with disust and contempt). He was simply good and sincere and the people felt it. Maybe the preachers today could do well to study His methods instead of man-made ones.

Christ was serene, unhurried. Ministers now are as hectic as a society woman. "Keep 'em stirred up, feed 'em, keep something going on every day, every hour," is their attitude.

And parents are complaining that they and their children have no time for family life together or home training — school all day, something at church every night.

Many people, church members, are seeking true religion today more than ever before, but not always finding what they seek in churches.

"We would see Jesus," they are thinking; not records, not inflexible Nashville standards, not even a ceaseless round of activities, nor a certain minister. We would worship God in spirit and in quiet reverence which would reflect itself in our lives and conduct through the days that follow.

(Signed)

(See Editor's reply on page 4.)

#### On Packing the Pew

I want to express my personal word of appreciation for your editorial in the April 18 issue relative to the "Pack-the-Pew" plan and other mechanical devices for promoting attendance in revivals.

You express my views entirely.

While any legitimate method of getting people to church is certainly permissible, I believe that whenever we present a clear, simple, Spirit-filled, heart-felt message of the crucified and risen Lord and his power to save, attendance will be no problem.

Let us beware lest we become laden with methods and are not cognizant of the Spirit. —Bill H. Lewis, Evangelist, Little Rock.

#### **Counselor's Corner**

#### By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

**Baptist in Catholic School** 

QUESTION: I am a high school junior and am greatly troubled by the fact that I am a Baptist in a Catholic school. I had always gone to public schools until this year and I made the change because of crowded conditions and split session. In other words, I was learning next to nothing.

I am troubled because I believe strongly in my faith as a Baptist, and wondered if it is wrong to support a religion in which I do not believe. My parents are paying a large sum of money to this Catholic school but I am getting much out of it scholastically. Is it wrong?

ANSWER: It is hard for me to believe that you changed schools for scholastic reasons alone. Search your own heart. Were you hostile toward your associates in the public schools: Were

A GROUP OF "free thinking" faculty members at the University of Arkansas has recently engineered an action through a poorly attended business meeting to lift from the Administration certain restrictive powers and to designate behavior patterns to the student government itself.

Dr. John Tyler Caldwell opposed the move and let his convictions be known. The majority vote prevailed, however, and the decisions for student behavior went to the Student Senate.

Almost immediately the student committee met and the Northwest Arkansas Times of Fayetteville carried a front-page story stating that the students in their first meeting did two things: 1. Voted to permit drinking of alcoholic beverages in organized houses; and, 2. Voted to allow entertaining members of the opposite sex in the apartments or rooming houses, with the exception of freshmen women.

This is a serious and significant matter for all Arkansas Baptists. Those of us who know President Caldwell know him to be a man of high principles, an opponent of alcohol in any form, and one who believes in high class behavior between the sexes.

It is my opinion that hundreds of Arkansas Baptists should write to him. **The Arkansas Gazette** of April 26 states that the Trustees have over-ruled the student Government. Now all the more we should write commending Dr. Caldwell and urging him to maintain strict control.—Andrew M. Hall, Pastor, First Church, Fayetteville.

(Editor's Note: We are glad to have this statement from Dr. Hall, who, by virtue of his position, is very close to the University. See Editorial on page 4 dealing further with the Fayetteville situation.)

you not trying to rise above your own group? Could you not get an education in the public schools in spite of the handicaps?

Think for yourself in this matter. Just what kind of an education are you getting in the Catholic school? Facts? A memory training? Or are you trained to look at all the facts of life, religion, sex, history, and all, with an open mind. From where I stand, a censored education is not a good education.

Besides if every Baptist (or any other) did what you are doing, where would our public schools be? In attending parochial schools you are endorsing a system, though like Pilate you may wash your hands.

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

Quote of the week: "A leader is not a man who can do the work better than his men, but a man who can get his men to do the work better than he can."

# Some Observations On The Recent State Legislature

#### By Fritz E. Goodbar

(Editor's Note: Brother Goodbar's tireless efforts in the interest of righteousness as he served Arkansas Baptists during the recent session of the State Legislature have won for him the hearty praise of the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. In a letter to the Danville Baptist Church expressing appreciation for the services of its pastor in this capacity, Luther F. Dorsey, secretary of the Executive Committee, wrote:

"Brother Goodbar did a masterful job of checking on these issues (pertaining to moral legislation) and alerting the Christian people of our state. Because of his good work some bills were defeated that would have done great harm to the moral fiber of our state."

At the request of our Editor I am glad to share with Arkansas Baptists some observations and conclusions resulting from my daily attendance upon the meetings of the General Assembly of our State during its regular session this year.

First, I should say that I did so at the request of the "Anti-gambling Committee" and the General Secretary of our Convention, without salary, but by the grace of the Danville Baptist Church which released me during the week for this special work.

Our General Assembly is made up of 100 members in the House and 35 members in the Senate. Many of these are men of high moral character and with Christian attitudes; some, it is soon evident to any observer, are there to serve special interests rather than the welfare of the whole people. In this latter group are those who are serving the liquor and gambling interests and they are alert, bold, active and vocal.

It became apparent who these men were for as soon as a bill affecting these interests was presented they were immediately ready to fight for or against it according to the way it might affect their masters. It was also apparent that these special interests had men other than legislators constantly at work lobbying by fair means or foul and doing their best to promote the interests of beer, wholesale and retail liquor dealers and the gambling interests. It was my observation that their interests were common to the extent that they pooled their forces in fighting for or against legislation as it affected each.

I am thoroughly convinced we were wise in having at least one man in attendance all the time. This provided a rallying point for legislators who wanted to vote right on moral issues and the presence at all times of a preacher who represented a great Convention of Arkansas Baptists was not without effect. And this leads me to say that Arkansas Baptists need to make their voice.heard as such in a greater way than we have here-to-fore.

During the session many pieces of bad legislation were proposed. We are grateful that most of them were de-The most spectacular battle feated. we had during the 60 days was over the bills which were introduced simultaneously in the House and Senate to permit gambling houses to operate in the State, particularly in Hot Springs. The proponents of this bill had their plans well formulated. The bills had been printed in advance and the strategy was to rush them through Committees and both branches before the Christian forces could organize their



MR. GOODBAR

opposition. They almost succeeded. But our greater Little Rock Baptist Pastors and a few others went into action with the result that a public hearing was finally arranged and despite the fact that we had only one day's notice our members swamped the hundreds who came to "bully" the bill through. God was with us.

At the conclusion of the hearing it was evident that our forces had won, and two men who were sitting immediately behind me were discussing the matter and one said to the other: "If those — Baptists would attend to their business, we could get this through." I could not resist remarking to them that I was one of those — Baptists and that we were attending to our business.

The proponents saw that they were defeated and later withdrew the bills, declaring that they would submit the matter to a vote of the people. I refuse to believe the people of Arkansas will sell their birthright for a mess of pottage.

I will conclude by saying that I was made conscious of our need to pray every day for our legislators and for others in places of authority. At the same time I am convinced that we need to work at the job of being good citizens ourselves. The work of our Committee should be strengthened and its scope enlarged to where it is a Committee on Civic Righteousness. We have no favors to ask from our State government but we do have our families. our homes, our neighbors, our institutions, our State and our Nation to protect from bad legislation and from the greed of Godless interests.

Organizations should be formed all over our State to encourage good men to serve in our law-making bodies and to oppose those who have proven unfaithful or whose lives give evidence of the fact that they will not be on the side of Godliness when the battle is joined. This could be the further work of the Committee whose help and fellowship I greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

It was a joy for me to serve our peo-• ple.

# GOERNER ELECTED

Dr. Cornell Goerner, professor of comparative religion and missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was recently elected



#### DR. GOERNER

secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, to succeed Dr. George W. Sadler when he retires from that position at the end of this year.

Dr. Goerner will assume his new duties by January 1, 1958; but it is likely that he will spend several months visiting the countries where he will have responsibility before establishing his office at Board headquarters in Richmond.

A native of Texas, Dr. Goerner received the bachelor-of-arts degree from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., and the master-oftheology and the doctor-of-philosophy degrees from Southern Seminary. He studied for one year at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

He began teaching in Southern Seminary in 1935 as instructor in comparative religion and missions and became assistant professor in 1938, associate professor in 1943, and full professor in 1948. He has directed the seminary's summer school since 1954.

He and Mrs. Goerner, the former Ruth Vinall Paddock, also a native of Texas, have three daughters.

• EDITOR'S DATEBOOK: Last Sunday, Editor McDonald was the supply pastor at First Church, Dardanelle, Morris Roe, pastor. Sunday morning he will preach at First Church, Cabot, J. Samuel Phillips, pastor. Other speaking angagements for the month include: First Church Mission, Wynne, May 19; and Pastor's Conference, Southern Baptist Convention, Chicago, Tuesday, May 28.

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Baptist Crosscurrents-

#### **Peculiar Baptists**

There is a segment of Baptists called "Peculiar Baptists," but not all peculiar Baptists belong to that particular group. Many of them are found in Southern Baptist churches. It is a peculiar sort of person who refuses to sit at the Lord's table with Christians of other denominations and then sits down at a liquor bar with one who professes no faith whatever. It is a strange sort of Baptist who insists that the whole Bible is divinely inspired and then obeys so little of it. It is a queer person who insists that the church conduct a full scale of services and then attends only one each week. Any Baptist must have a peculiar twist in his mentality when he calls himself "A Missionary Baptist" and then does all he can to nullify the real missionary efforts of others.

It is more than odd that most living Baptists were saved during revival services and three-fourths of them do not now attend revival meetings. It is remarkably strange that all of them in some manner responded to a Gospel invitation but now do not have time to wait a few moments while others are being invited. Every Baptist went through the baptismal waters, but many of them regard the baptism of others as something to be endured at the beginning or end of a service. It is an astounding fact that some who profess such faith in a coming resurrection usually desecrate the day that commemorates His resurrection which guarantees ours.

Thousands of Baptists are very particular and very peculiar, but they are not particularly nor peculiarly Christlike. No wonder the world is amazed by the people called Baptists. Multitudes of them have so little and do so much while others profess so much and do so little.

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-Baptist Standard (Texas)

#### The Courage Of Moderation

It requires courage for one to maintain an attitude and position of moderation where there is a popular tendency to go to extremes. It is easier to go with the crowd which takes an extreme position than it is to hold one's ground for a more moderate point of view and less drastic action. To be sure, there are limits to the application of the "middle of the road" philosophy; but it has merit. It takes courage to "walk in the middle" because one who does so might be "shot at" from either side. Still there are situations in which neither extreme is right; and, in such a situation, one should have the courage to stand for the right.

To follow one's convictions is more courageous than to follow one's impulses, and conviction is more likely to be moderate and deliberate than to be extreme and impulsive. Conviction comes after thoughtful consideration of all the facts available and of all the known courses of action and their probable consequences. It takes courage to do such thinking when many have already formed prejudicial opinions and are urging drastic action with extreme statements. Then, it takes more courage to stand against the conflicting currents of excitement and conflict. In other words, it takes true courage to support a reasonable position when many are not being reasonable.

Those who "take sides" quickly and go "all out" for their "side" may appear to be very courageous when actually they may be only engaging in heroics and going with their chosen company with very limited understanding and not much concern and courage. True courage and good judgment go well together, it seems.

-The Baptist Courier (S. C.)

# OUACHITA NAMES

Arkadelphia — Dr. Ralph Phelps was elected president for another year and Professor James Edmondson was named to the newly-created post of vice-president by the Ouachita College trustees in their quarterly meeting on the campus recently.

Dr. Phelps, who came to Ouachita in 1953, will begin his fifth term as president in September, when new faculty contracts become effective.

Professor Edmondson has been at Ouachita since 1951 and is currently chairman of the Department of Business. His primary responsibilities will be in the areas of financial administration and fund-raising, it was indicated. He is a native of Alabama, holds an A. B. from Jacksonville State College and an M. A. from Peabody, and has completed residence requirements for the Doctorate at Indiana University.

The trustees also adopted a record budget of \$685,465 for the coming year, instituted a disability policy for faculty personnel, voted to have a special committee study athletics in the light of the recent Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference decision to return to subsidization, approved immediate construction of the Ruth Lamb Memorial Swimming Pool, and elected faculty and staff members for next year.

Elected to permanent tenure was Miss Lois Gardner, associate professor and head of the department of modern languages.

• DR. AND MRS. Andrew M. Hall, of First Church, Fayetteville, have been invited to serve on the faculty for Training Union Week at Glorieta in June. Mrs. Hall will teach a book on recreation and Dr. Hall will serve as personal counselor for 'teen-agers.



Mr. West

#### **Barry to Speak**

Dr. John A. Barry, Jr., president of Coker College, Hartsville, S. C., will deliver the commencement address to the 104 graduating seniors of Ouachita Baptist College May 20, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., OBC president, has announced.

Dr. Barry was graduated from Furman University with the bachelor of arts degree and from Southwestern Theological Seminary with the master and doctor of theology degrees and served on the seminary faculty a number of years.

He has held numerous pastorates in South Carolina where he has served in high positions in state and southwide Southern Baptist Convention programs. Dr. Barry has served in key positions on city and county boards of education at Greenville, S. C.

President of Coker College since 1955, Dr. Barry is a member of the South Carolina Academy of Science and the Metaphysical Society of America. He was a member of the faculty at Furman University from 1949 through 1955 where he headed the department of philosophy.

Dr. Duke McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 19.

Ouachita will confer the doctor-ofdivinity degree upon Rev. S. A. Whitlow, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia and a Ouachita graduate; and Rev. Rel Gray, pastor of First Baptist Church, Helena, also a graduate of Ouachita.

• GROUNDBREAKING for a new educational building for First Church, Mansfield, was held recently. To be known as Barnes Memorial Building in honor of George and Martha Barnes, it will be a two-story structure, 35 feet by 57 feet.

Clifford R. Lyon is pastor, and the following are members of the Building committee: Roy Cross, Martin Cross, Scevoy Barnes, Woodson Holbrook, Clifford Lyon, and Lloyd Presson.

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• THE NEW PASTOR at Second Church, Conway, is William West, who assumed his duties April 14. For the past three years Mr. West has been pastor of Piney Church, Hot Springs. During that time the church received 160 additions by baptism and 93 by letter. The Sunday school reached an average attendance of 261 and the Training Union 161. The budget increased from \$6,000 to \$21,347. The church purchased an eight-room home for the pastor, a bus, an organ, and made other physical improvements.

Mr. West is a native of McArthur, Ark., the son of a Baptist minister. He is a graduate of Arkansas A&M College, Monticello. Mrs. West is a graduate of Henderson College, Arkadelphia. There are two children, Keith, seven, and Arlan, three.

#### THE BOOK SHELF

Choose an author as you choose a friend, -Roscommon

How to Read the Bible, by Richard Hall and Eugene P. Beitler with Dr. Francis Carr Stifler. Published by J. B. Lippincott Company, 227 South 6th Street, Philadelphia 5, Pennsylvania; \$2.95.

This is a very attractively and helpfully written book. The Bible is presented from a positive position of its contribution to those who read it. It is presented as the Word of God which brings us the knowledge of our sins and the means of forgiveness and salvation. The authors show how every worthy and worthwhile thing in life has found its foundation, support, and strength in the Bible. The place of the Bible in history, literature, and music is attractively presented. The suggestions as to how to read the Bible are very clear, simple, and helpful. We would not agree with some terminology which the authors use. Their presentation of the documentary hypothesis and authorship of the Pentateuch is not in accord with our thinking. We would not agree that there are two varied accounts of the creation story in Genesis. The conclusions regarding the date of Deuteronomy and the authorship of Isaiah are not acceptable to us. We would not accept the Aprocryphal books as a part of the inspired scriptures. There are some other minor differences that we would not accept. -Dr. T. J. Delaughter, Associate Professor, New Orleans Seminary.

The Expository Method of G. Campbell Morgan, by Don M. Wagner. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey, \$2.00.

One who acknowledges great personal help from the preaching and writings of the late G. Campbell Morgan here seeks to analyze his expository method with the purpose of stimulating biblical preaching. Mr. Wagner considers Dr. Morgan's method to have been the application of the context principle. His discussion will have interest for those who are familiar with Dr. Morgan's work in the field of Bible exposition — Dr. Donald F. Ackland, Editor, Sunday Schoel Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

• D. B. BLEDSOE returned to Arkansas on April 30 to assume the pastorate of First Church, Booneville, following his resignation at First Church, Charleston, Mo. He went to Charleston after a four-year pastorate at First Church, Wilson. During his ministry at Charleston, 147 were received by baptism and 92 by letter. The Bledsoes have five children: Ben, who is a freshman at Ouachita; James, Nancy, Robert and Mildred Ruth.

#### BAPTIST BUILDING -----

PERSONALITIES

#### By Mrs. Homer D. Myers

It must be some sort of a record when every member of one's family is in Christian service. And such is the case with Nelson Tull, who was born in a Baptist parsonage in Lexington, Miss., the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Tull. His three sisters are pastor's wives: Mrs. Ralph Herring, First Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mrs. Herman Westmoreland, South Main Church, Houston, Tex.; and Mrs. V. E. Chalfant, whose husband is pastor of College Street Methodist Church in Stuttgart. His only brother, James, is professor of theology at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forrest, N. C. Nelson Tull has been secretary of the Arkansas Brotherhood eleven years. His father's two brothers are denominational men. N. T. Tull of New Orleans retired at 79 from active duty. and S. E. Tull, who has retired more times than his nephew remembers, is teaching in Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. Tull received his education in the Monticello public schools and at Ouachita Baptist College and Mississippi College. He began teaching school at 19, with four years in a Mississippi high school and 18 years at East Side Junior High in Little Rock. He surrendered for special service at a student volunteer convention in Newton, Miss., t the age of 19.

He has served as associate pastor of Baring Cross, North Little Rock, and Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky.; superintendent of missions for First Church, Little Rock; education and finance director for First Church, Nashwille, Tenn., before coming to the Brotherhood department April 1, 1946.

Mrs. Tull is the former Miss Lucile McGraw, New Albany, Miss. The Tulls have one daughter, Mrs. John F. Mowrey of Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Tull emphasized the fact that this would be no story unless his grandson, John Philip, was included. One can easily visualize the fast-moving premature grandfather, who was a ten-second dash man in the 100 yard dash during college days, as the typical antecedent of a fun-loving 12-year-old boy.

They do not see eye-to-eye on everything, however. Two years ago on Pike's Peak, Johnny and Nelson went yonder to play in the snow. When it was time for the return trip, Nelson took a shortcut, going dangerously near a precipice with a one-mile drop. The grandson informed his senior partner he could take that risk if he liked, he didn't have long to live anyhow. But at ten, he should be good for another 60 years and he preferred to play it safe.

Nelson remembers sleeping on a front ew in First Church, Monticello, so long his father told him he must stop it. He obeyed, while trying desperately to invent some method by which he could sleep with his eyes open. He also remembers making a statement his father had to live down. He was a small boy, living in a small town. His mother sent him out to match a spool of thread. None of the stores he was familiar with had it. He found it in a large department store and started walking off with the merchandise. The salesman requested he pay for it.

Nelson Tull



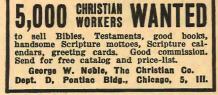
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Nelson, at a loss for an answer, but thinking he had to take it to his mother whether or no, finally came up with an answer, "Oh, that's all right, Papa will charge it — he owes everybody in town anyhow."

Mr. Tull pioneered in Brotherhood work in Arkansas, being the only Brotherhood secretary the department has had. When he accepted the work there were 23 organizations in the state. There are now 576. The Brotherhood assumed full responsibility for the Royal Ambassadors program in Arkansas in 1956, which numbers 560 organizations. The department maintains contact with 1,224 organizations in the state, including associational and regional.

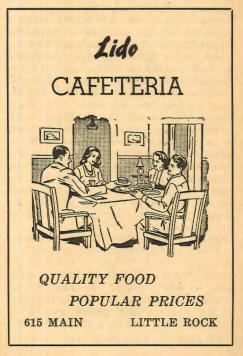
Mr. Tull has probably done more personal soul winning than any other person in the state, since that is a part of Brotherhood work. For instance, some weeks ago there were over 1,000 professions of faith made in one year through Brotherhood revivals. Mr. Tull won his first convert in the Pulaski County jail. While missionary for First Church, he helped a group of men start personal work in the Little Rock jails, which has continued over 20 years without missing a Sunday's service.

The Tulls reside in North Little Rock and are members of Second Church, Little Rock.



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# Departments\_

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL: Pennants Increased

For many years the Sunday School Board has been printing the price of the Standard pennants on the application form for Standard Sunday schools. This



price has been \$3. But recently the price has been increased to \$4. For this reason the churches that have been sending in the \$3 for the pennant have been billed for the additional \$1. When the Standards come up for reprinting, the correct price will be included on

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the new copies. Churches applying for Standard recognition and desiring a pennant should attach a check for \$4.

Advance Standard pennants are furnished free of charge. The one in current use is an attractive felt pennant with white letters on a maroon background, which is given free of charge to the churches attaining advance standard efficiency. At one time, the Sunday School Board charged \$15 for these pennants because they had to be made up individually. The name of the church has been dropped from the advance standard pennants. Hence the present no-charge policy.

#### EFFICIENCY CHARTS

A wall Standard of Excellence chart prepared by the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board and an Efficiency Chart for department, school, and association use, and another for individual classes have been sent to every Sunday school superintendent in Arkansas. The Standard of Excellence chart sets forth the requirements for attaining recognition as a standard Sunday school. The two efficiency charts provided by the Arkansas Baptist Sunday School Department are for the purpose of recording achievements on the Standard of Excellence. On the Efficiency chart the points of the Standard are covered by red seals. the objective being to place a blue seal under each point that has been attained, covering the red seals. The main objective is to get the particular unit, whether it be school, department, class, or association, out of the red. Sunday school superintendents, department superintendents, class teachers and associational Sunday school superintendents are urged to use the efficiency charts to step up Sunday school efficiency in all of the Sunday school units in Arkansas.

#### MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ENROLLED

Arkansas Baptist Sunday schools are enrolling more Young People, 17-24 years of age. In 1955, Arkansas Sunday schools reported a total Young People's enrolment of 17,342. In 1956, 12,715 single young people and 7,727 married young people, a total of 20,442, were enroled. This is a gain of 3,100. BSU: Ridgecrest Week For Young People



#### **Pritchell Hall**

THE WHITE COLUMNS of Pritchell Hall have long been a symbol of the mountain-top experiences which Southern Baptists have enjoyed at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina. It is from these Blue Ridge Mountains that Baptist college students have turned again to the campus to serve as stronger witnesses. It is at this place that many college students have discovered God's will for their lives.

Student Week will be June 6-12. High School seniors are urged to join the Arkansas group of college students attending the student retreat. Parents could provide an excellent introduction to Christian college life and to the Baptist Student Union by giving their graduating senior a trip to Ridgecrest during Student Week.

Among the outstanding speakers will be Dr. Clovis Chappell, Dr. J. P. Allen, Dr. Paul Geren, All-American Bill Glass, Dr. Jack Robinson, Mrs. J. O. Williams, Mrs. Frank Leavell, Josephine Scaggs, Dr. Jack Noffsinger, and others.

For information about costs, write:

Tom J. Logue 401 W. Capitol Little Rock, Arkansas

• DR. AND MRS. F. G. Dodson, of Ontario, Ore., where Dr. Dodson is pastor of First Baptist Church, are visiting friends and relatives in Arkansas. Dr. Dodson formerly served for several years as pastor of First Church, Dardanelle. Mrs. Dodson is the former Miss Nora Lee Eidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eidson of Centerville.

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• The Ashley County Leader, of Hamburg, reports the licensing to the ministry of Dean Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nelson, by Temple Church, Crossett, on Sunday, April 21.

## BROTHERHOOD:

#### **Church and State**

#### By C. H. Seaton

At the present time there is another movement on to get the President of the United States to appoint an Ambassador to the Vatican.

Baptists have always sought to main-



tain the Separation of Church and State as one of the fundamentals of Religious liberty. Men of a Baptist Brotherhood should be vitally interested in continuing this fundamental of Religious Liberty. If our children are to have the same freedom of religion and education

MR. SEATON ligion and education that our forefathers bled and died to establish, then we must maintain the separation of Church and State.

The Brotherhood of the Cullendale Baptist Church has sent a telegram to the President of the United States, protesting the appointment of an Ambassador or representative of this government to the Vatican. It would be well for every Brotherhood to do likewise, "Rise up O, Men of God" and speak out for right.

Camp time is coming and will be here before we know it. The exact dates will be set in the next few days. However, now is the time to start planning and getting your boys ready to attend.

The camps will be pioneer, but plans are being made to take care of about 120 at each camping period. There will be adequate equipment and housing to take care of this number in a comfortable way.

There will have to be a great deal of work done in preparing the camp sight. Several Brotherhoods and Royal Ambassador Chapters have already volumteered to help do this work. If a group from your organization would like to do likewise, write and let us know and state the time you would like to help.

Plan now to have your boys present at a camp in the first camping season at the "Arkansas Baptist Camp." The general program of the camps will be similar to the program we have followed in the past.

There will be several new features this year, however, including hiking, exploring, and some mountain climbing that we have not been able to do before.

Boys, plan now to attend. Pastors, counselors, parents, and Brotherhoods plan to help the boys from your church to attend.

Recuperating at his home from injuries suffered several months ago in an accident, Dean plans to enroll at Ouachita Baptist College in September.

#### **MISSIONS:**

#### Two New Missions By C. W. Caldwell

BOYD BAKER of Wynne gives an encouraging report of their new mission: We opened the Chapel yesterday. We had 89 in Sunday School, over 100 in church, 38 in Train-



ing Union and something like 75 in the evening service. It appears that the mission is going to serve a great need in our city."

J. B. Measel, of Berryville, was in the Baptist Building yesterday and in a brief visit he said: "We are

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in our new mission and having wonderful services. I preach in the mission at 10 o'clock and at 7 o'clock." He was beaming with enthusiasm.

What has your church done about starting a Mission? Let's adopt the slogan: "Every Church with a Mission."

#### CHAPLAIN'S WORK

E. A. Richmond's work as chaplain in the Boys' Industrial School lives on in the lives of the boys after they are released. The letter below is an example:

"Dear Brother Richmond: Just a few lines to let you know that I am doing fine. How are all the boys making it? How is the daily? I am making \$45.00 per week and as quick as I get my debts paid off I will send some money or the Chapel. I read my Bible every day and I go to church all the time. May God bless you. James Holmes, 413 So. 4th, Van Buren.

#### **EVERTON CHURCH**

A few years ago a Baptist Church was constituted at Everton. The congregation worshipped in the Methodist Church house. The services became irregular and it looked for awhile as if the church would die. Lowell Wright, associational missionary, has assisted the church in reviving the services, in calling a pastor, and in securing its own building.

Missionary Wright reports splendid services under the leadership of Pastor Dennis James:

"The work at Everton is coming along in a wonderful way. April 14 they had 61 in Sunday School and two professions of faith. Sunday, April 21, they had 74 in Sunday School and three professions of faith and one by letter."

#### **TRAINING UNION:**

#### **Boone Standard**

#### By Robert A. Dowdy

Congratulations to Boone Association on being the first association to reach the standard and qualify for recognition in 1957.

This means that we have a total of 20 officers in this association who are doing real missionary and evangelistic work. If we ever reach every Baptist church with a real missionary and evangelist program (and we mean to do this), it will have to be done through the associational organizations such as we have in Boone Association. Of course, we realize that the standard is not our goal but as we do the things called for in the standard we will be reaching every church in the association for missionary and evangelistic work which is our goal.

The officers in Boone Association are as follows: Missionary, Lowell Wright; moderator, L. F. Webb; director, John D. Blythe; associate director, Edward Powers; secretary-treasurer, Frances Cowan; song leader, George Seviers; pianist, Mary Ezell; pastor-adviser, L. F. Webb; adult leader, Arthur Anderson; young people's leader, Mrs. Charles McNabb; intermediate leader, Mrs. John Blythe; junior leader, Mrs. L. A. Tribble; primary leader, Mrs. Winnie Thompson; beginner leader, Mrs. Frank Whitaker; nursery leader, Mrs. Warren Gore; group directors, Rev. Elmer Cox, Rev. Charles McNabb, Truman Logan, Henderson Brown, J. K. Edmonson, E. V. Gault. These officers are encouraging all of the churches in the Association to have a real program of training.

Some of the things they did last quarter included Baptist Youth Night in the association, helping churches plan for study courses, and visiting the churches to promote Training Union. They have 21 churches and 18 of them have Training Unions.

During the week of April 29 to May 3, Rev. Ralph W. Davis, Robert A. Dowdy, and Mrs. Ruth Tolleson of the Training Union Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, conducted one-night conferences in the following churches of Boone Association: Omaha, Southside, Lead Hill, Gaither, Elmwood, Everton, Prairie View, Northvale, Grubb Springs, Oregon Flat, Bear Creek Springs, Union, Batavia, Bellefonte, Valley Springs, Alpena.



#### WMU:

#### **Ridgecrest Conference**

May 15 is the last day for sending in reservations for the Young Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Ridgecrest, June 13-19. Arkansas will have a chartered



bus leaving the Greyhound Station (6th and Broadway) Little Rock at 6:45 a.m., June 12. The trip will include a night in Chattanooga en route to Ridgecrest with a side trip to Look-Out Mountain. The group will return via Birmingham, spending the night there June 19.

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touring Woman's Missionary Union Headquarters June 20, and arriving in Little Rock at 7:30 that night.

The cost will be approximately \$62.50 plus meals en route (seven of them). When sending in reservations please include \$13.50 per person, leaving the balance of \$49.00 each to be paid when boarding the bus in Little Rock.

Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, State Youth Secretary, will be in charge of the bus and will direct the activities of the trip. Reservations should be sent to her at 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

The program will include missionary messages, morning watch by the lake, vespers, mission study, discussion groups, splendid music, recreation and state get-togethers.

Youth directors, WMU presidents and pastors are asked to encourage girls from their churches to attend, if possible, providing financial help when necessary. During the Anniversary year one goal is that "there shall be one member attending Ridgecrest or Glorieta." Help your YWA to meet this goal by seeing that some member enjoys a "vacation plus" in the Land of The Sky.

All State WMU camps will be held at Ferncliff again this year. The dates for youth camps are:

Intermediate GA Camp, July 22-26.

Junior GA Camps, July 29-August 2; August 5-9; August 12-16; and August 19-23.

Young Woman's Auxiliary Houseparty, July 27-28.

NOTICE, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS ARE YOU prepared to teach a new and different art or craft to your group this year? ATTEND THE ART AND CRAFT CLINIC

> at ALL-STATE SUPPLY, INC. 1212 E. 6th, North Little Rock THURSDAY, MAY 16 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Materials cost fee, \$1 (Repeated by popular request for Bible School Workers.)

## EVANGELISM: Evangelism Fruits

#### By I. L. Yearby

True evangelism will always result in fruit. Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth



fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16.) The fruit of one Christian is another Christian. It is a contradiction of terms to speak of evangelism where there is no fruit as an evidence. Last week we had something to say about conserving results of evangelism.

Pastor Robert L. Smith, of the First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, has this to say in his bulletin:

#### A New Member's Lament

"The story goes like this: A family moved to town and united by letter with a certain Baptist church. Soon afterwards, the wife was overheard to say, 'I almost wish sometimes we had not joined with a congregation. Before we did, we were the center of attention. We had several visits each week. Everyone was interested in us. But since we became members of the church, hardly anyone has noticed us!' This may be a bit exaggerated, as stories often are, but the point sticks us where it hurts. These people who have chosen to serve with us, and others who have begun life anew as a Christian, need our attention now as never before."

Our hearts continue to rejoice in reports of fruitful evangelism throughout the state. But once again we urge upon every pastor and church to make the most consecrated effort possible to conserve, enlist and use the new members who are coming into our churches. The best method of doing this that has yet been devised is, "The Pastor's New Members Class," in which the pastor will study with the new members the book, "Your Life and Your Church."

Also, we should all remember that there are still many unsaved in every community who need to be reached for Christ. Practically every church has unsaved people who are connected, by family ties and through the Sunday School organization, with the church. These are the direct responsibility of our churches. Continue to win them to Christ and then conserve them for service.

# Christian Home Week Observance May 5-12

FOR THE EIGHTEENTH year Christian Home Week will be observed in Southern Baptist churches May 5-12.

Plans for Christian Home Week observance in Southern Baptist Churches were first started in 1939 by Sunday School Board officials. Dr. H. E. Ingraham and Dr. J. E. Lambdin. The first observance was in 1940.

#### Working Mothers Studied

The sage who observed that "a woman's place is in the home" had better look again. One third of this nation's so-called "manpower" is actually womanpower, according to latest figures, and one fourth of all mothers have jobs outside the home. Most of these mothers have children of school age.

These "Part-Time Mothers" are the subject of a searching study by Ross L. Holman of 2208 Murphy Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, in May Home Life, Christian Family Magazine of Southern Baptists published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

There are some definite advantages in acceptance of women by the labor force, the **Home Life** writer notes. For one thing, a girl doesn't have to marry the first man who asks her for fear she may go hungry if she doesn't. Many widows in the labor force today are the sole support of their families. And in some cases, mothers must work to supplement the meager income of the father.

At the same time, the **Home Life** article underscores these dangers working mothers should consider:

The threat to the mother's health. Not many women have the physical stamina to meet the demands of home and office responsibilities.

The threat to the home. Few families survive without the constant love and care of a mother.

"The spiritual welfare of the child is more important than all other considerations," Holman adds. "Economic gains which jeopardize home life can never be justified. The child is worth far more than the things extra money will buy."

For the mother who feels that we must work to balance the family budget, the **Home Life** feature suggests a job that does not take her away from the home, or which allows her to work while the children are in school.

• FAYETTEVILLE FIRST Church has voted to proceed with plans for a new sanctuary, with April 1, 1958, as the goal for starting construction. The new building will be air-conditioned and will have a seating capacity of 1,250, with accommodations for 600 additional Sunday school pupils.

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• SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS of Dr. Clyde Hart, director of Negro Work for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, include: May 22-25, Negro Baptist Institute, Augusta; May 27-30, Negro Baptist Institute, Pine Bluff. He recently spoke at: West Side Church, Batesville; First Church, Associational Meeting, El Dorado; Park Hill Church, North Little Rock; and at the Associational Missionaries' Retreat, Lonsdale.

• BECAUSE OF A cancellation of a previous engagement, State Missionary M. E. Wiles is available for a preaching engagement Sunday, May 12.

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#### **MUSIC:**

#### Free Pamphlets By LeRoy McClard

THE CHURCH MUSIC Department, 312 Baptist Building, Little Rock, has many pamphlets which will be of value to all Music Workers. The pamphlets



are free and many of them are new. Following is the list:

Hymn of the Month 1956; Keynote; A Standard of Excellence for an Associational Music Organization; An Advanced Standard of Excellence for a Baptist Church Music Department: A Stand

MR. McCLARD partment: A Standard of Excellence for a Baptist Church Music Department; September Church Music Month; Providing Adequate Building Facilities; The Departmental Song Leader and Pianist; Associational Hymn Sing, Hymn of the Month 1957; Thirteen Song Sermons; The Celestial Choir, The Concord Choir; The Cherub Choir; The Carol Choir; Suggested Organization for the Church Choir: The Church Choir, Graded Choirs: Planning and Operating a School of Church Music; The Church Music Training Course: Church Music Education in the Association: Music Education in a Local Church; Expanding the Church Music Program: The Church Music Record System; Music in Evangelism; Sponsors

The Church Music Department offers these pamphlets to you. If you would like some of these pamphlets write to the Church Music Department.

#### **IMPORTANT!**

Don't forget these dates:

June 17-21, Youth Music Camp, Ouachita.

July 11-19, Glorieta

and Graded Choirs.

Aug. 19-23, Youth Music Camp, Siloam Springs.

It is reported that French hospitals are receiving an average of six hundred new alcoholic patients a month at a cost of more than \$2 billion a year to the state. It is also reported that the French spent more for alcohol last year than for rent, furniture, water, gas, electricity, wood, coal and other fuel, repairs, maintenance, and domestic help combined.

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# Opportunities For Young Women

By Margaret Bruce Secretary, Department of Youth,

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Are you a young woman interested in missions as a career? Even though not under appointment of our Home or Foreign Mission Board or a state mission board, you will find a variety of opportunities available through Woman's Missionary Union,

Some churches employ full-time workers for their WMU organizations. There are associations which have field workers carrying on Woman's Missionary Union work among women and young people.

In almost every state in the Southern Baptist Convention, Woman's Missionary Union offers the positions of executive secretary and youth secretary. More and more of the states are seeking Sunbeam Band secretaries, Girls' Auxiliary secretaries, and Young Woman's Auxiliary secretaries. In addition to these, there are field representatives and other associates in the state Woman's Missionary Union offices.

Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, is in an expansion program. In the very near future it is expected that at least six new promotional and editorial staff members will be added. At this convention-wide level there are opportunilies for vocational service in the field of publication, art, promotion, and business.

Has the Lord called you to a mission task here at home or overseas? If so, you can still engage in missionary education of women and young people by working in Woman's Missionary Union organizations. There are numerous mission stations where the work is advanced and young women are needed as executive secretaries and youth secretaries.

To be active in promoting Christian missions through a program of mission study, prayer, stewardship and community missions is the object of Woman's Missionary Union. Young women who commit themselves to church-related vocations will find real satisfaction in entering the work of Woman's Missionary Union.

A PRIVATE PLANE has been presented to H. P. Stagg, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, who travels thousands of miles each year on denominational business. The plane will save 20 per cent of his travel time and operates for less than automobile expenses, according to Dr. Stagg.



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Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7.

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

# Sunday School Lesson\_\_\_\_

# ABRAHAM AND HIS GOD

#### By BURTON A. MILEY

#### Sunday School Lesson May 12, 1957

#### Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-9

What kind of a person is God? Is he a benevolent old man, tolerant of all conditions, awaiting the time of the end when he shall sweep up the rewards which come to him? Is God forward-looking with a plan for the future and strength to bring the future within his plan? Is God wise in choice so that his choices count for his plan? Can he see the value of one good man beyond his generation? Was it wise for him to choose one family as a rallying point for his influence through all generations? These are questions raised in connection with Abraham and his call.

Abraham, whose former name was Abram, was the son of Terah of whom we know little. An unexplained urge hit Terah to leave Ur of the Chaldea. He traveled northwestwardly until he came to Haran where he dwelt until his death. After his death the Lord spoke to his son Abram to arise and get out of the country and apart from familiar surroundings, friends, and kinsmen, unto a land that God would show him. There is no distinct record of a divine call to Terah, Abram's father, but there is definitely a divine call to Abraham (Genesis 12:1). Some raise the issue of whether there were two calls to Abraham. The justification for the question is "Now the Lord had said unto Abram." Some think God called him in Ur (Act 7:2-4) and when his father died in Haran he thought to go no farther. The second call came at Haran to again start Abram on his journey.

#### ABRAHAM'S ANSWER

No call is complete until there is an answer. Why did Abraham answer God's call? Was it because he was a pioneer restless in any one place, living under an urge to push onward and outward? Was he emotionally upset over his father's death and with no desire to remain in the environment of his upset? Had his father planted within his mind the seed thought that he should move outward into another location? Maybe all these factors entered to some extent into the answer that Abram gave to God. Evidence seems to point to the definite divine call and Abram's immediate answer through obedience. A fourfold blessing was promised Abram. First, he was to be made a great nation. His worth and work would not stand with him as an individual but he was to bear this status to many people. Then his name would be made great. Not only would the nation result from his loins, but his name would be outstanding. In the third place he would be a blessing unto other people. His life would be worthwhile upon the horizon of history. And finally he would carry the protection of God with him. God would sustain those who sustained him as a representative of God, while God would stand against those who would resist him. Those four blessings were Abram's reward in the answer to his divine call.

Any divine call carries reward with it. From the vantage point of today one can look back upon the great Jewish nation that has undergone tremendous pressure and persecution but whose subjects yet exist though scattered in all of the world. Jews are distinguishable wherever they are, though they have been scattered abroad from Jewish land hundreds of years. They have held racial identity from other people. This nation has been a great blessing. The Saviour came from it. Monotheism is one of the distinct contributions from the Jews. The temple ritual and finally the Christian religion evolved from the Jewish foundations.

#### ABRAHAM'S OPPORTUNITY

Often any group can move forward only as an individual makes the path. It was Abraham's lot to do this. He faced a new day in God's providence and plan. Discouragements would certainly come to him. Difficulties would at times overwhelm him and yet the opportunity was his to do three definite things.

First. Abraham learned more of God. He had the divine call from God which revealed God to be personal in approach and quality. He learned of God's will for an individual and the degree of success which will come when an individual finds himself firmly planted in God's will. He also had the opportunity to learn of the greatness of faith. Possibly the greatest lesson of faith in the Old Testament is Abraham's willingness to offer his son, Isaac, to God. In the last moment the human sacrifice was forbidden and proper sacrifice was provided. Abraham, moved by faith, withheld nothing from God. This is the true picture of faith. Faith is not a drawing back or a withholding. Faith is a thrusting outward to full surrender with no holding back from God. Unbelief is resistence. Faith is submission. When God sees man with a faith which holds nothing back from him, that faith is imputed to that man for righteousness (Romans 4:22).

#### **GOD'S COVENANT**

One may not think that time has much to do with abiding faithfulness. Possibly the greatest enemy of faithfulness upon the part of people today is the routine and waiting period for God's word to be accomplished. Abraham had lived ninety and nine years and there never had been born to him and Sarah a child. They had attempted to substitute through a handmaiden. But God is not one to accept substitutes when his own plan is clearly outlined. Sarah had given up hope of a child and laughed at the idea of any child being born when she was past middle age. But with God nothing is impossible. He reestablished his covenant with Abraham that a nation should arise from his loins. He called Abram to a new consecration, changed his name to one which means "father of a multitude."

The covenant was perpetual to the extent that it would extend to generations beyond Abraham. The common blood of Abraham would flow to the third, fourth, and fifth generation and then onward in an ever enlarging circle for God. Land would be given in Cannan for these people to live and do their duty. It was the joyous effort of God to do his part in fulfilling for covenant. God is always attempting to do his part matchlessly. One can depend upon him to the utmost. God is limited only in proportion to the quality of human instrumentality.

#### PRACTICAL LESSONS

PIONEERS ARE NEEDED. All people fall into the class of roadmakers or roadmenders. The first forge ahead The second travel over the same road again and again. Abraham moved outward by faith. The world has never been the same again. Spurgeon, Moody, Truett, Finney and Livingstone are pioneers who were roadmakers by faith. Could you be a pioneer in your local church to lift it above the status quo?

ABRAHAM LEARNED HIS GOD. So did Paul, "I know in whom I have believed." One 'learns God by surrender to him through faith. The man who knows most about God is best able to serve God and humanity. One of today has two advantages to learn God which Abraham did not have. Abraham did not have Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. How much easier should enlightened sainthood be for the Christian today.

OBEDIENCE TO GOD IS COSTLY. Abraham went forth into loneliness and strangeness but he went with God. Separation for God costs in loneliness. Yet is it not the cost of greater value? Have you ever heard the testimony of a foreign missionary which emphasied personal costs? It is always the thrill of walking with God. God does not let the faithful hold the short end of the stick.

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# Children's Nook

# Mother For A Day

#### By VERA DOLORES BROMLEY

Ten is pretty old, and I had been thinking about Mother's Day for a long time. I wanted to make it a real day for my Mother.

I knew I could count on Daddy's help. This was Saturday morning, and that meant Daddy would be out in the garage getting ready to wash his car.

As I walked out to the garage I thought about how tired Mother must get of doing all the things she had to do day after day. I knew how tired I got after playing for a few hours.

I heard the noise of Daddy tinkering with the car, he looked up at me and said "Good morning, Pumpkin." I smiled at his pet nickname for me since I was in the church play as a pumpkin. "I have a secret I want to tell you about." Daddy put down his tools. "I hope you haven't gotten yourself into trouble." He looked serious at first, but when he broke into his sweet smile I knew he was joking.

"This is a secret, secret," I assured him, "I want you to cross your heart you won't tell." Daddy did, and he raised his hand, and I knew for sure my secret would be safe.

I told Daddy that Mother seemed kind of sad last Mother's Day because Grandnother lives far away and we could not et to see her. Then I took my bank out of the paper bag I had hidden it in. I gave it to Daddy. "It's heavy," he said. "It has five dollars and thirteen cents in it, and I want to spend it all on a special day for Mother. Would you help me, Daddy?"

"What do you want to do?" Daddy asked.

"We can cook breakfast, wash the dishes, take Mother to church and then out to a restaurant to eat dinner, and then maybe go for a walk in the park,

or to the zoo, and Daddy, we won't let her do one bit of work."

"That sounds like a wonderful idea," Dad smiled.

"Have I got enough money?"

"I'm sure we can manage fine on this," Daddy took the paper bag from me and wrapped up the bank, and told me to take it back to the house and he would get it the day before Mother's Day.

The next two weeks seemed so long. I prayed every single night for God to make the day nice and warm and sunny.

Daddy woke me early, just like he promised he would, and the sun was shining and I felt as happy as Christmas.

Mother couldn't understand what was going on when she found both Daddy and me up before her. You should have seen the funny look on her face when she saw the table all set pretty with lovely pink carnations as a centerpiece. Daddy pulled out the chair for her, just as if she were a queen, and I brought her gifts to her on a tray, making a little curtsy. Daddy and I had planned everything. But instead of smiling, Mother began to cry, then she hugged me and Daddy.

Later that night Mother sat beside me after my prayers were said, and she hugged and kissed me some more. "Thank you for such a lovely day," she said. "I guess I'm the very luckiest Mother in the whole world to have a girl like you." I kissed her goodnight and snuggled down into my soft bed, very tired and kind of glad to turn the job of being a mother back to Mother.

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# God's Wondrous World

#### By THELMA C. CARTER

Early day scouts said of the forest: "Nothing ever passes through a forest without leaving its trail! Human beings - storms, or animals!"

Daniel Boone and Kit Carson depended on their knowledge of woodcraft for survival. Living in a wild land, covered with dense forests and inhabited by wild animals and wilder savages, they never knew what ambush lurked in the nearby bushes.

There was always the lingering animal scent — and the footprint! Animal footprints identified their owners. The "hooved" footprint meant the

pose and the pig. The flat "toe and eel" print - coon and the o'possum. The "walk on toe" footprint - the wild cats and dogs!

It was the human footprint that was

tricky, for it could be hidden by walking on stones and wading beds of streams. Indian scouts were masters at hiding their trails.

Ofttimes, the deer path or footprint was a "pot of gold" to the scout who followed it to the safety of mountain terrain and the fresh water of the mountain spring!

The way of salvation by faith in Christ is as clear and simple to follow as the deer path to the mountain top. "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6.

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(Is there something about God's Wondrous World you would like to see described in this column? If so please send your suggestions to Baptist Press Syndicate, 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nachville 2, Tenn.) Nashville 3, Tenn.)

# A Smile or Two

It was the third time that the guest had stayed at the little hotel, and it was the third time that he noticed the sign stating that the elevator was out of order. "It's taking a long time to get that repaired, isn't it?" he commented.

The porter leaned over to him and whispered, "Just between us . . . that's not an elevator at all, it's a broom closet. But it makes a better impression."

Junior was being chided for his low grade.

Little Robert, who lived a few doors away, was held up as an example.

"Robert doesn't get C's and D's, does he?" asked his father.

"No," Junior admitted, "but he's different. He has very bright parents."

A cartoon in front of the courthouse at Fayetteville pictures two men with wings

First man to the second: "I drove a car 30 years — and just had one wreck!"

Some years ago a House member undertook to discuss the Taft-Hartley Act and began with a spoonerism: "Mr. Speaker," he said, "we have the Hart-Taftley Act, I mean the Haft-Tartley Act. Pardon me, Mr. Speaker, I am a bit confused." It reminded me of the man who rushed out of the courthouse in a county seat town just as a thief was driving his car away. He rushed up to two bystanders and said, "Did you dirty skunks see that gentleman drive off with my car?"

-Brooks Hays

"I can't get my report card back," said the boy to his teacher. "You gave me 'A' on something and they're still mailing it to relatives."

An old lady was having her eyes examined. The optician placed some cards at a distance with the letters "xzptvch" printed on them, and asked if she could read them. Said she, "I can see them clearly, but I can't read Russian."

The School Board was discussing increments, merit raises, etc., at salary time, and there was some discussion that was quite foreign to one elderly member of the Board who piped up, "Merit or single - what's the difference? Pay 'em the same."

An elderly man approached the receptionist at St. Joseph Hospital and asked if E. C. Jones could have visitors.

"No," replied the receptionist.

"Well, how is Mr. Jones getting along," the man asked.

"His condition is much improved."

"I'm glad to hear it," the man said. "I've been here 10 days and couldn't get that much information out of any of the doctors or nurses. I'm E. C. Jones." -Arkansas Democrat

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#### The Difference

We promoted the Forward Program of Church Finance through regional conferences during January and February. Now, we are scheduling associ-



ational clinics on this excellent plan.

The conferences were meetings, as many of you know, where we introduced the program and gave information about it. In those meetings we tried to say, "Here it is — the plan for which Baptists have prayed."

The associational clinics are designed to find out how the Forward Program of Church Finance works. Pastors and other church leaders study at least ten hours, in order to understand the program. This study will enable these leaders to learn how to conduct a church campaign.

In the January and February conferences we said, "Here it is—you should learn more about it." In the clinics we say, "Here it is—let's learn how to do it."

The stewardship leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention have learned that it takes a minimum of ten hours study before we can intelligently promote the program. Therefore, the clinics are designed for pastors and other church leaders who are interested in the spiritual welfare of people.

We realize that ten or fifteen hours is a long time to study a program in this busy age. But, it is something like getting an education. Twelve years in public school is a long time. Four years in a college or university means long costly hours of activity. Three or five years in a seminary are tedious, arduous, nerve-tingling months of recitation and examinations. But, who among us would look back over those years and call them useless and wasted time?

SHIRLEY AND EVENING SHADE MANY OF OUR brethren did not know that for a long time we did not have a cooperating church in Evening Shade. But in 1955, just about a year and a half ago, this church voted to give 2½ per cent of its budget for the Cooperative Program. In 1956, they increased the percentage to 5 per cent. As I view my past life, I regard those 21 preparatory years that I spent in the school room as valuable indeed! I also regard the past two years spent in learning and experimenting with the Forward Program of Church Finance as valuable indeed! Valuable, because the price of success in anything is a good "get-ready." So, a clinic of ten hours study, or more, is the price of learning how to do something that can mean the difference between success and failure to many churches.

The study may not be glamourous; the work may be tedious; the plan may seem comprehensive; but the rewards are great. —RD

# **Finance Clinics**

We have just completed a clinic on the Forward Program of Church Finance for the Mississippi County Association. The meeting was held at First Church, Osceola. By the time this is read, we will have conducted a clinic in the Liberty Association.

Five other clinics have been scheduled for the month of May, as follows:

Concord Association—May 9-10. Hope Association—May 13-14.

Harmony Association—May 16-17.

Boone-Carroll-Newton Associations

Greene County Association—May 23. We conducted twelve state regional conferences on the Forward Program of Church Finance in January and February. In the conferences the plan was introduced and explained.

In the clinics, a minimum of ten hours study is completed. The clinicians order the material from the Southern Baptist Stewardship Service, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee. (The package costs \$2). They study the program and then attend the clinic in their territory.

We realize that June is Vacation Bible School time, but some clinics have been scheduled for this month. When the brethren want a clinic, we try to arrange a date to fit their calendar. —RD

Now the church has gone to full time with its pastor and the budget has been increased and instead of receiving \$62 for the year, as it has been doing, we believe it will give nearly \$150 for the Cooperative Program. Thank the Lord for a fine cooperating pastor and for such saints as dwell in Evening Shade. — BLB.

#### **Bible School Time**

Vacation Bible Schools will be conducted by the thousands throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory, during the summer months. The majority of these schools will be conducted in June.

Therefore, we are sending out some Cooperative Program material from our office to each Sunday School superintendent. In the package there will be a large poster with the pictures of the Baptist state workers and a short resume of their work, etc. These are to be used by displaying them. These can be placed in conspicuous places and explained to the children, so that they will come to know each worker and his tasks.

We are also including some other stewardship tracts which explain the denominational plan of finance. One tract will show the Cooperative Program budgets of the State and Southern Baptist Conventions. It shows the child what happens to the mission dollar when it leaves the church.

Believing that missions is a vital part of Kingdom work and that attitudes toward missions depend to a large degree upon information, we Baptists educate our children in the Bible plan of finance. This is as it should be. In Proverbs 22:6 we find these words, "Train up a child in the way he shoul go, and when he is old he will not de part from it." —RD

#### ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

The place of meeting for the Rural Church Conference has been changed from Ozark Boys' Camp, Mt. Ida to Lonsdale, There was a conflict in the date with the Ozark Boys' Camp which necessitates the change. The missionaries will be familiar with the place and will help in directing all pastors to the proper location. The date remains the same, June 10-13.

• FIRST CHURCH, Sheridan, recently ordained four new deacons: J. A. Waddell, Sam McDonald, Jimmie Mathews, and Aubrey Holiman. Pastor Wendell Welch served as moderator and H. C. Rushing, as clerk. The ordination sermon was by O. C. Robinson, Jr., superintendent of missions for the Pulaski County Association, and the ordination prayer was led by W. A. Pollard.

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