Ouachita Baptist University
Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1955-1959 | Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

5-7-1959

May 7, 1959

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/arbn_55-59

Part of the Christian Denominations and Sects Commons, Mass Communication Commons, and the Organizational Communication Commons

Recommended Citation
Arkansas Baptist State Convention, "May 7, 1959" (1959). *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1955-1959*. 130.
https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/arbn_55-59/130

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine at Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. It has been accepted for inclusion in Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1955-1959 by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. For more information, please contact mortensona@obu.edu.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

MAY 7, 1959

Student Retreat Profitable

SOME WEEKS ago an international student retreat was held in a camp near Little Rock under the sponsorship of our Student Department. There were approximately 50 students from about 17 different nations in attendance. These young people came from the campuses of the colleges throughout our state. They came from varying backgrounds and cultures. This group represented many faiths and some with no religious faith.

It is difficult to estimate the worth of a retreat like this that brings so many of our young people together who will one day assume important places of leadership in their respective countries. It would not require a very vivid imagination to see limitless opportunities for good coming from such an experience.

The students were asked to give a brief appraisal of the meeting. Here is what some of them said of the get-together. Here is what one student from Jordan had to say, "I would say that the retreat has been wonderfully arranged. It has been educational. It included geography, history, language, religion and social understanding. I enjoyed every minute I have spent among the other students and members of the Baptist Church. I do sincerely appreciate the good spirit of the Americans I have met so far."

Then a young person from Hungary had this to say, "This was one of my best days. I have never met so many different kinds of people from foreign countries. I am sure that this meeting helped a lot to understand the world problems."

One of our own students gives this testimony. "I came with some misgivings as to how I would get along with students of other creeds and races, but I leave with a much better understanding of them and their ways. I also leave behind some very good friends that I hope to see again."

One can visualize in these meetings links of good-will being forged among the peoples of the world that will lead to a better understanding. An understanding that could contribute materially to a world of peace.

There is also the possibility that seeds sown shall produce the full-grown plant. Just one of these foreign students coming to know Christ could be a destiny determining influence in the life of a nation — or even the world.

We congratulate Dr. Tom Logue and his co-workers upon providing a meeting of this nature for the international students within the borders of our state. — S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary. ■

Cooperative Program Giving

By RALPH DOUGLAS

THE ARKANSAS Baptist Convention is composed of 1,161 churches in 44 associations. An overwhelming majority of these churches gave to world missions through the Cooperative Program during the last associational year.

Our goal for this year is: Every church in every association giving something through the Cooperative Program.

Below we have the total picture of Cooperative Program giving on the associational level. In some respects, this is a good report. On the other hand, there is too much difference between the percentage of the Cooperative Program giving in the highest association (17 per cent) and the lowest association (6 per cent). Too, when we see that the average Arkansas Baptist gave 5.02 per cent through the Cooperative Program in 12 months, we know that something more needs to be done in the matter of stewardship. This means that the average Arkansas Baptist gave about $.42 a month; less than $.10 a week and about $.01 1-3 per day, barely the price of one cigarette.

Here is the total associational picture:

Association	Total Membership	Total Co-operative Program Gifts	Per Capita Co-operative Program Gifts	% of Total Receipts Through Co-operative Program
Arkansas Valley	8,804	$ 44,435	$5.05	14%
Ashley County	5,389	21,037	3.90	10%
Bartholomew	6,192	21,611	3.49	11%
Benton County	6,607	30,978	4.69	12%
Big Creek	1,215	1,205	.99	7%
Black River	4,609	13,145	2.76	7%
Boone County	3,032	8,726	2.88	7%
Buckner	3,897	17,089	4.39	17%
Buckville	262	239	.91	6%
Caddo River	1,593	3,513	2.21	8%
Carey	3,513	19,744	5.62	16%
Caroline	5,758	21,423	3.79	13%
Carroll County	1,385	4,508	3.25	9%
Centennial	3,846	27,340	7.11	16%
Central	14,722	71,250	4.84	11%
Clear Creek	5,435	19,782	3.64	11%
Concord	20,267	134,560	6.64	15%
Conway-Perry	1,882	8,206	4.36'	12%
Current River	2,966	5,160	1.74	7%
Dardanelle-Russellville	3,906	10,368	2.65	9%
Delta	8,185	27,589	3.37	10%
Faulkner	3,952	11,977	3.09	8%
Gainesville	2,407	10,499	4.36	15%
Green County	7,102	19,902	2.80	10%
Harmony	13,792	77,836	5.64	13%
Hope	12,639	79,489	6.32	12%
Independence	3,898	18,736	4.81	14%
Liberty	17,770	149,369	8.41	14%
*Little Red River	2,056	2,292	1.11	—
Little River	4,934	17,712	3.59	11%
*Mississippi County	14,546	43,446	2.99	—
Mount Zion	10,652	36,200	3.40	10%
*Newton County	274	495	1.81	—
Ouachita	3,221	9,919	3.08	11%
Pulaski County	38,130	300,674	8.86	16%
Red River	6,248	22,906	3.67	13%
Rocky Bayou	1,518	1,648	1.09	6%
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	2,815	4,897	1.74	8%
Tri-County	11,362	47,596	4.19	11%
Trinity	7,379	16,107	2.18	9%
Washington-Madison	7,208	30,630	4.25	8%
White County	4,916	13,879	3.41	10%
White River	2,504	6,286	2.51	9%
Woodruff County	2,290	5,925	2.59	8%
TOTALS	295,073	$1,440,328	$5.02	13%

*Incomplete Report

To Ministers' Wives

Dear All of You:
Most of you are aware of the fact that there is a Southwide organization of ministers' wives. We gathered for the first time during the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention in a Kansas City hotel. Remember? I surely couldn't forget it! That was the year someone talked me into playing the part of Minnie Belle in a couple of skits to introduce the book by the same name. I was called "Minnie" during the rest of the convention!

In '57 we met at Chicago, and in '58 we met in Houston. This year we are to go to Louisville. Do you want to know all about it?

Here are the facts:

TIME: May 20th (Wednesday) 3 until 5 p.m.
PLACE: SOUTHERN SEMINARY CHAPEL
Louisville, Kentucky
GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Lofton Hudson.
(He will talk about problems peculiar to ministers' wives. Let's go find out what these peculiar problems are all about—have you got 'em?)

Informal Reception: Following the meeting. A Distinguished Service Award will be given, and new officers elected.

Hope to see you there.
Mrs. Andrew Hall,
State Promotion Chairman

Cover Story

The Real Foundation

THE FAMILY is the foundation of all our institutions—our very way of life. Important as the church and the school are, they, too, are built on Arkansas' families. Reaching all the family is a must if we are to build a truly Christian state and nation.

SERVING AS models for this Christian Home Week photograph by Robert Jackson of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, are Dr. and Mrs. Porter Routh and their children. Dr. Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, said recently: "I am grateful for a Christian home. One of the things I remember about my own home was the Bible reading and prayer time. To me this is more than just handing on a tradition or heritage—it is life itself. It is the foundation stone upon which any Christian home must be built." Christian Home Week, being observed this week across the Southern Baptist Convention, was instituted 19 years ago by J. E. Lambdin and H. E. Ingraham, of the Sunday School Board.

● ROBERT HOLLEY, minister of education of 1st Church, McGehee, resigned effective Apr. 15, to accept the call of 1st Church, Conway. (DP)

● MR. AND MRS. W. E. Scott, Sr., 1st Church, Hamburg, observed their golden wedding anniversary Apr. 26. (CB)

● NEW OFFICERS of the Harmony Association WMU include: Mrs. W. E. Green, president; Mrs. A. B. Ingram, vice president; Mrs. George Gaska, community mission; Mrs. Olie Bradshaw, stewardship; Mrs. A. P. O'Connel, missions; Mrs. Patsy Bough, YWA; Mrs. Alex Garner, GA; Mrs. Henry Dunn, sunbeams, and Mrs. E. H. Elmore, program. (DP)

● REV. AND MRS. C. Hudson Favell, missionaries to Ghana, have moved from Kumasi to Tamale, where their address is American Baptist Mission, Box 78, Tamale, Ghana, West Africa. Mrs. Favell, the former Jean Christy, is a native of Ft. Smith.

● ANDERSON Church, Hope Association, David E. Railey, pastor, has joined the churches providing the **Arkansas Baptist** to members under the budget plan.

● FIRST CHURCH, Brinkley, pledged more than $800 weekly at the Apr. 19 pledge day. A pledge of $774 weekly would have provided a $13,000 surplus to apply to a new $125,000 building. The church, pastored by Dale McCoy, used the Forward Program of Church Finance. Glenn Fuller was general chairman. (DP)

ARKANSAS BAPTIST
107 BAPTIST BUILDING
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
Official Publication of the
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

ERWIN L. McDONALD, Litt.D., Editor-Mgr
MRS. E. F. STOKES ..... Circulation Mgr.

Published weekly except on July 4 and December 25.

Entered Post Office, Little Rock, Arkansas, as second class mail matter. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided in Section 1132, October 1, 1913.

Individual subscriptions, $2.25 per year Church Budget, 14 cents per month or $1.68 per year per church family. Club plan (10 or more paid annually in advance) $1.75 per year. Subscriptions to foreign address, $3.75 per year. Advertising rates on request.

The cost of cuts cannot be borne by the paper except those it has made for its individual use.

Articles carrying the author's by-line do not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of the paper.

Paragraph abbreviations used in crediting news items:
BP, Baptist Press; CB, church bulletin; DP, Daily press.

May 7, 1959 Volume 58, No. 19

Guest Editorial

A Man's Mother

MAN, IF you have an old mother, be good to her. Tell her that you love her. Kiss the faded old lips. Hold in yours the work-knotted old hands.

Scatter a few of the flowers of tenderness and appreciation in her pathway while she is still alive and can be made happy by them.

Don't wait to put all of your affection and gratitude and reverence for her into a costly ton of marble inscribed "Mother."

Don't wait to throw all of your bouquets on her grave. It's mighty doubtful whether an angel in heaven takes any interest in cemeteries or gets any satisfaction from revisiting earth and contemplating a flattering tombstone; but it is utterly, certainly certain that you can make your old mother's heart sing for joy by showing her, while she is alive, just one tithe of the love and appreciation that you will heap upon her when she is dead.

These words are written for some one particular man who reads this page. I do not know his name, but I know his story.

He is a middle-aged man, married, prosperous. He is a good man, highly respected, and he hasn't an idea but what he is doing his duty by his poor old mother who lives in his home and whom he supports. He supplies her wants. She eats at his table, is sheltered by his roof, is warmed by his fire, is decently clothed by his hands; but that is all.

He neglects her.

He never says a word of affection to her. He never pays her any little attentions.

When she ventures an opinion, he cuts it short with curt contempt.

When she tells her garrulous old stories, as old people will, he does not even try to conceal how much he is bored.

In a thousand unintentional ways the old mother is made to feel that she is a cumberer of the ground, an impediment in the household, an old-fashioned and useless piece of furniture which everyone will be glad to be rid of.

Under this coldness and neglect the poor old mother's heart is breaking and in a handwriting, she asks me if I can not say something that her son will read, and that may make him think.

Ah, if I only could!

If I could only say to him, "Man, man, give love as well as duty to your mother. Give her the wine of life as well as the bread. Don't forget the woman who never forgets you."

Of course the man will say, and truly, that he is busy, overworked, care burdened; that he has the claims of wife and children upon him; that he is often irritable through sheer physical weariness and overstrain.

Granted. But your mother's life has not been easy. Your father was a poor man, and from the day she married him she stood by his side fighting the wolf from the door with her naked hands, as a woman must fight.

She worked not the eight or ten hour day of the union, but the 24-hour day of the poor wife and mother.

She cooked and cleaned and scrubbed and patched and nursed from dawn until bedtime, and in the night was up and down getting drinks for thirsty lips, covering restless little sleepers, listening for croupy coughs.

She had time to listen to your stories of boyish fun and folly and triumph.

She had time to say the things that spurred your ambitions on.

She never forgot to cook the little dishes you liked.

She did without the dress she needed that you might not be ashamed of your clothes before your fellows.

Stop, man, and think what life would have been to you if she had treated you in your childhood as you are treating her in her old age!

Suppose there had been no soft breast on which you could weep out your childish sorrows, no clinging arms to enfold you and comfort you when the things of your little world went wrong?

Would it not take away from the memory of all that is best and sweetest in life? Is there anything else so pitiful on earth as the little child that is motherless—that is an alien in a strange home—that has no one

(See "MOTHER", page 5)

Personally Speaking . . .

Heart of Home

WHAT HAVE they seen in thine house?"

This question asked by the Prophet Isaiah of King Hezekiah after the king had foolishly shown his riches to a delegation of spies from another kingdom (2 Kings 20: 15a) is a good question to ponder as we approach the observance of another Mother's Day.

"What have they seen in thine house?" They have seen what you treasure most. If you have made home secondary to the house you live in, they have seen that. If your main purpose in life is having the latest gadgets at all cost, they have seen that. If the children are ashamed to appear on the streets in a car a few years old, they have seen that.

We heard some time ago of the father who took his son aside and said to him: "I do not think much of the girl you are dating." Replied the son: "I don't either, Dad, but she is the best I can do with the old car we drive!"

If your job is the one, the consuming thing in your life, they have seen that.

"What have they seen in thine house?" Is the house truly the center of a home? Is it a haven of rest from the daily strife of the world, or a part of the strife? Is it a center of love, where husband and wife find each complete only with the other, or a no-man's-land where husband and wife are constant contenders for supremacy of one over the other? Is the marriage on which the home is built a legal contract or a divine commitment?

"What have they seen . . .?" Have they seen children who are lovingly regarded as blessings from God, or as unwanted plagues? Are the children being brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, or just in fear? Does the home have the resources God only can provide for the trials, temptations and heartaches or life, or does it merely have what modern appliances and big-screened television sets can provide?

"What have they seen . . . ?" Have they seen Dad and Mother and sons and daughters fully yielded to Christ? Or is the family's time and energy consumed in worldly living, merely making a living and "having a good time," but not really living?

For better or for worse, Mother is the heart of the home. And it is true of homes as of individuals: out of the heart "are the issues of life."—ELM

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

For Retarded Children

I AM a recipient of the **Arkansas Baptist** each week and enjoy reading it very much. It is through this publication that I know of you and decided to write you about the pressing need for schools in our state for retarded children.

I am not just an interested by-stander. I have a little six year old son whom I love more than life itself that is retarded. At the present time he is in a Catholic Residential School in Louisiana, the closest place we could find for the type schooling he required.

We had hoped to be able to place him in the colony being built in Conway. We sent in our application and had our son's learning ability evaluated at the Child Development Center on Spruce Street. We were told he would be placed in the trainable group. Out of the 5,000 retarded adults and children in Arkansas, only 250 applications will be accepted for placement at the Conway school. These will all be in the educable group. So you can see that the larger number of these children will receive no training whatever.

In our searching throughout the neighboring states, we found that other than their state schools, there were private schools and homes. Some cared for as little as ten, others in the hundreds.

Arkansas has none, with the exception of one, which is a private home in which the man and his wife care for a few children. They are located in or near Ozark and Clarksville.

We vitally need schools for these little ones. It is heartbreaking to have them so far away that it's impossible to see about them but two or three times a year.

We are Baptists and we would prefer to have our son in a Baptist school. It just occurred to me this morning that we should have one in Arkansas. We have colleges, hospitals and an orphanage, so why not?—Mrs. Coye Dotson, Walnut Ridge

Lubbock, Tex., Tries New Witnessing Plan

LUBBOCK, TEX.: A new approach to lay witnessing through conferences and an eight-day city-wide Crusade for Christ is being sponsored by 80 churches of different denominations here, May 10-17.

Howard E. Butt, supermarket executive and nationally known layman preacher, will deliver crusade sermons. Butt, who has served as Dr. Billy Graham's layman associate in Scotland and New York City, will head a team of 12 men who will conduct crusade services and speak before civic, schools and other interest groups.

to love it? (MOTHER—continued from page 4)

Yes, there is just one other figure more forlorn than the little unloved child, and that is the old mother who is unloved by the children she raised and who is doomed to spend the last years of her life in a glacial atmosphere of neglect, her devotion, her labors, her sacrifice forgotten.

Remember them now while there is yet time, while she is living, to pay back to her in love and tenderness some of the debt you owe her. You can never pay it all, but pay down something on account this very night.

Go home and put your arm around the shrunken old figure. Kiss the drooping old mouth with a real, live warm kiss instead of giving her a perfunctory peck on the cheek. Tell her that she is the greatest mother a man ever had, and that all you are, she made you.

It will cause her very soul to leap with joy, and life itself swim in a rosy mist of bliss. **—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin**

Look for the Bear

THERE IS the story of an old man sitting beside a winding road in the Ozark Mountains. This old fellow sat all day whittling away at an occupation he enjoyed and at which he had attained considerable success.

What he succeeded in doing by whittling was carving true to life images of animals (usually a bear) from rectangular blocks of wood. He arranged his completed images on a shelf and offered them for sale to tourists.

One day one of his would-be customers stopped to watch the old man at his carving. This roadside genius literally led the image of a bear out of the block of wood upon which he was working.

"How is it possible for you to carve a bear out of a block of wood without a pattern to go by?" his visitor asked.

"It ain't no trouble—no trouble atall," replied the old man. "I just take up the block and look at it. I keep looking at it until I see a bear in the wood. All I need to do then is take my knife and start whittlin'. It ain't hard at all."

So, it seems that, in trying to chart a course for the future, we could all do well to "look for the bear in the wood" before we start whittlin'. **—Pine Bluff Commercial**

Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

'Jazz Combo' in Church

"Bringing a jazz combo into a church is not only in poor taste but is an insult to God," a nationally known religious youth and publishing leader has declared in Wheaton, Ill.

Dr. Robert A. Cook, vice president of Scripture Press and board chairman of Youth for Christ International, took straight aim at a church in Norwalk, Conn., which recently heard a four-piece jazz combo at its regular Sunday service.

"Jazz is for the body," declared Dr. Cook, "and to bring this type of thing into worship is to repeat the error of God's ancient people as recorded in the Old Testament. Before the Balaamites knew it, the praying was out and the swaying was in.

"The sincere worshiper cannot help but be offended, bewildered and distracted at best by such music. Even the members of the combo, by their own admission, thought it was 'corny.' We need definitely to talk in the language of the society in which we live, but we do **not** need to drag the night club into the church in order to communicate with people who occasionally attend a night club."

LeTourneau Report

CLIPPED FROM the **Wall St. Journal:** "The annual report of R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., disclosing a $2,190,464 loss, eases the pain for stockholders with a quotation from the Scriptures: 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'" (EP)

Pastor Uses Hypnosis

CONYERS, Ga. (EP) — When the Rev. J. Douglas Gibson makes an unusual gesture in the course of his pulpiteering, the members of his Methodist congregation may be forgiven if they seem unusually defensive and on-their-guard. They know their minister's practise of employing hypnotism in his counseling in what he terms "a new approach to God." Thus far, however, the Rev. Mr. Gibson apparently has not ventured mass hypnotism on his congregation.

British Royalty Visits Pope

VATICAN CITY (EP) — Princess Margaret and Britain's Queen Mother spent 25 minutes with Pope John XXIII in his library in Vatican City April 22. On meeting the pontiff, the women offered a slight curtsy but did not kneel. Approximately 1,000 British students had cheered Princess Margaret and her mother as they progressed through the streets of Rome, but the British Protestant Truth Society back home criticized the visit. The Queen Mother said her visit was purely a matter of state and she had called on Pope John XXIII because he is head of the Vatican State. The trio spoke French because the Pope cannot speak English.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Bigness or Greatness

SOUTHERN BAPTIST educational institutions continue to grow at an encouraging rate, but does size necessarily mean greatness?

Statistics just compiled by the Education Commission reveal that the 71 schools which identify themselves as Southern Baptist enrolled an all-time high total of 61,086 regular students in 1958-59. This figure, which does not include 6,437 special students or any of those enrolled in courses offered by the Seminary Extension Department, represents an increase of 2.8 per cent over 1957-58. Every category of schools except seminaries, which dropped from 5,974 to 5,524, showed an increase.

A further indication of the size of the denomination's educational operation is seen in the $14,169,831 received from state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention for Christian education—an increase of 9.8 per cent over the previous year. Property belonging to the 71 schools was valued at $207,395,946, and endowment funds totalled $74,103,029.

The only thing showing an appreciable decrease was the number of volunteers for Christian service enrolled in the various schools—from 15,510 to 14,344, or a decrease of 7.5 per cent. Regardless of whether this decrease is the result of fewer responding to special service, fewer attending a Baptist school, or fewer going to school anywhere, this trend is disturbing.

Baptists have been accused of suffering from "magnamania," or the craze for size. Whether the charge is justifiably grounded or not, we need to be careful lest our educational institutions create the impression that bigness is synonymous with greatness, that mushrooming enrollments and increased financial support indicate academic prosperity also. The opposite may actually be the case, for the quality of education drops sharply when the student-teacher ratio rises or when more students try to use an already-overtaxed library.

If we have a besetting sin, it is that of using ourselves for standards of comparison. We look at the amount of money we are receiving from conventions as compared with the amount we received from these same bodies ten years ago, and the comparison is most favorable and leaves the impression that we must be sitting in the lap of luxury. We ignore what inflation has done to the purchasing power of the dollar during this period, and we fail to publish what tax-supported institutions—which have much to do with setting standards of accreditation—are receiving to conduct an operation similar in size and nature. Or we compare salary scales with what the near-starving teacher was paid in our own institutions earlier instead of with what the scale is at present in state institutions.

The result of this mirror-gazing hocus-pocus is that the church school may deceive even itself about the quality of work it is doing—deceive itself, that is, until an accrediting body sends an inspection team completely uninfluenced by sentiment or chest-thumping. Retaining accreditation in the years ahead is apt to become even more difficult and will be impossible unless the difference between size and quality is recognized.

This is not a plea to limit our Baptist schools in size, for if a Christian school merits existence at all it should be of such a quality that every Baptist boy and girl should attend such an institution. We must be making plans to increase facilities and faculties at least 100 per cent in the next ten years if we are going to continue to educate no more than the same ratio of college students we are now training. But this expansion will be impossible unless Southern Baptists recognize that to maintain quality and increase quantity will demand a much larger investment in Christian education than last year's record.—Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., President, Ouachita College and Chairman, the Education Commission, SBC, in **Southern Baptist Educator**

Keith Parks to Help in Missionary Recruitment

DR. R. KEITH Parks, Southern Baptist missionary to Indoneisa who is now in the States on furlough, has been named missionary associate in the department of missionary personnel of the Foreign Mission Board. In this position he has personal conferences with candidates on Southern Baptist seminary campuses and in strategic cities, working primarily with Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, associate secretary for missionary personnel, in the western area of the Convention territory.

MR. PARKS

In addition to helping the personnel department during this furlough year, Dr. Parks is carrying a heavy schedule of speaking engagements in churches, on college campuses, and at various assemblies and student conferences. (FMN)

Mission Board Sends $5,000 to Flood Victims

THE FOREIGN Mission Board has sent $5,000 in relief funds to missionaries in Uruguay to help care for victims of the worst flood in the history of the country. The entire lower part of South America is affected; but Uruguay is reported to be hardest hit.

The Board has received no word from missionaries in Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay about conditions in those countries. Missionaries in Uruguay are safe.

Rev. J. D. McMurray, who lives in Paysandu, was stranded in Montevideo for five days. He reports, "Thousands of families are homeless; four are living in our church."

Missionary Diplomate of Board of Thoracic Surgery

DR. DONALD E. McDowell, missionary to Paraguay who is now in the States on furlough, recently completed the examinations of the Board of Thoracic Surgery, Los Angeles, and now holds a diploma from that Board.

It is believed that Dr. McDowell is the second missionary surgeon and first Southern Baptist missionary to achieve this distinction.

Dr. McDowell is chief of staff at the Baptist Hospital, Asuncion, Paraguay. Before his appointment by the Foreign Mission Board, in 1954, he worked in Asuncion for the U. S. Public Health Service. Seeing the spiritual and physical needs of Paraguay, he determined under God's leadership to return to that country as a medical missionary.

America, Whither Bound?

By Forrest C. Feezor
Executive Secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas

BUT FOR the Bible, I could become hopelessly discouraged. When my spirits are low, I need the messages of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and others of the prophets. They help me see something of the meaning of things today.

I do not try to conceal from self a deep anxiety about my country. Recent statements from military leaders assure us we are powerful enough to meet any foe—especially Russia. That fact is not at all minimized. But there are moral and spiritual trends that, in the words of the spiritual, "sometimes causes me to tremble."

My country is only partially Christian. Spiritual advance has lagged behind in numerical and material growth. Our nation has drifted away from the solid, dynamic faith of the Founding Fathers. Pleasure and materialism have been enthroned by multitudes. Lawlessness is rampant and on the increase. America is fast becoming a drunken nation. The Wet's victory in Oklahoma gives one a sickening feeling. We may be committing moral suicide. Military strength is not a sufficient safeguard. Let me specify.

The Roman empire is dead. Did she lack warriors? No. Behold her Pompey and her Caesars. Did she lack lawmakers and lawgivers? No. She had her masters in jurisprudence and our American attorneys quote her laws today in our courtrooms more than 15 centuries after they were enacted.

In Poetry, Rome had her Virgil and her Ovid. In history she had her Sallust and Livy; in eloquence, Cicero and Scipio. In satire, Rome had her Horace and her Juvenal. What pens were wielded by her Cato, her Terence, and her Pliny. All nations heard the cry of her war eagles.

But Rome fell. Her day of divine visitation came. Judgment struck. Hannibal crossed the Apennines, the Goths and the Vandals swooped down, the Carthaginian fleet assailed, the Numidian horsemen galloped, and Rome crumbled. The ruins of her Forum, her Colosseum, her aquaducts, her catacombs, her palaces are mute witnesses of her humilitation and her former greatness.

Daniel Webster gave true and needed warning when he said: "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity."

Fellow Christians, it is not saying too much to remind you that the destiny of this country is in your hands.

Now, your orchid from the Garden of God's Word: "The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits" .(Dan. 11:32).

—*Baptist Standard*

Dr. George B. Connell, Mercer President, Dies

MACON, Ga. —(BP)— George B. Connell, 54-year-old president of Mercer University here, died Apr. 20 of a heart ailment.

Dr. Connell had been in bad health for several months. He was leaving Macon in an automobile with his wife for Florida when stricken and was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Dr. Connell went to Mercer, a Georgia Baptist Convention university, in 1946 as vice president and succeeded to the presidency in 1953 when Spright Dowell retired.

Indiana WMU Conducts Organization Meeting

EVANSVILLE, Ind. —(BP)— The organizational meeting of Indiana Woman's Missionary Union was held at Washington Ave. Baptist Church here, with 292 persons registered.

Mrs. T. B. Rollins of Gary, Ind., was elected president, and Mrs. E. Harmon Moore, Plainfield, Ind., recording secretary.

Indiana Woman's Missionary Union is a department of the work of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. The 119 churches composing the convention show 3,000 persons enrolled in W.M.U. work.

Arkansas All Over

Laymen Urged to Put God on Their Payroll

MEN OF the church, as laymen, owe as much to God as preachers do, a Texas tycoon and tither extraordinary told a congregation at 1st Church, Pine Bluff, Apr. 13.

R. G. LeTourneau, multi-millionaire industrialist from Longview, Tex., called on laymen to "put God on the payroll."

Church denominations have made a mistake in leaving all the soul-saving to preachers, he said.

"Why should we expect a lesser degree of consecration from laymen than from preachers?" he asked. "Men need to get behind the preacher with their time and talent — and their money." (DP)

T. D. Douglas Resigns Pastorate

T. D. DOUGLAS, pastor of the Belleville Church for the past year, resigned effective March 1 to retire from the active pastorate. He and Mrs. Douglas are making their home in Montrose, where he will be available for supply preaching and revivals.

Pastorates of Mr. Douglas have included Grace Church, West Memphis; First Church, Atkins; Arkansas City; Urbana; and Montrose. He has also served as missionary of the following associations in Arkansas: Woodruff, Dardanelle-Russellville, and Delta.

Mrs. Douglas is the former Miss Julia Fidelia Stone, Hamburg.

Mr. Douglas can be reached by telephone at Montrose, 2103.

Noble Wiles Called An Association Missionary

NOBLE WILES, pastor for the past 10 months of Webb City Church, Ozark, has resigned to become missionary of Rocky Bayou Association, effective May 1. His headquarters are in Melbourne.

MR. WILES

Mr. Wiles is a graduate of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, and received the rural church award of the year for 1958 from this institution.

Before going to Ozark, Mr. Wiles was pastor of Concord Church in the Little River Association for more than three years.

Mrs. Wiles is the former Miss Virginia Dover, Izard County. They have two sons, Jerry, 13, and Gene, 12; and a daughter, Rita Kay, 5.

ALTON BUTLER

● THREE CHURCHES have put the **Arkansas Baptist** in the church budget, after receiving free trial offers. They are: Ark. St. Church, Van Buren, George Lonsbury, pastor; Woodland Heights, Harrison, Milton Edmonson, pastor; and Calvary, Hope, Mrs. Hevery Holt, treasurer, Parks Church, Harmon Allen, pastor, has accepted a one month free **trial offer.**

Pastoral Changes

ALTON BUTLER, a native of Wynne, is the new pastor of 1st Church, Bentonville. He has served as pastor of Dallas Ave., Mena; Pleasant Ridge, Frankfort, Ky.; Crestwood, Frankfort, Ky.; and 1st Church, Dexter, Mo. He was graduated from Ouachita in 1950, Southern Seminary in 1954 with a B. D. degree, and from Southwestern in 1959 with a M. R. E. degree. He was married in 1947 to Nelle Ross, Kennet, Mo. They have three children, Jerry, 10, Michael, 5, and Melinda, 2.

JAMES T. McGILL, a native of Arkansas and a student at Midwestern Seminary, has accepted the pastorate of Shawnee Church in Topeka, Kan. and moved on the field Apr. 4. McGill, who did his college work at Mississippi College and Union University, has held pastorates in Tennessee and Arkansas. He was missionary for Buckner Association, Arkansas, for two years before moving to Kansas City to enter Midwestern. The McGills have one daughter, Jo Ann.

DICK RIAL, McGehee, began his ministry at 1st Church, Antelope, Tex., May 3. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rial, McGehee, he is a student in Southwestern Seminary. (DP)

We Faced the Truth

By ANDREW M. HALL

1st Church, Fayetteville

ONE OF the elected committees of our church is the membership committee. The chairman, a talented and retired deacon, came to see me and asked for suggestions as to what his group of eight to ten might do.

I suggested that in a University situation such as ours where we receive in excess of 400 members a year, that a careful study of the huge non-resident list (800 plus) should be made. According to Arkansas Baptist statistics we ranked fifth in size among the churches of Arkansas last year. This seemed to me to be an exaggerated picture of the situation.

W. F. Thomas and his committee worked for 12 months on the project. They had sub-committee meetings and divided up the names of the "unknown" folks on our roll. They carried these names around to the "old timers" and sought their help. They checked with the church staff and did extensive investigation.

A month ago their detailed and complete one-year report came in. The results? Yes, they were surprising. We found sixteen people who were deceased still being "counted" on the roll. A total of 535 names of people were presented about whom we knew nothing. These names were dropped from our roll with the understanding that should a request come for a letter for any of these that they would be reinstated (resurrected) and the letter granted.

The names therefore of 551 people are being expunged from our records. Thus, along with the organization of one of our missions into a church, will leave us with about 600 less members to report than last year.

While such a procedure does little for the ego of a church, it helps it to live with a clearer conscience. Our per capita gifts to missions, etc., will reveal a much truer picture.

Incidentally, we ended up with slightly over 300 non-resident members and can account for these as military personnel, people in sections where no Southern Baptist church exists, invalids residing with children, etc.

One healthy sign is the fact that the church has netted from 125 to 150 new members a year for the past five years. ■

● PLANS ARE being made for the dedication of the new auditorium of Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, on June 7, the 15th anniversary of the church, according to R. H. Dorris, pastor. The congregation moved into the structure for the Apr. 12-19 revival. Lehman F. Webb, 2nd Church, El Dorado, was evangelist, and Gerald Maulding, music director, directed the singing. There were seven for baptism and seven by letter.

GRADUATING ARKANSANS: Students from Arkansas who are candidates for degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 19 are top, Dalton Barnen, Mountain View, B. D.; Charles Belknap, Blytheville, B. D.; bottom, Luther G. Brewer, Helena, B. D.; and Floyd Titworth, Van Buren, B. D. Commencement exercises will be at Freedom Hall on May 19 as a part of the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, 1st Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will be Commencement speaker.

● THE ARKANSAS State Hospital will sponsor a one-day Pastoral Care Institute, Thursday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Hospital Auditorium at Little Rock. The theme for the Institute will be "Community Resources — An Aid in Pastoral Care."

Training Union

Pilgrim's Rest First Honor Rural Church

PILGRIM'S REST Church, near Batesville, Independence Association, was the first rural church to be an honor church having earned all five seals for the Honor Church Diploma. Connie Bell participated in the associational Intermediate Sword Drill, and thus made it possible for the church to receive the third seal. Mrs. H. B. Hickerson is the Training Union director and Rev. Eldon Rogers is the pastor.

Word has just come that South Side Church, Pine Bluff, has become an honor church.—Ralph Davis, Training Union secretary.

Revival Reports

TOWSON AVENUE Church, Ft. Smith, Apr. 19-26; Billy Walker, evangelist; Harlan Abel, pastor, A. B. Walrod, music director; 17 professions of faith.

PARKS CHURCH, Apr. 20-26: Jesse S. Reed, evangelist; Harmon Allen, pastor; Bomar Hansard, music; four by baptism; four by letter.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, Little Rock, Apr. 12-19: Bo Baker, Dallas, evangelist; Dick Baker, Dallas, singer; 28 for baptism; 10 other professions, 20 by letter and more than 300 rededications.

By Lewis K. McClendon

Ouachita Association News

ACORN CHURCH has called Bill Probasco, formerly of Bowie, Tex., as pastor. Mr. Probasco has moved to Mena and plans to attend Ouachita next fall. He has completed two years work in Decatur Baptist College in Texas.

JACK WALKER, Ouachita student, has accepted full-time work with the Cove Church. He has been in Ohio for three years working in missions in and around Columbus.

VANDERVOORT CHURCH has adopted a full-time program and has called Peter L. Petty, formerly at Friendship Church near Altus, Okla. Mr. Petty began his work there on April 12. The Petty family has moved into the pastor's home at Vandervoort.

OUACHITA ASSOCIATION has started a monthly bulletin called the **Ouachita Messenger.** The bulletin is being printed and distributed to the church by the associational missionary. This is the first associational paper Ouachita association has had.

THREE CHURCHES in Ouachita Association have begun work on church community potential surveys. They are Hatfield, Cove, and Grannis.

Mrs. H. B. Hickerson and Rev. Eldon Rogers of Pilgrim's Rest Church.

MARK SHORT SR., Arkadelphia, led the singing in a recent revival in 1st Church, Mangum, Okla., his fifth meeting with the church. The pastor, Calvin Ussery, did the preaching. There were 53 additions.

FREEMAN HEIGHTS, Berryville, Apr. 19-26: E. A. "Happy" Ingram, evangelist; Teddy Stanton, Ouachita, singer; 17 by baptism; eight by letter.

MASON VALLEY, Benton County, Apr. 12-19: E. A. "Happy" Ingram, evangelist; Missionary Arthur Hart, singer; John Stevens, pastor; 11 for baptism.

SHERWOOD, North Little Rock, Apr. 12-19: Jimmy Tibbs, 2nd, Jacksonville, evangelist; Charles F. Ragland, pastor; Charles Mendenhall, song director; seven by profession.

WEST HARTFORD, Buckner Association, Apr. 8-19: Otis Denny, evangelist; Ronald Pitchford, music; Warren E. Leonard, pastor; eight by baptism; one by letter; four rededications.

FIRST CHURCH, Paris: Billy Roland, evangelist; Gilbert Davis, music; Tommy Hinson, pastor; 12 by profession. Two young men, Jimmy Butler and James Kinney, surrendered to the call of the ministry. (CB)

FOREST HIGHLANDS, Little Rock: Andrew Heskett, 1st Church, DeWitt, evangelist; James Boyd, music; Darell S. Ross, pastor; 10 professions; one by letter; four rededications.

ABNER CREEK Church, Duncan, S. C., Apr. 12-19: Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of **The Arkansas Baptist,** evangelist; Ralph R. Chandler, pastor; four by profession; one for fulltime Christian service; two rededications.

FIRST CHURCH, Bearden, Apr. 12-19: Dr. J. Leo Garrett, Southwestern Seminary, evangelist; Aubra Lindsey, music director; A. W. Upchurch, Jr., pastor; nine professions; one by letter; one for special service.

SOUTH HIGHLAND, Little Rock, Apr. 12-19: Harold White, England, evangelist; Ray Branscum, pastor; Joe Bondurant, music; eight by profession; three by letter. (CB)

LAWSON CHURCH, Harmony Association: Jesse Reed, evangelist, Harold Jerry, Union Church, El Dorado, music; seven by baptism; two by letter.

BARNETT MEMORIAL, Pulaski Association, Apr. 12-19: Pastor Lawrence Kendrick, evangelist; two for baptism; two by letter.

FIRST CHURCH, Glenwood, Apr. 12-19: R. V. Haygood, evangelist; Bobby Denton, pastor; 12 professions; one by letter.

Attendance Report

(Apr. 26)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Bearden, 1st	214	78	9
Berryville, Freeman Hts.	161	—	9
Clinton, 1st	122	72	
Cullendale, 1st	466	237	1
El Dorado, 1st	870	277	1
Mission	60		
Fayetteville, 1st	780	250	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	380	130	1
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	401	156	1
Gentry, 1st	289	90	4
Hot Springs, Pk. Pl.	442	173	1
Huntsville, 1st	114	57	
Jacksonville, 1st	593	229	3
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	379	141	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	226	118	5
McGehee, 1st	544	300	1
Magnolia, Central	784	311	
Mission	69	49	
Pine Bluff, So. Side	627	242	2
Warren, 1st	536	174	
W. Memphis, Calvary	234	136	4

● NORTH CLEBURNE Church, Cleburne, Tex., dedicated a new building Apr. 12. Pastor O. E. Coleman came to the church in 1954 from Toltec, Ark. During his ministry Sunday School attendance has doubled and 482 additions have been reported. (DP)

● MEMBERS FROM Garland Heights Chapel, a mission of 1st Church, and Bethel Church, Fayetteville, have voted to merge as Bethel Heights Church. (CB)

● THE CONGREGATION of 1st Church, Brinkley, has purchased property just east of the church property for the site of a new sanctuary. The proposed structure will cost $125,000. (DP)

● TENTATIVE DATE for dedication services for the new chapel at the Arkansas Boys Industrial School is May 31.

● MISS ANNIE Hoover, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, has returned to the States for furlough. Her address is 3008 E. 4th, North Little Rock, Ark. Miss Hoover is a native of Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Yugoslavs Renew Religious Curb

BELGRADE (EP) — Increased pressure against religious bodies is reported in Yugoslavia. The Communist government, having previously banned the last two issues of the country's only Roman Catholic magazine, has now banned the March issue of **Glasnik**, official organ of the Belgrade Patriarchate of the Serbian Orthodox Church. All copies were ordered confiscated and destroyed.

Cost of Operating Hospital Increases

ARKANSAS BAPTIST Hospital's operating costs totaled $3,200,243.83 during 1958, or an average of $8,767.79 a day, according to the hospital's annual report. In 1957, total operating costs were $2,607,540.47, or $7,143.95 a day.

[*An editorial based on this report was carried in our issue of April 30.—Editor*]

Administrator J. A. Gilbreath said the increased costs were in line with increases experienced by hospitals throughout the nation.

"The increases reflect the rapid advances made by medical science that require more complex and expensive equipment, more and more highly-trained personnel, and new and expensive drugs," Mr. Gilbreath added. "Inflation, which affects all of us, hasn't helped the cost picture, either."

The cost of providing professional care of patients averaged $6,008.73 a day, or 68.5 per cent of the hospital's average daily operating expenses during 1958. Household and property costs averaged $1,725.03 a day, or 19.7 per cent of the total, while food service expenses averaged $1,034.03 a day, or 11.8 per cent.

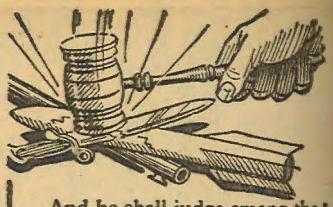
A record 19,601 persons, including newborns, were admitted to Arkansas Baptist Hospital during 1958, an increase of 967 over 1957, the report showed. The 2,236 babies born at the hospital during the year also was a new high for A.B.H.

In a separate report, it was shown that 7,986 of the patients admitted, excluding newborn, during 1958 were Baptists and 2,744 were Methodists. There were 2,980 patients with no religion, or none specified.

Other 1958 service figures announced in the 16-page, illustrated annual report included: operations performed, 9,883; laboratory procedures carried out, 162,831; emergency room patients, 10,465, and X-ray procedures, 26,058.

The report showed that on an average day during 1958, the hospital's laundry processed 3,700 pounds of patient linens, 1,351 meals were prepared and served, 70 special food diets were prepared, 700 prescriptions for drugs were filled by the pharmacy, and 125 patients were visited by the Hostess Department.

In a section entitled, "Teaching for Service", the report disclosed that the hospital spent some $389,000 during 1958 teaching people to serve in hospital-related professions. The teaching program included the hospital's School of Nursing, the only three-year diploma school of nursing in Arkansas fully accredited by the National Nursing Accrediting Service; the fully accredited School of X-ray Technology; the intern and residency program; the special Technician Nurse course, and the chaplain internship program designed to help clergymen become more effective in their relationships with hospitalized members of their congregations.



And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ISAIAH 2:4

Baptist Student Writes of His Ideal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— Usually when a young man talks about his ideal, he has in mind a pretty face and a sparkling personality, but not Charles Russell Wade, Woodward, Okla.

Young Wade describes "My Ideal for My Home to Be" in May **Home Life**, the Christian family magazine of Southern Baptists. In the home which he hopes one day to have, Wade wants to make love central, respect real, and Christ supreme.

His **Home Life** article won an award when Wade delivered it in a speaking tournament at Glorieta Baptist Assembly last summer.

The author is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Wade, Woodward, Okla. Mrs. Wade was the former Nellie Jean Noble, Hamburg, Ark.

Charles, a freshman in OBU, also has written an article, "We Worship in Our Homes," which appears in the May **Training Union Magazine.**

PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS at commencement exercises at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will be Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Miss., and Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, 1st Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. Dr. Rhodes will deliver the annual Alumni Day address Thursday, May 14 at the Seminary, and Dr. Hobbs will address the 131 candidates for diplomas and degrees at the commencement ceremonies Friday, May 15 in the 1st Church, New Orleans.

1,500 Students Expected For Ridgecrest

MORE THAN 1,500 students will attend the 33d Baptist Student Retreat at Ridgecrest June 4-10. Theme for the week is "Changing My World."

The program will consist of seminars, resource sessions, panels on the Christian home, a daily period of Bible study, state meetings, two general assembly periods daily, and campfire each night.

Key personalities during the six-day convocation will be Howard Butt, Chester Swor, C. Roy McClain, J. P. Allen, Carlyle Marney, L. D. Johnson, George Starke, and others.

Fifty Years and More Ago

By JOHN D. FREEMAN

WHEN THE 20th Century had started, the Arkansas Baptist Convention met in Paragould. Among the messengers were two men who served Arkansas as governor, James P. Eagle and Jeff Davis.

E. J. A. McKinney, later editor of the Baptist **Advance** (now **Arkansas Baptist**) was recording secretary. Charles W. Daniel, who became an outstanding denominational leader, led the opening devotions. Among the new pastors introduced was the writer's uncle, H. A. Freeman, who had been converted a few months before from another faith while holding a tent revival in Lewisburg.

Arthur J. Barton was executive secretary of the State Board, the title then being corresponding secretary. Among other things, his report carried this statement: "Last year we were privileged to report much the largest and most prosperous year's work in the history of the Convention. This year we bring a report incomparably larger in scope and more glorious in results than last year." Compare that report with that of 1958:

Total received for state missions, $5,383.13; balance on hand at the end of the convention year $2.90! Received for home missions, $1,395.25; for foreign missions $2,012.59; total for all missions, $8,726.96. He reported that the Home Mission Board had sent for state work $3,000. And his expense account for the year! One today can hardly believe the figures! "Expenses incurred during the year $79.69, due to the scores of generous brethren over the state." Let it be remembered that railroads provided passes for such workers as he, and that seldom did a denominational worker have to go to a hotel for bed or meals. Laymen vied with one another for the privilege of entertaining God's field workers.

R. C. Medaris, brother-in-law of Dr. Barton, was one of two state missionaries who received $1,000 per year each, the other being Frank White. Twelve associations reported having a missionary each, and there were 25 part-time workers in the state. Ben Cox was listed as a teacher of the Bible in the Arkansas Baptist College of Little Rock.

Ouachita College reported the purchase of a home for ministerial students "where they could get board and room for nine dollars per month." The writer lived in this, the old Dale Sanitarium, for one session, rooming with J. B. Luck and J. B. Turner in the three-room office building in the back yard.

The orphan's home reported 47 residents with total receipts of $2,668.66 and expenses of $2,022.44, a neat balance in the treasury. J. J. Doyne, state

DR. FREEMAN

superintendent of education, and W. W. Rivers, president of Central College, reported on Christian Education. A motion adopted at a previous convention, approving **The Arkansas Baptist** as a state paper, was rescinded because "Editor Clark did not keep his commitments."

Convention of 1908

The Convention met in Fayetteville for its 1908 session. At the time, I was a student in the University and recall attending some of the sessions, which met in the newly built 1st Church, with Pastor Whittle as host. W. E. Atkinson, Little Rock, was president and John J. Hurt, Conway, recording secretary. E. J. A. McKinney was statistical secretary. Hardy L. Winburn was made chairman of a committee to bring about a merger of the young people's union with the state convention.

W. H. Gardner, for some time superintendent of the Orphans' Home, resigned to go to Texas. He reported total receipts for the year of $6,181.47, and a balance on hand of $275.53 after all bills were paid. There were then 68 children in the home.

During 1904 a state BYPU Convention had been organized. After some discussion the convention voted to take over this work as a department of State Missions, recommending that a fulltime field worker be employed for it. The American Baptist Publication Society generously offered the services of S. L. Holloway to lead in this work.

R. G. Bowers, mission secretary, reported total receipts for state missions of $20,215.45, with $3,000 additional contributed by the Home Mission Board. A German-speaking missionary was authorized to work among the many German immigrants who had settled in the state.

The schools reported debts! Ouachita had a deficit of $60,000 and Central $10,000. R. G. Bowers was proposed as financial agent for the newly-authorized Memorial Hospital in Memphis, and the matter was referred to the State Board.

Total receipts for the previous convention year were: all missions $40,659; all purposes $271,297; value of all Baptist church property in the state, $1,087,033; number of churches in the state, 1,482; baptisms for the year, a little less than one for every 11 members. (What if we did that today?) Number of Sunday Schools, 545, with enrollment of 31,498.

My First Training Union

The year before this convention met in Fayetteville, a group of University students joined some town young people and started what was perhaps the first Training Union unit in that part of the state. In that group were Arthur Barrett and William Barton, cousins from Jonesboro; Rosebud Vaughn (now Mrs. Savage) of Ben Lomond, a sister of the noted attorney, George Vaughn of Little Rock; Arlin Stockburger of Fayetteville, afterwards comptroller of the budget in California; Agnes Conner of Fayetteville, later married and in Panama for years. And the writer had part, along with others whose names have slipped from memory. Out of experiences had in that union and because of training which it provided, the timid countryman was finally emboldened to surrender wholly to the call to enter the Gospel ministry. So 1908 is my birth year as a preacher of the glorious Good News.—Nashville, 12, Tenn. ■

Mammoth Cave Site Of Music Meeting

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— Mammoth Cave, Ky., will be the meeting place May 15-17 of 26 state music secretaries and associate secretaries, Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church music department, announced.

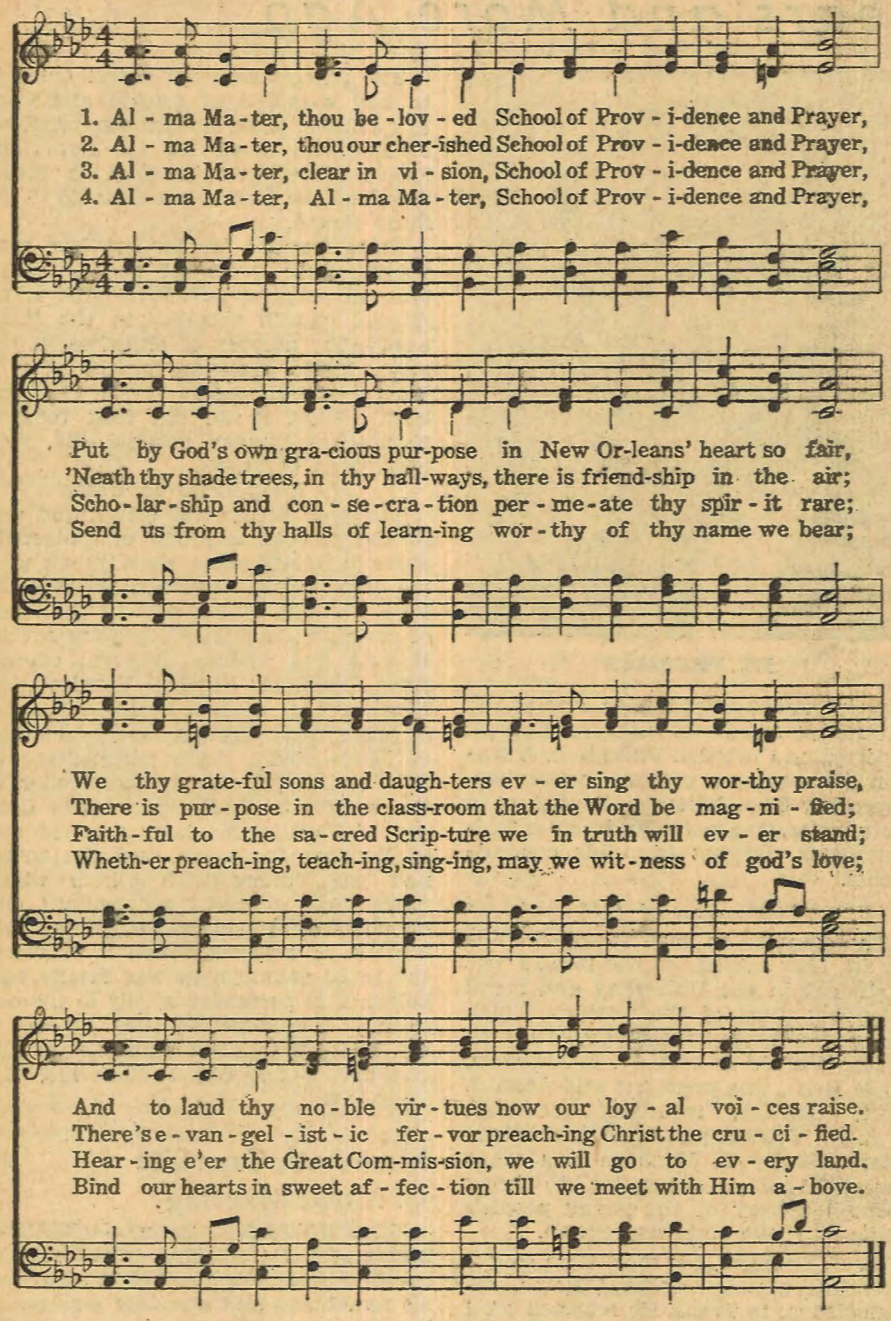
Southern Baptists Enter New York Area

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS will enter another of America's major cities when the first services will be held in Rochester, N. Y. on May 31. The mission will be a part of the work of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio under the leadership of Area Missionary Arthur L. Walker. Anyone knowing of Southern Baptist prospects in the Rochester area, please send their names and addresses to: Arthur L. Walker, 302 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo 16, New York.

Alma Mater Hymn

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ROLAND Q. LEAVELL — LYDIA F. LOVAN



Baylor Hospital to Get $100,000 Nuclear Lab

DALLAS —(BP)— A $100,000 gift to Baylor University Hospital here for a department of nuclear medicine has been made by Charles A. Sammons, Dallas insurance executive.

The nuclear medicine department will be established in the Charles A. Sammons Irradiation Therapy Center at the hospital.

The new department will encompass about 5,000 square feet of space and will include an isotope hot laboratory, a general isotope laboratory, and space for patients under study with radioactive isotopes.

Research programs will be conducted in a basement area where physics and biology laboratories will be located. Construction on the center is expected to begin in two weeks with an Aug. 1 completion rate.

Collins said the addition of the department of nuclear medicine will make the Sammons Irradiation Therapy Center the most complete private institution facility of its kind in the Southwest.

PETER L. PETTY, has accepted the call of the Vandervoort Church. He formerly was pastor of Friendship Church, in Jackson-Greer Association in Oklahoma. Vandervoort is in Ouachita Association.

Baptist Colleges Name Honorary Degree Group

BASIL O'CONNOR, former president of the American Red Cross and president of the National Foundation, is among persons chosen by Baptist institutions to receive honorary degrees this year.

Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Tex., will confer the doctor of laws degree upon O'Connor at May graduation exercises.

Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., is granting its first honorary degree. The doctor of laws will be conferred upon Mrs. William Fleming, Ft. Worth, Tex. The Flemings have been donors to Grand Canyon College and to numerous other Baptist groups in the West and Southwest.

Other colleges reporting, and degree recipients are:

Wayland, Plainview, Tex. — Howard Scott, pastor, 1st Church, Hereford, Tex., doctor of divinity; Richard Manning Morehead, Austin, Tex., correspondent for Dallas Morning News, doctor of laws.

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla. — Evans T. Moseley, pastor, 1st Church, Ponca City, Okla., and J. Marvin Gaskin, pastor, 1st Church, Heavener, Okla., doctors of divinity; Victor C. Hurt, Tulsa, Okla., president, Southwestern Art Association, and Kenneth Stanley Adams, Bartlesville, Okla., chairman, board of directors, Phillips Petroleum Co., doctors of laws.

University of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Tex. — Robert E. Smith, pastor, 1st Church, McAllen, Tex., and H. E. Gary, president, Valley Baptist Academy, Harlingen, Tex. (August commencement), doctors of divinity; R. A. Springer, Dallas, treasurer, Baptist General Convention of Texas, doctor of laws.

William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. — Clyde C. Bryan, pastor, 1st Church, Hattiesburg, doctor of divinity; Floyd C. Barnes, executive secretary, Mississippi Education Association, Jackson, Miss., doctor of laws.

Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex. — William H. Vann, for 40 years a member of the faculty of Mary Hardin-Baylor College and chairman of the English department for most of this period, doctor of literature.

William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. — Sterling L. Price, pastor, 3d Church, St. Louis, Mo., doctor of humanities.

First Doctor to African State

KENYA COLONY (EP) — World Gospel Mission's first medical doctor to Kenya Colony is scheduled to arrive here soon. He is Dr. Ernest Steury who, together with his wife and daughter, will take up work carried on by six nurses for a number of years. Dr. Steury will have charge of the hospital at Tenwek, main station of the mission in Kenya, and will direct WGM's medical work done for the Kipsigis tribe.

St. Amant Named So. Seminary Dean

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 28. Dr. Clyde Penrose St. Amant of New Orleans will become dean of the School of Theology of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on June 1, President Duke K. McCall announced in chapel today.

Dr. St. Amant was elected, subject to the New Orleans professor's acceptance, at the annual meeting of Seminary trustees in March on the recommendation of Dr. McCall.

The new dean is professor of church history at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. He has taught there since 1943, when Dr. McCall was president of that institution. He served as professor of religion at Hannibal-LaGrange College in Missouri for one year before going to the New Orleans school.

Dr. St. Amant, whose election received the unanimous endorsement of the Seminary faculty, has a bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana College, and a master's degree from Louisiana State University. He was granted master and doctor of theology degrees by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition, he earned the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1952. The subject of his dissertation was "The Rise and Development of the Princeton School of Theology."

A "prophet with honor in his own country," Dr. St. Amant delivered the Layne Foundation Lectures at the New Orleans Seminary in 1955. In 1954 he gave the Holland Foundation Lectures at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. These lectures are similar to the Norton Lectures at Southern Seminary.

A popular supply pastor and speaker, Dr. St. Amant, 44, is a native of Gonzales, La. He is author of **A Short History of Louisiana Baptists**, 1948; **A Historical Sketch of the Louisiana Baptist Student Union**, 1957, and several articles in the **Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists**. At the present time he is completing the manuscript on **A History of the Presbyterian Church in Louisiana**.

Dr. McCall and Dr. Wade Bryant of Roanoke, Va., chairman of the board of trustees, explained that the office of dean, created by the board in 1953, has been filled only by the president.

Dr. Henlee H. Barnette, professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Seminary, served as acting dean from 1956 to 1958. President McCall was re-elected dean on May 23, 1958, with the understanding that he would serve until the election of a permanent dean.

TOP: Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant, newly-elected dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

BOTTOM: On a recent visit to Southern Seminary, Dr. St. Amant, right, was photographed with some of the men who worked with him in a study of his new role. Left to right are Dr. Lamar Jackson, Birmingham, chairman-elect of the Southern Seminary trustees; President Duke K. McCall; and Dr. Howard E. Spell, Clinton, Miss., dean of Mississippi College and chairman of the Seminary board's committee on the School of Theology.

Changes Suggested in Home Mission Report

By COURTS REDFORD
(Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board)

THE SPECIAL committee of the Home Mission Board "to study the report of the Survey Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention," met on March 31 to record its findings. This committee, which was appointed December 3, 1957, by the Home Mission Board, states that most of the report is acceptable and commends the Survey Committee on rendering a real service to the Board in modifying its original report, but declares that it appears that certain statements in the proposed report will jeopardize the effective ministry of the Board in some areas and will limit its ministry in others.

Changes Suggested

The Home Mission Board has adopted a resolution prepared by its committee suggesting certain deletions, or modifications, of the Survey Committee's report which require the Home Mission Board to transfer full administrative and financial responsibility for all mission work being done in the well-established states to the state conventions **within a period of five years.**

The Home Mission Board has been progressively transferring certain phases of its mission work to the stronger states for several years. However, in a changing social order where mission needs and opportunities are constantly appearing in various sections of our land, it appears unwise to fix a definite time table when **all** mission work should be transferred. This would include the work among the language groups, the Negroes, the migrants, the Good Will Centers and Rescue homes, and phases and areas of work which may be wisely entered in the next five years. How can the Home Mission Board consistently carry out the objective that a "single uniform mission program" be promoted in cooperation with the states throughout the Convention if it is excluded from all administrative and financial participation in some of the states?

How are we to decide which are the well-established states? Is it wise to separate the work among the Indians in Oklahoma, or the Spanish-speaking in Texas, or the Good Will Centers and Rescue Homes in Louisiana from our Convention constituency which has manifested such joy and satisfaction in supporting these causes with their love, their prayers, and their concern? The states concerned have indicated to us that such separation within a definite time limit would be harmful to all concerned and perhaps impossible of accomplishment.

The Board's committee has suggested that the reference to a five-year limit be deleted wherever it appears in the report and that recommendation number 5 in the committee's report be modified to read:

"State conventions should be encouraged to assume a larger portion of the financial responsibility for mission work in their areas as rapidly as is feasible and the Home Mission Board should include in its annual report a statement concerning the progress made and the financial assistance provided in the various states."

These slight modifications would open the way for the Home Mission Board to continue its efforts to implement the Survey Committee's recommendation number 3, which reads as follows:

"Cooperation in mission work by the Home Mission Board and state conventions should be continued and accelerated and a single uniform mission program should be developed."

Already in at least one state a working agreement has been effected to the satisfaction of the state convention and the Home Mission Board and to the end that more mission work may be done with greater cooperation and larger participation on the part of the state.

Conferences are in process now and committees are working on similar state convention agreements seeking to effect a larger participation on the part of state conventions and in every case an enlargement of the work.

The Home Mission Board wants to carry out recommendation number 3 to accelerate cooperation with state conventions and provide a single uniform mission program. Time is important in effecting this program. An arbitrary time limit with a demand that the Home Mission Board withdraw from state convention participation within five years hamstrings the administrations of both the Home Mission Board and state mission boards in their efforts to cooperate with one another in developing this single uniform mission program.—**Home Missions Magazine** ■

Commission Elects Davis C. Woolley

NASHVILLE —(BP)— An Alabama Baptist historian and educator has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He is Davis Collier Woolley, director of extension for Christian education at Howard College, Baptist school in Birmingham, Ala.

Woolley will succeed Norman W. Cox of Nashville when Cox retires Aug. 31.

The executive secretary-elect has a background of experience in several areas of Baptist life. A graduate of Howard College where he majored in history, Woolley subsequently attended Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He received the doctor of theology degree in 1945.

During his seminary days, he was pastor of Waddy, Ky., Church for four years. Prior to attending Southern Seminary, he was secretary of Baptist student work on the campus of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., from 1935-1940, and state Training Union and Baptist student secretary for Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery, Ala., 1940-42.

After graduating from the seminary Woolley was pastor of 1st Church, Palatka, Fla., from 1946-1953.

In his position at Howard College, Woolley has directed the college's adult education program conducted in various communities throughout Alabama. The "Howard Plan" of adult Christian education has been a pattern for other states.

Stewardship Method Proves Value Abroad

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Stewardship methods developed for churches in the United States can work overseas. Another evidence of that fact is a $637 gift to the Cooperative Program from an English-speaking Baptist church in Frankfurt, West Germany.

The money arrived at the office of Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, here, from Bethel Baptist Church of Frankfurt. It represented Cooperative Program funds from June 1, 1958, through last Feb. 28.

Herbert L. Stout is pastor of the church. He is former pastor of 1st Church, Notrees, Tex. The church at Notrees successfully used the Forward Program of Church Finance during Stout's pastorate here, he said.

When budget time came for the Frankfurt Church, Pastor Stout led them in using the Forward Program of Church Finance there as well. The church, less than six months old at the time proved it a success, and each of its 47 resident members signed a pledge card. The amount pledged for the year was $11,100 — $600 above the goal.

Of the 47 members, 36 pledged to tithe their incomes. Of 92 enrolled in Sunday School, 74 pledged support of the church's new budget. The church is mainly comprised of American servicemen and families stationed in West Germany but many of the servicemen are in the first two enlisted men's ranks, without large incomes.

"When people tithe — even in the smaller income brackets — the total gifts are astounding," Stout said. The success of the Forward Program attracted the attention of the German Baptist congregation, in whose building the English-speaking church meets. As a result, they had a special stewardship message and several members of this German church declared their intention to tithe. ■

The LUCKLESS LEGION

MORE THAN 2,800,000 Americans were drafted into the Luckless Legion of automobile casualties in 1958.

In its annual highway safety booklet entitled "The Luckless Legion", The Travelers Insurance Companies pointed out "This is an army of suffering humanity which grows more rapidly each year. It is made up of the injured and the dead, the heedless and the innocent, the young and the old. Since the automobile first appeared on the American scene, these ranks of the crippled and the dead have included more than 60,000,000 of us."

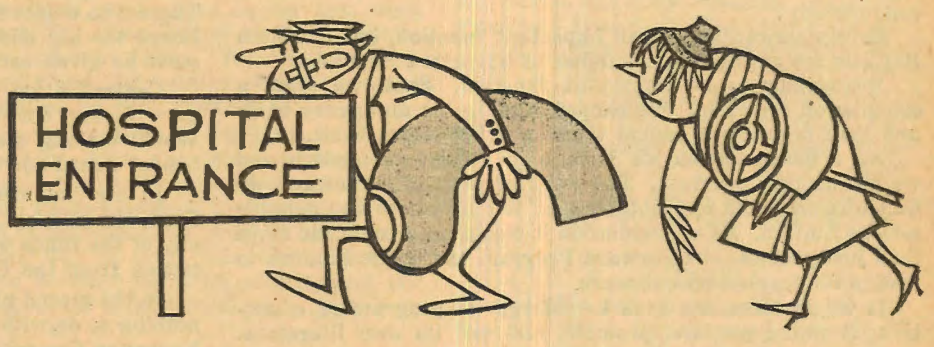
The Luckless Legion is a silent, haunted army. We erect no monuments to it. No grim reminders mar the sleek beauty of the roads and highways which are its field of battle. A newspaper headline, perhaps, marks the induction of the latest recruit. Then silence. Silent suffering. A lifetime of pain. Or the silent memories of those who mourn when the dead are laid to rest.

There were 36,700 men, women and children numbered among the dead of the Luckless Legion during the past year. For every fatality there were 77 people who suffered painful injuries. Hour by hour and day by day, this total climbed until it reached the staggering total of 2,825,000.

Injuries during the past year rose 12 per cent — twice the rate of increase for the previous year. In the rising curve of injuries lies the greatest waste of property and human resources in our nation. Behind the lines of our efforts toward national progress, the Luckless Legion stands as a vast fifth column.

Statistics, pledges and slogans do not seem to change us. Something more is needed. During 1959, the Luckless Legion will be meeting in our community . . . on a stretch of highway, in a hospital room, in the morgue.

You alone will know when the meeting time is near. In the temptation to bear down a little harder on the gas, to beat the darkness home, to test your reflexes when they are dulled by sleep or alcohol, to jay-walk on crowded streets, to forget caution when weather and road conditions are bad. During 1959, every time you are behind the wheel of a car, remember that the Luckless Legion is looking for recruits. Don't be one. —Public Information Department, The Travelers Life Insurance Companies



Presbyterians Favor Racial Reconciliation

AN INTENSIFIED effort by church members in reconciling differences between races was called for by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (South) in an Apr. 28 meeting in Atlanta.

The governing body of the church — 500 commissioners — approved a statement on race relations saying civil courts do not provide an adequate answer to the problem.

Christians must keep safe the freedom of the two races to meet voluntarily in unhampered assembly and genuine fellowship, the commissioners declared.

The group urged strong measures to assure full opportunity for developing the Negro in society. (DP)

So You Didn't Go to College?

A COLLEGE diploma opens doors and attracts the knock of Opportunity, but you needn't consider yourself doomed to failure if you don't have one. Matter of fact, you're in pretty good company:

Thomas A. Edison went to school only three months, when he was seven. James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, never finished grade school. Mark Twain quit school at the age of 12. John Marshall, the great Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, went to school only six months.

Other non-collegians include William Shakespeare, Henry Ford, Andrew Carnegie, Charles Dickens, Benjamin Franklin, Wilbur and Orville Wright, Walter Reuther, and ten American presidents.—**Minutes**, Magazine of Nationwide Insurance Co.

Negro Catholics Increasing

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The number of Negro Roman Catholics in the U. S. rose 20,000 last year to a total of 595,155. A church commission headed by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York said this was three times the rate of increase for the Negro population as a whole. The commission also reported that the number of children attending all-Negro Catholic schools had climbed to 90,756. Many of these, it said, were not Catholics.

Japanese Anglicans Celebrate

Stewardship:

Objects to Commission

By Findley B. Edge

One of the most important matters before the Southern Baptist Convention next month will be the question of establishing a Stewardship Commission.

The Committee to Study the Total Southern Baptist Convention Program recommended at the last convention that "A Stewardship Commission should be established to assume responsibility for the Stewardship Promotion Program now conducted by the Executive Committee." This seemingly simple proposal in actuality is one that has serious significance in the life of our denomination.

Dr. Edge is professor of religious education at Southern Seminary. He objected last year to the Stewardship Commission recommendation but yielded the floor when assured the issue would be debated this year. A second favorable vote is necessary to create any new commission or agency.

I agree wholeheartly in their recommendation that the Executive Committee be relieved of the responsibility for stewardship promotion. But I just as wholeheartedly oppose the recommendation that we form a Stewardship Commission.

Consider the following reasons why the Convention meeting in Louisville must vote "NO" to the proposal to start a Stewardship Commission.

A basic principal of denominational organization is in jeopardy. Our denomination is organized on an agency basis. We have the Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Baptist Brotherhood through which the educational activities are carried out. The question now facing us is: Are we going to organize our denomination a second time on a functional basis through the multiplication of commissions?

Surely stewardship is an important function, but Southern Baptists are engaged in a number of important functions.

Evangelism is an important function. Shall we start a commission for each? We cannot organize on an agency basis and then organize a second time on a functional basis.

As a denomination we have long sought correlation and we are making progress. The establishment of a Stewardship Commission would undoubtedly lead to duplication and possible serious conflict. As a commission it would need to do far more than just promote the Forward Program of Church Finance to justify its year-round existence.

It would therefore have to enlarge its program of education; it would prepare, promote, and sell its own literature. As its work grew it would expand its convention-wide, state, and associational organization. It would have its own meetings for promotion and it would call for allegiance from our churches and people to support its "program."

If a Stewardship Commission should be started, I would not be afraid that it would fail. I would be far more afraid of its success. As it grew in both importance and power, it would inevitably draw to itself more responsibilities and more functions.

It would increase in its demands for time, leadership, and promotion. In this we would have the obvious ingredients for duplication of work and conflict of loyalty, time and leadership. We must not make a decision that will add to and intensify the problem. Rather we must seek a solution to this problem which is already upon us.

If stewardship promotion is not made a commission, what is a more satisfactory alternative? The normal, natural, logical solution is for stewardship promotion to be made a part of the Sunday School Board. Consider the following reasons:

If there is the possibility of serious conflict between the promotion of the Forward Program of Church Finance and promotion of the total educational program of the church it would be far better for both to be under the supervision and direction of the same agency so that correlation may be achieved under this agency before the conflict reaches the churches.

Stewardship is an educational function and as such should be under the supervision of one of the educational agencies of the denomination—the Sunday School Board. Since training in stewardship is primarily educational, it would be tragic to place it under a commission that would be primarily promotional in function.

(If those who are suggesting a commission say that its purpose would be primarily educational, they simply admit the duplication and conflict.)

The present stewardship promotion in the churches leans heavily upon the educational organizations to subscribe the church budget.

It is highly probable that this stewardship emphasis could be promoted more easily, more economically, and more adequately as a part of the Sunday School Board.

The strongest objection to making this emphasis a part of the Sunday School Board is an objection based upon fear. Those who object fear that this would make the Sunday School Board too big and too powerful. This is a valid concern and must be given serious consideration.

Centralization of authority is one of the most grave dangers facing our denomination. Therefore, the question is: Would making stewardship promotion a part of the Sunday School Board add to that danger?

In my judgment it would not for the following reasons: First, the Sunday School Board does not and would not receive any of the funds which were raised, for it does not receive any money from the Cooperative Program.

In the second place, the Sunday School Board has absolutely nothing to do with the allocation of the funds thus raised. The Executive Committee is the group charged with the responsibility of allocating the funds, and the group which divides the funds has the power, not the group which raises the funds.

Much of our difficulty in the area of correlation arises because decisions were made in the past to meet certain needs by creating separate and special groups. These groups have succeeded, expanded, and gathered to themselves other activities. They now have their history and their vested interests.

Thus attempts at correlation have been hampered and often thwarted because of these vested interests. Southern Baptists must settle this problem of stewardship promotion correctly now—before it develops its own history and vested interests.

Dress up your choir with BENTLEY & SIMON Robes from your BAPTIST BOOK STORE

To Tour World

JOE DAVIS Heacock, dean of the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary, and R. Maines Rawls, director of associational training union work for the Sunday School Board, will leave Ft. Worth May 11 for a seven-week journey around the world. Dean Heacock is being sent by the Foreign Mission Board and Mr. Rawls by the Sunday School Board.

Second Baptist Church Organized in Beirut

THE RAS BEIRUT Baptist Church, the second Baptist church in Beirut, Lebanon, was organized March 22 with 23 charter members and several persons awaiting baptism. At least one person has since requested baptism. There were 195 people present for the organizational meeting. (FMN)

A Day at Music Camp

YOUNG AND old, talented and untalented are all invited to attend one of the two State Music Conferences conducted on Ouachita College Campus, June 15-20, and Siloam Springs Assembly Ground, June 22-27, by the Church Music Department.

Since this is the first year for the change from General Assembly to Department assemblies, perhaps you are wondering what activities are included in a day at music camp.

Activities and experiences of a day at music camp include:

1. Preaching and Bible Study by Camp Pastor, Dr. Nolan P. Howington, Southern Baptist Seminary Professor.
2. Inspiring Worship led by guest leaders.
3. Choral experiences under direction of: Ray Baker, Georgetown College; Loren Davidson, Louisiana State University; Joe Stroud, North Carolina Music Secretary; Saxe Adams, Fort Worth, Texas.
4. Technical Music Classes: Beginning Music Reader, Progressing Music Reader, Technique of Conducting, Choral Procedures, Beginning Vocalist, Progressing Vocalist, Church Pianist, and Beginning Organist.
5. Non-Technical courses for those that would like to attend a conference but are not musically inclined: Bible, Church Music Manual, Music in the Bible, Worship, Instruments of the Orchestra, Hymn and Composer Study, and Christian Hymnody.
6. Private Voice, Organ, Piano, and Orchestra Instrument Lessons.
7. Recreation and Fellowship Periods: Swimming, Softball, Volleyball, Skating (Ouachita), Badminton, Ping Pong, Croquet, Handicraft, Stunt Night, Talent Parades, and Recitals.
8. Beginning and Advanced Bands.

Camp Rates and Accommodations

Registration—$2.00
Medical and Accident Insurance—$.50
Send name, age, sex, and a $2.00 registration fee to: Mr. Melvin Thrash, 111 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

For those staying in Ouachita Dormitories:
Bed and all meals $11.75
For those staying in Assembly owned dormitories and cabins:
Cot, Mattress, all meals $11.50
Children 5-8 years inclusive 8.50
For those staying in Church owned Dormitories:
Cot, Mattress, all meals $11.00
Children 5-8 years inclusive 8.00
For those staying in Deluxe Buildings: $14.00
Children 5-8 years inclusive 11.00
For those staying in Faculty Building $13.00
Children 5-8 years inclusive 10.00
Medical and accident fees included in the above rates.

For Children **under** 5 years of age that eat in the Dining Hall ..... $ 5.00
For Children under 5 years of age that do not eat in the dining hall, there will be a 50 cent insurance fee.

One sponsor **must** accompany each group of ten or less.

Senate Okay for Hays' Appointment Predicted

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Capitol Hill observers here predicted quick confirmation by the U. S. Senate of the nomination of Brooks Hays as a director of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

President Eisenhower announced he would nominate the former Arkansas Congressman, now serving as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, to fill an unexpired term running about one year.

Hays would succeed Frank J. Welch of Lexington, Ky., who resigned before the end of his term. It was not known whether Hays would seek reappointment to a full nine-year term on the TVA board in 1960.

In the position on the three-member TVA board, Hays' office would be in Knoxville, Tenn. Since his Congressional term ended earlier this year, Hays has devoted his time to private law practice here, frequent lectures throughout the country, and his responsibilities as SBC president.

He emphasized to his Baptist friends that the TVA appointment would not impair his service in Baptist office. His term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention expires May 22 and there will be very little overlapping of time between his TVA and Baptist offices even with fast Senate confirmation. ■

Tarheel Committee To Nominate Branch

RALEIGH, N. C. —(BP)— Douglas M. Branch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C., for the past six years, will be nominated to succeed Dr. M. A. Huggins as general secretary and treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The name of the 50-year-old native of Wake County, N. C., was to be submitted to the special session of the convention in Raleigh May 5-6 for action by the convention.

The nominee is vice-chairman of Wake Forest College board of trustees. The Baptist institution gave him an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1956. For nearly three years — from early in 1953 until late 1955 — he was president of the Baptist State Convention.

McCall to Speak at Air Force Academy

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the first graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy, Denver, Colorado. President Dwight D. Eisenhower is expected to make the commencement address at the Academy.

Colonel Charles I. Carpenter, Protestant Cadet Chaplain said that Dr. McCall will speak in the Cadet Theater at 10 a.m. on May 31. President Eisenhower will speak at the conclusion of the graduation exercises on June 3.

FLOYD B. CALDWELL, pastor of Pine Bluff's 2nd Church for seven and one-half years, has accepted the call of Calvary Church, Ventura, Cal., effective May 17. Under his ministry, 2nd Church has constructed a new auditorium costing in excess of $100,000. A graduate of Southwestern, Mr. Caldwell is married to the former Cora Dildy, Nashville. They have two children, David, 12, and Joe, 9. (DP)

THE BOOKSHELF

One Mile from Trinity, by Mary Davis Henry, The Strode Publishers, 1958, $3.50.

The author, who was Alabama State Mother of the Year in 1957, tells how she and her husband, a Methodist minister-professor, reared five robust children to become outstanding leaders in their communities. Her keen sense of humor and rare writing ability combine to make this a most enjoyable book. Her formula for successful parenthood: "Labor, Love and Laughter . . . The depths of the roots determine the strength of the branches. My husband and I prepared the soil for sturdy growth, and now we are enjoying the fruits. The fruits are not grapes of wrath, but apples of gold in a network of silver."

The Heart of the Bible, by George Allen and Unwin, The Macmillan Company, 1958, $3.50.

The author has endeavored to present the writings comprising the Bible in an order approaching that in which they came into being, in the hope that much of the Old and the New Testaments may thus be read in a fresh setting so that questions about the supposed inconsistencies in the Bible "can no longer be fired as poisoned darts to attack its life and influence."

The Crucial Words from Calvary, by Herschel H. Hobbs, Baker, 1958, $1.95.

Here are vital, impelling, Scriptural sermons on the seven sayings of the Lord from the cross. The author plumbs the depths of the significance of the words and reveals the significance of these for the world of today and for every individual in the world.

Christ for the World Now, report of the 1958 Baptist Youth World Conference, Toronto, edited by Cyril E. Bryant and published by the Baptist World Alliance at $2.

All major addresses and the geographical "spotlights" heard at the Congress are herein recorded. There is also an attempt in words and pictures to capture the spirit of dedication and enthusiasm that characterized the Conference delegates in their worship, study, and fellowship.

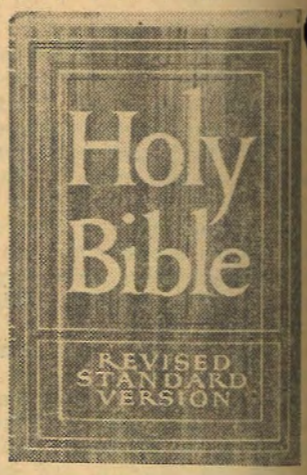
Sermon Substance, Suggestions and Substance for a Year of Preaching, by Ralph G. Turnbull, Baker, 1958, $3.50.

Here are suggestions for sermons each Sunday for a full year. The 100 units include topical, textual, expository, pastoral, biographical, and doctrinal themes. The author is pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church of Seattle, Washington and editor of the annual Sunday School commentary, **The Gist of the Lesson.**

Strength for Each Day, Daily Devotions, by Harry McCormick Lintz, Zondervan, 1958, $2.95.

From the writings of men and women of God, those who have walked close with their Heavenly Father, Dr. Lintz has selected some of the most striking and thought-provoking comments on verses from the Bible.

PERFECT GRADUATION GIFT...



Give them God's Word to guide them

...in the language we use today

THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION BIBLE

More than ever before, today's young people need the constant guidance and inspiration of Holy Scripture. What more timely graduation gift can you offer than the Revised Standard Version Bible . . . written in the clear, familiar language we use today. Since this, naturally, is the language young people know best, your graduate will read the stories and teachings of the Bible with *new and fuller* understanding.

There are many handsome editions of the RSV Bible from which to choose. One will make a perfect guide and companion in the important years ahead. Ask your book dealer to show you RSV Gift Bibles today.

Graduation Gift Bible. (3807, 3807R). A fine edition in black or red genuine leather. Plenty of white space between lines for easy reading. Complete with footnotes. Gold edges, ribbon markers. Page size: 5½" x 8¼". Boxed.....$10

New . . . Parallel Edition New Testament (380) containing the Revised Standard Version and King James Version set side by side in parallel columns. Each page shows at a glance where these versions differ and where they are similar. Helpful reading for laymen; a basic aid to students, teachers and clergymen. Dark green cloth binding. Page size: 5½" x 8¼".....$3.50

RSV BIBLES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Young people's Illustrated Edition (2803) contains 12 full-color pictures, 12 maps in color. Invaluable for Scriptural study. Sturdy black leatheroid binding. Page size: 5¼" x 7½". Boxed..**$3.50.** With zipper (2840Z) Boxed..**$5.50**

Bible at upper right (3800)...$6.50

THOMAS NELSON & SONS
Exclusive publishers of The Revised Standard Version Bible

Order from your BAPTIST BOOK STORE

Prevalent Philosophies of Teaching

Sunday School

THE ACTUAL effectiveness of the Sunday School will be determined largely by the philosophy of teaching to which it adheres. There are three prevalent ideas today.

1. **Transmissive Philosophy.** The oldest philosophy of teaching might well be labeled as transmissive. This philosophy is concerned with the transmission of facts, events, dates descriptions, and interpretations.

This type of teaching was in vogue during the earthly ministry of Christ and was practiced by the scribes and Pharisees. Their fondness for content teaching brought a deadly legalism into religion. And legalism is not Christianity. An overemphasis on content today may bring about a preservation of Baptist orthodoxy, but it also may eliminate spiritual meaning from orthodoxy. In other words, too much emphasis on content may develop conformists externally but leave persons with no internal experience of regeneration or Christian growth.

There is another danger in overemphasizing content or message. The teacher reverts to a "teller," and the class members to listeners to such an extent that both the teacher and pupils resent discussion, questions, or even thinking on the part of the pupils. The result is that the pupils want to be told what to believe rather than to consider the Scriptures for themselves. This outcome is authoritarianism at its worst.

To be sure, there are certain values in the transmissive or knowledge emphasis in teaching. There are values of application, evaluation, and assimilation, but these are largely values of the mind. They are academic values. Though there must always be an emphasis on content, to place the total emphasis there is a guarantee of reaping a poor quality of Christian living.

2. **Experience-Centered Philosophy.** In the experience-centered philosophy, the teacher is concerned almost exclusively with the life situations of the pupil. This theory has some good points, because learning is for use, for action. Teaching should enable class members to cope with problems in a Christian manner. Because of the need for practicing truth in many situations, the experience-centered philosophy of teaching, of necessity places much emphasis upon activities, experiences, and personal privilege. Some advocates of this philosophy often call for radical changes in curriculum materials by insisting that the Sunday School offer courses in psychology, sociology, and philosophy. They want to study homemaking, love-making, and money-making. This trend de-emphasizes Bible study, majors on minors, and minors on majors. Pupils who are subjected only to experience-centered teaching seem to have a hazy knowledge of the Bible. They do not fully respect the Bible's authority, and they understand its meaning but vaguely.

The major values in experience-centered teaching are widened horizons, inner resources, and moral strength. These are values of the personality. Such values are commendable, but an overemphasis on experience-centered teaching seems to result in an inferior knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

3. **Creative Philosophy.** Transmissive teaching is principally concerned with **knowing** while experience-centered teaching is concerned with **doing.** The first philosophy is devoted to intellectual competence and the second to moral achievement. Even though there is a certain separation between the two, their closeness demands a blending of the two. The result is a third philosophy which might be called the creative philosophy of teaching. This philosophy calls for intellectual effort, since it demands an organized knowledge of the content and message of the Bible. It calls for an accurate understanding of the message as well. It also demands a dynamic drive for personal competence in Christian living.

Creative teaching keeps the Sunday School class Bible-centered while it solves life's problems, concerns itself with life situations, and depends on the Holy Spirit to lead the teacher and illumine the pupils. In creative teaching, active participation, tangible changes, and creative responses are secured. Thus, the "whole" person learns. —John T. Sisemore. ■

Missions and Evangelism

This Is for YOU!

HEY YOU! Look this way! That's it, thank you! Now read the rest of this before turning the page.

The splendid revivals we have had in Arkansas should inspire us to keep the evangelism flames burning. The sorry revivals should be a challenge to pastors and churches, even yet, to reap a harvest of souls this summer.

Why don't you plan some "community" revivals in your town — a number of them? Do you have a "swanky" area of new homes? Right there would be a good place for a revival. Some resident may have a beautiful lawn where 100 chairs could be placed under a flood light. A piano could be placed on the porch or a small platform. That is, if the owners are willing and most likely they would be if their pastor approached them about it.

A week of nightly services could be held just for those in that area. Then, a week or so later, have another on the other side of town. Such meetings would not be for underpriviledged, but just a neighborhood get-together.

Of course, there are other places of spiritual destitution of the underprivileged where revivals should be conducted, perhaps many of them. Go there, too.

Do you have young people in college who will be returning home for the summer months, a preacher boy or mission volunteer? Why not plan to use them in some mission work? Some young people have written this office about a desire to do something for the Lord during the summer months. Your church ought to find a place of service for the young people and that place ought to be something special in missions and evangelism.

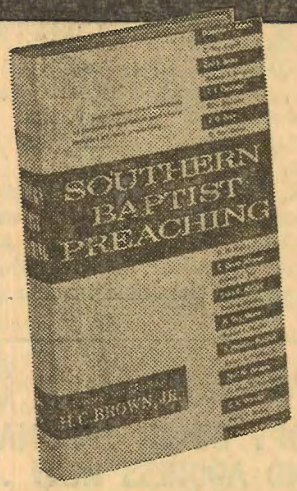
If there is no place in your town, what about your county? "Lift up your eyes and look." Start a branch Sunday School, an institutional service, a mission station, but, above all, conduct many community and mission revivals. — C. W. Caldwell, superintendent, Missions and Evangelism. ■

Standing Offer

AS AN encouragement to new churches, **Arkansas Baptist** is offering a free subscripion for three months to the total memberships of new churches.

To qualify, someone representing the new church should write to the editor giving the date the church was organized and supplying a mailing list by families.

Arkansas Baptist
Erwin L. McDonald, Editor
401 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas



SOUTHERN BAPTIST PREACHING

compiled and edited by
H. C. BROWN, JR.

Twenty-two outstanding sermons represent preaching at its best in the Southern Baptist Convention. Each sermon is the favorite of the man who preached it, and each is preceded by a detailed discussion of the methods used in preparing it. Such men as T. F. Adams, C. Roy Angell, Billy Graham, H. H. Hobbs, R. G. Lee, Duke K. McCall, H. F. Paschall and Robert E. Naylor are included. **$4.00**

ORDER FROM YOUR

BAPTIST BOOK STORE

Counsel for Pastors' Wives

Mrs. John Osborn of Takoma Park, Md., whose husband is the pastor of the largest Seventh-Day Adventist congregation in the world, gives the following ten commandments for the wives of preachers:

1—Thou shalt love all of your members at all times and under all circumstances.

2—Thou shalt learn to live as the most observed woman in the church.

3—Thou shalt always remember your family obligations first of all.

4—Thou shalt learn to develop a remedy for loneliness for the many nights your husband is away from home.

5—Thou shalt learn to live on a limited income and a strict budget.

6—Thou shalt learn how to meet discouragement.

7—Thou shalt learn how to be adaptable and willing to learn.

8—Thou shalt develop your natural talents and abilities.

9—Thou shalt have a definite interest in the daily work and program of your preacher husband.

10—Thou shalt often renew your personal consecration to the task of the church.

Mrs. Osborn is quite right in adding that "there is no other person who exerts such an influence upon the clergyman."—The Baptist Record

'Growing in His Likeness' Mission Meet Theme

"GROWING IN His Likeness" is the theme for the Home Mission Board Conference at Ridgecrest, and Glorieta this year. Conferences are scheduled on city missions, associational missions, schools of missions, work with national Baptists, chaplains, "Mrs." chaplains, deaf workers, and mission study classes will be conducted.

At Glorieta, July 30-Aug. 5, Dale Moody, professor, Southern Seminary, will be the Bible teacher, and Harold Seever, pastor, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, will preach.

C. E. Autrey, professor, Southwestern Seminary, will be the preacher at Ridgecrest, Aug. 13-19, and William A. Carleton, vice president, Golden Gate Seminary, will be the Bible teacher.

People 50 to 80

COPY DOWN THIS NAME AND ADDRESS NOW . . .

. . . and write today to find out how you can still apply for a $1,000 life insurance policy to help take care of final expenses without burdening your family. Mail a postcard or letter, giving your name, address and year of birth to:

Old American Ins. Co.
1 West 9th, Dept. L507C
Kansas City, Missouri

There is no obligation—and no one will call on you. You can handle the entire transaction by mail.

Baptist Theological School Opens in Peru

THE PERUVIAN Baptist Theological Institute was opened in Lima on April 6 with eight students enrolled in the first class. The majority of the students had felt the Lord's call to full-time Christian service for more than a year, but they had had no opportunity for training before the institute opened, reports Mrs. J. Bryan Brasington, Southern Baptist missionary. (FMN)

ARKANSAS SOFT PINE REGISTERED ®

HERE'S WHY

Your Building Committee Should Demand *Registered*

ARKANSAS SOFT PINE

Building a new church or remodeling your present church calls for the best in lumber—if your investment is to stand the test of time. The modern use of wood in exciting church design is pointing up the amazing economy of Registered Arkansas Soft Pine construction. Quality lumber is a "must" for long-range investment in your church structure. The fact that Registered Arkansas Soft Pine meets rigid quality standards in manufacturing assures you a lasting edifice. When your Finance Committee specifies the use of Registered Arkansas Soft Pine, you are assured of properly kiln-dried lumber that is straight, dry and strong. It will "stay put" when nailed into place. It will not crack, warp or buckle. So, if you want every dollar invested in your church to give you the greatest benefit—specify Registered Arkansas Soft Pine!

ARKANSAS SOFT PINE BUREAU

THE BOYLE BUILDING • LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

BSU LEADERS—Richard Essman, left, is the new president of the Baptist Student Union of Arkansas. Essman is a student at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine. Dick Norton, right, Ouachita College, is vice president. Other student officers of the state B.S.U. include: Walter Smiley, U. of A., social chairman; Jeannine Whitlock, Arkansas Baptist Hospital, devotional chairman; Patsy Middleton, U. of A., secretary; De Lois Ring, Arkansas State, "Baptist Student" magazine representative; Anna Douglas, Arkansas A & M, pianist; and Lou Hoover, College of Ozarks, music chairman. Officers were elected at the annual B.S.U. spring retreat held at Ferncliff, April 24-26. Over 250 students attended the retreat.—Tom Logue, B.S.U. Director.

Brotherhood

Revivals Reported

THE BROTHERHOOD Department has labored in the spring's simultaneous revival program. The Brotherhood Secretary has had the opportunity of working through a revival in his own church (2nd, Little Rock), with the pastor doing the preaching; and of preaching in a revival at 1st Church, Berryville, where Bro. J. B. Measel is pastor. The Berryville revival resulted in 25 additions, 20 for baptism. Dr. Dale Cowling, who did an excellent job of preaching through a week's revival at 2nd Church, reports 67 additions, 40 by baptism.

Royal Ambassador Camps

The lake at Arkansas Baptist Camp has been enlarged and beautified and is ready for a lot of good swimming during the coming camping season. The Brotherhood Department has planned a great camping program for the summer, with seven weeks of camps; and we are looking for boys from all over Arkansas to attend.

Planning Time

Now is the time for each Regional Brotherhood Executive Committee to get together and plan:

(1) for the regional encampment in the summer;

(2) for the regional clinic (for associational officers) in the fall (October 1-November 1);

(3) for the Regional Convention (in January or February of 1960).

A representative of the Brotherhood Department will be happy to meet with your committee, if desired.

The Summer's Work

An alert church Brotherhood Executive Committee will be planning now to make the summer count for God and His work. Summer brings many opportunities for service, which, if seized upon, will make God's work to prosper the whole year through.—Nelson Tull, Brotherhood secretary

A Four Year Baptist High School

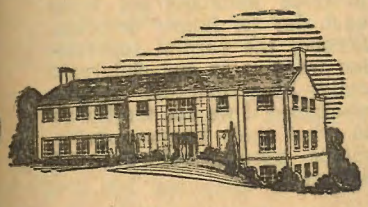
BAPTIST INSTITUTE OF THE OZARKS

Rev. North E. West, Superintendent
Bentonville, Arkansas

BOARDING STUDENTS ONLY

MARS HILL COLLEGE

Serving Youth Since 1856



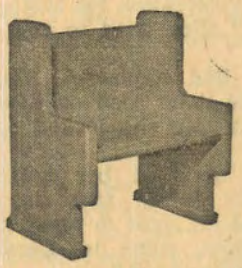
The Library

A fully accredited liberal arts junior college, distinguished for thorough scholarship, high social standards, and Christian ideals . . . beautiful 130-acre campus in the mountains . . . over 1000 young men and women enrolled from 23 states and 5 foreign countries . . . costs moderate. For an illustrated catalog write REGISTRAR, Mars Hill, N. C.

SUMMER TERM BEGINS JUNE 8

The
LITTLE GIANT HOTOMATIC
Gas Water Heater No. 3
Will supply all the hot water needed for Baptistries, Church Kitchens, Rest Rooms. Heats 450 GPH, 20° rise in temperature. Inexpensive, too. Write for free folder.
LITTLE GIANT MFG. CO.
907 7th Street, Orange, Texas

CHURCH PEWS



At
Any
Price

Any Church Can Afford

Write or Call

WAGONER BROTHERS MANUFACTURING CO.

Phone 246

BOONEVILLE, ARKANSAS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A SAFE, SOUND, CHRISTIAN INVESTMENT PAYING

6% INTEREST

BUY

Southern Baptist Security Bonds
of Denver, Colo.

Tear Out and Mail Today

Colorado Baptist General Convention
1470 South Holly
Denver 22, Colorado

Please send by return mail information on Security Bonds.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____

I am interested in bonds maturing in:
1961 ___, 1962, ___, 1963 ___, 1964 ___,
1965 ___, 1966 ___, 1967 ___, 1968 ___,
1969 ___, 1970 ___, 1971 ___, 1972 ___,
1973 ___, 1974 ___, 1975 ___, 1976 ___.
I prefer bonds in the following denominations:
$100 ___, $250 ___, $500 ___, $1,000 ___,
$2,500 ___, $5,000 ___, $10,000 ___.

Children's Nook

Mother's Day for Grandma

By GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER

MARGIE AND Dick had just begun to set the table for Mother when the telephone rang. From the sound of Mother's voice, they knew something was wrong.

"Surely nothing can happen to spoil our Mother's Day celebration for Mother and Grandma," Dick tried to comfort his sister.

But something had happened. The boy and girl knew it as soon as they saw Mother's face, for she looked so disappointed.

"Grandma has sprained her ankle and can't come," Mother told them sadly. "She will be all right in another week, but she can't come to spend Mother's Day with us today."

"Oh, no!" Margie cried, thinking of the lovely pink and white cake Mother had made, the crisp, good salads, the big ham, even now baking in the oven. "Poor Grandma! A sprained ankle is so painful, and to be all alone on Mother's Day!"

"Why can't we visit Grandma?" Dick asked as Daddy came in.

"Of course," Daddy nodded when he had heard the story, "we can load everything into the car and take Mother's Day to Grandma."

"Good! Good!" Margie jumped up and down and clapped her hands. She had made a pretty bookmark for Grandma's Bible as a Mother's Day present, and of course she was anxious to give it to her.

Margie and Dick hurried to help Mother with the picnic basket. Daddy got the car ready. The ham was just ready to take from the oven. Mother packed the salads. Margie brought up pickles from the basement cupboard. Dick brought the beautiful cake from the pantry.

Mother had made an apron for Grandma's gift. Dick had made a blotting pad. Before long, everything was ready. Just before they started, Margie ran into the garden. She picked a bouquet of lilies of the valley.

"Grandma loves them," she remembered.

"They will be pretty on the picnic tables, too," Dick smiled.

It was a beautiful day. The sun was shining brightly. The birds sang in the meadows as the family rode by.

"They are saying, 'Happy Mother's Day,'" Margie told Mother.

When they reached Grandma's house, they found that a neighbor had come in to sit with Grandma for a little while after the doctor had left. Grandma was able to hobble around a bit with a cane, but mostly she sat still to rest the poor sore ankle.

"What a surprise!" she cried when Margie and Dick ran in. "How wonderful!"

"You didn't expect us, did you?" Margie laughed.

"We brought Mother's Day to you because you could not visit us," Dick explained, as Daddy brought in the picnic basket and Mother brought in the cake.

When the neighbor saw that Grandma would have company the rest of the day, she went back to her own family.

Margie and Dick helped set the picnic table in Grandma's big back yard. Mother set out all the food — the baked ham, the salads, the fluffy rolls, the pickles, and the cake. Daddy swooped Grandma up in his arms and carried her out to the picnic table. He placed her in a big, comfortable chair with a pillow to rest her foot on.

Margie put the lilies of the valley in a vase in the center of the table. The pretty pink and white cake was at Grandma's place. The gifts, wrapped and tied in fancy paper and ribbon, were on the other side of Grandma's place.

When Daddy asked the blessing, he thanked God for Grandma and for Mother and for the nice day that all were having together.

"Even with a sore ankle," Grandma laughed, "this is just about the nicest Mother's Day I have ever had!"

"We didn't want you to miss out on Mother's Day," Margie smiled lovingly. "So we brought it to you!" ■

(Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

When I Am Cross

By SOLVEIG PAULSON RUSSELL

When I am cross as I can be,
Pleasant things I never see;
But when I think of God, why, then
Everything is bright again.

(Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

Letter Quiz

By CARRIE I. QUICK

My first is found in BUG and BEE
And also found in BIRD.
My second is in IT and IF,
And holy is my word.
My third is found in BLACK and BROWN,
My fourth in LIGHT and LOVE.
My last is in ETERNITY,
And also in ABOVE.

ANSWER
Bible

(Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

AT A circus in the nearby town a man thoughtfully stood looking at the camels. Then he picked up a straw, placed it on the camel's back and waited. Nothing happened. "Wrong straw," he muttered, and walked away.—Clipped.

"IF YOU wash your face, I'll give you a piece of candy," said grandpa; "and if you wash behind your ears, I'll give you two pieces."

"Grandpa," said the small boy, hopefully, "suppose I have a bath!"—Ex.

A Smile or Two

SUPERINTENDENT: For this job we want a responsible man.

APPLICANT: That's me. Wherever I have worked, if anything went wrong they told me I was responsible.—Pittsburg Sun Telegraph.

RUFUS: The horse I was riding wanted to go one way and I wanted to go another.

GOOFUS: Who won?

RUFUS: He tossed me for it.

A SPINSTER had a long fling in New York. When she returned her friends crowded about and asked, "Well, what kind of time did you have?"

She replied dryly: "Eastern Standard."

PROFESSOR: "If this wonderful art gallery got on fire and you had only time to save five pictures, which five would you save?"

ART STUDENT: "The five nearest the door!"

TIRED WIFE (to fussy husband): "Really, John, I'd rather have all the children sick than you."

JOHN: "So would I."

"YES, I'LL give you a job. Sweep out the store."

"But I'm a college graduate."

"Okay, I'll show you how."

"MANY A married couple is like a team of horses—parted by a tongue."—Ex.

"Why can't we watch 'Frankenstein' and have our Bible reading during the commercials?"

Two good reasons. First, nothing should usurp the precious moments set aside each day for family devotion. Second, the careful supervision we give to our children's daily lives can be greatly weakened if we are too lax as to what their impressionable minds absorb via the TV screen.

Sunday School Lesson

Facing Our Sins

By EMIL WILLIAMS

(Pastor, 1st Church, Russellville)

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

WHAT CAUSED David's sin? Was it the fact that he was lonely and bored? Was it the fact that he stayed in Jerusalem while his fighting men were off at war? Was his sin the result of the fact that he had grown accustomed to having his way and could justify any action because he was the king? Was his sin the result of a carefully laid plan on the part of Bathsheba, as some have suggested?

MR. WILLIAMS

Any — or all — of these factors may have had some part to play in the sin of David, but none of them can be said to be the cause. In the final analysis David's sin followed the same course as every man's — knowing what was right, he chose the wrong. A certain set of circumstances may be the setting for sin, but not the cause. The cause lies at a deeper level — the heart of man. So David's sin. So every man's sin.

The Progression of Sin

The sin of David did not take place in a moment. It developed gradually. Perhaps the ground work was laid through the course that he followed in rising to the throne. David compromised here, condoned evil there. How easy it is, having compromised once, to compromise again.

The recorder of the event prepares the way for us with the words, "And it came to pass . . . at the time when kings go forth to battle that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel: And they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem." The scene is one of a monarch who has arrived at the top and now rewards himself with rest from wars.

David, bored and restless, walked in the evening on the roof top. He was a ready target for temptation. He saw Bathsheba, Uriah's wife, bathing. Uriah's house must have been built around a central courtyard which was left open to the sky. David's new palace on the eastern ridge would command a view of the houses below, including the house of Uriah.

David still had opportunity to escape, but David did not want to escape! He looked. He desired. He followed through to accomplish his desire. David was not a victim. He was instigator. He sent for this woman, knowing who she was. His sin was not the result of an impulse of the moment. It was the result of careful calculation.

The events that followed are familiar to everyone. David learned by hard experience that sin does not end with the act itself. When word came that Bathsheba was with child, he looked about wildly for a way of escape. But instead of escaping, David added more sin. Uriah, hastily brought home from the battlefield, would not cooperate with his King's plan. Even when made drunk with wine he would not go into his wife's home. There remained only one thing to do — Uriah must be killed. And David did not hesitate. Once more David must depend upon Joab who would do anything for his King. Without question he complied with the order to put Uriah in the dangerous place in the fighting. Adultery became adultery and murder. And murder and adultery were hidden under a cloak of cheap pretense and hypocrisy.

But sin cannot be hidden. It cannot be hidden from God, and God will not allow us to hide it from ourselves. The prophet Nathan was the instrument God used to confront David with his sin. David was to learn the truth of the proverb, "take what you will, and pay for it." When Nathan pointed his finger at David and said, "Thou art the man," the story of a man who had stolen a poor man's lamb dropped from sight and in its place there appeared the picture of a king who had abused a subject and sinned against God.

The Process of Forgiveness

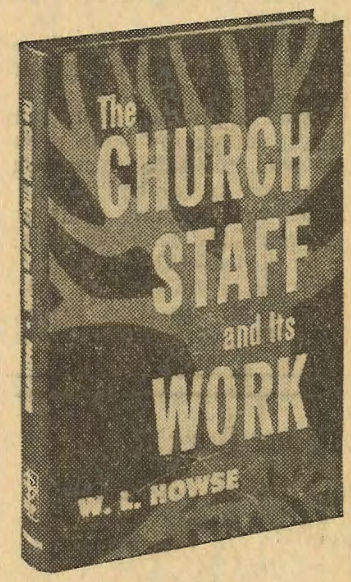
Confronted with the accusation David did not evade the issue. There can be no forgiveness until a man sees the truth about himself and confesses it. There lies the difference between Saul's sin and David's sin. It is not a difference in the sin of the two men but a difference in the two men themselves. Saul confronted with his sin, made excuse. David confronted with his sin, asked forgiveness. David's experience was the experience of the Prodigal, "And when he came to himself . . ." This is the moment of self-awareness.

II Samuel 12:13 gives us the simple account of confession and forgiveness: "And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; . . ." David recognized there a basic fact about every man's sin: Human personality may be spoiled and destroyed, but the one ultimately offended is God. Thus, only God can forgive.

David's forgiveness, however, was no easy pat on the back, a benign smile, and a cheery, "Oh, that's all right." To understand fully David's own interpretation of his sin and forgiveness we must turn to Psalm 51 — the psalm of confession and forgiveness. There David sees his sin as being three-fold: It is rebellion, it is twisting and perversion of the will, it is missing the mark. Just so there are three elements in forgiveness: blotting out the marks that sin has made, washing thoroughly, declaring clean so that the sinner can worship God again.

David experienced forgiveness at God's hand, but he discovered that forgiveness from sin does not remove all the consequences of sin. The scars remain. The seed of sin sown brings forth its full harvest. David was forgiven, but he would see the out-working of his sin to the end of his days. A baby conceived in sin would die, and David would see God's hand at work. A son would violate his own sister. Another son would avenge his sister by killing his brother. This same son, Absalom, would turn renegade and play the part of the traitor against his father. He would die without giving his father the comfort that he loved him.

Bitter fruit that even canceled sin brings forth! And yet, through it all David was to hear the same assurance that comes to every sinner who will see himself as he is and confess the truth to God: "Go thy way; thy sins are forgiven thee." ■



To Help You Serve Better . . .

The Church Staff and Its Work
by W. L. Howse
Director, Education Division, Baptist Sunday School Board

A study of the significant responsibilities of church staff members with the aim of defining their responsibilities and stabilizing their vocational status. Dr. Howse offers guidance for the staff member's personal as well as his professional life. $3.75

At your BAPTIST BOOK STORE

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

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

Straight Line to God

QUESTION: All my life I have made a practice of enquiring of the Lord when in any serious difficulty and He has always whispered a solution.

DR. HUDSON

My friends laugh at me and my family seem embarrassed, so I quit ever saying anything about it. Now I just keep a memorandum and sure enough I get the answer.

Please tell me, am I queer? Do you think I ought to keep quiet about my leadings?

ANSWER: Many people pray and get answers in terms of a solution to their problems. But the way you keep a record of it, you act as if you have a straight line through to God. This I question.

If you don't watch you will move on over into a pattern of thinking by which you feel that God has appointed you as His special agent to save the country or even the world. This sort of thing is dangerous. It is an emotional quirk.

Why do things that will get you laughed at? Your prayers should be in your closet with the door shut (Matt. 6:6). Then do not talk about it in public. There should be some private life to the soul. To talk about your answered prayer is like praying in public. It makes you feel important but does not advance the kingdom of God.

We must leave God free to answer our prayers as he sees fit. ■

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

Your Baptist Book Store has the *New* . . . easy-reading CAMBRIDGE CONCORD BIBLE

Missionary Biographies To Be Published

FOR MANY years Mrs. H. M. Keck of Fort Smith has written the associational WMU rally programs and has featured stories and biographies of Arkansas missionaries — both home and foreign — which have endeared these "soldiers of the Cross" to many in the state.

In order to preserve what has been done and to complete the record of our state's contribution to missions, the Union voted in annual session to ask Mrs. Keck to bring up to date the biographies used in programs and to add others necessary. These will be published in booklet form early in 1960.

Such a booklet will not only be of great historical value and general interest, but will be used widely in camps and by organizations for mission study and by individuals for missionary reading.

A consulting committee has been appointed by the state WMU president and is composed of Mrs. Floyd Chronister, chairman, Mrs. B. L. Bridges and Mrs. S. Ladd Davies.

1959 WMU CAMPS

The 1959 camps promoted by Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union will be held at Ferncliff, eighteen miles west of Little Rock, as follows:

Intermediate GA Camp	July 20-24
Junior GA Camp	July 27-31
Junior GA Camp	August 3-7
Junior GA Camp	August 10-14
Junior GA Camp	August 17-21
Young Woman's Auxiliary Houseparty	July 25-26
WMS Conference	August 15-16

Missionary speakers and organizational leaders will be featured at each camp. The cost of Girls' Auxiliary camp will be $15. Choice of dates for juniors should be made and reservations sent early to the State WMU Office.

Largest SBC Sanctuary Completed in Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH —(BP)— Members of the Travis Avenue Church here occupied their new $1,600,000 sanctuary April 26, opening a week of special dedication services.

Church officials said the structure features the largest sanctuary of any church in the Southern Baptist Convention. With more than a mile of pews, the auditorium will comfortably seat 3,300 persons.

now combined handbook was $1. NOW 50¢

because *The Southern Baptist Handbook* now is the July-September issue of *The Quarterly Review*.

Order for pastor, church staff, and general officers with church literature

FROM YOUR

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

ARKANSAS BAPTIST
401 West Capitol
Little Rock, Ark.
Return Postage Guaranteed

N22-A-B
MRS T A SPENCER JR
210 BELMONT DR
N LITTLE ROCK ARK