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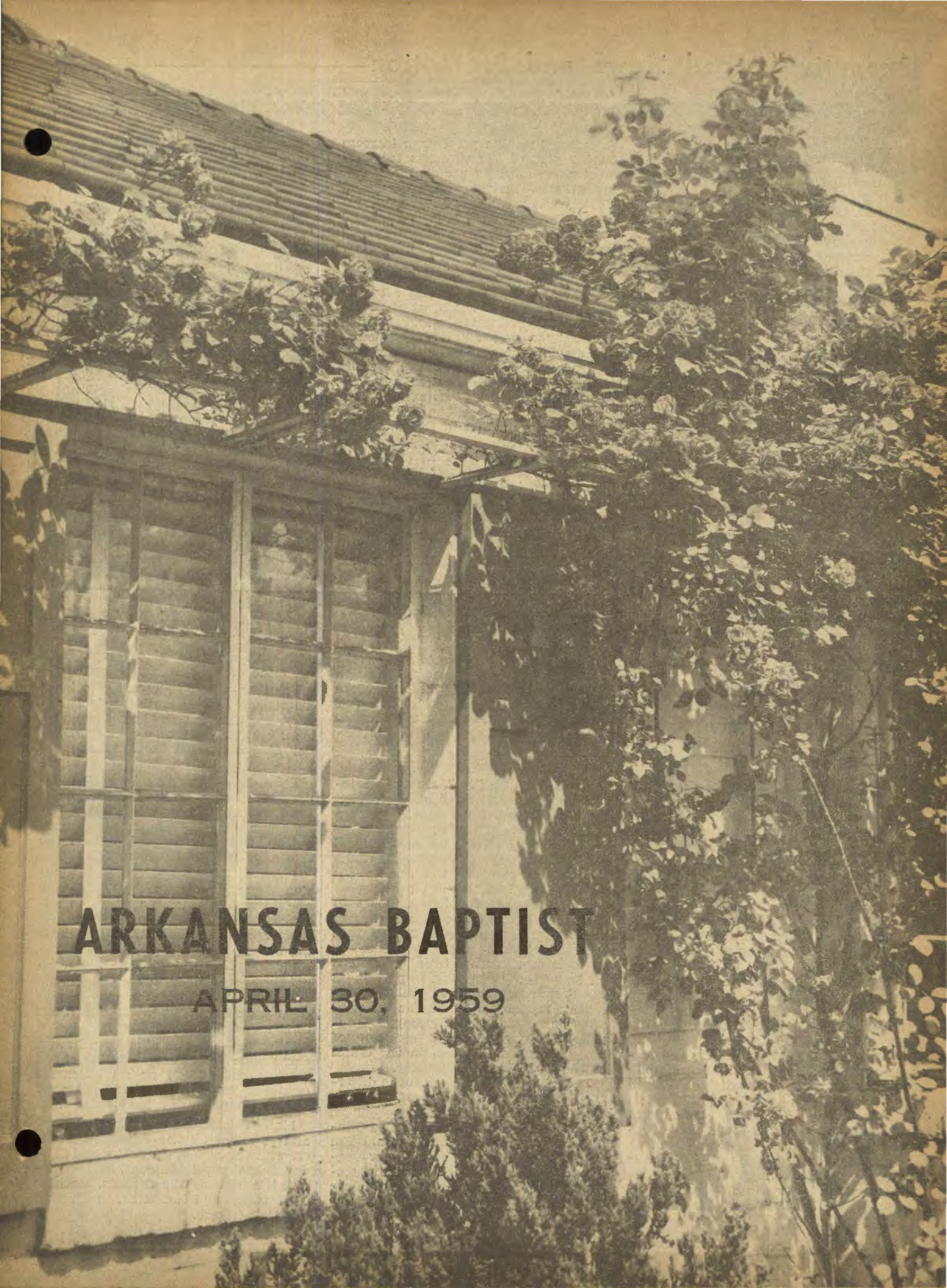
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ARKANSAS BAPTIST

APRIL 30, 1959

'Forward Program' Churches Show Significant Increases

A STUDY OF 697 churches reporting use of the Forward Program in 1957-58 showed that they achieved significant increases. For example, these churches increased their budget goals 32 per cent over the preceding year, and increased the amount pledged toward these goals by 41 per cent. These same churches showed a 61 per cent increase in number of tithers, and a 50 per cent increase in number of persons making pledges. They also increased their dollar gifts to world missions through the Cooperative Program by 38 per cent (but the increase in the per cent of their total budgets to world missions was only 1.7 per cent.)

The above statement clearly indicated the effectiveness of the Forward Program of Church Finance. It has been abundantly demonstrated that when this program is used conscientiously and completely that two or three things always occur. First, the membership of that church experiences a spiritual impact. The Forward Program is not a revival, nor is it a substitute for a revival, but often it does result in genuine revival. In the next place, the stewardship consciousness of the members is strengthened. This naturally results in greater sums of money coming into the treasuries of the churches.

The above study indicates tremendous percentage increases in tithers and in income to the churches, but at

the same time the percentage increase on the part of the churches to world missions was but 1.7 per cent, a rather insignificant increase by comparison.

Every evil is perhaps but a perverted good. The results of our increased blessings by the use of the Forward Program may constitute a real danger to our churches unless we lead our people to enlarge their world vision. We may be tempted to say that after we catch up on local needs we shall increase our giving to world mission causes by a very substantial amount. We may fail to recognize we are setting a pattern which will not be easily changed. We need constantly to remind ourselves that Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples . . ." It is not a case of this and then that, but it is now or never.

Perhaps the most effective way to develop a world view is to increase our contribution to world missions through the Cooperative Program, in keeping with God's blessings upon us. Many churches have found the percentage plan of giving the most effective way to do this.—S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary. ■



Cover Story

Handiwork of God

"GOD HAS made everything beautiful in his time." And the beauty of Arkansas roses twining around the window of home gives new meaning to this verse.

Extension Day First Sunday in June

AGAIN THE time has come to make plans for the observance of Extension Day on the first Sunday in June. Make this a "star day" in your church this

year with a five-point program. Here are some of the things you can do.

Point 1. — Ask your pastor to build his sermon around the Extension ministry. He may explain how those who cannot attend can belong to the Sunday School through the Extension department.

Point 2. — Start an Extension department on that day if you do not have one. Enlist your workers ahead of time and present them to the congregation in the church service. Order the free offer of Extension materials.

Point 3. — Strengthen your Extension department if you already have one, by enlisting more workers in advance of Extension Day. Then give them special recognition in the morning worship service.

Point 4. — Recognize the Extension members who are in attendance at the services that day. A flower may be given to each one. Have a favorite hymn sung and dedicated to them.

Point 5. — In the afternoon, have a churchwide Extension visitation. Send workers out to call on all Extension members and Extension prospects whom you previously have located.

Make this a church affair, planned and executed by the Extension workers with the help of the pastor and Sunday School superintendent, but participated in also by the deacons, teachers of classes, and all other interested church members.

'2 Plus' for World Missions

OUR DENOMINATION has been advocating that the churches go on a percentage basis. This means that each church is encouraged to give a certain per cent of its total income to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

The "2 Plus" means that each church is encouraged to increase that percentage 2 per cent or more next year.

It will not be long until some of our churches will be thinking about, and planning, the church budget for another year. Let us urge, with all the urgency of a needy world, that these churches start planning now, to increase the Cooperative Program gifts for next year at least 2 per cent.

This plea is not just the cry of a denominational worker, but a call to preach the gospel around the world, in a better way, next year through strengthening the forces of Southern Baptists, by giving through the Cooperative Program.

Perhaps it would be well for the budget committee to check the church's Cooperative Program gifts, and see if the giving has increased in the last few years.

Remember, "2 Plus" means an increase in Cooperative Program gifts next year by at least 2 per cent.

Committee Training Sessions

We are now setting up Associational Forward Program Committee Training Sessions in some of the associations where we had Clinics last year.

We would like for the churches to elect their Forward Program of Church Finance campaign leadership, so that they can send the committee members to their associational training sessions for how-to-do-it training, in putting on the Forward Program in their church.

Time is spent in looking at the total program. Specialized training is provided for chairmen and members of the different committees in the duties of their particular committee.

These sessions could mean the difference in success or failure of the Forward Program in a church.

We are also conducting Finance Clinics, and if your association would like a ten hour clinic, an eight hour conference, or a four hour training session, please contact our office and we will be happy to work out a date.—Ralph Douglas, associate secretary. ■

UN Observer Called For By Peace Group

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The Committee on World Peace of the Southern Baptist Convention will recommend that its work be carried on through the Christian Life Commission, and that the commission provide a "Non-Governmental Organizations Observer" at United Nations.

The recommendation for a UN observer is that it be without budget limitations.

The observer would not necessarily serve on a salaried, full-time basis. It would not necessarily be the same person always, but various Baptist pastors and denominational officers having occasion to be in New York could be asked to observe UN activity on behalf of Southern Baptists.

The committee, chairman of which is Walter Pope Binns, Baptist college president of Liberty, Mo., asks that it be discharged.

The Christian Life Commission, which has a section in its 1959 report in which world peace is mentioned, would "accelerate its program of study, activity, and education in the interest of world peace."

It would further "seek ways of cooperation with similar agencies of other Baptist bodies in the United States in the interest of world peace."

The recommendations will be presented to the 1959 session of the Convention meeting in Louisville.

New Library Secretary On Convention Program

The new secretary of the Church Library Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board will lead in the Church Library and Audio-Visuals Convention, May 7-8, meeting in the 1st Church, Little Rock.



MR. TODD

Mr. Todd, coming from a very successful pastorate at 1st Church, Brookhaven, Miss., assumed the responsibility as secretary of the Church Library Service in Nashville on Apr. 1. He has been in touch with and had a part of the church library work for several years, speaking in many places and on many programs.

Other speakers for the Convention include Tommy Gambrell, South Side Church, Pine Bluff; Leonard F. Skebitzke, Family Films, Hollywood, Calif.; Paul Roberts, 1st Church, Little Rock, and others.

Churches have been urged to send their visual aids and library workers to this meeting. ■

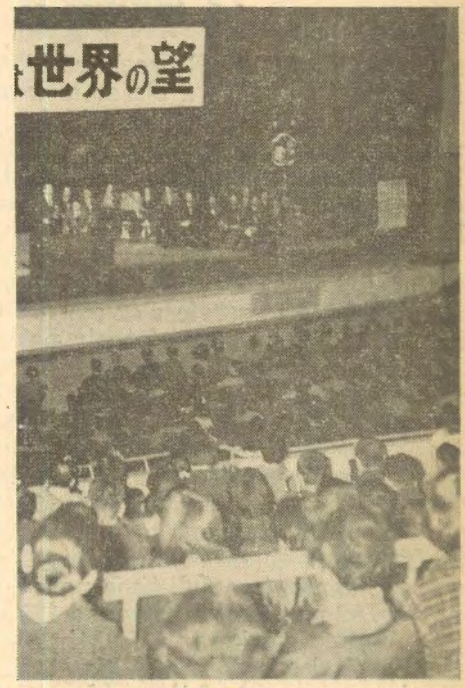
10,000 Japanese Hear Arkansas Evangelist

MORE THAN 10,000 Japanese heard Evangelist Tom Landers during rallies just concluded in Tokyo, Osaka, Yonago, and Matsuyama, Japan, with 3,086 responding to the invitations.

The Yonago rally pictured, opened by the mayor, covered by the Japan National Broadcasting Company, and sponsored by all the churches of the area, resulted in 790 decisions, 291 conversions. It was the first meeting of its kind in the history of the city.

The Japan meetings concluded an evangelistic tour which took the Dallas evangelist and soloist Dwain Herring through Europe, the Middle East, and the Orient.

Mr. Landers, a native of Arkansas and graduate of Ouachita College, now bases his evangelistic ministry from offices at 2008 16th (P. O. Box 888), Garland, Tex.



Year of Evangelism, Prayer Night Advocated

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — Make the year 1964 another year of evangelism and start the year 1960 with special prayer for the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

These are recommendations of the Southern Baptist Convention Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee. The committee will ask the Convention on May 21 here to adopt these recommendations. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., past president of the Convention, is chairman of the committee.

The annual emphasis for 1960 by the six groups is on teaching and training.

The results of the 1959 emphasis on evangelism has led to recommendation that another special year be observed in 1964. Goals for 1961, 1962, and 1963 have already been adopted and special emphasis approved.

No Traffic Jams, Says Louisville Committee

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — If you want to drive your car between downtown Louisville and Freedom Hall during sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, you should not run into any traffic jam.

That's the advice from local police and from the committee of Louisville Baptists making arrangements for the Convention.

However, city buses operate on regular schedules to the meeting hall, and special chartered buses will make the rounds each day to and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary campus.

The parking lot at the Exposition Center, in which Freedom Hall is located, can handle 10,000 cars. Cars may park free during the Convention. There are five entrances. "Traffic congestion probably won't be too noticeable," local Baptists say.

Under normal conditions, it takes about 20 minutes to drive from downtown hotels to the hall.

Recording Facilities Available at Convention

TAPE RECORDING facilities for individuals who wish to record proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville will be available as usual as a service of the TV Commission.

Reservations by those who plan to use this service will be helpful but are not compulsory.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, commission director, said recording space will be reserved for the entire convention week — May 18-22. An engineer will assist in technical problems.

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A Salute to Our Hospital

AN ATTRACTIVE brochure from Arkansas Baptist Hospital invites its readers to take "a closer look at your Arkansas Baptist Hospital."

Arkansas Baptists should be grateful to God for the marvelous ministry of teaching, healing, and preaching in the Master's name which is being accomplished from day to day and year in and year out through our great institution of healing located here in the capital city of Arkansas.

There really is no way to estimate the value of a typical day's service of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, for the institution and its personnel are dedicated to services of eternal value affecting not only the physical health and happiness of their patients, but the spiritual well being of their eternal souls. Some idea of the reach of the hospital's ministry can be seen from these statistics for a typical day at the hospital in 1958: number of patients, 345, including 53 newly admitted, 6 new-born babies. On this typical or average day, 27 operations were performed, 446 laboratory procedures were carried out, 29 persons were treated in Emergency, 71 x-ray procedures were done, 1,351 meals were prepared and served.

One of the finest hospitals in the nation, Arkansas Baptist has a staff of more than 800, including 274 physicians and surgeons, 13 interns and residents, two full-time pathologists, 230 registered and technician nurses, 62 practical nurses and 127 nurse aides and orderlies, along with 86 volunteer workers. A full-time spiritual ministry is provided through the hospital chaplain and his staff. The latest instruments of hospital service are a part of the modern equipment in use throughout the institution. The new, \$1,500,000 surgical wing, a modern, two-story building which will house the surgical suites, recovery rooms, physical therapy, x-ray departments and emergency rooms, is now under construction. With its completion the hospital will have invested more than \$3,500,000 over a five-year period in the expansion and remodeling of its facilities to keep pace with rapid advances in medicine.

In its teaching ministry, the hospital expended \$389,000 in 1958, equipping people to serve in hospital-related professions. The hospital's School of Nursing, the only three-year diploma school of nursing in Arkansas fully accredited by the National Nursing Accrediting Service, has graduated 1,072 professional nurses since it was opened, in 1921. The school has a faculty of 20 graduate nurse-educators and an average annual enrollment of 200 students. Closely related to this program is a chaplain internship program designed to help clergymen to become more effective in ministering to members of their congregations who are hospitalized.

May Arkansas Baptist Hospital continue to have the blessing of God upon her as she ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of the people. Let us remember to pray for the sick and the afflicted and for all who serve in any capacity on the staff of our hospital.—ELM

Teenagers, Please Read

WE ARE living in strange times. With better homes to live in than ever before, more churches, with the largest memberships ever, and bigger and better schools and colleges, we have more crime than ever, with a great bulk of it committed by teenagers, many of whom are from "the better homes."

Much has been said about the failure of parents, the churches, the schools, the communities. Not too much has been said about the responsibility of the teenagers themselves for their lawlessness. Since teenagers are not only old enough to know right from wrong, but, in the case of juvenile delinquents, often choose deliberately to do what they know is wrong, this points up something for our careful consideration.

The small percent of teenagers who are constituting a class fast becoming Public Enemy No. 1, who are giving a bad reputation to teenagers the most of whom are fine, upright young people, think they are heroes. Their fellow teenagers need to help them see that when one rebels against parental, school, and governmental authority he is not a hero, but something designated by another four-letter word starting with

(See "Teenagers", page 4)

Personally Speaking . . .

Our Only Hope

WITH OUR modern way of living, some of us almost need a tranquilizing pill to be able to sit still for a haircut without cracking up.



Did you ever figure out why you go to a barbershop or a beauty parlor for a haircut instead of to the hospital? Why you can trim your own nails rather than having to go to a physician and have at least a local anesthetic administered? Your hair and your nails are dead, except at their roots.

One of the school patrons at Lanty, Conway County, became greatly alarmed, years ago, when his daughter started bathing daily. He was both right and wrong when he wailed: "She is washing her body away!" The outer skin is dead and needs to be washed away with the frequent and liberal use of soap and warm water to make way for the new body that is always forming.

It is hard for a lot of us to realize, as we stand on candid scales, that our bodies are always passing away. We are told that blood from a transfusion actually lasts but a few weeks, being replaced in turn by new blood which a healthy body is always manufacturing. Every seven years, or thereabouts, say the scientists, we have completely new bodies. Except for the second and third new bodies we possess, there is not much improvement that can be detected in our looks. But is it not remarkable how pretty some little stringy-haired girls become and how handsome some scrawny, freckle-faced boys get to be, along with their second or third new bodies?

Although it is not so easily detected, our souls are also changing daily. Oliver Wendell Holmes has given us a worthy challenge, in this regard, in his poem, "The Chambered Nautilus":

*Build thee more stately mansions,
O, my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than
the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome
more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by
life's unresting sea!*

About the only hope a lot of us with such homely faces have is to light our countenances with a Christian personality. After all, "Pretty is, is pretty does."

Erwin L. McDonell

Baptist Sentenced

ON APRIL 9 the local court of Avezano tried and sentenced M. Donato Cretorolo, member of the Baptist Church of San Benedetto dei Marsi, Italy to 15 days in jail on the charge of contempt of the religion of the State, that is, the Roman Catholic Church.

Cretorolo was charged with having printed and publicly displayed handbills offensive to the Catholic Church during Holy Week. The publication in question commented upon the introduction of certain ceremonies and practices into the Roman Catholic Church which according to Cretorolo, find no support in the Scriptures. Some of those cited by him were the establishment of the papacy, the use of Latin in worship, the use of relics, the canonization of saints, the celibacy of the clergy, the sacrifice of the mass, the seven sacraments, auricular confession, transubstantiation, purgatory, the equality of tradition with the Scriptures, the immaculate conception, the infallibility of the Pope, etc.

The court placed much emphasis upon the fact that the handbills were displayed on Holy Friday just before Easter. Being requested to state the reasons why they were displayed at that particular time he replied that it was only due to the delay with which they were delivered by the print shop and that they had been ordered long before Easter.

Although Cretorolo's defense pointed out that the law guarantees freedom of religious discussion he was found guilty and ordered to pay the court costs as well. The case was appealed to the Constitutional Court of Italy. Cretorolo is 80 years old.—Publications Department of the Italian Baptist Union, Piazza in Lucina 35, Roma-Italia.

Legislative Appreciation

I WANT to commend you for carrying Rev. Goodbar's articles during the 62nd General Assembly.

As a member of the assembly and being conscious of the feeling of the people at home I would like to say that Rev. Goodbar's presence and news items made a lot of representatives think twice before voting for issues our Christian people were against.—O. T. Hammons, representative from St. Francis County, Forrest City.

God Never Fails

MY PARENTS, reared and educated in affluence, came West in an ox-wagon train while still a young couple. Due to an accident they stopped in Amity, Arkansas. There they went into what later became Pike County, bought one man's homestead and homesteaded another of their own to add to it, where years later I was born, the fifth girl

"h"—*heel* or *hood*. And it might be further pointed out that unless he changes the way he is going he will wind up in a place designated by another four-letter word starting with "h"—*hell*.

Right-thinking, courageous teenagers will not be drawn in by the hoods. Teenagers themselves often can do more to bring the rebels of their group back into line than can parents, teachers, or law-enforcement officers. Even the teenage hoodlum will wilt when he finds he has no following. What we need is the exertion of discipline by teenagers upon teenagers through the right kind of teenage leadership.

Never before have teenagers been thrown so much upon the resources of their own character. Those who want to live immorally have multitudinous opportunities and temptations to do so. But it is also true that the teenagers of today who dare to live for God and right have unparalleled opportunities to become great men and women in all walks of our society. After all, one who is good just because he never had a chance to be bad is not so good after all. It takes more wisdom and more courage to choose the high road, often a lonely and straight and narrow way, than to travel the broad and crowded way that leads to destruction.—ELM

The Bible Says



EPHESIANS 4:25

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

girls now and can ask Him and He will help us find them."

We knelt in a little sassafras thicket and asked God to help us find the sheep. Rising from our knees we started out not knowing just where we would go but did go straight to a deep gully which had uncovered roots in the bank where we found the ewe had let one foot slip under and behind a root and was unable to extricate herself. The baby lamb was down in the ditch ba-ba-ing with all its might.

We lifted the ewe and released her foot, lifted the lamb out of the ditch, and they followed us back to the fold. From that day I have continued to have direct answers to prayer.

God has never failed me, though sometimes the answer comes differently from the expected way. I have learned that sometimes the answer is delayed and we must "wait patiently on the Lord." And sometimes the way seems rough but "joy comes in the morning."—Mrs. Nora Smith Deal, Heber Springs

in a family of seven girls and two boys.

Among other things we kept a hundred sheep and I became the shepherdess.

One evening when I went down to let the sheep into the fold I found one ewe and her baby lamb were missing. My little cousin about my age was with me. She, too, had become a Christian. We left the fold and went in search of the missing ones. After searching, it seemed everywhere, and failing to find them, I said, "Etta, we are God's little

The White Paper

ONE SUMMER evening a father caught his son tearing down the street after another child, screaming: "Wop! Dirty Wop!" He took the boy into the house, set him down at a desk and gave him a sheet of paper. "Now I want you to write down every way in which you are different or better than that little Italian girl."

Dinner time rolled around, and the paper was still blank. The young fellow took it slowly to his father. The father smiled: "That's a good paper. Now, until you can create a wonderful human soul, as God can, don't presume to criticize anyone because God chose to have him born a member of any one of His nations or races. Remember this paper."—Baptist Bulletin Service.

BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS

May, 1959

THEME: Belief

- May 3 In Whom Do You Believe?
- 10 In What Do You Believe?
- 17 The Universal Necessity
- 24 Justification Through Faith
- 31 The Tragedy of Unbelief

City	Station	Time
Arkadelphia	KVRC	3:00 p.m.
Conway	KOON	7:00 a.m.
Corning	KCCB	1:00 p.m.
DeQueen	KDQN	12:30 p.m.
El Dorado	KELD	2:30 p.m.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hope	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
Jonesboro	KNEA	9:30 a.m.
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.
Monticello	KHBM	3:30 p.m.
Paragould	KDRS	8:30 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	7:30 a.m.
Van Buren	KDFD	10:00 a.m.
Wynne	KWYN	6:30 p.m., Sat.

Arkansas All Over

74 Make Professions At Lepanto Revival

PROBABLY THE greatest revival in the history of Lepanto was experienced from April 5-12, when 80 joined the church, 74 by baptism.

Some preceding things in the way of preparation contributed greatly to the success of the meeting. Back in December the church launched the Forward Program of Church Finance. More members signed up to tithe at that time than had ever been known to do so in Lepanto. This resulted in a greatly enlarged church budget and a corresponding increase in spiritual interest.

Next, there was a renewal of the church survey during which many prospects were found. These were visited many times preceding and during the meeting.

Finally, in the matter of preparation there were 44 cottage prayer services conducted the week before the meeting started. There were great crowds from the very beginning service, even during the early morning services.

The preaching was by Evangelist Billy Walker. The music was directed by the pastor, R. B. Crotts.

The visible results of the meeting, which lasted only one week were, 80 additions to the church membership and 74 of that number were by baptism and six by letter. There were 88 rededications, with one or two who surrendered for special service. Because of these rededications and other results there were some intangible results. Questionable practices have been replaced by resolutions to live more influential Christian lives. The attendance at all services has increased greatly, and there is a wonderful spirit of love and fellowship being felt in the church as well as in the whole community. It was a genuine old-fashioned revival. — L. D. Eppinette, associational missionary.

● MISS OPAL WYNN, Fayetteville, freshman at Southern Baptist College, will do summer field work with the Training Union Department for seven weeks this summer. Miss Wynn was on the staff of the southwide Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, last summer. Miss Wynn is president of the Young Women's Auxiliary, song leader of the Life Service Band, secretary of the Cosmopolitan Club, social chairman of the Baptist Student Union, assistant editor of the school paper, president of the journalism club.

● THE RECENTLY installed Baptist Student Union officers at Southern Baptist College are: president, Carrol Fowler, sophomore, Manila; vice-president, Don Johnston, freshman, Puxico, Mo.; secretary-treasurer, Margaret Howard, sophomore, Arkadelphia; 1st vice-president, Peggy Byers, freshman, Hardy; 2nd vice-president, Glenda Cooper, freshman, Little Rock.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THESE THREE Arkansas Baptist students who have been chosen to serve as summer missionaries. Windy Burke, left, Arkansas State College, will serve in Hawaii, Melba Hutson, Southern State College, will work with the Indians in Arizona, and Janice Owen, of College of the Ozarks will serve in Michigan. These students serve without remuneration, and their expenses are paid by the Baptist students of the state. This year's total summer mission budget also includes a \$300 item for a work camp to help the Negro Baptists start a summer camp. Tom Logue, Baptist Student Union.

Revival Reports

WYNNE CHURCH, Mar. 30-Apr. 5: Dr. Stanley E. Wilkes, Union Ave., Memphis, evangelist; Bill Baker, music director; Boyd Baker, pastor; 37 by baptism; 12 by letter.

GLADDEN CHURCH, Tri-County Association, Apr. 12-19: Fred Sudduth, associational missionary, evangelist; Pastor E. G. Waddell, music director; 19 by baptism; five by letter; several rededications.

HOMER ALLRED, Northvale Church, Harrison, was evangelist with 1st Church, Winnsboro, La., for the Apr. 12-19 meeting in which 11 came for baptism, six by letter, one surrendered for special service and two made rededications. Sardis Bever, former pastor of 1st Church, Decatur, is now pastor of the Winnsboro Church.

RAYNOR GROVE, McCrory, Mar. 29-Apr. 12: Jesse Holcomb, Monticello, evangelist; Darrell Black, pastor, music director; 10 professions.

FIRST CHURCH, Benton, Apr. 5-12: Robert L. Smith, 1st Church, Pine Bluff; evangelist; Marvin Taylor, Calvary, Little Rock, singer; Bernes K. Selph, pastor; 11 by profession; seven by letter.

HIGHLAND MISSION, Benton: Pastor Curtis Pennington, evangelist; five by baptism; three by letter.

JESSIEVILLE CHURCH, Central Association: S. A. Wiles, evangelist; R. V. Wilson, Jr., pastor; Jack Price, song leader; 16 professions; 20 rededications.

SECOND CHURCH, Monticello, Mar. 8-15: Pastor Jesse Holcomb, evangelist; Frank Wolfe, music director; 10 by baptism. Record attendances were set in Training Union and Sunday School.

FIRST CHURCH, Tuckerman, Mar. 30-Apr. 5: James Taylor, 1st Church, Jacksonville, song leader; Dr. E. Butler Abington, Earle Church, evangelist; 20 additions. Pastor is Byron King.

LEVY CHURCH, Apr. 12-19: song leader, Robert Hall, 1st Church, Shelbyville, Tenn.; evangelist, Dr. E. Butler Abington, Earle Church; 32 for baptism; 24 by letter. Pastor is Harry Hunt.

RYE HILL, Ft. Smith: Delbert Garrett, evangelist; one by baptism; one by letter.

● SIXTY-ONE PERSONS will receive diplomas at commencement services in 1st Church, Forrest City, at 8 p. m. Sunday, May 3. Among the top awards are: master diploma, Mrs. J. V. Hodges and Mrs. Everett Moseley; master diploma and red seal, Mrs. Delmar Campbell; master diploma and all seals, Bob Glenn, and the Rev. and Mrs. T. K. Rucker. (CB)

Attendance Report

(April 19)

Church	SS	TU	Additions
Cullendale, 1st	470	254	
El Dorado, 1st	936	282	
Mission	40		
Fayetteville, 1st	777	245	19
Ft. Smith, Calvary	337	132	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	358	147	
Ft. Smith, Rye Hill	114	44	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	462	143	
Huntsville, 1st	90	44	
Jacksonville, 1st	568	241	8
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	341	107	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	531	150	21
McGehee, 1st	580	278	10
Magnolia, Central	759	312	14
Mission	89	69	
Mena, 1st	328	100	
Mission	32	19	
Pine Bluff, South Side	592	210	
Rose City, Calvary	496	155	7
Springdale, 1st	507	134	6
Warren, 1st	516	160	
W. Memphis, Calvary	252	166	3

● MISS VIRGINIA Queen, assistant professor of Music at Ouachita, attended the biennial convention of the National Federation in San Diego, Calif., Apr. 18-26. Miss Queen is president of the Arkansas Federation of Music Clubs. She presented a formal report of activities of AFMC for the past two years.

● SECOND CHURCH, Pine Bluff, has begun a full-time mission at 1909 E. Barraque, serving the section of Pine Bluff north of the Cotton Belt shops. F. B. Caldwell is pastor. (CB)

● FOUR SURRENDERED to preach during recent revivals in Harmony Association. They include: Dan Nichols, Nell Sanders and William Morgan, Jr., Matthews Memorial, and Russell "Rusty" Jacobs, South Side. (CB)

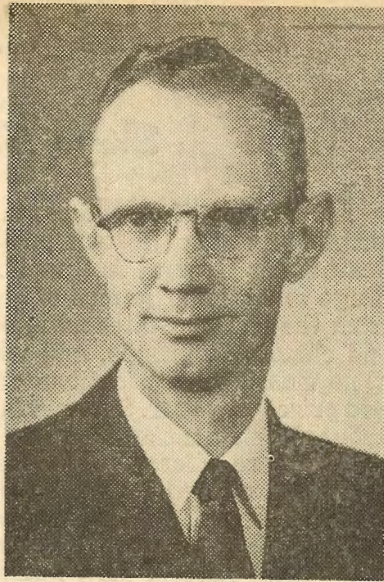
● DON WRIGHT, Wabbaseka, has accepted the call to give part of his time in the Cornerstone Mission of 1st Church, Altheimer. He will run "double-header" services on Sunday morning and night, giving him opportunity to give his entire time between the two fields. (CB)

● MISS HETTYE VARNADO, 1st Church, Helena, has been awarded the Sunday School Worker's Citation. (CB)

Pastoral Changes

S. M. WILLIAMSON, pastor of 1st Church, Gould, resigned effective Apr. 20 to accept the call of 1st Church, Long. (CB)

JERRY McMICHAEL has resigned as pastor of Plum Bayou Church to accept the Walnut Valley Church near Hot Springs. (CB)



Pastor West

Faulkner County News

By J. M. EVANS

WILLIAM WEST, pastor, 2nd Church, Conway, celebrated his second year Apr. 12. Bro. West came from Hot Springs on Apr. 9, 1957. During his ministry there have been 233 additions to the church. The church just completed a revival in which there were 16 for baptism.

The church has experienced a steady growth in many ways. Sunday School attendance has grown to an average of 300; Training Union 125; and Brotherhood 35. They have purchased a new brick parsonage and have retired \$10,000 in old debts. The total budget for 1959 is \$30,000. Mission giving has increased about 300 per cent to the co-operative program and association missions. The church is looking forward to building a new educational building in the very near future.

Mr. West is serving Faulkner County Baptists as moderator and is a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

OAK BOWERY Church reports 10 for baptism. E. W. Zimmerebner is pastor and Billy Walker, Walnut Ridge, was the evangelist.

FIRST CHURCH reports 19 for baptism. J. H. Street is pastor and David Hoy, Ky., was the evangelist.

ENOLA CHURCH reports two for baptism. E. F. Simmons is pastor and J. M. Evans, Conway, was the evangelist.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH voted to go full time. Sherl Blake is pastor.

● DAN DIPERT, Ouachita student, was licensed to preach Apr. 5 by 1st Church, Mountainburg.

● BEN WOFFORD is pastor of a new mission organized by Central Church, Pine Bluff. The mission is on Haygood Road. A revival with T. R. Coulter as evangelist has been scheduled for May 10. (CB)



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Buddhist Priest-to-Be Studying for Ministry

MASANAO TANIMOTO, son of a Buddhist priest in Japan, until he was 23 years old, was in line to follow in his father's footsteps as a Buddhist priest. He had memorized much of the Buddhist Bible, "The Okyo," and in high school he was known as "Os-ho San," a Buddhist name for priest.

At age 23 he was invited by a school friend to hear a Japanese Christian evangelist. Moved by the Gospel of love, he accepted Christ.

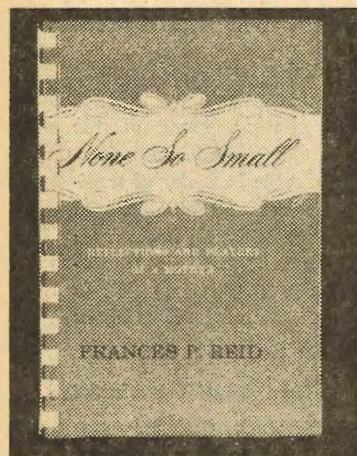
Today Masanao, age 32, is a first-year student at Fuller Theological Seminary studying for the B.D. degree in preparation for serving as a pastor in the Christian ministry. He received his A.B. from Pasadena College in 1958, majoring in religion.

Ike Orders: Smile and Pray

WASHINGTON (EP) — A reporter asked Bernard Shanley, White House special counsel, if President Eisenhower laid down any hard-and-fast rules for the staff's behavior.

"Yes," he replied, "and they're very simple. He laid them down to the staff right after he was inaugurated and he tells them to each new staff member. They are: 'I want everybody smiling around here. Always take your job seriously, but never yourself. Don't forget to pray.'"

● BAPTIST STUDENT Union officers for 1959-60 at Ouachita College include: George O'Neel, Ft. Smith, president; Bill Scrimshire, Malvern, vice-president; Betty Witherington, Camden, secretary; Eddie Lou McOwen, Fine Bluff, treasurer; Johnny Jackson, Waldo, devotional chairman.



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by Frances P. Reid

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Baptist Crosscurrents

Bingo Still Gambling

IN SPITE of amendments to state constitutions and new laws authorizing bingo in some parts of our country, we are reminded by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield that all advertising of Bingo and similar games of chance are barred by anti-lottery laws from the United States mail, whether or not conducted for religious and charitable groups, and whether or not legalized by state law. "The classic identifications of a lottery are consideration, chance and prize," says Mr. Summerfield. He added that "There is no doubt about the element of chance in bingo and that prizes of cash or merchandise are offered." The Postmaster General added that the law cannot be evaded by indirect references such as "Party" or "Big Game Wednesday Night." Lotteries conducted for charitable purposes are not in any way exempted from the federal prohibitions. The Postal Lottery Law makes no exceptions in favor of lotteries conducted for worthy causes or which might be regarded as a 'little raffle,' he added. The invasion of our social order by gambling elements is a threat to our nation's well-being. Churches and fraternal orders engaging in bingo, lotteries and games of chance are a disgrace to their calling. Our church people cannot ignore the duty to guard their communities against this immorality and hypocrisy. When a bingo, gambling or lottery carnival is advertised in your community we hope the church will denounce it.

—The Watchman-Examiner

Fine Line

WHAT IS the Fine Line between pulling for cooperation among religious bodies and pushing for an ecumenical church? We know it's true that our world of Christianity is like an "army fighting itself instead of waging common war on the enemy."

A. J. MacQueen of Canada says that most of our resources and manpower are being "wasted in competition, overlapping, and quarrelling." Then he asks, "Does this not in part account for the failure of the church to win the world for Christ? And does it not also explain why [these divisions make] our preachments for nations to get together sound so hollow and hypocritical?"

Speaking on the task of the church, MacQueen observed that too many Christians have isolated themselves into "saved" groups apart from the world and with no concern for it. This type of Christianity has a certain appeal to the conservative elements in society which prefer that preachers (as well as other workers) stick to their Gospels and steer clear of controversial social issues. This is as true today as it was years ago, even for Southern Baptists.

Asserting that the church is both for this world and the world-to-come, MacQueen agrees that Christianity should strive "to claim the realms of commerce and industry, education and entertainment, politics and social relations for God, the Lord of history. This is an impossible task, but Christianity is committed to impossible tasks," he added.

It was shown that there is still a strong need for evangelism since only 700 million people are called Christians out of the world population, leaving a field of some two billion to yet be reached.

—Baptist Digest

Liquor: The Curse of America

By **BILLY GRAHAM**

ONE OF our major problems in America is drunkenness. Day after day, week after week, and year after year, liquor threatens to eat away the luster of our gleaming past, and corrode the brightness of our future.

Last year we spent nine billion dollars on legal liquor, another four billion dollars on illegal liquor, five billion dollars on "cures," five billion dollars on work stoppage due to drunkenness, and five billion more for crimes in which drunkenness figured. The creeping paralysis of liquor is sapping our morals, ruining our homes, and luring people away from the church. To an intelligent person, there is simply no argument for inebriety.

Many Christians have been too smug concerning this great and forbidding evil. Negatively they have folded their hands and said: "Drunkenness doesn't bother me," while at the same time they do nothing to "bother drunkenness," and to destroy its devastating power. Christians have often been complacent while such organizations as Alcoholics Anonymous have sprung up to do the job the church should have been doing all the while.

The Bible is not silent concerning any force which ruins the souls of men. It strikes and strikes hard against any and all of Satan's tricks and devices, and it is very clear in its utter denunciation of drunkenness.

The Bible says: "Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower . . ." (Isa. 28:1).

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor to drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also . . ." (Hab. 2:15).

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness . . ." (Luke 21:34).

"Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness . . ." (Rom. 13:13).

"Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; that continue all night . . ." (Isa. 5:11).

"Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit" (Eph. 5:18).

Warnings against drunkenness are found in God's Word from Genesis on through the New Testament and the evils of strong drink are propounded again and again.

Drunkenness was the cause of Noah's sin and debauchery and the ensuing curse upon his sons.

Drunkenness brought moral disgrace to Lot and his family.

Drunkenness became King Elah's "Waterloo" when he got drunk in Tirzah and his chief chariot captain, Kimri, conspired against him, murdered him and set himself up as king.

Drunkenness stupefied Belshazzar and his lords and betrayed them into the hands of their enemies. Addiction to strong drink, added to their long list of other sins, caused God to write upon the gilded walls of the palace, "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting" (Dan. 5:27).

Yes, drunkenness is clearly renounced and denounced in the Bible. In both the tribunal of Sacred Writ and Reason, drunkenness is given an irrefutable verdict of "guilty," and stands condemned as a menace to society, an insult to God, and a disgrace to man.

It strikes at the very heart of American idealism, gives our enemies choice material for propaganda, is a wanton waste of time, money, and energy, and eats at the foundation of our homes.

Evangeline Booth, angel of the Salvation Army, who, through her fine organization, has gathered up human wreckage from the streets and alleys of the world, never spoke truer words than when she said:

"Drink has drained more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves, than any other poisonous scourge that ever swept

its death dealing waves across the world."

The Bible puts drunkenness in the same category with other vicious sins. Listen: "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (I Cor. 6:10).

At least 10,000 people die every year, and another 250,000 are wounded in accidents on our streets and highways, involving people who are drunk or near-drunk!

Most of the assaults on young girls which we have been reading about lately were committed by men whose minds were inflamed by drinking.

A recent survey reveals that in three out of five cases of juvenile delinquency, either the fathers or the mothers were excessive drinkers.

Drunkenness not only dulls the mind and depresses the spirit; it inflames the baser passions and brings out the animal in man.

One expert authority estimates that 50 per cent of the divorces in America are the result of, or are related to, drunkenness.

A prominent law enforcement officer recently told me that in 90 per cent of highway and traffic accidents drinking is involved somewhere. Death indeed rides with the drunken driver.

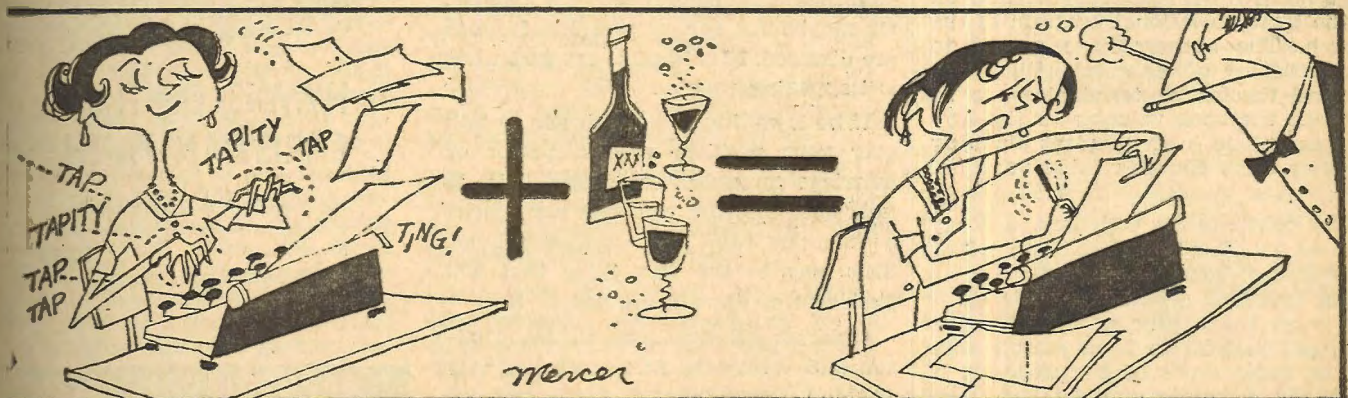
When a flower fades it has begun to die, and when a civilization begins to die, it increasingly demands the stimulation of alcoholic spirits. Before Rome fell, she was drunken. Before Babylon fell she was inebriate. Before Greece fell, she was given to revelling and wantonness. Drunken orgies always precede the "handwriting" of God's judgment.

In America we have a million men and a hundred thousand women who have been knocked out of normal living because of drunkenness and alcoholism.

I am preaching regeneration and transformation. The acceptance of Christ as personal Saviour will change the desire of man's heart and fill it with something that satisfies. The Bible has the answer: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."—The Baptist Messenger.

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THE BOOKSHELF

The New Testament and Psalms, Revised Standard Version, Thomas Nelson & Sons, published at \$4.

The Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, has several copies of this on sale at half price. Here is a very helpful and companion volume for the King James Version of the scriptures.

To All Nations, by Dorothy Heiderstadt, Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1959, \$2.95.

Miss Heiderstadt tells the stories of twelve men, living in five different centuries and on five continents, who had one trait in common — the courage to face hostility, charges of heresy and treason, hardship, and even death, in order to give the Bible to the people in their own languages.

Teachers' New Testament, With Notes and Helps, American Standard Version, Baker Book House, 1959, \$3.95.

The Notes and Helps give a full and complete explanation of the difficult passages of the New Testament, along with a wealth of accurate information concerning the books of the New Testament.

Sir, I Have a Problem! by R. Lofton Hudson, Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1959, \$2.50.

Dr. Hudson, a regular contributor to *Arkansas Baptist*, writes in the preface of his latest book about the large volume of letters he receives from people in distress:

"Some of the letters make me feel like catching the next plane in order to help . . . 'I have no one to turn to' is a frequent sentence in these letters. Many of them, however, are from people who say, 'Your answer this week fits my case perfectly . . . thank you.'"

The questions and answers in this volume are from Dr. Hudson's weekly column, which is now carried in publications with circulations totaling more than a million.

A Survey of Religious Education, by J. M. Price, James H. Chapman, L. L. Carpenter, and W. Forbes Yarborough, Second Edition, The Ronald Press Press Company, New York, 1959, \$5.50.

Written primarily for use as a textbook, this book is designed to meet today's needs for a practical introduction to the total educational program of the church. The authors have sought to avoid the use of technical, philosophical and theological terminology so as to make the book valuable to the layman as well as to the student planning to enter some church-related vocation.

The Epistle to the Galatians, a Study Manual by Floyd E. Hamilton, Baker Book House, 1959, \$1.25.

The principal emphasis of this manual is on the outline of Galatians. It does not pretend to be a commentary in the usual sense of the word. It is unusually elaborate and detailed.

Fundamentalism and Evangelism, by John R. W. Stott, with foreword by Billy Graham.

Widely distributed throughout the British Commonwealth, this book is highly relevant to the critical times in which we live. Not only is the world passing through a crisis, but the Word as well. Old cliches are changing or have lost their meaning with the passage of time, Mr. Graham points out. Even the word "fundamentalism" has been so bandied about by both liberals and conservatives that we must now re-think and re-define its meaning, he states. This little volume attempts to lead in this re-thinking.

Christ and Modern Woman, by Argye Briggs, \$2.50.

In 21 stimulating chapters the author presents the major conflicts of the modern Christian woman. Well known for her popular novels, *Root Out of Dry Ground*, *The Hem of His Garment*, and *Both Banks of the River*, Miss Briggs gives a different instance in each chapter of Jesus' encounter with women.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

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

Husband Doesn't Love Her

QUESTION: I have been married 29 years and I dearly love my husband. But he says that he don't care for me any more. We have had seven children, four of whom are married. It seems to me that I can't stand this. Both of us are Christians (Baptists) but I don't know what to do. Can you help me?



DR. HUDSON

ANSWER: It sounds to me as if your husband does not know his own mind. It is a little late for him to decide that he doesn't care for you.

You need to enrich your own life instead of sitting around and worrying about how your husband feels about you. Maybe he cannot help his feelings. Or maybe for the present his feelings are diseased. It is hard to say just what is happening to him.

If he is willing to go with you to talk over your problem with a pastor or marriage counselor, this might help. If not, quit grieving and live for Christ as best you can. There is always hope. This may be the very thing that will push you on toward maturity. ■

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

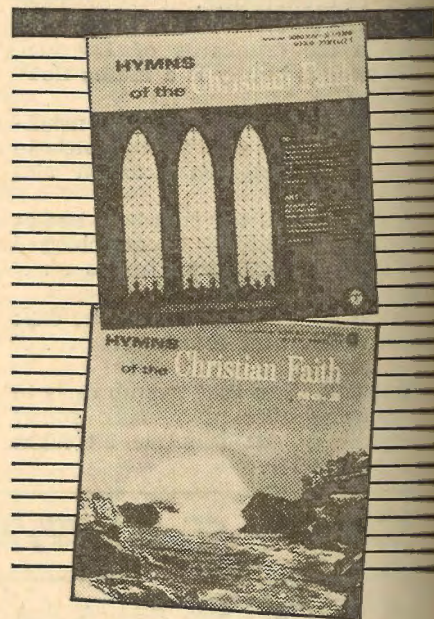


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New Radio Series 'Master Control' Premiered

"MASTER CONTROL," the unique new radio program of Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, was introduced to the nation in an unusual "premiere." First broadcast, on Sunday, Apr. 5, was presented by San Francisco radio station KCBS which has the distinction of being the nation's first regular broadcasting station. The station was celebrating 50 years of broadcasting, and sponsored a number of other special events in that week.

"Master Control" is a completely new concept in religious radio programming, stated Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Commission. The program uses the variety-entertainment format that is rapidly growing in popularity in the ever-expanding radio industry.

"This means that the program has audience-appeal to the unchurched and people of most faiths because it offers top-flight personalities and radio programming of a quality equal to any entertainment now being offered," Dr. Stevens said. "We believe that this is another great evangelistic tool to help us bring Christ to the mass-audience of America, to bring many more people to Christ, and to bring the Christian message ever more deeply into American daily life," he stated.

"Master Control" presents interviews with outstanding national figures in sports, "show business," government business and in all fields of endeavor. The program also offers news analysis on timely subjects of great national interest.

It is leavened throughout with a wide range of favorite music.

Interviews and news commentary show how important the Christian faith is in living today, and how faith guides the lives of leading personalities. On the program, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Steve Allen, baseball's Alvin Dark, national news analyst Paul Harvey, and many others in varied professions, relate their faith to living problems. Percy Faith, David Rose, and other well-known orchestra leaders, and noted choir groups present selections to meet a wide range of musical preferences.

"Master Control" is produced at Radio and Television Commission headquarters in Fort Worth under the supervision of Theodore Lott, a pastor who is a former radio station manager. The program, half-hour in length, is recorded on tape. A new and timely program each week is distributed to cooperating radio stations which present it on public-service time. The program is being offered to leading stations in major radio areas of the United States.

Some other features of the continuing programs include: TV's Herb Shriner describing the cruise of the atomic submarine Nautilus under the North Pole; baseball's Joe Cunningham telling of his St. Louis tornado experience; nuclear scientist George Schweitzer talking of international disarmament; NBC network official Ed Stanley reporting on worship behind the Iron

Curtain; baseball pitchers Vernon Law of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Murray Wall of the Boston Red Sox; Donald Parsons of the F.B.I.; Dale Robertson, TV actor; Princess Caradja, a Romanian escapee from the Iron Curtain; educators, religious leaders, theatre personalities, professional football stars, etc.

Relief and Annuity Board in New Home

DALLAS —The Relief and Annuity Board has moved into its new offices in downtown Dallas. The move coincided with the board's 41st annual directors meeting.

The new \$3.5 million structure was built primarily as an investment and to provide working space for the board's more than 100 employees. The board occupies the second, third and part of the fourth floors in the new 15-story building named after its location 511 North Akard.

More than 90 per cent of the building has been leased.

The growth of the Board in recent years had crowded its workers onto a single floor of the Baptist Building formerly owned jointly by the board and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, told the members the board is now administering \$63.5 million held in reserve for 24,000 denominational workers and almost 100 agencies, boards and institutions across the Southern Baptist Convention.

Adult Religious Education Institute Scheduled

AN INSTITUTE in adult religious education will be held at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky, May 23-27.

Leaders for the five-day series of 21 sessions will be Dr. Paul Bergevin and Professor John McKinley of the University of Indiana, and Ellis Bush, Sunday School Board.

Dr. Allen W. Graves, dean, Southern Seminary School of Religious Education, said that the official text for the institute will be Bergevin and McKinley's *Design for Adult Education in the Church*.

Persons who desire it may receive two hours of academic graduate credit from the University of Indiana. The \$20 to be charged each participant will include the price of the book.

Additional information may be secured by writing to Dr. Graves at 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

● SUE HAIRE, Marianna, is the new sophomore representative to the Student Government Association at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College.

WALTER K. AYERS, 1st Church, Mountainburg, was evangelist for a three-day crusade in Live Oak Church, Gatesville, Tex. There were 20 conversions and many rededications.

WMU

Special WMU Bus To Glorieta Planned

A CHARTERED bus to the WMU Conference at Glorieta, New Mexico, is being promoted by the State WMU Office. Visits to many home mission points as well as ones of historical and scenic interest (i. e. Taos Pueblo, Albuquerque, etc.) are included in the itinerary.

Departure from Little Rock is scheduled for the morning of July 14 and return the evening of July 24. Two nights will be spent en route each way.

The conference affords instruction in organizational work, mission study, missionary speakers, Bible study, fellowship. One of the finest investments a church or organization can make is to make possible attendance of this conference by those entrusted with leadership responsibilities.

The cost is determined by the type room chosen at Glorieta. A limited number of rooms with private bath have been reserved, and others with bath on hall. Maximum cost of the better accommodation is \$110 plus meals en route, and \$105.50 with bath on hall. Reservations are accepted on "first come, first served" basis, and should be accompanied with \$15 deposit. Write Miss Nancy Cooper for further details.

YWA's To Ridgecrest!

Again Arkansas WMU is offering to members of Young Woman's Auxiliary the service of a chartered bus, with chaperone, to the YWA Conference at Ridgecrest, June 11-17.

The bus will leave Little Rock early June 9 and return early morning June 18. En route the group will visit the Hermitage in Tennessee, the resort city of Gatlinburg, the Indian capital of the east, Cherokee, North Carolina. The return trip will be direct.

Cost of the trip and conference will be \$75, plus meals en route. Write state WMU office for additional information and send \$15 reservation deposit as soon as possible. Great dividends come from investment in missionary opportunities for young people.—Nancy Cooper, WMU Secretary

Colorado Baptists Bond Sales Good

MORE THAN \$400,000 in bonds have been sold by the Colorado Baptist General Convention since the group voted Mar. 1 to issue \$1 million in Southern Baptist Security Bonds.

The bonds, underwritten by the Colorado convention, are for making church loans. All churches participating furnish first mortgages, and loans are not over 70 per cent of appraised value.

The Colorado Convention reports approximately \$700,000 in mortgages securing the bonds already sold.

The Convention listed buildings as the greatest need of the Baptist work there.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

THE SEMIANNUAL full meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, Apr. 7-8, was a time of dedication — dedication of 16 new missionaries to overseas service and dedication of a new headquarters building as a place where careful planning and efficient work may make possible Southern Baptists' response to the urgency of taking the gospel to the entire world.

Several actions of the Board will make possible immediate and future expansion and advance overseas. Two of the new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, were appointed for service in Vietnam, a new Southeast Asian country where Southern Baptists expect to begin work within the near future. The opening of that new field was presented as an urgent matter of prayer. Vietnam brings to 39 the number of countries to which Southern Baptist missionaries are under appointment.

In accepting recommendations of its committee on Africa, Europe, and the Near East, the Board authorized the appointment of a couple for the development of English-speaking work in Europe and another for service in Portugal. The first assignment of the couple for English-speaking work will probably be assisting a congregation in Orleans, France, and seeking the development of work for American service personnel at other points in France.

Although Southern Baptists have no missionaries under appointment to Portugal at present, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, veteran missionaries of the Brazil staff, are now in that country as fraternal representatives to Portuguese Baptists.

Another action of the Board authorized a survey of French-speaking territories in Africa with a view to the possibility of opening Southern Baptist work in some of these countries.

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner reported on the plans already under way for missionaries to begin work in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. The exact time of entry into these two countries has not yet been determined.

1,307 Foreign Missionaries

Appointments made at the April meeting brought the total of active Southern Baptist missionaries to 1,307. The new missionaries are Julian C. Bridges, Florida, and Charlotte Martin Bridges, Georgia, appointed for Mexico; Mary Cannon, North Carolina, for Japan; Harold T. Cummins, Arkansas, and Betty Noe Cummins, Missouri, for East Pakistan; Herman P. Hayes and Dottie Primeaux Hayes, both of Louisiana, for Vietnam.

Also, Dale G. Hooper, North Carolina, and Beulah Johnson Hooper, Virginia, appointed for East Africa; Jerry S. Key and Johnnie Johnson Key, both of Texas, for Brazil; Ernest L. King, Jr., Virginia, and Dorothea DeWitt King, Iowa, for Indonesia; Wyona King, Kentucky, for Nigeria; and

Wilbur C. Lewis and Gladys Sherman Lewis, both of Oklahoma, for Paraguay.

Dr. King is a dentist, the first to be appointed by the Board in seven years. Southern Baptists now have three dentists under appointment as missionaries, two in Nigeria and Dr. King for Indonesia.

Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, said he is confident the number of appointments in 1959 will reach the goal of 140 set last October. "Let not our gratitude for these blind us to the fact that there will still be 600 unfilled requests for missionaries," he said.

Symbol of Concern

Dr. John H. Buchanan, Birmingham, Ala., a former member of the Board, brought the dedication address for the new headquarters building. "I doubt if there has been a more significant occasion in Southern Baptist life," he said, "not necessarily because of the beauty and the commodiousness of this building, but because of the symbol which it represents and the purpose for which it has been erected."

Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, called the building a "symbol of Southern Baptist concern for this distraught and needy world."

New Building Debt Free

In his report to the Board, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen reviewed the growth in foreign mission work which made the construction of the new headquarters building imperative. "God has wrought mightily in Southern Baptist life and has carried us much further in the work of his kingdom than many dared hope," he said.

"In 1933, when he became executive secretary, Dr. Charles E. Maddry found himself facing a grave task. For seven years there had been a steady decline in income with a net loss of missionaries in those years totaling 147. There were only 398 missionaries under appointment and a debt of \$1,115,177 rested as a heavy burden upon the Board. The income of the Board during the first of Dr. Maddry's administration was only \$600,630.94. It was necessary for missionaries at home on furloughs to be retained in this country, and it was necessary for those on the fields to delay furloughs in order to avoid payment of travel expenses.

"God graciously answered prayer and led toward a new day. At the end of 1944 when Dr. Maddry laid down the responsibility of the executive secretaryship, there were 504 missionaries serving in 19 countries and the income of the Board had risen to \$2,747,207.

"The ministry of Dr. M. Theron Rankin as executive secretary was a call to advance. By the end of 1953, the year in which he was called to be with his Lord, a net gain of 404 missionaries had been added in nine years; and the income of the Board had risen to \$8,-

759,948.87.

"During the past five years we have seen a net gain of another 400 missionaries, bringing our total to 1,307 under appointment to 39 countries. The income of the Board reached \$15,549,177.20 last year.

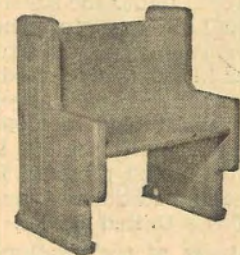
"This great growth in mission work brings multiplied responsibilities to the Foreign Mission Board. The administration of such responsibilities is endangered when it becomes impossible to strengthen organization and staff. Further strengthening was impossible in the former location.

"Through careful planning over a period of several years it became possible to lay aside funds for the construction of the building without seriously retarding the work abroad. The result is that the building is free of debt. The total cost of the new headquarters building of the Foreign Mission Board, including land, construction of building, and furnishings, is \$1,445,887.02.

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Friday, May 8, 1959

Don Hallum, Russellville Tech, Presiding

Organist: Marilyn Monroe — Pianist: Janet Smith — Featured Soloist: Jerry Howell;
Song Leader: Henry Whitlow

Theme: "Tomorrow Is Yours"

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00 Worship—
10:15 Age Group Meetings
Intermediate A (13-14)—D. Hoyle Haire, presiding.
Four Intermediates, and Andrew Hall
Intermediate B (15)—Norman Sutton, presiding.
Four Intermediates, and Tommie Hinson
Intermediate C (16)—Marlin Gennings, presiding.
Four Intermediates, and Versil Crenshaw
Young People A (17-18)—Carlton Carter
Elimination Tournament Participants:
Central District—Charlotte Beard, Malvern
W. Central District—Ronnie Duncan, Ft. Smith
N. W. District—Nyle Parmelee, Gravette
S. W. District—Joyce Featherson, Murfreesboro
S. E. District—Joyce Barlow, Dermott
E. Central District—Billy Joe McGill, Barton
Chapel Church
N. Central District—Kay Collie, Ruddell Hill
Church
N. E. District—Harry Starnes, Walnut Ridge
(Three will be selected to participate in finals
at night)
Young People B (19-24 plus college students)—R. V.
Haygood
Elimination Speakers' Tournament Participants:
Central District—Dell Cristy, Little Rock
W. Central District—Pete Costes, Ft. Smith
E. Central District—Juanita Gold, Marvell
N. W. District—Suzanne Kuester, Fayetteville
N. Central District—Annetta Crutcher, Rosie
S. W. District—Elaine McMichael, Gurdon
N. E. District—Jane Middlebrooks, Paragould
(Three will be selected to participate in finals at
night)
11:25 Assemble in Main Auditorium
Announcements
Solo: "Submission"—Jerry Howell
11:35 Message—"Tomorrow Is Yours—to Die"—John Mc-
Clanahan

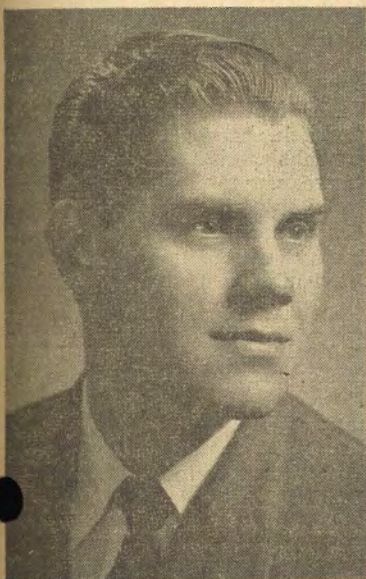
12:15 Adjourn for lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:00 Worship—
2:20 "Tomorrow Is Ours; Therefore we Train"
Intermediate A (13-14)—D. Hoyle Haire, presiding.
Five Intermediates, and Dr. Paul Roberts
Intermediates B (15)—Norman Sutton, presiding.
Five Intermediates, and Robert L. Smith
Intermediate C (16)—Marlin Gennings, presiding.
Five Intermediates, and Harrison Johns
Young People A (17-18)—Robert Moran, presiding.
Five young people, and Roy Lambert
Young People B (19-24)—R. V. Haygood, Assisted
by five young people
3:35 Assemble in Main Auditorium
Solo: "Eternal Life"—Jerry Howell
3:45 "Tomorrow Is Yours—to Live"—Jim Pleitz
4:20 Adjourn for afternoon

NIGHT SESSION

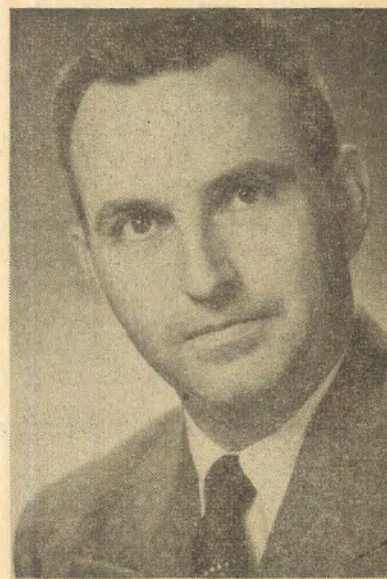
- 6:30 Sword Drill participants meet in Choir Room
6:45 Worship—
7:00 State Sword Drill
Central District—Judy Welliford, North Little Rock
W. Central District—Harold Womack, Mena
N. W. District—Patsy Long, Highfill Church
S. W. District—Linda Thrash, Hope
S. E. District—Freida Prothro, El Dorado
E. Central District—Patsy Taylor, Stuttgart
N. E. District—Jack McKay, Blytheville
N. Central District—Cora Sue Doggett, Ruddell Hill
7:25 Speakers' Tournament Finals (17-18)
(3 selected from morning tournaments)
8:00 Speakers' Tournament Finals (19-24)
(3 selected from morning tournaments)
8:25 Report of Judges
Presenting of Scholarships
Solo: "His Way . . . Mine"—Jerry Howell
8:35 "Tomorrow Is Yours—to Go"—Dale Cowling



JIM PLEITZ



JOHN McCLANAHAN



DR. DALE COWLING

Nature's Sailor's Knot

By Thelma C. Carter

IF YOU have watched the clever fingers of a sailor or a fisherman as he fashioned a certain kind of knot from rope, you know there is a design or pattern he must follow.

Perhaps you know something about the different kinds of knots, for instance, the sailor's knot, the overhand knot, the cat's-paw, or the figure-of-eight. Whatever the knot design, there are a certain number of crossing points of the rope involved. There must be a curve through which the knot is threaded.

Knots are usually used to secure something, to hold fast an object against the pull of another object or force.

People of long ago learned knot making by studying and copying the hab-

its of vines that twisted and twined in the long grasses, trees, and shrubs. They made cradles and hammocks from vines that looped from tree to tree like giant fishing nets. Later, they used the knot patterns of vines — as well as the vines themselves — to secure their log rafts to the riverbanks.

Naturalists tell us that the dense, twisted, and looped vines of the tropics are perfect examples of Nature's knot designs. Wonderfully true is the fact that there seems no end to the arts and designs Nature has taught men. Job knew of this truth when he said, "Speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee" (Job 12:8).

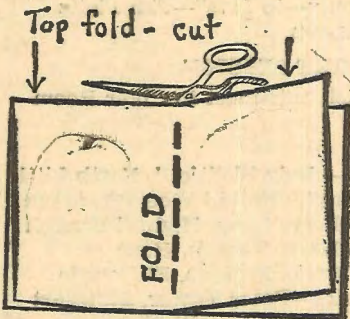
Take a moment this spring to observe Nature at work in the area of your home. You can find almost every kind of knot design in the simple growing habits of the honeysuckle vine, grapevine, and morning-glory vine. ■

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"Don't you think, while he's helpless, is a heaven-sent opportunity to convert him?"

Unfortunately for this well-intentioned lady, Christianity cannot be forced upon the unwilling. It is a yoke we gladly place upon our own shoulders, or not at all. It may seek us out, but the final fateful decision is always OURS!



Puzzling Get-Well Card

By Ida M. Pardue

AS YOU may know, staying in bed after an illness can be quite tiresome. If you were a patient, wouldn't it be nice to receive a get-well card filled with puzzles to while away the hours?

You can make such a card easily. You need one sheet of plain typing paper, paste, pen, and some puzzles and quizzes cut from papers, such as those you receive in Sunday school.

Fold the paper in half each way. Holding the open edges down, cut through the top fold. This gives you two folded pieces, one inside the other. These may be fastened at the seam with staples, roundheaded fasteners, or a few stitches with needle and thread. Now you have a booklet with six pages on the inside.

Fill the pages with puzzles, quizzes, and riddles. Paste all the answers on the last page or upside down under each poser.

On the cover, print this greeting:

Here are best wishes—
 And puzzles to do
 To help the long hours
 Seem shorter to you.

If you have no need for such a card right now, make one anyway to have ready when you do need it.

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A Family Affair

By BEA BROWN

HOW WELL do you know the relationship of these Bible characters? Fill in the blanks with father, mother, sister, or brother.

1. Martha was the _____ of Mary and Lazarus (John 11:1-2).
2. John was the _____ of James (Mark 1:19).
3. Timothy's grand _____ was Lois (2 Timothy 1:5).
4. Lazarus was the _____ of Mary and Martha (John 11:1-2).
5. Zebedee was the _____ of James and John (Matthew 10:2).
6. The _____ of Cain and Abel was Eve (Genesis 4:1-2).
7. Ham was the _____ of Canaan (Genesis 9:18).
8. David was the _____ of Solomon (1 Kings 2:1-2).
9. Two of Joseph's _____ were Reuben and Benjamin (Genesis 35:23-24).
10. Timothy's _____ was named Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5).
11. Naomi was the _____-in-law of Ruth (Ruth 1:3-4).
12. Miriam was the _____ of Moses (Numbers 26:59).

ANSWERS

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1. sister, 2. brother, 3. mother, 4. brother, 5. father, 6. mother, 7. father, 8. father, 9. brothers, 10. mother, 11. mother, 12. sister.

Ask Another

THE MEDICAL college instructor looked at his class and told them the patient before them limped because one leg was shorter than the other. He then glanced across at one of the students and asked him what he would do in such a situation.

"Well, sir," said the student slowly, "I think that under the circumstances, I would limp too."

No Bother

REPORTER: "Now that you're wealthy are you ever bothered by the friends you had when you were poor?"

Man of Wealth: "I never had any friends when I was poor."

All Agreed

THE COLLECTION manager tried a new approach. "Dear Mr. Smith," he wrote, "what would your neighbors think if we came to town and repossessed your shiny new sedan?"

Mr. Smith replied: "I have discussed it with my neighbors and everyone thinks it would be a dirty trick."

FOREIGN WOMAN in bank: "I want to maka da loan."

BANKER: "Please see the loan arranger."

Woman: "Who, plizz?"

Banker: "The loan arranger."

Woman: "Oh, you mean da one who say, HI-YO-SILVER?"

HUSBAND: "I bought something today for the one I love best. Guess what."

WIFE: "A box of cigars."

David, King of Israel

By EMIL WILLIAMS

(Pastor, 1st Church, Russellville)

May 3

II Sam. 5:1-12; 8:15

ONE OF the interesting — and puzzling — facts about the men of the Old Testament is the mixture of good and evil in their lives. Those who were God's chosen instruments demonstrated so often that they were earthen vessels. Even the one who was the "man after God's own heart" had so much of evil. We are reminded when we look at the lives of the great ones that "all have sinned." David was such a one.



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The lesson that is written about the beginning of his reign over all of Israel is the second of three lessons on "Israel's Greatest King."

King in Hebron

II Samuel 1:1-4:12 gives the account of David's days spent as king of Judah in Hebron. To David this step would have been impossible before the death of Saul. His conviction was that the Anointed of the Lord was not to be harmed or resisted. To him, this meant no matter how greatly King Saul might abuse him, he could never retaliate. Indeed, when the Amalekite reported that he had killed King Saul, David decreed death as his punishment (II Sam. 1:1-16).

David's lament over the fallen Saul and Jonathan (II Sam. 1:19-27) is unsurpassed as an expression of man's grief for the fallen—the Lord's Anointed and a beloved friend.

But now the Lord's Anointed has gone, and another has already been anointed by Samuel. Hebron is the city designated by God to be the capital for the reign over Judah. There David strengthened his position, gathered his lieutenants about him and moved toward the day when he would be king over all Israel.

King Over All Israel

The events moved swiftly that brought the kingdom to David. Abner was the military leader and first lieutenant to Ishbosheth, king of Israel. As the result of a personal grudge he turned his allegiance to David. Joab, David's military leader, discovered it and killed him.

The note of hypocrisy is struck solidly by David. While openly lamenting the death of Abner he did not fail to take advantage of the situation. Ab-

ner's disagreement with Ishbosheth left the north without strong leadership and left the way open for David. Now, Abner's death at the hand of Joab removed a strong personality who would have had a weighty hand at the conference table. David and Joab both realized this fact, but Joab was less squeamish — for the time being — than David. He killed him. David mourned.

David killed the Amalekite who reported he had slain King Saul, and he did not hesitate to kill and mutilate Rechab and Baanah when they assassinated Ishbosheth (II Sam. 4:5-12). But when Joab killed Abner, the best David could do was lament and make it plain that Joab was the guilty party. The least we can say of this kind of action on David's part is that it reveals marked inconsistency. Perhaps more to the point, it reveals the action of a man who punished when it was expedient and did not punish when it involved personal sacrifice. He needed Joab. He did not need a nameless Amalekite or Rechab and Baanah. While singing the praises of David as he comes to be king of all Israel, let us not close our eyes to the intrigue and hypocrisy that helped to make it possible.

A New Capital For A New King

It was a strategic move that now led the king to make Jerusalem his new capital. The leaders of the north had come proclaiming themselves bone and flesh of his and made a covenant with him at Hebron. That warm feeling had to be preserved. Part of the strategy

was a new capital.

More important than the manner of conquest of the city is the reason the city was chosen and what David proposed to do there. Jerusalem was well situated to help David accomplish his main purpose — bring unity to Israel. David also hoped to make of Jerusalem the point of unity religiously. He brought the Ark there, but his fondest wish was not to be granted. Another would have the privilege of building the house of God, not David.

Being denied the privilege of building the temple seems to be the only thing that did not go David's way during the early days of his 33 years spent as king of all Israel. Well-organized and united, the government and people followed their king and during his reign became a great world power.

But — and there must always be that word of qualification in speaking of David — all was not well. The attitude of David toward Joab is just one example. This man with fierce ambition and equally fierce loyalty took every opportunity to nail down the position of second place in the kingdom. As someone has said, he never aspired to be king. He only inspired to be second place in the kingdom, but he guarded second place jealously. He did not want to play first fiddle, but he didn't want anybody but Joab to play second fiddle.

It is one of the regrettable facts concerning David's rise that he was forced to depend on Joab and the treachery of others. Perhaps Joab knew too much about David. Perhaps he presumed too much. He felt with certainty, however, that he was indispensable to David. It is unfortunate that David found it expedient to condone Joab's cunning. Having compromised on the way to the throne, it would be easier to compromise with evil once that throne was secure.

Enter Bathsheba. ■



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SECOND CHURCH, Jacksonville, was the first church in Arkansas to be an Honor Church. The picture, right, shows the pastor, Jimmy F. Tibbs, and the Training Union director, Elmer H. Trumpfheller, holding the Honor Church Diploma with the five seals they have earned.

The diploma was earned when they sent their quarterly report to the Training Union Department. Seal I was earned when they reported Youth Week. Seal II was earned when they reported a standard unit. Seal III was earned when they had participants in the associational drills and tournaments. Dorothy Craton represented the church in the sword drill and Jimmy Tibbs in the 17-18 year speakers' tournament. Seal IV was earned when they had a 10 percent increase in their enrollment. Seal V was earned when they earned study course awards equal to 75 percent of their enrollment above nine years of age.



Baptist Ads Prove Effective in Brazil

THE BAPTIST headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has received more than 800 letters, almost all from non-believers, in response to ads placed in a Sunday magazine which is distributed all over Brazil.

The ads, prepared by Missionary Gene H. Wise, presented brief evangelistic messages and offered a free copy of a Gospel to all persons writing in their request. This is the first time such a plan has been tried in Brazil.

According to Mr. Wise, head of the journalism and visual aids department of the South Brazil Mission, a large percentage of the letters were written on business stationery and sent by airmail — proof that they were not written by people too poor to buy a Gospel or Bible. "This experiment shows that the Brazilian people want to read God's Word but don't know where they can obtain Bibles," he said.

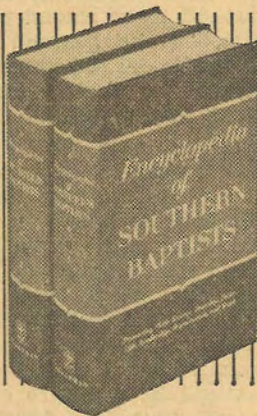
In addition to the Gospels, Mr. Wise sends evangelistic and doctrinal tracts to each person writing in. He said only two letters of complaint have been received, whereas a number of people have returned decision cards indicating their acceptance of Christ as Saviour and others have requested further information about the gospel. ■

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