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# ARKANSAS

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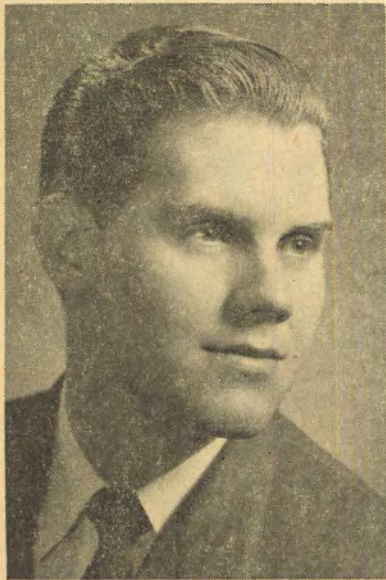
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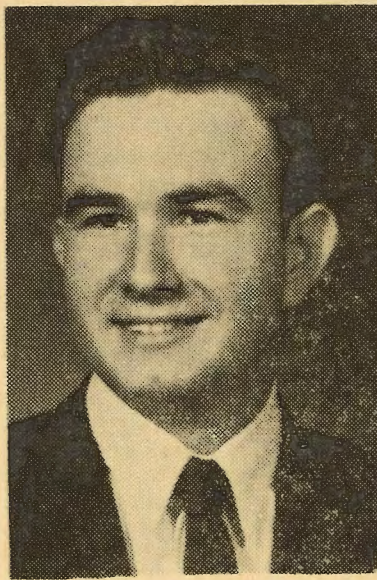


**James Plietz**  
*BSU Speaker*

TWO SCHOOL TEACHERS in Hamburg, both members of First Baptist Church, have been named outstanding teacher of the year in their respective schools. Mrs. Hogan Etheridge, a teacher in senior high, and Miss Olive Smith, in junior high, were honored recently by the student bodies in a vote by secret ballot. Mrs. Etheridge has taught school 37 years and Miss Smith, 20. E. E. Griever is their pastor.

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LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION, W. S. Poole, missionary, has initiated a monthly news publication, the Baptist Reporter.



**Harold Green**  
*Enters Ministry*

PASTOR C. Z. HOLLAND, First Church, Jonesboro, baptized 27 candidates Sunday evening, April 7.

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HARTSEL D. ATWOOD has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Carlisle. For two years he has been pastor of First Church, Eureka Springs. Mr. Atwood is a native of Little Rock. He has served Gravel Ridge Church, near Little Rock, and First Church, Parksdale. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Mrs. Atwood is the former Betty Parnell, Little Rock. The couple has one son, Stephen Lee, age 8.

The Eureka Springs church gave the Atwoods a going-away party in the form of a Tom Thumb wedding. After the "wedding ceremony" the guests remained for a "wedding supper." Then the Atwoods were presented their "wedding gifts." One table bore the "groom's car" complete with "Just Married" sign, old doll shoes, and a string of (aluminum foil) tin cans. The center piece of the honorees' table was a miniature truck loaded with furniture. The program ended with Mrs. E. E. Bird singing, "The End of a Perfect Day." (DP)

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HAROLD GREEN was ordained recently by Hagler Baptist Church. The ordaining council was as follows: the pastor, Floyd Sheeks, served as moderator. Cecil Cunningham was the clerk. C. R. Cooper conducted the examination. Jeff Batson delivered the charge to the church. Joe Froman presented the Bible. Elmer Berry delivered the message.

Mr. Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Green. He is a graduate of the Dewitt high school and plans to enter Ouachita next fall. He is the pastor at Reydell.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD NELSON, Little Rock, were appointed as musical missionaries to Chile in a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., April 10. Mr. Nelson has been music director for Immanuel Church, Little Rock, since August 1, 1955. Mrs. Nelson has been office secretary for the State WMU, Baptist Building, since January 1, 1956. A complete story of the Nelsons will appear in an early issue of *Arkansas Baptist*.

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R. C. BRINKLEY, pastor of South Side Church, El Dorado, died on April 10. He was a native of Grandview, Tex. Survivors include his widow, one son and two daughters. Burial was at El Dorado.

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THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of First Church, Booneville, lost their teacher in death on April 10. He was Long John Williams, president of Citizens Bank. Mr. Williams was a native of Booneville, former principal and coach at Morrilton High School before entering the banking business 20 years ago. Survivors include his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Bryce Williams; two brothers, Abe and Chancery Judge Paul X. Williams, all of Booneville.

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THERE WILL BE NO arrangements for a nursery at the site of the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago. Groups in charge of arrangements said hotels in the city provide "baby sitter" service for parents but that the rates for such service are "very high." (BP)

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THE SECOND ANNUAL meeting of Southern Baptist leaders in religious education will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Monday afternoon May 27 through Tuesday afternoon May 28, Dr. J. M. Price, of Southwestern Seminary, has announced.

The organization is made up of vocational workers in the churches, on the field, and in the schools, throughout the South. It includes the personnel of the Southeastern, Southwestern, and Western Religious Education Associations.

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THE ANNUAL student nurses revival at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock will be from April 29 to May 4. A kick-off city-wide fellowship will be held at Second Baptist Church, Eighth and Scott, following the Sunday evening services on April 28.

The revival team will include Jim Plietz, pastor of Grand Ave. Church, Fort Smith; Ruth Vanderburg, foreign mission appointee and a graduate of the Arkansas Hospital school of nursing; and Dr. Elmer West, Jr., of the Foreign Mission Board. Music will be under the direction of Tommy Lane, Bellevue Church, Memphis, with Mary Jane Coleman, hostess at the Little Rock hospital, serving as organist.

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**SUPERINTENDENT H. C. SEEFELDT**, of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, recently was elected to membership on the Executive Committee of the South-west Executives of Children's Homes at meeting of this organization at the Texoma Lodge, near Durant, Okla. Mr. Seefeldt was in Little Rock recently to attend the meeting of the Arkansas Conference of Social Work.

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**GEORGE CRUMLEY** of Elaine has donated a 1951 International pick-up truck to the Arkansas Baptist Camp Board of Control. The truck will be used in the operation of the Arkansas Baptist Camp to be established soon. Rev. Nelson S. Greenleaf, pastor of the Elaine Baptist Church and a member of the Camp Board, reports.

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**DR. WILLIAM C. DOSTER**, chairman of the humanities division at Ouachita Baptist College, presented a paper on Eugene O'Neill, famed American playwright, at the annual meeting of the Arkansas College Teachers of English conference at Pine Bluff, recently.

Miss Fay Holiman, O. B. C. associate professor of English, participated in a panel discussion of O'Neill and his plays.

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**LAKE VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH**, Lake Village, is entering a building program. They voted to spend \$20,000 on a new auditorium. C. R. Pierce, Jr., is the pastor.

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A **FILMSTRIP**, a motion picture, and two tracts have been prepared by the Home Mission Board to aid the campaign for 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964. "Taking the Church to the People" is the filmstrip; "Reaching Out" is the picture; the tracts are "How to Establish a New Church and "Taking YOUR Church to the People." (BP)

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**THE EXECUTIVE BOARD** of White County Association passed a resolution recommending Bill Lewis to Southern Baptists as an evangelist. Mr. Lewis resigned the pastorate of Central Church in Bald Knob, White County Association, to enter the field of evangelism. He is commended for "His Christian spirit, his love for lost souls, and for his loyalty to Baptist causes."—Reese S. Howard, Moderator. Evangelist Lewis has some open dates for the coming summer and may be reached at 523 Center St., Little Rock.

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**YOUR "Help Save Arkansas Baptist College offering"** check and money orders should be made out to Dr. B. L. Bridges and designated for this special offering.

The receiving and spending of this money will be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

—Clyde Hart

## The Cover

### Summer Volunteers

Volunteering for summer field work in Arkansas under the direction of the Church Music Department are the young people pictured on this week's cover, all of whom are Ouachita College students. Front row, left to right, they are: Helen Reed, Bauxite; Mary Beth Taylor, Fort Smith; Martha Ann Wilson, Conway; Theresa Henthorne, Arkadelphia; and Nona Johnson, Pine Bluff. Back row, left, Myron Smith, Arkadelphia; and Robert Hall, Murfreesboro.

Described by Secretary LeRoy McClard of the Music Department as "well qualified church musicians," these volunteers will each spend a week in a cooperating church. They will be prepared to teach music courses during the week and will help with the music program in the churches on Sunday.

Further details can be had by contacting the State Music Department, Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

### Audio-Visual Aids

The Baptist Book Store in Little Rock, and the Sunday School Board, Nashville, are sponsoring an audio-visual aids — church library tour as follows:

Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, April 22

First Church, Rogers, April 23

Central Church, Jonesboro, April 24

First Church, Searcy, April 25

First Church, Little Rock, April 26

Leaders will be Adeline Dewitt, Jacquelyn Anderson, T. Bradley Bolin, Mrs. Mamie Shook, and Mrs. Henry Sissell.

The conferences will be from 1:30 p. m. to 5:30; and from 7 p. m. to 9. Equipment will be demonstrated and new materials discussed.

The Baptist Book Store maintains a department of audio-visual aide and film rentals for churches of all denominations supervisory services are free to churches desiring assistance in establishing these aids.

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**EDITOR ERWIN L. McDONALD** was the guest minister at First Baptist Church, Springdale, April 7, in the absence of Pastor Burton A. Miley, who was in Louisiana for a revival meeting.

Other speaking engagements for April include: South Side Church, Pine Bluff, Rev. Roy A. Lambert, pastor, Sunday, April 14; teaching the book, "Shadow over America," week of April 22, Calvary Church, Little Rock; Faulkner County Woman's Missionary Union Workers Conference, April 26; Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, Sunday, April 28.

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**FAYETTEVILLE, FIRST CHURCH**, will be in a revival beginning April 28, with Dr. James Landes, of Wichita Falls, Tex., doing the preaching.

**DR. J. F. QUEEN**, chaplain of the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, has been made a life-honorary member of the Southern Baptist Hospital Chaplain's Association. The citation was given Dr. Queen in appreciation of "Creative service rendered as a charter member of the association, as president, and as secretary-treasurer."

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**HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH**, near Atkins, where Editor Erwin L. McDonald served in his first pastorate, has adopted a resolution of commendation and appreciation for his services, "both as a minister and editor, in Arkansas and in other states. We especially want to express our appreciation for his return to Arkansas as Editor of the Arkansas Baptist. And, while assuming his new position only a few weeks ago, we are pleased to note the improvement in our state church publication."—Mrs. Oscar Alewine, clerk.

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**REV. AND MRS. J. A. Harrington**, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil who are in the States on furlough, have moved from Tulsa, Okla., to Fort Worth, Tex., where Mr. Harrington will study at Southwestern Seminary. They may be addressed at 2000 Broadus, Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth. Mrs. Harrington is a native of Cauthron, Ark.

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**D. W. ANDERSON** has resigned the work at Hindsville to accept First Church, Lamar.

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**INTERIM PASTOR** for First Church, Hope, is Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita Baptist College.

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### REVIVAL REPORTS:

First Church, Truman, 19 for baptism, 2 by letter. Harold Brown, pastor.

First Church, Huntsville, 15 for baptism, 4 by letter. One for special service. Garland W. Morrison, pastor.

First Church, Dumas, 35 for baptism, 7 by letter. One for special service. Minor E. Cole, pastor.

First Church, Smackover, 8 for baptism, 3 by letter. One for special service. Dale Taylor, pastor.

First Church, Searcy, 10 for baptism, 5 by letter. W. R. Vestal, pastor.

First Church, Benton, 30 for baptism, 13 by letter. Bernes K. Selph, pastor.

Lee Memorial, Pine Bluff, 13 for baptism, 8 by letter. Hugh Owen, pastor.

Earle Church, Earle, 35 for baptism, 11 by letter. E. Butler Abington, pastor.

Immanuel, Magnolia, 7 for baptism, 6 by letter, one for special service. Major Lewis, pastor.

First Church, Pine Bluff, 18 for baptism, 7 by letter. Robert L. Smith, pastor.

Forrest Park, Pine Bluff, 2 for baptism, 4 by letter. Luther Dorsey, pastor.

Johnsons Chapel, Harmony Association, 2 for baptism. John Robertson, Sr., pastor.

## Attendance At Revivals

As Secretary of Evangelism Dr. I. L. Yearby states in his column this week, our Baptist people do not attend revival services as they once did. It used to be that little more was required than the mere announcement that a church was to have a revival on a given date, and everybody would be on hand, filling the church auditorium for the services day after day. This is no longer the case. Unless the speaker is a man of great renown, the people come on Sunday in fair attendance but largely desert the services throughout the days between Sundays.

Consequently, various promotional plans are resorted to, such as "Pack-the-Pew" and variations of it, along with "high-powered" advertising through billboards, circulars, by radio, television, newspapers, etc.

We have no indictment against using every legitimate promotional gadget or scheme that fertile brains of pastors, evangelists, and education directors can concoct. The thing that causes us alarm is that all of this extra effort is necessary to get a fair showing of a church's own members at the revival services. Is this not a sad commentary on the spiritual lives of our own members? It is any wonder that the people we are primarily concerned with reaching — those who are lost — have quit attending our revival services, when our own people do not attend?

A few months ago, when President Eisenhower and our top government officials were alerting the military forces of the nation because they feared a surprise attack upon our country at any moment, our church was in a revival meeting. I say our church was in a meeting, but it would be more accurate to say that our pastor, the visiting evangelist, and "the faithful few" were "in a meeting."

The evangelist was one of the best in the state — a man of deep spirituality and one who preached the gospel with power — to skeleton congregations all week. In spite of a war scare, with the stark reality that the decision of whether we had war was left to a nation dominated by godless men, our own church people were not concerned enough about lost souls to come to church each night.

Promoting church attendance is essential. But let us not take too much stock in church statistics — including revival attendance — so long as our own members can be brought out to God's house only through high-powered promotion. Our promotion should be for non-church people. We should be able to count on our own people's support because of their love for Christ and real concern for the lost — not because of a contest to fill the pews. ELM

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A lot of folks that have electric lights go right on burning candles —at both ends!

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Just because a family has two cars is no sign it is in the money. More than likely it just means somebody's credit is still good.

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The fellow that is late with his planting is not likely to have to spend too much time on the harvest.

—Clabe Hankins

Personally Speaking . . .

## Babies That Bite

"How do you break a child from biting?" some perplexed parents of a 22-months-old little one asked a columnist.

Quoting the "Encyclopedia of Child Care and Guidance," Columnist Mary



Haworth replies: "Biting is a natural instinct in babies . . . But biting also may be a form of attack in a child who is angry or hurt . . ." As to what to do with a biting baby, Miss Haworth quotes further, against "biting the child back or slapping or scolding," adding that "a biting child under two needs kind supervision . . ."

Most churches have their spiritual "biting babies" — church members who have never grown up spiritually and emotionally and who are always "biting" somebody in the church.

Because the pastor, the deacons, and the other officers and teachers of the church are by the nature of their duties frequently before the people, they are likely to be "bitten" by such "babies." But, on the other hand, the church itself, as an impersonal "they," often receives the brunt of the attack.

One of these "big babies" burst out with a charge in Training Union recently that the preacher and deacons had "railroaded" the church into air conditioning the church auditorium. Actually, the church, located in a city community where most of the business houses and many of the churches already were air conditioned, had had this matter before it for weeks. There had been free and open discussion in at least three sessions — a mid-week business meeting, a meeting of the men of the church, and, finally, at the close of a Sunday morning worship service, with most of the church members present. The vote had been affirmative and almost unanimous. And this brother had been in two of these meetings and had not opened his mouth in either! He did not want air conditioning — it would be better to take this money and give it to missions, he said, in Training Union and after the church had voted. He accused others of doing what he wanted to do — railroad a church.

How shall the church break its spiritual babies from biting? Will not the principles as outlined here for breaking a physical baby from biting apply? The spiritual baby is not likely to be helped to grow up by biting him back or slapping him down.

*Edwin L. McDonald*

# Arkansans Featured in Ground-Breaking For New Foreign Mission Board Building

ARKANSAS PLAYED a leading part last week in the ground-breaking for the new headquarters building of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in Richmond, Va.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, who is chairman of the mission board's building committee, presided. Edward W. Nelson, who has been minister of music in Dr. Vaught's church, and is now, with Mrs. Nelson, a missionary-appointee to Chile, directed the music.

Another Arkansan, Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, now pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., who is first vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, led the dedicatory prayer.

The shovel used in the ceremony was itself an Arkansas product, made of Arkansas aluminum and donated for the ground-breaking exercises by Reynolds Metal Company, Little Rock.

Speaking on the need for the new building, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the mission board, said the building would "make possible the strengthening of the administration of the Board and the improvement of every area of its work."

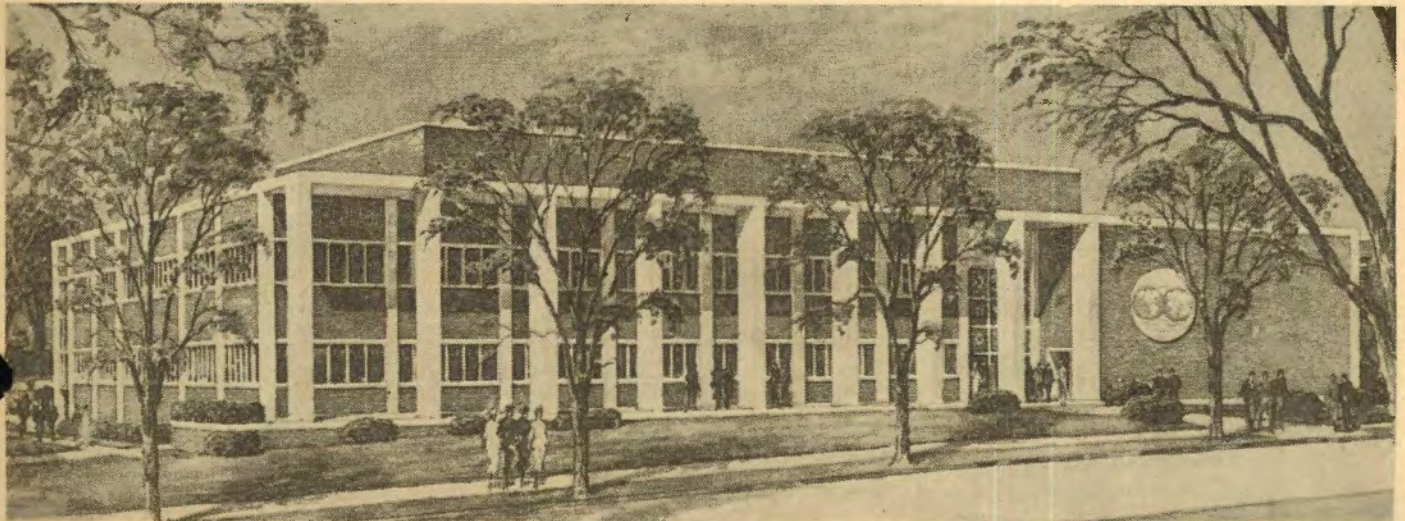
The building will be located in the

3800 block on Monument Avenue. In addition to offices and a chapel with seating capacity of 250, it will include a hall of exhibits, conference rooms, shipping and storage accommodations, general library, film library, photographic darkroom and a sound control room.

MORE THAN 200 student preachers and musicians at Southern Seminary will participate in revivals during the summer months. Churches interested in securing the services of a revival team should write Dr. Joseph Stiles, Field Work Dept., Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville 6, Ky.



*Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, exhibits the Arkansas Aluminum shovel which he and other officials of the Foreign Mission Board used in breaking ground for the Board's new office building shown below.*



## Foreign Mission Gifts Pass \$6 Million

Southern Baptists' 1957 gifts to their Foreign Mission Board through Mar. 31 reached \$6,774,006, Convention Treasurer Porter Routh reported.

The total includes \$471,813 in Cooperative Program and \$757,669 in designated offerings disbursed to the Foreign Mission Board during March.

The next largest disbursement for the year has been to the Home Mission Board, a total through Mar. 31 of \$555,536.

Routh said that total receipts at the Convention's treasurer's office in March reached \$1,924,581. This included \$1,140,748 from the Cooperative Program (non-designated) gifts and \$788,833 in designations.

Monthly receipts at the Convention's

treasurer's office do not include funds used in local church activities and funds provided for work of state Baptist conventions.

Through Mar. 31, Southern Baptists gave \$3,637,389 through the Cooperative Program to support Convention-wide objectives, up 12.02 per cent over 1956. During the same three months, they gave \$5,337,558 in designated offerings, 13.95 per cent higher than last year.

Total gifts are running \$1,043,562 higher than for the first three months of 1956, Routh continued.

Arkansas gave \$43,087 through the Cooperative Program and \$15,591 through designated gifts in March, for a total of \$58,679.

LOUISIANA COLLEGE trustees have issued a report in which they express "continued confidence as to character, ability, and quality of leadership" of College President G. Earl Guinn. The trustees' statement followed their investigation of criticism directed against the college administration. Trustees said a committee of their number held three hearings at which critics could present their views.

The report listed criticisms of the college, with a statement of the committee's findings following each criticism. The report ended with an appeal to "friends and supporters of Louisiana College (to) close ranks and work together for an even greater and more glorious college."

The board favors employing a public relations director at an early date. The four-year college, located in Pineville, is operated by the Louisiana Baptist Convention. (BP)

DR. FRANKLIN M. SEGLER, acting dean of the School of Theology, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, is the recipient of a \$4,000 fellowship award from the Rockefeller Brothers Theological Fellowship Program. He will study at the Boston University School of Theology during the 1957-58 school years. He will do research in pastoral theology in view of writing a textbook. The Rockefeller Brothers Program sponsors the Sealantic Fund which made the award possible.

THE NEW DEAN of the School of Church Music at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, is Professor James C. McKinney. Dr. McKinney has taught in the seminary since 1950 and has been acting director of the music department since 1954.

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL in Kediri, Java, Indonesia, was formally opened and dedicated exactly two years after the first clinic was opened there.

Sharing in this service were Indonesians, Chinese, Australians, Dutchmen, and Americans. They came by plane, train, car, and betjak (a modern version of the jinrikisha pushed from behind by a man on a half bicycle). There were representatives from all the Baptist churches in Indonesia; and a number of doctors, preachers, and Government officials were present to extend their greetings and best wishes.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT recent development in styling and design of gift wrap papers has been a trend to more religious subject matter. Last year Americans bought sizable quantities of wrappings showing such subjects as the Three Wise Men, churches, angels, and the Holy Night scene.

"The trend to religious themes will continue this coming Christmas, and is figuring importantly in our design work for Christmas, 1958," says an official of Dennison Manufacturing Co., a leading maker of these products.

THE 1957 SOUTHERN BAPTIST Convention session at Chicago will be asked to drop the matter of considering a new name for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

W. Perry Crouch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., said the request to drop the matter came from the Sunday School Board itself. Crouch is chairman of committee appointed by the 1956 Convention to study the proposed name switch.

Complications over use of the word "Education" in the proposed new title — "Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention" — were given as major reason for asking that the matter be dropped. (BP)

MRS. LILLIAN M. NELSON, a 73-year-old widow who has lived frugally all her life, gave Texas Baptists \$100,000 in common stocks.

The money will be used for missionary work in foreign lands.

Arrangements for the transaction were completed by George Shearin, endowment secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Mrs. Nelson is a member of the Beacon Hill Baptist Church in San Antonio and has been a Baptist Sunday school teacher for 55 years. Her father, Washington Lafitte Martin, was a captain in the Confederate Army and moderator of the Mills County Baptist Association for 20 years.

COLUMBIA CHURCH OF THE AIR, a CBS radio program, will feature Dr. Carl J. Giers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., on its Sunday program, April 28.

A CHAPEL for 170 needy children was dedicated at Round Rock on the campus of Texas Baptist Children's Home. It will be called the Hankamer-Fleming Chapel. The cost was \$80,000.



James C. McKinney  
New Music Dean



Franklin M. Segler  
Receives Award

## Southern Baptists In Membership Gain

CHICAGO—(BP)—In the seven years since Southern Baptists last trekked to Chicago for their annual Convention, the denomination has grown in membership from 7 million to over 8½ million.

The number of churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention has increased during that span from 27,800 to 30,800.

Southern Baptist Convention work has moved more and more out of the traditional South with the organization of state Baptist conventions in Ohio and Colorado which are affiliated with the SBC.

The Colorado convention actually represents six states. In addition to Colorado, it has co-operating churches in Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, and both Dakotas.

Michigan Southern Baptists are looking forward to organizing a state convention in the near future. They are presently sponsored by the Arkansas convention.

In Indiana, Southern Baptists are sponsored by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and the Illinois Baptist State Association. Hoosier Baptists, too, are planning for a state convention of their own.

Recently, the Texas convention voted to support Southern Baptist work in the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Total gifts to Southern Baptist Convention work, both local and Convention-wide, were near \$200 million in 1950. Today annual gifts are close to twice that amount. They reached over \$372 million last year, and may top the \$400 million mark in 1957.

There are seven times as many Southern Baptist churches in Chicago's metropolitan area as seven years ago. Then, there were eight churches with 1131 members compared with the present 57 churches and 7368 members.

The Illinois Baptist State Association, which had just over 600 co-operating churches in 1950, believes there will be 800 co-operating churches by Convention meeting time. Membership of these churches has increased from 102,000 to beyond 136,000.

Illinois Baptists are boosting Chicago strongly as site for a proposed sixth Southern Baptist seminary. Missouri Baptists are boosting Kansas City, host to last year's convention, and Baptists farther west are backing Denver.

Seven years ago, the major decisions of the Convention session included:

Locating the Convention's fourth and fifth seminaries. One was to be in Berkeley, Cal., known as Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, the other in Wake Forest, N. C., known as Southeastern Baptist Seminary.

## Baptist Crosscurrents

### The Pot Boils

The greatest challenge of our day is the challenge of the cities. Their need is a need for evangelization. Southern Baptists are trying to meet this need. In Chicago, Southern Baptists of Illinois have constituted some fifty churches in the past ten years. A great mission program is underway in the city. The greatest need of Chicago is Christ.

The editor's sympathy goes to the southern people migrating to Chicago. Chicago doesn't take kindly to strangers. The editor has been stoned, pelted with rotten tomatoes and other vegetables that had outlived their usefulness, while preaching on the streets in certain sections of Chicago.

One of the fine things about this southern migration to Chicago is that many of these southern people are taking Christ with them and are organizing churches and winning those about them to Christ. We doubt that they will cause much trouble and we look for the "pot" to simmer down soon.

—The Illinois Baptist

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### Heavily In Debt

When anyone asks how much debt a church has the very first consideration is that of money. How does it happen that we have allowed ourselves to react to the subject of debt only in terms of dollars and cents? God's Word doesn't so consider our obligations. The Bible says "Owe no man anything but to love one another." Therefore, we are heavily in debt to love one another and to exercise good will toward all mankind. What if we should begin discharging this obligation in every area of our human activities? Think for a moment what the results would be in our homes. Then again, think of what the fruits would be in the realm of our race relations. Beyond this, consider what it would mean in the evangelization of a lost world.

—Bulletin, 1st Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C.

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### Sunday School Vital

No one who is acquainted with the Sunday schools of today would deny that they can be improved. Many times the equipment is inadequate and the teachers are limited, if not untrained. The circumstances under which teaching is attempted oftentimes is impossible.

But this does not mean that Sunday school work is wasted effort. On the other hand, there are many evidences that it is one of the most powerful institutions for good in existence. The Sunday school produces about 90 per cent of the church membership. It also affords the most fruitful field for evangelism. It is a most effective agency for the enlistment and training of workers in the churches.

—The Word and Way

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### Baptists Need a Voice

The Georgia Baptist Convention, just as all other state conventions, needs a voice to express itself in the halls of Congress, in the General Assembly and similar places.

That voice might well be the Public Affairs Committee, such as in Louisiana and Alabama, and similar to the Public Affairs Committee in which the Southern Baptist Convention co-operates with other Baptist bodies. It needs no paid director or secretary. It may or may not supplant the Social Service Commission.

—The Christian Index



# A PLEA FOR SIMPLICITY

By JACK GULLEDGE

A few years ago I heard a very noted speaker. Having read so much about his superb wisdom, I expected a barrage of intellectual mystery. To my amazement his address was so simple a child could understand it, although it had depth and intellect. Surely this was an important phase of his greatness.

(Mr. Gullledge is pastor of East Main Street Baptist Church, El Dorado.)

One of the most outstanding qualities of our Lord's teachings was simplicity. In reading the messages of Jesus, one readily sees the plain beauty of a simple parable that clearly illustrates a truth. What could be more simple than the word picture of a woman sitting in the dim light patching an old garment, or an eager farmer accidentally plowing up an old, buried treasure? One can sense the merriment of the wedding feast, visualize a twisted, barren fig tree, or cry with joy as the prodigal son catches sight of home.

The meaning is unmistakably clear and simple. In the Sermon on the Mount alone Jesus uses 56 metaphors to simplify His teachings. Jesus was primarily interested in picturing with words the message rather than impressing with His unusual knowledge.

It has always been a mark of wisdom and skill to take the difficult and make it simple to understand. This is the method Jesus practiced. It seems now to be the mode of the day to take the simple and make it difficult to understand. A physician has given little help to his patient if all he has to offer is a lot of technical terms. If one is to have any knowledge of his ailment, the doctor must break down the technical terms into the common vernacular. Until the doctor's technological knowledge can be transformed into a liquid tonic, placed in a spoon, and make its way inside of the body, it will be of no practical value to the ill patient.

There comes a plea for simplicity in all areas of service, whether it be preaching, teaching or writing.

A junior girl asked, "What good does

it do for me to stay for church? I can't understand all those 'big' words my pastor uses." Someone has said: "Speak simple enough for a junior to understand, and maybe the adults will catch on." Perhaps a good gauge to keep in mind when preparing sermons would be to ask the question, "Will the junior boy on the third row understand this statement?" Certainly no one would advocate such shallow thought that would insult the intelligence of the congregation. Neither must it be forgotten that only a small percentage of the average congregation has college degrees. However, many are graduates with high degrees from the "University of Hard Knocks" and are by no means uneducated.

It is reported that the average scholastic level of the entire population in Arkansas is an eighth grade education. Probably the majority of our memberships have a high school education. Yet, there are those who have not had the opportunity for a formal education and must constantly be considered in the pastor's presentation of the sermon. John Wesley's advice to his preachers was full of sound sense as he quoted from the words of Aristotle: "Though you think with the learned, you must speak with the common people."

One of our leaders told of his pastorate in a large University City. Thinking he had to preach on the level of the professors, he labored long and hard with intellectual reasoning and logical theories of theology. After some period of time one of the consecrated Christian professors confided in his pastor and offered this helpful advice: "Pastor, we don't come to church to hear a parade of intellectualism or consider religious theories, we want to hear the plain, simple gospel of our Saviour."

A psychiatrist said recently: "We are living in a day of guided missiles and misguided men."

Yes! We must guide them in a more perfect way through the simplicity of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

RONALD WHALEY, 2½-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Whaley, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan, is in St. Luke's hospital, Tokyo, with an illness which has been diagnosed as acute leukemia. Reports indicate that he is responding to medication and daily blood transfusions.

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THE NEW Wake Forest College law school building will be dedicated April 26. Principal speakers for the ceremonies will be Dean Albert J. Harno, University of Illinois, college of law, and Luther Hodges, governor of North Carolina. (BP)

JEWISH FELLOWSHIP WEEK will be observed in many Southern Baptist churches April 22-28, according to William Mitchell, superintendent of Jewish evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

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THE BOARD of trustees of Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., approved the progress of the Seminary's new campus at Strawberry Point in Marin County, Calif., north of San Francisco. With grading completed, and landscaping near completion, installation of utilities will begin soon. (BP)

## The Book Shelf

"Books are like the windows of a great flower. They let light in."

**Printing and Promotion Handbook** (Second Edition) by Daniel Melcher and Nancy Larrick. Published by McGraw-Hill Book Company, 330 W. 42nd St. N. Y. 36, N. Y., \$7.00.

Arranged for a quick and accurate reference, this guide book is packed with helpful information. It shows how to plan, produce and use effectively all the common, and many of the lesser used, forms of printed matter. It also shows where to buy special services and products, gives price tips to help in comparing, estimating and budgeting the printing expenditures. One of the most helpful features is an extensive type specimen section showing complete alphabets and character counts. It also includes postal, express, and freight rates and regulations.

**The Book of Revelation** (a new translation of the Apocalypse) by J. B. Phillips. Published by the MacMillan Company, 65th Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., at \$2.00.

With this work, Mr. Phillips, whose **Letters to Young Churches** has received wide acclaim, completes his translation of the whole New Testament. He found in this work that his task was quite different from what it had been translating other portions of the New Testament. He also warns that his work is not a commentary. He feels that he has made a contribution to the field of Bible study by giving readers this mysterious book in the English of today. This is a book that Bible readers will want to add to their libraries.

**Triumph over Tragedy**, by Iona Henry and Frank S. Mead. Fleming H. Revell Company, 1957. \$2.00.

"Whatever is, is; you cannot change it. Whatever has happened, has happened, and you cannot go back and change any of it, however, or 'why-ever' it happened. The question is not 'Why did it happen?' but 'What do I do now?' Sit and fight it, all the rest of my life? Sit and rebel and weep and gnash my teeth? That will not help at all. The thing to do, wherever I am, is to do the very best I can and to leave the rest to God. . ."

This is the Christian philosophy of Iona Henry which came out of the crucible of trials as severe as those of Job. **Triumph over Tragedy** is the spiritual biography of one who, in a few weeks, lost her entire family — her 14-year-old daughter, a victim of brain tumor, and her husband and 10-year-old son in a train-automobile accident that crushed her own body and left her hovering for many weeks between life and death.

Here is a little book (125 pages) that will be profitable reading for Christians of all ages. Non-Christians will find it to be as a beacon piercing the night and showing the way home.—ELM

# OUACHITA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AND YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

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Leadership School and Music Camp faculty, top row, left to right: Dr. J. Campbell Wray, Professor of Voice, Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas; Farrold Stephens, Professor of Voice, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. B. W. Nininger, Church Music Consultant, Little Rock; James Luck, Chairman, Division of Fine Arts, Ouachita Baptist College.

Bottom row, left to right: David Scott, Associate Professor of Music, Ouachita; Miss Helen Lyon, Professor of Music, (violin) Ouachita; Miss Virginia Queen, Professor of Music, (piano), Ouachita; Phil Lewis, Minister of Music, First Church, Tiller.

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## PERSONALITIES

I. L. Yearby

## A Sister His First Convert

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

"Son, what are you going to do with your life?" was the startling question from a city pastor to a country lad as they shared a drink of water by a well in the Mt. Zion church yard in Wake County, North Carolina. J. C. Massey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., was conducting the summer revival. Ira Luther Yearby was the 14-year-old lad. He had been a Christian three years but had not given one thought to the future.

"God has a place for you," continued the evangelist as he left the youth in a state of confusion. But a door had been opened, and looming before him suddenly was the prospect of a dazzling future.

The youth was destined to face the usual financial difficulties common to humanity, but he had a Christian heritage that was priceless. He was orphaned at the age of ten by the death of his father, who had directed the music in his home church for many years.

I. L. Yearby was saved at the age of 11, and turned to win his sister for his first convert. He recalls his mother reading the Bible to the two children on Sundays and evenings.

At the age of 17, he felt the need of counselling again with Dr. Massey. The pastor urged him to go to school and recommended the Bowie Creek Academy, which was 35 miles from the Yearby farm. The mother was so anxious to give her son an education she sold the farm, and the little family moved to Bowie Creek community where the mother and sister kept boarders so he could attend school.

During the summer he went to Richmond, Va., to work. There he tried to forget his call to the ministry. He was married to Miss Fannie Goforth, a trained nurse, but he did not relate to her the experience of his call. It was his sister who revealed the truth to Mrs. Yearby. She insisted that he return to school and now the young Yearbys kept boarders, first at Bowie Creek and later at Wake Forrest College. One of the boarders at Wake Forrest was Forrest Feezor. The two men have remained fast friends through the years.

Following his graduation from Wake Forrest, the Yearbys moved to Fort Worth, Tex., where he studied at Southwestern Seminary. During those years he served as pastor of First Church, Hico. He later returned to North Carolina, where he served the Tarboro church five years. Another five years were spent with the Earle Street Church in Greenville, S. C. From there he went to First Church, El Paso, Tex., for 11 years, and on to Trinity Church, Oklahoma City, for nine years.

When Arkansas Baptists created the new department of evangelism on January 1, 1953, they sought the services of a man who had been outstanding in evangelistic and pastoral achievement. Their selection was Dr. I. L. Yearby. He has endeared himself to all who know him.



Dr. Yearby

Dr. Yearby has one son, Vernon. These two have the distinction of occupying the same denominational positions. Vernon Yearby is secretary of evangelism for the Baptists in Alabama. Dr. Yearby rejoices in the unusual relationship he has had with his son. He heard the child sobbing one night, went to his room and won him to Christ. He baptized him one year later. He counselled and prayed with him through his call to the ministry. He performed his son's wedding ceremony and participated in his ordination.

Sorrow struck the Yearby home in 1949 when they were bereaved of wife and mother. But in due time the son urged his father not to continue living alone if he found a suitable companion. Typical of Christian workers, Dr. Yearby found his present wife in the line of religious duties.

She was Mrs. Verna Ahlers, a devout Baptist, former member of Third Baptist Church in St. Louis. Later she moved to Oklahoma City and was active in First Baptist Church there. She desired to donate some lots to the missions department, if they were suitable for a mission site. It fell Dr. Yearby's lot to accompany her to see the property. The lots were not suitable for a mission — but Dr. Yearby found her to be very acceptable as a minister's wife. The couple now resides at 4 Broadmoor Drive in Little Rock.

## Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

## FUSSY NEIGHBOR

*QUESTION: I have a neighbor who rents several apartments. One of the tenants has some chickens. She went to her tenant and told her that I was complaining about them. Later she complained because my daughter played the piano after school, yet she has a pen full of beagle dogs that howl and keep the neighbors awake until all hours. This woman, though a good church member, isn't satisfied unless she's picking on someone. How shall I cope with this?*

**Answer:** Just be too big to notice it unless it comes closer to home. Love suffers all things. One of the things a Christian must learn is to suffer injustice and persecution without striking back. Read 1 Peter 2:21-25 and ask God to help you practice it.

I'll bet you have this woman labeled. Do you think of her as a "crank," a "screwball," a "fool," a "nut," or the even more modern name of "neurotic"? Labels are devices to save us the trouble of understanding.

Why is this woman like she is? You don't know? Neither do I. But if we did we would do either one of two things: hate her or feel sorry for her. The Christian does the latter.

Do not advertise the Devil's shows. In other words, do not talk about the woman. Let her complain about your daughter. Let her dogs bark. Let her lie. People catch on to such people. Just love and trust, and then love some more.

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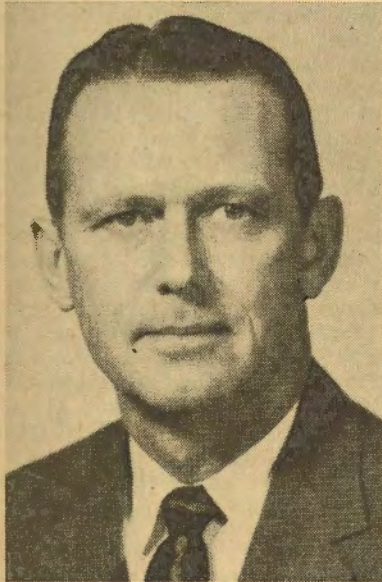
## BROTHERHOOD:

### State RA Congress

By C. H. Seaton

Time for the State Royal Ambassador Congress is drawing near. The date is May 3-4. The place of meeting is Immanuel Baptist Church, in Little Rock.

Edward Hurt, Jr., Associate Secretary, Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., will be one of the special speakers. Mr. Hurt is in charge of



Mr. Hurt

the Southwide Royal Ambassador work for the Brotherhood Commission. He will present some of the future plans for Royal Ambassador work as we launch out into an enlarged program of activities. Mr. Hurt is a former football player and coach. He was director of athletics at Oklahoma Baptist University before joining the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

There will be a special service on Friday night, giving recognition to those who have obtained the rank of Ambassador or above. There will be two that we know about already who will be recognized as Ambassador Plenipotentiary. This will be the first for this rank in several years.

Mission speakers will take us to many parts of the world and tell us something of the mission work in their countries. One of these will be Sam Matalka from Jordan, Arabia.

The cost to the boys and counselors is very small. There will be a fifty-cent registration fee for everyone attending, plus the cost of meals and lodging. For those desiring it, bed and breakfast will be provided free in Baptist homes.

Pastors, counselors, and parents, why not give the Junior and Intermediate boys in your church the privilege of attending a great meeting like this?

## WMU:

### State WMU Elects

By Nancy Cooper

During the closing session of the sixty-eighth Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union the following officers and executive board members were elected in accord with the rulings of the new constitution adopted at a previous session. Term of office shall be one year and no person may serve in the same capacity more than five years.

**Officers:** Miss Elma Cobb, Little Rock, president; Mrs. J. C. Fuller, Little Rock, vice president; Mrs. C. W. Holmes, Pine Bluff, recording secretary; Mrs. Floyd Chronister, Little Rock, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. John Miller, Camden, mission study chairman; Mrs. James H. Street, Conway, prayer chairman; Mrs. Ralph Douglas, Little Rock, stewardship chairman; Mrs. R. E. Snider, Camden, community missions chairman; Mrs. H. L. Robinson, Jonesboro, trustee Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

**District Representatives:** Central, Mrs. Robert Bell, Searcy; West Central, Mrs. H. M. Keck, Fort Smith; Southeast, Mrs. M. H. Simmons, El Dorado; Southwest, Mrs. Don Dawley, Arkadelphia; North Central, Mrs. Harold Anderson, Heber Springs; Northeast, Mrs. Kendall Berry, Blytheville; Northwest, Mrs. John Blythe, Harrison; East Central, Mrs. T. K. Rucker, Forrest City.

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**Local Representatives:** Mrs. J. R. Grant, Little Rock; Mrs. B. L. Bridges, Little Rock; Mrs. Nolan Howington, Little Rock; Mrs. Vernon Hall, Little Rock; Mrs. W. O. Vaught, Jr., Little Rock; Mrs. A. B. Kolb, Little Rock; Mrs. J. M. Brown, Lonoke; Mrs. Jake Lowman, Jr., Cabot.

The 1958 Annual Meeting will be held April 1-3 at the First Baptist Church, Fort Smith.

## TRAINING UNION:

### 20 % ers Honor Roll

By Ralph W. Davis

(Continued from last week)

Motor Cities—Emmanuel, Midland; Mt. Pleasant; Niles Bethel; North End; Providence; Sharon; South Shores; West Side.

Mount Zion—Bay; Dixie; Hickory Ridge; Central, Jonesboro; Lunsford. Ouachita—Bethel; Dallas Avenue; Gillham; Vandervoort.

Pulaski-Bellevue; Broadmoor; Calvary, North Little Rock; Crystal Val-

ley; Second, Jacksonville; Grace; Grand Ridge; Martindale; Plainview; Riverside; Rosedale; First, Sheridan; South Highland; Trinity; Welch Street.

Red River—Anchor; First, Arkadelphia; Boughton; Shiloh; Sycamore.

Rocky Bayou—Calico Rock; Mt. Pleasant; Oxford; Sidney; Sage.

Stone-Van Buren-Searcy—Half Moon; Leslie.

Tri-County—Antioch; Earle; Fitzgerald; Fair Oaks; Friendship; Hulbert; Palestine; Greasy Corner; Tilton.

Trinity—Faith; Greenfield; Harrisburg; Hurds Chapel; South McCormick; West Ridge; Wildwood.

Washington-Madison — Providence; First, Huntsville; First, Lincoln; Berry, Springdale; Spring Valley; West Fork.

White County—Bald Knob; Griffithville; First, Judsonia; First, Kensett; Mt. Sidon; Pleasant Valley; Rocky Point; Royal Hill; Second, Searcy; Union Valley; West Point.

White River—Flippin; New Hope; Pleasant Hill; Yellville.

Woodruff—Good Hope; Gregory; McCrory; Morton; Raynor Grove; Riverside.

## MUSIC:

### Hymn Sing Reports

By LeRoy McClard

The Newton County Hymn Sing met March 24, with the Cassville Baptist Church. There were 36 present. The theme was, "The True Meaning of Easter." Rev. Lowell Wright, Boone-Newton County missionary, brought the devotional. Many special numbers were given. Mrs. Ankarberg was pianist and Mrs. Bill Fowler, director.

The Big Creek Associational Hymn Sing met March 31 in First Church, Salem. It was well attended. There were many specials and good congregational singing. The theme of the Hymn Sing was, "The Glorious Christ." Mrs. W. L. Clifton directed the Hymn Sing and Mrs. Lloyd Horton was pianist.

The Mt. Zion Associational Hymn Sing met March 31 in Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro. There were 100 attending from 10 churches. The association director for the Hymn Sing was Mrs. Seibert H. Haley. The program was based on "Go, Ye!"

The Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Associational Hymn Sing met March 31 with First Church, Marshall. The director was C. E. Stephenson, and the accompanist was Mrs. Mary Ellen Daniel. There were 35 present from six churches. The theme of the program was World Missions. The devotional was led by Rev. Chas. Hern.

The Caddo River Associational Hymn Sing met March 31 with the Oden Baptist Church. There were 56 attending from seven churches. The Easter theme was used for the Hymn Sing.

BSU:

## Approved Worker

By Tom J. Logue

The Executive Committee of the Arkansas Baptist Convention recently approved the request of the Student Committee that Neil Jackson, Baptist Student Director at Arkansas Tech, be granted summer study at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.



Neil Jackson  
BSU Director

A native of Atkins, Mr. Jackson began his college work at Ouachita. After serving in the Army Transportation Corps in World War II, he enrolled in Arkansas Tech where he was elected president of the Baptist Student Union. Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Arkansas Tech and the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture. After engaging in agricultural work for several years, he felt a call to vocational religious work. Since December 1955, Mr. Jackson has been Baptist Student Director at Arkansas Tech, and the student work has shown remarkable growth under his leadership.

Mr. Jackson has served his church faithfully in many places of responsibility. He has been Training Union Director and Sunday school superintendent in the Young Peoples Department, a teacher in the Sunday school, deacon, chairman of the Missions Committee, a member of the Evangelistic Committee of the Brotherhood, and Brotherhood president.

Recently Mr. Jackson's pastor, A. Ermon Webb, in a letter to our Executive Secretary, stated "... I rejoice in the work our Convention is doing for the spiritual benefit of college students. We realize the pattern of life followed by a student through four years of college sets the pattern for all his future. . . . Most of what we accomplish for their spiritual welfare is because of and through the B. S. U."

MISSIONS:

## Military Personnel

By C. W. Caldwell

Did you know that there are 21,207 military personnel in Arkansas, with an undetermined number of dependents? Approximately 8,500 of these are not affiliated with any church. There are 1,300 who are members of our Southern Baptist Churches. If all of them are actively serving the churches they add much to the vitality of the services, and if they tithe the aggregate amounts to \$439,675.20.

In the three VA Hospitals there are 2,600 patients of whom 1,000 are not Christians. Here is an opportunity for the churches to render a spiritual ministry to a group of people who can spread the Gospel far and near.

### MISSIONARIES INVITED

All Associational Missionaries are invited to Ridgecrest, August 15-21. The Sunday School Board will provide the registration fee and \$5 per day for room and meals. The Home Mission Board will provide traveling allowance of two cents per mile to and from the Assembly to each missionary. Where there is no missionary, the same provisions will be given the moderator.

Why this generous offer of these two Boards? The purpose is to launch a "kick-off" movement in establishing 30,000 new missions and churches. The missionaries will be the key men in this gigantic task. In the Ridgecrest conference they will become conversant with all the plans and will come back better acquainted with the program and can "carry through" in the associations where they serve.

### CHAPEL PLANNED

The State Legislature in its recent meeting appropriated \$15,000 for the construction of a chapel at the Boys' Industrial School, Pine Bluff. Chaplain Richmond says it will take \$30,000 and he is appealing to all Christians to make up the difference.

We rejoice in the prospects of a place of worship for the boys and employees. During the month of March Chaplain Richmond reports 23 professions of faith, 20 baptized; 50 rededications; 106 New Testaments given out, 230 other pieces of religious literature. The Chaplain consulted with 16 parents of the boys.

EVANGELISM:

## No Easy Revivals

I. L. Yearby

Many churches, pastors and evangelists can remember the time, when about all that was necessary to have a revival meeting was to announce the services. In those days it was possible to get people together in great numbers; there would often be large numbers of unsaved people present. Churches in those days witnessed great

ingatherings of souls with far less human effort and organization than is put into revivals today. This is certainly not true now.

It seems that almost everywhere it gets harder and harder to get people to attend revival services, especially unsaved people. Why? It is not a deficiency in the preaching. Evangelists and pastors preach as forcefully and scripturally as men ever did. It is not because there is no need for revival. The very indifference of the saved evidences the need of revival. The lost estate of millions challenges our churches to fervent evangelism.

People in general today simply do not want revival. Many seem to feel they are so busy with church work all the time that there is no need for special effort. They are perfectly willing to attend the services on Sunday but not on week days. When a "name" preacher, with a national reputation, appears, the people flock to the services; but we wonder if they go to hear him or to hear the message he preaches. Southern Baptists have developed the best program of evangelism known today. It takes time, labor, much agonizing prayer, tireless visitation and personal witnessing, to carry it out. Most people are not willing to put the effort into revival meetings necessary to get the maximum results.

No, there are no easy revivals today. However, the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation unto all who believe. Wherever and whenever people meet the conditions, God will give revival today, but it's never easy.

## Need For Nurses

By Elmer S. West, Jr.

Secretary for Missionary Personnel  
Southern Baptist  
Foreign Mission Board

Southern Baptists agree that one of our most effective missionary endeavors is in the area of medical evangelism. However, the maintenance of an adequate staff in our hospitals is being severely jeopardized and expansion curtailed because of a critical shortage of missionary nurses.

The call comes as never before for well-trained, healthy, dedicated young women between the ages of twenty-four and thirty-three whom God is leading to serve overseas in places of desperate need. (Exceptions in age limit, up to thirty-five, may be made where all other requirements are fully met.)

Twenty-five nurses could be placed this year. Absolute minimum needs call for ten appointments. At present we have only three prospects for the entire year.

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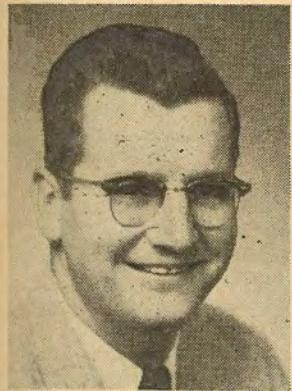
For further information write to the secretary for missionary personnel, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

**1957 Assembly Recreation**

By Edgar Williamson

Neil (Go, Go, Go) Jackson, Education and Music Director, First Church, Helena, will direct the recreation program for both sessions of the 1957 Arkansas



**NEIL JACKSON** attend the Assembly may look forward to a season of recreation and fun to suit every member of the family.

With the exception of Sunday, Thursday through Tuesday during the afternoons there will be planned recreation for everyone. There will be swimming in the new swimming pool, tennis on the new improved tennis courts, soft ball with good competition between church and other groups, badminton, table tennis, horseshoe pitching, croquet, and the like.

On Tuesday afternoon there will be the coronation of the king and queen of Siloam. The two young people who have been selected by popular vote during the preceding days of the Assembly.

It is always a thrilling experience to join the caravan of cars and busses that each Assembly makes to Dripping Springs and other points of interest. the Louisville area.

And that isn't all. There will be at other times and following the night services, opportunities to get acquainted with others in the different age groups. Get acquainted games, spiritual films, camp fire sessions and many other features. Everyone who attends either one of the sessions of the 1957 Assembly may count on having a good time with lots of fun and frolic.

Be sure to send name, age (if under seventeen) and a \$2 reservation fee to Edgar Williamson, 314 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Theological Committee Studies Sites For Proposed Seminary**

JACKSON, Miss.—(BP)—The Southern Baptist Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education reports that it has not yet reached a decision on where the Southern Baptist Convention should establish its sixth seminary.

The committee's report to the Convention recommends the establishment of a new seminary when a site has been determined and when "such an undertaking can be financed without impairing our present seminaries and Cooperative Program allocations to all of our agencies and institutions."

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., is chairman of the committee.

The committee said it is "highly probable" that it will have additional recommendations to present when it makes its report before the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in May.

The report to the Convention covered committee activities up to Mar. 1, the deadline for submitting material to be printed in the 1957 Book of Reports.

The committee also will recommend

that the 1957 session at Chicago accept Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., as an institution of the Convention. This recommendation is subject to approval of the convention of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC auxiliary, which has operated the school to the present.

The WMU's 1956 convention in Kansas City, Mo., approved the transfer of the school. The 1957 WMU convention would be asked to ratify the details of legal transfer of the school as worked out by the committee during the past year.

The name of the school will remain unchanged by the transfer. Purpose of the school, located adjacent to Southern Baptist Seminary, is to provide "The highest spiritual and educational standards for the training of personnel in church social work and specialized missionary service for the propagation of the Christian faith."

The committee recommends that the school be administered through a 30-member board of trustees. Ten of the members of the board would reside in the Louisville area.

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# JESUS' VICTORY AND COMMISSION

By BURTON A. MILEY

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Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

The hectic night of the arrest and trials of Jesus ended with Jesus on the cross before nine o'clock on Friday morning. The seven sayings were uttered in their order. Fear clutched the hearts of his disciples and when Jesus died, their spirit died within their hearts. They did not know where to turn. The one ray of light was darkened which had penetrated their hearts and created hope. Their hero and champion was dead.

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Evidences of Jesus' burial are positive. This needs be for without certain death and burial the resurrection cannot be assured. Many women saw the death of Jesus of whom three are identified: Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of James and John. (27:56). These women saw the crucifixion all the way through.

The fear-filled disciples scattered or slipped to the edge of the crowd because of threatened persecution and maybe death, but the women were privileged to watch. A rich man by the name of Joseph from Arimathaea asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate granted his request. Joseph had the body taken from the cross and prepared for burial. The body was laid in Joseph's new tomb hewn out of limestone rock. Joseph rolled a large stone across the grave's opening and departed. His burial duties were done. (27:60) Mary Magdalene and Mary, mother of James and Joses, saw that the stone was in place and evidently tarried nearby for a while. They would need to leave before six o'clock, the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath which lasted from six o'clock on Friday evening to six on Saturday evening.

The enemies of Jesus were active during this period. They feared the resurrection. Did the enemies have more faith than friends? They requested Pilate that a watch be set and the tomb sealed to prevent any deceptive move. Pilate gave assent to the request and the seal of the Roman government and a guard of soldiers protected the tomb of Jesus. Mighty, Imperial Rome did not know of the power against which she thrust her puny lot.

## THE RESURRECTION

The Sabbath ended at six o'clock on Saturday and the night wore away following this Sabbath. Sometime near the hour of dawn on the next day, which would be Sunday, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the sepulchre. There was little possibility

that they would have gone to a wrong location for they had "sat over against the sepulchre" on Friday afternoon. (27:61). There was an earthquake, the angel of the Lord descended and the stone was rolled from the door of the grave. The angel's countenance was befitting one of heavenly position. His presence had caused the guard from Imperial Rome to quake and become impotent. Earthly Rome could not match heaven's power. Evidently the women were bolder than the soldiers for they asked the angel a question. The angel answered and said, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (28:5) The women were given the privilege to see for the first time the empty tomb. They were commanded to go and give the news to his disciples who still were not as bold as the women followers of Jesus. With the mingled emotions of fear and great joy they departed from the empty tomb to carry the word to Jesus' disciples. The task of sharing the resurrection news has never ended.

Had the enemies of Jesus been able to produce the body of Christ, they could have silenced once for all the story of the resurrection. The enemies would gladly have displayed this evidence if they could have. But there was no body. Christ Jesus had not been moved. He had been raised from the dead. His body had come from the grave as light comes through a windowpane. Others saw his body several times between his resurrection and the ascension. It was not a dead body but was alive, responsive. The message of the empty tomb is filled with assurance.

## INCOMPLETED WORK

Christ had wrought well upon the earth during his day. Born in the region of Jerusalem, he had ministered during his public days about the city. He had gone to Egypt in his infancy when his parents fled from the wrath of hateful Herod. He was reared in Nazareth. His town people knew him. But Jesus was not a well-known figure on a worldwide scale. Though his coming was of universal consequence the knowledge of his coming was limited largely to the group of Jews that resided in Palestine. Jesus' death completed his atoning work toward God, but it did not complete the responsibility of the news going out to man. Jesus came to reveal God to man, but many people had not heard of this matchless Master. Jesus had to trust his followers to pick up and carry out the gospel of the dead, buried, and risen Christ. None should lack the news of the Redeemer and the empty tomb.

Jesus called his disciples together on

a mountain in Galilee and spoke to them his message of responsibility. Among the eleven disciples there were degrees of faith. Some worshipped assuredly, others doubtfully. Jesus assured them of the one thing they should have been most certain of, that all power resided in him, the power of heaven and earth.

He spoke the commission best known in Christian circles. The commission included all nations. It was a perpetual teaching program that would not end until Jesus comes again. It was underwritten with a promise from the Lord that he would not leave his disciples without the resourcefulness of God at their command. A closer look at the commission reveals that these disciples were to make disciples among all nations by their going to these nations. This is a world-wide mission program to convert others to Christ and his salvation. They were to baptize. One is baptized as an act of obedience based on his faith in Christ. Growth follows birth and comes largely through teaching. The second birth is not an act which automatically lifts one to full-grown condition. Any Christian must be taught and the desired result from this teaching is greater growth in maturity and service. The content for teaching was all things that Christ had commended. Christ promised to be with these disciples and with all others who followed in obedience to the commission.

## PRACTICAL LESSONS

**THE RESURRECTION IS ASSURANCE.** It assured that Christ is alive today. It is assurance of his power over death. One may know his power over sin as it operates within the individual life through faith and obedience. It is assurance that death holds no dominion over the one who is in Christ. Were it not for the resurrection men and women could not claim any assurance. If God did it for Christ, he will do so for any believer in Christ.

**THE RISEN LORD IMPARTED RESPONSIBILITY.** No man can walk by the empty tomb of the Lord without accepting responsibility. One cannot selfishly pass the yawning grave, empty because it was powerless, without taking upon himself the responsibility of taking the news to the last man. The church must choose to exercise this responsibility or it will depart from the purpose of God. The scope of the responsibility is the world and it must not be reduced by man or organization. "Go ye — into all the world" is God's command.

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# The Best Easter Gift

By GLADYS CLEONE CARPENTER

It was Saturday. Fred and Sharon were about to start for Emily's home. They had a yellow chicken, a pure white bunny, and a basket of Easter egg candies.

Tomorrow was Easter and also Emily's birthday. But, of course, she was having her party today.

Suddenly Betty came running. "Oh, see what I have for Emily!" she exclaimed, and opened a box to display a yellow chicken.

Now they took the cross to Emily's home. But she wasn't there. Fred wrote on the back who it was from and stood it up where Emily could see it.

Easter morning Sharon and Fred put on their new clothes and started for Sunday School. They stopped at Emily's home. Both Emily and the cross of flowers were gone!

They went on to Sunday School. There was Emily. And among other



When she had gone, Sharon said to Fred, "We can't take the chicken to Emily. It will spoil Betty's fun in her gift if ours is just like hers."

So they left the chicken at home and started out.

Soon they met Claude and Tom who had a bunny and Easter eggs for Emily.

Not wanting to duplicate the boys' gifts, Sharon and Fred went back home. Then they decided to go to the party and promise Emily a present for later. Sharon thought of something they could make and Fred agreed.

When the party was over, Sharon and Fred ran home. Taking a basket, Sharon went to the meadow while Fred went to the dump yard. There he found some wire mesh and two boards. With the wood he made a cross and covered it with the mesh. When Sharon returned with a basket of flowers, the two studied the mesh completely with blossoms.

"Chickens, bunnies and candy are nice for Easter," Sharon stated. "But we should remember that it's the time when Christ rose from the tomb."

flowers was the lovely cross of blossoms.

"Oh, thank you!" Emily told them. "I liked your present the best of any because I could bring it to Sunday School. I sprinkled the flowers so they'd stay fresh."

Now came Betty, Claude and Tom. And everybody listened to the Easter lesson.

Before they went home the teachers said that they might stand the cross outside the Sunday School door. Then all who went by and saw it would think of the true meaning of Easter.

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## THIS IS THE DAY

By Helen Isely

Easter starts the Church bells ringing; Easter starts the people singing, For this is the day when Jesus said, "I have risen from the dead!" We'll tell it again, from valley and hill, Jesus is living, living, still. Let's sing the song which Easter gives— "Jesus lives! He lives! He lives!"

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Traffic Cop: "Use your noodle, lady! Use your noodle!"

Lady: "My goodness! Where is it? I've pushed and pulled everything in the car."

A school teacher from the city was questioning her small farm nephew to see how his country school education was progressing. "If a farmer had 5,000 bushels of corn," she asked, "and corn is 40 cents a bushel, what will he get?"

"A government loan!" promptly replied the nephew.

Jack: "My wife talks to me positively awful."

Ed: "That's nothing. Mine talks to me awfully positive."

A woman gets well fast when you tell her that her symptoms are just a sign of old age.

Some people have made an art of being slow to pick up the check; you've got to hand it to them.

A man usually leads with his chin when his mouth is wide open.

Outside the storm raged. The deafening thunder rolled, and lightning flashed almost continuously. Presently a bolt struck Mr. Allen and knocked him completely out of bed. He rose, yawned, rubbed his eyes, and said, "All right, dear; I'll get up."

The little girl asked, "What makes a man always give a woman a diamond engagement ring, Daddy?"

Replied Daddy, "The woman."

—Louisville Courier-Journal Magazine

Sallie: Which do you think is more important to a girl, beauty or brains?

Frances: Well, let's put it this way: Most men can see better than they can think.

Joe: Are you and your wife on speaking terms?

John: Well, I'm listening again.

Doctor: I see that your wife came home yesterday. I thought she had gone away for the summer.

Lawyer: Yes, she had planned to stay several months, but I sent her a copy of our county paper with one item cut out.

Did you hear the big news? My dog visited a flea circus and stole the show!

As a rule, men don't marry women on \$25 a week, as they used to. Seems a girl must be earning at least twice that much before they'll even look at her.

—Quote



### Simon Norris In Black River Association

IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT indeed to put down in figures the value of the ministry of Rev. Simon Norris of Williford. Brother Norris is serving in the pastorate of three churches. They are New Hope No. 2, Banks, and Pleasant Ridge. These churches are, more or less, in the same hill territory. Bro. Norris recently made a survey of the field and found nearly a hundred lost people on the fields. And he is winning them to Christ right along. He makes it his business to talk to them about their souls and to lead them to Christ. The unusual thing about it is Brother Norris made a complete survey of all three of the church fields and he made the survey himself. He did not regiment the undertaking. He took the census himself and then he was in personal touch with every soul whom he had contacted. This is far better than getting a team to go who do not know too much about what to say and then the pastor never does have contact with many of the people in the territories.

It was our privilege to visit a day at New Hope No. 2 where all three of

Brother Norris' churches came together for a day of fellowship and service. One middle-aged lady professed faith in Christ that day and we found out that Brother Norris had made previous contacts at her home. We were greatly impressed with the ministry of Brother Norris and we could easily understand the success when we analyzed his program and personality. Brother Norris has at least 5 outstanding characteristics that every preacher ought to have. They are: First, prayerfulness; second, he does the work himself, not so much by proxy; third, he is an incessant worker; fourth, he is definite. He talks to lost souls about their souls' salvation; fifth, he visits his prospects over and over again. He is very persistent. In all of his ministry you can see a compassion for souls. He personalizes his ministry instead of trying to give all of his time to the building up of an institution known as a church. It would be a blessing to you, indeed, to have fellowship with Simon Norris.

—BLB

### B. S. U. Building

THE NEW Baptist Student Union Building in Fayetteville is rapidly nearing completion. Another month should bring about a dedication of a beautiful and commodious student center building. Jamie Jones is the local student secretary and is one of the very best. He is truly a Christian man and the students know that they can profit by following his leadership. The pastors there are to be commended for their fine interest in this student work and for the definite assistance that they are giving in the operation of the work of the B. S. U. This will be the sixth building for B. S. U. work on college campuses. It is our hope and aim to get one completed at Magnolia next year. We will go on and on until every town where there are college activities will have a Baptist Student Center Building and secretary.—BLB

### Drake at Fayetteville

THAT INDOMITABLE spirit, Norman Drake of Fayetteville, has organized a new church. It is South Side Baptist Church. It is located in a territory that is apart from any other church and yet is being rapidly populated, and

new homes are being built right along. Pastor Drake is a great preacher. He has a passion for souls. He does not wait for somebody else to build up a strong church that will call him, but he will pioneer a work and establish a church and build it up. He is one of the most compassionate and mighty preachers that we know.—BLB

### Baptist Camp Ground

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD has purchased acreage for camp work near Ferndale which is about as close to the center of the state as could be obtained. A contour map is now being made by competent engineers and a well-planned program of camp development will be pursued by the committee on camp grounds. The main groups sharing in the work of these camps will be Royal Ambassadors, under the direction of the Brotherhood, and Girls' Auxiliaries, under the direction of the WMU. Other agencies, such as the BSU and the Music Department, and, perhaps, still others will participate in the activities which will take shape in these camp grounds.—BLB

### The 1957 Budget

JANUARY and FEBRUARY were the financial months for Arkansas Baptists. These months left the capital needs of the State Convention hanging on the ropes.

The month of March gave signs of better days. Enough money came into the Convention treasury to satisfy all of the budget needs.

But, now that we are off to a slow start, more effort must be put forth. A good start can mean victory in the race, while a poor start can mean defeat. I remember, in track, that we had to practice hour after hour on starting, because a good start meant a good race, and usually victory in the dashes.

Our efforts must be redoubled, if Arkansas Baptists are to give enough money to meet the requirements of a well-rounded denominational ministry during 1957.

We write these words because the receipts during the second and third quarters (April, May, June, July, August and September) are usually lower than the receipts for the first quarter (January, February and March), and last quarter (October, November and December).

I was just thinking that perhaps some of us could forego a summer vacation trip (if need be) and give the money as designated gifts through our churches to the Cooperative Program.

When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.  
Were the whole realm of nature  
mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

### Paragould Loses Preachers

IN ONE WEEK, Paragould lost three or four preachers, and then within two weeks another one resigned. They were not all Baptist preachers, but Paragould lost 2 of its good Baptist preachers. Brother Jarry Autry was the first to leave and to take up a pastorate in Memphis. Now, Brother Duffer of the East Side Baptist Church, has resigned and will also accept a church in Memphis. The First Church has called Rev. James Yates of Brownsville, Tenn., who will come onto the field about May 1. Both Autry and Duffer have been very influential in that entire association in their pastoral services.—BLB

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