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**ARKANSAS BAPTIST**

APRIL 16, 1959



# Objective: 75 Per Cent Under Protection Plan

**W**E HAVE AS our objective the enlistment of 75 per cent of our pastors in the Southern Baptist Protection Program by 1961. This is a rather sizeable undertaking in view of the fact that only 38 per cent are now participating. This would require that we double our number in a rather brief time. This is a worthy and challenging goal but it must be met.

This objective should be reached because our pastors and their families need this protection. A number of our pastors will become physically incapacitated before retirement age. Most of our pastors will not have much laid by in store for such eventualities. This will be true because many of our pastors are not making sufficiently high salaries to make a very great savings

possible. Another thing — on the national average our preachers give 17 per cent of their salaries to benevolent causes. Their liberality makes it hard for them to save much. Their families need this protection.

The churches need the security that comes from this plan. If the pastor becomes disabled or reaches retirement age without adequate economic security for himself and his family this puts the church of which he is pastor in an embarrassing position. That church will not take cold-blooded action and put the pastor out. If the church has made it possible for him to participate in the retirement plans of the denomination this will prevent this situation. The church cannot afford to be without this protection.

We need a larger participation on the part of our pastors to give strength and

stability to our retirement plans. That we are going to do our best to enlist at least 75 per cent of our pastors by 1961.

Some other denominations have 100 per cent participation on the part of their ministers. How is this done? The churches have assumed the full financial responsibility for their part and the part of their pastor. This we are urging all of our Southern Baptist churches to do: to pay 10 per cent on their pastor's salary and the denomination will pay the other 5 per cent.

Other denominations have found that this makes for a strong and satisfactory plan. The 5 per cent increase on the part of the church can be granted as a salary raise or be considered as a part of the salary. We feel that if the church will assume the full responsibility for the payments all of our pastors would participate. The pastor cannot participate until the church has agreed to do this first.

When would be a good time for the churches to start this plan? First of all, there is no time like NOW. Certainly if a church should be without a pastor it would be a logical time to begin with the coming of the new pastor. By all means we would suggest that this be included in the budget for next year. The laymen of the church have an opportunity here to render an invaluable service to their pastor, their church, and to their denomination by suggesting such action now on the part of their church. Ask your church to vote to pay both its part and the part of the pastor. Write us for a church participation card agreeing to assume this responsibility! You will be glad you did. — S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

## Tabulation Shows Percentage Giving

**T**HESE EIGHTEEN churches led the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in giving through the Cooperative Program during the associational year 1957-58:

Waldron	33%
Joyce City	31%
Ft. Smith, Trinity	26%
Fulton	26%
Fordyce, 1st	25%
Ft. Smith, Calvary	25%
Helena, 1st	24%
Piggott	24%
Wynne	24%
Stuttgart	23%
Osceola, 1st	23%
Arkadelphia, 1st	23%
Carlisle	22%
Lonoke	22%
Stephens, 1st	22%
Little Rock, 1st	22%
Park Hill, North Little Rock	22%
West Memphis, 1st	22%

First Church, Waldron, led the entire state in giving a percentage of its total income, through the Cooperative Program. If each Baptist Church in Arkansas had given in like manner, the Cooperative Program receipts in Arkansas would have been \$3,848,856, (three times more), instead of \$1,477,577.

The average for these 18 churches was about 24 per cent. The average for the entire state was a little above 11 per cent.

When we make the statement that "these 18 churches led the Arkansas Baptist State Convention churches in giving through the Cooperative Program," it might seem strange to some people, because other churches gave more dollars. But the fact of the matter is this: the Bible teaches propor-

tionment giving, and these are the "top churches" in giving proportionally.

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:41-44).

In looking at these first 18 churches that led our state, it was interesting for us to glance down the list and take a look at the 18 churches that gave the lowest percentage of their incomes through the Cooperative Program, and we find that some churches did not give anything to world missions through the Cooperative Program for the entire year.

We are sure that the churches that gave nothing, or very little, had reasons that seem good to them, but on the other hand, the members of those same churches could have reasoned, "We owe for our farms, our houses, our cattle, our tractors, our food, our clothing and until we can get on a cash basis, we do not believe that it is right to give the money to the church that rightfully belongs to our creditors. After all, you know, the Bible gives us ground for this reason, because it plainly states that, "if any provideth not for his own, and especially his own household, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." — Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary.

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**STUDENT RETREAT SPEAKERS—NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Speakers for the Southern Baptist Student Retreat at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, N. C., June 4-10 are: From left, top row, Howard Butt, lay leader of Corpus Christi, Tex.; Robert Norman, attorney, Augusta, Ga.; George Starke, minister of music at Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas; bottom row, Roy McClain, pastor, 1st Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Chester Swor, counselor, lecturer, writer, of Jackson, Miss.; and J. P. Allen, pastor of 1st Church, Alexandria, Va. (BSSB Photo)**

## Ridgecrest Student Week to Include Program for High School Seniors

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— A large attendance of high-school seniors and spring graduates is expected during Student Retreat June 4-10 at Ridgecrest Assembly, N. C., G. Kearnie Keegan said.

Dr. Keegan is secretary of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board.

"From the quietness of early morning meditation to the last ascending sparks of the evening campfire at Lake Dew, college and high-school students alike will be confronted with the challenge of **Changing My World**, theme of the 1959 retreat," Dr. Keegan said.

Chester Swor, author, lecturer, and counselor, of Jackson, Miss., and other Baptist leaders will direct conferences designed to bridge the gap between high school and college. Other Student Retreat speakers will be Howard Butt, business executive of Corpus Christi, Texas; Rep. Walter Judd, U. S. Congressman from Minnesota; Carlyle Marney, pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C., and author

of the book **Dangerous Fathers, Problem Mothers, and Terrible Teens**; and Roy McClain, pastor of 1st Church, Atlanta, Ga., and former Baptist Hour speaker.

Seminar and discussion topics include "This Thing Called Love," "Communicating My Faith," and "Off to College." A Baptist Student Union featureama, "Today," will also be presented.

Only high school students who are 1959 graduates or who will be seniors in 1959-60 may register for Student Retreat. Registration must be made through the state B.S.U. secretary. The state secretary or a nearby B.S.U. director can help work out transportation arrangements for students desiring to attend. ■

MR. AND MRS. S. F. Flores, Tulia, Tex., an elderly couple, have given some 17,280 acres of west Texas farmland, valued at more than \$2,000,000 to Wayland College, Plainview, Tex. The gift will more than double the school's valuation.

## Ouachita Offers Credit For European Study Tour

A study tour in Europe with college credit will be offered by Ouachita College in cooperation with the University of Vienna, June 15-August 31. David Scott, assistant professor of music at Ouachita, will be director.

The tour itinerary includes Rotterdam, The Hague, Brussels, Bruges, Paris, Aimens, Luxembourg, Trier, Heidelberg, Nurenberg, and Salzburg, in addition to Vienna. The Mozart festival at Salzburg, Aug. 8-12, will be a special feature.

Courses will be offered in music, history and literature and will be taught in English. The group will spend July 1-Aug. 14 at the University of Vienna. They will have 17 days of independent travel at the end of the tour.

Mr. Scott and the group will sail from New York June 6 on the S. S. Waterman.

### Cover Story

## Get the Babies In Sunday School

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—In the past four years 16,730,000 babies were born in the United States. Of this number 141,570 were on the Cradle Rolls and 490,499 were enrolled in the Nursery departments of Southern Baptist Sunday schools at the end of 1958, according to the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board.

Children enrolled in nursery departments are of age birth through three years who attend Sunday school. The Cradle Roll departments seek to enroll babies in this same age group who do not attend on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Douglas Hills, superintendent of Cradle Roll Work, said churches are promoting a "Baby Hunt" the first Sunday in May or during Christian Home Week May 3-10.

Mrs. Hills said the Baby Hunt idea was started in 1954 and has been followed each year since with great success and has increased enrollment in Sunday Schools.



BSSB Photo by Bryce Finch



## A Battle Is Lost

THE HEADLINES announce: "Voters Okay Legal Liquor in Oklahoma."

Jubliant is the liquor industry. It has now been elevated to a place of legal respectability in a state that had been officially dry by provision of its constitution since it entered statehood 51 years ago. Happy are voters who were carried along with such pro-liquor arguments as: "People are going to drink, let's make liquor legal and collect taxes on it" and "Prohibition cannot be enforced, let's change the law and clear out the bootleggers."

But be not deceived. If the social and moral plans of living in Oklahoma under prohibition has been on a low level, as proponents of repeal have sometimes argued, making the evil of liquor legal and available in attractive packaging over the counters instead of under the counters or in side alleys is not going to "clean up the state." The problem of law enforcement will now be greater, not less. For now Oklahoma must not only continue to deal with bootlegging, which repeal of dry laws never blots out, but also with the many additional law violations incident to the increased per capita consumption of liquor which comes with the greater and open availability of this curse of mankind. The problem of right living will now be greater, not less, as a large, new crop of people who are induced to drink by open liquor merchandising is added to those who are going to drink regardless of whether the state is dry or wet. Here is the tragedy, that Oklahoma young people will now have liquor made available to them as something good, respectable, highly to be desired — something that has the backing of the vote of the people themselves.

But the picture is not all dark. More than 300,000 Oklahomans were not taken in by the subterfuge of liquorites who championed repeal as something for the best interests of the state of Oklahoma and her people. According to press reports the day after the election, with 3,145 of 3,234 precincts reported, there were 304,631 votes against repeal to the 383,414 votes for it. The battle was lost but the war for right and righteousness will go on. There is much that the Christian forces of a state can do regardless of or in spite of outward circumstances. The real battlefield is in the hearts of individual men and women. Through Christ and Christians right will triumph. —ELM

## Editorial Brevities

ONE OF the nice things about being a denominational worker, as we have said from time to time, is getting to be out on the field, sharing the joys, the sorrows, the burdens of fellow Christians engaged in the gospel ministry through local churches and in various positions and situations. It was the editor's privilege in March to preach for four successive Sundays and for two full weeks in West Helena, where he was engaged in a revival March 8-22 with Pastor Paul Pearson and Second Baptist Church, and where he supplied for Pastor Wilson Deese on Easter Sunday at West Helena Baptist Church. The wonderful hospitality and the fine Christian fellowship enjoyed in this rapidly growing community in East Arkansas will long be remembered. It is reassuring to know that our Baptist work is well established in Helena and West Helena, particularly now that a bridge is to be built across the Mississippi River, ending a bottleneck situation in transportation and most surely hastening the coming of a new day of growth and prosperity. Material prosperity is not an unmixed blessing as the pastors and their people realize. Our prayer is that God will use the Christians of Helena and West Helena to assure continued spiritual prosperity for the community to match the great material prosperity . . .

UNLESS providentially hindered, the editor expects to be in South

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## Personally Speaking . . .

### In His Own Image

A STRIKING monument to self is one of the feature attractions in the Ripley "Believe It or Not" Odditorium at 1529 Broadway, New York City.



As you enter the museum, you are immediately attracted to a life-like statue in wood of a rather diminutive middle-aged oriental man dressed only in a loincloth. Over the exhibit, which continually revolves at moderate speed,

are the words: "Man or Image?"

You read that this likeness is a self portrait sculptured by an artist, supposedly in true proportion and full life size, and that the artist used for the statue his own hair and his own fingernails and toenails.

Obviously, here was a man who dreaded, perhaps above everything else, the oblivion of physical death. He did not want his image to disappear from the walks of men. Or he may have believed, as did many of the ancients, that his life after death depended upon the continuing existence of a body for his soul to inhabit.

At any rate, he has achieved for himself a sort of earthly immortality. Of course, his wooden image, with its real hair, real fingernails and toenails, and with its sparkling, life-like eyes behind his own spectacles, will some day become dust or ashes.

Job spoke for Everyman when he asked, thousands of years ago, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

The answer seemed, on outward appearances, to be no: "There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease," reasoned Job. ". . . But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?"

"As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

"So man lieth down, and riseth not . . ."

But God answered the hungering in Job's heart and Job was eventually able to respond with one of the great affirmations of God's revelation to man:

". . . I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God . . ."

For Christians, trusting in Christ who gives us the victory over death, we ". . . know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2b).



**The Canadian Question**

It is my understanding that the Southern Baptist Convention will vote on a constitutional amendment (as recorded on page 50 of the 1958 Southern Baptist Annual) at its next meeting. As a native born Canadian citizen and as pastor of a Canadian Baptist church which has supported the Cooperative Program for a number of years and has sent a number of students to Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries I am most interested in this amendment.

Here are the reasons why some Canadian Baptist churches wish to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention:

1. We are loyal Canadians but we believe that Christianity is doctrinal rather than national in character.

2. We believe that the position of the Southern Baptist Convention in projecting a New Testament church centered program and rejecting membership in national and world councils of churches is scriptural and sound.

3. We believe that Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries offer the best present opportunity for the training of our young people, many of whom are now enrolled, and that they will more readily return to help evangelize our land and be more effective in carrying out the program they have learned, if our churches can have direct affiliation.

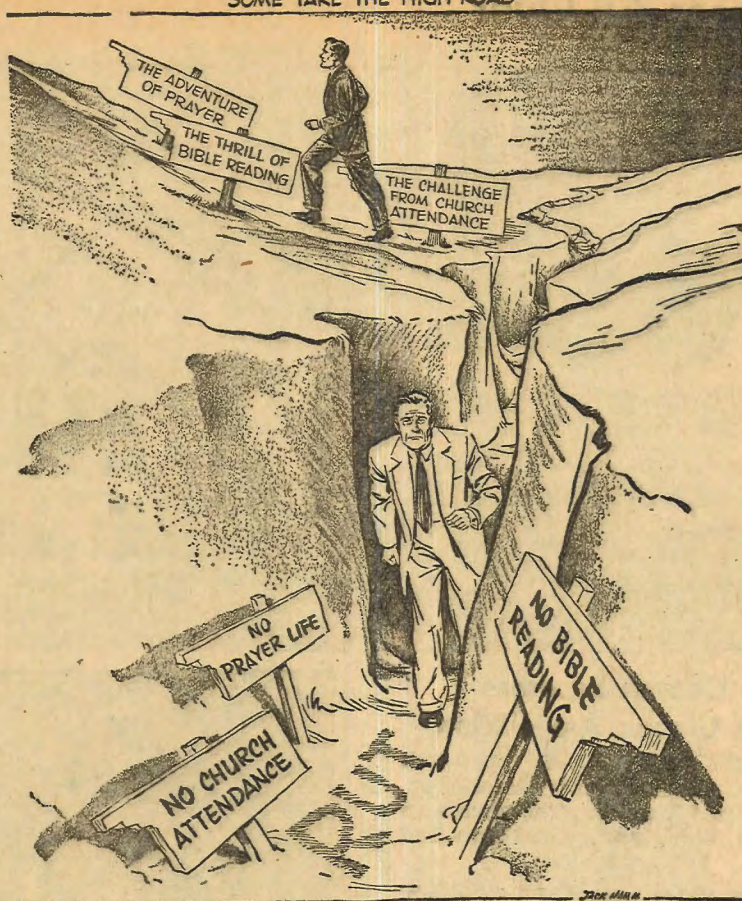
4. Canada is a great mission field, with the total Baptist membership comprising not more than 1 per cent of the population. Hundreds of new Baptist churches are needed now, but the ministers to lead them are not available. We believe that Southern Baptist ministers will more readily come to Canada if they can continue to work directly with the Southern Baptist Convention.

5. Our Canadian Southern Baptist churches have supported the Cooperative Program for a number of years and appreciate the foreign mission outlet for our gifts and for our young people.

6. We are glad for all that Southern Baptists can do to strengthen the Baptist witness in non-affiliated Baptist churches in Canada, but it is our conviction that the program will make faster progress in churches who have the same doctrinal convictions and have direct affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention through indigenous Canadian associations and conventions. At the present time Baptists are losing the battle for Canada. — J. W. McKay, pastor Westwood Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

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SOME TAKE THE HIGH ROAD



**EDITORIAL BREVITIES—(continued from page 4)**

Carolina for a meeting April 12-19 with the Abner Creek Baptist Church, Duncan, one of the strong rural churches of the Palmetto State. It was our joy to serve as interim pastor of the Abner Creek Church for several months in the spring of 1954, at which time we were on the staff of Furman University, Greenville, the South's oldest Baptist college. We shall be serving with Pastor Ralph R. Chandler, who has been the undershepherd of the church since the spring of 1954 and who has seen many fine achievements in the church. It will be a happy occasion to renew acquaintanceship with our friends there, whom we have not seen for five years, and to join our heart and our prayers and energies with them in the revival effort . . .

RECENTLY our paper was voted a membership in the Associated Church Press, at the annual meeting of the organization in New York City. Church newspapers and magazines of many different, non-catholic denominations are members. The united front of these papers for civic and moral righteousness carry a great impact in our land. —ELM

**Warren Sees Hand Of God in BJA Plan**

WASHINGTON —(BP)— The Baptist Jubilee Advance is one of God's answers to help Baptists do their part in rescuing a dying civilization, according to C. C. Warren, permanent vice-chairman of the BJA committee.

Warren told the BJA committee that met here recently that his observations led him to believe current civilization is in a dying stage unless God's people come to the rescue. "I venture to assert that God is challenging Baptists to spearhead the rescuing of what ap-

pears to me to be a dying civilization," he said.

Pointing out the threat of Communism, the moral decay of society and the advances in the power of destruction, Warren said that, unless Christ is recognized at the council table of the nations and unless the principles of the old Book called the Bible are taken into account, men cannot solve their problems alone.

"Perhaps it is trite," Warren continued, "but it is true that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the one and only solvent for the ills of mankind."



# Arkansas All Over



## Calvary Church Becomes 40th in Greene Association

CALVARY CHURCH, the 40th church in Greene County Association, was organized Mar. 22. The church in Paragould formerly was the North End Mission.

James F. Yates, pastor of 1st Church, Paragould, was principal speaker at the organizational meeting. H. W. Johnston, associational missionary, served as moderator; Guy Whitney, East Side, clerk.

J. W. Gibbs, pastor of the mission, was called as pastor. Other officers of the church include: Leon Case, Sunday School superintendent; Tom Clifford, Training Union director; Mrs. Leon Case, church clerk, and Jack Dempsey, the first convert of the mission, treasurer.

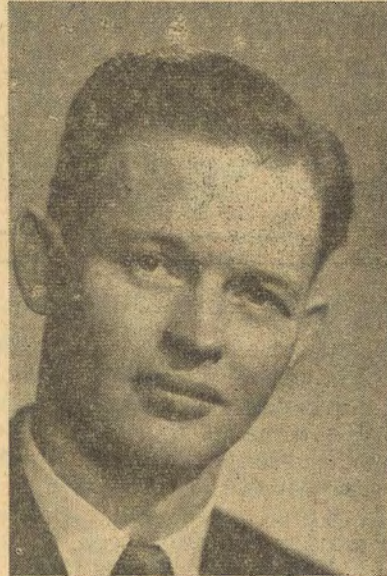
The first check written by the new treasurer was for the Cooperative Program. The second was for associational missions.

The mission, established in 1947, had worshipped in a school building until 1952 when the present building was erected.

Mr. Gibbs became pastor of the mission the last week in June, 1958. There were 55 in Sunday School on his first Sunday. On Mar. 29 there were 143 in attendance.

The mission participated in the simultaneous crusade, Mar. 8-18, and reported six baptisms and six additions by letter.

● **ADRIAN LUTTRELL**, Murfreesboro, is the new president of the Southern State College BSU. Other officers include: Melba Hutson, Nashville, vice president; Edith Weathery Weatherby, Mena, secretary-treasurer, and Jimmy McGee, Magnolia, reporter. (DP)



J. W. GIBBS

## Dr. A. C. Gettys Dies

FUNERAL SERVICES for Dr. A. C. Gettys, 72, long-time Bible teacher and former acting president of Mary Hardin-Baylor college, were held Mar. 30 in the 1st Church of Vernon. Dr. Gettys died following a series of heart attacks.

## Pastoral Changes

MILTON EDMONSON is the new pastor of Woodland Heights Church, Boone-Newton Association, coming to the new field from 1st Church, Dover. (CB)

RIDGECREST CHURCH, Benton, has called Loy Garner, former pastor of Alexander Church, as pastor.

LUTHER WARD, pastor of Fairdale Church, Central Association, has accepted the call to become associational missionary of Caddo River Association. (CB)

## Tiger Day Friday At Ouachita College

Friday, April 17, has been designated "Tiger Day" at Ouachita College.

The high school seniors and junior college sophomores are invited to come and look over the campus at the school expense of up to 3 cents a mile on cars bringing as many as four high school seniors or graduating sophomores of junior colleges.

"Get the 'feel' of College Life" is the theme for this attraction, which has seen as many as 900 visitors at one time and will include classroom and faculty visitation, campus tour, recreation and sports, talent show, displays, and free lunch. Registration is from 8 to 10 a.m.

One of the highlights of this annual event is the selection of the "Tiger Day Queen" and her court. If a group sponsors at least eight students to come for "Tiger Day," that group is eligible to nominate a candidate for queen. She must be a high school senior or junior college sophomore and be present at the 1959 "Tiger Day." Judging will be done on a four point basis: (1) most typical high school senior; (2) poise; (3) beauty; (4) personality. Members of the Pershing Rifles, a national honorary military society, will act as honor guard for the queen and her court.

Serving as "Tiger Day" committee chairmen are: Linda Day, convocation and variety show; Sally Guthrie, displays; Winnie Bratcher, faculty conferences; Ann Harrison, food committee; Gene Petty, letters to pastors; Dick Norton, letters to principals; Roger Price, letters to prospective students; Virginia Horton, letters to senior class; Marcia Bowden, local publicity; Bailey Smith, poster committee; Wordy Buckner, printed programs; Jim Heldebrand, recreational and activities; Sondra Wallis, registration; Harold Johnson, R.O.T.C. parade; Gene Blagg, state publicity; Cathy Wiley, Tiger Day queen committee; and Walter Rose, tours committee.

● **ROBERT HATZFELD**, music director for Washington-Madison Association, will direct the associational church music school May 11-15. (CB)

● **SECOND CHURCH**, Fayetteville, has organized a WMU and a Brotherhood. (CB)

● **LAKE STREET Church**, Greene County Association, moved into their new house of worship Easter Sunday. (CB)

● **THREE CHURCHES** in Central Association have been recognized as having Standard Sunday Schools: Benton, 1st; Hot Springs, 1st, and Malvern, 3rd. (CB)





## Revival Reports

**SOUTH CROSSROADS**, mission of Heber Springs 1st Church, Mar. 30-Apr. 4: Pastor Ray Nelson, evangelist; Nathan Privett, pianist; 16 by baptism; two by letter.

**FIRST CHURCH**, Lockesburg, Mar. 22-29; A. H. Prewitt, Louisiana, evangelist; Vernon Bradley, pastor, music director; six by profession; two by letter. Sunday School attendance set a record.

**ROBERT L. HARTSELL**, Ft. Smith, led singing, in a revival at Red Star Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo., Mar. 11-22. Avery T. Willis, Tulsa, was evangelist. Results included 40 professions and one addition by letter.

**JACK PORTER**, 1st Church, Gentry, was evangelist in a Mar. 15-25 revival in Calvary Church, Windsor, Mo. There were 16 professions, with 15 baptized. Twenty-one came for rededication.

**A. L. LEAKER** was with 1st Church, Chetopa, Kan., in a recent revival. There were 38 for baptism.

**INDEPENDENCE ASSOCIATION** Missionary Harrison Johns said that churches in the association who participated in revival reported 45 additions by baptism, and 25 by letter.

**FIRST SERVICES** in the new building of Hickory Street Church, Texarkana, were conducted Mar. 15. The structure, equipped with central heating and cooling, will seat 550. T. N. Morrison is pastor of the church, which was organized Sept. 21, 1952.

**FIRST CHURCH**, Hampton: Paul Cooke, Ft. Smith, evangelist; Pastor C. Phelan Boone, music; 12 professions with 10 baptized; two by letter; more than 40 rededications.

**LAKE VILLAGE Church**, Mar. 15-22: Dr. W. L. Sewell, 1st Church, Bossier City, La., evangelist; William "Sonny" Stead, Trinity Church, W. Monroe, music; C. R. Pierce, Jr., pastor; four by baptism; six by letter or statement.

**JESSE REED** was evangelist at South Side, Meridan, Miss., Mar. 22-29. W. E. Speed, pastor, reported 51 additions, 33 by baptism.

## WMU Registration Hours Scheduled

**LOUISVILLE** —(BP)— Registration hours for those attending the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention here in May have been announced. The registration will be at Freedom Hall, where WMU sessions are scheduled.

The days and hours to register:  
 Sun., May 17, 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
 Mon., May 18, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
 Tues., May 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



### MASON W. CRAIG

**MASON W. CRAIG**, North Maple Church, Stuttgart, has resigned to accept the call of 1st Church, McGehee, effective Apr. 19. Mr. Craig is a graduate of Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary. He has been at North Maple nine years, his only pastorate. Mrs. Craig is the former Edith Crum, Humphrey. They have five children, four boys and a girl.



## THE BOOKSHELF

**A History of the Christian Church**, Revised Edition, by Williston Walker, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York City, 1959, \$5.50.

Those who, as did this editor, had a daily diet of this old, reliable textbook in seminary will welcome the revised edition as an old friend in new garb. Author Walker (1860-1922) succeeded Woodrow Wilson as associate professor of history at Bryn Mawr College. He later taught church history at Hartford Theological Seminary. In 1901 he went to Yale to succeed George Park Fisher as Titus Street Professor of Ecclesiastical History and continued there until his death. An eminent theologian gifted as a writer, he was admirably qualified to write in the church history field.

**Story of the Bible World**, in Map, Word and Picture, by Nelson Beecher Keyes, C. S. Hammond & Co., New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Maplewood, N. J., 1959, \$5.95.

Pictures of recent archaeological finds, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls and ancient ruins and the Bible lands as they look today illustrate this new book which combines the fascinating story of the Bible world with original full-color maps and photographs in many colors.

**Prayer Is the Secret**, by Reginald E. O. White, Harper & Brothers, New York City, 1959, \$2.75.

How can Christians today recover the amazing vitality and sense of victory displayed by the members of the early church? The secret, asserts Author White, can be found in the new dimension of prayer they discovered — its intensity, range, depth and assurance. From the Book of Acts and the Epistles Mr. White gathers every reference made to prayer and groups them according to themes and applications.

**Sermon Outlines on the Family and the Home**, by Adolph Bedsole, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1959, \$1.75.

Here are logical and timely outlines on themes bearing on America's No. 1 problem — the breakdown of the home. The author is pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla., and is also the author of the recent book, **The Pastor in Profile**.

**Basic Christianity**, by John R. W. Stott, \$1.25 (paperback).

"Many people today are friendly towards Christianity, but are not convinced of its truth," declares the author in his preface. This book is written for such people. The author attempts a frank statement of basic Christianity.

### Secretary to Japan Named

THE AMERICAN Bible Society announces the appointment of Dr. John Harold McCombe as "fraternal secretary" to the Japan Bible Society with headquarters in Tokyo. Dr. McCombe has been pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church in Tuckahoe, New York, since 1951.

# Baptist Crosscurrents

## Why Should Baptists Allow This?

THIS IS written because of some recent, disturbing observations. The growing use we note among our Baptist people of pictures to represent Jesus. Yesterday alongside a highway one jolted us. It was a picture on a sign calling attention to a Baptist church. The picture was crude to say the least. It was unworthy of a Baptist church. It was a dishonor to the Lord.

We have noted several churches using pictures in this manner. In addition they are displaying pictures within the church building itself. All of this represents an alarming change coming over our Baptist thinking. It should cause some very serious thought. During the past 20 years this indiscriminate use of pictures—Salzman's representation of Christ, Hunt's head of Christ, and others—has reached such proportions, we may well ask what will happen in the next 20 years? What will be the outcome of the growing use of so-called centers of worship and dependence on aids to direct our thinking in worship?

Today's trend in all of the religious groups that came out of Roman Catholicism is a reversion toward use of pictures and images in places of worship and in homes.

Why should Baptists allow themselves to be swept along with this dangerous tide? Must we have some visible representation of Christ before we can worship? What kind of faith then do we have? Are we not doing violence to the truth? Are we forgetting the words of our Lord who cautioned, "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Does not the use in worship of these material representations, supposedly picturing Jesus, violate God's command in Exodus 20:4, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath." Can the human mind and the cleverness of artists really depict the true likeness of the Son of God?

The use of pictures of Christ, no matter how good the artistry, results in the crippling of spiritual faith. Words of one of our Southern Baptist missionaries, who has been serving in a Latin American country, have bearing on this matter. Noting the change coming over some of our Baptist churches in their attitude toward pictures of Jesus and so-called "centers of worship," he remarked: "When a people become cold and indifferent and lack spiritual life and vitality, history shows that the material comes to dominate the scene, even in our churches. Formalism creeps in. Programs that appeal to the eye rather than the spirit come to dominate in the church services. The center altar in the church becomes evident. The colorful cloaks of the ministry, etc., all go to make an attractive sight for the eyes and the spirit goes away unfed." Is this where we are going, or want to go?—Baptist and Reflector (Tenn.).

### Melbourne Crusade Closes With Record Totals

MELBOURNE, Australia (EP) — A world record crowd for any cricket ground, 143,750 people, heard evangelist Billy Graham on Sunday afternoon, March 15, at the Melbourne cricket stadium as he read a warm letter of greetings from President Eisenhower prior to his closing message in the Greater Melbourne Crusade. It was also a record Graham Crusade crowd.

The 4,107 decisions brought to 26,440 the total number of spiritual commitments during the Crusade. Some 4,000 persons were unable to gain admittance and listened via loudspeakers

outside the arena. At least 700,000 people attended meetings in the Melbourne Crusade. Previous high single meeting attendance was the crowd of 120,000 during the London Crusade.

FRANK BOGGS has resigned as minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., to enter full-time evangelistic work. Boggs said he will leave after Easter and will make his headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., after June. A former soloist with the Baptist Hour, Boggs sang twice on NBC-TV's "Frontiers of Faith" and has been on the British Broadcasting Corporation's TV and radio network several times.



## 'Talk Back' Answers Best Known Problems

THE 13 PROBLEMS that concern Americans most, as determined by a national poll, will be subjects of drama and discussion on Talk Back, a new television series which began on Little Rock station KATV, channel 7, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Apr. 12.

Each problem will be presented in a 12-minute filmed drama, featuring top professional actors. This will be followed by a live presentation from the KATV studios. People from the Little Rock viewing area will discuss and seek to relate the Christian faith to the problem.

A number of viewing groups, which have been specially organized in and around the Little Rock area will watch the series each week and will have their own discussion after the program.

The programs will not provide "pat" or pious answers to the problems. Rather, the Arkansas Council of Churches, which is presenting the series, hopes to get viewers to face these problems and, through talking together, arrive at individual solutions.

Talk Back subjects include: pressure of modern living, insecurity, civic responsibility, suffering, rearing children, prayer, knowing God's will, belonging and acceptance, guilt, life's good and bad breaks, faith, Christian principles, anxieties and fears.

In choosing topics for Talk Back, more than 26,000 ministers in the United States were asked what problems were most frequently brought to them for help. Nearly 10,000 replied, and the 13 Talk Back programs represent the results from the poll.

The dramatic portion of the program is on film, and the live discussion will be televised in the KATV studios each week.

More than 65 different people from the Little Rock viewing area will appear during the 13 weeks of Talk Back. An equal number are involved in production, promotion and organization of viewing groups.

Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Jr. will produce Talk Back for the Arkansas Council of Churches. Dick Storey of KATV will be the director.

The filmed portion of the series is released by the National Council of Churches and was produced by the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission, Nashville, Tenn. The Methodist Church has underwritten costs of the series. ■

## Flying Queens Champs Of AAU Basketball

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. —(BP)— The Flying Queens of Wayland Baptist College won their fifth National Women's AAU basketball tournament in the last six years here by defeating Nashville (Tenn.) Business College in the finals, 43 to 37.

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**A TIME FOR WAITING**—A hunting accident causes Ruth, Linda, Karen, and Dolores to reveal varying attitudes toward the possible tragic loss of a loved one. See the program, "Talk Back," on Little Rock TV Station 7, each Sunday at 2:30.

## Baptist Missionaries In Central Africa Not Affected By Uprising

THE CURRENT political uprising in the Federation of Central Africa is having very little effect on Southern Baptist mission work in that area, according to Dr. Ralph T. Bowlin, missionary who serves as chairman of the Baptist Mission of Central Africa.

Mr. Bowlin has sent words of reassurance regarding the welfare of the missionaries through a letter to Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Foreign Mission Board.

"When the government placed a ban on public meetings, we were able to continue our services in most areas," he wrote. "Our position of separation of church and state has helped us to be identified as a nonpolitical body. And we feel that the tie of Christian love and fellowship between missionaries and African Christians has been strengthened in many cases.

"I know that people in the States are

conscious that colonialism is dying in Africa and that nationalism is emerging in all parts of the continent. However, when they hear news broadcasts and read about violence and uprisings in areas where missionary friends are serving they become concerned.

"Our friends in America would be encouraged to know the concern of the American Consul General for our welfare. The Consulate General is keeping constantly in touch with developments in the Federation, particularly in so far as they might affect American citizens, and maintaining close contact with the various governments. The territorial governments are responsible for law and order in territories. They have assured the Consulate General that they are taking all appropriate precautions for the protection of American persons and property." ■

## Neale Young Honored For Service in Ede

MISS NEALE Young, Southern Baptist missionary who directs the Nigerian Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, has received the honorary title of Iyalode Onigbagbo ("Leader of the Christians") from the Timi (king) of Ede, Nigeria, according to the Daily Times of Lagos, Nigeria.

An announcement from the Timi's palace said that the title was being conferred on Miss Young in appreciation of her 22 years of devoted service to the people of Ede.

## Professor Named

TRUSTEES OF Southwestern Seminary have elected G. Lacoste Munn to the faculty of the school of theology as assistant professor of New Testament.

Munn is now serving as pastor of 1st Church, Barnwell, S. C. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, he received a bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern in 1955 and will receive the doctor of theology degree in July.



# TENTATIVE PROGRAM

## Southern Baptist Church Music Conference

### THE RIGHTEOUS DO TH SING AND REJOICE

**Monday, May 18**

#### Morning Session — Freedom Hall

(Joint with Pastors' and R. E. Conference)

- 9:00—Song and Praise..... Paul McCommon  
 9:15—Welcome to Louisville..... Duke McCall  
 9:25—Response to Welcome..... Warren Hultgren  
 9:35—Presentation of Program..... Charles C. Bowles  
 9:40—"Our Common Task"..... W. L. Howse  
 10:05—Song and Announcements  
 10:15—"Doctrine of Christian Growth"..... Walter Moore  
 10:40—"Teach — Baptize — Teach"..... James L. Sullivan  
 11:05—Special Music..... Joe Ann Shelton  
 11:15—"Religious Education in Foreign Missions"..... Baker James Cauthen (Introduced by James Morgan)

#### Afternoon Session — Carver School

Edmond D. Keith — Song Leader

- 2:30—Devotional Period..... Southern Seminary Choir  
 2:55—Presentation of Program  
 3:00—Report of Membership Committee..... Dwight Phillips  
 3:05—"Forward through Teaching and Training"..... W. L. Howse  
 3:35—Organ Building and Installation —Panel Discussion  
 4:15—Miscellaneous Business

4:30—President's Address

5:00—Meditation Solo

#### Evening Session

Gene Sutherland — Song Leader

- 7:15—Devotional..... Cumberland College Choir  
 7:45—Music in Evangelism..... Edwin McNeely  
 8:15—The Musician as a Spiritual Leader..... J. Thurmond George  
 9:00—Education Directors and Music Directors Fellowship — Fellowship Hall, Carver School

**Tuesday, May 19**

#### Morning Session

D. Neil Darnell — Song Leader

- 9:30—Devotional..... Bison Glee Club  
 9:55—Budget Committee Report..... Malcolm Edwards  
 10:00—Matters from Executive Council..... Joe Santo  
 10:10—Departmental Conferences  
 10:30—Nominating Committee..... Eugene Bartlett  
 10:45—Seminary Workshop..... James McKinney  
 11:00—Teaching Music to Children —Panel Discussion  
 12:00—Meditation..... Seminary Male Chorale

#### Afternoon Session

Robert Burton — Song Leader

- 2:00—Devotional..... Belmont Glee Club  
 2:25—Departmental Conferences  
 3:40—Introduction of New Officers

### Registration Forms Ready For World Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(BWA)—Registration forms for North Americans attending the tenth Baptist World Congress, to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, 1960, are now available.

The forms are manufactured with carbon for automatically making six copies of the registration application, Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, reported at a meeting of the BWA Administration Committee here. There are copies for Alliance and Congress officials, for denominational headquarters, for travel agencies, and a confirmation copy for the registrant.

Space is provided on the form for making travel reservations, as well as registering for the Congress. The forms may be secured through travel agents or by writing direct to the Baptist World Alliance offices in Washington.

Registration fee for North American delegates to the Congress is \$12, which includes a copy of the book of Congress proceedings when published. Additional members of the same family may register for \$8, meaning that a man and his wife can register jointly for \$20.

Among the first registrations to reach the Washington office were those of

Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Vaught, Jr. and their son, Carl Gray Vaught, of Little Rock, Ark. Dr. Vaught also sent along registrations for nine other members of a party he will lead on a tour of Latin American mission fields.

### By-laws, Constitution Changes Necessary

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Putting into effect the portion of the Survey Committee report adopted by the 1958 Southern Baptist Convention at Houston will require approval of changes in the Convention's constitution and by-laws.

These changes are contained in the recommendations which Porter Routh, Nashville, will present for the Convention's Executive Committee. He is its executive secretary. The recommendations will be made at the 1959 convention in Louisville in May.

Some of the topics included in the proposed revisions are: conditions for changing the meeting place of the annual Convention if it should become necessary, nominating speeches for Convention offices, provision that no more than two-thirds of any committee or agency membership shall be ministers or laymen, membership on the Executive Committee, and the development of a format for agencies to use in making their report.

### Folks and Facts

THE NUMBER of beds for patients in denominational hospitals in the traditional Southern state area is about equally divided between Protestant and Catholic hospitals.

A BAPTIST hospital administrator estimates that the cost of building a Baptist hospital is equally provided through three areas of support — a third from the denomination, another one-third from funds raised in the community where the hospital will be located, and the final third borrowed and funds repaid from what patients pay for hospital care.

THERE WERE 42 new Baptist churches organized in Georgia during 1958. Georgia Baptists have adopted a goal of 75 new churches for 1959.

A STUDY indicates that the Methodist Church is expected to increase from its present 9,700,000 membership—largest Protestant group—to more than 12 million by 1975. The Methodist Publishing House, which distributes a large share of books, supplies, and lesson materials for the denomination, plans to establish six regional distribution centers in key U. S. cities to meet the growing needs.



## Time to Hush!

WHAT WAS accomplished in the latest effort to settle the difficulties of Southern Seminary? Was the meeting successful? Were our hopes fulfilled and our prayers answered? The simple answer is, No! All concerned with the effort were understandably disappointed, though not in despair.

The truth is that we are right back where we were last summer. Though by majority vote the trustees admitted errors in procedures and rescinded the dismissals, they gave no ground on the point of their contention that the professors were wrong. The dismissed professors showed even less inclination to give an inch, holding that their moral integrity demanded their stand.

This is not to say something was not accomplished by the effort. To know that the positions of the respective groups are final is worth something.

This was the first time that all parties concerned discussed the issues all together. The discussion, orderly and thoroughly Christian, was full, free and frank and this is generally helpful. Positions were clarified and misunderstandings were removed. Seeds were sown which will likely bear fruit in days ahead.

The meeting also demonstrated the truth of what we preach. We can love and respect one another while our convictions are diametrically opposite. In the case of the president along with a majority of the trustees on one side and the dismissed professors on another, convictions are as deep as the deepest sea but as wide as the widest ocean. It's little consolation, though, to agree to disagree while the thing you both love continues to suffer.

At the end of the historic meeting, the feeling of all seemed to be, "We had hoped to accomplish more but we are grateful for what has been accomplished."

What can be said for the efforts of each group in trying to settle the difficulties? Surely the S.B.C. Committee has done its best. This committee accepted an impossible task last December and has come as near doing the impossible as could be expected. The committee has conducted a tireless investigation and Dr. Newton's masterful handling of the historic conference made for a wholesome and orderly procedure amid extreme tension.

President McCall believes he has done all he conscientiously can to prevent and to heal the breach. He feels he acted only upon the authority and responsibility vested in him by the Trustees. He admits mistakes but feels the clash was inevitable and would have happened to any president. He feels that the welfare of the seminary and its future depends upon his sticking to the guns and for this reason hasn't resigned.

The dismissed professors feel that they did all they could to help the seminary and now the problem is beyond their help. They hold that they exhausted every means in trying to work with the president before they appealed for help to the trustees only to be turned down by the trustees and to be dismissed. They did not resign quietly, they say, because they felt a Christian responsibility in calling attention to the problem of

the institution they loved. They feel now as they did last May, and therefore could not come back. They feel they cannot maintain their moral integrity without honestly holding to what they consider to be the true situation and problem even though they might appear intractable.

The trustees have not been unanimous in their views but the majority is persuaded they have been right in their decisions and have acted only in interest of the seminary. They admit procedure errors and rescinded their dismissal action for that reason. They do not believe the professors were right in their charges against the president nor that the teachers should have refused to be reinstated last summer. They feel they had to do what they did or give the seminary over to anarchy.

The present faculty has responded nobly in trying to fill the gap and keep alive the spirit of the seminary. Their statement at the historic conference revealed much progress in their will to help the healing, though all of them do not possess identical views on the problem. The statement of the present faculty was one of the brighter spots of the meeting.

What can we say then? Everyone concerned feels he has done his best in trying to settle the affair but has failed. What else is left to do?

We can call a halt to the long series of crises. The participants are sick and tired and observers are more so. There's been enough humiliation and embarrassment from the front page headlines. To be known as a Baptist is coming to be identified as one of those feuding folk. We would not try to hide our weaknesses by suppression of fact but neither should we take pride in displaying our battles. To have convictions is New Testament, but to be constantly doing battle is no necessary indication of being Holy Spirit-led.

We can still pray and hope. The seminary is far from dead and the situation is not hopeless though the light is dim now and hope is hard to have.

The time may come when the situation will demand taking it out of the hands of the trustees, but the time is not yet. Trustees who have so tirelessly tried stand a good chance of finding the solution ultimately. They have access to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and we can pray for courage on their part to follow that guidance. They have had the hardest job for a year of any trustees in Baptist history.

Above all we can help in a worthy observance of 100 years of immeasurable service by Southern Seminary. If ever an institution needed her alumni, Southern needs them now. No foreseeable good could come from airing the Seminary's troubles on the floor of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville this May.

Rather thousands of Southern's alumni and friends should stand by her now, not in full agreement with everything that has happened but in absolute loyalty.

We haven't seen the miracle we prayed for, but heaven's resources are not depleted, and as long as God's in His heaven, there is no reason for despair.

—Editor C. R. Daley in Western Recorder



## The First Recorded Question

THE FIRST question recorded in God's word is the question of Satan to the woman, Gen. 3:1: "Yea, hath God said ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

This question entering into the heart and mind of Eve and leading to a conscious rebellion in the heart and mind of Adam brought about a series of questions from God Himself. The first of these was in His call to Adam, "Where art thou?" Gen. 3:9. The second followed Adam's weak excuse for his hiding from God. "Who told thee that thou wast naked? Has thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat?" Gen. 3:11. And the third was on God's part addressed to Eve. "What is this that thou hast done?" Gen. 3:13.

O, the concern that God had for these lost and undone creatures! He

had no question for the serpent. He had nothing but immediate judgment for him. But he would not leave the deluded ones without hope. His promise of help for them is found in His sentence upon Satan, "It, (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy head." Gen. 3:15.

Time the sentence of death fell upon Adam and Eve. They were expelled from the garden. They were to toil and suffer. But the way of the tree of life was to be kept open. And at no time since has that way been closed.

But, ah! the havoc of that first question! A question which aroused rebellion against limitation. A question that raises the question of one's liberties. A question that stirs one to take matters in one's own hands. A question that leads one to venture. A question that builds cravings and desires. A question that calls for independence. Independence? Yes, it bids one to be independent of God.

But Adam and Eve learned quickly that they were not and could not be independent of God. God must clothe them and, though they must toil, God must be relied upon for sustenance. No man, not even the deepest dyed Atheist, is independent of God. But Satan would have him think so. W. B. O'Neal, Jacksonville ■

FRED MCGINNIS, superintendent of Methodist work in Alaska, has said the kind of people elected to the Alaskan state legislature makes it unlikely that the forty-ninth state will turn to gambling and easy divorce as a means of raising revenue. He has reported "very little or no gambling" in Alaska because of "good enforcement." Drinking, too, has tapered off. Transients and tourists, rather than permanent Alaskan citizens, are responsible for giving Alaska the reputation of heavy drinking, he said.—Survey Bulletin

## Centennial Hymn Chosen By Southern Seminary

"GOD OF our Fathers, Blest of Old," written by Elbert N. Johnson, pastor of the Spring Hill Baptist Church, Warrenton, N. C., has been selected as Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Centennial Hymn.

Mr. Johnson was one of 21 persons who submitted poems in a contest to secure a hymn for special use during the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Louisville, Ky., seminary.

Hymns entered by Ronald K. Wells, minister of music, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and Inman Johnson, professor of speech and music at Southern, were picked by the judges for honorable mention.

The Centennial Hymn will be sung to William Croft's "St. Anne" tune. It is used with Isaac Watts' "O God, our Help in Ages Past."

"The rugged grandeur and sweep of this majestic tune, so often associated with festive and commemorative occasions," Hugh T. McElrath, music professor, and one of the judges, said, "will lend dignity and spiritual fervour in keeping with the thought and sentiment of the poem."

### Centennial Hymn

*God of our fathers, blest of old,  
We bring Thee grateful praise  
For what the golden years unfold—  
Our heritage of grace.*

*We see in what Thy servants planned  
The image of Thy thought;  
We trace the shadow of Thy hand  
In all they dreamed and wrought.*

*Grant us Thy Spirit and the art  
To share the Living Word;  
O send us forth with flaming heart,  
'Till all the world has heard.*

*Give us Thy grace that brings release,  
Defeating wrong with good;  
Give all, O Christ, Thy righteous peace  
Of love and brotherhood.*

—Elbert N. Johnson



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## Evidence

A YALE student studying to be a lawyer approached Billy Graham in New York and said he was an agnostic. Graham replied, "If Jesus Christ was the Son of God, as He claimed to be, would you agree that He should be Lord and Master of your life?"

"I'll buy that," said the student.

"If Jesus Christ was not the Son of God, don't you think He is the greatest fraud of all time?" asked Graham.

"I'll buy that," repeated the student.

"Have you studied the Bible in your quest for the answer?" Graham continued.

"No," said the student.

"What!" exclaimed the evangelist, "you are studying to be a lawyer and have thrown away all the evidence before the case even goes to court?"

"I haven't looked at it that way," said the student. "I'm going to start reading the Bible."—Anon.

## Fact of Interest

APPROXIMATELY 380,000 divorces and annulments were granted in the United States in 1958, according to information released this month by the National Office of Vital Statistics. This compares with 382,000 in 1956 and 381,000 in 1957. This is a rate of 2.2 per 1,000 population.

IN THE SAME report marriages during 1958 were reported as 1,445,000, lower than the figure for any year since 1944.

REGISTERED BIRTHS for the year 1958 were 4,204,000, only 1.2 per cent below the record high of 4,254,000 in 1957. Taking into account unregistered births, the number would probably be 4,250,000.

ACCORDING TO census bureau estimates the United States farm population is down 17 per cent since 1950. One in eight Americans now live on farms whereas one in three used to live on farms in 1910.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Hate is a treacherous acid which cannot be poured without spilling on the raw heart that held it." — *The Survey Bulletin*

## Furman Building New Auditorium

GREENVILLE, S. C. —(BP)—Groundbreaking and construction of Furman University's McAlister Auditorium is scheduled to begin in the immediate future, President John L. Plyler announced.

The new auditorium and its equipment will cost approximately \$1½ million. The auditorium will be styled along the same general lines of buildings already constructed on the new campus. It will be 240 feet long and 130 feet wide.

The auditorium will seat more than 2,000 people, and will be completely air-conditioned.

## Souls Saved During Church Budget Week

THE BAPTIST church in Tripoli, Lebanon, had never before pledged more than a tenth of its budget; but the pledges for this year amounted to almost half of the budget, and offerings so far are surpassing the pledges.

What caused the change?

Soon after Rev. and Mrs. John W. Turner moved to Tripoli late in 1958 to open Southern Baptists' second mission station in Lebanon, Mr. Turner conducted a week of stewardship studies in the church. He had the congregation turn with him to the Bible — from Genesis to Revelation — to trace the stewardship teachings found there. And he explained that gifts of money, even the tithe, are not pleasing to God without surrender of the heart and life.

Along with the biblical studies the people considered some practical matters, such as how to handle God's money, why a church should have a budget, and what should make up a good church budget. To help the Lebanese Baptists feel a responsibility for the way they use the money given them by Southern Baptists and to know the love that prompts the sending of that money, Mr. Turner told them how often a church will do without needed items in order to give more to missions.

## Polio Vaccine Neglect Termed 'National Disgrace'

NEW YORK — The negligence of a great segment of the American people in failing to use the Salk vaccine as protection against paralytic polio was termed "a national disgrace" by Basil O'Connor, president of The National Foundation (originally "for Infantile Paralysis"), in a statement issued on the fourth anniversary of the licensing of the polio preventive.

"Although for four years there has been a vaccine that protects against paralysis from polio, there are still 98 million Americans of all ages who have failed to obtain even a single Salk shot," Mr. O'Connor reported.

"The fact that four Americans in seven are unprotected by the vaccine, at a time when a surplus is spoiling on the shelves, is an appalling commentary on our intelligence as a people," the head of the March of Dimes organization declared.

THE DANISH Baptist General Conference of America has decided to disband. Its 83 churches have been welcomed into the American Baptist Convention. In 1856, Baptists began their work among immigrants from Denmark. In recent years, however, the need for services in the Danish language had almost disappeared and many local churches had previously joined the American convention.



Round-Up of

## World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

### Smythe's Anniversary Fete Set

AMSTERDAM, Holland —(BWA)—Baptists of Holland will celebrate the 350th anniversary of the baptism of John Smythe, who in 1609 founded the first known English-speaking Baptist church of modern times.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will speak at the celebration observance on Ascension Day, May 7, climaxing annual sessions of the Baptist Union of Holland earlier in the week.

Dutch Baptists plan to erect a church in Amsterdam West, to be known as the John Smythe Memorial Church, at a cost of about 1,300,000 Florins, with a further 50,000 Florins needed for additional church buildings (a total of \$115,000).

### New Church in Warsaw

WARSAW, Poland —(BWA)—Polish Baptists have received news from city authorities of approval for the proposed new Baptist church in Warsaw. It will be built in the city center and besides a building for worship there will be a manse.

Towards the estimated cost of \$80,000, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies are making a grant of \$30,000. A further \$1,000 has been voted by the Continental Committee of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

The new church and headquarters are among the projects to mark the centenary, celebrated last year, of the beginning of Baptist work in Poland. Other projects included an historical booklet and a new hymn book.

### Dr. F. Townley Lord Recovering

Greenville, S. C., U.S.A. —(BWA)—Dr. and Mrs. Townley Lord expect to return to Britain from Furman University, where Dr. Lord is a visiting lecturer, on April 24. Dr. Lord has been invited to return to Furman University again in the autumn and to lecture and preach in America until the summer of 1960 when he will go to Rio de Janeiro for the Baptist World Congress.

At last report, Dr. Lord, a past president of the Baptist World Alliance, was resting from a heart ailment which his doctors regarded as not serious.

## Dallas Baptist College Receives Go-Ahead Sign

DALLAS —(BP)—Plans for a Dallas Baptist college have been stripped of red tape and given a go-ahead sign by the Texas Baptist Christian Education Commission here.

Questions about affiliation with Baylor University are now cleared away and the Dallas school will be established as a 4-year independent college. Target date for opening the school is the fall term of 1961.



## Distinctive Elements of Christian Teaching

IN CHRISTIAN teaching there is, first, a **distinctive purpose** — the complete evangelization of each individual. New Testament evangelism is first an instantaneous matter in that a soul is redeemed by God's grace. It is also a progressive matter in that a life is redeemed in the "working out" of salvation. Since Christian teaching is concerned with both the redemption of the soul and the redemption of the life, it has as its **distinctive aim** the leading of each pupil eventually to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Again, Christian teaching has a **distinctive goal** — the upbuilding and perfecting of Christlike character. This goal is described sometimes a Christian maturity, or as the apostle Paul put it, growth "unto a perfect (fully mature) man."

In Christian teaching there is a **distinctive text**. While it is recognized that there are other sources of help and guidance, the Bible is given the supreme place as the subject matter for Christian teaching. It is a text that is inspired, inerrant, and immutable. It is God's revelation of himself to man, the chart for man's salvation, and the source of authority for all things spiritual.

Christian teaching employs **distinctive methods**. Foremost among these methods are the voluntary attendance of the pupils and the voluntary work of the officers and teachers. In order to magnify the individual as much as possible, Southern Baptist Sunday schools are age grading, small units, and (juniors and up) separation of the sexes for Bible study.

Christian teaching also has a **distinctive test**. That test is desirable spiritual adjustments, modifications, and changes in the life, character, and conduct of its pupils.

Finally, Christian teaching has a **distinctive end** — that each person may become an enthusiastic, efficient, and effective worker for the Lord Jesus Christ through a New Testament church.

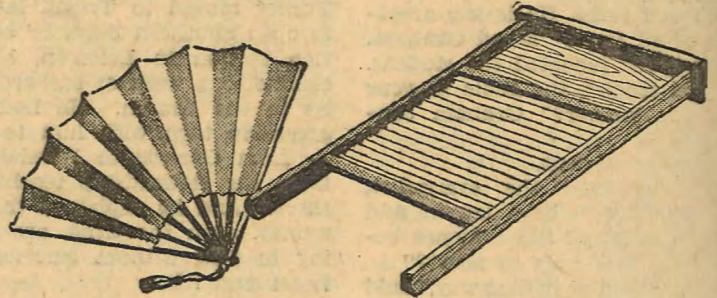
In the midst of a great emphasis upon making Sunday school an effective educational enterprise, these distinctives are safeguards to Christian teaching. Assuredly, the Sunday school should be conducted on a sound educational basis. The educational philosophy, however, must be consistent with revealed truth.

Perhaps in some cases the influence of Sigmund Freud and John Dewey has overshadowed the distinctive elements of Christian teaching. The Sunday school that goes too far into progressivism may find itself in an embarrassing situation as secular education re-evaluates and, to some extent, reverses its stand on ultra-progressivism. While making the Sunday school a modern educational institution, would it

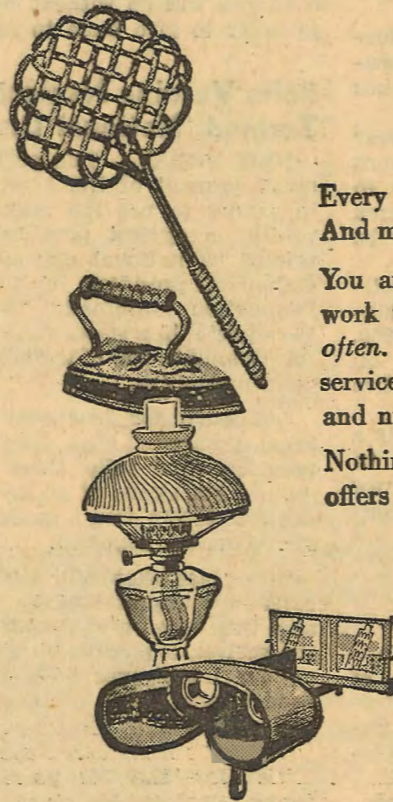
not be a safe policy to keep it dedicated to magnifying and teaching the living truth of the Word of God? Would it not be better that the Sunday school be known as a Bible-teaching agency

rather than as a Sunday kindergarten, social science club, or discussion group? —John T. Sisemore. ■

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## Fields Elected

### PR Secretary

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The Southern Baptist Executive Committee has elected Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of the **Baptist Record**, Jackson, Miss., as secretary of its public relations service.

Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, said Fields will take the position in Nashville July 15. He succeeds Albert McClellan, who has held the office for 10 years.

McClellan remains with the Executive Committee but in a new position, that of program planning secretary.

The **Baptist Record** is the weekly publication of Mississippi Baptist Convention. Published in newspaper size format, it has a circulation of nearly 90,000.

Fields is a native of Saline, La., born Mar. 16, 1922. His boyhood home was in Gobsland, La., and he received his bachelor's degree from Louisiana College, Baptist school at Pineville, La., in 1943.

Ordained to the ministry at 18, Fields entered Southern Baptist Seminary and completed his master's and doctor's programs in theology. In 1946 he married Miss Rebecca Elizabeth Hagan of Ft. Thomas, Ky., a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College, also a Baptist school. They have three children.

Fields was pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Miss., when called to succeed the late Dr. A. L. Goodrich as editor of the **Baptist Record** in 1956. He also has served two years as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention board.

Fields took up flying while in Louisiana College and obtained his private pilot's license in 1941. He has been chaplain and pilot with the rank of captain in the Civil Air Patrol.

He has toured Baptist mission points in Alaska, Cuba, and South America, and covered the Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto, Canada, last year for his paper. He is to visit mission points in Europe this summer prior to July 15.

The **Baptist Record** has adopted a re-organized page design under Fields' leadership, following recommendations of a specialist in newspaper design and make-up.

In his new capacity, Fields will be press representative for the Southern Baptist Convention, editor of the **Baptist Bulletin Service**, director of the **Baptist Press** news agency, and editor of the monthly **Baptist Program**.

"His training, his sense of dedication, his experience, his ability to work well with people without compromising convictions, qualifies him in an unusual way for this wider responsibility in Southern Baptist life," Dr. Routh said.

Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary of Mississippi Convention, said:

"Wilmer C. Fields, editor of the **Baptist Record**, has rendered outstanding



DR. W. C. FIELDS

service. He has the admiration and respect of all Mississippi Baptists. While we regret his leaving our work, we rejoice in his expanded opportunity in the denomination and in kingdom service." ■

## Three State Papers Join Church Press Group

NEW YORK CITY —(BP)— Three Southern Baptist state papers were received as new members of Associated Church Press at its 1959 meeting here.

They were the **Arkansas Baptist**, Little Rock, Ark., edited by Erwin L. McDonald; **Baptist Message**, Alexandria, La., edited by James F. Cole, and **Maryland Baptist**, Baltimore, edited by Gainer E. Bryan, Jr.

This brought to 16 the number of Southern Baptist publications in membership.

Other Baptist state papers represented at the recent meeting were **Baptist Messenger**, Oklahoma City, Okla., by Editor Jack L. Gritz; and **Religious Herald**, Richmond, Va., by Editor Reuben E. Alley. Grady Sparkman, Alexandria, La., associate editor of the **Baptist Message**, also attended.

Charles Malik, Lebanon, president of the General Assembly of United Nations, was one of the principal speakers.

DR. PORTER L. Barrington, pastor of the 1st Church, Van Nuys, Cal., for a little more than 11 years, resigned effective April 1. He plans to resume this ministry in the near future.

During Dr. Barrington's ministry in Van Nuys, a total of 4,615 members were received into the church, 2,323 by baptism. The church membership is now 3,720. Sunday school attendance has increased almost 300 per cent with an average attendance in 1958 of 1,526.

## Sectarian United Fund Support Draws Fire

MEMPHIS —(BP)— Sectarian agencies should not be included in fund-raising campaigns conducted by Community Chest, the head of a Southern Baptist Convention agency here declares.

In an editorial in the **Brotherhood Journal** released Apr. 1, George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, said, "To speak against the including of sectarian agencies in Community Chest drives is not being anti-civic minded."

Schroeder suggests that committees be appointed to point out Baptists' position on the matter.

"Really, there is no solid argument for including sectarian agencies in Community Chest drives. If denominations want such agencies and benevolent institutions, they should be willing to support them. This, we believe, is playing fair . . . Let those who lead in such campaigns play fair with the people by taking the sectarian causes out of these civic drives," he asserts.

"We know full well that the usual answer given as to why sectarian groups are included is that such agencies minister to people of all or no faiths," Schroeder says.

"We hasten to reply that our Baptist agencies and institutions, which are supported by gifts of Baptists through their churches, perform a similar ministry, but we do not ask civic funds to support our work."

Calling on Baptists to "stand and be counted," Schroeder says that "committees need to be appointed, composed of some of our strongest pastors and laymen. In turn, these committees need to approach the leaders in civic campaigns and make a clear-cut statement before those groups that will leave no doubt as to where we stand." ■

## Additional Medicines Distributed by BWA

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(BWA)— Medical supplies with a wholesale value of \$70,000 are being distributed by the Baptist World Alliance to hospitals and clinics in fourteen countries as a follow-up of the Alliance's Medical Mission tour to Africa and Asia last summer.

Robert S. Denny told the BWA Administration Committee in its semi-annual meeting here that the supplies had been contributed by American pharmaceutical and equipment houses. This is in excess of the large amount of supplies carried by the six doctors and their nine aides on the trip last summer.

WHEN I hear a young man spoken of as giving promise of high genius, the first question I ask about him is always—Does he work?—John Ruskin



## RA Congress to Meet In Little Rock May 1

THE 6TH ANNUAL State Royal Ambassador Congress will be held at the Gaines Street Church, 16th and Gaines, Little Rock, Friday and Saturday, May 1-2. Registration will begin at 2:30 p. m. Friday. The first session will begin at 6:45 p. m. The Congress will close at noon on Saturday.

The program will include a recognition service for the ranks of Ambassador, Ambassador Extraordinary, and Ambassador Plenipotentiary. All boys to be recognized for the two advanced ranks should have their material completed and ready for checking no later than Apr. 20.

Dr. Orville Taylor, missionary to Nigeria, will be one of the featured speakers. Dr. Taylor is a native of Arkansas. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and received his master's degree from the University of Kentucky, and his doctor's degree from Duke University. Dr. Taylor taught at Little Rock Junior College, now Little Rock University, for five years before going to the mission field. For the past three years he has been teaching in the Baptist College, Iwo Nigeria, West Africa, as a missionary for the Foreign Mission Board.

The Congress will offer an excellent opportunity for boys to have fellowship with boys from every part of the state, and to learn more about all phases of the Lord's work as taught in the Royal Ambassador organization. Every church that has a chapter will certainly want to have the boys attend. Churches that do not have a chapter should have some boys attend for the inspiration and information that they need regarding the Royal Ambassador

organization. Men of the Brotherhoods could render a valuable service by bringing the boys and helping with their expenses to the Congress.

Information and publicity materials including registration forms and a list of hotels and motels have been mailed to all counselors and pastors. Ask them for further information and plans regarding the Congress.

### Camps Scheduled

Just about two months remain before time for the first Royal Ambassador camp to begin. The first camp will be for intermediates and will begin on June 15. Every Royal Ambassador needs to attend a State Royal Ambassador Camp if at all possible. Certainly every chapter should be represented by several boys. Following the intermediate camp will be the first camp for juniors, June 22-26. There will be four weeks of camps for juniors. July 20-24 will be the second camp for intermediates. July 22-31 will be a camp for boys who will be promoted to the junior department in September. This will include both eight and nine year-old boys.

Every boy should have the privilege of attending a State Royal Ambassador Camp, and have the fellowship of boys from over the state, meet fine Christian men who will help guide their growth and development in the Lord's way, and learn first hand something of the work of missionaries.

Now is the time to start making plans for boys from your church and chapter to attend. This is a great opportunity for Brotherhoods to help boys, by helping some to attend who otherwise might not be able to do so. See that your church and Royal Ambassador Chapter is represented.—C. H. Seaton, associate secretary.

## Kentuckian Named As Junior Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Rev. William N. McElrath, Louisville, Ky., has been named Junior editor in the



MR. McELRATH

Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board. He succeeds Miss Robbie Trent, who has retired. Mr. McElrath will begin his duties June 1 as editor of Junior Sunday school lesson courses, Dr. Howard P. Colson, editor-in-chief of Sunday school lesson courses, announced.

A native of Murray, Ky., Mr. McElrath is a graduate of Murray State College. He has a B.D. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.; and will complete his work there for the Th.M. in May.

## Louisville College Gets Final Go-Ahead

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. — (BF) — Plans for two educational institutions were approved by the executive board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky at its meeting here.

Establishment of a Louisville Baptist college, about four years in the planning stage, received final approval from the board. The college, due to open next year, won't be a branch of Georgetown College, however, as proposed earlier.

It will be a four-year college and will seek its own individual accreditation. Under the wing of Georgetown, Baptist senior college east of Louisville, it would have been covered by Georgetown's accredited standings.

A president for the new school is being sought. A 238-acre site has been bought.

The executive board also authorized Oneida Baptist Institute at Oneida, Ky., to undertake a special \$50,000 fund-raising campaign to furnish and equip a girls' new dormitory.

If the \$50,000 can be raised by the school, a donor who prefers to remain anonymous will give Oneida Institute \$250,000 necessary to construct the building itself.

Oneida Institute is a boarding high school serving a mountain area of Kentucky, but draws students from other states and several foreign countries. There are 235 students enrolled.


The general association executive board also heard a progress report from its survey committee. The committee will recommend to the general association in session in November that age-level workers for all groups be employed in both the Sunday school and Training Union departments of the association during the next decade.

Another recommendation will call for establishing a department of evangelism with a full-time secretary.

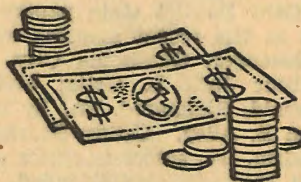
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## 1st Quarter Gifts Increase

NASHVILLE —(PB)— During the first quarter of 1959, Southern Baptist Convention receipts were \$847,105 greater than for the first quarter of 1958. They totalled \$10,910,872, an increase of 8.42 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago.

March receipts were \$2,660,835, according to Treasurer Porter Routh, Nashville.

During March, \$1,267,747 was received in Cooperative Program gifts bringing the first quarter's total in this category to \$4,179,841. This is an increase of \$245,101 — or 6.23 per cent — over first quarter, 1958.

Designations amounted to \$1,393,087 in March, for a quarterly total of \$6,781,931. Designations were up \$602,003 over the initial quarter a year ago, or 9.82 per cent.

Figures in the SBC statement include only funds going to support Convention agencies. Monies spent for support of individual churches, associations of churches, and state Baptist groups are not included.

Also, March figures actually represent money contributed in church offerings in February.

The high designations reflect contributions in two special missions offerings — late contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and early contributions to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Foreign Mission Board continued to receive greatest disbursement among the 30 agencies. During March, it received \$497,844 as its share of Cooperative Program funds and \$1,378,106 in designated gifts (mostly Lottie Moon Offering).

Home Mission Board received \$180,020 through the Cooperative Program and \$10,930 through designations.

In March, Arkansas forwarded \$48,000 through the Cooperative Program and \$14,171 through designated gifts for a total of \$62,171. ■

### ATTENTION BRETHREN:

THE LIST of ministers which appears in the 1958 Convention Annual was compiled from the list of pastors in the executive secretary's office, and from the lists sent in by association clerks as compiled from their church letters.

We regret that some names were omitted. Please place these two names on your list:

H. E. Kirkpatrick, Evangelist  
Post Office Box 1211  
Hot Springs, Ark.

E. P. J. Garrott, Minister  
Batesville, Ark.

Signed: W. Dawson King

## The Bible in Hawaii

### 'Maikai'

THE STORY is told that when the first Hawaiian New Testament was published by the American Bible Society in Honolulu in 1832, Queen Kaahumanu seized a copy on her deathbed, kissed it tenderly, lifted it high in the air and exclaimed "Maikai (good)." Her late husband, King Kamehameha, had also been interested in the white man's God. Before his death, idolatry and heathenish customs were abolished. The people were responding to the teaching of the missionaries who had come to Hawaii in 1820.

This group of seven married men and their wives had been sent out by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. They found the people without a written language or a religion, yet responsive and willing to learn. First the missionaries must become familiar with the language and reduce it to writing. The simple sounds of Hawaiian, represented by five vowels and seven consonants, made learning to read and write comparatively simple, after the spelling was settled.

Dr. Hiram Bingham, one of the missionaries, had set himself to the task of providing Scriptures in Hawaiian. The first publication was a part of Luke's Gospel translated in 1827 and published in Honolulu. Then followed other parts of the Bible, with a group assisting Dr. Bingham with the translation work, resulting in the complete New Testament in 1832 and the entire Bible in 1839.

The Commandments were adopted as the basis of laws in 1825. Schools were established as one of the earliest results of missionary effort. With 35 years after the arrival of the missionaries, 35,000 natives had accepted Christ and one third of the entire population had become members of the Christian church. Today, totalling about a half-million people from North and South America, Asia, the Pacific Islands and elsewhere, the people speak a score of languages. The American Bible Society has provided Scriptures for these

## Washington to Hear United Baptist Witness

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Six Baptist groups representing four major Baptist conventions are cooperating in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade in the metropolitan area of the nation's capital. Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will direct the 182 Baptist churches in the campaign April 12-26.

This crusade is in cooperation with the Baptist Jubilee Advance program which is being sponsored by major Baptist groups in North America. Four of these groups are represented in the Washington Crusade: American Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, and the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

"The Washington Baptist Simultaneous Crusade begins a new era of Cooperation in the Baptist life of the Nation's Capital," according to James O. Duncan, editor of the *Capital Baptist*. Outstanding evangelists will participate, and the radio and television communication channels are making possible the largest amount of time ever secured by Baptists in this area.

Approximately seven hours and 30 minutes have been secured for 73 different appearances on TV, and seven hours and 15 minutes have been given for 34 appearances on radio. The newspapers have promised extensive coverage of the crusade.

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Director of the Commission of the  
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TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS in Tibet, now substantiated from reliable sources, shock the conscience of mankind. The effort by the People's Republic of China forcibly to regiment the people of Tibet betrays agreement to respect domestic autonomy and violates an internationally accepted standard of religious freedom and elementary human rights. Thousands of people have been persecuted and put to death, and other thousands in order to escape the reign of terror have fled beyond the borders as refugees.

No progress toward world peace and order can be made so long as governments flout international morality and law by the violent suppression of a people and its culture. We are convinced that the best interests of all governments are called upon to heed the demands of common decency and to meet the obligations — legal, humane, and moral — imposed upon those who claim place in the world community and in so doing they will find their own best interests served.

Public opinion around the globe must condemn what has happened in Tibet and, if forcefully enough asserted, it can help to ameliorate the tragic plight of the suffering people.

## Missions and Evangelism

### Annual Rural Church Conference Scheduled

THE ANNUAL state-wide Rural Church Conference will be held at Condale, June 8-11. Pastors and missionaries should check their calendars and arrange their schedule of work to attend this important and helpful meeting. Most of the Vacation Bible Schools can probably be conducted the last two weeks in May or the last of May and first week of June. Now is the time to work out the details and plan your transportation. Two pastors and their wives can arrange to travel in the same car. Where the wives do not go, four pastors can get together and make the trip.

Special conferences will be held for pastors' wives. The churches should make plans to take care of the children and make it possible for the pastors' wives to go with their husbands. The churches, also, could do a magnanimous thing in providing the expenses of the pastor and wife to this conference. The meal tickets will be \$12 each and \$25 to \$30 given by the church to the pastor and his wife would be a great investment. It may be that some good layman in the association would be willing to make a contribution of \$25 to sending a couple to this conference.

Your superintendent and wife expect to provide meal tickets for some rural pastor and wife who could not otherwise attend. There may be many who would like to join your superintendent in making it possible for a couple to attend this great conference.

The program this year will be unusually helpful. Some of the prominent speakers whom we have had engaged have had to cancel and others have been secured. All are assured of a good program and a good time. We will give further word in later articles about directions to the camp and what to bring.

—Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Secretary

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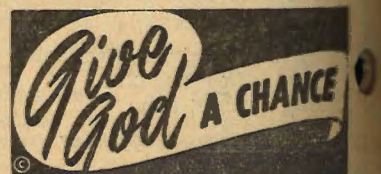
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### Radio-TV Commission Names Associate

FORT WORTH—(BP)—Dale Hughes of Monahans, Tex., has been employed by the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission here as an associate in the department of station relations.

Commission director Paul Stevens said Hughes will perform extensive research to determine the denomination's radio and television needs and map programs to meet the needs.





## A Missing Note

AT A recent conference on the Christian ministry the discussions dealt with the recruitment and training of the ministry. One became deeply concerned a missing note in these discussions. It was the note of motivation: why men enter the ministry.

In one address a speaker represented the ministry as a highly desirable profession on a par with law, medicine, teaching, and others. He felt that recruitment for the ministry was lagging because the ministerial profession had not measured up to the more desirable vocations. In the view of this speaker the ministry was desirable because it offered opportunities for cultured associations, coveted leadership, and pleasing publicity.

These questionable virtues have little interest for one who views the Christian ministry as a high and noble service to which he has been imperatively constrained by the Holy Spirit. Such an experience is exclusively personal. It results from the conviction that one enters the ministry by a unique and special call from God. He accepts this view, not because he has learned to prate it from the lips of orthodoxy, but because it is a vital experience in his heart and life. It is the only answer he can — and should — give to why he entered the ministry. And his motive is one with Paul's: "For necessity is laid upon me: yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"—A. C. Miller. ■

### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

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

#### Middle Age Delinquency

**QUESTION:** My husband is past fifty and three of our children are in full-time Christian work. Also, we have grandchildren.



DR. HUDSON

Recently I had a telephone call from a man in a distant city telling me that my husband and a woman there are going together. Both my husband and the woman admit that they have been out to dinner, on picnics, and at parties, as well as at her house, together. He insists that he wants to continue living with me but that he also wishes to continue the "affair" with the other woman. What am I to do? We have been married thirty years.

**ANSWER:** Some middle age men really make fools of themselves. Sometimes it is due to the fact that they feel themselves losing their youth. It is the psychological equivalent to the experience some middle age women go through. It is a kind of adolescence in reverse. This does not mean that I am excusing his behavior. Only God can judge your husband. He must find the resources, within himself, and from God, to overcome this wild behavior.

It seems to me that you ought to try every means to win him back. Thirty years of marriage is a great deal to throw away. By confidence in him as a person, and by acceptance of whatever anxiety he is having (that causes this affair), you will come nearer solving your problem. It may take years. But prayer and patience will help much more than nagging or punishment.

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

#### Aid Mission Students

MR. AND MRS. Fred Forester, Alexandria, La., have established a special student loan fund to help students of Southwestern Seminary who are committed to foreign mission service. The "Forester Foreign Mission Volunteer Student Loan Fund" will provide for loans up to \$250 per student. In emergency cases, the amount may be increased to \$400. Forester is Brotherhood secretary for Louisiana. He and Mrs. Forester have four sons who are mission volunteers.

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## Congress Gets Proposal to Teach Harmful Effects of Tobacco

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Teaching the harmful effects of tobacco, alcohol and other deleterious consumables to the school children of America has been proposed in both houses of Congress.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D., Ore.) and Rep. David S. King (D., Utah) have introduced similar bills that would provide federal funds to be used by the states in educational programs to improve the public health.

Both men made lengthy speeches on the subject when they introduced their bills (S. 1394 and H. R. 5626). They pointed out that it was their chief purpose to try to counteract the extensive advertising campaigns of the tobacco and alcohol industries that is aimed largely at the youth of the land.

Both men cited statistics and reports from independent research and from the U. S. Public Health Service to prove that the incidence of lung cancer is much higher in smokers than in non-smokers.

From statistics involving 198,926 veterans holding U. S. Government life insurance policies, King pointed out that (1) the death rate for smokers was 32 per cent higher than for non-smokers, (2) for steady smokers the death rate was 58 per cent higher than for non-

smokers, and (3) the death rate from coronary heart disease was 63 per cent higher for smokers than for non-smokers.

Both men deplored the large amount of advertising that reaches into the homes to induce young people to smoke while little or nothing is being said to warn about the harmful effects of smoking. King said, "Maliciously overdrawn and irresponsible advertising is, I think, the gravest abuse of our freedom of the press. It ignores responsibility; more important, it is incompatible with awareness that responsibility is the fortress of that freedom, as it is of every freedom."

Deplored the extensive use of Madison Avenue techniques to sell the young people on the virtues of smoking and drinking, Senator Neuberger asserted that it is only right and fair that the government inform the youth of the land of the adverse effects of the use of tobacco and alcohol.

Both men pointed out that their proposals would not be coercive, that there would be no federal control since the programs would be administered through state programs, and that their approach was educational in order to enable the citizens to make an intelligent decision affecting the health of the nation. ■

## New Church Calls Kendrick as Pastor

A NEW Baptist church to be known as Barnett Memorial Baptist Church was duly constituted at their service the afternoon of April 5 at the Knight home, two miles off the Arch Street Pike, in the Willow Springs Road community.

The 42 charter members constituting the church include three for baptism.

The church voted to co-operate with the Pulaski County Baptist Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention, and elected Lawrence Kendrick, for the past several months pastor of Daniels Chapel Baptist Church, Dumas, as pastor effective immediately.

Moderator R. H. Dorris, of the Pulaski Association, and Pastor Henry Odle, of Lifeline Baptist Church, participated in the service.

The new church is named in honor of the late Dr. S. H. Barnett, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, who was for many years an active member of the Lifeline Baptist Church.

As a new church, Barnett Memorial will receive a budget subscription to the **Arkansas Baptist** for three months free.



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## Youth Convention Features Listed

1. Time — Friday, May 8, 10 a. m. - p. m.

2. Place — 1st Church, Little Rock.

3. Theme — "Tomorrow Is Yours."

4. President — Don Hallum, Arkansas Tech.

5. Song Leader — Henry Whitlow, Hope.

6. Featured Soloist — Jerry Howell, Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith.

7. Speakers —

DON HALLUM John McClanahan, Jim Pleitz, Dale Cowling.

8. Conferences — Five age groups — 13-14, 15, 16, 17-18, 19-24. Forty intermediates and young people will be on the program during these conferences. In addition, there will be eight in the sword drill and 15 in the speakers' tournaments. A total of 70 intermediates and young people will be on the program during the convention.

9. State Sword Drill will be held at 7 p. m.

10. Elimination speakers' tournament will be held Friday morning during the conference period for 17-18 year and 19-24 year (plus college students) groups. Three will be selected from each tournament to speak in the finals at night.

11. Conference speakers include Ver- all Crenshaw, director of intermediate work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Carlton Carter, director of young people's work of the Sunday School Board; Harrison Johns, R. V. Haygood, Tommie Hinson, Andrew Hall and Ralph Phelps. —Ralph W. Davis, secretary.



## WMU

### Community Missions Prayer Day May 4

MAY 4 IS the date for observance of the Day of Prayer for Community Missions. Suggestions prepared by the state Community Missions director, Mrs. R. E. Snider, feature prayer and action and have been sent all WMU organizations. Using my hands is the challenging theme used and very forcefully emphasizes that community missions is the business of every member of Woman's Missionary Union.

According to the action taken at the annual meeting, this year's observance will bring to a close this particular type of emphasis on community missions which has met a real need for nearly twenty years. This was done upon recommendation of the executive board due to the community missions emphasis to be given during 1959-60 in seven of the ten general WMS missionary programs, in three circle programs and in view of the suggestions given month-by-month in the Forecaster of Royal Service and in the magazines for youth organizations.

May every organization have a worthy observance and anticipate continued activity to "Shew Forth His Salvation" in the community.

#### GA Presentation Services

Many associations and local churches are planning Presentation and Coronation Services for recognition of work done on forward steps by members of Girls' Auxiliary.

Certain of the work done by intermediate girls for becoming a queen-with-scepter and a queen regent must be sent to the State WMU Office for approval. The stipulation is that all such work be sent at least six weeks before the girl expects to be recognized. Schedules of graders do not always allow immediate consideration of work, and many times additional work must be requested, so respect for this time element is necessary.

Scepters, capes, pins for those at-

taining these advance steps may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., without certification from the state WMU office.

There is now available a book entitled **Girls' Auxiliary Select Services** (25 cents) which contains suggestions for presentation and coronation services. Order from the Baptist Book Store.—Miss Nancy Cooper, secretary.

COURTS REDFORD, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, has been named chairman of the denomination's inter-agency council. The council, composed of all agencies and commissions of the denomination meets regularly to study common problems and to recommend correlating measures to strengthen agency efforts.

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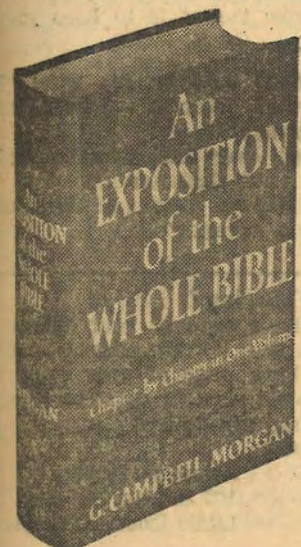
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# Bluebirds — Or Mail?

By PEGGY MARIA SCHADE

A RURAL mailbox may be for mail according to Uncle Sam, but it makes a much better place for a nest in the opinion of Mr. and Mrs. Bluebird. This is just what a pair of these beautiful birds decided in a very emphatic way in Vermont several summers ago. They selected a spacious mailbox on a country road as the ideal place for a home.

When the nest first appeared, we were surprised that any kind of bird dared to build in the box, for mail was being left in it daily. If some of us were bluebirds, we might fear to choose such a queer place to build a nest and raise a family. We might view it as a perilous undertaking.

Ah! but these little creatures trusted themselves and their new home to the kindness of man, and their confidence was not misplaced. Who would be so heartless as to harm even one little straw in that carefully built nest?

The birds must have started to build the nest after the last mail delivery one day. In spite of the fact that no sign of a nest was there when we gathered the mail in the afternoon, the next day we noticed that the foundation for the nest had been carefully laid. The following day it was almost completed. Those birds must have worked feverishly to get their downy home finished in such a short time. Now it was up to

us to make sure that they would not be disturbed by any more deliveries of mail.

We decided that the first steps we would take would be to set up a new mailbox so that the birds would not be disturbed in the old one. We watched near the box to make certain that the newcomers were bluebirds. We were rewarded by seeing two of the most beautiful birds we had ever seen come to the old box and, without the least bit of fear, put the last pieces of lining in their nest.

With nothing to disturb their happiness, the two birds proceeded with their business of raising a family. Before many days we heard more voices coming from the strange home.

One day when the sun was shining its brightest and the sky was looking its bluest, the newer members of the little family in blue spread their wings and went out to make their own homes—maybe in other rural mailboxes, who knows?

We were impressed with the faithfulness of these bluebirds and were filled with joy by their simple trust in the kindness of man. We also learned a lesson from these little birds. If they placed such faith in the kindness of man, why should we not place our complete trust in the love and kindness of God, our Heavenly Father, to protect us and to care for our needs? ■

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"Oh, good! Just in time for tonight's church supper!"

If 'church' means little more to you than one hour of worship on Sunday mornings, you are missing a great deal of the joy of being a Christian. The Women's Circles, the Men's Club, Family Night Suppers—here are rare opportunities for fun, fellowship and making friends. Make the most of your church membership by joining your fellow members in wholesome recreation.

SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSING to school officials were the report cards printed for the District of Columbia school system. The cards defined "A" as "excellant" and "U" as "improvements is needed." — Woman's Day.

# No Other Month Like April

By THELMA C. CARTER

IF YOU have field glasses or if you can get near some red squirrels after April showers have fallen, you will enjoy seeing the antics of these bold, saucy little animals. You will find some of these little creatures washing or dabbling at their faces with Nature's washcloths of green leaves moistened with April showers.

Animals and birds seem to love the warm and gentle April showers, which are seldom accompanied by the loud thunder and driving winds of late summer storms. Take a moment to observe bluebirds, cardinals, and robins fluttering from perch to perch in April rain. The rain doesn't stop their chirping or happy singing. Perhaps they know that a watchful and loving God is looking upon them and that it is he "who prepareth rain for the earth" (Psalm 147:8).

April showers sound a call for spring-time beauty. Whether you live in the mountains, vast prairies, deserts, or coastal areas, you still can see it. How true is the statement, "When April walks into the world, her footprints are covered with flowers."

Look about you at the redbud, golden



buttercups, violets, blue cornflowers, scarlet poppies, larkspur, and daisies that fill our wondrous earth with living color. Cherry blossoms burst into radiant pink and white beauty. Tulips and hyacinths bloom in flower beds. Do you wonder that wild creatures of our natural world love the gentle, kindly month of April?

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THE ACE sales agent returned after six weeks on the road and presented his expense account to the manager.

"What's this big item here on the account?" growled the boss.

"Oh," replied the salesman, "that's my hotel bill."

"Well," grunted the boss, "don't buy any more hotels." — Oral Hygiene.

ONE WAY to stop people from jumping down your throat is to keep your mouth shut. — Cy N. Peace.

A HUSBAND said to his wife: "I read here that 'Woman without her man is a savage.'"

She looked over his shoulder and said: "Now read that again."

He read slower: "Woman! Without her, man is a savage!"

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# Partial Obedience — Complete Failure

By TOMMIE HINSON

(Pastor, First Church, Paris)

I Samuel 15:31

April 19

**C**ERTAIN MEN, cities, and nations in human history have degenerated so completely that God decreed their utter destruction. Sodom, Gomorrah, Jericho, and in this lesson, the Amalekites were examples of this sort of thing. God has a "so far and no further" in His economy too! The Amalekites had crossed that line.



MR. HINSON

**Anathema**

Only occasionally have men seen the real terror of God's wrath. The Bible records brief accounts of what happens in such cases. Jericho was pronounced "anathema" and the walls of the city fell before the people of God. Paul wrote the Galatian Christians that though he, or an angel from heaven, should preach another 'gospel' unto them, "Let him be anathema." (Gal. 1:8) This word means "dedicated to God's glory by destruction."

The Amalekites were a nomadic people; the descendants of Amalek who was the grandson of Esau. They were very similar to the Bedouin Arabs of the present day, perhaps without a permanent home, but dwellers in tents moving from place to place.

During the exodus from Egypt to Canaan the Israelites were attacked from the rear by these warring Amalekites. Following this battle, led by Joshua and in which Israel was victorious, came the first announcement of God's inflexible hostility to the Amalekites. Thus, the Amalekites had been pronounced anathema, although this word was not used. Their sin was great that God decreed their complete destruction.

About two years ago this writer was in Ft. Worth, Texas, for special studies at Southwestern Seminary. At the same time the old stadium and race track of Arlington Downs were being torn down. Here many lives had been started on the downward road of gambling, sorrow, and sin. The Christian people, a few years before, had arisen against this evil and voted it out of business. A sign announcing the destruction of the old plant stood out front. How fitting the word "anathema" would have been on that sign — dedicated to God's glory by destruction! This is the only way a race track belonging to the gambling interests could

*Memos for Meditation*

1. Humility is easily attained when we are "down," our problem is how to keep it when we are "up."
2. "To obey is better . . ." Do we really believe this? What proof is there in my life?
3. God's Word clearly teaches tithing. What about the great host of Baptists who have closed their eyes and ears to this teaching?
4. Even the "best" of what God disapproves of is too evil for man. Did you ever consider the "chaperoned" dance in the light of this truth?
5. Saul rejected the Word of the Lord, and you know the rest. It's too late to change that story — but what about your own life?

ever glorify God — through its destruction! Let all Christians pray that this may happen in Hot Springs some day.

**Incomplete Obedience**

The Apostle Paul said, "... when I am weak, then am I strong." (II Cor. 12:10) He was probably saying, "In my weakness I readily claim God's power; but in my own strength I often fail to ask for Divine presence and power for my life."

This had been the tragic failure of Saul. Last week's lesson found him genuinely humble as he assumed responsibility as Israel's first king. Soon he forgot that humility and was depending on his own strength. And this was the beginning of his end.

Samuel told Saul that God wanted the Amalekites completely destroyed, "man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass." (I Sam. 15:3) After Saul had defeated the Amalekites and had won a complete and decisive victory over them, he failed to carry out God's command. "But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them." (I Sam. 15:9) Saul put to death the transgressors, but brought home the spoil. This is similar to what Achan did when he took what God had pronounced anathema for himself from the ruins of Jericho, only to find that God's judgment waited him the next day.

Saul obeyed only in part. Yet he tried to make it look as though he was completely obedient. He was not honest with God, with Samuel, or with himself.

"I have obeyed the voice of the Lord," says Shyster Sam. "I went to

Sunday School. I didn't stay for church but neither did a lot of other people I know."

"I have obeyed the voice of the Lord," says Bill the bartender. "I have paid my church pledge in full."

"I have obeyed the voice of the Lord," says Gossiping Gerty. "I was baptized long years ago."

Do we understand? This kind of sin is not uncommon today. There are many who believe that God's Word is a bargain counter where one picks what he likes and refuses all the rest.

**When Man Rejects God—  
God Rejects Man**

"Thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel," were the words of Samuel to Saul. What severe words! Yet, what the Lord had told Saul to do was very clear and easily understood, but he felt that it was not necessary to obey the Lord completely. Saul found that incomplete obedience results in complete failure. So have all men.

Many today are willing to live clean and honest lives, join the church, be baptized, or even give their money to the church; but to confess their sins, trust Christ, and plead for mercy they are not willing. How tragic; for the judgment will reveal to these that obedience is either complete or unacceptable.

God's way of obedience will bring stability and security to your life. God warns men of traveling their own way, "There is a way that seemeth right unto men; but the end thereof is the way of death." Spiritual confusion and tragedy is the result when men try to go in their own way and by God's plan at the same time. These are the ones of whom it has been said, "they have just enough religion to make them miserable."

Men must confess Christ before men or face his rejection of them before the Heavenly Father. ■

**Attendance Report**

(Apr. 5)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Berryville,			
Freeman Hts.	133	85	2
Blytheville, Gosnell	204	81	
Clinton, 1st	152	77	
Cullendale, 1st	490	211	
Fayetteville, 1st	717	227	8
Ft. Smith, Calvary	384	151	2
Ft. Smith, Rye Hill	85	66	1
Mission	19	11	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	444	174	3
Huntsville, 1st	107	45	
Jacksonville, 1st	567	229	5
McGehee, 1st	556	269	1
Magnolia, Central	859	319	9
Mission	65	52	4
Mena, 1st	285	95	
Mission	40	20	
Rose City, Calvary	434	147	1
Springdale, 1st	447	124	2
W. Memphis, Calvary	250	108	3



## Calendar Adjustment For 1960 Proposed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —(BP)— The Committee on Denominational Calendar recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention add another meeting to its official calendar during 1960.

The meeting is the Sunday School Convention, scheduled in Fort Worth, Tex., Mar. 29-31, 1960, Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, calendar committee chairman, said.

It also recommends adoption of a calendar for 1961, to be used as a "suggested guide for co-ordinated denominational activities and emphases." The calendar would carry the Baptist Jubilee Advance theme for that year, "Stewardship and Enlistment."

Special emphases month by month for 1961 are:

January — 30,000 movement; televangelism series.

February — Baptist colleges, seminaries, and schools.

March — Home missions.

April — Life commitment.

May — Hospital ministry and nurse recruitment.

June — Relief and Annuity ministries; vacation Bible schools; assemblies.

July — Assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

August — Schools of missions; assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

September — Church music; Southern Baptist and state foundations.

October — Cooperative Program; Forward Program of Church Finance.

November — Christian literature; state papers, denominational publications, missionary magazines, church libraries.

December — Foreign missions.

In addition to these monthly topical emphases, special dates are indicated in each month for study courses, special offerings, conferences and conventions, and commitment Sundays.

Special events of 1961 include continuation of the Convention's effort to establish 30,000 new churches or missions between 1958 and 1964 and another series of 13 special evangelistic television programs prepared by the Radio and Television Commission.

The Southern Baptist Convention is scheduled May 23-26, 1961, at St. Louis,

## Thus Saith the Preacher

# Who's Been Made to Walk?

IN SOME recent reading concerning the episode of Jesus and the Paralytic who was let down through the roof by some friends, I ran across an arresting idea. The writer was commenting on the well-used fact that in the midst of a crowd Jesus, as he always did, paid attention to the individual who was in need, whereas most of us would be overjoyed with the crowd.

We attach great importance to crowds. We estimate the success of a church service by the number of people present. Size becomes the standard of measurement. Not so with Jesus.

Jesus had compassion for the multitude, but it was the one sick soul that claimed his attention. Over and over again he turned from the group to aid the one person. The crowd had to wait.

Now here is the arresting idea: that church service was a success not because of the crowd that was in it, but because that one man was in it. A church may be crowded today. But if no paralyzed person has been made to walk, the fact that a crowd has been in it counts for nothing.

Two things leap out: one, a man in need was present; second he found help. In our own church services we cannot expect sin-paralyzed people to be made to walk unless they are in the presence of Christ. Remember, it was four friends who brought him to Jesus.

In a recent conversation a friend of mine made this comment about a well-known evangelist: "He has the biggest crowds, the largest collection, and the fewest additions." No doubt the man is doing some good in getting a portion of the gospel to a large group. But, not enough paralyzed are being made to walk — and that is the test!

Of course we all like crowds. The bigger the better, we say. We say we can preach better to a large audience. I'm as egotistical as the next fellow in that respect. But it seems to me that we'd better begin reevaluating: . . . if no paralyzed person has been made to walk, the fact of a crowd counts for nothing.—G. Avery Lee, 1st Church, Ruston, La. ■

## The Bible Says



Mo., and the National Conference of Southern Baptist Men at Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 13-15, 1961.

The calendar committee includes representatives from SBC agencies and from state Baptist groups. ■

## Georgetown College Elects Mills President

GEORGETOWN, Ky. —(BP)— Robert Lee Mills, Austin, Tex., has been elected president of Georgetown College here, the senior college of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Mills is chairman of the department of educational administration at University of Texas. He accepted the presidency Mar. 17, but does not take office till June 1. He succeeds H. Leo Edleman, who became president of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

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